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Q/15 Ordnance Policy

opened Mar. 4, 1945 - closed Oct. 19, 1945

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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DATE/TIME 291145A

FROM BTA

TO MMIA

INFO MMIA LO 201 SUB AREA
MMIA LO MILAN

AMN/BTA/5

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FROM NEWTON. FIRST. EDWARDS HAS RECOVERY OF VEHIS AND SPARES IN HAND.
SECOND. AMN BEING SENT TO VERONA WITH PREVIOUS ADVICE TO MMIA.
THIRD. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. WHAT ACTION FOR NEWTON PENDING AFHQ DECISION QUERY.
PROPOSE REMAIN BTA AWAITING YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. BTA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RELEASE
CLOTHING WITHOUT DEFINITE ORDER FROM AFHQ.

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Info 4/95/3.

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FROM NMIA BTA

DATE TIME 230421A
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TO NMIA

INFO LO MILAN, LO 201 SUB AREA

AMN/BTA/2

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FROM NEWTON. EDWARDS NOT YET REPORTED TO BTA. HIS PRESENCE HERE ESSENTIAL
TO HANDLE TECHNICAL FACTORS OF DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND SPARES.
REQUEST SIGNALS FOR ME ADDRESS CARE OF Q BRANCH BTA

ACTION COPY
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

DATE/TIME

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TO : 201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
 86 AREA FOR MMIA LO
 MMIA LO MILAN
 MMIA LO GENOA
 MMIA LO TURIN
 MMIA LO MILAN FOR FOX
 217 AREA FOR 68 ARTY REGT FOR BYATT
 MMIA LO SARDINIA
 COMMOB PALERMO FOR MMIA LO
 PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
 MMIA LO c/o 217 AREA
 PENINSE FOR MMIA LO
 FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR MMIA LO
 DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
 PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT

REF : Q.656

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE MMIA LETTER 2/3 OF 19 SEPTEMBER(.)

THE SYSTEM OF ISSUING CLOTHING TO ITI-ITIS FROM BR-TTI SUB DEPOTS
 AND THEN ADJUSTING STOCKS IN DEPOTS WILL NO LONGER BE EMPLOYED(.)
 EFFECTIVE FORTHWITH NO REPEAT NO ISSUES WILL BE MADE TO ITI-ITIS
 FROM BR-TTI CLOTHING DEPOTS OR SUB DEPOTS

PRECEDENCE

IMPERATIVE

AUTHENTICATION

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FROM MMIA

TO : HQ BTA; 217 AREA; 201 SUB AREA;
MMIA LO MILAN: 86 AREADATE/TIME
19 1530A

REF : Q.654

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FOR MMIA LO FOR MAJOR EDWARDS(.) CONTACT EARLIEST NEWTON WHO LEAVES
ROME FOR B.T.A. 20 OCTOBER(.) ADDRESSES ACK AND REPORT IF EDWARDS
CAN BE LOCATED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANTAUTHENTICATION J LAMB

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SEE 467

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Major General L. BROWNING, G.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
 Headquarters,
 Military Mission to the Italian Army,
 R O M S.

10/2 19 October, '45.

My dear

Reference our conversation this morning, you will remember that I informed you that M.M.I.A. had been able to recover for the Italian Army a large number of motor vehicles at NAPLES. Since our conversation I have been given further information by my staff and I find that the amount of not only M.T. but also clothing and equipment of all sorts which we are recovering for you is enormous.

As an example the figure of motor trucks recovered at NAPLES and handed over to you is 600. In addition there are 400 trucks being handed over at LAGHORI. Some 900 car loads have arrived in ROME Depots through P.S.S. LAGHORI, consisting of clothing, Italian uniform cloth, pack saddles, and equipment of all sorts. Another 4,000 tons of clothing and equipment is also being handed over at LAGHORI. There will be a vast amount of clothing, equipment and vehicles coming from AUSTRIA. In addition there are large dumps at BOLZANO and MILAN. We have handed over 600 captured german horses and 1,000 U.S. mules. A large number of British mules are also being handed over. The list could be continued indefinitely and will continue to increase all the time.

The point I want to make to you is that you are getting for your army an enormous stock of vehicles, clothing and equipment of all sorts which should cover your requirements for a long period to come and I feel that it would be a great advantage if you concerned yourself personally with this very important matter. I feel that if you would instruct your staff to give you a weekly statement in general terms of all vehicles, clothing and equipment recovered, together with a statement of where it is located and what action has been taken to distribute it where necessary, you would keep your finger on the pulse of the matter and could control it in a big way.

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Incidentally the COMMO Clothing Factory which we got back for
you can turn out 150 coats and 250 trousers per day. With all the cloth-
ing that you have now got out of the stores we have recently recovered
for you, that factory can work full blast and you should be able to get
the whole clothing situation of the Italian Army including CC.RR well on
to its feet in quite a short time.

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I know you will not mind my making the above suggestions to you
because it is all for the common good and because I got the impression at
my conversation with you this morning that your staff had not fully infor-
med you of the vast amount of stores which were now being made available to
the Italian Army.

With best wishes,

Yours

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Major General,
M. I. A.

Signor JACINI,
Minister of War.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : MMIA
 TO : B.T.A.
 REF : Q.650

DATE/TIME
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REQUEST CONFIRMATION (.) FIRST (.) THAT MAJOR EDWARD MMIA
 IS ENGAGED ON RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES IN YOUR AREA (.)
 SECOND (.) THAT HE HAS RECEIVED MMIA SIGNAL Q.2 OF 13 OCTOBER

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Q. 642

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FOR REWARD(.) SEE STA SIGNAL 10012/ORD (4) TO AMER (.) SUBJECT
ITALIAN CLOTHING HELD IN IRA (.) AMER WILL AUTHORIZE STA TO RELEASE TO
US FOR RETURN TO ITALIAN ARMY AS ALL IS NEEDED URGENTLY (.) ARRANGE TO
SECURE PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT IT BACK TO ITALY IF POSSIBLE AS PART OF
SHIPMENT OF VEHICLES (.) MAJOR NEWTON WILL COME TO ASSIST YOU (.)
ADVISE WHEN AND WHERE HE CAN MEET YOU (.)

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SEE 463

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From: NO.3 Clothing & Equipment Collection and Recovery Centre-Milan.
 To: Commissariate Directorate - Milan.

Ref: 245

Date: 20/8/45.

Subject: Clothing and Equipment Depot, Como (ex National Republican Guard Depot.).

In accordance with the authorization granted by A.M.I.L., the Italian Military Administration, and on its behalf, the 3rd. Clothing & Equipment Collection and Recovery Centre has been given, yesterday the 19th inst., the management of the ex Clothing Depot of the National Republican Guard of Como which was re-named by the local authorities "Lariano Clothing Manufacturing Establishment".

The Establishment in question is composed of a number of Depots, the stocks of which have been ascertained, as on the 18th Aug., by the Clothing Manufacturing Council and are listed on enclosures.

Furthermore, the Establishment has:

- A cutting shop - daily output capacity: 1000 sets (has 4 cutting machines & one ribbon saw).
- A mass production shop - (equipped with 140 sewing machines having a daily output of 150 jackets and 200 trousers).
- A tailoring shop for custom made clothing - with a daily output of 10 uniforms. Could be transformed into a mass production shop.
- A boot repair shop - equipped with complete sets of machinery for boots (at present, partworn boots are being repaired).
- A shop for sorting and repairing part worn uniforms.
- A steam laundry and dry cleaning department complete with equipment.
- A carpenter's shop complete with machinery.
- A mechanical W/S.
- A laboratory for chemical analysis, also equipped with a dynamometer.

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Hence, a real military factory capable of satisfying not only the requirements of this area, but also that of others, in accordance with future requirements, which will be put forward by the Ministry.

Having notified the Prefect of the Province of ~~Como~~ ^{Como}, the Syndicate of that town and the Special Commissioner of the ~~Establishment~~ ^{Establishment}, the handing over of said Establishment from civilian to military administration, in accordance with authority received from M.M.I.A. representative, I proceeded with:

a) - the closing of the cash journal and the accounting of funds, as shown on attached report signed by the Chief of the Admin. Section, sole holder of the keys of the reserve and current cash boxes;

b) - the withdrawal of the registers of "taking on charge" and "striking off charge" of the material. With these records it will be possible to check goods in stock and those being transformed.

c) - ordering the stoppage of work, administrative affairs and payment, except for the payment of wages to the employees. Suspending auction sale of approximately 2000 qtls. of rags, which should have been held on the 6th of Oct. as per attached public notice in the "Il Popolo Comasco" newspaper of the 25th inst.

Sheet 2.

History of the Establishment.

As known, prior to the 8th September 1943, the Commissariate Directorate of Milan had to form at Como a Clothing and Equipment Recovery Centre, which later had to be developed into a real establishment manufacturing and repairing articles of clothing and equipment. With the armistice, the establishment was taken over by the National Republican Guard, which set it up to store whatever material was moved from depots located in Central Southern Italy.

Hence, as soon as it was liberated, large quantities of material were found in the depots of the establishment of Como and it was impossible to know the amounts of said material because the "taken on charge" documents were destroyed.

In any case, praise should be given to whoever knew how to take immediately the management of the depots and by doing that, avoided inevitable threats but notwithstanding this; material has been stolen and we think that we can trace not only the thieves but also the material.

Having set up, during the month of August 1943, an Administration Commission, we started to compile an inventory of the material. This was completed by the "Clothing Manufacture Council".

In the mean time, the local authorities started the laboratories manufacturing new articles for the CCN, Public Safety Agents and for civilian use. The manufacture of said new articles was authorized by the Allied Command. The local authorities, preoccupied by the problem of ensuring work for the personnel employed, proceeded with the, inmax

Sheet 3.

3) - I have ordered that whatever has been repaired or manufactured as well as all the material in stock, should not be issued without authority from the military administration.

Work for the future can be ensured by transferring to the cutting shop, for subsequent manufacture, whatever is held in stock in the depots, that is: linen for bed sheets, blue linen for overalls, Khaki Drab and, later, as soon as the patterns will be received, also the cloth for the manufacture of uniforms. Allotments of cloth to manufacture shirts or other clothing items could be released to Como factory rather than to this directorate.

In the meantime, during the transition phase and especially, owing to the deficiency of officers, I propose to accept the request made by the workers and that is to give the work (from cutting to complete manufacture) to the "Union of workers". The "Union of workers" would use the equipment of the establishment to carry out the work. The local authorities would guarantee the responsibilities taken and would fix the tariffs in absolute concurrence with those fixed by other manufacturers.

I emphasize the necessity of examining the proposal, for its social-political character and because it would help in solving the whole problem of immediate employment of the workers.

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The officer in charge of the depot must be a regular army officer, who is sensible, practically and willing, capable of assuming ~~the~~ responsibilities, that is, suitable for administering an entire establishment, in which the whole of the clothing recovery service may be concentrated (boots included). This because of the existing first class laundry and a fully equipped boot repair shop.

Sheet 4.

During the absence of the undersigned (undersigned on leave), the internal organization requires a senior officer of the ~~Ministry~~ Commissariat Corps to be present at Como, even if it should be every other day, for:

- handing over the Directorate
- taking over responsibilities assumed by the ex Management
- discharging personnel not required in the Directorate
- starting the recovery of material entrusted to private firms, prior to the liberation, by the National Republican Guard and later the recovery of material taken away
- regularizing of all the issues made to various H.Qs. and units, and the relative accountability
- settling various affairs that are pending and issuing instructions for the functioning of the establishment
- systemizing depots and problems dealing with the premises which are the property of Commun.

Consequently, I draw your attention to the necessity of making hasty arrangements for the solution of various problems, especially that of ensuring work for the employees. Should you consider the intervention of the Superior Ministry necessary, kindly request the Inspectorate General of Commissariat Services to send to Como one of his officers authorized to take the necessary decisions on the spot, because local authorities have already remarked to the undersigned the lengthiness of state bureaucratic systems. These local authorities have notified me moreover that they intend to react should

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D'Aprile.

Fabre/Carter.

TRANSLATION3rd Recovery and Collection Centre - Milan.-

REPORT Examination of the funds existant at the stabilimento Lariano di Confezioni.

1945- 29th September- at Como and on the premises of the stabilimento Lariano di Confezioni.

CERTIFIED

That, the undersigned Commissariat officer, on the orders of M.V.I.A., carried out the winding up and examination of the funds held by the Cashier of the establishment in question; that, the books being closed the balances of the cash book appeared as follows-

Cash reserve	240.000. Lires
Petty cash	6.817,5 "
Current bank account (Credito Italiano)	17.262.428,6"

That on proceeding to a physical check of the funds held by the cashier the following was found:

Held in Reserve cash.	200.000 liras (in that 40.000 lire had already been transferred to the petty cash in the morning)
Held in petty cash	22.700 liras (in that there were some items (securities ?) which were untraceable due to the absence of book keeping records.)
Held in Current Bank Account	20.400.831,5 liras (the difference is accounted for by cheque for 3.157.510 liras, issued but not met as it concerned funds blocked by the Administration of the ex- G.H.R.

