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Admin. Policy

Oct. 1945 - July 1946

MEMORANDUM

To :- 1. Q.

1. GENERAL.

This memorandum puts forward for consideration the plan favoured by this office for the organisation and siting of Base Workshops and Base Spares Depots to serve those units of the Italian Army equipped with Allied equipment.

In general, so as to evolve a repair organisation independent as far as possible of civilian facilities, the principle is adopted of concentrating as much base repair work as possible in these organisations, which, adequately developed and properly supervised, should suffice for the Italian Army so far as can be seen at present.

The Spares Depots considered are NOT for the purpose of holding complete equipments but for supplying assemblies and spares used in repair operations. They could if necessary also hold accessories (such as vehicle tool kits and equipment) required, after repair of the equipment, to equip it completely for issue to a unit.

These Spares Depots would supply units (including Workshop Store Sections, Ordnance Field Parks and LADs) with the spares and assemblies they require. One Section of each of these Spares Depots would comprise a Returned Spares Depot to receive used technical parts with a view to their being repaired.

2. WORKSHOPS.

It is intended to set up Base Workshops as follows :-

- PLACENZA - artillery - to be sited in the Arsenal.
- BOLOGNA - Armoured cars, carriers vehicles and motorcycles in the Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito (O.A.R.E.).
- GARDONE VAL TROMPA - Small arms in the Fabbrica Armi Regio Esercito.

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Section (analogous to the Stores Section of a R.E.M.E. Workshop) to  
supply the parent workshops with the tools, expendable material spares  
and assemblies that it requires. It would normally hold a fortnights  
supply of these items.

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3. DEPOTS.

Complete equipments, whether received from Allied or Italian sources, could be held in separate Depots or Parks, which could be sited with regard to receipt of equipments (whether in serviceable or in doubtful condition) from Allied or Italian sources. The Spares Depots, since they will be receiving the bulk of their supplies from Italian industry and since the bulk of Allied equipment is in the North, should be sited in the North.

Apart from considerations of accessibility to the units they serve, provision of suitable accommodation, and channels of communication, the availability of suitable civilian store personnel (which the Italian Army uses so much) should also be considered when selecting sites for these Spares Depots.

The Ministry of War is of the opinion that the M.F. Spares Depot should be sited at BOLOGNA and the Arty Spares Depot should be at PIACENZA; though in neither case should these Depots be under command of the adjacent Base Workshop. The site of the Small Arms Spares Depot is not yet indicated clearly but it may be combined with the Arty Spares Depot at PIACENZA, or sited at TURIN, or TERNI (near ROME). It is considered that PIACENZA will be the most suitable site.

4. Co-ordination.

Co-ordination between Base Workshops and Spares Depots on the one hand and units on the other hand must be effected by the Ministry of War and not by Territorial Commands, though these should be kept informed of matters affecting them as regards base repair services and supply of spares to units in their Commands.

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*Edmund*

Lt. Col.  
A.D.M.E.

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Copies to :- Ord. Q(3) for G(SD), RE, SIGS.

SUBJECT:- Administration - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.,  
R O M E  
Q.002

12 July 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : "C"

1. The War Ministry have arranged for suitable Base Depots at Naples and Pavia to deal with clothing and RE stores respectively and for suitable Sub-Depots with each Territorial Command. The transfer of such stores from British sources is not considerable and no difficulty is being experienced.

2. The transfer of other British equipment is more complicated. It has been facilitated by the establishment of a temporary transit Depot at AVERSA staffed by experts selected by the War Ministry and attached to the HQ 10 Territorial-Command.

This however is a temporary expedient and it is becoming a matter of urgency that the War Ministry establish the equivalent of a British Ordnance Base Depot with Sections dealing each with one of the following:

- (a) Weapons and component parts.
- (b) MT spares, tyres and tubes.
- (c) Wireless and Signal stores.

3. The Section-Depots should each be in charge of a technical officer specially selected and provided with a suitable staff. This officer would be responsible to the head of the appropriate branch at the War Ministry i.e., Genio, Artillery or Motorisation. The Section-Depots would handle all stores of the nature specified and be able to meet formation demands when released by the War Ministry, to whom such demands would in the first instance be submitted.

4. In addition to these Section-Depots smaller self contained "Stores-Sections" are essential in the immediate vicinity of the workshops specialising in the repair of the particular equipment.

E.g., MT spares may be held at Milan "MT Stores-Section Depot" with "immediate use" spares held by the "Workshops Stores Section" attached to the OARE Workshops at Bologna.

5. War Establishments suggested are attached as Appendix "A".

6. You are requested to advise the War Ministry to

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- 5. War Establishments suggested are attached as Appendix "A".
- 6. You are requested to advise the War Ministry to

(a) introduce the system outlined above without delay

and

(b) to appoint the necessary personnel.

Consultations with the War Ministry on a service level indicate the proposals are acceptable and that it is probable the following organisation would meet immediate needs.

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<u>Weapons</u>	<u>Wireless &amp; Signal Stores.</u>
Section-Depot	MILAN
W/S Stores Section	BOLOGNA
PIACENZA	to be decided
PIACENZA (Arty)	
GARDONE VAL TRONPA (small arms)	

Others as decided.

*R.A. Curties*

R.A. CURTIES Lt Col  
A.Q.F.G.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance & Preservation of British Weapons.

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Land Forces Rtb Commission AG.,  
M.E.I.A.  
ROME  
Q.002 ←

5 July 1946

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TO : War Ministry

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Ref. 25060/VI - 47 a of 27 May 1946.

1. A copy of G.H.Q. reply to our enquiry is attached.

2. In practice it will be necessary to watch carefully the performance of artillery equipment etc where you are in doubt as to the efficiency of the lubricant or fluid in use.

Divisionals and other Commanders should obtain assistance from H.L.F's of M.E.I.A. to whose instructions on this subject have been issued.

R.A. GIBBS, Lt. Col.,  
for Major General,  
M.E.I.A.

Copy to : L.G. (to explain verbally to War Ministry)

Internal : MEMO (notice para 3)

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SUBJECT:- Provision of Ordnance Personnel

GHQ CMF

1543/A - 1

2 July 1946

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

Reference A 360 of 17 June 1946.

1. Your shortage of Ordnance personnel is realised and is constantly under consideration at this GHQ.
2. You will appreciate that there is a grave theatre shortage of Ordnance Personnel. On 1 Jul, Aug, Sep, and Oct the percentage deficiency of Officers will be 36, 48, 60 and 63 respectively, and the OR position is little better.
3. Reinforcements to remedy this situation are demanded from UK but it must be realised that there is little likelihood of our demands being met to any very helpful extent.
4. In order to tide over the present difficult period, Ordnance personnel are being deferred as Operationally Vital in order to keep Units at minimum strength and you will therefore have to take similar action.
5. Although no replacements are available for posting now, you may rest assured that, as it is in the interests of the theatre as a whole that your requirements should be met, you will be allotted your share of any replacements which subsequently become available.

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for Brigadier  
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Copy to : ORE.

**SUBJECT: Maintenance and Preservation of British Weapons**

C.H.Q. C.M.F.

2920/01

20 Jun 46

TO: ✓ Headquarters Allied Commission Land Forces Sub Commission (ALFA)

Reference your Q 002 dated 31 May 46.

1. Attached at Appx 'A' is a list of items which are an Ordnance supply. No indigenous substitutes are known and no facilities for chemical analysis exist in C.M.F.; furthermore to attempt such action in the case of certain items would be an infringement upon the proprietary rights of the producing company. However in accordance with AFHQ letter AG.091.711 G(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45 para 11 sub para (b) (2) the Italian Army should be able to purchase quantities of the items referred to which are at present being declared surplus to the C.M.F.

2. Attached at Appx 'B' is a list of the three remaining items together with their American equivalents; this information has been supplied as the ITALIAN FCL import programme is an AMERICAN responsibility.

*Not very satisfactory we can only pay the money to war if in cash. They are small quantities for admin. RAL*

RECEIVED 21 JUN 1946 8926

*21/6/46*  
*J. Colville*  
E.C. COLVILLE, Major, for Brigadier, D.M.C.

*ECC/TD*  
*The whole question has become stupidly technical & academic. One object is to keep certain weapons in action either by protection from oxidation or by lubrication. Any B.F. could do this without all this waffle to use common sense.*

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*Tell the Italians what they're for*  
*W.D. Inspected P002 with M of W HPH*

Appx 'A' to 2920/Q1 dated 20 Jun 46

Mineral Jelly.

Oil O 70

Oil Low Cold Test

Oil S.V. Flowerex No.E1  
(Cold Climate)

Grease Graphite

Dubbin Protective No.1

Oil A

Oil Linseed Raw

Glycerine Commercial

Oil H 800 (known as Superheated  
Steam Cylinder Oil)

Appx 'B' to 2920/Q1 dated 20 Jun 46

<u>R.A.S.C. Item</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>	<u>AMERICAN Equivalent</u>
H 800 (obsolete)	H 700	NS 5150
H 120 (obsolete)	OE 10 HD	SAE 10
G 600	None	NS 6135

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Subject: Transfer British Equipment to Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG.,  
(M.M.I.A.)

Q.002 ←

17 June 1946.

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Reference 4/1685/Serv of 8 June 1946.

1. The transfer of British Equipment will be considerably facilitated by the measures outlined therein. Unfortunately paucity of personnel prevent M.I.A. being represented by technical officers and every endeavour is being made to obtain for the War Ministry further assistance in the nature of British personnel familiar with the equipment in question.
2. It is suggested that the selection of Italian personnel ordered in above quoted message be made by the War Ministry from specially qualified individuals who have had practical experience in the Infantry Divisions in handling this equipment.
3. You are advised to set up the three departments under Terry Command NAPLES each dealing with one of the following sections:-

- (a) Weapons and component parts.
- (b) MT spares tyres and tubes.
- (c) Wireless and Signal stores.

The individuals selected should form the nucleus of the "Stores Depots" staff which it is considered will be essential to meet the needs of the Base Workshops to be established

- (a) for weapons at PIACENZA
- (b) for MT at BOLOGNA
- (c) for Wireless and Signal stores at PAVIA

4. It is requested that this HQ be informed as soon as possible regarding the number of officers and other ranks selected for this special duty and the rank and name of the officer in charge of each of the three sections described above.

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*Major General*  
M. N. I. A.

Copy to: 10 SIU

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1/1685/Serv of 8 June 45 attached.

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Subject: Cleaning materials for weapons

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG,  
(M.S. I.A.S.)

Q.002

13 June 1946

TO : MINISTER FOR WAR

1. Considerable numbers of British weapons are on loan to the Italian Army and still further quantities of British weapons are to be loaned in order to standardize the equipment of the Italian Army.
2. From observations that have been made in all parts of Italy recently I am not satisfied with the state of cleanliness and manner in which British weapons on loan are being maintained.
3. As the weapons in question are still the property of the British Government I feel it my duty to request that the most energetic steps be taken promptly to see that a new and higher standard is applied.
4. I attribute the faults complained of above to two causes :-
  - (a) Lack of energy on the part of Commanding Officers in insisting on a high standard of cleanliness.
  - (b) Serious shortage in all units of adequate supplies of proper cleaning materials such as flannel, suitable oil etc.
5. When British weapons were first made available for IAR's they were accompanied by a small initial issue of rifle oil and flannel. This was intended to tide over the period until these materials could be supplied from Italian sources, but it would appear that considerable delay has been experienced in their provision.
6. I would be glad to have your assurance that you are taking all possible steps to improve the situation as regards the maintenance of British weapons on loan and to be informed by you of the nature of these steps.

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*W.P. Doherty*

Major General  
M.S. I.A.S.

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(b)

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*W.P. Dudley*  
Major General  
M.M.I.S.I.

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COPY

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Maintenance of detached sub units of the Allied Commission

2521/Q.1

11 Jun 46

Headquarters Allied Commission

- 1. Representations have been made to G.H.Q. C.M.F. that the redeployment of the Allied Armies in ITALY may make impracticable the maintenance of detached sub units of Allied Commission through normal military channels.
- 2. When this situation arises, the maintenance of such units will be effected as under; the date when this alternative system is to be introduced will be decided by the District or equivalent Headquarters in which the unit is located. This date will naturally vary with each unit and commodity.

BRITISH NONINTEGRATED UNITS

Supplies

- 3. Fresh items will be purchased locally from the Imprest from which pay is drawn; bills will be countersigned by an SF representative nominated by DDST of the District or equivalent Headquarters.
- 4. Other items will be collected under your arrangements from depots nominated by DDST of the District or equivalent Headquarters; such collections should be on a two or three monthly basis.

POL

- 5. POL will be obtained from CIP sources under departmental instructions to be issued by DST GHQ CMF.

MT Repairs

- 6. MT repairs will be the responsibility of the Italian Army. *Payment?*

- 7. Spares will be provided as in para 8 below.

ORD Stores

- 8. Indents will be submitted through the normal channels and stores collected from dumps nominated by DDOS of the District.

PAY

- 9. Application should be submitted to the Command Paymaster No 8 Base Command Pay Office, for the opening of an Imprest Account, if not already opened

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9. Application should be submitted to the Command Paymaster No 8 Base Command Pay Office, for the opening of an Imprest Account, if not already opened and for the provision of funds for payments to officers and other ranks. If necessary, the Command Paymaster will arrange for funds to be made available through banking channels.

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- 10. In stations where no British or Allied Medical unit or Medical Officer exists, urgent medical attention and if necessary admission to hospital will be arranged from local sources. Every effort should be made, however, to make use of British or Allied Medical facilities.
- 11. Bills for payment of any charges made will be submitted through Allied Commission to the DDMS of the Formation or Area concerned for approval.

EFI

- 12. Supplies will be collected from the nearest BIS under instructions to be issued by 'Q' of the District or equivalent Headquarters, in consultation with AC/MMA.

POSTAL

- 13. Incoming mail will be forwarded by the APO to AC/MMA for distribution through suitable courier service or the ITALIAN Civil Postal Administration whichever is the more speedy and regular.
- 14. Outgoing mail would be dealt with in the reverse manner, AC/MMA posting in bulk in the APO in ROME.

INTEGRATED UNITS

- 15. Where in the past the maintenance of the unit concerned has been a British responsibility, and the separate supply of rations and FX sups for US personnel is impracticable, rations and EFI supplies may be afforded to US personnel in accordance with paras 3, 4 and 12 above.
- 16. Payment in lire for EFI supplies will be borne by individuals concerned at the time of purchase.
- 17. The COC the Unit will be responsible for the preparation of a monthly return showing the total number of complete rations issued to the US component of the unit during the month. This return will be certified correct by the Senior U.S. Officer or enlisted man of the unit.
- 18. Three copies of this return will be forwarded through HQ Allied Commission/MMA to the Financial Advisor G. F., who will forward two copies to the Fiscal Director MTOUSA showing the cost in sterling to be borne by the U.S.

(Sgd) E.C. COLVILLE Major  
for Major General  
MGA

Copy to: Rear 13 Corps MED  
HQ 3 District FA  
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(Sgd) E.C. COLVILLE Major  
for Major General  
MGA

Copy to: Rear 13 Corps MED  
HQ 3 District PA  
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G-5 Pay  
G(SD) Postal  
'A' EFI

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*(SPT)*

TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.  
To : Addressees

Ref: *44685/Serv.*  
Date: 8/5/46

SIGNAL

M.M.I.A. has announced the imminent release of large quantities of arms, signal equipment and M.F. spares which will be made by Allied Depots of Pontecagnano and Naples. Particularly, the arms are for Territorial Rgt's and Internal Security Divisions. Considering that it is essential to check carefully all the material on withdrawal, the addressees are kindly requested to issue instructions of their concern, in order to set up, at Naples, 3 separate Depots, each staffed with sufficient personnel under the command of an Officer competent and reliable to take over the arms, Signal equipment and M.F. spares. Please inform this Office when the Depots are ready.

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From: M. of W.  
To : Naples Terr. Command  
(enclosed copy for IO ELU)

Ref: 4/1685/Serv  
Date: 9th June 1946.

The above signal is hereby confirmed.

TO: M.M.I.A.

Ref. conversation between Lt. Col. Olivetti -  
-Lt. Col. Curties.

The above is forwarded for information.

sgd. Meloni  
Col.

*Sa 6135*  
*M.M.I.A.*

*C.F.*



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From: M. of W.  
To : Naples Terr. Command  
(enclosed copy for IO BIU)  
Ref: 4/1685/Scrv  
Date: 9th June 1946.

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sgd. Meloni  
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Subject: Clothing and Equipment Depôts

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
ROME

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO  
Q/13

31 May 46.

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Reference your Q.002 dated 4. May 46.

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is information requested in your letter under reference.

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*[Signature]*  
S.E. SNEEZUS 6605

Major,  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

A Q.002 RECEIVED 3 JUN 1946  
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*[Signature]*

Appendix "A"11 TERRITORIAL H.Q.LIST OF ARMY CLOTHING DEPOTS, M.T. REPAIR WORKSHOPS AND SPARE PARTS STORES.

UNIT	LOCATION	TYPE OF STORES HELD
11 Army Clothing Depot.	Palermo. Tukory Barracks Corso Calatafimi.	Uniforms, over coats, caps, boots, linen, cookhouse material, basic material for uniforms, stationery.
11 M.T. Repair Unit.	Palermo - De Maria Barrack - Via Generale Cantore.	N I L
M.T. Spare parts of 11 M.T. Repair Unit.	Palermo - Caserma De Maria - Via Generale Cantore	Spare parts for the following cars: Fiat 626, Fiat 666, Fiat 508/C, Fiat 1500, Fiat 500, SPA 38R, SPA 39L, SPA 25/C/V, Lancia 3RO, Bianchi Mediolanum. M/C 250, M/C Guzzi.
M.T. Repair Section c/o Artillery Directorate.	Messina - Camaro	N I L

Date:

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SUBJECT : Clothing and Equipment - Depots

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
for the  
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS  
(Tel : ROME 478808)

Ref : AQ/5/1651

31 May 1946

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To: H.Q.  
Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

Reference your Q.002 dated 4 May 46.

Herewith particulars of Depots as mentioned in para 6 of your  
Q. 002 of 21 Jan. 46.

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<u>Designation</u>	<u>Type of Store</u>	<u>Location</u>
V.E. Stores	Clothing	CESANO

*Col. Newbyan Capt*

for Major N. Staffs  
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the  
Italian Central Military Schools

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TO SWB	
A/Q	
Q	<i>RAC</i>
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Q. 2	<i>[initials]</i>
QED	<i>[initials]</i>
RAME	<i>[initials]</i>

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*1/6/46 RAC*

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Preservation of British weapons.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.E.I.A.  
R O M E  
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31 May 1946

SEE 52A

TO : G.H.Q.  
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1. At Appendix "A" is listed the lubricants usually available for the maintenance and preservation of British weapons.
2. As the continued supply of these commodities can no longer be guaranteed the Italian War Ministry request technical advice as to suitable substitutes which may be obtainable from indigenous resources.
3. May it be stated whether a chemical analysis can be supplied together with advice as to suitable more alternatives.

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Major General,  
M.E.I.A.

Internal : ROME

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Major General,  
L. H. I. A.

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Internal : RUMS

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DESCRIPTION

FOR USE WITH

Mineral Jelly  
 Oil C.70 } used in cold  
 Oil Low cold Test ) climate  
 Oil S.V. Flowerex No. 3.1 (Cold climate)  
 Grease Graphite  
 Dubbin Protective No. 1  
 Oil A  
 Oil Linseed raw  
 Glycerine  
 Oil Mineral Burning  
 Dubbin Protective No. 1  
 Grease Graphite  
 Mineral Jelly  
 Oil No. 1 Low cold test (Cold climate)  
 Oil H. 600  
 Oil C. 600  
 Oil C. 70  
 Oil H. 120

Mortars 2" and 3"  
 Mortars 2" and 3"  
 S.M.G. Rifles  
 PIAT, FIAT  
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 Mortars 2" and 3"  
 Carbine, S.M.G.  
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 Carbine, S.M.G.  
 Rifle, Pistol,  
 PIAT  
 Bren  
 Rifle  
 Pistol  
 Bren  
 Bren  
 6 Pdr.  
 17 Pdr.  
 25 Pdr.  
 40 mm.  
 6 Pdr.  
 17 Pdr.  
 25 Pdr.  
 6 Pdr.  
 17 Pdr.  
 25 Pdr.  
 40 mm.

Glycerine

Oil Mineral Burning

Dubbin Protective No. 1

Grease Graphite

Mineral Jelly

Oil No. 1 Low cold test (Cold climate)

Oil M. 800

Oil C. 600

Oil G. 70

Oil M. 120

6 Pdr.  
17 Pdr.  
25 Pdr.  
40 lbs.

6 Pdr.  
17 Pdr.  
25 Pdr.

6 Pdr.  
17 Pdr.  
25 Pdr.

40 lbs.

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SUBJECT: - Clothing and Equipment-Depots.

5 British Liaison Unit, CMEF.  
Tel 1762 Udine.  
AQ/55/58  
30 May 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.S.,  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Reference your 0002 of 4 May 46.

Herewith attached list of all depots of the types mentioned in para 6 of your letter, 0002 of 21 Jan 46.

*Johnston*

VJ/rs

Major,  
DAA & QMG.

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Q	<i>ABC</i>
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*AQ 007*  
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CLOTHING DEPOTS.

5 Manufacturing and Recovery, UDINE.

LOCATION. Saverghem Bks. via Aquileis, Udine.

