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Clothing/Personal Eqpt. for all Be- 171's - AFHQ Bulk Allotments
Mar. 1945 - Jan. 1946

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1 COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : ORDNANCE 10 BLU NAPLES
TO : 557 B O D (NAPLES)
INFO : MMIA (ROME) AFHQ FOR GHQ CMT
REF : OS 17

DATE/TIME 060475

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE MMIA SIGNAL q 794 OF 31 JAN (.)
PLEASE STATE DATE WHEN COLLECTION OF 50,000 B D SUITS CAN BE
COMMENCED (.) 2 S/D STATE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY AUTHORITY
TO ISSUE

ACTION COPY : Q.103

" : ORD

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Transmission

From : M.of W.

To : "Friuli" Div.Inf.HQ.
for info M.M.I.A.Subject Supply of Work Tools.

Ref. : 2I704/0437I

Date : 3I/I/46.

Ref.letter Q-OS/I/I dated 3I/I²/45.

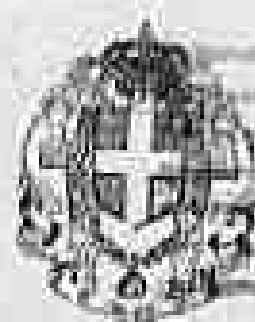
Further to that ordered in letter 585/DT dated 19/I/46 and in respect of that pointed out by the Allied Commission in letter referred to regarding the difficulties that the a/m commands meet in obtaining work tools (metals, bolts, spare parts for bicycles etc;) we authorise these HQs to supply themselves locally at the best market prices.

DAK

P.G. Properzj.

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GZ/PT.



Roma

31 GEN 1946

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

e motorizzazione

Divisione dot.

Prot. N. 2140

Lec.

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Allegato

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Data 1/2

Dir. Lec. N.

OGGETTO: approvvigionamenti esposti da lavoro.-

OUT

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA "LEGNANO"
BERGAMO

e. per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

(rif. f. q. 08/1/1 del 31/12/45) ROMA

A modifica di quanto disposto col f.n. 585/DT del 19.1.46 ed in relazione a quanto fatto presente dalla Sottocommissione Alleata con foglio a riferimento, circa la difficoltà che i comandi in indirizzo incontrano nell'ottenere attrezzi da lavoro (metalli, bulloni, parti di ricambio per bicicletta ecc.) questo Ministero autorizza i Comandi stessi ad approvvigionarsi su piazza locale alle migliori condizioni di mercato.-

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. P. G. Properi)

Priority 2
[Signature]

Gen. U. Russo
[Signature]

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COPY

FROM : AFHQ
TO : MMIA
REF. : C.17628

DATE/TIME

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JAN UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT IS BD GREEN GRADE THREE (.) OUR LETTER GHQ/9187Q(AE)
OF 9 JAN REFERS (.) REGRET GREEN GRADE THREE BD JACKETS
AND TROUSERS NOT NOW AVAILABLE (.) CAN OFFER QTY 50000 GRADE
THREE UNDYED BD SUITS PROVIDED YOU CAN ARRANGE EARLY
REMOVAL FROM 557 BOD (.) REQUEST YOUR DECISION

ORIGINAL ON Q.103

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Transition

From M. of W.

To B. M. I.



Ref. 10187/VC

Date 11/1/46.

Subject Leather for the "Friuli" Div.

Ref. letter 1/03/1/1 dated 31/12/45, we think it advisable, for practical and economical reasons, that the "Friuli" Div. also carries out change of footwear to be repaired by other units at the military workshops under our command, the same as all other army units do.

Concerning the material referred to in para. 2 of the letter to which we reply the competent Art. and M. I. has been approached in order to have a direct reply.

D.K

Felligra.

MA

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI
DIVISIONE VESTIARIO - EQUIPAGGIAMENTO, CASERMAGGIO E COMBUSTIBILI

Roma,

11 GEN 1946

Sezione

Prot. N° 10187/VC

Allegati

Risposta al l.° del

di V.E.C. Sez. 1^B N°

1230

Data

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AL 1a LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)

Roma

OGGETTO: Cuolo per la Divisione "Friuli".-

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Riferimento foglio Q/OS/1/1 del 31 dicembre scorso, questo Ministero ritiene opportuno, per ragioni di praticità e d'economia, che anche la Divisione "Friuli" effettui il cambio delle calzature da riparare con altre riparate presso i dipendenti Laboratori militari, analogamente a quanto praticano tutti gli altri reparti dell'Esercito.

