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Opened Jan 12, 1945. Closed Oct 26, 1945

Jan. - Oct 1945

Subject: S.P.I. Supplies to Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub-Committee (S.P.I.)

26 October 1945.

To:

C.B.G. U.S. (for C.E.F.I.)

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1/3/1

Reference is made to your letter of 27.15 dated 28 Sep 45.

1. Under reference 2/23 dated 24 July, all concerned were notified by U.S. that the procedure then in use for the supply of S.P.I. goods to Italian officers, authorized under 2554/2554/2554/2554, dated 24 Sep 45 would come into effect from 1 Sep 45. No issues on credit should, therefore, have been permitted after that date.

It is, however, observed that in some cases vendors are being supplied, and every endeavour will be made to clear these and to deduct payment from the credit.

Further, therefore, requested to issue instructions which will avoid a further issue of S.P.I. proceeds credit to Italian forces.

2. A.P.I. under 2554/2554/2554/2554, dated 26 Sep 45, authorized the purchase of S.P.I. commodities by Italian soldiers belonging to the following categories:

- (a) Combat Forces.
- (b) Air Force.
- (c) Personnel of the Italian Navy and Air Force.

3. The effective date of this decision was left to the discretion of the authorities. It is requested that they issue their own instructions.

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A.P.M. under their 2550/1000000) noted 26 out of 100 authors and the function of B.P.L. communication by its relations between to our the following mechanism:

- (c) Combat Troops.
(d) 8888th Central Postal Directory.
(e) Personnel of the 1st Cavalry and Air Force
(f) 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam.

R. B. C. v. 1002
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Received October 2, 1993; accepted February 17, 1994.

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Subject:- S.F.I. Supplies to Combat Forces - July and August 1945.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R.M.

10/2/5
18 October, 1945.

To:

Ministry of War.

1. Reference this H.Q. letter 10/2/5 dated 12 Sep 45.
2. Further S.F.I. Statements of Account supported by U.M.I.A. Form 23 are forwarded as follows:

Month	Unit	Amount Lire	Amount			Account No.
			£	S	D.	
JULY	503 Stl Gd. Bn.	26,020	65	1	0	Y No. 91105
AUGUST	502 Gd. Bn.	34,020	85	1	0	Y No. 91109
	Cremona Gruppo	15,459	38	17	9	Y No. 91102
	Legnano	180,486	451	4	4	Y No. 91108
		<u>1,255,981</u>	<u>£ 640</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	

3. It is requested that you forward a cheque for the above amount of £640 : 4s : 1d (i.e. 255,981 Lire) for onward transmission to C.S.F.I. A.P.H.Q. This cheque should be made payable to "The Army and Air Force Institutes".

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:

A.P.H.Q. for C.S.F.I.

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Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies to Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) HOME.
2/3
5 October, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Reference your letter 13524/VC dated 29 Aug 45, enclosing cheques to the value of Lire, 6,610,130 in settlement of E.F.I. Supplies purchased by the Combat Troops, during the months March to July 1945.
2. E.F.I. Accounts are returned herewith, together with NAAFI official Receipt No. 329454.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- L.F.I. Supplies to Combat Forces.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. U. I. A.)
9/2/3

5 October, 1945.

To:-

A.F.H.C. for C.E.F.I.

1. Enclosed as listed below are NAUT Statements of Account in respect of purchases made during the months of June and July 1945.

Month	Unit	Amount	Account No.
		£ s d	
June	Cremona	202. 11. 6.	Y.No. 136120
June	502 CA. Bn.	89. 5. 0.	Z.No. 04167
July	1 Coy. 503 CA. Bn.	13. 8. 7.	Y.No. 136131
July	Piceno	1,458. 9. 0.	Y.No. 136119
		<u>£ 1,763. 14. 1.</u>	

2. The following cheques on the Bank of Italy have been received from the Ministry of War and are passed to you in settlement of the above accounts:

Cheque No.	Libre.	Date.
0297586A	500,000	25 Sept. 45.
0297587A	205,430	25 Sept. 45.

July

Piceno

1,458. 9. 0.

Y.No. 136119

£ 1,763. 14. 1.

2. The following cheques on the Bank of Italy have been received from the Ministry of War and are passed to you in settlement of the above accounts:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Lire.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
0297586A	500,000	25 Sept. 45.
0297587A	205,480	25 Sept. 45.

3. Please return above mentioned Accounts duly receipted for onward transmission to the Ministry of War.

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

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8 TRANSLATION 316

From: M.O.F.W.
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 22979/VO
Date: 1/10/45

Subject: E.F.I. items purchased by combat groups.

As requested by M.M.I.A., with letter n.Q/2/3 dated 12th September 1945, we forward to you the under mentioned cheques on the bank of Italy, for a total value of L. 705.480:

L. 0297.856 dated 25/9/45, for:
N. 0297.587 dated 25/9/45 for

L. 500.0003
L. 205.480

Total:

L. 705.480

Sent
APPEL (CEH)
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made out in favour of the "N.A.A.F.I." -

Please acknowledge receipt of the letter and enclosures.

R. ERRERA Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Peilligne.

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Subject: SWI Supplies to Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
9/2/45

18 Sep 45

'P' British Liaison & Training Unit,
R.F.C., I.O.F.

1. Ref your ST/4/2/170 dated 17 Sep 45.
2. The question of accounting procedure to be adopted in future has been taken up with AFHQ, and their ruling is awaited.
3. As soon as this has been received, a reply will be forwarded to your ST/4/2/193 dated 6 Sep 45.

P.P. P.

P.P. FARDELL J/Comm.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

hh.

4417

Subject: S.F.I. mission - Italian Force B.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(U. S. A.)

9/3/3

17 September, 1952.

To:

Naval Sub Commission A.C.
Air Force Sub Commission A.C.

1. Reference this R. L. letter 9/2/52 dated 11 Sep 52, addressed to A.F.S.C. copy to you.

2. Copy of letter from 11 (Sain) to A.F.S.C. dated 14 September is forwarded for your information.

3. As soon as instructions on necessary procedure are received from A.F.S.C. they will be communicated to you.

P.P.P.

R. L. 11/11/52/1001.
For Major General.
A. S. A.

SEE 2-6040

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

101 HAWK, B-4001.

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Subject: S.P.I. Supplies for Italian Forces.AFHQ/2554/3(Mint)

To : C.S.F.I.

Date: 14 Sep 45.

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Reference attached copy of S.P.I. Letter 9/2/45 dated 11 Sep.

1. The original method of accounting cannot be made applicable to Italian Formations and unit which have no British Liaison Unit and it is obviously undesirable to have two different methods of accounting.

2. In view of this, it is suggested that the AFHQ proposals be adopted and your agreement is requested.

(Signed) F. A. Colville.

