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ST/102 Maintenance of St. Forces Policy 1st Cover  
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1. SUPPLIES.

(a) The maintenance of BR-ITIs is a British responsibility, and rations can be drawn either from a British DID, a US Depot, or an ITI-ITI Distribution Depot.

At present demands are met as follows:-

802 ORVIETO BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT draws from nearest British DID the Allied portion of the ration, and from ROM's Italian Distribution Depot the Italian portion.

803 AFRIGOLA BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT draws from NAPLES ITI-ITI Distribution Depot.

804 TRANI BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT draws from BARLETTA ITI-ITI Distribution Depot.

(b) Demands for rations will be made on MMIA Form ST/8, in triplicate at least 48 hours in advance of the time the rations are to be drawn. The Italian Unit will enter name of unit, dates of consumption, ration strength, and total number of rations, on ST/8. The unit will adjust the total number of rations due in accordance with rations previously drawn overdrawn or underdrawn according to the actual ration strength of the unit for the previous period. All three copies will be signed by at least one officer, and if a second officer is available, he will countersign in the space provided.

At the time of receipt of rations all copies of the ST/8 will be signed and dated by the person taking delivery of the rations. One copy of the ST/8 will be handed to the unit representative at the time he receives the rations.

(c) Scaled of Rations.

From Allied Sources.

Flour

15 oz.

Fruit Fresh

From Italian Sources.

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4 oz

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Distribution Depot.

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| From Allied Sources.   |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Flour                  | 15 oz.    |
| Dried Vegetables       | 2 oz.     |
| Meat Canned, of        | 3 oz.     |
| Fish Preserved         | 1 oz.     |
| Cheese                 | 1 oz.     |
| Sugar                  | 3 oz.     |
| Macaroni               | 1 oz.     |
| Rice                   | 1 oz.     |
| Vegetables, dehydrated | 1 oz.     |
| Catsup or Tomato Paste | 1/2 oz.   |
| Coffee                 | 1/2 oz.   |
| Pepper                 | 1/200 oz. |

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From Italian Sources.

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Fruit Fresh            | 4 oz.      |
| Vegetables Fresh       | 8 oz.      |
| Olive Oil              | 1 1/2 oz.  |
| Nuts, shelled, or      | 1 oz.      |
| Nuts, unshelled        | 2 oz.      |
| Salt                   | 1/2 oz.    |
| Wine, litres           | 1/2        |
| Matches, per 7 rations | 1 box      |
|                        | or 2 books |

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Sheet 3.

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5. SUPPLY OF FUEL.

Demands for Coal or Coke for MR-ITIs will be submitted through District Hqs for supply.

6. TRANSPORT.

British Transport is held on the establishment of each Base Reinforcement Depot and replacements are obtained through District channels. P.O.L. is drawn through Allied sources.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (MMIA)

FILE NO: AQ/2/15-m  
SUBJECT:

DATE: 23 Feb. 45

TO: ST

Reference the attached letter.

1. We cannot make any change in the procedure of accounting, as we do not agree with paragraph 4 of the attached letter, which states that requirements of MMIA are unreasonable in regards to accounting.
2. The difficulty with most of the employing agencies employing ITIs, is that they do not know the instructions governing accounting, rations, etc; and even when they do understand them, instead of complying with the instructions, they try to change the procedure and not abide by orders issued by AFHQ.

*Tommy T. Rose*  
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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S & T, MMIA.

Recd 23 Feb.

File ST/ 102

*I think we sh. accept  
suggestion made by  
Brig General*

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces  
Provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

REAR HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMB  
R 5006 BT  
15 Feb 45

DST AFHQ

Copy to:- DDST 15 Army GP  
ADST MIA Rome

Ref AFHQ/64/2/SM5(a) of 11 Feb 45.

1. Italian troops under command this HQ have so far been unable to purchase any proportion of their fresh fruit and vegetables requirements, and in most cases they have not the organization to do so.
2. It is not practicable to have any form of divided responsibility where operations are dependent to any considerable degree on Italian troops.

Thus in the case of Combat Groups, Pack Tpt Coys etc, it is essential supply follows that in operation for the other tps in the controlling formation.

Only by so doing can regular supply be assured without unwarrantable trouble and sometimes anxiety being experienced by the Brit Div etc, which commands.

3. Therefore it is recommended strongly that in an Army, supply should follow normal supply lines and the British be responsible for distributing the complete ration.
4. As regards accounting. Something must be done to ease the clerical burden on DIDs etc; by what appears an unreasonable requirement of MIA that AFs 01630 will be accepted only if accompanied by a list of units supplied together with the monthly aggregate ration totals of these units.

It should be acceptable if a monthly certificate were issued with AF 01680 stating the total number of rations issued to Italian tps.

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At present not only must the DID prepare a detailed a/c, but we must cease a Combat Group to do likewise, a condition we do not apply even in our own supply administration.

10 Lt Col Rose

S.T. DIVERS

Brig,  
DDST.

I thought you would like to see this. As stated in para 4 the list of units means a big job. Perhaps you can agree to a monthly certificate only.  $\frac{146}{502}$

20/2/45

Copy Allied Force Headquarters

S.T. TRAYCH

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces  
Provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

D.D.S.T., Fifth Army  
D.D.S.T., Eighth Army  
D.D.S.T., No 1 District  
A.E.S.T., R.A.A.C.

ATHQ/64/2/ST6(a)  
Tel: Freedom 217  
(2 rings)

11 Feb 45

1. The principles at present governing the provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the Italian Armed Forces in forward areas are re-stated below for easy reference:-

- (a) Responsibility for provision of these items of the ration scale is that of the Italian War Ministry.
- (b) Priority allocation is made by A.F.I.R.S. in respect of Italian Armed Forces requirements.
- (c) The items are, wherever possible, purchased and distributed by the Italian formations themselves.
- (d) Where (c) is found to be impossible, Armies, Districts, etc, are responsible for provision, either by Local Purchase or by demanding on the Base. (In certain circumstances the issue of alternatives is permitted; ATHQ/64/11/ST6 of 12 January 1945 refers).
- (e) Issues made under Army, District, etc, arrangements are subject to financial adjustment between the British and Italian Governments through the medium of NMIA, and, to this end, priced debit vouchers are raised and submitted monthly to NMIA, copy to this Directorate. (This accounting action is necessary in respect of supplies originating from both local resources and Base Depots.)
- (f) No issues of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables are recorded on NMIA Forms ST/8.

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2. A short report is now required from addresses on the practical application of these principles to the Italian Armed Forces maintained by depots under their control.

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2. A short report is now required from addressees on the practical application of these principles to the Italian Armed Forces maintained by depots under their control.

3. In particular, information is required concerning the ability or otherwise of the Italians to procure their own fresh supplies, and any difficulties arising in the clerical work of recording and accounting correctly for issues made from British stocks.

4. The report on this matter will be treated as urgent.

Major General  
Director of Supplies and Transport

Copy to:- D.D.S.T., 15 Army Group  
A.D.S.T., MMIA ROME  
D.D.S.T., 3 District.

SUBJECT:- Italian Units supplied  
by Allied Formations.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- AQ.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.W.I.A.).

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20 Feb 45.

(Reference verbal request Lt.Col. Fisicaro, this date)

1. In general, FR-ITIs in the forward areas are supplied from the base by 14 GRASS(British). This would include Combat Groups(in forward areas), 231, 209, and 228 Divisions.

2. Likewise US-ITIs in the forward areas are supplied by Peninsular Base Section(PBS) (American). This would include 210 and 212 Divisions.

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KRM  
R.P.CURTIS.  
Lt.Col. RASG.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(M.W.I.A.).

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces  
Provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

REAR HQ BRITISH ARMY CAMP

R 5006 ST

15 Feb 45

DEPT AFHQ

COPY to: DEPT 15 ARMY GP  
ADMT MILA ROSE

Ref AFHQ/64/2/3256(a) of 11 Feb 45.

1. Italian troops under command this HQ have so far been unable to purchase any proportion of their fresh fruit and vegetables requirements, and in most cases they have not the organization to do so.

2. It is not practicable to have any form of divided responsibility where operations are dependent to any considerable degree on Italian troops.

Thus in the case of Combat Groups, Pack Troops etc, it is essential supply follows that in operation for the other troops in the controlling formation.

Only by so doing can regular supply be assured without unquantifiable trouble and sometimes anxiety being experienced by the Brit Div etc, which commands.

3. Therefore it is recommended strongly that in an Army, supply should follow normal supply lines and the British be responsible for distributing the complete ration.

4. As regards accounting, something must be done to ease the clerical burden on DIDs etc., by what appears an unreasonable requirement of MILA that AFHQ 01680 will be accepted only if accompanied by a list of units supplied together with the monthly aggregate ration totals of these units.

It should be acceptable if a monthly certificate were issued with AFHQ 01680 stating the total number of rations issued to Italian troops.

At present not only must the DID prepare a detailed a/c, but we must cause a Combat Group to do likewise, a condition we do not apply even in our own supply administration.

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REF ATD/34/2/526(a) of 11 Feb 45.

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At present not only must the DIB prepare a detailed a/c, but we must cause a combat group to do likewise, a condition we do not apply even in our own supply administration.

"C. & T. MANIA.

Recd 18 Feb  
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copy sent to Col Kore 10 Feb.

for supply

BRIG.  
DDST.

*J. Lawrence*

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Subject: Maintenance ER-ITIS.  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) P O M E  
AQ/2-50

12 Feb 1945  
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To: MMIA LO Five Army (Er Increment)  
Eight Army  
HQ 1 District  
HQ 3 District      HQ 2 District  
Naples  
Bari  
Taranto  
Sardinia  
Sicily  
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Herewith for information and action two copies of AFHQ/2554/1/Q(Maint)  
of 10 January 45.

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*F. J. Noakes*  
F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,  
D.A. & Q.M.G.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:  
Q Maint MMIA  
ST MMIA

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 13 Feb

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*P. A. S.* *KRN*  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Maintenance - Italian  
Armed Forces (British  
Responsibility only).

AFHQ/2551/1/Q(Maint).

10 Jan 45.

TO :- Headquarters, 5th Army (Br Incr).  
Headquarters, 8th Army.  
Headquarters, 1 District.  
Headquarters, 2 District.  
Headquarters, 3 District.  
Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Certain difficulties have been encountered in making a practical application of the under-mentioned instructions :-

This Headquarters letter AG 400/105 D-O dtd 22 Sep 44.  
" " " AG 400/031 GDS-O dtd 6 Oct 44.  
M.M.I.A. Adm. Instr. No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44.

2. These difficulties have been summarised in the attached Appendix and the rulings of this Headquarters are forwarded herewith for action by all concerned.

3. These decisions refer only to Italian Armed Forces personnel who are a British responsibility.

(Signed) W. B. S. SHELDON, Lt. Col.,  
for Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Headquarters, 15 Army Group.  
M.M.I.A.  
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| Reference                                | Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1. MIA Adm Instr<br>No. 12<br>Para 9 (a) | Certain Italian units in fwd areas are split into sub/units and dets working with dets of British Units. Co-operators are also included in this category and the three types may be working together and using a common cookhouse, e.g., in a bridging unit working with fwd bns and in fwd tps of Pack Tpt Coys.               | (i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided.<br>(ii) If not, are three different scales to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men all told.<br>(iii) Are the Br personnel to get reduced rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2. -do-                                  | British tps working under similar conditions may be issued with Compo. No cooking facilities may exist for fresh vegetables, pulses, rice, and macaroni and British would, therefore, be receiving hard equivalents. No hard equivalents exist for BR-ITIS and MIA will repudiate vouchers submitted which include these items. | (i) Will authority be given for issue of operational packs to BR-ITIS pari passu with British tps?<br>(ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BR-ITIS.<br>(iii) Will authority be given for issue of :-<br>(a) Operational cookers<br>(b) Rum or beverage rations.<br>(c) High altitude rations<br>(3) Vitamin tabs, etc.<br>(iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by MIA? |

## Appendix to AFHQ/2554/1/0 (Maint) dated 10 Jan 45.

## AFHQ Ruling.

## Questions

in fwd areas  
bits and dets  
British Units.  
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g., in a bridging  
d bus and in  
Coys.

- (i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided.
- (ii) If not, are three different scales to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men all told.
- (iii) Are the Br personnel to get reduced rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided.

(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes. Separate ST/8 must be rendered in respect of Italian Army personnel concerned.

(iii) No.

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issued with  
facilities may  
potatoes, pulses,  
and British  
be receiving  
to hard equiv-  
R-ITIS and MHA will  
submitted which  
s.

- (i) Will authority be given for issue of operational packs to BR-ITIS per passag with British tea?
- (ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BR-ITIS.
- (iii) Will authority be given for issue of :-  
(a) Operational cookers  
(b) Rum or beverage rations.

(i) Operational packs may be issued to BR-ITIS in exceptional circumstances on the authority of Army or Independent Corps Cmdrs.

(ii) As above.

(iii)

- (a) As for (i) above.
- (b) No. Alternative to rum in the form of brandy being made available from Italian Army sources.

(c) No.  
(d) No.

(iv) MHA will accept vouchers in respect of issues made under (i) and (ii) and (iii) (a) above.

- (c) High altitude rations
- (d) Vitamin tabs, etc.
- (iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by MHA?

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| Reference                                      | Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 3. MMIA Adm Instr<br>No. 12<br>Appx "B"<br>(a) | In many cases Italian Offrs are not with their sub/units and only visit them periodically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (i) Will MMIA accept the signatures of Italian NCOs or British Offrs or NCOs i/c dets? (i)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4. -do-<br>(B)                                 | Information as in 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (i) An extra copy of ST/6 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to MMIA, is that risk accepted? (i)<br>(ii) Will last ration certificate for Italian units be employed? (ii)                                                                                                |
| 5. MMIA Adm Instr<br>No. 12 Appx "B"<br>(c)    | Bulk purchases of local produce takes place in the operational zone. The unit making the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or fan. At the issuing depot, for example, locally purchased fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian units and fans have no local purchase organisation of their own. | No specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted.<br>(i) Are MMIA prepared for this?<br>(ii) S&T of fans have given priority to purchase of fresh items for BR-LTIS, but is this to continue or can MMIA assist? |

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| Questions                                                                                                                                                                      | AFHQ Ruling.                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Offrs are not and only visit                                                                                                                                                   | (i) Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (i) Will MHA accept the signatures of Italian NCOs or British Offrs or NCOs i/c depts ?                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| (i) An extra copy of ST/8 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to MHA, is that risk accepted ? | (i) No. Extra copy of loading list to be prepared separately.                                                                                                                               |
| (ii) Will last ration certificate for Italian units be employed ?                                                                                                              | (ii) No.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| local produce operational ing the bulk prove that they unit or firm. ot, for example, fruit is not easily that which has in the base. firms have no local ion of their own.    | No specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted. |
| (i) Are MHA prepared for this ?                                                                                                                                                | (i) Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (ii) ST of firms have given priority to purchase of fresh items for ER-ITIS, but is this to continue or can MHA assist ?                                                       | (ii) Priority of purchase of fresh items by ST of firms must continue, if unobtainable locally, MHA will endeavour to supply ex base.                                                       |

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| Reference                                                                 | Information                                                                                                                                | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 6. IMIA Adm Instr<br>No. 42, para 11.<br><br>Appendix "D"<br>Appendix "J" | No specific direction exists as to from whom Medical supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Intents are to state authority for issue. | (i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies ?<br><br>(ii) Who is to authorize ?<br><br>(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g.<br>(a) Jellies and Brandy<br>(b) Foot soap & Powder.<br>(c) Water filter powder.<br>(d) Latrine paper.<br>(e) Water sterilizing outfits.<br>(f) Candles. |
| 7.                                                                        | No Instructions are given concerning fuel for Italian Forces.                                                                              | What action is to be taken for issues of fuel ?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Information                                                                                   | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | AFHQ Ruling                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| direction exists as to medical supplies and diet to be obtained. Indents authority for issue. | (i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies ?                                                                                                                                                                       | (i)(a) <u>Medical Stores.</u><br>From Italian Depots.<br>(b) <u>Hospital Diet Items.</u> From Italian Depots, but in fwd areas these may be obtained in an emergency from Br D.I.Ds. and replacement effected in bulk in Base Areas.                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                               | (ii) Who is to authorise ?                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (ii) Italian Medical authorities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| ctions are given concerning Italian Forces.                                                   | What action is to be taken for issues of fuel ?                                                                                                                                                                                               | Forward of Army rear boundaries fuel will be issued at scales laid down for British troops. ST/8 will be used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Maintenance - Italian  
Armed Forces (British  
Responsibility only).

AHQ/2554/1/Q(Maint).

10 Jan 45.

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Headquarters, 8th Army.  
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Headquarters, 3 District.  
Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command.

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This Headquarters letter AG 400/105 D-O dtd 22 Sep 44.  
" " " AG 400/031 GDS-O dtd 6 Oct 44.  
M.M.I.A. Adm. Instr. No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44.

2. These difficulties have been summarised in the attached Appendix and the rulings of this Headquarters are forwarded herewith for action by all concerned.

3. These decisions refer only to Italian Armed Forces personnel who are a British responsibility.

(Signed) W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt.Col.,  
for Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Headquarters, 15 Army Group.  
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S.T.  
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Appendix to AFHQ/2551/1/Q (Mar 1945) dated 10 Jan 45.

## AFHQ Ruling.

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- (i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided.
- (ii) If not, are three different scales to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men all told.
- (iii) Are the Br personnel to get reduced rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided.

(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes. Separate ST/8 must be rendered in respect of Italian Army personnel concerned.

(iii) No.

g under similar  
issued with  
facilities may  
vegetables, pulses,  
and British  
be receiving  
No hard equiv-  
BR-ITIS and MHA will  
be submitted which  
on.

- (i) Will authority be given for issue of operational packs to BR-ITIS pari passu with British troops?
- (ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BR-ITIS.
- (iii) Will authority be given for issue of :-
  - (a) Operational cookers
  - (b) Rum or beverage rations.
  - (c) High altitude rations
  - (d) Vitamin tabs, etc.

(i) Operational packs may be issued to BR-ITIS in exceptional circumstances on the authority of Army or Independent Corps Comd.

(ii) As above.

(iii)

- (a) As for (i) above.
- (b) No. Alternative to rum in the form of brandy being made available from Italian Army sources.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(iv) MHA will accept vouchers in respect of issues made under (i) and (ii) and (iii) (a) above.

(iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by MHA?