Per i materiali di cui al paragrafo 2) della lettera cui si risponde si è interessata, per una diretta risposta, la competente Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione.-

p. IL MINISTRO

Translati (11)
M.M.I.

Fellign 4155

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Subject : Leather for the Repair of Boots - Friuli Div.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (ADIA)
R O M E
9/03/1/1
31 December 45

Ministry of War.

1. Friuli Infantry Division have been in urgent need of leather for the repair of boots, for some time, and the matter has been brought to the notice of 4. Territorial Command at BOLZANO. The situation is now becoming critical and it is suggested that the immediate release of 1800 Kilos of leather be made to FRIULI Infantry Division and consigned to TRIESTE.
2. Both Isonzo and Friuli Divisions are experiencing difficulty in obtaining tools, metals, bolts, bicycle spares and oils, to the detriment of certain technical stores held by them. Can this matter be looked into and necessary issues made.

WIA/erc

W. N. Quinn
Lt-Col. ADOS
M. M. I. A.
for Major General.

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Subject: Grindery.



HQ 3 Brit Liaison Unit

Ref: ORD/51

28 Dec 45.

A.D.O.S.

HQ M.M.I.A.

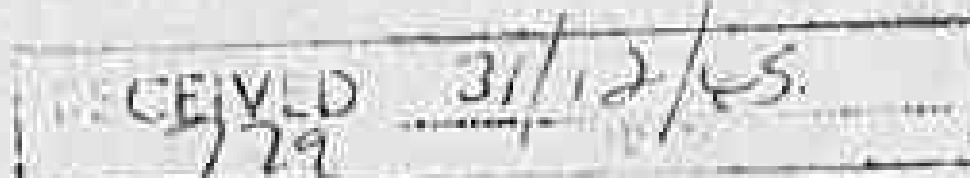
Copy to: Friuli Inf Div.

Did.

- 1: Friuli Inf Div have been in urgent need for quite some time for Soles Half Plain in order to repair some 3000 boots held up in the Boot Repair Shop for lack of leather.
- 2: This matter has been put up before No 4 Territorial Command at Bolzano by Friuli and No 4 BLU has also been notified.
- 3: As Friuli representative was in this office to-day to explain the critical situation of boots with Friuli at the moment, it is requested, that the Italian Ministero di Guerra be informed of the urgent need for a release of approx 1800 kilos of leather to be consigned preferably to Trento.

[Signature]

Capt,
Ordnance Officer.



4153

Subject: Supplies to Italian Armed Forces of
certain Technical Items of Vote 8.

DEC 31 1945

HQ 3 Brit Liaison Unit

Ref: ORD/17
27 Dec 45.

A.D.O.S. HQ M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Legnano Inf Div
Friuli Inf Div.

Ord

1: Both Legnano and Friuli Divisions O.F.P.'s and W/Shops
Stores Sections are in the habit of holding certain technical Vote
8 Stores for which the need is still great in order to maintain
British equipment in possession of the Divs.

2: It is requested that this office be informed of the
possibility of future supply from Allied Sources of the following
Sections or stores.

Section C.3
Section G.
Section FA
Section HA

Which cover tools, metals, bolts, etc and bicycle spares
and oils for guns.

Rebushan

Capt,
Ordnance Officer.

REC'D 31/12/45
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~~LRKE V. WAJL NR 89~~

FROM 2 SUD DUPOT 557 BOD 22/11

Nov.

TO DADOS NMIA NAPLES

INFO C00 557 BOD ::: DDOS L OF 3 CME

HQ NMIA ::: 2 (AE) ORB GHO CME

~~ACH BR~~

2/FILE/305 (.) UNCLASS (.) REF DOS/1411 (ORD1) OF 22 AUG (.)

JAN MAINT PACK (.) AVAILABILITIES CAN BE ~~W~~ COLLECTED ~~2011/1~~

15 NOV (.) IV/658736-737 REFER (.)

~~BT TAT 021630~~~~SENT NR 89 TAT 01 K~~~~NR 892025 SR K~~Q/O.S. Distrib^m
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 Q/O.S./1/1
 M.F.

