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Jan. - Aug. 1947

Subject: Clothing - Italian Army

No 5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele: Udine 1657
Ref: AQ/55/13

RECEIVED 21 SEP 1947
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29th August 1947

To: LFFB
A.F.H.Q.
ROME

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Further to my AQ/55/11 dated 5th August 1947.

1. Deficiencies in respect of the FOLCORE Div. are now to hand and are appended for your information:-

Woollen vests	8,000
" gloves	10,000
Cotton vests	8,000
Boots M/C DR.....	350
Breeches M/C DR.....	350

Battle dresses, complete	5,000
Greatcoats.....	3,500
Drawers, woollen	6,500
Shirts, woollen.....	7,000
Socks, woollen.....	18,000
Anklets, web.....	5,000
Overalls.....	1,000
Denim suits, complete.....	1,000
Waist Belts 1937.....	1,500
Towels, hand	10,000

2. These deficiencies represent a Div. of 10,700 men which is now at 80% strength, and are not considered excessive.

IHF/GS

Capt.
for Lt.Col.
CS

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REME 'Q' BUCK SLIP

FILE No ME/43/11/LF

DATE	SECTION OF SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
	FROM	TO	
16.8.47.	REME	'Q'	Herewith for information minutes of meeting held at the HQ 6 Territorial Command on 13 Aug. '47.
	Copy to:	'Q'	For information.

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

To See	
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Rec. 19. 8.47.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 6 TERRITORIAL COMMAND
13 AUG 47

1. In Attendance

Lt.-Col	CANGINI	Vice Chief of Staff, 6 COMBAT
Lt.-Col	MOLAN, MBE	AFHQ, ILFB
Maj	FERRE	6 BLJ
Maj	WRITNER	6 BLJ
Capt	MORTNEY	6 BLJ

2. Proposal

The difficulties regarding the maintenance of a detachment of 12 BLJ at BOLOGNA, an disbandment of 6 BLJ, were explained by Lt.-Col MOLAN, and certain proposals were made whereby it would be possible to maintain such a Detachment with the aid of 6 COMBAT. Lt.-Col CANGINI was unable to give immediate acceptance to the proposals, but promised to investigate the matter thoroughly and give all assistance in his power. He promised a firm decision after discussing the matter with the concerned Superior Authorities. Proposals made and suggestions regarding future maintenance are briefly outlined in ensuing paragraphs.

3. E.E. (12 BLJ Detachment)

(a) <u>Personnel</u>	Officers..... 2
	GRs 5 (maximum)

(b) Vehicles

Light Cars	 2
15 cwt GS	 1

4. Civilians Required Surplus to E.E. (To be supplied by 6 COMBAT)

Cooks	 1 (Officers' Mess)
Waiter General	 1 " "
Washwoman	 1 (GRs)
Drivers	 3
Clerks (English speaking)	2
	Total 8

5. Accommodation

It was pointed out that all existing accommodation was held under British requisition and would have to be returned on disbandment of 6 B LJ. The following request was therefore made.

- (a) Officers. A small villa or apartment. It was considered that the existing Officers' Mess was too large and unsymmetrical, particularly during the winter months when heating was impossible without very large expense. Other ranks to be provided with suitable accommodation for sleeping and eating from available Italian Army Barracks. Food to be cooked by I.A. cooks, but all meals to be served separately owing to different composition of rations.
- (b) Other ranks.

No difficulties were envisaged with regard to furniture as availabilities would be made from that at present on charge to 6 BLJ. It was pointed out that should alternative accommodation have to be found for GRs, the civilian staff would have to be increased by at least two, in order for efficient administration.

Cooks	1	(Officers' Mess)	
Walter General ...	1	"	"
Washermen	1	(GRs)	
Drivers	3		
Clarks (English speaking)	2		
			Total 8

5. Accommodation

It was pointed out that all existing accommodation was held under British repatriation and would have to be returned on disbandment of 6 B LU. The following request was therefore made.

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6. Rations

As at present, i.e., Dry ration from British sources, fresh ration on repayment from It. Army sources. Dry rations to be drawn from 12 BLU, ROME.

7. POL

Subject to confirmation by AFHQ, IAFB, as at present from GIP (petrol only). Lubricants against monthly indent from 12 BLU ROME.

8. PAY

Imprest Account to be operated as at present, subject to agreement by Command Paymaster. Title of Imprest Holder to be redesignated "OC Detachment 12 BLU".

9. General

Clothing, disinfectants, soap, etc, monthly from 12 BLU ROME.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Force Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 415

0/003/17
16 Aug 47

Ministry of Defence - Army

Subject :- Standardisation of Italian Weapons

Further to this HQ letter 0/003/17 dated 19 June 1947.

1. It is understood the following weapons have been collected as surplus to present needs of the Italian Army, following substitution by British weapons:

	Collected for Disposal	Originally Issued
Thompson, SMG	11,700	34,200
" " Magazines 20 rds	500	-
" " " 40 rds	144,500	-
Mortar, 2"	10	900
" " 3"	330	650
Vickers, M.G.	40	-
Sten, S.M.G.	160	-
Pistol, .38	40	3,250

2. On G.H.Q. instructions you are requested to dispose of these as follows:-

(a)

Mortars 2"	Infantry Type Mk II Mk VII Mk VIII
	Carrier Type Mk II Mk VII
Mortars 3"	Mk IV & V only
Vickers MG	Mk I
Carbines Sten	Mk II Mk III Mk V also all magazines Sten and Sten loaders,
Pistols .38	Webley No 2 & No 4. Smith & Weston.

All serviceable weapons as above will be consigned to reach "X" Ord Store & Port Disposal Unit as far as not later than 30 September 1947.

Mortar, 2"
" 3"

680

Vickers, H.G.

-

40

Sten, S.M.G.

-

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Pistol, .38

3,250

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2. On G.M.Q. instructions you are requested to dispose of these as follows:-

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Mortars 2" Infantry Type Mk II Mk VII Mk VIII
Carrier Type Mk II Mk VII

Mortars 3" Mk IV & V only

Vickers MG Mk I

Carbines Sten Mk II Mk III Mk V also all magazines Sten
and Sten loaders,

Pistols .38 Webley No 2 & No 4. Smith & Weston.

(b) All serviceable weapons as above will be consigned to
reach "X" Ord Stores & Expt Disposals Unit MCMVZ not
later than 30 September 1947.

(c) Thompson SM together with magazines 20 rd 40 rd are
not required and should be demilitarized.

3. Request urgently information as to number of weapons returned
and date of despatch to MESTUS.

Internal: ORDINANCE (for action with ORD CHQ on para 3)

RAC/Tw

8/9/47
Major General
Director.

15 AUG 1947

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Tel : MESTRE 27060

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

9030/Q1

12 Aug 47

SUBJECT : Disposal -
British Weapons

TO : ILFB (Formerly MEMA)
AFHQ

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Further to this HQ letter 9030/Q1 dated 8 Aug 47.

1. In view of the shipping position and to enable these weapons to be cleared before evacuation of theatre, a time limit must be imposed for their return to 'X' Ord Stores and Egpt Disposals Unit.

2. To allow as much time as possible for collection and despatch, it is requested you ensure that all weapons required for recapture are handed over before 30 Sep 47.

R. James
 (R.JAMES) Captain,
 for Maj-Gen.
 GOC-CMF.

RJ/BC

Copy to:- Ord

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Group

Tel : 475-21
Ext : 555

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12 AUG 47

~~CHQ (30/23)~~SUBJECT : Appointments - OfficersT/Maj. F.B. WILSON (130212) RAQ 535/7

1. Reference telephone conversation Maj DUNN/Lt. Col. GILSON, reference the proposed disbandment of 6 BLU (SILVER) and the request that the services of the above mentioned officer be retained.

2. In the event of the disbandment of 6 BLU taking place, it is requested that the officer be cross-posted to this HQ to fill an existing vacancy as SMO II vice Major A.B. SPENCE (95111) who was SMO this unit on posting to HQ (PITON) wof 11 March 47.

To See	
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John St
Major General,
Director.

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6 BLU

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SUBJECT: Disposal - British Weapons

REF: MESTRE 27060

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

9030/31

8 Aug 47

RECEIVED 14 AUG 1947
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TO: Italian Land Forces Branch (Formerly MMIA)
AFHQ

Ref your letter Q 003/LF dated 9 Jul 47.

1. The following weapons should be re-captured and consigned
to X Ord Stores & Equip Disposals Unit :

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and Sten loaders.

Pistols 38 Webley No.2 and No.4
Smith and Wesson

2. Thompson SMG together with magazines 20 rd or 40 rd are not
required for re-capture and should be de-militarised.

3. In order that bids for shipping space can be made, please
forward direct to Ord this GM the approx numbers of a/m weapons which
will be available and date of despatch to X Ord Stores.

RJ/LK

(R. JAMES) Captain,
for Maj-Gen,
GOC CMF.

Copy to: Ord

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MADA)

Tel: DUPEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/LF

13 Aug 47

see
14/8/47
per

5 B.L.U.

SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Army

Reference year AQ 55/11 dated 5 Aug 47.

