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Q/05/1 Supply
Jan. 1945 - Feb. 1946

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Q105/1 Supply of Equip - Combat + Services - BR - IT's - General
Jan. 1945 - Feb. 1946 2nd core

ORDINANCE DISBURSEMENT
G. H. Q. C. M. F.



Subject - Issues to M.M.I.A.

Ref: DCS/1411 (ORD 1)

To: CO 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD

Tel: FREEDOM 991

20 February, 1946

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1. Authority has been given for the issue to M.M.I.A. of the following :-

Boots Ankle Grade III Qty. 4,000
(Normal range of sizes will be supplied)

2. O. i/c 10 B.L.U. will arrange collection.
3. Report completion to all concerned.

E. T. Allsop

(E.T. ALLSOP) Captain,
for Maj-Gen.,
D.O.S., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Copies to:-

HQ NMIA Rome C.M.F.
O. i/c 10 B.L.U. Naples C.M.F.
COO 557 BOD C.M.F.

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MAJI V ADOS NR 2 IMMEDIATE OVR 3
FROM ORD GHQ CMF (ORD 2/13) 16--A
TO (1) OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
INFO (2) ADOS PLANS (3) COO 557 BOD
(4) LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION (MMIA) AC ROME
(5) DDOS ORD.3 (6) 'Q' GHQ CMF

QSH BT

DOS/2614 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FURTHER TO DOS/2614(ORD2/13)
OF 9 FEB AS AMENDED BY EVEN REF OF 14 FEB (.) DELETE ALL REF
TO ITEM NINE CARBINES M/C STEN 9 MM MK II QTY 176 (.)
ITEM SHOULD HAVE READ MOTOR CYCLES (.) FOR ORD.3 (.) PLEASE TAKE
OVER ACTION ON ITEM NINE OF APPENDIX 'A' TO GHQ/8159/Q(AE) OF
8 FEB (.) FOR MMIA (.) TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HEAD - NICHOLSON
REFERS

BT

SENT NR 2 NH B

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Subject: - Army to USA for Italian
Land Forces.

Ref: 3-402/Dez. 557 BOD.

OR

Ref: 3-402/Dez. 557 BOD.
Date: February 16, 1946.

(205)

Further to our even ref. date 18 February 1946.

The following stores will be issued to the Italian Army on priority over other units:-

Pistols .38	Qty. 64	R/No. 19/200
Rifles .303 No. 3	" 872	A/22/4
EE Sten 9 mm Mk. II	" 328	A/26/19
LEE .303	" 94	A/29/242
Mortar 3"	" 12	A/10/112
PIAT	" 38	A/2/179
Pistols Signal	" 78	A/20/127
M.M.C.	" 16	A/3/91
Rifles Snipers	" 14	A/25/25

Army on loan.

The equipment will be vouchered to MMIA for the Italian

items.

Arrangements will be made by MMIA for the collection of these

*collected and
at direction of Italian
to be distributed by me of 15
20/3*

for 1/1

(J.J.W. NICHOLSON)
Lt. Col. A.D.C.
for Major-General, D.O.

Copy to G.O. 557 BOD

"G" CH. C.M.F. - Your CH. 8159/6(AE) of 12 Feb refers
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) AG Rome.

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Subject: Issues to M.N.I.A. for Italian War Ministry

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3 Sub Depot 557 B.O.D.
P3/501.

O.O., 2 Sub Depot 557 B.O.D. 18 FEB 1946

15 February 1946

Copies to: D.O.B. A.F.H.B.
M.N.I.A. ✓

Oral

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Reference attached copy letter DDB/2614 (ORD-2/13) of 9 Feb. 1946.

- 1) The following items are of 2 Sub Depot supply and have been extracted from Appendix 'A'.

QTY.	DESIGNATION	QTY. REQD.
1	Termoy Complete	1
4	Spanners Adjusting 15"	4
4	" " 11"	4
2	Bonus Tools Artificers	2

*Noted
E.R.B. 3300*

W.H. 1
FEB 10 1946
M. I. 3

W.H. 1
O.O.D. 557 B.O.D.

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MAJI V ADOS NR 9 IMMEDIATE QVR 3

FROM ORD GHQ CMF (ORD 2/13) 14---A

TO (1) OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO (2) ADOS PLANS (3) COO 557 BOD

(4) LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) AC ROME

QSH BT

DOS/2614 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REF OUR DOS/2614 (ORD 2/13) DATED

9 FEB APPENDIX 'A' (.) DELETE ITEM FOUR SUBSTITUTE CARBINES M/C STEN

9MM MK II QTY 2112 R/NO A/26/47 (.) DELETE ITEM NINE SUBSTITUTE

CARBONES M/C STEN 9MM MK II QTY 176 R/NO A/26/48

BT

SENTNR 9 NH B

Done
E.R.B.
1/2/46

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Ord

MEMO

FEB 13 1946

SIGNALS

LRKB
FROM
TO
INFO
BT

V MBGE NR112////12137-8 QIM
SC REME 7 BLU FEB-121700A
HQ LAND FORCES SUB- COM AC MMIA (FOR ADME)
HQ LAND FORCES SUB- COM AS MMIA (FOR ADOS)

EME/31/4 UNCLAS(.) HAVE ARRANGED FOR LIEUT MANCINI TO PROCEED TO NAPLES
EARLIEST (.) NECESSARY FOR S/CDR TO ACCOMPANY MANCINI AND ASSIST IN
COLLECTION AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED DURING YOUR VISIT (.)
PLEASE A/// OBTAIN OFFICIAL AGREEMENT FROM ADOS MMIA AND ADVISE
SOONEST (.) INSTRUCTION ISSUED BY ITAL WAR OFFICE RE COLLECTION IS NOT
CLEAR(.) INFORMATION GIVEN IN MMIA ORD DIREVTIVE REF // DIRECTIVE REF
Q/OS/11/8 DATED 18 JAN 46 IS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ALSO VAGUE(.)
PLEASE ALSO SUPPLY DATE FOR COLLECTION AND DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT MADE
SO THAT I CAN ORGANISE COLLECTION BY OARE .

BT
SENT WW 2145 AR TK U
CCN INFO ADD READ COM AC MMIA PSE

R 2140 CM/ ROMERO K

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SECRETIMMEDIATEORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G.H.Q. A.M.F.Subject : Issues to MIA for Italian War Ministry.Ref : DOS/2614 (Ord 2/13)
Tel : Freedom 989
Date: 9th February '46To : D.O. 3 Sub-Depot,
557 E.O.D., G.H.Q.

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Ynd

Stores as detailed at Appendix 'A' to this letter will be issued to the Italian Army on priority over other Units.

Issues will be on loan to MIA for the Italian Army and will be vouchered as previous issues to MIA before 14th November '45.

MIA will liaise over collection.

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W. J. W. Nicholson

J. J. W. Nicholson Lt. Col.
for Maj Gen.
DOS CHQ. CHQ.

Copy to : ADOS (Plans) CHQ - Your DOS/7209 of 8th Feb. refers.
COO 557 BGA.
M.H.L.A. ✓

*CCQ 2 copies**{ Q. Mc Lee**RAC*

SECRETAPPENDIX 'A' TO DCS/2611 (ORD 2/15) OF 8 FEBRUARY

<u>Yocab Sect.</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>R/No.</u>
		Pistols .38	1,001 ✓	A/19/199
		Rifles .303 No. 1	42,500 ✓	A/21/111
		Rifles .303 No. 5	2,600 ✓	A/22/5
		422 Carbine m/c. 4mm m/c. 11	2,112 2112 ✓	A/22/212 A/26/43
		LMG	2,112 ✓	A/23/214
		Mortar 2"	156 ✓	A/35/161
		ReLAT	528	A/42/178
		Pistols Sig	282	A/20/126
		422 Carbine m/c. 4mm m/c. 11	2,112 2112	A/26/43
		Barrels 138- Iron	11	
		Directors No. 70 M.L. II	12	A/46/111
		Beards Art No. 3	7	
		Stands Director No. 17A	10	
		Stands Art Board No. 27	15	
		Protractors RA 9"	7	
		Range Finders No. 12	1	
		Striped Range Finders No. 14	2	A/57/73
		Tammy Oanglebe X	1	
		Ejectors Projectile	5	
		Tools Removing Jammed Cart	4	
		Planes Testing Sight	7	
		Keys No. 12	8	
		Traces Wheel 25 Pdr	5	
		Tools Artillery No. 246	6	
		Steps Running Pack	5	
		Cylinders Compressed Air	3	
		Spanners Adj 15" X	4	
		" " 11" X	4	
		Boxes Tools Artificers Filled X	2	38.9
		Wrenches Adj No. 7, 7b, 7a, 7c Dial	16	
		Sight Carriers No. II	3	
		Pumps Ldg No. 2 M.L. I	2	
		Traces Wheel But for 25 Pdr	6	
		Spanners No. 752 M.L. I	3	
		App pulling Back Can No. 7 M.L. I		
V5	745 GA			
V2	202 GA			
V5	OS 548 A			
V5	OS 537			
V6	7176			
V3				
V6				
J				
N3				
N1	FL 2453			
N3	RG 2400			
M3	MC 1508			
F3	00950			
N1	CM 499 A			
N1	CM 130 A			
	2590			
V5	OS 1058			
R3	CM 355A			
M2	CM 395			
N1	CM 581 A			

amended by Solio

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : DISTWO
TO : HQ AC MILAN CEM BRANCH
INFO : MMIA - 3 BLU
REF : QG 567

DATE TIME 060153

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DATE

FEB 7 1946

M. I. I. A.

UNCLASSIFIED (.) REQUEST URGENTLY PARTICULARS OF GREY GREEN UNIFORM.
LOCATED FIRE ROSSI MEREGALLI AND COLOMBO AT
CARATE BRIANZA

ACTION COPY : Q.154

" : OED

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Subject:- Maintenance of British Equip.
Italian Army

A.D.C.S., M.M.I.A.
Lend Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
R O M E



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Ref. your Q/OS/1 of 30 Jan. '46.

