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Subject: Clothing, Equipment, Arms, Ammunition

Susanne
25 Sept 1945
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (NMIA)
Rome
C/S

14 September 1945

To : Minister for War

1. It is planned that, on a date to be advised later, control over all ITI-ITI clothing and equipment, and arms and ammunition depots, and all items therein on that date, including those provided by the Allies, shall be released to your control, subject to your assurance that the following will be accomplished:

a. Clothing and equipment for the Guard Battalions under Allied Command will be supplied as necessary within the authorized scale from resources under your control.

b. Arms and ammunition according to approved scale will continue to be supplied by you from resources under your control for all SM-ITI and US-ITI troops and for Guard Battalions under Allied Command.

c. All Allied outer clothing now in your warehouses, and all additional like items furnished by the Allies, will be dyed green by you before issue to individuals for wear.

d. Information as to the state of stocks and resources of the Italian Army will be furnished NMIA on demand.

e. Representatives of NMIA will be permitted to visit, inventory and inspect any and all Italian depots as desired, and NMIA will be kept fully advised of the location of such depots.

f. a. The clothing and equipment depots mentioned in Par 1 include:

Clothing and equipment depots
Repair shops, clothing and boots
Sorting depots
Bulk barrack stores depots
Salvage depots.

b. This letter does not authorize any increase in personnel for any of the above installations, nor any additional installations.

3. a. The clothing and equipment of the entire present ITH-ITI Category (including CC.RR), plus any increase thereto which may be authorized, must be accomplished from:

(1) Present stocks (including some captured material secured from the Allies) in your warehouses. After the date when control passes to you, none of this stock will be demanded for HP-ITI or US-ITI troops, who will be clothed and equipped by the British or US Army.

(2) Such additional Allied items (including captured materials) as may be made available to you (see Par 5 below). It is believed that relatively small quantities of these items will be available.

(3) Items manufactured in Italy under Italian Government control, either from raw materials available in Italy or raw materials provided under the civilian import program.

b. It must be understood that as from the date specified, the Allied Armies will not make available any further clothing to the ITH-ITI Category, except as shown in Sub-par a (2) above.

4. As from the date specified, all Allied personnel now in your depots will be withdrawn, all requisitions and releases will be handled by you without reference to NMIA, all stock states and reports now required to be submitted to NMIA on a periodic basis will cease, and all pertinent records now on hand in NMIA will be turned over to you. Thereafter the operation, issue, control and accounting for supplies will be in your hands.

5. Where Allied items are handed over in accordance with Par 3a (2) above, the present procedure will continue, i.e., acceptance notes will be handled by our liaison officer on the spot.

6. Your assurances covering the conditions set out in Par 1 are awaited.

CLAYTON P. KESH, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (NMIA)

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Subject:- Admin. FR-ITI Service Troops.

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

Q/8

October 1945.

To:- 13 Corps
2 District
3 District.

Reference attached draft Admin. Instruction.

Please forward any comments not later than 6 November 45.

If approved, it is requested the information called for thereon may be prepared without delay.

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

See 002-2.

Copy to: M.M.I.A. L.O. c/o 201 Sub Area
M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. Italy, Milan.
M.M.I.A. L.O. c/o 3 District.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O. N. Italy.

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DRAFT ADMIN. INSTRUCTION

Subject:- Maintenance ER-ITIS in Clothing and Equipment.

1. Stocks held as under will be controlled by M.M.I.A. H.Q.
 - (a) Naples Depot.
 - (b) Bari Depot
 - (c) Florence Depot.

3 District will arrange for supervising personnel at the above depots to be found from ER-ITIS of Adm. Div. or Regt. under command. ITI-ITI personnel will not be available after the 15th November.
2. Appendix 'A' is the approved holding scale per 1,000 men based on estimated two months wastage.

Each Adm. Div. or Adm. Regt. will operate and control stocks equivalent to this scale for the number of men administered by them.