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~~LRAD~~ ~~V MAJT~~ ~~NR 63~~ ~~QVR 4~~
 FROM 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 03/10
 TO (1) DADOS MMIA NAPLES
 INFO (2) COO 557 BOD (3) DDOS L O F C CMF
 (4) HQ MMIA (5) Q(AE) AFHQ

QSH BT
 2/FILE/305 UNCLASS REF DOS/1411(ORD1) DATED 22 AUG

AVAILABILITIES CAN BE COLLECTED ON THE 15 OCTOBER

OUR IV/649755 REFERS

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Land Forces

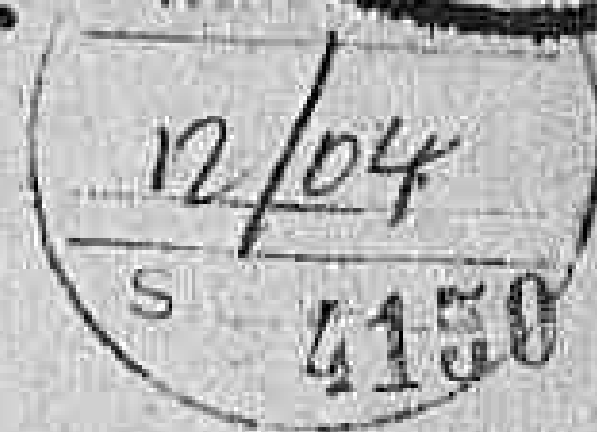
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 Q/03/8
 M.F.



Q105/111

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From: MMIA
MMIALO PENSOUTH/for Dadog)
To: ~~MMIA MMIA NAPLES~~

Rate and Time:
31 1030

Q/08/407

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REF DOS 1411 (ORD.1) OF 22 AUG SHIRTS AND VESTS WOOLLEN
READY FOR COLLECTION FROM 2 Sub DEPOT 557 BOD ON 3 SEPT (.)

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

/slb.

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FROM 2 SUE DEPOT 557 BOD 29/8 NET
 TO ~~PARCS MILA~~
 INFO DOS AFHQ --- COO 557 BOD

27325 (.) UNCLASS (.) REFERENCE DOS/1411 (ORD1) DATED 22 AUG
 SHIRTS AD AND VESTS WOOLLEN WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION HERE
 3 SEPT (.) OUT ~~IV/635970~~ IV/635970 AND 635973 REFER
 BT FM 300000R
 SENT HR 5 NR AR TKS K

9-ROD 1223 BOD AR

See Volume 45

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 N 7
 Q/05/8.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
GRONANCE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF CLOTHING
FOR BR-ITIS.

REF: DOS. 1411 (ORD 1)

TEL: FREEDOM 991.

22 AUGUST. 1945.

TO: 00 2 SUB DEPOT 557 000.

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FURTHER MY DOS. 1411 (ORD 1) DATED 29 MARCH.

1. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF CLOTHING FOR MAINTENANCE OF
BR-ITIS ARE NOW REQUIRED.

INITIAL ISSUE	QUANTITY
SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	27,000
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	60,000
NOVEMBER MAINTENANCE PACK - TO BE ISSUED 15 SEPT.	
SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	20,000
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	20,000
DECEMBER MAINTENANCE PACK - TO BE ISSUED 15 OCT.	
SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	15,000
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	15,000
JANUARY MAINTENANCE PACK - TO BE ISSUED 15 NOV.	
SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	5,000
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	5,000
DRAWERS WOOLLEN GR. III	5,000

2. ISSUE WILL BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DATES MENTIONED.
3. PLEASE ARRANGE ABOVE AND NOTIFY DADOS MILIA NAPLES WHEN
AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

Issue is specified as requested

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FURTHER MY DOS. 1411 (ORD 1) DATED 29 MARCH.

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1. THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF CLOTHING FOR MAINTENANCE OF BR-ITIS ARE NOW REQUIRED.

<u>INITIAL ISSUE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
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VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	-
	27,000
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VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	-
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SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	-
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	-
	15,000
	15,000
<u>JANUARY MAINTENANCE PACK - TO BE ISSUED 15 NOV.</u>	
SHIRTS A.D. GR. III	-
VESTS WOOLLEN GR. III	-
DRAWERS WOOLLEN GR. III	-
	5,000
	5,000
	5,000

2. ISSUE WILL BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DATES MENTIONED.
3. PLEASE ARRANGE ABOVE AND NOTIFY DADOS IMHA NAPLES WHEN AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

Issue is expdly requested

20/1/52

[Signature]

(R.C. ELLIOTT) CAPTAIN.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

T.O.O....14000.....