F. A. COLVILLE, Major.
for Brigadier.
O(Mint).

Copy only/ea

4415

Subject: EPI Sum. to Combat Forces - Mar/Jul 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(E.M.I.A.) R O M E .
3/2/3

15 Sep 45

To: AFHQ for CMPI.

1. Reference this HQ letter 3/2/3 dated 4 Sep 45 enclosing HANFI Statements of Account, together with Ministry of War cheques amounting to 6,610,430 lire.
2. May the Statements of Account referred to above now be returned to this HQ duly receipted, for onward transmission to Ministry of War.

P. R. F.
P. R. FARDELL J/Cmdr.
for Major General.
E.M.I.A.

hh.

4414

Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies for Italian Forces.

Italian Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
2032.
11 September, 1945.

To:-

A.F.H.C. for 'Q' (Maint).

Reference your AFHQ/255A/Q (Maint) dated 6 Aug 45.

As no mention was made in this letter regarding any special accounting procedure to be adopted, it is presumed that action addressees will make necessary arrangements with their local P.P.I. as to the method of payment for the goods purchased by the Italian Forces from the P.I.Sa. and will notify them accordingly.

It is presumed, therefore, that the original procedure by which Combat troops had a special method of accounting through M.M.I.A. and the Ministry of War, as outlined in this letter 0/2/3/4 dated 31 Mar 45, and confirmed by your letter AFHQ/255A/Q (Maint) dated 21 Mar 45, was cancelled by your letter AFHQ/255A/Q (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45. → 305

It is requested that you confirm that the above supposition is correct.

V.P.F.
P. M. FARRER J/Comm.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

See 317.

Copy to:-
H. 13 Corps.
H. 2 District
H. 3 District
H. 1. A. A. C.
Naval Sub Commission A.C.
Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.

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Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies to Combat Forces.

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

12/2/5

12 September, 1945.

See 21/5/50

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To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Reference to H.M. letter 12/2/5 dated 16 Aug 45, paragraph 3.

2. Further E.F.I. Statements of Account supported by M.M.I.A. Form 23 are forwarded as follows:

Month	Unit	Amount £ s d	Account No.	Remarks.
June	Oremona	202.11.6.	Y.No. 136120	This is additional to Account forwarded under 12/2/5 dated 16 Aug 45.
June	502 Cd. Bn.	69. 5.0	Z.No. 04167	Purchases made in Aug for July entitlement.
July	1 Coy. 502 Cd. Bn.	13. 8.7	Y.No. 136131	
July	Piceno	1,458. 9.0	Y.No. 136119	
		£ 1,763.14.1		

3. It is requested that you forward cheque for the above amount of £1,763 : 14 : 1d (i.e. 705,480 lire) for onward transmission to C.E.F.I., A.P.H.S. This cheque should be made payable to "Navy Army & Air Force Institutes".

4. The following are outstanding Accounts over which queries have arisen. As soon as these have been cleared, the accounts will be passed to you for payment.

Outstanding E.F.I. Accounts.

July Memo

1,438. 9.0

1,438. 9.0

Aug for July
entitlement.

£ 1,763.14.1

3. It is requested that you forward cheque for the above amount of £1,763 : 14 : 1d (i.e. 705,480 lire) for onward transmission to C.E.F.I., A.P.H.C. This cheque should be made payable to "Navy Army & Air Force Institutes".

4. The following are outstanding accounts over which queries have arisen. As soon as these have been cleared, the accounts will be passed to you for payment.

Outstanding A.P.I. Accounts.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
April	Crescen	Awaiting R.P.I. Account.
June	Legnano	- do -
	Mantova	- do -
August	All Combat Troops and Co. Bns.	4412

P.P.C.
P. P. PARDINI J/Comd.
for Major General.
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:-

A.P.H.C. for C.E.F.I.

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Subject: A.F.I. Supplies to Combat Groups - Mar/Jul 45.and Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. F. I. A.)
3/2/5

4 Sep 45

To:-

A.F.I. For C.A.F.I.

Enclosed as listed below are A.F.I. Statements of Accounts
in respect of purchases made by the Combat Groups during the period
Mar/Jul.

Month	Unit	Amount	Account No.	Remarks
March 45	Crosara	1,526 1. 6	3 No. 4003	
	Legnano	1,765 19. 5	2 No. 4155	
April 45	Pruli	438 9. 0	3 No. 4159	
	Legnano	501 11. 8	2 No. 4151	
	Folgore	2,095 3. 2	2 No. 4158	
	Mantova	383 2. 7	2 No. 4010	
May 45	Folgore	1,164 18. 3	1 No. 136134	
	Pruli	586 10. 0	1 No. 4162	
	Crosara	696 7. 3	2 No. 04165	
	Legnano	674 18. 4	2 No. 3784	
June 45	Piceno (IGC ICF)	2,763 6. 0	3 No. 04164	April entitlement drawn in June.
	Pruli	327 15. 0	2 No. 04166	
	Crosara	370 6. 3	2 No. 04169	Part of June A/c charged on July A/c.
July 45	Piceno (IGC ICF)	900 8. 4	3 No. 4198	June entitlement drawn in July.
	Crosara	1,035 18. 9	2 No. 04168	
	Legnano	444 12. 0	2 No. 3780	
	Folgore	657 0. 8	1 No. 136139	
	1 Gd Regt	6 11. 3	2 No. 3781	
	549 Gd. Bn	96 8. 3	2 No. 3785	
	501 Gd. Bn	21 18. 2	2 No. 3782	
		16,525 6. 5		

The following cheques on the Bank of Italy have been received from
the Ministry of War and are passed to you in settlement of the above accounts.
The total sum amounting to 6,610,130 lire (216,525 : 6 : 53).

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Charge No.	Amount Lira	Date.
293.878	500.000	24 Aug 45.
293.879	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.880	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.881	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.882	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.883	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.884	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.885	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.886	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.887	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.888	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.889	500.000	24 Aug 45
293.890	500.000	24 Aug 45
263.602	110.450	24 Aug 45

Please return the Statements of Accounts duly reconstituted.

Still outstanding for this period are three accounts over which queries have arisen. As soon as these have been cleared the Ministry of War will be requested to arrange payment.

Outstanding A.C.I. Accounts.

Month	Unit.
March 45	Wraldi Caribela
April 45	Avencia
June 45	Lagnano Mandora 502 Gd. Bn.
July 45	503 Gd. Bn.
Aug. 45.	All Combat Groups and Gd. Bn.

P. P. P.
P. P. PARDINI J/Cmdr.
for Lt. Col. A.C.I.C.
H. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Ministry of War.

PP/PP

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Subject: E.F.I. Sups for Combat Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
Q/2/3

17 Aug 45

MIXA LO MILAN

20/8
Ref our Q/2/3 dated 31 Jul addressed to all BLUs, with copy
to you.