That, the above operations were carried out in the presence of and checked by the chief of the Administration Of ice, Dr. ACERPIE Paolo:

That, to give effect to the above the present report has been compiled for all purposes:

That, with the present report, notification is also given that the following sums are shown in the cash:

Balance of former ~~ENR~~ G.N.R. Administration
shown as follows:

5.990.420,65 lire

5 cheques on the Credito Italiano	842.750,00 lire
3 cheques on the Banca D'Italia for	60.000,00 lire
36 cheques on the Banca D'Italia for	1.800.000,00 lire
6 cheques on various banks for	123.637,00 lire
8 Postal orders for	3.792,85 lire
Cash for	2.730,80 lire

TOTAL: 2.832.910,65 lire.-

plus the cheque before mentioned
3.157.510,00

GRAND TOTAL: 5.990.420,65 lire.-

2 payment orders issued by G.N.R. of the G.N.R.
N. 457/401 for 5.800 lire and N. 462/406 for 17.000.000 lire.-

4.750 lire as stock shares belonging to a first group of workers of the
Cooperative Unitarie;

16.576,5 lire as funds of the workers' home and maintenance.

That, finally in the reserve cash were held the pay envelopes not with-
drawn by various workers, from the 1st May 1945 to the 30th September
1945: eventual enquiries into said unpaid wages could always be carried
out by comparing the pay register with the time sheets left by the worker
at the time that he draws his pay;

To give effect to the above the present report has been compiled, in 3
copies, for all effects.

Made out, read, approved and signed on the date and at the place
a/m.-

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Major (Commissariat)
(Nicola D'Aprile)

(Sgd) The Chief of the Admin. Office
(Dr. Acerbis Paolo)

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ALLEGATO AL FOGLIO N° 245 di PROT. DEL 30-9-1945

INVENTARI COMPILATI DAL CONSIGLIO DI FABBRICA DELLO STABILIMENTO LARIANO
di CONFEZIONI, alla DATA DEL 15 AGOSTO 1945 .

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DESCRIZIONE DEL MATERIALE				Metri o Kg.	
DESCRIZIONE DEL MATERIALE	altezza	cm.			
Fodera rayon G.v.	120		M.	59487,40	
Fodera rayon G.v.	62		"	141835,70	
Fodera cotone spigata G.ferro	85/65		"	30636,90	
Fodera rayon spigata G.ferro	70		"	10875,60	
Fodera spigata K.O.	70		"	7588,00	
Fodera rayon K.O.	130		"	55940,70	
Fodera rayon ruggine	63		"	7856,10	
Fodera silesia G.v.pesante	90		"	4614,30	
Fodera silesia G.v.	90		"	3626,20	
Fodera rayon spigata bianca	70		"	12130,40	
Fodera cotone spigata nera	90		"	5269,20	
Fodera silesia mista tinte varie	90-		"	11784,60	
Fodera cotone spigata K.O.	120		"	1752,00	
Fodera cotone spigata K.O.	60		"	730,00	
Fodera rayon spigata bianca	120		"	1806,30	
Fodera taffetà G.v.	70/85		"	12340,70	
Fodera taffetà tinte varie	65/90/140		"	1180,40	
Fodera rayon rigata per maniche	100		"	927,40	
Fodera satin tinte varie	80		"	2839,70	
Fodera satin nero	120		"	2173,20	

Fodera rayon K.O.	130	"	55940,70
Fodera rayon ruggine	63	"	7856,10
Fodera silesia g.v. pesante	90	"	4614,30
Fodera silesia g.v.	90	"	3626,20
Fodera rayon spigata bianca	70	"	12130,40
Fodera eptone spigata nera	90	"	5269,20
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Fodera taffetà tinte varie	65/90/140	"	1180,40
Fodera rayon rigata per maniche	100	"	927,40
Fodera satin tinte varie	80	"	2839,70
Fodera satin nero	120	"	2173,20
Fodera satin nero	100	"	1165,40
Fodera satin nero	130	"	78003,10
Fodera satin nero	70	"	30339,35
Fodera sallia nera	140	"	8865,75
Fodera sallia g.ferro	140	"	661,80
Fodera sallia grigio perla	140	"	12164,20
Fodera sallia rayon g.v.	90	"	39899,10
Fodera sallia violacea	140	"	13600,45
Fodera sallia cenere	140	"	1440,50
Fodera sallia marron	140	"	4283,65
Fodera sallia caffè	78	"	27032,10
Fodera gonnata bianca	130	"	36;80
Fodera gonnata nera	90	"	37;=
Tela madapolam bianca	80	"	8739,70
Tela cotone per lenzuola	120	"	17025,00
Tela cotone per lenzuola	75	"	8699,10
Tela mista per lenzuola	80/90	"	19959,10
Tela mista per biancheria	70	"	3122,10

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DESCRIZIONE DEL MATERIALE

Altezza Metri o
Kg.

Descrizione	Altezza	Metri o Kg.
Tela rayon per biancheria	90	45033,80
Tela mimetizzata	92	9304,20
Tela caoutile (colori diversi)	70	12801,70
Tela mista rayon rigata bleu	70	3992,10
Tela rasatello bianco	75	13934,00
Tela rasatella pesante caffè	70	1963,20
Tela rasatella bleu scuro	70	3919,80
Tela rasatella ruggine	130	10587,40
Tela rasatella marrone chiaro	70	1598,90
Tela rasatella pesante ruggine	70	8238,10
Tela rasatella pesante oliva	70	3300,60
Tela rasatella kaki	70	4365,70
Tela cotone grigia per tende	130	57,00
Tela kaki per vestiario	62	639,20
Tela tinta K.O.	70	586,50
Tela rasatello ruggine	70	10129,10
Tela rasatello pesante kaki	70	1174,70
Tela spigata kaki per vestiario	70	52,80
Tela K.O. per vestiario	140	12,00
Tela rasatello bleu chiaro	70	3720,70
Tela rasatello grigio chiaro	80	7881,50
Tela rasatello ruggine	70	36775,50
Tela noisette per vestiario	70	2655,30
Tela cotone grisette	70	2438,30
Tela cotone grisette marrone	70	21,00
Tela cotone g.v. per camicie	75	32333,00
Tela kaki per camicie	75	5977,30
Tela cotone olivaper camicie	70	19760,10
Tela cotone oliva per camicie	140	14731,10
Tela cotone nera per camicie	70	53095,60
Tela cotone grigia per tende	90	1298,30

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Tela kaki per vestiario	62	"	639,20
Tela tinta K.O.	70	"	986,50
Tela rasatello ruggine	70	"	10129,10
Tela rasatello pesante kaki	70	"	1174,70
Tela spigata kaki per vestiario	70	"	52,80
Tela Z.O. per vestiario	140	"	12,00
Tela rasatello bleu chiaro	70	"	3720,70
Tela rasatello grigio chiaro	80	"	7881,50
Tela rasatello ruggine	70	"	36775,50
Tela noisette per vestiario	70	"	2655,30
Tela cotone grisette	70	"	2438,30
Tela cotone grisette marrone	70	"	21,00
Tela cotone E.V. per camicie	75	"	32333,00
Tela kaki per camicie	75	"	5977,30
Tela cotone olivaper camicie	70	"	19760,10
Tela cotone oliva per camicie	140	"	14731,10
Tela cotone nere per camicie	70	"	53095,60
Tela cotone grigia per tende	90	"	1298,30
Tela ruggine pesante	70	"	35953,70
Tela marrone scuro per vestiario	130	"	3926,70
Tela kaki mista rayon	70	"	11964,50
Tela kaki pesante diagonale	70	"	3285,50
Tela marrone scuro diagonale pesante	70	"	3212,50
Tela ruggine diagonale pesante	70	"	2514,50
Tela bleu diagonale pesante	70	"	3220,00
Tela marinara bleu	70	"	13757,30
Tela canapa candida	75	"	11405,60
" canapa leggera	75/80	"	17243,40
" abiancata	75	"	22116,20
" pesante grezza	55	"	18988,00
" olona per brande	100	"	18708,70
" tinta kaki	70	"	6148,40
juta per imballo	130	"	10600,00
canapa verdone per tendoni	120	"	10078,30

DESCRIZIONE DEI MATERIALI

DESCRIZIONE DEI MATERIALI	altezza	M.	M.	Metrà o Kg.
Tela cenere per tendoni	70		2601,90	
tela canapa grigia	50	"	11105,80	
" " leggera per rinforzi	65		56454,90	
" " varia per rinforzi	60		17475,20	
Crine artif. per rinforzi	40	"	1897,60	
Garzone bianco rigido	115/120		6964,95	
Tessuto grezzo misto pesante	70		3821,20	
Tessuto bianco per materassi	95		4413,00	
Traliccio per materassi (div. dis.)	100		62896,20	
Stoffa cotone grigia spigata	70		37,60	
Tessuto ruggine Biancoli	140		10378,70	
Fustagno S.V.	70		24,40	
Flanella di cotone per camicie	70		1399,80	
Flanella S.V.	130		474,80	
Spigato misto S.V.	130		562,50	
Gabardine cotone S.V.	70		4615,40	
Gabardine cotone tinte varie	140		7351,40	
Tela gabardine cotone kaki	70		1750,00	
Gabardine lana marrone	140		14,15	
Diagonale lana S.V.	140		167,90	
Diagonale lana ruggine	140		1388,20	
Panno loppia faccia S.V.	130		335,35	
Panno rosso	140		3963,05	
Panno bleu leggero	140		36,50	
Panno bleu	80		24,70	
Panno bleu per fasce gambiere	140		3035,85	
Tela bleu pesante	140		34013,55	
" " peso medio	140		7952,60	
" " tinta dilata	140		2825,00	
Panno S.ferro	130		644,60	
			6553,40	

140	10378,70
70	24,40
70	1399,80
130	474,80
130	562,50
70	4615,40
140	7351,40
70	1750,00
240	14,15
140	167,90
140	1388,20
130	335,35
140	3963,05
140	36,50
80	24,70
240	3835,85
140	34013,55
140	7952,80
140	2825,80
130	644,60
130	6553,40
140	33,00
140	2248,50
140	217,50
130	1716,40

930

Kg.	500,00
	1000,---
	1000,---
	1000,---
	50
	500
	5000
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	1000
	1000

Filato bianco titolo	30/2
" "	30/3
" "	40/2
" "	40/3
" "	50/2
Grigio ferro titolo	30/3
" "	30/3
" "	38/2
" "	50/3
" "	28/3
" "	30/2
" "	40/2
" "	40/3

INVENTARIO MATERIALE CONFEZIONATO

Asoiugatoi tela bianca nuovi	N° 3045
Berretti ruggine Biancoli	26301
Berretti tela kaki con visiera	3822
Berretti G.V. d.f.	135
Berretti da frontiera con vis; ruggine, nuovi	1200
" panno ruggine con visiera nuova	10390
Bacchi panno G.V. nuovi	600
Bacchi bleu nuovi	1850
Bustine panno G.V. nuove	3650
borracce piccole da 1 litro nuove	14
Borse per sanità, tela nuova	1
berretti panno bleu nuovi	28
berretti panno G.V.; nuovi	3656
bustine kaki nuove	1315
Bustine per avieri, bleu nuove	270
Bandiere da segnalazione serai, righener.	65
Cuscini di lana nuova	10
Coperte da campo righener.	648
Coperte da campo nuove	225
Camiciotti tela canapa nuovi	420
Cappotti di panno G.V. nuovi	420
Cappotti " " "	75
Camicie tela bianca nuove	35
" " " righener.	39
Capucci per S.A.F. nuovi	38
" tela impermeabili nuovi	100
Celze bianche righener.	4788
" nere	348
Camicie nere flanella righenerate	420
" " " nuove	4675
	990

berretti panno bleu nuovi	28
berretti panno G.V.; nuovi	3556
bustine kati nuove	1315
Bustine per avieri, bleu nuove	270
Bandiere da segnalazione aerei, rigener.	65
Cuscini di lana nuova	10
Coperte da campo rigener.	648
Coperte da campo nuove	226
Camiciotti tela canapa nuovi	420
Cappotti di panno G.V. nuovi	420
Cappotti " " "	75
Camicio tela bianca nuove	35
" " " rigener.	39
Capucci per S.A.F. nuovi	38
" tela impermeabili nuovi	100
Calze bianche rigener.	4788
" nere "	348
Camicio nere flanella rigenerate	420
" " " nuove	4675
" G.V. rigenerate	990
" tela coulis nuove	797
" " nere rigenerate	4330
Carica estintori incendi tubi	26
Ciotole obertite nuove	423
Copri elemetti nuovi	97
Estintori per incendi nuovi	24
Fodere per bidoni nuove	2300
Farsetti a maglia G.V. rigenerati	40
" " " misti G.V. nuovi	19
Fodere per traversini nuove	696
" " " rigenerate	2140
Giubbe di panno G.V? d.f. nuove	955
" G.f. nuove	200
" tela ruggine nuove	1340
" tela grisette nuove	3400
" " kati rigenerate	1280
" panno ruggine nuove con collo	4325
" " " senza collo nuove	1350
Giubbe nuove per acqua con cinghie	2
" c.o. senza cinghie	39
Giubbe panno G.V. rigenerate	238

Giubbe tela kaki nuove	Nº.	500
Guanti tela nuovi		99
Giubbotti agnello nuovi		45
Intarde tela nuove bianche		25455
" tela cutile G.C. nuove		9450
" lana miste G.V. rigener.		30
Mantandine nere rigenerate		125
Mantende tela bianca A.L. e .c.rigen.		1825
Mantellina per S.A.F. nuove		190
Mantelline panno G.V. nuove		981
Maglioni neri per truppa nuovi		7830
" " ufficiali		6126
Martitte da campo nuove		17
Materasso lana nuovi		16
Pantaloni monocromi nuovi		19
Pantaloni tela bleu nuovi		5150
Pantaloncini kaki nuovi		220
Pantaloni tela grisezza nuovi		1300
" " ruggine nuovi		640
" kaki nuovi		325
" kaki cavallo nuove		3650
Pastreanno panno G.V.		145
Pantaloni kaki con fettuccia, elastico e bottoni rigenerati e nuovi		530
Pantaloni tela kaki lunghi senza risuolo nuovi		200
" panno ruggine nuovi		4200
" " G.V. nuovi		20
" G.ferro nuovi		200
" G.V. di f. nuovi		15
Pantaloni tela kaki nuovi		410
Pancera di lana nuove		140
Portavivande per ufficiali		2
Pezze da piedi rigenerate		200
Pezzerie di lana rigenerate		180
Pezze da giada nuove		70