The Adm. Div. or Regt. Commander is authorised to release clothing and equipment to meet demands from units specified by District etc. H.Q. concerned. He will be responsible for scrutiny of indents and for the exercise of strict economy.

M.M.I.A. will be responsible that stocks are maintained at approved scale from depots detailed in paragraph 1.
3. 13 Corps, 2 and 3 Districts will inform M.M.I.A. by 15 November:

and number of Service

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3. 13 Corps, 2 and 3 Districts will inform M.M.I.A. by 15 November:

(a) Location of Adm. Div. or Regt. Dumps and number of Service troops dependent on them.

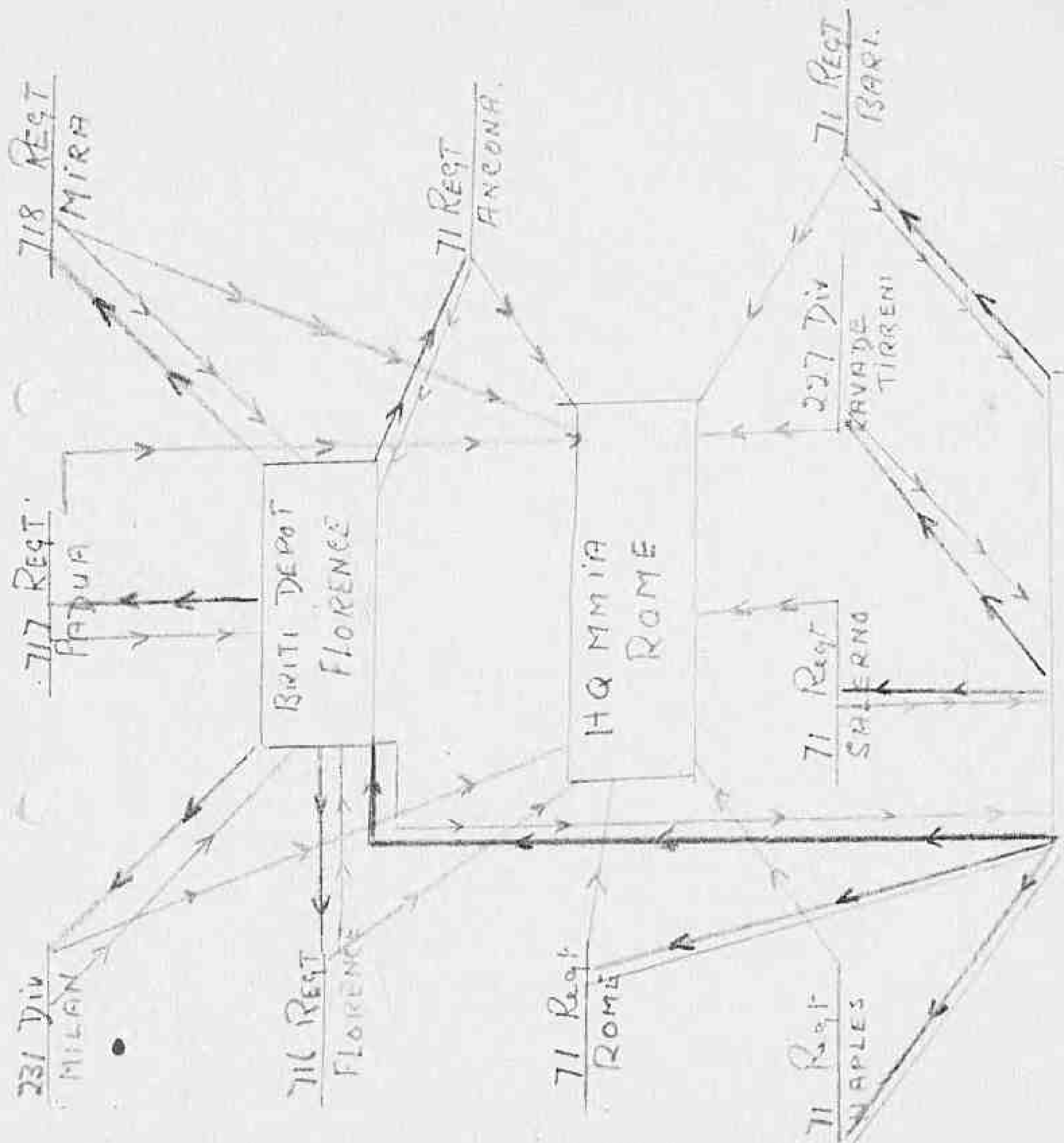
(b) Initial demands for clothing and equipment required in addition to stocks on hand for period ending 31 December by all Adm. Div. or Adm. Regts. Thereafter monthly requirements will be submitted monthly in advance direct by Div. or Regt. to M.M.I.A. commencing 1 December 45.