1. No trace here of LOS/7209 of 14 Jan. '46., can you please supply copy.

E. J. Lark

Major
for C.O. 2 Sub Depot.

WJB/BA.

N.A.

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O.C.

ITALIAN GOV.

C/O ALLIED COMMISSION

RECEIVED 2 FEB 1946

DATE FEB 6 1946

GROUP VIII
557 B.O.D.C.M.F.
TEL.N. BASEBALL 321
ROME

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DEMANDED ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

INDENT NO.	CONTROL NO.	PART NO.	DESIGNATION	QTY
H853	8041031	WX 29408	HOSE PETROL RESIST.	1
H850	8041030	WX 29408		1
H809	8041029	WX 29408		1
H803	8041028	WX 29408		1

To Allow will be maintained for 10 years from the date of your indent.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : BTA
TO : NMIA CMT
REF : 10895/ORD



DATE/TIME 041130A

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) APPROX 200 TONS ITALIAN MISC EQUIPT ETC SURPLIES TO OUR
REQUIREMENTS (.) MAIN ITEMS CAPS VARIOUS 180000 BAGS LINEN VARIOUS
150000 STRAPS VARIOUS 15000 WEB EQPT 150000 HOUSEWIVES 50000 BOOTLACES BLACK
2000000 IF REQUIRED SIGNAL CONSIGNEE (.) ANXIOUS EARLY DISPOSAL IN VIEW
UNIT DISBANDING

ACTION COPY : Q.153

" : ORD

Q.1 has copied

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URGENT.

Major General L. BROWNING, CD. CBE. MC.,
Headquarters,
Military Mission to the Italian Army,
APO S. 554.
C. M. F.

~~note~~ Q/05/1 5 Feb. 46.

My dear

I wonder would you be good enough to help me over a small matter, which nevertheless is an important one as far as I am concerned.

The fact is that the Carburettor of my Humber Pullman has gone wrong and my Ordnance people tell me that there just is not another one in ITALY to replace it. As you know I have to do a lot of touring, often over very long distances, so this matter of the Carburettor is really rather serious. When I was at home last the War Office got me some other spares for my car and I brought them back with me. So there seems no reason and certainly a precedent to do the same thing again.

Could you therefore get someone at the War Office to send me out by air, securely packed and addressed to me personally, the following :-

One Carburettor 56939 P. for Humber Pullman

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S.D.		No. M. 5494521
Engine		6600501
Contract		S. 7085

I am sorry to bother you but I am sure you will appreciate the urgency and necessity for my request.

I hope the War Establishment Committee went satisfactorily and that you and SOUTHEY were able to attend it. I expect you are glad to be home for a bit and see your family.

Am revoir,

Yours

L.B.

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W.D. No. M. 5424521
Engine 6603501
Contract S. 7085

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AM REVOLR,

Yours

L.B.

Brig. J. D'A Anderson, CBE, DSO.,
c/o SD(1),
War Office,
LONDON.

Copy sent to : Ballards, Wickham Bishops, WITHAM, Essex.

/agc

File 190
 Subject : Indent for Ordnance Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) R O M E
 Q/OS/1
1 February 1946

Ordnance Officer,
 1 Sub Depot,
557 E.O.D.

Herewith Indent No MMIA/3 for the following
 items:-

		Qty
✓ 56939 P.	Carburettor	1
P.53471	Bush	1
P.53095	Eye Bolt	1
P.53096	Tap Washer	1
✓ M.5494521	W.D.)	
✓ No 6600501	engine) Humber Tullman	
✓ Nos. 7085	Contract)	

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a. Head
 Lt-Col.
 A.D.O.S.
 M.M.I.A.

AJH/erc

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Subject: Maintenance of British Equipment
Italian Army.

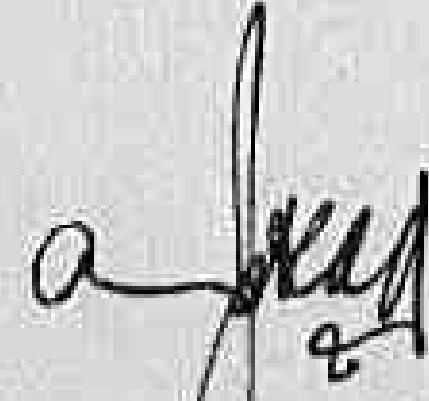
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/1
30 Jan 46

Ordnance Officer,
2 Sub Depot,
557 B.O.D.

Reference AFHQ letter DOS/7209 dated 14th
January.

It would be appreciated if some indication
could be given as to the date when stores will be
available for collection, in order that necessary
instructions may be passed to the Italian Army.

AJH/erc



Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A.

CHIEF OF BUREAU
C. R. Q. C. R. F.

Maintenance of British Regt.
- 1st Bn. 1st Regt.

16/11/66 009/7209.

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Reference to 100/7209 dated 27th, December 1965 enclosing
copy of my 100/7209 of 27th, December 1965.

Reference to the 1st Bn. 1st Regt.

- (a) Reference to 100/7209/6/1 (1st) of 10th, January 1966
- (b) Reference to 100/7209/6/2 (1st) of 10th, January 1966
- (c) Reference to 100/7209/6/3 (1st) of 10th, January 1966

These documents contain the total information available for
preparation of the scaling referred to at para 4 (b) of 100/7209 of 10th, January 1966.

On the basis of the data now provided you will take the following
action:

- (a) Prepare and collect a 60 day maintenance scaling covering all
vehicles and equipment detailed in the 4th document. This
scaling will include major assemblies and types and taken and
where necessary, a validation for release of controlled items
will be submitted to the appropriate authorities of this Directorate.
(b) The stores have been selected and one copy of the vehicles showing
availability will be forwarded to this Directorate when action
of my 100/7209 of 27th, December 1965.
(c) On completion of action with the 1st Bn. 1st Regt. instructions for
the stores will be issued to you.
(d) Remaining documents will be in accordance with para 16 of
100/7209/6/4 (1st) of 10th, December 1965, copy of which is attached
for your reference.

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Klemlett

Translation

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



Ref.3430/784

Date 24/I/46.

Subject Training Stores Request.

The Central Military Schools HQ has requested the urgent allotment of the stores referred to in the enclosed vouchers, needed for the training of personnel for the pupil instructors course beginning on the 10/I/46.

Since no availability of stores from allied source exist at the Art. directorates under our command, we ask you to kindly examine the possibility of allotting the above.

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

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DIRECTIONS: GENERAL A PARTICIPANT IS NOT.

Prot. N. 3650/89h. *Megastis* 3

OGGETTO

Richieste materiali di addestramento. -

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Il Comando delle Scuole Centrali Militari ha richiesto l'urgente assegnazione dei materiali di cui ai buoni allegati, occorrenti per l'addestramento del personale del Corso allievi istruttori iniziatosi il 10 c.m.

Poichè non esiste alcuna disponibilità di materiali di provenienza alleste presso le dipendenti Direzioni di Artiglieria, si prega codesta Missione di voler esaminare la possibilità di assegnare quanto richiesto.

D. II. MINISTRO

(H. G. PROUD)

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W. D. Webb

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CPd

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transmission pour
l'instruction 25/1

P. IL MINISTRO
(P. G. Provezzi) 3869

U. RUSSE
[Signature]

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At. 19705 Dd. 874 175M Bkn. 5/44 P.Ltd. 314

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES.

ARMY FORM G. 984

UNIT'S No.

DATE

NORMAL
SPECIAL

† DATE STORES REQUIRED

A.D.O.S. No.

* CONTROL No.

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UNIT

(Show address for correspondence)

ADDRESS FOR STORES

H.Q. Italian Composite Reinforcement
Regiment - 152^o Artillery School -o/c D.A/D.O.S. " F " BL e TU
R.T.C. I.C.F.

FABBIANO

Part or Catalogue No.	VOCABULARY SECTION :-	Quantity required	Rate	Establishment or authorised proportions	In possession		Quantities received & date		
	Designation of articles required				Serviceable	Non-serviceable			
1.5-745GA-	Goniometri del n°7 MK 11	12		24	12				
1.2-202GA-	Tavolette di Artigl. del n°3	7		24	17				
1.5-08548A-	Treppiedi per goniometri n°17A.	10		24	14				
1.5-08537-	Treppiedi per tavoletta Art.N.27	15		24	9				
1.6-7176	- Rapportatori lucidi	7		18	11				
1.3	- Telemetri tipo 12	1		6	5				
1.6	- Supporti per telemetri del n°14	2		6	4				
1.	- Telefono con amplificet. (staz.com.)	1		2	1				
1.3	- Cacciapioiettile da 25 libbre	5		6	1				
1.1-FL2453-	Estrattori a mano da 25 libbre	4		18	14				
1.3-MC2400-	Piatto per rettifica della linea di mira	7		8	1				
1.3-MC1908-	Chiave per estrarre boss.avar. del n°12	8		18	10				

I certify that the following articles are actually required to complete to authorised scale :-

- (a) As a first supply; (b) To replace others lost through the exigencies of the campaign;
(c) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

Approved for issue: 8

Signed.....

