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Q/151

Recovery of Italian Equipment  
From Captured Stocks - Biella Blankets  
Sept. 1945 - June 1946

"Q" BUCK SLIP

FILE NO Q 157.

| DATE     | SECTION OR SERVICE |      | ACTION REQUIRED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|          | FROM               | TO   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11 June. | Q                  | A/Q. | <p>Ref attached. I am reluctant to "drop" this subject but am forced to conclude that 2 Dist stalled long enough to pass their records to 3 Dist too late for any control to be enforced now.</p> <p>The War Hqs have not tried very hard and seem to have accepted the situation.</p> <p>The Austrian A.M.G. and S.E.P. consignments were met in full and no one at C.H.B. now gives a damn.</p> <p>Please see flagged letters especially (36) &amp; (46) &amp; (495).</p> <p>I do not think any useful purpose would be served by any further action.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RAC</p> |

I agree SP  
R.I.P. 11 June 46.

RAC

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19 May

1 B.L.U.

*Turin*

Biella Blankets.

No blankets left at factories.

Plenty of raw material but the firm claims this to be their own property. They are supported by A.R.A.R. (who are interfering although they have nothing to do with the deal).

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All arms and ammo arrived for C.A.R.

Clothing situation good.

20 May

3 B.L.U.

*Milan*

No Problems confirm that they are in touch with Distree's local representatives re any C.E.M. remaining. Buffer oil required.

22 May

4 B.L.U.

*Bolzano*

D.S.G. and M.C. ribbon required for Italian officers holding British decorations from last war. FAULT Division short of clothing particularly Battle Dress, although they have asked war Min. who have stocks. Ord require identification lists for Rifles, Thompsons, 2" mortars and Brens.

Require Tyres and Tubes 1050 x 16.

Discussed parallel ord set up in Italian Army.

27 May

5 B.L.U.

*Udine*

Difficulty in obtaining C.E.M. which normally should go to Italian Army. Visited A.M.C. H.Q. and obtained satisfactory through conversation and explanation.

No K.D. yet arrived from War Min.

Complained of no ord representation on B.L.U.

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BIN told to tell the firm to produce  
proofs that this raw material is their property  
also to tell A.R.A.R. not to interfere,  
Q. to confirm this in writing.

War Min since confirm they  
have all they want from this  
Ord. Try to obtain.

source

Rae.

Ord obtaining.

Q. Write War Min.

Q.2 with Stationary Office

Ord with R.E.M.E.

Ord with R.E.M.E.

This involves  
creation of  
"Ord Sub Dept."  
to deal with.

Q.1.

Ord with C.H.Q.

Q.1.

1. M.T. spares etc.
2. Weapons.
3. Weapons Regiments  
down.

Have discussed with  
ACME + ORD 9 am  
preparing a plan. Rae.

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29 May

6 B.L.U.

*Bologna*

714 Dr - Ital Admin Regts demands not being satisfied by War Min. Explained system to A/Q. Release of 1000 C.B.M. vehicle dump expected in a months time.

General Points.

Informed by 12 Vehicle Park R.A.O.C. that they have had 170 Carreras Universal for Italian Army for past three months. They propose to hand them to A.R.A.R.

918 German Ord Depot VIMBBA hold a lot of Italian N.A.A.F.I. stores such as maps, writing pads, etc. The dump commander said that if we apply 3 District we may get

All the B.L.U.'s were most hospitable and did everything to help that was possible by exceedingly bad weather which delayed us at all points since we only had an

*1 Turn Rome.**G. V. Bradshaw*

E.W. BRADSHAW  
Royal Tank

Dist. File.

A/Q

A.S.M.C.

Q.1

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VISSEA hold a lot of Italian N.A.A.F.I. stores such as razors, blades, brilliantine,  
 The camp commander said that if we apply 3 District we may get a release for it (G.2). Told Bud  
 most hospitable and did everything to help that was possible. The trip was only marred  
 weather which delayed us at all points since we only had an open jeep.

*Glenn Bradley Clayton*

B.V. BRADLEY, Major  
 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

we should  
 find  
 get  
 local  
 area  
 contact  
 Rec.

Combined G and Ord report on the  
visit of Lt.Col. HEAD and Major BRANLEY to Northern BUN's.

| Unit Visited<br>Date                 | Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 15 May<br>7 B.L.U.<br><i>Finence</i> | <p>Conference with G I, A/Q, and Ord W.O. Following point discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Deficiencies of Web Equipment.</li> <li>(b) Weapons and ammo. for C.A.R.'s all received and position satisfactory.<br/>Shortage of oil for cleaning rifles of next intake.</li> <li>(c) Buffer oil (hydraulic) required by artillery of POLCOSE Division.</li> <li>(d) Col. HEAD informed BUN that Pathyjohns would not be posted to BOLONA.</li> <li>(e) Clothing situation - completely satisfactory.</li> <li>(f) Informed BUN of latest G and Ord policy between G.H.Q. and N.M.I.A.</li> </ul> |
| 17 May<br>2 B.L.U.<br><i>Genoa</i>   | <p>At the time of the visit to this BUN their domestic transport was 100% deficient or inefficient.</p> <p>The ammo for the C.A.R. had arrived but not that for the OC.NR. stagheads</p> <p>Clothing situation good except for socks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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Combined G and Ord report on the  
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## Subject

## Action

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Ord for action.

Remind M. of W. that the issue of  
oil and 4 x 2 was only an initial  
issue and that the next lot must come  
from indigenous resources.

Ord trying to obtain.

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transport was 100% deficient or inefficient.

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Q.2 It is believed that the situation  
is now ameliorated, 4 Tyres and Tubes  
900 x 16 required.

No action required as this ammo has  
already been despatched from 501 B.A.A.  
Bari.

BLU informed that M. of W. have plenty  
of socks but the quality is bad until  
the new M. of W. sock contracts are  
fulfilled.

## TRANSLATION

From: M.O. W.  
To: MMIA

Ref: 15358/VC  
Date: 1/6/46

Subject: Field blankets from Biella Factory.

487.  
Further to conversation Capt. Luckett - Lt:Col. Nabissi, we confirm that from telephone conversation with the Mil. Commissariat Directorate of Milan, it has appeared that:

- 1 - not all the 153,182 field blankets mentioned in the previous letter 15,345/VS dated 18th inst. are to be considered as drawn from the known quantity frozen by 1st District of your MMIA. In fact it appears that latter 90,000 blankets purchased by the aforesaid Milan Commissariat Directorate on behalf of this Ministry, did not belong to the frozen stocks, but they were freely available by the firms.  
Therefore the total quantity of blankets withdrawn from the known stock put at disposal of this Ministry must be understood reduced to 63,182.
- 2 - Italian Military Administration was only interested in the withdrawal of part of the blankets allocated to them on the a/m stock and therefore it is not known where the other blankets have been sent.
- 3 - It appears, from information given by the firms, that the freezing was limited to a period of three months, after which these firms could freely dispose of their goods. The three months have already elapsed.
- 4 - We do not know what use the firms made of the raw materials for the blankets existing at the respective factories.

sgd. Pelligra

NFA  
RAC

A. Q 151

3/6/46  
W.A.



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione Vestiario-Equipaggiamento, Casermaggio e Combustibili

Sezione 1° B

Prot. N.° 15358/VC Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.°

Roma.

A/ LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE

A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

- R O M A -

Oggetto: Coperte da campo delle fabbriche di Biella.-

A seguito conversazioni Cap. Luchetti - Ten.Col.Nabissi si conferma che da comunicazioni telefoniche della Direzione di Comm/to Mil. di Milano è risultato quanto segue:

1°) - non tutte le 153.182 coperte da campo segnalate col precedente disp. 15.345/VS del 18 corr. debbono considerarsi trattate dal noto quantitativo bloccato dal 1° District di codesta M.M.I.A.. Infatti è risultato che le ultime 90.000 coperte acquistate dalla predetta Direzione di Commissariato di Milano, per conto di questo Ministero, non appartenevano alle partite bloccate, ma erano bensì di libera disponibilità delle ditte.

Per quanto precede, il quantitativo globale delle coperte ritirate sul noto contingente messo a disposizione di questo Ministero deve intendersi ridotto a 63.182,-

2°) - L'Amministrazione Militare Italiana si è interessata soltanto del ritiro di parte delle coperte assegnate sul contingente sopradetto e pertanto ignora la destinazione avuta dalle altre coperte; -

che il blocco era stato

Oggetto. Coperte da campo delle fabbriche di Biella.-

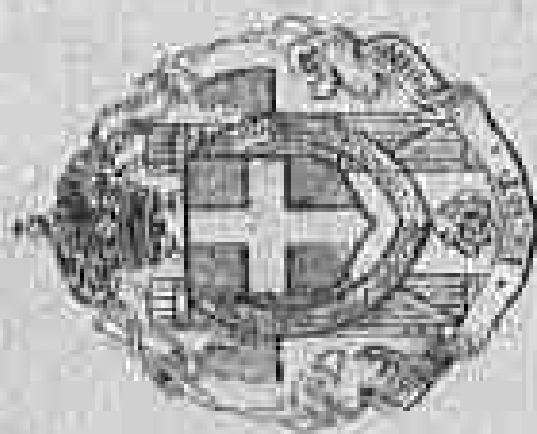
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3°) - risulta, per notizia data dalle ditte, che il blocco era stato limitato al periodo di mesi tre, dopo il quale le ditte stesse avrebbero potuto disporre liberamente della propria merce.  
I tre mesi sarebbero già trascorsi; -

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# Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI LOGISTICI

4\*) - non si è a conoscenza dell'impiego fatto dalle ditte delle materie prime per coperte, esistenti presso i rispettivi stabilimenti. -

P. IL MINISTRO

*Delegato*

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| 1400     | 1705 |
| data 3/6 | 3/6  |

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Capt. Lockett attention.

Biella Factory.

I have phoned to Lt.Col. Nabissi M.of W. about the three questions a) b) c). -

He has replied to me that this morning he has phoned to Milan and his previous statement must be amended as follows:

1 - As regards the letter he has sent to you yesterday, he was told by Milan (Military Territorial Command - Directorate of Commissariat, Lt.Col. Aprile) that his opinion that the 154,000 blankets were drawn from the 800,000 frozen by the Allies, was wrong, because only 64,000 were in fact drawn by M.of W. from the 800,000 frozen by the Allies at the Biella Factory and the others 90,000 (which were good quality) were bought from unfrozen civilian stocks (Marzocco firm, etc.). -

2 - As regards the questions a) b) c), his opinion was wrong too because he has been informed by Milan that the firms were authorised by whom he does <sup>not</sup> know (he thinks however that it was the same freezing authority) that in case the blankets would have not been withdrawn, in 3 months time, they would have been put again at the disposal <sup>3191</sup> of the firms.

Therefore the three months have passed and firms have disposed of; thus also it is impossible any census of raw materials.

If you want to see him, please let me know.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 15345/VC

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 18 May 1946.

SUBJECT:- Blankets from Biella factory.

Reference conversation Capt. Lockett - Lt. Col. Nabissi on the 16th inst, we would inform you:

- 1) - The Laniero di Biella Central Military Office has withdrawn 153,182 blankets for this Ministry, arranging for the necessary payment to the firms.
- 2) - This Ministry was authorised to draw all blanket stocks and raw materials held by the Biella factory, in letter Q/151 of 23 March 1946.
- 3) - The withdrawal of blankets was limited to 153,182 both because of the fact that cash in hand did not permit of further purchase and the fact that the quantity purchased covers present estimated Army requirements.

