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Q. Points Per Monthly Liaison Letters

Oct. 1945 - Oct. 1946

1. SUBJECT : "Q" Notes for Monthly Report

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.255

7 October 1946

TO : G (Int) M.M.I.A.

Herewith "Q" Notes for Monthly activities report for Sept 46.

The three Sub Depots comprising 557 Base Ordnance Depot at Naples were, on 1 Oct 46, completely handed over, through the Chief Disposals Officer (Italy) Ministry of Supply, to the Italian Government agency AZIENDA RICUPERO ALIENAZIONE RESIDUATI. The War Ministry and this HQ have representatives on the site and no difficulty should be experienced in obtaining available stores and essential items needed for the maintenance of vehicles and weapons.

[Signature]
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for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- "Q" Notes for Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.255
7 May 1946

TO : G (Int), MMIA.

Herewith "Q" Notes for Monthly activities report for April:-

Food supplies for the Interim Army have been provided regularly by the High Commissioner for Food of the Italian Government. Monthly allocations have been made by the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari to the Ministry of War.

No supplies (foodstuffs) have been declared available from the Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies.

The preparations for provisioning of the Italian Navy and Air Force by the Italian Government v.c.f. 1 June 1946 are well under way and no difficulties are anticipated.

Continued efforts were made during the month to obtain GHQ approval for the direct release to the Italian Army of military surplus stores required for maintenance. A limited quantity of M.T. spares were received for Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

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A.Q.M.G. 2334

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File: Q/1-128

Subject: Monthly Summary - March 46

To : AQMG, 13-IA

9 April 1946

Food Supply - Italian Army

No unusually great difficulties have been encountered by the Ministry of War in provisioning for the Italian Army during the month of March 46.

The effect of the Chief Commissioner's representations to the Prime Minister during February has been felt and the High Commissioner for Food has released adequate stocks of restricted foodstuffs to the War Ministry.

Quantities of foodstuffs originally loaned to the Italian Army until the Italian Government could assume provisioning responsibility have been repaid to Allied Military Depots. Only small quantities are outstanding at present.

Requests have been made to Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies for the procurement of surplus foodstuffs; however, no stocks have been available.

The Prime Minister has advised on 30 March that the Head of the Italian Mission in Washington has intensified action to procure more foodstuffs from the United States, separate from UNRRA shipments, which are not available to the Italian Armed Forces.

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SUBJECT:- "Q" Notes for Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
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9 April 1946

TO : G (Int), MMTA.

Herewith "Q" notes for Monthly activities report for March:-

ARMS AND AMMO.

On the 22 Mar 46 the GHQ Q(AE) release for the 60 day maintenance pack was received. This will enable outstanding repairs to be made to a great number of arms that have become inefficient since the Italian Army reverted to the Italian Government on the 15 Nov 45.

A large quantity of ammunition has also been released for the C.A.R's (Recruit Training Centres); this ammunition should reach the C.A.R's about the middle of April.

A large release of 168 Staghounds (Class I and II) has been authorised. This will satisfy all outstanding demands from the OO.RR.

~~The Italian Ministry of War have confirmed that they wish to revert to the Italian pattern steel helmet for all their land forces.~~

~~Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of all British pattern steel helmets for return to Ordnance.~~


C.E. KING, Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. (2)
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RECENTLY LITIGATED REPORT

RECENT SERVICES

1. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

- (a) The Italian Commissariato have submitted to their War Establishment Committee their proposal for clothing and equipment installation for the Italian Army, after previous agreement with "G" M.M.I.A.
- (b) The C.O.R. continue to receive priority in distribution of clothing and equipment.

2. Arms and Ammunition.

- (a) Following a request from A.P.D.G., a survey of all British and Italian Arms and Ammunition held by all categories of the Italian Army, has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

3. R.R.M.M.

- (a) Base Repair Workshops. C.O.R. have approved in principle the installing of Base Repair Workshops by Italian Army in O.A.R.M. at BOLIGNA. This will handle all Allied vehicles held by Italian Army.
- (b) A.R.G. are in occupation of O.A.R.M. at BOLIGNA. 2 District and this R.G. are liaising and ready for accommodation for A.R.G. vehicle parks etc. in order to permit a "phased" derequisitioning of the O.A.R.M. which will enable the Base Repair Workshops to commence operation.

- (b) G.O.C. M.M.I.A. has proposed to War Ministry that Army Directorate and Motorizzazione Directorate now be distinctly separated and operate independently.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

- (a) O.A.R.M. Bologna, see 3(a) above.
- (b) T.T.C.'s: I. Territorial H.Q.s. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have no further important difficulties and preparations are in hand.
II. Territorial H.Q.s. 3, 4, and 5. Accommodation for T.T.C.'s not yet fixed because of Allied occupation of barracks required. G.O.C. support in principle Italian Army claims to barracks concerned but final derequisitioning have not yet been made owing to various Allied considerations.

