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MESSAGE FORM

AQ/15E

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FROM: MMIA
TO: 54 AREA

DATE TIME ORIGIN

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REF NO. A/ 2164

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REF AQ/15 OF 3 OCT (.) REPORT EARLIEST (.) FIRST (.)
ITEMS ALREADY DRAWN AGAINST BRITISH ALLOTMENT QUOTE VOUCHER NUMBER
AND DATES (.) SECOND (.) BALANCE REMAINING IN DEPOT AGAINST ALLOTMENT
AND AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE (.) THIRD (.) GIVE DETAILS SEPARATELY OF ALL
TRANSFERS TO NAPLES AGAINST BRITISH ALLOTMENT

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PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATION

File

See Folio 2751

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Subject: Piceno Division

Land Forces Sub Commission
A.G. (MIA)
R O M E
AQ/15

7 Nov 44

To : Minister for War

1. Par 3h of AQ/15 of 30 Oct is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

New items of clothing and equipment issued for the use of personnel will remain the property of the Carabinieri and will not be retained by individuals when they are withdrawn. When new clothing is issued the original Italian Army uniform worn by the personnel on arrival will be stored by the Carabinieri and re-issued to the troops on their departure.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

CPK/wk

Copy to:

AFHQ (2)
AAI (SD)
AC (2)
MMIA LO's
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Spec. Sec.
A.C. Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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*Done 7/11/44
J. W.*

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AP/15

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME ORIGIN

TO: PBS

03 1705

REF NO. AQ/2131

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REFER MY AC15 OF 3 OCT (.) HOW MANY COTTON
SOCKS ISSUED AGAINST BRITISH ALLOTMENT OF 54477 rpt 54477
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PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHORIZATION

[Signature]

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See folio 267

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FROM: Piceno Division.

MILITARY MISSION, ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

AQ/15

30 October 1944.

TO: Minister for War.

Reference MMIA letter SD/28 of 28 October.

1. Certain personnel of the Piceno Division, (Serials 1-9 of Appendix A of above letter), plus one Bn. to be organized in SARDINIA, will be used for a limited period as reinforcements for the CC.RR.
2. During the period of duty with the CC.RR this personnel will be in the ITI-ITI category (7).
3. The following plan for clothing this personnel is-
 - a. Items of Italian Army equipment will be utilized whenever possible and to the fullest extent. Personnel will move with the Italian Army equipment now issued to them. Italian Army blankets only will be used and should be carried by each individual.
 - b. Outer uniform will be Italian Army uniform. For this purpose the War Ministry will prepare and earmark 5000 repaired Italian Army uniforms and 5000 repaired Italian overcoats. *sent to CC.RR on 3 Nov 1944*
 - c. Shirts, underwear, boots, and socks will be supplied from Allied sources only insofar as it is necessary to supplement available items from Italian sources. Such of these items as are supplied from Allied sources will be taken from the Allied items earmarked for the CC.RR.
 - d. The 155 & 198 Sez CC.RR will be clothed by the CC.RR from clothing already made available to the CCRR (MMIA letter AQ/15 of 3 October). *826*
 - e. Clothing as specified in sub-paragraphs b and c above will be issued to the individuals concerned only after arrival of the individuals at the destination as shown in Appendix A of above reference letter.

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e. Clothing as specified in sub-paragraphs b and c above will be issued to the individuals concerned only after arrival of the individuals at the destination as shown in appendix A of above reference letter.

f. MMA LO's at Naples, Palermo (for Palermo and Messina), Chieti, Bari and Arcona will inspect these troops upon arrival at the stations named and advise Hq MMA by signal the items, and quantities of each, needed to clothe and equip this personnel to scale. Officers from Hq MMA will inspect the units arriving in Rome. An officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will inspect the unit arriving in Catanzaro.

g. MMA LO, Sardinia, will handle the clothing and equipping of the Battalion in Sardinia in accordance with instructions already issued.

h. Items excess to scale will be withdrawn from individuals when new items are issued. Items withdrawn will be returned to Italian Army depots.

See folder 26/22
10/26/49
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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
MMA.

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Copy to:

- AFHQ (2)
- AAI (SD)
- ACC (2)
- MMA LO's
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- Spec. Sec.

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Copy of Translation

From: Ministry of War 303488/CA
 To : Gen. Browning (MMIA)
 Subject: Clothing of troops to be repatriated. 282

I received your courteous letter 49/15 of the 9th inst. and I thank you for the interest which you show for the complex problem of the clothing of Italians to be repatriated, as well as for the suggestions made towards its better solution.

Since the Ministry, too, has thought about the question for some time and has undertaken some studies in conjunction with the Ministries of Industry & Commerce & Labor, in order to concert the means to meet the situation. I should like to present the following for your information:

1) The availability of ready clothing and cloth is very limited and for all practical purposes only those in stock at the wholesalers' and producers' must be considered available. With these, even forgetting the normal requirements of the civilian population, the needs of the homeless, the refugees, of the side in hospitals, etc., must be met.

In any case, I shall propose to my government that all stocks on hand be frozen and that in their distribution also the needs of the men to be repatriated be considered.

Furthermore, in order to have, as soon as possible, further cloth available, I shall suggest to my government that the collection of wool be intensified, as well as the gathering of the other existing textile fibers and that a determined number of Textile firms be earmarked, thus organizing everything in order that clothing of the men to be repatriated will be carried out by a suitable committee which will co-ordinate the efforts of the Ministries of War, Industry & Commerce and Labor, and the High Commissioner for P.O.W.s.

2) The availability of unserviceable military supplies that can be repaired has by now become markedly low especially in quality, insofar as up to now the articles in best condition have been utilized, the yield of which from the clothing from which they can be drawn is limited and ever-decreasing. On the other hand, even though the burden of the clothing of Italian troops is now notably lighter due to the known Allied provisions, there still remains 124,000 men to be clothing with Italian supplies, which given the present state of industrial production, can only be obtained from unserviceable clothing.

Therefore, I believe at most 50% of this clothing can be used for the men to be repatriated, also keeping in mind that many of these men will be eligible for military service and therefore have to be equipped with uniforms.

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I observe also that even a 50% utilization for transformation in civilian articles will be difficult and practically limited to the coats and linen only, excluding the trousers because they are shorts; and this is not taking into consideration that the distribution of articles obtained from used and very threadbare clothing will certainly not have a very beneficent effect upon the minds of the repatriated men in their first contact with the fatherland.

3) Feminine labor is actually already being employed, at the military work shops, by the foremen, the firms, etc.

I believe that my government will have no difficulty in increasing the voluntary employment of Italian women, and I shall make the necessary proposals in this respect to the Government.

There always remain the fact that the problem in question is serious, more than due to a lack of labor, due to a lack of raw materials, and thus will have to be solved essentially by finding the latter.

I can assure you that the Italian Government and population will do their utmost for the well-being of the men to be repatriated. But I am asking the Allied Authorities to facilitate, as after all they have always done, the solution of the difficult question. And for this task I foresee the following needs:

a) To give orders, as much as possible, to Allied Authorities in Italy to keep from buying articles of civilian clothing and yard-goods; these purchases seem to be made on a rather large scale (especially by French Commands). On the other hand there (the Allied Authorities) should assist the Italian bodies in the collection of the articles and of the textile fibers as well as in the operation of the textile mills, furnishing them with accessories, spare parts, power, etc. according to the program presented in paragraph I. I shall in due time provide concrete data as above.

b) To regulate the arrival of repatriated men July in such a way that the means for their reception can be prearranged with the maximum advance notification.

c) Those men who come from Allied countries and can be easily equipped there, should be outfitted at their departure.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Clothing to CCRR

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/15
29 October 44

TO: S1 BLU

Ref your Q/10/1 dated 25 Oct 44. *255/2*

The clothing of CCRR with your formation will be in accordance with this HQ directive AQ/15 of 3 Oct 44.

Demands should be submitted by you through Regional HQ's to Ministry of War for items required.

HQs CCRR will not make any issues unless you advise them of your requirements.

Battle Dress will not be issued, and normal Carabinieri uniforms will continue to be worn.

F.A.C.
F.A. COLE, Major
for Lt.Col. AA/QMG
Military Mission
Italian Army

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

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253/1

DATE TIME

25 1805 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: FREEDOM

Rpt: DISTHREE - PBS PASS MMIALC

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AQ 2085

OWING WITHDRAWAL OF BORROWED PBS MT IN NAPLES NOW REQUIRED FOR OTHER PURPOSES THE AVAILABLE ITI-ITI TPT CANNOT MEET BRITI COMMITMENT OF MOVING RATIONS FROM DEPOTS TO LOADING POINT FOR DAILY PACK TRAIN TO COMBAT GROUP (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.) MAXIMUM THE TRUCKS REQUIRED (.) ALTERNATIVES ARE EITHER TO TAKE COMBAT GROUP TRANSPORT WITH RESULTANT DELAY IN TRAINING AND RE-EQUIPING PROGRAM OR DISTHREE TO LOAN TPT (.) REQUEST YOU DECIDE WHICH ALTERNATIVE TO BE USED.

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Special Section

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F. J. Noam
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254/1

SUBJECT: MT for Repair Branch Italian Army

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/15
25 October 44

MEMO FOR: General Officer Commanding

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1. The new plan for repair and dying of all clothing for BRI-ITIS and US-ITIS, as well as ITI-ITIS will require a substantial expansion in Italian Repair facilities. MT is an essential requirement.

2. MT currently required is:

At BARI	4 Trucks...	3 Toners
At NAPLES.....	6 Trucks...	3 Toners
At ROME	2 Trucks...	2 Toners

3. Assignment of MT as listed above to the Repair Branch, Ministry of War should be made without delay.

Geoff Shipley
GEO A. SHIPLEY, Lt.Col.
Q/AE

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AQ:

Please issue necessary instructions. Substitutes should be issued if the 3 tonners are not available. In view of the increased work these vehicles should be issued as needed.

For the GOC

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See Folio 25-9/1

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA Date-Time of Origin 25/10 /53 A
 TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) CONFIDENTIAL
 REF NO. AQ 2086

242

REFERENCE TO OUR AQ 2043 OF 19 OCTOBER (.) PAREN ROME
 AREA _____ PAREN (.) AS OF THIS DATE WE HAVE
 NOT RECEIVED ANSWER TO THIS QUERY (.) PLEASE EXPEDITE

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATION Rose

INTERNAL:
 ACC Chief Accountant
 AAI
 ORD

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

24 1745 A

From: MMIA

To: PBS

Rpt DISTHREE

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AQ 2075

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FOR MMIA IO (.) PERSONAL FOR SMITH FROM NOAKES (.) PAREN ROME
AREA _____ PAREN (.) ITEMS IN YOUR 8235 OF 23 OCTOBER
WILL BE ISSUED TO THREE DISTRICT ON THEIR REQUEST (.) FURTHER
BRITI ITEMS BEING MOVED FROM BARI FOR ISSUE BY YOU ON DISTHREE
DEMAND (.) SEE ALSO MY AQ 2076 OF 24 OCT — 250

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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From: MMIA

To: 54 AREA PASS MMIALO - PBU PASS MMIALO

Rpt : DISTHREE - FREEDOM QAN

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FIRST (.) FOR MURCELL (.) ~~PASSE HOME AREA~~ ~~FARM (.)~~
 REFER YOUR PC 214 OF 23 OCT (.) BAIL URGENTLY TO NAWLRS FIVE
 THOUSAND BOOTS TWENTY THOUSAND DRAWERS WOOL TEN THOUSAND MACHINES
 TEN THOUSAND COMFORTERS FROM BRITL STOCKS (.) THIS IS FOR SMITH
 TO ISSUE TO THREE DISTRICT BRITISH (.) SECOND (.) FOR SMITH (.)
 BAIL FORTY THOUSAND WOOL SOCKS FROM BRITL STOCK TO BARI FOR
 MURCELL TO ISSUE TO THREE DISTRICT BRITISH

Internal Dist:

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PRESIDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

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See Folio 257

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AQ/15

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE: TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): MINISTRY OF WAR
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
PBS for MMIA LO

23 ¹²⁰⁰ A

REF NO: AQ/2065

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL UNFILLED OR INCOMPLETED AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED PRIOR TO
28 SEPTEMBER FOR ISSUE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO ITALIAN
UNITS OR FORMATIONS NOW CLASSIFIED AS BRI/ITIS OR US/ITIS
ARE CANCELLED (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) NO
REPEAT NO FURTHER ISSUES WILL BE MADE AGAINST SUCH AUTHORIZATION
AFTER 26 OCTOBER

PRECEDENCE: Important

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: Geo D. Hughes
W. C. W.

DISTRIBUTION:

All MMIA LOs (By mail)

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--- Clothing and equipment for Italian troops
stationed in Sicily. ---

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M A
AC/15
27 October 1944

TO : HISTORY OF WAR

1. Military Headquarters Sicily will maintain a depot to stock and issue a limited supply of Allied and Italian clothing and equipment needed for Italian troops stationed in SICILY.
2. a. The items of Allied clothing and the maximum quantities of each to be on hand at any one time are as listed in Appendix "A" hereto. In general, the allowable stocks will be limited to 10% of the total requirements at authorized scales for the strength of Italian troops in SICILY.
b. The stock of Italian clothing and equipment to be stocked and on hand is also listed in Appendix "A" hereto. Additional items may be agreed from time to time.
3. Military Headquarters Sicily will obtain advance authority from MSHA to SICILY before making issue of any item of clothing or equipment of Allied origin, and also of controlled items of Italian origin. For the present all items of Italian origin are frozen, and will only be released upon authority of MSHA or MSHA TO SICILY.
4. Depots and depot stock records are to be open to inspection by MSHA TO at all times.
5. A report of stock status, including details of receipts and issues will be rendered monthly to MSHA TO SICILY. All receipts and all issues will be shown. This report will be rendered as at the close of business on the 15th of each month. ^{5.6}

Additional items may be added from time to time.

