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Subject:- 1200, Ambulance Platoon.

File 148
 Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
 Main HQ. (MMIA)
 LEXILE. (LMOCH)
 AC/15
 June. 44

MMIA.LO. 2 Dist.

1. Reference your ME98 dated 28 May 44.
2. Enclosed is copy of above reference letter and also copy of indent which was forwarded by 9th Regt Artillery (for 1200, Ambulance Platoon) to IX Corps and then to S.M.R.E.
3. It will be noted that this indent checks closely with items received as indicated in your inspection report. No other indents have been received by S.M.R.E., and it appears improbable inasmuch as dates are approximately the same. Somebody must be mistaken about the things which were indented.
4. Further, the quantities of some items as listed in your report as indented are definitely out of issue and should not be either requested or authorized, eg: 160 Blankets for 57 men are not needed especially in Summer. The same applies to overcoats, woolen gloves, etc. Certain other items are in excess of scale.

to/GAS

for Major General.
 Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject: Clothing - 20, Div. 2, Italian Units with 1st Corps.

Attn: Sub Commission A.C.S.
Main St. (Main)
11th Fl. (Main)
10/15/11.

30 May 44.

RE: 5 Corps.

1. The following is submitted in reply to your letter 22562 dated 21 May 44.

2. In reply to your Para. 2. Vests and Pants are not at present available from Italian sources and are not included among items furnished for issue to Italian Army from Allied sources. These cannot be blamed for failure to deliver something which does not exist, but they could have helped by advising 207 Div of non-availability. It urgently requires, requests through appropriate Allied channels for issue from Italian depots in liberated areas. No comment is possible concerning other items furnished by 207 Div or 15 March 44 without list of items still due.

3. In reply to your Para. 3. The clothing imported from U.S. and U.K. plus existing Italian stocks and used clothing contribution from this theatre, are substantially short of existing needs. Any suggestion of discrimination in favour of Italian Units in GERMANY is totally unfounded.

4. In reply to your Para. 4 and 5. Consideration is already being given to locating an advanced depot at some point north of Bari. The control of this advanced depot must of necessity remain the responsibility of the Italians under their supervision.

5. In reply to your Para. 6. The provisions of 10,000 (see 207) letter 2253/1 (AE) dated 3 April 44, will shortly be replaced by a new General Operation Procedure which has already been approved and is now being printed. Items not available from Italian sources or Allied stocks under this control will, under this new objective be determined by employing formation and supply therefore be arranged by 207 Div or Italian authorities in advance of movement of units to destination. The critical shortage of Transportation facilities available to the Italians also makes it impossible ~~to~~ in any instance, to deliver short items to units before they move to destinations. Any attempt to do so will necessarily disrupt

4. In reply to your Para. 4 and 5. Consideration is already being given to locating an Advanced Depot at some point north of Bari. The control of this Advanced Depot must of necessity remain the responsibility of the Italians under UNIA supervision.
5. In reply to your Para. 6. The provisions of MC. 441 (441a Ed.) letter 3453/4 (AS) dated 3 April 44, will shortly be replaced by a new Standard Operation Procedure which has already been approved and is now being printed. Items not available from Italian sources or killed stocks under UNIA control will, under this new directive be demanded by employing formation and cannot therefore be arranged by UNIA or Italian authorities in advance of movement of units to destination. The critical shortage of transportation facilities available to the Italians also makes it impossible ~~to~~ in any instance, to deliver more than to units before they move to destinations. Any attempt to do so could hopelessly disrupt movement of units.
6. You say that assures that this will do everything possible to expedite units placed by units through Italian channels. In this connection it is recommended that copies of letters be furnished this HQ.
7. Your recommendations as to location of an Advanced Depot north of Bari would be greatly appreciated at the earliest date practicable.

Fb/CAL

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Robert Murphy
Major General USA
Adj Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copy for UNIA. ID. 5 Corps.
UNIA. ID. 2 District.
UNIA. ORG.

Subject: Issue of stores from Allied sources.

Army Sub Commission A.S.C.
Main Rm. (MIRA)
Campbell. (MIROR)
AS/15

23 May 44.

Ministry of War.

1. Reference your 9247/V dated 18 May 1944.
2. Approved substitute for last sentence in Para. 14 is submitted as follows:

"We certify that all items requested from Allied sources are not available from Italian sources excepting those which have been already submitted by MILA to be reserved for other Italian units."

RB/CAD

Major General
Army Sub Commission A.S.C.

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(1441)

Subject: Provision of Boots for Civilian Workers.

Army Sub Comdation A.C.C.
 Date No. (2214)
 Issue. (1200)
 10/15.

R2 10/15.

NO. 442. (4)

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Reference NO. 442 Letter 3407/1/2(44) dated 14 May.

1. Will you please confirm that the term "Allied Troops" is intended in this instance to cover Italian troops as well as British and American.
2. It is admitted that it is the intention of Admin. Instruction No. 5 and other instructions from AFHQ and AGI, which so far not suitable for repair for military purposes, should be used by A.C.C. for civilian purposes.
3. If Boots, and also other clothing, which no longer fit for British and American use, are not made available to the Italian forces, it cannot but have an adverse effect on the equipment of the Italian troops fighting and working for the Allies, and also lead to increased demands on Allied stocks.
4. It is requested that it be clearly stated that Boots and Clothing are not made available for civilian use until no longer suitable for Allied or Italian military use.

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L. Rowan

10/15/11

Major General.
 Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

Subject:- Cotton Thread - Product of M.C.M.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEBULE. (LECON)
AQ/15

22 May 44.

HQ. ACC for MMIA. C O

1. The attached letter ref ACC/5074/10 dated 16 May from I & C Sub Comm. is forwarded, as it is presumed that this is in reply to a request from you.
2. It would appear that both F.B.S. and your complaint are identical.
3. The matter has been taken up with HQ. AAI who have been requested to instruct formations as to the correct procedure to be followed when requiring materials. Copies of relevant correspondence are attached for your information.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Encl: AQ/15 Folios 142/143/133.
ACC/5074/10

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Subject:- Requisitioning of Italian Army
Supply Material.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (SMIA)
LEQUILF. (LECCO)
AG/15

21 May 44

HQ. AAI.

1. Attached is letter from Peninsular Base Section, file AG 400.312(BPLNO-1) dated 15 May 44 and copy of our reply.
2. It is recommended that a directive be issued by HQ AAI to all Allied formations instructing them to request materials needed from local resources through ACC or other appropriate agencies and to discontinue the practice of attempting to deal direct with civilian or local Italian military establishments.

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Geo A Shipley. Lt.Col.

FM/CAS

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

COPY.

Subject: Requisitioning of Italian Army
Supply Material.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
M-In HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCO)
AG/15

21 May 44.

Commanding General.
Peninsular Base Section.
APO. 782.

1. Reference your AG 400-312(EPLNO-1) dated 15 May 44.
2. This HQ has no authority to issue directions to Allied formations and cannot therefore take action requested in para 3 of above reference letter. Further, we have no information of the incident reported.
3. A copy of the above reference letter is being forwarded to AAI, with the recommendation that a directive be issued to all Allied formations, instructing them to apply to AGC or other appropriate agency for any materials required from local resources, and to stop the present re-occurring practice of attempting to deal direct with local civilian or Italian military establishments on such matters.

Geo A Shipley. Lt.Col.

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

FD/GAS

Copy to: HQ. AAI.
MMIA. LG. Naples.

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Subject:- Requisitioning of Italian Army
Supply Material.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
DEQUILF. (LIGOR)
AG/15

11 May 44.

HQ. AAI.

1. Attached is letter from Peninsular Base Section, file AG 400.312(BPLNO-1) dated 15 May 44, and copy of ou reply.

2. It is recommended that a directive be issued by HQ. AAI to all allied formations instructing them to request materials needed from local resources through ACC or other appropriate agencies, and to discontinue the practice of attempting to deal direct with civilian or local Italian military establishments.

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Sb/GAS

Copy sent to 6th Air Force
[Signature]
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Subject: - Requisitioning of Italian Army Supply Material.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
SECURITY. (SECOS)
AC/15
✓ 1 May 44.