COPIES TO: CDO-557 BOD.

DDOG-L-OF C CMF.

✓ HQ IMHA - YOUR Q/OS/396 DATED 16 AUG.

DADOS IMHA NAPLES.

Q(AE) AFNE - YOUR AFHQ/9167/Q(AE) DATED 20 AUG. 45.

See 444745

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SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

TO : A F H Q

Q/OS/396

DATE TIME

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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
BUSH 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

AUTHENTICATION

INTERNAL
WAR DIARY
"Q"

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LRKB V LEE NR43

~~SECRET~~

FROM: AFHQ 151757B

TO MMIA

~~BT~~

C12253 UNCLASSIFIED FROM Q(AE) . YOUR Q/OS/373 OF 4 . REQUEST

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ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES REQUIRED ITEMS QUOTED YOUR PARA 2

~~BT 151757B~~

SENT OP AR

R AT LRKB 1958 EAD AR EKV

Q/OS/1/1

N 126/15

M.M.I.A.

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SIGNALS

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Sig Q/OS/396 if 16 AUG 45

Q/OS. dist. to

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Q(AE)

Q/OS/1/1

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39 / STOCK STATE OF CLOTHING FOR BR-ITI SERVICE TPS SUPPLIED FROM ALLIED SOURCES.

	Scale per man	% WASTAGE monthly	MONTHLY WASTAGE per 10,000 men	STOCKS # as at Jun/45	ESTIMATED Dues in Jul/Aug	ESTIMATED Dues out Jul/Aug
BLOUSES B.D.	1	33 1/3%	3.333	149,000	backload 25,000	-
TROUSERS B.D.	1	33 1/3%	3.333	169,000	" 25,000	-
BOOTS	1	50%	5.000	180,000	Bal JUNE 60,000	60,000
SHIRTS, WOOL	2	33 1/3%	6.666	8,500	JULY pack backload 30,000	
DRAWERS, WOOL	2	33 1/3%	6.666	115,000	" 30,000	
PULLOVERS	1 or	20%	2,000	9,500		3,500
VESTS WOOL	2	33 1/3%	3,333	25,000	" 20,000	-
SOCKS WOOL LIGHT " COTTON	3	33 1/3%	10,000	150,000	Bal JUNE 60,000 JULY pack	100,000
OVERCOATS OR MACKINAWs	1	5%	500	10,000	-	-
BLANKETS	2 or	10%	2,000	11,000	backload 150,000	20,000
COMFORTERS	1	20%	2,000	9,000	-	-
BELTS WAIST	1	5%	500	4,500	ex ITI/ITI 35,000	20,000
CAPS	1	10%	1,000	15,000	ex RSD 30,000	20,000
K.D.						
TROUSERS KD	2	25%	5,000	75,000		50,000
SHIRTS BUSH/COTTON	2	20%	4,000	20,000	July pack 10,000	30,000

14 JUNE/45

CLOTHING FOR BR-ITI SERVICE TPS SUPPLIED FROM ALLIED SOURCES.

STAGE Monthly	MONTHLY WASTAGE per 10,000 men	STOCKS * as at Jun/45	ESTIMATED Dues in Jul/Aug	ESTIMATED Dues out Jul/Aug	ESTIMATED Position as at 1 Sep 45	REMARKS
3%	3.333	149,000	backload 25,000	-	174,000	* Stocks incl items under re- pair
3%	3.333	169,000	" 25,000	-	194,000	
3%	5.000	180,000	Bal JUNE 60,000	60,000	180,000	
3%	6.666	8,500	JULY pack backload 30,000		38,500	
3%	6.666	115,000	" 30,000		145,000	
3%	2,000	9,500		3,500	6,000	
3%	3,333	25,000	" 20,000	-	45,000	
3%	10,000	150,000	Bal JUNE 60,000 JULY pack	100,000	110,000	
	500	10,000	-	-	10,000	additional 20,000 per 10000 men required to equip to winter scale of 4 per man
	2,000	11,000	backload 150,000	20,000	141,000	
	2,000	9,000	-	-	9,000	
	500	4,500	ex ITI/III 35,000	20,000	19,500	
	1,000	15,000	ex RSD 30,000	20,000	25,000	
3%	5,000	75,000		50,000	25,000	
3%	4,000	20,000	July pack 10,000	30,000	-	

SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME
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TO(FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