3. Military Headquarters Sicily will obtain advance authority from MIA to allow before making issue of any item of clothing or equipment of allied origin, and also of controlled items of Italian origin. For the present all items of Italian origin are frozen, and will only be released upon authority of MIA or MIA to submit.
4. Reports and report stock records are to be open to inspection by MIA at all times. 8/6
5. A report of stock status, including details of receipts and issues will be rendered monthly to MIA to submit. All receipts and all issues will be shown. This report will be rendered as at the close of business on the 25th day of each month.
6. Requests for items necessary to meet any existing critical needs and additional items required to bring stocks to authorized level will be placed immediately by Headquarters MIA to the Ministry of War, with copies to MIA to submit.
Requests will be placed in a similar manner for replacement stock as may be required from time to time.
7. Transportation will be arranged by the Italian Authorities, and coordinated with MIA whenever any assistance is needed.

Geoff. Shepley
 Lt. Col.
 Major General,
 M. A. I. A.

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Copies to: MIA to submit
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SUBJECT: Inspection Report - Italian Unit

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Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AG/15
29 October 44

TO: HQ 3 District

1007/8 OT (Italian) Coys

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Ref your 485 Q dated 18 October 44.

In accordance with the terms of AFHQ directive AG 400/105/DO of 22 Sept the clothing and equipment of Italian Units under Br Comd. is a responsibility of the employing fmn, and indents should be placed through normal ORD Channels.

[Signature]
L.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Military Mission
Italian Army

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Copy to: MMIA LO 3 District
" G.S.D.

SUBJECT		QUANTITY		FOR WINTER
Overcoats	Blouses B/D or US Equivalent	500	(IT)	
	Trousers B/D or US Equivalent	1,000	(A)	
	Boots	1,000	pr(A)	
	Sox (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	pr(A) or (IT)	
	Shirts (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	(A) or (IT)	
	Undershirts (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	(A) or (IT)	
	Drawers (Wool or Cotton)	2,000	(A) or (IT)	
	Caps	1,000	(A) or (IT)	
	Belly Bands	1,000	(IT)	
	Putes or Leggings	1,000	(A) or (IT)	
	Gloves	1,000	(IT) or (A) for Winter	
	Belt, Web	1,000	(A)	
	Packs Haversack	1,000	(IT)	
	Pack-Carriers	1,000	(IT)	
	Towels	2,000	(IT)	
	Handkerchiefs	2,000	(IT)	
	Housewives (Complete)	1,000	(IT)	844
	Mess Tins	500	(IT)	

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Pack-Carriers	1,000	(IT)	
Towels	2,000	(IT)	
Handkerchiefs	2,000	(IT)	
Housewives (Complete)	1,000	(IT)	804
Mess Tins	500	(IT)	
Cups	500	(IT)	
Spoons	500	(IT)	
Water bottles	500	(IT)	
Blankets	1,000	(IT)	for winter
Bivvy Tents with Poles	500	(IT)	
Belts Arm	500	(IT)	

(A) - From Allied Sources
(IT) - From Italian Sources

Note: US Wool trousers and US field jackets and/or US wool shirts are substitute items for battledress.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

22 1515 A

From: MMIA

To: DISTHREE - PBS pass MMIALO - 54 AREA pass MMIALO.

Rpt: DISTHREE EAST - FREEDOM Q/AE

AQ 2080

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FIRST (.) FOR MMIA LOS (.) PAREN ROME AREA 224 PAREN (.)
 SUBJECT IS BR/ITI CLOTHING ALLOTTED AQ/15 OF 3 OCT (.) REPORT BY SIGNAL TO
 DISTHREE REPEATED MMIA QUANTITIES NOW AVAILABLE AFTER ALLOWING FOR ISSUES
 ALREADY AUTHORIZED (.) ISSUE FROM THIS BALANCE TO DISTHREE ON DEMAND BY
 THEM (.) SECOND (.) FOR DISTHREE (.) WHEN ALLOTMENT ORIGINALLY MADE
 POSITION OF STOCKS WAS IN BARI BATTLE DRESS BOOTS SHIRTS COTTON SOCKS COTTON
 DRAWERS WOOL MACKINAW COMFORTERS CAPS AND IN NAPLES BOOTS SHIRTS COTTON
 SOCKS COTTON CAPS BELTS SOCKS WOOL (.) AFTER RECEIPT INFORMATION IN FIRST
 ABOVE REQUEST YOU PLACE BULK DEMAND ON MMIA LOS NAPLES BARI AND WITHDRAW
 IN BULK AND ISSUE TO BRI/ITIS UNDER YOUR COMD UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS (.)
 THIRD (.) FOR FREEDOM Q/AE (.) BELIEVE THIS QUICKEST METHOD MOVING
 CLOTHING TO TROOPS

Internal Dist:

MMIA Q/AE

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AUTHENTICATED

F. J. M. [Signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE--TIME OF ORIGIN
19/10 1610 A

TO (FOR ACTION): AFBQ

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: AQ 2043

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REFERENCE YOUR MOV/00/38871 OF 7 SEPTEMBER 44 (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____
PAREN (.) QUERY (.) IS THE CAPTURED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN
THE ABOVE CABLE TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) IF SO COMMA
WHAT NATION IS TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THIS CAPTURED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT (.)
WHAT PRICES WILL BE USED TO PRICE THE ITEMS IF THEY ARE CHARGED TO THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT . .

INTERNAL:

ACC Chief Accountant
AAI
ORD

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PRECEDENCE: Important
AUTHENTICATION: Rose

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SUBJECT: Clothing for Italian Personnel

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/15
19 October 44

TO: HQ. 657 Artisan Works Coy RE

238/1
Ref your Q/30 dated 13 October 44.

Subjoined is a copy of the scale of clothing and equipment applicable to all categories of the Italian Army.



P.A. COLE, Major
for Lt. Col. AA/QMG
Military Mission
Italian Army

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battle dress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirts, wool or pullover		
(1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes	pr	1
(2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)		
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
Sewing kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforters (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (when required)	ea	1
Canteen (when required)	ea	1
Mess kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

FILE 240/2

From MMIA

AQ/15

18 2040 A

To AGC SARDINIA FOR SIMMONS
COMZONE NATOUA

AQ 2039

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This confirms release of additional 15000 comforters
to Quartermaster AGS on instructions from COMZONE
NATOUA for shipment as directed by COMZONE NATOUA (.)
PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) Time of shipment
shipping ticket and other conditions same as for
15000 comforters already released as per PBS MMIA
LO 3201 and COMZONE NATOUA LX/47425 dated 16 October

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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

(S) F. B. C. [Signature]

Dist:

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MMIA LO NAPLES (by mail)

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M E S S A G E F O R M

AQ/15/236

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
11 1755 A

FROM (A) MMIA

TO (FOR ACTION) PBS (.) DISTHREE EAST (.) 54 AREA

TO (FOR INFORMATION) DISTHREE (.) FREEDOM

(Ref. No.) AQ-2006

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FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.)

FREEDOM FHQAE SIGNAL FX37019 DATED OF 10 OCTOBER AU-

THORISES ISSUES TO BRITIS BY YOU FROM BRITISH ALLOT-

MENT GIVEN IN MY AQ/15 OF 3 OCTOBER WHEN DISTHREE

DEMANDS (.) BALANCE NOT PREVIOUSLY DRAWN BY BRITIS

IS BEING TAKEN OVER BY BRITISH ORDNANCE IN NEAR

FUTURE

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Copy to: Q/AE
MMIA ORD.

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AUTHENTICATION _____

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F. J. N. [Signature]
H. W.

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File

Subject: Clothing for Repatriated Italian Ex-Soldiers.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R C H R
A 15

9 Oct 44

To: Mr. Count Casati, Minister for War.

1. The question of provision of clothing for repatriated Italian ex-soldiers has become very urgent and important with the arrival and anticipated arrival of large numbers of these people from Greece and the Balkans. The problem will be intensified with the arrival in Italy of people who have been removed to other parts of Europe for forced labor.

2. The stocks of repaired or new clothing available to the Italian Army is not yet sufficient to compete with demands of the present Italian Army. Italian Army repair shops are not yet organized sufficiently to repair the required amount of clothing for the Italian Army. So, obviously, under the terms of our orders from AFHQ, the clothing repaired in these shops cannot be made available to repatriated Italians.

3. There is, however, available in Italian Army depots throughout Italy, a large quantity of old Italian Army uniforms, which could be utilized as the source of material for making civilian clothing for these repatriated people. There is also available, in commercial shops throughout Italy, a considerable quantity of new cloth, which could be made into suitable civilian clothing.

4. The women of Italy have long been noted for their ^{skill} work, and it appears, that since civilian clothing can be made by hand, and material can be made available from the sources indicated, that the Italian women should be mobilized to make up this clothing for these repatriated people. It is obvious, ^{that} ^{the} ^{women} ^{of} ^{Italy} ^{have} ^{long} ^{been} ^{noted} ^{for} ^{their} ^{skill}.

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5. It is suggested that the Civilian Government organize this business on a nation-wide basis, utilizing the press and radio to the fullest extent to mobilize sewing skills in every town in Italy. MIA can release the old uniforms from Italian depots; and when that source has been completely utilized, the Italian Government can requisition the necessary material from civilian stocks. A sewing guild can be organized in every town in Italy under the direction of the local officials, and the Italian women will not only be supporting the war effort, but will be performing without charge to their Government, a very necessary contribution to the welfare of the Italian population.

6. This suggestion is made in the hope that the civilians in Italy will more adequately contribute to the rehabilitation of their country, with what is available in our country, because the Allied Government cannot at this time give to Italy any additional clothing for the Italian Army, and therefore, the available stocks of the Italian Army cannot be utilized for these repatriated people.

*Also 27th 2nd 1947. See folder 26.2
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7. I consider that the above project should be implemented as a matter of great urgency.

D. Brown
Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Chief of Staff, ACC.

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Subject: Issues ex British Allotment of Clothing.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/15

To: AFHQ for GAZ

9 Oct 44

Ref my AQ/15 of 3 Oct.

1. Estimated issues against the British stock of clothing held in NAPLES and BARI is shown at Appx A, and resultant stock in hand at Appx B.
2. The quantities are those authorized and in the case of Serial 4 are the maximum which might be drawn against this commitment.
3. Serial 1 was released ex NAPLES and Serials 2 - 4 ex BARI.

FJS/na

F. J. NOLAN Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. E. . . .

Copy to: Ord. MIA.
MIA LO NAPLES
MIA LO BARI

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UNIT	AUTHORITY - DATE	RELEASES EX BRITISH ALLOTMENT		
		101-B JACKETS DD (DYED)	102B TROUSERS DD (DYED)	105-AB BOOTS
1. B NLB.	AQ/1975 - 5 Oct			2000
2. GRUPPI	AQ/1976 - 5 Oct	3500	3500	3500
3. BR INCR FIFTH ARMY	AQ/1979 - 7 Oct	3000	3000	500
4. x Italian tps arriving ex Balkans	AQ/1982 - 7 Oct	1000	1000	1000
	TOTAL	7500	7500	7000

x - Estimated issues to Iti tps ex Balkans due for Gruppi

Serial 1 ex NAPLES
 " 2 " BARI
 " 3 " BARI
 " 4 " BARI

Appx A to letter
AG/15 dated 9 Oct 44

RELEASES EX BRITISH ALLOTMENT

101-B BLOUSES MD (DYED)	102B TROUSERS MD (DYED)	103-AB BOOTS	105-A SHIRTS COTTON	106A SOCKS COTTON	107-A DRAWERS WOOL	108-A MACKINAW	109-A COMFORTERS	110-A CAPS WOOL
		2000						
3500	3500	3500	3500	7000	7000	3500	3500	3500
3000	3000	500	6000	5000	6500	3000	3000	350
1000	1000	1000	2000	2000	2000	1000	1000	1000
7500	7500	7000	11500	11000	15500	7500	7500	4850

Group 1

CLAIMS IN ITALIAN DEPOT
ALLOTTED FOR ISSUE TO BR I

(a) ITEM	(b) ALLOTMENT		(c) RELEASE
	NAPLES DEPOT	BARI DEPOT	
101-B BLOUSE RD		11819	
102-B TROUSERS RD		9319	
103-AB BOOTS	7000	29816	
105-A SHIRTS COTTON	41768	20000	
106-A SOCKS COTTON	5477	20000	
107-A DRAWERS COTTON		82500	
108-A MACKINAW		75000	
109-A COMFORTERS		59500	
110-A CAPS WOOL	24596	20000	
111-A BELTS WAIST	2500		
124-A SOCKS WOOL	100000		

+ Included in Col(d) anticipated releases to Iti. Eps ex

Appendix B to letter
As/15 dated 9 Oct 44

CLOTHING IN ITALIAN DEPOTS
 ALLOTTED FOR ISSUE TO DR ITI

QUANTITY (c)	(d) +	(e) BALANCE AVAILABLE (f)	
		NAPLES DEPOT	ROME DEPOT
11819	7500		4319
9319	7500		1819
29816	7000	7000	22816
20000	11500	41768	8500
20000	14000	5471	6000
82500	15500		67000
75000	7500		67500
59500	7500		52000
20000	4850	24596	15150
		2500	
		100000	

Anticipated releases to Iti Tps ex Balkans due for Gruppi

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MESSAGE FORM

AQ/15

FROM: MMIA

DATE: TIME: ORIGIN

TO: (FOR ACTION): A BLU

09 1740

REF NO.: AQ 1996

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IN REPLY TO Q95 of 08 (.) AQ/15 OF 3 OCT SUBJECT CLOTHING FOR CCRR
IS APPLICABLE TO ALL RPT ALL CCRR IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT

PRECEDENCE

Routine

AUTHENTICATION

J. H. [Signature]

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME
09 1130 A

From: MMIA

To : FREEDOM

AQ 1993

RESTRICTED

FOR QAE SLOAN/NOAKES SPOKE (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN(.)
REQUEST YOU CONFIRM (.) FIRST (.) BR ITI ORD MAINT CHANNELS
ARE ALL BR ITI UNITS TO ITALIAN DIV THEN EITHER TO BR COMD
FORMATION OR WAR MINISTRY ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLY(.)
DIVS ARE (.) EIGHT ARMY/228 DIV (.) DISTONE/209 DIV ~~209~~ (.)
PRESENT DISTWO/MIL HQ FUGLIA AND LUCANIA (IN BARI) (.) PRESENT
DISTTHREE/227 DIV (.) MMIALG AVAILABLE ALL ABOVE ITI HQ FOR
COORDINATION (.) SECOND (.) DETAILS CLOTHING ISSUES MADE FROM
YOUR STOCK AS GIVEN MY AQ/15 OF 3 OCT FOLLOWS MAIL (.) YOU
REMOVE REMAINDER TO BRITISH DEPOT (.) THIRD (.) BR ORD WILL
PROVIDE BATTLE DRESS FOR ITALIANS TO ARRANGE DYEING AND THEN RETURN
ORD FOR ISSUE BR ITIS

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Important 303

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

ATTN: Paul H. O.