1. The situation has been discussed with Defence Ministry (Army) Commissariato. Action is being taken to remedy deficiencies and priority will continue to be given to Folgore and Mantova Divisions.

2. The following extract is taken from the a/cle attached at Appx 'A' to this HQ letter Q.003/LF of 24 July 47.
As regards Boots the Defence Ministry reaffirms that the policy is to issue 1 yr boots per soldier with a Unit reserve of 50%. In the case of Folgore and Mantova and the Alpini Regt located in the Veneto a special issue of 2 yrs per man has been approved:

Winter clothing

Vests wool	2
Drawers wool	2 +
Shirts wool	1 +
Socks woollen	2
Blouse ID	1
Trousers ID prs	1
Cardigan	1
Gloves woollen prs	1
Great coat	1

Summer clothing

Vests cotton	2
Drawers cotton	2
Shirts KD	3
Shorts KD	1
Trousers ID	1
Socks cotton prs	3

Note: + For issue so far as present stocks permit.

3. With reference to main deficiencies noted by you the position is as follows:

(a) Boots

Stocks adequate. Released on or about 1 Aug 47:-

from Milan	16,000 prs (ex Austria)
Florence	14,000 prs (Italian pattern for Alpini)

(b) Shirts

issue of 2 prs per man has been approved:

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(b) Shirts

Cotton In production on civil contract. Stocks adequate.
Wool All available (Allied surplus stocks) being collected at Udine. Div. stocks not known and demands may exceed supply. Future provision doubtful as Army Budget insufficient.

(c) Socks

Cotton In production. Agreed present position unsatisfactory, but stocks now adequate to meet demands.
Woolen Adequate stocks (Allied surplus) held in depots for troops North of Florence.

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(d) Denims

In production. Issue approved on stocks permit.

(e) Waterproof Coats

10,000 waterproofs recently obtained on Austria.
Issue dependent on stocks obtained from Allied surplus.
No provision as Army budget insufficient.

(f) Web equipment

(1) Haversacks, pouches, etc the responsibility of the Artillery Directorate. Considerable quantities released from Austria except belts waist.

(14) Antiets web are a "Commissariat" item and provision is being made. Issue approved to save wear to trousers.

(g) PT Shoes

Issues dependent on Allied surplus stocks. No provision being made.

(h) Small kit

In production. Stocks adequate to meet demands.

4. It is most unlikely that the Divisional Commanders recommendations for an increase in scale will be approved as Army budget inadequate and likely to remain so.

5. The foregoing information is passed to you for comment if necessary to visiting Allied officers. Special attention will continue to be paid by you to the clothing situation and any relevant facts will be included in your periodical report.

RAC/JM

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1. Major General,
Director.

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L. Major General,
Director.

Major-General E.M. GULBURN, DSO,
Director, Italian Land Forces Branch,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

29 July, 1947

BO/1

My Dear

General

With reference to my letter DO/2 dated 26th June, and to your letters 1/3432/Serv of 6 July and No. 1/3977/Serv of 27 July.

I am sorry to say that the GOC, CMF, will not agree to leaving any personnel at BOLIGNA to help you with the Tank Repair organization after the ratification of the Peace Treaty during the 90 day withdrawal period.

The GOC is most sympathetic as regards your difficulties with the tanks.

Unfortunately there is a grave shortage of skilled technical officers of the R.E.M.E. Corps and in view of demands for such personnel elsewhere, he does not feel justified in asking for them to be retained for this purpose.

He also plans to complete the evacuation of British troops in this country within 60 days from the date of ratification of the Treaty so that the time available after "X" Day would necessarily be very short.

He feels, and I have stressed this point to you, that such personnel could well be asked for by you as part of a Post Treaty Mission to your Army.

Meanwhile, in view of the current uncertainty as regards "X" Day, and of the possibility that it may be some time distant, he has instructed me to render you every assistance in regard to these tanks and to make as much progress as possible in this task under the present arrangements.

I shall be glad to know if there is anything further we can do to help you in this matter.

Yours

Sincerely

E.M. Gulburn

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Yours Sincerely

J. H. G. H. H. H.

Il Sig. Generale E. MARELLI,
Capo di Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito
Ministero della Difesa

TRANSLATION

From: M.of D.
To : Gen. GOULBURN - I.L.F.B.

Ref: 1/3979/Serv
Date: 27 July 1947

Subject: British personnel for the Armoured Vehicles and Arty Park.

Further to letter 1/3432/Serv. of 6th inst.

Dear General,

I beg you to examine the opportunity of including Capt. Reginald NORTHY, R.E.M.E., - besides Major H.G. WRITER - in the personnel to be assigned to the Armoured Vehicles and Arty Park of Bologna.

The officer in question, owing to his experience on this ground, and having been the director of a heavy w/shop, would be of a great value for the organisation of the Park itself.

I thank you very much and beg you to accept my very best regards.

sgd. MARRAS
Gen.

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FROM 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 261230E

TO I L F B A F W Q (FORMERLY M M I A) ROME

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AQ53/7 (.) UNCLASS (.) REF YOUR SIGNAL 0162 DATED 23 JUL (.) REPLY
SENT UNDER COVER AQ56/6 OF 16 JUL 47 (.) TWO DIVISION S LARGELY
DEFICIENT IN KD AND BOOTS (.) DEMANDS CANNOT BE MET BY 5 COMILITER
DUE TO NON ARRIVAL OF THESE STORES EX BTA (.) POSITION IMPROVING (.)
QM GENERAL INFORMED ON RECENT VISIT (.) FURTHER COPY OF THIS HQ LETTER
FOLLOWS (.)

BT 261230E

RPTN TWO DIS// DIVISIONS LARGELY MET BY 5 COMILITER

SENT NR 3 1235 J.S. (AR) KKK

RD AT 1235 BY JFY (AR) K CHOW

RECEIVED 28 JUL 1947
54 (date)

Copy to: ORD

Rea. 28-7-47

A Q 003/47

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MIA)

Tel: DUPLEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/LF

24 Jul 47

O.C. 5 MUI

SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Army

1. Your AQ/55/6 dated 16 July 47 received in reply to this HQ Q. 003/LF dated 7 July 47 which called for an urgent report for the information of the GOC.

The reply is so ambiguous as to be of little or no value; nor, as it was signed by your Staff Captain, does it appear to have been seen by you before despatch.

2. It is evident that these divisions are not yet in good shape as regards clothing. The Ministry of Defence have given an assurance they will receive priority and that their outstanding demands have been met.

What we want to know is:

- (a) Are the troops equipped to scale (See Appendix "A" attached).
- (b) Are you satisfied energetic action is being taken by Div staff to make good deficiencies and to benefit by the priority they are stated to enjoy.
- (c) Is provision being made for winter requirements.

3. The difficulties in the way of ascertaining this information without direct interference are appreciated, but you are on the spot and your report is needed to check Defence Ministry statement which often only reflect book keeping and ledger statistics.

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RAC/jw

RAC

Colonel A/C.

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SUBJECT:- Clothing - Italian Army.

CONFIDENTIAL.

5 British Liaison Unit.

Tel: UDINE 1657

AQ/55/6

16 Jul 47

I.L.F.B. AFHQ. ✓

RECEIVED 23 JUL 1947

Reference your Q.003/LF dated 7 July 47 and further to my signal AQ.53/4 of 14 July 47.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the reply received from Italian Territorial Command in response to our request for information.
2. This reply is somewhat ambiguous, but from the general gist of the letter it would appear that all necessary action has been or is being taken.

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Capt,
for: Lt-Col,
GS.

Copy to: 5 Terr Command.

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TRANSLATION.5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - UDINE
Service Office.

File N°. 9378/4/2

Udine 14 Jul 47.

SUBJECT :- Italian Army - Clothing stuff.

TO :- 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

The dependant divisions have really come in this zone with large deficiencies in respect of summer-clothings and boots.

This Command has made it possible to restore said deficiencies.

Particular difficulties have been found in respect to summer-clothing stuff. In fact a large lot of said clothing stuff had to come from Austria but it did not arrive.

At the present moment the situation is improving.

The necessities have been notified to Capo Uffici Servizi of the Army Staff during his visit in this zone.

CWG/pdd

By Order,
A. ICARDI, Col.
Chief of Staff.

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L.L.F.B. (APPRO)

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REF YOUR SIGNAL AQ 55/A OF 14 JULY (.) YOUR REPORT
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LA COL CURTIS, R.A.



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TRANSLATION

From: M. of D.
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 10979/VO
Date: 12 July 1947

Subject: Clothing and equipment - Individual scale.

Further to the information requested from the Liaison Officer of this General Directorate, we forward a list of items which form the individual scale of clothing and equipment for the soldier.

No difficulty exists for the issue of winter clothing to units.

sgd. PELLIGRA
Gen.

MG/EG

'Q' DISTRIBUTION: 2.003/LF
ORD.