O. Danin Sgt.

sgt. PELLIGRA

| TO: SEP |     |
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| A/Q     | ✓   |
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| G. 1    |     |
| Q. 2    | ✓   |
| Q. 3    | ✓   |
| REMN    | ✓   |
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# Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE ed AMM/VI

Divisione V.E.C.C.L. 1° B

Prot. N. 15345/VC Allogati

OGGETTO Coperte delle fabbriche di Biella.-

URGENTE

ALLA LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION

M.C. (M.M.I.A.)

= R O M A =

Proposta al Foglio del  
Dic. 1945

Riferimento conversazione Cap. Luckett - Ten. Col. Nebissi in  
data 16 corr. si comunica:

- 1°)- L'Ufficio Centrale Mil. Laniero di Biella ha ritirato per conto di questo Ministero n° 153.182 coperte provvedendo ad effettuare il relativo pagamento alle ditte;
- 2°)- questo Ministero stesso fu autorizzato a ritirare tutte le rimanenze di coperte e di materiali grezzi giacenti presso le fabbriche di Biella con foglio Q/151 del 23 marzo u.s.;
- 3°)- il ritiro delle coperte è stato limitato a 153.182 sia perchè le disponibilità di fondi non permettono di effettuare altre provviste, sia perchè il quantitativo acquistato copre l'attuale prevedibile fabbisogno del R. Esercito.-

P. IL MINISTRO

*Callegari* 3189

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P. IL MINISTRO

*Telegen* 3129

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| IN  | 1400      |
| 13  | Date 20/6 |
| OUT | 1620      |
|     | 20/5      |

Subject : Blankets ex BIELLA Factory.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.  
Tel. 478103

Q. 151  
14 May 46

TO : Ministry of War. (by L.O.)

May an answer please be forwarded to this H.Q. letter  
Q.151 of 2 May 1946.

HH

*E.W.B.*

E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M.E.I.A.

EWB/lm

Lt Col NABISS (CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT) called 16 MAY 46 and discussed general situation regarding BIELLA Factory's Blankets. A letter will be sent by M of W showing number of blankets received by them and number of blankets (of 1000 weight) still in factory. If the figures given verbally by Lt Col NABISS are confirmed in writing, the full over all total of blankets involved will approximate the original estimate of approx 750,000.

*16/5.*

Subject :- BIELLA Blankets

1 British Liaison Unit  
MIL/4/41

9 May 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MILIA)  
ROME

RECEIVED 13 MAY 1946  
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Ref your letter Q 151 of 23 Mar, and this office signal MIL/4/41 of 3 May 46.

1. Contact has been made by No 1 Terr Cond and ORG Branch of this unit, with Ufficio Centrale Laniero, BIELLA, and ARAR TURIN, and investigations made show that there is no GEM left in the factories at BIELLA. All items having been disposed of.

2. ORG 2 Dist have been approached on this subject, but no info is available as all records have been despatched to 3 Dist.

3. Can any further info please be given as to the approx amount of material made available to the Italian Army.

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Major  
D.M. & G.M.

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LEON V HEAV NR 40068

FROM 1 BLU 0310238

TO HQ MMIA SOME

QSH GR35 BT

MIL/4/01 (.) U/C (.) REF YOUR SIGNAL 0923 OF 02 (.) GREAT DIFFICULTY IS  
BEING EXPERIENCE AS REGARDS BLANKETS AND SAW MATERIAL (.) THIS IS BEING  
INVESTIGATED BY THIS UNIT AND REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE

BT 0310208

CENT WJS 60 AT 041250 B Y

ED NR 5 '68 JWS AT 1250 AR K



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RECEIVED 1892

8 MAY 1968

Subject : Blankets ex BIELLA Factory.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. AG  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
Tel. 478103

Q. 151

2 May 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref our Q. 151 of 23 March 46.

See H 7

1. Please confirm that you now have physical possession of all the remaining stocks of blankets and raw materials of GEM origin ex BIELLA factory. *48T*
2. Please forward your estimate of the number of blankets that can be manufactured from the raw materials released. *49T*

*E.W. Bradley*  
E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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EWB/lm

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M.M.I.A.

1 B.L.U. TURIN

SEE 45

Q. 923

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REF OUR Q.901 OF 9 APRIL STOP PLEASE EXPEDITE.

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File Q. 67 ←

Important

E.W. BRADLEY, MAJOR

E.W. Bradley Major

Subject :- MMIA Blankets

Q. (H3)  
1 British Liaison Unit  
MIL/L/Q1

11 Apr 46

To :- No 1 Italian Territorial Command  
TURIN

13 APR 1946  
RECEIVED  
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Ref this office letter of even ref dated 28 Mar, and your HQ letter 2900/2 dated 10 Apr 46.

Can the information requested in the a/m letter please be supplied within seven days. This information is urgently required by HQ MMIA, and has now been outstanding for two weeks.

*[Signature]*  
Major  
DAA & QMG

Copy to :-

HQ MMIA (your letter Q 151 of 23 Mar & signal Q 901 of 9 Apr refers). ←

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15-4-46  
Pa

*[Handwritten signature]*  
15/4  
Q 151

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(41)

M.M.I.A.

9 April A

1 B.L.U. TURIN

Q. 901

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REF OUR Q.151 OF 23 MARCH STOP REPORT ESTIMATED  
QUANTITY BLANKETS THAT CAN BE MANUFACTURED FROM RAW  
MATERIALS.

SEE 42

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Important

Q.151

E.W. BRADLEY, MAJOR

*E.W. Bradley Major*

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LRKB V MEAV NR 050254 IMPORTANT  
FROM HQ 1 BLU 051700B  
TO HQ MMIA  
NCSI GR24 BT

MIL/4/21. U/C. SUBJECT ~~BLANKET~~ <sup>BICLLA</sup> BLANKETSK. REF YOUR SIGNAL 0394  
OF 04. TOTAL NUMBER OF BLANKETS SUPPLIED FROM 3RD JUNE 1945 TO  
PRESENT DATE 72362

BT  
SENT VEM B1 K  
RECD AT 1315 LA KKKK

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A 151 NG/15

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M.H.I.A.

CL 30 B

2 B.L.U. TURK

DIRECT

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SUBJECT BIRLA BLANKETS STOP FOR THIS IS Q.151 OF 23 MAR  
STOP TOTAL NUMBER BLANKETS DELIVERED TO MINISTRY OF WAR  
URGENTLY REQUESTED STOP TOTAL TO INCREASE 11740 REFERENCE  
TO IS YOUR Q. OF 11 JAN

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SEE 40

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Ministry  
of War

Q151

L.W. BRADLEY, Major,

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M.H.I.A.

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REF OUR C 151 OF 23 MARCH 1961 REQUESTED TO BE FORWARDED  
DISTO FOR TRANSMISSION D.H.Q.

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Q 151

W. T. BRADLEY, MAJOR

*Reference to file*

SUBJECT:- Handover of CEM to Italian Army.

RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946  
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HQ No 2 District CMF.  
1265/5/Q3.

22 Mar 46.

HQ MMIA., ROME.

- 34
1. Ref is made to GHQ signal C 32331 dated 21 Mar 46.
  2. All remaining stocks of blankets and raw materials of CEM origin, located in the Blanket Factories, BIELLA region are released to you for the Italian War Ministry.
  3. Please ensure that receipts, in accordance with para 2 of the a/m signal are forwarded as soon as possible, for onward transmission to GHQ.

Copy to:- Q(CEMS) GHQ  
Ord  
AC Milan CEM Branch.

affiant R.A.  
Colonel,  
DA & QMG.

A 9151

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(36)

Subject : Blankets ex BIKILA Factory.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
(M.F.I.A.) ROHR.

C. 151

23 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.  
: 1 B.L.U. TURIN.

SEE 88

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1. Under authority of G.H.Q. signal C 32331 of 21 March 1946 A.F.H.Q. have instructed 2 District to release to the Ministry of War, through M.F.I.A., all remaining stocks of blankets and raw materials of G.H.Q. origin ex BIKILA factory.

2. 1 B.L.U. will arrange collection of these materials in conjunction with 1 Territorial Command and will report completion to this H.Q.

Subs

H.M. BRADLEY,  
Major Inspector  
M.F.I.A.

SEE 44-42 for Major General 38

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BVR/2a

SEE 46

Copy to : 2 District.

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: G. 3233L

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 211659B

FROM: AFHQ FROM GHQ CMF

TO : DISTWO

INFO: ALCOM MMIA

Message Centre No: H/1015

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 221100B

Precedence: ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT BLANKETS EX BIELLA FACTORY.

YOUR QG 699 OF 01.

1. RELEASE TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY THROUGH MMIA ALL REMAINING STOCKS BLANKETS AND RAN

MATERIALS OF CEM ORIGIN.

2. RECEIPTS WILL BE COMPILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 11 OF AFHQ LETTER AG 386.3 Q (AE)-0

DATED 2 OCTOBER.

4. FOR MMIA. YOUR Q 849 OF 06 REFERS

AC DIST

INFO ACTION: L. FORGES

ECON SEC 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE 2

FLOAT

INFO - ACTION

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22 MAR

UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT BLANKETS IN BIELLA FACTORY.

YOUR QG 699 OF CL.

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MATERIALS OF CEM ORIGIN.

2. RECEIPTS WILL BE COMPILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 11 OF ATHQ LETTER AG 386.3 Q (AE).G

DATED 2 OCTOBER.

4. FOR MILIA. YOUR Q 849 OF 06 REFERS

AG DIST

INFO ACTION: L. FORCES

BEON SEC 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INFO - ACTION



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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG No.

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M.A.P.  
1/22  
SIGNATURELROF V LAEE NR 72  
T MSHO QVR3149. -11 211659B  
TO DISTWO  
INFO ALCOM - NMIA  
GR -- BT

J.

C32331 . UNCLASS FROM GHO CMT .  
 SUBJECT BLANKETS EX BIELLA FACTORY .  
 YOUR QG699 OF 81 .  
 ONE . RELEASE TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY THROUGH NMIA ALL REMAINING STOCKS  
 BLANKETS AND RAW MATERIALS OF CEM ORIGIN!  
 TWO . RECEIPTS WILL BE COMPILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 11 OF AFHQ LETTER  
 AG383.3 Q (AE)-C DATED 2 OCT .  
 FOUR . FOR NMIA . YOUR Q 849 OF 26 REFERS

BT. 211659B  
SENT NR 72 E H BR1 Inform War Hist  
and Bu.SEE 37  
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A Q. 151

Red to 182

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M.H.I.A.

G.H.Q.

SEE 36

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REF GEN/5067/Q (GENS) OF 18 FEB AND DISTRO SIGNAL QG 699 OF 1 MAR (.)  
 SUBJECT BLANKETS EL VIRGELLI FACTORIES (.) REF PARA 1 (a) OF YOUR  
 LETTER DISTRO STATE COMMITMENTS SATISFIED (.) THIRDSPORE RECOMMEND ALL  
 REMAINING STOCKS BLANKETS AND RAW MATERIAL BE PLACED UNDER CONTROL  
 ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY FOR COMPLETION OF UNIA ALLOCATION

3174

0151

W. FIDLEY, Colonel

H/3

Subject:- Blankets ex VERCELLI Factories

HQ No 2 District CMF  
1265/5/03

1 Feb 46

M.M.I.A. ROME.

RECEIVED 4 MAR 1946  
2413.

Ref your Q 151 dated 25 Feb 46.

Attached herewith is a copy of our signal ref QG 699 dated 1 Mar for your information.

Q1.  
Translate attached  
into english vohw

A/Q

RAP

A Q. 151

4/3/46  
ra

DH Lon

Colonel, Major 3  
DA & QMG.

32a

Question asked by G.H.Q. with answers by 2 District.