22.6

Subject: Clothing for Italian Army.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/15

6 Oct 44

To: H.Q., A.A.I.
For Q/AE

- 22.54
1. I forward herewith copy of my AQ/15 of 3 Oct.
 2. Instructions as to the handover to ORD of items shown as available in Appx 'A' have not yet been received from AMHQ.
 3. Conversation Noakes - Howard also refers.

FJN
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

FJN/hh

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See Folio 233

Subject: Transfer of repairable footwear
to ACC for civilian use

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/15
3 October 1944

To : HQ ACC (3)

1. AFHQ has ordered that all footwear not usable for active military use shall be made available for use by the civil population as directed by HQ ACC.
2. Footwear received from the Allied Armies is sorted in the Italian Army Depots and certain quantities will become available for transfer to ACC. Owing to the uncertainty as to when and what quantities will be received from the Allied Armies and the varying time needed for sorting, it is NOT possible to give accurate forecasts of the quantities which will be available. MIA will advise you immediately further quantities become available.
3. At the present time there are available:

In NAPLES	2,385 pairs
In EARL	1,100 pairs

It is requested that the appropriate officer from Southern Region contact the MIA Liaison Officer as under to arrange the details of transfer of this and future transfers:

In NAPLES 2,385 pairs
In BARI 1,100 pairs

It is requested that the appropriate officer from Southern Region contact the MMIA Liaison Officer as under to arrange the details of transfer of this and future transfers:

MMIA LO HQ 2 District BARI
Major MURCELLI telephone BARI 11459 830
MMIA LO NAPLES
Major SMITH telephone NAPLES 53622

4. In order that the necessary accountancy records may be kept, the following procedures will operate:

- a. Point of acceptance will be at Italian Army Depot.
- b. The depot will obtain receipts from the receiving agency in quadruplicate, covering each issue, truck load or otherwise.
- c. The receipt will show the following information:
 - (1) Date of issue
 - (2) Depot making issue
 - (3) Unit to which issue is made
 - (4) Item (Use standard nomenclature)
 - (5) Unit
 - (6) Quantity
 - (7) Signature of receiving agency
 - (8) Countersignature of the issuing agency

All copies to be signed.
Distribution of the prepared vouchers will be as follows:

- (1) Original to HQ MMIA thru MMIA HQ at locality where items are transferred.

- (2) Copy to receiving agency.
 (3) Copy to issuing agency to be used as a credit to stock record account.
 (4) Copy to Italian War Ministry.

Care will be exercised to see that all copies of the vouchers are legible.

The shoes will be priced at 57 cents per pair for shoes of U.S. origin, in accordance with message from SOS MATOUSA to MMIA, LX-40063 of 1 Sept 1944. Prices will be affixed to consolidated receipts by HQ MMIA before they are presented to ACC Chief Accountant for use as a credit voucher to the Italian Government Account, and charged to the Italian Civilian Account.

RJN/wk

Copy to:

AFHQ for G-4
 AFHQ for Q Maint
 AFHQ for QM

Regional Commissioner, Southern Region ACC for
 ACC Commerce Section
 (Industrial Controller)

MMIA LO NAPLES
 MMIA LO BARI
 ORD MMIA

*for Major General,
 M. M. I. A.*

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Translation

From M of W
to WMA copy.

Ref no 2069.1000

Date 4 Oct 44

Procedure for request for allied clothing.

Some points having been raised by m.m.1.17 we issue the following orders about further request of Material (Clothing and Equipment) from allied sources.

The request for material will be done on the proper form by the corp or units as it was ordered then the request will be sent to the Division and HQ or territorial command from which the requesting unit is depending, or it may be sent direct to this Ministry should the requesting unit not belong to any superior formation.

The Divisional or territorial Commands will every 10 days summarise those request and send to this Ministry a request including all requests

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Ministry should the requesting unit not belong
to any superior formation.

The Divisional or Territorial Commands will
every 10 days summarise those requests and send
to this Ministry a request including all requests
made by dependent units specifying the origin of
the units for whom the request is made also on the
request proforma (of which we are joining a copy) and
following the following points.

(1) all dates and information of the Request to be
given for all request on the referred to Proforma and if
not possible on an attached sheet.

(2) The requests from the units should be controlled
by a competent unit so as to avoid, that units make
any requests for clothing above their actual needs,
or that the units should control themselves a reserve
of material.

W.D.
A. G.

So as to obtain those result the requests will be made under responsibility from the Division Command

Command

(c) In exceptional or urgent cases the ^{9th} commands can send to this element a request for any single unit adding to the normal report on Data and information. The Reason for the exceptional or urgency of the request

The Addressee are requested to communicate to their dependent units the orders issued above which are to come into force immediately.

R. Williams

P. Ellera

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SUBJECT: Clothing for Italian Army

Military Mission
Italian Army
AG/15
R O M E
3 October 1944

TO: AFHQ for G/AS
G-4
QM - US

1. A surplus in certain items of clothing now in Italian Army Depots is made available to US - ITIS and BR - ITIS in accordance with para 5c AFHQ letter AG/400/105 D-O dated 22 September 1944.
2. At conference at AFHQ on 29 September it was decided to allot the available surplus to these two categories on a 50-50 Basis, and to count against the allotment any releases made by NMIA thru 1 Oct. No further releases will be made by NMIA to US - ITIS or BR - ITIS after 1 October.
3. Attached Appendix "A" shows the items and the allotment in column (b). Releases made against the allotment are shown in column (c) and detailed in Appendix "B". The balance available is shown in column (d) and may be drawn from the Depots as indicated in column (e).
4. When the items are issued from the Italian Depots it will be necessary for a British officer to draw and sign for the British allotment, and a US officer to draw and sign for the US allotment. These officers should be given written authority from AFHQ, and this authority should be presented to the NMIA IO at NAPLES or EARL, who will coordinate the transaction with the Italian Depot concerned.

3. Attached Appendix "A" shows the items and the allotment in column (b). Releases made against the allotment are shown in column (c) and detailed in Appendix "B". The balance available is shown in column (d) and may be drawn from the Depots as indicated in column (e).

4. When the items are issued from the Italian Depots it will be necessary for a British officer to draw and sign for the British allotment, and a US officer to draw and sign for the US allotment. These officers should be given written authority from ARHQ, and this authority should be presented to the MMIA LO at NAPLES or EARI, who will coordinate the transaction with the Italian Depot concerned and supervise the accounting.

5. The Italian Army will be given credit for the items drawn by either British or US, and the nation concerned will charge the items to the Italian Army when detailed issue is made to Italian Units. This procedure is necessary for proper accounting.

Copy to: MMIA LO EARI
MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA CRD
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for Major-General
Military Mission
Italian Army
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APPENDIX "A" TO
MMIA LETTER AQ/ 15
OF 3 Oct 44.

CLOTHING IN ITALIAN DEPOTS AVAILABLE
FOR ISSUE TO BR - III & US - III.

(a) <u>ITEM.</u>	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	ALLOTMENT, RELEASED 26 Sept. 29 Sept-1 Oct. AVAILABLE.	RELEASABLE, NAFLBS Depot.	BALANCE AVAILABLE.	FOR RELEASE FROM BARI Depot.
<u>BRITISH ALLOTMENT.</u>				
I01B. Blouse B.D.	12500	681	11819	11819
I02B. Trousers B.D.	10000	651	9319	9319
I03B. Boots.	37500	686	36816	29616
I05A. Shirts, Cotton	62500	732	61768	20000
I06A. Socks, Cotton	75000	523	74277	20000
I07A. Drawers, wool	62500	None	62500	82500
I08A. Mackinaws.	75000	None	75000	75000
I09A. Comforters.	62500	3000	59500	59500
I10A. Caps, wool	45000	404	44596	24596
I11A. Belts, Waist	25000	None	25000	25000
I24A. Socks, wool	100000	None	100000	100000
<u>US ALLOTMENT.</u>				
I01B. Blouse B.D.	12500	9800	2700	2700
I02B. Trousers B.D.	10000	10000	None	None

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I09a. Comforters.	62500	3000	59500	59500
I10a. Caps, wool	45000	404	44596	24596
I11a. Belts, Waist	25000	None	25000	25000
I24a. Socks, wool	100000	None	100000	100000
<u>US ALLOTMENT.</u>				
I01B. Blouse B.D.	12500	9800	2700	2700
I02B. Trousers B.D.	10000	10000	None	
I03B. Boots (Shoes)	37500	5200	32300	32300
I05a. Shirts, cotton	62500	29000	33500	33500
I06a. Socks, cotton	75000	39000	36000	35000
I07a. Drawers, wool	82500	none	82500	82500
I08a. Mackinaws.	75000	none	75000	75000
I09a. Comforters.	62500	none	62500	62500
I10a. Caps, wool	45000	14616	30385	30385
I11a. Belts, waist	25000	12500	12500	12500
I24a. Socks, wool	100000	none	100000	100000

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PART IISSUES TO UNITS WITH BRITISH FORMATIONS

UNIT	RELEASE NO.	101-B BLOUSES, BD (Dyed)	102-B TROUSERS, BD (Dyed)	103-AB BOOTS
Co. 1 Italian Par Formation Centre	AQ/61/349			
822 Reparto Portuale	AQ/61/354	395	395	395
904 Coy Lavatoria Artieri	AQ/61/357			120
200 Amb. Sec (21 Coy RASC)	AQ/61/356	68	68	
506 Smoke Coy	AQ/61/359			
504 Smoke Coy	AQ/61/360	78	78	31
182 Coy 1st Bn 407 Inf Regt	AQ/61/361	140	140	140
	TOTAL	681	681	686

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PART IUNITES WITH BRITISH FORMATIONSAPPENDIX "B" TO
WMA LETTER AQ/15 of 3 OCT 44

	102-B TROUSERS, DD (Dyed)	103-AB BOOTS	105-A SHIRTS COTTON	106-A SOCKS COTTON	109-A COMFORTERS	110-A CAPS WOOL
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395	395	395	395		395
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	120	165	128		
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78	31	172			9
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140	140				
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681	686	732	523	3000	404
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PART II

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ISSUES TO UNITS WITH U.S. FORM

UNIT	RELEASE NO.	101-B BLOUSES, BD (Dyed)	102-B TROUSERS, BD (Dyed)	B
210 Division	10/61/368	2400	4250	
212 Division	10/61/363	7400	5750	
	TOTAL	9800	10000	

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00APPENDIX "B" TO
MCLA LETTER NO/ 15 of 3 OCT 44.ISSUES TO UNITS WITH U.S. FORMATIONS

101-B TROUSERS, BD (Dyed)	102-B TROUSERS, BD (Dyed)	103-AB BOOTS	105-A SHIRTS COTTON	106-A SOCKS COTTON	110-A CAPS WOOL	111-A BELTS WEB
2400	4250	2000	9000	9000	4615	2500
7400	5750	3200	20000	30000	10000	10000
9800	10000	5200	29000	39000	14615	12500

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Subject: Issue of clothing to CC.RR.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O N E
AO/15,

3 Oct 44

TO: MINISTER FOR WAR

COPY: Chief Commissioner ACC.
G4 AFHQ for Col. Libby.
DCAO HQ AAI.
Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC.
General Orlando, OC.RR.

1. Confirming conversations held on 2 October between MEMA, Public Safety Sub Commission, General Pellegrini of the War Ministry and representatives of the CC.RR; the following policy regarding the issue of clothing to the CC.RR was established :-
2. Certain clothing of Italian and Allied origin was authorised for issue to CC.RR in bulk. The items authorised are shown in Appendix "A" attached.
3. The members of the CC.RR will continue to wear Italian uniform.
4. No additional repaired Italian uniforms or boots are available to the CC.RR. The War Ministry will furnish to the CC.RR such repairable Italian Army uniforms and boots as are necessary for the CC.RR to repair in CC.RR shops, for the use of the CC.RR. The CC.RR will operate their own repair shops for the purpose of making these repairable uniforms and boots suitable for issue. Repair materials for uniforms and boots will be furnished by the War Ministry to the CC.RR.
5. Additional items of Allied clothing will be issued to CC.RR 824 when additional personnel is added.

The scope of issue of clothing to the CC.RR will not exceed (PRO) letter

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5. Additional items of Allied clothing will be issued to CC.RR 824 when additional personnel is added.
6. The scale of issue of clothing to the CC.RR will not exceed the scale prescribed by AFHQ for all Italian troops (AFHQ Letter 22 September 1944, AG 400/105 D-C).
7. No further bulk allotments of clothing will be made to CC.RR by MMIA or the War Ministry. CC.RR will conform to procedures prescribed for all units of the Italian Army, which is that the units requisition on War Ministry and War Ministry forwards to MMIA for release.
8. CC.RR will be responsible for drawing clothing authorized for release in Appendix A from Italian depots as indicated, and for transportation, distribution and issue of the clothing.
9. CC.RR will be considered as a part of the Italian Army and will render such returns and reports to the War Ministry as are required by the War Ministry.

CPK/kh

Copy to: ALL MMIA LO's
Ord. MMIA.Major General.
M. M. I. S.