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I.R. 003/4

INDIVIDUAL ~~SCALE~~ OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- Towels	2	- Woollen gloves	1 pair
- B.D. cap	1	- water capes	1
- K.D. cap	1	- boot strings <i>laces</i>	2
- water bottle with cup	1	- woollen vests	2
- holdall	1	- badges	2
- housewife	1	- K.D. drawers (short)	2
X - socks	3 pairs	- field dressing	1
- hose	1 2	- B.D. trousers	1
X - K.D. shorts	1	X - K.D. trousers	1
X - K.D. shirts	3	X - shaving brush	1
X - K.D. vest	2	- comb	1
X - great-coat	1	- identification discs	1
- web-anklets	1	X - pullover	1
- leather belt	1	- safety razor, blades and soap	1
- denhams for the training	1	- P.T. shoes	1 pair
- ground sheet	1	- food canisters	1
- special cap	1		
- cotton tie	1	- brush for clothes	1
- spoon	1	- brush for shoes	1
- stripes	2	- tooth brush	1
- specialisation badges	2	- metal stars	3 pairs
- divisional badges	2	- boots	2 "
- helmet	1	- bivouac	1
- handkerchiefs	3	- haver-sack	1
- fork	1	- small pack	1
- cap badges	2	- mess-tin	1
X - B.D. blouse	1	- Jack knife	1
- K.D. blouse	1		

B.D.

✓ Socks wool 2

✓ Great coat 1

✓ Blouse 1

✓ Gloves wool 1

✓ Vests wool 2

✓ Trousers 1

✓ Cardigan 1

✓ Shorts wool 2 - (a)

drawers wool 2 - (a)

K.D.

Shorts 1

Trousers 1

Shirts 3

Socks cotton 3

Vests 2

Drawers cotton 2

⓪ As present stocks do not permit more

ⓐ Sapp issue for Sweden in North

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Roma 12 LUG 1944

Ministero della Difesa-Esercito

Al L.I.L.F.B.

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI
COMM/TO AMM/VI

ROMA

Divisione V.E.C.C. L. 17
Det. A. 10979/VC AllegatiRipresenta al f. del
Dir. L. A.OGGETTO: Serie vestiario equipaggiamento indivi-
duale.

A seguito delle notizie richieste, via
breve, all'ufficiale di collegamento di que-
sta Direzione Generale, si trasmette un elen-
co dei materiali che costituiscono la serie
individuale vestiario-equipaggiamento del
soldato.

Si soggiunge che non sono previste difficol-
tà per la vestizione invernale dei reparti.-

TRANSMISSION

P. IL MINISTRO

1200

IN data 23/7

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1600

24/7

SERIE DI VESTIARIO-EQUIPAGGIAMENTO INDIVIDUALE

- asciugatoi	n° 2	- Guanti di lana	p. 1
- berretto di panno	" 1	- impermeabile	n. 1
- berretto di tela	" 1	- laccioli per scarpe	" 2
- borraccia con tazza	" 1	- maglie invernali	" 2
- borsa per pulizia	" 1	- mostrine	" 2
- borsa per cucire	" 1	- mutande corte di tela	n. 2
- calze	p. 3	- pacchetto di medicaz.	n. 1
- calzettoni	" 1	- pantaloni lunghi di panno	n. 1
- calzoncini corti di tela	n. 1	- pantaloni lunghi di tela	" 1
- camicie di tela	" 3	- pennello da barba	" 1
- canottiere estive	" 2	- pettine	" 1
- cappotto	" 1	- piastrini di ricognosc.	" 2
- cavigliere	p. 1	- pullover di lana	" 1
- cinghia per pantaloni	n. 1	- rasoio di sicurezza con lamette e sapone	" 1
- coltello a serramanico	" 1		
- combinazione di tela per addestramento (tuta)	" 1	- scarpe da ginnastica	" 1
- coperta da campo	" 1	- scatola per viveri di riserva	" 1
- copricapo speciale	" 1		
- cravatta di tela	" 1	- spazzola per panni	" 1
- cucchiaino di alluminio	" 1	- spazzola per scarpe	" 1
- distintivi di grado	" 2	- spazzolini da denti	" 1
- distintivi di specializzazione	" 2	- stellette metalliche	p. 3
- distintivi divisionali	" 2	- stivoletti	" 2
- elmetto	" 1	- telo da tenda	" 1
- fazzoletti	" 3	- zaino	" 1
- forchetta	" 1	- zainetto	" 1
- fregi per berretto	" 2		
- gavetta	" 1		

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- elmetto	" 3	- zainetto	" 1
- fazzoletti	" 1		
- forchetta	" 2		
- fregi per berretto	" 1		
- garetta	" 1		
- giubbotto di panno	" 1		
- giubbotto di tela	" 1		

RETURN OF CLOTHING FOR THE WINTER ISSUE TO ARMY.

- B.D. Khaki uniforms already made 21.800 approx
- B.D. khaki uniforms being manufactured " 73.000 "
- B.D. caps (which are exclusively made with pieces of recovered items in order to save cloth; it is thought that the strict requirements will be met without using the new cloth)

- New and recovered khaki great-coats 10.800 "

- Various great-coats recovered 51.000 "

REMARKS : a) - It is thought that the requirements of B.D. uniforms and great-coats will be met using the cloth bought, as per return.

b) - For the 2nd uniform (fatigue) the following items are available :

- B.D. blouses, various types 125.000
- B.D. trousers " " 64.000

REMARKS : The quantity of trousers is sufficient and we deem to be unable to face the situation even with those to be withdrawn from soldiers due to be released in August next;

- woollen drawers (the availabilities at hand meet the requirements of the troops located North of Florence (included))

- cotton drawers, short : being purchased 3.000 approx
- cotton socks : 276.000 have been purchased, which will be delivered in July-November.

- woollen vests : a) the quantity on hand permits the distribution of 2 woollen vests only to the soldiers of the "Folgore" and "Mantova" Divisions located in the Veneto;

b) the purchasing of woollen vests, and similar items, has been planned but we are not sure of covering the whole requirements.

- Khaki cotton shirts : the issue of 2 shirts per soldier is assured, including that for the batch of recruits who will join the army in September next.

REMARKS : Appreciable stocks of shirts will not be left in the stores, as the 88.000 shirts foreseen to be released from Austria, have not arrived.

- Boots : a) - the issue of one pair per soldier (including the batch of recruits who will join the Army) is assured; a 50% scale of issue to the units is granted as well.

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REMARKS : A very small stock will be left in the stores after the issue laid down, as owing to the shortage of leather, its supply is very difficult.

Web-anklets : not any available. The possibility of supplying the Army with similar items is under examination.

Towels : 270.000 being manufactured.

Supplying factories of cloth to be delivered
in August-November

Metres

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Industry of Prato area

Wool factory	Corrado Querci	30.000
"	" Sestilio Biagioli	30.000
"	" F.lli Lucchesi	70.000
"	" F. di Giuseppe Querci	40.000
"	" Nieri	10.000
"	" Casarsa	30.000
"	" Chiostri Guido Mario	40.000
"	" F.lli Querci	10.000
"	" Adriano Pecci	70.000
"	" Industrie Tessili Pratese	30.000
"	" SBraci Vasco	100.000
"	" Pontefelcino	10.000
"	" Biagioli Graziani	15.000
Total		485.000

Industry of Biella area

Wool factory	Gallo Vittorio	40.000
"	" Giletti	20.000
"	" Cartotti	10.000
"	" Botto Giuseppe	10.000
"	" F.lli Bozzalla	40.000
Total		120.000
General total		605.000

Cloth bought last year, which should be delivered
in July-August 1947.

Wool Factory	Rivetti	76.500
"	" Bozzalla & Lesna	29.500
"	" Gallo Vittorio	39.500
"	" F.lli Bozzalla	39.500
"	" Botto Albino	33.500
"	" Botto Giuseppe	16.500
"	" F.lli Garlanda	16.500
"	" Simone Giuseppe	15.500
"	" Cartotti	23.500
"	" Di Somma	18.500
"	" Reda Gregorio	11.500
"	" Giletti	23.500
Industria Tessile Pratese		50.000
Wool Factory, Lattarulo		10.000

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Total 120.000
General total 665.000

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"	Cartotti	23.500
"	Di Somma	18.500
"	Beda Gregorio	11.500
"	Giletti	23.500
Industrie Tessile Pratese		50.000
Wool Factory	Lattarulo	10.000
"	Rossi	5.000
"	Di Lodi	30.000
"	Bozzalla & Lesna	16.000
	Total	455.000

General total 1.060.000
30.000

ALREADY MADE UNIFORMS : VE DE ME FIRM

CONSISTENZE MATERIALI PER VESTIZIONE I N V E R N A L I E E S E R C I T O

- Divise panno kaki nuove pronte n. 21.800 circa
- " " " in corso allestimento " 73.800 "
- Ferretti panno: per risparmio di stoffa, vengono costruiti esclusivamente con pezzame di recupero, tuttavia si ritiene di coprire lo stretto fabbisogno senza attingere al panno nuovo.
- Cappotti kaki nuovi e di recupero " 10.800 "
- Cappotti vari di recupero " 51.000 "

NOTA: a) Si conta di completare il fabbisogno divise e cappotti col panno acquistato come da specchio a parte;

b) Per la 2^a uniforme (da fatica), si dispone dei seguenti materiali:

- Giubbe varie di panno n. 125.000
- Pantaloni " " " 64.000

NOTA: Il quantitativo di pantaloni è insufficiente e non si è sicuri di potere colmare la deficienza con quelli da recuperare dai militari che verranno congedati nel mese di agosto;

- Mutande di lana (le disponibilità assicurano il fabbisogno delle truppe di-
(siccate al Nord di Firenze
(inclusa)
- Calze di lana
- Mutande corte di tela: in corso di acquisto circa 300.000
- Calze di cotone: ne sono state acquistate 276.000 per consegne impartite tra luglio e novembre
- Maglie di lana a carne:

a) il quantitativo esistente permetterà la distribuzione di due maglie soltanto alle due Divisioni "Folgore" e "Mantova" dislocate nel Veneto;

b) E' in programma l'acquisto di maglie, anche similari, ma non si è certi di coprire l'intero fabbisogno.