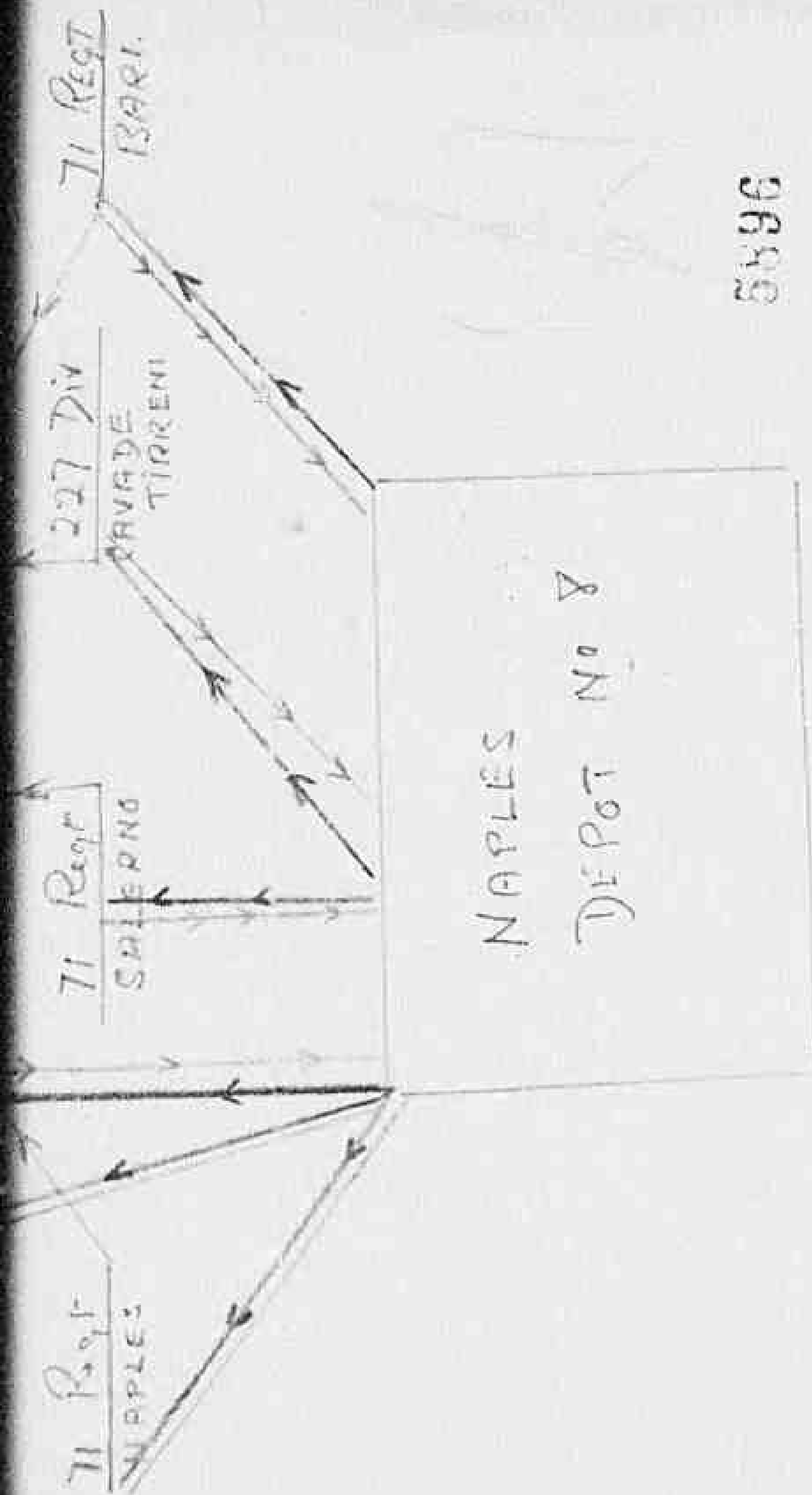
(c) Details of surplus stocks held (if any) after requirements for period ending 31 December have been calculated.