Ground Floor. Clothing and Equipment Stores. (to be reconditioned as collecting centre) Dim. 20.50m x 10m x 5m

" " Cutting and Tailoring Room. Dim. 30m x 11m x 4.50m

" " Shoemakers. " 30m x 11m x 4.50m

Second Floor Clothing and Equipment (to be reconditioned as sorting room) " 30m x 7m x 4.50m

LOCATION. Via Merengoni 17, Udine.

Ground Floor Metal Recovery Stores. Dim 8m x 4m x 2.50m

" " Metal Junk Store. " 3m x 4m x 2.50m

" " Clothing and Equipment. " 18m x 3.20m x 3.60m

" " " " " 6.90m x 6m x 2.90m

" " " " " 6.60m x 6m x 4m

First Floor. " 22m x 6m x 3.90m

" " " " " 16.50m x 6m x 1.70m

" " " " " 6.90m x 6m x 2.90m

LOCATION. DOLO. Sub Clothing and Equipment Depot.

Ground Floor. Dim. 20m x 10m x 3.50m

" " (Covered Porch) " " 12m x 8m x 5m

" " " " " 10m x 12m x 5m

First Floor " " 12m x 4m x 5m

LOCATION. BASILIANO. Motor Repair and Spare Parts Works.

(c/o 5 Motor Repair Unit, Basiliano.)

No. 1. Washing Station Cubic m. 135

No. 2. Chassis Works " 1000.

No. 3. I.V.P. Depot " 1575.

No. 4. Spare Parts Depot " 5479

No. 5. " " " 6339

First Floor.  
 " " " " 16.50m x 6m x 1.70m  
 " " " " 6.90m x 6m x 3.90m  
 " " " " 10m x 3.50m

LOCATION.  
Ground Floor.  
 " " " (Covered Porch) " " 12m x 6m x 5m  
 " " " " " " 10m x 12m x 5m  
 " " " " " " 12m x 4m x 4m

First Floor  
LOCATION.  
 BASILLANO. Motor Repair and Spare Parts Works.  
 (c/o 5 Motor Repair Unit, Basillano.)

No.	LOCATION.	Cubic m.
No. 1.	Washing Station	155
No. 2.	Chassis Works	1030.
No. 3.	I.V.P. Depot	1575.
No. 4.	Spare Parts Depot	<del>549</del> 6329.
No. 5.	D.V. Park	40.
No. 6.	Under Ground Petrol Dump	125.
No. 7.	Tyre Dump	
No. 8.	Blacksmith	
No. 9.	Radiator Repairs	
No. 10.	Battery Charging Room	1520
No. 11.	Works Tool Depot	
No. 12.	Works Office	
No. 13.	Works Office	
No. 14.	Carpentry Shop	
No. 15.	Spare Parts Depot	
No. 16.	Tyre Depot	
No. 17.		

Handls.  
 C/o 5 Coy Admin Tpt (Corner, Udine).  
 No. 1. Coy's Light Wasp  
 Cubic m. 200.

Subject:- Clothing and Equipment.- Depots

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British Liaison Unit

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

Ref. your Q. 002 letter dated 4 May 46.

1. Herewith list of depots in respect of No 1 Terr. Comd, repair units and spare parts stores No 2 Terr. Comd.
2. Clothing Depots in respect of No 2 Comiliter have been forwarded direct to your H.Q. by No 2 B.L.U.

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*RA*

*Paul Mason*  
DAA & QMG  
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No 1 Territorial Command

Name of Wksp	Location	Type	Stores held
"Officine Mobili" (Cremona Inf Div)	VENARIA REALE (TURIN)	Div Wksp	M.T. Spares
LAD 21 Inf Regt	ASTI	LAD	"
LAD 22 Inf Regt	VERCELLI	"	"
LAD 7 Arty Regt	TURIN	"	"
LAD 7 Arty Regt	"	"	"
LAD 144 Genio Bn	VENARIA REALE (TURIN)	"	"
LAD 144 Genio Bn	"	"	"
1 Reparto Riparazioni	TURIN	2nd Ech Wksp	" (Italian)
1 G.T. Coy	"	LAD +	"
35 G. T. Coy	"	" +	"

No 2 Territorial Command

Name of Wksp	Location	Type	Stores Held
"Officine Mobili" (Mantova Inf Div)	COGOLETO	Div Wksp	M.T. Spares
LAD 76 Inf Regt	SAVONA	LAD	"
LAD 114 Inf Regt	CHIAVARI	"	"
LAD 155 Arty Regt	PIACENZA	"	"
LAD 155 Arty Regt	"	"	"
LAD 104 Genio Bn	COGOLETO	"	"
LAD 104 Genio Bn	"	"	"
3 G.T. Coy	ALBENGA	LAD +	"
2 G.T. Coy	GENOVA	" +	No Spares

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Name of Wksp	Location	Type	Stores Held
"Officine Mobili" (Mantova Inf Div)	COCOLETO	Div Wksp	M.T. Spares
LAD 76 Inf Regt	SAVONA	LAD	"
LAD 114 Inf Regt	CHIAVARI	"	"
LAD 155 Arty Regt	PIACENZA	"	"
LAD 155 Arty Regt	"	"	"
LAD 104 Genio Bn	COCOLETO	"	"
LAD 104 Genio Bn	"	"	"
3 G.T. Coy	ALBENGA	LAD +	No Spares
2. G.T. Coy	GENOVA	" +	"
2 Reparto Riparazioni	"	2nd Ech Wksp	M.T. Spares (Ital)

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+ Equivalent size to L.A.D.

All these wksp are acquiring MT spares as opportunity arises. Stocks held are not sufficient to meet more than 30% of demands and present stocks cover popular types of British and Italian Vems.

Clothing Depots - 1 Territorial Command

<u>Name of Depot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
Mag Vestiario e Equipaggiamento No 1 Terr Comd	Via Ottavio Revel 11 TURIN.	All clothing for Italian Army. Inf, CC.RR. Alpini etc., and CMM. Materials for manufacture of uniforms. Personal eqpt & cooking stores.
Mag Vestiario e Equipaggiamento Div. Fant. 'Cremona'.	Corso Vinsalio 6 TURIN.	Normal Clothing and Equipt. for Inftry. Div. Now holds item of Italian Army Clothing and Equipt in add.

LIST OF M.T. SPARE PARTS STORES

Parco Mobile A.G.A. Div. Fant. 'Cremona'.	Venaria Reale. (Caserma Artig.)	Normal M.T. Scaling for Allied Vehicles in C.F.P.
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ORD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
FLORENCE

REF: ORD / 5

Tel: Florence 1113

20 May 1946

Subject : Clothing Equipment and M.T. Depots.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.

- Reference this Office letter ORD/5 dated 9th May 1946 para 2. A copy of your Q/002 of 21st Jan'46 has now been obtained.
- Will you please cancel my a/q letter of 9th May and substitute as follows: -

<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Type of stores held.</u>	<u>Location</u>
Clothing Stores	Clothing	FORTEZZA da BASSO
Equipment Stores (with Repair Shop)	Equipment	
Arms Stores (with Repair Shop)	Arms	FLORENCE
7 Repair Unit	2nd Line Repairs	
7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot	Barrack	PIAZZA di SAN PANCRAZIO FLORENCE
7 Repair Shop	Clo. Manufactures and Repairs	
7 Salvage Depot	Salvage	COVERCIANO Barracks FLORENCE
"FOLGORE" Clo. & Equipt. Store	Clo. & Equipt.	
"FOLGORE" Ord. Field Park	MT. Stores	
"FOLGORE" M.E. Workshops	3rd Line Repairs	
"FOLGORE" M.E. " Platoon		
7 Light Workshop		

*J. S. Athey*  
S/CDR.  
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

AQ.002



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Subject:- Clothing and eqpt - Depots.

2 BLU,  
Tel: 52278  
A/Q 1  
18 May 46.

Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E

1 BLU (ref this HQ letter A/Q 1 dated 10 May 46.)

Ref your Q.002 dated 4 May 46.

1. Herewith details of the only clothing depot under the jurisdiction of 2 Comiliter.

Address

— Caserma PIAVE - GENOVA.

Stores held

Clothing, messing eqpt, accn and barrack stores.

2. This is the central clothing depot of the Comiliter. Small subsidiary stores, fed from the main depot, are with MANTOVA Div regts etc and at the GAR, CUNEO.

3. Details of MT Repair units, stores and spare parts depots will be sup by HQ 1 BLU.

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 Major,  
 DAA&QMG.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR REF: 25060/DI - 47 a  
 TO: MIIA DATE: 17 May 1946  
 SUBJECT: Raw material for arms maintenance.

Ref. your Q.126 of 25/2/46 and further to our note 10822/DI 47 a of 16 March 1946, it is specified that Artillery Direction of Military Territorial HQs purchased on the market, for arm maintenance, products similar to those of English origin, which were available on the market.

For the future, in order to be in a position to buy raw materials, which have the same quality as the original english product, it is kindly requested to send the characteristics data, and centesimal composition of the products in question.

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REMARKS	

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for the Minister  
 sgt. P.G. Properszj C593

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.  
TO : MMIA

REF: 1718/I.C  
DATE: 22/4/46

(R)

SUBJECT: New type of uniform for the Italian Army.

Further to our letters nos. 7189 and 834 dated 31/12/45 and 26/2/46 respectively we forward herewith 6 enclosures showing the types of new clothing for the final uniforms of the Italian Army.

The various types of clothing have already met with the approval of the minister and the no-objection in most cases of H.R.H. the Lt.Gen. of the Realm.

In the forthcoming Summer season new types of Summer uniform will be experimented upon on large scales; winter uniforms will be experimented upon during the next Winter Season.

It is emphasised that the following 2 types of trousers will be experimented upon: one long which will be used with gaiters and one type as used by parachute troops. This is in accordance with an order issued by the Cabinet of the Minister and by the Chief of S.M.R.E.

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25. H. H. C.

sgd. Pelligra  
Min.

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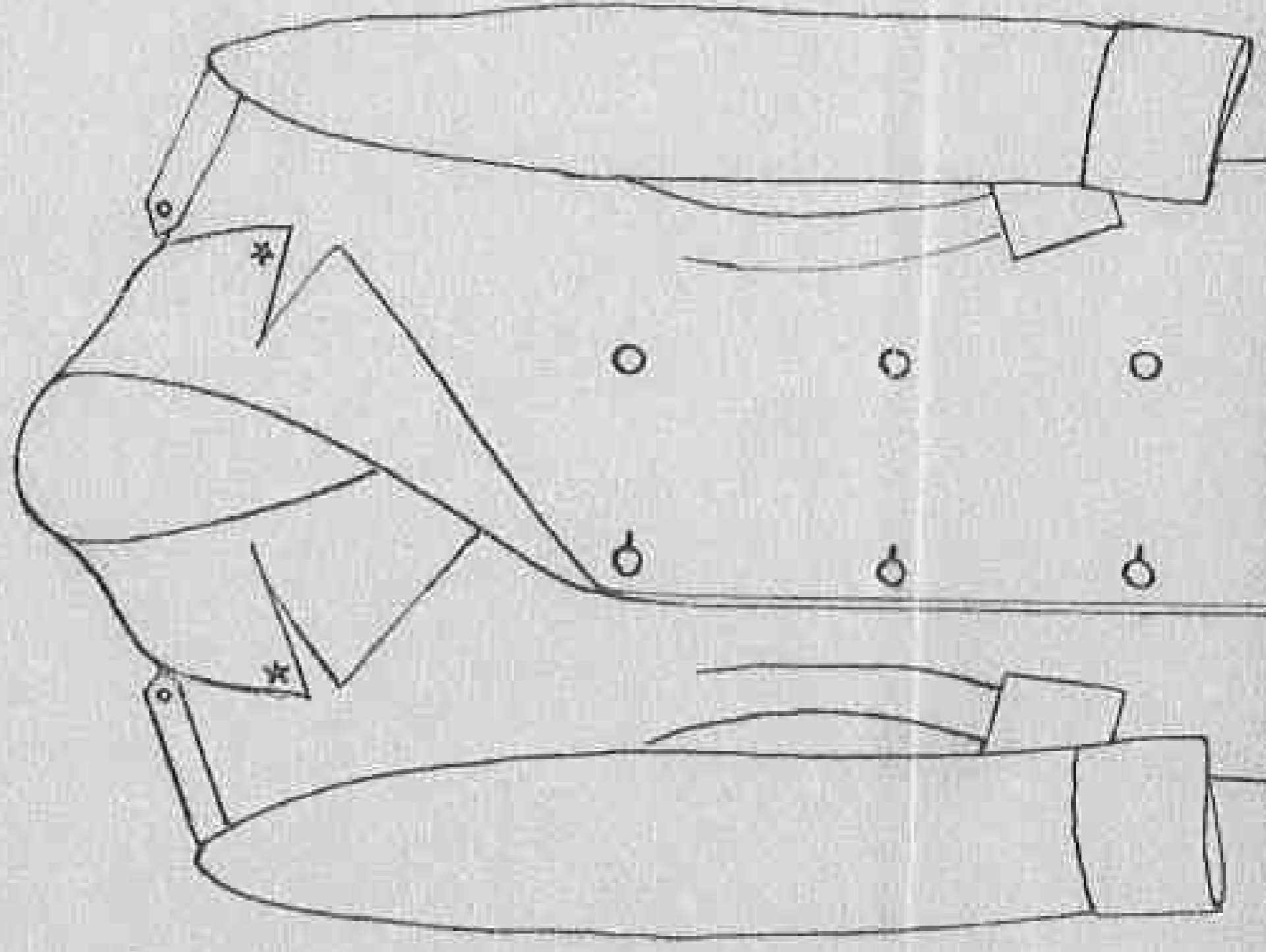
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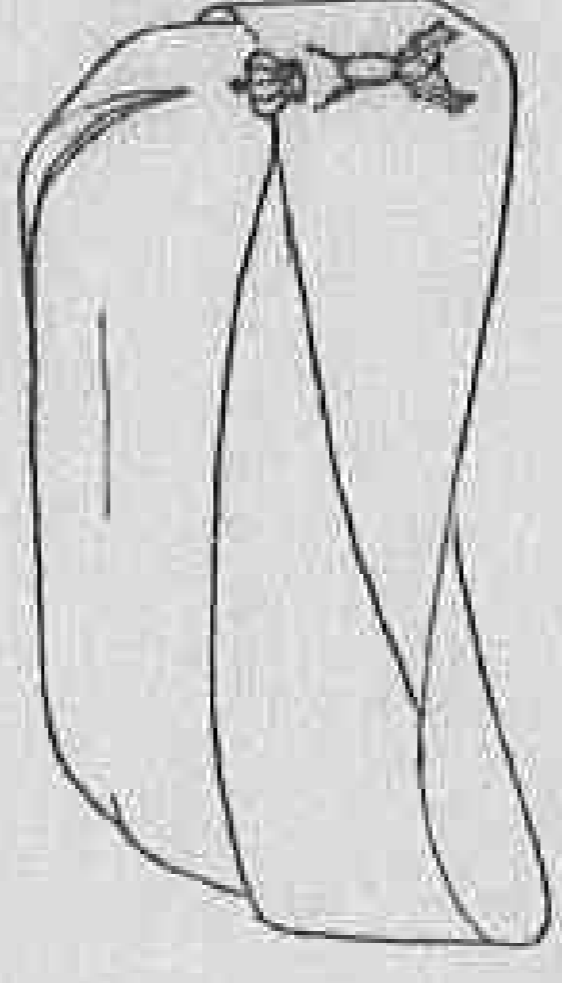
Uniforme di campagna