- Camicie kaki di cotone: è assicurata la dotazione di 2 camicie per militare, compreso il contingente di reclute che affluirà nel settembre prossimo.

concedati nel mese di agosto;

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il fabbisogno delle truppe di-
staccate al Nord di Firenze
(inclusa)
- Mutande corte di tela: in corso di acquisto circa 300.000
- Calze di cotone: ne sono state acquistate 275.000 per consegne
impartite tra luglio e novembre
- Maglie di lana a carne:
 - a) il quantitativo esistente permetterà la distribuzione di
due maglie soltanto alle due Divisioni "Folgore" e "Mantova"
distaccate nel Veneto;
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NOTA: Nei magazzini non rimarranno scorte apprezzabili non essendo al-
venuto l'arrivo dall'Austria delle 80.000 camicie delle quali
era stata preannunciata la cessione.

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Calzature: a) è assicurata la distribuzione di 1 paio di scarpe per ogni militare compreso il contingente di reclute che affluirà, inoltre una dotazione di reparti del 50%;

b) Le Divisioni "Folgore" e "Mantova" ed il Reggimento Alpini dislocati nel Veneto hanno in dotazione 2 paia di scarpe per ciascun militare.

NOTA: Dopo la distribuzione previste rimarranno nei magazzini aliquote di modestissime entità, perché per l'attuale situazione nel settore dei cuotanti ne è molto difficile l'approvvigionamento.

Cavigliere: non se ne ha alcuna disponibilità. La gara per l'acquisto è andata deserta. Si sta esaminando la possibilità di provvista di materiale similare.

Asciugatoi da truppa: in corso di allestimento 270.000.

Ditte fornitrici hanno acquistato
in magazzino per consegna da agosto
a novembre

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Industrie del Pratese

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<u>Totale Industrie Pratese</u>	<u>485.000</u>

Industrie del Biellese

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" Giletti	20.000
" Cartotti	10.000
" Botto Giuseppe	10.000
" P.lli Bozzalla	40.000
<u>Totale Industrie Biellese</u>	<u>120.000</u>
<u>TOTALE GENERALE</u>	<u>605.000</u>

Hanno acquistato lo scorso anno che
dovrebbe essere consegnato nei mesi
di luglio-agosto c.a.

Lanificio Rivetti

" Bozzalla & Lesna	76.500
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Industrie Tessile Pratese

Lanificio Lattarulo	23.500
" Rosset	50.000
" Di Lodi	10.000
" Bozzalla & Lesna	5.000
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	16.000
	<u>455.000</u>

Totale Industrie BIELLESE
TOTALE GENERALE

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di luglio-agosto e.s.

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Industrie Tessile Pratese
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TOTALE GENERALE PANNO

DIVISE CONFEZIONATE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MLI)

Tel: INFLEX
Ext: 415

Q.003/1P

9 Jul 47

CHQ., GIP

Subject: Disposal - British weapons

1. The Ministry of National Defence have been requested to report the number and type of British weapons held by them and now surplus on conversion to Italian weapons.

2. The following are known to be held ready for despatch but their condition is unknown:

	Collected for Disposal	Originally Issued
Thompson, S.M.G.	11,700	34,200
" " Magazine 20 rds	300	-
" " 40 "	144,500	-
Mortar, 2"	10	900
" " 3"	330	650
Vickers, M.G.	40	-
Sten, S.M.G.	160	-
Pistol, .38	40	3,250

It is not known whether some or all of these items are considered of sufficient value to warrant "re-capture" by us.

3. Instructions are sought as to where these should be consigned or whether the Ministry of National Defence - Army is to be instructed to demilitarise those not required by them.
It will be appreciated that in some cases units have not been re-equipped with the equivalent Italian weapons and that this process may take some time.

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RAO/jw

R. Albury

R. Major General,
Director.

R 9/7/47

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Subject: Clothing - Italian Army

File: Q.005/LF

G.O.C.

At an interview with Lt Col NARISSI, (Commissariate) of Defence Ministry - Army on 7 July 47, it was ascertained that the general clothing situation of the Italian Army at present is as follows:-

Battle-Dress

Satisfactory. Considerable quantities of good quality cloth were recovered from C.E.M. stocks and the new pattern uniform is in production for issue winter of 47/48.

Stocks of finished garments are distributed to various Territorial Command Depots. No central clothing stores has yet been established.

Knit-Drill

Introduced for the first time by the Allies has now been adopted by Italian Army to save winter clothing.

New manufacture not considerable as civil competition severe. Largely dependant on Allied stocks and position for current year precarious especially long trousers (10,000 needed urgently).

Boots

Satisfactory. Adequate stocks on present scale of issue. Civilian contracts arranged and provision made for 1947/48. Rising prices has slowed output from civilian sources.

Units hold 30% reserve and much importance attached to Territorial Command "local repair" shops. These produce a serviceable boot. (In practice this Unit reserve does not seem to be maintained and individual soldiers are permitted or "obliged" to retain boots needing repairs).

Underclothing

Not satisfactory. Woollen shirts in short supply. Socks introduced by the Allies accepted for the Italian Army but stocks low. Less Allied assistance than in other garments and severe civilian competition.

General

(a) Defence Ministry - Army clothing situation

R 9/7/47

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General

(a) Defence Ministry - Army exercise strict control over clothing items. Territorial Command stocks kept low and general policy is one of extreme caution to conserve stocks. Serviceable garments in use are in many cases not of "uniform" pattern or colour but this accepted on grounds of economy. Provision of full peace-time needs for 1948 does not seem to have been made and Italian national economy has not yet borne full burden.

(b) The recruit is issued with K.D. or B.D. according to call-up period and retains his uniform throughout. On issue of K.D., winter uniform is withdrawn under Unit arrangements and stored after necessary renovation. With big annual turn-over every endeavour is made to withdraw serviceable uniform and inferior garments for the discharged soldier. See para (c) below.

Substantive.

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Para 5 (Contd.)

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- (e) "Polgore" and "Pantora" are being given priority and their demands will and can be met. There has been delay in issue of K.D. to Polgore but they should be complete by 15 July 47.
- (d) Summary of issues from British stocks attached at Appendix "A".
- (e) Current "scales of issue" for recruit and "soldier on discharge" are being obtained from Defence Ministry.

Date: 9 July 47

RAC/jw

RAC

Lt Col.
AGMR.

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RECORD OF RELEASES FROM BRITISH STOCKS TO ITALIAN ARMY

ITEM	Period 15 Nov/31 Dec 45	Period Jan/June 46	Period July/Dec 46	Period Jan/June 47	TOTAL
B.D. Blouses		14,200	1,100	44,500	59,800
B.D. Trousers		11,400	1,400	43,000	58,300
K.D. Shorts		30		39,000	39,030
K.D. Trousers				39,000	39,000
K.D. Shirts		1,400		35,500	36,900
Boots	8,000		50,000	140,500	198,500
<u>UNDERCLOTHING</u>					
Wool Shirts		4,600	1,000		5,600
Wool Vests		2,000			2,000
Wool Drawers		400			400

Appendix "A"

FROM BRITISH STOCKS TO ITALIAN ARMY

Period July/Dec 46	Period Jan/June 47	TOTAL	REMARKS
1,100	44,500	59,800	
1,400	43,000	58,800	
	39,000	39,000	
	39,000	39,000	
	35,500	36,900	
50,000	140,500	198,500	
1,000		5,600	
		2,000	
		400	

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FROM: Capt. RINDEL. 7 Jul 47.

List of Guns.

1.	Thompson	(11716)	34183.
2.	Magazine for Thompson 20 rounds	(334)	-
3.	" " " 40 "	(144500)	-
4.	Mortar 2 inch.	(11)	910.
5.	" 3 "	(335)	650.
6.	Vickers	(40)	NIL.
7.	Sten	(166)	NIL.
8.	Heavy Machine Gun (Type not known)	(4)	?
9.	Pistol .38	(41)	3258.

The figures are indicate surplus stock.