Will you please ensure that No.1 Italian Guard Regt are
informed that the authority to draw EPI supplies is cancelled
w.e.f. 1 Sep 45.

P.P.F.
P.P. FARDELL J/Comm.
for Col. D.M.E.
M. M. I. A.

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4409

Subject: EPI Supplies to Combat Forces - MARCH - JULY 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
✓2/3

16 Aug 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Enclosed are EPI Statements of Account supported either by MMIA Form 23 or a certificate signed by an Italian officer of the unit concerned. These accounts are in respect of purchases made by the Combat Forces from EPI during the months stated.

Month	Unit	Amount			Account No.	Remarks
		£	s	d		
March 45	Cremona	1526.	1.	6.	Z No. 4005	
	Legnano	1765.	19.	5.	Z No. 4155	
April 45	Triuli	438.	9.	0.	Z No. 4159	✓
	Legnano	501.	11.	8.	Z No. 4161	✓
	Folgore	2093.	3.	2.	Z No. 4158	✓
	Mantova	383.	2.	7.	Z No. 4010	✓
May 45	Folgore	1161.	18.	3.	Y No. 136134	✓
	Triuli	586.	10.	0.	Z No. 4162	✓
	Cremona	694.	7.	3.	Z No. 04165	✓
	Legnano	674.	18.	4.	Z No. 3784	✓
June 45	Piceno (RTO ICF)	2788.	6.	0.	Z No. 04164	April entitlement drawn in June.
	Triuli	327.	15.	0.	Z No. 04166	✓
	Cremona	370.	6.	3.	Z No. 04169	Part of June A/c charged on July A/c.
July 45	Piceno (RTO ICF)	900.	8.	4.	Z No. 4198	June entitlement drawn in July.
	Cremona	1035.	18.	9.	Z No. 04168	✓
	Legnano	444.	12.	0.	Z No. 3780	✓
	Folgore	637.	0.	8.	Y No. 136139	
	1 Gd Regt	6.	11.	3.	Z No. 3781	
	519 Gd Bn	96.	8.	3.	Z No. 3783	
	503 Gd Bn	91.	18.	9.	Z No. 3782	
		<u>£16,525.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>5.</u>		

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2. It is requested that you forward a cheque for the above sum of £16,525. 6. 5 (i.e. 6,610,130 Lire) to this HQs for onward transmission to A.F.H.Q. The cheque should be made payable to "Navy Army and Air Force Institutes".

3. Listed below are those Accounts over which certain queries have arisen. As soon as these have been cleared the bills will be submitted to you for payment.

OUTSTANDING RFI ACCOUNTS

<u>Months</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
March 45	Friuli Garibaldi.
April 45	Cremona.
June 45	Legnano Mantova 502 Gd Bn.
July 45	503 Gd Bn.
Aug 45.	All Combat Gruppi and Gd Bns.

F. J. Noakes
 F. J. NOAKES Col.
 for Major General.
 M.M.I.A.

PTT/bh

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Subject: M.F.I. supplies for Combat Troops.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O H E .
✓ 2/3

1 Aug 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It has been decided that with the cessation of hostilities it is no longer desirable to maintain all the distinctions between Combat and Service troops. The responsibility, therefore, for the provision of toilet articles, at present obtained by Combat troops on repayment from British sources, will revert to the Italian Government with effect from 1 SEP 45.
2. Please ensure that all concerned are notified and the necessary provision action is taken now. This HQ letter 2/2/3 dated 21 JUL to BLU's with copy to you refers.

P. J. Noam.
P. J. NOAMES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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PEP/hh

4406

Subject: E.F.I. Supply for Combat Co.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.A.F.A.) RONS
5/2/5

34 July 45

To: 50 BLD
51 BLD
52 BLD
53 BLD
56 BLD
M. BL & TU

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See 321

Reference this HQ let. of 9/2/5 dated 19 Mar 45 authorising the supply on repayment from E.F.I. of certain toilet articles to Combat troops.

It has been decided that, with the end of hostilities in ITALY, it is no longer necessary to maintain the distinction between Combat and Service troops of the Italian Army, and that the responsibility for the provision of toilet articles should revert to the Italian Government.

The Authorities quoted in our letter under reference, therefore, will be considered as cancelled w/f 1 SEP 45.

You are requested to ensure that issues for August are drawn before the end of the month and the E.F.I. Forms MIA 23 are completed and forwarded to this HQ.

R.J. NOAKES Col.

and forwarded to this HQ.

P. J. Wright
T. J. ROGERS Col.
for Major General.
M.H.I.A.

PRR/hh

Copy to: AMHQ - your AMHQ/1170/2/2(Maint) dated 26 Jul 45 refers.

HQ X111 Corp - copy of letter under ref att.

HQ 1 District.

HQ 2 District

HQ 3 District

Commanding General RAAC.

Ministry of War.

ALL INFORMATION.

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Subject: EPI Supplies.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
9/2/3

24 July 1945

To: MMIA LO, N.W. Italy, MILAN.

Reference your NWI/6/A dated 21 Jul 45.

1. There has been no change in the scale of issue of EPI supe to Combat Gps nor does this HQ propose at this stage of ~~the war~~ to apply to AFHQ for an increase in the scale.
2. It is pointed out that shaving brushes are still available at the scale laid down as an initial issue for rfts on repayment through EPI. They are not however available from Italian Stocks.

EPI/1c

Rae
R. A. CURTIS, Lt Col.
for Colonel, DQMG,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 51 RLJ.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

FROM: MMIA

TO : 54 AREA

INFO: ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND

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Date - Time
2 1440 B

July

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO (.) CONTACT ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND IN REFERENCE
TO THEIR SIGNAL 1869 DATED 30 JUNE (.) REPORT THIS HEADQUARTERS
BY SIGNAL TO CONFIRM THAT SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES ENTAILLED ON
ACCOUNT OF TRANSFER OF ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS TO US-ITI STATUS
HAVE BEEN OVERCOME

SEE 294

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

4403

Subject: NAAFI Supplies for 1 Gd Regt (Italian).

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2/3/1

14 June 1945

To: HQ 2 District.

1. Reference AFHQ signal PX 90646 dated 9 Jun approving the issue of toilet articles to 1 Gd Regt. on the scale laid down for Combat Gps.
2. The supplies should be drawn and accounted for in accordance with this HQ letter Q/2/3/1 of 31 Mar. The SPI forms MMIA 23 (twelve attached) will be countersigned by a British Officer as a guarantee that the demand is within authorized scales.

FF/1c

La Fila 82/1
F. J. HOWES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LO 2 District.

SEE 1. Q/2/3/3

4402

SIGNAL MESSAGE

FROM NMIA DATE TIME
TO FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR 03 B

Q.241

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RESTRICTED

FOR NMIA/LO (.)