Commanding.....

* For R.A.O.C. use.
† To be inserted in
ammunition or urgent
indents. State
reason for urgency.

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Wt. 19793 Dd. 874 175M Bks. 8/44 P.Ltd. 814

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES.

ARMY FORM G. 804
* CONTROL No.

UNIT'S No.

DATE

NORMAL
SPECIAL

† DATE STORES REQUIRED

A.D.O.S. No.

11 bis

28/12/45

UNIT

(Show address for correspondence)

H.Q. Italian Composite Reinforcement
Regiment- 152^o Artillery School -

ADDRESS FOR STORES

C/o D.A.D.O.S. "F" BL e TU
R.T.C. I.C.F.

FABRISOGNO

Part or Catalogue No.	VOCABULARY SECTION :—		Quantity required	* Rate	Establishment or authorised proportions	In possession		Quantities received & date		
	Designation of articles required					Serviceable	Non- serviceable			
A.N-00950	-	Chiavi a tubo per dadi di ruota (Band 46/26)	5		7	2				
M.2-0M395	-	Chiavi del n° 752	6		7	1				
N.1-0M499A	-	Attrezzo per artigl. del n° 246	6		7	1				
N.1-0M130A	-	Chiave blocc. b.d.f. 25 Lbs. MK I	5		7	2				
N.1-0M5818	-	Attrezzat. per prova in bianco del n° 7 MK I	3		4	1				
-	-	Chiave del n° 7	16		18	2				
M.3-355A	-	Pompa per cario. olio MK I (compl.)	3		4	1				
- 2590	-	Bombole ad aria compressa	3		4	1				
-	-	Gira bacchino per dadi di ruote	2		4	2				
-	-	Chiave inglese grandi	4		4	-				
-	-	Chiave inglese media	4		4	-				
-	-	Cofano per operai completo	2		2	-				

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Signed.....

Commanding.....

Approved for issue:—

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ammunition or urgent
indents. St.
reason for urgency

Subject: Supplies to Italian Infantry Divisions.

To: ADOS, HQ Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.), ROME.

HQ 4 B.L.U.
Bolzano.
Ref: ORD/10.
14 Jan 46.

JAN 16 1946

1. Will you please let me have some definite information about the source of future supplies for the Infantry Divisions, as it is most embarrassing when Italian officers, under instructions from the Italian War Office, contact me seeking information and I am unable to help them.
2. Yesterday a deputation arrived from the Friuli Division and my information was so confused that I was able to give them no satisfaction.
3. Q(AE), CMF Signal F55319 dated 3 Dec 45 ruled that arrangement for issue of spares for British Equipment from 557 BOD would cease on 31st December and that conditions of paras 11 & 12 AGO 94711G(SD) - 0 dated 2nd November would apply. It was pointed out by DDOS Distwo that copy of this letter was not available but that it was the basis of DOS letter DOS 7209 dated 8th November. This letter states that from 14th November maintenance of Combat Groups would be an Italian responsibility.
4. On 5th December ADME LFSC, AC, MMIA letter EME 1545 addressed to Ministry of War stated:

"We have recently been advised that the Gruppi will continue to be supplied with spares for Allied vehicles in the same manner as that which was in force before 15 November. This arrangement will continue for the present, under authority of signal G 41261 of 26 November from AFHQ."

Workshop officers with Gruppi workshops should contact the PAOC staff at the BJU attached to the HQ of Territorial Command in which the Gruppi are situated. The PAOC staff will assist them with preparation of demands and obtaining of stores."

5. On 15th December O.O. 3 B.L.U. passed on the following instruction:-
"That all MT Spares be indented for as of old on British sources via 2 District and DOS GHQ including Engines and Covers and Tubes which will be released by DOS instead of 2 District but the same return will be used. Supply of MT spares etc will not close down on Dec 31st but will continue until the Italians have fixed up their own depot."
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7. As it appears this GHQ letter gives instructions vital to C.Os. of B.L.U.s. could copies please be circulated.

3. Q(AE), CMF Signal F55319 dated 3 Dec 45 ruled that arrangement for issue of spares for British Equipment from 557 BOD would cease on 31st December and that conditions of paras 11 & 12 AGO 91711G(SD) - 0 dated 2nd November would apply. It was pointed out by DDOS Distwo that copy of this letter was not available but that it was the basis of DOS letter DOS 7209 dated 8th November. This letter states that from 14th November maintenance of Combat Groups would be an Italian responsibility.

4. On 5th December ALME LFSC, AC, MMIA letter EME 1545 addressed to Ministry of War stated:

"We have recently been advised that the Gruppi will continue to be supplied with spares for Allied vehicles in the same manner as that which was in force before 15 November. This arrangement will continue for the present, under authority of signal G 41261 of 26 November from AFHQ.

" Workshop officers with Gruppi workshops should contact the PAOC staff at the BLJ attached to the HQ of Territorial Command in which the Gruppi are situated. The PAOC staff will assist them with preparation of demands and obtaining of stores."

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C. H. S. S.
Capt., PAOC,
Ordnance Officer.

Copy to: DDOS HQ No.2 District - telephone conversation
HAKEN - DENVER refers.

EME - EME 1545 dated 5 Dec 45 refers.

O.O. 3 B.L.U. - ORD. 1 dated 15 Dec 45 refers.
HQ Friuli Inf. Div.

Subject : Issues to BR-ITI's.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/29
8 January 1946

D.O.S.,
A. F. H. Q.

A request has been received from 10 Coy G.M. Police (TC) for the issue of the following items to the BR-ITI's employed on T.O. duties within 217 Area :-

Coats, Waterproof, Dispatch-Rider	- 22
Jerkins, Leather	- 22
Boots, Dispatch-Rider	- 22
Gloves, Leather	- 22
Helmets, Crash	- 22
Breeches, Dispatch-Rider	- 22

The 1098 for an Italian G.M.P. Unit does not allow for the issue of the above items although it authorizes 22 Motor-Cycles.

As this Italian Unit is solely employed on patrol duties it is requested that authority be given for the unit to obtain above items through ADOS 217 Area.

Copy to : 6 BLU, BOLOGNA.

Internal : Q.103
Q/OS/1

WHA/erc

Lt-Col. ADOS.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Handkerchiefs,M.M.I.A. N. Italy
Milan.Phone: MILAN 13989
Ref : MIL/4/Q

7 Nov 45

To: H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Your Q/05/1 of 25 Oct.

1.-

kerchiefs.

Attached information requested by you re 30,000 hand-

MBone
Major
M.M.I.A. IO

RIEPILOGO DEI PRELEVAMENTI DI FAZZOLETTI EFFETTUATI I REPARTI

RIEPILOGO DEI PRELEVAMENTI DI FAZZOLETTI EFFETTUATI DAI REPARTI DIP.TI

DATA DEL PRELEVAMENTO	REPARTO PRELEVANTE	QUANTITA' PRELEVATA
7/8/1945	231^ Sezione Sussistenza	140
17/8/1945	5^ Comp. Ital. Controllo Traffico	460
" "	Quartiere Gener. - 231^ Divisione	1048
" "	17^ Compagnia Geniere Autonoma	640
" "	72^ Nucleo Ital. per Com. Genio	48
" "	27^ Compagnia Genio Autonoma	940
" "	417^ Reggim. to - 1^ Battaglione	60
" "	402^ Reggim. to - 122^ Compagnia	800
" "	19^ Compagnia Genio	760
18	231^ Sezione Sussistenza	2
" "	504^ Compagnia Auton. Nebbiogenib	800
" "	417^ Reggim. to P.I. - 124^ Comp.	760
20	308^ Compagnia Pionieri	840
" "	417^ Reggim. to P.I. - 224^ Comp.	480
" "	417^ Reggimento - 2^ Btg. - Com. do	80
" "	805^ Campo Italiano di Transito	280
" "	Campo Riposo	40
22	58^ Tappa per Gruppi di Combatt.	140
" "	Ospedale da Campo n. 964	260
" "	402^ Reggim. to P.I. - 123^ Compag.	760
23	18^ Compagnia Genieri	880
24	417^ Reggim. to - Plotone Comando	160
27	25^ Compagnia Autonoma Genio	720
" "	1^ Egt/Guardie - 877^ Cp. Coop. Ital.	720
30	18 " " - 1733^ Plot. auton.	140
4/9/1945	470^ Osped. Attendato Ausiliario	280
7	871^ Plotone - Cimiteri di Guerra	100
26/	Reparto Complementi	76
28	Plotone cimiteri di Guerra	64
" "	Quartiere Generale della 231^ Div.	2
29	" " " "	3
2/10/1945	17^ Compagnia Genio	60
4	402^ Regg. to - 124^ Compagnia	412
8	" " - 122^	100
" "	Scuola Allievi Guardie Forest. li	1500
18	811^ Reparto Automobilist. Ital. no	140
12	417^ Regg. to - 11^ Btg. - Com. do	40
17	Quartiere Generale della 231^ Div.	4
24	831^ Sezione Fotoelettrici	48
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25	"	"	834°	40
T O T A L E				14,827

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Riassunto:

Totale distribuzioni: 14,827 (1° foto veduta regolare 90°)

Avuti in meno dal magazzino mittente 14,800 (1° foto veduta regolare 90°)

In magazzino: 13,673 (1° foto veduta regolare 90°)

T o t a l e

30,000

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Subject:- Shoe dubbing (American).