All weapons are at CRECHIGNANO.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: DUPLEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/12
7 Jul 47

5 British Liaison Unit

Subject: Clothing - Italian Army

1. It has been reported that the clothing and boots of troops belonging to "Folgore" and "Mantova" Divisions are unsatisfactory.
2. This is a matter for Italian administration and there is no reason to doubt that adequate stocks are or can be made available.
3. If however you are in a position to verify this report and can furnish evidence that 5 Territorial Command are unable to meet demands the matter will be taken up with the Defence Ministry.
4. Request report for information of GOC not later than 15th July. If relevant, quote correspondence between Territorial HQ and the Defence Ministry.

See (23)
(25)

RAO/jv

Rao
Colonel A/Q.

R7/47

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG X / X DATED 23 / 6 / 47

STANDARDIZATION - ITALIAN WEAPONS

21.6.47

"Q" 0.003/LF

8. Handed in letter Q.003/LF dated 19 June on the subject of standardization Italian weapons requesting Lt Col OLLIVETTI to inform this HQ accurate total quantities of Bx weapons handed in and present location. This matter to be considered as urgent.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel: 478421
Ext: 407

Q/003/LF

19 June 47.

Ministry of National Defense - Army.

Subject:- Standardisation of Italian Weapons.

3.2 Jacket

With reference to this HQ letter 003 Q of 20 Dec 46 (copy attached for easy reference).

1. Disposal instructions for the weapons to be returned have been requested from GHQ.

2. In order for these instructions to be given may this HQ please be informed :

- (a) the total quantity of each type of weapon to be returned
- (b) the location of the weapons
- (c) date weapons will be available for return to British Depots.

HRL/12

[Signature]

Major General
Director.

Recd 19 June 47

Copy to:- Liaison Office

See (34) current jacket.

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Extract From

"2" LIAISON LOG XVII DATED 12 / 5 / 47

Ministry of National Defence - Army Liaison Log XVII

S.M.O.A.

3.5.47

1.003

Meeting held at MIA to discuss move and improvement of Army School. Present were Col W. Fideley, PSO, CEM MC, Lt Col Curties, Lt Col Macdonald and Major Alexander with Col AVALLAN from Ministry of National Defence.

Main decisions reached were as follows:

- (a) Future of Army School - to be divided into 2 separate schools, Small Arms at Terni and Army at Piacenza.
- (b) Ministry of National Defence - Army to submit letter to MIA asking for action to be taken for the Engineers to hurry work required at new schools. It was not thought that the school at Civitavecchia could move until the termination of a second course 1.0. Sept. MIA promised to give all possible help in obtaining pamphlets and sectional drawings for the schools.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(formerly MGA)

Ref: 403084
Ref: 597

Ministry of National Defense - Army
(for Information Directorate)

Subject: Base Workshops - Tank Overhaul

1. The location of your workshops for the overhaul of tanks was discussed at Bologna base week when my AUSA (Lt Col WILLIAM) visited 5 Territorial Group.

2. Without detriment to your final plans for this installation, it is considered that a workshop ought to be opened immediately to cope with the medium tank now being concentrated by you at Bologna (see below).

3. The essential conditions for this workshop are:

- (a) A short distance from San Felice.
- (b) Adequate machinery, workshops and stores facilities.
- (c) Road and rail services.
- (d) Reasonable proximity to San Workshops at Piacenza.
- (e) Readiness to begin work immediately.

4. The present base workshops at Bologna, although not designed for tank overhaul, fulfill most of these conditions, and could be easily and quickly adapted to this purpose. Details of necessary adjustments could be discussed between your Directorate concerned and my AUSA.

5. It is recommended therefore that, until more suitable plans can be made, and in order to prevent deterioration and waste of valuable equipment, the AUSA should undertake this duty.

6. It is important that you should decide on this quickly, not only because of the urgent need for outstanding work to begin, but also in order to take advantage of technical advice in the organization of armored vehicle workshops, which qualified officers, at present on my staff, but who may be moved at any moment, are able to give you.

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- (a) A short distance from San Pedro.
- (b) Adequate machinery, workshops and stores facilities.
- (c) Road and rail service.
- (d) Reasonable proximity to San Pedro de Macoris.
- (e) Readiness to begin work immediately.

The present GASH Workshop at Bogota, although not designed for tank overhaul, fulfills most of these conditions, and could be easily and quickly altered to this purpose. Details of necessary adjustments could be discussed between your Directorate concerned and my area.

It is recommended therefore that, until more suitable plans can be made, and in order to prevent deterioration and waste of valuable equipment, the GASH should undertake this duty.

It is important that you should decide on this quickly, not only because of the urgent need for outstanding work to begin, but also in order to take advantage of technical advice in the organization of armored vehicle workshops, which qualified officers, at present on my staff, but who may be moved at any moment, are able to give you.

21/10

Copy to: G M (reference conversation with (CIC/AM))

Internals: AMS
G(M)

Major General,
Director.

E. H. M. M. M.

EXTRACT FROM

"Q" LIAISON LOG XV DATED 17/4/47

9. Trained Tank personnel - 15.4.47

Informed Col MELONI that San Felice required more trained tank personnel and that it was suggested that the personnel who had undergone short courses at ESTE and BOLOGNA might be used. Col MELONI stated that quite a number of this personnel were already with San Felice and others were in the Tank School but that he would take this matter up.

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ADME
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RM 24/4

Extract From

"Q" LIAISON LOG X V DATED 17/4/47

10. S.M.O.A. - 15.4.47

In the absence of Gen MARRAS and his secretary,
left message in Secretariat to the effect that Gen
GOULBURN and ADME would like to discuss about SMOA with
Gen MARRAS any suitable time during coming week.

Gen MARRAS's secretary will phone for confirmation
of date.

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Subject:- Standardisation of Italian Weapons.

HQ MMIA NAPLES Detachment
POSTILLIPO NAPLES
Tele:- 14272
AQ GEN

31 Mar 47

I.M.A.S. (Formerly M.M.I.A.)
Q Branch

1. Reference your ~~002~~ Q dated 20 Dec 46, the majority of these weapons are now collected at Catignano D'Avria.
2. Can disposal instructions please be given for these stores.
3. It will take possibly another two months to collect the balance and disposal instructions will be essential to cover a period until end of June to complete the transaction.

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Q Major	
Q (AE)	

W. Clark Capt,
OC Detachment,
(N.W. Clarke).

Revised asked by ADME for inf up to date
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R 4/4/47

See pl 20

A Q.003/14

Subject: Inspections of M.T. Depot.

6 British Liaison Unit
BOLOGNA. C.M.F.
Tel: 28776
Ref: Q/ORD/2/IF
7th March 1947.

To: Allied Forces Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Land Forces Sub-Section.
C.M.F.

1. The stores depot located at O.A.R.E. Workshops, BOLOGNA, was inspected by myself and O.W.O.; 6 B.L.U., on 26 Feb. '47 and the following points noted.
2. The racking in the storehouses is not suitable for M.T. spares, two thirds of the storage space available is being wasted owing to the racking being of the wrong type (adequate correct type is available at ex 557 BOD Location).
3. No location system is being used; it is recorded that a British Depot could not operate without a location system, and for Italians dealing with British spare parts, the system is vital. Stores are being binned by types of vehicles and by LV6 vocab sections, but, unless the storemen and clerks work with Master Parts Lists and Spare Parts Lists linked to a location system, many parts will be shown as N.A. when they are in fact available.
4. Stores which were received from Jesi Depot three months ago are being unpacked and binned. About a third of these stores have so far been unpacked and at the present rate of progress it is estimated that it will take another six months before this work is completed. This work could have been completed in two months by any of the fully trained O.F.P.'s which are with the Inf. Divisions, but for some reason O.A.R.E. do not seem to want to call onto O.F.P.'s for help. As these stores are urgently required by the Inf. Division, it is suggested that a Corps O.F.P. be formed by amalgamating three of the Inf. Div. O.F.P.'s who could then do the unpacking and binning efficiently in a month.
5. No provision system seems to exist in the stores depot, and without one it is difficult to see how War Ministry are given information as to liabilities of spares and wastage figures, which would enable them to know what stores to buy and what quantities.
6. The indent and issue systems in force seem to be too cumbersome to operate with M.T. spares. Is the British system unfit for use with the Italian Army?

To	See
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7. The storemen at O.A.R.E. and the storage space available are not suitable for the unpacking of the spare parts which will be arriving for Tanks and Armoured Cars; and some alternative system should be laid down before these spares arrive.

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8. In my opinion, through the misuse of the stores supplied ex Jesi Depot, the Italian War Ministry are wasting money by buying stores which are already here and by buying stores that are not required and presumably never will be required. This is entirely due to the lack of a central provision system and to the fact that the stores ex Jesi were put into a Workshops for binning instead of passing them to the O.F.P.

9. It appears that the Italians have decided to combine the Base W/S Stores Section and Base M.T. Stores Depot and are trying to locate them in same buildings, a combination which is a physical impossibility.