Appx 'A' to letter AQ/15/
of 3 Oct 44

a. Clothing Released to CC.RA

Item	Quantity	Origin	To be drawn from	
			Naples Depot	Sari Depot
Outer uniforms repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Overcoats, repaired	10,000	Italian Uniform	As directed by War Ministry	
Boots, repaired	15,000	Allied 103 A B	5000	10,000
Pullovers, new	25,000	Allied 104 B		25,000
Shirts, cotton	25,000	Allied 105 A	25,000	
Socks, cotton	90,000	Allied 106 A	90,000	
Drawers, wool	86,000	Allied 107 A	40,000	46,000
Comforters	23,000	Allied 109 A		23,000
Belts, waist	10,000	Allied 111 A	10,000	

b. The issue of an additional 20,000 comforters (Allied 109 A) is authorized providing the CC.RA turn in to the Italian Army Depot at the time of issue two blankets for each comforter issued.

c. 6000 mess tins and 30,000 cups are available in SARDINIA. MMIA will have these shipped to NAPLES for delivery to CC.RA.

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A C T I O N S L I PTHIS SLIP MUST NOT BE REMOVED

28 Sept. 1944

TO

Col. Noakes

Sir, recommend the following instructions concerning "Accounting" be made part of the letter of Par. 4." In order that the necessary accounting may be accomplished to transfer the accountability from the Italian Armed Forces to the Italian Civilian Account, the following procedure will cover the transfer of the items mentioned in this letter, and in the future.

- a. Point of acceptance will be at Italian Army Depot.
- b. The depot will obtain receipts from the receiving agency in quadruplet, covering each issue, truck load or otherwise.
- c. The receipt will show the following information:
 - (1) Date of issue
 - (2) Depot making issue
 - (3) Unit to which issue is made
 - (4) Item (Use standard nomenclature)
 - (5) Unit
 - (6) Quantity
 - (7) Signature of receiving agency
 - (8) Countersignature of the issuing agency. 822

All copies to be signed.

Distribution of the prepared vouchers will be as follows:

- (1) Original to HQ MMIA thru MMIA LO ^{at} and locality where items are transferred.
- (2) Copy to receiving agency
- (3) Copy to issuing agency to be used as a credit to stock record account.
- (4) Copy to Italian War Ministry.

Care will be exercised to see that all copies of the vouchers are legible.

The shoes will be priced at 57 cents per pair, ^{in accordance with} message from SOS NATOUSA to MMIA, LX-40063 of 1 Sept. 1944. Prices will be affixed to consolidate receipts by HQ MMIA before they are presented to ACC Chief Accountant for use as a credit voucher to the Italian Government Account, and charged to the Italian Civilian Account.

for shoes of
US origin

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1st Ind. CPK/lak

HEADQUARTERS NMIA, APO 394, U. S. Army, 27 September 1944

TO: Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

1. The following shoes, which have been received from the Allied Armies in Italian Army depots, and which are not considered suitable for repair and issue to the Italian Army, are now available in Italian Army depots as indicated:

Naples	2385 pairs
Bari	1100 pairs

2. Class "D" shoes received from the Allied Armies must be classified before it is determined that they are unsuitable for repair and issue to the Italian Army. Since the quantity to be received from Allied depots cannot be estimated accurately in advance, and the classification of the shoes cannot be foreseen, it is not possible to give a fair estimate of the quantity which can be made available to ACC fortnightly.

3. NMIA will advise the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, ACC Commerce Section whenever shoes are available to be turned over to ACC.

For the Commanding General:

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry.

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Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
AQ/15
27 September 1944

To: H. E. Count Casati, Minister for War.

Your Excellency:

1. I am directed to remind you that all written or verbal communications between Allied Authorities and the Minister for War (or SMRE) concerning the Italian Army, are to be made through, or in the presence of, an Officer of this Mission.
2. Written or verbal communications received by the Ministry from Allied Authorities other than MMIA are to be referred to MMIA before being acted on.
3. I am further to remind you the moves or assignment to duty of General Officers, units or detachments of the Italian Army are not to be made unless authorized by MMIA.
4. These instructions have been made known to Allied Authorities concerned. It is requested that you so instruct members of your Ministry including SMRE and SMG.

K
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
MMIA

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*Original
Copy by Hand to Minister
Major Bayart made delivery*

Subject: -Wa -tablishment.

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Military Mission
Italian Army.
R O M E.
AQ/I5.
22 Sep 44.

do 10
To: -Publications Depot,
C.M.F.

1. This H.Q. has now converted to WE NA/24I/2
of 15th. June.

2. It is requested that a copy of the relevant
AF. G1098 be forwarded, in order that necessary
indents may be submitted.

3. If the applicable G.1098 is not available,
please advise expected date of publication.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER Capt.,
for Lt. Col., A.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/wvj.

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SUBJECT: 923 and 924 Dock Companies

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

AQ/15

21 Sept 44

Director of Transportation

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1. My staff have put before me your extraordinary letter Tn/A/1/10/2 dated 16 Sept, which I can only assume was written in haste without knowledge or consideration of procedure and facts in connection with the Italian Army.

Let me point out the actual state of affairs.

2. "The system of supply of equipment and clothing to Italian units" is permanently under consideration of my efficient combined Anglo-American staff, and is the best possible under all the varied and difficult circumstances that exist.

3. I would like you and your staff to realize the following :-

(a) The Italians have organized out of chaos an Italian Army of over 300,000 (including a brand new Ministry of War, supply system etc.) under the most difficult circumstances within a relatively short period, even to the extent of bringing P. of W. generals from ENGLAND to do the job.

(b) The only Italian equipment or clothing available to them has been what was left on the mainland, after the tide of war had passed over. Equipment etc. from SICILY has all gone to TF0. Most of the factories in liberated ITALY were destroyed and manufacturing power is largely centred in the North. There are difficulties in restarting factories owing to lack of coal, power and raw materials.

(c) Authority for all Allied issues has to be obtained from the CCS WASHINGTON, who have been able to release only limited supplies, far below Italian needs, owing to demands on the Allied pool from elsewhere. Issues from British stocks in this country are expressly forbidden, except for urgent operational needs and where no possibility exists of getting the

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(b) The only Italian equipment or clothing available to them has been what was left on the mainland, after the tide of war had passed over. Equipment etc. from SICILY has all gone to TIFC. Most of the factories in liberated ITALY were destroyed and manufacturing power is largely centered in the North. There are difficulties in restarting factories owing to lack of coal, power and raw materials.

(c) Authority for all Allied issues has to be obtained from the CCS WASHINGTON, who have been able to release only limited supplies, far below Italian needs, owing to demands on the Allied pool from elsewhere. Issues from British stocks in this country are expressly forbidden, except for urgent operational needs and where no possibility exists of getting the items required from Italian sources.

(d) As regards clothing for service units, such as your dock companies, the only source authorized (except for operational releases as in (c) above) is discarded Allied battle dress. This we have to clean, cannibalize, repair and dye before issue. Repair material has only recently been authorized by CCS.

(e) As regards underwear arrivals from overseas have been meager. The stock available is far short of requirements. Releases by us have had to be cut to the minimum in the summer, in anticipation of the more difficult winter conditions.

(f) As regards boots, the same remarks apply as in 4 (d).

(g) In all cases, combat troops come first, service troops second and depots (reinforcements) third.

Desertions are the rule and cannot be controlled owing to shortage of escort personnel and Carabinieri, and the general condition of the country people and transport facilities. As a result, in view of the heavy losses of clothing etc. issued to men before departure from depots, the policy has been laid down that reinforcements for Italian units will be clothed and equipped on arrival at destination.

In view of the necessity for economy and owing to scarce stocks, central control by H.Q. MIA of release of stocks is essential.

(h) As regards equipment, the same sorry state of affairs exists and cannot be remedied without further releases by CCS, which has proved impossible.

The Italians have no well stocked general issue depots. They only have small stocks of equipment here and there. The serious shortage of Italian M.F. precludes the concentration of their stocks into a few central depots, which in turn would merely aggravate the distribution problem for ITALY as a whole.

4. Now, to take your complaints.

(a) As shown in para 3 of your D.D's letter 5/A/1249/ dated 13 Sept, the procedure (similarly to action on 3 Sept) on arrival of the draft at 923 Coy, should have been to apply to my L.O. at BAH, on the spot, for a release of clothing and brots. He would have phoned this H.Q. and the items would have been released that day.

The "gloating case of ineptitude" was on the part of your Deck Company.

(b) As regards the issue of the "trivial items" of equipment to 924 Coy, see para 3 (b) above. If your people indent for such trivial items, it is no fault of the Italians that you have difficulty in collecting. Italian store depots certainly have no facilities for distribution.

5. It appears to me that you have, through lack of knowledge, a completely false angle on all this business. The Italians, for the reasons I have explained above, are not and cannot be a highly organized, well stocked, well equipped Army. They have tackled the job manfully without complaining and have done their best to get on with the job, realizing that it is the only possible course under the very difficult circumstances that exist.

I hope that, in view of what I have said above, your units will do the same.

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Major General

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d. Browning 817

Major General
M. W. T. A.

P.S. Since receipt of your letter, I have tried to phone you several times but have been unable to contact. So I write this.

Copy to: Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o 2 District (with copy of correspondence)
Please inform B.D. Th (Becks) of the actual state of affairs,
as above.

URGENT.

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141
 Subject:- Demobilisation Scheme.
Italian Units.

Transportation Increment,
 C.M.F.

Tel: Firebox Ext 49. 91
 Outside Line 843119

TN.A.1/10/2.

16 Sept. 44.

M.M.I.C.	Ans
FILE REF	15
Date Recd	17/9/

To:- Army Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.),
H.Q., A.C.C.

I am forwarding herewith copies of correspondence from my Deputy Director Transportation (Docks) which speaks for itself

This is not the first time I have had complaints of this nature and it would appear that the whole system of supply of equipment and clothing to Italian Units requires a thorough overhaul.

As Director of Transportation I am responsible for the efficient working of ports under my control.

It is quite obvious that under the circumstances and conditions as set forth, efficiency will not and cannot be maintained.

It is considered essential therefore that urgent steps be taken to put matters right and that I be kept informed of the action you propose to take.

B.D. Wagnorn

B.D. WAGNORN
 Brigadier,

Director of Transportation. 816

Copy to:- B.D.TN(Docks).

Will you please let me know in 14 days from date if any improvement has taken place.

See Folio 220

COPY.

Subject : Demobilisation Scheme,
Italian Units.

Transportation (Docks)
Hq No.2 District, C.M.F.
Tel: Ext.12443
Ref. Tn.1/1249/M

13 Sep 44.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of 923 (Italian) Docks Operating Coys 1491/P to Hq No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

2. It is most tiresome to come across such a glaring case of ineptitude.

3. Certain issues of clothing made by M.M.I.A., L.O., Hq No.2 District, on 3 Sep 44, in response to a previous appeal from this Company, will have done something to alleviate the conditions shown in the Company Commander's letter. They were not, however, intended to cover this new and entirely unforeseen set of circumstances.

4. Matters have now reached a stage when I consider it reasonable to ask that this glaring case should be represented personally by the D.Tn.to Commander, M.M.I.A., with the request that immediate action be taken to remedy it and avoid recurrence.

5. A further instance of bad Italian staff work, which needs similar representation, may be seen in the attached copies of releases of equipment to 924 (Italian) Docks Operating Company at Brindisi.

6. You will see that relatively trivial items of equipment have to be collected from various Depots, some at a considerable distance from the unit's location. For example, the unit had to send to Bari for 1 kitchen knife and 1 funnel, and to Lecce for 15 tooth brushes.

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8. The solution; of course, would be to abandon the long and unequal struggle with Italian incompetence and to issue all equipment from British sources. It is the only practical solution if transportation efficiency is to be given its fair measure of recognition amongst the other factors involved.

(Signed) H.G. Fottle
D.D.Tn. (Docks)

COPY.

Translation.

923 (Italian) Docks Operating Coy.

Taranto 3 September 1944.

No. 1491/F

Subject: Militars coming from
 Btg. Complementi A.A. di Vibo Valentia

To: Comado del 406 Rgt?Lavoratori Pionieri.
 O.C. Det. H.Q. No. 1 Docks Group, R.E.
 Comado Battaglione, Compl. A.A. - Vibo Valentia.

1. Today 68 soldiers arrived at Taranto Station by train at 1530 hours, for this Docks Operating Company - coming from Btg. Compl. A.A., Vibo Valentia. 68 soldiers and not 70 as was advised by O.C. Det. H.Q., No. 1 Docks Group R.E. and by you.

2. Conforming to orders received from Comado Presidio Militare, I have retained 60 men, and the other 8 men I have sent to Compagnia Nebbigni.

3. The troops were accompanied by S. Ten. CAROLLO Vincenzo and by 3 M.C.O's. The Officer states that they left with 70 men, but at the station Vibo Marina one man was stopped by Comande di Btg, and one man, fante OTTOBELLI Giuseppe di Arturo, Class 1925, D.M. di Milano, has deserted.

4. The soldiers show in general a good physical condition. They belong to classes shown on the attached list. (see attachment No. 1). They arrived without clothing scale, and so it was impossible to check the distribution of clothing and equipment. 4

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6. I have no knowledge of their disciplinary and juridical position. Regarding their state of health, they must all be fit for work as they have no documents proving the contrary. Their arrival gave me a pitiful impression because of their clothing and boots, so I noted on the travelling ticket the following notice:-
"The soldiers coming with this travelling ticket arrived here all in civilian clothes, and the garments were all in pieces, without boots, and a few of them having a single item of military uniform in a pitiful condition. This will be the subject of a report to the Competent Superior Command."
7. Only about 20 of them have some items of military clothing, and these beyond use, so it is necessary to substitute them for the obvious reasons of hygiene and decorum. 45 are barefoot. Nobody has a mess tin, spoon or cup.
8. With these premises it is necessary to ask the Competent Command to issue in extraordinary and urgent way, for my Coy., 60 complete sets of clothing and equipment to fit these men for work.

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8. I ask specially the Comando 406 Regt. Lav. Pioneer to issue the working clothes for which I have indented, but augmented by a further 60, making 160 in all. In this manner, while waiting the other clothing item requested, I will ensure the participation on the work of one part of these men. I say one part because one third of them are barefooted.

9. It is necessary to have also the same number of mess-tins and spoons indispensable for feeding.

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C O P Y

From ; Military Command of APULIA and LUCANIA

To ; 924 (Italian) Docks Operating Coy.

