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Q/12/1 Accommodation Stores

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Subject:- Accommodation Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R C M E
Q/12/1

O.C. Br Cadre
757 It. G.T. Coy.

19 Oct 45.

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1. Reference your Q1/43 of 15 Oct 45.
2. Correct procedure to obtain the accommodation stores requested is to indent on the Italian Admin. Div in whose area your unit is found.
3. M.M.I.A. does not hold stocks of any kind.

CM/ab

Major,
DAQMS,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATIONFrom: M. of W.Ref: 186 13/8/1To: K. Las Mil. Ter. Com. Commissariat Directorate.Date: 29/9/45Subject: Handling of Weiss ovens.

For information to M.M.I.A.

An allied officer, in a visit he paid to the establishments of your Commissariat, has pointed out that the Weiss ovens are not maintained with the prescribed care, having noticed on some of them the presence of ~~xxxx~~ rust.

We beg you to kindly order that the ~~xxxxxx~~ a/m be ~~xxxxxx~~ after ~~xxxxxx~~ with the maximum care and in the prescribed way, in order to ~~xxxxxx~~ maintain full efficiency.

Please acknowledge.

R. ERREBA. C.

(Sgd) Gen. Pelligrini.

Subject: Biella Blankets

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/12/1

28 September 1945

To : MMIA LO, Milan

1. We have your Cable Q 106 of 26 September and your letter MIL/4/Q 1 of 24 September 1945 with reference to the Biella blankets. Captain O'Donnell furnished us copies of letters on which our whole case was based. It was understood that he had furnished copies of these letters to you, and therefore the figures given in your letter are not understood.
2. You will note that in the letter from Captain Turner to the Regional Commissioner under date of 17 July, copy of which is attached, Captain Turner reported 519,076 blankets in the Biella factory and warehouses, even giving the total weight of the blankets. Attached to this letter, Captain Turner reported on the stock in the warehouses, and it shows a list of stock which had been given away. For Captain O'Donnell to say now that the figures appear to be an exaggeration is not understood. I can't understand why Captain O'Donnell can't go out to the warehouses and find out the exact situation, and also contact Captain Turner to find out where the blankets are that he has reported to be on hand.
3. The ALCOM signal 5425 of 14 September directing that 200,000 be blocked for DISTWO means absolutely nothing as DISTWO should have control of all the blankets and should take what they want and give the balance to us. You have been furnished copies of the AFHQ telegram on the subject.
4. Please go into this matter thoroughly and find out the exact situation. We want to know if the report made by Captain Turner as to the number of these blankets was or was not correct, and we want to know the disposition of all the blankets, and we want to know what DISTWO is doing about the matter and how many they are going to retain for POW's and how many they are going to give us, and when we are going to get them. Also your letter

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is not understood when you say that 132,867 were handed over by Partisans to the Italian military authorities, inasmuch as this whole argument has been that the Italian military authorities have received nothing.

(K)

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

4 incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr Capt Turner, 17 July 1945
- Incl 2 - Ltr Reg Commerce Off, 24 July 1945
- Incl 3 - Ltr Reg Commerce Off, 20 July 1945
- Incl 4 - Ltr ALCOM, Milan, 20 July 1945

cc: Captain O'Donnell, Turin

6137

Translation.

From: H.3. Transit Camp Ancona.

Ref: 1048.

To: M.M.I.A. for information.

Date: 27/9/45.

Reference signal - General Directorate Commisariate -
No. 22401/101/V/C dated the 21st Inst.

We do deem it necessary to proceed with the withdrawing
of the items of kit assigned, due to the fact that this Transit
Camp is to be disbanded by the 30th Inst.

Carter.

Rinaldi.

6136

TRANSLATION

From: M.of.W.
To: M.M.I.A.

Ref: 22651/VC

Date: 27/9/45

Subject: Material recovered at Biella.

We forward to you a copy of letters N. 2/1738 and N. 2/1789, dated respectively 29th August and 3rd September 1945, from Torino Military Commissariat Directorate, begging you to kindly order that the material frozen in Northern Italy Depots-Biella-, are placed at the disposal of the Military Administration.

The following is the present availability:

140.000 blankets (new)
7.000 Woolen vests
35.000 Kgs mixed woolen thread.
3.000 shirts g.g. cotton.
1.200 haversacks.

It is pointed out that the necessity ~~de~~ have the a/m materials, is more urgent than ever, ~~concerning~~ ^{in view of} the coming winter season, bearing in mind the known unavailability of said materials.

R.ERRERA.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. Pelligra

Translation

From : MOH
To : MIL. TERR. COMMANDS
Info : MIL.
Subject : BLANKETS TO INF-ITL TROOPS FOR WINTER SEASON.

Ref. : 22585/VO
Date : Sept. 25, 1945

324/1

Further to verbal approval received from MIL and in order to accelerate as much as possible the issues of blankets required by the troops for the coming winter, we beg the MIL. Terr. Commands to bear the following in mind:

1. The blankets may be assigned to units by MIL. Terr. Commands rather than by this Ministry;
2. The blankets must be issued to INF-ITL units only;
3. The number of blankets held by the unit must be known before the assignment can be made. The assignment must be made in relation to the strength authorized and according to the effective requirement up to a maximum of 4 blankets per soldier (Northern Italy); for your guidance, each barrack blanket and each comforter are equal to 2 field blankets;
4. Barrack blankets must be issued to troops in barracks, while field blankets must be issued eventually to those living in tents. Field blankets may be issued to INF-ITL troops if the barrack blankets are not sufficient, as most of the INF-ITL troops are in barracks;
5. The blankets which are not available in the MIL. Terr. Commands' areas must be requested from this Ministry;
6. A copy of each assignment that is ordered by the MIL. Terr. Commands must be sent to the undersigned for info in order to keep the blanket state of all areas up to date;
7. Owing to the small supplies of the materials in question, it is necessary that the issues be controlled as much as possible.

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5. The blankets which are not available in the All. Terr. Commands' areas must be requested from this Ministry;
6. A copy of each assignment that is ordered by the All. Terr. Commands must be sent to the undersigned for info in order to keep the blanket state of all areas up to date;
7. Owing to the small supplies of the materials in question, it is necessary that the issues be controlled as much as possible.

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The addressee commands are requested to issue the necessary instructions to units under their command and to contact the respective Commissariat Directorate in order to ascertain the blanket stocks.

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(Sgt) PELLIGIA

Cpl. VAC

(321)

Subject: Equipment.Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.G. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMEQ/12/1
20 September 1945.
-----To: A.F.H.Q. Information and Censorship Section, P.W.B.

The Italian Military Equipment Store at Florence states that on October 13, 1944, the following material was borrowed from the store by H. Goldsmith, Procurement Officer, P.W.B.:

Beds, field, iron	125
Blankets	125
Vegetable hair	1512.500 Kg.
Mattress covers, hemp	125
Pillow covers, hemp	125
Sheets	140
Canvas for folding beds	125

May this material be restored, please,
or a receipt voucher be forwarded in respect of it.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

6133

AMN/slb.

TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: A.M.I.A.

Subject: Request for bed sheets for hospitals.

Ref: 14001/VC.

Date: 19/9/45.

Q/12/1

Several hospital are run or ~~be equipped~~ ^{about to be run} by the Italian Red Cross in the Trentina area, to take in ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ repatriated, internees and P.O.Ws., returning from Germany and the bordering areas, who are a pitiful state.