4. Disposal instructions for surplus stocks will be issued by M.M.I.A.

Distribution: 13 Corps.
2 District
3 District
War Ministry
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'A' - Ord
ALL MIA LO's
AFHQ (3)

Col.
A/Q. ~~Adm.~~
M.M.I.A.





Legend
 Lines Nos of Divs, Regts - not firm.
 RED denotes INDENTS
 BLUE " CLOTHING etc.
 GREEN " RETURNED STORES

TRANSLATION

Ref: 221900/II

Date: 10 Oct 45

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : "PERSONNEL AND MMIA"

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA

MMIA has authorized the sending to CEFALONIA of a Mission, with the task of "investigating the war crimes committed" on the island by the German forces against the soldiers of the Acqui Division in September 1943, and in addition, to carry out identification and gathering of the remains of the said soldiers, fallen in combat or murdered.

2. This Mission:-

- Assumes the title "Italian Military Mission to CEFALONIA"

- Will be commanded by Artillery Colonel Giovanni WIEL

- Will be, for the entire period of its existence (estimated about two months), under the direct command of this Cabinet

- Will, for its formation and subsequent disbandment be controlled by the Military Territorial Hq of Bari

- Will have as controlling units:-

In Italy - MMIA
In CEFALONIA - Land Forces Greece

- Will concentrate at Bari on the 20th Oct 45 and be ready for departure on the 25th Oct 45, thereupon standing-by for orders from MMIA for transport to CEFALONIA.

Personnel: The Mission is made up, in its entirety, of 25 persons, who

3. are:-

- (a) Officers
- Artillery Colonel Giovanni WIEL - Chief of Mission;
 - Artillery Captain Renzo APOLLONIO, whom the SMRE - Information Office - will kindly free from present duty on the 12th Oct 45. W.s.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIEL;
 - The Chief Chaplain's

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In Italy - MMIA
In CEFALONIA - Land Forces Greece

- Will concentrate at BARI on the 20th Oct 45 and be ready for departure on the 26th Oct 45, thereupon standing-by for orders from MMIA for transport to CEFALONIA.

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are:-

Personnel: The Mission is made up, in its entirety, of 26 persons, who

(a) Officers

- Artillery Colonel Giovanni NIML - Chief of Mission;
- Artillery Captain Renzo ARALLONIC, whom the SMRE - Information Office - will kindly free from present duty on the 12th Oct 45. W.e.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. NIML;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Army), Father Romaldo FERMATO - The Chief Chaplain's Department will kindly arrange for him to be freed from present duty on 12 Oct 45. W.e.f. that date this officer is at the disposal - in Rome - of the Chief of Mission, Col. NIML;

- Lieutenant Chaplain (Navy), Father Luigi GHILARDINI - The Ministry of Marine, as agreed verbally, will kindly arrange for him to be freed from his present duty with the 12 Torpedo Boat Flotilla, as soon as possible, and to report to the Military Territorial HQ BARI not later than 20 Oct 45.