Comune a tutti

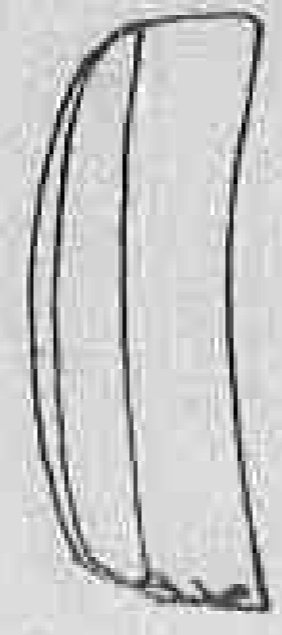
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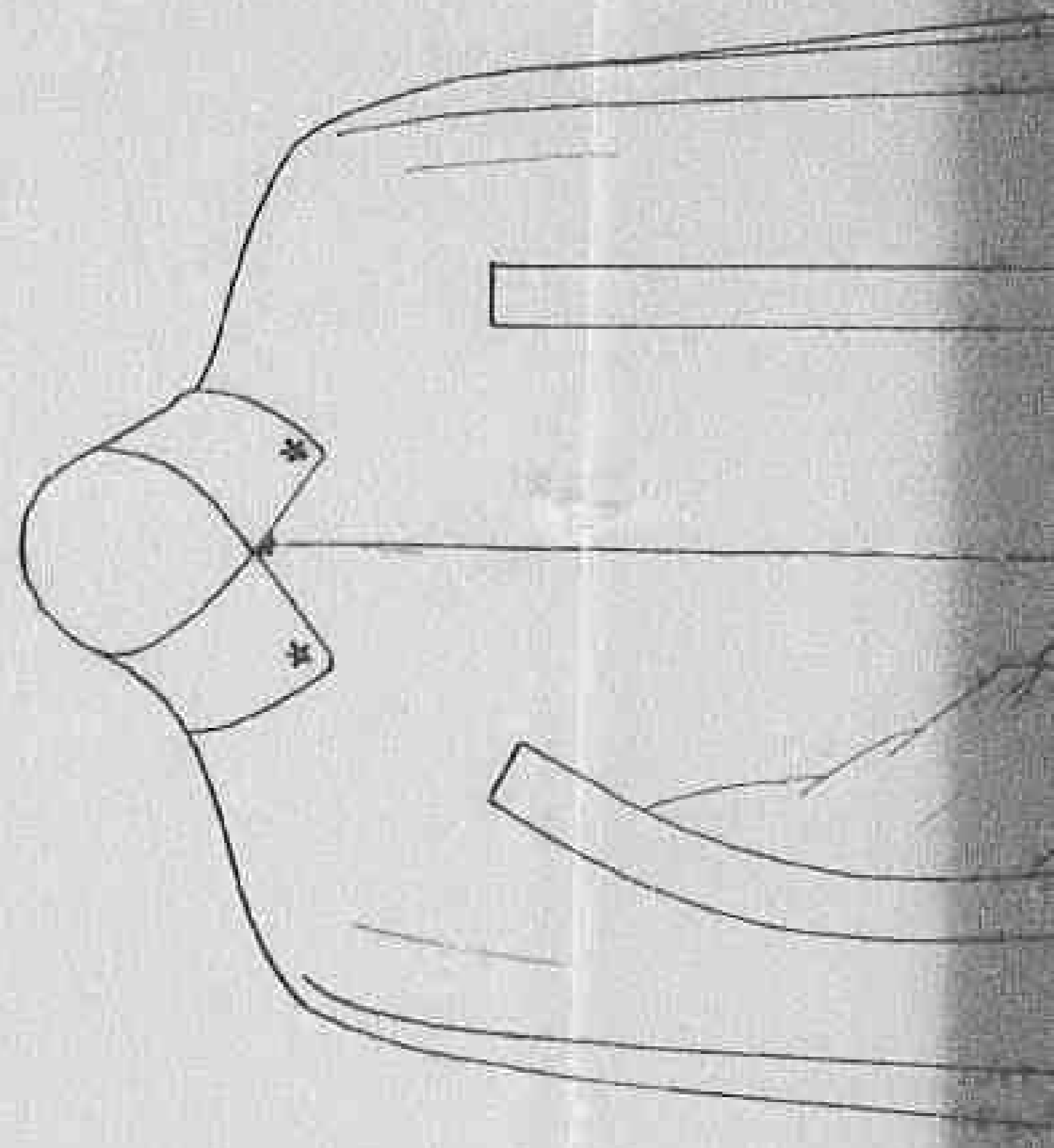
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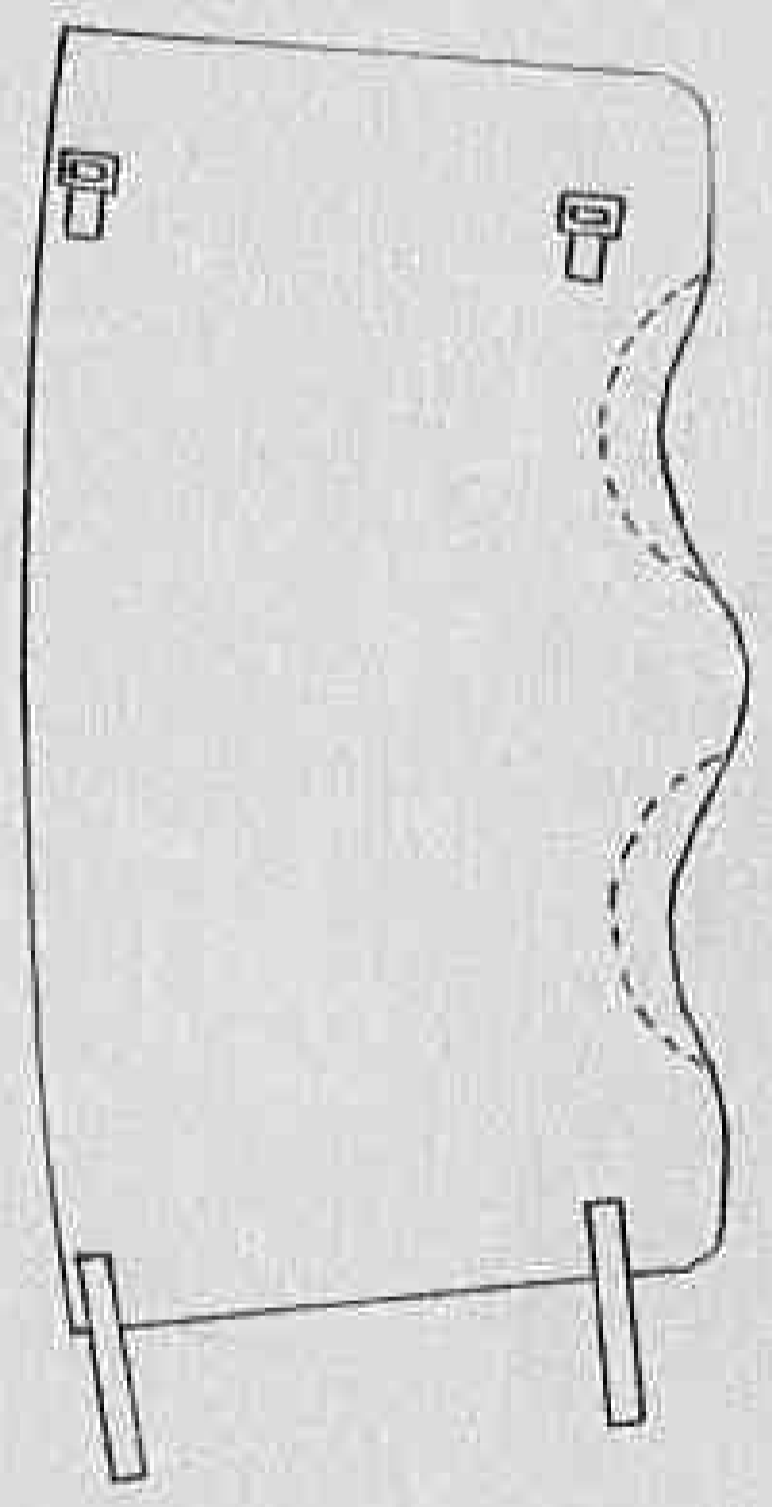
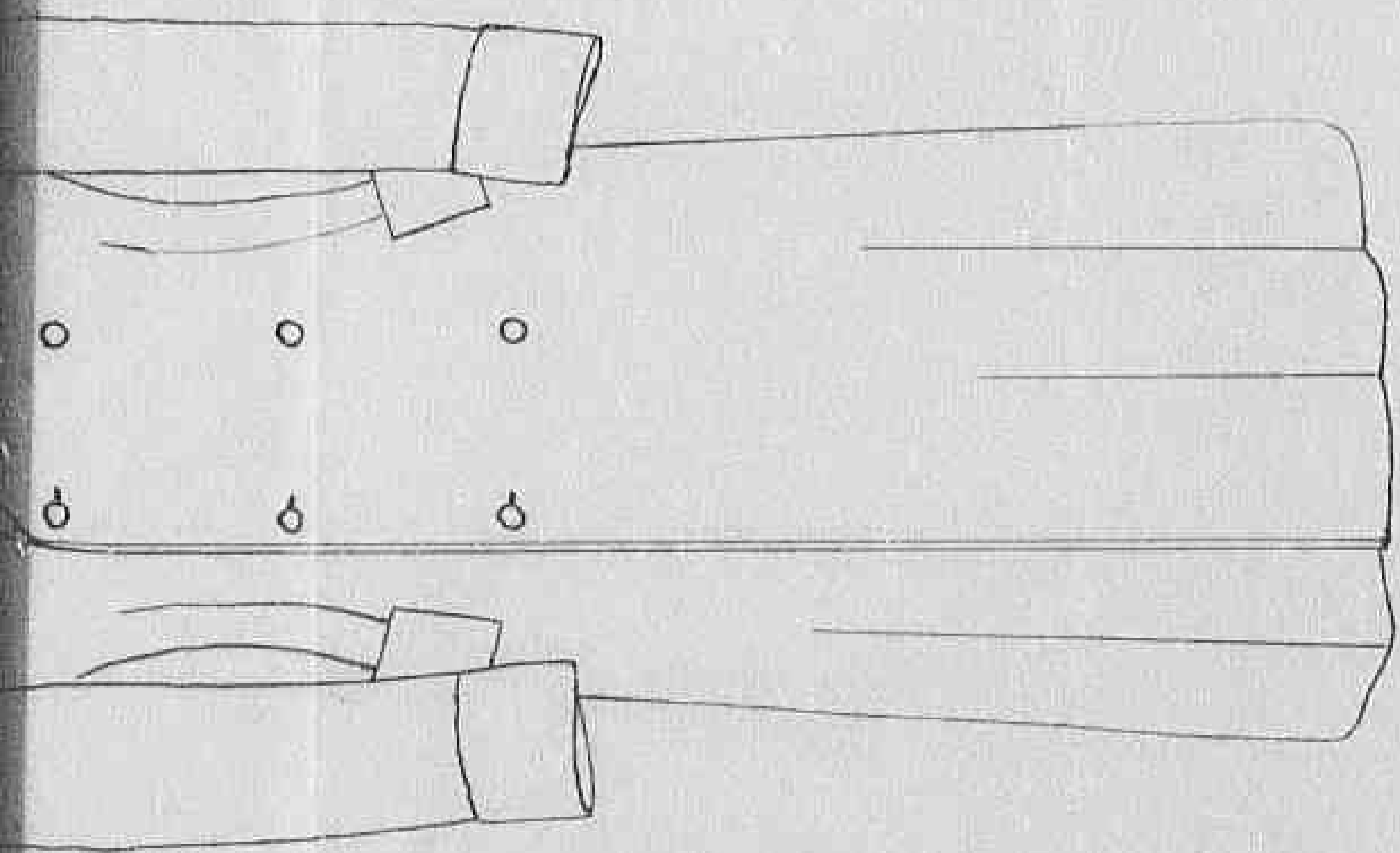
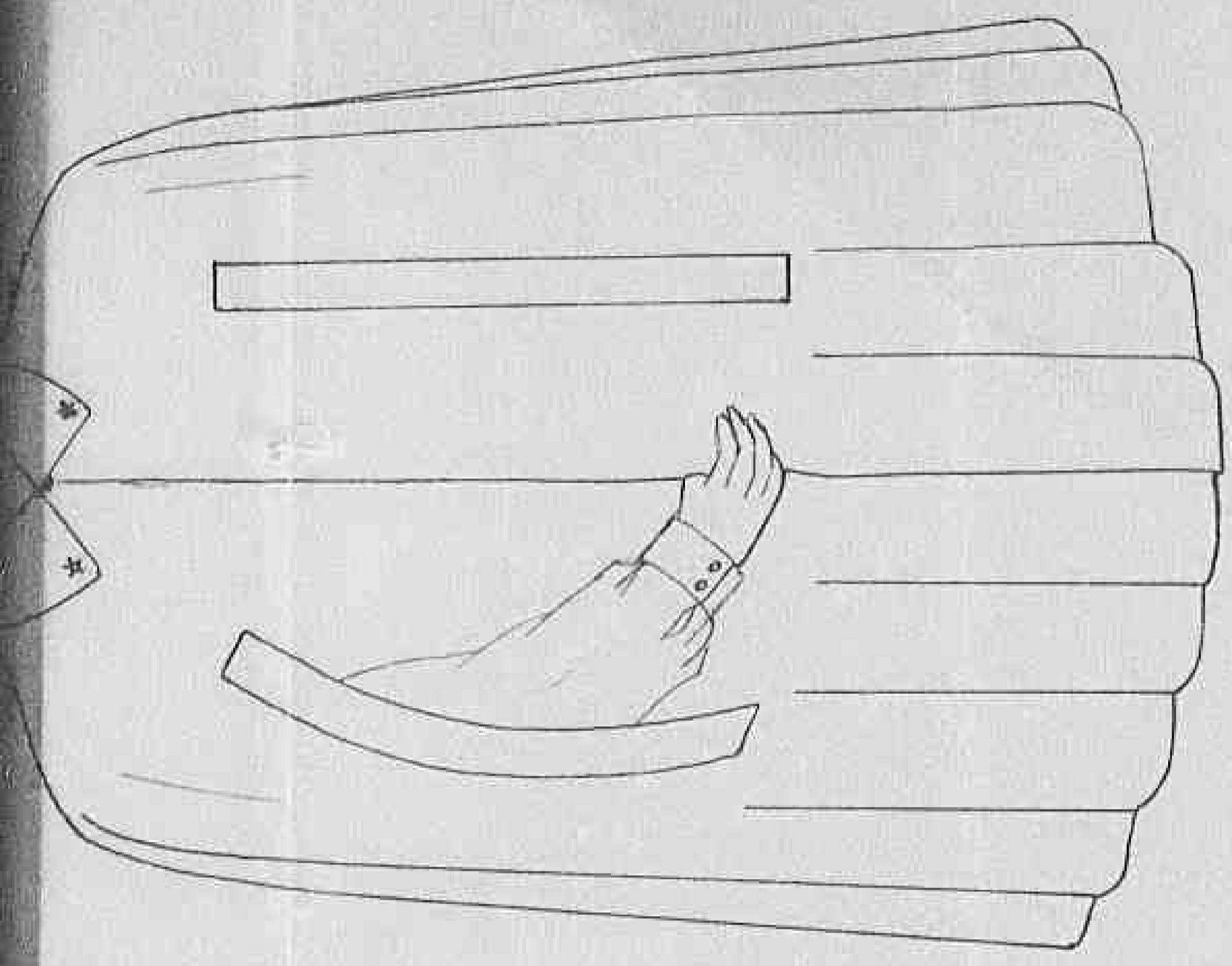
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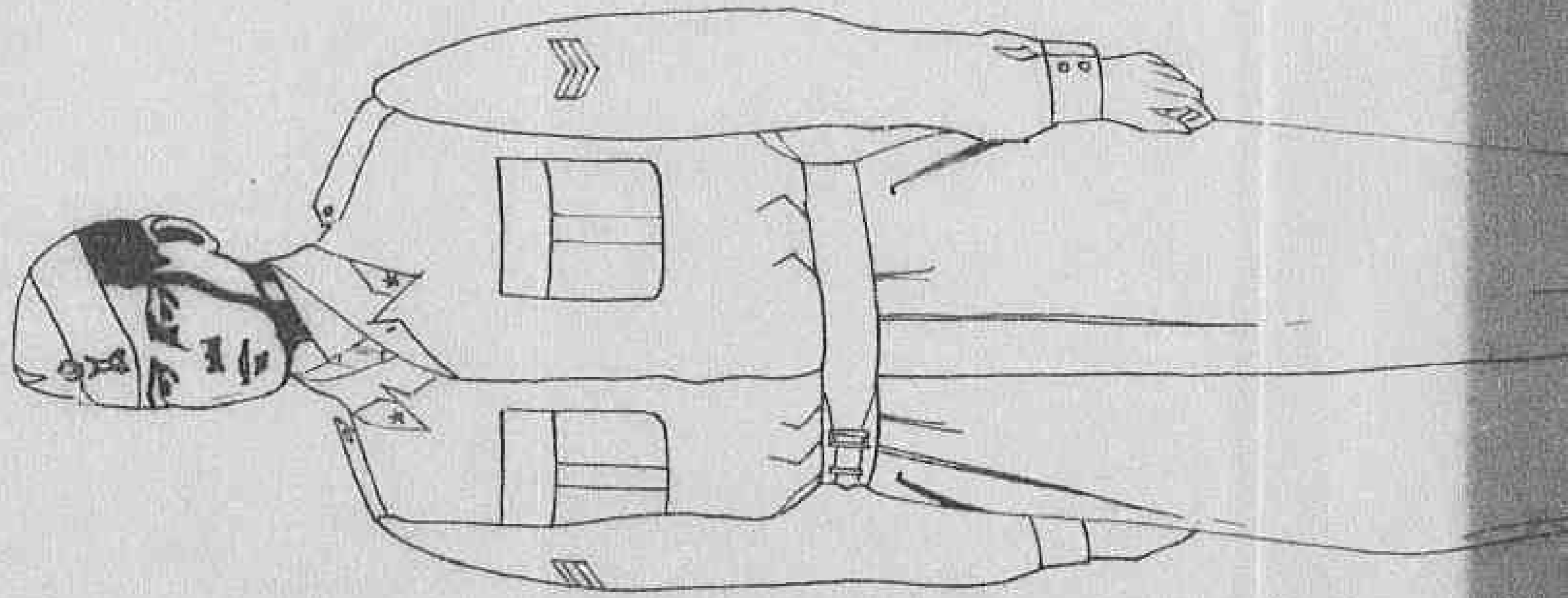
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Uniforme di campagna

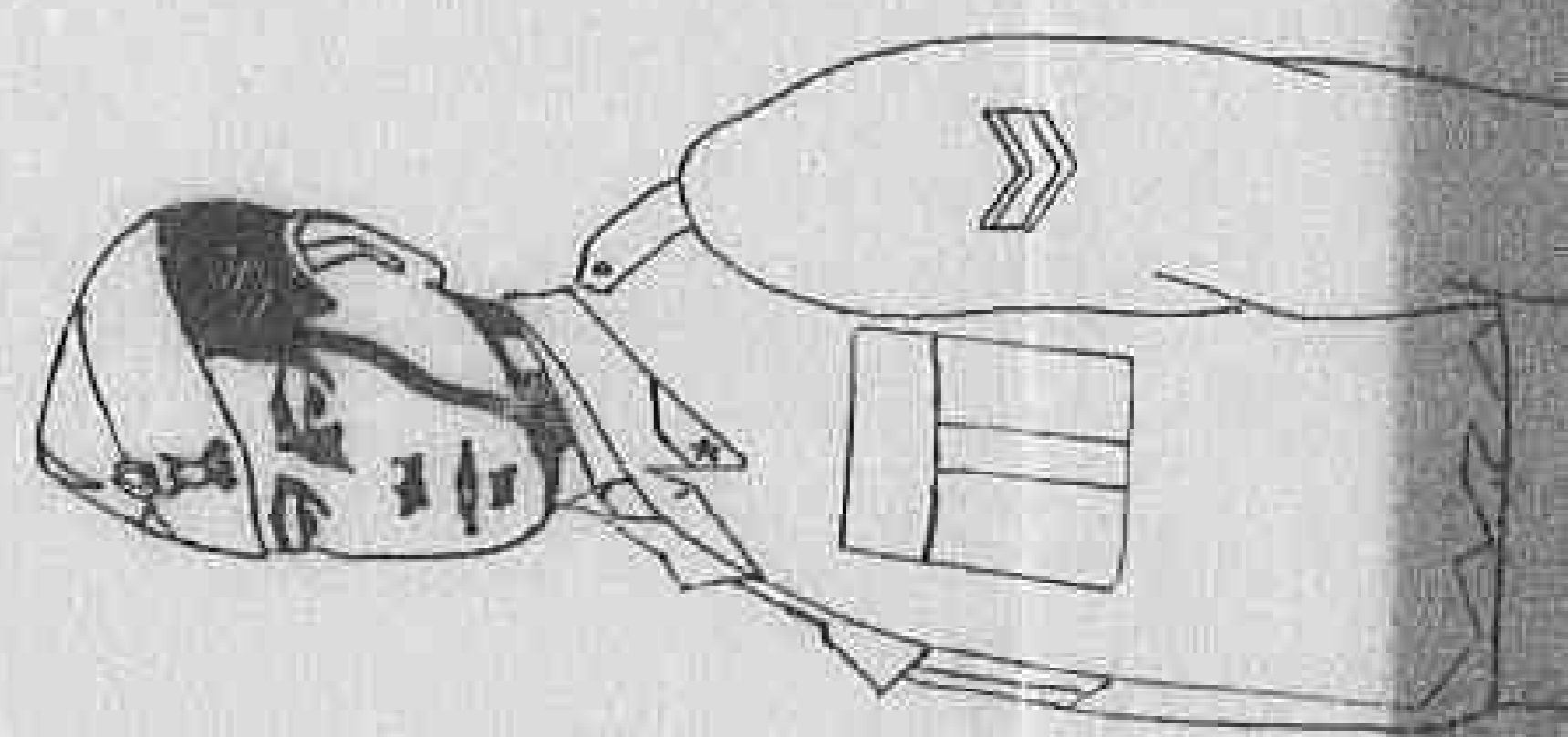
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(Comune a tutti)

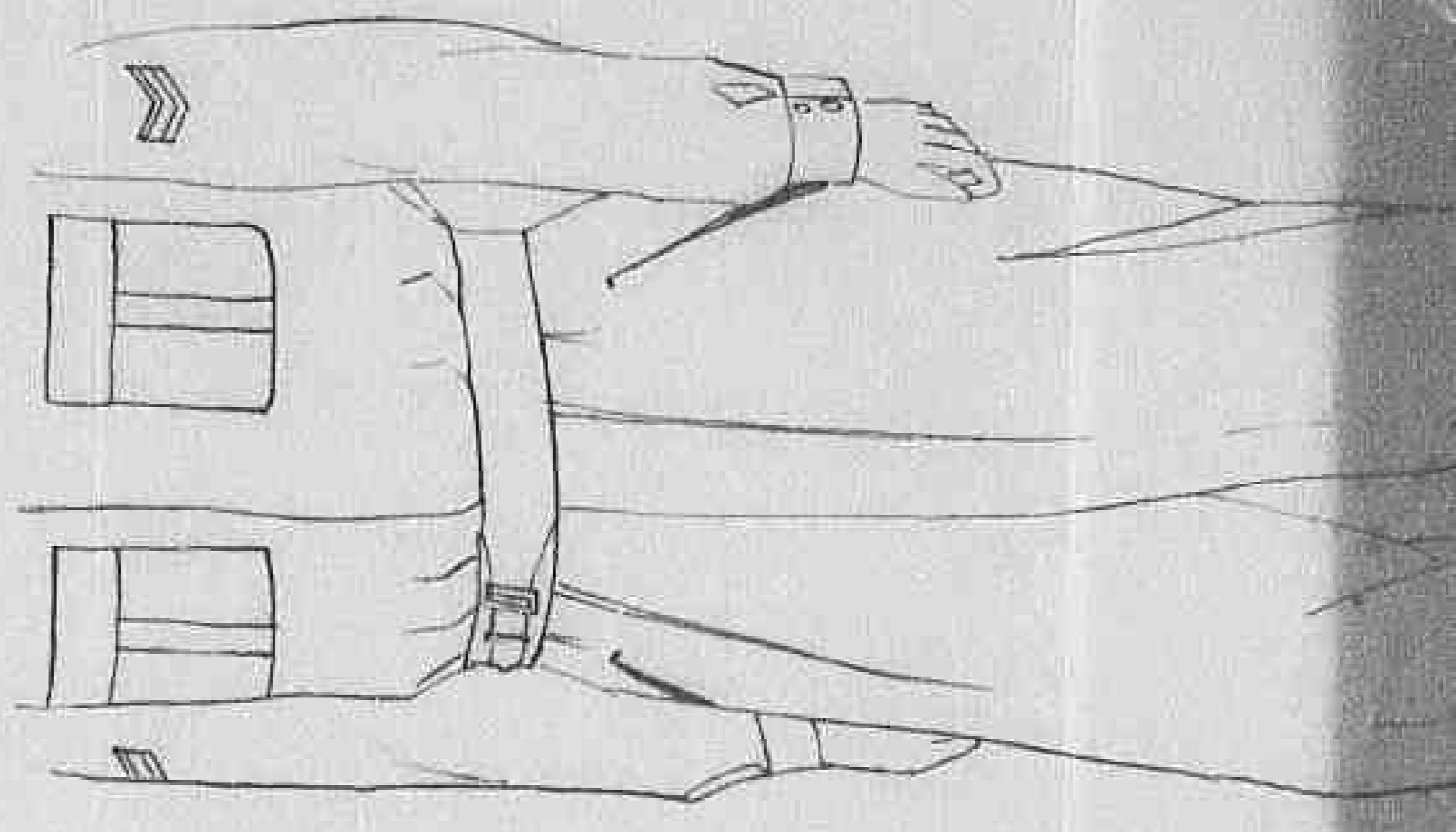
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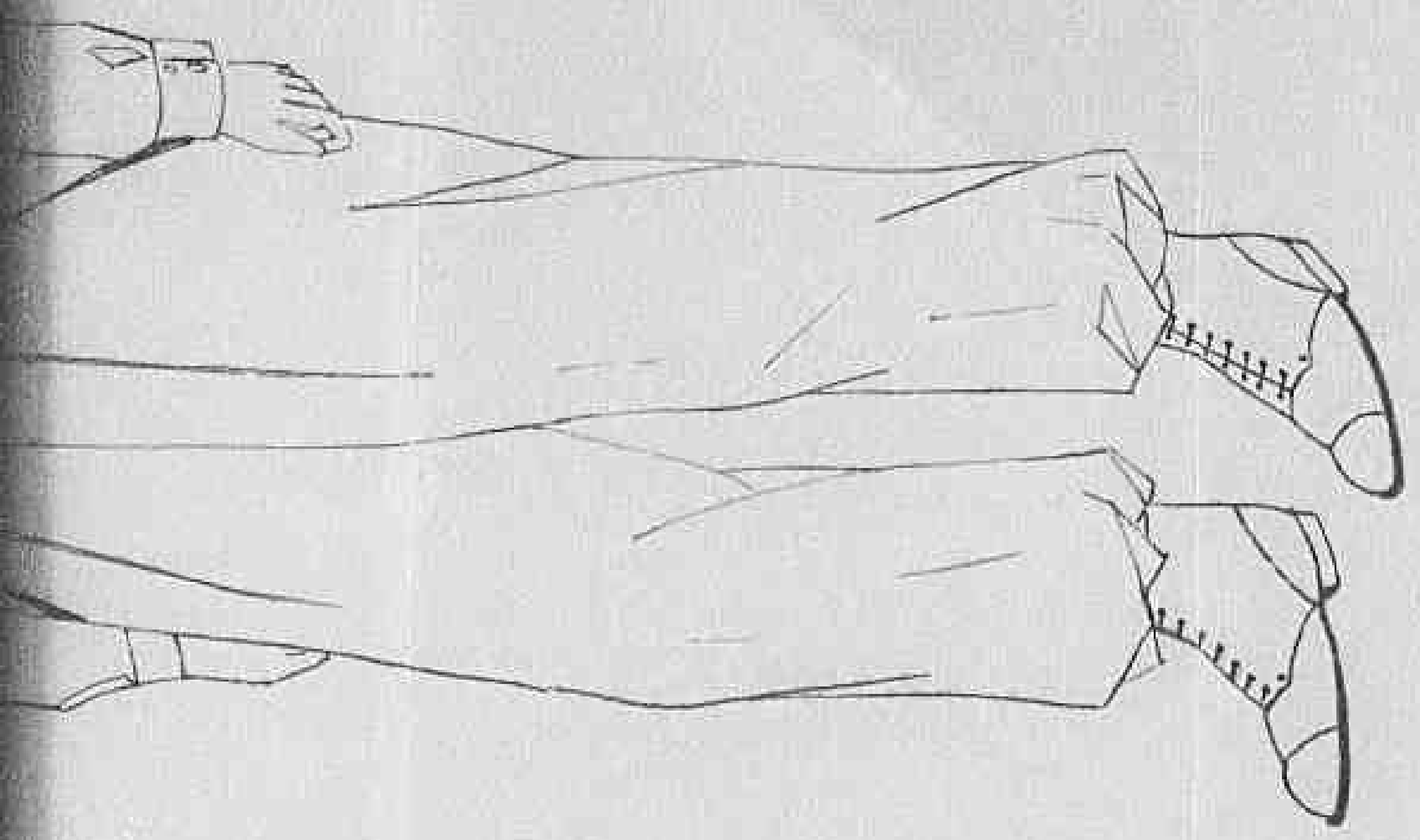
Con pantalone lungo  
e cavaliere