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

2 Nov 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. letter DC 5063/3 of 12-10-45 - from Naples Mil.
Terr. Command.

There is no objection to the dubbin referred to being
regarded as under War Ministry Control and issued at their
discretion.


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

WHA/ab

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FROM 50 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 300900A
TO HQ MMIA

Q208 UNCLASSIFIED(.) FRIULI HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH 500 BLACK B/D
BLOUSES AND 1000 BLACK B/D TROUSERS BY 228 DIV (.) STILL REQUIRE
~~500~~ 500 BLACK B/D BLOUSES TO MEET DISCHARGE COMMITMENTS(.) 228
DIV STATE THAT STOCK IS EXHAUSTED (.) PLEASE STATE WHERE THE
BALANCE OF 500 CAN BE DRAWN

Q/OS Distribu.

Fleat

Q/OS/29

Q/OS/4

Q/OS/1

H/F

3801

Subject:- Socks.

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

50 BLU.

30 Oct 45.

1. Ref. your Q/7/10 of 26-10-45.
2. 4000 pairs of socks are being issued from Depot N°8
Frattemaggiore to Friuli Div.
3. It is pointed out, however, that at the present time the
clothing of this Div is entirely the responsibility of Br.Ord who
are being asked to replace the above quantity as soon as socks
become more plentiful.

CEK/ab

Major,
DAQMG,
M.M.I.A.

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LRKE V MBDB

FROM 50 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 261900A

TO HQ MMIA

GR --- BT

Q 206 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FURTHER TO THIS HQ SIGNAL
 Q 204 DATED 22 (.) UNDERSTAND THAT 231 DIV HAVE STOCK OF
 10000 HANDKERCHIEFS BUT THEY REQUIRE YOUR AUTHY TO ISSUE
 TO F R I U L I (.) MAY THE AUTHY PLEASE BE GIVEN FOR THE
 10000 AND THE BALANCE OF 3000 BE MADE UP WHEN AVAILABLE

BT

SENT NV 2414 SCC AT 270345 AR K

RECD NR 242/// 2414 27 A AAA AR

No action
 Ser 184
 Ah



Subject:- Handkerchiefs.

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

R O M E

Q/OS/1

M.M.I.A. LO NV ITALY
MILAN.

25 Oct 45.

Ref. your Q137 of 24-10-45. (18)

Appended herewith is copy of Q/OS/1 of 8 Oct 45.
The last stock state from 231 Div shows 13765 handkerchiefs
in stock only as at 15 Oct 45.

Will you therefore instruct 231 to issue to Friuli,
10,000 handkerchiefs immediately and obtain an explanation
showing the distribution of the balance of the 30,000
consigned.

W. H. Davis

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

Copy to:- 50 BEU
Friuli Div
Q/OS/6

A/ab

3808

See Folio 170

184A

COPYSubject:- Handkerchiefs.

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

50 BLU.8 Oct 45.

1. Ref. your Q/7/10 of 12 Sept.
2. 18,000 handkerchiefs were despatched to 231 Div on 28 July 45 for issue to FRIULI Div. (My signal Q/OS/306 of 28 June to MMIA LO DISTWO refers; also my Q/OS/272 of 19 June to 50 BLU).
3. Please confirm that this consignment was in fact received and distributed by FRIULI Div.

(Sgd) AM NEWTON, Major
DAQMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Q/OS/6
Circulator

AMN/ab

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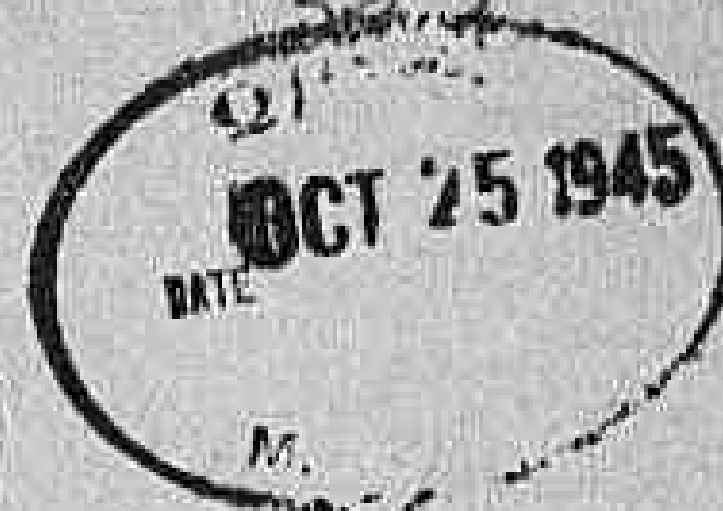
~~FROM NEW 240317 Q/L~~

FROM MMIA R ITALY 241525
 TO MMIA ROME
 INFO 50 ALL
 QSH OR 10 AT

0137 UNCLASSIFIED
 YOUR 0/05/1 DATED 3 OCT NOT RECEIVED

THE 1947
 SENT "JUN" 22-4
 10 7356 413 483

REF 30 JUL 6/234 DATED 22 OCT
 NOT RECEIVED

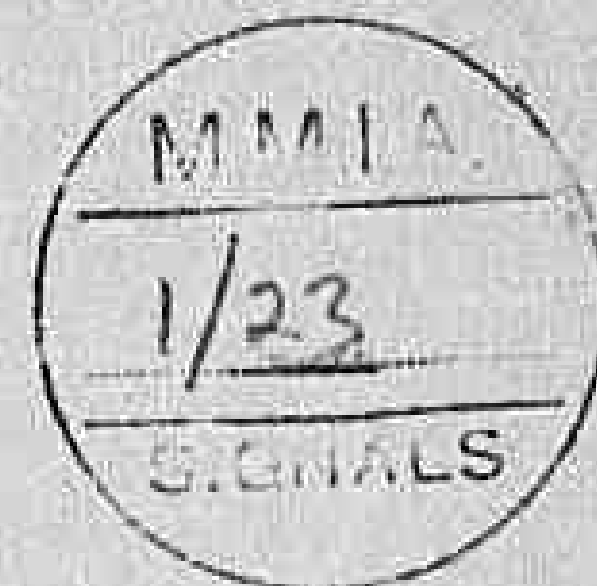


Q/OS Roster...

7th Oct
 Q/OS 3856
 Q/OS 16
 M.Y.

See 70.154

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LROF V MBDE WARE

FROM ~~MMIA~~ LIAISON UNIT 22-1480A

TO MMIA

INFO MMIA LO DISTWO

BT

0204 . UNCLASSIFIED .

REF YOUR ~~0204~~ DATED 20 OCT. 1945
THE 18000 HANDCRAFTERS YOU REFER TO HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT
BEEN RECEIVED BY F R I H L I FROM 231 DIV .
FR I H L I HAVE

SIGNALLED 231 DIV RE THE MATTER BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO ANSWER

SENT 2-43 0615 JS AR K

RECD AT 0620A JS AR THS K

PT 2322/5
3805
Q/OS Dist. 176
Fleet
Q/OS/1
Q/OS/6
M.F.

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Q105/

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA
 TO : 201 SUB AREA
 INFO : 50 HLU
 REF : Q/CS/433

DATE/TIME

18 1700 A

OCT

UNCLASSIFIED.

FOR MMIA IG(.) IF AVAILABLE RELEASE TO PRIORI DIV 1,000 B.D.
 HOUSES(.) YOUR FORTNIGHTLY STOCK STATE 30 SEPT SHOWED STOCK
 OF 3,500 AND NO ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS(.) INFORM MMIA WHEN
 RELEASE IS COMPLETED

PROCESSED Immediat

ADVERTISER

Am. ...

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See 70. 180

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COPY

Q/OS/1

FROM 50 BLU 161100A
TO MMIA

INFO MMIA LO 201 SUB AREA 228 ITALIAN DIV

Q201 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) DUE TO DISCHARGE OF 1917-18 CLASSES
TRIULI REQUIRED URGENTLY 1000 GREEN/BLACK/B.D. (.) UNDERSTAND
228 DIV CAN ONLY PROVIDE TROUSERS BUT HAVE NO BLOUSES (.) PLEASE
STATE FROM WHERE BLOUSES CAN BE DRAWN OR WHEN 228 DIV WILL BE
ISSUED WITH SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE DEMAND

Reviewed by
Sgt. Q/OS/433
of 18 Oct. (70.181)

Q/OS Distribn.