YOUR 9632 OF 011851B (.) COMBAT GROUP TAIL UNITS

SHOULD OBTAIN MAFI SUPPLIES FROM SAME SOURCE AND IN

SAME MANNER AS COMBAT IF THEY SERVE

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

4401

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Subject: SFI Supplies.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
4/2/3

26 April 1945

To: "F" BLU, WFC ICF

SEE 278.

Reference your letter AQ/4/2/310 dated 13 Apr 45.

282.

1. Authority is given by AFHQ under their reference AFHQ/2554/3 (Maint) dated 21 Apr 45 for an initial issue on repayment of 15,000 sticks of shaving soap and a maintenance issue thereafter of 3,000 sticks per month. These will be obtained in the usual manner through SFI on SFI Form MMTA 23.

2. This will ensure that each man is provided with a stick of shaving soap before he is posted to a Combat Group. On arrival at the Combat Group he will be eligible for the authorized issue of one stick every four months. BLUs will instruct Groups to ensure that men posted to them from the WFC do not obtain a maintenance issue until 4 months after the date of their reporting at the WFC.

P. P. Russell

P.F/1a

D. P. VANHEIL, J/Comm.
for Colonel, MMTAG
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for (Maint)

50 BLU }
51 BLU }
52 BLU }
53 BLU }
54 BLU }

Please instruct ICF in accordance para 2.

Welfare, MMTA.

4400

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Subject: NAFI Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
G/2/3

20 April 1945

To: 50 B.L.U.

AFHQ has passed the attached letter from Geniere BUSSETTI ARMANDO of the 35 Arty Regt which was addressed to the Supreme Allied Commander. An answer in accordance with AFHQ instructions is enclosed which it is requested you will forward through the correct channels.

PFF/le

for F. J. Noakes
Major General, Colonel
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ G-5.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/2/3

10 April 1945

Sir,

I am directed to say that your letter dated 2 Mar 45 has been read by the Supreme Allied Commander. I am to point out that Italian soldiers in the Gruppi are permitted to buy from the NAAFI certain items, in particular razors, razor blades, tooth-brushes, toothpaste, shaving soap and shaving brushes in accordance with a fixed scale of issue.

I am also to say that items such as soap and cigarettes, which are in any case very scarce, are not provided by the British and their provision for Italian soldiers is arranged by the Italian Government.

for *F. J. Noakes*
Major General, *Colonel*
M. M. I. A.

Eng. Armando BRUSSETTI,
35 Artillery Regiment,
Gruppo di Combattimento FRIULI.

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				<u>OUTSTANDING</u>	
MARCH.	FRIULI CREMONA	1526.	1. 6 ✓	FRIULI.	
	LEGNANO.	1765.	19. 5 ✓	GARIBOLDI	
		3292.	0. 11.		
APRIL.	FRIULI.	438.	9. 0 ✓	CREMONA	
	LEGNANO.	501.	11. 8 ✓	(1 def 9 Bledon + 15 S. S. S. S. S.)	
	FOLGORE.	2093.	3. 2 -		
	MANTOVA	383.	2. 7 ✓		
		3416.	6. 5		
MAY.	FRIULI.	586.	10. 0 ✓	NOTE FOLGORE (? any sups Folgore sups changed down for May) in June etc.	
	CREMONA	694.	7. 3 ✓		
	LEGNANO.	674.	18. 4 -		
	'F' BLU- ^{PICENO}	2788.	6. 0 ✓		
		4744.	1. 7		
JUNE	FRIULI.	327.	15. 0 ✓	LEGNANO (downing for etc)	
	LEGNANO.	89.	5. 0	MANTOVA (awaiting EFi a/c)	
	PICENO - (F. BLU)	900.	8. 4.	502 GD. BN. (--- do. ---)	
	FOLGORE	1161.	18. 3.	dispute corrected to full 501.	
	CREMONA	370.	6. 3 ✓	NOTE - Part of June a/c changed in July 47	
		2847.	12. 10.		
		2760.	7. 10		

NAME

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for

MONTH	PLACE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
<u>JULY.</u>	CREMONA.	1035. 18. 9.	<u>1 COY. 503 GD BN.</u>
	LEGNANO	444. 12. 0.	FOREGORE.
	FOREGORE	637. 0. 8.	
	1 GD. REGT.	6. 11. 3.	
	519 GD. BN.	96. 8. 3.	
	503 GD. BN.	91. 18. 9.	
		1675. 4. 0.	
		2317. 9. 8	
<u>AUG.</u>	1 Coy. 503 Gd Bn.	18. 2. 7.	<u>FRIVOLI</u> (MIA Form 23 awarded for 824)
	502 Gd Bn.	84. 13. 2.	

Summary of Alice
 Review for Present

MARCH	-	3292. 0. 11.	✓
APRIL	-	3416. 6. 5.	✓
MAY	-	4744. 1. 7.	✓
JUNE	-	2760. 7. 10.	✓
JULY	-	2312. 9. 8.	✓

16525. 6. 5.

637. 0. 8
 84. 5. 0
 547. 15. 8
 15972. 10. 9
 16525. 6. 5

AUG. NOT INCLUDED -
 ONLY TWO SMALL
 ALICE FROM GDS. BNS.
 O.K. AT PRESENT.

S.C.Q.

It looks as though we want 6,610,130 lire
 from War Min to settle some of the accounts
 for March to August.
 This figure might shake in!

3292. 0. 11.

3416. 6. 5.

4744. 1. 7.

2760. 7. 10.

2312. 9. 8.

16525. 6. 5.

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— i.e. LIRE 6,610,130

Subject: RFI Supplies to Combat Forces - MARCH - JULY 45.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
✓2/3

16 Aug 45

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Enclosed are RFI Statements of Account supported either by MMIA Form 23 or a certificate signed by an Italian officer of the unit concerned. These accounts are in respect of purchases made by the Combat Forces from RFI during the months stated.