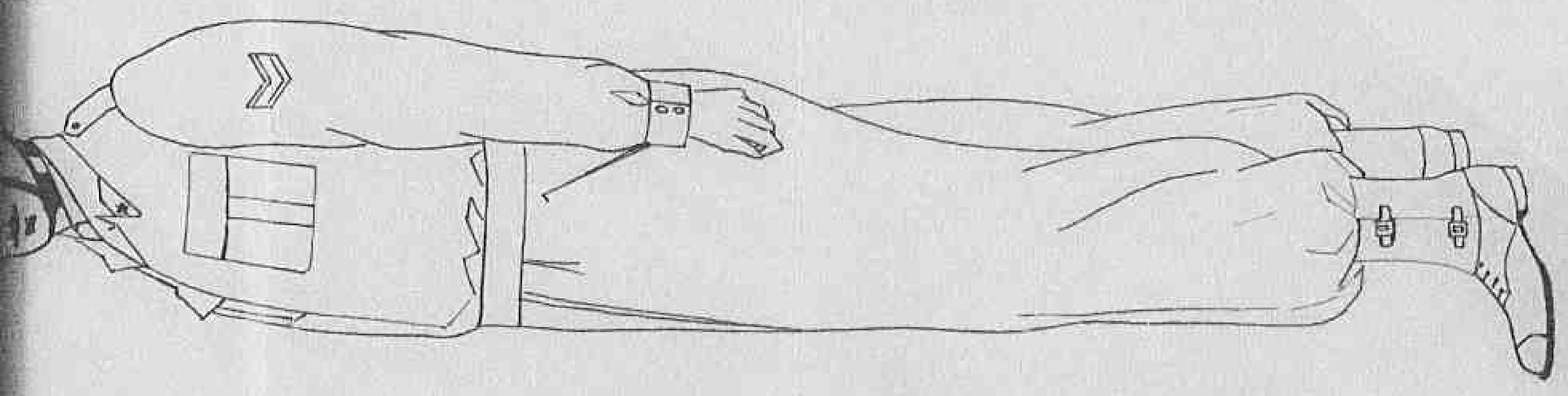
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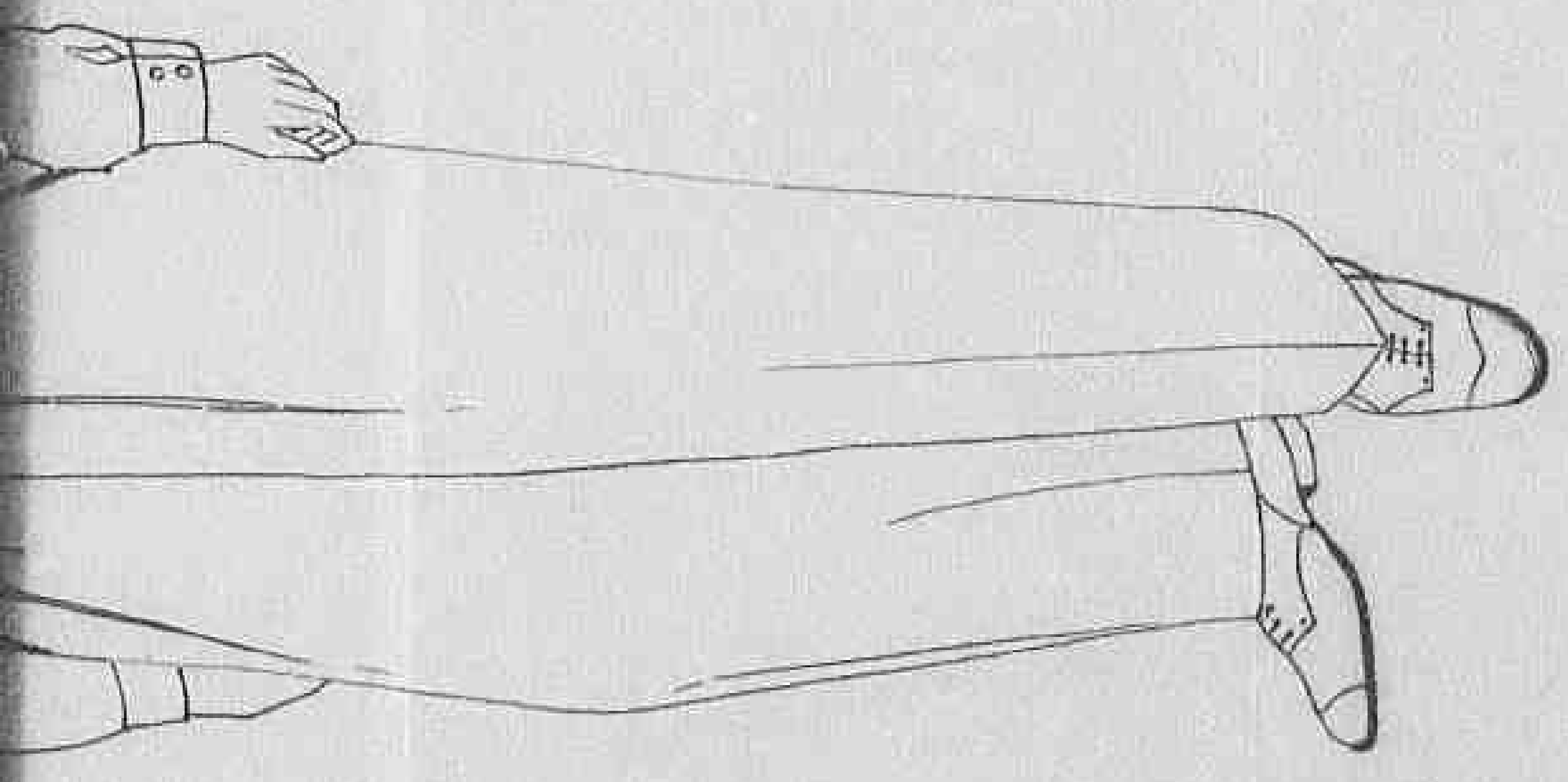
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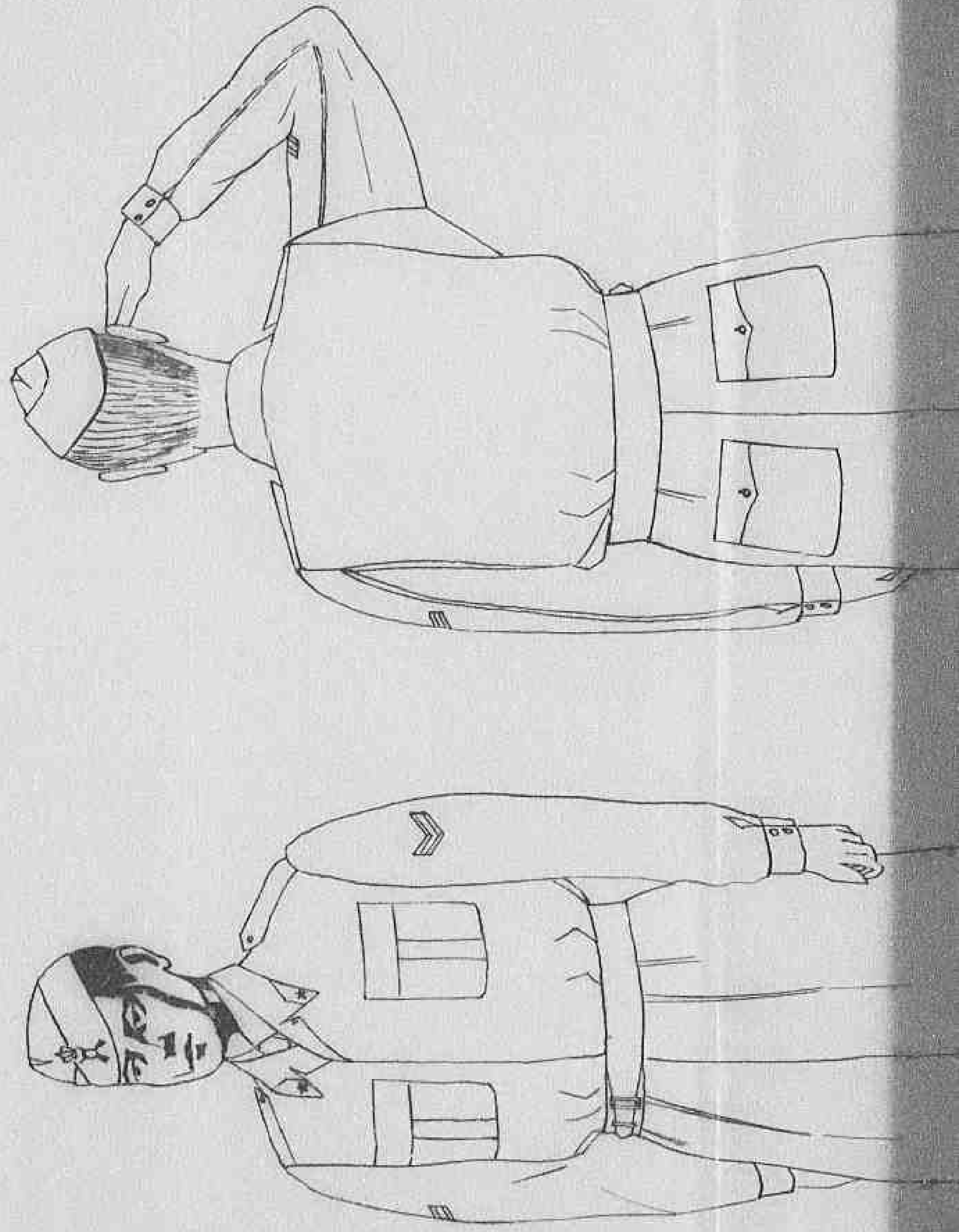
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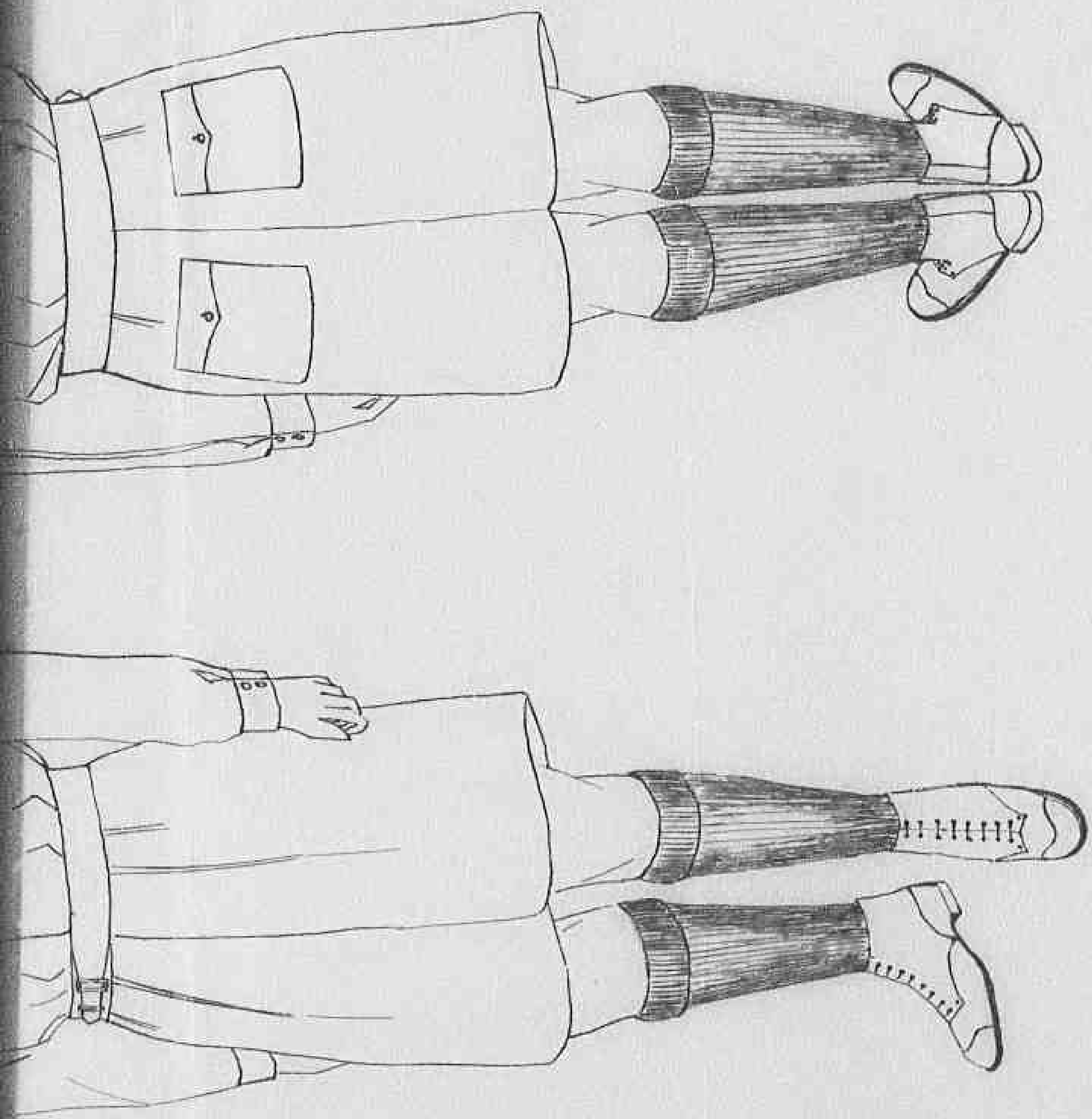