Float

Q/OS/29

Q/OS/1

Q/OS/4

M/F

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Translation

14911

From : Naples Mil. Terr. Command
To : MOW
Subject : Shoe dubbing (American)

Ref. : DC 5063/3
Date : Oct. 12, 1945

With letter 291/A dated 3rd inst., the 10th Special Clothing Depot reported that it had stored 23040 4 ounce cans of American shoe dubbing. Said cans were turned in by the 212nd Subsistence Section.

We beg the Ministry, therefore, to let us know whether or not said dubbing should be issued and in what amounts.

(Sgd) Ugo Landolfi

Cpl. VDC

Maplewood
Repts no objection to
then being regarded as under
War Home control issue at
their discretion

COS

See to. 189
3862

Me/dp.

Tram 179/1A



COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

3^a Sezione C.E.

N.DC. 5063/3

OUT

Time Napoli, li

12. 10. 1945

OGGETTO

Grasso per scarpe (americano).

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Dir? Gen. Serv. Comm/to e Arm/vi

Div. V.E.C.C.

17 OTT 1945

R O

Il dipendente 10° Deposito Speciale Vestiario con sua nota n. 291/A del 3 corrente ha comunicato alla scrivente di avere introdotto n. 23040 scatole di grasso per scarpe (americano) da 4 oz. ciascuna. Dette scatole sono state versate dalla 212^a Sezione Sussistenza.

Pertanto, si prega codesto Ministero di far conoscere se detto grasso debba essere o meno distribuito ed in quale misura.

IL COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE

DIVISIONE V E Ugo Landolfi

19 OTT 1945

Prot. N° 24011

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179

UNCLASSIFIED.SUBJECT : IRTC CESANO

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) ROME.
 A 14
9 Oct. 45.

TO : Ministry of War

1. No further personnel will be sent to IRTC CESANO from any source except special drafts sent deliberately for training purposes as agreed between the Ministry of War and M.M.I.A.
2. H.Q. IRTC will therefore be authorised to refuse to accept individuals arriving at the Centre without proper authority.
3. In this way IRTC CESANO now becomes a Training Centre only, and once the present surplus is posted away the only personnel left in the centre, apart from the permanent staff, will be personnel undergoing some course of definite duration.

Major General
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
 XIII Corps
 2 District
 3 District
 CG R A A C
 'F' BTLU IRTC
 50 BLU
 51 BLU
 52 BLU
 53 BLU
 56 BLU
 All M.M.I.A. LO's

INTERNAL : G (SD)
 G (Trg)
 Q (3)
 Mov. LO

maf.

2/05/24
2/05/1

3850

Subject:- Handkerchiefs.

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

8 Oct 45.

50 HLU.

1. Ref. your Q/7/10 of 12 Sept. ¹⁷⁹
2. 18,000 handkerchiefs were despatched to 231 Div on 28 July 45 for issue to PRIULI Div. (My signal Q/OS/306 of 28 June to MMIA LG DISTRO refers, also my Q/OS/272 of 19 June to 50 HLU).
3. Please confirm that this consignment was in fact received and distributed by PRIULI Div.

A. W. Newby

Major,
DAQNG,
M.F.I.A.

Copy to:- Q/OS/6
Circulator

AMN/eb

See No. 182
" " 183

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Space 194/1

Q105/1

Subj: Adm. Instr.
Re: B.

Lead Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (A.I.A.)
 R.O.
 2/28/11/1

6 Oct 45.

1. BIC.

Ref. JMW 1/3/15 of 26 Sept.

see file Q/45 in Q' Bd.

Para 7 of Adm. Instr 28 states specifically that the provisions of the Instruction apply only to UNITED STATES troops and certain UNITED STATES units.

UNITED STATES troops will, therefore, continue to be cited on the original file.

Major,
 JMW,
 A.I.A.

Copy to: 10 BIC
 51 "
 53 "
 56 "
 100 BIC
 Q' Bd

10/10/45

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Subject : Handkerchiefs.

50 British Liaison Unit. 179

INQ MMIA.

Ref Q/7/10.

12 Sep 45.

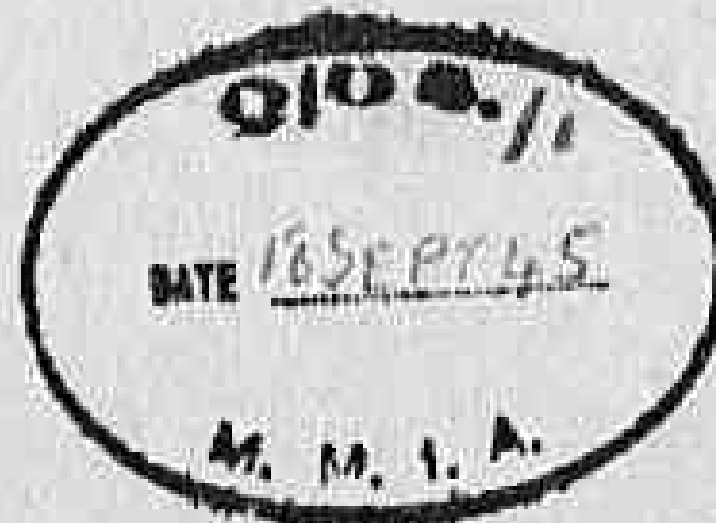
1. It is understood from FRIULI ICG that handkerchiefs are now available through Italian channels, but that your authy is required from SMRE to release them. This question has been taken up fairly frequently in the past but with no success. - 1 *
2. FRIULI request that 28000 be released to them as soon as possible in order that an issue made be made to the personnel at the same time that the winter clothing is issued.
3. May this matter please be investigated and if possible the required release made.

CMT.
JDM/LGB.

J. L. 204

Maj.
DAA and QMG.

* 18,000 sent 231 Dis for FRIULI Sp
on 28 Jul 45 - see file 8/05/6 (fos. 163 & 204)
See 70.178



Abou. Beyrou.

3847

SUBJECT :- Hats Grey - Green.

56 BLU
13 Q

13 Sep 45

MMIA

Q(OS)

175

Reference our 13/Q dated 1 Sep 45 and Italian War Department letter 21291/VO dated 22 Aug 45. — N.T.

1. MANTOVA Combat Group now state that they have made arrangements for 1000 of the Republican hats to be altered to regulation pattern.
2. They therefore wish to hand in only 1000 of the Republican hats and to draw the 2000 grey green hats mentioned in the Ministry of War letter.
3. This appears to be in order as this further 1000 drawn would replace approximately one month wastage (reference your Q/OS/1 dated 21 July 45) for the month of August.

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In The Field,
JRM/ajw

RM
Lt Col,
CS.



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SUBJECT :- Soft Caps for MANTOVA Combat Group.

MEMO

Q/OS/1
Q(OS)
56 BLU
13 Q

1 Sep 45

Reference your Q/OS/1 dated 21 July 45. 164

1. MANTOVA Combat Group drew the 2000 soft caps from MILAN as instructed in your letter. The GOC of the Group however states that these caps are GERMAN and Republican Fascist types of headress.
2. In view of the present task of the Group and of the delicate political situation it is strongly urged that these caps be exchanged for a pattern which would cause less comment both in the army and amongst the civilian population.

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

NFA
Per 3/05
(May 11/1945)
16 Sept. 45

JRM
Lt Col,
GS.

See 70 176

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: PERBASE
TO : NMIA ROME

194
Q/05
Q/05/1
110
DATE/TIME
23 1109 B

REFERENCE CABLE PX 36207 SIGNED COMMUNIST DATED 17 AUGUST CURRENT (.)
QUARTERMASTER THIS HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY CONSIGNING RAIL CARS
TO ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR, SCALE ROMA PRINVESTINA, ROME, CONTAINING
THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF CLOTH :

75752 yds - GREEN MILITARY CLOTH
65436 yds - FLANNEL GREY GREEN
163 rolls - LINING
5356 yds - LINING
638 yds - CLOTH, BLUE DENIM
3453 yds - CLOTH, BLUE DENIM
40 yds - CLOTH, COTTON BLUE
7142 yds - CLOTH, WHITE FLANNEL
125,888 yds - CLOTH, CANVAS FOR SUITINGS
33,784 yds - ASSORTED LININGS

2000 tons (approx) VARIOUS ACCOMMODATION STORES ARE BEING
CONSIGNED TO SAME ADDRESS.

BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE 5 CARS A DAY (.) CLOTH IN 5 ARMY DUMPS WILL BE
ALLOCATED 27 AUGUST CURRENT IN OFFICE OF QUARTERMASTER MTOUSA(.)
DESIRED THAT W/M SEND REPRESENTATIVE (.) MANY ITEMS OF 5 ARMY CLOTH HAVE
BEEN RID FOR BY NMIA LESSON

Action copy: 3/15

Copy to : C.O.S.
Q/05
Q/15/1
Float

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Q/05/1

SUBJECT:- Clothing on Discharge - Combat Gps

Ministry of War.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Q/CS/11/3
22 Aug 45

Ref your 20875/10 of 10 Aug 45.

1. Since adequate supplies of black battledress are not available, Combat personnel who are being demobilised may be dressed in green battledress.
2. Stocks of green battledress are now available at each Adm Div Sub Depot and therefore Combat Gps should be instructed to indent immediately for the quantity required on their local Adm Div through the B.L.U. and the M.M.I.A. L.O. concerned.
3. Men will not be demobilised in khaki battledress.