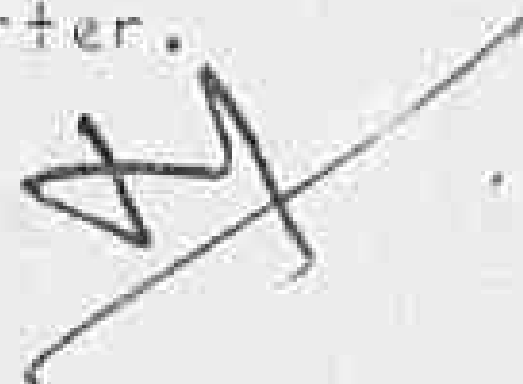
To make efficient the said hospitals the Italian Red Cross, bearing in mind its own availabilities, has asked this Ministry for an assignment of a minimum of 20000 bed sheets.

Due to the urgency and the high material and moral value of the matter, we beg you to kindly examine the possibility of assigning the a/m bed sheets.

Thanking you.

Pelligre.

Carter.



How that Repatriate and Control of MLD
They can take action themselves

Q/ Reply as above



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Date: 11/9/15.

Carter.

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6131

TRANSLATIONFrom: M.of.W.To: M.M.I.A.

Q/12/1

Date: 17/9/45Ref: 18856/VCSubject: Request of barracks materials.

Ascoli Piceno military District has requested the authorisation to issue, for use, to the local Polish Command 50 Complete folding beds.

Kindly inform us if we can adhere to the request.

6130

R. ERBERA. Cpl.

(Sgd) Gen Pelligre

TRANSLATION

From : M/C/W.
To : M.M.I.A.

Ref : 13666/VC
Date : 12/9/45

Subject : - Request for Paillissées ZEVARE Cases.

The Mine clearing Camps Area HQ under the command of ROME TERR HQ has requested 100 paillissées cases for the billeting accommodation of mine clearing workers employed.

Kindly examine the possibility to grant your approval for the issue of materials requested.

WH/ERR

Signed PELLIGRA.

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315/2
Land Forces
Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA)
Rome
9/12/1
September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : MMIA LO---MILAN

Note copy of Alcom cable. They still take the attitude that they have some interest in the blankets. In fact, 2 Dist can take all of them if 2 Dist sees fit.

We have received your Q98 on same subject. Please follow this matter thru. We will take what 2 Dist does not want for POW, and I am sure 2 Dist should give us the release order and not Alcom.

Please give us exact information on the number of blankets and other items given away or removed by AMG. If you can, give us the names of AMG officers authorizing the releases, with copies of the releases. AMG has no right to any of this and have violated instructions of AFHQ (1) in blocking and (2) in removing. I would like to get sufficient information to hang a courts martial charge on some Allied officer for illegal disposition, theft, or what have you.

Arrange for the Army to take over and remove at once any blankets released by 2 Dist and keep us fully advised.

(K)

CLAYTON P. KERN, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces 612
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/ac

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Subject: Blankets in Biella Factory, Vercelli

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/12/1

15 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Commissioner, Hq ALCOM

1. On 25 August letter was addressed to you on above subject (Copy at Appendix B).

2. On 4 September I found that Colonel Campbell had the file. Finally I reached Colonel Campbell and he discussed the matter. He finally agreed to see the Economic Section and arrange for a conference to be held to settle the matter in this building and also to wire the Milan Office of the Commerce Sub-Commission to not issue any of these materials until the question had been decided. I do not know what was done by Colonel Campbell, as I have not since heard from him.

3. a. The question involved is "Are these blankets captured enemy material?". I had attempted to have this determined in this building, without success.

b. It will be noted in the various letters that:

(1) Some sort of an Italian organization is being organized by ALCOM to handle captured material. (Captured material does not pass to ALCOM until released to ALCOM under AFHQ orders.)

(2) Some of this material has been released to "prevent disease and unrest". (Such action by ALCOM officers is not authorized until AFHQ has released the material to ALCOM.)

(3) The so-called block was placed 17 July on "all ex-Republican and German property" pending action by War Disposal Sub Commission. (This was done almost a month after AFHQ published instructions on the disposal of captured enemy material, which instructions do not authorize any such action as taken by the ALCOM officers and does not mention the War Disposal Sub Commission.)

(4) Statement is made by the Regional Commerce Officer that the Armies object to AMG handling this material. (The Armies on that date were charged with control of this material, not ALCOM, so it is understandable that the Armies would object to unauthorized AMG interference.)

4. AFHQ has now answered the question in FX 42683 (Copy at Appendix A) with the statement "Status these blankets is that of captured enemy material", and 2 District has assumed control.

5. Your attention is again invited to this matter inasmuch as (1) ALCOM Officers are involved in actions contrary to AFHQ instructions and have attempted to assume control which is not warranted, and (2) it was hoped that the matter could be handled in this building, but the continued delays and inaction have defeated this. AFHQ has now settled the matter.

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CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

Attached:

Appendix A (AFHQ signal FX 42683)

Appendix B (MMIA ltr Q/12/1, 25 Aug 45)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM:

MMIA

12

TO : (FOR ACTION) MMIA LO MILAN

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q 603

3/5

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SEE AFHQ SIGNAL FX 42683 TO DISTWO REFERENCE
VERCELLI BLANKETS (.) ADVISE WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY
DISTWO

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, ColonelSEE 317

6125

F. 22
Q/12/1 (3/4)

MMIA

11

B

MMIA LO MILAN

Q 598

UNCLASSIFIED

3/3

REFERENCE YOUR Q.95 OF 8 SEPTEMBER (.) FIRST (.) WHO REPEAT WHO
HAS STOPPED RELEASES QUERY (.) WHEN REPEAT WHEN DOES DISTWO
INTEND TO GIVE DETAILS QUERY

6124

Important
Immediate

amnesty, mjm.

ITALIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT STORES
Florence

The above mentioned depot claims that on 13 oct 44, the "Allied Force Hq Information and Censorship Section - Psychological Welfare Branch (P.W.B.) - Unit #14 - U.S.A A.P.O. # 512" has withdrawn from this depot the alleged list of equipment with voucher signed by "H. Goldsmith Procurement Officer P.W.B."

For administrative purposes it requests to ask the unit to send a receipt with confirmation of the present existence of such equipment. A similar confirmation should be also sent at the end of September,

Signed by 2nd Lt. Granata Salvatore, Subsistence Section Officer. 23

TRANSMISSION

From : R of War

To : NARA

Ref : 13761/VC

Dtd : 7 Sep 45

Subject : Issuance of Barrack-Stores.

The Military District of Grosinone, upon the request of U.I.R.U.N.2 (F.A.U.) UNWRA, Italy (Friends Ambulance Unit), Refugees in Grosinone, has informed us that it is necessary to distribute 80 camp beds without canvas for the dormitory situated in the Comune.

We beg you to inform us whether authority for issue can be granted.

For the Minister,
Maj. Palligou

William
LL

6123

MILA

MIDAN

FREEDOM for PHAE for Lt.Col.GASKELL.

Q.588

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR MAJOR BIRD

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FOR MILA LO(.) OUR 6/12/1 DATED 25 AUGUST(.) SUBJECT CLOTHING AND BLANKETS
BIELLA FACTORY VERCELLI(.) REPORT EARLIEST WINTER DISTWO AGREE RELEASE
MILA OR WHAT ALTERNATIVE ACTION THEY ARE TAKING.