Commanding General.
Peninsular Base Section.
APO, 782

1. Reference your AC 400.312 (SPIND-1) dated 15 May 44.
2. This HQ has no authority to issue directions to Allied formations, and cannot therefore take action requested in para 3 of the above reference letter. Further, we have no information of the incident reported.
3. A copy of the above reference letter is being forwarded to AAI, with the recommendation that a directive be issued to all Allied formations, instructing them to apply to ACC or other appropriate agencies for any materials required from local resources, and to stop the present re-occurring practice of attempting to deal direct with local civilian or Italian military establishments on such matters.

TS/GAS

Copy to: HQ. AAI.
MIA. HQ. VAPLES.

Major General.
Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Issue of Clothing & Equipment
to No. 2 Rly Group.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H. (MIA)
LEQUIL (LECCS)
AQ/15/11.

14 May 44.

S.M.R.E.

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1. Ref this HQ letter of even number dated 10 May 44.
 2. You are advised that the following items are not available from Allied sources :

Towels, Sewing Kit, Packs,
Canteens, (complete with fork, spoon and Mugs)
 3. Please therefore make a further check of your own stocks in an endeavour to complete any deficiencies in the above-mentioned clothing or equipment still outstanding.

tvS.MC.

J.A.C.
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

Copy to: Min of War
ORD MIA.
Min of War L.O.

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NOTES COVERING CONFERENCE ON 13 MAY ATTENDED BY:

Lt. Col. NORMAN.
Lt. Col. CHERRY.
Maj. HUBBARD
Maj. CHIDSEY.

Important points discussed and decisions re/o were: -

1. Inventories of Stocks.

An inventory of items from Allied sources will be rendered by Depots as of the ~~1st~~ ^{5th} and the ~~1st~~ ^{25th} day of each calendar month.

An inventory of items from Italian sources will be rendered as of the ~~1st~~ ^{25th} day of each calendar month.

2. The monthly reports of Allied goods delivered to Italian Depots as required for Chief Accountant A.C.C. has not been rendered in the past. Missing receipts properly signed and counter-signed will be obtained by Ordnance representatives at Depots and forwarded to Main Hq where they will be properly consolidated and all due reports rendered to Chief Accountant A.C.C. Ordnance officers at Depots will also secure signed and counter-signed receipts on all deliveries in the future and promptly forward them to Main Hq. Future reports to Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be rendered promptly as of the ~~1st~~ ^{25th} day of each month.

3. Records of Ordnance Branch will show the source of all Allied goods delivered to Italian Depots in the following groups:

- (a) From British sources outside this theatre.
- (b) From U.S. sources outside this theatre.
- (c) From British sources within this theatre as provided under AFRC Administrative Memo No. 5
- (d) From U.S. sources within this theatre as provided under AFRC Administrative Memo No. 5

This information will be entered for past deliveries as well as deliveries in the future.

deliveries in the future and promptly forward them to the Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be rendered promptly as of the last day of each month.

3. Records of Ordnance Branch will show the source of all Allied goods delivered to Italian Depots in the following groups:

- (a) From British sources outside this theatre.
- (b) From U.S. sources outside this theatre.
- (c) From British sources within this theatre as provided under AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 5
- (d) From U.S. sources within this theatre as provided under AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 5

This information will be entered for past deliveries as well as deliveries in the future.

4. Maj. HERRARD will arrange promptly to transfer Italian stores now on hand at British Ordnance Dump TARANTO to an appropriate Italian Depot.

5. Italian Balances and Repair Operations.

Ordnance representatives at Depots will check Italian repair operations taking place at their respective Depots and within the areas served by their Depots with a view of determining:

- (a) quantity of Italian boots and clothing awaiting repair.
- (b) Present rate of repair operations.
- (c) Possibility of increasing repair operations.
- (d) Items of materials and equipment critically needed.
- (e) Lending any possible assistance that will improve their repair operations.

va, GAV.

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Subject:- Issue of Clothing to No.2 Railway Group.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq. (MMIA)
LEQUITE. (LECCO)
AO/15/II
10 May 44.

Stato Maggiore R Esercito.

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1. Reference your 4312 dated 30 April 44.
2. Authority is granted for the issue of the undermentioned items of clothing from Allied sources to No.2 Railway Group.

Greatcoats or MACKINAW	1768	—
Drawers	2934	
Boots	976	pairs
Towels	3681	
Shirts	3472	
Sewing Kit	1297	
Packs	1461	
Socks	4198	pairs
Canteen, Fork, Spoon and Mug complete	1492	

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3. In compliance with Para.5, MMIA Admin. Inst. No.1 boots and clothing will be withdrawn in exchange for boots and clothing issued.



Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copies to:- Ministry of War.
MMIA. IO.
MMIA. ORD.



SUBJECT: Local Resources - Tanning Industry
in SICILY.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (SICILY)
L. GUILLE (SICILY)
AG/17.
May 44.

HQ A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ A.A.I.
No. 1 District.

It has been reported that considerable economy could be effected in the repair of boots and equipment for the Italian Army in SICILY if local tanneries could be got going again.

I am informed that quantities of hides would be available and that the necessary apparatus exists and could be made effective if adequate amounts of tannic acid could be released.

I am not in a position to verify this information but I do support very strongly the proposal to utilise this material if it is economically possible.

I should be glad to hear of any development in this direction tending to improve the repair facilities for the Italian divisions in SICILY.

tvS.WP.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

MESSAGE FORM

To - PIRPOT,
From - MILIA

AS/15 117

AQ1090 (.) (.) Q(AR)4539 dated 30 April (.) Regret delay
due to difficulty in obtaining from Italians list of materials available from
Italian sources (.) Letter in detail follows later to-day

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SUBJECT: Salvage Uniforms.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUIL (LBECK)
AG/15.
5 May 44.

AAI for General HANSEN.

Reference Adm Memo No. 5, AFHQ 27 Jan 44.

1. It is understood that considerable quantities of clothing have accumulated from operation of the repair facilities ! No reports, however, have been furnished this Hq.
2. It is not known what action has been taken towards issuing this clothing to the Italian Army. Since this clothing may form an important item for replacements it is felt that if the reports of what is available were made to this Hq that release could be made in connection with the release of clothing shipped in for the Italian Army. Otherwise, duplicate issues might be secured - one of the repaired clothing and one from this Hq.
3. Recommend that the reports on clothing available for the Italian Army be made to this Hq and disposition of such clothing be authorized by M.M.I.A. in accordance with the regular program set up by AAI.

trs.CK.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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AP 396 (125)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

27 January 1944

NUMBER

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DISPOSAL OF UNIFORM CLOTHING
UNSUITABLE FOR USE IN THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMIES

1. A shortage exists for meeting the minimum essential clothing requirements of the Italian military and civil population. To meet this shortage, in part at least, certain used clothing and shoes will be provided in such quantities as become available from British and United States Army sources. The Peninsular Base Section and the United States Air Forces in ITALY will be the United States Army sources.

2. The British Ordnance Service has established repair facilities in NAPLES and BARI which will be augmented by the necessary civilian labor to dye and repair all items of military clothing and shoes for Italian military and relief purposes. 769

3. The clothing and shoes selected for this purpose will be carefully screened and will be in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use by the British or United States Armies; including prisoners of war in custody of these Armies.

4. As the outer uniform clothing provided for this purpose will be of distinctive color and design, all distinctive markings such as buttons, insignia of rank, etc., will be removed prior to its release. To change its appearance from that originally intended, all outer military clothing provided for use by the Italian military will be dyed a forest green color. Outer uniform clothing, in such condition as to be beyond repair for use by the Italian military, must be dyed blue or black in order to distinguish it from its original color and that of the Italian military.

5. It is desired that all items of uniform clothing and shoes in the class listed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, which are accumulated in British Ordnance Depots and United States Quartermaster Salvage Depots on the mainland of ITALY, be shipped to the British Ordnance Depot in NAPLES or BARI, whichever is nearer, for suitable repair.

