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27 Mar 46

Tele : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : AFHQ Conference on Equipment for
ITALIAN Interim Army - 13 Mar 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG IMIA (4)
Allied Commission
SACS
G-3 AFHQ
G-5 AFHQ
CAO
Q GHQ
G-4 MTOUSA
Ord GHQ
PA GHQ

1. Minutes of the Conference held on 10 Mar 46 are attached.

2. ACTION is required as follows :

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F.A. (Brit)	}	- Min. 17
G-5 AFHQ		
G(SD) GHQ	-	Mins. 11 and 19
Q GHQ	-	Min. 16

(Signature)
L. W. M. M. M. M.

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MMIA - Mins. 15 and 16

F.A. (Brit) } - Min. 17
G-5 AFHQ

G(SD) GHQ - Mins. 11 and 19

Q GHQ - Min. 16

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(Signature)

M. H. LAGHOD,
Major General,
Chief of Staff.

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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT AHHQ AT 1115 HRS
ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 1946 ON THE PROVISION OF
EQUIPMENT FOR THE ITALIAN INTERIM ARMY

<u>Chairman</u>	Brigadier ANDERSON	G(3D) GHQ GHQ
<u>Present</u>	Colonel AEPH	1st Lt.
	Colonel PUSLEY	1st Lt.
	Lt-Col SOUTBY	1st Lt.
	Lt-Col ALBERT	1st Lt.
	Lt-Col CUNNIES	1st Lt.
	Brigadier VANCE	G-3 AHHQ
	Lt-Col HENRY	G-3 AHHQ
	Lt-Col THOMSON	G-3 AHHQ
	Major SUTCLIFFE	G-3 AHHQ
	Lt-Col STATION	Log Lt.
	Colonel ROBEY	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Lt-Col ALPINE	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Major PROUDFOOT	'Q' Branch GHQ
	Colonel LAWLEY	G-4 AHHQ
	Lt-Col RANNEY	G-4 AHHQ
	Lt-Col CORLETT	G-4 AHHQ
	Lt-Col MUSSON	G-4 AHHQ
<u>Secretary</u>	Major DWELLS	G(3D) GHQ

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 - (b) acting as a deterrent to any unfriendly neighbours
 - (c) defending ITALY'S frontiers, with Allied help.

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4. The Chairman then read relevant passages from various important documents in order to ensure that the general background to the problem was known.

5. The Chairman read extracts from the Combined Chiefs of Staff's directive to MAC authorising the handing over of the ITALIAN Armed Forces under Allied Command to the ITALIAN Government (MIN 624 of 29 Sep 45) which states:-

"Food, clothing, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be furnished in the following priorities:-

- (A) From indigenous ITALIAN resources, including captured material (except GERMAN weapons) and local manufacture.
- (B) By purchase from appropriate U.S. and U.K. surplus disposal agencies in ITALY, stocks which are available to the disposal agencies.
- (C) Through the ITALIAN Government import programme.

Sale of warlike equipment available to authorised surplus disposal agencies to the ITALIAN Armed Forces of the types and quantities of equipment that are normally used for internal security purposes, is authorised for transfer as approved by SACRED or his successors. In the case of lethal BRITISH warlike equipment transfer will be made only under military arrangements. Requirements that can not be met from the sources listed above, should be loaned from U.S. and BRITISH military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 Jan 46. Hereafter these items are to be returned on demand or transferred through surplus agencies.

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6. The Chairman read extracts from AMIG policy directive to the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission (AMIG letter AG.091.7146(3D)-0 of 2 Nov 45) which states:-

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All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of U.S. and BRITISH origin (including lend/lease) in possession of those units being used to make up the ITALIAN Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri, as may be surplus to U.S. and BRITISH requirements, together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment so provided as may be surplus

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Appropriate scales of ammunition of various nature
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replenished from Allied sources.

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The Chairman read extracts from AMHQ policy directive to the Commander Land Forces Sub Commission, LC (TUL) (reference AMHQ letter LG 091.711 GJT-0 of 3 Dec 45) which states:-

" It is the policy of the United States and British Governments that the ITALIAN Army shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency."