Month	Unit	Amount	Account No.	Remarks
		£ s d		
March 45	Cresona	1526. 1. 6.	Z No. 4005	
	Legnano	1765. 19. 5.	Z No. 4155	
April 45	Friuli	438. 9. 0.	Z No. 4159	
	Legnano	501. 11. 8.	Z No. 4161	
	Folgore	2093. 3. 2.	Z No. 4158	
	Mantova	385. 2. 7.	Z No. 4010	
May 45	Folgore	1161. 18. 3.	Y No. 136134	
	Friuli	586. 10. 0.	Z No. 4162	
	Cresona	694. 7. 3.	Z No. 04165	
	Legnano	674. 18. 4.	Z No. 3784	
June 45	Piceno (RTO ICF)	2788. 6. 0.	Z No. 04164	April entitlement drawn in June.
	Friuli	327. 15. 0.	Z No. 04166	
	Cresona	370. 6. 3.	Z No. 04169	Part of June A/c charged on July A/c.
July 45	Piceno (RTO ICF)	900. 8. 4.	Z No. 4198	June entitlement drawn in July.
	Cresona	1035. 18. 9.	Z No. 04168	
	Legnano	444. 12. 0.	Z No. 3780	
	Folgore	637. 0. 8.	Y No. 136139	
	1 Gd Regt	6. 11. 3.	Z No. 3781	
	519 Gd Bn	96. 8. 3.	Z No. 3783	
	503 Gd Bn	91. 18. 2.	Z No. 3782	
		<u>£16,585. 6. 5.</u>		

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2. It is requested that you forward a cheque for the above sum of £16,525. 6. 5 (i.e. 6,610,130 Lire) to this HQs for onward transmission to A.F.H.Q. The cheque should be made payable to "Navy Army and Air Force Institutes".

3. Listed below are those Accounts over which certain queries have arisen. As soon as these have been cleared the bills will be submitted to you for payment.

OUTSTANDING EFI ACCOUNTS

<u>Months</u>	<u>Unit.</u>
March 45	Frinli Garibaldi.
← April 45	Cremona.
June 45	Legnano Mantova 502 Gd Bn.
← July 45	503 Gd Bn.
Aug 45.	All Combat Groups and Gd Bns.

Accounting EFI a/c.

Now O.K. - Land & H/W.

This A/c has now been settled with H/W. 76/76.

First 6 H/W.

First 6 H/W.

F. J. Noakes
 F. J. NOAKES Col.
 for Major General.
 M.M.I.A.

PIT/ln

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1,763,121

2. The following are selected accounts that which are from airmen. As soon as these have been cleared, the accounts will be turned to you for review.

critique date 1/22/2000

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W. D. Patten, Esq.,
New York City.

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SUBJECT : MAAFI Rations for Italian Troops.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 R O M F
 Q/2/3

10 April 45

TO : AFHQ G-5

275/1

Reference your G-5 :331.3 Dated 24 March 45.

As the 55 Artillery Regt does not exist in the Italian Army, it is requested that the original letter written by EMGR ARMANDO BUSSETTI be forwarded to this HQ, the Ministry of War having been unable to trace anyone of that name.

10 April 45

TO : AFHQ G-5

Reference your G-5 :331.3 Dated 24 March 45.

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P. P. F.

P. P. FARDELL J. Comd.
for Major General
W. Y. I. A.

ppf/hb

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Subject: EPI Type of Supplies for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2/3

+ April 1945

To: AFHQ for Q(Maint).

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Reference is made to your AFHQ/2622/Q(Maint) of 16 Mar 45.

1. The standard Italian prearmistice system did NOT provide a scale of issue nor a government controlled system of issue of toilet items.
2. A relevant letter from the Ministry of War is attached. It will be noted that the stock is small even against the strength of ITI-ITI tps quite apart from US-ITI and BR-FPI.

PJN/le


Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War

Date: 21 Mar 45.

To : MIA

With reference to verbal request made by Major BLATT in respect of toilet articles, the following is pointed out:-

1. As a rule, toilet articles are bought by Corps from the market and issued on repayment. No individual and periodical allowances of these articles exist.

2. Toilet articles held in depending depots are detailed in attached appendix.

3. Owing to difficulties encountered by Units in getting these articles, Ministry of War, whenever possible, buys toilet articles and keeps them at disposal of static units.

A certain rule is laid down for Shaving Soap and Tooth Paste.

Shaving soap is issued at the rate of 3 gr. per month for territorial troops and 5 gr. for operational troops. TOOTH PASTE. Arrangements have been made in order to get enough supply to allow an issue of a tin of 15 gr. per man on repayment.

4. Hence, it follows that it is not possible to calculate the requirement of toilet articles needed by all units neither is it possible to estimate the amount which can be bought from the market and which is, in any case, small in proportion to the amounts required.

In case it is necessary to calculate these requirements, it will be necessary to ask each unit their own requirements of toilet articles.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

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Article		Rome	Bari	Naples	Total
Shaving Soap	quintals	20	64	1½	85½
Shaving Brushes	each	322	=	=	322
Razor Blades	"	=	44,000	60,000	104,000
Tooth Brushes	"	=	7,828	=	7,828
Razors	"	2,940	1,100	458	4,498
Tooth Paste	tins	7,000	=	=	7,000

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LAND FORCES S/L
3500ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

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Q/2/3

G-5: 331.3

24 March 1945.

SUBJECT: NAAFI Rations for Italian Troops.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394
(Attn: Land Forces Sub Commission)

1. Reference is made to the attached translation of a letter written to the Supreme Allied Commander by a member of the Italian Armed Forces requesting the issue of certain items of NAAFI supplies.

2. On the basis of standard NAAFI issue instructions: Supplies for Italian Army, G-4(B) A.F.H.Q. drafted the letter annexed hereto in answer.

3. It is requested that a letter substantially in accordance with attached draft, be forwarded to Engr. Armando BUSSETTI, 55th Artillery Regiment, Italian Army, through military channels.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

*Julius Byles*
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F.A.*See folio 217.*

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COPY

2/3/45

General:

I ask, also in the name of my comrades, that NAAFI Supplies be given to us also.

The things we request are:

soap
Razor blades
cigarettes.

The sacrifices which war imposes on us are the same as for all the other Allied troops; therefore, I am certain that you will meet the desire of all the soldiers.

55th Artillery Regiment

Eng. Bussetti Armando

A TRANSLATION.

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Translation

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From: M of N
 To: MMIA (MIA/MIA/MIA)

Date: 21st Mar 45.

Response for Maj. Miller

With reference to verbal request made by Maj. Miller in respect of toilet articles, the following is pointed out:-

1) As a rule, toilet articles are bought by Corps from the market and issued on repayment. No individual and periodical allowances of these articles exist.

2) Toilet articles held in depending Depots are detailed in attached appendix.

3) Owing to difficulties encountered by Corps in getting these articles, M of N, whenever possible, buys toilet articles and keep them at disposal of static units.

A certain rule is laid down for shaving soap and tooth paste.

Shaving soap is issued at the rate of 3 gr. per month for territorial troops and of 5 gr. for operational troops. Tooth paste. Arrangements have been made in order to get enough supply to allow an issue of a tin of 15 gr. to each man on repayment.

Hence, it follows that it is not possible to calculate the requirement of toilet articles needed by all units neither it is possible to estimate the amount which can be bought from the market and which is, in any case, small in proportion to the amount required.

In case it is necessary to calculate these requirements it will be necessary to ask each unit ^{its} own requirements of toilet articles.