Subject : Kitchen Material.

The following Kitchen materials will be issued to your unit as has been stated by the War Ministry with letter n.16758/V dated 18/8/44. Will you draw these stores from Commands shown as below :-

From ; Deposito V.E. Direzioneale - Bari.

1 knife kitchen.
1 funnel. .T.

From; Deposito 47 Panteria - Lecce.

7 knives opening tin
1 goggle M.T.

From; Deposito 14 Artigiliara - Corato.

10 Chopping Meat.

From Deposito 9 Genio - Trani.

2 Big Forks
10 chopping meat handles.

Sgd A.la Zara
Colonnello Commissario Direttore.

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C O P YFrom ; Ministry of War

To ; 924 (Italian) Docks Operating Coy.

Subject ; Material 924 (Italian) Docks Operating Coy.

We beg to issue the following materials to 924 Docks Operating Coy.

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA

Kitchen Knives	1
Knives opening tin	7
Funnel	1
Goggles M.T.	1
Chopping Meat	10
Big Forks	2
Razors	4
Scissors	2

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DELLA CALABRIA

Tents complete - mimetic.

DEPOSITO SPECIALE V.E. (REPARTO MAGAZZINO) LECCE

Toothbrushes

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Sgd Belligra
Minister.

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~~MMIA~~ AQ 1895

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RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR J 11 - I DATED 11 SEPT 44 (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN
 CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RECEIVED IN BARI AT ITALIAN DEPOT
 LA ROCCA (.) CONTEMPLATED DELIVERIES SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH MMIA LO AT
 HQ 2 DISTRICT TELEPHONE 11459 BARI (.) ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE HAS BEEN DEFINED
 IN SOS NATUSA MESSAGE LX 40068 DATED 1 SEPT 44 TO PBS AND ADRIATIC DEPOT

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SUBJECT: Release of Dyes
Italian Repair Sh 3.

214 file

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ., A.C.C.
ROME A2/15
September 44

TO: MMIA LO 2 Dist

1. Confirming telephone conversation between Lt.Col. SHIPLEY and Major MURCELL on 12 Sept 44.
2. Desire that approximately 5 tons of dye, now held in the depots at BARI be released for immediate dyeing of Italian clothing at BARI. It is understood that the dyeing for the Italian Army will be done by BENARD

GEO A. SHIPLEY Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copies to: Capt Benatti
(c/o MMIA Naples)
Capt Bartone

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may call "Palace"
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FOR DDOS (.) Ref MIDEAST signal Nov/00/38971 of seven Sep
para one (.) Paren ROME Area _____ Paren (.) Can you give
any details of this sixty tons query

See Folio 215

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Routine

FTN-11/15

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Subject: Captured Italian Clothing and Ordnance
Equipment from ME

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AC/15
// September 1944

To : MMIA LO 2 District

1. With further reference to our telephone conversation in regard to the Italian equipment now being off loaded at Bari and Toronto.
2. Will you please furnish Hq MMIA a list of all items of clothing and ordnance equipment as well as other stores received in these shipments.

GAS/wk

✓
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.,
for Lt Col AA&QMG.

See Folio 214/1

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Subject: Clothing for Formation
Center - Minervino.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
Hq ACC
ROME
AW/15
September 1944

To : Hq No. 2 Dist CMF

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1. Reference your 1559/Q1 dated 3 Sept 44.
2. No change has been made in the basic plan for authorization of Clothing and Equipment to troops at Minervino. Issues during the period to which you refer were drawn from a bulk allotment granted by this Hq. When that allotment was consumed MMIA LO No. 2 District was unable to make further issues without another allotment.
3. Additional allotments have been applied for and have been granted by this Hq. Any items that are available up to the quantities authorized can be issued by MMIA LO 2 District upon demand.

GAS/wk

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

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Subject: Prices to Italian Army
for Allied Clothing.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
A3/15
9 September 1944

To : Ministry of War.

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1. Reference your N17886/V di prot dated 2 Sept 1944.
2. There is no objection to furnishing the prices at which clothing is charged but, in our opinion, it is inadvisable to use them for the purpose which you propose.
3. It has been definitely established that items of Allied Military clothing can be sold for many times the amount charged the Italian Government. The release of prices actually charged to soldiers would encourage illegitimate disposal rather than prevent it. In lieu of charging the cost of missing items to the soldier a severe penalty should be adjudged for loss of clothing thru carelessness, illegitimate sale or otherwise.

GAS/wk

GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

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Subject: Procedure - Clothing Requests.


Army Sub Commission(MIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/15

7 Sep 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is considered that the present procedure by which requests for clothing etc for units under Allied Comds passes through the SMRE to the Ministry of War entails unnecessary delays.
2. Will you please consider this point and put forward a plan by which requests for clothing come direct to the actual department which will take constructive action.

FJN/hh


F.J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MIA)

Copy to: ORD.

See Folio 2804

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
 H. Q. A. C. C.
 Rome
 AQ/15

5 Sept., 44

Subject: New U. S. Army Clothing

To : MMIA L/O, PBS, APO 782.

1. Confirming telephone conversation of Lt. Ward and Lt. Lambrecht on 3 Sept., 44, the stock of Undershirts, Woolen, New, delivered in error to the Italian Issue Depot at Naples on 13 Aug. Ex SS Cornelius Gillian, are to be considered "frozen". The present stock or any subsequent stocks of this item or other unauthorized items which may be received will be frozen and will not be issued to Italian Units.

2. The stock of Undershirts, Woolen, New, will be added to the list of items to be returned to American Depots, as provided in AQ/15 dated 4 Aug.

3. MMIA L/O will report completion of handover to this Headquarters.

GEORGE A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
 For Major General
 Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Copy to:

PBS who are asked to accept at Naples.

Ord. MMIA

MMIA Ord. Rep. BBS

**SUBJECT: Issue of Materials at BARI on direct
instructions from MMIA Liaison Officer.**

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ., A.C.C. ROME
AQ/15

29 August 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference your N 17538/vd prot dated 24 Aug 44.

2. It is the desire of this Military Mission to have all indents for both Allied and Italian materials placed upon SMRE through Italian channels, but the extreme delay in many instances, makes it necessary to take direct action. Just yesterday we received an indent from the Ministry of War which was placed by the Italian Unit on 4 July 1944, at the same time we received several other indents, all from Italian Units in the BARI area which had been placed in July and early August.

3. The occasions when Liaison Officers are permitted to authorize issues of either Allied or Italian materials will be reduced just as rapidly as the processing of indents can be speeded up by the Italian authorities.

4. It is desired that steps be taken to immediately speed up the processing of indents through Italian channels.

✓
GEORGE A. SHIPLEY, Lt.Col.
for Major General
ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)

Copy to: MMIA LO 2 Dist
MMIA ORD

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

DATE 25 August 1944
TIME 1000 hours

TO : SOS NATONSA :

PBS FOR MMIA LO : 56 AREA FOR MMIA LO:
 5 ARMY FOR MMIA LO: DIST C FOR MMIA LO:
 REAR 3 ARMY FOR MMIA LO: DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
 60 ST. AREA FOR MMIA LO: 3 DIST FOR MMIA LO:
 AGC FOR SIMONS: HQ REGION 1 FOR ALBERT

COPY TO: ORD 1
 A.F.H.Q. 1
 A.A.I. 1
 ST 6

AQ 1847 RESTRICTED(*) ITALIAN MILITARY WILL RECEIVE SALVAGE
 CLOTHING AND SHOES FROM BASE SECTIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS (*)
 CLOTHING(*) NAPLES DEPOT 1700 VIA FORTI DEL FRANGE 31 (*) BARI
 LA ROCCA DEPOT E TRAMUNALE CAPREZZI (*) RO E 106 VIA PRINCIPE AMADEO
 (*) SHOES (*) NAPLES CASERMA GARIBOLDI DEPOT 599 VIA FOZIA (*)
 BARI LA ROCCA DEPOT ESTERNA DELLE CAPREZZI (*) RO E 106 VIA PRINCIPE
 AMADEO (*) BASE SECTIONS SHOULD CONTACT MMIA LO AT EACH LOCATION
 CONCERNED TO ENABLE OUR LO TO COORDINATE RECEIPT OF THESE ITEMS (*)
 MMIA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNTING (*)

This message must be sent IN
 CLEAR if liable to interception
 or to fall into enemy hands.

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ARMY FORM C 2106 (Rev. 1-1950) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 145

Call Srl. No. Priority Transmission Instructions

Office Date Stamp AG/15

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM **MMIA** (A) Originator **MMIA LO DISTRO** Date-Time of Origin **27 1500 B**

TO **MMIA ORD** (W) for Information (INFO) **Membership of War** Message Instructions **GR**

Originator's No. **AQ 1843**

RESTRICTED (.) effective at once advance approval by HQ MMIA is required for all issues of Allied Clothing or equipment from Italian Depots in your Area (.) Similarly advance approval by HQ MMIA is required for issue of all Italian Clothing and equipment except when issue is specifically authorized and directed by Italian ~~authorities~~ Membership

for War

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except } WIRELESS.

Signed.

if liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.

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Subject: Sale of Government Goods.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.G.C.
R O M E
AQ/15.

17 AUG 44

D.D.O.S., HQ. A.A.I.

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1. Reference your ORD/GEN/2045(100) dated 9th August 1944.
2. Upon investigation we find that 555 Supply Depot, NAPLES is the U.S. Salvage Depot in that Area.
3. We will be very grateful if you will pass our letter AQ/15 dated 6 Aug 44 with enclosures to the G.4 Section of HQ. A.A.I. for such action as they consider advisable.

GAS/hh

GAS
GEO.A.SHIPLEY Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
-----Subj: not: Procedure for equipment of CIL.Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.C., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/1516 Aug 44TO: Major A. GELARDI
MMIA LO at CIL.

Ref your AC/20/2 of 9 Aug. Since you wrote you will have seen Col. Jones and also a D.O. from O/AE has gone up to the B.L.U.

I have been through your note with Col. Mackay of O/AE and give you the answers as you asked the questions in your letter.

1. CIL is NOT at present a firm "Accepted as British Commitment" within the meaning of the letter.
2. You demand from Polcorps what is required and not available from Italian sources.

You do NOT deal with HQ AAI but with Polcorps, the B.L.U. are quite in the picture over this.

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You certify "not available from Italian sources" on behalf of MMIA when you know the answer, when in doubt signal us to check up for you.

3. Equipment will be released through the Allied Formation

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3. Equipment will be released through the Allied Formation Comd CIL in all normal cases.

FJH/hh

F. J. MOKES Lt. Col.

A. A. & Q. M. U.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copy to: HQ AAI - O/AE for Lt. Col. G. J. K. Mackay.

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Subject: Formation of New Units.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AG/15.

15 AUG 44

To: MMIA LO NAPLES

1. The following is extracted from letter HQ. AAI, AAI/3097/11/A(0) (Ser 0064) dated 5 Aug fww your information:-

1. Formation

Formation of the following units will be supervised as stated below :-

Unit	War Establishment	Supervising Authority	Effective Date
No. 1 Italian Traffic Control Coy.	A/15/1	HQ 3 District	1 Aug 44
No. 2	do.	do.	do.
No. 3	do.	do.	1 Sep. 44.

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3. Equipment

Equipment will be issued by LDOS 3 District in conjunction with Army Sub Commission (MMIA), in accordance with provisional G1098 scale in preparation by this HQ, using Italian equipment whenever possible.

2.

It is desired that you contact HQ 3 District and

District 1 Aug 44

No.2 do. do.
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2. It is desired that you contact HQ 3 District and have them determine what Italian house-keeping equipment is required and that they or the Italian Officer in charge of the unit submit a requisition to SMRE, thru Italian channels. One copy of the requisition should be sent to us to expedite delivery.

3. Unfortunately we do not have a copy of a/m AAI letter, but HQ 3 District has mine in case you need to refer to it.

REP/bh

Ray E. Pinkley

REX E. PINKLEY Major
 For Lt. Col. A. A. & Q. M. G.
 Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Subject:- Maintenance of CIL by Delagazione "A" 191

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/15
14 Aug 44

MMIA LO CIL

Reference your Q/7/2 dated 2 Aug 44 and your
Q/8/2 dated 2 Aug 44. — 182/1

1. Enclosed are two copies of MMIA Adm. Inst. No.9 which contains the basic policy in regard to certificates of non-availability. When the non-availability of any item has been recognized in advance it should be unnecessary to secure any additional statement from MMIA. In all other cases Delagazione "A" or OC of the Employing Formation should get a statement from MMIA before certifying non-availability to HQ AAI.

2. The same policy will apply to MF Stores and Engineer or Signal supplies.

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G.A. Shipley Lt Col
for Lt Col AA & QMG
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

GAS/jrp

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Subject: - House-keeping Equipment - VR Units

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ, A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/15
14 Aug 44

MMIA LO EQ 2 District
MMIA LO NAPLES

1. Reference HQAAI/3097/15/A(0) (Ser 0069) dated 7 Aug 44 copy enclosed for each addressee.
2. Your attention is especially called to para 3 of above reference letter. This matter has been discussed with HQ AAI and it has been pointed out that MMIA is not in position to determine the needs of house-keeping equipment without making a field inspection of each Increment as well as the units to which each Increment will be assigned. The facilities and personnel are not available to MMIA to conduct such field inspections.
3. It has, therefore, been agreed with HQ AAI that the Supervising Authorities should determine what house-keeping equipment is required. Indents should be placed by the Italian officers in charge or by the Supervising Authorities on SMRE through Italian channels. A copy of such indents should be delivered to MMIA or to MMIA LOs. MMIA and MMIA LOs will then expedite delivery of needed items from any existing Italian Stocks.
4. MMIA LO 2 Dist. and MMIA LO Naples will take the matter up with 2 District and 3 District respectively with a view of securing action along the lines of Para 3 above and of providing any needed equipment on or before desired dates.

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G.A. Shipley Lt Col
for Lt Col AA & QMG
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

GAS/jrp

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Subject: Stores for Italian Units.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/15

8 Aug 44

ADOS HQ 26 B.L.U.
Rear 2 Polish Corps.