Q 151 Folios 30 and 32 refer.

- (a) Number of Blankets originally available.....173,463
- (b) Original estimated quantity to be manufactured from raw materials.....519,076.
- (c) Quantity consigned or awaiting consignment in respect of AMG Villach and S.E.P. commitments.....228,003.
- (d) Estimated date when these commitments will be satisfied.....commitments satisfied.
- (e) Date when blankets will be available to meet in part the MMIA allocation, and date when this commitment will be finally met.....not known, stated as no further blankets available.
- (f) Number of factories involved in the production of these blankets.....94.
- (g) Weekly output of each factory ) Requested by 2 District  
( that A.C. ROME be
- (h) Final date of availability of ) directed by G.H.Q. produce  
( all blankets. ) information on these  
( Complete details of ownership of ) paras.  
( all blankets )

COPY

From: Q Distwo

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To: AFHQ

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31A

QG 699(.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) your GHQ/5067/Q(CEMS) of 18 Feb(.) para 1 (a) 173,563  
(b) 519,076 (c) 228,003 (d) commitments satisfied (e) not known, stated as no  
further blankets available (f) 94 (.) it is requested AC ROME are directed by you to  
produce information required vide your paras 1(f) to 1(i) and 2 (.) conversation  
TOON - McLACHLAN refers

Signed D.H. TOON Major.

3171

Subject : Blankets exVercelli Factorien.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
M.F.I.A.  
R.C.M.E.  
Q. 151

25 February 46

To : 2 District.  
Info : 1 B.L.U. Turin.

Ref letter GHQ/5067/Q(CEMS) of 18 February 46.

It would be appreciated if a copy of the information called for by GHQ in the above quoted letter could be sent to this H.Q. in order that such information as is already held by this H.Q. on the subject of Biella blankets may be checked.

SEE 32

gwb  
E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major Inniske  
for Major General  
M.F.I.A.

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RECEIVED 20 FEB 1946  
DATE 1946

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Subject: Blankets ex Vercelli  
Factories.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

CHQ/5067/Q(GEES)

18 Feb 46

To : HQ., No 2 District, GMP.

Reference CHQ/5067/Q(AE) dated 8 Jan 46 and MIA letter Q 151 dated 13 Feb 46.

1. In order that the supply and delivery of blankets ex the Factories at Vercelli may be reviewed, it is desired that the position be thoroughly investigated, and the following information forwarded to this Headquarters.

- 173463 a. The number of completed blankets originally available.
- 519076 b. Original estimated quantity to be manufactured from raw materials.
- 228003 c. Quantity consigned or awaiting consignment in respect of A.M.G. Villach and S.M.P. commitments.
- Commitments satisfied d. Estimated date when these commitments will be satisfied.
- Not known for the blankets available e. Date when blankets will be available to meet in part the MIA allocation, and date when this commitment will be finally met.
- 94 f. The number of factories involved in the production of these blankets.
- g. The weekly output of each factory.
- h. Final date of availability of all blankets.
- i. Complete details of ownership of all blankets. Attention is invited to para 5 of AFHQ letter AG 386.3 Q(AE)-D dated 2 Oct 45.

2. It is further desired, that the present stocks be examined with a view to ascertaining if any discrepancy exists between present figures and those originally reported.

3. The peculiar circumstances pertaining at Vercelli have been taken into consideration, and due allowance was made in assessing the priority of supply as confirmed in this Headquarters letter GHD/5067/(AE) dated 8 Jan 46. Blankets will continue to be consigned as per this priority, and in order that blankets will be issued as soon as possible to the Italian Army, through MMIA, it is desired that action be taken to facilitate the delivery of blankets manufactured in factories located in the Vercelli area.

*J. D. Kachla Maj*

A. McLAUGHLIN, Major,  
for Major General,  
Major General, Administration.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG,  
Copy to: (MMIA)

AMol/rac

3168

SUBJECT: C.I.M. - Blankets ex-Bielle.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.

H.M.I.A.

R O M E

Q.151

13 February 1946

TO : C.I.C. Q(AMM).

Reference your AMM/5067/Q(AMM) of 8 Feb 46.

1. The situation regarding the release of blankets to the Italian Army remains most unsatisfactory. As far back as 30 Sep 45 a report from 2 District C.I.M. Section stated that 2 separate quantities had been identified:

(a) A total of 173,463, of which AMM have issued 22,042.

(b) A total of 519,076, which are claimed by the manufacturers as their property and which the Italian Claims Commission are investigating with A.C. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.

On the 8 January, the position as regards issues was detailed in your Letter AMM 3657/Q(AMM), from which it would appear that the position was as follows:

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Already issued         | 137,042 |
| Authorised for release | 192,000 |
| Total                  | 329,042 |

If the original figure of 692,539 was correct, there should be now available for the Italian Army, 363,497

2. It now appears that no more blankets in a completed state are available for issue, and that an indefinite number of blankets are now being manufactured in a number of factories from which issues authorised above have still to be made.

Since the blankets and material were "discovered" in Sep 45 and identified as former Italian Army property, none have yet been made available to the Italian Army out of the balances then expected. The Italian Army no longer receives blankets from Allied sources and must rely on its own resources; it has been very short of blankets this winter and in addition to current maintenance requirements it needs 120,000 immediately for the call-up which is to take place in March.

3. It is requested that the matter of these blankets may be further investigated by the Allied Authorities concerned and information given as to:

(a) the discrepancy between the number of blankets originally reported and the number said to be available.

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5. It is requested that the matter of these blankets may be further investigated by the Allied Authorities concerned and information given as to:

(a) the discrepancy between the number of blankets originally reported and the number sold to be available.

(b) present position in the factories concerned with details of blankets available and potential output.

It is understood that an amendment is about to be issued to the AFHQ Directive of 2 Oct 45, in so far as that relates to material of Italian military origin. It is therefore suggested and strongly recommended that the War Ministry be authorized to take over the operation of the factories and secure possession of the output. It is accepted that the liability would remain to fulfil the demand made in your GHO 5067/X(13) of 8 Jan 46 and that the War Ministry would be required to surrender 192,000 blankets, or such less quantity as required to make up this total, taking into account any issues made by 2 District since the receipt of your letter.

Copy to:- 1 BLD - ref HLL/4/001  
2 District,  
War Ministry.

Major General,  
M.M.T.A.

Riley et al.

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1438 FEB 1946Subject: CEM - Blankets ex Biella.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/5067/Q(CEMS)

8 Feb 46

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC,  
(M.M.I.A.)

Reference Q151 dated 31 Jan 46.

1. It has been ascertained that it has not been possible to obtain blankets from the Biella Factory in quantities to satisfy, as first priorities, the AMG Villach and S.E.P. commitments.
2. This has been occasioned by the fact that the blankets are only now in course of manufacture, and are not being manufactured in one factory. It has been necessary for British military personnel to collect completed blankets from the various factories, and in certain instances, claim to ownership has been disputed.
3. Thus, in view of the fact that the quantities allocated to AMG Villach and S.E.P., have not been manufactured, and that an amendment to the priority of supply would only create unnecessary confusion at this stage, it is not possible to accede to your request and release the "remaining quantity on hand" to the Italian Army.

*D. Barnes*  
D. BARNES, Lt. Colonel,  
for Major General,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: HQ., No 2 District, GMP. They spoke Major Toon- Capt. McLachlan.

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Q151

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16 FEB 1946

Subject :- MISSIA Blankets

1 British Liaison Unit

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MISSIA)  
Rome

MIL/4/51

1. The following reply has been received from Distwo ref my signal request copy to you for release of 93,000 Blankets. Ministry of War has asked for this number for use with call-up and GAs.

"6544 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) your 9 of 26 (.) CWO DISTWO still in process collecting blankets as allocated CWO/50 6710 (AE) of 6 Jan (.) will notify MISSIA soonest when collection for Italian Army can be made"

2. It is presumed, having regard to the last sentence of this 2 Dist signal, that the matter now rests between MISSIA and 2 District. Many efforts have been made by this office to get some of these blankets but the reply has always been that Dist will notify soonest.

3. See Progress Report No 4 page 4.

Field

1 Feb 46

Major  
D.A. & CMCGrt B  
6/2

Q 151

6-2-46  
R. lob.

3165

Subject:-

C.M.M. - Blankets ex Biella.Land Warfare Staff Commission A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)

0.151

20 January 1946.

To:-

CHQ (G(AE)).

Reference your CHQ. 5067/G(AE) of 8 Jan 46.

1. It is requested that the release of blankets to the Italian Army by 2 District may be expedited.
2. The War Ministry are concerned with the provision of blankets for the new call-up of recruits, which takes place in March, and so far, release to M.M.I.A. has not been granted.
3. It is suggested that the quantities allocated by you to other recipients should be set aside in order that the "remaining quantity on hand" may be determined and released without further delay.

*Rae*M.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

1 SCU Turin  
2 District.

RAE/fen

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LRKE V HEAV 260302 QVR 2  
FROM 1 ~~BRITISH~~ BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
TO G BRANCH DISTWO  
INFO HQ MMIA ROME

ON GR 46 BT  
Q 9 UNCLASSIFIED . SUBJECT BIELLA BLANKETS .  
REF MY MIL/A/C /1 OF 29 JN ASKING FOR  
EMERGENCY RELEASE OF 15000 . ITALIAN WAR  
MINISTRY HAVE NOW ASKED FOR RELEASE OF 93000 BLANKETS  
URGENTLY NEEDED FOR MOBILISATION CENTRES FOR  
IMMINENT CAL

MAY THIS PLEASE BE GRANTED  
AS REQUIREMENTS IS URGENT

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SENT NR 032 RRD B K  
RECD RM 1612 AR JKK

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CALL UP  
OK CHUM TB PLS

M.M.I.A.

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BLANKETS

Q 151

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LEKE V MEAV NR 1120  
FROM 1 BLU 11/1515A  
TO NMIA ROME

CSH GR21 BT

(CA) (.) U/C (.) YOUR Q773 OF 10 (.) SUBJECT B I E L L A  
BLANKETS (.) 11740 HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED N O T  
9742 (.) FURTHER ACTION NOW BEING TAKEN

BT 1928

SENT (RIP) (AR) 2027A

RD AS NR 112053 AT 112029A

FB

R/12/1/46  
B1  
12/

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MESSAGE FORM  
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FROM : DIA  
TO : 1 BLD ITALY  
INFO : WHM MINISTRY  
REF : 6770  
UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT: D I E L A BLANKEH(.) DISTRO DISTRIBUTED CENTER  
ON 1/14/71 (3) 3 JAN TO NO FRIENDS REMAINING BEYOND AS FOLLOWS  
22,000 AND VILLAGE 185,000 SHIP BALANCE DIA(.) (CNS) 3742  
ALREADY BELIEVED ITALIAN ARMY CENTER RELEASE BARADON AND REPORT AS  
AND WITH ITALIAN ARMY OBTAIN FORREBITION

SEE 24

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PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHENTICATED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Internal: GND  
FILE : 6.151. \_\_\_\_\_

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10/1/71  
W/R.

Subject: QM - Blankets ex Biella

RECEIVED 9 JAN 46

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS QM

TEL. NO. FREEM 974

CHV/5067/Q(AR)

To : HQ., No 2 District, C.M.F.

8 Jan 46

Ref is made to MIA signal message 4736 of 20 Dec 45 and previous correspondence on this subject.

1. The position regarding QM blankets ex Biella has become confused and this letter is intended to clarify the present position and to detail future releases.

2. It is apparent that when the original appreciation and disposal instructions were made it was not realised that the number of blankets concerned included a large percentage not at that time manufactured. Further many, though in existence, were widely distributed in various warehouses.