TO(FOR INFO) : PERSOUTH FOR
MMIA LO

Q/OS/373

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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

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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AUTHENTICATION WALL

INTERNAL: Q

Q(AE)

WAR DIARY

See AFHQ (Q/AE) sig. C12253 of 15 AUG. 45

C O P Y

(31)

Subject:- Maintenance of Br-ITISQ/05/11/1
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTele No. Freedom 518AFHQ/9187/Q(AE)M.M.I.A.24 Jul 45

Consequent upon the major responsibilities imposed on this Headquarters by surrendered German personnel it is desired to utilise Grade 3 battledress to the fullest possible extent. At present all available stocks of Grade 3 battledress are sent to you for dyeing green and maintenance of Br Iti Service units.

It is now desired to reverse this policy and supply no further battledress, boots, etc., for maintenance of Br Iti Units.

Will you please state whether you are in a position to maintain Br Itis over winter 45/46 from your present stocks, and whether you agree that no further Grade 3 battledress, etc., be made available to you.

(Sgd) J.J. SLOAN, Lt.Col.
for Maj-Gen.
G-4 (Br).

JJS/NH

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Q/05 Disturb

Q/05/11/1

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Q/05/11/1

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SIGNAL

Q/05/1/1

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FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME
21 1020B
JULY

TO : A F H Q

Q/03/338

RESTRICTED

FOR Q(AE) (.) REF CONVERSATION S L O A N -
N O A K E S OF 19 (.) STOCKS OF UNDYED BATTLE DRESS LESS THAN
ONE THOUSAND SUITS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

W/for search
major

COPY TO: Q

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Branch Note (a)

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act. to file copies only of Sig 8/05/338
of 20 July.

Col. now been by 6. 20 July
M.L.

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~~
~~6(03)~~

WAB/ab

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See Sig. 8/05/338 of 21 JUL. 45.

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Q.O.S. Q/05/1/1

Subject:- Br-Iti Clothing.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. WREDDON 427.

AFHQ/9187/Q(AB).

7 Jul 45.

20/7

Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (201A)

Reference Q/05/1/1 dated 5 Jul 45.

Arrangement is confirmed.

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Rushmore

R. F. RUSSELL, Major,
For Major General G-4 (Br)

RPH/MDP.

Copy to:- Ord (Br) - The following is an extract from the above quoted letter:-

"It is requested that the July Maintenance pack for Br-Iti clothing should be the same as the revised June pack i.e.

Shirts Bush	10,000	
Boots Ankle	40,000	
Socks American		
Rett.	40,000	"

AFHQ/9187/Q(AB) dated 3 Jul also refers.

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Subject:- BR-ITI CLOTHING.

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

R O M E

Q/OS/1/1

Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.

5 July 45.

Ref. my Q/OS/1/1 of 26 May/45.

1. Confirming conversation BEASLEY/BADCOCK 28 June and 3 July - it is requested that, as agreed, the JULY Maintenance pack of BR-ITI clothing should be the same as the revised pack for JUNE i.e.:-

Shirts, bush	10,000
Boots, ankle	40,000
Socks, American pattern	40,000

2. It is not anticipated that the boots will be required for immediate issue and collection could, if necessary, be made during August.

3. The above request is based on the ruling (SLOAN to NOAKES 4 July) that US/ITI and ISU troops - transferred to BR-ITI service in olive drab or green dress - will not be issued with KD clothing.

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

/ab

Letter AFHQ/1187/Q(AE) of 7 July 45 refers

Q/OS/1/1

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SIGNAL

FROM: W M I A

DATE 16 JUL TIME
03 F

TO : A F H Q

Q/OS/315

RESTRICTED

REF THORE F15539 DATED 30 JUN (.) ITEMS REQUIRED
FOR JULY MAINT PACK SAME AS FOR REVISED JUNE MAINT PACK (.) AS
AGREED Q/AE

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

J. Brown
16 Jul

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LPOF V LAEE NR 26

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FROM AFHQ 302053B

TO HQ MMIA

GR19 BT

RESTRICTED F15539 SIGNED SACRED CITE THORE (.) YOUR C/OS/1/1 OF 26 MAY

(.) STATE WHAT ITEMS REQUIRED FOR JULY MAINT PACK

BT 302053B

SENT NYZ77 NR26 0500 GS B K

RD NR 27 0500B GDM

K K K K

NOTE
 Bessley agreed by phone 30 June
 to send same as per work
 this per 30 June.