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| Reference                                     | Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3. MHA Adm Instr<br>No. 12<br>Appx "B"<br>(a) | In many cases Italian Offrs are not with their sub/units and only visit them periodically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (i) Will MHA accept the signatures of Italian WCOs or British Offrs or WCOs i/c dets ? (i) Y                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4. -do-<br>(b)                                | Information as in 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (i) An extra copy of ST/8 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to MHA, is that risk accepted ? (i) I<br>(ii) Will last ration certificate for Italian units be employed ? (ii)                                                                                              |
| 5. MHA Adm Instr<br>No. 12 Appx "B"<br>(c)    | Bulk purchases of local produce takes place in the operational zone. The unit making the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or firm. At the issuing depot, for example, locally purchased fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian units and firms have no local purchase organisation of their own. | no specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted.<br>(i) Are MHA prepared for this ?<br>(ii) S&T of firms have given priority to purchase of fresh items for ER-ITIS, but is this to continue or can MHA assist ? |

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## Questions

## AFHQ Ruling.

(i) Will MIA accept the signatures of Italian NCOs or British Officers or NCOs i/c dets ?

(i) Yes.

(i) An extra copy of ST/8 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to MIA, is that risk accepted ?

(i) No. Extra copy of loading list to be prepared separately.

(ii) Will last ration certificate for Italian units be employed ?

(ii) No.

No specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted.

(i) Are MIA prepared for this ?

(i) Yes.

(ii) SET of fans have given priority to purchase of fresh items for Bd-ITIS, but is this to continue or can MIA assist ?

(ii) Priority of purchase of fresh items by SET of fans must continue, if unobtainable locally, MIA will endeavour to supply ex base.

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| Reference                                                                 | Information                                                                                                                                         | Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6. ECIA Adm Instr<br>No. 12, para 11.<br><br>Appendix "D"<br>Appendix "J" | No specific direction exists as to<br>from whom Medical supplies and diet<br>items are to be obtained. Indents<br>are to state authority for issue. | (i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies? (1)<br><br>(ii) Who is to authorize? (1)<br><br>(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g.<br>(a) Jellies and Brandy (1)<br>(b) Foot soap & Powder.<br>(c) Water filter powder.<br>(d) Latrine paper.<br>(e) Water sterilizing outfit.<br>(f) Candles. |
| 7.                                                                        | No Instructions are given concerning<br>fuel for Italian Forces.                                                                                    | What action is to be taken<br>for issue of fuel?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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as to  
and diet  
demands  
issue.

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(ii) Who is to authorise?

(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorised, e.g.

(a) Jellies and Brandy

(b) Foot soap & Powder.

(c) Water filter powder.

(d) Latrine paper.

(e) Water sterilizing outfits.

(f) Candles.

#### AFHQ Ruling

(i)(a) Medical Stores.

From Italian Depots.

(b) Hospital Diet Items. From

Italian Depots, but in fwd areas these may be obtained in an emergency from Br D.I.Ds. and replacement effected in bulk in Base Areas.

(ii) Italian Medical authorities.

(iii)

(a) Jellies are not authorised for issue. Brandy will be supplied from Italian Army sources.

(b) Will not be provided.

(c) Will be provided from Italian Army sources.

(d) MMIA will endeavour to obtain from Italian Army sources.

(e) Will be provided from Italian Army sources.

(f) Candles will not be provided.

concerning

What action is to be taken for issues of fuel?

Forward of Army rear boundaries fuel will be issued at scales laid down for British troops. ST/8 will be used.

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SUBJECT:- Closing of Bulk Ration Depot -  
BARLETTA.

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
ST/102.

Direz.Gen.Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

10 Feb 45.

Copy to:- LO  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(M.H.I.A.)  
54 Area.

1. We have been advised that there is no longer need for the Bulk Ration Depot located at Barletta.
2. Items of Allied portion of rations received from British depots can be stored at your Bari Depots.
3. Please initiate action to close the Barletta Depot, after remaining stock has been removed and dispose of operating personnel.

ERM/nc

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.(M.H.I.A.).

87 ~~20th~~  
~~25th~~  
X. Robert Helom Maj  
K.F. CURTIS.  
Lt. Col. RASC.

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SUBJECT:- Local Resource Items.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
SE/102

9 Feb 45.

Diras. Gen. Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- AQ MMIA  
Motto.

Further to this HQ's SE/102 dated 27 Jan 45.

1. Allied Military Government have informed Food Sub-Commission that Wine is not obtainable locally for ORVISTO Camp.
2. Monthly requirement is at present 93000 litres, based on a maximum of 6000 men being in the Depot.
3. Please arrange your purchases accordingly.

EDG/jc

*X. Robert Nelson Maj*  
for E. F. CURTIS.  
Lt. Col. RASC,  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).

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MMIA

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08.

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FOR MMIA IS (.) INSTRUCTIONS BEING GIVEN TODAY TO WAR MINISTRY TO CLOSE  
BARLETTA RATION DEPOT (.)

ROUTINE

6106

(ST/102)

ST MMIA

*Lt. Robert Lebrun*  
Lt. Col.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. HARRISON

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces -  
Provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

D.D.S.T., Fifth Army  
 D.D.S.T., Eighth Army  
 D.D.S.T., No. 1 District  
 D.D.S.T., No. 2 District  
 A.D.S.T., R.A.C.

172/64/2/516(a)Tel: Division 217  
(2 Lines)11 February 1945*see 96*

1. The principles at present governing the provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the Italian Armed Forces in forward areas are re-stated below for easy reference :-

- 4
- (a) Responsibility for provision of these items of the ration scale is that of the Italian War Ministry.
  - (b) Priority allocation is made by A.F.L.R.S. in respect of Italian Armed Forces requirements.
  - (c) The items are, wherever possible, purchased and distributed by the Italian formations themselves.
  - (d) Where (c) is found to be impossible, armies, Districts, etc., are responsible for provision, either by Local Purchases or by drawing on the base. (In certain circumstances the issue of alternatives is permitted; A.F.S./64/11/576 of 12 January 1945 refers).
  - (e) Issues made under arm, District, etc., arrangements are subject to financial adjustment between the British and Italian Governments through the medium of M.M.I.A., and, to this end, prior debit vouchers are raised and submitted monthly to M.M.I.A., copy to this Directorate. (This accounting action is necessary in respect of supplies originating from both local resources and base depots.)
  - (f) No issues of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables are recorded on M.M.I.A. Form S.T.6.

- (b) Priority allocation is made by A.T.L.R.S. in respect of Italian Armed Forces requirements.
- (c) The items are, wherever possible, purchased and distributed by the Italian formations themselves.

(d) Where (c) is found to be inoperative, Armies, Districts, etc., are responsible for provision, either by local purchase or by drawing on the Base. (In certain circumstances the issue of alternatives is permitted; A.T.L.R.S./11/376 of 12 January 1945 refers).

(e) Issues made under Army, District, etc., arrangements are subject to financial adjustment between the British and Italian Governments through the medium of M.I.L.A., and, to this end, priced debit vouchers are raised and submitted monthly to M.I.L.A., copy to this Directorate. (This accounting action is necessary in respect of supplies originating from both local resources and Base depots.)

(f) No issues of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables are recorded on M.I.L.A. Form S.T.S. **6105**

2. A short report is now required from addressees on the practical application of these principles to the Italian Armed Forces maintained by depots under their control.
3. In particular, information is required concerning the ability or otherwise of the Italians to procure their own fresh supplies, and any difficulties arising in the clerical work of recording and accounting correctly for issues made from British stocks.
4. The report on this matter will be treated as urgent.

3 & 7, MMIA.

Recd 12 Feb

File SI/ 10Y

Copy to: D.D.S.T., 13 Army Group  
D.D.S.T., 1st Army, HQ  
D.D.S.T., District

Director of Supplies and Transport.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Army

AFHQ/64/2/ST6

Tel: Freedom 499

11 Feb 45

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

1. May a reply now be received to our letter of even reference dated 22 Jan 45.

2. The present reported situation with regard to supplies of Italian Soap and Cigarettes, appears very unsatisfactory. If it is impossible for supplies to be made available at once for immediate forward requirements, it is desired to advise Formations accordingly without delay. Please, therefore, forward your observations on these particular commodities in the event of further delay being necessary in replying to our original letter.

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 12 Jan

File ST 102.

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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C.E. ~~Brook~~ ~~me~~ with  
file KEB

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Forces.  
Local Purchase Items.

LO's  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).  
NAPLES      TARANTO      SARDINIA  
BARI      SICILY

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

ST/102

1V Feb 45.

1. Reference this office minute dated 4 Feb 45, No ST/102, in order to avoid any misunderstanding the ~~ration~~ should cover the following items only:- *return*

Olive Oil  
Cigarettes

Soap  
Wine

Matches  
Cognac

Nuts

Salt

KFC/nc

E.F. CURTIS.  
Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

*C/6 ST/102/13*

6103

SUBJECT:- Estimates for shipping space & d.w. tonnage

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

T/101.

12 Feb 45.

LO's

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

NAPLES

BAIR

TARANTO

STICLY

SARDEGIA

1. It is considered that the enclosed table may be useful for estimating shipping space and d.w. tonnage when shipments are being made.
2. It is explained that figures given are approximate only.
3. Figures for matches cannot be given until consignments arrive from PUGLIESE; present holdings are coded differently.

NDS/no

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).

W.F. CURTIS.

Lt. Col. RASC.

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SHIPPING SPACE AND TONNAGE TABLE

(approximately)

| Commodity             | Type of container | Net wt in lbs per container | Gross wt per container | Add % for gross wt | Cubic feet per cont. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Flour                 | Sack              | 100                         | 102                    | 2                  | 2 - 15               |
| Veg Dehyd             | Case              | 40                          | 49                     | 24                 | 1/3/4                |
| P.B.L.                | Sack              | 100                         | 102                    | 2                  | 2 - 3                |
| P. Meat (Corned Beef) | Case              | 36                          | 50                     | 39                 | 1 - 0                |
| Cheese                | Carton            | 56                          | 69                     | 23                 | 1 - 6                |
| Sugar (Indian)        | Sack              | 175                         | 179                    | 1.75               | 3 - 0                |
| Macaroni              | Carton            | 30                          | 39                     | 31                 | 1 - 2                |
| Rice                  | Bag               | 50                          | 51                     | 2                  | 1 - 3                |
| Tomato Catsup         | Carton            | 42                          | 54                     | 29                 | 1 - 8                |
| Coffee                | Case              | 19                          | 24                     | 26                 | 0.8                  |
| Pepper                | Carton            | 40                          | 60                     | 50                 | 2 - 2                |
| Matches               | Cases             | 400,000 singles             |                        | 14                 | 2/3                  |
| Dried Fruit           | Case              | 44                          | 59                     | 28                 | 8.4                  |
| Olive Oil             | Barrel            | 396                         | 506                    | 1.5                | 3                    |
| Eats                  | Sack              | 132                         | 134                    | 1.75               | 3                    |
| Salt                  | Sack              | 175                         | 178                    |                    | 14                   |
| Wine                  | Barrel            | 300 Litres                  | 792 lbs                | 20                 | 2 - 0                |
| Cigarettes            | Carton            | 12,000 singles              | 28 "                   | 8                  | 1 - 6                |
| Milk                  | Carton            | 47 lbs                      | 53 "                   | 13                 | 2.15                 |
| Semolina              | Case              | 100                         | 102                    | 2                  | 1 - 5                |
| Butter                | Case              | 40                          | 56                     | 40                 | 1 - 6                |
| Meat extract          | Case              | 60                          | 71                     | 18                 | 1 - 10               |
| Soap                  | Case              | 86                          | 94                     | 9                  |                      |

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Subject: Maintenance of Italian Forces  
Local Purchase Items.

LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
STN/53

7 February 1945.

Direzione, Commissariato  
Comando Territoriale, Napoli

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

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Further reference this office STN/53 dated 31 Jan 45.

1. Copy of HQ MMIA instruction ST/102 dated 4 Feb 45 is forwarded for your information and action as outlined below.
2. Please furnish the required information to reach this office not later than 1100 hours each Sunday, commencing 11 Feb 45.
3. Particular reference is made to the first return due, which should cover receipts for the period 1 - 10 Feb 45 (inclusive).

*George D. Smith, Jr.*  
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.  
Major, Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer

KF/jlm

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D.A.D.S

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"S & T, MMIA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT:- Hospital Diet Items and  
Disinfectants

AFHQ/64/10/ST6(a)

Tel: Freedom 217  
(2 rings)

4 February 1945

ADST,  
Military Mission Italian Army

1. Reference your letter ST/102 dated 30 Jan 45.
2. In view of the difficulties envisaged by you, it is agreed that separate demands for Hospital Diet Items and Disinfectants should continue to be placed. ✓
3. It would be of assistance, however, if these two demands could be placed simultaneously, which will enable this Directorate to inform departmentally all those concerned by means of one bulk authorisation for release.

RE: T. BRANCH

Recd 7 Feb

File ST/10 ✓

*W. L. C. C. C.*  
Major

to  
Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

ADST 6099 102

DADT *[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

*Recd 12 Jan*  
*ADST*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH.

SUBJECT:- Writes-off.

AMHQ/12/ST.6(d).

Tel : Freedom 217.  
\*(2 rings)

14 February 1945.

1. Depots are now holding stocks of certain commodities which are received from Italian sources for issue to Italian troops.
2. In cases where losses of these stocks occur, normal write-off action should be taken except that such write-off will not be recorded as "a charge against the British Public".

*[Signature]*

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

DISTRIBUTION :-

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CCRASC, Corsica and Sardinia.  
CCRASC, 203 Sub-Area.  
S.T., HQ, LBA.

Copies to :- DEST, 15 Army Group.  
HQ, 10 CRASC (Supply Units).  
HQ, 13 CRASC (Supply Units).  
HQ, 14 CRASC (Supply Units).  
HQ, 20 CRASC (Supply Units).  
HQ, 22 CRASC (Supply Units).  
ST, ML, HQ, Albania.  
ST, ML, HQ, Yugoslavia.  
AST, MMIA.

13 (Maint)  
Financial Adviser  
No. 1 Supply Depot Directorate (L)

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd

File ST/

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JAGS

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B.S.

Subject: Maintenance - Italian Armed Forces

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
AQ/2-41

31 Jan 45.

AFHQ for Q/Maint & QM.

Ref your AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 21 Jan 45.

1. On the 28th Jan 1400 litres of Brandy, seven days supply, was handed over to 14 C.R.A.S.C. for issue to Italian Troops working in exposed positions in the forward areas.
2. It has been arranged that a similar quantity will be handed over weekly.
3. Arrangements have also been made for the handing over of 2856 litres of brandy to P.B.S. for issue to US-ITI troops operating under similar conditions. This represents maintenance for the month of February.
4. All MMIA Liaison Officers have been informed that brandy will only be issued to troops working in arduous weather conditions and then only on the authorization of a Divisional Commander when recommended by a Senior Medical Officer.
5. The Scale of issue is three centilitres per man.

*F. J. Noakes*  
F. J. NOAKES, Col.,  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

DSL6/wk

Copies to: Ministry of War  
MMIA LO 5 Army  
MMIA LO BR Incr 5 Army  
MMIA LO 8 Army  
MMIA LO 50, 51, 52, 53 BLN  
MMIA LC NAPLES  
ST, MMIA  
Lt Col Rose  
DADMS MMIA

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 27 Feb

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Forces -  
Local Purchase Items - Naples.

LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
STN/53

31 January 1945.

Commanding Generale,  
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.

Copy to:- Direzione Commissariato,  
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Forwarded herewith for information and guidance a copy of instruction letter HQ, ST/102 of 27 Jan 45 addressed to War Ministry concerning requirements of local purchase items.

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

KRM/bc

\*S & T. MMIA.

Recd 2 Feb

File ST/ 102

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COPY SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHEDG PHEDS PHSUP PHEDQ

TO : ALCON ROME

DATE TIME: Jan29/2011

REF: P47352

PRIORITY RESTRICTED

SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN MILITARY. MMIA IN SIGNAL AQ 2689 OF 28 JANUARY REQUESTED THAT ITALIAN MILITARY BE ALLOCATED FIRST PRIORITY ON ALL ITALIAN STOCKS AND PRODUCTION OF OLIVE OIL, WINE, CIGARETTES, AND MATCHES. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE ITALIAN MILITARY IS TO RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY OF ISSUE OF ALL ITALIAN STOCKS AND PRODUCTION OF THESE ITEMS.

AC DIST

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Action | Land Forces        |
| Info   | A/President        |
|        | Chief Commissioner |
|        | Econ Sec           |
|        | Commerce           |
|        | Food S/C (2)       |
|        | File (2)           |
|        | Float              |

AQ Dist.  
Q MAINT  
"ST"

CIRCULATOR

AD ST 1004

"S" 1004

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 31 Jan

File ST 102

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SUBJECT: Disinfectants and Hospital Diet Items -  
Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.

(S.I.4.).

ST/102

30 Jan 45.

D.S.T., AFHQ.

Copy to: - DADEN ITALIA

In reply to your AFHQ/54/10/ST6(a) dated 26 Jan 45:

It is considered that for the following reasons it is not advisable to consolidate the demands of Disinfectants and Hospital Diet Items:-

1. Disinfectants are drawn by Italian Medical Depots in bulk and detail distribution made through Italian Medical supply channels.

2. Hospital diet items are drawn:-

- (a) In bulk in rear areas by Commissariato (Italian S & T) and distributed through Commissariato S & T channels to Sub Depots where they are drawn by individual hospitals along with the normal rations.
- (b) In detail from British DIB's in 5th, 8th, and 1 District Areas by Italian Medical units direct from British DIB's.
- (c) The existing system now works fairly smoothly in both Medical and ST branches of Italian Ministry of War and a change is NOT recommended.
- (d) Indents for Hospital diet items and disinfectants do not in certain cases have the same distribution areas.

3. It will therefore be appreciated if you will agree to the continuance of the present system of demands.

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and Hospital Diet Items:-

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2. Hospital Diet items are drawn:-

- (a) In bulk in Rear Areas by Commissariato (Italian S & T) and distributed through Commissariato S & T channels to Sub Depots where they are drawn by individual hospitals along with the normal rations.
- (b) In detail from British DPs in Gen, 8th, and 1st District Areas by Italian Medical Units direct from British DPs.
- (c) The existing system now works fairly smoothly in both Medical and ST Branches of Italian Ministry of War and a change is NOT recommended.
- (d) Incidents for Hospital diet items and Disinfectants do not in certain cases have the same situation.

i. It will therefore be appreciated if you will agree to the continuance of the present system of demands.

*Abbott says*

for H.L. HARRIS  
Lt. Col. RAS  
ADST, Land Force Sub Comm. AG.(M.I.)

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SIGNAL

DATE TIME

28 JAN 73 04

FROM: MMIA

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

RESTRICTED

AQ 2689

FOR GLA AND GLB (.) REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT THE SUPPLY OF THE BASIC RATION FOR  
ITALIAN MILITARY OF CIGARETTES MATCHES OLIVE OIL AND WINE IS FIRST CHARGE ON ALL  
ITALIAN STOCKS AND PRODUCTION (.) QUITE ESSENTIAL THIS PRINCIPLE IS CLEARLY  
ESTABLISHED IN THE MILITARY RATION SCALE IS TO BE MAINTAINED.