- Engineer Captain Aldo ENICARIO (Interpreter in the English language) - The SMRE - Personnel and Secretaries Office - will kindly arrange for this officer to report on 12 Oct 45 to the Chief of Mission, Col. NIML, at this Cabinet.

- Lieutenant (Medical Officer) Giuseppe MUSCETTOLA (Interpreter in the Greek language), at present on sick leave in NAPLES - No. 15 Via Vetreria a Chiaia. The Military Territorial HQ NAPLES, as confirmed in telephone conversation, will kindly arrange for this officer - who has already expressed his willingness to be recalled to duty and to proceed to BARI, where he will report to the Military Territorial HQ for orders, not later than 20 Oct 45.

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(b) MOOs and men

- 1 Senior MOO
- 1 Junior MOO or private
- 1st Class shorthand typist
- 2 Junior MOOs or Privates
- Medical Orderlies
- 2 Junior MOOs or privates
- Truck and Car Drivers
- 1 Private soldier
- Dispatch Rider
- 10 Private soldiers for general duties (among whom, 1 cook, 1 Kitchen orderly, 2 batmen)

-) These will be supplied by the Military Territorial HQ BARI, who will draw same from personnel made available through the disbandment, in progress, of the units of the Deputy Command of the 227 Div.
-) These personnel must be of classes not junior to 1922, in perfect physical condition, and must be concentrated at BARI - at the disposal of the Chief of Mission, Col. WIL, on 20 Oct 45.

- 1 Photographer and cinema cameraman (either senior or junior MOO or private) - He will be supplied by the press office of the Cabinet, which will provide:-

For issuing the necessary orders to the R.A.M. (Independent unit of the Ministry of War) so that the said soldier may proceed to the Military Territorial HQ BARI, arriving by 20 Oct 45;

For issuing to the said soldier a camera, a cinematograph camera and a suitable amount of photographic material for the taking of photographs and the making of films.

(c) Civilians

Dott. Gherardo FAMILI, Consul of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whose expenses for the duration of the Mission - as already communicated - will be paid by this Ministry (Ministry of War). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will kindly arrange for the said official to make direct contact - not later than 12 Oct 45 - with the Chief of Mission, Col. WIL, in order to define details of the functions which will be accorded him, and the procedure for departure.

All the above mentioned personnel, will, upon disbandment of the Mission, be returned, through the offices of the Military Territorial HQ BARI, to their respective units of origin.

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All the above mentioned personnel, will, upon disembarkment of the Mission, be returned, through the offices of the Military Territorial HQ BARI, to their respective units of origin.

Uniform for all ranks: Winter uniform (with jacket and overcoat), of Italian or Allied make, according to the type of clothing and equipment issued.

Individual weapons (for all members of the Mission): Pistols.

4. Materials:

These will be supplied by the above addressed units concerned, to the scale indicated on the enclosures, and under the care of the same, will be assembled at the Military Territorial HQ BARI by 20 Oct 45. The Chief of Mission, Col. NIEL, will make direct arrangements with the said Military Territorial HQ for their storing and administration until the moment of embarkation.

5. Rations

Rations for the personnel of the Mission will be drawn, during its stay in Italy and w.e.f. 21 Oct, inclusive, through the Military Territorial HQ BARI.

6. Administration

Separate orders issued.

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7. Transport from BARI to CEFALONIA

Will be carried out under the care of the MMIA, who will kindly communicate, through the LG of the MMIA concerned, the necessary orders directly to the Military Territorial HQ BARI, informing also this Ministry's Cabinet.