Major G.S.
6 EIJ

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File Q/4/9/12

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Ref : DCS/7583
Tel : P.D.H.A 22647
Date : 5 Mar '47

Subject : Paper Soaling - F.A.M.T.O's

To : The War Office (ORD. 14)
Metropole Buildings
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.2

1. May the following F.A.M.T.O. soaling be put in hand for Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.I.A.).

Code No.	Make	Type	C.M.F. Contract	Qty
6010/00	HILLMAN	2STR 4x2	S 1443	11
"	AUSTIN	2STR 4x2	M 5193	6
6038/00	WILLYS	50wt 4x4	SM 2275	25
6026/00	HUMMER	6STR 4x2	S 7065	8
6020/00	HUMMER	4STR 4x4	V 3829	3
6120/00	FORD	150wt 4x2	SM 2485	8
6240/00	DODGE	3ton 4x2	SM 6191	12
6120/00	DODGE	150wt 4x2	SM 2633	6
6100/00	GM	80wt 4x4	SM 6407	22
6004/10	PSA	Solo 900 cc (AMAL & LUCAS)	WM 20	17

It is requested that stores, vouchers and a copy of the soaling be forwarded to :-

A.D.O.S. DEPT
5 B.I.U.
UDIN
C.M.F.

2. ADOS M.M.I.A. further requests that M.M.I.A. be considered as "Operational" in order that a soaling may be provided for vehicles where the holding is less than 11 of one type.

(W.H. SHEPHERD) Capt.
for Brigadier.
D.O.S.
15 of 4 Dec. '46

Copy to Land Forces Sub Commission (for ORD 14) 15 of 4 Dec. '46

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1500 4x2
800 4x4
Solo 500 cc
(AMAL & LUCAS)

SM 2485
SM 6191
SM 2683
SM 6407
SM 20

It is requested that stores, vouchers and a copy of the scaling be forwarded to :-

A.D.O.S. DEPOT
5 B.I.M.
UNION
C.M.F.

2. ADUS M.M.I.A. further requests that M.M.I.A. be considered as "Operational" in order that a scaling may be provided for vehicles where the holding is less than 11 of one type.

(W.H. SHAW) Capt.
for Brigadier.
D.O.S.
15 of 4 Dec. '45

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Commission (for ORD to your ORD 15 of 4 Dec. '45)
M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

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MEM 401

SD/109/1/12

20 Feb 47

MINISTRY NATIONAL DEFENCE - ARMY -

Subject: Oil bottles for Rifles

Ref your 3848/D.F. of 17 February 1947.

Three bakelite oil bottles would appear to be very suitable for use with the Lee Enfield Rifle, and it is agreed the original oil bottle should be replaced by these.

ENC/TF

Internal: G(TFG)

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Q Maint	
Q (AE)	<i>P</i>

W. Channing D. May Jr
Major General,
Director.

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30. LROT V LATEWHL R 011/13

FROM SWH CHF 191322A

TO AFHQ FOR IMAS ROME

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YOUR 3 238/1F OF 5 FEB 47 .

PLEASE STATE LOCATIONS OF THE VARIOUS WEAPONS

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel : 489084
Ext : 533

IMAS/395/102/N/LF

15 Feb 47

GHQ CAMP

SUBJECT : Appointments - Officers
T/Maj. E.H. BRADLEY (77584) Inniska

Reference your 871/MSI of 23 Jan 47, 7218/MSI of 11 Feb 47 and phone conversation CAMERON/MOTT of 14 Feb.

1. It is requested that the above mentioned Officer, who is being employed on special duties in connection with the hand-over of certain stores to the Italian Army, be posted to this HQ vice T/Maj. H.J.G. PRINCELOP (172763) RA, DAGO, earmarked as one of the Officers for 'run down' on 1 March (our 398A of 23 Jan refers.)

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G-2 (H) X		X
G-3 (SD) X		X
G-4 (H)		
G-5 (H)		

Major General
Major General,
Director.

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CONTINUATION DEFERRED TELETYPE TALK COLONEL'S PIDELEY-LAUREN
SUBJECT CMF AM INTR NO 54 APPX C PARA 10 AND APPX D PARA 4 (*)
REQUEST NO SERVICEABLE LATERAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR ITALIAN
ARMY UNDER APPENDICES TO MHIA LETTER SD 109/2 OF 11 JAN 13
DEBILITATED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THIS MISSION

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IMPORTANT.

LMAS, IMAS, AFHQ (BRANCH)

M. Pideley.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
and Forces Sub Section
(Formerly M.M.I.A.)

Tele: 459084
Ext : 415

2.003/12

12 Feb 1947

MMA detachment, N. PINS

Reference our signal 4102 dated 12 Feb 47.

1. Reports by GSO II Sigs indicate unsatisfactory conditions at 3 Sub Depot.
Little progress is being made with distribution of military stores and situation already reported by you shows little improvement.
2. You are required to report on progress to date, on steps taken by 10 Territorial Command to list and earmark stores and on security arrangements.
3. A conference will be held at HQ Land Forces Sub Section, IMAS on Monday 17 Feb at 1400 hrs and will be followed by a meeting with War Ministry Representatives on Tuesday 18 Feb.
4. New subject
Reference attached report by you on collection of tyres 1000 x 24. Vouchers not traced this HQ. You should bring with you any information and/or correspondence you have concerning this transfer.

RAC

St Col
A.C.M.O.

Ref 15/12/47

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and on security arrangements.

3. A conference will be held at Hq. Land Forces Sub Section, ILLS on Monday 17 Feb at 1100 hrs and will be followed by a meeting with War Ministry Representatives on Tuesday 18 Feb.

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1st Col.
A.C.M.G.

Recd 13/2/47

[Signature]

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L.P.S.S. (Formerly MIA)

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MIA DET. HAPLES

Q 102

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FOR CLARICE (.) REPORT THIS HQ MEXXX 17 AND FOR CASHED-100 MIB (.)
SUBJECT DISPOSAL STONES EX 3 AND DETOT AND ITUQUES TO
DATE (.) ESTIMATED YOU MAY RETURN HAPLES THIRSDAY

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Lt Col GRIMES, R.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Land Forces Sub Section

Tel: 489081

Ext: 415

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5 Feb 47

GHD (For 3) (2)

Subject: Standardization of
Italian Weapons

1. Request disposal instructions for following weapons surplus to Italian Army requirements on conversion to small arms and mortars of Italian manufacture.

2. Present holdings are approximately as stated:

(i) Pistol Rev. .38	-	3,250 ✓
(ii) Thompson S.M.G.	-	34,185 ✓
(iii) Vickers, M.H.G.	-	-
(iv) Mortars 81mm	-	940 ✓
(v) Mortars 3 ins	-	650 ✓
(vi) Mortars 4.2 ins	-	3,250

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Major General,
Director.

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Q(3A)

SUBJECT :- No 8 FRATTAMAGGIORE

Hq MMIA NAPLES Detachment
POSILLIPO NAPLES
Tele : 14272
CWD 11

4 Feb 47

10 Territorial Command (4)
for - Lt col CONSTANTINO
Lt col LANDOLFI
Major VENTRELLA
No 8 Depot FRATTAMAGGIORE

Hq MMIA ROME (2)
for - Lt col HEAD
'Q' Branch

1. It is agreed that all stores now held at FRATTAMAGGIORE No 8 Depot be transferred to 1750 Depot and held at disposal of Italian Ministry of War.
2. Italian Ministry of War will be responsible for clothing of remaining BRI-ITI unit, approximate strength 110.
3. This move should be commenced immediately and completion reported to Hq MMIA NAPLES Detachment.
4. On completion No 8 Depot will be derequisitioned.

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10/2/47

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Wellman Capt,
60 Detachment.

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DATED

30-1-47

Gen. PELLIGRA

30.1.47

Gen. PELLIGRA was informed by Lt. Col. HEAD that the BR-ITI depot at PRATTANACCIONE could now be closed down and the remaining clothing transferred to Depot 591.

Gen. PELLIGRA would however be held responsible for the clothing and maintaining of the small BR-ITI party at the POW Camp in RICCIONE. Gen. PELLIGRA agreed to this.

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TRANSLATION

(21)

FROM : Ministry of War

REF : 2432/DT

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE : 28 January 1947

SUBJECT : Tools and gauges for armourers.

Reference letter 25/2/47 MA of 9 January 1947.

1. - The whole of the tools and callipers for armourers withdrawn from 10 B.L.U. have arrived at the Arms Factory at Terni.
2. - The check on the state of efficiency of the materials received has been carried out and in a few days the said tools will be despatched.
3. - We will inform you later as to what units and in what quantities the distribution will be carried out.

R.A.G.

sgd. PROPERZJ
Gen.REME DIST.

Comments: 'Q' for COB →

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FROM : Ministry of War

REF : 1245/DI

TO : A.M.I.A.

DATE : 25 January 1947

SUBJECT : Supply of cleaning rods for rifles

Reference letter 25/2/39 MS of 30.12.1946.

1. - 10 Military Territorial Command have been informed some time ago of the destination of the 17,500 pullthroughs, referred to in letter Q 138 of 29 August 1946.
2. - It has been ordered that the manufacture of brass cleaning rods in four pieces be postponed;
3. - The supply of an adequate quantity of single and double pullthroughs with wire gauze and weight for the cleaning of Allied arms, has already been ordered. The distribution should be carried out within the next month.
4. - The system at present in force for the cleaning of rifle barrels is the British system (pullthrough with weight and wire gauze).