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(b) G.O.C. M.I.A. has proposed to the Ministry that Army Directorate and Materizzazione Directorate now be distinctly separated and operate independently.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

(a) C.A.R.S. Bologna, see 3(a) above.

(b) T.F.C. 1st Territorial Hqs. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have no further important difficulties and preparations are in hand.

II. Territorial Hqs. 3, 4, and 5. Accommodation for T.F.C.'s not yet fixed because of Allied occupation of barracks required. G.M. support in principle Italian Army claims to barracks concerned but final derequisitioning have not yet been made owing to various Allied commitments which require the barracks concerned. Matter under negotiation.

III. No. 6 Territorial Hqs. is to be fixed shortly in barracks not occupied by Allies.

(c) CECCHIARELLA: School is now operating. Conditions of occupancy during period of negotiation by G.P.L.C. and A.R.S.R. (Italian Government) have been stated by the Ministry.

(d) Satisfactory accommodation is now being occupied by the Folgore Inf. Div. which is moving in to area FASUGIA - AREZZO - MODENA.

(e) CECCHIARELLA: The clearance of CECCHIARELLA camp of all civilians is being pressed with higher authority. *Nothing there - they continue to live there.*

5. POSTAL.

With effect from 31 Dec 45, all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the Civilian Postal Authorities.

6. VET. AND REMOUNTS:

Numbers of horses are still being allotted to OC.MR - full entitlement has not yet been received.

7. REQUIREMENTS:

(a) Maintenance Jan-March is being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks, the exception being P. Meat/Fish which were obtained from British and American depots.

(b) Requirements for the Interior Army for the next three months (Jan 1 - March 31) are approximately as follows:

(i) Flour, including Macaroni	10,350 tons	-	3,000 tons obtainable from surplus Allied stocks, balance hoped to be obtainable from civil imports.
P. Meat/Fish	1,725 "	-	} obtainable from surplus Allied stocks.
Coffee	285 "	-	} universal shortage.
Pepper	2.7 "	-	
(ii) Rice	570 tons	-	
Cheese	570 "	-	
Tomato paste	285 "	-	
(iii) Sugar	570 tons	-	
Veg Dried	1,164 "		

(c) Ministry of War is experiencing difficulty in obtaining forage. An additional allotment of brass, however, has been obtained.

(d) Maintenance of Air Force for February has already been agreed, it is hoped to agree the Navy maintenance for the same month in early Jan 46.

8. TRANSPORT:

(a) Vehicles ex German Tpt Corps are being issued to the Army and most units in Southern Italy are now up to establishment. A further 3,300 are being released in Central Italy.

(b) The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of

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1,725 "	-	}	can be obtained from local resources.
285 "	-		
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570 "	-		
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570 "	-		
285 "	-		

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(d) Maintenance of Air Forces for February has already been agreed, it is hoped to agree the Navy maintenance for the same month in early Jan 46.

8. TRANSPORT:

(a) Vehicles ex German Tpt Corps are being issued to the Army and most units in Southern Italy are now up to establishment. A further 2,330 are being released in Central Italy.

(b) The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of motorcycles and vehicles for the Mobile Battalions.

(c) War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

(d) Whilst Italian officers on Headquarters agree that the Task System is good it has been found that little enthusiasm is shown on unit level. G.C. units usually excuse themselves for not using this system by saying that they are unable to trust their drivers or Junior HQs to ensure that daily tasks are carried out.

9. P.O.L.

(a) POL for December was "bid" for through this Branch, the same procedure will apply for January 1946. The Ministry of War now "bid" for the Carabinieri Mobile Battalion.

(b) An improvement in the C.I. Distribution system was noted during the month.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
A.D.M.C. M.M.I.A.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

File : ST/293

Date : 29 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter - December 1945.

TO : 'q' ←

Reference C/31 dated 14 Sept, para 2(f)(i) and (iv).

1. Herewith two copies of draft paras in respect of:-

- (1) SUPPLIES - Appendix 'A'
- (2) TRANSPORT - Appendix 'B'

2. These draft paras are for your consideration and incorporation in the 9 points to be submitted to GIII(1), in accordance with the above quoted letter.

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Lt. Col.
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APPENDIX 'A'

to ST I.O.M. ST/293
dated 29 Nov 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MILIA
MONTENAPOLI LIAISON LETTER
DECEMBER 1945

SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance of the Interim Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing Flour and Preserved Meat and Fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the new year.