SEE 313

6121

Translation

From: War of War

Re: No. 21833/VC

To: MMIA, replying to
letter 8/12/1 of
Aug. 6, 1945

Date: Sept. 5, 1945

Q/12/1

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Subject: Blankets on hand at a wool plant in Biella.

Information supplied to the Army Central Wool Office at Biella by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers concerning a stock of 500,000 blankets, discloses the following:

- 1) at the General Warehouses in Biella there are about 150,000 blankets which had been formerly delivered to German authorities. These blankets are frozen by A.M.G.
- 2) the balance of about 350,000 blankets is reported to be with industrial firms in the Biella area, either ready or in preparation. These blankets, however, having never been delivered nor billed to German authorities - according to a statement by the aforementioned Association - are the property of the firms, since they were manufactured with raw materials owned by them.

Signed: Pelligrin

WALK

Q/12/1

Translation

ref 2605/3

4 Sept.45

307/1

From Commissariat Directorate ~~xxxx~~
of Rome Terr.Hq

Copy to MMIA

Subject Release of barracks materials

M of W with letter I3571/VC dated 31 Aug.45 has authorised
the change of 3 Wool Mattresses, used, with as many new ones
for the officers of "A" Mess MMIA.

This depot will carry out a/m change in agreement with
the unit concerned.

Copy of this authorisation will be attached to the Admin.
records of this Depot.

6119

Col Ratiglia

C/u

H

Translation

From:- L. of W.

To:- MMIA

Q/12/1

Ref:- 13425/VC

Date:- 4.8.45

307

Subject:- Barraack material for the Prison at Bologna

Ref. your Q/12/1 dated 16th Aug. 45.

The military prison at Bologna is being made ready by the local Territorial Command and both the staff of that prison and men in detention are military personnel.

We ask you, therefore, to examine the possibility ^{of meeting} ~~to answer to~~ the request as it has been done for the prisons at Gaeta and Catania.

Faure.

(Sgd) Palligra

6113

9/12/11
TRANSLATION

From: Rome Mil. Ter. Com. Commis. Directorate
To: ~~"XXXXXXXXXX, IXX. Rome Special Barracks Dep.~~

Ref: 2604/3
Date: 3/9/45

Subject: Issue of barracks material

For information to "A" mess M.M.I.A.

With letter 21555/VC dated 31/8/45, the M.of.W., has autorised the issue of the following material to "A" mess M.M.I.A.

Bed sheets for officers
Pillow cases

N. 6
N. 3

You will carry out the issue in question, attaching a copy of this letter to your account-books.
For "A" mess M.M.I.A., we point out that for the withdrawal, direct agreements with the issuing depot, situated Via Labicana N.15, can be made.--

R. ERBERA. Cpl

(Sgd) Col. Rodolfo Ratiglia

See [Signature]

6117

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

TO : PERBANE

INFO: MTCUSA, PERPOUTH FOR MMIA LO

R-575

DATE - TIME
03 1700

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UNCLASSIFIED (..) REFERENCE YOUR C 312 BPHUP BPHDS (..) PLEASE
FURNISH DETAILS REGARDING RELEASE NOT MADE ON ORIGINAL REQUEST
IN ORDER TO PREVENT SUCH MATTERS IN FUTURE

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

RAC

SEE 310

6116

SUBJECT: Release of Blankets.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M L
Q/12/1 ✓
1 September 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Turin.

- 29/2
1. Thank you for your TUR/11/Q of 21 Aug. The facts in the case have been misrepresented. No request has been received to move blankets from Turin to Genoa. The M of W request to move 5,000 blankets from Naples to Genoa was disapproved on the grounds that there were reported to be large stocks of blankets in Turin which would be more than ample to meet the Genoa demands, and movement would be considered when the blanket situation in Biella was cleared up. Alcom has not yet replied to our Q/12/1 of 25 Aug.
 2. There is no objection to moving blankets from Turin to Genoa providing the movement can be accomplished by rail, and Turin stocks are not depleted beyond your own requirements.
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WVA
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Colonel DQAG
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVP/ag

Copy to:

MMIA LO N.W. Italy
MMIA LO Genoa.

6115

Translation.

2/12/11

From:- M. of Interior

To:- AMIA

For info:- Public Safety Sub Commission.

M. of P.

URGENT

301

Ref:-999.2687.153

Date:- 28th. AUG. 45

Subject:- Public Safety Units - Rk. stores and equipment.

Having been requested by us to hand over the 6000 Camp Beds existing at the CPR Station (Marquina), the M. of P. said that such request was rejected by you since P.S. units are not units authorized.

However, this Ministry must point out that, by effect of Royal Decree No. 627 dated 31st July 43, the P.S. Corps was incorporated in the "Armed Forces of the State and of those on P.S. duties together with the 2000 Corps".

Hence, we do not see the reason of such exclusion which, already done in other similar cases, becomes once more, a hindrance to the reorganization and strengthening of the Police forces.

We beg you, therefore, to kindly re-examine the question upon, excluding polices, is urgent and cannot be delayed any longer. Without prejudice to principles

was incorporated in the Rules for the U.S. Corps".

Hence, we do not see the reason of such exclusion since, already in other similar cases, Cheney becomes a hindrance to the reorganization and on the more of the police forces.

We beg you, therefore, to kindly re-examine the question when, reorganization, is urgent and cannot be delayed any longer. without prejudice to principles.

(cgl) The Minister

Febre. *TX*

no answer - 6.11.11. m.v.

RAC *CS* *no answer* *ask again refer*

(K)

Not satisfied RAC *informed RAC*

Q/12/1

Translation

300

From:- M. of W.

Ref:-13239/VC

To:- Independant Section of Comm/te,
Sardinia.

Date:- 28th. Aug. 45

For information to: MIASubject:- Issue of Barrack Stores.

NT

Ref. letter 5054/30 dated 8/8/45.

It is pointed out that the 50 Camp Beds complete requested by the High Commissioner for Sardinia to equip the Civilian Hospital of Cagliari, will be issued on temporary loan and not on repayment. This is in accordance with agreements made with MIA.

Fabr.



(Sgd) Pettigra

6113

C O P YTRANSLATIONTERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI OF NAPLES
Administration Office

File N. 536/12-5

Naples, 21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Bedding for CC.RR. of the Mobile Battalion.

The firm which provides bedding for Carabinieri is short of supplies and therefore cannot produce what is necessary to outfit the Naples Mobile CC.RR. Battalion, recently formed, whose men have been sleeping on straw for the last two months.

Through the CC.RR. General HQ in Rome applied long ago to the Ministry of War for the necessary bedding, but up to now no answer has been received.

As it is urgent to give a decent lodging to the members of the a/m battalion, will you please ask the local M.M.I.A. to authorize the drawing of the following items which are available at the Italian "Magazzino di Casermaggio Militare in Naples"

1) folding beds	500
2) mattress covers	500
3) pillow cases	500
4) "plance di ferro con beccatelli"	500
5) sheets	2000
6) blankets	5000
7) tables	50
8) benches	100

IL TEN. COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Camillo Meoli)

File n. PS/5.4

1st Indorsement

Naples, 22 Aug 1945

FROM: HQ AMG Naples Commune, Public Safety Division.