*Tav. II*

Uniforme di campagna estiva in tela kaki con pantaloni corti.  
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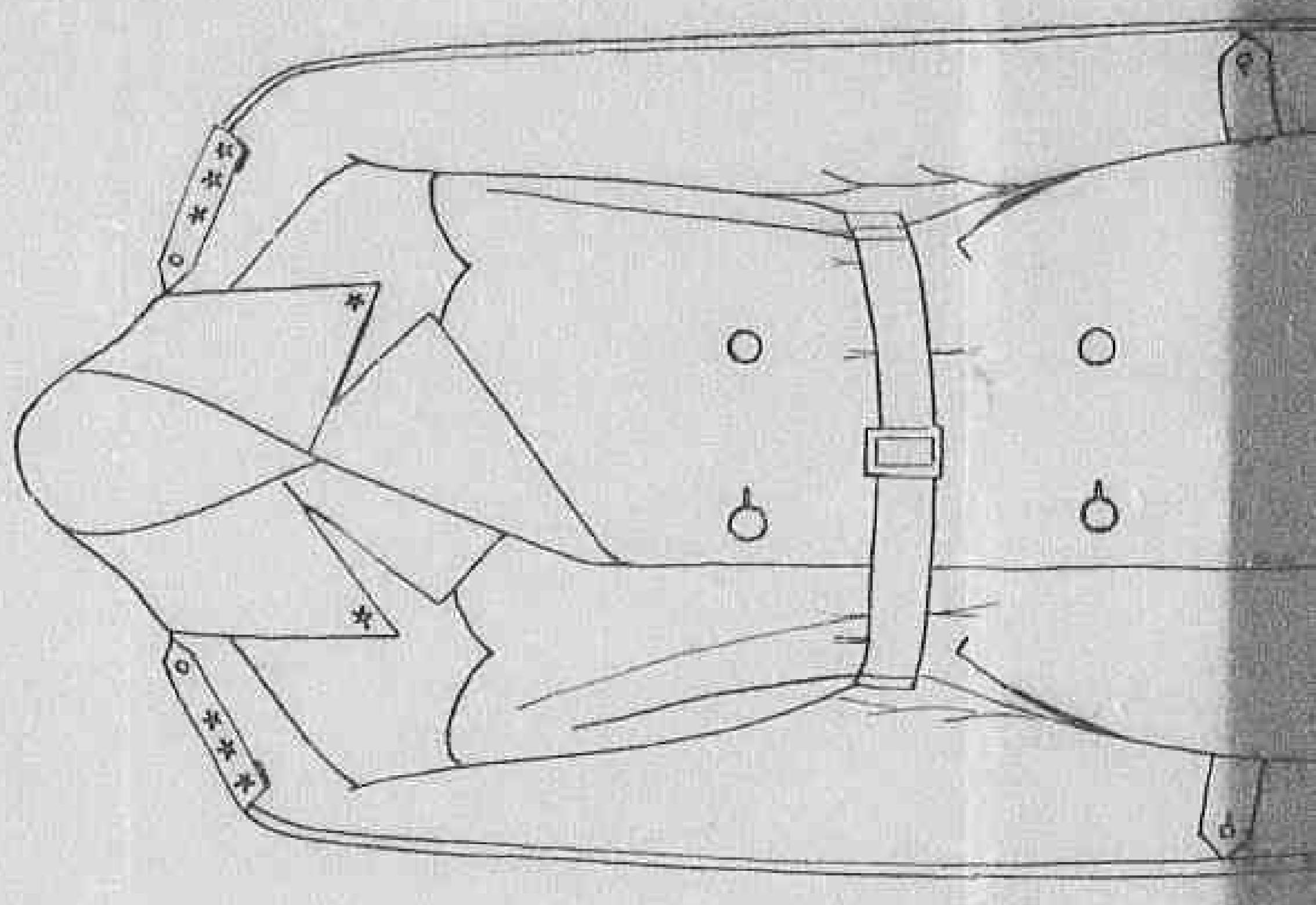
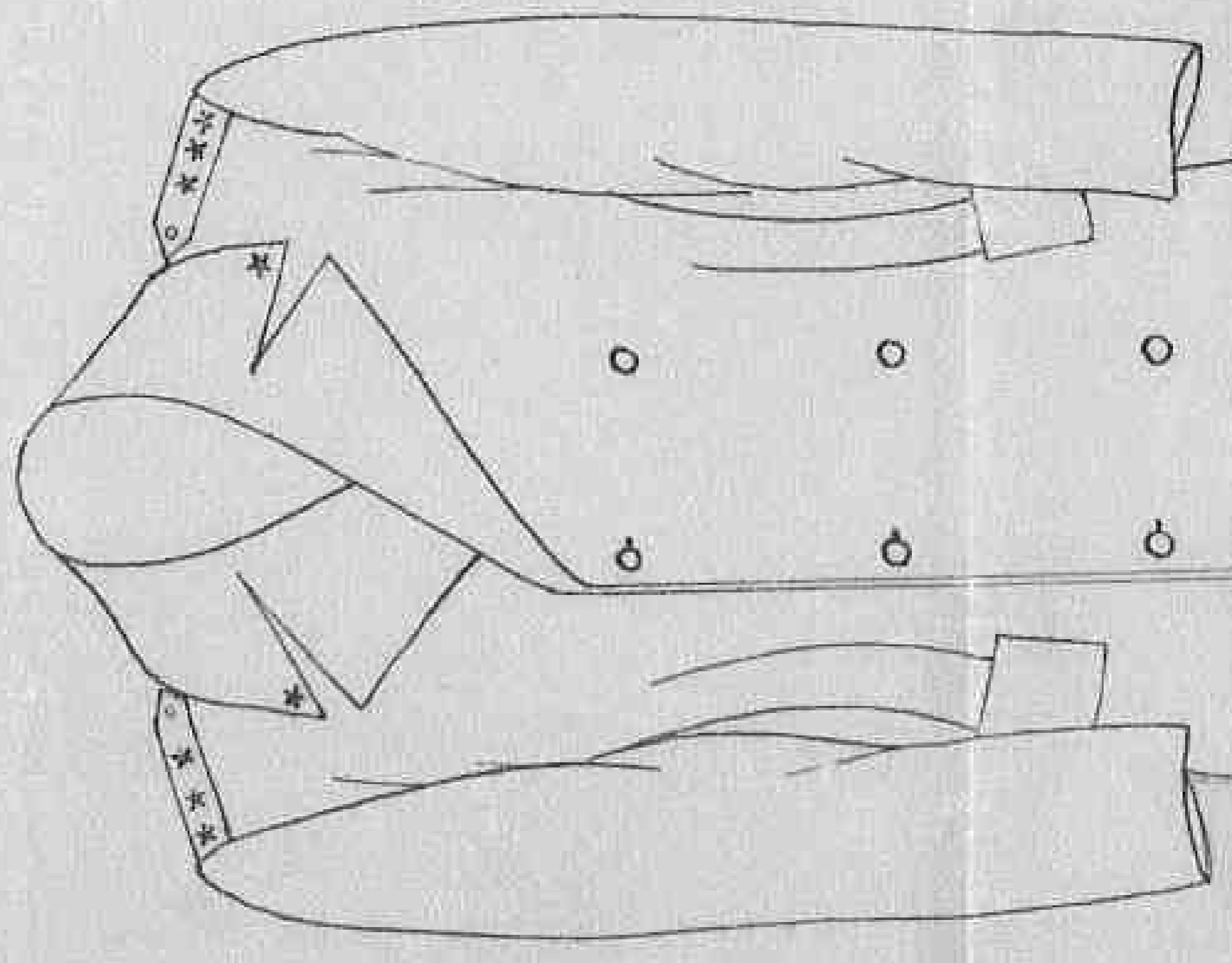
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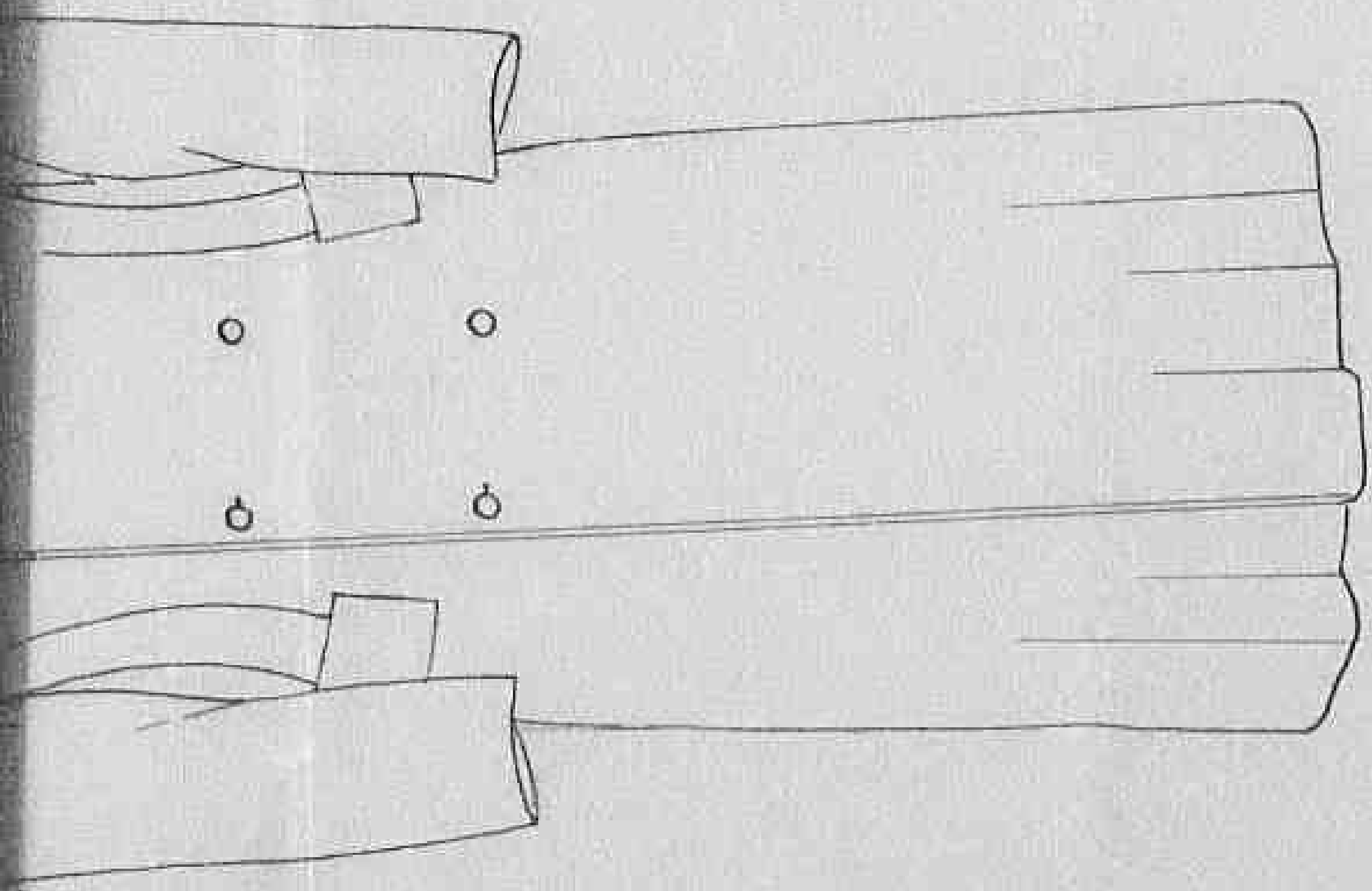
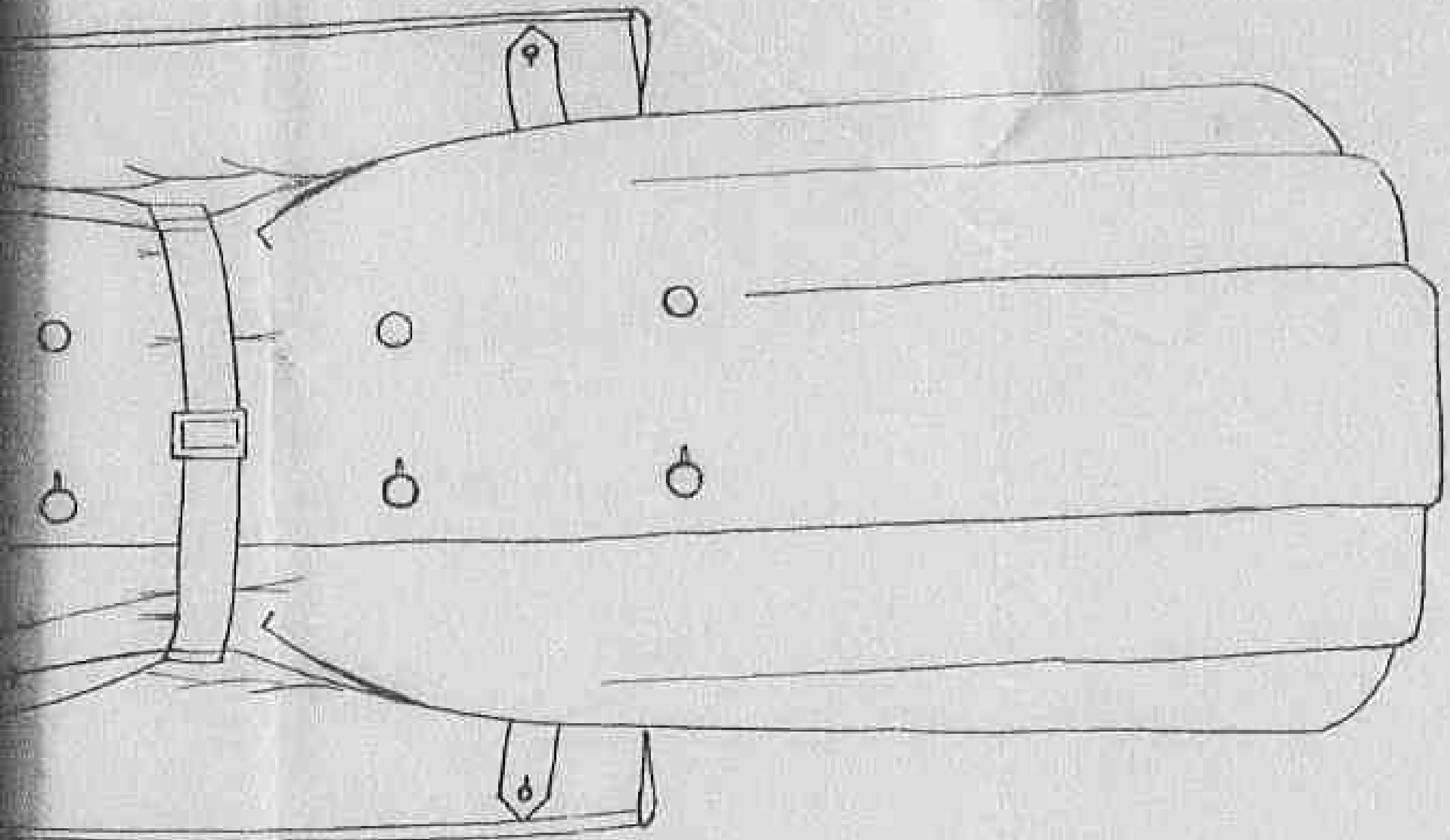
Uniforme fuori servizio (per ufficiali e marescialli)

Cappotto in panno castorino Kaki

Impermeabile Kaki



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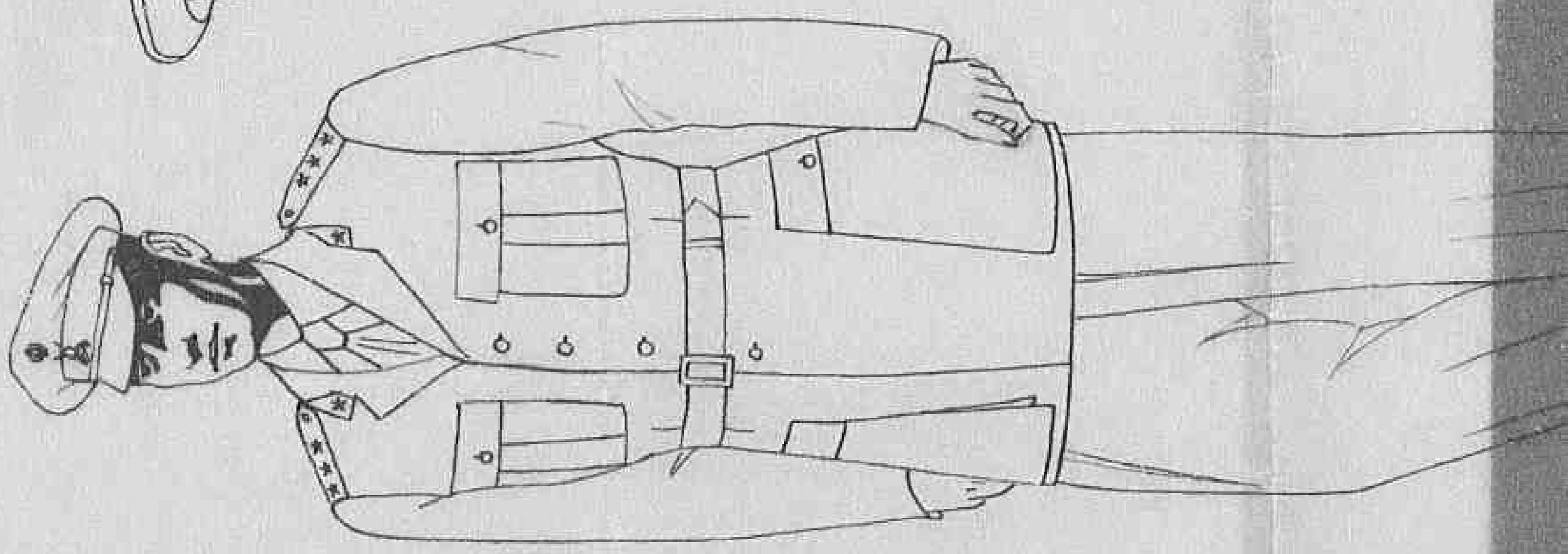
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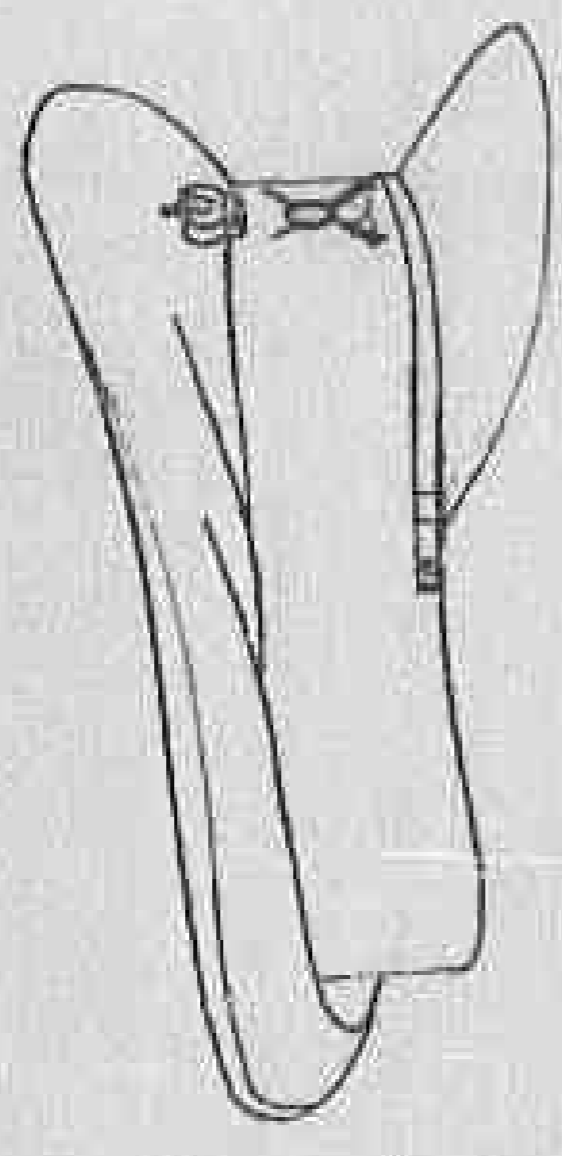
Uniforma fuori servizio.

In cordellino di lana kaki (invernale). In cordellino di cotone kaki (estiva).