6. Monthly reports of clothing, dyed and repaired, will be submitted to this headquarters and Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, for subsequent issue to meet Italian military and civil needs as recommended to this headquarters by Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. (AG 421-1 GDS-AGM)

By command of General WILSON:

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/s/ J. L. Tarr,
J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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ITALIANS are submitting copy of NON AVAILABILITY items and have been told to expedite

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Subject :- Italian Port Units,

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq. (MMIA)
LAUOLE. (LECCO)
A/IS

18 April 44

HQ. No. I Docks Group. R.E.

1. Reference your DGI/III of 28 April 44.
2. Indents should be forwarded through Italian channels for items required.
3. All possible issues will be made from Italian sources and authority granted for issues of deficiencies from Allied sources.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Declarations of Issue.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)
AQ/15

23 Apr 44.

Commando Militare Marittimo.

1. Reference your Prot. N 28406/12, allegati 112 of 15 April and your Prot N 28744/12, Allegati 74 of 15 April.
2. In compliance with your conversation with Major BAUMANN of this Headquarters the documents delivered to us with your letters listed as reference above are returned herewith.

tva.CM


Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment ITALIAN ARMY.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)
AQ/15.
17 Apr 44.

H.Q. AAI (Adm Ech) C.M.F.

Reference 3252/Q (AE) dated 5 Apr 44.

1. Will you please give guidance on the following points arising from the instruction quoted.
2. Para 1 of letter. The letter defines the policy governing the issue from BRITISH sources. Appx B includes seven items shipped from UNITED STATES and four from BRITISH sources specially pre-shipped under arrangements made by AFHQ for ITALIAN Armed Forces. The items shipped from the UNITED STATES therefore do NOT come within the scope of this instruction.
3. Para 2 (a) of letter. This excludes such units as General Transport Coys now operating British vehs and working in No. 2 District.
4. Para 2 (b) of letter. This excludes all Engineer, Signal, Medical and A.A. units now working for British Force. It is submitted that all ITALIAN units working for British Forces and shown in MMIA "Order of Battle of ITALIAN Army in Italy under cmd of Allied Formations" must be included if grave dislocation of work is to be avoided.
5. Para 3 (a) and (b) of letter. Clothing and individual equipment must be issued to the "Italian Forces" under direction and controlled by MMIA. This H.Q. with an ORD staff of one officer and one clerk cannot accept issues. Twelve out of the seventeen items listed in Appx B are shipped from U.S. or British ports under arrangements made by combined Chiefs of Staff and are available for all Italian Armed Forces who are effectively aiding the Allied War Effort and are NOT restricted solely to Italian Forces working for either U.S. or British Formations. Boots from British sources are issued to units working for U.S. Formations just as

4. Para 2 (b) of letter. This excludes all Engineer, Signal, Medical and A.A. units now working for British Force. It is submitted that all ITALIAN units working for British Forces and shown in MIA "Order of Battle of ITALIAN Army in Italy under comd of Allied Formations" must be included if grave dislocation of work is to be avoided.

5. Para 3 (a) and (b) of letter. Clothing and individual equipment must be issued to the "Italian Forces" under direction and control by MIA. This H.Q. with an ORD staff of one officer and one clerk cannot accept issues. Twelve out of the seventeen items listed in Appx B are shipped from U.S. or British ports under arrangements made by combined Chiefs of Staff and are available for all Italian Armed Forces who are effectively aiding the Allied War Effort and are NOT restricted solely to Italian Forces working for either U.S. or British Formations. Boots from British sources are issued to units working for U.S. Formations just as shirts from U.S. sources are issued for units working for British Formations. Control by Brit ORD for these items would, therefore, appear NOT to be required but only for towels, anklets, sewing kit, pack carrier, "canteen" and mess kit. For these items a policy will be required as to whether supply will come from British or U.S. sources for units, such as those working on the maintenance of communications, who work for the Allies as a whole.

6. In order that this HQ may carry out the task of re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces working for the Allies, using items supplied from all Allied sources to the best advantage, it is suggested that the subject be discussed by representatives of the H.Q.s and Services concerned under such arrangements as you consider suitable.

tva:FJM.

Brig.
Army Sub Comd, A.C.C.

File 99

Subject:- Italian Naval Labour.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/15

24 April 44.

HQ. AAI.

- 1) Reference your 3407/A(AE) dated 14 April 1944.
- 2) It has been agreed that subsistence and clothing are to be supplied from stocks under MMIA control to Naval Labour Units which are working for Allied Forces as a replacement for Italian Army Units.
- 3) The provision of other equipment is not at present authorised. Very little, if any, could be supplied from Italian Army sources.
- 4) If it is decided to provide items other than clothing and rations, a scale of equipment should be established for Naval and I.W.T. Units.
Any items that might be available from Italian sources can then be determined.

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for
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Subject: REQUISITION.

To: M.H.R.E.
Institute of Labour.

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 Army Sub Commission. A.C.C.
 Main B.O. (M.H.T.A)
 LEQUER. (LEQUE)
 Ref: LAD/4/67.
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Attached is a suggested list of Stores etc, to be issued to the newly formed labour units, 409 and 410 Regts.

Please inform the Sub Commission which items or substitute items are available from Italian Army sources, including articles marked (a).

Major General,
 Commander. Army Sub Commission. ACC.

M.H.R.E.

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SUBJECT: Supplies from ITALIAN Sources for
1st Raggrupamento Morcorizzato

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/15

12 APR 44

SMRE

1. We have been informed that the above subject unit is in serious need of certain supplies which can only be supplied from ITALIAN Sources.
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3. Information is desired as to possibility of furnishing items as requested at an early date.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Supplies from ITALIAN Sources for
1st Raggrupamento Motorizzato

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/15

Apr 44

SUMMARY

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Materials.

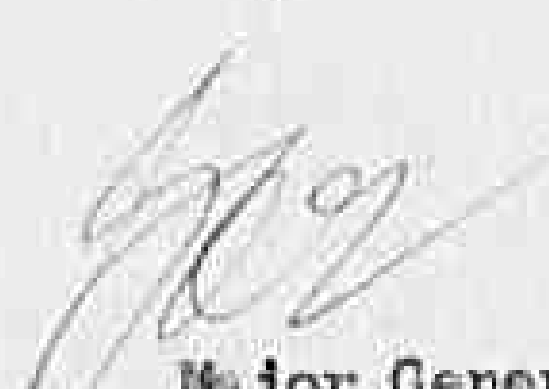
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/15.

16 Apr 44.

MMIA LO Rear H.Q. Eighth Army.

1. Reference your MM/113/1 dated 5 April and our AQ 938 of 10 Apr 44.
2. We are advised by SMRE that a small portion of the items needed can be furnished from Italian sources. Details of items available and amount of each are indicated on the right hand margin of copies of Appendices 2 and 3 (in Italian) which are returned herewith.
3. This Headquarters cannot authorise issue of any of the additional needed items from British sources. The probability of any immediate change in the controlling policy is extremely doubtful

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment of
2/200 Bn. Italian Pioneer Labor.

Army Sub Commanding, A.S.C.
Main Bn. (4TH)
LAWYLA (130TH)
AQ/15.

1st Apr 44.

Ref: S.C.

1. 2/200 Italian Pioneer Labour Bn now being formed in Bn. will be equipped to the following minimum scale of clothing and personal equipment:

Shirts	2	Socks	3
Drawers	2	Seating Kit	1
Under-shirts	2	Blankets	2
Towel	1	Rack Carrier	1
Covercoat	1	Canteen	1
Boots	1	Port	1
		Pyjama	1
		Cap	1

2. You will, please make the necessary arrangements for the issue of the above articles from Italian sources immediately the Bn arrive in Bn. Deficiencies will be reported immediately to this H.Q.

3. Bedding.

All Bn will be equipped with bedclothes and Italian uniforms. This requirement will be sufficient for release to other units. Requirements will be reported to this H.Q. as early as possible.

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All boys will be equipped with batel-address and United uniforms that released will be with-out for reference to other units. Recruits center will be reported to this H.Q. as early as possible.

Major General.
Army Staff Corps, A.C.C.

Ministry of War
 1003 H., No. 2 District, C. 1. 1.
 Q.C., 63 Pioneer Group, C. 1. 1.
 1004 H., No. 2 District,
 C. 1. 1.
 1005 H., No. 2 District,
 C. 1. 1.