TO : M.M.I.A. Naples.

6113

1. Attention is invited to the above translation of request from Hq Naples Legion CCRR, and especially paragraph 3.

2. Is it possible for your office to authorize the release the items mentioned, which are sorely needed by CC.RR?

F.P. LUCKMAN
Major, A.C.
S.C.A. PO

FPL/tp

FROM: MMIA
TO : (FOR ACTION) PENBASE
TO : (FOR INFO) HTOUSA
PEN SOUTH

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B

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q556

UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE PENBASE C-242 CITE DP8UP BPGDS
(.) SUBJECT BED SHEETS (.) AS OF 27 AUGUST 35000 SHEETS
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY YOU FROM ROCK DEPOT AND REMAINERS
ARE AWAITING YOUR COLLECTION (.) ALL HAVE BEEN READY SINCE
10 AUGUST (.) SHEETS IN NAPLES HAVE BEEN READY FOR COLLECTION
SINCE 10 AUGUST IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LETTER Q/12/1 OF 10
AUGUST (.) NO CONTACT MADE WITH OUR NAPLES OFFICE WHO WILL
RELEASE SHEETS AT YOUR REQUEST

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PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Colonel

SEE 303

6111

SUBJECT: Bedding for CCRB.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M A
Q/12/1
28 August 1945.

TO : Ministry of War
Public Safety Sub Comm., Alcom.

1. Forwarded herewith is letter request from HQ AMG Naples Commune, Public Safety Division for bedding for Mobile Bn. CCRB, Naples.
2. The request for 5,000 blankets for the Naples Mobile CCRB Bn. is not understood. Will you please clarify.

V. V. h.
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVF/ag

Incl: 1 letter (1st Ind.) PS/5.4 AMG Naples PS S/C

SEE 329

SEE 316/4

6110

File
in 2/12/11 (298)
Col. F. J. Noakes, O.B.E.
Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E .

5 Aug 45

Dear

1. I am enclosing the MIA letter /12/1 of 25 Aug as I am very anxious that it should be seen by the "upper circle" of V.A.E. It is a matter of great importance from our point of view as this quantity of Army blankets will see us throughout the winter and remove any risk of demands on AFHQ for assistance.
2. At the moment, although clearly military blankets, they are being filtered away in detail to odd civilian outfits and run the grave risk of drifting into the very black market. The Regional Officer in TURIN (enclosure No. 3 & 4) is most helpful but the blankets still remain blocked.
3. It may well be that part of these Army blankets will be required for P.W. or surrendered personnel but that is District or AFHQ decision.
4. It would be a great help if G.O.C. 2 District could check into the position as possibly he is not aware of the position.

Lt. Col. S. G. Caskell,
Q(AE) Branch,
A.F.K.Q.
C.N.F.

6103

Subject: Blankets in Biella Factory, Verceelli

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (SMIA)
Rome
Q/12/1

25 August 1945

To : Headquarters ALCON for Chief Commissioner

1. Inviting attention to four attached copies of letters with reference to 519,076 blankets in the Biella Factory, Verceelli (Turin), which are undoubtedly "captured enemy material" as defined in Par 3a of AFHQ letter file AG 386.3/163 LOG-0, Subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", dated 22 June 1945, which letter evidently supersedes any AC/ANG proclamations or orders (as mentioned in Incl 1) which are contrary therewith.

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Q/95.

2. The above cited AFHQ letter provides:

a. In Par 4b, the responsibility for safeguarding and control of "captured enemy material" rests with the District Commander.

b. In Par 9c, that recaptured material of Italian military origin, not required for military purposes including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities or reported to AFHQ and disposal instructions awaited. (This is to be done by the District Commander in this case.)

c. In Par 9k, that captured material, not required for military purposes, which is apparently of civilian character and Italian origin, will be turned over to AC or ANG.

3. a. In the cited AFHQ letter no authority can be found for the seizing, blocking, allocation or disposal by AC/ANG of any "captured enemy material" except that turned over under Par 9k, cited above. It must therefore be presumed that the blocking by AC/ANG of this material (which is "captured enemy material" of "Italian military origin", see Incl 3) is without authority, and unwarranted.

b. The cited AFHQ letter is clear in connection with "captured materials of Italian military origin".

c. The NMIA LO on the spot requested the AC/ANG authorities not to dispose of any of this material until the question of ownership had been fully determined. Notwithstanding, information has been received that AC/ANG officers are disposing of a part of this material to civilians or civilian agencies, prior to any determination by the proper authority (District Commander or APHQ).

4. It is therefore requested that instructions be issued forthwith to the AC/ANG officers concerned to (1) have all material disposed of by them returned to the factory, and (2) to remove the so-called "block" on this material, in order that the provisions of the cited APHQ letter can be carried out.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (NMIA)

CPK/lak

4 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, Commerce Officer, 17 Jul 45
Incl 2 - Ltr, Milan Office, ALCON, 20 Jul 45
Incl 3 - Ltr, Regional Commerce Officer, 20 Jul 45
Incl 4 - Ltr, Regional Commerce Officer, 24 Jul 45

cc: APHQ for Q/AB
APHQ for QM
GOC, 2 District
LO - NW Italy
LO - Turin

6107

Subject: Woolen blankets for Refugees.

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

Q/12/1
23 August 1945.

To: Ministry of War.

290/1.

Reference your 217597/11 of 17 August 1945;
210-10-2

1. In view of the recent releases of blankets to the refugee camps at Toranto and Afragola, the repayment of the 3078 blankets received and stored in the Naples Depot is considered met in full and the matter closed.

2. What action has been taken by you in regard to our letter Q/12/1 dated 6 August 1945, subject "Blankets in Biella Wool Factory"?

281

V. V. J.
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.
for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm.

IVF/slb.

SEE 102

6106

TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Woollen blankets for refugees.

Ref: 217587/111
210-10-2

Date: 17/8/45.

290/11

In October 1944 this Ministry - following the request made by the High Commissioner for the war refugees - asked the said unit for 5000 woollen blankets, purchased for the requirements of the Army at Lisbon.

In order to adhere to the request at that time, this Ministry intended to contribute - as far as possible - to the solution of one of the most urgent problems of real national character, viz welfare of the numerous refugees who - coming from operational areas - were admitted to reception camps, in extremely poor physical and mental moral conditions, with the incumbent threat of an exceptionally cold winter.

On the 27th of January 1945 the 5000 blankets finally reached Naples, where though - no sooner they were unloaded off the "Rosario" - were stored and frozen by order of M.M.I.A.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs - on behalf of the High Commissioner, desirous to get in possession of the precious cargo quickly and proceed with the distribution of the blanket as soon as possible - notified the Allied commission - Sub-commission for refugees

were admitted to reception camps, in extremely poor physical and ~~material~~ moral conditions, with the incumbent threat of an exceptionally cold winter.

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs - on behalf of the High Commissioner, ~~desires~~ **desires** to get in possession of the precious cargo quickly and proceed with the distribution of the blanket as soon as possible - notified the Allied commission - Sub-commission for refugees and repats. -, without reaching his goal.

Subsequently by order of M.M.I.A. 1800 blankets were drawn ~~XXXXX~~ from the depot and issued to ~~the~~ CC. RR. of Naples.