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1. Reference your S/D letter GKS/52/301/3/08 dated 31 July 44, addressed to Col. Shutte.
2. Lt. Col. Shutte is no longer with this HQs. The issue of stores to Italians with 2 Polish Corps has been quite definitely arranged under charge of a special administrative agency named Delagazione "A". A copy of our AQ/15 dated 24 July 44 setting forth plan of procedure is hereto attached.
3. The quantities of stocks to be set up have also been agreed and are known to Major Gelardi, MMIA LO with CIL. It is recommended that all supply problems be cleared with Major Gelardi.

GAS/hh

GEO. A. SHIPLEY
GEO. A. SHIPLEY Lt. Col. 794
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copy for MMIA LO CIL

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Subject: sale of Government Goods.

Army Sub Commission (MIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
10/15

6 Aug 44

HQ. AAI for DIOS.

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1. Enclosed is copy of letter from Commerce Sub Commission ACC, ACC/5134/Com dated 3 August 1944 in regard to sale of military clothing to civilians.
2. The communication is forwarded for your information and any action you may consider advisable.

GAS/mh

Gas
GEO. A. SHIPLEY Lt. Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MIA)

See 404

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Subject: New U.S. Army Clothing.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
L. Q., A.C.C.
R. C. M. S.
AO/ 15

4 APR 44.

To: MMIA LC NAPLES.
MMIA LC 2 District.

1. New U.S. Army Clothing now in Italian depots and which is due to be returned to the U.S. Army will be handed over forthwith.

2. The main items and approximate quantities (including deliveries already made to PBS and APOG) as at 25 July are :-

BARI NAPLES.
Incl Lecce.

Blouses HBT	53259	
Boots Rubber Thigh (Buckingham to ACP)	18	
Cans Meat	1051	
Drawers cotton short khaki	989	70136
Handkerchiefs Khaki	39614	
Jackets Field	42104	
Pins Tent Shelter halves	978000	
Raincoats	15300	
Shirts cotton khaki standard	1400	
" wool C.D.	81304	
Socks wool light	341	
" " arctic.	23	
Tents 5 x 10 without poles or ropes	18	
" 6 x 4 "	14870	
" shelter halves	63243	
Trousers HBT	945	
" wool C.D.	6559	702

Boots Rubber Thigh (Butter to ACP)

1071	999	1400
39614	81304	14870
42104	341	63243
978000	23	945
15300	18	6559
	792	

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Handkerchiefs khaki

Jackets Field

Pins Tent Shelter halves

Raincoats

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Trousers HBT

" wool C.D.

Undershirts cotton

3. MMIA LGS will report completion of handover to this HQ.

See table 186

P.J. Nunez

P.J. NUNEZ Lt. Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

FJN/hh

Copy to:

- PBS - Who are asked to accept at NAPLES.
- ADTG - Who are asked to accept at Bari.
- ORD. MMIA.
- MMIA ORD Rep. NAPLES.

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Subject: Dyeing of outer garments provided by the Allies.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/15.

3 Aug 44.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is ruled that all used and repaired outer woollen garments provided by the Allies will be dyed green by the Italian Government before issue to Italian Troops.
2. Arrangements are being made for the provision of green dye from Allied sources but the arranging and execution of contracts for the speedy and efficient dyeing of these items will be made by the Italian Government.
3. The major items affected are :-
 - American - wool trousers.
wool shirts.
wool caps.
field jackets.
 - British - Battle dress Blouses
Battle dress Trousers.
4. Any items which are in doubt. will be referred to MMIA.

FJN/hh

Copy to: SMRE.
HQ AAI for G4.
HQ AAI for Q.
PES.
ALL MMIA LOs.

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General,
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Subject: Maintenance of CIL by Delegazione "A".

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E.
AQ/15.

24 Jul 44

MMIA LO CIL.

1. Reference letter HQ MMIA AQ/15 dated 24 July 1944.
2. The stocks of clothing and equipment to be released to Delegazione "A" as provided under para 3 (a) (11) of above reference letter will consist of :

(a) For the summer (before 1 November)

Boots.
Shirts cotton
Socks cotton
Drawers cotton (when available)
Undershirts cotton (when available)
Belts web.

- (b) After 1 November woollen underwear will be substituted for cotton underwear, and, if available, and desired, wool shirts may be substituted for cotton shirts. Comforters may also be supplied if blankets of Italian origin are not available.

3. The quantity of each item to be held at any one time will not exceed 10% of the allowable scale for the actual strength of CIL Forces being served by Delegazione "A".

4. Delegazione "A" will obtain advance authority from MMIA LO CIL before making issue of any item of clothing or equipment of CIL and issue of items of Italian origin.

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Socks cotton

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Undershirts cotton (when available)
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- 4. Delegazione "A" will obtain advance authority from MMIA LO CIL before making issue of any item of clothing or equipment of Allied origin. Control and issue of items of Italian origin will be the responsibility of Delegazione "A", except that advice and instruction by MMIA LO CIL will be followed on matters of stock states and issues.
- 5. A record of stocks received, issued and on hand, will be kept by Delegazione "A" and a report of stock states and issues of all items of Allied Origin will be rendered monthly. This report will be rendered as of the 25 day of each month. Issues will be detailed down to Regiments or separate units.
- 6. Issues authorized by MMIA LO CIL and made by Delegazione "A" will be reported from day to day to HQ MMIA (attention Q(AE)).
- 7. Devots and stock records are to be open to inspection by MMIA LO CIL at all times.
- 8. All indents for replacement stocks will be entered through Italian channels as required by MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 3 and No. 5, with a copy forwarded by MMIA LO CIL to HQ MMIA for Q(AE).
- 9. MMIA LO CIL will instruct Delegazione "A" to enter indents for essential repairing materials for repair of boots and clothing and forward copies to HQ MMIA for Q(AE).
GAS/hh
Copy to: Ministry of War
SMRE
MMIA CMD.

[Signature]
 GEO. A. SHIPLEY Lt. Col.
 RFEA Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
 (MMIA).

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Army Sub Commission, ACC.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E.
ORD/ADM.

25 Jul 44.

To: Direzione-Generale Commissariato,
Ministry of War.

1. It is desired to point out that some of the procedure laid down in MMIA Administrative Memorandum No.5 of 19 Jun is not being carried out, with the result that both the Ministry and this HQ are being caused a good deal of unnecessary work.
2. The particular points to which your attention is directed are set out in Appendix "A". You are requested to examine that document carefully in conjunction with the a/m memorandum, and if you are not absolutely clear as to what is required, ~~an~~ officer from this HQ will be sent further to explain the matter. The corrective action indicated should be taken immediately.
3. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

(Sgd.) R. A. N. Shutte.

for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.
(MMIA)

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Copies to:- Q(AE)
ORD REPS NAPLES
" " BARI.

*replied
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*4-27 Shupler } 6-1-44
Major Rose } 7-8-44*

1. For brevity MMIA Administrative Memo No. 5 of 19 Jun will be referred to hereunder as "AM5".

P A R T 1 A L L I E D S T O R E S

2. RELEASE NOTICES

(a) Para 4(c) of AM5.

Copies of Release Notices by Italian authorities are not being received. Corrective action is required.

(b) Para 4(b) of AM5.

Your Release Notices should be serially numbered and the depots are required to reference the issues to the release notices on the depot returns, to enable issues to be checked against the authorisations. This is NOT being done. Corrective action is required.

3. STOCK REPORTS

(a) Para 7(a) of AM5.

Calls for returns from the depots on 10th and 25th of each month. The M. of W. is preparing returns at ~~these~~ ^{these three} dates in each month, which are NOT required. The Ministry should receive through its own channels 2 copies of the depot return soon after each bi-monthly period. They should be checked and one copy forwarded to this HQ as confirmation that the depot return is in order as far as the Ministry is concerned. This HQ will already have received a copy of the depot return direct (or through the Allied representative at the depot). It is desired that corrective action be taken by the Ministry as follows :-

(i) Ministry to discontinue sending this HQ Stock returns prepared in the Ministry.

(ii) Ministry to arrange for LECCE and CATANZARO to send reports on Pro-forma at Appendix D to AM5 as at 2359 hrs on 10th and 25th of each month as laid down in AM5 on following distributions:

LECCE 1 copy direct to ORD MMIA(Main)HQ. CMF.
CATANZARO 10 2 Dist. HQ.

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LECCE 1 copy direct to ORD MMIA(Main)HQ. CMF.
1 copy to MMIA LO 2 Dist. HQ.
2 Copies to Ministry.
1 copy for retention by depot.

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CATANZARO 1 copy direct ORD (MMIA) Main HQ. CMF., thru
L.O. CATANZARO.
1 copy to MMIA LO CATANZARO.
2 copies to Ministry.
1 copy for retention by depot.

(iii) The return submitted by BARI is not in the form laid down. As the variety of items to be dealt with is likely to increase, you are requested to instruct the BARI depot to change over to the normal type of return forthwith.

4. REGISTER OF RELEASE NOTICES.

Para 6 of AM5.

Para 7(b) of AM5.

Is this procedure being followed? No lists have been received under para 7(b).

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PART 11 ITALIAN STORES

5. (a) Para 1 of Part 11 of AM5.

Calls for copies of returns as recieved by the Ministry from major Base Italian Administrative installations such as LX Corps, to be rendered at a date convenient to the Ministry as at the end of each month, (i.e. 20th to 30th or even 1st of following month).

No return was rendered for the month of JUN. Copies are requested for that month and regularly in future.

(b) What are the prospects of getting prompt and regular returns of Italian Clothing and Barrack Stores held in SARDINIA and SICILY?

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Subject: Maintenance of C.I.L. by
Delarazione "A"

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. MMIA.
R O M.E.
AG/15

SEP 14 1944

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

24 Jul 44.

- 1. Maintenance of clothing, personal and domestic equipment, Medical supplies for C.I.L. will be carried out in the following way.
- 2. Demands. C.I.L. will demand on Delagazione "A" for all items required in the categories given in para 1 above. It is the duty of Del "A" either (a) to provide from the forward depots established for Del "A", or (b) to obtain the items from other Italian stocks through regular Italian channels.
Only if the item is not available through (a) or (b) above will Del "A" certify to the Allied Formation commanding C.I.L. that the item is not available from Italian sources.

3. Stocks to be held in fwd depots under Del "A" control.

(a) CLOTHING, personal and domestic equipment.

- (i) Items of Italian Origin will be set up and stocked under Italian arrangements. Ministry of War will submit to MMIA for approval the list of items and the maximum amount it is proposed to hold forward.
- (ii) Items of Allied Origin will be issued to Del "A" by HQ MMIA in bulk. Release will be made to units from the fwd Del "A" depot only upon the authorisation of the MMIA Liaison Officer with C.I.L. (at present Major GELARDI).
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(b) Medical supplies.

Separate arrangements are being made by D.A.D.M.S., MMIA.

W. J. N...

PJN/hh

for Major General,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

- Copy to: S.M.B.E.
- HQ POLCORPS
- Major GELARDI
- MMIA LO 60 Sub Area.
- MMIA LO HQ 2 District
- G.
- ORD.
- MED.
- War Diary 2
- File.

For information :-

'Q' HQ AMI.

Subsistence Stocks Program in Italian Depots.

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

10 July 44.

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Distribution:-

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To: MMIA LO NAPLES.
MMIA LO 2 DISTRICT.
MMIA LO, SICILY.
COL. SIMONS thru Allied Garrison Comd. SARDINIA.

1. HQ MMIA has from time to time frozen certain items of Allied Clothing on hand in Italian Depots including :-

- (a) certain winter garments which are not needed during summer months.
- (b) various lots of new clothing other than those items authorized for issue to Italian Armed Forces but which through error or otherwise have been included in shipments received at Italian Depots.

2. A summary of items frozen and at present on hand is :-

(a) Authorized winter garments frozen during summer months :-

- Drawers wool long (US)
- Mackinaws (US)
- Pullovers (Br)
- Comforters (US)
- Shirts wool (P/W dyed) (US)

(b) New clothing :-

- New Jackets Field (US)
- New Shirts wool (US)
- New Shirts Cotton (STD) cr (US)
- New Shirts Khaki (US)
- New Raincoats (US)
- New Trousers wool serge (US)
- New Socks wool (light) (US)
- New Socks Arctic wool (US)
- New Undershirts cotton (US)
- New Drawers cotton (US)
- New Handkerchiefs (US)

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 New Undershirts cotton (US)
 New Drawers cotton (US)
 New Handkerchiefs (US)
 New Coats HBT (US)
 New Trousers HBT (US)
 New Suits HBT (US)
 New Shelterhalves with Poles & Pins (US)
 Tentaze (US)

3. All items listed in Para 2 above will remain frozen and no issues will be made to Italian troops until released by HQ MMIA, NPT will the stock be otherwise disposed of except upon specific instructions from HQ MMIA.

4. Any additional new clothing or equipment which may, in the future, be received at an Italian Depot will be immediately frozen by the Senior MMIA Liaison Officer or other Senior MMIA Representative at the Italian Depot concerned and reported at once to HQ MMIA. Items so frozen will not be issued to Italians or otherwise disposed of except upon specific instructions from HQ MMIA.

5. The Senior MMIA Liaison Officer or other Senior MMIA Representative on duty at each Italian Depot will be responsible for a strict enforcement of these instructions and will make certain that Italian Depot Commanders are fully informed and take all necessary precautions to safe-guard all items of frozen clothing and equipment.

GAS/hh

F. J. N...
 Major General
 Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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Subject: Issue to Italian Officers of Clothing
supplied by the Allies and controlled by NMIA.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 Main HQ (MIA)
 LEGHORN (LEGGE)
 AG/15.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR. 172/1

July 24.

Ref your 15014/V dated 30 June 44.

1. In reply to the t/q letter you are informed that it was decided to issue the directive referred to, for the guidance of this Sub Commission's Liaison Officers, who were continually receiving enquiries for the supply of clothing for Officers.

2. Enquiries have also been received from either your office or the S.M.R.E. for such items as socks on prepayment.


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

PAC/hh.