The Chairman read extracts from the Minutes of a meeting held at GHQ by 1st Branch GHQ on 11 Dec 45 to discuss, in the main, provision of maintenance for the BRITISH equipment handed over to the ITALIAN Army (ref GHQ/6453/5/1(13) dated 13 Dec 45).

The Chairman read extracts from a letter from GHQ to CG HQ/USA putting forward certain proposals regarding provision of equipment to the ITALIAN Army (reference GHQ letter ESD/61/38 of 12 Jan 46) which states:-

- "(a) That the Order of Battle and Staff Equipment Tables proposed by MIA (their reference SD/109 of 5 Dec 45) were agreed in principle by GHQ.
- (b) That provision of equipment for the GRAC Army was a BRITISH commitment of higher priority than for the ITALIAN Army.
- (c) That it was proposed, in the interests of standardisation, to recommend to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that only the Carabinieri should be equipped from indigenous resources.
- (d) That it was considered by GHQ that the third source of supply mentioned in the Combined Chiefs of Staff's directive, i.e., the ITALIAN Government Import Programme, was not a practicable proposition in view of the delay that would be involved and the urgency for equipping the Army as soon as possible, and that it was proposed to recommend that material not found from BRITISH or AMERICAN supplies be provided from some other source.
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- (f) That certain equipment could not be provided from BRITISH surpluses."

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CG PTGUSA was asked for agreement on the general policy and for details of the equipment that could be provided from U.S. surpluses.

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10. The Chairman read extracts from CG MTOUSA's reply to the foregoing letter (reference D-568 of 9 Feb 46) which states:-

"(a) That it was agreed that the proposed standardisation was desirable.

(b) That the bulk of the military type items required had been shipped out of the theatre and the bulk of the civilian type items had been declared to the AMERICAN Disposal Agency (OPIC).

(c) That CG MTOUSA is not authorised to make sales of surplus equipment and that the ITALIAN Government could obtain AMERICAN surpluses of civilian type items by submitting requirements to the OIG in Rome."

11. The Chairman then read extracts from a Staff Study for the Chief of Staff AFHQ, reference G-3 Letter ESD/84/49, which had been agreed by

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but which had not yet been put before the Chief of Staff.

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(i) Regarding Load Carriers only - of a total entitlement of approx 12,000 approx 7,000 are held, of which about 2,600 are in such a condition that they should be considered as written off, thus making total required 8,600. To meet this during the remainder of 1946, it was estimated that ITALIAN repair facilities would be approx 1,200 to be repaired provided spares were available and that approx 2,100 might be received from ITALIAN industry, leaving 5,300 to come from Allied surpluses.

(ii) It is estimated that the reorganisation of the ITALIAN motor industry will begin to produce vehicles for the Army during the latter half of 1947 and it can be assumed that by the end of 1947 the ITALIAN Army transport will be entirely supported by ITALIAN industry.

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(b) Deputy Commander MIA stressed and it was agreed by all present, that the vehicles should be provided as far as possible from BRITISH sources because of :-

- (i) the desirability of achieving maximum standardisation of types
- (ii) the financial problems involved in the purchase of AMERICAN vehicles (which have to be paid for in cash).
- (c) OND representative said that, as a very rough estimate, subject to alteration when details were available, after other priorities had been met, about 35,000 load carriers of mixed types and classifications with approx six months mixed spares would be declared surplus on the close down of CMF, and that they would all be runners although not Class I.

(d) The Chairman said that he thought that the ITALIAN Government would be unwilling to buy a lot of old vehicles.

(e) Col A/Q MIA said that they wanted to buy the minimum to last them until the end of 1947 when they hoped to be self supporting in vehicles.

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(h) The Chairman said that the really important point was that ⁷ seemed that the bulk of the vehicles could be produced and be maintained until the end of this year and that he did not think that it was in the power of the ITALIAN Government to object to this course.

(i) Deputy Commander MIA said that it was essential that the Combined Chiefs of Staff should specifically state that was to be done and that the source of supply was to be.

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14. It was erroneous that the indigenous source of supply was impracticable and that the import source of supply was in principle useless.