3. The present position regarding issues is as follows:-

- (a) AMZ Villach - 100,000 (101,070 despatched but only 98,000 received)
- (b) SKP - 15,000 (balance of 185,000 available and awaiting collection)

(c) Issued by A.C.

Red Cross (on loan) 12,000  
MIA 9,742  
AC (Agriculture & Forestry - on loan) 300

4. It is confirmed that the policy for priority of disposal will be in accordance with this Headquarters signal message No 47180 of 4 Oct 45 but, as blankets from British W.D. stocks have had to be issued in lieu of blankets which should have been found ex Biella, the following order of precedence and action will be put into effect forthwith:-

- (a) AMZ Villach qty 98,000 will be made up to 100,000 forthwith.
- (b) The balance of 185,000 due for Sep will be issued as follows -

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11740 rec'd 24

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(b) The balance of 185,000 due for Sep will be issued as follows -

(i) To 500 AGO, GRAZ - 65,000  
(ii) To German Ord Depot Visarba, Rimini - 100,000  
(iii) To Ho 2 District for SMP - 20,000

(c) Further 20,000 to AMG Villach.

(d) Remaining quantity on hand will be made available to MELA

and A.G.

rec'd 23  
9/1/46  
H.C. 30  
5/.....  
Q151

5. From information available it is considered sufficient blankets exist to be able to put the above into operation and this matter will be given urgent priority attention. This Headquarters will be notified by signal completion of issues at para 4 sub paras (a) (b) and (c) and in the case of sub-para (d) quantity immediately available and collected by MIA will be reported to this Headquarters immediately, quantities handed over in the future being notified as they occur.

*H. E. SUMNER*

H. E. SUMNER, Major,  
for Major General,  
Major General, Administration.

Copy to: MIA. ✓  
G-5  
G-2 (H)  
File 5034

HA: / I will report 1 BCU.  
I will report 12300  
for the follow up of the 2159  
I will report AC. 1159  
by 10 Jan

10 Jan

A.D.M.C. del me know what is the meaning of  
"MIA and AC" in para 4. I thought the MIA

can be to have got all the balance and

0052

H. S. WISNER, Major,  
For Major General,  
Major General, Administration.

Copy to: 1011a.  
G-5  
Ord (B)  
File 9384.

HA. / I will sign 1 BCU.  
I will sign 1 BCU.  
for the information of 12300  
for the follow of the 2159  
I will sign H.C. 10/15/59  
10/15/59

A.D.P.C. - I am aware which is the meaning of  
"M.M.A. and H.C." in para 4. I thought the Union  
Army was to have got all the balance and  
expans there is no A.C. organization now. Tell  
1 BCU to see that the Union can get all the  
remainder. Infor War Min W.P.

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785020

Translation

5/1/46

21.T

from M. of W

ref 10130/VC

to M.M.I.A.

9/15

Subject: Report of field\_blankets ,barrack store \_blankets and

allied blankets .

Ref your a/m letter ,herewith we list the datas required regarding the a/m blankets being in the dependent Depots:

| Barrack store blankets                                   | Field_ blankets |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Being in ITI_ITI Depots big n. 18.082<br>small n. 69.302 | 143.946         |
| Being in Subdepots big n. 289<br>small n. 289            | 2.633           |
| Distributed : big n. 23277<br>small n. 84887             | 109.893         |
| In course of recovery big n; 775<br>small n. 904         | 106280          |

Cf allied origin :

Various:111.246

Comforters: 22.178 x 2 = 44356

We reserve to communicate the datas regarding the u/m units,

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
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| In course of recovery<br>big n. 775<br>small n. 904         | 106280         |

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362.762  
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Of allied origin :

Various: 111.246

Comforters: 22.178

We reserve to communicate the dates regarding the u/m units, that we have not received yet :

General Command of the R.R.C.C.

Mil. Command of Milan (only for the quantities being in Subdepots and for the quantities distributed)

Military Territorial Command of Rome

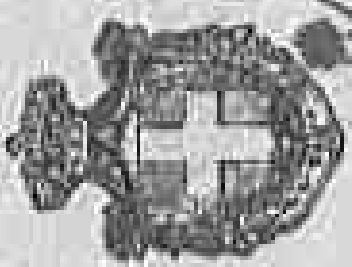
Military " " " Naples (only for the quantities distributed)

" " " Office of Sardinia

C/a

Pelligra D. 151

7/1/46  
R. R.



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione Vestiario-Equipaggiamento, Casermaggio e Combustibili

L/A

Sezione

1<sup>a</sup> B

10130/VC

Prot. N.°

Allegati

Risposta al f.° del 1<sup>o</sup> 8.11.45

Div.

Sez.

N.° Q/15

Roma,

5 GEN 1946

A/LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

(M.M.I.A.)

RDO M A

Oggetto: Situazione coperte da campo, da casermaggio ed alleate.

Riferimento foglio sopradistinto si trasmettono i dati richiesti relativi alle coperte da casermaggio, da campo ed alleate esistenti nei magazzini dipendenti:

| da casermaggio                 | da campo |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| giacenti nei depositi III-ITI: |          |
| grandi n. 18.082               | 143.946  |
| piccole " 69.302               |          |
| giacenti nei sottodepositi:    | 2.633    |
| grandi n. 23.277               | 109.893  |
| piccole " 84.887               |          |
| in distribuzione:              |          |
| grandi n. 775                  | 106.289  |
| piccole " 904                  |          |
| in corso di recupero:          |          |

Di provenienza alleata:

Varie: 111.286

Trasunte 22.178

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OGGETTO: Situazione coperte da campo, da casermaggio ed alleate.-

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Riferimento foglio sopradistinto si trasmettono i dati richiesti relativi alle coperte da casermaggio, da campo ed alleate esistenti nei magazzini dipendenti:

| da casermaggio                 |                                      | da campo |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| giacenti nei depositi ITI-ITI: | grandi n. 18.082<br>piccole " 69.302 | 143.946  |
| giacenti nei sottodepositi:    | grandi n. -<br>piccole " 289         | 2.633    |
| in distribuzione:              | grandi n. 23.277<br>piccole " 84.887 | 109.893  |
| in corso di recupero:          | grandi n. 775<br>piccole " 904       | 106.280  |

Di provenienza alleata:

Varie: 111.286

Trapunte 22.178

Si fa riserva di comunicare i dati relativi ai sottoelencati, non ancora pervenuti a questo Ministero:

-Comando Generale Arma CC.RR.

-Comando Mil.Terr.di Roma

-Comando Mil.Terr.di Milano (soltanto per i quantitativi giacenti nei sottodepositi e in distribuzione)

-Comando Mil.Terr.di Napoli (soltanto per i quantitativi in distribuzione -Uff.Mil.Terr.per la Sardegna)

P.IL MINISTRO

*De Luigi*

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ATRS FOR Q(AS)

Q 756

UNCLASSIFIED (.) REQUEST BARLESH INFORMATION WITH MINUS TWO WILL  
REMARKS BLANKETS BY MOIA FACTORY AND CONFIRMATION YOUR ALLOCATION  
100,000 AGA 200,000 BIF BALANCE MOIA HEADS OXID (.) YOUR FX 47480  
4 OCT REPEAS

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Q.151

20/12  
R10

from: M of W  
to: MMIA

Trans: ation  
ref. 26087/VC  
12 Dec. 1945

Subject: Blankets

Further to letter 25308/VC dated 29 Nov. 1945.

We beg MMIA kindly to let us know the measures ~~wh~~ which have been taken concerning a/m subject.

As we have already pointed out in our former letter, the blanket stock to meet Army requirements during winter, is precarious and would become totally inadequate if the 400000 blankets- allotted by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and frozen by AMG- ~~will~~<sup>is</sup> not be assigned to the Army.

C/u  
*[Handwritten mark]*

Pelligra

*19/12  
R. G. P.*

*Q 15155*



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI  
DIVISIONE VESTIARIO - EQUIPAGGIAMENTO, CASERMA MAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

Sezione 1<sup>a</sup> B

Prot. N° 26087/VC

Risposta al J.° del

Div. Sez.

IN N°

Data 18/12

OGGETTO: Coperte.

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Time 1830

Data 19/12

Roma 72 DIC. 1946

AL LA LAND FORCES SUB  
COMMISSION ( M.M.I.A. )

R O M A

A seguito nota 25308/VC del 29 u.s.

Si prega la cortesia di codesta M.M.I.A. di compiacersi far conoscere i provvedimenti adottati in merito all'argomento in oggetto.

Com'è stato già fatto presente con la precedente nota, la situazione delle coperte, per le necessità invernali dell'Esercito, è precaria e si aggraverebbe ancora di più se dovessero venire a mancare le 400.000 coperte assegnate dal Ministero dell'Industria e Commercio ed ora bloccate dall'A.M.G.

p. IL MINISTRO

LRKE V MEAV 060491 QVR 1  
 FROM Q DISTNO 061740  
 TO HQ MMIA  
 INFO GMA FOR CMF 1 BLU  
 QSH GR 24 BT  
 QG 256 UNCLASSIFIED YOUR Q 713  
 THIS HQ ARRANGING URGENT COLLECTION OF 05  
 BLANKETS FOR SEP WILL NOTIFY OF 200000  
 ARRANGE EALIE// EARLIEST COMPLETION AND  
 BT 1835  
 SENT NR 491 RRD B B K  
 R 0748 SR B

N 3/07

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LEOT V MHLG SML 11 **IMPORTANT**

FROM 1 E L U 051115 A

TO HQ 3 M 1 A PONT

CSH 01 39 BT

Q 431 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)

YOUR Q 727 OF 03 (.) DISTCO SIGNAL 00 244 ON 05 TO 03

STATES (.) (.) R H O T E (.) NOT POSSIBLE TO AUTHORISE  
IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL BY YOUHOF SURPLUS BLANKETS DUE TO  
URGENT DEMAND JUST RECEIVED WILL NOTIFY EARLIEST WHEN  
COLLECTION COLLECTION MAY START (.)

U N Q U O T E

BT

SENT 11 304 1345/06

( MUCH INTERFERENCE )

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INTERFERENCE NOT MUCH ON HEAT

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MESSAGE FROM  
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FROM : HQDA  
TO : DIRECTOR  
INFO : A.P.H.O.  
REF : C.713.

DATE/TIME  
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UNCLASSIFIED.

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2 MESSAGE IS STATED AT KIRILA FACTORY V R R S L I(.)  
AND IN 12180 A (100) REPORTED RELEASE OF BLACKENED POLIA FIGHT  
ELEVATED AFTER REPAIRS - 200,000 AND 400,000(.)  
THE MESSAGE HADN HADN REPORTED NO REPORT NO REPORTS(.)  
RECENT INFORMATION WITH A LARGE WELD. BY OTHER

SEE 18

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AUTHENTICATION

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CVR 1  
FROM 1 B L B 041000  
TO HQBA H I A  
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SIGNALS

Q DISTRO  
QSW GR 50 BT  
Q 427 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.)  
DYSWICK707R D HAVE NOT COLLECTED  
THEIR 200,000 D I E L L A BLANKETS YET (.) UNDERSTAND FROM  
W H B A C THAT VERY PROBABLY ANOTHER PRIORITY OF 200,000  
FOR ANOTHER THEATRE BE INSERTED ABOVE H I A (.) FOR  
D I S T R O (.) REQUEST REPLY TO MY Q 421 OF 29 ASKING  
WHEN WE CAN BEGIN TO COLLECT  
BT -----

SENT SRL S SGW 0015/05 AR K  
RECD AT 0015/05A 22 BNB

Q 151

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SIGNAL

FROM : MEMA  
TO : 1 B.L.U.