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the inhibitor on the rate of polymerization of the monomer.

SUBJECT: Clothing and Personal Equipment for Units

Army Sub Comdation, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIL.)
LEADERS (LEAD.)
AG/15.
14 Apr 44.

C.F.A.E.

1. Reference the following units:

- 1 Personnel Bn.
- 3 " "
- 13 " "
- 9 Sezione Esercizio Linea.

It is reported that certain items of clothing and personal equipment have not yet been issued to these units from Italian stocks although available.

You will, therefore, please arrange immediate issue up to the final strength of the units so that personnel may be equipped immediately on joining.

You will also please inform this H.Q. of the number of uniforms and boots which cannot be provided from Italian stocks when arrangements will be made for issue from Allied controlled sources.

Major General.
Army Sub Comd, A.C.C.

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Ref your RA.1.1/100 of

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3. You will also please inform this H.Q. of the number of uniforms and boots which cannot be provided from Italian stocks upon arrangements will be made for loans from Allied (controlled) sources.

twu, Y3K.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comd, A.C.C.

copy to: R.D.T.H. H.Q. MAY (Adm Ech) - ref your TM.A.1/100 of
5 Apr.

Ministry of War.
S.O.P.E.
O.D., WMA.

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SUBJECT:- Re-equipment of Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H. (MHA)
LEONE (LEONE)
AQ/15
15 APR 44

H. Q. No 1 District

Reference your message 0294 dated 11 April 44.

1. The dominant factor governing the re-clothing of the ITALIAN Armed Forces is the amount of clothing which can be made available from Allied resources. The strength of the Army as regards clothing is some 362,000 with certain additional commitments from the Navy and Air Force. The total quantity of battledress shipped by the Allies is approx 240,000 plus small quantities periodically from RSD's.
2. Under present plans therefore only 65% can be clothed with battledress and the remainder must continue to wear ITALIAN uniform. A further factor is that for reasons of morale etc the Combat Divisions being formed and already in the line must continue to wear the standard ITALIAN uniform.
3. All sources of manufacture of uniform in ITALY still remain in GERMAN hands and every effort has to be made to make the stocks of ITALIAN uniform in Liberated ITALY last as long as possible.

This can only be done by withdrawing ITALIAN uniform from all tps issued with battledress, cleaning and repairing it and then using it for re-issue to the 37% of ITALIAN tps who will never get battledress. Many formations and units on the mainland of ITALY and in SARDINIA are in urgent need of uniform and must be supplied in the immediate future.
4. I very much regret that it is NOT possible to make an exception in the case of the SABAUDA Div and ITALIAN uniform must be withdrawn from all tps issued with battledress.

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ABO/EJH

L. B. Murray
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

MESSAGE FORM

To : FJN

From : MIA

AQ 967 14.

RESTRICTED (*) For Q/AE (*) First deliveries pullovers ex MIKE
 EASY now in ITI depots and included in scale BAKER of 3252/Q/AE of 3 Apr 44
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From MMIA

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Important

SUBJECT: Issue of Boots and Clothing from
British Sources to ITALIAN Government.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUIL (LECCE)
AQ/15.
14 Apr 44.

D.D.O.S.
H.Q.AAI (Adm Ech)
C.M.F.

There is still a degree of uncertainty as to the quantity of certain items handed over to the ITALIANS.

Considerable assistance is given by 500 A.O.D. and 557 A.O.D. but it would appear that certain details still require tying up. For instance the quantity of new boots handed over by 500 A.O.D. as set out in 500 A.O.D. letter, 500/8/11 of 5 Apr is less than that set out in 500 A.O.D. letter, 2/80/(3) dated 3 Apr.

It is, therefore, suggested that immediately Major HUBBARD reports he should visit both A.O.Ds and check up on the spot with the officers concerned.

tvs.FJN.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Subject: Captured Enemy Stores (ex MIDWEST)

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (M.M.I.A.),
LEQUILLÉ (LECCO).
ORD/2
10 April 44.

To: M.M.I.A. L/O with HQ A.C.C.

Copies to: War Ministry: S.M.R.E.: A/Q.

Reference Capt HELLER's Report No.8 (para 5) dated 6th April 44.

The Stores referred to - a list of which is given below - are of ITALIAN origin and should therefore go direct into Italian depots.

These Stores will be controlled by the Italians, but should be included in the routine Returns of Stocks of Italian origin rendered by them to this Headquarters in accordance with this HQ letter AQ/15 dated 22 Dec 43 to S.M.R.E. (copy to War Ministry).

List of a/m Stores received in NAPLES.

4,500 Greatcoats	(cappotti di panno)	grey green
12,800 Tunics	(giubbe di panno)	grey green
16,500 Breeches	(pantaloni corti di panno)	grey green
10,500 pair Puttees	(fascie gambie)	grey green
17,000 Tunics Drill	(giubbe di tela)	mixed khaki & grey
20,000 Slacks Drill	(pantaloni di tela)	" " " "
12,000 Body Belts	(ventriere di lana)	
11,500 Colonial Shirts	(camicie di tela coloniale)	
5,500 Pullovers	(fascetti a maglia)	
240 Coats, Alpini	(mantelline)	grey green.

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W. G. G. G.
Major.
FOR D.A.D.C.S.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

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TO MMIA LC REAR EIGHTH ARMY

FROM MMIA

10/1938

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In Reply to Number

Restricted & Reference your MM/113/1 5 April send
us copies appendices 2 and 3 in original Italian.
In meantime we are taking water needed
supplies up with Italian SHQ.

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being so important there no further delay should be made in their completion.

The first three and figures inserted are of course as explained only. A specimen sheet must be used for each article. There is a box on the back of the pro-forma which will give the balance at the end of each period.

This is now the third time that the Government has been asked to consider the possibility of a loan to the Government of the United States. It will be the duty of the Government to consider the matter in the light of the facts and circumstances which the Government has before it. The Government has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the United States Government of the 10th inst. and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The Company will not do any other work for them. 2000
(Enclosure to ... Letter 10/10 of 11/1/14, para. 20 refers) as these items
are required for accounting purposes. It does however state the necessity
for the inclusion of related costs. 11/1/14 (para. 10) states on the balance
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Chas. F. Novak

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SUBJECT: Directive for V. G. L. 2

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Army Sub Comm. 100, A.C.C.
 Main H. (M.H.)
 100 GIL (100G)
 10/15
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File

Capt. R. HOLLER.

COPY to: MHA LO AGST (MHAAGST)
 MHA LO 2 District.
 MHA LO KOKI Corps.
 MHA LO Rear Eighth Army.

1. Pending further reorganization of the Staff your initial duties will be to ensure that:

- (a) The Italian Comd carry out the intent of Adm Instruction No 1.
- (b) The items received into the Italian Main Ordnance Stores in BVI and MAFS are correctly recorded for future Allied accountability and that correct stock returns are rendered.
- (c) Items are distributed to the designated personnel as quickly as possible and, where appropriate, the corresponding MHA-W items are returned to store.

2. You will co-ordinate your activities with the MHA LO in BVI and MAFS who will render you such assistance as is possible.

UN/TV.

P. J. Noam
 for Brigadier.
 Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Subject: Discrepancies for Auto Eval .O.

To: Capt K. FLEKKER. (ACME (ADMECH))
 Cpt. N. M. M. M. (2nd Unit)

1. Pending further verification of the staff.

You initial the list will be to ensure that

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will render you such assistance as is
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SUBJECT: Controlled Stores.

File 59
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/15
24 Feb 44.

Stato Maggiore R Esercito.

Copy to: HQ 2 District. MMIA LO att Rear Eighth Army.
PBS MMIA LO att No. 2 District.
Ministry of War MMIA LO att 31 Corps.
MMIA-LO att AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
MMIA LO att No. 3 District.

With reference to MMIA letter, AQ/15 dated 22 Dec 43.

1. Notification has been received that AFHQ have now excluded all veterinary medicines and equipment of Italian origin from the list of Controlled Stores.
2. Such medicines and equipment may, therefore, now be issued at your discretion.
3. Will you please notify this Sub Commission of impending shortages.

TVS.