Deputy Commander MIA said that there was at the present an Italian Mission in Washington, with cash, unable to buy for the Italian Army because UNRRA had priority. They definitely would buy spare parts for vehicles if they were allowed to do so.

15. Certain points on the Agenda submitted by MIA were then taken.

Col A/Q MIA said that the War Ministry was now considering the future long-term reorganization of the Army. He said it was likely that they might then require certain items not authorized at present, such as tanks and med arty. It would be a mistake to destroy surplus equipment which might later be required for supply to the ITALIANS.

Col A/Q MIA said that he would write to MIA on this subject.

16. There was some discussion as to what so very constituted "lethal warlike equipment" authorized for direct transfer to the Army.

Col A/Q MIA said that whatever the local interpretation was, the following items should be transferred direct.

- (i) Weapons
- (ii) 'A' Vehicles (to be interpreted particularly to cover all vehicles which it was unlikely that the Italian Government would be allowed to manufacture.)
- (iii) All instruments required for fire direction and control.
- (iv) Wireless sets.
- (v) Maintenance and spares for all the above.

The Chairman said that this point would be examined and a suggested ruling put up to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for approval.

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Col A/Q MIA said that this was a very important point and must be settled, because the War Ministry had to know what financial load they were incurring.

It was pointed out that this is solely a D. GHQ problem and does not arise in the case of U.S. material.

It was agreed that the Financial Advisor and reps of S-5 AFHQ would look into the question and submit a small financial Conference later.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

GENERAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

REF NO : FREEDOM 254

SUBJECT : Equipment for Interim ITALIAN Army

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.O. (MILIA).

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15 March 1946

This is to acknowledge receipt by hand on 18 Mar of the following:-

1. Ann

(a) 1 list, entitled "Estimated Arm Requirements for training for ITALIAN Interim Army - 2nd ed ending 31 Dec 46" (Your ref - Nil)

(b) It is presumed that these figures do NOT include the trg arm requirements for the Carabinieri as given in your SD/109/1 of 5 Mar i.e. 300 Browning 806,000 rds, 37 mm 38,589 rds.

These figures will be added to the main list.

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(c) 1st ed of a letter entitled "Engr eqpt for the ITALIAN Army" (Your ref RE/4 of 14 Mar)

(b) 1st ed of a letter for your reply to minute 12 of minutes of the Conference of 27 Feb issued under our ref ESD/81/3B of 2 Mar.

(c) "Estimated requirements are NOT given, but you said on 18 Mar that you considered supply of explosives from Allied Sources was NOT required.

3. ESD/81/3A

(a) 1 letter entitled "Sig Stores" (Your ref X511 of 16 Mar).

(b) This is taken as your reply to minutes 13 and 21 of minutes referred to in para 2 above.

(c) Appx 'A' is taken to exclude requirements for the Carabinieri forwarded in your letter EL/109 of 13 Mar which cancelled Section 'B' of Appx 'A' to your letter SD/109 of 28 Dec and will be considered in conjunction with the latter.

(d) Appx 'B' is stated to be incomplete. It is also taken to cover the reply required to minute 30(b) of the minutes referred to in para 2. As our Ord branch is very fully employed, no action will be taken on this until the complete requirement is received. Please send this as soon as possible.

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(b) This is taken as

(i) Your reply to minutes 22 and 27 c (iii) of the minutes referred to in para 2 above.

(ii) Your proposal for operational engr eqpt to be held by the Army.

(iii) Part of the breakdown of Tech vehs (see para 5 below) shown in the SER's for the Army (your ref SD/109 of 6 Dec) in respect of Compressors.

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On the assumption that you wish these to be Trucks and NOT Trailers, they will be added to your list in para 5 below.

(c) Bulldozers are special eqpt and the question of authorising them for the Army will be taken up separately.

(d) This letter will be the subject of a separate communication.

5. Tech Vene

(a) A list entitled "Revised Figures of requirements in Technical Vehicles by the ITALIAN Infantry Army" (Your ref - Nil).

(b) This list does not include the vhs mentioned in para 4(c) above - which will be added to it.

(c) This list will also be the subject of a separate communication.