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(1412)

Subject: Policy governing control of issues of Allied
clothing and equipment from Italian Dept. NAPLES.

Army G-3 (Commission, J.C.C.)
10/15/45
10/15/45

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TO: G-3 10 100 Main, NAPLES

1. The Senior Staff Division Officer at Naples has authority to issue boots and uniforms (baggage items or equivalent) from Italian stocks, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The Italian Division and attached units under command of Polish Army.
 - (b) 212 Italian Division and attached units under command of P.S.G.
 - (c) 227 Italian Division and attached units, under command of P.S.G. District or its subordinate units and Sub Areas.
 - (d) All issues of Boots and Uniforms, including those already issued or to be issued, will be subject to the authorized supply of one pair of boots and one uniform per man.

2. The Senior Staff Division Officer at Naples has authority to issue authorized items of clothing and equipment, other than boots, as may be required to meet emergency needs of the Italian Division and units named in Para. 1. (a), (b), and (c) above, provided that all authorized items are properly issued, and that the authorized items are not issued without advance approval by G-3, NAPLES.

3. Issues covered by G-3, NAPLES, are listed for all issues are as those submitted in Para. 1 and Para. 2 above.

(d) All issues of Boots and Uniforms, including those already
issued by this office, will be filled. The authorized scale of
the pair of boots and one uniform per year.

4. The major unit division of each, including the authority to issue
substituted items of similar clothing, shall be the boots and uniforms, as
may be required to meet "poverty" needs of the location. Divisions and
units named in Para. 3. (a), (b), and (c) above) provide that all
such issues, including existing clothing worn by the unit, are, other than the
substitution items and provided that, all "poverty" needs of divisions are
not issued without advance approval by HQ. 101A.

5. All items covered by HQ. 101A to be issued for all issues except
those authorized in Para. 1 and Para. 2 above.

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[Signature]
Major General,
Army Sub-Commission, A.C.M.

5/27/54

Copy to: CFB, MBI/.

Subject: Control of items of clothing and
equipment of Italian origin.

Army Sub Commission, A. O. C.
Main HQ (MILAN)
LEQUITE (LECCE).
AO/15.

28 June 44.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is NOT required that the Ministry of War obtain prior approval to issue the following items when of Italian origin and provided that the conditions of this letter are observed.

ITEMS:

Blankets,	Beds,	Mattresses,
Mattress Covers,	Bed Linen,	M.T. spares,
Tentage,	Cooking Equipment,	

Personal clothing and equipment of a soldier.

2. The following conditions will apply -

- (a) Priority of issue will always be given to Italian troops working for the Allies.
- (b) Items such as bed sheets, primarily designed for medical use, will be issued only to medical units.
- (c) A report will be rendered as at the end of each month showing the units and quantity of each item issued to the units.

F. J. N. *Handwritten Signature*
Major General

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F. J. Noan

for Major General,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

FJN/ht.

Copy to:

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ORD.

ALL MEDIA. LOs.

Subject:- Clothing - Italian Officers

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (SMIA)
LEQUIL. (LECCR)
AC/15
26 June 44

Regional Commissioner
HQ Region 6, A.C.C.

Ref your CCE/5014 dated 18 June addressed HQ/ACC
(G.4 Br.).

1. The attached copy of our AC/15 dated 25 June 44 is forwarded for your information.
2. This answers your para 3 of the a/q letter.

FAC/jrp

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

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SUBJECT: Issue to Italian Officers of Clothing supplied by the Allies and controlled by M.I.A.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.C.

Main H.Q. (M.I.A.)

LEQUILE (LECCE)

29/15

1 June 44

1. Enquiries have been received on the subject of sale to Italian Officers of clothing provided by the Allies and controlled by M.I.A.
2. The acceptance by the Italian Government includes positive assurance that the supplies received will be issued on the scale announced and that the supplies will not be bartered sold or otherwise disposed.

Articles supplied by the Allies will therefore NOT be sold to Italian Officers.

3. Articles supplied by the Allies and controlled by M.I.A may be issued to officers of the Italian Armed Forces when members of units working for the Allies upon the same scale and under exactly the same conditions as any issue made to ORe/EM of the unit.

4. No authority has been given to M.I.A to initiate any requests for the purchase of any item by Italian Officers from British or U.S. Army Stocks. Many items of Italian origin are still in Italian warehouses and it is the responsibility of the Italian Government to supply any item not covered in para 3 above.

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Maj Gen.

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Copy to: Ministry of War
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is inactivated
for Maj Gen,
H. H. H.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject: Italian Socks L.C.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILF (LICCE).
AC/15.

18 June 44.

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H.Q. 2 District.

Ref your 2045 G(AD & CW) dated 14th June 44.

1. This H.Q. does not authorise the issue of clothing to Officers of the Italian Army.
2. The Officer concerned shall make his own arrangements for obtaining summer clothing.

[Handwritten Signature]

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

FAC/h

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Min. of War. Commissariat
To: do. Cabinet

TRANSLATION

1791/I/TC
17 June 1944

Subject: clothing and Boots services

(151)

In reply to your request re. the MMA's letter A9/15 dated 16 June:

No. Since the formation of this Ministry we did everything possible to give to the recovery problem the maximum impulsion as we did know this was the only way to face the requirements of our Army for what concerns clothing and in the same time to reduce as much as possible the supplies from allied sources.

In fact we formed several Recovery laboratories and these are now in full work at LECCE, BARI, FASANO. ACQUAVIVA see FONTI, NAPLES, OSCIARI (SARDINIA).

Those at CATANZARO, REGGIO CALABRIA and BRINDISI are being enlarged while a new one is being established at CONVERSANO for repair of boots.

Each one of these laboratories has its own establishments combining tailor departments, boots repairing, laundry, dye branch, and a section for small works such as accessories, objects in wood or metal.

There are 9 laboratories with a staff of 25 officers supervising 327 soldiers specialists 243 civilian workmen and 875 workwomen. The materials stores recovered during the month of May are shown in our Encl 91:1. Their quantity is considerable when we consider that the laboratories are working in full production since a very short time. A certain period

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At present:

- it is impossible to work 24 hours a day at the laboratories as our intensive work will result with the exhaustion of the very small quantity of raw materials available
- it is also very difficult to increase the number of workmen. There are in general in the villages of the neighbourhood. They have to be collected and fitted by trucks with serious difficulties due to the shortage of vehicles, tyres, P.O.L. etc...

2° - A further extension of the Administration is not to be excluded. But the problem of raw materials and accessories must first be solved completely. It is evident that the sales at disposal are not enough to consider an equal quantity of boots, repairable, if nails, string etc are not available. As well as for what concerns uniforms where threads buttons, lining etc are also necessary !.

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We carried out our work up to know with all possible substitutions born of things from other Forces. Purchases of accessories on the Bolnisi Market. Replacement of shoe nails by wood or cane wedges, construction of nails with wire salvaged and hand worked. But the main raw materials such as cloth, leather, felts cannot be replaced with substitutes and the reserves are very limited. The use of certain good parts of items out of use necessitates a great deal of work, very slow and complicated and the result does not ensure a long use to the objects repaired.

Then we had to apply several times to the MMIA for the supply of raw materials from Allied stores. We only received up to know the following: 2 tons of string for boots (in CAMPANIA), 37000 (and NOT 69000) half leather soles (in CAMPANIA) 5000 rubber soles with heels plus a certain quantity of hem yarn stored at the DiHa PALUMBO (NAPLES), but these cannot be used to make cloth and were discussed by the MMIA itself.

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b) Supply of 30000 "dmq" of upper leather (calf) as 1st delivery and further 100000 as monthly supply. Requested by the NALES Com. to the allies local Onth. (copy of the request sent to MMIA). Maj. Byest of MMIA asked the Gen. Direct. to supply full particulars. These were sent showing destination of the leather, power of repairing in CAMPANIA, the military & civilian laboratories which are in repairs etc...
c) request that MMIA obtain from the Onth. concerned that the factories continue their supply to the Mil. Adm. i/s of refusing it with the false excuse of requisitions from allied sources. (Our 1357 of 14 May).

d) Release of large quantity of linen, property of the Mil. Adm. and in stock at the "Cotonerie Medidionale" (Our 1067 of 12 May)

30) It is possible that certain Offices Comanding Unit request stores from allied source to avoid the trouble of searching, repairing & issuing Italian stores existing in the area. On the other side it is a fact that some Mil. Unit HQ installed small laboratories which in accordance to their possibilities undertake the repairs of all the equipment belonging to their own unit.

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That was also noticed by the MMIA which mentioned in para 3 letter d of their ARI's of June that certain units were requesting raw materials for their own repairs.

40) We know that at BAR1 there are 16 tons of clothing awaiting selection & repair, while several other tons can be found in various areas.

Repair of afm stores could be very quickly carried out as all tailors & chief tailors of the various Corps could be asked to cope and who possess the required equipment. Repairs are and have been prevented by the shortage of thread and raw materials. Thread & raw materials which could be very difficultly found have been issued only to those laboratories under the supervision of the Mil. Adm where the work is controlled and where it is easy to prevent any loss or theft.

50) Re. stacks of new uniforms & cloth at the Italian stores, we beg to point out:

a) The new grey green uniforms at LECCE & NAPLES were reserved for the 4000 CC.R.R. sent to Rome and to whom they have been issued. Another large stock of ~~the~~ trousers is reported to have been assigned to the 31st Corps (CATABRITA) to complete the uniform of the 4000 soldiers who are still in civilian cloth.

b) 19000 meters of khaki cloth were reported in stock at LECCE. Part has been used to make uniforms for the MEMSO Div. The remainder was used to complete sets of khaki uniforms in stock at the depots and/or sold to these officers entitled.

At present the afm stocks is exhausted.

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c) We never heard before of the large stocks of Italian stores at the British A.O.D. TARANTO. We were told by Maj. Byatt that there was at TARANTO stores of ~~from~~ allied stores to be withdrawn. Our Com. Brigadier at TARANTO informed contacted the allied ~~with~~ ~~in~~ the spot but these reported that they had no instructions on the subject, and that they would ~~take~~ ask their superior authorities.

6.)- The question mentioned in para 5 of y. ofm letter does not concern our direct aote.

Employment of women for military works concerns the Government.

But this employment could not be used at present because of the shortage of raw materials, shortage which will render it useless.

Conclusion

The Results, on the point of view of salvage, which have been carried out must be considered very satisfactory when bearing in mind that everything had to be created with nothing, that we had no personnel i/c, no machines, no equipment and especially a shortage of raw materials.

Our effort should be considered as really considerable as we had to supply all the clothing and to upkeep the equipment of nearly 380,000 men before the help of the Allies. Afterwards 20000 men ~~not~~ directly employed by the Allies had to be supplied with .!.

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Stores, while over 3000 in a senior NCOs from I.W. Camps or Occupied Territory, had to be equipped.

In view of laboratories & of their production power can only be effected gradually and in connection with the programmes for the supply of raw materials. The shortage of raw materials is the only obstacle which prevents us to give to our laboratories the standard desired by the Allies. We ourselves would like to see the increase in the production power, which result will help our tasks allow us to carry out our work in a much more satisfactory way.

The base problem is the one of Raw materials. An estimate requirement of which is shown in our encl. No 2.

Capt.

Gen. PELLICIA

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Allegato n° 2 al foglio 1791/I/Tc 17 giugno 1944

FABBISOGNO CHIAMATIVO MATERIE PRIME calcolato per mesi due e per una media di 100.000 capi al mese da ripartire tra laboratori ricuperi e capi-operei regolamentari, tenuto conto delle materie prime esistenti nonché di quelle che si presume di poter approvvigionare direttamente sul mercato:

Estimated requirement (2 months) for average 100000 repairs per month of the laboratoris & Regal Repair shoes: after deduction of stocks at present stock of raw materials which are presumed to be brought directly on the market.

d'ordine Serial No	Denominazione materie prime Items	Unità di misura	Quantità	Note
1	Guoio suola LEATHER (soles)	q.li	800	
2	Vitellone el naturale CALF (natural)	p. ²	300.000	
3	Semenze Nailo (shoes & boots)	q.li	16	
4	Spago STAINL	"	20	
5	Chiodi seghettati per tacconails (HEELS)	"	20	
6	Chiodi per suola assortitimalis (soles)	"	400	
7	Cera vergine wax	"	2	
8	Pece glue	"	4	
9	Setole mazzetti Hago bintle (bundles)	n°	16.000	
10	Filati in rocchet) color kaki) " grigio-nero) " bianco) " bianco) " bianco da 4m) bastire (400 metri reels)	mt.	40.000	
11	10-15 mm threads assorted. (Kaki, grey green) Fettuccia da mm. 10 a 15 assortita, ta, kaki, grigio-verde, nera, bianca (shoes & white) Extra strong black thread (4 bundles) Filofort nero a 4 capi Wooden trees assorted Forme di legno assortite Needles for sewing machines	"	20.000	
12		"	20.000	
13		"	30.000	
		"	40.000	
		rocch.	350	
		n°	500	

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7	Cera vergine wax	"	2
8	Pece gine	"	4
9	Setole mazzetti Hag's bristle (bundles)	n°	16.000
10	Filati in rocchet) color kaki ti da 400 metri) " <i>grey green</i>) <i>black</i>) <i>nero</i>) <i>white</i> THREAD) <i>bianco</i> (400 meters reels) <i>bianco da 4m</i>) <i>bastire</i>	mt.	40.000
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NOTA - Il presente fabbisogno è comprensivo di quello richiesto alle Autorità Alleate precedentemente col foglio n° 439/I/Te del 9/2/944, indirizzato allo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito, e considerare l'attività dei laboratori ricuperi nell'attuale loro sviluppo, dei capi-operai dei corpi e degli stessi reparti.

The above request includes those sent to the allied Auth. under our 439/I/Te of 9 Feb. and addressed to SMNE. The activity of the railway laboratories, of the Corps foremen is also considered.