Pantaloni tela grisetta nuovi 1300
 " " ruggine nuovi 640
 " kaki nuovi 325
 " kaki cavallo nuove 3650
 Pastreanno panno G.V. 145
 Pantaloni kaki con fettuccia, elastico e bottoni rigenerati e nuovi 530
 Pantaloni tela kaki lunghi senza risuolo nuovi 200
 " panno ruggine nuova 4200
 " " G.V. nuovi 20
 " G.ferro nuovi 200
 " G.V. di f. nuovi 15
 Pantaloni tela kaki nuovi 410
 Pancore di lana nuove 140
 Portavivande per ufficiali 2
 Pezzo de piedi rigenerate 200
 Pancore di lana rigenerate 180
 Pezzo da piede nuove 70
 Pellioco rigenerate 8
 Guanti rigenerati 9
 Scarpe nuove paio 42
 " rigenerate paio 106
 Sacchi tela per viaggio biada e panna nuove 645
 " " corredo e biada nuove 164
 " per corredo nuovi 2
 Sacchetti tela grisetta nuovi 120
 " per sale nuovi 730
 Secchi acqua quadrupedi nuovi 13
 Sostegni per barrelle nuovi 17
 Sacchetti per galletta nuovi 300
 Tute tela bleu nuove 200
 Tela tenda monocromi nuova 293
 Tela branda per audieri nuova 61
 Tela tenda rigenerati 150
 Zaini nuovi 1120
 Calze di lana 7500
 Berrettini civili finiti 824
 " " da stirare 425

Berretti civili da ribattere	N°.	188	
" " in lavorazione	"	75	
" " tagliati	"	75	
Panno ruggine	Metri	39,20	
Nastro verde bianco e rosso	"	50,—	
Tela dura candida	"	2,—	
Carocchini	"	150,—	
Filati cucirini bobine 120 da 100 ced. e Bobine 24 da 500.			132.000,—
Cartoni per visiere liste	N°.	47	
Manape	M.	22	
Ritagli secchi 5	Kg.	130	lordo
Cuoio per suole	Kg.	1357,—	
Tomaia agguantata paia		783	
Scarpe finite muove -paia		25	
" da risuolare paia		120	
Vecchetta	Kg.	11	
Scarpe in lavorazione paia		20	
Pezzuane di cuoio	"	124	
Ritagli pelle	"	91	
Scarpe risuolate e rigenerate - paia	"	100	
Pelle nera al crema piede 2		2	
Scarpe anfibio marrone		4	
Tomaie anfibio marrone		2	
Stivali aperti finiti cuoio grasso "		1	
Stivali tomaie cuoio grasso "		3	
Cerniere lambo	N°.	84	
Piatti alluminio		100	
Scodelle alluminio		100	
Sostegni per barelle		17	
Camicio bianche muove		7702	
		169	

Scarpe finite nuove -paia	25			
" da risuolare paio	120			
Vacchetta	11			
Scarpe in lavorazione paio	20			
Pezzame di cuoio	124			
Ritagli pelle	91			
Scarpe risuolate e rigenerate -- paio	100			
Pelle nere al cromo piede 2	2			
Scarpe anfibio marrone	4			
tomate anfibio marrone	2			
Stivali aperti finiti cuoio grasso "	1			
Stivali tomate cuoio grasso "	3			
Cerniere lungo	34			
Platti alluminio	100			
Scodelle alluminio	100			
Sostegni per barville	17			
Camicio bianche nuove	7702			
Coperte da campo cm.17/185	169			
" " " 170/255	4	928		
Materassi ripieni di cascame misto	30			
Guanciale	27			
Berretti con visiera rigidi da frontiera	1150			
Pezzuola da piedi	22540			11270
Guanti di cotone bianchi e neri paio	71			
Cravette di tela bianca	970			
Piombo in pani pezzi	475	Kg.	3804	
Bronzo in lingotti	13	"	580	
Stagno in pani	3	"	118,500	
Alluminio in pani	78	"	245	
Chiodi da falegname pacchi	1294	"	6470,--	
Filo ferro cotto mm.50	98	"	3290,500	
Reggetta per imballo	162	"	5062,--	
Ottone in pani	3	"	31,--	
Cordone metallico	4	"	22,--	
Cordone in alluminio	3	"	4500,--	

Pilato nero titolo	40/2	bob. 62 da 500
"		" 101 " 2000
"		" 201 " 5000
"	40/3	" 19137 da 5000
"	40/4	" 301 " 1000

INVENTARIO CONSIGLIENZA MATERIALE P. U.

Indumenti vari f.u. (1)	Kg. 457,734,--
Oggetti di cuoio f.u. (2)	" 100.302,--
Oggetti e rottami di metallo f.u. (3)	" 52.507,--
Rottami di gomma f.u.	" 9.950,--
Gomme rigenerate	Nº. 27
Garnettato	Kg. 18.646,--
Sfilacciato G.V.	" 348,--
Bottoni vari	" 4.315,--

MATERIALE COLONIALE VARIO NUOVO -

Barnus casse 28 Nº. 560	Kg. 1.456,-- netti
Cordelline colori vari	" 68.142,--
Sciarse colori vari	" 9.066,--
Tarbuco 29 casse piccole)	" 23.440,--
" 17 " grandi ((	" 2.870,--
Tacchie con fiocco 35 casse	
Indumenti vari coloniali (4)	

1º) Comprendono tutti gli indumenti f.u. di lana, cotone, raion, canapa, misti e simili, tanto sporchi che lavati.

2º) Comprendono scarpe f.u. e riattabili, ritagli di suola o scarti di calzolaria, oggetti di cuoio nuovi o usati.

3º) Comprendono tutti i rottami di alluminio, ferro, rame, piombo, ottone, ecc. parte di cassetti da cucina, elmetto, gilette, parte di biciclette, distintivi, targhe. Comprendono inoltre fioretti, lame da fioretto, spade, pettorali, maschere da schema, apparecchi segnalatori da schema, il tutto nuovo e usato.

4º) Comprendono fiocchi di seta, raion e cotone, fettuccia, galloni collietti rossi, alamari, gradi per scari, nastri tricolori.

- Scarpe colori vari
 " 9.066,--
 " 13.440,--
 " 2.270,--
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- 4°) Comprendono fiocchi di seta, raion e cotone, fettuccia, galloni collettati rossi, alamari, eradi per gascari, mastri tricolori.

NOTA BENE

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- 1°) Tutto il materiale di cui sopra è stato accettato al peso segnato nei registri di carico della ex S.N.R. non essendo possibile il controllo, data l'enorme mole del materiale stesso, ad eccezione delle sciarpe coloniali il cui carico, controllato, segna una deficienza di Kg. 1286 rispetto a quello denunciato dalla ex S.N.R.
- 2°) Tutti i materiali in casse sono stati presi in carico al lordo, come del resto lo erano già, essendo sconsigliabile per il momento onde evitare eccessiva perdita di tempo, farlo al netto.
- 3°) Tutto il materiale non ha mai avuto diminuzione per calo naturale che, in monte va considerato da un minimo del 5% ad un massimo del 10%.
- 4°) Non è stato tenuto conto del materiale f.u. di lana, di cuoio e di metallo, prelevato dal Comando CC.RR. di Milano, essendo ancora i prelevamenti come da ordine del Comando Militare Alleato. A prelevamento ultimato verrà effettuato scarico unico di tutta la partita. -

SPECCHIO DEL MATERIALE INERENTE ALLA CANONIERIA

Spago per sellai in matassa			
Spago per calzolaï in gomitolì (597)			KG. 799,900
Filo forte per calzolaï in bobine (326)			28,800
Chiodi per scarpe gambo a freccia			33,000
Semenzina per calzolaï del N° 10			450,000
Semenzina per calzolaï del N° 12			675,000
Semenzina per calzolaï del N° 14			682,800
Semenzina " " " 16			989,000
Semenzina " " " 18			2628,800
Semenzina " " " 20			2236,000
Semenzina " " " 22			1560,200
Semenzina " " " 24			1103,000
Semenzina " " " 26			601,000
Semenzina " " " 28			198,100
			97,800

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Increase in strength of the 9th Repair W/S.

Ref: 5679/IC/Ord.

Date: 2/10/45.

In letter Ord/6 dated 7th inst. copy of which is attached, M.M.I.A.L.O. Bari informed the local Territorial Command that you had ordered an increase in strength of 20 men for the 9th Repair W/S.

Kindly confirm the above.

Pelligre:

Fabre/Carter.

A/11012
20 Sep
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TRANSLATION.

From: M.M.I.A.L.O. Bari. c/o 54 Area.

Ref: Ord:6

To: 9th Territorial Command (for the Commissariate Directorate)

Date: 7/8/45.

Subject: Regional Recovery Centre.

Reference conversation between Col. Occhipinto and
Capt. Hamilton.

1. H.Q. M.M.I.A. decided to reorganize their Regional Recovery Centre which has a strength of 12 officers and 60 men and ~~is~~ under your command (Commissariate Directorate) for all purposes.
2. The 9th Repair W/G (125/S.M.R.E./I) is authorized to have a temporary increase ~~in~~ in strength of 20 men. The strength therefore will be 10 officers and 45 men instead of the present authorized strength of 1 officers and 25 men. The 20 men will be temporarily attached and will come under the reinforcement category ITI-ITI.
3. Said organization will take place without changing the denominations of existing units pending the issue of the order of formation ~~x~~ of the centre.

Pshre/Capt. ter.

Hamilton.

APT.

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Subject: Engineer and Signal Property

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

October 1945

To : Minister for War

Reference MMIA ltr Q/15 of 13 September 1945 and
War Ministry ltr, 220921/II of 28 Sep 1945.
220-16-17

1. Control over all ITI-ITI Signal and Engineer property and all Signal and Engineer depots and all items therein are released to your control with effect 2400A hours, 2 October 1945 under the following conditions to which you have agreed:

- a. That no permanent line routes will be constructed by the Italian Army without coordination with the Italian Ministry of Communication.
- b. That no telephone or telegraph line will be constructed by the Italian Army where the facilities required can be obtained from a civilian telephone or telegraph company operating in the area. This does not apply to internal communication systems within camp, etc, which will continue to be set up as required by you.
- c. Engineer and Signal equipment where necessary will be supplied to Italian units operating under Allied Command. (All such demands will be screened by MMIA before stores are issued.)
- d. Information as to the state of stocks and resources of the Italian Army will be furnished MMIA on demand.
- e. Representatives of MMIA will be permitted to visit inventory and inspect any and all Italian depots as desired, and

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

e. Representatives of MMIA will be permitted to visit ⁹²⁰ inventory and inspect any and all Italian depots as desired, and MMIA will be kept fully advised of the location of such depots.

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

3. It must be understood that as from the date specified, the Allied Armies will not make available any further Signal or Engineer equipment for the Italian Army, except such supplies as may be advised from time to time, the quantity of such supplies being considered as relatively small.

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

5. Where Allied items are handed over, the present procedure will continue, i.e., acceptance notes will be handled by our liaison officer on the spot.

6. Any authorizations or allotments made by MMIA prior to 2 October 1945 must be filled by the ITI-ITI depots as under present procedure.

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

CPK/lak

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Translation

From : KOW

Ref. : 220383/II

To : MMIA

Date : Sept. 27, 1945

Subject : Clothing, equipment, weapons and ammo.

Ref. letter Q/8 dated Sept. 11.

I confirm the assurances given by the Commissariat and Administrative Services Directorate General (letter 22363/V.C. dated Sept. 15) and by the Arty and M.T. Directorate General (letter 34826/1691 dated Sept. 20) regarding compliance with conditions laid down in par. 1 of the a/m letter.

(Sgd) Jacini

Cpl. VDC

SEE 537
Zolier
Q/23/1

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Subject: Como Clothing Workshops

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

27 September 1945

To : Minister for War 430

Ref your 4890/1C - Ord of 30 August, above subject

1. Instructions have today been sent to Major Bird, MMIA LO, Milan, to arrange for the immediate recovery, under his supervision, of the above factory and all depots and contents by the 23d Recovery Commission for the Italian Army. Allied Commission has sent instructions to its officers to turn the factory over to Major Bird for the Italian Army. We are awaiting information that the action has been completed.

2. It is understood that the buildings are not War Ministry property, and it will therefore be necessary for you to arrange with the owners for the use of the buildings. Also, some machinery or other property in the factory may not be military property, and if such is found, you will separate and safeguard such property, and report it to MMIA for disposal instructions.