St. Encke

(Sgt) PELLICARD

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Subject: EPI Sups for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/2/3

19 Mar 1945

AFHQ
15 Army Group
HQ Fifth Army
HQ Fifth Army Br Incr
Rear HQ Eighth Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
"F" BLU, NTC ICF CESSANO

MMIALO - 3 Army
District
53 BLU
at BLU
50 BLU

1. All previous authorisations by AFHQ for the supply of EPI items are consolidated as under.

2. The five Italian Combat Groups, FRUILLI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE, MANTOVA and the NTC ICF at CESSANO may obtain toilet articles from EPI on the following scale:-

Authority	Item	Initial Issue	Maintenance
AFHQ/2554/2(Maint) dated 27 Sep 44 and 26665 dated 14 Feb 1945.	Razors	1 per 2 men	NIL
	Razor Blades	-	2 per 1 month
	Tooth Brushes	1 per man	1 per 4 months
	Shaving Brushes	1 per 2 men	NIL
PX34091 dated 26 Feb 1945	Toothpaste	-	1 tube per month
	Shaving Soap	-	1 stick per 4 months

3. The system for accounting for these supplies is at present under discussion at AFHQ but pending a ruling the original system as laid down in AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/2(Maint) dated 27 Sep 44 will continue to operate.

SEE
9/2/3/4
PFF/lc

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Alcunty

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

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Copy to: Ministry of War.

SEE 298

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File 4SUBJECT: Post Exchange Items

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2-61
3 March 1945

OK

TO : Commanding Officer,
2698th. Technical Supervision Regt.
APO 782, U.S. Army

266/1 att

1. In reference to your letter dated 20 Feb. 1945 subject, "PX Items for Italian Guard", we regret to inform you that Post Exchange Items cannot be made available to the Italian Military Forces from U.S. Army stocks.
2. The items supplied to the Italian Military Forces from Allied Sources are determined by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and no provision has been made for the supply of Post Exchange items. The provision of such articles must remain the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

FRC/r1
Copy to: QM MTCUSA

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SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): 50 BLU 51 BLU 52 BLU
53 BLU 56 BLU
BLU RTC ICF CESANO

28 1445 A

TO (FOR INFO): RAAC DISTONE DISTHREE

REF NO Q 20

RESTRICTED

ITEMS PURCHASABLE FROM EPI NOW INCLUDE TOOTHPASTE ON SCALE OF ONE TUBE
PER MONTH AND SHAVING SOAP ON SCALE OF ONE STICK PER MAN PER FOUR MONTHS (.)
~~REMARKS~~ AUTHORITY FREEDOM SIGNAL FX34091 OF 26 FEB (.) SUBJECT IS EPI
SUPPLIES FOR COMBAT GROUP AND CESANO

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

FT Navel
GN

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Subject: Toilet Articles for Italian Army and Air Force.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/2/3

14 Feb 45.

Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your 5002/7/COS dated 2 Feb 45 addressed to DCOS
Economic Section, and conversation Major Rively - J/Comd Fardehl.
May a copy of the interim report called for in para 6 of your letter
please be passed to this Sub-Commission.

PPF/wk

P. P. F.
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Toilet Articles for Gruppi.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/3

11 Feb 1945

To: AFHQ

Reference your AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 9 Jan 45.

1. The position regarding the manufacture of shaving soap, as detailed in our letter AQ/2/3 dated 20 July 44 quoted by you, has changed since that date.
2. The Industry Sub-Commission informed us in July 44, in response to our request for the release of 10 quintals of Caustic Potash for the manufacture of shaving soap, that in order to conserve available stocks only one quality of yellow soap was scheduled under their "Program of Soap Production in Liberated Italy". No issue of Caustic Potash was therefore authorized. We have since confirmed with the Industry Sub Commission that this is still their policy.
3. Apart from odd quantities of shaving soap discovered through "Black Market" investigations, there is no supply of shaving soap available to the Italian Army and it is not clear why the position should improve in the foreseeable future.

PFY/15

J. L.
P. J. HOGAN, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Issue of Tooth Brushes to UTILN and NEMBO Gps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M B
AQ/2/3

9 Feb 1945

To: AFHQ (for Financial Advisor Br)

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Reference your D/52/PA dated 16 Jan 45.

A report has been received from the LEGNANO Gruppo that the 10,000 tooth brushes that were distributed free among the UTILN and NEMBO Gps during May 44 were obtained from the British GO at VAIRANO.

FFB/ls

P. P. F
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 52 S.L.U. - your 2/3/55 of 3 Feb 45 refers.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

08 04 25

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TO (FOR ACTION): DISTONE

REF NO: Q/OS/48

RESTRICTED

FOR Q (.) REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL Q2 OF 6 FEB (.) AFHQ SIGNAL NUMBER F21955
OF 6 FEB IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION (.) QUOTE (.) RESTRICTED. F21955
CITE PHODQ SIGNED SACRED (.) DUBBIN AND SOAP BRITIS IS SUBJECT (.) YOUR
QOS/31 OF 1 FEB REFERS (.) ONE (.) DUBBIN (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR BR UNIT
COMMANDERS TO ISSUE DUBBIN ON NORMAL SCALE AT THEIR DISCRETION FOR MAINTAINING
BR BOOTS ISSUED (.) TWO (.) SOAP (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR BR COMMANDERS TO
MAKE LOW SCALE ISSUE AT DISCRETION FOR WORK CONDITIONS (.) THREE (.) BOTH
ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE CHARGED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH NORMAL SYSTEM (.)
UNQUOTE

PRECEDENCE ImportantAUTHENTICATED attd

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att.

FOR NMIA LO (.) REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 1330/1 DATED 31 JAN (.)
 RATION SCALE FOR UNIT ISSUES IS AS LAID DOWN IN WAR MINISTRIES
 LETTER 1070/8/1 DATED 21 JAN BUT FOR PROVISIONING PURPOSES THIS
 HQ PAPER SCALE AT 300 GRAMS PER MAN PER MONTH FOR ALL PURPOSES
 OTHER THAN HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS

(SE/100)

NMIA

INTERNAL

AQ



43770.

W. C. Lane
 Lt. Col.

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SUBJECT: Soap Ration
-----LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. H. I. A.) H O M E
A/2/3
26 January 1945

TO : ASIA 25 Naples
 " " Sicily
 " " Sardinia
 " " 5th Army
 " " 32 Area
 " " 54 Area

1. Herewith is a communication from the War Ministry concerning the soap ration for your information and guidance.

Tommy T. Ross
 TOMMY T. ROSS, Lt. Col.
 for Major General
 M. H. I. A.

WMS/r1

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COPY

FROM: W/M COMD/TO
SUPPLY BRANCH.