As a matter of fact - up to date - the remaining 3078 blankets (122 blankets were missing at the time of unloading) are held at the depot, and it is impossible to issue them to the ~~High~~ **GILLES** Commissioner ~~for~~ **for** war refugees without previous authorization from M.M.I.A.

The winter season is not far off and the a/m High Commissioner ~~has~~ ^{urges} the promised issue of the blankets i question. This Ministry - realizing the need for making the life of so many citizens whose possessions and every possibility have been destroyed by the war, less painful - agrees with the needs pointed out by the High Commissioner for Refugees. I beg M.M.I.A. to examine the question with kind understanding and to grant the approval necessary for the defreezing.

I await your kind and urgent reply.

Jacini.

CARTER. *CH*

7850293

Subject: Barrack and Equipment Stores

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/12/1 ✓

16 August 1945

To : Minister for War

270/1

276
255
Ref your 12632/VC, 16 July 45, above subject;
our Q/12/1, 21 July 45, above subject; your
12871/VC, 10 Aug 45, subject: Material for
the Military Prison - Bologna

Your request for equipment is not understood inasmuch as military prisons are not authorized units of the Italian Army. It is desired that you state exactly what personnel will be used in operating this prison.

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

SEE 367

6104

Translation.

9/12/11

(289/1)

From:- Salvage Regional Centre, Rome.

Ref:- 398.

To:- MIA.

Date:- 14/9/45.

Subject:- Report compiled on withdrawal of Allied material.

On the 26th. of last month, the Allied material sent by 26 BSU, CMT, by railway truck No. 1016605 has been withdrawn from Tor Sapienza Station.

Since said material was checked and large deficiencies were noted, this office, before sending the Vouchers signed, informed immediately the M. of W. (letter 325 of the 30th. July 45.) so that MIA be notified and also pointed out that, in future, it will be necessary to detail an Allied representative to sort out stores which are received.

The weight checked was:- 2939 kgs., distributed

as under:-

-Blankets of sorts-	772 Kg (of which 366 kg repairable, 364 kg serviceable, and 61 kg. unserviceable)
-Tents of sorts.-	1942 kg. (of which 873 kg repairable, 869 kg serviceable, and 200 kg unserviceable)
-Tent ropes and salvaged string-	45 kg
-Parts of Tents poles	110 kg
-Paillasses (repairable)	50 kg
Total	- 2939 kg.

The above is reported in accordance with an order

NT.

-Blankets of sorts-	772 Kg (of which 366 kg repairable, 384 kg serviceable, and 61 kg. unserviceable)
-Tents of sorts.-	1942 kg. (of which 873 kg repairable, 869 kg serviceable, and 200 kg unserviceable)
-Tent ropes and salvaged string-	65 kg
-Parts of Tents poles	110 kg
-Peilasses(repairable)	50 kg
Total	<u>2939 kg.</u>

The above is reported in accordance with an order issued to day by the M. of W. in answer to our a/m letter No.325.

We forward herewith the Acceptance Note. **103**

The vouchers have already been forwarded to you with a registered covering letter dated the 2nd. inst.

Fabre.

(Sgd) Clearo.

Handwritten signature

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SUBJECT: Barracks Stores for Civilians.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
8/12/1 ✓
14 August 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

286

Ref. your 13190/VC of 10/8/45.

1. Your request for 100 beds complete for civilian laborers on bridge construction over the Po River is disapproved.

✓ V.A.
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVF/ag

6102

TRANSLATION

From ; M.O.W.
To ; M.N.I.A.

2/12/1

Ref : I3040/VC

Dated : 10/8/45

287

Subject : Bedding Articles for Udine Mil. Terr. Command.

Udine Military Territorial Command requested the assignment of 200 complete sets of bedding articles required to accomodate two Engineer Coy's under their command.

Kindly approve the issue of the articles requested since the units in question are included in the W/E of A/M command.

Signed x x x

WH/GF(W)

2/12/1

6101

TRANSLATION

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

Ref : 13190/VC
Dated : 10/8/45

Subject : Issue of Barracks Materials.

Milan Military Territorial Command requested that 100 beds, complete, be issued "on loan" to 100 civilians employed on the building of a bridge over the river PO.

Kindly inform us if the request may be granted.

Signed X X X

WH/GF

SEE 289.

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6190

SUBJECT: Sheets from Italian Sources.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. E. I. A.)
R O R E
Q/12/1
10 August 1945.

TO : AFHQ for QM, US & Q (AR) (Rr) -- (R)
Penbase
557 BOD

Ref. AFHQ Signal F 33241 of 7 Aug. 1945.

1. Bed Sheets are made available to U.S. Armies and British Armies as follows:

Available at	U.S. ARMY	British ARMY
BARI Commissariate Directorate	-	125,000 ea.
NAPLES "	75,000 ea.	-
ROME "	50,000 ea.	-
Total -	125,000 ea.	125,000 ea.

2. Penbase is requested to contact MMIA LO Naples, Telephone Naples 53632, to arrange collection from depots in Naples areas, and this office, Telephone Rome 479103, to arrange collection from Rome Depot.

3. 557 BOD is requested to contact MMIA LO 54 Area Telephone No. Bari 11458, to arrange collection from depots in Bari Area.

4. Authorization Notices AQ/US-ITI/60 and AQ/BR-ITI/121 are forwarded herewith to Penbase and 557 BOD respectively.

SEE 288

IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVF/ag

Copy to:
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Bari

6099

SEE 298

TRANSLATION

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

Ref : 13144/VC
Dated : 9/8/45

Subject : Request for bedding articles for "Casa del Partigiano" of Naples.

Further to letter N I2893/VC dated 31/7/45, we inform you that the "Italian National Partisan Association" pointed out that in order to equip the "Casa del Partigiano" of Naples, 100 ^{cots} ~~camp beds~~ and 100 (~~not 50~~) caillasse cases are required, instead of only 50.

Kindly grant your approval for the assignment.

WH/GP.W

Signed X X X.

See 17-2/15/1

6098

Translation

8 Aug 45

Ref
13068/VC

From M of War

To MMIA

Subject - Barrack ^{Stores} ~~Material~~ for the Military ^{Prosecutor} ~~Tribunal~~, Rome.The Military ^{Prosecutor} ~~Tribunal~~ of Rome has requested 3 ^{complete} Beds for the Officers ordered daily to the ~~Military~~ Courts. Martial.We beg you to examine the possibility of ~~issuing this~~ ^{granting your} ~~conceding this~~ approval for the issue of the a/m material.

L. Carne W

Sgd Illegible

6897

(28/1)

SUBJECT: Blankets in Biella Wool Factory.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/18/1
6 August 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. This office has been informed by AMG Office Piedmont Region that there are approximately 500,000 blankets existing in the Biella Wool Factory and surrounding warehouses. MMIA IO Turin has reported that No. 2 Terr. Sq. have collected some of these blankets and stored them in their Depot, but AMG has blocked the balance pending decision as to ownership.
2. Copies of any documentary proof or evidence of ownerships, or any claim to ownership by the Ministry of War of the blankets and raw material in Biella Wool Factory should be forwarded to this office without delay.
3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

IVF
IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

IVF/ag

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SEF 203
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MIA

LO SARDINIA

Q/499

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UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR Y 565 AND Y 575 (.) 3,000 BELIEVED EXCESSIVE (.)