6. Med Equip and Stores

(a) A letter entitled "Medical Supplies - ITALIAN Army" (Your ref M/4/243 undated).

(b) This subject does not appear to have been raised before, and will be the subject of a separate communication.

7. Outstanding Items

(a) Requires the still outstanding to the following minutes referred to in para 2 above :-

27(c) (1) and (ii) - Med Arty and HAA
30(a) and (c) - Eng Bnpt and Stores
30(b) - See para 3 above

(b) It is agreed that the lists required by mins 30(a) and (c) in (a) above will be submitted to the HQ, an interim and a final list.

8. Method of sending requirements

Receipt of a number of unco-ordinated and unconsolidated lists of demands causes a considerable amount of additional staff work at this HQ. It would be very much appreciated if you would coordinate such lists at your HQ in future, and also send at 4 copies of each.

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Major General,
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MEDICAL

DIRECTIVE NO. 3.

"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

FOR

BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

ATTACHED TO

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Land Forces Exp. Commission
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(M. K. I. A.) RCME.

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27 January, 1946.

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INTRODUCTION.

1. This Directive is issued with the object of providing guidance to Liaison Units on "Q" administrative matters.
2. In Directive No. 2 issued under G/7 of 7 Dec 45, general instructions were issued. This contained, under paragraph "d" certain information concerning administration. The present Directive is intended to amplify the information given therein.
3. With the issue of this Directive, all M.M.I.A. Administrative Instructions (except No. 18 which is still applicable to ER-ITI and US-ITI service troops) previously issued are cancelled, and copies, if in possession, should be destroyed.

SUPPLIES.

4. Details as to the scales, sources of provision and method of distribution for certain supplies to the Italian Armed Forces are attached as annexure "A".

Authority: A.F.H.Q. AG-091.711 G(SD)-0 of 2 Nov 45.

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6. The number and size of Italian Army Clothing Depots, M.T. Repair Workshops and Spare Parts Stores vary considerably as between one Territorial Command and another. B.L.U.'s. should maintain a detailed list of all such installations in the territory of their affiliated command. Special instructions have been issued by ADOS and ADME to RELE and ORD officers attached to "A" B.L.U.'s.

Distribution:

List "A" less serial 17 & 19

List "B" less serial 10

Colonel A/Q

M. M. I. A.

SUPPLIES.

1. The scales, sources of supply etc. are shown below against the various categories of the Italian Armed Forces which include the Italian Interim Army, US-ITI and BR-ITI Service Troops, Italian Navy (BR-ITI), Italian Air Force (BR-ITI, US-ITI).

2. Italian Interim Army.

The maintenance of the Italian Interim Army from Italian Army depots is the responsibility of the Ministry of War through the Italian Ministry of Food.

The sources of supply are from:-

- (a) Indigenous resources
- (b) Purchases from Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies.
- (c) Civil imports.

The Ministry of Food is unlikely to be able to provide flour, flour for macaroni, meat canned, fish preserved, or pepper at first, and these items for December and January requirements were loaned from Allied resources in ITALY under arrangements US Quartermaster, DST GHQ CEF and HQ MMLA.

The ration scale shown at Appendix 'Y' is the current scale of issues for the Interim Army but may be subject to alterations by the War Ministry depending on availability of commodities.

3. US-ITI Troops.

The maintenance of US-ITI Troops is the responsibility of US Quartermaster in so far as items scheduled as Category 'A' in the ration scale concerned. These items are issued direct to US-ITI units ex US QM Depots.

Items scheduled as categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' are the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to be supplied from Italian Army depots.

4. BR-ITI Service Troops (Army).

The maintenance of BR-ITI Service Troops is the responsibility of DST GHQ CEF in so far as items scheduled as categories 'A' and 'B' in the ration scale are concerned. The remainder of items on the scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of War.

5. Italian Navy (BR-ITI).

Maintenance of the Italian Navy is the responsibility of DST GHQ CEF in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are demanded by HQ MMLA on DST with a request for delivery to Italian depots as required for issue to Italian Navy in bulk.

The ration scale shown in Appendix 'I' is the current scale of rations for the Interim Army but may be subject to alterations by the War Ministry depending on availability of commodities.