Date 21 Jan. 45

Ref. No. 1070/0/1

TO : CMIA for information

TH : R.C.A. and Comd/Co. Directorate COMD, WAFIP, COMI, FALCON, GALEHIA, HADINIA, COMD C.A.A., Delegazione I. H. 5 Terri-
torial Division, III 212 Div., Comd/Co Office TAVANTO, HQ
Comdt COM, HQ Inst COM, HQ Comdt W/S, HQ S/S Unit,
HQ W/M COMD.

Infor: HQ of various, Air HQ, W/M Cabinet Liaison Office, HQ,
HQ.

Subject: Soap ration.

The monthly individual soap ration is fixed at:-

1. 300 gms. for all soldiers belonging to units or bodies stationed NORTH of the Rear Army boundaries.
2. 250 gms. for soldiers belonging to units or bodies SOUTH of those boundaries.

This type of ration is in force for Hospitals and all medical bodies as well.

The amounts of soap as laid down above, whereas they will be issued complete to the soldiers who beyond their personal cleaning have also got to see to their own washing of clothes, will be reduced adequately on the responsibility of these bodies and units for those soldiers who enjoy the military laundry service for the washing of their laundry.

On this point we inform you that the amounts of soap to be allotted to the laundries must be equal to 1% (one percent) of the weight of the articles to be washed.

On the total amount of soap drawn, COMD. units will take care also to withhold and keep a limited availability of soap to look after the greater needs of soldiers employed in cookhouses, workshops, laboratories, etc. for whom the additions issued in the past are abolished.

The allotment of a soap ration for animals is cancelled up to further orders.

The addressees are requested that the above instructions be brought to the knowledge of units and bodies under their command.

All previous instructions on the subject are ~~4875~~ ⁴⁸⁷⁵ cancelled.

(Signed) PELLIGAS, for the Minister.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MRIA)
Rome
AQ/2/3

21 January 1945

MEMORANDUM For Lt Col Locke, QM Section, AFHQ

Copy to: General Hamblen, AFHQ
Q (Maint) AFHQ

1. In response to your request for a scale of allowances and replacements for the following items for Italian military forces:

Blades, razor
Razors
Cream, shaving
Brush, tooth
Paste, tooth
Soap

I am attaching for your information a copy of translation of letter from the Minister for War regarding these items.

2. It will be noted that there is no scale of allowances and replacement for toilet articles in the Italian Army except washing soap on a scale of free issue of 300 grams per month per man.

3. Every company of the Italian Army should have a unit barber, and he has a barber kit. It is normal practice that he shaves men about twice each week and under normal conditions, he purchased his supplies, but under present conditions an issue of soap is being made to him for this purpose. It is doubted that each company does in fact have a unit barber, and Allied employing units should accept the system and let us know when the barbers are not available. The Italians are satisfied with their normal system.

4. It will be noted that the other items are in such a short supply that it is not possible to set a definite scale, but the Ministry is doing its best to purchase these items, and we distribute them around as we get them, having regard to the location of troops and the availability of civilian supplies. We have sent some of these supplies to meet the needs of the 3,000 troops in Corsica regularly inasmuch as we are told that the French will not permit Italian soldiers to buy supplies available on the civilian market in Corsica.

5. The small amount of safety razors and tooth brushes which we have on hand, we intend to distribute among those newly called-up men, who are without anything.

CPK/lak

R
CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

COPY
OF
TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 5165/V

TO : MMIA

Date 18/1/45

SUBJECT: Toilet articles.

Ref. to telephone request of yesterday 18/1/45

We beg to inform you that the regulations of the Italian Army do not provide for issue of articles of toilet with the exception of shaving soap, and therefore no rations have been established for the troops.

To satisfy such needs we relied on normal times on the regimental canteen which bought required articles from civilian markets.

For the combat unit over-seas this Ministry reformed the canteen according to requests received from the Quartermaster Corps.

All these assignments have been done with the exception of toilet soap on repayment by the soldier and without following any rationing scheme.

Owing to the actual situation to overcome the deficiencies of the market this Ministry has tried to provide a few toilet articles which are the more widely used, to satisfy the request made by some units, for which the availability of material is as follows:

	ROME	NAPLES	BARI
Safety Razors	2900	800	1100
Razor blades	-	87000	44000
Tooth brushes	-	-	7000
Shaving soap 1	-	-	7000
Tooth paste 2	-	-	-
Laundry soap 3	-	-	-

1. No free issue of shaving soap has been foreseen because the soap is to be provided by the unit barber. Owing to the difficulty of acquiring such soap in the market the 3 of 4 buys it from the makers and issues it in repayment to unit barber on request from 42 of respective coys.

The issue is made at the rate of 3 grms per man for each month and 5 grms for each man in combat unit for the same period.

2. 10,000 tins of tooth powder have been recently issued on repayment and another 50,000 tins are being bought on requests still pending.

1. 300 quintals are being sent to BARI and with these we deem that it will be possible to ensure the major part of the service issuing for the current month 300 grms for troops north of the operational limits and 250 grms for troops south of said line. To meet the needs of the next month the manufacture of more soap has been started according to the availability of raw material assigned by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

PALLERA

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ACTION SLIPTHIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVEDFILE NO:
SUBJECT:

DATE: 20 December 1945

TO : Col. Kerr

Reference the attached letter from AFHQ and Italian War Ministry concerning the issue of toilet articles.

You can readily see from the War Ministry letter, there is not a basis of issue established by the Italian Government for the items mentioned, neither has there been a basis of issue.

Therefore, thought perhaps you would want to answer the AFHQ letter.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
M. M. I. A.

TTR/ri

For dictation

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War
TO : MMIA
SUBJECT: Toilet articles.

Ref. No. 5165/V

Date 19/1/45

Ref. to telephone request of yesterday 19/1/45

We beg to inform you that the regulations of the Italian Army do not provide for issue of articles of toilet with the exception of washing soap, and therefore no rations have been established for the troops.

To satisfy such needs we relied in normal times on the regimental canteen which bought required articles from civilian markets.

For the combat unit over-seas this ministry refurnished the canteen according to requests received from the Quartermaster Corps.

All those assignments have been done with the exception of toilet soap on repayment by the soldier and without following any rationing scheme.

Owing to the actual situation to overcome the deficiencies of the market this ministry has tried to provide a few toilet articles which are the more widely used, to satisfy the request made by some units, for which the availability of material is as follows:

	ROME	NAPLES	BARI
Safety Razors	2900	800	1100
Razor blades	-	87,000	44000
Tooth brushes	-	-	7000
Shaving soap 1	-	-	7000
Tooth paste 2	-	-	-
Laundry soap 3	-	-	-

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The issue is made at the rate of 3 grms per man for each month and 5 grms for each man in combat unit for the same period.

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3. 300 quintals are being sent to BARI and with these we deem that it will be possible to ensure the major part of the service issuing for the current month 300 grms for troops north of the operational limits and 250 grms for troops south of said line. To meet the needs of the next month the manufacture of more soap has been started according to the availability of raw material assigned by the ministry of Industry and Commerce.