DATE/TIME 5

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MINISTRY OF WAR AFFAIRS STATES THAT THE B I E L L A BLANKETS ARE NOT BEING  
RELEASED (.) REPORT PROGRESS IMMEDIATELY.

PRECEDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHENTICATION \_\_\_\_\_

SEE  
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Q.151

3149

Subject : Bielle Blankets.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.

M.H.I.A.

ROME

Q/151

3 December 43

To : Ministry of War.

Ref. your 25308/VO of 23 Nov.

We have been informed by No. 1 BH that negotiations are in progress for withdrawal of Bielle blankets into Italian Army Stocks.

However, the contents of your letter have been brought to the attention of the MHA representative who will give every assistance in this matter.

A.M. WINTON, Major  
for Major General  
M.H.I.A.

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3 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

Ref. your 25308/VC of 29 Nov.

We have been informed by No. 1 BH that negotiations are in progress for withdrawal of Bielle blankets into Italian Army Stocks.

However, the contents of your letter have been brought to the attention of the BHIA representative who will give every assistance in this matter.

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A.M. NEWTON, Major  
for Major General  
R.M.I.A.

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R.H.

from: M of W  
to: MMIA

Translation  
ref. 25308/VC  
29 November 1945

Subject: Blankets

This Ministry, further to earnest requests made to the Ministry of Industry Commerce and Labour, has been able to obtain 400,000 blankets which are stocked at various Firms in the province of Biella.

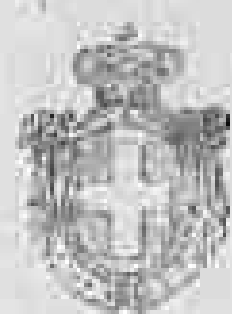
Notwithstanding this regular allotment, the Military Wool Office located in a/m town cannot withdraw these blankets because they have been frozen by A.M.G. who still consider this material as war booty.

MMIA are aware of the scanty availability of blankets for the Army and that requirements are increasing in view of the cold season and therefore we beg you to approach the authorities concerned in order to obtain the release of a/m blankets.

Pelligra

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*30/11*  
*R.B.*  
*Q1. Inform War Min*  
*and 1 B20*  
*of (11) contents of (127) & instruct*  
*them report urgently.*  
*RBC*  
*1 Dec.*

*See*  
*Q.151*  
*SEE (13)*



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI  
DIVISIONE VESTIARIO - EQUIPAGGIAMENTO, CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

TR

Roma,

29 NOV. 1945

Sezione

Prot. N° 25308/VO Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div.

Sez.

N°

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ROMA

OGGETTO: Coperte.

Questo Ministero, in seguito a sue vive premure, ha potuto ottenere da quello dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro n° 400.000 coperte che trovansi accantonate presso ditte site nella provincia di Biella.

Nonostante tale regolare assegnazione l'Ufficio militare laniero dislocato in tale città non può effettuare il ritiro delle dette coperte in conseguenza del blocco posto dall'A.M.G. la quale continua a considerare il materiale stesso come preda bellica.

Poichè è nota a cotesta M.M.I.A. la scarsa disponibilità di coperte da parte dell'Esercito, mentre l'incalzare della stagione invernale ne rende sempre più necessario e sensibile il fabbisogno, si prega voler interporre i propri buoni uffici affinché sia tolto il blocco delle coperte di che trattasi.

IL MINISTRO

*F. Ellinger*

LROF. V MELG NR19 IMPORTANT  
 FROM 1 BLU 291400A  
 TO HQ MMIA ROME  
 QSH GR43 BT

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P/R21

Q 420 (.) UNCL(.) YOUR Q 696 OF 26 AND Q 151 OF 21 (.)  
 10800 BLANKETS NEW AND QUALITY FAIR WERE WITHDRAWN FROM  
 B I E L L A BEFORE ALL BLANKETS WERE BLOCKED (.)  
 100,000 HAVE NOW DESPATCHED TO AC A U S T R I A (.)  
 NEGOTIATION IN PROGRESS WITH DISTRICT FOR WITHDRAWAL ACCORDING TO  
 YOUR Q 696

BT

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 RD 0310A HTH VA AR

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1 BLU TURIN

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Q. 696

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SUBJECT BIELLA BLANKETS STOP APPROX 400,000 UNDERSTOOD AWAITING COLLECTION  
STOP ALL REPEAT ALL REMAINING AFTER 300,000 RELEASED TO ACA AND DISTWO  
MAY BE CLAIMED ON AUTHORITY AFHQ FX 47180 4 NOV STOP REPORT PROGRESS

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SEE II

Q151

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R. A. McIntosh

Subject : Blankets at Biella.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q/154

21 Nov 45

To : M.M.I.A. BIU Milan.

Please submit at once a report on the progress of the take-over by the Italian Army of the Biella blankets.

Reference should be made to the quality and service ability of blankets taken-over, since in some cases older blankets have been found to have more wear in them than completely new ones.

*R.A. Curties*

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

ANN/lm

SEE H. 3143

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L.P.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 25193/VC

TO: G.H.Q., CC.RR., Rome.

and M.M.L.A. for info.

DATE: 19.11.45

*Req 9/15 of 8th. ind. 6.*

SUBJECT: Italian Army field and barracks blankets state.

In order to comply with a similar request, urgently made by M.M.I.A., the H.Q.s addressed are requested to notify, without delay and in any event not later than 1st. December next, the following facts (totals) regarding blanket stocks:

- 1) - present stocks in ITI - ITI Depots;
- 2) - quantities of blankets in the Sub Depots ( i.e. at Regimental, Battalion, etc., H.Q.s);
- 3) - quantities of blankets in issue to units;
- 4) - quantities of blankets being repaired, manufactured, or purchased.

The above mentioned data must be shown on two returns, one for field blankets and one for barracks blankets (large and small) and these of Allied origin.

G.H.Q., CC.RR., will notify the data in respect/all <sup>of</sup> 3142 the Territorial Units of the Corps throughout the whole of Italy.

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In order to comply with a similar request, urgently made by M.M.I.A., the H.Q.s addressed are requested to notify, without delay and in any event not later than 1st. December next, the following facts (totals) regarding blanket stocks:

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G.H.Q., CC.RR., will notify the data in respect/all <sup>of</sup> 3142 the Territorial Units of the Corps throughout the whole of Italy.

The Military Territorial Commands will also notify the total strength (ITI-ITI troops) stationed in their respective territories.

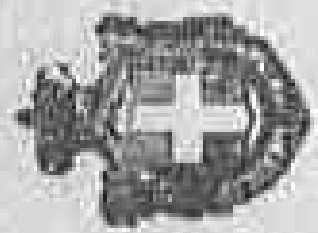
O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd.. PELLIGRA

Gen.

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Q 151



# Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Roma,

19 NOV. 1945

Al Comandante Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR.

Al Comandante Militare Terr./li di Palermo

Al Comandante Militare Terr./li di Trapani

Risposta al Foglio del SADEGNA = CANTIERI =

Dio. Sez. N°.

Divisione M.E.C.C. Sez. 2°

Prot. N. 25123/40 Allegati

OGGETTO Situazione coperte da campo e da casermaggio dell'Esercito Italiano.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MILA)  
(rif.f.n. Q/15 dell'c corrente)

R O M A

Per aderire ad analogia urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILA), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di comunicare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 10 dicembre p.v. i seguenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti le consistenze di coperte:

- 1°) attuali giacenze nei Depositi MILITARI;
- 2°) quantitativi di coperte nei sotto-depositi (e cioè presso i comandi di Reggimento, Battaglione ecc.);
- 3°) quantitativo di coperte in deposito ai Reparti;
- 4°) quantitativi di coperte in corso di recupero, di fabbricazione o di acquisto.

I dati predetti devono essere riportati in due specchi, uno riguardante le coperte da campo ed uno le coperte da casermaggio (grandi e piccole) e di provenienza alleata.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. comunicherà i dati riguardanti gli enti Terr./li dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

I Comandi Militari Terr./li comunicheranno anche la forza complessiva (gruppi MILITARI) dislocate nelle rispettive circoscrizioni.

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P. IL MILITARI S. P. C.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O. (EMIA)  
(rif.f.n.Q/15 dell'8 corrente)

R O M A

Per aderire ad analogo urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces Sub Commission A.O. (EMIA), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di comunicare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 10 dicembre p.v. i seguenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti la consistenza di coperte:

- 1°) attuali giacenti nei Depositi IRI-IMI;
- 2°) quantitativi di coperte nei sottoc-Depositi (e cioè presso i comandi di Reggimento, Battaglione ecc.);
- 3°) quantitativo di coperte in distribuzione ai Reparti;
- 4°) quantitativi di coperte in corso di recupero, di fabbricazione od acquisto.

I dati presetti devono essere riportati in due spece, uno riguardante le coperte da campo ed uno le coperte da casermaggio (grandi e piccole) e di provenienza alleata.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. comunicherà i dati riguardanti gli Enti Terr./li dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

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P. IL MINISTRO

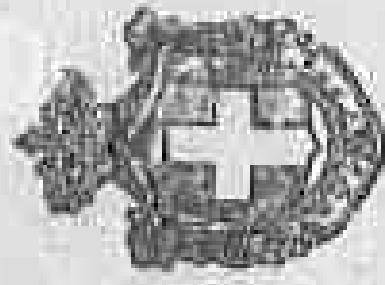
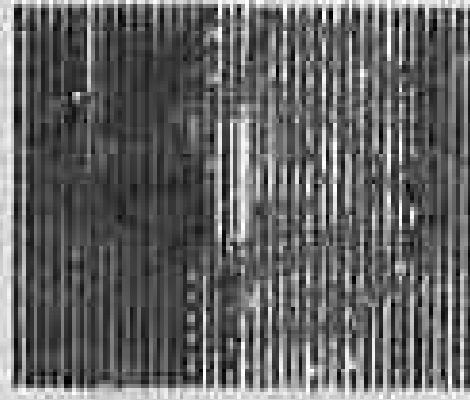
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI  
COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione V.E.C.C. Sez. 1<sup>a</sup> B  
Prot. V. 25193/VO Allegati

Roma 19 A

AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.HR.  
R O M A

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI  
T U R I N

ALL'UFFICIO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
DELLA SARDEGNA - CAGLIARI -

Proposta al Foglio del  
Dir. Sez. V.

OGGETTO: Situazione coperte da campo e da casermaggio dell'Esercito  
Italiano.-

e, per conoscenza:  
= ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.A.)  
(rif. f. z. Q/15/ dell'8 corrente)

Per aderire ad analoga urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces  
Sub Commission AC (M.M.I.A.A.), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di co-  
municare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 1<sup>o</sup> dicembre p.v. i se-  
guenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti la consistenza di coperte:  
1<sup>o</sup>) attuali giacenze nei Depositi IRI-ITI;  
2<sup>o</sup>) quantitativi di coperte nei sotto-Depositi (e cioè presso i comandi  
di Reggimento, Battaglione ecc.);  
3<sup>o</sup>) quantitativo di coperte in distribuzione ai Reparti;  
4<sup>o</sup>) quantitativi di coperte in corso di recupero, di fabbricazione ed  
acquisto.

I dati predetti devono essere riportati in due specchi, uno riguar-  
dante le coperte da campo ed uno le coperte da casermaggio (grandi e  
piccole) e di provenienza alleata.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.HR. comunicherà i dati riguar-  
danti gli Enti Territoriali dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

I Comandi Militari Territoriali comunicheranno anche la forse com-  
plessiva (Gruppi IRI-ITI) dislocata nella rispettiva circoscrizione.