PRIORITY

AUTHENTICATION

F. J. Noval  
COL.

Internal:

ST

\*S & T, MMIA.

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AGST

DATE

See 81  
for AHQ confirmation to HQ

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT:- Hospital Diet Items -  
and Disinfectants

AFHQ/64/10/ST6(a)

Tel: Freedom 217  
(2 rings)

26 January 1945

A.D.S.T.,  
Military Mission Italian Army

1. Reference demands submitted under your ST/9 and ST/17/1.
2. Since these demands are now both on a monthly basis and cover the same period of one calendar month, will you please consider the practicability of consolidating these into one demand.
3. Such a consolidation would result in a considerable saving of time, paper and clerical effort as far as this Directorate is concerned.

"S & T," MMIA.

## Recd

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Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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~~DAYS~~

Major-General,  
and Transport.

*Reply at (20)*  
**1092**

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Forces -  
Local Purchase Items.

76 papers  
Last Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

27 Jan 45.  
Direz. Gen. Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

1. The following amounts of local purchase items are required each month in each of the following areas.

NAPLES AREA - Feeding Strength 270,000 - (This area includes Italian troops operating in forward area and in SARDINIA. Amounts to be handed over to 14 CRASC for Italian troops operating in forward areas under British Command are shown separately).

- (a) To be handed over to 14 CRASC (Supply Units) for 92,400 forward troops. (BP-ITIs)  
(b) For remainder in area (strength 177,600, including SARDINIA and forward US-ITIs).

| COMMODITY             | (a)           | (b)           | NOV. 45                        |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Olive Oil             | 80 tons       | 154 tons      | 234 tons                       |
| Salt                  | 69 tons       | 132 tons      | 201 tons                       |
| Soap                  | 27 tons       | 52 tons       | 79 tons                        |
| Cigarettes            | 48,558 lbs    | 60,561 lbs    | 109,119 lbs                    |
| Matches               | 17.2 millions | 33.1 millions | 50.3 millions                  |
| Wine                  | 1,007 tons    | 2,493 tons    | 3,500 tons + 200 lbs (forward) |
| Nuts (without shells) | 40 tons       | 77 tons       | 117 tons                       |

NOTES:- Cigarettes for (a) above are based on 10 per day for 50,000 (3 Combat Groups) and 5 per day for remainder.  
Wine: (a) is based on a strength of 66,100 as British Inmr. 5 Army (24,300) purchases locally.  
(b) is based on a strength of 161,430 as 210 Div (15,000) and 205 Div forward troops (1,170) purchase locally.

BARI AREA - Strength 80,000

|            |             |         |               |
|------------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| Olive Oil  | 69 tons     | Salt    | 59 tons       |
| Wine       | 1218 tons   | Soap    | 24 tons       |
| Cigarettes | 27280 lbs   | Matches | 14.68 million |
| Nuts       | 34 1/2 tons |         |               |

TARANTO AREA - Strength 102,000 (including SICILY)

|            |           |         |              |
|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| Olive Oil  | 86 tons   | Salt    | 74 tons      |
| Wine       | 1523 tons | Soap    | 30 tons      |
| Cigarettes | 34100 lbs | Matches | 18.6 million |
| Nuts       | 15 tons   |         |              |

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| COMMODITY   | UNIT   | QTY | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL |
|-------------|--------|-----|------------|-------|
| Olive Oil   | Barrel | 10  | 100        | 1000  |
| Salt        | Bag    | 50  | 20         | 1000  |
| Soap        | Box    | 20  | 50         | 1000  |
| Cigarettes  | Case   | 10  | 100        | 1000  |
| Matches     | Box    | 50  | 20         | 1000  |
| Wine        | Bottle | 100 | 10         | 1000  |
| Nuts (with) | Box    | 10  | 100        | 1000  |

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|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 254 tons    | 50.5 mls.  |
| 201 tons    | 3,500 tons |
| 79 tons     | 117 tons   |
| 109,119 lbs |            |

Nuts (without shells)

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 and 205 Div forward troops (1,170) purchase locally.

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| Wine        | 1218 tons       |
| Cigarettes  | 27280 lbs       |
| Nuts        | 34½ tons        |

Salt  
Soap  
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59 tons  
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Nuts (4 including acidity)

| <u>TARRANT AREA - Strength 10000</u> |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Olive Oil                            | 86 tons   |
| Wine                                 | 1523 tons |
| Cigarettes                           | 34100 lbs |
| Nuts                                 | 43 tons   |

74 tons  
30 tons  
18.6 mil

42 tons  
Nuts

2. Please ensure that one quarter of the above tonnages are bid for weekly in your normal movement demands, as submitted through SURE to this office.

B. L. General.  
~~Major General.~~  
 Lt. Col. E. S. S.  
 Sub Comm. AC (MIL.).

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIL.).

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Copy to:- AQ, Movts.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. C (MIL) LOS:  
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SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Army

Tel: Frezion 499

22 Jan 45

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

See 77

1. Reference telephone conversation (Lt. Cols. PERCIVAL - HUBBARD) on 18 Jan 45, it was agreed that this Directorate should communicate direct with M.M.I.A. Liaison Officers, NAPLES (Major SMITH and Major NELSON) concerning the short supply of certain items of Italian Provision.

2. Upon discussion with Major SMITH on 19 Jan, however, it was stated that

(a) Neither Major SMITH nor Major NELSON were able to give any firm indication of likely availabilities of the following commodities during the next few weeks :-

- Wine
- Olive Oil
- Cigarettes

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For the Period 8 - 21 January 1945 **6030**

|                              |                              |
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| Wine          | 989,000 litres - | 141,214 litres |
| (X) Olive Oil | 5,506 litres -   | 6,200 litres   |
| Cigarettes    | 22,000 lbs. -    | 5,300 lbs.     |

- (X) A further release of 10 tons Olive Oil has been reported to-day by H.Q., 14 CRASC (Supply Units).

Will you please forward your observations in the light of future deliveries if the position is known to you in respect of these commodities.

4. Would you also comment upon the following points which it was hoped to discuss with your local representative :-

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(a) Advice of Inabilities

At the present time we are unable to obtain definite pre-advice to enable us to make properly planned loadings to forward formations and to inform forward formations of probable shortages. Can you arrange for firm information to be forwarded to this Directorate in respect of all demands, and, if possible, an indication to be given at the same time as to when demands will be satisfied? It is assumed that demands for forward formations receive priority over your releases in the Base Areas?

(b) Advices to Forward Formations

- (i) In response to demands by formations placed by them upon your Headquarters each month, for the succeeding month, it would be helpful if you could advise the demanding formation (with copy to this Directorate) whether their demand can be satisfied or, if not, what alternatives can be offered from the Italian Government resources.

- (ii) May we assume that when certain commodities are not available, the Italian Army formations which the R.A.S.C. supply as your Agents, are duly informed by their appropriate Base Admin. H.Q. that the particular components concerned will not be in issue with the ration?

We would be grateful to have copies of such advices if possible for the future information of Supplying Depots.

(c) Transportation Problems

If it is a fact that, in the main, the shortages are due to lack of transport facilities in the Base Areas, we have the following points to suggest :-

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- (ii) Is it possible to accept or arrange shipment as Army Rail Tonnage from the point of supply?
- (iii) Can this Directorate assist to obtain for you a higher priority of rail movement if the difficulty is due to this cause?
- (iv) If containers are short in the cases of Oil and Wine, can we consider bulk-despatches?

(d) Physical Non-availability

If it is the case that the supplies do not exist in the quantities required, may we have your/

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confirmation that the facts are known and have been reported to the appropriate Authorities by whom it would be recognised that adherence to the authorised Scale is impracticable.

5. In short, since we have accepted responsibility to distribute part of the Italian Ration Scale from Stocks provided through your Offices, it would be appreciated if we might be kept very closely informed of the state of Supply, and, if you consider desirable, may we offer you assistance within such means as may be available to this Directorate to place the supply on a more reliable footing.



S. HUBBARD, Lt.Col.,  
For: Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to:

'Q' (Maint) A.F.H.Q.  
D.D.S.T., Fifth Army (Br. Inor.)  
D.D.S.T., Eighth Army  
D.D.S.T., 1 District.

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Subject:- Ration Maintenance of Italian Troops  
Under British Command.

LIATSON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
STN/9b

23 January 1945.

Direzione Commissariato,  
Comando Territoriale. Napoli.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C. (MMIA).  
14 CRASC (Supply Units), (Your ST 175/2 dated 22  
CASORIA. Jan 45 refers)

Further to this office letter STN/9b dated 2 Dec 44,  
the following amendments will be made.

1. W.o.f. 4 February 45 inclusive the daily pack received  
from 14 CRASC for ration maintenance of Italian troops under  
British Command will be reduced from 61000 to 52000 rations.

Authy:- AFM/64/3/ST6 (b) dated 20 Jan 45.

\*S & T, MMIA.

Recd 25 Jan

File ST/ 102

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George D. Smith Jr.  
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.,  
Major Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer.

ADT

STN/9b

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SUBJECT:- Issue of Salt to Bakeries.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

D.G.T., AFHQ.

*74*  
23 Jan 45.

Copy to:- AG.

Reference your AFHQ/64/11/ST6(a) dated 18 Jan 45.

1. It is regretted a copy of AC(MIA) AG/2-30 dated 8 Jan 45 was not forwarded to you.
2. It is confirmed that the salt ration will be increased by 10 Grams for demands made by formations on this HQ in respect of Italian provisioned items for handing over to 14 GRASC(Supply Units).

*A. L. Perceval*  
*for*

B.L. PERCEVAL.  
Lt. Col. RASC.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(MIA).

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S.T. BRANCH

Subject:- Issues to M.M.I.A. -  
Base Depots.

AFM/52/3/75(b)

Vol. Freedom 214

20 Jan 45.

H.Q. 14 G.R.A.S.C. (Supply Units)  
H.Q. 22 G.R.A.S.C. (Supply Units)

1. It has been agreed with A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A. that with effect from 4 Feb 45 inclusive, the following reductions will be made in the daily pack of R.A.S.C. provision items released to M.M.I.A. Depots in the Naples and Bari Areas respectively:-

| <u>Despatching Agency</u> | <u>Daily Rations at present released</u> | <u>Reduced Rations from 4 Feb. inclusive.</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| HQ 14 GRASC (Sup Units)   | 62,000                                   | 52,000 ✓                                      |
| HQ 22 GRASC (Sup Units)   | 61,000                                   | 43,000 ✓                                      |

2. Please make necessary arrangements.

S & T, MMIA.

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Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T. M.M.I.A. —

ADST

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SUBJECT:- Rations - Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

D.S.T.  
A.F.I.L.Q.

*71*  
22 Jan 45.

Your AFHQ/64/11/ST6 of 18 Jan 45 refers.

1. The scale of equivalents for nuts, established as  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz nuts shelled equals 1 oz nuts (with shells) was issued by "Q" this HQ and it is regretted a copy was not sent you for information.
2. Provision action is now being taken on this basis and all MMLA Liaison Officers concerned with effecting deliveries to GORASC (Supply Units) have been notified.

HLP/jc

*B.L.P.*

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

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S. T. FRANCH.

AFHC/61/11/ST6.

Tel. Freedom 499

Subject:- Rations - Italian Forces.

13 Jan 45.

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

1. It is understood that M.M.I.A. L.O. Rear Eighth Army have received instructions to the effect that when units (with shells) are issued in lieu of nuts shelled to the Italian Army within Eighth Army, the scale of equivalent issues will be as follows:-

$\frac{1}{2}$  oz. nuts shelled = 1 oz. nuts (with shells).

2. The normal equivalent in use throughout the Italian Theatre is:-

$\frac{1}{2}$  oz. nuts shelled =  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. nuts (with shells).

It makes no difference, of course, to the scale which you decide to adopt since responsibility for provision remains with your Headquarters. We would, however, be grateful to have your proposals.

3. At the same time, it would be appreciated if, in matters such as this which directly affect forward provisioning and the operation of current scales, you would kindly ensure that this Directorate is acquainted with your intentions prior to the circulation of a technical instruction addressed to consumer formations direct.

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 20 Jan

File ST/ 102

*Admiral*

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to:- D.D.S.T. Eighth Army.  
D.D.S.T. Fifth Army

*Reply @ 12*  
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MESSAGE FORM

TO (FOR ACTION)

EIGHT ARMY;  
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TO (FOR INFORMATION) FREEDOM FOR Q MAINT & ST

REF NO: AQ2592

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FOR MEDIA LG (.) SUBJECT IS CIGARETTES FOR BR-ITIE FROM ITALIAN SOURCES (.)  
RATION SCALE IS FIVE HPT FIVE CIGARETTES DAILY (.) DURING DECEMBER  
TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND RATIONS HPT RATIONS  
HANDLED TO COMMANDERS NARS SUP UNITS FOR MAINTENANCE PER BR-ITI TPS IN  
DISTONE AND EIGHT ARMY (.) FURTHER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND RATIONS ON MAY  
TO EIGHT ARMY (.) IS CORRECT SCALE BEING ISSUED QUERT SINCE PROVISION  
ACTION IS BASED SOLELY ON THE ISSUE OF THE FREE ISSUE OF FIVE CIGARETTES  
PER MAN PER DAY DUE PAPER AND TOBACCO SHORTAGE

"S & T, MMIA.

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16 Jan 45

A.D.S.C.  
M.I.L.A.

Reference is made to A.C. (M.W.L.A.) A.Q./2-50 dated 3 Jan 49,  
a copy of which was forwarded to H.Q. 1 District.

1. It is assumed that 10 grams of salt may be issued in respect of each ration of bread issued to the Italian Military.

- (a) Whether baked by the Italian Bakeries  
or  
(b) Baked by British operated W.D. Bakeries.

2. Accordingly instructions will be issued to increase the demand made monthly upon your Headquarters by subordinate formations, in respect of Italian provisioned items to be released to M.C.R.A.S.C. (Supply Units), by 10 grams of Salt per Ration required. Please confirm your agreement.

3. The instruction referred to concerns the provisioning of forward Italian troops and is, in fact, a policy ruling concerning their supply and maintenance. It would be appreciated if information may be forwarded to this H.Q. prior to the dissemination of direct authorities to consumer formations, for whose maintenance this Directorate is responsible.

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport

Copy to:- E.D.S.T.I District.

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FORWARDED FOR INFO

TO BARI

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SUBJECT IS BR-TX MAINTENANCE (.) COMMUNICATION 17 JAN FORWARD-STRONG. BARRIS  
 (.) ADDER BASE MAINTENANCE RECLUSIVE HAVE IN AT OTHERS 95,000 FROM EXCLUSIVE  
 OF FURNISH WITH SOME OTHER GROUPS WILL BE FURNISH AND MAINTAINED DIRECT  
 FROM BRITISH DEPOTS (.) REQUEST FROM INHERIVE OF BASES BY 45,000 RATIONS  
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 ST/574 DATED 11 JANUARY 48

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SUBJECT:-- Rations for Italian Military in Forward Areas  
Supply Memorandum No. 123.

AFHQ/64/11/ST6

Ref: Freedom 492

12 January 1945

1. It is understood that in certain exceptional circumstances the issue to Italian Army units of certain of the correct Italian Army ration Scale commodities has proved impracticable due to transportation and other difficulties.

2. Accordingly, authority is given for the following alternatives to be applicable to those troops in forward areas who would not otherwise be able to receive the full ration entitlement.

- (a) In lieu of Olive Oil - Vegetable Oil from British Army Stocks
- (b) " " " Fresh Fruit - Dried Fruit " " "
- (c) " " " Fresh Vegetables - Dried or Pres. Veg. from British Army Stocks.

The above issues may be authorised in respect of essentially necessary cases only.

3. A special monthly report will be submitted to this Headquarters indicating the quantities of such alternatives issued during the preceding month and the conversion factor used, so that replacement of Italian supplies may be claimed.

*W. H. H. / W. H. H.*

by Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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- (b) " " " Fresh Fruit - Dried Fruit " " "
- (c) " " " Fresh Vegetables - Dried or Pres. Veg. from British Army Stocks.

The above issues may be authorized in respect of essentially necessary cases only.

3. A special monthly report will be submitted to this Headquarters indicating the quantities of such alternatives issued during the preceding month and the conversion factor used, as that replacement of Italian supplies may be claimed.

*W. H. M. A.*

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Herewith copy of this office Departmental Instruction No. 41 which  
supersedes Departmental Instruction 116 dated 8 Nov 44, hereby cancelled.

In the Field.

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.

Colonel.

#### 44. ISSUES TO ITALIANS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

1. It has been decided that all Italian Forces will be maintained from Allied Depots. The term Italian Forces embraces :-

- (a) Italian Army.
- (b) Italian Navy.
- (c) Italian Air Force.
- (d) Carabinieri.

#### 2. Scale of Issue.

The scale on which supplies will be issued is as follows :-

| Part (A)             |                       |                             |                       |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Commodity            | Ozs. per man per day. | Commodity.                  | Ozs. per man per day. |  |  |
| Flour                | 12                    | Rice                        | 1                     |  |  |
| Peas and Beans Dried | 2                     | Veg Dehydrated              | 1                     |  |  |
| Meat Preserved       | 3                     | Catsup                      | $\frac{1}{2}$         |  |  |
| or                   |                       | or                          | $\frac{1}{4}$         |  |  |
| Fish Tinned          | 3                     | Tomato Paste                | $\frac{1}{4}$         |  |  |
| Cheese               | 1                     | Coffee                      | $\frac{1}{4}$         |  |  |
| Sugar                | 1                     | Pepper                      | $\frac{1}{200}$       |  |  |
| Macaroni             | 3                     |                             |                       |  |  |
| Part (B)             |                       |                             |                       |  |  |
| (1) Fruit Fresh      |                       | 4 ozs. per man per day.     |                       |  |  |
| Veg. Fresh           |                       | 8 " " " "                   |                       |  |  |
| (2) Olive Oil        |                       | 1 " " " "                   |                       |  |  |
| Nuts                 |                       | $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "       |                       |  |  |
| Salt                 |                       | $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "       |                       |  |  |
| Wine                 |                       | $\frac{1}{2}$ litre " " " " |                       |  |  |

NOTES: (i) P.Meat and Tinned Fish will be issued as alternatives in the following ratios :-

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| P.Meat          | - 2 issues at 3 ozs. |
| Tinned Herrings | - 1 issue " 3 "      |
| Tinned Salmon   | - 1 issue " 3 "      |

(ii) Under no circumstances will any cigarettes other than Cigarettes Italian be issued to Italian troops. Italian cigarettes are not actually part of the scale but will be issued at a scale of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. per man per week depending on availability as received through the Italian War Ministry upon whom the responsibility of provisioning rests.