(K)

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

CPK/lak

cc: MMIA LO, Milan

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM:

MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION)

MMIA LO MILAN

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q 625

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RESTRICTED (.) SUBJECT COMO CLOTHING FACTORY (.) ALCOM SIGNAL
6153 OF TODAY TO R C LOMBARDIA DIRECTS STOCKS AND CONTENTS BE
FROZEN AND ALL TURNED OVER TO YOU (.) SEE R C LOMBARDIA AND
ARRANGE TO HAVE 23 RECOVERY COMMISSION TAKE OVER IMMEDIATELY (.)
FACTORY INCLUDES ALL DEPOTS AND CONTENTS SHOWN YOUR NWI/11/Q OF
23 AUG (.) RENDER FULL REPORT INCLUDING INVENTORY (.) IMMEDIATE
ACTION IMPERATIVE (.) REPORT FULLY ANY DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (.)
ACKNOWLEDGE (.) SIGNED BROWNING

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

SEE 451
C. F. KERR, Col, InfSEE 9163

SUBJECT: Provision of Arms & Ammunition.

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

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to General Artillery Directorate letter 34826/1691 of 20 Sept. 1945.

2. Confirming conversation General Properzj - Lt. Ward of 21 September, the a/m letter will be regarded as cancelled. It is understood that the consolidated report for all the services which will be forwarded by the War Minister will cover the necessary points on supply of arms and ammunition.

JW
JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

JJW/ag

Copy to: Q/23/1

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UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT : 9 Repair Shops BARI.

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LAND FORCES SUB CORP., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel : 609081 Ext. 533.
A 110/2
Sect 15

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The temporary attachment of 20 OR's to 9 Repair Shops (TE 125/SER/1) is authorized, pending the formation of 9 Centro Regionale Ricupero on a new TE now being worked out.
2. These 20 OR's will be carried as reinforcements in the ITI-ITI Category.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

COMP TO : M.M.I.A. L.O. c/o 54 Area.

Internal: G (SD) (2).
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Subject: Coso Clothing Factory

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

432 26 September 1945

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

Reference MMIA letter Q/15 of 6 Sept 1945 and
letter AC/504/MIRD, Milan, of 24 Sept 1945.

1. Answering the comments under paragraph headings:

a. Para 3a - The War Ministry states that the machines are positively identified as having been in the old Army factory at Florence. The statement that the machinery was bought or requisitioned by GMR is additional proof to the contention that this is captured enemy material of Italian origin, and therefore to be returned to the Italian Army control.

b. Para 3b - The GMR was an armed force of the Republican Government. Its entire resources were stolen from the Italian Government Depots, and this fact proves the contention of the War Ministry.

c. Para 3c - CC.RR uniforms are Italian Army uniforms. Issue of CC.RR uniforms is a function of MMIA and War Ministry. No Italian Army clothing should be issued without MMIA authority. The only difference here is whether the 5,000 CC.RR uniforms were new or second-hand. Our information is that these were new, but this does not affect the question of authority to issue. The War Ministry did not know of the issue of 2,000 new trousers and 600 new jackets.

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d. Para 3d - The ALCON letter agrees with the War Ministry statement. 913

e. Para 3e - The authorized representatives of the Italian Army, the 53d Recovery Commission, state definitely that they were refused admittance.

f. Para 3f - The two Italian officers mentioned have nothing to do with the recovery of this factory. The Officer Commanding the 23d Recovery Commission has made this statement in writing. Whatever was said by the Provincial Commissioner to the two Italian officers mentioned has nothing to do with the case.

g. Para 3h - The War Ministry has stated that a demand for 32 million lire has been made by AMG on the Central Accounts Office of the War Ministry. If no such demand had been made where could the War Ministry have received the information, especially as the Provincial Finance Officer reported the factory as a War Ministry concern?

h. Para 4d - This fact is admitted by the ALCOM letter cited. The Provincial Commissioner originally reported that he believed this to be Italian Army property, yet, following that report, the factory was taken over by AMG. There can be no question that at least some of the material in the factory was in fact known to be military and the added fact that it was a GMM factory places all material and machinery in the category of GMM of military origin, which automatically determines that control not be exercised by AMG/AC.

2. It is quite clear from my remarks above that:

a. Far from being "substantially inaccurate", my letter Q/15 of 6 September was completely correct.

b. AMG and the Italian Civil Government in the Milan Area have acted in contravention of the direct orders of AMHQ.

3. a. However, I note now that "a take over by the Italian Army is still (sic.) awaited".

b. Please therefore issue forthwith a signal to AMG Milan that:

(i) The factory and its contents together with the attached depots, will be handed over to No. 23 Recovery Commission forthwith under supervision of MMIA LO, Milan.

(ii) All stocks therein are frozen forthwith and will not be issued except under authority of MMIA.

c. Please send me a copy of your telegram, so that I may inform my LO at Milan, ensure that orders are in fact carried out and close this unfortunate business.

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b. Please therefore issue forthwith a signal to AMG Milan that:

(1) The factory and its contents together with the attached depots, will be handed over to No. 93 Recovery Commission forthwith under supervision of MMIA LO, Milan.

(ii) All stocks therein are frozen forthwith and will not be issued except under authority of MMIA.

c. Please send me a copy of your telegram, so that I may inform my LO at Milan, ensure that orders are in fact carried out and close this unfortunate business.

L. Brown

Major General 912
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Subject: Dyeing of Battle-dress for Italian Army.

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

0/15
24 September 1945.

To: A.F.H.Q.

1. From the first issue of dyed green outer uniform for Br-Iti and US-Iti Service Troops, the Italian Ministry of War has made repeated requests that the uniform should be issued without being dyed, as for Combat Troops.

2. Their reasons are:

- (a) The dyeing notably deteriorates the resistance of the fabric.
- (b) It shrinks the uniform, rendering the smaller sizes unserviceable, even to the smallest Italian soldier.
- (c) The dye is not fast and soils the underwear and the skin of the wearer. (Throughout the past months this has considerably aggravated the problems created by the shortage of soap and underwear).
- (d) The dyeing process is costly and laborious and both expense and labour would be saved if the uniform were issued undyed.
- (e) The problem of identification was successfully overcome in the case of Combat Troops' battle-dress and khaki K.D. by the wearing of a piece of Italian

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- (d) The dyeing process is costly and laborious and both expense and labour would be saved if the uniform were issued undyed.
- (e) The problem of identification was successfully overcome in the case of Combat Troops' battle-dress and khaki K.D. by the wearing of a piece of Italian tricolour on the epaulettes.
- (f) Owing to the transfer of personnel, dress in units is already mixed (green, khaki, grey and O.D.) without method or reason.
- (g) Br-Iti troops are rapidly being disbanded and stocks of green B.D. will soon be useless.

3. As, however, Allied regulations prohibited the wearing of Allied uniforms without certain prescribed distinguishing marks, it is recommended that the issue of undyed uniform be permitted, provided that it is not worn without a distinguishing patch with the word "Italia" in one inch letters on the left upper arm of blouses, field jacket, or other outer top garments.

W. P. Bailey, Colonel

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

Original By hand to AFHQ 25/8. W.P.
ALN/slb. info w/c handle on 26/8
AAG is note. ✓

TRANSACTION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Arms and Ammo.

Ref: 34-26/1691.

Date: 20/9/45.

Reply to letter C/B dated the 11/9/45.

Requests made in letters b, d and e of para. 1 of the a/m letter can be carried out.

We beg you to give detailed information on the number and the location of the depots that are to be handed over so that we can arrange the movement of the consignees.

Requests for authori^{ty} to ~~effect~~ issue ~~of~~ ammo. will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received, if existing stocks are not sufficient to meet the ~~xxxxxx~~ requirements of the Armed Forces.

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Carter.



I have seen Ed Kern
and he suggests we
take the minister's first
letter - yet to arrive 910
as coming everything

Am. Newton
Hjme

SEE H#51

See correspondence changes to 9/15

SUBJECT: Clothing, equipment, Arms, Ammunition.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.
A.C. (K. M. I. A.)
R O M E
G/P

19 September 1945.

TO : Minister for War. (4)

See

Reference: MMIA letter 2/8 of 11 Sept 1945, above subject.

War Ministry letter file V.E.C.C. of 15 Sept. 22363/VG

1. Control over all IRI-ITI clothing and equipment, and arms and ammunition depots, and all items therein, including those provided by the Allies, are released to your control, with effect 2400 hours, 30 Sept. 1945, under the following conditions, to which you have agreed:

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

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

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

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

e. Representatives of MMIA will be permitted to visit,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. IWI-ITI Guard Battalions under British Command and some other IWI-ITI Units have in the past been authorized to draw clothing and equipment from BR-ITI Clothing Depots of the Administrative Divisions. As of 1 October 1945, no

be handled by you without reference to NMIA, all stock states and reports now required to be submitted to NMIA on a periodic basis will cease, and all pertinent records now on hand in NMIA will be turned over to you. Thereafter the operation, issue, control and accounting for supplies will be in your hands.

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6. ITI-ITI Guard Battalions under British Command and some other ITI-ITI Units have in the past been authorized to draw clothing and equipment from BR-ITI Clothing Depots of the Administrative Divisions. As of 1 October 1945, no further requisitions will be handled by BR-ITI Administrative Divisions for these battalions, which will submit their requisitions to ITI-ITI depots as directed by you.

7. Any authorizations or allotments made by NMIA prior to 30 Sept 1945 must be filled by the ITI-ITI Depots as under present procedure.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
For Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

Distribution:

HQ AC (3)
Public Safety Sub-Com. AC (2)
All NMIA LO's.

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Subject:- Repair Programme.

Land Forces Sub Commission L.C.
(M. I. A.)
9/15
19 September, 1945.

To:-

M. I. A. L.C. c/o 54 Area.

Reference your Ord/6 dated 2 September, 1945.

1. It is required to know what the 12 officers and 60 other ranks are doing, i.e. breakdown by appointments, and transport.
2. It is the policy of this H.Q. that all Italian Army units should be given the most economical T.E. before they are authorized. From the information given by you, there is no evidence of the types of vehicles or why they are required nor of whether the number of personnel is the most economical.
3. It is noticed that in your letter Ord/6 dated 7 Sep 45, addressed to 9 Territorial H.Q. under paragraph 1 you state that the Centro Regionale Risparmi comes under command of 9 Territorial H.Q. for all purposes. Attention is drawn to the fact that under the agreement reached between M.I.A. and Ministry of War, it is intended that all clothing and repair organisations shall be directly controlled by the Ministry of War, through the Central Clothing and Repair installation at Bologna.

F. J. Clark
F. J. CLARK Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. I. A.

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to: MCH

Translation

ref. 22556/VC

19 Sept. 45

Subject: Withdrawal of wool for weaving - stock 1944

As you have already been verbally informed by the LO M of W we urgently require the movement of textile wool stock 1944-, (Kgs 419-440), from the dumps located in centre-southern Italy to Romagnano Sesia factories (Northern Italy).

This wool should be urgently moved because it belongs to an old stock which is getting ~~spoiled~~ ^{deteriorated} owing to the lack of preserving material and because ~~xxxxxx~~ Army winter clothing should be manufactured in the shortest possible time.

We think that rly transport is not advisable because:

- 1) Some of the stores are far from the railway line and some could avail themselves of railway lines which ~~are not quite reliable~~ ^{do not seem assured}
for prompt arrival?
~~for the shipment of rly waggons;~~
- 2) the wool stock is split into several small stocks in different localities and it would be very difficult to load the waggons within the time allowed by the State railway for loading;
- 3) Railway transport could involve (owing to the actual circumstances) greater theft risks than road transport;

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We think that rly transport is not advisable because:

I) Some of the stores are far from the railway line and some could avail themselves of railway lines which ~~are not quite reliable~~ *do not seem accurate*

if provided animal?
~~for the shipment of rly waggons;~~

2) the wool stock is split into several small stocks in different localities and it would be very difficult to load the waggons within the time allowed by the State railway for loading;

3) Railway transport could involve (owing to the actual circumstances) greater theft risks than road transport;

4) Transport with lorries would consent a speedier shipment of wool to the factories thus decreasing losses due to the waste of this material and anticipating the availability of clothing.

Therefore we beg MMIA kindly to examine the possibility of granting, (for the transport of this wool), the military lorries which will be available from time to time up to a maximum of 20.

The quantities of wool to be transported with lorries and stores where same are stocked, are the following:

Province of Catanzaro	Kgs 102.000	50
" " Potenza	" 30.000	15
" " Matera	" 60.300	30
" " Rieti	" 3.000	1
" " Taranto	" 25.000	12
	Kgs 220.900	

We are studying ^{the} railway transport of the remaining quantity of wool (Kgs 200.000).

The organisation for the withdrawal of this wool will be ready pto

to function with effect from the 24th inst. On this date the first
lorries available should be assigned.

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Subject: Engineer and Signal Property

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

13 September 1945

To : Minister for War

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

a. That no permanent line routes will be constructed by the Italian Army without coordination with the Italian Ministry of Communication.

b. That no telephone or telegraph line will be constructed by the Italian Army where the facilities required can be obtained from a civilian telephone or telegraph company operating in the area. This does not apply to internal communication systems within camp, etc., which will continue to be set up as required by you.

c. Engineer and signal equipment where necessary will be supplied to Italian units operating under Allied Command. (All such demands will be screened by MMIA before stores are issued.)

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

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

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

3. It must be understood that as from the date specified, the Allied Armies will not make available any further signal or engineer equipment for the Italian Army, except such surpluses as may be advised from time to time, the quantity of such surpluses being considered as relatively small.

4. As from the date specified, all requisitions and releases will be handled by you without reference to MMIA, all stock states

Subject: Clothing, Equipment, Arms, Ammunition

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
Q/8

11 September 1945

To : Minister for War

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

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

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

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

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

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Bulk barrack stores depots
Salvage depots.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Your assurances covering the conditions set out in Par 1 are awaited. ← 85/1

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

TERMINATION

From : A of War

To : MILIA

Ref : 5834/L.C./OPH

Dtd : 7 Sep 45

Subject : Uniforms of Allied Troops.