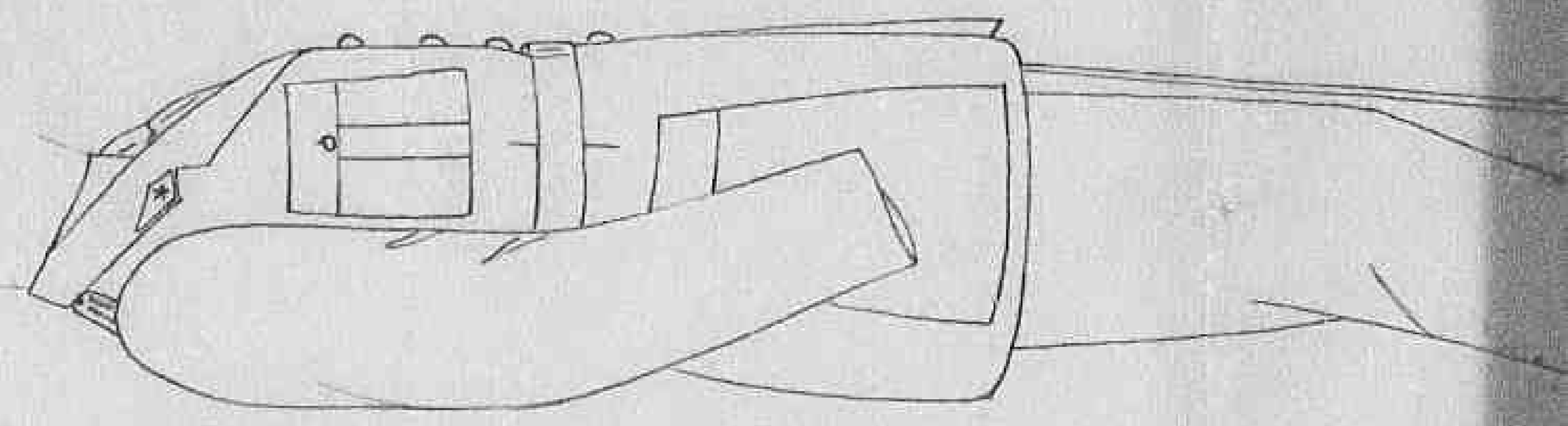
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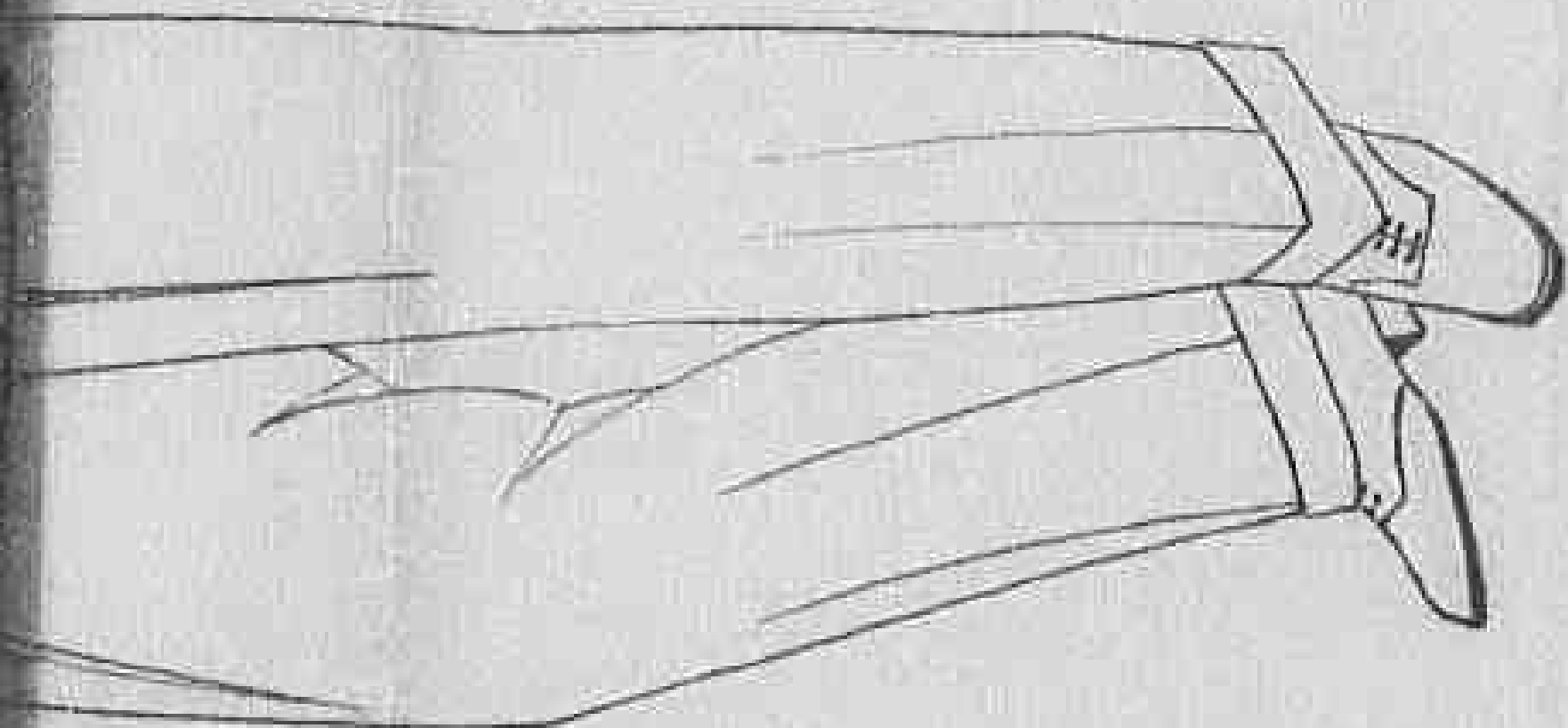
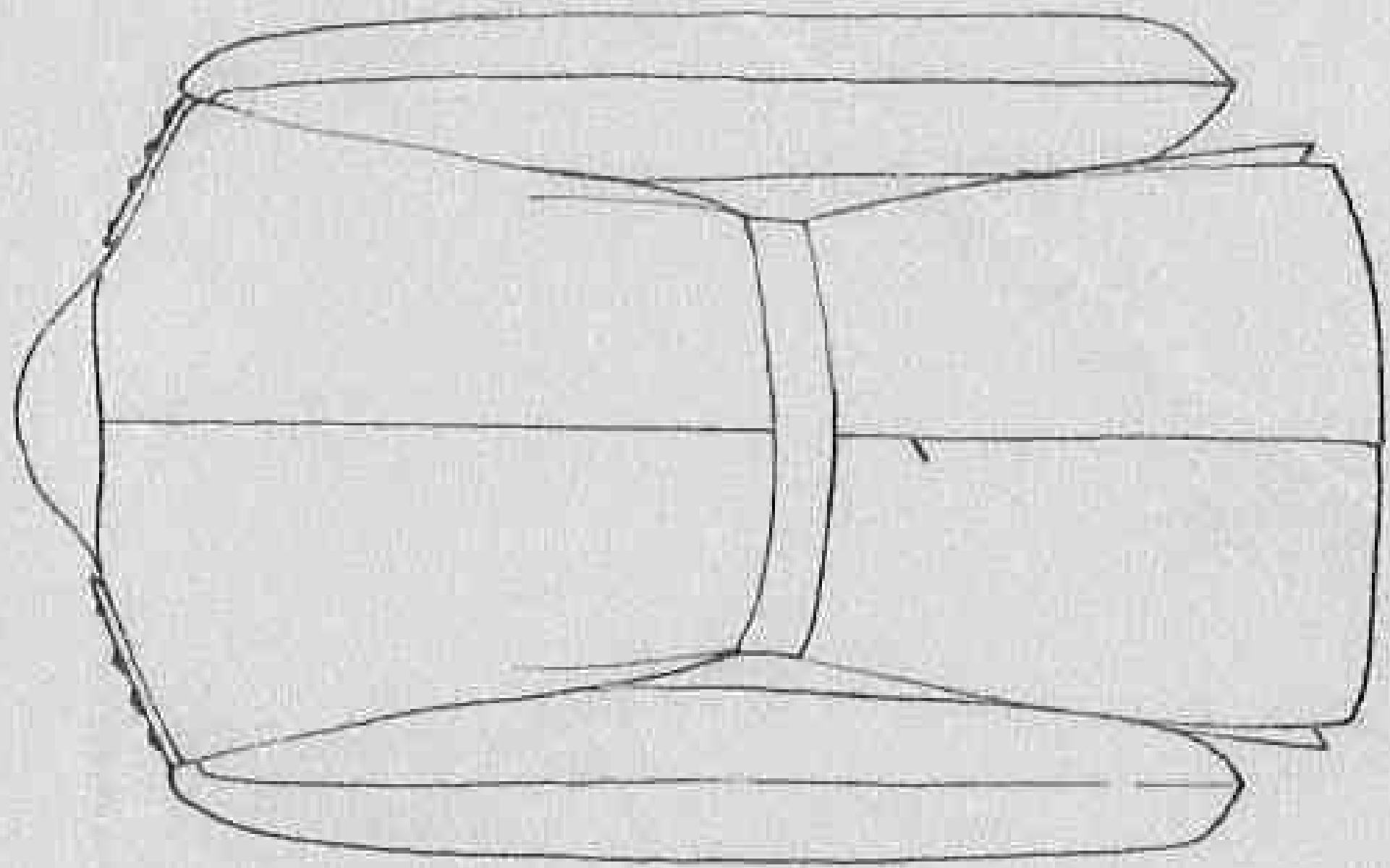
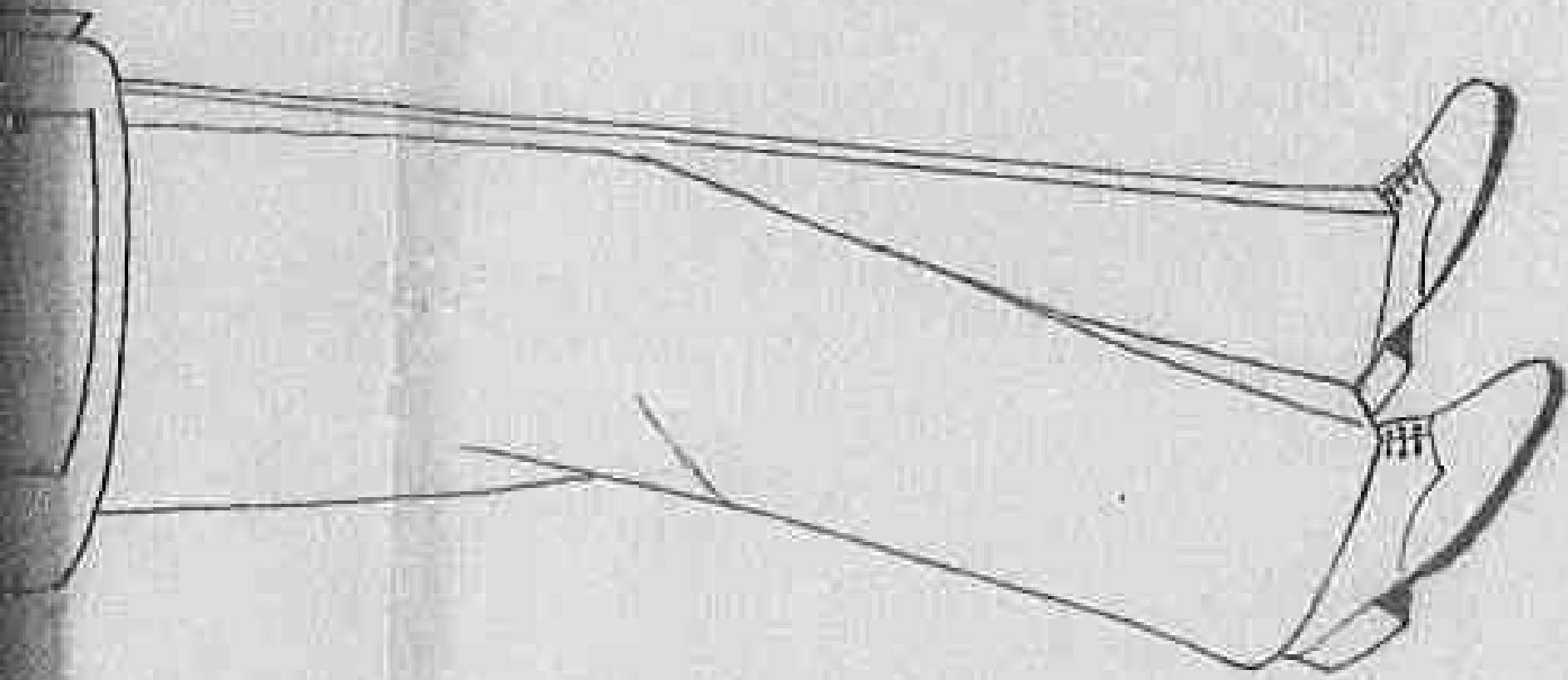
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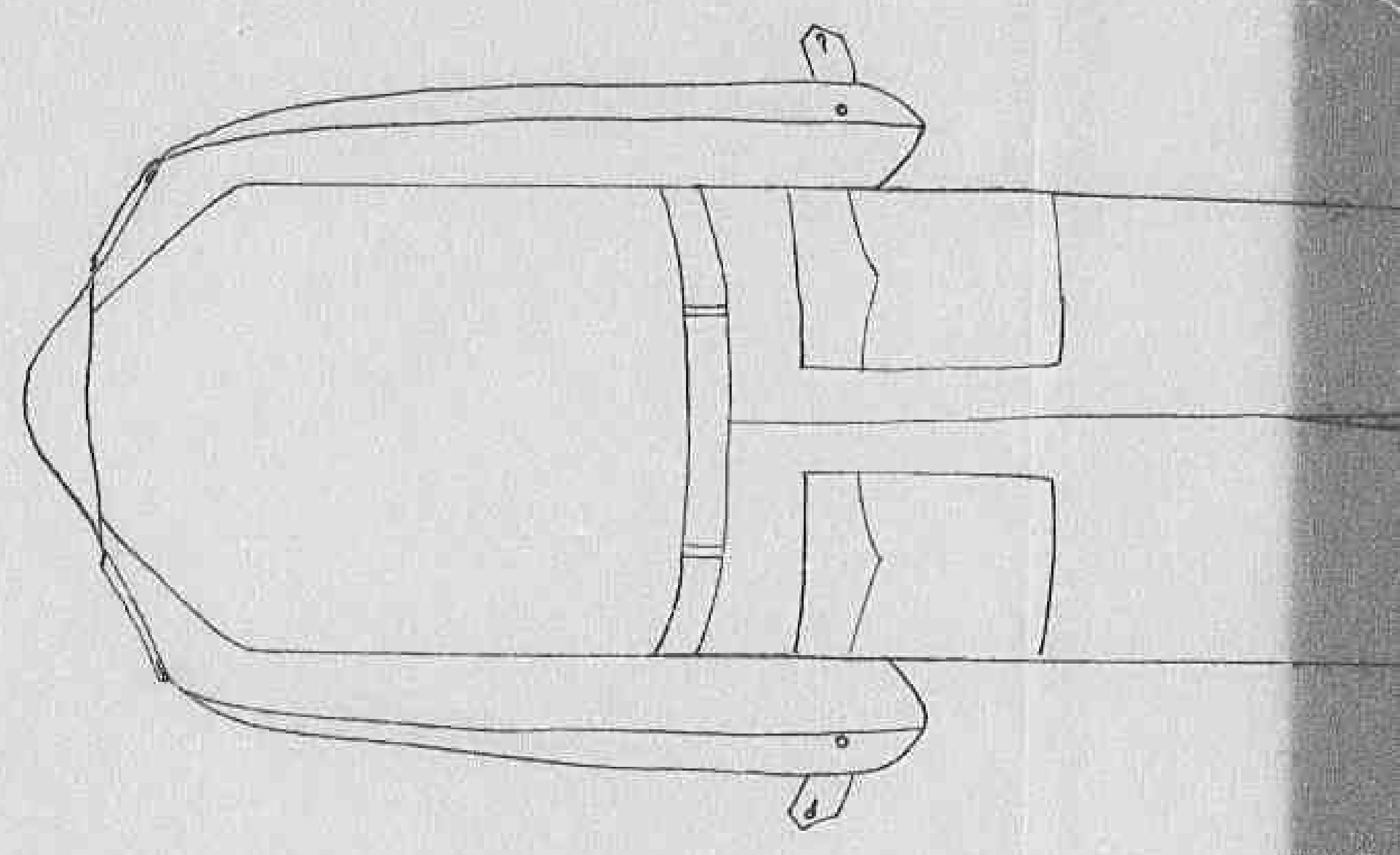
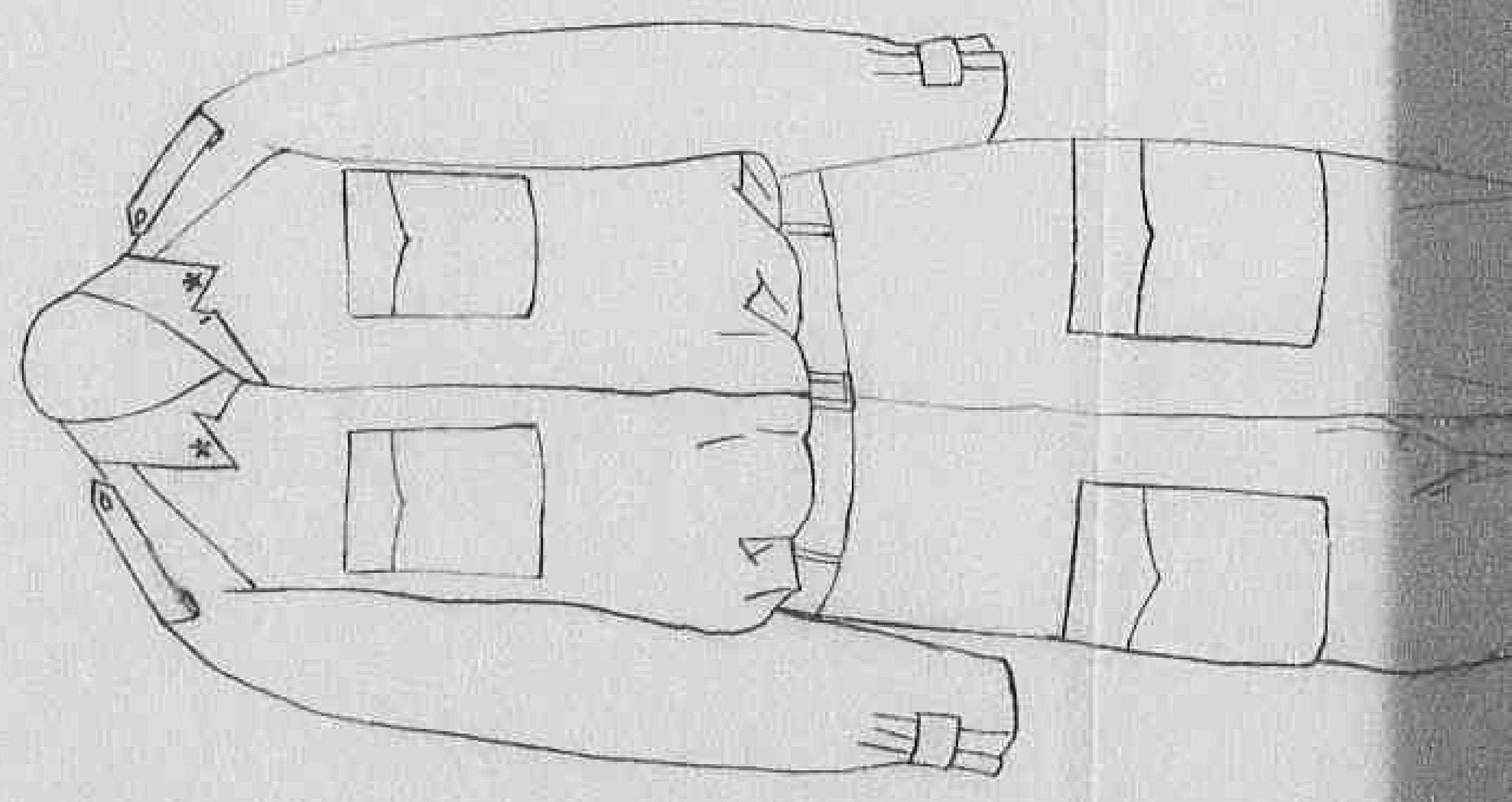
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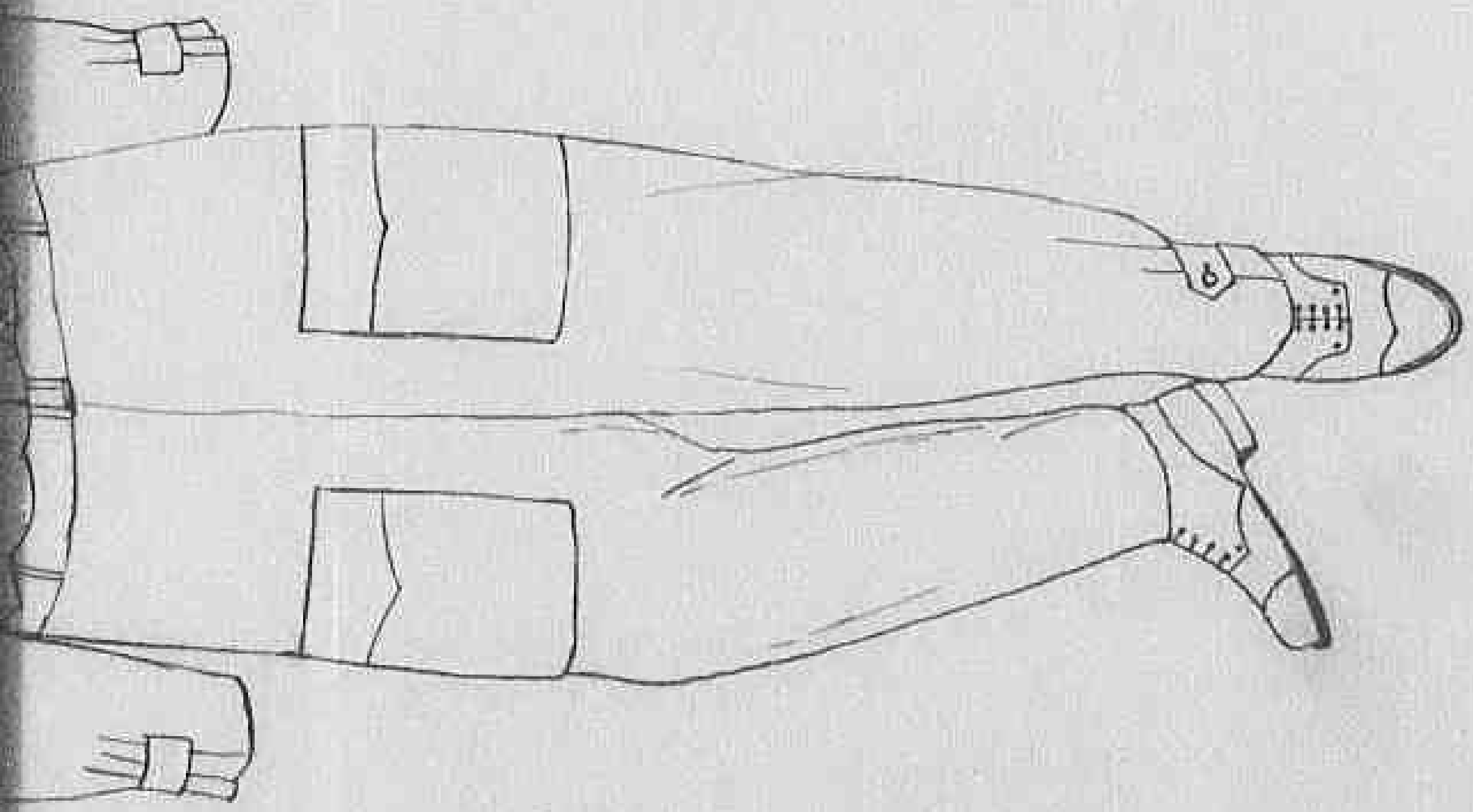
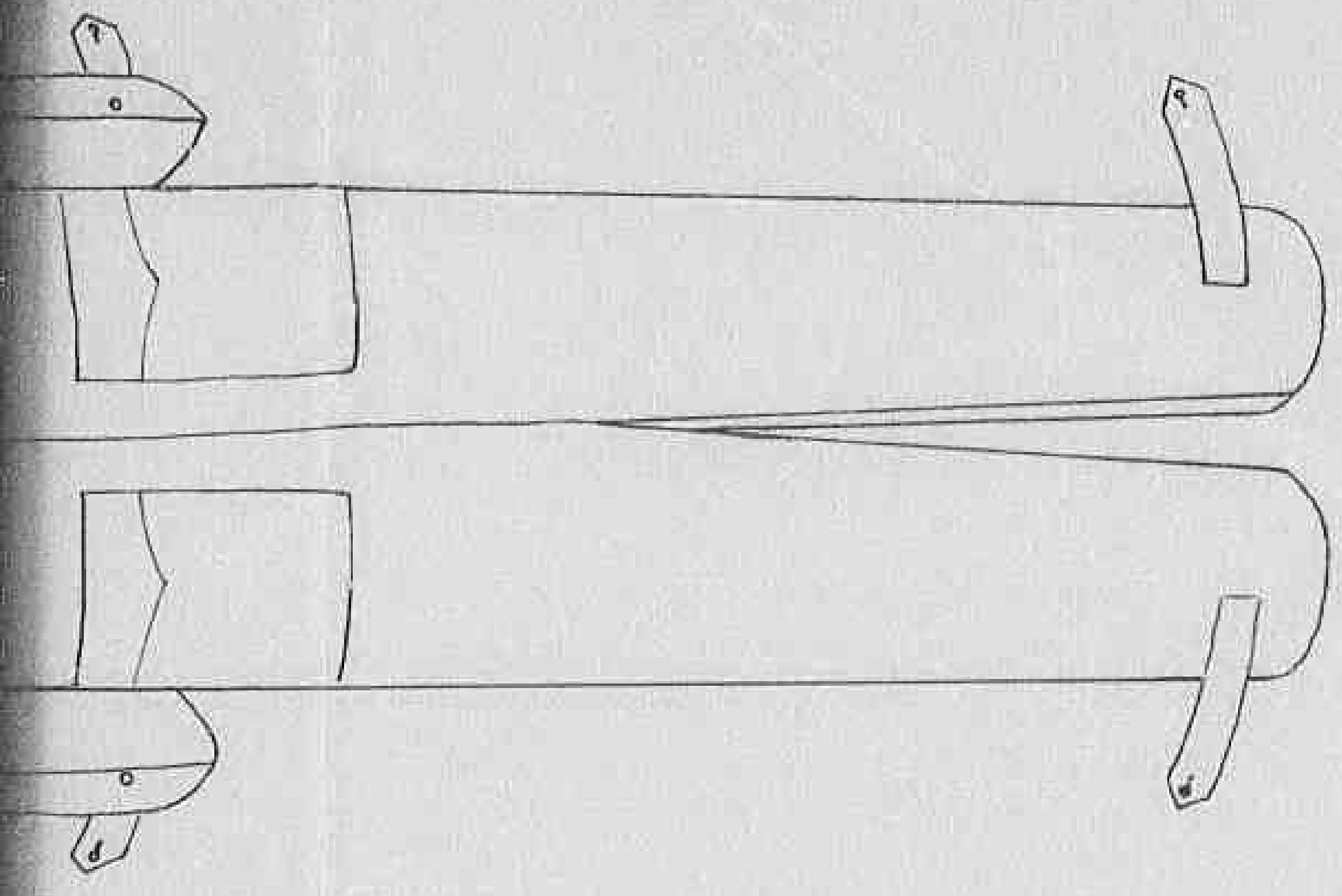
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Tuta in tela kaki (comune a tutti)



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SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.