By order of CHIEF OF CABINET:

/s/ LOMBARDI

Translated by:

Typed by : was 19 Oct 45

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SUBJECT : SETS OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN UNIFORMS FOR ITALIAN ARMY

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME
10/8
9 October 1945

TO : ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

The Italian Ministry of War has approached this H.Q. with a view to obtaining a complete set of British and American winter and summer uniforms.

They wish to study these uniforms to assist them in planning the uniforms to be worn by the new Italian Army.

May releases please be made from British "Q" and American Q.M., on the same basis of repayment as for issues previously made from British and U.S. Sources.

A. M. Venting

Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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Am. Navy

Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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COPY - COMING SIGNAL

FROM : MBIA (LO) BOLLANO

DATE/TIME

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TO (For Action) MBIA ROSE

TO (For Info) MBIA LO MILAN

REF NO : CI

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REF YOUR Q617 DATED 24 SEPTEMBER HAVE DISCOVERED THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF ALL NECESSITIES FOR WINTER MAIN - TENANCE INCLUDING ITALIAN CLOTHING ARE AVAILABLE IN CAPTURED ENEMY BUNKS IN THIS AREA (.) CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO TERRITORIAL COMMAND TROOPS AS WELL AS BRUPPI (.) CAN AUTHORITY BE OBTAINED FOR RELEASE OF SUCH NECESSARY ITEMS WITH MC COUNTER SIGNATURE (.) DETAILED LISTS OF WITHDRAWALS COULD BE DESPATCHED - SUBSEQUENTLY AS REQUIRED

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.L.I.A.

TO : ITALIA LO MILAN

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217 Area for 66 Arty Regt. for Dyett.

REF : Q.617

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ONE(.) CONTACT DISTWO WITH OBJECT OF ASCERTAINING WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROVIDE GRUPPI IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH THE FOLLOWING NECESSITIES FOR MAINTENANCE DURING THE WINTER, IN PARTICULAR THE POLAROID WHO WILL PROBABLY EXPERIENCE WINTER CONDITIONS IN A FOREKNIGHT (.) (A) SLED CHAINS AND ANTI FREEZE FLUIDS (B) FORWARD RESERVE OF PARTONS FOR ANY DETACHMENT WHICH MAY BE ISOLATED BY SNOW ETC (C) ARRANGE LISTS FOR MULE TRANSPORT TO TALS OVER SHOULD

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AND COMFORTS (.)

(2) REPORT IF MILA CAN DO ANYTHING

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Copy to:-

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TRANSMISSION

FROM : W of War

TO : Addressed copy to WIA

Ref : 9/9940/Serv.

Dtd : 13 Sep 45

Subject : Inspection of U.S. Units.

Re forward herewith enclosed, a copy of the WIA letter No. Q/8

dtd 31 Aug 45.

The present grave crisis of the transport services and the difficulty in supplying vehicles and spare parts, **advise** a constant and vigilant control on the part, not only of the commanding officers addressed above, but also of the officers on duty at the U.S. Departments.

We shall be pleased to know the results of the inspections which will be made, even at units of the smallest strength.

U.S.'s

We also call the attention of ~~xxxx~~ concerned to what is written in letters f), g) and h) of the 3rd paragraph of the enclosed letter.

At this time, especially, military personnel who have, on their charges precious and easily lost material belonging to the State, must be assisted, guided and controlled by the officers, who must exert themselves to provide the best and most responsible efforts from both personnel and material.

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F.Q.'s

We also call the attention of ~~XXXX~~ concerned to what is written in letters f), g) and h) of the 1st paragraph of the enclosed letter.

At this time, especially, military personnel who have, on their charges precious and costly material belonging to the State, must be assisted, guided and controlled by the officers, who must exert themselves to provide the best and most reasonable efforts from both personnel and material.

Incapable and negligent officers must be eliminated.

Under chief of S.M.

Brooks Remco.

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Subj: Administration - Winter Conditions.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M N.
Q/8

5 Sep. '45.

To : 53 B.L.U.