As is known, the allied uniforms intended for Italian troops not serving in the Combat Groups are at present dyed green, while those issued to the Combat Groups are of the original colour.

Now, with the resumption of hostilities, it seems to this Ministry that the reasons which, in their time, made such a differentiation advisable, no longer exist; therefore we beg MILIA kindly to ^{review} ~~re-examine~~ the matter in order to bring about - if possible - the termination of the above-mentioned procedure.

This Ministry's request seeks:

- 1) to avoid a very costly labour and to economise in the raw materials necessary;
- 2) to avoid deterioration in the resistance of the cloth and the consequent shorter period of serviceability, *caused by fading.*

On the other hand, we would point out that the khaki uniform ^{is} ~~is~~ a regulation uniform of the Italian Army (for the colonies) and that at present, in addition to the Combat Groups, it is used to a great extent also by other troops.

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- 1) to avoid a very costly labour and to economise in the raw materials necessary;
- 2) to avoid deterioration in the resistance of the cloth and the consequent shorter period of serviceability, caused by *tinting*.

On the other hand, we would point out that the khaki ~~uniform~~ ^{outfit} is a regulation uniform of the Italian Army (for the colonies) and that at present, in addition to the Combat Groups, it is used to a great extent also by other troops.

We add that the above-mentioned idea has already been ³⁰² accepted by this Ministry for the summer outfit, the uniform of which, in khaki ~~khaki~~ linen, is used by all troops, irrespective of their employment or type of unit.

Whenever the MILA considers it suitable to suspend from use, the allied uniforms dyed green, in order to differentiate between Italian troops and others, it would be possible to adopt a distinction (e.g. a tricolour **band**, to be worn on the arm, or a "flash" to be worn on the epaulette) similar to those at present worn by the Combat Groups and the Administrative Divisions.

The Minister,

Gen. Tacchini

Emilio

Subject: Como Clothing Factory

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
9/15
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September 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. According to the War Ministry there is a clothing factory at Como, with history as follows:

a. Organized by the Republican Government after 8 September 1943 to manufacture uniforms for the Republican Army. Later passed under control of Fascist militia, then under the GMR.

b. On date of Liberation was taken over by CVL under "Colonel" Daddis, and produced uniforms for the CVL Partisans.

c. On 19 May (by letter signed Major Francis for Colonel Poletti) the Como AMG Provincial Commissioner took over, confirming Daddis as manager until 7 June, and then appointed De Luca Piero as manager.

d. Toward the end of June, the Town Major of Como named a Business Committee of Liberation from factory personnel. On 6 August the Prefect named a Board of Directors.

2. The factory is located at Via del Popolo 4, has about 900 sewing machines, employs about 550 people, and has six additional large depots in the vicinity in which are located large stocks of Italian Army clothing and equipment, tires and cloth.

3. The Italian War Ministry states: *SEE 440*

a. The machinery and equipment, which was removed by the Germans from the Italian Army factory at Florence, is identified as Italian Army property.

b. The clothing, equipment, cloth and other materials in the factory, are a part of the loot of the Germans, and are positively identified as property of the War Ministry, having been taken to Como from Central Italy after the armistice.

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and reports now required to be submitted to MMIA on a periodic basis will cease, and all pertinent records now on hand in MMIA will be turned over to you. Thereafter the operation, issue, control and accounting for supplies will be in your hands.

5. Where Allied items are handed over, the present procedure will continue, i.e., acceptance notes will be handled by our liaison officer on the spot.

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

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

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c. 5,000 new Italian Army uniforms, found in the factory, have been given to the police or CC.RR by AMG, Milan. (We have no confirmation of this from Public Safety Sub Comm.)

d. The factory is now manufacturing clothing for internees from Germany on authority of AMG, Milan.

e. The representatives of the Italian Army have been denied admittance by AMG officers.

f. The buildings are not the property of the War Ministry.

g. Repeated efforts by the Italian Army Recovery Commission to secure the return of the machinery, clothing, equipment, etc, from AMG, Como have been blocked with a statement that ALCON in Milan will not authorize the return to the Italian Army.

h. That AMG has asked the War Ministry to pay the sum of 32 million lire which has been spent in the factory under AMG control. This, the War Ministry refuses to do, contending that it would be paying for its own materials and then not getting the products.

4. It is clear that:

a. This is a highly important and urgent matter affecting the Italian Army and the liability of the Allied Governments for its support, considering the quantities of materials involved and the extensive operations represented by 32 million lire.

b. The machinery, clothing, cloth, equipment, etc, is property of the War Ministry, for the Republican Government had only such assets as it stole from the Italian Government.

c. That, since the property belongs to the War Ministry (as admitted by the AMG demand for the War Ministry to pay for the operations) the taking over of the plant, and its continued operation, by AMG, and the refusal of AMG to return it to the Italian Army is not in accordance with Par 9c of AFHQ letter, file AG 388.3/165 LOG-0 of 22 June 1945, subject "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", which specifically provides: "Recaptured material of Italian military origin.....will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities.....".

d. The AFHQ instructions cited, in no instance authorizes AMG to take over, block, operate, give away, dispose of, or exercise control over "Recaptured material of Italian military origin", nor does it authorize military commanders to use it for

other than military purposes, including maintenance of POW, but on the contrary is of such language as to admit of no doubt as to the intent of AFHQ, which is to get Italian Army property (including captured material of military origin) back to the Italian military authorities.

5. It is therefore requested that instructions be issued forthwith to the proper AC/ANG officials that this factory, including the machinery and materials, be delivered to the control of the Italian War Ministry, and that WMIA be informed so that the War Ministry can take over control without delay in order to safeguard the machinery and property.

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

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cc: Q/AE AFHQ
GOC - Two District
Col Finks, AFHQ
LO Milan

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Subject: Supply of Italian Army, US-ITI and BR-ITI.

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

9/15

21 August, 1945.

To -

A.P.H. 4.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 5a of AFHQ letter, file AG 400/105 D-C, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian armed forces", certain surplus items have been made available for US-ITI and BR-ITI troops in the past. Also, certain repairs and dyeing have been accomplished in ITI-ITI depots on clothing and equipment received from Allied depots for use of US-ITI or BR-ITI troops only.

2. a. The stocks of clothing and equipment now in ITI-ITI depots are relatively small for the present ITI-ITI strength. At the same time it is planned that the Italian Army will be faced with an additional number of ITI-ITI troops for whom provision must be made.

b. It is presumed that under the present proposals neither the British nor U.S. Armies will be responsible for the supply of the ITI-ITI Category on the old basis, and therefore the new interim Army (which is much larger than the present ITI-ITI Category) must depend on

- (1) Present stocks
- (2) Allied salvage not required for maintenance of US-ITI or BR-ITI
- (3) Imports of raw materials by the Italian Government on the civil program and processing in local shops, principally Army, of the material into finished articles.

c. It is assumed that the Allied salvage not required for the maintenance of US-ITI and BR-ITI will materially diminish in quantity (as is now the case), on account of the lesser number of Allied troops in the area.

d. The import of raw material on the civil program and its processing is not a sound fact as yet, and dependence of this source of supply is not satisfactory.

e. The Italian Army must depend on its present stocks, conserving them to the maximum extent by repair and modification. Some small amounts of material are being received from captured stocks to supplement the present stocks, but these are only sufficient to prevent an additional demand at this time on the Allied Armies for the maintenance of the ITI-ITI Category.

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f. The repair facilities of the Italian Army will not be capable of meeting the demands of the new interim Italian Army plus demands for repair of clothing and equipment for BR-ITI or US ITI troops.

There are now in Italian depots some items which may be surplus to ITI-ITI needs as foreseen. It is requested that instructions be issued to the agencies concerned to forward, by 15 September 1945, to M.M.I.A. the estimated requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI troops for the period during which these troops will be maintained by the US and British Armies. Such estimated lists will be checked and any items now available in Italian Army depots will be made available by M.M.I.A. to the employing agencies prior to 1 October 1945.

Therefore, effective as of 1 October 1945, it must be accepted that no further allotments will be made from Italian Army depot stocks to US-ITI or BR-ITI troops, and these troops will be solely dependent on the employing agency for the provision of the necessary items according to the authorized scale.

The system of maintenance of these troops after 1 October 1945 will be:

a. For US-ITI as at present from US Army depots, utilizing the Italian provided items on hand, supplemented by US items. Repairing, dyeing and renovating of US salvage to be the responsibility of the US, as at present, with the Italian Government paying the bills, etc. No change in the present system of accounting in which shipping tickets are forwarded to MMIA covering issues of US property.

b. For BR-ITI as at present through the BR-ITI Clothing Depot and thence through BR-ITI Administrative Divisions. It will be necessary however that the British items furnished to supplement the stocks presently held in the BR-ITI depots must be received in the BR-ITI Clothing Depot in a serviceable and wearable condition as no repairs or renovation is possible in that depot. No change in present system of accounting.

c. For Guard Battalion (ITI-ITI) which remain under Allied Command - the War Ministry will be instructed to meet demands for these units from ITI-ITI stocks within the authorized scale. Demands to be submitted through Italian Army channels, not MMIA.

On 1 October 1945, the control, supervision, record keeping, warehousing, and all other matters connected with ITI-ITI Clothing and Equipment Depots will be returned to Italian Army control and MMIA personnel will be withdrawn except for necessary supervisory inspections.

Arms and ammunition for US-ITI and BR-ITI will be supplied by the Italian War Ministry as at present, with demands passing through Italian channels.

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

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TRANSLATION

From : H of War
To : UNIA

Ref : 4890/I.O.

Dtd : 30 Aug 45

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Subject : Como Clothing Workshops (formerly clothing stores of the ex-Fascist Republican Black Guards).

The H.Q. of the ex-Fascist Republican Black Guards had, in its time, formed, at Como a military factory for the manufacture and repair of clothing and equipment, which at the time of liberation, continued to function, under the title of "Civilian Clothing Products, Como", under the direction of civilian elements nominated in turn by the Committee of National Liberation, the mayor, the Prefect and with the knowledge of the local and regional A.M.S.

The factory employs about 550 persons between ~~XXXXXX~~ clerks and manual workers, and consists of two clothing workshops (about 200 sewing machines), cutting room, various machine rooms, chemical laboratory, ^{an} ~~administrative~~ office, stores etc.

It has a large availability of the finest materials (cloths, threads, repairable objects, etc.) originating from military stores and dumps.

It appears, that at the moment, it is ready to ~~manufacture~~ through ~~the~~ ~~factory~~ uniforms for carabinieri and

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It has a large availability of the finest materials (cloths, threads, repairable objects, etc.) originating from military stores and dumps.

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It appears, that at the moment, it is ready to ~~manufacture~~ through ~~xxx~~ the orders of A.M.G. Como, turquoise uniforms for carabinieri and clothing for civilian internees. For such work, the factory would be also financed by the said A.M.G. to the sum of Lire 32.646.000, reimbursement of which has been requested of the Central Accounts Department of the M. of War.

Further information cannot be supplied ~~xxxxxx~~ because, up to the present, local political interferences have obstructed visits to the factory and direct assistance.

There is no doubt that the factory in question should be restored to the Military Administration, owing to the fact that, although under the control of A.M.G., the loss of much material useful to the Army cannot be avoided, whether ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{due to} lack of regular administration or whether on account of the above-mentioned local interferences.

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We therefore request the intervention of MILA, in order that the
 restitution may be effected as soon as possible, and intend that
 the said factory will form the 3rd Repair Work shop, which the
 Military Territorial H.Q. of Milan ^{possess} does not yet in its administrative
 area.

For the Minister,

sgd. Pelligrino.

B.S. L. 10/11/51

2nd Recovery Commission.

Reference : No. 640.

MILAN.

Subject : Como Military Factory.

9 Aug 45.

To : I.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Info : Commandery Directorate, 2nd Territorial H. Milan.
"Servizio" Office, 2nd Territorial H. Milan.

1. There is a Military Factory at Como which had been set up on the 8th September, 1943, for the manufacture and repair of clothing for troops of the Italian Army. The Factory was called the "Centro Ricambi di Capi" under command of the Lombardy "Centre Recovery", which was under direct command of the Commandery Directorate, 2nd Territorial H. Milan, with detached depots at Vigevano and Monza.

After events following the stipulation of the Armistice, the said Recovery Centre was taken over by the Fascist Militia H. Milan (M.M.I.A.) and then by the Fascist Republican Guard (G.R.A.) with the name of "Stabilimento Ventile di Equipaggiamento".

2. On the date of the liberation, the Factory came under the orders of the Special War Commissioner (Col. Delfino) of the C.V.I. (Comando Volontario della Libertà), Camp Division.

The Factory became known as the "Stabilimento Mariano di Confalonieri" and produced clothing for the C.V.I. Partisans. On the 22nd 1945, the Factory was taken over by the C.V.I. On the 23rd 1945, the Factory was taken over by the C.V.I. Provincial Commissioner (later dated 15 May, 1945, signed Major Francis, for Col. Polletti) continuing Col. Delfino as C.V.I. until 7 June, 1945, when the C.V.I. were disbanded, and then ending his measures to the Milan.

Towards the end of June, the Town Mayor of Como named a Recovery Committee of Liberation and a Board of Directors in the Factory with personnel of the Factory itself. In the 4th of August, the "Pacetto" named a Board of Directors (M.M.I.A.) headed by a Special Commissioner (Col. Luigi Mancinelli). It is to be noted that the manager of the factory was removed from his post by the Town Mayor of Como on July 31st, 1945.