US-ITIs are being maintained from US GM Depots and BR-ITIs Service troops from British Depots direct. This maintenance covers only the items that were originally an Allied responsibility for supply. Wine, Olive Oil etc etc are still being drawn from Italian Depots. DST GHQ GHF had arranged however for a daily issue of up to 16 ozs of Fresh Vegetables and 4 ozs of Fresh Fruit per man per day for BR-ITIs ex British Depots and the Italian War Ministry have agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that these two items are normally of Italian supply.

2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Form ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFM 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and BRUs are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this HQ with the minimum delay.

3. Analysis Commissions for confirmation of supplies received from Allied sources will continue to be held and have been the subject of instructions already distributed to all concerned.

4. The Bulk Depots situated at CAGLIARI (Sardinia) and CATANIA (Sicily) are to be closed leaving Distribution Depots only at these two points.

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Lt.Col.
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APPENDIX 'B'

to ST I.O.N. ST/293
dated 29 Nov 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MEDIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
DECEMBER 1945.

TRANSPORT.

1. Ref G/51 of 14 Sept 45 the following draft paras in connection with ST(F) points are submitted:-

- (a) P.O.L. Allocations for the month of November were on a similar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient.
- Owing to shortage of lubricants in C.I.P. depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources.
- Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of P.O.L. and the allotment for December is slightly higher.
- As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the S.M.R.S.
- Allocation will be made by S.M.R.S. to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by BLUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited.
- The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory.
- BR-ITI and US-ITI Service Troops will continue to draw from Allied sources.

- (b) Transport. Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles recovered from German possession came into the Naples E.V.P. during the latter part of November, and will shortly be issued, apart from this no large influx into E.V.Ps has been noticeable.

The 450 vehicles at LIXXONE are still in the process of being taken over, and approximately 50 of these have been moved to FLORENCE for repairs prior to distribution.

The anticipated handover by A.C. of a larger number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

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Lt.Col.
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ACCOMMODATION

Since last report, a number of Italian Army Barracks have been handed back to the War Ministry. However, the problem is far from being solved, as there ~~is~~ a large number of Italian Army buildings held by either A.C. or Allied Military Authorities, which are in many cases, urgently required by the War Ministry for their own troops.

Time is often wasted by this H.Q., not having enough information about the accommodation required, when the request is submitted.

The procedure should be as follows:-

- (a) - Terr. HQ. should first make investigation and endeavour to obtain the accommodation required through Italian channels.
- (b) - Should the required building, be under requisition of an Allied Command, the Terr. H.Q. should contact the LO concerned, who will approach the Allied Command and endeavour to get its release.
- (c) - Only in the case where (b) has failed, should the matter be submitted to this H.Q., when appropriate action will be taken with the proper authorities.

VEH AND REPORTS

The animal situation of the Italian Army is very satisfactory. Animals have been handed over to the Italian Army, and are still being handed over.

The two major recent releases have been 598 Horses and Mules from U.S. Sources and 2500 from British Sources. These animals have been released complete with their saddlery etc.

A large number of horses are also being released to the CCJR.

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Now that the Italian Civil Post Offices are operating very efficiently, the War Ministry is gradually disbanding all P.M. and transferring the responsibility of delivery of Italian Army mail to the Civil Post Offices.

Up to date the following PM's have been disbanded:

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"	185	"	209	"	Padua
"	16	"	228	"	Mira
"	142	"	230	"	Florence
"	167	"	234	"	Milan
"	184				Naples
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"	167	"	254	"	"	Milan
"	184					Naples
"	3400	Main P.O.				Naples

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R.M.M.E.

The shortage of specialist personnel is still a grave problem, and IO's are asked to check whenever possible that no specialist are wrongly employed.

Whenever units having specialist personnel on the W/S it is important to see that they are correctly disposed of in accordance with instructions from this Headquarters.

2. Up to now it has been ruled that no vehicles requiring more than 48 hours repair will be returned to the unit after repair. This period has now been increased to 7 days. Any vehicles requiring more than 7 days will be struck off unit charge as before.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

File : ST/293

Date : 30 Oct 45

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TO : 'Q' _____

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Am. M. L. L.
Lt. Col.
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APPENDIX 'A'

to ST I.O.M. ST/293
dated Oct 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - MIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
NOVEMBER 1945

SUPPLIES.