1 P.W. SUB COMM HAS NOT CONFIRMED (.) WITHHOLD RELEASE

UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

6095

IMPORTANT

No v. ... left.

TRANSLATION

From: M of War

To: MMIA

Ref : 12893/VC

Dtd : 31 Jul 45

Subject : Hammocks for the "Partisan Home" Naples.

Belg
The National Association for Italian Partisans has requested
50 ~~hammocks~~, complete for the fitting out of the "Partisan Home" in
Naples.

Stressing the highly moral aim of the institute, we beg
MMIA to consider the granting and endorsing of the above-mentioned
stores.

sgd.

The Director General,
illegible.

BFS. Finck
AF

SEE 17 Q/15/1. JVA 8
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SEE 6094

Translation

9/12/1

27/11

From: M. J. W.
To: M. M. I. A.

Date: 30/7/45
Ref: 19962/VC

Subject: Barracks Materials for ex P.O.W.'s.-

Rome Military Territorial Command has requested the assignment of 38 folding beds with canvas, for bedding for the ~~staff military personnel~~ ^{personnel and staff} at the Centocelle detachment of the Repatriated Billeting Centre Rome.

Kindly consider the possibility to grant your approval for the a/m issue.-

R. ERRERA.Cpl

(Sgd) Gen. PELLIGRA

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SEE 19.9/15/1

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Subject: Barrack and Equipment Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/12/1

21 July 1945

To: Ministry of War

270/1

Ref your 12632/VC of 16 Jul 45.

1. The Prisons in BOLOGNA would not appear to be the responsibility of the Territorial HQ. The prisons are under the control of the Minister of Grace and Justice and the staff are not effective soldiers in the present Italian Army strength.

2. The request for military stores is therefore not understood.

FJH/1e

FJH
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Q/12/1

File
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MHS SAOL FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE-TIME OF OBTAIN _____

21 1000 E

TO (FOR ACTION): NMIA LG SARDINIA

(SECURITY

REP NO Q 756

CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

243

ITEMS LISTED ON YOUR Y 547 MAY BE ISSUED TO CORR MOBILE
BY FROM LOCAL STOCKS PROVIDING ISSUE OF BLANKETS DOES
NOT EXCEED SCALE OF TWO PER MAN

PLACED ON:

AUTHENTICATION:

6091

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

18 0000B

TO (FOR ACTION): LO SARDINIA

REF NO Q 447 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

270.
REF YOUR Y 543 (.) ADVISE WHAT STORES ARE REQUIRED BY CCHR
MOBILE BN

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PRECEDENCE: PriorityAUTHENTICATION: See 273

6090

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
17 - B

TO (FOR ACTION): 151 SUB AREA

TO (FOR INFO): AMO PIEMONTE REGION
59 AREA for NMIA LO

REF NO

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(SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

268/1

FOR NMIA LO (.) PIEMONTE REGION COMMERCE OFFICER REPORTS BY
LETTER PR/CO/40 OF 13 JULY THAT 500,000 BLANKETS ARE AVAILABLE
IN VERCELLI (.) OBTAIN AND FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY THE INFORMATION
REQUESTED IN PARA ONE AND THREE OF ABOVE REFERENCE LETTER (.)
NO RELEASES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THIS OFFICE

SEE 274

SEE 292

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PRECEDENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

6089

(269)

Subject: Loan of Sheets & Pillow Cases to R.A.F.Land Forces Sub Comm. ...
(M. I. A.) ROME
12/114 July 1945To: AFHQ for 1/12.

1. A request has been received from the C.C. 63 Staging Post R.A.F. for the loan for two years of 2,000 sheets and 1,000 pillow cases as he states it is the policy of R.A.F. Transport Command to provide these items for all personnel.
2. It is not practicable to arrange a loan for two years of such expendable articles as this.
3. Will you please say if the R.A.F. support this application.
4. The appropriate charge can be made by a credit voucher to the Italian Government in the normal way.

FJM/le

SEE 277

F. J. ROBERTS, Col.
for Major General,
M. I. A.Copy to: NSAIA 10 Sardinia.

SEE 273/1

6083

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: EMIA

Date - Time
2 0915 B

TO : LO SARDINIA

Q-404

CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE YOUR Y-514 AND OUR Q-395 (.) LETTER REFERRED TO IN
OUR Q-395 IS OUR Q/1/7B-1, DATE IMMATERIAL, BUT THE COPY WE
HAVE IN OUR FILE WOULD INDICATE THAT THE DATE IS 14 JUNE 1945
SUBJECT, RATIONS - CCRN, LETTER OF FIVE PARAGRAPHS AND SIGNED
BY COLONEL KERR (.) NO OTHER LETTER WITH SAME REFERENCE AND
SUBJECT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS DURING
MONTH OF JUNE

PRECEDENCE ImportantAUTHENTICATION Boel

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : LO SARDINIA

Date - Time
June 29 1650 B

Q-395

266
REFERENCE YOUR Y-512 (.) EQUIPMENT FROM ARMY BARRACKS STORES
WILL NOT BE ISSUED (.) REFERENCE YOUR R/3 OF 23 JUNE SUBJECT
RATIONS CORR IN SARDINIA (.) SEE OUR Q/1/7B-1 OF 14 JUNE

See 268
PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

Important
Rose
See 270

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File

MESSAGE FORM

From: MMIA

Date and Time:

12/13/45 B

To: DISTWO ~~for MMIA LO~~

Ref: Q/347

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (C)

FIRST (.) 3,000 THREE TIER BEDS AND 3,000 PAILASSES

REQUESTED BY LOMBARDIA REGION PUBLIC SAFETY DIV.

TO RELIEVE CONGESTION OF PRISONS (.) SECOND (.)

ARE THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE LOCALLY (.) THIRD (.)

CONFIRM THAT ISSUE WOULD NOT PREJUDICE PRESENT OR
FUTURE NEEDS OF ITALIAN ARMY.

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

INTERNAL:

PUB. SAFETY S/C.

6085

Subject:- Allocation of wire gauze netting
received from Allied sources

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

Q/12/1

9 Jun 45

Ministry of War

Reference Ministry of War letters 4/963/I.S. of 21 Mar and IL/21929 of 27 Mar there is available for the Italian Army 90,000 feet super of wire gauze netting supplied from Allied sources.

This quantity is but a fraction of that demanded, and the utmost economy will have to be used in its use.

With this in mind, it is desired to use this for the following purposes:-

- 1) Fly-proofing of windows etc of hospital buildings.
- 2) fly-proofing of cook-houses, food stores and the like.
- 3) Fly-proofing of mens' dining rooms in permanent barracks.

This quantity is but a fraction of that demanded, and the utmost economy will have to be used in its use.

With this in mind, it is desired to use this for the following purposes:-

- 1) Fly-proofing of windows etc of hospital buildings.
- 2) Fly-proofing of cook-houses, food stores and the like.
- 3) Fly-proofing of mens' dining rooms in permanent barracks.

It is regretted that the quantity available is insufficient to allow for the complete protection of all barrack rooms.

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A preliminary issue of 1000 metres to Rome Territorial Command is authorised: further issues will be authorised when demands are known.

Lastly it is requested that this work of protecting the health of the troops by fly-proofing buildings as mentioned above is carried out without delay.