B. G. Lawrence 721
for Maj
Brigadier.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Shipment of Clothing and Boots for Italian Army.Copy for A2/15.Military Mission to
Italian Army.

A2/15/1

2 Feb 44

MOV. TARANTO.

1. In order to have prior notice of the arrival of clothing and boots for the Italian Army, I would be grateful if you would please notify EMIA of the ETA of the following convoys:

MKS 40
GUS 30

2. This information is urgently required for planning purposes and will be treated as confidential.

TVS.

P. G. L. Stewart
Brig.
Comd.

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File Copy 57
Subject:- Issue of Italian Barracks Stores to Allies

Nº 2 District

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/15
14 Jan 44

Copy to:- MMIA LO att 2 District

1. It is noted that amongst issues of Hospital beds issued to Allied units through Italian Liaison Section att Nº 2 District are:-

20 to 24 B.O.D., BARI.

6 to R.A.S.C. unit at San Pasquale Barracks, BARI.

2. All other issues were to Allied Hospitals.

3. In view of the shortage of beds in store and the need of all available for Allied and/or Italian Medical Units, will you please check whether the two issues detailed above are justified.

4. Barracks stores and bedding in particular will be included in an amendment to the list of controlled stores, a copy of which was forwarded to you with MMIA letter AQ/15 dated 22 Dec 43.

EJC/cc

B. G. Lawton 717
Fai
+ Brig
Comd

SUBJECT: Italian Clothing and Equipment.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

A/15

14 Jan 44.

S.M.H.S.

Copy to: A.F.H. Adv Adm Echelon.
H. No. 2 District.
Ministry of War.
P.B.S.
M.M.I.A. LO att. No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A. LO att. Rear Hq Eighth Army.
M.M.I.A. LO att. AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
M.M.I.A. LO att 31 Italian Corps.

With reference to M.M.I.A. letter, A/15 dated 22 Dec, Appendix 'A'.

Please add to list of controlled stores:

6. Barack Stores.

Beds and Bedding.
Furniture.

7. Hospital Stores.

Beds and Bedding.

See folio 174/2
B. G. Lammert
Brig.
Cond.
Ravi

Translation

FROM : S.M.I.E. = U.S. SERVIZIO = SEC. 5 M.

Ref. 1/173, serv. 11 prot.

TO : WAR MIN. etc., and for information

TO : M.M.I.A., (re. letter A2/15 of 22 and 30th., Dec. 43)

Subject : Controlled stores

13 Jan. 44

Re. letter 1/118 of 9th. inst.,

In accordance with agreements made with M.M.I.A., ~~the~~ ^{fortnightly} ~~monthly~~ and monthly states of Arty and motor vehicles ~~controlled stores~~ should be sent henceforth directly from above "Direzioni Generali" to M.M.I.A., as follows :

Servizio di Artiglieria states to M.M.I.A. (G.)
 " Automobilistico states " (A.Q.)

S.M. would be pleased to receive, for information, copy of above states.

(S:) ADAMO MARIOTTI

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 13 Jan 44 A2/15
 to
 ITALIAN ARMY.

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Armedate
DADOS 15-16

Subject:- Requests from Allies for Italian Military Stores

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/15

7 Jan 44

MMIA LO att No 2 District

Copy to:- MMIA LO att Rear HQ EIGHTH Army
MMIA LO att AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
MMIA LO att 31 Italian Corps

1. As you know, Col VALLONE and his staff attached to No 2 District deal with a mass of requests from the Allies for Italian Military stores and equipment.
2. The proper channel for him is to pass the requests back to SMRE for action and release if available, or appeal to us if they are badly needed by SMRE or in short supply.
3. All Italian Military equipment now in depots on the mainland (which are all that concern MMIA) is frozen i.e. controlled by us with the exception of boots, clothing and personal equipment which they can now distribute as they like to Italian Units on an agreed priority.
4. This control means that SMRE can't release anyhow without asking MMIA. Therefore the obvious short cut is for Col VALLONE to send requests by Allies direct to us, copy to SMRE. All others not requiring our authorisation to go direct to SMRE.
5. Please tell him to do this - and also that tyres and spare parts are so few that it is useless to ask for them.
6. I attach the appx that we sent to SMRE with our letter AQ/15 dated 21 Dec 43; it now excludes boots, clothing and personal equipment but gives an indication of how the stores are divided so that the various S.O.s here can see how it affects their own

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7. Please instruct Col VALLONE on these lines.

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EJC/cc

Major,
D.A.A. & A.M.G.

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ANNEX 'A' to LIA letter AQ/15 dated 22 Dec 43.

CONTROLLED STORES

1. The following items of clothing:-

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Socks	Cloaks or Capes
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Pullovers	Gloves
Tunics or Jackets	Body Belts
Trousers or Breeches	
Passa montagna	

2. The following items of equipment:-

Groundsheets	Rucksacks
Tentage	Blankets
Water Bottles	Mess Tins

3. Mule Equipment:-

All items

4. Motor Equipment:-

Tyres and tubes

Spare Parts

5. Engineer Stores)
Signal Stores) (to follow
Medical Stores)

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TRANSLATION

SECRET

Office of Operations

No. 3046 Op. di protocollo

11, 26 December 1943

To General Taylor, Chief of Staff, ACC.

Subject: Location of stores of which free disposition has been asked.

Referring to verbal request we are sending, in attached annex, the location of the stores of the R. Army, on the peninsula, in Sardinia, and in Sicily, indicating the type of material in them.

In the case of Sicily and Campania especially, and also in the case of Sardinia, the task of collecting and firing with precision the logistic data is still going on; therefore, the information contained in the annex is subject to corrections.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE SUPREME GENERAL STAFF

- Giovanni Messe -

cc/ 21/01

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THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE SUPREME GENERAL STAFF

- Giovanni Messe -

ad- 21/01

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Send to us for information:
the contribution of Tenth Army
to the construction of the
supply with reference to
the situation of the front
near the line of the Tiber
River.

Circulate

Localities in which are located the storehouses of which free disposition has been asked.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>TYPE OF MATERIAL</u>
<u>HEALTH</u>	Puglie	Bitonto	Medicine and stores
	"	Isce	Medicine
	Calabria	Cosenza	Medicine
	"	Castrovillari	Medicine
	"	Savelli	Medicine
	Sardinia	Casieri	Medicine & Stores
	Campania	Naples	Medicine
<u>QUARTERMASTER</u>	Puglie	Bari-Lecce-Barletta-Corato-Trani-Giovinazzo-Taranto-Monopoli-Rodigargenico-Casellana-Molfetta-Conversano	(Clothing, equipment, General service and quartering
	Lucania	Potenza	" " "
	Calabria	Cosenza-Nicastro-Catanzaro	(Clothing, equipment, General service and kitchen
	Sardinia	Macomer	Clothing, equipment, General service and quartering
	Campania	Salerno-Aversa-Naples	" " "
	Sicily	S. Cataldo-Catania-Syracuse-Novara di Mesina-Castelvetrano-Jonia-Vizzini	" " "
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	Puglie	Caserna Fedini-(Taranto) Caserna Mezzacapo (Taranto)	Material " Material & Ammunition

	Catanzaro	(service and kitchen
Sardinia	Macomes	Clothing, equipment, general service and quartering
Campania	Salerno-Aversa-Naples	" " "
Sicily	S. Cataldo-Catania-Syracuse-Novara di Mes-sina-Castelvetrano-Jonia-Vizzini	" " "
Puglia	Caserta Padini-(Taranto) Caserta Mezzacapo (Taranto) Cimino Serro S. Euse S. Vito Bifuluto Brindisi (Via Cas-tello) Montenegro (Brindisi) Carafa (Brindisi) Lauria (ex batt.) (Brindisi) Viale Chiodi (Brindisi) Lecce S. Michele di Bari Casarano Locorotondo Bernalda Toggia	Material Material Material & Ammunition Ammunition " " " " " " Material Ammunition " " " " " " Material & ammunition Ammunition " " " " " " " " Material & ammunition Ammunition " " " " " " " "
Calabria	Peroletto, Castrovillari, Taurianova, Marcellinara, Mesoraca, Mernanno Vadue, Giccia Tauro, Briatico	(Material & ammunition (Material & ammunition (Ammunition " "
Sardinia	Cagliari, Prato Sardo (Nuoro) Ozieri Telti	(Material " " Material & ammunition