(iii) The provision of soap is the responsibility of the Italian War

| Ozs. per man per day. | Commodity.     | Ozs. per man per day. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Flour                 | Rice           | 1                     |
| Peas and Beans Dried  | Veg Dehydrated | 1                     |
| Meat Preserved        | Catsup         | $\frac{1}{2}$         |
| or                    | or             | $\frac{1}{2}$         |
| Fish Tinned           | Tomato Paste   | $\frac{1}{2}$         |
| Cheese                | Coffee         | $\frac{1}{2}$         |
| Sugar                 | Pepper         | 1/200                 |
| Macaroni              |                |                       |

Part (B)

(1) Fruit Fresh  
Veg. Fresh

(2) Olive Oil  
Nuts  
Salt  
Wine

4 ozs. per man per day.  
8 " " " "

1 " " " "  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " " " "  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " " " "  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  litre " " " "

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(iii) The provision of soap is the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry and it is distributed when provided through R.A.S.C. Depots. at 300 gms per man per month for all purposes. Issues will be made

### 3. Procedure for Issue and Documentation.

(a) Action by Italian Units.

(i) To draw supplies, the Italian Armed Force (Division, Brigade, Battalion, Regiment, Company or Detachment) will submit to the issuing depot a Ration Indent in triplicate (I.M.I.4. form ST/8 - specimen attached at Appendix 'A').

(ii) Normally this indent will be submitted 48 hours in advance of the time when the rations are required and will give the following information :-

Name of Unit:  
Rations required:

Dates of Consumption:  
Ration Strength:

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(iii) An adjustment will be made for any over or under-drawals of rations which may have occurred in previous demands and all three copies of the Indent will be signed by an Officer and countersigned by a second Officer in the space provided, if such Officer is available.

(b) Action by the Issuing Depot.

- (i) The designation of the Supply Depot will be entered on the vouchers which will be numbered serially by each depot.
- (ii) The Indent will be carefully scrutinised, the name of the Unit, period of consumption and the number of rations demanded being verified in the light of previous demands.
- (iii) The commodities to be issued from British Stocks as in Part (A) only of the above scale will then be calculated in pounds in accordance with the scale and entered in the spaces provided on the Indent.
- (iv) At the time of the Italian Unit accepting the rations, all copies of the Indent will be dated and receipted and disposed of by the Supply Depot as follows :-

Original copy will be despatched by Official Mail to the Commanding Officer, H.Q., M.M.I.A., A.P.O. 394.  
One copy will be retained by the Supply Depot and the remaining copy handed to the Unit drawing the rations.

(c) Repayment.

- (i) The only action which need be taken by issuing Depots in respect of financial adjustment by Italian Authorities will be when fresh fruit, vegetables, or locally procured wine are issued by them. In such cases, the procedure will be as follows :-

Depots will raise a monthly debit voucher (AFQ.1680) against H.Q., M.M.I.A. as under :-

| Commodity. | Cost at current. |                    |                                |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
|            | Quantity         | IR prices (per lb, | Departmental                   |
|            | Issued.          | kilo, litre, etc). | Expenses @ 4 1/2%, Total Cost. |

Attached to each voucher will be a list of the Italian Units supplied with their aggregated feeding strength for whom the supplies have been purchased. The AFQ.1680 and accompanying list of units will be despatched by the 3rd of the following month on the following distribution :-

Two copies to H.Q., M.M.I.A.  
One copy to D.D.S.T. 1 District.  
One copy to 8 C.P.O.

Original copy will be despatched by Official Mail to the Commanding Officer, H.Q., M.M.I.A., A.P.O. 394.  
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|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                   |                 | <u>LR prices (per lb,</u> | <u>kilo, litre, etc).</u> |                          |                    |
|                   | <u>Issued.</u>  | <u>kilo, litre, etc).</u> |                           | <u>Expenses @ 4 1/2%</u> |                    |

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Two copies to H.Q., M.M.I.A.  
One copy to D.D.S.T. 1 District.  
One copy to 8 C.P.O.  
One copy for Depot file.

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- (ii) All issues made under Part (A) of the above scale will be the subject of a Financial adjustment between the British and Italian Governments. This adjustment is effected on receipt of copies of M.M.I.A. Form ST/8 listing items issued from Part (A) of the scales.

4. Medical Supplies, Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Items.

Issues of the above items, in future, will only be made direct from B.S.Ds or D.I.Ds. in bulk to Italian Military Medical Depots, and units requiring these items should be referred to 209 Italian Div H.Q. who will make all arrangements necessary for distribution. The procedure in respect of bulk issues will be as follows :-

- (a) Release authorised by D.D.S.T. and notified to L.O. M.M.I.A. and Depot nominated to supply.
- (b) Italian Medical Officer will report to the Depot and draw, signing vouchers for items received, in triplicate.

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(c) Vouchers will give the following information :-

- (i) Date.
- (ii) Authority for Issue.
- (iii) Depot making Issue.
- (iv) Medical Unit to which issued.
- (v) Item.
- (vi) Quantity.
- (vii) Price plus Departmental Expenses.
- (viii) Total Cost.
- (ix) Signature of receiving Italian Officer (Name printed in block capitals or type).
- (x) Countersignature of Issuing Depot.

(d) Disposal of the Vouchers will be as follows :-

- (i) Original copy to H.Q., M.M.I.A. as soon as possible after issue has been made.
- (ii) One copy to be retained by Issuing Depot.
- (iii) One copy to be handed to the receiving depot representative at the time of issue.

##### 5. Italian Army Responsibilities.

In so far as Italian units located within 1 District are concerned, the Italian Army through H.Q. 209 Italian Div. will be responsible for the following :-

- (a) Distribution of Hospital, Miscellaneous and Disinfectant items, vide para. 4 above.
- (b) Purchase and distribution of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for all Italian Units in 61 Area. A representative of 209 Italian Div. will maintain close contact with A.D.S.T. 61 Area who will obtain necessary releases from AMG/AC and agree prices and areas for purchases. Effective date to be agreed between A.D.S.T. 61 Area and H.Q. 209 Italian Div.
- (c) 209 Italian Div are exploring the possibilities of baking bread for Italian units in 61 Area and further instructions on this will be issued at a later date.
- (d) Purchase of Fish, Eggs and Poultry for Italian Hospitals in 1 District.

All Italian units located in 1 District, but outside 61 Area, will be supplied with the complete rations through British Depots vide para. 2.

##### 6. Returns

(iii) One copy to be handed to the receiving depot representative at the time of issue.

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6. Returns.

The only returns are required are :-

(a) Copies of Priced Vouchers - para 3(c) above refers.  
Note that no return is necessary, only the despatch of the voucher by the depot.

(b) A monthly return to reach this office by the 4th of each month giving details of all bulk releases of Medical Supplies, under para 4 above.

7. Fuel.

The issue of fuel for cooking and heating to Italian military personnel will be the subject of a further instruction.

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8. Issue of Rations to Italian Civilians.

- (a) The issue of rations to civilians and the issue of midshift meals are covered by A.A.I. Routine Orders 252 and 253 of 1944, and this office Departmental Instruction No. 29.
- (b) A return is required in respect of each of the issues in accordance with this office letter ST/461 dated 30 Oct 44.

9. Issues to Italian P.W.

The appropriate scale is A.F.H.Q. Ration Scale No. 30. This applies whether the P.W. are in P.W. Camps or are on parole with units.

10. Issues to Italian Merchant Navy.

The procedure for maintenance of subsistence stores for Italian Merchant Ships is set out in this office Departmental Instruction No. 24.

11. This instruction supersedes all previous instructions, not herein quoted, on the subject of Issues to Italians.

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RESPONDING OUR SE/555 DATED 14 JANUARY 1964 (.) THE BAIL PAGE OF 31 ENDS  
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SUBJECT MOVE OF LEGHANO AND FOLGORE GROUPS TO NO 1 DISTRICT ON OR ABOUT 25  
JANUARY (.) FIRST (.) FOR LO HOME 52 BLU LEGHANO WILL MOVE WITH 10 DAYS RATIONS  
(.) SECOND (.) FOR LO 3 DISTRICT RATIONS AND 53 BLU FOLGORE WILL MOVE WITH  
10 DAYS RATIONS (.) THIRD (.) FOR LO NAPLES FEBRUARY MAINTENANCE FOR BOTH RPT  
BOTH GROUPS FOR ITALIAN PORTION OF RATION ONLY WILL BE HANDLED OVER TO 14 GRASG  
AT STRENGTH OF 18000 MOVEMENT ORDER ID/5 DATED 11 JANUARY 1944 (.) FOURTH (.)  
FOR AFHQ 14 AND 22 GRASG LO NAPLES AND BARI REDUCE DELIVERIES OF ALLIED RATIONS  
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FOR G 4 BR (.) REFERENCE VISIT BRIG MAPLE (.) INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN COVERING  
PROVISION EXTRA SALT FOR BAKERIES Owing NEEDS CAUSED BY EXTRA BREADMAKING (.)  
CIGARETTE POSITION BEING RESTRICTED BUT IT IS CONFIRMED THAT SUFFICIENT  
CIGARETTES FOR FREE RATION OF FIVE PER DAY FOR ALL FIVE ARMY BR-ITIS ARE  
BROUGHT FWD BY 14 GRASS FROM MAPLES

"S & T. MMIA.

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FROM: Colonel R. Powell, OBE.,  
D.D.S.T.(S), A.F.H.Q.

7th December, 1944.

Dear *Perceval*

Brigadier Hinde has asked us to forward the enclosed copy of a letter which he has written to his Staff on the various problems which have arisen since the Admin Instruction on the maintenance of the Italian Forces was published.

We have not examined these points yet, but will do so during the next few days. In the meantime, any observations you yourself may have in the matter would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*Jack Thorne*

"S & T, MMIA.

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Lt.-Col. B.L. Perceval,  
A.D.S.T.,  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA).

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*Dealt with at  
Conference with P(Grant)  
on 1/4 (4 Jan)*

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Subject: Maintenance - Italian Forces.

Re: Maintenance of Italian Forces.

2d Nov 44

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Reference conversation on 20 November 44. Subject - Major [redacted] on the subject of A.I.I.A. Administrative Instruction No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44, and the office letter of 11/6/44 dated 30 October 44. This instruction has been issued departmentally to formations and, in practice, certain services have been. Major matters of policy are involved which are not provided for in the instruction, can it please be stated how they are to be dealt with?

Reference to this office  
of 30/6/44 of  
A.I.I.A. adm.  
Instr. No. 12

Information

- 1. ST - para 1 (b)  
MIA para 3 (e)

Certain Italian units in fwd areas are split into sub/units and dets working with dets of British units. Co-operators are also included in this category and the three types may be working together and using a common cookhouse, e.g. in a bridging unit working with fwd bns and in fwd tys of back Tpt coys.

Questions

- (1) Just separate cooking facilities be provided?
- (11) If not, are there different scales to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men, 11 bds?
- (111) Are the British personnel to get reduced rations where used in common cooking houses be avoided?

- 2. ST - para 3  
MIA - para 3 (a)

British troops working under similar conditions may be issued with Compo. No cooking facilities may exist for fresh vegetables, pulses, rice and macaroni and British would, therefore, be receiving hard equivalents. No hard equivalents exist for MIA.

- (4) Will authority be given for issue of British ration packs to British personnel with British troops?
- (11) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to MIA?

Reference to  
this office  
SE/6/12 of  
30/10/44 and  
R.I.I.A. Adv.  
Instr. No. 12

# Information

1. SE - para 1 (b)  
IIIA para 9 (a)

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2. SE - para 3  
IIIA - para 9 (a)

British troops working under similar conditions may be issued with Compo. No cooking facilities may exist for fresh vegetables, pulses, rice and macaroni and British would, therefore, be receiving hard equivalents. No hard equivalents exist for MLI-1110 and MLI will repudiate vouchers submitted which include these items.

# Questions

- (i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided?
- (ii) If not, are there different sections to be used for a det. consisting of, say, 30 men all hold?
- (iii) Are the British personnel to get rationed rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided?

(i) Will authority be given for issue of additional pack to MLI-1110 per passu with British troops?

(ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to MLI-1110?

(iii) Will authority be given for issue of (a) Special rations? (b) High or low range rations.

(c) High altitude rations. (d) vitamin tabs etc.?

(iv) If the foregoing authorities are given, will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by MLI?

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3. SI - 4 (a)  
MDA App 'B'  
(a)

In many cases Italian officers are not with their sub/units and only visit them periodically.

(i) Will MDA accept the signatures of Italian M.O.s. or British officers or M.O.s. i/c detachments?

4. SI - 4(b)  
MDA App 'B'  
(b)

Information as in 3.

(i) An extra copy of MDA will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issues. Is this way also the way to MDA, is this risk accepted?

(ii) Will last nation certification for Italian units be employed?

5. SI - 5(a)(iv)  
5(b)(ii)  
MDA App 'B'(e)

Bulk purchase of local produce takes place in the operational zone. The unit making the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or formation. At the issuing depot, for example, locally purchased fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base.

No specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in terms of great activity, inaccuracy must be accepted.

Italian units and formations have no local purchase organisation of their own.

(i) Are MDA prepared for this?

(ii) b. & f. of MDA have given priority to purchase of fresh items for MDA, and in this to continue or not to exist?

6. SI - para 7  
MDA para 11  
App 'B'  
App 'J'

No specific direction exists as to from whom medical supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Issues are to state authority for issue.

(i) From whom should Italian military hospitals obtain their supplies?

(ii) Who is to authorise?

(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorised, e.g.

x (a) Jellies & Brandy.

(b) Foot creep and powder.

- (c) Water filter powder.

x (d) Latrine paper.

- (e) Water sterilising tablets.

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No specific direction exists as to from whom medical supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Imports are to state authority for issue.

6. LT - para 7  
ITA para 11  
APP 'D'  
APP 'J'

(i) are they prepared for this?

(ii) S. & T. of this have given priority to purchase of fresh items for the unit, but in this to continue or can they exist?

(i) From where should Italian military hospitals obtain their supplies?

(ii) Who is to authorize?

(iii) What is the position regarding specific items which are not authorized, e.g.

x (a) Jellicoe & Hardy.

(b) Foot soap and powder.

- (c) Water filter powder.

x (d) Latrine paper.

- (e) Water sterilizing outfit.

x (f) Candles.

What action is to be taken for issue of APP 'G'

7. No instructions are given concerning fuel for Italian forces.

It is appreciated that the settlement of the above queries should not delay in any way the current maintenance of Italian forces under command of British formations and, for the time being, the instructions are being interpreted rather freely. It is felt, however, that sooner or later when the vouchers reach HQ, numerous queries will arise and such unproductive correspondence will ensue.

All you, therefore, please indicate what action is to be taken in connection with the foregoing.

*H. G. G. G.*

Brigadier,  
D. N. G.

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For MEMO LOs (.) Arrange that monthly demands for Italian provided  
items on ration scale show number of personnel upon which demands are  
calculated (.)

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For MMIA LO (.) Reference your signal ST/52 dated 20 Dec 44 (.) Repeated herewith our signal ST/485 dated 03 Dec 44 (.) Subject is BR ITI rations (.) First (.) For LOS TARANTO, BARI AND NAPLES (.) Daily signals of receipts from British sources for Br Iti maintenance will be continued (.) Second (.) For all LOs (.) In all rpt all depots rations received from British will be treated as common user stock and need not be segregated physically or in accounts (.) This HQ signal ST/461 of 25 Nov 1944 is cancelled rpt cancelled (.) New subject (.) Stock state signals are required to be submitted as hereto fore (.) This HQ signal ST/474 of 01 Dec 44 added TARANTO, BARI and NAPLES only is cancelled rpt cancelled (.) All ack as understood (.)

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Lt. Col.

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## TRANSLATION.

SERIAL No.

Translated by:

*T. P. P. P. P.*

Date:

: 21/12/44

FROM: War Ministry Commissariato

Ref No

: 13782/S/1

*Sussistenza Division*

Date

: 20 Dec. 44

TO : MMIA

In reply to :

(MMIA / Action)

*Info: Compto Directorate HQ APOLIA & LUCANIA.*

SUBJECT: Storing of BRI-ITI items in the Barletta Depot.

The Bari Directorate, assuring the constitution of the Barletta Depot for the storing of BRITISH items for the supply of BRI-ITI troops has informed us of various difficulties which have arisen. The principal difficulties are:

- difficulties of rapid communications and liason with the Bari Comm/to Directorate are such that it is impossible to create and control a depot so far from Bari.
- it is impossible to rotate the items that are badly packed, or that need immediate consumption, operation that could easily be done in Bari, distributing them to the Issue Depot, and exchanging them with items that guarantee a long keeping.
- the necessity of employing railcars from Bari to Barletta, that it would be better to avoid due to the lack of rail cars for the supply of other Com/to Directorates.

For all these reasons the Bari Comm/to Directorate has notified us the necessity that in accordance with the MMIA's signal ST/461 dated the 25 Nov. all the BRI-ITI stocks should be kept in the Bari Depot that has large and equipped buildings, naturally keeping them separated from the other stock, by means of applying special labels.

We therefore inform the MMIA of what above, so that you should consider to agree or not with what the Bari Comm/to requests.

for THE MINISTER  
(Pelligna)

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*It looks like spoke to Min  
MMIA considers BARLETTA should  
remain open for MMIA items being.  
Can be brought back 21 Dec  
up again at  
a later date  
4 Jan, 16*

File ST/

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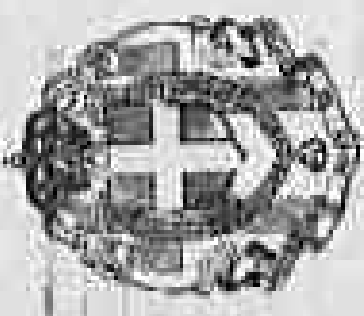
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Del



*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE  
DIV. SUSS. 2<sup>a</sup>

*A. G. B. 43782/3/3. Sped.  
Allegati*

*Repart. M. C. 20* Dicembre 1944

*Alla* LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (N.M.I.A.)

R O M A

*Proposta al. Foglio N. 2*  
*del*

OGGETTO : immagazzinamento derrate BRI-ITI - deposito di Barletta.-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZ. DI COM/TO DEL C/DO MIL. DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA BARI  
( rif.f. 12 R.P. del 30.11.44.)