Hy & RE

gsh


Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
09 B

TO (FOR ACTION): DISTWO

(SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTEDREF. NO. Q 343

FOR MMIA LO (.) IN REPLY TO Q 5 OF 06 (.) PROVIDED
SUFFICIENT BEDS REMAIN TO MEET ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS
NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF BUNKS REQUESTED BY
SQ AREA (.) THESE MUST BE FOUND BY YOU LOCALLY

PRECEDENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

6083

Translation

From : MOW
To : MMIA
Subject : Sabaudia - Drawing of materials from barracks at
Camp Zema.

Ref. : 211993
Date : May 27, 1945

On the 13th and 14th inst., an Allied officer drew the materials listed on the two enclosures from the barracks at the Zema Camp in Sabaudia, leaving withdrawal vouchers written in pencil on common paper.

As the above is in contrast to the orders issued by AFHQ - APO 512 with circular 29 dated Dec. 9, we inform MMIA of this in case it cares to sanction the drawing of said materials or in case it cares to issue orders for their restitution.

In order to avoid eventual repetitions of the inconveniences complained of, the Rome Mil. Terr. Command has been requested to remind dependent units to strictly observe the orders issued in regard to this matter.

(Sgd) (Illegible)

Cpl VDC

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01/27
C O P YTRANSLATION*258/1*MINISTRY OF WAR
GEN. COMM. DIR.*187/1*

N. 10632/S/1

P.M. 3800, 25th May 45.

Reply to letter AQ/12/1 dated 12th February 1945.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) Rome.

SUBJECT: Jute Sacks.

You are hereby informed that Hemp National Consortium, although urged many times by this Ministry has not up to the present made arrangements for the payment and withdrawal of 100,000 jute sacks allotted.

Therefore, this Ministry with letter 9857/S/1 dated 17th May 1945 asked the a/m Consortium to fulfill the above, warning that after such date sacks not withdrawn will be earmarked for other use.

Sgd. PELLIGRA.

hr
60840

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Provisions for Flyproofing Material
- Italian Army.

Supply

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/I2/I
8 April 1945

TO : AFHQ for G 4 (B)
AFHQ for G 4 (A)

1. It has not been possible to provide anti fly and mosquito proof wire gauze for Italian Military Hospitals, from Italian Army sources.
2. As all Italian military personnel, whether US-ITI, BR-ITI, or Italian, are evacuated to or cared for in Italian hospitals, it would appear to be an Allied commitment.
3. Minimum requirements for this purpose are estimated at 20,000 sq metres.
4. Every effort is being made to raise the standard of hygiene in the Italian Army, and if supplies can be made available, flyproofing of cook houses and food preparation rooms will likewise be carried out at Rft Depots, priority being given to those supplying Allied Service Units.
5. Estimated additional requirements 15,000 sq metres.
6. Approval is requested for the release of above material to Italian Depots whence issue would be controlled by this HQ.

F.A. Cole
F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

Copy to: Med
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MINISTRY OF WAR
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF COMMISSARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES

Prot. N. 17216

Rome, 11th May 1945.

TO: L.F.S.C., AC (MMIA), Rome

Copy to: Territorial HQ of Florence
Territorial HQ Commissary Directorate, Florence.

According to verbal agreements, you are informed that the Territorial HQ of Florence has been instructed by telephone to draw 2,000 blankets to be issued to servicemen from various areas being assembled in Transit Camps which have been prepared for this purpose in Florence. Further instructions have been issued to the effect that said blankets be used only for the period. Said servicemen will stay in transit camp. On completion, the complete stock of 2,000 blankets will be returned to the local clothing depot.

For the General

The General Inspector
Sgt. ---

(5)

6013

(255)

Subject:- Blankets (BR-ITI Service Tps).

Q/12/1

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R C M E
Q/OS/11/1

10 May 45.

A.E.H.Q.

Ref. your AFHQ/9170/8/Q(AE) of 2 May 45 and conversation 10 May 45 Majors BRASLEY-GREENWOOD spoke.

1. Stocks of blankets are not sufficient to issue to all BR-ITI Service Troops to scale of 4 per man next winter.
2. Current events have left uncertain some factors that enter into any calculation of the numbers of blankets which will be required to equip to this scale but it is calculated that 200,000 will be needed. In arriving at this figure the following assumptions have been made:-
 - a) that, although the maximum ceiling of 25,800 will not be reached, the strengths next winter will be 30,000.
 - b) that the Combat Groups will continue to be supplied, not from stocks in BR-ITI clothing depots, but by Br.Ord. through their respective BLUs and next higher formation.
 - c) that the wastage for Italian Army is double that in the British Army by reason of the poor quality of Italian blankets and of the greater risk of blankets being illegally disposed of. Wastage has been included right up to the end of the winter.
3. Is it confirmed please that next winter the scale of blankets for BR-ITI Service tps will be 4 per man throughout?

F. Greenwood

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

6075

Internal
Col. "Q" _____

FSG/eb

from: M of W.S.

To: MMIA

Translation

Ref. 2347/10

2 May 45

Subject: Hammocks

253

Among the materials sent from North Africa to 1750 Depot. Naples we have found:

- 250 Hammocks, complete ^{w/ropes} with 2 blankets each.

- 68 canvases for hammocks without blankets & w/out ropes.

G/m materials could be used by the Navy Ministry to whom they could be released on MMIA's approval.

PELLIGRA

(fwding)

JK
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of 100

SUBJECT: Transfer of Barrack Materials.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/12/1
30 April 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Ref. your letter 11345/VC of 27 April 1945.
2. The transfer of 500 Wool Mattresses from Bari to Rome Depot is approved.

F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

PAC/ag

Copy to:
MMIA LO 54 Area.

6076

SUBJECT: Transfer of Barrack Materials.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/12/1
30 April 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Ref. your letter 11343/VC of 27 April 1945.
2. Transfer of the u/m stocks from Naples to Rome Depot is approved.

Paillasse Covers	- 5,000
Mattress Covers	- 2,000
Pillow Slips	- 10,000
Towels	- 5,000
Sheets	- 50,000

P.A. COLLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FAC/ag

Copy to:
MMIA LO Naples.

2875

Translation

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FROM : 176/V
 TO : MMIA

0/12/1

Ref 11343/12
 DATE: 24.4.45

Subject: Transfer of barracks materials

We beg you to kindly authorize the transfer of the under mentioned barracks materials from Naples and Bari Special Depots to Rome Depot, since this Depot is short of the said items.

From Bari Special Barracks Depot

Wool and Horse Hair mattresses	500
Cord Coir in bales	1 railway truck.

From Naples Special Barracks Depot

Pillboxes Cover	5000
Mattresses Carriers	2000
Pillows, slips	10.000
Towels	5.000
Sheets	50.000

The transfer of the a/m materials from Naples will alleviate also to the local Commissariat Directorate the difficulties of storing the materials sent from Saragosa, due to the known lack of space in their own Depots.

Signed: Gen. PELLICER

Envy


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 Appr


TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 11438/V

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 26 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for release of barracks-stores materials.

G.H.Q. of the CC.RR Corps has again approached this Ministry in order to obtain the assignment of the following materials which are required for the equipping of at least a part of the troops under command:-

- iron camp beds with canvas	11,000	
- blankets	22,000	13,000
- mattress covers or horse-hair mattresses	11,000	
- bolsters	11,000	

In order to meet the submitted requirements, this Ministry, bearing in mind available stocks in the stores under command, could place at the disposal of the CC.RR 10,000 blankets and 11,000 pillow cases.