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF MATERIAL</u>
Arty. (cont'd)	Sardinia (cont'd)	Monserrato, Silique, Macomer, Prato S., Campomela, Palau, Gosico	Ammunition
	Campania	Ponte S. Antonio (Fertilia) Cancellio, Scafati, Buccoli di Conforto, Ponte la Madonna, S. Valentino Torio	Ammunition
	Sicily	Messina, S. Catello, Celsa- tafini, Partinico Saleri Movera di Messina Siracusa Misterbianco, Vittoria, Piazza Armerina, Cù Marineo (Grazia Michele), Campo Italia, Cageti Caltanissetta Licata, Vizzini S. Margherita Belice Miniera di Trabia S. Caterina Villermosa Palermo Altosanto (Palermo) S. Flavia, Cerdà, Alcamo, Vita, Napoli, Petrosino, Costiera, Gallitello Stazione, Gibellina (con- trade Polizzi), Sciacca, Laudisia (M.), Schiafferie, Pietrassa, Serra la Croce (Messina), Forte Gonzaga, Villagrana, Scalliti, Lar-	Material Material & Ammunition Material " " Ammunition Material Material & ammunition Ammunition " " Material Ammunition " " Ammunition

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Campo Italia, Coggi (		Material & Ammunition
Caltanissetta		Ammunition
Licata, Vizzini		"
S. Margherita Belice		"
Miniera di Trabia		Material
S. Caterina Villarmosa		Ammunition
Palermo		(
Altofonte (Palermo)		(
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Vita, Napoli, Petrosino,		(
Costiere, Gellitello		(
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Iudisio (M), Schiafferie,		(
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(Messina), Forte Gonzaga,		(
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cara Friddi, Trapani, Mar-		(
sala, Mazara del Vallo,		(
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Castelvetrano		Material & Ammunition
S. Margherita Belice		Ammunition
Monte die Centri		"
Prigolo, Catania, Augusta,		(
Canicatti, Menolo, Licodia		(
Dubba, Jonia		(
Bitonto, Acquaviva della		(
Ponti, Magazzini della		(
R.M. (Brindisi)		(
Serrastretta,		Chemical Material
Castrovillari		"
Cagliari		"
Palermo, Selimi, Gibellina,		(
Marsale, Petrosino, Catania,		(
S. Caterina Villarmosa		(

CHEMICAL BRANCH

Puglio

Calabria

Sardinia

Sicily

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>TYPE OF MATERIAL</u>
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	Puglie	Franceville Fontane- (- reinforcing material	
		Cicis dell Colle-Gall- (-	
		lipoli-Bari-Ruoti- (- material for putting	
		Novoli-Maglie-Mesa- together(?)	
	Calabria	gne-S. Pietro Vernoti- (- sappers tools	
		co-Taranto-Locoro- (-	
		tondo-Lecce-Gravine (- materials for construction	
		di Puglia-Canova di (-	
	Sardinia	Puglia-Bernalda (-	
		Catanzaro Sala-Ca- (-	
		strovillieri-Marcel- (-	
		linara-Cosenza-Meso- (- same as above	
	Sicily	raa-Catanzaro Marina (-	
		Abbassanta-Siliqua- (- Same as above; materials for	
		Ploache-Telti (- hydric(water) service	
		Palermo-Sirecusa- (- reinforcing material	
<u>VETERINARY</u>	Puglie	Messina-Catanie-Sa- (-	
		leni-Staz. di Salemi- (-	
		Gibellina-Canocati- (- materials for putting	
		Novara di Messina- together (?)	
	Calabria	Partinico-Trepani- (-	
		Marsala-Mazara del (-	
		Valle-Castelvetrano- (-	
		S. Caterina Villarmosa (-	
	Puglie	The stores no longer (-	
		exist as the supplies (-	
		have been collected in (- Stores and medical	
		the pharmacies of the (- supplies for veterinary	
	Calabria	military hospitals of (- use	
		Bari (-	
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		military hospitals of (- use	
		Catanzaro (-	

VETERINARY

Puglie
S-Ceterina Villarmosa (The stores no longer exist as the supplies have been collected in the pharmacies of the military hospitals of Bari) Stores and medical supplies for veterinary use

Calabria

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Puglie
Calabria

The stores no longer exist as the supplies have been collected by direction Art. of Taranto Horse shoeing materials

Sardinia

Ozieri, Oristano Veterinary & horse shoeing materials

AUTOMOBILE BRANCH

Puglie

Andria, Barletta, Brindisi, Locorotondo, Gallipoli, Martina Franca, Monopoli, Noicattaro, Putignano, Surbo, Triggiano, Taranto Fuel & lubricants depots
Messagne (parco automobilistico), Bari (90 Regg. Autieri) Spare parts depots

Lucania

N. N.

Calabria

Gagliano, Giccia Teuro-Briatico, Vibo Valentia, Grisolia, Reggio Calabria, Spezzano Albanese, Comendò Presidio Spezzano, Castrovillari, S. Bernardino Fuel & lubricants depots

Sardinia

Catanzaro (XXXI C.A.) Spare parts depot
Locality unknown Fuel & lubricant depot

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SUBJECT: Italian Clothing and Equipment.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.

AV/15.

30 Dec. 43.

File Copy

To: Stato Maggiore R. Esercito.

A.F.M. Q. Adv. Adm. Pol.)
No. 2 District.)
Ministry of War.)
P.M.S.)

for info.

Further to my letter AV/15 dated 22 Dec.

1. I am instructed to inform you that by agreement between Allied Forces Headquarters and the Italian Government it has been decided to release to the Italian Military Authorities all stocks of Italian military clothing and personal equipment at present under Allied military control in Italian depots on the Mainland.
2. It is stressed that this refers only to clothing and equipment personal to the soldier. The control of all other stores and equipment will continue and releases be made in accordance with my a/m letter of 22 Dec.
3. Consequently it will no longer be necessary to make application to MMIA for the release of boots, clothing and personal equipment; this may now be issued at the discretion of Stato Maggiore in accordance with priorities agreed from time to time with this office.
4. With reference to para. 5 of the above mentioned letter, I am directed to say that you should continue to show boots, clothing and personal equipment in the twice-monthly statement showing issues made to units and major demands still outstanding.
5. In the same way, the monthly stock list due to reach MMIA on the first day of each month should continue to show boots, clothing and personal equipment in addition to other controlled stores.
6. Finally, I am to remind you of the importance of bringing to the early notice of MMIA the impending shortage of any items.

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/HJR.

Col. J. H. J. R.
Brig.
Genl.

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Subject:- Italian Clothing and Equipment

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AO/15

22 Dec 43

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

AFHQ Adv Adm Section)
HQ No 2 District)
Ministry of War) for information
PBS)

1. I am instructed to inform you that AFHQ have delegated to MMIA control over the issue of clothing and equipment to all units of the Italian Army in No 2 District and Eighth Army Area. Issues will be made according to priorities laid down from time to time.
2. A similar control in respect of units in Fifth Army and PBS Areas is to be exercised by PBS.
3. In order to ensure that items in short supply are allotted where most needed it has been decided to institute a system of "controlled stores". Only items defined as Controlled Stores will be referred to MMIA and all other items may be issued by SMPS without reference.
4. At Appx 'A' are shown items of clothing and equipment henceforth to be treated as controlled stores. Further appendices may be published, all being liable to revision as the situation dictates.
5. I am to say that you will please forward to reach MMIA on 14 and 29 of each month a statement in duplicate showing in respect of controlled stores

a) Issues of items to units

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a) Issues of items to units

b) Demands outstanding which cannot be met.

Stock lists of all controlled stores and others in short supply will also be forwarded to reach MMIA once monthly on the first of each month to provide data for assessing amounts to be sought elsewhere than on the mainland of ITALY.

6. It will be the responsibility of SARE to bring to the notice of MMIA at the earliest moment impending shortages of any item.