U.S. (Corpo Volontario della Libertà), and Garrison.

The Factory became known as the "fabbrica di Confessioni" and produced clothing for the U.S. Partisan. In May 1945, the Factory was taken over by the U.S. Provincial Commission (later dated 15 May, 1945, signed Major Francis, for Col. Paletti) confining Col. Tomlin as O.C. until 7 June, 1945, when the U.S. were disembarked, and then seeing his movement to the place.

Towards the end of June, the Tom Thayer of Doro used a Business Commission of Liberation and a Board of Directors in the Factory with personnel of the Factory itself. On the 6th of August, the "Prestetto" named a Board of Directors (Administrative) presided by a special administrator, Luigi Macchiari. It is to be pointed out that the manager, as Tomlin was removed from his post by the Tom Thayer of Doro on July 31st, 1945.

The Factory itself is located in Via del Popolo 4, and consists of two rooms (Laboratory) for the actual manufacture of the clothing with all the equipment (about 200 sewing machines), are "cutting" room, and Chemical Laboratory equipped with analysis and treatment apparatus and material, office and "garage". The personnel numbers about 550, including offices and factory workers.

The Factory furthermore has the following deposits:

- (4) — Chiusa Barro 2, the visible Type Depot.
- (3) — Via Sarni, Unserviceable Military Boot Depot.
- (2) — Via Sarni (also) Unserviceable Material Depot (Moss-tins, water-bottles, bicycles, etc.).
- (1) — Via Sarni (also) Barro 2, Military Cloth (mixed types) Depot, (Moss-tins, water-bottles, bicycles, etc.).
- (6) — Via Sarni (also) Barro 2, Military Cloth (mixed types) Depot, (Moss-tins, water-bottles, bicycles, etc.).
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4. From the date of the founding of 3rd Territorial Army, many contacts have been made in order to obtain the return to the Military Administration of the Factory, in order to be able to use it for the requisition of the troops of the Italian Army. No concrete result has, however, been obtained because while the local authorities are doing everything possible to hold on to the Factory, the Coma A.S.G. states it has no authority to return it to the Italian Military Administration without specific authorization of Milan A.S.G. On the other hand, it has come to our notice that the Coma A.S.G. has helped the Factory financially by giving the sum of 32 million lire, this sum now having been repaid from the Italian Air Ministry.

5. The raw materials (cloth, thread, Depistabile material, etc.) now to be found in the Factory are in large quantities, about 5000 complete sets of M.42 Uniforms, oriented, were found in perfect condition among the many usable material in the Maresciali Depot (Jackets, trousers, Overcoats and Shoes) which have been given to the Italian M.42 Legion on authorization of the Allied Command.

Amongst the unserviceable material there are many sets of Uniforms for the Italian Army which are to be considered as unusable, and much woollen material left over from the manufacture of colonial and territorial equipment. Among the cloth at present in the Depot are quantities (about 7,000 metres) of "vachins" and market cloth for the manufacture of M.42 Uniforms.

The Factory is now manufacturing civilian clothes for prisoners from Germany, such work is authorized by A.S.G. Upon completion of the work at present at the Factory Waging Office, it appears quite clear that nearly all the material comes from Italian Army Depots in Central and Northern Italy absorbed and collected at Camp by the People's Republic Government.

(signed) C. Stiefel, Lt. Col. C..

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Subject: Cloth and Stores received from P.E.I.

Land Forces Sub Comd., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
3/15

To: Ministry of War.

24 AUG 45

1. M.M.I.A. has secured from P.E.I. for the Italian Army the following items of captured enemy property :-

75752 yds - Green Military Cloth.
65436 yds - Flannel Grey Green.
183 rolls - Lining.
5356 yds - Lining.
638 yds - Cloth Blue Denim.
3153 yds - Cloth Blue Denim.
40 yds - Cloth Cotton Blue.
7142 yds - Cloth White Flannel.
125,883 yds - Cloth Canvas for Suitings.
33,784 yds - Assorted Linings.
2000 tons (approx) Various Accommodation Stores.

2. All items will be railed to the Ministry of War, PORTUENNA Station, ROME, in lots of approx 5 rail cars a day. You will make the necessary arrangements for immediate unloading of cars as they arrive and for storage in ROME Depots. The issue to units of all items received will be decided by M.M.I.A. in the normal way.

3. All items will be carefully checked by you in the presence of an M.M.I.A. rep and a full report will be made of all items received.

4. Further detailed arrangements will be made by Captain I. FORDICE, M.M.I.A., with Lt. Col. MARINNI of the War Ministry.

FJM/bh

Copy to: M.M.I.A. NOV 10.
UT (re Tpt required)

F. J. N. Paul
F. J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Repair Programs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MILIA)

~~0/15~~

14 AUG 45

TO : Senior MILIA LO
c/o 54 Area

42011

Ref your ORD/6 of 9 Aug 45.

- i. The present situation as detailed in your letter is not fully clear to this HQ.
- 2. It is understood that the following is the position re Repair units in your area.

NO	UNIT	PRESENT STRENGTH		NEW STRENGTH as	
		Offrs	Org	Offrs	Orgs authorized - Issued by SD/ 94/1 of 5 Jul 45
125/SUB/1	9 Repair Shop	15	45	10	25
120/SUB/1	9 Salvage Depot	2	15	2	15
-	2 Repair Depot	-	-	891	-
-	DR-III Repair Depot	-	-	-	-
118/SUB/1	9 Sorting Depot	2	46	-	-

2. It is understood that the following is the position re Repair units in your area.

WE	UNIT	PRESENT STRENGTH		NEW STRENGTH as authorized by SD/ 9A/1 of 5 July 69	
		Offrs	CRs	Offrs	CRs
125/EMRE/1	3 Repair Shop	15	45	10	25
120/EMRE/1	9 Salvage Depot	2	15	2	15
-	2 Repair Depot	-	-	3	1
-	DR-III Repair Depot	-	-	-	-
118/EMRE/1	9 Sorting Depot	2	16	-	-
Total		19	76	12	40

3. This means that 7 Offrs and 36 CRs previously authorized have been deleted. The strength of the unauthorized units are not known but they are presumed from para 5 of your letter to have numbered 5 Offrs and 24 CRs together.

4. It is not clear, however, whether the new Centro Regionale Recupero unit, which is required, will be in addition to the reconstitution of 9 Sorting Depot and the continuance of 9 Repair Shop and 9 Salvage Depot, which were included in the original Centro Regionale Recupero, or whether it is intended to combine all the units shown in para 2 above into one unit of 12 Offrs and 60 CRs.

5. It is requested, therefore, that you forward concrete proposals for the solution of this problem.

SEE 425

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Col.,
D. Q. M. S.
M. H. I. A.

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FOR NMIA 19 (.) AM INVESTIGATING YOUR OSD/6 OF MINS AUG (.)

FOR HAMILTON FROM NOAKES

PERSONNEL

AUTHENTICATED

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Subject:- Clothing Policy - INTC.

421/A

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)
R O M S
Q/OS/24

Q/15

"F" BTLU INTC (2)

10 Aug/45.

Ref. your AQ5/1152 of 7 Aug/45.

1. It is confirmed that the policy for clothing rfts at INTC CESANO will be as follows:-

- a) On arrival at INTC all recruits will be issued with clothing and equipment to service scale from BRITF stocks, plus a complete set of web equipment from Br Ord stocks.
- b) On departure from INTC, Service Troops will retain clothing and equipment to service scale only, while Combat Troops will receive clothing and equipment to combat scale, after handing in all clothing and equipment used during training.
- c) The permanent staff of INTC will be issued with clothing and equipment to combat scale.

2. This arrangement will take effect on arrival of the clothing now being moved to INTC from NAPLES.

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W. H. P. H. A.

Major General,
M.V.I.A.

Copy to:- APBQ
HQ Rome Allied Area Command.

Internal:-Q.

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FROM: M M I A

TO(FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

TO(FOR INFO) : PENSOUTH FOR
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FOR Q/AE (.) AFTER COMPLETION OF JULY PACK
FOR BRITISH SERVICE TPS REQUEST FURTHER ISSUES FROM BR
ORD TO M M I A OF GRADE TWO OR GRADE THREE CLOTHING
AND BOOTS ARE NOT RPT NOT MADE UNTIL REQUESTED (.)
EXCEPTION TO ABOVE IS WINTER WEIGHT SHIRTS UNDERPANTS
AND VESTS IN WHICH M M I A STOCKS ARE NOT RPT NOT
SUFFICIENT TO EQUIP ALL TPS TO SCALE OF TWO PER MAN (.)
DO NOT ANTICIPATE MAKING ANY REQUEST FOR ANY OTHER ITEMS
DURING 1945

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SEE 423,

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION (Sgd) W N R MAXWELL

Major

INTERNAL: Q

Q(AE)

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Subject: Handing in of Artillery Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME
J/15

17 July 1945

To: Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

Copy of "F" BLATU letter A2/5A/936 dated 15 Jul 45 is passed for action as no spare copies of Q/AS Adm Instr No. 16 are available in this HQ. We have not seen or received any instructions for INTO Casano to hand in any Arty eqpt. AFHQ has stated that for the present it is not the intention to withdraw Br equipment from Combat Groups etc.

YFV/1c

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

Copy to: 'F' BLATU INTO
Arty Records

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SUBJECT: Handing in of Artillery Equipment.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING
UNIT, RTO ICP.

Ref: AG/54/996

15 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MIA).

Reference your letter 3/15 dated 11 July.

May a copy of Q/AS Admin Instruction No. 16 dated 7 July 45
published by A.P.H.Q. please be forwarded to this unit.

(Sgd) A.M.G. Celardi, Major
for Colonel
Commander 'F' British Liaison
& Trg. Unit RTO ICP

AMGG/ah

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

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REF NO Q44I

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REF YOUR Q350 OF 14 (.) ALL EQUIPMENT IN COMBAT GPS
IS AT PRESENT ON LOAN TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS HIGH LEVEL DECISION
ON RETURN OR RETENTION BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOT YET MADE

PRECEDENCE: RoutineAuthentication: AF 24

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Subject: Handing in of Artillery Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/15

11 July 1945

To: 50 BLU
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In the event of instructions being issued for the Combat Gps to hand in to British Ordnance any of their Artillery equipment at present on loan, your attention is drawn to Q/AS A/As Instr. No. 16 dated 7 July 45 published by AFHQ and distributed as follows:

C.G. 15 Army Group (BS)
Main HQ Eighth Army
HQ No. 1 District
HQ No. 2 District
HQ No. 3 District
HQ Land Forces Greece
Home Area Allied Command
VIF (Adm) HQ Main
MSTA
Arty Sec, A.F.H.Q.
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Q(Maint)
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fr
F. J. VOAKES, Col.
D.C.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

SEE 416

(409)

Subject:- Clothing for Italian Officers.

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

2/15
19 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Col. Rodolfo Celli of H.Q. Special Transport Group A.C. has complained that owing to the high cost and lack of Italian officers' uniform, Italian Officers under his command are dressed in various modes, including civilian clothes, not compatible with the discipline necessary to their rank.

2. There are only two sources of supplies for BR-ITI Units -

(a) Normal issues from BR-ITI sources through Adm. Div. Depots, as for O.Rs. There should be little difficulty in arranging for officers to have the best clothing available in the Unit stores.

(b) Italian Shops.

3. Appendix 'A' gives Commands responsible for Units of ALCON Tpt. Group.

their rank.

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3. Appendix 'A' gives Commands responsible for Units of ALCOM Tpt. Group.

4. It is requested you instruct all Officers, Div. concerned, that any complaint or request be made to the Adm. Div. concerned, who should help them in every way possible.

R. A. Cunties

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

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Appendix 'A'

Unit.	Category	Location	Op. Command	Maintenance
HQ 1 Truck Bn.	ITI ITI	PARMA	5 ARMY	War Ministry
1 Truck Coy.	"	"	"	"
2 "	"	"	"	"
3 "	"	"	"	"
4 "	"	"	"	"
5 "	"	"	"	"
6 "	"	GENOA	"	"
7 "	"	PARMA	"	"
8 "	"	GENOA	"	"
HQ 2nd Truck Bn.	US ITI	GIULIA NOVA	1 Dist.	212 Arm. Div.
9 Truck Coy.	"	POLLENZA	"	"
10 "	"	OSIMO	"	"
11 "	"	"	"	"
12 "	"	CHIARAVALLE	"	"
13 "	"	TARANO	"	"
14 "	"	ROSETO ABRUZZI	"	"
15 "	"	ASCOLI PICENO	"	"
16 "	"	POLENZA	"	"

10	"	"	OSIMO	"	212 ADM. Div.	"
11	"	"	"	"	"	"
12	"	"	CHIARAVALLE	"	"	"
13	"	"	TARANO	"	"	"
14	"	"	ROSETO ABRUZZI	"	"	"
15	"	"	ASCOLI PICENO	"	"	"
16	"	"	POLENZA	"	"	"
HQ 3rd Truck Bn.		US ITH	MODENA	5 ARMY	802	"
17 Truck Coy.		"	"	"	"	"
18	"	"	"	"	"	"
19	"	"	LEGHORN	P.B.S.	"	"
20	"	"	MODENA	5 ARMY	"	"
21	"	"	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.B.S.	"	"
22	"	"	MODENA	5 ARMY	"	"
23	"	"	"	"	"	"
24	"	"	"	"	"	"

Appendix 'A' (continued)

Unit	Category	Location	Op. Command	Maintenance
211 G.F. Column	BR III	FLORENCE	1. District	230 Adm. Div.
227 Coy.	"	BOLOGNA	"	209 Adm. Div.
228 "	"	MESTRE	"	228 Adm. Div.
229 "	"	BOLOGNA	"	209 Adm. Div.
230 "	"	"	"	"
221 "	"	FLORENCE	"	230
212 G.F. Column	"	BOLOGNA	"	209
222 Coy.	"	FLORENCE	"	230
223 Coy.	"	TRANI	3. District	227(E)
224 "	"	"	"	"
225 "	"	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.B.S.	227
226 "	"	"	"	"

222 Coy.	"	FLORENCE	"	230	"	"
223 Coy.	"	TRANI	3 District	227(E)	"	"
224 "	"	"	"	"	"	"
225 "	"	CIVITAVECCHIA	P.E.S.	227	"	"
226 "	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Subject:- Equipment - No. 3 Italian General Transport Coy.