J.R. McLaughlin
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : All B.L.U.
 1007A LO, N.E. Italy, MILAN (2)
 1007A LO, N.W. Italy, MILAN (for Capt. Fox).
 1007A LO, FLORENCE City Comd.
 1007A LO, 1 District.
 1007A LO, 1 District (for Capt. Herbert).
 1007A LO, 3 District.
 1007A LO, 23 Corps.
 1007A LO, 54 Area.

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WAR DIARY (?)

785020

COPY TRACKING SIGNAL.

FROM : MTOUSA SIGNED COMBINED CITE KACMC
 TO : CG PENTABASE
 INFO : ALOCH MMIA
 REF : BX 36207

DATE TIME
 181015B

RESTRICTED

1. Cloth of apparent civilian origin. Received PBS 9619 August 14, not to all, is subject.

2. Request you hold conference in office of JM PBS, LEXHORN Area on 21 August for purpose of allocation and quick disposition. Priority in filling requirements is: A. US military requirements including POW. B. British Military requirements including POW. C. ALLIED COMMISSION: (on 1). Military requirements of Italian Army including German POW (2) Civil requirements of ITALY.

3. Lt. Col. LANE, OMC will represent MTOUSA. Lt. Col. SCHURST, Ord British will represent British Army. Request Allied Commission notify M PBS, phone valve 180 extension 5 as to representatives MMIA and ALOCH civil. Direct communication authorized.

4. Allocations agreed are effective immediately and cloth will be removed from PBS promptly. JM PBS to report allocations this HQ and advise when deliveries have been completed. In event agreement not reached details to be presented through technical channels AFHQ - MTOUSA for decision.

5. While cloth is only item upon which final action will be taken, it is desired that insofar as possible all items of civilian nature of OM type (equals British clothing and accommodation stores) considered and recommendations submitted to Quartermaster AFHQ.

Dist.

Info-Action - Comsec SO
 Land Forces.

Info - Chief Commissioner
 Econ Sec
 Regu Div
 File 2
 Plant.

"Q" Distribution:

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M/C Note:

No trace of PBS reference.

Captain Clark, MMIA LO will attend and bid for Italian Army.

Sig. Pentabase 9909 of 23 AUG refers

Q/05/11 191

SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE / AUG
16 1750
TIME

TO : A F H Q

UNCLASSIFIED

Q/OS/396

YOUR C12253 OF 15 FROM Q(AE) (.) ESTIMATED
REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITISH SERVICE TPS TO EQUIP TO FULL SCALE
ARE (.) FIRST (.) SOONEST FOR INITIAL ISSUE (.)
WOOLLEN SHIRTS TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND (.)
WOOLLEN VESTS SIXTY THOUSAND (.)
SECOND (.) REQUIRED SEP FOR NOV WASTAGE (.)
WOOLLEN SHIRTS AND WOOLLEN VESTS TWENTY THOUSAND EACH (.)
THIRD (.) REQUIRED OCT FOR DEC WASTAGE (.)
WOOLLEN SHIRTS AND WOOLLEN VESTS FIFTEEN THOUSAND EACH (.)
FOURTH (.) REQUIRED NOV FOR JAN WASTAGE (.)
WOOLLEN SHIRTS WOOLLEN VESTS WOOLLEN DRAWERS FIVE THOUSAND
EACH (.)
FIFTH (.) ONE PULLOVER CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR TWO WOOL VESTS (.)
SIXTH (.) QUESTION OF ISSUE OF WOOL SHIRTS OR RETENTION OF
CUSH SHIRTS IN LIEU IS FOR CONSIDERATION (.)
SEVENTH (.) WASTAGE IS BASED ON PART-WORN GARMENTS AND CAN
BE REDUCED IF PROPORTION OF NEW GARMENTS IS ISSUED

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE 11851

AUTHENTICATION W. H. H. H.
M. H.INTERNAL
WAR DIARY
"Q"

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Subject:- Handkerchiefs - Italian
Combat Groups.

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

52 B.L.U.

11 Aug/45.

Ref. your Q/3/166 of 6 Aug/45.

1. The Combat Force is equipped from Br Sources.
2. The present stock of handkerchiefs for the whole Italian Army represents about $\frac{1}{2}$ handkerchief per man. There is therefore no immediate prospect of a large issue to the Combat Force unless made by Br Ord.
3. As soon as the prospect improves you will be advised. We have not yet obtained release from AFHQ of any captured stock which will help. There is also the snag that as handkerchiefs are not on the scale I have no basis to demand from Br Army. We will do what we can.

FJN/ab

F.J. NOAKES, Colonel
DQMG,
M.M.I.A.

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166

Subject:- Officers Shop.

Spence
8/05/1
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/30

50 B.L.U.4 Aug/45.

see file Q/OS/30
Ref. your Q7/10 of 30 Jul/45.

1. The bulk allotment of clothing released for officers shops is very limited, owing to the world shortage of clothing.
2. It is regretted that an increase in the allotment is unlikely (M.M.I.A. Q/OS/30 of 20 July/45 refers).

W.R.N. Maxwell
W.R.N. MAXWELL, Major
for DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

WRNM/ab

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MESSAGE FORM

File: 1D/2600/7/Q

Date: 21 1750 B

FROM: DISTONE

ACTION: 61 AREA

INFO: 214 SUB AREA: 21 ARMD BDE(PW INC): 557 BOD

COPY: EASTMOVES: ST: ORD: MMIA: 1D/2600/2/Q.

Originators No Q.73

REF CONVERSATION DAQMG - AQMG (.) FIRST (.) UNDER AUTHORITY AFHQ
 SIGNAL FX 25624 OF 20 FOLLOWING STORES RELEASED EX 557 BOD NAPLES
 FOR FORMATION GERMAN UNITS PRIORITY 10 (.) BLOUSES PATCHED QTY 10000
 TROUSERS PATCHED QTY 10000 SHIRTS AG QTY 10000 CAPS QTY 15000 (.)
 SECOND (.) 20000. PRS REPAIRED BRITISH BOOTS ALSO RELEASED BY MMIA (.)
 DETAILS FROM MMIA LIAISON OFFICE NAPLES TEL 53622 (.) THIRD (.) REQUEST
 YOU DETAIL TRANSPORT (ESTIMATED 60 x 3 TON LORRIES REQUIRED) TO
 COLLECT ABOVE STORES AND ARRANGE DELIVERY TO 21 ARMD BDE (PW INC)
 RICCIONE (.) VEHIS TO LOAD 557 BOD AND MMIA DEPOT 250800B (.) FOURTH (.)
 21 ARMD BDE (PW INC) REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THIS HQ ACTUAL QUANTITY BOOTS
 RECEIVED IN ORDER Q(AE) AND ORD (BR) AFHQ MAY BE INFORMED FOR
 ACCOUNTANCY PURPOSES

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 EXCEPT wireless

Degree of Priority

(Sgd) B. HEWITT J/Comd.Important

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 Q/05/29.
 Q/05/1.

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Subject:- CAPS for MANTOVA Group.

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

56 Br.Liaison Unit.

21 July 45.

Ref. your 13 Q dated 11 July/45.

1. Your request for 10,000 caps is not understood as this quantity would be sufficient completely to re-equip the MANTOVA Group with caps and leave approx 10% spare.
2. However, 2000 caps green - representing approx 2 months wastage - are being released to you at MILAN.
3. Please contact MMIA LO NW ITALY c/o 59 AREA regarding collection.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major
for Col. RA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copies to:- MMIA LO NW ITALY
c/o 59 AREA
Q - file Q/15/1
Q(AE)

WAB/ab

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See 70 175
" " 176

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INTERNAL MEMOSUBJECT:- CAPS for BRIT Units.

Q/OS/6

TO :- Q(AB)

21 July 45

FROM :- Q(OS)

Ref. 56 BLU letter 132 of 21 July (folio 498/1
file Q/15/1)

Can you please release 2000 caps green from MILAN
depot to 231 DIV for issue to the MANTOVA Group.

This quantity could be deducted from any bulk
allotment subsequently made to BRIT from stocks at MILAN.

W. A. Badcock

W. A. BADCOCK, Major

Copy to:- Q/OS/1

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Q/D5/1

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DATE 21 1020 B
JULY

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: Q

Branch Name: A.A.

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Col. "Q" *seen by Col. G. 20 July*
WAB

UNDYED B.D. stocks 20 July

	<u>NAPLES</u>	<u>BARI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Blouses BD	180	400	580
Trousers BD	75	100	175

Stocks are small as no BD has been received during the summer and BD returned from units had already been dyed.

20 July 45

~~W.A. BADCOCK, Major~~
~~G(08)~~

WAB/ab

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Subject:- CLOTHING for 2 QM
Truck Bn.

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

R O M E.

Q/OS/1

51 Br.Liaison Unit.

20 July 45.

Ref. your A 15 of 11 July/45.

It will be necessary for personnel of 2 QM Truck Bn
to be clothed to Combat Group scale.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Q - ref fo49/2 file
Q 74/1

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C O P Y

Q/05/1

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FROM MMIA LO 1 DIST ^{July} 181,30
 TO 56 BLU FOR MANTOVA
 INFO 209 DIV (CESINA)

MMIA (HOME)

RESTRICTED (.) G4 (.) MANTOVA WILL BE IN TWO DISTRICT BY 20th (.)
 APPLICATION FOR 2000 GREEN DD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THEIR NEW
 ITI (.) ADM DIV (.)