ROME

Q.002

8 March 1946

TO : War Ministry (By 20)

1. As you know, negotiations are in progress to decide the source of the various forms of equipment required for the Italian Army. While it is not possible yet to state definitely which articles will be supplied from Allied sources and which you will be required to provide from Italian sources, the following information is given to you as a guide to the probable decisions.

2. It seems probable that all weapons and ammunition (for the Army, less CC.RR) together with such instruments, tools, replacement, charts and gauges as are essential for the operation and maintenance of those weapons, will come from British sources. In addition such special means of transport, mounting or carriage of these weapons as are specially manufactured for them (including personal webbing equipment - buffetteria) will be supplied with them.

3. It is considered that, as far as possible, all general stores, tools, material or instruments in common use for which a special pattern is not necessary should come from Italian sources. This will ultimately apply to all transport (other than special type vehicles) clothing, personal or barrack equipment and repair and maintenance materials. Much of this may however become available to you through Allied Surplus disposal agencies.

4. While the above information is only in the nature of a forecast, it is suggested that you would be wise to plan in accordance with it.

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*W. P. Fisher*

Major General,

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*W. P. Ridgely*

Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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15 February 1946

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Ref: 9006/EC

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of  
to Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

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Q. SEE 37

1. Reference is made to AFHQ Directive AG. 586.3/3(AB)-0 dated 2 October 1945.

This directive cancelled AG. 386.3/163.100-0 dated 22 June 45 and deals with the disposal of captured enemy material in the Mediterranean Theatre. The important difference between these two documents is the wording of the paragraph 8(c), from which the following extract is quoted:

"Recaptured material of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW, will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance of the Italian forces, within the authorized ceilings."

In the original directive (para 9(c)), the wording was as follows:

"Recaptured material of Italian military origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for Italian maintenance."

2. I am informed by GSC, Land Forces sub-Commission that this directive as it stands at present is being construed as limiting the right of the Italian War Ministry to re-possess material of Italian military origin that proven necessary for "maintenance". In certain cases, the release of equipment of patterns not now current in the Italian Army has been refused on these grounds even though by adaption or the use of component parts, a considerable amount of needed material could have been obtained. For example, in letter AFHQ/5067E/3(GMS) dated 24 Jan 46, general release of arms and ammunition of Italian origin has been refused. Furthermore, the control of weapons newly manufactured in arms factories in the North is still exercised by HQ, 2 District.

It is submitted that AG, which is the instrument (6585) responsible for ensuring that such material is not used for purposes contrary to the Armistice terms should be the sole arbiter in such matters.

3. Full details as to the holding of arms and ammunition have been submitted to your HQ by Land Forces sub-Commission. It is understood that the Allied intention is to equip the Italian Army, less CO.RA, with British

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weapons. The re-organization of the CC.FP, however, requires the allocation of the most modern Italian weapons, and it is therefore most undesirable that the Italian Government should be deprived of the right (controlled by AC) to possess themselves of Italian arms of recent manufacture.

4. I am informed that a further amendment to the directive dated 8 Feb 46, not yet received, gives title to the Italian Government so far as acquisition of Italian manufacture is concerned, but this will not entirely remedy the present situation. There are no satisfactory signs that the Italian Government is making adequate arrangements for the maintenance of the Army, which in any event is still dependent on the supply of equipment and spare parts from Allied sources. I feel the time has come when this subject should be discussed at a conference to be held at your HQ. I suggest that Land Forces Sub-Commission should produce the agenda for such a meeting, indicating the points on which ANM assistance is sought.

5. I accordingly recommend:

(a) A further amendment to the ANM Directive of 2 Oct 45, as under, be approved forthwith:

"ANM 46.386.1/3(AN)-0 of 2 Oct 45 paragraph 8(c), delete in line 4 "for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceilings".

(b) As in the case of the Navy and the Air Forces, the appropriate Sub-Commission of AC should be charged with the interpretation of the Armistice Terms and dependent directives in matters of the allocation of material to the Italian Army.

(c) A conference at ANM to examine progress made in equipping the Interim Army in accordance with the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and the measures needed to ensure the maintenance of this Interim Army during 1946.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: Chief Com  
Land Forces  
Econ Sec (CEM BR)  
NAVY SC.  
AIR FORCE SC.

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"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE No. Q002.

DATE	SECTION OR SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
5 Feb.	<i>Q</i>	<i>ASR</i>	<p><i>Maj Hamilton G2 1310 phoned 1245 hrs. Wan Hui have ordered withdrawal of all Gombak equipment from Aosta Bu of 1 Algerin Regt (late Regnans Div) which is to be given to the Bu. posted to Regnans.</i></p> <p><i>He strongly urges the Hui to advise to cancel the order which insists transfer be completed by 15 Feb and stresses serious adverse effect on morale already suffering as result of leaving the Gussian stop of 15 Jan pay per d.</i></p> <p><i>He requests instructions today as to action to be taken.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>6583</i> <i>RAC</i></p>

RT.O

May Bauran

Shared letter this up with Wa Min in  
interest of training, efficiency & morale.

Recommended Wa Min be asked to consider  
acceptability of building team for a few days till  
we know when British Com will be available  
What do you think.

Gen Luzzo agrees

7 Feb

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Subject:- Maintenance and Repair of Italian Army Barracks.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.  
O.002, \_\_\_\_\_  
5 February, 1946.

To:- War Ministry.

1. It is understood that Engineer Services are now being restricted and must in future be limited to such repairs and alterations specifically approved by the War Ministry or by a Territorial Command within their financial powers.

It is appreciated that considerable expense is being incurred in the preparation of the barracks allocated as C.A.R's.

2. You are advised to stress the importance of giving priority to buildings utilised as food storage and distribution depots.

In the present circumstances it is essential that the food reserves of the Army shall be most carefully preserved, and it is desirable that all buildings used for distribution and preparation of food be maintained in the best possible condition.

3. You are requested to inform this H.Q. of any policy directive issued by you to Territorial Commands on this subject.

*R.A. Curties*

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: List "B"

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Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of,  
to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. H. I. A.)  
ROME.

1002 / February, 1946.

Subject:-

A.C. for Chief Commissioner.

To:-

1. I have to refer to AFHQ Directive AG.386.3/Q(AE)-O dated 2 October 45.

PART I.

This Directive cancelled AG.386.3/163.102-O dated 22 June 45, and deals with the disposal of captured enemy material in the Mediterranean Theatre. The important difference between these two documents is the wording of the paragraph (8(c)), from which the following extract is quoted:

"Recaptured material of Italian origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance of the Italian Forces, within the authorised ceilings."

In the original Directive, (paragraph 9(c)), the wording was as follows:

"Recaptured material of Italian military origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for Italian maintenance."

2. It appears that the interpretation of the Directive of the 2nd October is being construed at AFHQ as limiting the right of the Italian War Ministry to repossess material of Italian military origin, to that proven necessary for maintenance. In the case of small arms and ammunition, this is having the undesirable result of hampering the War Ministry in their endeavour to re-equip the CC.BR with suitable weapons.

3. I will give two examples:

(a) On the 11 December 45, it came to notice that 3 Territorial Command had located 12 lorry loads of 12.7 mm and 20 mm ammunition and 10 lorry loads of rifles, muskets and automatic carbines in a C.E.M. Dump at OSCHIAIARILLO. On instructions from GHQ, 2 District refused permission to these arms to be handed over to the Italian Army. The matter was taken up by my staff with AFHQ. A copy of their reply AFHQ/5067E/Q(GMS) dated 24 Jan 46 is attached as appendix "A", from which it will be seen that a new, and in my opinion, faulty interpretation has been given (over the signature of a Captain) to the term "maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorised ceilings".

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(b) Following your strong request that weapons located at the Beretta Arms Factory should be made available for the CC.RR, release was obtained of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic pistols, under AFHQ 05:000.5 dated 7 November 45. The release of additional weapons was withheld, subject to certain information which, it was agreed, should be furnished by Land Forces Sub Commission. A reply was addressed to C.S. by Civil Affairs Section under reference AG/14604/II/18, copy of which is attached as appendix "B".

Full details as to the holding of arms and ammunition have subsequently been submitted to AFHQ by me. It has been pointed out that a firm policy decision is awaited as to the equipment of the Italian Army. I am given to understand that the Italian Army will be provided with British Arms and ammunition and that the Italian arms will

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be utilized to equip the CC, RR, Finanze Guard, and Public Safety agents. It was apparent that stocks of Italian ammunition of small calibre were running low, and under authority, GHR Letter 380/84/3 of 23 Jan 45, the War Ministry have been instructed to manufacture, subject to certain safeguards, the following quantities of ammunition :-

9 mm pistol	8,000,000
7.65 mm	500,000
10.35 mm	1,400,000
6.35 mm	110,000

An application for the continued manufacture of small arms was refused pending an examination of the present holdings of weapons, as compared with the approved establishment.

The activity of the Beretta Arms Factory, and the disposal of weapons already completed has been the subject of correspondence between you and AFHQ, your 88/12.41 of 24 November 45 refers. We have positive information that 2 District have removed a considerable number of weapons, the manufacture of which has been completed, from the factory, and are retaining them in Allied Dumps pending disposal instructions.

It is obvious that automatic weapons newly manufactured at the Beretta Arms Factory are of considerable value to the CC, RR, and that if the War Ministry could gain control over all Italian arms and ammunition, they would be in a position to re-distribute this equipment to the best advantage, or to salvage it for purely necessary and military purposes. I am of the opinion that the present situation can only be remedied by an amendment to the AFHQ Directive, with the object of removing any ambiguity as to the title of the the Italian Army to material of Italian military origin.

It will be observed that in the AFHQ Directive, authority is given for the Navy and Air Force Sub Commissions to give disposal instructions regarding Italian war material of naval or Air Force category. I therefore request that the Supreme Allied Commander may be approached by you in order that the following amendment receives his approval :-

AFHQ (M.388.3/3(AM))-0 of 2nd October 45.  
 Paragraph 6(c), delete in line 4. " for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceilings"

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AFHQ AG-386.7/1(18)-0 of 2nd October 45.  
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It does not seem to be realized that however correct this may be in theory, in actual practice A.S.A.S. is not interested in the Italian Army, which consequently suffers. The argument that the Allies have handed over control to the Italian Government is only partly valid - the Allies may have relinquished control but the Government would not seem to have acquired it.

In fact, the War Ministry is unable to obtain its requirements from this source and as I have shown above, it is in some cases further hampered by the withholding of releases by Allied Authorities.

6. If the Combined Chiefs of Staff policy, to create an efficient Italian Army as quickly as possible, is to be effected, I am of opinion that the present method of disposal of surplus material must be changed and the War Ministry given priority regarding material needed for the Army. This might be done through a special War Ministry Commission as part of A.R.A.R. (under supervision of M.M.I.A. which can certify the needs of the Army) empowered by the Italian Government to establish priority and secure for the Italian Army any materials or items which come into the hands of A.R.A.R.

7. I realize that such an arrangement must be ordered by the Italian Government. The Italian Government should be more than willing to issue such a directive inasmuch as the supply and maintenance of the Army is the responsibility of the Italian Government from indigenous resources (and cases Allied materials are in the hands of A.R.A.R. such materials become certainly "indigenous" resources). The Italian Government should not expect the Allied surplus to be used primarily for civilians and at the same time expect additional Allied items to be made available for the Army.

Even if the Italian Government is not willing, for political reasons (due to the influence of parties to whose advantage it is that the Army shall not be efficient as an instrument for the maintenance of law and order), to issue such a directive, the Allies, as providers, can insist, as a right and a pre-requisite for the supply.

The decision must be made, and at once, as to the priority between the civilians and the Army. An arrangement as outlined will give the Army what it needs, and no more, as M.M.I.A. would certify only the known requirements, and competition between the Army and civilians for other indigenous resources would be eliminated.

8. It would appear that unless the Italian Government is anxious to give the Army what it needs, the assistance of the Allies to rebuild the Army in the interest of Italy should be stopped at once.

As mentioned above, it has been laid down by C.C.S. that it is in the Allied interest that a new and efficient Italian Army shall be created in the shortest possible time. The Allies should therefore insist, as a right, that whatever Allied materials are turned over to the Italians must go first to meet the Allied commitments to the Army.

*L. Brunning*

Major General, C579  
M.M.I.A.

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*D. B. Brown*

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Major General, M.I.A.

Appendix "A" to MIA letter  
Q.002 of 22 Jan 46

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SUBJECT:- Captured Enemy Material of Italian Military Origin.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. BUREAU 971

AFHQ/5067E/Q(CISS)

24 Jan 46

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.I.I.A.  
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Reference to Q.150 dated 17 Jan 46.

1. AFHQ letter AG.586.3 Q(AB)-0 dated 2 October states that material surplus to Allied military requirements will be turned over to the Italian Forces for maintenance purposes. It is not considered that the supply of arms and ammunition, now that hostilities have ceased, constitutes maintenance.
2. This Headquarters, therefore, is in agreement with Hq 2 District inasmuch that only material required for maintenance purposes will be released. The channel of transaction will be the Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG (MIA) and not the HQU's, thereby ensuring that the authorized maintenance scales of the Italian Army are not exceeded.
3. Material of Italian military origin surplus to Allied military requirements is not required for the authorized maintenance of the Italian Forces is reported to this Headquarters in accordance with para 12 of AFHQ letter AG.586.3 Q(AB)-0 dated 2 Oct 45. Demands for release of such material should be submitted to this Headquarters.

(SGD) A. MOLACHAN, Captain,  
for Major General,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- G-4 (A) (They spoke: Mr. Scharf - Capt. Hartman - Molachlan)  
Hq No. 2 District  
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" " Hq 59 Area  
" " Hq 60 Sub-Area.

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A memo "B" to JIA letter  
Q. 101 dated 7 Nov 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

December 1945

Ref: AG/AGC/II/YS

Subject: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

To : AFHQ G-5

1. Reference your G-5:000.5 of 7 Nov 45.

2. Land Forces Sub-Commission state that the following distribution of the weapons released is being made:

	<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Automatic Carbinos</u>
1. CC.RR Bde Turin	500	1559
2. Milan	500	1924
3. Florence	500	1924
4. Rome	500	2111
5. Naples	500	1520
6. Palermo	500	953
	<u>3000</u>	<u>10000</u>

3. A detailed examination of present holdings and estimate requirements of the Italian Army including CC.RR is now being made by Land Forces Sub-Commission, in accordance with AFHQ G (SB) signal EX 53377 of 16 November. Until this information is completed, it will not be possible to furnish the information called for at para 2 (a) and (c) of your letter under reference.

4. Land Forces Sub-Commission will ensure priority is given CC.RR units in making good their deficiencies in Italian weapons from Available Army stocks. Assistance required from the Allies will be notified to AFHQ when the reply to EX 53377 referred to above is prepared.

So far as CC.RR units are concerned it is anticipated this will amount only to the release of certain numbers of Allied small arm ammunition and approval for the manufacture of such ammunition of Italian origin as is in short supply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Sgd) S.H. WHITE, Lt. Col.,  
A/VP CA Section 6577

Copy : ISIA

SUBJECT: POL - Issues to the Italian Army

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HQ No 2 District, CME

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19 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

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Ref your letter Q 002 dated 16 Jan 46.

1. Your attention is drawn to the policy set forth in AFHQ letter AG.091.711/1044 C-0 dated 15 Dec 45, addressed to the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission, with a copy to you.
2. In conformity with the policy laid down in the AFHQ letter referred to at para 1 above and in order to make the Groups available to the Italian Ministry of War, this HQ was ordered to relieve all Combat Groups of guards on British commitments by 1 Jan 46.
3. In the particular case of 87 Inf Regt, its relief by Allied troops entailed its displacement to another area on account of accommodation difficulties. Such a contingency had already been foreseen by all concerned, and is specifically brought to the attention of the Ministry through Allied Commission at para 4 of the AFHQ letter under reference. It is manifest that this move, and all such moves, were "initiated by the Italian Authorities" as a result of the policy agreed by them with AFHQ.
4. In view of the policy, the move was unavoidable. It would therefore appear irrelevant to the case whether this individual move was authorised by the War Ministry. It is unfortunate that there was not time for the War Ministry to authorise the move, though it would appear from para 5 that local liaison should have been maintained with this HQ to enable such a case to have been dealt with.  
A copy of the instructions, this HQ signal GO 4299 of 13 Dec, ordering the move of 87 Regt was sent to you for information.
5. In view of the above, it is regretted that it cannot be agreed that the cost of the POL consumed during the move of this one bn of the 87 Inf Regt is a fair charge against the British Army.

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Ltd. to GMA  
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Major General,  
Comd. HQ No 2 District.  
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DIRECTIVE NO. 3.

"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

FOR

BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

ATTACHED TO

INDIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS.

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BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

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ALLIED COMMISSION

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
ROME.  
G.002,  
21 January, 1946.

DIRECTIVE NO. 3.

"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

FOR

BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

ATTACHED TO

ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS.

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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 BR-IT 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-C91.711 G(SD)-0 of 2 Nov 45.

RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY.

5. The policy regarding the return of captured enemy material of Italian military origin to Italian military authorities is given at annexure "B".

MAINTENANCE - CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

6. The number and size of Italian Army Clothing Depots, M.T. Repair

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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. E.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 AEME to RENE and ORD officers attached to "A" B.L.U.'s.

Distribution:  
List "A" less serial 17 & 19  
list "B" - ~~serial 12.~~

*M. M. I. A.*  
Colonel A.Q.  
M. M. I. A.

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Directive No. 3.  
Annexure '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-III and BR-III Service Troops, Italian Navy (BR-III), Italian Air Force (BR-III, US-III).

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 CHQ CMT and HQ MIIA.

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-III Troops.

The maintenance of US-III 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-III 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-III Service Troops (Army).

The maintenance of BR-III Service Troops is the responsibility of DST CHQ CMT 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-III).

Maintenance of the Italian Navy is the responsibility of DST CHQ CMT in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are demanded by HQ MIIA on DST with a request for delivery of Italian

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These items are issued direct to US-III units ex US QM Depots.

4. BR-III Service Troops (Army).  
Items scheduled as categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' are the responsibility  
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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-III).  
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 MMIA on DST with a request for delivery of 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.

Directive No. 3.  
Annexure 'A' continued.

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

Maintenance of the Italian Air Force (BR-ITI) 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 MIA on DST with a request for delivery to Italian depots as required.

Categories 'E', '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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supply.



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

ITEM	SCALE
<b>CATEGORY 'A'</b>	
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 (F/B/L)	2 ozs. (See note (b))
VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED	1 oz.
CHEESE	6/7 oz.
SUGAR	1 oz.
CATSUP or TOMATO PASTE	1/2 oz.
COFFEE GROUND	1/2 oz.
PEPPER	1/200 oz.
<b>CATEGORY 'B'</b>	
FRUIT FRESH	4 ozs. (See Note (b))
VEGETABLES FRESH (includes potatoes)	8 ozs.
<b>CATEGORY 'C'</b>	
OLIVE OIL plus	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLED or	1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLED	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLED or	1 1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLED	3 ozs.
SALT (19 grams per man 5 grams for bread ration)	24 grams. 1/2 litre.
WINE	40 per week.
MATCHES	50 per week. (See appendix 'Z')
<b>CATEGORY 'D'</b>	
CIGARETTES, pieces	
SOAP	

NOTES:

- (a) Equivalents MEAT CANNED/FISH PRESERVED normally issued 15 days per month. (as available).  
 MEAT PRESERVED 3 ozs. -do- 2 days per month.  
 SALMON TINNED 3 ozs. -do- 10 days per month.  
 SARDINES " 2 ozs. -do- 3 days per month.  
 HERRINGS " 4 ozs.
- (b) VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED are not now normally issued. Italian Ministries of Marine, War and Air issue 4 ozs. FRESH VEGETABLES in lieu. 14 ozs peeling allowance is also issued to cover the total issue of FRESH VEGETABLES. **6571**  
 BR-ITI Service Troops are issued with 8 ozs VEGETABLES FRESH (including potatoes) as the equivalent of 1 oz VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED but no peeling allowance is made.

3 ozs.

24 grams.  
1/2 litre.  
40 per week.

50 per week.  
(See appendix 'Z')

- { NUTS UNSHELLED
- { SALT (19 grams per man
- { 5 grams for bread ration)
- { WINE
- { MATCHES
- { CIGARETTES, pieces
- { SOAP

CATEGORY 'C'  
  
CATEGORY 'D'

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Directive No. 3.  
Annexure 'A'  
Appendix 'Z'

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

Ref. No. 19070/S/1

E.M.3800 4 Oct 1945.

To: All Territorial Commands,  
Sardinia Territorial Office.

Info to: MMIA  
All Ministry of War Branches concerned,  
All S.I.R.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 V.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 V.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

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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: 100 grammes, per man, per month.

Directive No. 3.