3. US-ITI Troops.

The maintenance of US-ITI Troops is the responsibility of US Quarter-master in so far as items scheduled as Category 'A' in the ration scale concerned. These items are issued direct to US-ITI units ex US CM Depots.

Items scheduled as categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' are the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to be supplied from Italian Army depots.

4. BR-ITI Service Troops (Army).

The maintenance of BR-ITI Service Troops is the responsibility of DST GHQ CMF in so far as items scheduled as categories 'A' and 'B' in the ration scale are concerned. The remainder of items on the scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of War.

5. Italian Navy (BR-ITI).

Maintenance of the Italian Navy is the responsibility of DST GHQ CMF in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are demanded by HQ MTLA on DST with a request for delivery to Italian depots as required for issue to Italian Navy in bulk.

Categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' of the ration scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of Marine.

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6. (a) Italian Air Force (BR-ITI).

Maintenance of the Italian Air Force (BR-ITI) is the responsibility of DST GHQ CUF in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are demanded by HQ MIA on DST with a request for delivery to Italian depots as required.

Categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' of the ration scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of Air.

(b) Italian Air Force (US-ITI)

Maintenance of the Italian Air Force (US-ITI) is the responsibility of the US Quartermaster in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are drawn direct by the units concerned from US Depots.

Categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' of the ration scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of Air.

7. General.

Hospital, Disinfectants and Miscellaneous items together with fuel for lighting and heating, also forage are now an Italian responsibility for supply.

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The standard ration scale for the whole of the Italian Armed Forces is:-

ITEM	SCALE
CATEGORY 'A'	
FLOUR	15 ozs.
MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	3 ozs.
RICE or FLOUR in lieu	1 oz.
MEAT PRESERVED or FISH PRESERVED	3 ozs. (See note (a))
DRIED VEGETABLES (P/B/L)	2 ozs.
VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED	1 oz. (See note (b))
CHEESE	6/7 oz.
SUGAR	1 oz.
CATSUP or TOMATO PASTE	1/4 oz.
COFFEE GROUND	1/4 oz.
PEPPER	1/200 oz.
CATEGORY 'B'	
FRUIT FRESH	4 ozs.
VEGETABLES FRESH (includes potatoes)	8 ozs. (See Note (b))
CATEGORY 'C'	
OLIVE OIL plus	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLLED or	1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLLED	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLLED or	1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLLED	3 ozs.
SALT (19 grams per man	
5 grams for bread ration)	
WINE	24 grams.
MATCHES	1/2 litre.
	40 per week.
CATEGORY 'D'	
CIGARETTES, pieces	50 per week.
SOAP	(See appendix 'Z')

NOTES:

- (a) Equivalents MEAT CANNED/FISH PRESERVED
MEAT PRESERVED 3 ozs. normally issued 15 days per month.
(as available).
SALMON TINNED 3 ozs. 2 days per month.
SARDINES " 2 ozs. 10 days per month.
HERRINGS " 4 ozs. 3 days per month.
- (b) VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED are not now normally issued. Italian Ministries of Marine, War and Air issue 4 ozs. FRESH VEGETABLES in lieu. A 4 ozs peeling allowance is also issued to cover the total issue of FRESH VEGETABLES.
BR-ITI Service Troops are issued with 8 ozs VEGETABLES FRESH (including potatoes) as the equivalent of 4 oz VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED but no peeling allowance is made.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
SUPPLIES & ADMINISTRATION GENERAL DIRECTORATE.
SUPPLIES SECTION.

Ref. No. 19070/S/1

P.M. 3800 4 Oct 1945.

To: All Territorial Commands.
Sardinia Territorial Office.

Info to: MELA
All Ministry of War Branches concerned.
All S.M.P.E. Branches concerned.

Subject: Allotment of common soap containing 60-62% acid fats.