R.A.G.

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BATAR EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY

(a) Capt. HATFIELD (HME) reported to this HQ from 2 AGRA to advise on RADAR equipment to be handed over to ITALIAN ARMY. (Ref SD/109/1 folios 115 - 119).

Informed Gen LIUZZI that Capt. HARTFIELD would proceed to NAPLES at once and would like to contact the respective STATION office in NAPLES at 0930 hrs. tomorrow.

Gen LIUZZI replied that the following 'Offrs had been detailed for the job:-

Lt-Col BOMBA	-	Inspectorate of Arty.
Capt FEROLA	-	Genie.
Capt PISSERI	-	Air Force.
Capt LONBARDI	-	Navy.

and would proceed to NAPLES at 1000 hrs today.
Passed this information to Capt. HATFIELD who will contact
these Offrs at NAPLES Arty Command through 10 BLU. No
interpreter required as Capt HATFIELD understands ITALIAN.

Neither Gen LIUZZI nor Gen CARRATTI thought it necessary to interview Capt HATFIELD before his departure.

(b) War Ministry advised Inspectorate of Arty and Directorate General of Arty of Capt HAWFIELD's departure for NAPLES this morning by letter 1/238/Serv signed by Gen. LUZZI, com of this office.

FOR MATTER THIS MATTER OF THIS OFFICE, CAN BESET CONV OF THIS OFFICE,

20 Jan.

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24 Jan.

(b) War Ministry advised Inspectorate of Arty and Directorate General of Arty of Capt HATFIELD's departure for NAPLES this morning by letter 1/238/Serv signed by Gen LIUZZI, copy of this office.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : MMIA

Ref: 2103/DG
Date: 17/1/47

Subject: Courses for Artillery personnel i/c material
of British origin. -

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file 50B*

Further to letter 85782 dated 18/11/46, we forward
herewith a copy of letter 1800/DG dated 13/1/47. -

To	
→ A/Q	JP
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→ Q Liaison	JD
Q M. H.	
Q (AE)	JD
→ ORD	JD
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→ (G)	✓

sgd. Properzi
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

From: M. of W.
To : Addressees

Ref: 1800/DG
Date: 13/1/47

Subject: Course on British ammunition. -

A theoretic- practical course will commence on the 1st February 1947 at the Rome Artillery Directorate, on incendiary ammunition, primers, their parts and functions and particularly on the ammo. in order to judge the state of conservation and the action to be taken should the exam be unfavourable. -

The course will have a duration of one month and the following personnel will attend:

- the officers and chemists shown in enclosure n° 1;
- one Senior NCO artificer for each Directorate or Detached Artillery Section.

The military personnel detailed to attend the course will report to the Rome Artillery Directorate on the 31st January 1947. -

The Senior NCOs will be billeted by the Rome Artillery Directorate and will be on the ration strength of same. -

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Properzi
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"Q" LIAISON LOG 2003 DATED 2-1-47

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Lt.Col. OLIVETTI

ACTION

The question of Mobile W/shops for Div.Hqs was discussed. Col. OLIVETTI pointed out that under the new WE, w/shops were allocated to: Regt HQ(2), Arty HQ(4), Recce Regt (1), Pioneers (1), Engineers(1) and Signals(1). Col. OLIVETTI wishes to know exactly how each w/shop is made up and where the necessary equipment is coming from. At the present moment the SME are completely in the dark.

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2.1.47

Lt.Col. OLIVETTI

Handed in letter OO3 Q dated 20 Dec 46
on the subject of the Standardisation of Lt. Weapons
whereby M.of W. are asked to give the anticipated date
of the replacement of certain Br. weapons by it ones.

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Lt. Col. OLIVETTI

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Handed in letter 003 Q dated 20 Dec 46
on the subject of the Standardisation of It. Weapons 6868 (AR)
whereby M. of W. are asked to give the anticipated date
of the replacement of certain Br. weapons by it ones. 003 Q

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MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF SMALL ARMS.
MACHINE GUNS AND MACHINE GUN EQUIPMENT.

1. INSPECTION.

In this regulation the following terms are used :-
Small Arms - Includes rifles and pistols of all descriptions, together with their accessories and accessories, machine carbines, together with their accessories and accessories, swords, bayonets and accessories.

Machine Gun - Includes all calibres of machine guns up to and including 1 in., together with their mountings and other equipment and accessories, including spare parts, magazines, feed belts, etc.

Miscellaneous equipment - Projectors, Infantry, A.I., Detachments, smoke, 4 in., bombthrowers, mortars, instruments, bicycles and all equipment for the inspection of which the armorer is responsible.

Inspection - Ascertaining in detail the condition and state of wear of the weapon or store by a thorough examination of the various parts and by the use of the appropriate gauges, also, where necessary, carrying out accuracy and functional tests to determine the serviceability of the weapon.

Inspection - A visual inspection not involving the use of gauges other than those held by the unit armorer. Carried out periodically by A.I.I.I. personnel to ensure that the weapon or store is maintained in good condition and that necessary repairs and adjustments and all authorized modifications have been carried out.

2. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

The examination of small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipment, except mortars and instruments will normally be carried out by an A.I.I.I. In exceptional circumstances, the responsibility for the examination may be delegated to an armorer (A.O.O.). The examination will be carried out as follows :-

- (a) All small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipment in the hands of troops.

(1) Annually.

(ii) When a unit receives an order to mobilize or to

Examination - Ascertaining in detail the condition of the weapon or store by a thorough examination of the various parts and by the use of the appropriate judges, also, where necessary, carrying out accuracy and functioning tests to determine the serviceability of the weapon.

Inspection - A visual inspection not involving the use of gauges other than those held by the unit armorer. Carried out periodically by R.I.I.A. personnel to ensure that the weapon or store is maintained in good condition and that necessary repairs and adjustments are all authorized modifications have been carried out.

PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINATION

2. The examination of small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments, except mortars and instruments will normally be carried out by an A.I.A. in exceptional circumstances, the responsibility for the examination may be delegated to an armorer (A.O.I.). The examinations will be carried out as follows :-

- (a) All small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments in the hands of troops.
 - (i) Annually.
 - (ii) When a unit receives an order to mobilize or to proceed overseas.
 - (iii) When specially ordered by a higher formation.
 - (iv) When considered necessary as a result of a routine inspection.
- (b) Small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments held as unit equipment in support of small arms

held for reservists.

- (1) Annually: machine guns and mountings; 10% of small arms and miscellaneous equipment, and 5% of bicycles.
- (ii) In the case of rifles, a percentage of those examined will be rifles which have been stripped and lubricated by R.M.E. armourers during inspections. The bolts of these rifles will also be stripped and examined.

3. The examination of mortars and instruments will be carried out by an R.M.E. annually, or at such time when the serviceability of the equipment is doubted.

PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTION

(See also Appendix 'B' & 'C')

4. By A.I.S.A.

- (a) At quarterly periods between the annual examinations, A.I.S.A. will carry out inspection visits to units with armourers. At these inspections 10% of all small arms machine guns, and miscellaneous equipments in the hands of troops will be inspected to ascertain whether the unit armourer is carrying out his duties satisfactorily, and whether necessary adjustments, repairs and modifications have been carried out to the equipment.
- (b) During these inspection visits the following will be checked to ensure that they are correct and are being kept up to date:-
 - (i) All armourers' tools held on charge.
 - (ii) All technical publications held by the armourer.
 - (iii) Copies of all inspection reports.
 - (iv) Daily work book.
- (c) Should the general condition of the equipment at this inspection be considered other than satisfactory, arrangements will be made for 100% of the equipment to be inspected by an armourer (W.O.1 or 11) 2864
- (d) A.I.S.A. will also carry out quarterly inspection visits to units without armourers to ensure that the equipment is being maintained in a serviceable condition, and that the circuit armourers are carrying out the inspection, adjustment and repair of weapons in a

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(b) During these inspection visits the following will be checked to ensure that they are correct and are being kept up to date:-

- (i) All armourers' tools held on charge.
- (ii) All technical publications held by the armorer.
- (iii) Copies of all inspection reports.
- (iv) Daily work book.

(c) Should the general condition of the equipment at this inspection be considered other than satisfactory, arrangements will be made for 100% of the equipment to be inspected by an armorer (W.O.1 or 112864

(d) A.I.S.A. will also carry out quarterly inspection visits to units without armourers to ensure that the equipment is being maintained in a serviceable condition and that the circuit armourers are carrying out the inspection, adjustment and repair of weapons in a satisfactory manner.

5. By circuit armourers - all small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments in the hands of troops.

(a) Senior armourers doing duty as circuit armourers will at quarterly intervals between annual examinations, carry out inspections of the small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments of all units without attached R.E.M.E. armourers. At these inspections, adjustments and repairs will be carried out as far as possible in situ.

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- (b) The stripping, cleaning and oiling of all small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments and the lubrication of rifles between stock and barrel will be carried out by circuit armourers annually, to coincide with the fourth quarterly inspection.
- (c) All weapons sentenced for repair or further examination in R.E.M.E. workshops during these inspections will be labelled and segregated.