PELLIGRA

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Translation

From M of W
to MMID.

Ref^o 5165/V

Date 19/1/45

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All those assignments have been done with the exception of toilet soap, on repayments by the soldier and without following any rationing scheme.

Due to the actual situation to overcome the deficiencies of the market, this Ministry has tried to provide a few toilet articles which are the more widely used, to satisfy the requests made by some units, for those the availability of material is as follows

	ROME	NAPLES	BARI
safety razors.	2400	100	1100
razor blades	-	57000	44000
tooth brushes.	-	-	7000
shaving soap. I	-	-	7000 kg.
tooth paste 2	-	-	-
toilet soap 3	-	-	-

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The issue is made at the rate of 3 gms. ~~per man~~ per man for each month and 5 gms for each man in combat unit for the same period.

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Subject: Issue of Toothbrushes to UTIL and MEMO Gps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. J. A.) R O H E
A2/2/3

20 Jan 1945

To: 52 B.L.U.

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Reference your Q/3/47 dated 4 Jan 45.

In your last para you stated that 10,000 toothbrushes were distributed without payment. Please state whether these were from E.F.I. or British Army stocks.

PMH/10

P. P. Padell
P. P. PADSELL, J/Cord.
for Colonel, DASH
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ - your Q/52/PA dated 16 Jan 45 refers.

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Subject:- Shaving soap.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(S.M.I.A.)

P.O. 11

12/13

15 Jan 45.

Industry Sub-Commission.

Reference your AGC/5579/IND dated 23 Jul/44.

Montfort

Confirmation is requested as to whether it is still your policy to manufacture only one quantity of soap, under your programme of soap production, or whether an allocation of raw materials for shaving soap is available. The latter is urgently required for Italian Military needs.

P. P. Randall

P.P. RANDALL, Jr. Comdr.
for Major General,
S.M.I.A.

Copy to:- AF.H.Q.
(your WH2/2554/C (Print)
dated 9 Jan/45 refers).

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Subject:- Failure of Italian Government to provide SOAP

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

R O N E.

AS/2/3

13 Jan 45

HQ A.C. for Industry Sub Commission

Reference the att report on the supply of soap to the ITALIAN Armed Forces.

It would be appreciated if you would cause such steps to be taken as you consider necessary to make the Ministry of Industry give the required support to the Armed Forces of the ITALIAN nation.

FJA/jrp

F. J. N. N. N.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.E.I.A.)

Copy to:-
AFHQ for G.4(A))
AFHQ for G(Maint))
AFHQ for G.5)
HQ A.C. for Chief of Staff)
ST MHA

there is a shortage of soap
as a result

*See Folio 235
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SUBJECT:-

SUMMARY

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SE/111

12 Jan 45

Re: MIA

1. Ministry of War in their letter 1877/D of 18 Nov 1944 submitted bid to Ministry of Industry for allocation of raw materials to produce soap for period Jan-June 1945.

2. Ministry of War in their letter 2383/D of 2 Dec amended bid submitted on 12 Nov 44.

3. Ministry of War in their letter 2620/D1822 of 15 Dec 44 to MIA stated Ministry of Industry had informed Ministry of War that there was no caustic soda available and that they, the Ministry of Industry, had referred this matter to MIA.

This latter statement is NOT true.

4. On receipt of above letter I asked Dr. Spotovsky, Industry Sub Comm A.C., to discuss the matter with me. He informed me that Ministry of Industry had NOT submitted any bid for allocation of caustic soda to Industry Sub Commission.

This confirmed Ministry of Industry had done nothing and were covering up vice the statement at 3 above.

Dr. Spotovsky agreed to release 600 quintals of caustic soda to cover January, February and March 1945 production and I so informed Ministry of War, requesting them to arrange for formal bid to be submitted to Industry Sub Commission to regularize my agreement with Dr. Spotovsky.

Discussions and actions by me was completed on 15 Dec 44.

5. On 4 Jan 45 Ministry of War in letter 221/S/1, wrote to Ministry of Industry, copy to MIA, asking for speedy allocation to be made against bids submitted on 2 Dec (2 above).

6. On receiving this letter I sent for a representative of Ministry of Industry to come to my office and a Comendatore LUBASO arrived on, I think, 5 Jan 45.

I pointed out the delays that had occurred and asked for an explanation. No explanation was forthcoming other than an effort to pass the blame to the Ministry of War, which was quashed by reference to their letters of 18 Nov and 2 Dec respectively.

LUBASO in a final attempt to justify his actions, stated that the

Commission.

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up vide the statement at 3 above.

Dr. Gpotovsky agreed to release 600 quintals of caustic soda to cover January, February and March 1945 production and I so informed Ministry of War, requesting them to arrange for formal bid to be submitted to Industry Sub Commission to regularize my agreement with Dr. Gpotovsky.

Discussions and actions by me was completed on 18 Dec 44.

8. On 4 Jan 45 Ministry of War in letter 221/5/1, wrote to Ministry of Industry, copy to MIA, asking for speedy allocation to be made against bids submitted on 2 Dec (2 above).

9. On receiving this letter I sent for a representative of Ministry of Industry to come to my office and a Comendatore LUBIANO arrived on, I think, 5 Jan 45.

I pointed out the delays that had occurred and asked for an explanation. No explanation was forthcoming other than an effort to pass the blame to the Ministry of War, which was quashed by reference to their letters of 18 Nov and 2 Dec respectively.

LUBIANO in a final attempt to justify his existence, stated that the letter making the allocations to the Ministry of War had been sent to the Minister for Industry that day for his signature.

I ended the discussion by saying the allocations would be made forthwith; that the course of events showed lack of co-operation between the Government Departments; and that future allocations would be handled as discussed and transmitted to Ministry of War and Industry in my ST/111 of 9 Jan 45.

7. On checking with Ministry of War on 12 Jan to find out if allocations had, in fact, been made I was informed they had not.

I therefore again sent for LUBIANO and asked why. After probing, it transpired that the Ministry for Industry was away from Rome and therefore the letter making the allocations could not be signed.

I asked if the Minister had no deputy and was told he was away from Rome.

I asked if LUBIANO's Director General could not sign the letter and was told he could not, everything had to be signed by the Minister.

8. I told LUBIANO that the allocations were to be made forthwith and that I would report the matter to my Commander as an instance of Ministerial incompetence prejudicial to the interests of the Italian Armed Forces.

9. The net result is that the Ministry of War, having bid originally on 18 Nov for materials to produce soap for January consumption, still have not received the materials, therefore there is no soap.

Sgd: S.L. PENEVAL Lt Col RASC
ASST Land Forces Sub Comm
A.D.(M.S.I.A.)

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