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

Q/15

11 June 45.

To:-

A.F.H.Q. for 2(AB)

1. The Mechanical Engineer's Platoon of No. 3 Italian General Transport Coy. is entitled under WEMA/531/1 to two carpenters. No provision is made however, for sets of Carpenters' Tools in SEL 127/2 or NEM schedule No. 96.

2. In view of the above facts, could you please arrange for the issue of an amendment for the addition of the following item to SEL 127/2 -

Section 2.

PA 0790 Chests, tools, filled, Carpenters 2.

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P.J. NOAKES Colonel
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- C (OS)
H.E.M.E.
S.T.

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Subject: Issue of Br Stores to BR-ITI Units.

Land Forces HQ, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O N S

QOS/11/1.

15 June 1945

To: MMIA IO, 3 District (3 copies)

Reference 3010/9 of 5 Jun 45.

1. The procedure for obtaining Br Stores and Br which come under the category of "on loan for an allotted task" affects MMIA in this way.
2. HQ MMIA is responsible that the Italian Government provides the maximum effort to maintain the Army (FAN 436) and HQ MMIA will certify if or not the known Italian stocks can produce any requirement for BR-ITI.
3. If the item is NOT available from Italian stock the Br Unit or Formation which commands the Italian Unit must issue from Br stocks under the "on loan for an allotted task" heading or the Italian Unit will go without. The question as to whether the Italian Unit must have the item for its work or not is a question for the Br Comd which is in most cases the District or Army.
4. Under no circumstances will MMIA indent on AFHQ or any Br Comd installation for any items under the "loan for an allotted task" heading for the basic reason that MMIA cannot determine if the items are really essential to the particular task of the unit at the time.
5. If 3 District do not issue any item which MMIA has certified as not available in Italian stocks then the Unit will just go without.

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Copy to: C/AS

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to Major General,
M. M. I. A.

F. F. Noakes

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Subject:- Application for Equipment in addition
to Basic Equipment List entitlement.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Q/15-2
8 June 45.

To:-

A.F.H.Q.

Reference your letter AFHQ/6508/7/Q(AE) dated
2 June 45.

With the exception of CM.WE. 991/1, concerning
which a list was forwarded in our Q/15-1 of even
date, it is considered that no special technical
equipment of ordnance supplies is required.

Rac.

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

RAC/fem

Subject:- Special Equipment List.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/15/1

8 June 45.

To:-

A.F.H.Q.

Reference your AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE) dated 23 May 45.

Herewith list as requested:-

<u>Part No.</u> or <u>Cat.No.</u>	<u>Designation;</u> <u>Section 'F'</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
FA.0790	Chests, tool, filled, Carpenters	1
FA.7835	Vice, bench, parallel jaws 6-in.	4
FA.0781	Chest, tool, filled, fitters	4
	<u>Section H.2.</u>	
HB.0551	Cotton waste, coloured (lbs)	6
	<u>N.I.V.</u>	
-	Rags, cotton, white (lbs)	10
	<u>Section LV6/MT1</u>	
	<u>Extinguishers:-</u>	
2212	Fire, tetrachloride type, 1 qt. filled, brass	8
	Extinguishers, arene type, broadback	8

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<u>Section LV6/MT1</u>		
Extinguishers:-		
2212	Fire, tetrachloride type, 1 qt. filled, brass	3
46655	Brackets, pyrene type, broadback	3
4274	Refills, Tetrachloride type	48
46293	Gauges, pressure, tyre	1
47407	10-50 lbs per sq. in.	4
	20-120 lbs per sq. in.	
2258	Tape, insulating, adhesive 1/2-in. wide, tins	6
<u>Section LV6/MT4</u>		
4647	Hydrometers, acid testing, range 1100 to 1300	1
<u>Section LV6/MT11</u>		
17378	Ropes, towing, steel, medium, Mk.2/L	4



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

RAC/10E

Subject: Clothing situation of
Officers.

Special Transport Brigade
HQ - AO.

2 Jun 45

To: Motor Transport Group - attention Lt Col Bordass. (317151)

1. The Officers of the a/m Brigade Transport Group are unfortunately dressed in various modes including civilian clothes not compatible with the discipline necessary for their rank.

2. Owing to the non availability of Italian Officer uniforms which either exhausted through times of war, and through prohibitive prices the above situation has been brought about.

3. To overcome this the OC suggests on repayment the following items be assigned at least the undermentioned items of clothing.

2	Shirts	cotton
2	Trousers	cotton
1	pair of	boots
1	Side	Cap

4. The number of Officers requiring these items are listed below according to their respective Units.

	Officers
Special Transport Groups I II III Batt.	150
Reinforcements	20
HQ 211 and 212 Groups	8
Increment to 211 and 212 Groups	90
Total =	268
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Sgd Col. Rodolfo Celli
OC.

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Translation by L. Carme
8 June 45.

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HEADQUARTERS 210TH DIVISION
Surgeon Section PH 179

811/S

17 April 1945

Subject: Directives of Hygiene

To : all units u/c
: Italian Liaison G-4 Fifth Army

The approaching of the summer season makes it necessary to intensify the hygiene and sanitation control which at the present time is not satisfactory. All HQs are requested to give special attention to hygiene and billets of troops, with the assistance of the unit's medical officers with special care of maintenance of camps, latrines and kitchens. Units should be able to substitute the missing facilities with emergency showers and disinfection means, using their spirit of initiative. I wish to impress that:

- a) sanitary propaganda must be made among troops
- b) all chemical means that can be used for individual and billets hygiene are auxiliary means and only sanitary education, that is the habit of cleanliness, can give good results.

It is therefore recommended that:

1. A periodical medical visit be made, taking care that all men be inspected and controlling:
 - the general health state
 - the personal cleanliness
 - that all men with infectious skin disease and V.D. be detected.
2. All men be given the opportunity of having a shower frequently. This Division has three mobile showers available in good working order. Requests for mobile showers will be made to Surgeon, this HQ, who will dispatch them as necessary. Each time the shower takes place, disinfection of the clothing must be made with the insecticide powder which is issued by Action Dumps at the monthly rate of 400 boxes per 1000 men.

3. Cleanliness and order of billets with special regard to latrines and kitchens must be immediately checked. The setup of the latrines, their disinfection with

1. A periodical medical visit be made, taking care that all men be inspected and controlling:
 - the general health state
 - the personal cleanliness
 - that all men with infectious skin disease and V.D. be detected.
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3. Cleanliness and order of billets with special regard to latrines and kitchens must be especially checked. The setup of the latrines, their disinfection with slacked lime diluted in 4 parts of water or calcium hypochlorite which is issued by Ration Dumps.
4. Remove from billets and vicinities all trash and empty cans. This must be put under ground at a proper distance from quarters, water springs and kitchens. When possible, it is recommended that trash be burned or at least disinfected. It is recalled that trash helps the development of flies which spread many diseases, especially intestinal ones.
5. The purification of water will be made as directed by Ministry of War circular 4/658/IS dtd 2-3-45 which has been forwarded to all units u/c. These directives must be complied with whenever there is the slightest doubt as to the purity of the water. Chlorine is also issued by ration dumps.
6. When units move in malarial areas, proper measures must be taken to prevent the disease. Separate instructions will be issued on the matter. All HQs and Medical Officers shall give the maximum attention to the above. A theoretical and practical course of hygiene will shortly take place. Separate instructions are issued on the matter.

G. G.

By order:

(sgd)

ELADIO HINI, Maj
C. of S.

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL COURSE OF HYGIENE

1. Importance of hygiene measures in a collectivity to prevent the development and diffusion of infection diseases. Important infectious diseases and their remedies. Vaccination and inoculation.
2. Individual hygiene - Showers - Emergency shower facilities - Hygiene of the mouth - Defense against insects.
3. Sanitary control of the kitchens - Preparation and issue of foods - Preserving of food - Removal, burial, destruction, disinfection of trash.
4. Water supply - Examination of water with regard to source and potability - Filtration, distillation, chemical epuration - Use of water steril. Powder - Epuration of wells - Control of springs.
5. Sanitary provisions for barracks - Cubic measure of living rooms - Air corruption - Construction and maintenance of latrines - Hygiene of camps.
6. Importance of the fight against flies - measure to fight them.
7. Malaria - Sanitary measures against malaria - V.D. - Their origin and prophylaxis.

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HQ LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA) APO 394, US Army, 28 Apr 45

TO: The Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army

1. Reference Par 1 of basic communication. Recruits were issued available mess equipment at Induction Centers, and an issue of normal Italian mess equipment was made in bulk to PBS to replace the unsuitable mess equipment.

2. Reference Par 2 of basic communication. This matter has been discussed with, and investigated by Lt Col McCall, Chief Liaison Officer, Southern District, PBS; and he submitted the following information:

a. US-ITI recruits, arriving from Sardinia, have arrived on the mainland wearing US outer clothing dyed green.

b. A small percentage of troops have arrived from Sardinia wearing gray-green overcoats in addition to the US outer clothing dyed green. The overcoat was issued for the period of the journey, and was not a general issue to Italian troops.

c. No basis can be found for the figure of 4,898 recruits who arrived equipped with undyed outer clothing. Neither Lt Col McCall; Major Jackson, Supply Officer, 2698 T.S. Regt; nor Capt Freschi, Operations Officer, 2698 T.S. Regt have made any such reports nor do they know of any basis for any such reports.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

AG 400/004 GM-0

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Individual Equipment for US-ITI Recruits

TO: Deputy President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. In a report submitted 7 April 1945, by Quartermaster, PENBASE, to Quartermaster, MTOUSA, it is pointed out that recruits arriving at Camp Astroni from Taranto and Potzema, who supposedly have been issued mess equipment at these induction centers, actually have nothing more than spoon and earthen bowls, or makeshift mess-cans made from tin cans. Since 1 March 1945, a total of 7,075 US-ITIS have arrived so equipped. Mess equipment of such nature is not considered adequate; it is requested that every effort be expended to completely equip every inductee with suitable mess gear, comparable in quality and utility, if possible, to the US Class "X". Effort upon the part of MMIA to secure necessary items from Italian sources will be appreciated.

2. This report further asserts that US-ITI recruits arriving from Sardinia are issued outer garments that are not dyed green. Quartermaster, PENBASE, must collect these garments, issue green uniforms in lieu thereof, and dye Italian clothing green; this necessitates undue handling. Since 1 March 1945, a total of 4,898 US-ITIS have arrived from Sardinia so equipped. In order to eliminate this extra work, it is requested that prior to issue of uniforms to inductees, MMIA dye the uniforms green, as set forth in paragraph 3, sub-paragraph C (13), COMZONE, MTOUSA Circular 119, dated 3 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCHEARNY:

R. H. FRESH
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Copy furnished:
CG PENBASE
CO, PENSOUTH

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SUBJECT: Demobilization of Older Classes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)A/017
11 April 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Personnel to be demobilized.

In accordance with AFHQ letter AG 091.713/121 GCI- dated 29 March you are authorized to demobilize men of the first four months of the 1914 class, and any older men NOT yet demobilized, whose homes are SOUTH of the rear Army boundaries. The present rear Army boundaries are defined at Appx "A". This demobilization will be subject to the conditions shown below.

2. Replacements.

(a) replacements in the correct numbers and of the correct trade of specialists qualifications must be provided at the unit before demobilization takes place. These will be provided in the normal way for reinforcements, i.e.

For BA-III units - By direct demand from Admin Divs to BRD's
For US-III units - Through the employing formation
For III-III units - Through S.M.R.E.

(b) The initial demands for replacements should be made immediately. In the case of BA-III units, replacements required for demobilizable personnel will continue to be shown on the fortnightly demand until met. They will be shown separately from deficiencies against W.E. In provision of specialists the priority to be followed will be:-

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(a) Replacements in the correct numbers and of the correct trade of specialists qualifications must be provided at the unit before demobilization takes place. These will be provided in the normal way for reinforcements, i.e.

For BR-III units - By direct demand from Admin Dirs to BRD's
 For US-III units - Through the employing formation
 For ITI-III units - Through S.M.R.E.

(b) The initial demands for replacements should be made immediately. In the case of BR-III units, replacements required for demobilizable personnel will continue to be shown on the fortnightly demand until met. They will be shown separately from deficiencies against W.E. In provision of specialists the priority to be followed will be:-

- (i) Bring existing units up to W.E. strength
- (ii) Provide necessary personnel for units under formation
- (iii) Provide replacements for personnel to be demobilized

(c) Where replacements are already held demobilization will take place without delay.

(d) Volunteers may be retained at your discretion.