P.C.C.  
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

P. IL MINISTRO

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*Amministrativo*

OGGETTO, Situazione coperte da campo e da casermaggio dell'Esercito Italiano.

e, per conoscenza:  
= ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)  
(rif. 2. n. Q/15/ dell'8 corrente)

= ROMA =

Per aderire ad analogia urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces Sub Commission AC (M.M.I.A.), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di comunicare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 30 dicembre p.v., i seguenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti la consistenza di coperte:

- 1°) attuali giacenze nei Depositi ITI-ITI;
- 2°) quantitativi di coperte nel sotto-Depositi (e cioè presso i comandi di Reggimento, Battaglione ecc.);
- 3°) quantitativo di coperte in distribuzione ai Reparti;
- 4°) quantitativi di coperte in corso di recupero, di fabbricazione ed acquisto.

I dati predetti devono essere riportati in due specchi, uno riguardante le coperte da campo ed uno le coperte da casermaggio (grandi e piccole) e di provenienza allenta.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. comunicherà i dati riguardanti gli Enti Territoriali dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

I Comandi Militari Territoriali comunicheranno anche la forza complessiva (truppe ITI-ITI) dislocata nella rispettiva circoscrizione.

P.C.C.

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

P. IL MINISTRO

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DI

*Impronta*

TRANSLATION

From : M of War

Ref : ~~16 Nov 45~~ 25193

To : Addressees &amp; Copy to MMIA

Dtd : 16 Nov 45

(Ref. Letter Q/15 dtd 8 Nov 45)

Subject :

Report on Camp Blankets and Barrack Blankets belonging  
to the Italian Army. (8T)

In order to comply with a similar urgent request made by MMIA, we beg the above-addressed HQ's to forward, without delay, and in any case not later than the 1 Dec 45, the following details (comprehensively) concerning stocks of blankets:

- 1°) at present stored in ITI-ITI Depots;
- 2°) quantities of blankets in the sub-Depots ( i.e. at regimental and Battalion HQ's etc.);
- 3°) the number of blankets issued to units;
- 4°) quantities of blankets being salvaged, to be made use of to be acquired.

The above-mentioned details must be shown on two returns, one showing camp blankets and the other showing Barrack blankets (large and small), of Allied origin.

The GHQ CC.M. will forward details referring to all Territorial Formations of the Arm located throughout Italy.

The Military Territorial HQ's will also forward the total strengths (ITI-ITI Troops) located in their respective jurisdictional areas.

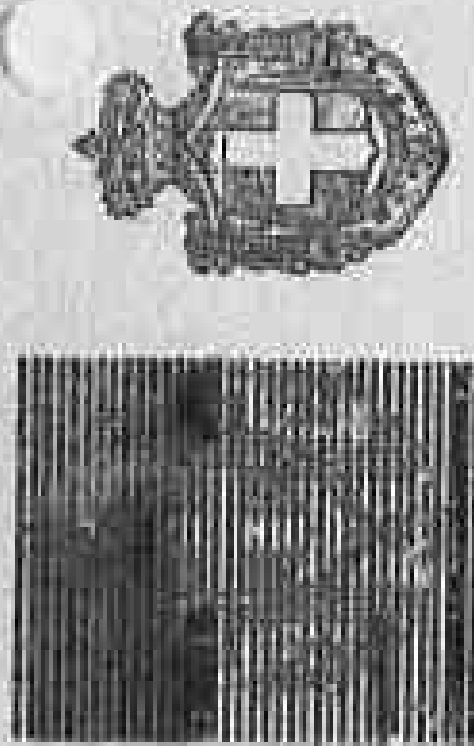
For the Minister,  
sgd. Pelligra.

Sps. Vineri

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*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI  
COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

*Divisione V.B.C.C. L. 1° B*  
*Prot. N. 25193/VC Allegati*

*Roma.*

*16 NOV 1943*

AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA CC.RR.

E C M A

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI

T U T I

ALL'UFFICIO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
DELLA SARDEGNA = CAGLIARI =

*Risposta al foglio del*

*Dir. L. N.*

OGGETTO: Situazione coperte da campo e da casermaggio dell'Esercito Italiano.

e, per conoscenza:

= ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)  
(rif. f. n. Q/15/ dell'8 corrente)

= E C M A

Per aderire ad analoga urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces Sub Commission AC (M.M.I.A.), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di comunicare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 10 dicembre p.v. i seguenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti la consistenza di coperte:

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Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. comunicherà i dati riguardanti gli Enti Territoriali dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

I Comandi Militari Territoriali comunicheranno anche la forza complessiva (Truppe ITI-ITI) dislocate nella rispettiva circoscrizione.

P. IL MINISTRO

*Xellijn*

TRANSLATION

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e, per conoscenza:  
 = LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)  
 (rif. i. n. Q/15/ dell'8 corrente)

= R O M A =

Per aderire ad analoga urgente richiesta fatta dalla Land Forces Sub Commission AC (M.M.I.A.), si pregano i Comandi in indirizzo di comunicare, senza indugio, comunque non oltre il 1° dicembre p.v. i seguenti dati (complessivi) riguardanti la consistenza di coperte:

- 1°) attuali giacenze nei Depositi ITI-IMI;
- 2°) quantitativi di coperte nei sotto-Depositi (e cioè presso i comandi di Reggimento, Battaglione ecc.);
- 3°) quantitativo di coperte in distribuzione ai Reparti;
- 4°) quantitativi di coperte in corso di recupero, di fabbricazione ed acquisto.

I dati predetti devono essere riportati in due specchi, uno riguardante le coperte da campo ed uno le coperte da casermaggio (grandi e piccole) e di provenienza alleata.

Il Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. comunicherà i dati riguardanti gli Enti Territoriali dell'Arma dislocati in tutta Italia.

I Comandi Militari Territoriali comunicheranno anche la forza complessiva (Truppe ITI-IMI) dislocata nella rispettiva circoscrizione.

2. IL MINISTRO

*X* *cellina*

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TRANSLATION

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Subject : Blanket Situation of Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. M.M.I.A.  
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Q/151

8 Nov 1945

TO : Ministry of War.

In order that this H.Q. may have sufficient data on which to base its demand for the restoration of certain stocks of blankets in the North to the Italian Army, you are requested to furnish the following information without delay:

- 1) Present Stocks in ITI-ITI Depots on the Mainland and in Sicily and Sardinia.
- 2) Holdings in forward Sub-Depots (i.e. Regt., Bn.H.Q.'s etc)
- 3) What blankets are held by Units (total)
- 4) What are the prospects of replenishment
  - a) from salvage
  - b) by manufacture
  - c) by purchase.

*R. Cento*  
Major,  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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FROM : AFHQ  
TO : ALCOM  
INFO : MAIA  
REF : FX51875

DATE/TIME  
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FROM Q(AE) CMT(.) SUBJECT IS BLANKETS AT BIELLA(.)  
YOUR 7098 OF 13 OCTOBER REFERS(.)

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(1) UNDER DEFINITION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF OUR AG 386.3 Q(AE)-O DATED 2 OCTOBER BLANKETS ARE UNQUESTIONABLE CAPTURED MATERIAL(.) AS SUCH THEY ARE TO BE USED FIRSTLY TO SATISFY MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OF SACRED(.) THESE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE EQUIPMENT OF SURRENDERED PERSONNEL MAINTENANCE OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND EQUIPPING OF ITALIAN ARMY(.)

(2) THERE IS A GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF BLANKETS AND THIS THREATS IN PARTICULAR HAS A LARGE DEFICIENCY(.) ESSENTIAL THEREFORE ALL POSSIBLE BLANKETS EMPLOYED TO MEET MILITARY REQUIREMENTS(.)

(3) FOR ABOVE REASONS INTEND DISTRIBUTION INDICATED IN OUR FX47180 OF 4 OCTOBER SHALL STAND(.)

(4) MAIA INDICATE THAT ALL REMAINING BLANKETS BALANCE OF 200,000 ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THEM FOR EQUIPPING ITALIAN ARMY DURING COMING WINTER CONSIDERED VERY NECESSARY THAT NEW ITALIAN ARMY BE EQUIPPED AS WELL AS POSSIBLE TO HELP IN BUILDING UP MORALE IF ARMY IS TO BE OF VALUE IN ITS INTENDED INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE(.) IF HOWEVER MAIA AFTER INVESTIGATION ARE ABLE RELINQUISH CLAIM TO PART OF THE ALLOCATION THAT PART COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT(.)

(5) PARAGRAPH 5 OF FX 47180 ESTABLISHED A PRIORITY(.) ACTION OF MAIA IN

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ITS INTENDED INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE(.) IF HOWEVER MMIA AFTER INVESTIGATION 36 ARE ABLE RELINQUISH CLAIM TO PART OF THE ALLOCATION THAT PART COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT(.)

(5) PARAGRAPH 5 OF FX 47180 ESTABLISHED A PRIORITY(.) ACTION OF MMIA IN REQUESTING ALLOCATION REMAINING BALANCE TO THEM NOT CONSIDERED CONTRARY TO POLICY THEREFORE(.) PARAGRAPH 1 E YOUR SIGNAL REFERS(.)

(6) YOUR PARAGRAPH 2 REFERS(.)

(A) ALL SALVAGED BLANKETS ALREADY IN USE(.)

(B) UNRRA UNABLE SUPPLY BLANKETS FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME(.)

D.P.'S REQUIREMENT IMMEDIATE AND MUST BE ACCEPTED MILITARY COMMITMENT(.)

(C) IF AMG AUSTRIA OBTAIN BLANKETS FROM OTHER SOURCES THOSE ALREADY EN ROUTE TO AUSTRIA CAN BE REPLACED(.)

(7) FOR MMIA(.) YOUR Q 643 OF 16 OCTOBER REFERS(.)

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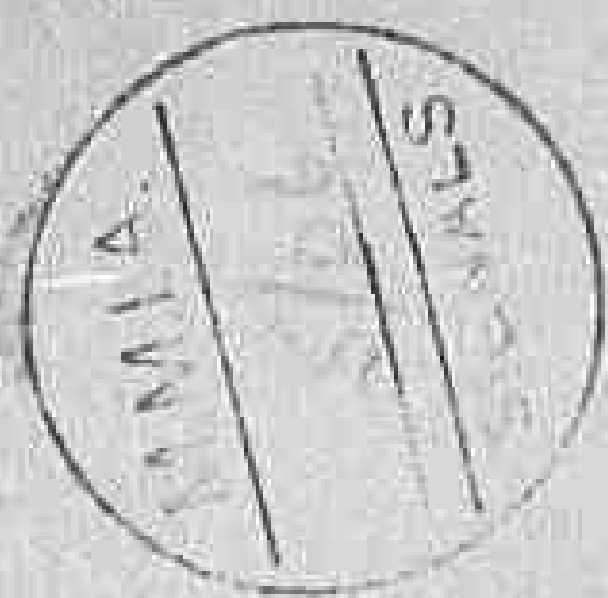
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~~THE~~ CONTAINED IN PARA 5 OF OUR AG 388.3 Q(AE)-O BYED

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THREE . FOR ABOVE REASONS INTEND DISTRIDUTION INDICATED IN OUR FX47150 OF 4 OCT SHALL STAND .