1. The Allies have agreed to maintain the Italian Armed Forces until 1 December 1945 in the same manner as heretofore. Stocks existing in Italian Army Depots on the Mainland and Islands are adequate to meet requirements during the month of November. Consequently no releases from Allied Depots will be made. The Italian War Ministry has been instructed to make arrangements to shift stocks within Italy to meet deficiencies in various areas.

2. W.e.f. 1 November US-ITI Service Units will draw Allied components of the ration directly from US QM Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. It is anticipated that all US-ITI Service Units will be disbanded by 1 December 1945.

3. W.e.f. 15 November BR-ITI Service Units will commence drawing Allied components of the ration directly from BR RASC Depots and draw Italian Provided Items from the closest Italian Army Depot. This procedure will continue until BR-ITI Service Units have been disbanded or absorbed into Interim Army.

4. Maintenance of the Interim Army will fall into three phases.

(a) Up to 30 November 45

Existing stocks from Allied sources in Italian Depots will meet requirements.

(b) 1 - 31 December 1945.

Requirements to be found by Italian Government from following sources, in order of priority indicated.

- (i) from Italian indigenous sources;
- (ii) by purchase or loan from U.S. or U.K. surplus stocks in Italy;
- (iii) through Italian Government import program.

Steps by the Ministry of War have already been taken to determine the source from which stocks will come. At this writing no firm action has been taken. AFHQ has stated that stock will be available under para (ii) above, to meet deficiencies not found in para (i) or (iii).

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(c) From 1 January to 30 April 1946.

Requirements to be found by Italian Government from following sources, in order of priority indicated:

- (i) from Italian indigenous sources;
- (ii) through Italian Government import program;
- (iii) by purchase through U.S. and/or U.K. surplus disposal agencies.

Ministry of War has been instructed of above and action to be taken among Italian Ministries. AFHQ can give no guarantee that any stock can be available for purchase through surplus stock disposal agencies.

5. The Italian Air Force and Navy will continue to be maintained from British stocks. Stocks will be handed over to Italian Army Depots, in bulk, for handover in bulk, probably at NAPLES and BARI to Navy and Air Force Depots. Supplies for these two services have been programmed up to 30 April 1946 in manner stated above.

6. It is not anticipated that there will be any changes in disposition of Italian Army Depots.

7. Ration scale for Interim Army may be amended by the Italian Government depending on procurement of supplies. After 1 December authorized ration scale will be a matter for the Italian Government to determine for Interim Army only. (Ration scale for Navy, Air Force, US and BR-IFI service units will be maintained on the present scale).

8. It is anticipated that ST Section, MMIA, will act more in an advisory capacity than executive in the future.

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

APPENDIX 'B'

to ST I.O.M. 32/293
dated Oct 45.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT BRANCH - NWIA
MONTHLY LIAISON LETTER
NOVEMBER 1945

TRANSPORT.

1. Approximately 500 Italian Army vehicles have been handed over to the Army in the NAPLES area, and a further 450 are being taken over in the LECORON area. Owing to the fact that DADME N. ITALY is expecting to recover a large number of vehicles in the North, priority of issue in respect of the vehicles from NAPLES and LECORON is being given to Southern Units. It is probable, however, that the total number of efficient recovered vehicles will considerably exceed existing vehicle deficiencies.
2. It is anticipated that a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture will be handed over by A.C. and Italian Ministry of Transport to the Italian Army to compensate for Italian Army vehicles which were issued with AC circulation permits and loaned to civilians and which, in the main, have not yet been recovered by the Italian Army.
3. It is planned that these vehicles will first be taken over at chosen "assembly areas", where any non-runners will be segregated and transferred to local Repairs Units, and all runners transferred to local R.V.Ps., where old markings will be obliterated and new R.E. numbers applied; these vehicles will then be reflected in the daily R.V.P. availability signal sent to the War Ministry by Territorial Commands, and releases will be controlled by the War Ministry in conjunction with this HQ.
4. Since the numbers of such vehicles to be handed over is very large, it is planned that, after certain releases have been made from local R.V.Ps., the remaining vehicles will be centralized in 2 or 3 R.V.Ps. Detailed instructions regarding the above procedure are being issued.

R.O.L.

5. It is likely that future allocation of R.O.L. will be made by the Allied authorities in the form of a bulk allotment (including Naval, Army, Air Force and civil requirements) to the Italian Government. It will then devolve upon the individual Ministries to bid for their shares, and the proportions allocated will largely depend on the

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efficiency with which such Ministries can support their bids.

6. Should this system come into force, all bidding for P.O.L. would become a purely Italian responsibility, and any requests for supplementary allocations would pass directly through Italian channels to the War Ministry.

7. All concerned will, of course, be notified of any change in the existing system.

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