We therefore beg of M.M.I.A. to kindly re-examine the question with a view to conceding, if possible, approval for the issue of the indicated quantities of blankets and pillow cases.

Sgd. PELLICRA

Gen.

C. Danin Cpl.

Handwritten signature: Danin
H.A. 2042
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Translation

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From. MOBC
to MMIA

0/2/1

Ref. No. 11261/UC.

Date 21/april/45.

Barrack room tables.

The NAPLES Military territorial Command, Communist Directorate have been ordered to have 1200 barrack room tables made out of recovered material.

The CORCIONE firm of NAPLES which was contacted for this work, have had to decline the contract as the local allied authorities have refused to grant them the use of the electric current required for such work.

For the same reasons we have found it impossible to contract any other firm in NAPLES.

In view of the urgent necessity for A/M articles, of which we have no availability, and in view of the difficulties to supply ourselves from other sources, we beg MMIA to issue orders to MMIA Naples so that the CORCIONE firm be granted sufficient electric power to fulfill this contract.

R. Llanos

PELLIGRA.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M/V.
TO: Naples. Mil. Ter. H.Q. Com. Dir.

Ref: 16085/VC
Date: 21 April 45

For information of M.M.I.A.

Subject: Withdrawal of ~~Clothing~~ and equipment material of Italian Sources.

This Ministry acknowledged the issue of the following materials to the 831, 832, 833 and 934 Searchlights units, further to direct orders issued by M.M.I.A.

~~Report.~~

Signed: Gen. PELLIGRA

28 Frying pans iron.
28 Metal basins
28 ladles
12 Iron Dixies capacity 50 lts.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

12/1

DATE TIME ORIGIN
21 B

TO: COMMOB PALERMO

REF NO. Q 206

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) PLEASE FORWARD COPY OF YOUR LETTER 1435
OF 21 FEB SUBJECT BARRACK STORES FOR MILITARY PRISONS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

See 244

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MESSAGE FORM

6/12/11

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FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME ORIGIN

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TO: MMIA LO SARDINIA

REF NO

207

RESTRICTED

236.

REFERENCE YOUR Y 329 DATED 20 APRIL (.) YOUR RECOMMENDATION
APPROVED IF PROPERTY IS NOT ON DE STEFANOS PAPERS AND IS
NOT REQUIRED BY YOU (.) OTHERWISE NIENTE DI FARE

PROCEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

A. H. Lammert

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Translation 233

from: M of W
 To: Rome Terr. Commissioner 17 April 1945
 Copy to: M M I A Q/12/1

Subject: Blankets for A.P.C. (civilian population welfare) groups. -

With ref. to telephone conversations, we confirm issue, on temporary loan, to Rome Terr. HQ, of 492 ^{field} blankets for 246 military that will complete A.P.C. Groups.

According to orders issued by M M I A these blankets will be returned to M of W when a/m military will leave Rome to reach the localities they are sent to. -

LT. Col. SAVINI LUIGI is ^{officer in Rome Terr. HQ} responsible for the recovery & return of a/m blankets.

Gen. FEBBIA

Febbia
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5/1 Noted
 21 Apr

from: M of W 9/12/1 Translation 231.
 to: M MIA ref: 10797/VC
 13 April 1945

Subject: Request of barracks material

~~The independent Office of Repatriation~~
 The Repatriated POWs & repatriated personnel Office have informed us that Rome (II) District HQ, since CERSETI has been disbanded, will receive & administer repatriated co-operator POWs & personnel coming both from units in Italy & those who have not been spotted out by the billeting centre control agency. -

Several POWs that have recently been freed by the Allies from co-operator units in Italy have reported to Rome District HQ and where other POWs are awaited.

Therefore Rome Dist. HQ have asked for the following barracks materials needed to furnish a barracks room for 40 men.
 P.T.O.

bedsteads with canvas 30
bolsters 30
pillows 30
barrack blankets 30

We beg you to inform us if a/m
materials can be released.

Gen. Pelligrino

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Released
HRO
HAPR

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**SUBJECT: Request for Accommodation Stores -- Pistoia Allied
Mil. Hospital.**

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/12/1
15 April 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

227.

1. Ref. your 10593/VC dated 8 April 1945.
2. No approval can be given for the issue of 80 beds to the Pistoia Mil. Hospital. The Allied Unit concerned should follow the correct procedure and apply to this HQ for the release of any available items.

F.A. COLE

F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FAC/ag

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FROM:

MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION)

MMIA LO SARDINIA

12 1950 B

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Secret

DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT RELEASE ANY FURNITURE OR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS
NOW IN YOUR VILLA AND CHARGED TO YOU ON INVENTORY UNTIL AUTHORIZED
BY THIS HEADQUARTERS (.)

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

C. F. KERR, Col

See folio 236

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228

SUBJECT: Screening Wire for U.S.-Iti Hospitals.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/12/1
11 April 1945.

TO : Liaison Sect.. PBS.

222/1 2ND Jacket.

1. Ref. your letter SPE/J.C. dated 4 April 1945.
2. It is regretted that no supplies of screening wire for flyproofing US-ITI Hospitals are available from stocks under control of NMIA.


F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

FAC/ag

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TRANSLATION

FROM M O W
TO MMIA .REF NO 208245/II
date 9/4/45

Subject Military prisons

Further to letter 206884/II dated 3rd. inst and ref to verbal request made by Major BAUMANN to L/Col. SANSONE

BARRACK MATERIAL : Will necessarily have to be issued by the milit. administration, in that ~~that~~ for the transfer of the military prisons to the ministry of Justice it has been foreseen that the prisons be handed over complete with furniture as that ministry has no availability of required material

In fact, as it is known, to enable the reopening of the "TRINITA" Military penal establishments MMIA have authorised the release of the following army material: 1000 blankets, 1000 paillasses, and 600 bath towels

CLOTHING ARTICLES: The ministry of justice have informed us that they will procure the clothing for the ~~detained~~ ^{persons} from commercial sources

This ministry, should there be no availabilities of the a/m material in the Italian depots, could adopt the same methods to acquire the required items for the detained military personnel.

LOMBARDI

R.Mansfield!

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Translation

227.

From: 56/W.To: MMIA.

0/2/1

Ref: 10593/1CDate: 8 April 45

Subject: Material for the Allied Military Hospital
"PISTOIA".

"Pistoia" Allied Military Hospital drew, for temporary use 80 iron bed stands without canvas from the Local Recovery Office Italian Army and has requested 100 more.

We beg you to inform us if the withdrawal can be approved or not, and to issue or not the remaining quantity, if it has not already been withdrawn.

Signed: Gen. PELLIGRA.

See folio 230.

Encl.

Answered No

HAC

15 Apr 45

Translation.

226

From: - M of W. Q/12/1
 To: - M MIA.

Ref: - 11029

Date: - 8th April 45.Subject: - Equipment for the Veteran Home.

The under secretary of State H.E. PELLIGRAN
 requested the following accommodation stores for the Veteran Home:-

Camp Beds —	250	Mattresses —	250
Pillows —	250	Blankets —	500

Owing to high morale reasons of the said
 Home, and in order to adhere to the request made by
 H.E. we beg you to examine the possibility of granting
 the issue of these stores.

Thanking you.

(Cgd) PELLIGRAN

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