FOUR . NMIA INDICATE THAT ALL REMAINING BLANKETS BALANCE OF 200,000 ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THEM FOR EQUIPPING ITALIAN ARMY ~~BEING~~ *DURING CAPTIVITY WINTER*

CONSIDERED VERY NECESSARY THAT NEW ITALIAN ARMY BE EQUIPPED AS ~~1945~~ AS POSSIBLE TO HELP IN BUILDING UP MORALE IF ARMY IS TO BE OF VALUE IN ITS INTENDED INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE . IF HOWEVER NMIA AFTER INVESTIGATION ARE ABLE RELINQUISH CLAIM TO PART OF THEIR ALLOCATION

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<sup>MILITARY</sup> COMMITMENT.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA 16  
TO: (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q 643

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RESTRICTED (.) REF ALCOM SIGNAL ~~7098~~ SUBJECT BIRILLA BLANKETS (.)  
FIRST (.) BASIS OF NMIA REQUEST FOR REMAINDER OF BLANKETS NOT  
ALLOCATED BY YOU TO POW AND AUSTRIA IS THAT ITALIAN ARMY CLAIMS  
ALL RAW MATERIAL FOR ALL BLANKETS WAS STOLEN FROM ITALIAN ARMY  
DEPOTS BY GERMANS THEREFORE COMPLETED BLANKETS NOT DESIRED BY  
AFHQ SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN ARMY (.) SECOND (.) FACTORY  
OWNERS ADMIT SOME 166,000 BLANKETS PAID FOR BY GERMANS (.) OF  
THESE SOME 22,000 HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISPOSED OF BY AC/AMG (.)  
THIRD (.) BALANCE OF 519,000 FACTORY OWNER CLAIMS NOT PAID FOR  
BUT ADMITS RAW MATERIAL FURNISHED BY GERMANS (.) FOURTH (.) CGRR  
HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH EITHER NEW U S COMFORTERS OR REGULAR  
ITALIAN ARMY BLANKETS ACCORDING TO SCALE (.)

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G. P. KERR, Colonel

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cc: Hq, ALCOM

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REFERENCE QUEEN PAREN ABLE EARLY PAREN CHARLIE MIKE FOR SIGNAL FOX XRAY FOUR SEVEN  
 ONE EIGHT ZERO OF OCTOBER FIFTH PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF AND GEORGE FIVE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM SIGNED  
STONE PAREN

PARA ONE PD WHILE NOT WISHING TO APPEAR PAROCHIAL NOR EMBARK ON FURTHER  
 ARGUMENTS ON THE TITLE TO THE BLANKETS I MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR NOTICE PD  
 PARA ABLE PD ITALY NO LESS THAN THE REST OF EUROPE HAS TO FACE A WINTER SHORT OF  
 FUEL PD CLOTHING CMA INCLUDING BLANKETS CMA ARE CRITICALLY IN SHORT SUPPLY PD  
 PARA BAKER PD IT IS ALLIED POLICY AND ONE WHICH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OPENLY SUPPORT  
 THAT THE COUNTRY SHOULD EQUIP ITSELF SO FAR AS IS POSSIBLE FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES  
 PD

PARA CHARLIE PD THE HALF MILLION BLANKETS AT BIELLA ALTHOUGH ORDERED BY THE  
 GERMANS WERE MANUFACTURED FROM ITALIAN WOOL BY ITALIAN WORKMEN IN AN ITALIAN  
 FACTORY PD NOT HAVING BEEN PAID FOR PRODUCTION BY THE GERMANS CMA THE

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ITALIAN FACTORY OWNER REGARDS THEM AS ITALIAN PROPERTY PD  
PARA DOG PD THE DISPOSAL OF MORE THAN HALF THESE NEW BLANKETS PAREN ONE PAREN TO  
GERMAN SURRENDERED PERSONNEL PAREN TWO PAREN TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN AUSTRIA OF WHOM  
ONLY A SMALL FRACTION ARE PROBABLY ITALIAN SEEMS TO ME POLITICALLY UNWISE PD IT WILL  
CAUSE JUSTIFIABLE RESENTMENT AMONG THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WILL SOON BE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DISEASE AND UNREST IN THE NORTH AND TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE WHO WILL  
SUFFER FROM THOSE EVILS PD  
PARA EASY PD FROM THE CIVILIANS POINT OF VIEW THE MATTER IS MADE WORSE BY INFORMATION  
GIVEN TO ME BY MMIA THAT THEY HAVE ASKED DISTWO TO ALLOT TO THE ITALIAN ARMY THE  
REMAINING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PD THE ITALIAN CIVILIAN WILL THEREFORE OBTAIN NONE PD  
PAREN INCIDENTALLY THIS ACTION TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH ME APPEARS CONTRARY  
TO POLICY LAID DOWN IN PARA FIVE OF YOUR TELEGRAM PAREN PD  
PARA TWO PD I WOULD URGE IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION OF THIS ALLOCATION REMEMBERING  
THE ORIGIN OF THIS MATERIAL PD  
PARA ABLE PD THE CCHR HAVE HAD TO RELY HITHERTO ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON SALVAGED  
BLANKETS PD CANNOT GERMAN SURRENDERED PERSONNEL NOW BE FURNISHED

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13 OCT 45

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FROM THAT SOURCE QUERY

PARA BAKER PD UNRA IN OPERATING WITH DISPLACED PERSONS IN AUSTRIA BUT NOT  
IN NORTH ITALY PD CAN THEY NOT PROVIDE BLANKETS QUERY

PARA CHARLIE PD CAN THE BLANKETS ALREADY EN ROUTE FOR AUSTRIA BE REPLACED IN  
DUE COURSE WHEN AND AUSTRIA HAVE OBTAINED FURTHER SUPPLIES FROM OTHER SOURCES PD  
PARA DOG PD MAY A DEFINITE ALLOCATION OF THE BALANCE REMAINING AFTER FIVE ABLE  
AND BAKER HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF BE MADE AS BETWEEN FIVE CHARLIE AND DOG OF YOUR  
TELEGRAM IN ORDER THAT THE ITALIAN CIVILIAN POPULATION MAY HAVE SOME SHARE OF  
A WINDFALL IN THE LIBERATION OF WHICH A SMALL NUMBER AT ANY RATE AS PARTICIPANT  
TOOK A NOT UNIMPORTANT PART PD

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C.C. Economic Sec (2)  
CA Sec  
(For DP&R Sec)  
Land Forces SC

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FROM : Q(AD) GBT

DATE/TIME

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TO(For Action) 2 DISTRICT

TO(For Info ) ALSO HQ BTA FOR AMG

MMIA ACA BRIT VIENNA

REF NO FX 47180 —

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SUBJECT IS BLANKETS AT BIELLA FACTORY VERCELLI(.)

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PARA 2 (.) ALL BLANKETS AT BIELLA FACTORY VERCELLI WILL BE DISPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR FX 42881 OF 11TH SEPTEMBER EXCEPT THAT 100,000 BLANKETS FROM THOSE ALLOCATED UNDER TWO FOR MMIA WILL BE SENT FORTHWITH TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OFFICER VILLACH AUSTRIA TO ASSIST RELIEF DISPLACED PERSONS (.)

PARA 3 (.) THE VARYING CLAIMS TO OWNERSHIP MUST THROUGH NECESSITY BE SETTLED SUBSEQUENTLY (.)

PARA 4 (.) THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT WILL BE ARRANGED MUTUALLY BETWEEN DISTWO AND AMG BTA (.) PLEASE INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN TRANSFER COMPLETE (.)

PARA 5 (.) PRIORITY FOR DISPOSAL NOW AS FOLLOWS:-

- (A) 200,000 FOR SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL
- (B) 100,000 FOR AMG VILLACH
- (C) MMIA
- (D) AC

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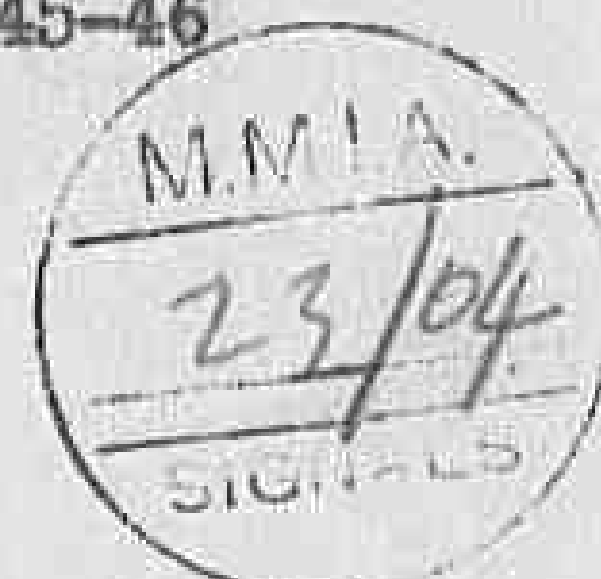
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# ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE



MSG Center No : N62/04  
 Classification : N72/04  
 Precedence : RESTRICTED  
 From : PRIORITY  
 To : Q(AE)CMF  
 ACTION DISTWO  
 INFO ALCCM  
 HQ BT. FOR AMG

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Date | Time Rec'd : 041246a  
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~~RESTRICTED~~ M.M.I.A.  
 ADHERIT VIENNA

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This message will not be distributed outside British or U.S. Government Departments or Headquarters or re-transmitted even in Cipher without being paraphrased. (Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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A. 200000 FOR SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL

B. 100000 FOR AMG VILLAGE

C. MMIA

D. AC

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Extract from Liaison Report No. 8.M.M.I.A. L.O. TURIN.TUR/3/G'Q' Points.

1. Biella blankets: the batch of 100,000 for AMG VILLACH have been disposed of, and the 200,000 for Ord 2 District are now being dealt with, after strong hastening action on the Italian firm from WMD TURIN. It is hoped that WMD will be able to inform me within a few days of the amount remaining, which may be as much as 800,000. It may be noted that WMD TURIN is co-operating fully with me on this and on other matters.

30 Oct 45.~~WMD~~ Q.151.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
AFO 512

AG 386.3 2(AE)-0

2 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in the Mediterranean Theatre  
(To include ITALY, AUSTRIA, GREECE and MIDDLE EAST).

TO: Commanding General  
Peninsular Base Section, AFO 782  
Land Forces Greece  
General Officers Commanding  
XIII Corps.  
GHC, Middle East  
Number 2 District  
Number 3 District  
Headquarters British Troops in Austria.

1. OBJECT OF THIS DIRECTIVE

The object of this directive is to indicate the method of disposal of, and policies and conditions controlling the disposal of the remaining captured and/or surrendered enemy war material in the Mediterranean Theatre. The following letters from this headquarters, as amended, are hereby rescinded:

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AG 386.3/143 GCT-0, dated 9 April 1945, subject: "Allocation and  
Disposal of Enemy Material in GREECE".

AG 386.3/219 GCT-0, dated 3 August 1945, subject: "Disposition of  
Captured Enemy Material in AUSTRIA".

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROL AND DISPOSAL OF ENEMY MATERIAL.

a. The control of all enemy material in this theatre is vested in the Supreme Allied Commander.

b. The allocation, use and ultimate disposal of enemy material is a responsibility of command, which will be exercised by you in accordance with the provisions of this directive.

3. OWNERSHIP

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The majority of enemy material available for disposition is located in ITALY and AUSTRIA. Therefore this directive has been prepared with full reference to disposal in these two countries. Where the policy varies for other countries within the theatre, notes have been added indicating the different procedure to be applied.

5. DEFINITIONS

a. Captured or Surrendered Enemy War Material - (Hereafter referred to as enemy material) includes any material of whatever nature and wherever situated, intended for war on land, at sea, or in the air, which has been at any time in use by, or intended for use by, the armed forces, civil defence or other formations or organisations under the control or influence of the German Government, German authorities, or Government or authority of any states allied to, or associated with, GERMANY.

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- b. Disposal Authority is the military authority in whom is vested the power to dispose of enemy material.