Q/03 Distrib.

Flora

Q/12

Q/08/2

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W/T

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

TO :

FM EL & TU IRTC
FLORENCE CITY COMD FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
50 ELU
53 ELU
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO

INFO :

MMIA LO MILAN 59 AREA FOR MMIA LO
PENBASE (LIAISON SECTION) FOR MMIA LO

REF :

0 118

RESTRICTED

ONE (*) LT COL F. M. EGERTON SENIOR

MMIA LO WILL MAKE FOLLOWING TOUR (*)

ADDRESSEES ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMMODATE

ACCORDINGLY AS APPLICABLE (*) TWO (*) 18 JUL

CESANO IRTC (*) THREE (*) 19 JUL

CALL ON ORVETO

LEAVE CESANO / ARRIVE FLORENCE (*)

FOUR (*) 20 JUL VISIT 7 TERR HQ AND 230

ADM DIV (*) FIVE (*) 21 JUL LEAVE FLORENCE

(*) VISIT 209 DIV CLESEN A (*) ARRIVE BOLOGNA

(*) SIX (*) 22 JUL (*) VISIT 6 TERR HQ (*)

ARRIVE P D U A (*) SEVEN (*) 23-26 JUL (*) REMAIN

HQ 1 DISTRICT (*) VISIT 228 DIV (*) EIGHT (*) 27 JUL

(*) LEAVE P A D U A (*) ARRIVE UDINE (*) NINE (*)

28 JUL (*) VISIT 5 TERR HQ (*) TEN (*) 29 JUL (*)

LEAVE UDINE (*) ARRIVE VERONA (*) ELEVEN (*)

LEGNAME

30 JUL (*) VISIT / COMBAT GP (*) TWELVE (*) 31 JUL (*)

LEAVE VERONA (*) ARRIVE BOLZANO (*) VISIT

4 TERR HQ AND FOLCORE COMBAT GP (*) THIRTEEN (*)

2 AUG (*) LEAVE BOLZANO ARRIVE ROME 4 OR 5

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DATE TIME

16 1600 B

JULY

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ONE (*) LT COL F. M. EGGERTON SENIOR

M M I A L O WILL MAKE FOLLOWING TOUR (*)

ADDRESSEES ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMMODATE

ACCORDINGLY AS APPLICABLE (*) TWO (*) 18 JUL

C E S A N O I R T C (*) THREE (*) 19 JUL

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT TO "T" PL & TU
ROUTINE RE-INDEX

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A (SIX) G/33 : FILE

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Subject:- Officers Shop - BR-ITI Tps.

Spate
Q/OS/1
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/30

A.P.H.Q. for Q(AB).

12 July 1945.

1. The changed situation in the North has now made it impossible to restrict the sale of items to BR-ITI tps within Army Areas.
2. It is suggested that the Italian Government be informed that the BR-ITI Officers shops may sell to any BR-ITI Officer in 1 District, 2 District and Eighth Army Areas.

It is further suggested that the monthly allotment of Officer shop items should cease with the Sep issue (i.e. four monthly issues instead of the six originally planned).
3. Your instructions are requested.

PJN/ab

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

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C O P Y

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Conference DQMG's Office 9 Jul 45.

Present:

Allied

Col. NOAKES
Lt.Col. ROSE
Major NEWTON
Major BADCOCK
Capt FORDYCE

Italian

General PELLIGRA
Lt.Col. CASERTANO

Q/OS/1

1. Object. An informal discussion to decide on the fairest method of charging the Italian Govt for clothing and eqpt issued to the Combat Gps. Issues being divided into two classes:-

- a) Items of personal clothing and eqpt similar to issues made to BR-ITI Service Tps.
- b) Specialised items e.g. guns etc. at present on loan to the Gruppi.

As the future disposal of the specialised items (Class (B)) is still under discussion at Washington the meeting was concerned only with class (a).

Proposal. Col.NOAKES stated that the AFHQ policy was that a charge should be worked out at so much per head, which would cover the cost of the initial issue plus maintenance. The maintenance rate to be based on British Army wastage scales. General PELLIGRA agreed to the proposal.

It was further agreed that 90,000 should be taken as a round figure for assessing the cost of the initial issues and that the cost of the maintenance issued should be based on the average monthly strength of the Gruppi. The MD issue would be assessed on the May strength of the Gruppi.

2. Officers Shops. It was decided to recommend to AFHQ that with the disappearance of Army bays, in future the shops should continue to be held on the strengths of 231 and 228 Adm Divs but they should serve officers in 1 and 2 Districts respectively.

Col.NOAKES stated that AFHQ wanted to know how soon they could stop issuing maintenance supplies. General PELLIGRA requested that the original offer of six monthly issues should be allowed to stand as although there were stocks of clothing in N. Italy these were mostly frozen.

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FROM : DISTONE
 TO : AFHQ QUOTE PGCT
 INFO : K M I A
 REF : GO 43

SUBJECT GAS BPT (.) PERSONAL AND UNIT ~~AND~~ GAS BPT WAS
 ISSUED TO F R I E L I OF MAR 45 ON ORDERS A F H Q (.)
 ALL BPT TUBE CAPES HAS BEEN RETAINED IN STORE AND IS STILL
 FIRST CLASS CONDITION (.) SUGGEST ALL GAS BPT TUBE CAPES
 BE WITHDRAWN (.) CAPES HAVE BEEN USED AS WATERPROOFS AND ARE
 NOT WORTH WITHDRAWING BUT ARE STILL USEFUL TO GP (.)
 MAY AUTHY BE GRANTED FOR WITHDRAWAL AND DISPOSAL INSTRS ISSUED(.

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NOTE Gas capes are not
 an list of personal equip
 to be charged to Station
 Agent, as a "per Capita"
 item.

Adm. 9 Jan.

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Spence.
Q/OS/1

Subject:- EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

SECRET

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

5 July 45.H.Q. 1 DISTRICT (2)Ref. your ID/2712/4/Q of 16 Jun/45.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of A.F.H.Q. letter
AG400/005 GCT-0 dated 1 July giving a ruling regarding retention
of equipment by Italian Combat Groups.

F. J. Noakes

F.J. NOAKES, Colonel
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copies to:- H.Q. 2 DISTRICT

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51 B.L.U.

52 B.L.U.

53 B.L.U.

56 B.L.U.

M.M.I.A. L.O. 1 DISTRICT

" " (N W ITALY

" " (c/o 2 DISTRICT

with copy of
H.Q. 1 DISTRICT
letter under reference.

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Q.

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Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

1 July 1945

AG 400/005 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Equipment - Italian Combat Groups.

To : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LFLA)

1. Reference is made to LFLA letter QCS/11/1 of 21 June 1945.

2. Until the policy for future equipment of Italian Combat Groups is settled, it is considered undesirable to withdraw equipment into British Depots.

3. The essential factor at the moment is that the Italians must be encouraged to realize the importance of systematic maintenance of equipment. You are requested to take strongest action with the Italian authorities to this end.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

ROBERT V. BENHAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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152B

C O P YSUBJECT:- Equipment - Mantova Group.

1D/2712/4/49

16 Jun 45.

MEMO

Ref. 56 BLU letter 7/Q of 13 Jun 45.

The question of handing in major equipment is obviously one affecting other Gruppi beside the Mantova, and so it is requested that you will obtain a decision on this matter of higher policy and inform this H.Q. of the decision.

for Major General
Commanding
No.1 District.

Copy to:- 56 BLU
"G" 1 District
K.H. LO 1 District

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C O P YS E C R E T

56 BLU

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13 June 45

HQ No.1 DistrictCopy to:- MIA

1. The MINTOVA Group holds a great deal of equipment which is not required for its present role of PV Guard duties. It is thought desirable that this surplus equipment should be withdrawn as soon as possible for the following reasons:-

- (a) Italian troops are not capable of maintaining it in a satisfactory condition without constant supervision by British personnel.
- (b) A large number of men are looking after equipment who could be more usefully employed on guard duties.

2. The group Commander does not agree with this view, and has represented that the withdrawal of equipment would have an adverse effect on morale. It is thought that there may be truth in this view, but that it is outweighed by the considerations in para 1 above.

3. It Appendix "A" is a list of equipment which is recommended for immediate withdrawal.

4. If the principle of withdrawal of equipment is agreed to a further list of minor items will be forwarded later.

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Lt.Col.

GS

In the Field

JWC/ah

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C O P YAPPENDIX "A"

The following equipments are not required by Combat Group III TCVL in its present role.

Types of Eqp't.	TC	Number held	No. it is desirable to have in.
Carriers Universal	99	98	100%
Mortar	48	48	
Lloyd	82	80	
Guns 25 pr.	32	32	75%
17 pr	8	8	
6 pr	36	36	
Bofors AAA	12	12	
Trailer Arty	64	64	

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Subject:- EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(L.F.S.C.)
ROME
Q/OS/11/1

MINISTRY of WAR.