EJO/cc

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Cond*Oct 1944**See Appx'A' 18.7.1944*

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Appendix ACONTROLLED STORES

1. The following items of clothing:-

Boots	Greatcoats
Socks	Cloaks or Capes
Underclothing	Puttees
Shirts	Macintoshes
Rullovers	Gloves
Tunics or Jackets	Body Belts
Trousers or Breeches	
Passa Montagna	

2. The following items of equipment:-

Groundsheets	Rucksacks
Tentage	Blankets
	Water bottles
	Rep. Pins

3. Mule Equipment:-

All items

4. Motor Equipment:-Tyres and tubes
Spare parts

5. Engineer Stores	)	
Signal Stores	)	to follow
Medical Equip	)	

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Message Instructions

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Q 147

Ref FREEDOM signal 9495 cite FHGCT of 4 Dec (.) My AQ15 dated 6 Dec sets forth clothing and personal equipment (.) Under what headings do you require remaining info and what priority (.) If I ask vague questions of Italian Army experience shows I shall get vague and indefinite replies (.) Please advise

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1. Subject: EQUIPMENT & SUPPLYMENT for ITALIAN ARMY

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Military Mission to
Italian Army

10/15

6 Dec 43

AFR. Adv. the Colonel

ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION (5 copies) } ref para 5

Peninsular Base Section

15 ARMY GROUP (for G.S.D.) } for information

2. SUBJECT

1. Ref. VANDER signal 2405 C 12 PUNCT of 4 Dec and further to my G/6/6 of 30 Nov. I forward at Appendix 'A' copy of letter N 2550 CPV from Chief of Staff Italian Army giving their stated stocks in APUZIA & LUCANIA. As no depots exist in CALABRIA, this comprises all known stocks in 2 DISTRICT and discloses that they now possess a reserve of only 800 blankets, slightly over 6000 warm uniforms, 300 greatcoats and no ordinary boots. I am investigating the 12600 mountain boots and 12800 half-length boots said to be outlasted which special types would if suitable be allocated to operational troops.

The strength of the Italian Army in Italy is shown in my 10/15/1 of 3 Dec to the be 224278 in rear areas plus 14505 in Combat Zone equals a total of 238783. Based on cross-section demands so far received rough estimated requirements are shown in Appendix 'B' under the headings u/m required to

(a) replace deficiencies of 15000 troops in Combat Zone
(b) " " 60000 troops now working for Allies in rear areas.

(c) " " 100000 troops in organized Italian units in rear areas most of whom will be required for 46000 schemes now under preparation. The figure includes 4000 Carabinieri employed on public security.

(d) equip 40000 Italian military refugees in reconcentration camps. Requirements for these have been assessed at the same scale as the actual needs.

of 3 lbs to 244.78 in rear area plus 14336 in Combat Zone equals a total of 18814. Based on cross-section demands so far received rough estimates are shown in Appendix 'B' under the headings u/a required to

(a) replace deficiencies of 15000 troops in Combat zone
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(c) " " " Italian troops in organized Italian units in rear areas east of whom will be required for defense of Italy. The figure included + 000 men now under preparation. The figure includes + 000 Carabinieri assigned to public security.

(d) equip 43,000 Italian military refugees in reorganization camps. Requirements for these have been assessed at the same scale as personnel in (a) (b) and (c) although their actual needs may be far greater.

(c) form a reserve for 12 months. These figures are based on the Middle East War Damage Scale for that period.

11. I must emphasize that the above is probably based on the most inaccurate data but is meant as a constructive approach to the problem.

4. AFHQ Signal 774 dated 23 Nov lays down in para C that clothing to the extent necessary will be furnished to any of the Italian forces "under Allied Command". This phrase is difficult of exact definition, for Allied schemes now under preparation envisage the total use of all Italian forces on the mainland of Italy: either as labor, specialist units, I of C guard duties, dilution of Allied units and some combat troops. I submit therefore that they must all be regarded as "under Allied Command" with the possible exception of such Italian military refugees (mostly from Bulgaria) in recognized status camps. Is this correct?

6. The state of affairs disclosed at Appendix 'A' seems in effect that the Italian Army cannot clothe and equip from depots in No. 2 District any further units for work exposed to winter weather. The only other possible sources on the mainland of Italy are:-
- (a) Italian Army depots in CAMPANIA controlled by P.B.S. Under VLA-BO letter 62/4 of 2 Nov these include all in P.B.S., 57 Area and 64 Sub Area. Will P.B.S. please report stocks to VLA-BO copy to me.
 - (b) Italian Air Force stocks, and Italian Navy stocks especially of boots, socks and warm underclothing. Will Allied Control Commission please obtain information from Air Commodore FOSTER and Commodore PALMER RN and report direct to VLA-BO copy to me.
6. VLA-BO Signal 0242 of 11 Nov reported all Italian clothing held in SICILY to be frozen by order of AFHQ. I have no official knowledge of Sicilian stocks but an indication of what is believed to be there (obtained from Italian sources) is set forth in Appendix 'C'. If these figures are in any way up to date they show that their handing over to Italian Army would go far (except for boots) towards filling their requirements. I suggest therefore that Sicilian Depots should be handed over to the Italian Army for the benefit of their troops working under Allied Command: less any AFHQ reservations that may be necessary. If this is not possible what alternatives can be offered, bearing in mind that this question is now the bottleneck to our use of the Italian Army in Italy for Allied purposes?
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Appendix 'A'

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30 Nov 41

Ref: Clothing and Equipment

With reference to the point discussed at the meeting held yesterday at this HQ.

Aware of the operational importance of the unloading work being done at Bari, I shall do my very best to see that the labour required will be made available at the very earliest. Labour units are already being formed in the various staging camps; but in order that these units may be quickly organized it will be necessary to make a large distribution of the necessary items of clothing and equipment, the deficiency of which, it will be noted, is due to the blocking of our stores by the Allied authorities.

For the constitution of two Mountain Service Bns, this HQ proposed that Alpine personnel from SARDINIA be used. Should there be difficulty in the air transport of these personnel they could be drawn from PUGLIA though the latter would certainly be far less suited to the job. In either case however, it would be necessary for the greater part of clothing and Alpine equipment to be supplied.

Herewith a list of stores at present in the depots etc of the PUGLIA and SARDINIA which shows that these stores are insufficient either for the equipping of labour units or for the equipping of Mountain Service units.

It is clear therefore that any reorganization programme for Italian Forces for Comm. Guard purposes, public order or CD will be subject to our being allowed to make full use of clothing and equipment stores in SICILY and the PUGLIA.

Would you be so good as to obtain the necessary permission for the granting of this request.

(sgd) F. BERNARDI
C. of S.

FM 151 30 Nov 41

Statement of clothing and equipment in the Military Stores at Apulia and Sardinia on 15 November 1941

Clothing and Equipment

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PM 151 30 Nov 43

Statement of clothing and equipment in the Military Stores at Apulia and Lucania on 25 November 1943

Clothing and Equipment

Towels	43,400	Woolen pants	21,000
Caps	18,400	Divorce pags	7,000
Water bottles	1,500	Trousers cloth	4,100
Map cases	2,000	" "	1,900
Shirts grey green	500	" thin	2,700
" khaki	14,000	" denim type	5,700
Woolen socks	7,200	Parts of tent poles	7,500
Blankets	800	Greasecloths	900
Puttees (khaki)	500	Boots large	12,800
Body belts	1,800	" " 30, 31, 32	13,600
Jackets Cloth	4,300	Aluminium caps	3,200
" "	1,900	Packs Infantry	8,000
" thin	12,000	Groundsheets	98,000
Rush shirts	4,000	Hivense tents	24,000
		Shoetools	60
		Housewives	50