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Fra esse le principali sono:

- il personale e i mezzi di cui dispone la Direzione di Commissariato sono assolutamente insufficienti alla creazione e vigilanza di un deposito fuori della sede di Bari;
- difficoltà di rapidi collegamenti e comunicazioni fra la Direzione e il deposito di Barletta;
- impossibilità di effettuare la rotazione delle derrate mal confezionate o comunque necessitanti di immediato consumo, operazione che potrebbe agevolmente essere fatta a Bari, distribuendole, tramite il Magazzino Militare Viveri, ai Reparti in loco e sostituendole esattamente con altre che diano maggiori garanzie di lunga conservazione;
- necessità di impiego di carri ferroviari da Bari a Barletta che sarebbe opportuno evitare data la nota deficienza di vagoni per i rifornimenti alle altre Direzioni di Commissariato.-

Per tutte le considerazioni di cui sopra la Direzione di Commissa-

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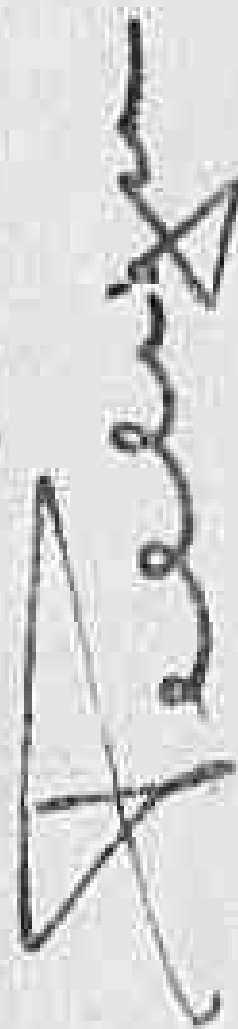
Per tutte le considerazioni di cui sopra la Direzione di Commissariato di Bari ha prospettato la necessità che, come già precedentemente disposto da codesta Missione con telegramma ST/461 del 25 novembre, le derrate BRI-ITI- siano custodite presso il Deposito Viveri di Bari, che dispone di locali ampi e convenientemente attrezzati, tenendole, beninteso distinte dalle altre derrate e con l'applicazione di appositi

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cartelli.-

Tanto si segnala a codesta L.F.S.C. con preghiera di voler esaminare l'opportunità di aderire a quanto richiesto dalla Direzione di Commissariato di Bari.-

P. IL MINISTRO



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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

H Q 15 ARMY GROUP.  
Tel: WILFOT 344/5.  
ST/6/12.

16 Dec 44.

G.C. Fifth Army (for DDST British Inc.) (5)  
D.D.S.T., Eighth Army. (10)  
D.D.S.T., No. 1 District. (10)

Copy to: D.S.T., A.F.H.Q. (1)  
D.D.S.T. No. 2 District. (5)  
A.D.S.T. Military Mission Italian Army, ROME. (1)  
A.F.A. (1)  
No. 8 Command Pay Office. (1)  
"Q" (3)  
War Diary.

1219

Reference this office instruction ST/6/12 dated 30 October, 1944.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that matches will no longer be issued from British Army Stocks and all reference to "Matches" in Para. 3(a) of the above quoted instruction will be deleted.

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd

File ST/

Brigadier,  
D.D.S.T.

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**DISCUSSION**

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PBS (Southern Dist)  
See 12d (x)

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FOR INFO LO's (.) ALL OUR ST/485 05 Dec (.)

~~6/23 Dec~~  
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ROUTINE  
ST MARIA

(ST/102)

St. Anne's  
St. Anne's, Ark.

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Subject: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables bought by Italian Units from  
British Depots.

To: A.D.S.T. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

(47) (23)  
Sir,

As instructed I informed Captain MARAMOTTI of the War Ministry this morning that it was impossible for this Office to check up the denominations of the various units that drew their fruit and vegetable from British Depots.

Captain MARAMOTTI stated that he understood the Mission's point of view, but that the system, as now operated, left a loophole for unscrupulous commanders to take advantage of.

The War Ministry had no method whereby they could trace units that did actually draw from British sources, and; at the moment they had no check that these units were not in fact drawing twice. The War Ministry were fully prepared to take our word that a draw was made from British depots when the voucher stated that that was so, but they were not so inclined to trust their own Unit Commanders.

The system on which the Italian Army works, as you know, differs from the British system in that, each unit is allotted a certain sum of money for "improvement of messing", a total of ten lire per man per day, therefore it would present no problem to a commander of a unit to draw his fruit and vegetables from a British Depot, and then to acquire a precisely similar amount on payment of the public funds allotted him. This, as you see, means that the Italian Government has to pay twice for one unit, without any efficient check on the unit funds.

Captain MARAMOTTI suggested that the units pay the depots the sum required direct from their funds, but I stated that I did not think that a British Depot was equipped with the staff capable of keeping accounts and looking after money paid in by stray Italian units.

Captain MARAMOTTI thereupon agreed to abide by the decision expressed by this Office, but requested me to put the matter before you, in the hope that it might be rectified.

In the Field.  
15 Dec. 44.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Lt.  
Coldstream Guards.  
Staff Lt. (Liaison).

Subject:- Issue of Tinned Fish in Lieu of Preserved Meat

HQ ARMED SERVICES IN ITALY.

Tel: MILIT 34-5.

12/6/42/5.

14- Dec 44.

C.C. Fifth Army (for D.S.S.T. Br.Inc.)

D.S.S.T. Eighth Army

D.S.S.T. 1 District

Copy to:- D.S.S.T. Military Mission, Italian Army, Rome.

Ref this HQ letter 12/6/42 dated 30 Oct 44.

1. With immediate effect and until further notice Canned Meat and Tinned Fish will be issued as alternatives in the ration scale for Italian Troops in the following ratios:

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Canned Meat 2 issues at     | 3 ozs |
| Tinned Mackerels 1 issue at | 3 ozs |
| Tinned Salmon 1 issue at    | 3 ozs |

2. Authority: COM/64/2/ST1(5) dated 9 Dec 44.

\*S & T, MMIA.

Recd 7 Dec

File ST/ 102

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for  
CO  
S.T.

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SUBJECT:- Issue and Receipt Vouchers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

16 Dec 44.

HQ 22 GRANG (Sup Units).

1. It is requested that fuller information may be given on attached Issue Voucher, in order that it may be forwarded to MIA LO, at destination, for clearance.

*E.L. Munn-Mason*  
Capt

*for* B.L. PERCEVAL.  
Lt. Col. RASC.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MIA).

BG/bg

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Reference folio 6.

1. Appendix D of Administrative Instruction No. 12 is relative to para 11 (h) of the instruction and is in regard to Medical Supplies, not Medical Stores.
2. Disinfectants are despatched forward to, in the case of 5 Army (Br Incr), the San Gallo Italian Military Hospital, Florence in bulk as obviously we cannot arrange distribution to hospitals, etc., from this end.
3. If DDST 5 Army (Br Incr) will agree, then I see no reason why ADMS at that HQ should not work out a distribution and the disinfectants be picked up from San Gallo and held in D.I.D's to meet ADMS's distribution. Units would then draw on ST/8's in the same way as for rations and hospital diet items. Alternatively DID's could issue and obtain physical repayment from San Gallo. I feel that internal distribution arrangements must be worked out on the spot and cannot rightly come within our scope.
4. AFHQ will perhaps agree to my suggestion that forward requirements be offset against the bulk releases at Base and give AAI authority to issue disinfectants from D.I.D's, as is now done for hospital diet items. But it does represent an additional commitment for C.R.A.S.C. and eases the administrative burden on the Italians, so AFHQ may object. Such a procedure is further complicated by the fact that certain disinfectants come from Italian stocks.

H. L. Venable

Lt. Col.  
S & T.10 Dec 44.  
HLP/jc

Copy to:- Med MIA.

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MESSAGE

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*See 50*

FROM: BRITISH INCREMENT "A" FIVE ARMY

07 2347 A

TO : MMIA HQ

REF. NO. 2655

RESTRICTED

5LO/6/Q (.) PROVISIONS OF APPENDIX D TO MMIA ADMINISTRATIVE IN-  
STRUCTION NUMBER 12 OF 12 OCTOBER 44 WITH REFERENCE TO DISIN-  
FECTANTS IS IMPRACTICABLE IN FORWARD AREAS (.) ADMS URGES  
NECESSITY OF FINDING ANOTHER METHOD (.) SUGGEST ISSUE WITH  
RATIONS FROM DID (.) IS THIS AGREED (FROM MMIA LO BRITISH  
INCREMENT A FIFTH ARMY FOR ACTION TO MMIA HQ)

*ST original in AD/2/2*

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd

*9 Dec*

File ST/ 102

*ADST*

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*ST*

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

785020

Subject:- Ration Maintenance of Italian Troops  
under British Command.

LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
STN/9b

7 December 1944.

Direzione Commissariato,  
Comando Militare, Campania.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,  
(M.M.I.A.).

(Your signal ST/486 of 6 Dec 44).

1. We have been advised that 14 CRASO has been authorized to deliver flour in lieu of pasta (macaroni or spaghetti) at the same scale (as pasta), when the latter is not available.

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

KRN/bc

\*3 & T, MMIA.

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(ST/102)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

06 0935 A.

TO : PENSOUTH  
54 Area  
52 Area

ST/486

For MMIA LOs (.) Subject supplies received from British  
Depots (.) 14 and 22 CRASC authorised by FREEDOM to deliver  
FLOUR in lieu Macaroni at same scale when latter NOT rpt  
NOT available.

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE.....

AUTHENTICATION St Vincent..... Lt. Col.

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file → (SE/102)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : DIA

TO : PMS (Southern Dist) - *acked*  
52 Area - *acked*  
54 Area - *acked*  
ALARM SIGNAL - *acked*

05 1705 .A.

SE/435

RESTRICTED

For DIA LAs (.) Subject is Br Iti rations (.) First (.) For LAs TARANTO, BARI and NAPLES (.) Daily signals of receipts from British sources for Br Iti maintenance will be continued (.) Second (.) For all LAs (.) In all rpt all depots rations received from British will be treated as common user stock and need not be segregated physically or in accounts (.) This HQ signal SE/461 of 25 Nov 1944 is cancelled rpt cancelled (.) New Subject (.) Stock state signals are required to be submitted as heretofore (.) This HQ signal SE/474 of 01 Dec 1944 added TARANTO, BARI and NAPLES only is cancelled rpt cancelled (.) All AOR as understood (.)

PRIORITY *IMMEDIATE* .....

AUTHORIZATION *W. P. ...* Lt. Col.

**6083**

INTERNAL:- LO HMR.  
A/CB  
ST/6  
ST/6/1.

*BT 9 Dec  
12 Dec*

*Call for AORs  
from 52 Area  
& Naples*

*RHS  
@ 17*

*Radio (5) from 52 Area  
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| For Action                           |            |                     | -Message Instructions- GR |
| MMIA                                 |            |                     |                           |
| (W) For Information (INFO)           |            |                     |                           |

TO \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's No. ST/428 (.) SECRET (.) Ref your ST/485 dated 5 DEC (.)

ACK and UNDERSTOOD

S & T, MMIA.

Recd 10 Dec

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*Land Forces*  
*12/11*

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\*S & T, MMIA.

Recd 13 Dec.

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HEADQUARTERS  
13 DEC 1944  
A. C.

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ARMY FORM 0219 (Small)

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 5654

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| For Action  |                                    | ST                            |
| TO          | MMIA<br>(W) For Information (INFO) | 21/2                          |

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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File Message Instructions 162

Originator's No.

8625-STN/96. YOUR SIGNAL ST/485 OF 5 DECEMBER ACKNOWLEDGED.

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 3 Dec

File ST/10v

Subject: Fresh fruit and vegetables issued by British H.Q.s to Italian Units.

Further @ (53) + (47)  
Would you please be so kind as to send us the receipts given by the Bodies on drawing the above goods, from British reserve stocks, for the investigations that we propose to carry out so as to ensure that such units have not effected similar draws at Italian Depots, or directly through buying the goods.



*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEL SERVIZIO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

-Ufficio Situazioni-

*Divisione*  
*Pol. A. 816* .SA *Allegati*

P.M. 3800, 112 dicembre 1944

LA LAND FORCES SUB  
COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)  
ROMA

*Risposta al f. del*  
*Dir.*

OGGETTO Frutta e verdura fresche somministrate  
da Comandi britannici a reparti italiani.