5 July 45.

1. The present policy regarding equipment of Italian Combat Groups is that all equipment held including major equipment and vehicles - is to be retained.
2. It is of paramount importance that equipment and vehicles should be maintained in the best possible condition. Information received shows that vehicles in particular are being allowed to deteriorate through lack of regular maintenance.
3. You are requested to issue instructions accordingly to Commanders of Italian Combat Groups.

F. J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES, Colonel
for Major General,
L.F.S.C.

Copies to: A.F.H.Q. for LIG ref. AG400/005 GCT-O dated 1 Jul/45
" " QAE ref AFHQ/6442/Q(E) dated 2 Jul/45 3822
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Subject:- Boots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)
R O M F
Q/05/11/1

27 June 45.

M.N.I.A. L.O. Rear 8 Army
" " 5 Army (for Capt. Fox)
" " 1 District
" " 2 District
" " 3 District
" " 54 Area
" " FLORENCE CITY COMMAND

1. In order to facilitate exchange of worn pairs and to reduce the number of boots which become entirely unserviceable before being returned for repairs - authority is given for all M-I service units to hold extra boots not exceeding 20 per cent of unit strength.

2. Please arrange to include additional requirements of boots in fortnightly stock returns submitted by Ma. Divs.

W. L. Redcock
W. L. REDCOCK, Major
for Col. D. & O.M.,
M.N.I.

Copies to:- M.I. 10 UNDES
MINISTRY OF WAR

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WEP/ab

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME
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JUNETO(FOR ACTION): 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLUTO(FOR INFO) : FIFTH ARMY BR INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE

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INFO ADDRESSEES FOR M M I A L O (.) REF M M I A
A D E I N S T R NUMBER 27 (.) BLACK ED NOT RPT NOT
AVAILABLE FOR BRITISH PERSONNEL ON DISCHARGE (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN
FOR BRITISH TPS TO BE DEMOBILISED IN OLDEST GROUP PART ED (.)
TO BE DRAFT THROUGH A D M DIVS (.) M M I A LOS MY Q/OS/283
OF 22 JUN 1945

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Q(AE) M M I A

War Diary (2)

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FOR INFO: HERewith EXTRACT OF AFHQ SIG:

FX 97144 DATED 21 JUN ADDRESSED

TO : 15 ARMY GP

INFO : 8 ARMY,
5 ARMY,
DISTONE,
DISTWO,
MMIA

LEG N A N O GP, G A R I B A L D I INF
REGT, ANOTHER COMBAT GP AND 1 ITALIAN GD REGT
CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO D I S T W O

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P.A. / P.A. 26 Jun

Subject:- Clothing for Italian Officers.

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

Q/15

19 June 45.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Col. Rodolfi 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 ALCOM Tpt. Group.

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

R.A. Curries

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

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Copy: ALCOM T t. Group.

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R.A. Curties
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy: ALCOM T t. Group.
ALL L.Os.

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

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Appendix 'A' (continued)

Unit	Category	Location	Op. Command	Maintenance
211 G.T. Column	BR ITI	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.T. Column	"	BOLOGNA	"	209
222 Coy.	"	FLORENCE	"	230
223 Coy.	"	TRANI	3 District	227(E)
224 "	"	"	"	"
225 "	"	CIVITA'VECCHIA	P.B.S.	227
226 "	"	"	"	"

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SIGNALQ/OS/1145

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME
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TO : REAR 50 B L U

Q/OS/272

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REF YOUR Q. 121 DATED 15 (.) BULK ALLOTMENT
HANDKERCHIEFS TO BE MADE SHORTLY TO 231 ADM DIV TO MEET
PART OF YOUR REQUIREMENTS *

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

H. B. ...
major

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* Thanks. 25000 (inc. 18000 for FRIULI Sp.) to 231 Div
Auth'd Sig. Q/OS/306 of 28 JUN. 45
Resp'd " Mo. 12 " 30 JUL. 45

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ARMY FORM 0188 (Small)

MESSAGE (FORM)

Register no. 2 144

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission

Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date of Origin

REAR 50 BLU

151930B

For Action

MMTA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

01211

ref your Q/03/20 dated 19 feb. can a supply of handkerchiefs for FRIULI ICG be expected through ITALIAN mil channels in view of the liberation of the NORTH of ITALY with the possibility that some may have been recovered from ITALIAN depts. FRIULI ICG state that 28500 handkerchiefs are urgently required.

See fo. 1145

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY WIRELESS

BY ANY MEANS

EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERFERED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT BY WIRELESS

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Q/03/20 dated 19 feb.

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Signed

(Sgt) J. W. METCALFE Major

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Q/OS/1
SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE 745 TIME
11 B
JUNETO : FIFTH ARMY RE INCR
REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: PENSOUTH

Q/OS/258

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR M M I A L O (.) REF BY Q/OS/30 DATED 25 MAY (.)
FIRST MONTHLY ALLOTMENT CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN OFFRS SHOPS READY
FOR COLLECTION FROM NUMBER EIGHT BR ITI DEPOT F D A T T A
M A G G I O R E N A P L E S (.) RATION CARDS FROM THIS OFFICE
ROOM FOURTEEN SEVENTH FLOOR AC BUILDING VIA VITTORIO VENETO
R O M E (.) CAN YOU ARRANGE TPT AND ESCORT (.) TPT REQUIRED
FIFTH ARMY TWO LORRIES THREE TON C M A EIGHTH ARMY ONE LORRY
THREE TON (.) IS POSSIBLE ADVISE ETA

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANTAUTHENTICATION

TRANSLATION

FROM : S.M.R.E. - MOB.

TO : TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS, BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, MILAN.
COMBAT GROUPS, LEGNANO, CREMONA, FOLGORE, FRIULI, MANTOVA,
DIVISIONS, 228, 230, 231.

REF: 17551/MOB.

M.M.I.A. has authorized the voluntary enlistment of 4,000 Patriots as individual reinforcements. These Patriots will have legal status of volunteers for the Army, and therefore they may be employed anywhere, and in any way, within the national territory.

They must possess the following qualifications:-

- 1st. They must be between the age of 19 to 26 inclusive.
- 2nd. They must be physically fit; this will be determined by a thorough medical examination.
- 3rd. They must possess good moral and penal records, duly checked.

Territorial H.Q. Cmdrs are personally responsible for the choice of volunteers. Period of service - 1 year. Pay as established for volunteers at present serving in the Army according to the units they have been posted to.

The following units will undertake the enlistments, Territorial H.Q. BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, and MILAN, and they will duly contact the local authorities in order to choose volunteers from those Patriots who are most deserving.

Territorial H.Q. GENOA, and BOLOGNA, will enlist 500 volunteers each; Territorial H.Q. MILAN, and TURIN will enlist 1,500 volunteers each. To be posted: by Territorial H.Q. BOLOGNA to FRIULI Combat Group and 228 Div; by Territorial H.Q. GENOA to MANTOVA Group and 230 Div; by Territorial H.Q. MILAN to the LEGNANO and FOLGORE Combat Groups. By Territorial H.Q. MILAN to CREMONA Combat Group and 231 Div, according to requirements. The above mentioned number of volunteers to be enlisted can be exceeded up to the maximum numbers required to meet the requests for reinforcements made by each Adm Div, or Combat Group to each Territorial H.Q. by following method. Each Group and Div will send to the Territorial H.Q. concerned an officer with the following duties:-

- 1st. To request number and type of reinforcements needed to reach the W.E. strength, and replace men to be discharged from the Army.
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On each Sat Territorial H.Q. BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN, and MILAN, will report to this S.M.R.E. the number of volunteers that have been enlisted, their destination, and the date of departure.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed.

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Spant. (141)

4/05/1

SIGNAL

FROM/ M M I A

DATE TIME

05 47 00 E

JUNE

TO(FOR ACTION): CG FIFTH ARMY BB INCH

TO(FOR INFO): 50 B L U

3/08/251

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FOR M M I A L O (.) REF YOUR FIVE LOVE OBOE
 SLANT SIX FOUR DATED 31 MAY (.) INFM RECEIVED THAT TPT
 FROM F R I U L I GP COLLECTED BADGES AT CENNA FROM R O M B
 21 MAY (.) TRUCK WILL THEREFORE BE LOADED WITH SEVEN THOUSAND
 CAPS FOR 231 DIV FOR F R I U L I GP (.) SECOND ADDRESSEE
 YOUR QUEN SLANTSEVEN SLANT TEN DATED 25 MAY REFERS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATEAUTHENTICATION 3811

M. BADGES ok.
 4 CAPS for
 FRIULI SP.

Q/OS/1 140

In lieu of AF C 2136MESSAGE FORM

FROM: Q BRIT INCREMENT FIVE ARMY

Date Time of Origin

01/0 30

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TO : AFHQ CITE FHQAE (ACTION)

JUNE

REAR EIGHTH ARMY (INFO)
RMIA

ORIGINATOR'S NO: Q 556

Your PX 78525 dated 19 May. First. Agreed in principle much preferable retain both winter and summer scale clothing. Second. Quantities already backloaded by units and fms. Anticipate difficulty therefore in making issues for next winter. Third. Suggest that those units which have returned clothing re-draw now to complete to summer and winter scale. Specific exceptions can be made to meet special cases e.g. 6 BA Armd Div.

3/OS distribn.

Flent

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Col. "Q"

"Q" Branch (2)

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