3. Clothing and Equipment.

(a) Personnel will be demobilised with the following clothing ONLY:-

Boots, pairs	1
Socks	1
Underpants	1
Undervest	1
Shirt	1
Waist belt	1
Cap	1
Outer Uniform	1

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3. (Cont'd)

Whenever possible personnel will be demobilised in Italian outer uniform under arrangements made by Adm Divs or similar formations. When Italian outer uniforms are not available the oldest Allied provided green uniforms may be used.

(b) ALL other clothing and equipment will be withdrawn and returned through Adm Div HQ's, etc for washing, repair, re-dyeing etc prior to re-issue.

(c) Under HC circumstances will any personnel be demobilised in khaki E.D. Adm Divs will provide Italian or Green E.D. as in (a) above.

4. Rations.

Not exceeding two days rations may be issued to personnel demobilised long distances from their homes.

5. Reports.

You are requested to make a return to MIA, referring to the 9th and 24th of each month, of men demobilised under this order. The return should be broken down to Adm Divs or similar formations and show numbers demobilised in the previous fortnightly period.

W. P. Delaney Colonel
for Major General
R.M.I.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ for G3 (GFE)

AFHQ for G1 (Br)

CG MTOUCH

CG 15 Army Group

CG FIFTH ARMY

CG FIFTH ARMY for Br Inor

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W. P. Fidelity Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: AFHQ for G3 (Org)
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(Appendix 'A' to Ministry of War and Navy LO's only)

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Appx 'A' to IGMA letter
A/017 of // April 45.

REAR ARMY BOUNDARIES8 ARMY

Incl 8 Army FANG S2173 thence excl 8 Army Route 3 to
junc with Route 73 at R 9956 - thence Route 73 to R620553 -
thence incl 8 Army North along 60 Easting to rd at R800700 - thence
MONTECERIGNONE R 7273 - SECCHIANO - Rd junc R 578852 - thence
rd to MERCATO R 5586 - thence Route 71 to rd junc R 375772 - thence
rd MORTANO R 3286 - GALEATA R 3291 - ROCCA S. CASICIANO R 2799 -
thence Route 67 to junc with inter Army Bdy Rd junc Q 945682.

5 Army

All excl 5 Army Rd junc Q 945632 thence Route 70 to rd junc Q 9768 -
thence rd to Cross roads R 0863 - R 010600 - thence due WEST along
60 Northing to Route 2 at Q 752600 - thence due WEST along 60 northing
to Route 67 at Q 375600 - thence incl 5 Army Route 67 to rd junc
Q 235585 thence excl 5 Army north bank of R. ARNO at Q 236600 -
thence Westerly along North bank to Q 1567 - thence due WEST along
the 67 Northing to coast at Q 001670.

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Subject: Clothing for ITI-ITIS - Winter 1945-6.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
3/15

Apr 1945

To: AFHQ for G4 (A)
AFHQ for G4 (B)
AFHQ For Quartermaster (SS)
AFHQ for QAE.

1. Direction is desired on the policy for the clothing of the ITI-ITIS category for the winter 1945-6.
2. The MCI estimate made in 1944 that the ITI-ITIS type could be maintained without further Allied assistance stands and it is now considered that the period can be stretched until September. This will however reduce the Italian Army stocks (with the exception of a quantity of wool trousers and overcoats) to a negligible amount.
3. No income is at present available to ITI-ITIS stocks as US and Br governments are going to maintain the National commitments.
4. If part worn garments are to be made available by the Allies, it will be necessary for delivery to be made during the early summer in order that the necessary repair, dyeing etc may be carried out.

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Richard
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SEE 394.

SUBJECT: Clothing for ITI-ITI -- Winter Requirements.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
4 April 1945.

TO : Col. 'Q'.

1. Requirement.

Based on the present ceiling of 69,000 (ITI-ITI Category) the following estimated essential items of clothing will be required during the next winter period from 1 Oct. - 31 Mar. 46 inclusive.

Forecast of the issues for the summer have been considered in relation to current stocks both in depots and repair shops in order to assess availability as at 1 Oct.

a. ITEM	b. SCALE	c. WASTAGE	d. REQD PER MONTH	e. REQD 6 MONTHS OCT-MAR 31	f. AVAIL- ABLE STOCKS	g. BAL. TO BE FOUND
Battle Dress or Ital. Uniforms	1	33 1/3 %	23,000	138,000	N11	138,000
Boots	1	50 %	34,500	207,000	34,878	172,122
Pullovers or Vests	1 2	20 % 33 1/3 %	13,800 46,000	82,800 276,000	31,678 5,192	51,122 270,808
Drawers	2	33 1/3 %	46,000	276,000	167,366	108,634
Shirts	2	33 1/3 %	46,000	276,000	N11	276,000
Caps	1	10 %	6,900	41,400	33,389	8,011
Mackinaws or Greatcoats	1	5 %	3,450	20,700	67,769	N11
Socks	3	33 1/3 %	60,000	414,000	N11	414,000
Belts, Waist	1	5 %	3,450	20,700	144,940	N11
Blankets or Equiv	2	10 %	13,800	82,800	101,190	N11

2. Battledress, equivalent U.S. clothing or Italian outer Uniforms.

Present Stocks (45,000) are sufficient to meet demands only for the next 3 months and none will be available for the winter.

Page Two.

3. Shirts.

4 Months supply, leaving none for the winter.

4. Socks.

Sufficient stocks for 3 months only--quantity available for winter NIL.

5. CCRR (strength 55,000) have not been included in the above forecast. This commitment, especially in respect of boots will double our requirements.


F.A. COLE, Major
for Col. Q (AE)

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*. *Optimistic available stocks at 1 Oct. 45.*

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Subject: Anti-Malarial Equipment for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/Os/11/1

30 Mar 1945

To: MMIA LO HQ Fifth Army Br Increment.
MMIA LO HQ Eighth Army.
MMIA LO HQ No. 1 District.
MMIA LO HQ No. 3 District.
MMIA LO Naples.
MMIA LO Bari.

1. AMHQ under letter AMHQ/9187/2(2E) of 26 Mar 45 have directed that Bush nets will be issued to BR-ITIS Service Tps held in Category 3 and BR-ITIS Tpts held in Category 63 page 58 of OICMIR dated 9 Mar 45. Instructions regarding BR-ITIS 64 Dns under Br Comd have not yet been received.

2. Bush nets are being made available to MMIA at NAPLES during the next four weeks. Initial quantities available will be

209 Div	-	14,000	230 Div	-	15,000
227 Div	-	15,000	231 Div	-	18,000
228 Div	-	15,000	OKVITTO	-	10,000

3. MMIA LO Br Increment Fifth Army and Eighth Army will request Army 3 to call for during period 16/22 April 45. Separate arrangements will be made for delivery to remaining destinations.

4. Issue will be at the date and in the order of priority within t806
Div as directed by the Allied Army or District concerned.

5. Nets will be a "personal" issue and will remain with the man at

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2. Bush nets are being made available to MHLA at NAPLES during the next four weeks. Initial quantities available will be

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227 Div - 15,000	231 Div - 18,000
228 Div - 15,000	ORVITO - 10,000

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4. Issue will be at the date and in the order of priority within t366 Div as directed by the Allied Army or District concerned.

5. Nets will be a "personal" issue and will remain with the man at all times under exactly the same conditions as for Br tpr.

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Field period

P. J. HOMES, Col.
D. A. & Q. M. G.
M. K. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for O/AF
5th Army for Br Increment (2)
HQ Eighth Army (2)
HQ No. 1 District (2)
HQ No. 2 District (2)
HQ No. 3 District (2)
All MHLA LOS (less addressees)
Ministry of War (Gen PALMER)
Ministry of War (Gen CALZ MOLA)

Internal: "1"
Medical

Subject: Clothing for personnel due for
discharge from the Italian Army.

Law Force Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R O N S
✓15

26 Mar 1945

For: AMIS for C-4 (A)
AMIS for C-4 (B)

For info: Hq Allied Commission
for Germany Section.

1. There will be during the next few months a small steady discharge of personnel from the Italian Army due to age, sickness, etc. It is necessary for adequate arrangements to be made to provide such personnel with clothing to start them in civilian life and until they can obtain civilian clothes.
2. Stocks of military clothing do not permit and it is clearly undesirable for men to be discharged with the actual uniform. In the case of combat formations this is standard British BD which is used by serving soldiers.
3. Until any general demobilization is ordered, it may be expected that this commitment will be approx 3/500 men per month.
4. It is proposed that all men be discharged with the following:-
 - (a) One pair of boots (the pair in wear at the time).
 - (b) One set of underclothes (the set in wear at the time).
 - (c) One Black Battledress or similar outer uniform (to be provided from AC sources from stocks now on hand for civilian use).
5. All remaining military clothing and equipment to be withdrawn.
6. Adequate arrangements can be made with AC to control the issue of this Black BD and to ensure it is used only for discharged personnel.
6. Your approval is requested.

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Copy to: 2nd ACIA
1st ACIA

F. J. N. N. N.
F. J. N. N., Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

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Translation

From: Mr of W - P.M. Directorate
 To: Addressees as per original
 MMIA, for info.

Ref. No. 10282/V.C.

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Date: March 22, 1945

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Subject: Request for clothing and equipment of Italian origin.

In order to cut down as much as possible the amount of time needed for obtaining allotments of clothing and equipment, general duty and kitchen equipment of Italian origin, we hereby order that the corresponding requests ~~be forwarded~~ be forwarded by each unit concerned directly to this Ministry, instead of through the Territorial Commands. A copy of each request will be sent to said Commands, for information.

Accordingly, any unit included in the "15-day table of effective, present and rationed strength" and not under the command of the Allies, will apply directly to the writer (using the prescribed forms in duplicate) in order to obtain the allotment of the material needed.

Such forms will be sent in by fast mail and will be complete in every detail, especially as concerns the strength, which may not exceed the effective strength shown in the aforementioned table.

Accordingly, this is to confirm that all units under the command of the Allies must forward their requests to the Allied Command under which they are operating.

The Commands and Delegation "T" to whom this letter is addressed, are requested to issue corresponding instructions to all units in their respective territory.

Signed: Pelligrin

[Signature]
 10/10/45

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Translation

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From: War Ministry
To: all addressees
M.M.I.A. for info.

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REF.
DATE:

10/3 Subject: Requests for items of clothing of Italian origin.

In order to reduce to the minimum, ~~the~~ the time necessary to obtain ~~the~~ assignments of clothing, equipment, general service, and cooking materials of Italian origin, we order that the requests for said materials must be forwarded by each unit concerned, directly to this Ministry, rather than through Territorial H.Q.s; To said H.Q.s a copy of each request must be sent for info.

Therefore, any unit that is included in the "fortnightly return of effective strength, present and rationed" not under command of the Allied Authorities, must make application directed to the writers (using the ~~the~~ prescribed form in duplicate) in order to be assigned the materials in question which it needs.

Units under command of the Allied Authorities must forward requests, as is known, to the Allied H.Q. by whom governed.

The forwarding of requests for materials in any other way to that laid down in this circular is absolutely forbidden.

The requests must be forwarded ^{direct} "By Express" and care must be taken that they are completed in all particulars, especially in respect of the strength which must not exceed the effective strength appearing in the return quoted.

The H.Q.s and Delegation^s addressed are requested to issue the ^{ensuing} consequent instructions to all the units in their respective commands.

Am.
[Signature]

Sgd: ??
for the Ministry.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/15

4 March 1945

Brig Gen Thoburn K. Brown, U. S. Army
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command

My dear General Brown:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 March relative to clothing of Italian soldiers.

The Italian Army is clothed as follows:

- a. US-ITI (those units serving under US Command) by the United States.
- b. BR-ITI (those units serving under British Command) by the British.
- c. ITI-ITI (the International commitment) clothed by use of available Italian material supplemented by donations from the United States and British Armies.

The scale of clothing is set by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and issue is limited to those Italian soldiers who are "in fact effective", which means that the soldier must be assigned to fill a vacancy in an authorized unit and must in fact be performing the duties called for by the Table of Organization.

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Repatriated ex-soldiers of the Italian Army are not considered as members of the present Italian Army until they are called up in the normal manner, therefore they are not entitled to the issue of any clothing until they become effective.

All items of clothing for the Italian Army are under strict control and can be issued only on specific orders of the Allies in order to conserve the available stocks and utilize, to the best advantage, all clothing given to the Italian Army by the Allies. In fact the issue of clothing is on a poverty basis only, for the entire Italian Army, as both the United States and British Armies are meeting difficulties in clothing those troops under their command.

No Territorial Headquarters of the Italian Army has a stock of clothing. All Italian clothing depots are under direct control of the Minister for War with Allied personnel supervising all receipts and issues in the depots, in order to accurately account for the clothing on the various national charges as well as to prevent unauthorized issue and consequent wastage.

There is no difficulty in securing clothing for Italian soldiers who are "in fact effective" as directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, but of necessity this clothing is issued to the units which are authorized and not to individuals who are absent from their units or in the process of joining the units.

I have previously explained to General Brunetti that if he has any soldiers in his Garrison Troops who are authorized to be clothed out of Italian Army stocks, he should submit his requisition through the proper Italian Army channels in order to secure the issue which can be made promptly from the War Ministry depot located in Rome or Naples.

This is a simple procedure, long established, and well known to all Italian officers, especially General Brunetti, who was the Deputy Chief of Staff at the time the policy was established.

I appreciate your letter very much and the opportunity to explain to you something about the Italian Army and its system of supply. However, we are limited both by the current instructions and the short supply of available items and the very obvious necessity of extremely close control over Italian resources, which necessitates active supervision by Allied personnel in the Italian depots. The number of depots is therefore limited to the available Allied personnel.

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Sincerely yours,

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CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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