e, per conoscenza:  
AL MINISTERO GUERRA =GABINETTO=Uff.C.A. SEDE

~~~~~  
S'interessa la cortesia di cotesta  
Sottocommissione affinché si compiacca tra-  
smettere le ricevute rilasciate dai vari enti  
all'atto del ritiro delle derrate, di cui al-  
l'oggetto, dalle riserve britanniche, per gli  
accertamenti che si propone di eseguire lo scri-  
vente al fine di assicurarsi che tali reparti  
non abbiano effettuato analoghi prelevamenti  
presso le sussistenze italiane oppure diretta-  
mente dal commercio.-

p. IL MINISTRO

*Belign*  
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COPY OF MESSAGE

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FROM : FREEDOM

02 Dec

TO : MMIA

14 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS)  
22 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS)

INFO : DDST, AAI DDST, 3 DISTRICT

RESTRICTED (.) FX61644 SIGNED SACMED (.) CITE FPGDT (.)

MMIA (.) WHEN MACARONI IS NOT AVAILABLE FLOUR AT THE SAME SCALE  
WILL BE LOADED (.) CONFIRMS CONVERSATION DDST (S) - ADST MMIA.

"S & T." MMIA.

Recd 3 Dec

File ST/ 10 v

C/E ST/S/I.

Refers to (1)

ADST

STDS

Alas

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Alas

Tell Lois Nari,  
Toronto, Naples.

Signal sent 16

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LRKB V LAEE NR 25

QVR-1

FROM LAEE 021506A

TO MMIA - 14 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS) - 22 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS)

INFO DDST, AAI DDST, 3 DISTRICT

GR 29 BT

RESTRICTED (.) FX61644 SIGNED SACMED (.) CITE FHGDT (.)  
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BE LOADED (.) CONFIRMS CONVERSATION DDST (S) - ADST MMIA

BT 021506A

SENT NR 25 02/2015A JY B K

RCD NR25 02/2015-A HRA B

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MESSAGE FORM

ST/108

To : 52 Area  
54 Area

ACTION.

of 1820

reptd to : Pensouth.  
22 C., E.A.S.G.

INFORMATION

RESTRICTED.

SR/475

FOR NMIA LO (.) DUE TO PRODUCTION BREAKDOWN YOU ARE AUTHORIZED  
TO ACCEPT FLOUR IN LIEU OF MACARONI ON WEIGHT FOR WEIGHT BASIS FROM  
BRITISH DEPOTS

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHORISATION

Alamy Smt  
for to col.

17 HQ  
copy @ 4v

60465

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

Headquarters,  
14 C., R.A.S.C. (Supply Units).  
C. M. F.  
ST 175/2.

30 Nov 44.

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

Reference AFHQ/64/2/ST1(A) dated 7 Oct 44, addressed to A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A., copy to this office.

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(b) Cigarettes - In the process of being shipped and supplies expected to arrive in a few days.

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S & T, MMIA.

Reed

ADST  
14 Dec 44  
New Planning  
informed  
also discussed  
with Col. Reed  
Lt-Col., R.A.S.C.

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S & T. MMIA.

Reed

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*Advised M.M.I.A. informed  
Also discussed with Lt Col. R.L. Craig  
with Lt Col. R.A.S.C. (Supply Units).*

Copy to:- A.D.S.T., Army Sub-Commission (ACC) M.M.I.A.  
M.M.I.A., L.O. Naples (Ref phone conversation  
Major NELSON - Capt. HART).  
O.C., 23 B.S.D.) For information. Complete rations  
30 B.S.D.) will be issued as far as possible  
50 B.S.D.) as and when stocks become  
) available.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Army

AFHQ/64/2/ST1(0)

Tel: Freedom 214

29 November 1944

Headquarters,  
14 CRASC (Supply Units)

Further to this Directorate's AFHQ/64/2/ST1(0) dated 18 Nov 44 and confirming telephone conversation Capt. Hart - Major Wood,

Please note that the daily pack released to the M.M.I.A. will be reduced from 70,000 to 61,000 rations as from 10 Dec inclusive.

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

Director of Supplies and Transport  
"S & T, M.M.I.A."

Read

File ST/

*J. Wood Main*  
Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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to

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BLANCH

SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Army

AFIE/64/2/ST1(C)

Tel: Freedom 214

29 November 1944

Headquarters,  
22 GRASSO (Supply Units)

Further to this Directorates AFH/64/2/ST dated 18 Nov 44 and confirming telephone conversation Capt. Riches - Major Wood.

1. Please note that the daily pack released to the M.M.I.A. in Bari will be reduced from 70,000 to 61,000 rations as from 4 Dec inclusive.

Have  
also  
been  
seen  
(32)

Director of Supplies and Transport.  
"S & T," M.M.A.

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

Read

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Subject: Storage of Rations ex 14 CRASC.

ST  
29/4  
LIAISON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
STN/4

27 November 1944.

To: Direzione, Commissariato  
Comando, Militare, Campania

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

1. Subsistence (70000 rations daily) received ex 14 CRASC, which is for the ration maintenance of Italian troops under British Command, will be stacked separately in your bulk depots.
2. On each stock card, MMIA Form ST/4, you will make the notation: "ERI-ITI ONLY".
3. Please furnish this office with a copy of your instructions to Bulk Depot.

Refers to (26)

KRN/jlm

HOMER E. LONG  
Major, QMC  
Executive Officer

S & T. MMIA.

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(ST/102)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

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1603

.A.

TO : 54 Area for MMIA LO

ST/466

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CONFIDENTIAL

Your ST/380 refers (.) BARLETTA project agreed (.) Depot will be sub depot of BARI Bulk Depot and u/c O.C. BARI Bulk Depot (.) It will NOT rpt NOT be an entirely separate installation (.) Point of acceptance by Italian authorities will be BARLETTA NOT rpt NOT BARI, please advise 22 CRASC accordingly (.)

PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION A. L. Penard LT. COL.

INTERNAL : A/Q. This refers to storage of Br Iti supplies.  
There is insufficient space at Bari.

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LRKE V LAEE NR5 " OP " " OP "  
FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA  
TO MMIA

271745A

GR170

ST/380 (.) CNFIDENTIAL (.) SUBJECT IS BRITISH RPT BRIT FOOD (.)  
REF CONVERSATION PERCEVAL / FREELAND IN ROME (.)  
FIRST (.) INSUFFICIENT SPACE AVAILABLE IN BARI (.)  
SECOND (.) ACQUIRED IDEAL WAREHOUSES BARLETTA RPT BARLETTA CAPACITY  
AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS RATIONS AS PER YOUR ST/451 DATED 22 NOV (.)  
SLIGHT REPAIRS NECESSARY BEING PUT IN HAND BY  
ITALIANS AND DCRE BARLETTA ASSISTING (.)  
22 C R A S C CAN ARRANGE RAIL MOVEMENT (.)  
ARRANGED WITH RTP AND BARI COMMISSARIATO REPRESENTATIVE POINT  
OF UNLOADING WAGONS AT BARLETTA SIDINGS APPROX THREE  
HUNDRED YARDS FROM WAREHOUSES (.) HORSES AND CARTS CAN BE ARRANGED (.)  
COMMISSARIATO CAN PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR DPOT (.)  
DEPOSITO SPECIALE MILITARE VIVERI BARLETTA IS WAGON LABEL ADDRESS (.)  
CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVE FIRST RPT FIRST DECEMBER IF YOU AGREE (.)  
THIRD (.) ONLY ACTION NECESSARY BY YOU IS CONFIRMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS  
FIXING POINT OF ACCEPTANCE BY ITALIANS AS BARLETTA  
RPT BARLETTA

THI280820  
CCN LINE NINE  
LINE THIRTEEN

SENT NR5 28/0935- READ .. BARI COMMISSARIATO ..  
RECD NR 5 280935A OH READ .... DEPOSITO SPECIALE MILITARE VIVERI ...  
& GEC B K  
KKKK

"S & T. M."

Recd 28 Nov

File ST/ 102

Adst

DAYS

Handwritten signature

28 NOV 1944

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LROF V LAEE NR 76  
FROM: MMIA LO 52 AREA 271041  
TO: MMIA ROME  
QQX GR 29 BT

ST88 RESTRICTED (.) YOUR ST/461 ACK (.)  
THIS CAN BE DONE FOR FUTURE RECEIPTS (.)  
MONTECATINI SAYS IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
PAST RECEIPTS IN VIEW OF YOUR  
ST/91 OF 4 JULY 44 PARAGRAPH TWO  
BT 271300A

SENT NR 76 27/1927A JY K  
RECD NR 76 27/1927.A."SLU" (-B-)

(NAVY FILE)

"S & T, MMIA.

Read H. Hov.

File ST/ 102

DADS/10.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

A.T. DEPT.

Subject: MAINTENANCE ITEMS  
ARMED FORCES

AFM/94/2/1211

Ref: Section 217

S.D.S.C., Main Hq., A.A.I.  
Lt. C., S.D.S.C., Supply Units  
22 S.D.S.C., Supply Units

26 November 1944

*This refers  
to (14) & (13)*

1. It has been agreed by this Directorate to include soap and cigarettes with the Italian provided items for which A.T. is responsible for distribution to Italian Armed Forces in the forward areas.

2. Procedure for collection and distribution of these two items will be the same as for other items of the same category.

3. The scale of issue is:-

|                   |                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Soap</u>       | 30 grammes per man per month for all purposes. |
| <u>Cigarettes</u> | 35 per man per week or 14 cigs. tobacco.       |

4. Procedure for issues to Italian Base Depots is not affected by the foregoing.

"S & T, MHA.

Recd 28 Nov

File ST/ 102

*Ant. Parly*  
*1*

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport

**0039**

Copy to:- Headquarters, A.T.D.C.  
A.D.S.T., S.M.I.A. (Please arrange for initial reserves and maintenance stocks to be available in the Base.)

*(ST/111 encls (1))*

*Handwritten initials and signatures:*  
JAK  
Hao  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. MARCH

SUBJECT:- Moves - Grum/Gremona

Headquarters,  
22 GR530 (Supply Units)

AFHQ/64/6/ST1(G)

Tel: Freedom 214

25 November 1944

Confirming telephone conversation Capt. Riches - Major Hood.

Will you please note that inclusive of deliveries 4 Dec 44, the daily issue of Italian Army rations to M.M.I.A. depots in Bari will be reduced from 70,000 to 61,000.

"S & T. MMIA.

Read

File ST/

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Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to: ADST, MMIA (Your ST/451 dated 22 Nov refers.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS

A.T. BRANCH

Subject:- DISINTEGRATION FOR  
ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

AFM/6/2/STI(A)

Ref: Freedom 217

(1st Point).

25 November 1944

Reference A.F.H.Q. Letter AG 400/135 D-U of 22 Sept. 1944,  
inner. 'E'.

1. It is understood that certain minor amendments to the above quoted letter are now being made.
2. It is suggested that this opportunity be taken to include an amendment regarding Ital, which should be deleted from the same in accordance with the directions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff and War Office.

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| MMIA      | ST       |
| FILE REF  | 102      |
| Date Recd | 11/11/44 |

*John P. ...*  
Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport

Copy to:- A.D.S.V.,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.,  
(S.M.I.A.)  
Your letter ST/102 dated 21 Nov. 1944 refers.

ADST *[initials]*

AL

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EROF V LAEE NR66  
FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 241202

TO MMIA ROME

GR 29 BT

ST 81 RESTRICTED (.)

REFERENCE MY ST 78 (.) AMOUNT QUOTED IS RESTRICTED TO WAGON  
DESPATCHED 20 (.) OUR ST 449 REFERS (.) STARTING NEW ACCOUNT  
IN DEPOT WITH FIRST WAGON DESPATCHED 20 EX BRITISH DEPOT  
241202 BT

SENT NR 66 241753A IW B3 K  
RD 1759 BWH NR66

"S & T, MMIA.

Read

File

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RC

Ref. No. 8439 - STH/3

22 NOVEMBER 1944

PBS MMIA LO

RESTRICTED

PRIORITY

MMIA

RESTRICTED PD YOUR SUGAR TARE SLASH FOUR FOUR NINE OF TWO ZERO NOVEMBER  
ACKNOWLEDGED PD INITIAL STOCK RECEIVED TWO ONE NOVEMBER FOLLOWS PD  
ALL WEIGHTS NET POUNDS PD REFERENCE NUMBER EIGHT FOUR THREE NINE DASH  
SUGAR TARE NAN SLASH THREE PAREN TO MMIA FROM PBS MMIA LIAISON OFFICER  
PAREN FLOUR THREE NINE FOUR SIX EIGHT CMA MACARONI ONE NINE TWO FIVE  
ZERO CMA RICE SIX SIX TWO ZERO CMA BEAT NINE EIGHT SEVEN THREE CMA  
BEANS DRIED THREE FIVE EIGHT ZERO CMA VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED FOUR NINE  
NINE EIGHT CMA CHEESE SIX SIX ZERO EIGHT CMA TOMATOES THREE THREE ONE TWO  
CMA SUGAR SIX SIX ONE TWO CMA COFFEE THREE TWO EIGHT EIGHT CMA PEPPER  
SEVEN TWO PD

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Flour      | 39463 |
| Rice       | 19250 |
| Beans      | 6620  |
| Wheat      | 9873  |
| Macaroni   | 3580  |
| Vegetables | 4998  |
| Cheese     | 6608  |
| Tomatoes   | 3312  |
| Sugar      | 6610  |

E. P. ZAYAZ  
Captain, Infantry  
M.M.I.A.

0035 7020

|        |      |
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| Coffee | 3232 |
| Pepper | 72   |

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MESSAGE NORM

(ST/102)

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From : ISMA

To : AFHQ for ST

Info : FBS for ISMA LO

26 1230 A

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ST/102

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Confirming conversation 26 Nov WHITEM - PERCEVAL (.) Due move  
CREMONA Division to DISTONE reduce NAPLES daily pack from  
70000 rpt 70000 to 61000 rpt ~~61000~~ 61000 effective inclusive  
10 December (.) Italian portion of ration for BRILLI and CREMONA  
Divisions to total of 18000 will be available to GARASO (Sup  
Units) at NAPLES and/or NARI (.) Advise where required (.)

Precedence. IMPORTANT...

*137 19 Nov  
Act at Naples  
Mo A*

Authentication. N. A. Pennington Lt. Col.

HLP/dvs

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : DMTA

TO : PES  
54 AREA  
52 AREA

ackd 7/10  
ackd 1/10  
ackd at 34

25

1630.

ST/161

RESTRICTED

FOR AREA LO (.) REF OUR SIGNAL ST/449 DATED 20 NOV (.)  
RATIONS DELIVERED FROM BRITISH SOURCES FOR MAINTENANCE OF  
THE ITI MUST BE STACKED SEPARATELY (.) EACH STACK MUST HAVE  
TALLY BOARD ATTACHED MARKED "ITI ONLY" (.) RATIONS NEED  
NOT BE STORED IN A SEPARATE BUILDING (.) ASK (.)

PRECEDENCE ....*IMPORTANT*

AUTHENTICATION *A.A. Lamm* *mapot* LT. COL.

INTERNAL : A/Q

D.G.C. ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY - FOR INFORMATION  
AND NECESSARY ACTION.  
PLEASE FORWARD A COPY OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO  
THIS HQ.

*BT 2/8*

*(56)*  
*gino* **6033**

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Extract of Signal (orig with A/cs)

From LO Naples

28 Nov.

To IMMIA Rome

8472-STN/3

First. Your ST/6 of 26 acknowledged .

Second. Your signal ST/461 of 26 acknowledged.

Third. x x x x x x x x x x

IMPORTANT.

S & T, IMMIA.

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| ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)                                                      |                            |                                                                                              | MESSAGE FORM              |                                                 | Register No.      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Call                                                                         | Sel. No.                   | Priority                                                                                     | Transmission Instructions |                                                 |                   |
| ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY                                         |                            |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
| FROM (A)                                                                     | ORIGINATOR                 |                                                                                              | Date - Time of Origin     |                                                 | OFFICE DATE STAMP |
| 101A LO 54 AREA                                                              |                            |                                                                                              | 25 1030A                  |                                                 |                   |
|                                                                              | For Action                 |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
| TO                                                                           | (W) For Information (INFO) |                                                                                              | Message Instructions      |                                                 | GR                |
| 101A                                                                         |                            |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
| Originator's No. ST/370 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Your ST/461 dated 251530A (.) ACK |                            |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
| S & T. MWA.                                                                  |                            |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
| Read <i>[Signature]</i>                                                      |                            |                                                                                              |                           |                                                 |                   |
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| THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS             |                            | IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER |                           | ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS<br>DEGREE OF PRIORITY |                   |
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : (1) AFHQ

RPTD : (2) 54 AREA

ST/451

22 1636 .A.

RESTRICTED

(1) FOR ST (2) FOR MMIA LO (.) CONFIRMING CONVERSATION  
WHITE PERCEVAL OF 21 NOV (.) DUE TO MOVE OF FRIULI DIVISION  
FROM BENEVENTO AREA TO DISTONE REQUEST YOU REDUCE BARI DAILY  
PACK FROM 70,000 RPT 70,000 TO 61,000 RPT 61,000 EFFECTIVE  
INCLUSIVE 04 DEC (.) WILL ADVISE LATER CONCERNING MOVE OF  
CREMONA DIVISION (.) FOREGOING ASSUMES YOU WILL ADD ITALIAN  
DIVISIONS TO YOUR ESTIMATED 45,000 IN FORWARD AREAS (.)  
REQUEST CONFIRMATION (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT  
AUTHENTICATION W. C. C. COL.

INTERNAL : A/Q  
SPEC SECTION

TO & T. MMIA.

Read

File ST/

102

EO30

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SUBJECT: Disinfectants for Italian Forces

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(H.K.L.A.).  
SE/102

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

Rev 1/42

Reference AFHQ AG400/1030-0 of 22 Sep 1944 Agnus. '13'.

1. At a meeting held at AFHQ to discuss the implementation of the above quoted letter, DDT (S) is understood to have stated that IAL was not an authorized supply and should be deleted from the agenda.
2. Demands for this item are currently being received at this HQ and as it is known that certain minor amendments to the above quoted letter are now being made, it is suggested the opportunity be taken to include among them an amendment regarding IAL.

HEP/30

H.L. FERNANDEZ  
Lt. Col. RASO,  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(H.K.L.A.).

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

21 Nov 44.

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

Your AFHQ/64/2/ST.1 of 18 Nov 1944, refers.

Reference discussion (Col. Powell - Lt.Col. Perceval).

1. It is agreed that adjustments to meet strength fluctuations in the forward areas will be effected by feeding strength figures to be submitted by you to this HQ.
2. On the basis of these figures this HQ will indicate which daily pack, (i.e. Taranto, Bari or Naples) should be correspondingly reduced or increased.

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

RLP/jc

Copy to:- DDST. AAI.  
DDST. 3 District  
HQ 14 GRASC (Supply Units)  
22 GRASC (Supply Units).

INTERNAL :- A/Q IMIA.

785020

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. BRANCHSUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian ForcesAFHQ/64/2/ST.1Tel: Freedom 49918 November 1944

M.M.I.A.

Reference conversation (Col. Powell - Lt.Col. Percival).

1. It is confirmed that the following procedure will be adopted in connection with the RASC commitment for the maintenance of 260,000 Italian Forces commencing 1 Dec 44.

2. W.E.F. 20 Nov 44 the following supplies will be made available daily :

|                 |                                                  | <u>Rations</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>22 CRASC</u> | (Ex Brindisi by rail to M.M.I.A. depot Taranto)  | <u>75,000</u>  |
|                 | (Ex Bari for collection by M.M.I.A. *            | <u>70,000</u>  |
| <u>14 CRASC</u> | Ex Naples (Casoria) for collection by M.M.I.A. * | <u>70,000</u>  |
|                 |                                                  | <u>215,000</u> |

3. The balance of 45,000 will be maintained from Army depots in the forward areas.

4. It will be appreciated that any subsequent increase in strength in the forward zone together with any issues made from public depots in the non-operational zone will require adjustment from time to time.

5. Due notice of such adjustments will be notified to you, in order that you can advise from which locality you wish the necessary deductions to be made.

S &amp; T. M.M.I.A.

Reed 21 NOV

File STI 102

Copy to: DDST, Main HQ, AAI  
 DDST, No.3 District  
 HQ, 14 CRASC (Supply Units)  
 HQ, 22 CRASC (Supply Units)  
 'Q' (Maint)

Major-General,

Director of Supplies and Transport.

ADST  
 DADS  
 Kics

Reply to DSI(19)

## MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

20. 1522 .A.To : PBS  
54 AREA  
52 AREA

ST/449

CONFIDENTIAL

For MMIA LO (.) Subject is maintenance of BR-ITIS (.) Starting inclusive 20 Nov 1944 British authorities are required to deliver into Italian Army depots daily rpt daily balanced rations (Allied portion only) as follows (.) To TARANTO, MONTECATINI 75,000 (.) To BARI 70,000 (.) To NAPLES 70,000 (.) Responsibility for delivery into Italian Depots lies with British but you may assist with Italian transport if circumstances permit (.) Point of acceptance by Italians is at Italian Depots (.) Arrange for acceptance to be accomplished on Form ST 3 rpt 3 (.) In addition signal daily rpt daily to this HQ showing commodities and quantities accepted rpt accepted into Italian Depots as at close of work each day (.) Rations delivered are for maintenance of BR-ITI category and will NOT be issued prior to consumption 01 December (.) Contact CSRASO concerned and report to this HQ any difficulties (.) Letter follows. (.) AOK

Precedence.....

IMMEDIATE

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Authentication.....

B L Pennington

Lt. Col.

Internal - A/Q

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

# MESSAGE FORM

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Sel. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date

MMIALO 54 AREA

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For Action

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

ST 357 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Your ST/449 dated 201522A (.) ACK

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 26 hours

File ST/ 102

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT BY AIR)

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of BR - XIII.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
BR/402

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

16 Nov 44.

1. Effective issue 1 December 1944 responsibility for provision of the Allied source components of the Italian Army Forces ration scale falls to the British Army.

2. The ceiling figure for the BR-III category is 260,000 composed as under.

|                   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Service troops    | 95,000 ✓ | 93,000 ✓ |
| Reinforcements    | 4,800    | 160,500  |
| Combat troops     | 57,785   | 30,400   |
| Reinforcements    | 4,911    | 75,000   |
| Italian Navy      | 75,000   | 24,500   |
| Italian Air Force | 24,500   | 24,500   |