Annexure 'A'

Appendix 'Z' continued.

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/4 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) PELLIGRA.

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For the Minister,

(signed) FELLICIA.

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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.H.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, BEA, 3 District, and XIII Corps may be concerned. *SA 51*
- (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.H.I.A., who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation.
- (d) Details as to the material by which material is to be taken over by M.H.I.A. will be obtained from the Allied HQ concerned. B.L.V's. will report any difficulty experienced in this connection. The Territorial E.O. 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.L.V'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 Residua (A.R.A.R.). Where it comes to the notice of a B.L.V. 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.H.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.H.I.A. such as *6508* 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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- (g) Should materials of British or other United Nation origin be discovered after control has passed to A.M.I.A. such materials shall at once be set aside and reported to the nearest Allied H.Q. Area, Sub Area, or District, for disposal instructions.



MEMORANDUM

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Subject:- Clothing Policy.

C. 002.

14 January, 1946.To:- A/Q.

1. I am informed by the War Ministry that it is their intention to provide two winter and two summer sets of uniform for the new Italian Army. They estimate this commitment as meaning 200,000 uniforms of each kind in the first year and 100,000 in following years, based on a turnover of 100,000 men.
2. It is their intention that the plain clothes with which the recruit joins shall be parcelled and sent back to his home. He will be discharged in his "working" uniform, and his "best" uniform withdrawn. He will not get any plain clothes allowance or any issue of plain clothes.
3. The annual issue of summer clothing will, so far as possible, follow British procedure, i.e. winter clothing withdrawn and reconditioned, "best" suit being retained by individual; summer uniform withdrawn with re-issue of winter uniform, and reconditioned.

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.

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FROM : NATA

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 4 BLU BOLZANO  
 5 BLU UDINE  
 6 BLU BOLOGNA  
 7 BLU FLORENCE  
 8 BLU ROME  
 9 BLU BARI  
 10 BLU NAPLES  
 11 BLU SICILY

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REF : Q.755

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FORMATION OF TTC'S BY EACH TERR H Q IN TIME FOR FIRST CALL UP NOW HIGH  
 PRIORITY(.) KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON AIM PREPARATIONS INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION,  
 STORES AND EQUIPMENT(.) ASSIST WHERE POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY ANY SERIOUS CHECK

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

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PSD/04/3.

14 Dec 45.

SUBJECT : Transfer of British Equipment to the Italian Army.  
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMA). ✓

Reference Q.002 of 26 Nov 45.

1. It has been agreed that the REME training increments be retained with the Gruppi as a temporary measure, as requested in para 3(a) of the letter under reference.
2. It is regretted that the proposal to attach Ordnance Officers to the three BLU's named in para 3(b) can not be agreed, in view of the acute shortage of Ordnance Officers. It is considered that the WO's I already on the War Establishment of the BLU's are adequate.
3. The authority requested in para 3 (c) for the maintenance of British warlike stores now in possession of the Gruppi to continue was given in our signal C 41261 of 26 Nov and has now been discussed further at the MMA - GHQ conference held at CASERTA on 11 Dec 45.
4. The delay in replying is regretted.

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*A. D. Ward*  
for A.D. WARD,  
Major General,  
Chief of General Staff.

AAH/vj/G(SD).

Copy to : Q(AE) }  
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FROM : ALCOM CMC AGENG

TO : AMB FIDELITY REGION--ING LAGUNA REGION  
AMB LOMBARDIA REGION--AMB VENEZIA REGION  
XAL CORDE--AMB--ALCOM LO PALANED--ALCOM LO BANI  
ALCOM LO ANZOR--ALCOM LO BILCONA--AMB LIVIGNO ZONE  
AMB HAVENS COMBONE

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THE FOLLOWING WILL BE RELEASED TO PRESS WITH EFFECT 0001 HOURS  
EVENING 13 PAPER AROUND 11 HOURS. VERR, CHIEF COORDINATOR OF THE  
ALLIED COMMISSION, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE REMAINING ITALIAN TERRITORY  
IN UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ISLANDS OF LAMPEDUSA,  
LIGNA, AND AFRICERIA BUT INCLUDING VENEZIA GULIA AND THE PROVINCE OF  
TERRA, WILL BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION ABOUT DECEMBER 31 (.)  
THE PROVINCE OF TERRA IS BEING RETAINED UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SOME OF THE MILITARY REASONS AND NOW IN ANY CASE BECAUSE IT IS CONSIDERED  
A DISPUTED AREA (.). ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WILL BE WITHDRAWN  
FROM THE AREA TO BE TRANSFERRED, BUT A SMALL NUMBER OF ALLIED COMMISSION  
LIAISON OFFICERS WILL REMAIN TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION FROM ALLIED TO  
ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION."

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- Air Forces S/C
- Dr. Embassy
- P.O. Dr
- C.A. Sec
- Mo. Sec.
- Establ. Sec.
- U.S. Embassy
- Naval Forces S/C

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498HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref.: 13018/F

1 December 1945

SUBJECT: Transfers of Supplies and Materials from Italy to Venezia Giulia.

TO: All concerned (Distribution list at end of memorandum)

1. The Allied Commission has inquired of AFHQ, G-5 Section for a statement of policy respecting the transfer into Venezia Giulia of imported supplies on which the Italian Government had taken title. In a letter dated 12 September, the Chief Administrative Officer, Civil Affairs Office of AFHQ, notified that no objection would be offered to the transfer of imported items to that part of Venezia Giulia in the area lying west of the Morgan Line. TAM Cable 699 from CCS directs that civilian supplies for Venezia Giulia remain a military responsibility.

2. Imported supplies moved from Italy into Venezia Giulia may be transferred from

(a) Civilian supplies imported into Italy to prevent disease and unrest under combined military responsibility (Category A Supplies);

(b) Civilian supplies imported into Italy by the Italian Government, and charged against the fund set up in the U.S. Treasury representing the lire expenditure of U.S. troops in Italy and other Italian credits (Category B Supplies); and

(c) Civilian supplies imported into Italy under the 100 million dollar supply program of the Foreign Economic Administration (Category C Supplies).

It will be appreciated that Civilian Supplies of Categories B and C may be unloaded in Venezia Giulia so that, in fact, title never passes to the Italian Government.

3. Separate accounting records are required to be maintained at AC Headquarters level for each of the three supply programs, because of the different arrangements under which charges are made against the Italian Government for the value of the goods. It will be necessary that the receiving, warehousing, distributing and accounting records of the agents for the Italian Government: Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero, Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, or Ufficio Centrale Carboni (Ispettorato Generale delle Ferrovie dello Stato, clearly show the particular programs under which supplies are imported into Italy. To accomplish this separate records must be maintained by them for each program, corresponding to the related records in the

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Italian Government representative offices (Embassy, U.S. Treasury representative offices) in Italy and other Italian offices of the Foreign Economic Administration (Category C Supplies).

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Separate accounting records are required to be supply maintained at HQ Headquarters level for each of the three programs, because of the different arrangements for warehousing, charges are made against the Italian Government for the Italian goods. It will be necessary for the agents for the Italian distributing and accounting records of the agents for the Italian Government: Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Carboni (INCC) Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, or Ufficio Centrale Carboni (UCC) Direzione Generale delle Ferrovie dello Stato, clearly show the particular programs under which supplies are imported by them. To accomplish this separate records to be maintained by the Allied Commission, corresponding to the related records, not only for charging the value of supplies against the Italian Government, but also for making allowance for credit for any supplies shipped from Italy to Venezia Giulia.

4. In the case of imported supplies taken on charge by the Italian Government and thereafter shipped from Italy into Venezia Giulia, the cost of the supplies, as the case

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may be, must show on the related shipping documents, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the supply programme under which the goods were furnished by the United Nations.

5. In connection with imported supplies (markings TOG and UK) furnished to Italy under the combined military responsibility, procedure has already been established for goods later transferred from Italy to Venezia Giulia. In such cases the agent of the Italian Government, who had previously acknowledged receipt of the imports on behalf of the Italian Government, has been allowed credit for the quantities transferred to Venezia Giulia. This credit is effected on the basis of a receiving report given by the Port Liaison Officer or other AC representative making the shipment. The document serves to relieve the Italian Government of the charge, and to transfer the same to the account of AMG, Venezia Giulia. No change will be made in this procedure. The combined military supply programme for Italy (as distinguished from Venezia Giulia) was terminated with the August loadings except for some minor exceptions.

6. In connection with imported supplies (markings YT) purchased by Italy in the United States from the Troop Pay Fund and other Italian credits (Category B Supplies), particular attention is invited to the restrictive authorization of the Chief Administrative Officer that such supplies may be transferred "to that part of Venezia Giulia West of the Morgen Line". Thus imported "Category B" supplies transferred from Italy are limited for distribution by the VIII Corps to a defined area. When supplies are previously taken on charge by the Italian Government as imports under "Category B" are transferred to Venezia Giulia, the Sub-Commission effecting the transfer will make all necessary arrangements with IAN, the Federazione or the State Railways, and with the Port Liaison Officer or other AC official handling the shipment. When it is needed, the respective agent of the Italian Government will prepare a transfer voucher in quadruplicate showing the consignee as VIII Corps AMG Venezia Giulia, the commodity, and the quantity. The transfer voucher will state that the shipment is made from U.S. Troop Pay etc. "Category B" Supplies. All copies of the transfer voucher will be issued by IAN, the Federazione or the State Railways and sent retained by the AC officer handling the shipment. The original transfer voucher will be forwarded to the Chief Accountant, Allied Supply Accounting Agency; the duplicate to the Supply Accountant, VIII Corps Venezia Giulia; the triplicate to the Transportation Sub-Commission; and the quadruplicate will be retained by IAN, the Federazione or the State Railways. It is important to note that all vouchers of supplies procured with YT funds will only be made after obtaining concurrence of the Italian Government.

7. In connection with imported supplies (Markings YB) furnished to Italy under FFA 100-million dollar programme (Category C) and thereafter transferred to Venezia Giulia, the same requirements will apply and the same procedure will be followed, except that the transfer voucher will show that the shipment was made from FFA Programme Supplies (Category C).



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7. In connection with imported supplies (Markings YB) furnished to Italy under FIA 150-million dollar program (Category C) and thereafter transferred to Venezia Giulia, the same require- ments will apply and the same procedure will be followed, except that the transfer voucher will show that the shipment was made from WPA Program Supplies (Category C).

a. In the event that any Category B or C supplies are unloaded at Trieste direct from the original vessel, the AMG Supply Officer will sign the out-turn report in six- triplicate, and will forward all copies to War Shipping Administra- tion, Rome. At the same time the AMG Supply Officer will forward a direct report receiving report in quadruplicate. Copies of the report will be distributed as follows: original and duplicate to Chief Accountant, A.S.A.; duplicate to

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Supply Accountant, VIII Corps, triplicate to Transportation Sub-Commission, AC; and the quadruplicate will be retained in his files.

9. The Supply Accountant in Venezia Giulia will maintain separate accounting records, where applicable, for:

- (a) Combined Military Responsibility Supplies (Category A);
- (b) Troop Pay Etc, Supplies (Category B); and
- (c) WFA Programme Supplies (Category C).

Statements of stock movements, schedules of imports, schedules of transfers of supplies received, and schedules of sales of supplies will be rendered separately for each of the three categories. Schedules of sales supporting the statement of stock movements under categories (a), (b) and (c) will show the respective quantities issued and the sales values according to geographical sub-divisions, Gorizia, Trieste, and Pola. Sales in Udine should be recorded separately.

*Harlan Cleveland*  
 HARLAN CLEVELAND,  
 Acting Vice President.

Distribution :

Distribution "A"

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Supply Accountant XIII Corps (3)  
 War Shipping Administration (5)  
 Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero (4)  
 Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari (4)  
 Ufficio Centrale Carboni della Direzione Generale  
 delle Ferrovie dello Stato (4)  
 Ministero del Tesoro (4)

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A. ROME

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File: Q/1/16-GA-1

Subject: Charges for British Clothing and Equipment Issued to  
Combat Divisions.

To : Col. A/Q  
(through AQMG)

1. Attention invited to file Q/1/16-GA, letter Q/1/15-151 of 11 July 45, and shipping tickets therein.

2. Attached hereto vouchers for write-offs for clothing and equipment for Fruili Division with covering letter, 50 BLU, ORD/47 of 31 Oct 45.

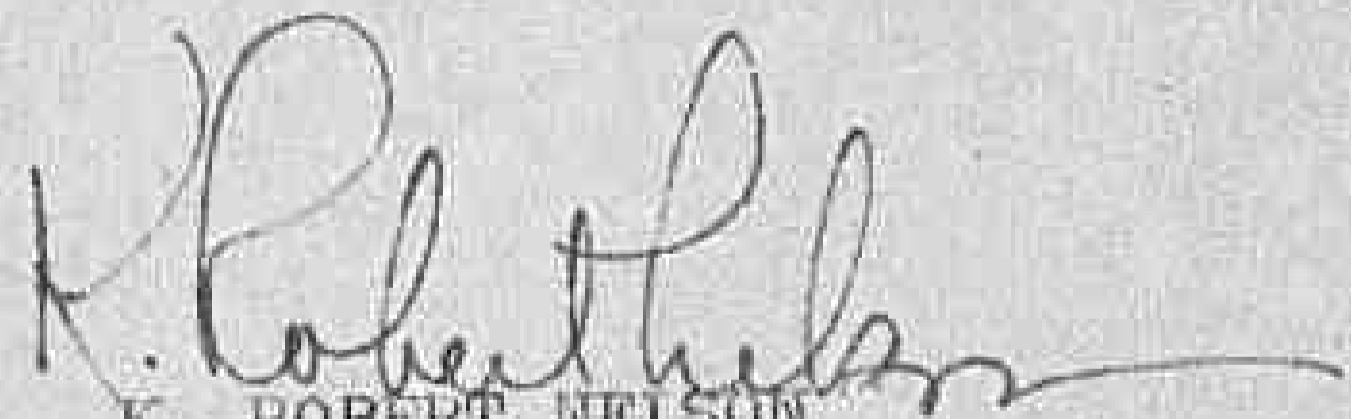
3. Charges for initial issue and monthly maintenance charges of British clothing have been made up to and including July 1945. (See file Q/1/16-GA)

4. Request that you confirm action to be taken by this office to be as follows:

a. maintenance charge for clothing to be raised for months of August, September, October, and 1 - 14 incl. Nov. in accordance with MMIA letter Q/1/15-151 of 11 July 45.

b. no accounting action to be taken on vouchers for Fruili Division for clothing.

c. no accounting action to be taken on vouchers (Fruili Division) for equipment pending final action from GHQ, CMF concerning charges for all types of British equipment issued to Combat Divisions.

  
K. ROBERT NELSON  
Major C.A.C.  
Q/ Accounts

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Joint Forces Sub-Committee A.C.S.,  
R.C.H.R.  
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26 November 1945

TO : SAC, NY (3 copies)

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Reference is made to AFM 40 CR. 713 C (30)-0 dated 2 Nov 45, para. 10.

- 1. Instructions are attached concerning the transfer of sufficient equipment to provide the Italian Government with one year's maintenance for Allied provided equipment in possession on 15 Nov 45.
- 2. Improvements have been made through service channels for the retention of the I.R.I., pending increments to be provided with the I.R.I. The retention of the Ordnance Officer formerly on the strength of the I.R.I. attached each I.R.I. is considered essential until the transfer of the maintenance stores has been completed.

3. Pending a decision as to the assistance which can be given the Italian Government to maintain that part of the Italian Army equipped with British maintenance stores it is recommended that

- (a) I.R.I., pending increments be left with the I.R.I.
- (b) An Ordnance Officer with previous experience on a I.R.I. with the Italian Army be attached to each of the following Italian Units:

No. 1	2nd	2nd
No. 3	2nd	2nd
No. 6	2nd	2nd

- (c) Authority be given for maintenance of British weapons equipment now in possession of the I.R.I. to continue as at present during the host over period or at least until 31 Jan 46.

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Major General,  
Headquarters

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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(c) Authority to given for maintenance of British warlike equipment may in possession of the United States during an absence during the term over period or at least until 31 Jan 45.

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Major General,  
M.I.I.

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6 BRIT ARMD DIV - 14/20 B - 2 LEFTIANS - MELA - 1 MJU - 2 BIA  
3 HLI - 4 HIG - 6 PEN - AFHQ FOR CEF - HQ ETA - DISSENER -  
MURPHYVES - NOV MILAN - NOV BOLAGHA - ANG FIZONORTE - ANG LIGURIA  
- ANG LOMBARDY - ANG VAREZIA - ANG BELLINO MOVINGS - ALCOM -  
REAR HQ 13 CORPS

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PLST (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHQ CEF SIGNAL FX 54090 OF 22 NOV 13 CORPS  
ASSUMED CONTROL WAF 07 NOV OF THE PROVINCE OF BELLUNO INCLUDING  
CORRELATES SET DOWN IN PARA SECOND (.) SUCESO (.) DISYVO REMAIN  
RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ENGR AND CND OPERATIONS AS PLANNED TO 07 NOV (.)  
GUARDING AND DISPOSAL OF ALL ORS DUMPS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF BELLUNO  
REMAINS RESPONSIBILITY OF DISTVO (.) THIRD (.) FOLLOWING UNITS  
PARSONO COMD 13 CORPS FOR ALL PURCHASES (.) AT CORTINA (.) M  
VINT MAJOR (2ND CLASS) 86 PAC (TYPE B) 151 HOSPITAL (.) FOLLOWING UNITS  
REMAIN OF COMD CEF: PASS TO COMD 13 CORPS FOR ADM (.) AT CORTINA (.)  
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Subject: CESANO - Roads.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.  
(M.E.I.A.)  
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MINISTRY OF WAR.

23 Nov 45.

1. Reference is made to the proposed road constructions and repairs in CESANO.

2. With effect from the 15 Nov, the Italian authorities assumed full responsibility for all road repairs in ITALY. A copy of A.E.M.Q. letter 6320/3/Q(Maint) dated 19 Oct which refers is attached. From this it will be seen that the Military bitumen allocated for road maintenance up to the 31 Dec 45 is available on demand to the Genio Civile. After the 31 Dec provision of bitumen is a civil responsibility, and stocks in British Army depots are only adequate for current British commitments.

3. Consequently action to improve roads in CESANO and to construct parade grounds etc now has to be taken by you in conjunction with the Italian authorities concerned.

*att*  
C.B. KING, Major,  
for Major General,  
M.E.I.A.

Copy to: - G (Trg)  
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SUBJECT:-- Termination of Military Responsibility 6320/3/Q(Maint)  
FOR Highway Maintenance.

TEL: FREEDOM 290

19 Oct 45

TO :- HQ Allied Commission

1. You are notified that with effect from the 15th Nov, the British Military Authorities can no longer take any responsibility for either supervising or assisting with the maintenance of roads in Italian Govt territory.

2. In consequence, on the 15th Nov, the following action will be taken by British Military Comds concerned:

- (a) British RE teams at present supervising road maintenance will be withdrawn.
- (b) WD vehicles at present on loan to the Italian Civil authorities for road maintenance, will remain on loan to the appropriate civil authority, but the RASC maintenance teams will be withdrawn.
- (c) WD engineer plant at present on loan to contractors, etc, engaged on road maintenance, will be withdrawn. In any case where alternative civil plant is not immediately available, the local CRE will be authorised to extend the loan up to 31 Dec 45.
- (d) Bitumen held as Military stocks and allocated for road maintenance up to 31 Dec, will be released to the Genio Civile monthly on demand. After the 31st Dec, no bitumen will be available from Military sources.

3. It is requested that you notify the Italian Govt of the above arrangements. In addition, it is requested that you inform them that the roads listed in AFHQ letter AG 611/631 A(Maint)-0 dated 25 July 45 Appendix "A" are of MILITARY importance and must be maintained in an efficient state of repair. These roads include the majority of main trunk roads and are therefore possibly of even greater importance to the civil economy.

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4. In addition to roads listed in above quoted letter, the HQ of Districts and Areas will, from time to time, indicate to the local Genio Civile, certain other roads which are of local Military importance, requiring a high priority for maintenance. It is requested that the Italian Govt be asked to insure the necessary instructions to ensure that the Genio Civile take appropriate action on receipt of these requests. In addition the instructions to the Genio Civile should cover the question of ensuring the local Military with advance information of any intention to close any road.

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Distribution as over.

M.C.B. SHARP, Brigadier,  
for Major General,  
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THIRD. REQUEST YOU AMEND DRAFT ADM INSTR ACCORDINGLY.

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*Am Rep. copy to - G(SA).*

SUBJECT:-- Handover of Italian Army to Italian Government

CHQ CME

1170/Q(Maint)

30 Oct 45

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1. (a) Subsequent to the meeting on 25 Oct, Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) have further considered the question of the provision of rations for Br-Iti Army Service Units and recommend:-

(i) that the provision of the Italian portion of the ration and its issue direct to Br-Iti Army Service Units should be the sole responsibility of the Italian Authorities. ✓

(ii) that the provision of the British procured portion of the ration should be the responsibility of the British as agreed at the meeting. ✓

(b) The above procedure will be in line with U.S. arrangements for US-Iti Service Units. ✓

The arrangement is acceptable to the British and it is recommended that it be adopted and that the draft instruction be amended as in para 2 below. ✓

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Delete third sentence and substitute:-

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M.C.E. Sharp

M.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier,  
Brigadier Q (Paint).

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