1. Reference your letter Q4-143 dated 17 Aug. addressed to H.Q. 1 District regarding additional needs for "FOLGOR" Group under winter conditions.
2. The War Ministry are being required to examine their stocks of special winter clothing and the Gruppi should be instructed to represent their needs in this respect through Italian channels. Headquarters 2 District are arranging for the issue of appropriate clothing to the approved scale.
3. No recommendation concerning increase in the Allied provided portion of the ration can be made by M.M.I.A. Any increase is most unlikely to be approved and the initiative in making such a recommendation must rest with the G.O.C. under whose command the troops are serving. The desirability of some increase in Italian provided items should be represented by the Gruppi through Italian channels.
4. The provision of fuel comes within the normal arrangements to be made by 2 District on the agreed scale. G.E.O. 965 clearly lays down that the maximum use is to be made of wood fuel. It is considered that every endeavour should be made now to provide suitable means for burning wood in lieu of coal as the latter will not be available.

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

Copy to : M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.2.
(M. W. I. A.)
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31 August 1945.

Ministry of War

1. Reference is made to a recent tour of inspection of the M.I. Units in Rome Area made by my staff in company of Col. Aloia.

2. The general standard of turn out and discipline were extremely good, especially taking into consideration the limited materials at your disposal.

Minor points were communicated direct to Col. Aloia with reference to Sanitation, Fire Precautions, and the time clashing before vehicles are collected from 5.15.

3. I am informed that there are many units outside Rome who are not so fortunate either in their accommodation or their administration and I make the following suggestions with a view to energising the Corpo Automobilistico and increasing the general morale of the troops.

(a) That a system be inaugurated whereby high high ranking officers both from Territorial Commands and from Ministry of War make more frequent inspections of even the very smallest units.

(b) That such inspections are carried out in detail and include every phase of both the operational and domestic sides of the unit.

(c) That detailed reports are made out. I hope that senior officers will also be able to rectify many points on the spot. These, of course, may later become the subject of policy or disciplinary action.

(a) Admitting the serious shortages of materials, I feel that a very special drive should be made by all Unit Commanders, to inculcate in their junior officers and men a keen desire to improve their

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(d)

Admitting the serious shortage of materials, I feel that a very special drive should be made by all unit commanders to inculcate in their junior officers and men a keen desire to improve their living conditions by improvisation with various materials which can be found on ordinary jumps.

(e)

Good ideas found in one company should be circulated to all units so that by this means the Corps automobilization as a whole should benefit.

(f)

Company Commanders who fail to improve their men's living conditions in the above manner should be removed to make way for more enterprising officers.

(g)

Considerable care should be exercised to ensure that officers do not put their own comfort first. It is appreciated that a good living space is essential, but only when the men's living conditions are also really good. The men's comfort must always come first in every officer's mind. This must always be repeated continuously and severe action taken if it is not implemented.

(h)

Senior officers and Company Commanders should endeavour to get out of their offices and share the conditions of their men and so ensure that supervision and welfare is maintained at all times and not merely when men are in camp.

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4. Pride in the turn out and Mechanical condition of vehicles was very evident in some of the Companies inspected on 24 Aug 4 and this should become general throughout the Army.

The slogan of the S.A.S.C. or something similar might well be adopted -

"We deliver the goods at the right time and at the right place".

D. Browning

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Adm. BRD 802 ORVISTO.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.

Q/8

15 August 1945

TO : HQ 3 District

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1. Reference this HQ letter Q/8 of 2 Aug 45 in which it was suggested responsibility for Adm. of the above depot should be passed to 211 Sub Area whose HQ are adjacent to those of the Italian Admin HQ concerned.
2. It is noted that HQ 1 District in their ID/2713/Q of 8 Aug 45 defer the matter pending transfer of ORVISTO to your territory.
3. May this HQ be informed of your decision.

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

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