|                   | 260,000  | 24,500   |

The Italian Air Force is at present some 2,000 in excess of the ceiling figure shown above, thus increasing the total to 262,000. With strength fluctuations which normally can be expected it is considered reasonable to accept the figure of 260,000 as a basis for provisioning.

3. For distribution purposes the following breakdown of strength is recommended.

|                            |         |        |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|
| Taranto (for Italian Navy) | 75,000  | 75,000 |
| Bari                       | 70,000  | 49,000 |
| Naples                     | 70,000  | 52,000 |
|                            | 215,000 | 170    |
|                            | 215,000 | 45,000 |

This leaves 45,000 troops which were estimated in your AMB/SL/2/314 (A) dated 7 Oct 44 to be in forward areas (8th Army and 5th Army (British Inland)). To save uneconomical handling it is proposed these be maintained as a part of normal Army maintenance direct from BMD's. Thus supplies for this number would not be transferred to Italian Army Depots. If this proposal is not acceptable then transfer will be accepted at Naples, increasing the Naples figure to 115,000.

4. As distribution to Italian D.I.D's has to take place in time to permit issue to be made for consumption 1 December it is requested transfers be put in hand as soon as possible and in any case not later than 20 November. The first transfer should be of not less than 10 days requirements, as the Italian Depots normally issue on a 10 day basis, and it is further requested

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 260,000

Main components  
 Combat troops  
 Reinforcements  
 Italian Navy  
 Italian Air Force

The Italian Air Force is at present some 2,000 in excess of the ceiling figure shown above, thus increasing the total to 262,000. With strength fluctuations which normally can be expected it is considered reasonable to accept the figure of 260,000 as a basis for provisioning.

5. For distribution purposes the following breakdown of strength is recommended.

|                            |                |            |               |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Taranto (for Italian Navy) | 75,000         | 75,000     | 56,000        |
| Bari                       | 70,000         | 43,000     | 19,000        |
| Naples                     | 70,000         | 52,000     | 9,500         |
|                            | <u>215,000</u> | <u>170</u> | <u>45,000</u> |

This leaves 45,000 troops which were estimated in your AFHQ/64/2/SM(A) dated 7 Oct 44 to be in forward areas (8th Army and 5th Army (British Increment)). To save unecconomical handling it is proposed these be maintained as a part of normal Army maintenance direct from RD's. Thus supplies for this number would not be transferred to Italian Army Depots. If this proposal is not acceptable then transfer will be accepted at Naples, increasing the Naples figure to 115,000.

4. As distribution to Italian S.I.D's has to take place in time to permit issues to be made for consumption 1 December it is requested transfers be put in hand as soon as possible and in any case not later than 20 November. The first transfer should be of not less than 10 days requirements, as the Italian Depots normally issue on a 10 day basis, and it is further requested that the build up to 30 days holdings be completed as soon after 1 December as is practicable.

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B. L. PEROWAL,  
 Lt. Col. RASO,  
 ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O. (M.I.A.)  
 (M.M.I.A.)

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Copy to:- A/O  
 Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O. (M.I.A.) LG;  
 BARI  
 NAPLES  
 TARANTO.

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MESSAGE FORM

(ST/10)

FROM : MIA

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 MIA

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50 HJ signal 32/344 and 51 HJ signal 35 both of 14 Nov refer (.)  
Cigarettes, tobacco, matches will be included in monthly bids  
submitted this HJ by HQ District in which CHPTI will be located  
after move forward (.) See this HJ Admin Instruction No 42 (.)  
Hospital supplies and disinfectants will be provided by release  
from Allied stocks at Rome and will be available from Italian  
Medical Depots on demand through Italian Medical channels (.)  
All arrangements in hand by this HJ (.) Soap will be ordered  
forward by this HJ based on monthly bids referred to above at  
flat rate scale of 300 grams per man/month for all purposes (.)

PRELIMINARY ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION *A. P. ...* Im. Col.

INTERNAL: A/Q  
MIA  
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 51 BLU

Date-Time of Origin  
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TO MMIA

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1 (.) PRESENT SUPPLY OF CIGARETTES AND MATCHES FOR ITALIAN  
TROOPS ESE ITALIAN DEPOTS NAPLES AND BARI (.) WHAT ARRANGEMENTS  
ARE ENVISAGED WHEN GROUP MOVE TO AAI AREA (.) 2. DISINFECTANT  
FOR MEDICAL UNITS (AT?) PRESENT SOLELY FROM ITALIAN SOURCE AFTER  
RELEASE BY ITALIAN DMS FROM DEPOT AT NAPLES BARI OR TARANTO PRE-  
SUME THIS BECOMES BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY ON MOVING FORWARD (.) PLEASE  
CONFIRM

S & T, MMIA.

Recd

17 Nov

IMPORTANT

File ST/

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SUBJECT:- Cigarettes and Soap for Italian Army.

DST, AFHQ.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
S2/102

7 Nov 44.

Reference para 2 of your AMHQ/61/2/SP10, dated 21 Oct 44, and this office letter ST/102 of 26 Oct 44 in reply thereto.

1. May your decision now be given, please.

DWV/jc

B7-15 Nov

No A yet

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

B.L. PERCEVAL,  
Lt. Col. RASC,  
(M.M.I.A.).

Reply @ 33

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Subject:- Cigarettes and Soap for Italian Army.

Military Mission Italian Army,  
ROME.  
ST/102

26 Oct 44

DEST. AFHQ.

Reference your AFHQ/64/2/ST10 para 2 dated 21 Oct 44.

1. The MMIA Office Working Instruction No. 6 was instituted on the 23 Sept for the purpose of laying down a system whereby the two commodities, Cigarettes and Soap, would reach the proper destination for the ultimate issue to Italian troops.
2. Your AFHQ/64/2/ST1(a) dated 7 Oct 44, laid down a new system for supplying Italian troops under British command in forward areas, and it is considered that the most practicable means of dealing with the above two commodities is to include them in the list of other items which are to be made available for calling forward by 14 CRASO.
3. O.W. Instruction No. 6 can be cancelled without difficulty to comply with para 2 above.
4. Past experience has shown that distribution through Italian channels is not to be relied upon, and the surest way of getting the full ration to the Italian troops in forward areas is through normal British maintenance. For this reason soap was also included, and it is much regretted that 14 CRASO cannot deal with it. As the quantities involved are small, could re-consideration be given to the extent that 14 CRASO accepts and loads for movement to railhead, at which point Italian authorities can take over for storage and distribution.

SWC/jc

ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

B.L. FERRIS  
Lt. Col. RASC,

"J. E. T. 'MMA.

24 Oct

File ST/ 107

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S.T. BRANCH

SUBJECT :- Cigarettes & Soap for Italian Army

AFHQ/64/2/STLC

Tel. Freedom 214

21 Oct 44

A.D.S.T.,  
Military Mission, Italian Army.

Reference your ST/102, dated 15 Oct 44.

1. It is agreed that in principle, the complete ration should be issued to Italian forces in the Operational Zone, including Cigarettes.
2. It is felt however, that some clarification of the present position is necessary, in view of your Office Working Instruction No. 6, which provides for the issue of these items under MMIA/Italian Ministry of War arrangements.
3. Your suggestions that Soap should be distributed under R.A.S.C. arrangements cannot however, be agreed.

See (33)-  
provision

Rich Russell  
L. C.

Major-General,  
Director of Supplies & Transport.

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Reply to effect that D.N.I No. 6 was an expedient only due to breakdown previously experienced and can be cancelled without difficulty. Past experience has shown distribution through Italian channels is not to be relied upon and surest way of getting the fuel ~~into~~ to the Italian troops is through normal British means. For this reason bag was included also and it is much regretted 14 Corps cannot deal with it. As the quantities involved are small could reconsideration be given to the extent that 14 Corps accept and load for movement Ordnance at railhead clearing and distributing.

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To see folder 18-12A  
  
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Subject: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

The Italian Armed Forces in 1944.  
Total: 344,500.  
31/3/44.S. G. Vitti's Army (For D.D.S. 2. British Increment),  
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D.D.S. 2. 1. District.Copy to: D.D.S. 2. 1. British Army,  
D.D.S. 2. 1. District,  
D.D.S. 2. 1. Military Mission Italian Army Rome,  
D.D.S. 2. 1. District,  
No. 3 Command Pay Office,

The District.

In from the 1st October last, the provision of certain supplies required by the Italian Armed Forces serving with the British Armed Forces became a D.D. responsibility. All previous instructions issued on this subject are therefore cancelled and are superseded by the following:-

## 1. GENERAL.

(a) Reference is made to D.D.S. 2. 1. letters A.G. 400/100 dated 22 September, 1944, subject "Supply of Italian Armed Forces" and A.G. 400/031 (D.D.S. 2. 1. dated 6 Oct 1944, subject "Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air)".

(b) These instructions are applicable to Supplies issued direct to Units of the Italian Armed Forces regardless of the category of the Unit.

(c) All Supplies issued from British stocks will form the subject of a Financial Adjustment between the British and Italian Government. It is essential, therefore, that the procedure outlined in these instructions is correctly carried out by the Issuing Agency and that all vouchers are properly executed and forwarded to the A.G. 400/100 in accordance with the instructions given.

## 2. FORMS TO BE SUPPLIED.

- (a) The Italian Army.
- (b) The Italian Navy.
- (c) The Italian Air Force.
- (d) The Carabinieri.

## 3. FORMS OF ISSUES.

The scale on which supplies will be issued together with the division of the scale for the provision of such stocks, is as follows:-

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of the Italian Armed Forces serving with the British Army. All previous instructions issued on this subject are therefore cancelled and are superseded by the following:-

# 1. GENERAL

(a) Reference is made to A.F.M.C. letters A.G.400/1000, dated 22 September, 1944, subject "Supply of Italian Armed Forces" and A.G.400/051 (DS-0 dated 6 Oct 1944, subject "Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Land, Air)";

(b) These instructions are applicable to Supplies issued direct to Units of the Italian Armed Forces regardless of the category of the Unit.

(c) All Supplies issued from British stocks will remain the subject of a financial adjustment between the British and Italian Government. It is essential, therefore, that the procedure outlined in these instructions is correctly carried out by the issuing Agency and that all vouchers are properly executed and forwarded to the I.A.F.A. in accordance with the instructions given.

## 2. SUPPLIES TO BE SUPPLIED.

- (a) The Italian Army.
- (b) The Italian Navy.
- (c) The Italian Air Force.
- (d) The Carabinieri.

## 3. SOURCE OF ISSUE.

The sole on which supplies will be issued together with the division of responsibility for the provision of such stocks, is as follows:-

### (a) From British Army Stocks.

#### Commodity

Flour  
Peas and Beans Dried  
Meat Preserved

or

Fish Tinned

Cheese

Sugar

Macaroni

Rice

Vegetables Dehydrated

Onions

or

Tomato Paste

Q. per man per day.

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| Commodity             | QTY. per unit per day |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Coffee                | 1/200                 |
| Pepper                | 1 box (small) or      |
| Matches per 7 rations | 2 boxes               |
|                       | (Commercial type)     |
| Fruit                 | 4                     |
| Vegetables Fresh      | 3                     |
| Olive Oil             | 1                     |
| Nuts                  | 1                     |
| Salt                  | 1                     |
| Wine                  | 1                     |

(b) From Italian War Minister's Stocks.

Time limited will only be issued when not preserved is not available.

#### SUPPLIES FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

(a) Action by Italian Unit.

(i) To draw supplies, the Italian Armed Force (Division, Brigade, Battalion, Regiment, Company or Detachment) will submit to the issuing depot a Ration Indent in triplicate (M.M.I.A. Form ST/8 - specimen attached as Appendix (A)).

(ii) For by this Indent will be submitted 48 hours in advance of the time when the rations are required and will give the following information:-

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Name of Unit:     | Dates of Consumption: |
| Rations required: | Ration Strength:      |

(iii) An adjustment will be made for any over or under-allowance of rations which may have occurred in previous months and all three copies of the Indent will be signed by an Officer and countersigned by a second Officer in the space provided, by such Officer is available.

(b) Action by the Issuing Depot.

(i) The designation of the Supply Depot will be entered on vouchers which will be numbered serially by each depot.

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Rich Rationed will only be issued when that Preserved is not available.

#### EXTRACTED FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

#### (a) Action by Italian Unit.

(i) To draw supplies, the Italian Armed Force (Division, Brigade, Battalion, Regiment, Company or Detachment) will submit to the issuing depot a Ration Indent in duplicate (M.M.I.A. Form ST/8 - specimen attached at Appendix III).

(ii) Normally this Indent will be submitted 48 hours in advance of the time when the rations are required and will give the following information:-

| Name of Unit:     | Dates of Consumption: |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Rations required: | Ration Strength:      |

(iii) An adjustment will be made for any over or under-allowance of rations which may have occurred in previous demands and all three copies of the Indent will be signed by an Officer and counter-signed by a second Officer in the space provided. Each Officer is available.

#### (b) Action by the Issuing Depot.

- (i) The designation of the Supply Depot will be entered on vouchers which will be numbered serially by each depot.
- (ii) The Indent will be carefully scrutinized, the name of the Unit, period of consumption and the number of rations demanded being verified in the light of previous demands.
- (iii) The quantities to be issued from British stocks will then be calculated in pounds in accordance with the scale and entered in the spaces provided on the Indent.
- (iv) At the time of the Italian Unit accepting the rations, all copies of the Indent will be dated and receipted and disposed of by the Supply Depot as follows:-

Original copy will be despatched by official mail to the Commanding Officer, I.S., M.M.I.A., A.P.O. 394. One copy will be retained by the Supply Depot and the remaining copy handed to the Unit drawing the rations.

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEGETABLES

(a) The procedure for obtaining these supplies will be as follows:-

(i) The purchaser will place monthly demands on the requisitioning authorities to H.M.I.A. by the 10th day of each month. By the 10th of November, therefore, the H.M.I.A. should be in possession of all bills in respect of the month of December.

(ii) Demands will state quantities required in pounds and will be reported to the D.M.S., A.M.S., and to this Office.

(iii) The H.M.I.A. will then arrange for the required supplies to be available in the house (i.e. 14 of H.M.I.A.S.C. (Supply Unit), and arrangements will then be made for calling forward the supplies required in each seven day maintenance period. (This action is to be completed by 11 September, para. 7 below). Supplies for the winter period, i.e. until the end of November have already been made available by the H.M.I.A. and will be called forward as required.

(iv) Where for any reason, it becomes necessary for minor quantities of these items in the Operational Area, priced Demand Vouchers will be issued and submitted monthly to H.M.I.A. with copy to this Office. All vouchers will show quantities purchased, cost per unit (e.g. Kilograms, Litre, etc.), Departmental Ex. No., and attached to each voucher will be a list of the items in Units with a suggested monthly feeding ration for each animal the supplies in question have been purchased.

(v) Specialized, and Vegetables Fresh.

(i) These items will, wherever possible, be purchased and collected by the Italian authorities themselves.

(ii) Where this is found to be impracticable, Arrivals, Independent Ex. Nos. and Districts will be responsible for providing or by Local Purchase or by donation on the same.

(iii) All such issues made under this, or other or District arrangements, will be the subject of a Financial Adjustment between the British and Italian Governments and the procedure

- (iv) Where for any reason, it becomes necessary for the Government to purchase any of these items in the Operational Zone, a printed Debit Voucher will be issued and submitted monthly to the U.S. M.I.A. with copy to this office. All vouchers will show commodity, quantity, cost per unit (e.g., Kilogram, liter, etc.), Department, etc., and attached to each voucher will be a list of the U.S. M.I.A. staff a vegetable monthly ration, shown the on each voucher the supplies in question have been purchased.
- (v) Procurement of Fruit and Vegetables Fresh.
- (1) These items will, wherever possible, be purchased and collected by the Italian Municipal authorities.
- (ii) Where this is found to be impractical, direct procurement by the British and Districts will be possible for provision either by Local Purchase or by delivery on the base.
- (iii) All such items sold under any arrangement or District arrangements, will be the subject of a Financial Agreement between the British and Italian Governments and the procedure laid down in para. 5(a)(iv) of this letter will be followed.
- (4) Although not appearing on the scale, the Italian Government will be required to provide cigarettes and tobacco from their own stock at a scale of 1 1/2 cent. per man per week.
- (5) It will be the responsibility of all requests to demand these requirements on the base in the usual way.
- (6) Issues will not be made from British stocks.

## 7. SUPPLY OF SUPPLIES

- (a) The procedure for obtaining Hospital Diet is, by direct purchase and collection will be for U.S. M.I.A. to direct monthly to supply to the U.S. M.I.A. Authorized releases of such items will be administered by the U.S. M.I.A. to all personnel, and issues will be made to Italian medical personnel only. Supplies will not be issued direct to Italian military hospitals except in an emergency.

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(b) Demands will be submitted in triplicate and an Italian Medical Officer will be present at the time of issue and will sign the vouchers for the items received.

(c) Vouchers will give the following information:-

- (i) Date
- (ii) Authority for issue
- (iii) Depot making the issue.
- (iv) Medical Unit to which issued.
- (v) Item.
- (vi) Quantity.
- (vii) Price and departmental expenses.
- (viii) Total cost.
- (ix) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer with name printed or typed.
- (x) Counter signature of Italian Depot.

(d) Diagram of the Voucher is as follows:-

- (i) Original copy to H.Q. Medical, as soon as possible after the issue is made.
- (ii) One copy to be retained by the issuing Depot.
- (iii) One copy to be handed to the receiving Depot at the time of issue.

(e) The scale of issue for Medical Supplies will be as follows:-

#### (i) Hospital, Slight Injury

Milk Powder

Wheat

Bandages or Equivalent

Marjoram or other

Heat Extract

- Based on 15,000 Patients for 10 days.

3,000 lbs.

11,700 lbs.

3,000 lbs.

10,400 lbs.

520 lbs.

#### (ii) Disinfectants and Miscellaneous

Water

Starching Powder

Antiseptic White Cream

Tablet Remover Tablets

Teal

Plaster

- Based on 1,000 men for one month.

15 lbs.

375 lbs.

250

1 gallon

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1 lb.

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- (i) Signature of the receiving station on the receipt to be printed or typed.
  - (ii) Counter signature of the issuing depot.
- (a) Disposal of the vouchers is as follows:-
- (i) Original copy to H.Q. M.L.I. as soon as possible after the issue is made.
  - (ii) One copy to be retained by the issuing depot.
  - (iii) One copy to be handed to the receiving depot at the time of issue.

(c) A scale of issue for medical supplies will be introduced.

- | (a) Hospital Dist Item | Based on 15,000 Patients |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bed Linen              | 10, 10 000 P.            |
| Pillow                 | 5, 200 100.              |
| Blanket or Equivalent  | 11, 700 150.             |
| Perjamine or other     | 2, 000 100.              |
| Post Discharge         | 10, 400 100.             |
|                        | 520 100.                 |

- | (1) Description and Discontinuing Stock | Based on 1,000 sq. ft. of stock |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Water Standstill Powder                 | 15 lbs.                         |
| Anticorrosion Cream                     | 275 lbs.                        |
| White Hammer Pellets                    | 250                             |
| Isal                                    | 1 gallon                        |
| Plasticizer                             | 420                             |
| Prepared Salt Brine                     | $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.               |
| A.L. 55 Powder                          | 20 lbs.                         |
| Alcohol Solution                        | 4                               |
| Anticorrosion Cream                     | 20 gallons                      |
| Qresol                                  | 10 "                            |
| Waterproofed Suits                      | 5 "                             |
| Mail oil                                | 50 "                            |
| Perma Green                             | 14 lbs.                         |

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- (2) A timely return of issued bills will be forwarded to the  
 100, and reported to the D.A.B., as soon as possible  
 on the end of each month.

0. 22. 1945.

- (a) The usual monthly return on \$25 million loaned to the Federal Reserve will not be made until October. It is intended to this office only and will be received in two parts, monthly.

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(1) Supplies by commodities issued over the period 1 - 15 Oct.

(11) Supplies issued over the period 16 - 31 Oct.

(b) The only returns required are as follows:-

(i) Copies of Demerits placed on M.F.I.A. (Para. 5(a)(ii) refers).

(ii) Copies of Prison Debt Vouchers. (Para. 5(c)(iv) refers).

(iii) Monthly return of Medical Supplies issued (Para. 7(f) refers).