## 6. PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED.

### a. Allied Naval, Ground and Air Force Responsibilities -

Enemy Naval, and Air Force material will be controlled and disposed of by the Allied Naval and Air Forces respectively. Enemy Ground Forces material will be controlled and disposed of by the Allied Ground Forces and co-ordination, where necessary, between the Allied Naval, Ground and Air Forces will be effected by the Ground Forces Commanders. The latter, in the appropriate cases, must be prepared to assist Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders in the control and disposition of material peculiar to the enemy Naval and Air Forces. Common user items will normally be the responsibility of the Allied Ground Forces.

### b. Allied Ground Forces, Staff and Service Responsibilities for Control and Disposition of Enemy Material.

The responsibility for the control, safeguarding or disposition of all enemy Ground Forces war material is placed upon the Commanding Generals of all major commands in their respective areas. This responsibility will be exercised through the normal Allied Staff and Technical service channels appropriate to the type of material concerned. It is desired that arrangements made by each command be such that continuity of control can be maintained when changes of territorial command occur.

## 7. CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES AT AFHQ - The control of enemy material will be exercised by AFHQ through normal command and technical channels appropriate to the material concerned.

## 8. POLICIES.

a. Retention of material by units or individuals - Retention by units or individuals of such material unless properly authorized in accordance with this instruction, and other pertinent directives is forbidden.

b. Use of material by Allied Commanders - Authority is granted for the maximum use to be made of enemy material required for the support of Allied Forces in the accomplishment of their assigned mission (including essential civil requirements) or for the maintenance of enemy forces.

c. Recaptured material of Italian Military Origin - 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. The channel of transaction in material of Italian Ground Force origin, which is to be returned to the Italian Forces, is as follows:

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d. War material of United States, British or other United Nation Origin.

(1) It will be the policy for material of United States or British origin recovered from the enemy by recapture or surrender to be turned over to the American or British services normally responsible for the class of material concerned.

(2) War materials which can be readily identified as having been acquired during the war in any way by the Germans, from any United Nations, will be restored, providing however, that

material susceptible only of warlike use shall be restored only when it can be identified as having been captured from the armed forces of any United Nation.

- (3) Any enemy material, apparently previously belonging to any of the United Nations as defined above will be segregated and reported to this headquarters. Particular attention is requested in this theatre to material of Russian, Czechoslovak or French origin.
- e. Enemy material required by the London Limitations Assignment Board. There still exists outstanding requirements of the London Limitations Assignment Board to meet global demands for enemy material. A list of these requirements is contained in this headquarters letter AG 356.3/103 SUP-O of 23 September 1945, as amended. A copy of the required items is attached as Appendix 1A for reference. Reports of availabilities of this material will be made in accordance with the latter under reference.

f. Enemy material required for research. A search list of enemy material required for research in U.K. and U.S. has been supplied to major commands and items on this list are still required by Technical Intelligence. This material when found, is regarded as Category 1.

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h. War Production and War Factory Production. The policies contained in letter, this headquarters, file AG 358.3/007 SUP-O dated 2 August 1945, subject: "Policy on Italian Limitations Production" will apply.

i. Remaining Surplus Material. All enemy material surplus to the requirements contained in a and g above will be disposed of in the manner indicated in the following sections of this letter.

With the exception of vehicles - see paragraph 9 g below - if material is surplus within any one particular command, it will be assumed to be surplus to theatre requirements, unless notification received to the contrary, and will be disposed of indicated.

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- (2) In VENETIA GIULIA - To Allied Military Government XIII Corps.
- (3) In AUSTRIA - To British Troops in Austria (Military Government Staff) and later to Allied Commission to Austria when responsibility for civil supply passes to them from Military Government Staff.
- (4) In other countries - To the respective Governments through the Allied Military agency in that country.

## b. Captured Civilian Material.

Captured material which is apparently of a civil character and surplus to known military requirements will be disposed of as in a above. The Governments or Allied Military Government of the country will be responsible for investigating and settling claims to ownership.

c. Enemy material unsuitable for civil use (excluding ammunition).

All enemy material surplus to known requirements and having no value in its present form, in the civil rehabilitation of the country will be disposed of by being rendered innocuous, reduced to scrap and disposed of by the normal Allied Salvage organization. As far as possible, and in order to reduce transportation commitments, the material will be reduced to scrap in situ. Salvage organizations will arrange for the disposition of the material through normal channels to the Government or Allied Military Government concerned, from the location where the material is reduced to scrap. It will be the responsibility of the command concerned to ensure that all enemy material is rendered of no further military value, in its existing form, before it is made available for disposal as scrap.

d. Chemical Warfare Equipment and Toxic Material.

(1) All defensive chemical warfare equipment which may have a value in the civil rehabilitation of the country will be disposed of as in 2a above. All other defensive chemical warfare equipment will be reduced to scrap.

(2) All chemical warfare ammunition will be destroyed by dumping at sea. Dumping will take place at least 20 miles from the shore, in at least 250 fathoms of water and away from shipping routes, fishing grounds and submarine cables. The provisions of AFHQ Operation Memorandum Number 77 and of AFHQ Administrative Memoranda Numbers 14, 15 and 33 will be adhered to in connection with all movement of toxic material.

(3) Any PHOSGENE or DIPOSGENE (Valuable materials for dyestuffs manufacture) in bulk will be released to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country in which it is found, for use only by reputable concerns whose plant can be subjected to suitable control, or such materials will be dumped at sea under conditions laid down in paragraph (2).

(4) Any other bulk toxic material will be treated as in paragraph (2) unless its transportation is considered dangerous, in which case it will be rendered innocuous by methods approved by the chemical warfare advisers.

(5) Further instructions will be issued by Chemical Warfare Staffs.

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- (2) The location and quantities of all enemy ammunition, larger than 20 mm calibre, will be made known to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country concerned by the Command in whose area the material is located, through the Allied Commission or similar Allied agency. The Government or Allied Military Government of the country will then become totally responsible for the ammunition and will make the necessary arrangements with civilian firms, for the breaking down of the ammunition into its component parts. The Allied agency will be responsible for ensuring that the resultant products from the breaking down process, are not employed in the production of further armaments by the Governments of the

countries. When the location and quantity of ammunition in any country has been made known to the Government or Allied Military Government of the country concerned, that organization will then be responsible for the safeguarding of the ammunition until its final disposal. Allied responsibility for safeguarding such ammunition will cease from the time that satisfactory arrangements have been made to this effect.

- (3) Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as restricting the authority of addressees to dispose of ammunition, in any quantity, or in any manner considered suitable, which is in a dangerous condition, or constitutes a hazard to the civil or military security.

f. Animals - Any animals surplus to known military requirements will be reported to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited.

#### g. Vehicles.

- (1) All captured enemy vehicles will be used to the fullest possible extent in order to save Allied transport. Whenever practicable, however, such vehicles will not be issued without workshop inspection, and never without TD numbers and full registration.

- (2) The issue of enemy vehicles to existing Allied Units will be permitted only in cases where such units have deficiencies in their TE's (W.E.'s), except within the powers delegated to commands to issue vehicles in excess of T.E. (W.E.).

- (3) Vehicles of Italian military origin, if surplus to Allied requirements, will be returned to the appropriate Italian Army authorities through the Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MILIA) under the terms of paragraph 8 c above. All other captured Italian vehicles, if surplus to requirements, will be returned to the Italian Government, through Allied Commission, under the terms of paragraph 9 a (1) above. Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by two stars to be found on the engine. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicle will be turned over to MILIA who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with Allied Commission. Every effort will be made to hand over ALL vehicles of Italian make to the appropriate Italian authorities at the earliest possible date. Every effort will be made to hand over to MILIA all stocks of spare parts including tyres for Italian military vehicles which are marked with two stars, or are otherwise identifiable as having been the property of the Italian Ministry of War. Stocks of spares for Italian military vehicles will be handed over similarly to Allied

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- (4) Vehicles of other United Nation origin will be disposed of as in paragraph 8 a above.
- (5) All other vehicles if surplus to the requirements of any particular command (including in Military Government areas requirements for civil relief to the extent needed to prevent disease and unrest) will be reported as surplus to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited. If vehicles are surplus to theatre requirements they will be disposed of as in paragraph 9 a above.

- (6) All non runners, unless earmarked for any other particular purpose, will be made available to and handed over immediately to the Government of Allied Military Command of the country under the terms of 9 a above for repair by the civil organization of that country.

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#### DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS IN ITALY, GERMANY AND GREECE.

Arrangements for the disposal of surplus army material in ITALY, GERMANY AND GREECE will be made to suit the locally existing conditions of those countries provided the policies established in paragraph 8 above are complied with at all times.

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#### RECORDS

In order that any financial adjustments may be completed at a subsequent date records of all issues and receipts and material reduced to scrap will be maintained. Salvage organizations will record quantities and nature of scrap disposed of through normal salvage disposal channels. Copies of all records of transactions will be forwarded to C(AS)AFHQ, through service channels, for maintenance of the records.

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#### REPORTS

a. All reports will render reports, as called for by this directive as at 15th each month commencing with 15 October 1945 to each of the headquarters by the 28th of the same month. No other monthly reports other than those shown below are required:

- (1) Material of other United Nations origin giving description of type, quantity, serviceability and location.
- (2) Requirements of London Munitions Assignment Board in accordance with paragraph 8 c above.
- (3) Material of Italian origin and surplus to command requirements as defined in paragraph 8 c above.
- (4) Vehicles surplus to the requirements of the command in accordance with 9 g (5) above.

Reports will give:

Numbers  
Type, etc.  
Classification of serviceability.

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## 12. REPORTS.

c. Addressees will render reports, as called for by this directive as at 15th each month commencing with 15 October 1944 to each this Headquarters by the 25th of the same month. No other monthly reports other than those shown below are required:

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13. In the case that this directive is contrary to, or at variance with, other directives in this theatre covering the same subject, this directive will govern.

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C.W. CHRISTY  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General.

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 4 - G in C Mod.  
 6 - RAF IED/AE  
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 2 - G-5  
 6 - G-6  
 4 - G-7  
 2 - G-8 (Paint)  
 1 - Pet  
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 2 - Trns.  
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Subject : Italian Army Blankets.

M.M.I.A., N. Italy.

MILAN.

Tel : Milan 13989.

MIL/4/Q/1b.

2 Oct 45.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm., A.C.  
HQ M.M.I.A., Rome.

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1. Enclosures to your Q/12/1 of 28 Sep 45 are appreciated, as no copies of these letters were held in this office.
  2. The information contained in my MIL/4/Q/1 of 24 Sep (second paragraph) was based almost word for word on a letter dated 22 Sep from I.O., Turin.
  3. Since then it has been made clear that there are two lots of blankets involved (see attached extract from 2 District C.E.M. Report for week 24-30 Sep 45.)
  4. I visited the War Materials Disposal Sub-Committee of A.C., Milan, this morning, and explained the case thoroughly, and have also addressed a letter to them (MIL/4/Q/1 of 2 Oct 45, copy herewith) in order to prevent interference by U.R.M.I.T.

*N. Turin*

Lieut-Col.

Senior MMIA IO, North Italy.

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Copy to : MMIA IO, Turin.

Extract from 2 District CEM Report  
for week 24 - 30 Sep 45

1.- BLANKETS AT BIELLA FACTORY, VERCELLI

- (a) Further information has come to light regarding the position of the blankets blocked by AMG. It would appear that there are two separate quantities involved: -
- (1) A total of 173,463 of which AMG have issued 22,042
  - (2) A total of 519,076 which are claimed by the manufacturers as their property, and which the Italian Claims commission are investigating, with AC War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission.
- (b) The deficiency of 179,772 referred to in my CEM/5 dated 15 Sep 45 therefore does not exist.
- (c) AC War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission have been instructed to withdraw all blankets at present on loan. Further information on this subject will be submitted in a separate letter.

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