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ATTN: ADIAK *B*

BUDGET BY CATEGORY

	15,000	60,000	101,000	UNCLASSIFIED	12 MONTH	TOTAL
Jackknives	500	3,600	6,060	2,500	1,350	65,010
Overcoats size 1	975	2,000	6,965	1,750	1,350	14,920
" " " 11	1,500	6,000	10,100	4,300	440	22,440
" " " 111	1,750	3,000	6,365	7,750	250	14,910
Jackets	1,050	8,000	7,070	7,010	1,050	18,180
" " " 11	2,200	10,000	17,170	7,110	5,000	31,580
" " " 111	2,150	5,400	9,030	5,870	1,450	21,630
Trousers size 1	1,350	5,400	2,930	3,870	1,700	17,070
" " " 11	1,650	11,700	16,695	6,355	3,770	37,075
" " " 111	1,500	6,600	11,110	4,770	1,400	26,450
Boots size 6	1,500	600	1,010	410	640	2,830
" " " 7	1,575	5,300	10,605	4,215	7,100	30,035
" " " 28	1,550	7,800	12,150	5,200	8,800	37,750
" " " 29	1,500	6,000	10,100	4,300	6,750	28,650
" " " 30	675	2,700	4,545	1,935	1,100	11,925
" " " 31	375	1,500	2,555	1,075	1,555	7,145
Fullovers	4,800	15,200	1,310	15,760	7,000	77,030
Shirts	7,650	50,600	21,910	21,950	9,040	140,750
Smalls	6,950	57,550	45,460	15,780	29,000	126,450
Socks	1,000	48,000	80,800	14,400	32,800	68,000
Caps F. " size 55	600	2,400	4,340	1,700	1,050	7,450
" " " 57	500	3,600	6,080	2,380	1,050	14,130
" " " 56	525	2,100	3,535	1,305	1,610	8,075
Patent	2,415	9,700	29,695	8,385	1,000	92,435
Men's linen	1,275	5,100	8,325	5,695	1,865	20,480
Specs	600	3,600	6,080	2,380	1,050	11,770
Shoes	2,625	10,200	27,675	7,255	3,850	44,155

30	575	2,700	4,345	1,935	1,100	1,955
31	575	1,500	5,555	1,075	1,655	7,140
Fullovers		10,200	1,100	10,750	7,050	77,080
Shirts	4,800	30,600	21,910	21,250	29,040	140,750
Jeans	7,650	27,250	45,450	10,780	29,000	116,450
Socks	6,950	48,000	80,800	14,400	52,600	68,060
Caps P. . .	1,000	2,400	4,040	1,700	1,020	7,450
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57	525	1,100	3,255	1,505	1,610	6,275
58	3,445	1,700	29,695	6,385	17,050	92,125
Putties	1,275	5,100	6,385	5,625	1,865	20,480
Neck ties	900	3,600	6,050	1,260	1,250	15,770
Spoons	2,625	10,500	17,675	7,255	5,450	4,155
Knives						
Handkerchiefs	2,100	8,400	14,140	6,050	950	11,580
Stomach Belts	1,725	7,000	11,615	4,945	855	27,810
Jeans single	1,300	6,000	10,100	4,300	1,100	29,000
Backpacks	1,100	600	1,010	430	10	2,400
Alpine Hats	1,175	8,700	14,645	6,355	1,250	33,445
Belts	275	3,500	6,255	7,755	710	14,945
Safety Bottles	1,950	7,800	15,150	5,350	1,140	20,610
Housewives						
Blawie's						100,000

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= raversack.
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Red Devil Hand
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STAFFS IN SICILY

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Estimated amounts from Gen ALBERTI - 5 Dec 43

Bath Towel	18000	
Trousers khaki	82120	
" gray green	3680	
Khaki shorts	25000	
Trousers blue	4000	
Tunics Gabardine khaki	150000	
Tunics woolen	59000	
" blue	3200	
Capes gray green	3000	
Greatcoats gray green	101350	
Macintoshes (groundheats)	1500	
Shirts khaki	110000	
Shirts flannel gray green	21000	
Shirts blue	230000	
Drawers cotton	380000	
" woolen	15000	
Clank Hoods woolen	20000	
" " blue	29000	
Puttees	20000	
Leggings leather	900	
Boots half length	42	
Cardigan	1200	
Waist Binders woolen	14000	
" " Flannel	15000	
Ties	5000	
Stocks woolen	4700	
Gloves woolen	5000	
Side Caps Gray green	150	
" " Khaki	60000	
Fee Borsagliari	5000	(5000)
Belmonte Cork Colonial	90000	
Borse tattiche	1000000	
Packs large	12000	
"	29700	

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Cardigan 1200
 Waist Binders Woolen 14300
 " " Flannel 16000
 Ties 3300
 Socks Woolen 4700
 Gloves Woolen 5000
 Side Caps Grey Green 150
 " " Khaki 20000
 Fox Boreaglieri 3000 (5000)
 Helmetts Cork Colonial 90000
 Scarve tattiche 1080000
 Packs large 19300
 " small 25700
 Tenting 250000
 Wood supports for tents 50000
 Tent pickets 50000
 Reas Tins 100000
 Cups 36000
 Brushes 170
 Kit Bags 230
 Rousewives 1
 Cyclists goggles 14000
 Equipment
 Field Blankets 18700
 Blankets for indoor use 32000
 Thermos containers 10/15 litres 680
 Cooking containers 90
 Various thermal containers 700
 Food barrels 600 litres 160
 " " 200 " 100
 " " 60 " 400
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Appendix 'C' Sheet 2

Barracks Room tables	1012
Typewriters	12
Uniform Cloth	Rolls 120
Buttons	2800000
Scissors	400
Needles	Eg. 50
Thread	Cases 3
Boot soles	Eg 500
Boot Nails	" 5000
Candles	" 100000
Soap	" 100000

Subject:- Italian Clothing and Equipment

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

Ref AG/15

20 Nov 43

S.M.R.M. 3rd Report

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Sec.

No 2 District

Peninsular Base Section

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for information

Further to my letter AG/15 dated 14 Nov.

1. On 16 Nov my representative accompanied Lt LOPEZ on a visit to the Italian Depot at BARI.
2. It appeared that this Depot was in the course of allotting certain stores, notably boots, for the purpose of re-equipping Italian units. Mention was made of the Alpini and the refugees now in the BRCC area.
3. May I remind you that the responsibility for deciding a priority of release from all such Depots has been given to No 2 District and Peninsular Base Section, and that authority is to be obtained by you through the medium of this Mission for specific quantities.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 438

Call

No. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MILITARY MISSION to ITALIAN ARMY

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For Action

2 DISTRICT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

FLAMBO

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

Q85 Q86

Your signals Q170 and Q172 of 17 (.) I think you have misunderstood FLAMBO letter 62/Q of 2 Nov (.) Firstly (.) Depots should not be handed over to Italians and you send bimonthly issue statements to FLAMBO (.) Surely therefore depots must be run by you query (.) Secondly (.) Issues approved only to those units working for Allies (.) Blankets for civilian internees even

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT }IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE IS AT ALL TIMES IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

if available do not come in this category and forward units should have priority (.) My Q85 to-days date forwarded proposals for listing stocks

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS (ENCLOSURE)

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Subject:- Italian Military Clothing and Equipment

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/15

14 Nov 43

SMRE 3° REPARTO

Adv Adm Ech AFHQ

HQ N° 2 District

Peninsular Base Section

for information.

1. Movement of clothing and equipment from depots in SICILY has been forbidden and it is unlikely that stocks will be available from there to assist the Italian Army in ITALY.
2. B M M is in possession of a list giving approximate amount of clothing in depots in ITALY; the distribution of stock and location of depots is not stated.
3. Will you therefore please inform B M M of these details which are required before application can be made to N° 2 District and Peninsular Base Section to release specific quantities from the depots in their respective areas.
4. As you are aware, the need for a speedy release of clothing is pressing and cannot be authorised until the whereabouts of the clothing and equipment is known.

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Subject: Ordnance Stores.

U.Q. Italian Army
15 Oct 43.

British Military Mission.

Refer to No. AQ/S. of the 13 Oct 43.

I have received your letter of the 13 th inst. and I shall be delighted to meet any request as far as possible.

But, as it has been said before General Robertson by the Italian General Staff, and agreed upon, only the same Italian General Staff is able and in condition to decide on subjects of general interest, such as the present. I should then be very much obliged if you would send the officer mentioned in paragraph n°4, with the detailed requests so as to make me able to see, whether and up to what point I am entitled to meet them.

BRIGADIER
COMD ARMY ORDNANCE
(Oreste Moricca)



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