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Refined
 Stares Recovered during May 44 by the Ital. Mil. Laboratories

Allegato al Rapporto N. 11/MS. del 11/1/44

LABORATORI RICOPERATI A TUTTO IL 31 MAGGIO 1944 DAL

LABORATORI MILITARI ITALIANI

Verretti a ousta	74.570 side caps
Giubbe	48.100 blouses
Pantaloni	32.500 trousers
Stivaletti	44.900 boots
Scarponi da montagna	3.000 do (Mountain)
Tasse gambiere	4.900 puttees
Pezze da piedi	13.000 Foot wrapping
Calze cotone	180 socks (cotton)
Camicie	29.300 shirts
Mutande	35.500 drawers
Tasse ventriere	52.190 stomach belts
Tascchetti	450 Handkerchieves
Cappotti	14.870 Great coats
Coperte	49.400 Blankets
Sottocappotti di flanella	5.000 Coats (wool)
Combinazioni tela rasata blue	730 Blue overalls
Borse tattiche	5.500 Haversacks (ammo)
Sacchi per ermi a piedi	1.320 Packs (Kit Bags)
Borse a zaino	1.240 Packs
Tascapani	102.450 Haversacks
Peli mimetiche	6.520 camouflage fabrics
Cappelli alpini	1.985 Alpine caps
Mostrine	16.000 Flashes
Podere per pagliericci	17.830 Pailons cases
Podere per copozzali	6.430 Bobbins
Lenzuola	15.830 Sheets
Sacchi vari	72.500 Bags
Porte mantecchine	13.000 Hangers
Borracce	15.660 Water bottles

130 blue overalls
 5.600 Haversacks (ammo)
 1.320 Packs (Mit Bags)
 1.240 Packs
 102.450 Haversacks
 6.520 camouflage fabric
 1.985 Alpini caps
 16.000 Flasher
 17.830 Paillane canvas
 6.430 Bolsters
 15.830 Sheets : 2
 72.500 Bags
 12.000 Hangers
 15.660 Water bottles
 12.600 Mess Tins
 1.370 Mugs
 48 Cupboards
 730 Barracks tables
 7.490 Trunk
 1.764 Camp beds (iron)
 415 Beds

Combinazioni tela rasata bleu
 Borse tattiche
 Sacchi per armi e piedi
 Borse e zaino
 Tascapani
 Teli mimetici
 Cappelli alpini
 Nostreina
 Redere per pagliaricci
 Redere per caprescudi
 Lenzuola
 Sacchi Vari
 Porta mantelline
 Boracce
 Gavette
 Tasse di alluminio
 Armadi Vari
 Tavoli da camermezzie
 Cavalletti
 Brande di ferro
 Letti con reti metalliche

The lab. have also made the following items out of old stores

I Istoratori hanno inoltre costruite ex novo :
 370 tunics (wool)
 42 " (cotton)
 400 Trousers (wool)
 1.150 Ties
 2.000 Trousers (paraclutic)

Giubbe di panno
 Giubbe di tela
 Pantaloni di panno
 Cravatte
 Pantaloni da paracadutista

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2.000
 429 blue overalls (cotton)
 572 Felt pieces (under
 plates)
 684 services
 18 quidams

Bascini da paracadutista
 Tute di tela rasata bleu
 Sottopantaloni in feltro
 Tovariglioli
 Guidoncini (anche per la L.N.I.A.)

Hanno ancora prodotto diverse migliaia
 di frangi ricamati per berretti, stellette metalli-
che, chiodi per salatura, sandetti per il C.I.L.,
nonchè fye per Bernaglieri, pentole per amala-
ti ecc. ecc.. Hanno pure adattate le uniformi agli
accademisti (circa 200), tinte diverse centinaia
di camicie grigio-verdi ricamate, ecc..

They have also made several
 thousand of cloth badges, metallic stars,
 nails for bolts, badges C.I.L., Bernaglieri
 caps. Slippers for richmen. They also
 transformed nearly 200 uniforms for the
 cadets, dyed several hundred of
 repaired shirts (grey green) etc....



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Vestiario - equipaggiamento 16 GIU. 1944

N. 10820/30/V di prot.

P. M. 107, II

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Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annessa

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OGGETTO: Richiesta oggetti di v.e. da fonti alleate.

Request for allied clothing

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.S.C.

Main HQ

LEQUILE

A seguito richiesta verbale, si trasmette per informazione copia del dispaccio n. 10820/30/V del 14 giugno u.s., inviato a tutti i Comandi di Corpo d'Armata dipendenti, e contenente le istruzioni sulle modalità da seguire per la richiesta di oggetti di vestiario.-

Further to verbal request we are enclosing herewith the copy of letter 10820/30/V of 14 June and sent to all our Unit Hqs. This letter contains the procedure for requests of clothing.

P. IL MINISTRO

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COPY

TRANSLATION

Ref. 10820/30/U

FROM: M in of WAR

TO: ~~MMIA~~

File A 0

Date

Subject: Instruction for Requests of clothing from allied sources.

The MMIA instructed that all requests of clothing are to be sent to the SMRE on forms (as per model att'd) filled on the 13 first para and signed by the O.C. the Unit for which the items are requested. The afm Hqrs. are requested to instruct immediately all their units making the following very clear.

1) Only the Units employed "actively" with the allied Forces will be entitled to put in requests for clothing from allied sources.

2) The items which can be requested are: uniforms caps, boots, drawers, socks, shirts and trousers belts. At the beginning of winter, great coats, cardigans & blouses can also be requested. The requests will be forwarded to the SMRE by the Corps Hq. for examination and further dispatch to the Min. of War. All requests which have already been sent to SMRE will be renewed in accordance with the new instructions.

For urgent requests, the particulars requested by the MMIA will be signalled by Telegram or Teletype with early the figures referring to each para.

Gen. PELLICIA

FORM

From: SMRE

Subject: Clothing & equipment

- 1 For issue to (unit)
- 2 For issue to (unit)

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For urgent requests, the particulars requested by the M.M.I.A will be signalled by Telegram or Teletype with ~~the~~ the figures referring to each spare.

Gen. PELLICIA

FORM

From: SMRE

To: SMRE

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Subject: Clothing & Equipment

- 1 For issue to (unit)
- 2 Present strength Authorized strength
- 3 " Location
- 4 Date of Move (forward)
- 5 New location
- 6 Presently add. to:
- 7 To be add. to
- 8 Day when the items are to be issued
- 9 Date of last request
- 10 No. & date of previous request which have been authorized
- 11 Remarks
- 12 NB Fill Column 1 & 2 only, 3 & 4 are for the main auth. only (SMRE or W.M.)

13 We certify that uniforms & boots requested are the requirement of 1 uniform & 1 pair of boots per man and do not include extras or reserve add. that are the other items requested are part of the equipment authorized for the unit concerned.

Offr. Commanding Corps or Unit

P.T.O.

Ministry of War

Gen. dir. Commerciale Services - Clothing Section

The request was received from SMRE
with letter N: of

14 Authy is requested for the value from allied stores of all items
in col. 4 para 12 as above. and for any other controlled items shown
in col. 3 same para. We certify that none of the items requested
from allied stores are available in the It. Depots, with exception
for those already auth. by M M 19 to be reserved for other Italian
Units.

Date

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Subject: - Clothing for Italian Personnel in Sardinia.

Army Sub Comination 400
Main HQ. (MILF)
LEWIS. (LSCG)
M/15

10 June 44

MILIA, LD Naples.

1. A letter from Col. Kerr to Col. I.L. Simmons dated 6 June 44 with copy to Lt. Col. Orlinbauer provides that a quantity of boots and clothing be carried in Naples Depot for shipment to Sardinia. It is understood that officers representing Col. Simmons are to draw the clothing in bulk at Naples Warehouse and make their own arrangements for shipment to Sardinia.
2. To avoid possible false entries in Depot records, the following points will be strictly observed:-
 - a) All stocks released for shipment to Sardinia will be considered as turned to Italian Forces and NOT as transfers between Depots.
 - b) The issue as authorized will not be set up on Naples Depot stock records as one bulk issue or otherwise in advance of actual release from Depot stocks. Instead, all issues will be credited on Depot stock records in actual amounts issued from day to day.
 - c) MILIA Liaison Officer, Naples, in coordination with MILA Finance Representative Naples will keep a record of issues and disbursements further issued when the authorized amounts have been furnished. Two copies of this record will be forwarded to HQ, MILIA when the authorized releases have been completed.
 3. The release of 7,500 shirts authorized in letter by Col. Kerr is recalled. It has been determined that sufficient shirts are already available in Sardinia.

Instead, all issues will be credited on Depot stock records in actual amounts
located from day to day.

c) MIA Liaison Officer, Naples, in coordination with MIA Clearance Representative
Naples will keep a record of issues and discontinue further issues when the
authorized amount have been furnished. Two copies of this record will be
forwarded to HQ. MIA when the authorized releases have been completed.

3. The release of 7,500 shirts authorized in letter by Col. Kerr is cancelled.
It has been determined that sufficient shirts are already available in Sardinia.

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Major General.

Army Sub-Commission A.C.S.

Copy to: MIA. OGD.

MIA. OGD. For Major Gen.

Col. F.L. STEWART c/o HQ. A.C.S. Sardinia.

Subject: Clothing and Equipment of Italian Military Personnel working for or attached to RAF MAAF

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMAIA)
LEQUILLE. (LECCCE)
AQ/15

June 44

Air Force Sub Commission BARI

1. Extract from your draft reply to letter from HQ MAAF (MAAF 1762.2.ORG) dated 25 May 44 has been submitted by our Ordnance Officer BARI with request for our comments.
2. Your draft reply in our opinion correctly states the policies concerned. Some items which you list as being in short supply cannot at present be completely furnished from either Italian stocks or Allied stocks under Army Sub Commission control.
 3. The situation is:
 - (a) Beets can be furnished from Allied sources but, the available stock is relatively short and issues must be held to minimum required for critical need.
 - (b) Pullovers are available but frozen until cold weather, unless required for some unusual operation.
 - (c) Ties, Handkerchiefs, Mesquite nets and brushes are not being furnished from Allied sources. Demands will be met as far as possible from Italian Army stocks, but the supply of all is very low and some are nil.

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unless required for some unusual operation.

(c) Ties, Haldalls, Handkerchiefs, mosquito nets & brushes are not being furnished from Allied sources. Demands will be met as far as possible from Italian Army stocks, but the supply of all is very low and some are nil.

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Copy to: MMIA ORD
Major Gregson MMIA LO (ORDNANCE),
BARI

ARMY S.W.C. COMM. A.F.O.

Subject:- Scale of Clothing and Procedure for Identity. (152)

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MEIA)
LEGHLE. (LEGGE)
AG/15
June 44.

HQ. 242 Gp. RAF. CMF.

Reference conversation AA.CMG (Lt.Col. NOAKES)
- Sqn. Ldr. SELDON.

1. The scale of clothing available from Allied sources is as under.

Blouses, battledress (dyed green)	1.
Trousers, :: :: ::	1
Shirts, Cotton	2
Belts, web, waist	1
Boots, pairs	1
Socks, pairs	3
Cap FS	1

2. Indents are placed by the Italian Units through its own channels upon the Stato Maggiore R Esercito, for approval by this HQ. If approved, the Stato Maggiore orders the issue to be made to the Italian Unit.

[Handwritten Signature]
+ Major General.
Army Sub Comd ACC.

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SUBJECT: Clothing and Boots.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.G.
Main HQ (MOTIA)
LEQUILE (LECCO)
AQ/15
June 44.

To: L.R.
The Minister for War.

1. I am not satisfied that your Ministry is acting as energetically as it should in providing from your own resources articles of clothing and equipment which are required for the Italian Forces now authorised and which are so necessary for morale.
2. As you know, the Allied Governments are prepared to supplement Italian stocks, only if the latter are found to be insufficient. But from information so far obtained, it would appear that some of your commanders find it less trouble to demand from Allied stocks rather than to discover, repair, distribute, and issue suitable Italian stocks which I knew must be in the country.
3. As an indication of this the following items are cited: -

- (a) in your NAPLES depot there are 69,000 pair of half soles for boots, furnished by the Allies. Yet it is necessary to issue new boots to Italian troops in that area.
- (b) Reports have been received that Italian troops are poorly clothed. Yet in your BARI depot there are approximately 160 quintals of Italian Army uniforms which could be renovated and used. Likewise, in your LECCE depot there is a large quantity of new as well as old uniforms and several thousand meters of new cloth which could be made into uniforms. There are also 2000 new tunics and 5000 new trousers in the NAPLES warehouse, together with a quantity of old uniforms and boots which could be repaired.

(c) In the British A.O.D. 55 at TARANTO there is a large quantity of Italian equipment of various kinds, mess tins, etc. This has been reported to your Ministry three times in an effort to have it collected by the Italian Army. Yet reports are received that

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issue new boots to Italian troops in that area.

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(c) In the British A.C.D. 35 at TARANTO there is a large quantity of Italian equipment of various kinds, mess tins, etc. This has been reported to your Ministry three times in an effort to have it collected by the Italian Army. Yet reports are received that troops are without these items which are available to you in TARANTO.

(d) A large quantity of thread for mending uniforms and boots has been made available to you from Allied stocks. Yet Inspectors from this Headquarters are being approached by troops in the Field for this material, which has never been distributed to the troops, who have cobblers and tailors but no materials.

(e) While you have some depots working on the repair of boots and clothing, and making new clothing, it appears that the output is far below that which should be expected. There is no reason why such depots should not be put on a 24-hour a day basis to utilize to the fullest the available machinery.

(f) Apart from these depots, I feel that there is considerable scope for putting unemployed women to work on repair of Italian clothing in the various towns and villages throughout ITALY. The woman-power of the Allies has been very fully conscripted for the war effort and that of Italy should be also.

5. Without going into detail, I would also point out that other items, such as medical equipment, drugs, engineering stores and individual comforts, are still being issued by Allied depot commanders in greater quantities than I consider necessary in view of the availability of such items in your depots or available to you by requisition or purchase. This cannot continue.

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Sheet 2.

6. I must therefore insist that energetic action be taken by you forthwith to increase the supply of Italian clothing and boots from your own resources and I wish to be informed as to the action you take.

7. I discussed this whole matter in detail personally recently with His Excellency MARIO PALERMO; so he is on fait with my views.

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

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