This Ministry instructs that, w.e.f. 1st November 45, no changes will be made in the allotments of:

250 grammes of soap, per man, per month, to soldiers of the Italian Army, of all ranks, who are part of the authorised W.E., of whatever category and wherever they might be located;

200 grammes of soap, per month, to all animals who are part of the authorised W.E.;

and that, to the said allotments, there will be added the following supplements:-

- (a) Military Hospitals (on military rationing) : 200 grammes per month, for every bed space occupied;
- (b) Auxiliary Camp Hospitals: 60 Kilogrammes per hospital, per month;
- (c) Medical Sections: 4 Kilogrammes per section, per month.
- (d) Field Surgical units: 2 Kilogrammes per unit, per month;
- (e) Medical officers on duty with medical establishments as described above, and also with troop units: 600 grammes per officer, per month;
- (f) Veterinary officers: on duty with animal infirmaries, and also troop units: 600 grammes per officer, per month.

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- (f) Veterinary officers: on duty with animal infirmaries, and also troop units: 600 grammes per officer, per month.
- (g) Military personnel belonging to the following categories: Mechanics, drivers, cooks, stable-hands, personnel on duty in the sorting of salvage materials or the distribution of rations, also to those whose duties lead to the accumulation of excessive personal dirt: 400 grammes, per man, per month.

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Whenever there exists the availability, a piece of toilet soap weighing 100 grammes may be issued in lieu of a piece of common soap of equal weight.

The individual allotment of 250 grammes of soap will be distributed in its entirety only to military who do their own washing; however, it will be reduced to 100 grammes for those personnel who take advantage of the laundry service provided.

Quantities to be assigned to the laundries must be measured as follows:

- soap to the amount of 1% of the weight of the article to be washed, if the employment of soap in the washing be necessary;
- 2% of the weight as above, if the washing is performed by hand only, at the laundries.

The soap will be supplied by the formations of units consigning the articles for washing; it will be drawn from the quantities of cleaning materials drawn from the allotments to military personnel under command, or in the case of hospitals from the allotments made to patients.

It is still forbidden to distribute soap to personnel recalled or recruits for the very short periods which they spend with the districts or the formations which act as districts, and to which Circular No. 8566/S/1 dated 21 April 45, refers.

No drawing of soap, on payment, is permitted.

The present instructions cancel all previous orders on the subject.

The H.Q.'s. addressed above will take steps to make the contents of this circular known to all formations and units under command, or however, located in their respective territories.

For the Minister,

(signed) PELLICER.

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Appendix 'B'

RECOVERY ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY.

The Policy regarding the return of Captured Enemy Material of Italian military origin to the Italian Military Authorities is:

- (a) Material of Italian Ground Force origin not required for Allied military purposes including maintenance of POW will be turned over to M.M.I.A. for return to the War Ministry.
- (b) The decision as to what is surplus to Allied needs rests with the Allied Commander. While the majority of the material is in 2 District, BTA, 3 District, and XIII Corps may be concerned.
- (c) Special attention will be given to the recovery of Italian Army vehicles which may not readily be identifiable as of Italian Military origin. In doubtful cases, vehicles will be turned over to M.M.I.A., who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation.
- (d) Details as to the method by which material is to be taken over by M.M.I.A. will be obtained from the Allied HQ concerned. B.I.U's. will report any difficulty experienced in this connection. The Territorial H.Q. concerned, will be responsible for collection and distribution in accordance with instructions received by them from the War Ministry.
- (e) In the case of 2 District, full instructions are contained in 2 District Administrative Instruction No. 35 as amended by 2 District letter 1265/02 dated 29 October, copies of which should be in the possession of all B.I.U's. in 2 District.
- (f) Captured enemy material other than of Italian military origin surplus to Allied military needs is being disposed of to the Italian Government, whose agent in this matter is Azienda Ricupero Alienazione Residui (A.R.A.R.). Where it comes to the notice of a B.I.U. that such material contains articles of military origin or of particular value to the Italian Army, the fact should be reported to H.Q. M.M.I.A. who will endeavour to obtain release to the Italian Army.
- (g) Should materials of British or other United Nation origin be discovered after control has passed to M.M.I.A. such articles will at once be set aside and reported to the nearest Allied H.Q. Area, Sub Area, or District, for disposal instructions.

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Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare
attn. Ten. Basilisco

Attached copy of this R.C. letter 9.006
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