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Forage. Accounting For
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Subject: Forage Supplied by 812 Base Remount Depot.

S & T, MMIA.

Pack

STN/19

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
HAPLES
STN/19

29 May 1945.

Centro Rifornimento Quadrupedi di Persano.

Copy to: 812 Base Remount Depot, Persano.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your following letters:-

199 dated 15 May 45.
227 dated 23 May 45.

1. Countersignature by a Liaison Officer in this office to Acceptance Notes prepared by you cannot be given, as there are not sufficient MMIA personnel in this office to attend at your depot to check transfers.
2. You are therefore requested to carry out the following instructions in these and all future cases.
 - a. Contact 812 B.R.D. and agree amounts received with those advised on AFG 1033.
 - b. Prepare Acceptance Notes with agreed quantities inserted: the quantities on the AFG 1033 will thus be the same as those in the Acceptance Note.
 - c. Obtain counter-signature to Acceptance Notes by an Allied Officer of 812 B.R.D.
 - d. Remit 2 copies of Acceptance Notes to this office.
 - e. Hand one receipted AFG 1033 to 812 B.R.D.
3. Documents enclosed by you are returned herewith.

Wesleyford Caple
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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C O P Y (Orig in 2/2/15-68)

SUBJECT:- Uncleared Forage Vouchers

MMA IO
c/o 54 Area
ST/18
26 March 45

TO: HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Enclosed letter from "E" Forage Depot DID and uncleared Vouchers.

Am passing them on to you for a decision on para 5.

Copy to:- ST, HQ 54 Area.

/s/ GEO. C. GUTHRIE, Capt.
/t/ GEO. C. GUTHRIE, Capt.
for Senior MMA IO.
c/o 54 Area.

SUBJECT:- Discrepancies

M.M.I.A.,
(Liaison Officer)
Bari.

F/44

1. Further to the visit to your office of Captains Vernon and Robinson on 21 Mar 1945.
2. Herewith batch of uncleared vouchers on which a ruling is required.
3. The forage charged on these vouchers was loaded and checked by a representative of this Depot. In respect of all grain the trucks were sealed with 5m.m. wire and Acme seals, the Tibben trucks being sealed with 5m.m. wire only.
4. The discrepancies are for varying amounts, and the larger ones are obviously due to pilferage in transit, the smaller amounts are no doubt due to loss in transit or off-loading, which is bound to take place in the handling of forage, especially straw and Tibben.
5. In view of this it is held by this depot that such losses must be borne by the consignee and necessary action taken by them, as correct amounts charged on our vouchers were actually despatched.
6. These vouchers cover a period of over 5 months and were not received by this Depot until 11 March 1945.
7. It would be appreciated if a ruling could be given and the consignee informed of the correct procedure to obviate any re-occurrence in the future.

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Copy to:- S.T.
HQ 54 Area.

/s/ G.W. ROBINSON
Captain, RASC
Commanding "S" DTD (Forage Depot) RASC.

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LIST OF DISCREPANCIES EXTRACTED FROM VOUCHERS RETURNED BY
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR BARI

VOUCHER NO.	DATE	COMMODITIES			
		OATS	CAROUN BEANS	BRAN	CRUSHED HORSE BEANS
Fox/21/0/11	7.10.44	157.600	84	847.800	-
Fox/21/0/14	8.10.44	86.400	130.800	27.200	-
Fox/21/0/61	20.10.44		171	-	-
Fox/21/0/66	21.10.44		124	59	80
		244	509.800	934	80
					764

Subject:- Issues of Forage to Italian Army from British W.D.Stocks.

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FINANCIAL ADVISER (BR).
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

Ref:- D/52/FA

25th February 1945.

H.Q., Lend Forces Sub Commission (LMI).
H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION.
A.P.O. 594.

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2. This system has not, so far, included issues of forage and I am concerned as to whether these are being charged.
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4. Accordingly the attached draft instruction has been prepared by S.T., and I should be glad of your early comments thereon. The return is confined to Barley as other items of the forage ration are purchased with lire.

(Please return the attached draft with your reply).

Chichester
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for Brigadier.
Financial Adviser (Br).

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