## 9. REMARKS

The procedure laid down in this letter will be deemed to be the normal operation from the A.A.I. Area as from the 1st Nov. 1950.

10. Please acknowledge.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*  
 Brigadier,  
 D.D.S.I.

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### Abstract

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STATE BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Voucher No. of  
Issuing Dept.  
No di Serie del  
Maggiorante colante

Vendor No. of  
Unit demanded.  
No. in Series of  
Report to be drawn

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No. 437 on page 102

Relazione del comitato di  
Ricerca e controllo del

Travelling  
do Viaggio

Nation Street, 42  
 Wrentham, Massachusetts

Arwvelling  
de Visio

Total number of nations  
Towns: 10,000

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## CONCLUSIONS

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the inhibitor on the rate of polymerization of  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene in the presence of  $\text{SnCl}_4$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

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This copy to be retained by unit during rationing.

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SUBJECT :- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

DEST, DC, A.A.X., GRT.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/102

5 Nov 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of your ST/6/42 dated 30 Oct 44.

DVW/jc

*(18)*  
*E.L. Momen-Masum*  
*Capt*  
B.L. PERREVAL.  
Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.).

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

DDST, HQ A.A.I., CEF.

*File*  
Military Mission Italian Army,  
ROME.  
ST/102

28 Oct 44

Reference telephone conversation of 28 Oct 44 (Major Odell - Cam).

1. Attached please find copies of correspondence, as requested.

*V.L. Camm Staff*  
B.L. PERCEVAL.  
Lt. Col. RAMO,  
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

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*Enclosures 8, 9, 10, 12 & 13 + ST/102*  
*9/10, 13, 14 + 1A in ST/102/8*

Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Armed Force Units  
under British Command.

Military Mission Italian Army,

ROME.  
SE/102

15 Oct 1944

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

Reference your AMHQ/64/2/SE1 (A) of 7 October 1944.

1. Commodities and quantities contained in your subject letter can be provided as follows:-

| A.                          | B.<br>30-day<br>Reserve. | C.<br>Maintenance | D.<br>Total.   | E.<br>Availability.                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Macaroni                | 114 tons                 | 58 tons           | 152 tons       | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (b) Tomato Catsup or Paste. | 19 "                     | 6 "               | 25 "           | From British stocks as credits to undelivered quantities for Italian Navy. |
| (c) Olive Oil               | 38 "                     | 13 "              | 51 "           | From ITI stocks see para 4. below.                                         |
| (d) Nuts                    | 19 "                     | 6 "               | 25 "           | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (e) Wine                    | 675,000 litres           | 225,000 litres    | 900,000 litres | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (f) Cigarettes              | 16,500 lbs.              | 5,450 lbs         | 21,750 lbs     | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (g) Tobacco.                | 1,800 lbs.               | 600 lbs.          | 2,400 lbs      | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (h) Matches.                | 193,000 Nos.             | 64,500 Nos.       | 257,000 Nos.   | From ITI stocks.                                                           |
| (i) Soap.                   | 16 tons.                 | 5 tons.           | 21 tons.       | From ITI stocks.                                                           |

2. All items shown as available from ITI stocks will be made available to 14 G., R.A.S.C. (Supply Units) NAPLES, to be collected under arrangements made by 14 G., R.A.S.C..

This is necessary due to extreme shortage of Italian Army transport.

3. Items (a) can be made available from Italian Stocks up to the 30th Nov., 1944. Items (b) will be made available from BRITISH Stocks and offset against dues

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(g) Tobacco.

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Items (a) can be made available from Italian Stocks up to the 30th Nov.,

and items (b) will be made available from BRITISH Stocks and offset against dues

in for ITALIAN NAVY, up to the 30th Nov. only, at which date it is understood you

will be in a position to meet the BRT - IRI commitments for these two commodities

(a) and (b) from imports.

Due to the critical shortage it has been necessary to issue Canned Spread

in lieu of Olive Oil. Therefore, 26 tons of oil and 25 tons of Canned Spread and

a similar 50/50 breakdown on your ten-day maintenance demand must be accepted

until stocks of Canned Spread are exhausted, by which time the Oil situation may

have eased slightly.

Item (h) has been included because Matches ceased to be an Allied supply

w.e.f. 24th September 1944 and provision is now an Italian responsibility.

At the scale of 1 box of 40 matches per man per week the quantity to be

made available represents 30 days reserve plus 10 days maintenance.

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6. Item (1) has been included due to the many difficulties that have occurred in the past in distributing this commodity to forward troops. Although strictly an Ordnance supply it is considered best results will accrue if this commodity is handled by 14 C., R.A.S.C. as suggested.

7. The ITALIAN Ministry of War have been instructed to release up to the quantities shown in column D of para. 1 on demand by 14 CRASC, with the exception of item (b), Tomato Catsup, and have further been instructed to maintain the quantities shown in column C., with the exception of items (a) and (b), for release to 14 CRASC, to meet their ten-day maintenance demands.

*Sto Bann*  
B.L. PERCEVAL.  
Lt. Col. RASC,  
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS.T. BRANCHSubject: MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH COMMAND

A.D.S.T.,

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

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| M.M.I.A.  | <i>[initials]</i> |
| FILE REF  | 1012              |
| Date Recd | 6/6/61            |

AFHQ/64/2/STL(A)

Tel: Freedom 217

7 October 1941

1. In order that Italian Forces in the forward areas may receive their complete ration scale without interruption, it is requested that a 30 day reserve of the following items, which are not common to British and Italian scales, be delivered into British depots:-

|                        | Scale            | 30 day Reserve              |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Macaroni               | ✓ 3 oz.          | 114 tons } <i>Unsplit</i>   |
| Tomato Catsup or Paste | ✓ ½ oz.          | 19 tons } <i>1 box only</i> |
| Olive Oil              | ✓ 1 oz.          | 38 tons                     |
| Nuts                   | ✓ ½ oz.          | 19 tons                     |
| Wine                   | ✓ ½ litre        | 675,000 litres              |
| Cigarettes (90%)       | 1½ ozs. per week | 16,300 lbs.                 |
| Tobacco (10%)          | 1½ ozs. per week | 1,800 lbs.                  |

*Macaroni 25.000 boxes 30 tons*  
*The reserves are calculated on a feeding strength of 45,000.*

2. It is further requested that, in addition to the above, one-third of these amounts be delivered into British depots at ten-day intervals until further notice, to cover actual maintenance requirements. It would be appreciated if the first delivery of maintenance stocks were made together with the 30-day reserve.

3. Please inform this Directorate, copy to relative C., R.A.S.C., whether delivery of the above supplies will be made to 14 C., R.A.S.C. Supply Units, NAPLES, or 22 C., R.A.S.C. Supply Units, BARI. For convenience of forward distribution it is

*A.K. From what they can see*  
*at present completely*  
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*ADSC*  
*10/10/41*

OK. From what they can see.

~~2-16-50~~ ~~2-16-50~~ ~~2-16-50~~

Macaroni 3 oz. 11 1/4 tons } Classified  
1 Dec only

Tomato Catsup or Paste 1/2 oz. 19 tons

Olive Oil 1 oz. 58 tons

Nuts 1/2 oz. 19 tons

Wine 1/2 litre 675,000 litres

Cigarettes (90%) 1 1/2 ozs. 16,300 lbs.

Tobacco (10%) 1 1/2 ozs. 1,000 lbs.

Notes: 24 Jan. 24 Feb. 24 Mar. 24 Apr. 24 May. 24 June. 24 July. 24 Aug. 24 Sept. 24 Oct. 24 Nov. 24 Dec.

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4. May the initial delivery please be made as soon as possible.

Handwritten: 14 C. R.A.S.C. Supply Units

Handwritten: 24 Feb.

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Major-General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport

Copy to: 14 C., R.A.S.C. Supply Units  
22 C., R.A.S.C. Supply Units

Handwritten: 14 C. R.A.S.C. Supply Units

Handwritten: 14 C. R.A.S.C. Supply Units

Subject: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission Italian Army,  
ROME.  
ST/102

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

5 Oct 44

1. In future all Italian supplies received from American Sources in the Naples port will be taken into United States Army Stocks.

2. This HQ will make demands on MATCUSA for all future maintenance.

*See folio 7<sup>A</sup>*

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SMJ/jo

R.L. PERDUAL,  
Lt. Col. RASO,  
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

*Copy to: A/G - folio 6 refers*

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SUBJECT: Off-loading of Subsistence.

Military Mission Italian Army  
Rome  
AR 2/2-1  
4 October 1944

To: LO Naples

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1. We are attaching hereto copy of Signal received from CG COMZONE NATOUSA, which is your authority to discontinue accepting from ship side items of subsistence in the Italian Depots in your section. It is now the responsibility of the base section concerned to off-load all items of subsistence marked for the Italian military direct into base section depots.

2. We will requisition on CG COMZONE NATOUSA for items of subsistence required for the Italian military.

*Tommy T. Rose*  
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major  
for Major General  
MMIA

TTR:ri  
Copy to: ST

To: ST

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 4 Oct

Please pass this information on to the War Ministry.

File ST 102

ADST *[initials]*

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See 7

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*[initials]*

Note that *[illegible]* WEST coast only in P.B.S.

(for info).

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COPY OF MESSAGE

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FROM CG COMZONE HATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN

Cite SSXMC  
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FOR ACTION PENBASE

Date time of Origin  
021539A

TO MMIA

LX-4511s (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SUBSISTENCE FOR ITALIAN  
MILITARY IS SUBJECT (.) ALL SUBSISTENCE RECEIVED FROM  
PENBARK FOR ITALIAN MILITARY WILL BE TAKEN INTO US ARMY  
STOCKS AND INCLUDED IN SUBSISTENCE INVENTORIES SUBMITTED  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER THIS HEADQUARTERS, SUBJECT:  
PERIODIC REPORTS (2M), FILE 319.1-H, DATED 27 SEPTEMBER  
44 (.) THIS STOCK WILL NOT BE SEGREGATED NOR REPORTED  
SEPARATELY (.) MMIA WILL THEREAFTER REQUISITION THIS  
HEADQUARTERS FOR REQUIRED STOCKS TO SUBSIST ITALIAN  
MILITARY NOT SUPPLIED FROM US DEPOTS OR RAILHEADS (.)  
AFHQ PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM SHORTLY OUT-  
LINING MANNER OF ISSUING AND ACCOUNTING FOR RATIONS  
ISSUED ITALIAN MILITARY (.) SECOND INDORSEMENT, THIS  
HEADQUARTERS, SUBJECT: SHORTAGES AND OVERAGES, ITI  
SHIPMENT - UGS-45, FILE 400, 61-H, DATED 29 AUGUST,  
IS AMENDED ACCORDINGLY

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S & T BRANCH  
H.Q. M.M.I.A.

No. 6.

OFFICE WORKING INSTRUCTION

1. In future ALL consignments of cigarettes for Italian troops with 8th Army and 1 District will be consigned to -

General Commanding  
228 Division (R.I.A.)  
DESI.

2. Despatch advice signals will be sent for each consignment addressed MMIA LO Rear 8th Army, repeated MMIA LO HQ 1 District for information.

3. MMIA LOs Rear 8th Army and 1 District have accepted responsibility for distribution to units.

4. Should 8th Army include cigarettes on their monthly maintenance demands vide HQ AAI letter SE/6/42 of 9 August they will be extracted from the demand and dealt with as stated above. Thus cigarettes will go forward under MMIA/Ministry of War arrangements and NOT as a part of 8th Army normal maintenance.

5. Exactly similar arrangements apply to supplies of soap for 8th Army and 1 District Italian troops.

23 Sep 44.  
BLP/jo

sd/ B.I. PERCEVAL,  
Lt. Col. RASC,  
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

Copy to:- MMIA LO Rear 8th Army  
MMIA LO 1 District  
A/Q MMIA

6005

Subject: Hospital Diet Items for  
ITALIAN Army

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
ROME

AG/S  
21 September 1944

To : AFHQ for C. Maini.

1. Reference is made to AFHQ Signal 2724583 cite HMDT dated 13 Sept and annexure 2 para 1 (a) of the draft memorandum discussed at AFHQ on 6 Sept 44.

2. Instructions to issue these Hospital Diet Items have not been received by MIA and no issues have been made so far. Moreover, with the exception of rice, none of the items on the Hospital Diet Scale are available in the food stocks for the Italian Army under MIA control.

3. This in effect means a British provision of approx the following for 30 days with the addition of the provision of a 30 day reserve:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Milk          | 18,600 lbs |
| Rice          | 55,100 lbs |
| Semolina      |            |
| or Equivalent | 9,000 lbs  |
| Butter or     |            |
| Margarine     | 21,200 lbs |
| Meat Extract  | 15,600 lbs |

4. This is based on the estimate of 13,000 patients. There are at the moment approx 11,500 patients and the combat tps are withdrawn for refitting.

5. May I please be informed if the issue of these Hospital Diet Items will be made from British sources waf the date the proposed directive becomes effective.

Copy in 8/9 (Head Comforts)

RJN/ek

P. J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I. 500

COPY ST MIA.

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M.M.I.A.

RJN/wk

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12/21 Sep

File ST/102

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INCOMING MESSAGE

Classification - SECRET  
Precedence - PRIORITY  
From - A.F.H.Q. signed WILSON  
To: ACTION - TROOPERS  
INFO - AAI, ACC for Army Sub Commission

Date/Time  
Sep 13 1530 B  
Reference:  
FX 24583  
Cite FHQDT

For ST 6 (.) Para 1 (.) Refer FX92422 of 5th which is NAF 773 (.)

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Para 8 (.) Delivery requested half each ELBOW HACKLE for November  
and December portions for consumption December and January and  
portion for consumption February will give delivery instructions  
in 30 days

S & T. MMA.

Recd 15 Feb

File ST/ 102

SUBJECT:-- Maintenance of Italian Army, Air Force and Carabinieri.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),  
Hq, AGO, Rome.  
ST/102.

16th August, 1944.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,  
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:-- All MMIA "Q" LOCs. "Q" MMIA.

It is desired to clarify the maintenance policy for Italian Army, Air Force & Carabinieri from the British military authorities' point of view ONLY.

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Demands for the maintenance of the Italian Forces with British formations and 2 Polish Corps will be collected by the British authorities in Army areas and placed on British supplying agents in accordance with normal British practice.

Arrangements are as follows:-

a. (i) Supply of the items in the new ration scale shown as "to be provided from Allied Sources", with the exception of Macaroni and Tomato Paste or Catsup, will be made available from British stocks, and will be despatched in the normal way from British Depots to railheads, thence through the normal channels of distribution to the Italian Forces concerned.

(ii) British military authorities in Army Areas will submit monthly to Hq, A.A.I. lists of items issued to Italian Forces in accordance with sub-para (i) above, and Hq, A.A.I. will consolidate this information, passing the final figures to this Hq.

(iii) This Hq will inform Ministry of War of issues made and will request to be informed from which Italian Army Depot/s repayments in kind can be effected.

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- (v) Italian Army transport will be used <sup>5000</sup> wherever possible to effect delivery from Italian Depots to British Depots. In cases where this is difficult, due to severe shortage of transport, the Italian Commissariato concerned will ask the British military authority concerned for assistance.
- (vi) The British military authorities accepting repayment will inform this Hq the actual commodities and quantities received or collected by them from Italian Army Depots.

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- b. (i) Consolidated demands for the following items will be prepared by Hq, A.A.I. and passed to this Hq who will inform Hq, A.A.I. from which Italian Army Depot/s they can be made available, copy to Ministry of War.
- (ii) On receipt by Hq, A.A.I. of this information, that Hq will notify the British Military authorities concerned and the latter will arrange collection from the nominated Italian Army Depot/s.
- (iii) After collection the British military authorities will arrange that these supplies go forward to Army areas as normal maintenance, so that the full scale becomes available to Italian Forces in the forward areas.
- (iv) The items referred to in this paragraph are:-
 

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Macaroni                | Huts |
| Tomato Catsup or Paste  | Salt |
| Olive Oil               | Wine |
| Tobacco and Cigarettes. |      |
- c. (i) Fresh fruit and vegetables will, wherever possible, be purchased locally in forward areas by the Italian Forces themselves. It is impossible, Italian Forces concerned will submit their requirements of these commodities to the British military authorities in Army area, when the latter will take action to provide, either from local purchase contracts or by demanding on the base.
- (ii) All such issues by British military authorities will be the subject of cash reimbursements as directed in this Hq letter - reference SA/58, dated 14 August, 1944.

- 2. Italian Forces behind British Army Rear Boundaries.
- a. The distribution of supplies to all of these forces is an Italian Army responsibility and all necessary supplies will be issued from Italian Army Depots.
- b. In isolated cases of emergency it may be necessary for Italian units or detachments to be supplied from British Depots. Where this is done repayment in kind will be effected in accordance with para 1 (a) of this letter.

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- c. Italian commanders will be instructed to report to the Ministry of War any such issues made to them and Ministry of War will inform this Hq accordingly.

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3. Cigarettes and Tobacco.

- a. As stated in para 1 (b) these items will be supplied from Italian sources.  
Issues will NOT be made from British stocks.

4. Effective Date.

The foregoing arrangements are effective forthwith. Please take action to inform all concerned and ensure strict compliance.

13-1-45  
B.L. PERCEVAL.  
Lt. Col, RASC,  
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

B.L.P./aw

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Further to this office letter ST/6/12/5 dated 18th July and in amplification of this H.Q. instruction 1025/1/91 dated 28 Jul 44, the following is the procedure to be adopted for the maintenance of the Italian Army, Air Force and Carabinieri.

1. In Army Areas.

Demands for the maintenance of the Italian Forces with British Formations and 2 Polish Corps will be placed on Supplying Agents in the normal way. The arrangements for the supply of these items are as follows:-

- (a) (i) Supply of the items enumerated in part 1 of the scale detailed in this Office letter ST/6/12/5 dated 18 July with the exception of Macaroni and Tomato Catsup or Paste will continue to be made through normal supply channels from British Depots to R.Hs.
- (ii) addressees will advise this office as early as possible after the end of each calendar month of the issues actually made in the past month by commodities.
- (iii) A consolidated demand will be prepared in this office and placed on the M.M.I.A. so that all such items issued can be recovered.
- (iv) A.D.S.T. Army Sub Commission A.C.C. has agreed to notify D.D.S.T. Districts in which Italian Depots the supplies in question are available and will assist with transport to the maximum extent possible in the collection of such items.

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(v) D.Ds.S.T. Districts will advise this office and the A.D.S.T. Army Sub Commission A.C.C. when delivery or collection of each month's supplies from Italian Depots has been completed.

(b) Consolidated demand for the following items will be made by this office on M.M.I.A. who will indicate from which Italian Depots they are available. D.Ds.S.T. Districts will be informed and will arrange collection and will ensure that these supplies go forward on maintenance packs as demanded so that the full scale is available for issue in the Forward Area:-

|                        |      |
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| Macaroni               | Nuts |
| Tomato Catsup or Paste | Salt |
| Olive Oil              | Wine |

(c) Fresh Fruit and Fresh Vegetables will, wherever possible, be purchased and collected by the Italian Formations themselves. Where this is found to be impossible, armies and Formations will be responsible for the provision of these items either by Local Purchase or by demanding on the base.

All such issues made under Army or Formation arrangements will be the subject of a financial adjustment and the procedure laid down in this office letter ST/6/12/6 dated 17 July 44 will be followed.

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2. Italian Forces behind Army Rear Boundaries.

- (a) The distribution of Supplies to Italian units and Detachments located in the Rear Army boundaries is an Italian responsibility and all such supplies will be issued from Italian Supply Depots.
- (b) In isolated cases or in an emergency it may be necessary for an Italian Unit or Detachment to be supplied from a British Army Depot. Such issues should not normally be made without reference to this office but where they are made, D.D.S.T. Districts will advise this office monthly of all such issues made so that recovery can be effected in the same way as in the case of Italian forces in the Army areas.

3. Cigarettes and Tobacco.

- (a) Cigarettes and Tobacco for all Italian Armed Forces will be provided from Italian sources and will be issued on scales as laid down for the Italian Army which at present is 1 1/2 ozs. per man per week.
- (b) Requirements for the Italian Troops in the Army Areas will be drawn from the Italian Supply Depots in the same way as those items listed in para. 1(b) of this letter.
- (c) Issues will not be made from British Stocks.

4. Please acknowledge.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Brigadier,  
D.D.S.T.

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