6. By circuit armourers - small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments held as unit mobilization equipment and small arms held for reservists, will be inspected at quarterly intervals between annual examinations as follows :-

- (a) 10% of small arms and miscellaneous equipments held as unit mobilization or reservists' equipment. At each inspection the rifles inspected will be stripped and lubricated between stock and barrel, the bolts stripped, cleaned and recoiled.
- (b) 25% of bicycles will be inspected, and the bearings stripped, cleaned and relubricated. Covers and tyres of bicycles which are stored separately will also be inspected.
- (c) All machine guns and mountings will be inspected, cleaned and relubricated as necessary.

7. By unit armourers - all small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments in the hands of troops.

- (a) R.E.M.E. armourers attached to units will carry out the following inspections to the small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipment held on charge to the units to which they are attached :-
- (i) Monthly inspection of machine guns (training units only).
 - (ii) Monthly inspection of bicycles.
 - (iii) Quarterly inspection of small arms, miscellaneous equipments and, in the case of non-training units, machine guns.
- (b) The stripping and lubrication of rifles between stock and barrel, and the stripping, cleaning and recoiling of bolts, will be carried out annually, to coincide with the fourth quarterly inspection.

- (c) During these inspections repairs will be effected and defects remedied wherever possible, and the

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- (c) All machine guns and mountings will be inspected, cleaned and relubricated as necessary.

7. Unit armours - all small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments in the hands of troops.

- (a) R.M. M.L. armours attached to units will carry out the following inspections to the small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipment held on charge to the units to which they are attached :-
- (i) Monthly inspection of machine guns (training units only).
 - (ii) Monthly inspection of bicycles.
 - (iii) Quarterly inspection of small arms, miscellaneous equipments and, in the case of non-training unit, machine guns.
- (b) The strapping and lubrication of rifles between stock and barrel, and the strapping, cleaning and re-colling of bolts, will be carried out annually to coincide with the fourth quarterly inspections.
- (c) During these inspections repairs will be effected and defects remedied whenever possible, and the weapons, etc. returned to the company or squadron in a serviceable condition.
- (d) Any exceptional defects found during these inspections will be reported under normal defect procedure on a defect report.
- (e) Any weapon found B.L.R. will be sentenced for further examination in, R.M.L. workshops, and will be labelled and segregated. Stores conditioned unserviceable will be labelled and segregated, and

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arrangements made for their exchange.

8. By unit armoureders - small arms, machine guns and miscellaneous equipments held as unit mobilization equipment and small arms held for reservists, will be inspected at quarterly intervals between annual examinations as follows :-

- (a) 10% of small arms and miscellaneous equipments held as unit mobilization or reservists' equipment. At each inspection the rifles inspected will be stripped and lubricated between stock and barrel, the bolts stripped, cleaned and recoiled.
- (b) 25% of bicycles will be inspected, and the bearings stripped, cleaned and relubricated. Covers and tyres of bicycles which are stored separately will also be inspected.
- (c) All machine guns and mountings will be inspected, cleaned and relubricated as necessary.

9. The results of inspections in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8, will be reported, as detailed in para 10 and 11.

10. In the case of inspections under paragraph 7, one copy of the report will be retained by the armoureder for reference, and the other forwarded to the O.C. company or squadron, etc. In the case of the fourth quarterly inspection, a copy of the report will also be submitted to the O.C. of the unit, giving a full statement of the general condition of the stores inspected.

11. In the case of inspections under paragraph 8, one copy of the report will be retained by the armoureder for reference, and the other forwarded to the O.C. of the unit. If the condition of the percentage inspected indicates that further inspection is desirable, a report to this effect will be included.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND INSPECTION OF SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUNS AND MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT.

12. Before any weapon is inspected it will be ascertained that the weapon is not loaded. In no circumstances will live ammunition be taken into a workshop or other building which is used for examination, inspection or instructional purposes. At least an extra precaution, regular examination of dummy cartridges must be made before commencing each day's work to ensure that no live ammunition is found in a

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11. In the case of inspections under paragraph 8, one copy of the report will be retained by the armourer for reference, and the other forwarded to the O.C. of the unit. If the condition of the percentage inspected indicates that further inspection is desirable, a report to this effect will be included.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND INSPECTION OF STORES AND MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

12. Before any weapon is inspected it will be ascertained that the weapon is not loaded. In no circumstances will live ammunition be taken into a workshop or other building which is used for examination, inspection or instructional purposes. An extra precaution, regular examination of dummy cartridges must be made before commencing each day's work to ensure that no live ammunition is present. Whenever live ammunition is found in a weapon which has been passed to an armourer for examination, inspection or repair, the fact must be immediately brought to the notice of the O.C. and the ammunition handed over personally for authorised custody.

13. No work which requires the use of gauges will be undertaken unless such gauges are available.

14. Weapons must never be left cocked.

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15. Weapons requiring repairs which are within the capacity of unit or circuit armourers will not be sent to R.E.M.E. workshops for repair, unless circumstances render it impracticable for unit or circuit armourers to undertake the work.
16. Should there be any doubt as to the serviceability of a weapon, it will be set aside for further examination by an A.I.A. during his inspection visit or submitted for further examination in R.E.M.E. workshops.
17. Unit armourers will maintain a complete record, of the daily work carried out. This record will be ready for the inspection of the supervising A.I.A. or S.E.M.E., at all times.
18. In all reports relating to rifles, the mark, registered number of the rifle, including the index letter where shown, and place of manufacture, will be quoted. In the case of pistols, machine guns, carbines, mortars and bicycles the mark and registered number will be quoted.
19. When any stores or component parts of weapons, etc., form the subject of a report, the number, if marked, or any other marking which may be useful for identification purposes, will be quoted.
20. Changes held by armourers will be verified annually with the reference images held by R.E.M.E. workshops. Verification will also be carried out at any intermediate time should the results of examination or inspection of weapons, etc., indicate such a course to be desirable.
21. It is the duty of an armourer not only to carry out any particular repair to equipment for which he is responsible, but also to ensure that the article is serviceable in every respect.
22. Armourers are not allowed to make any charge against, or accept payment from, soldiers for work performed on stores held on unit charge.

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20. Games held by armours will be verified annually with
the reference games held by R.A.A. worksheds. Verification
will also be carried out at any intermediate time should the
results of examination or inspection of weapons, etc., indicate
such a course to be desirable.

21. It is the duty of an armourer not only to carry out
any particular repair to equipment for which he is responsible,
but also to ensure that the article is serviceable in every
respect.

22. Armourers are not allowed to make any charges against, or
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Qualifications in the Hands of Troops.

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Appendix B

Requirements in the Hands of Troops.

Mountings	P.I.A.T.	Armies	Artillery	Trucks	Remarks
Daily General cleanliness	Daily General cleanliness	Daily General cleanliness	Daily General cleanliness	Weekly General cleanliness	All suspected defects to be passed to unit armourer for further examination.
Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	General inspection constitutes examination of barrels, action, safety mechanism, general condition and functioning.
Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-grease all bearings.	
Quarterly 10% General Inspection	Quarterly 10% General Inspection	Quarterly 10% General Inspection		Quarterly 10% General Inspection	To ascertain whether unit armourer is carrying out his duties satisfactorily.
Annually 100% General Inspection	Annually 100% General Inspection	Annually 100% General Inspection		Annually 100% General Inspection	
			Annually 100% General Inspection		
Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	Quarterly General Inspection & Overhaul	For units without armourers.
Annually strip and re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip, clean & re-lubricate	Annually strip clean & re-grease bearings	
When necessary	When necessary	When necessary	When necessary	When necessary	Factory have all the master gauges. Equipment should only be sent on authority of an A.I.A. or C.I.C.2.

Appendix "C".

Examiner	Equipment Held in Mobilization & Ordnance Stores						
	Rifles	Pistols	MG. & Mountings	P.I.A.T.	Carbines	Mortars	Bicycles
Unit Armourers	Quarterly 10% inspect, clean & regrease between stock & barrel	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate
Circuit Armourers	Quarterly 10% inspect, clean & regrease between stock & barrel	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 100% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate
A.I.A.	Annually 10% general inspection	Annually 10% general inspection	Annually 100% general inspection	Annually 10% general inspection	Annually 10% general inspection		Annually 25% general inspection
S.M.S.						Annually 25% general inspection	

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Field in Mobilization & Ordnance Stores				Remarks
P.L.A.T.	Carbines	Mortars	Bicycles	
Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	If on inspection, condition of arms appears to be deteriorating, a 100% examination will be made.
Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 10% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	Quarterly 25% strip, clean & relubricate	Units without accessories. If on inspection, condition of arms appears to be deteriorating, a 100% examination will be made.
Annually 10% general inspection	Annually 10% general inspection		Annually 25% general inspection	All units. If on inspection, condition of arms appears to be deteriorating, a 100% examination will be made.
		Annually 25% general inspection		Units equipped. If on inspection, condition of arms appears to be deteriorating, a 100% examination will be made.

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