BRANCH NOTE

See memo to 27

I spoke to Bessley G(AE) 28 June and
 K Howard G(AE) this morning asking him to request
 Bessley that he had not phone me back on this matter
 after he had spoken to OAD. 28 June.

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MMIA.

21/01/4126

SIGNALS

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORANGE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: CLOTHING FOR BR-ITIS.

REF: DOS. 1411 (ORD 1)

TEL: FREEDOM 608.

To: CO 2 SUB DEPOT 557 B.O.D.

7 JUL. 1945.

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1. IT IS UNDERSTOOD A QUANTITY OF CAPS P.S. PART WORN ARE AVAILABLE IN R.S.D.

2. WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE ISSUE OF QUANTITY 30,000 TO M.M.I.A. WHO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT.

Stevenson

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.

D.A.D.O.S.

FOR MAJ-GEN.

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

COPY TO: C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

O.O. R.S.D. 557 B.O.D.

A.D.O.S. (P) C.M.F.

D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES - PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

WITH 2 SUB DEPOT 557 B.O.D. FOR COLLECTION.

H.Q. M.M.I.A.

John L. Jones

T.O.O. 0920 B

DUES IN - NO 8 DEPT NAPLES.

Inf.

Subject: Maint of Clothing for Br-Itis.

2 Sub Depot
557 B.O.D., C.M.F.

Tel:- 55187

Ref:- 2/305
2 June, 1945

D.O.S.
(ORD1)
A.F.H.Q.

Q/OS/1/1

QOS
12.6/6

(29)

Reference your DOS/1411 (ORD1) of 29th March
and TFM DOS/1411(67) (ORD1) of 1st June.

1. It is noted that only certain items are required
for Maint Pack No. 1, but before I take action I should like
to bring the following to your notice.

(a) Maint Pack No.1.

40,000 Trousers KB - still to be collected
40,000 Shirts Bush. - " " " "

(b) Maint Pack No.2.

40,000 Boots - only 1000 collected
10,000 Trousers - still to be collected
10,000 Shirts Bush - " " " "

2. In view of this will you please instruct if it is
the intention to continue with these items on Pack No.3.*

3. This confirms telephone conversation Stevenson -
Pegg of 1/6.

T.O.S. 1440 E

C.O.O. 537 B.O.D.

Copy to:- H.Q. 557 B.O.D.
H.Q. MMIA
D.A.D.O.S. MMIA Naples.

* NOTE, { MAS. AIREY has spoken to AFHQ - there is
a shortage of trousers and it is proposed to order 100,000
for the clothing depot. It has been decided since 2 June 45
Pack No.3 will be reviewed on
25 June 45. (Trousers KB, however, will not be
required) see Q/OS/1/1 of 26 May & appx H
there is a comment to Q (AS) AFHQ.
6 June 45

Letter 2/305 of 2 June refers

Q/05/1/1

~~MEEP V ADOS~~ NR 38 IMMEDIATE QVR2

FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 010950E
TO 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD JUNE
INFO HQ 557 BOD :::: HQ NMIA
DADOS NMIA NAPLES

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QOS w/ls.
8/6

~~QCA GR~~ ET

DOS/1411(67)(ORD1) (.) RESTRICTED (.) FURTHER BY DOS/1411(ORD1)
OF 29 MARCH SUBJECT MAINT FOR BRITIS (.) MAINT PACK 2 FOR JUNE
SHOULD NOW CONSIST ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING (.) SHIRTS BUSH 10,000
BOOTS ANKLE PRE 40,000 SOCKS AMERICAN PATT PRS 40,000 (.)
TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY AND CONFIRM

~~BT~~

SENT IN D

This refers to Q/05/1/1 of 26 May 1967

DISTRIBUTION

Col. W.
M/2
Q/05/1/1
M/2

Subject: HR-III Clothing.

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

2/05/11

26 May 1945

To: AFHQ for G/AR.

1. The main items of HR-III clothing are reviewed at Appx "A". The figures are on the following basis:-

(a) Allowance has been made for the full May Maint Pack on the assumption that it is delivered in full. Figures show the position AFTER the May Pack has been taken into stock.

(b) Base and bulk stocks only are given and no account is taken of the small stocks round the country in process of distribution to tps.

(c) Certain "Dues Out" awaiting movement have been deducted.

(d) Allowance has NOT been made for 6 Army and 1 District demands for sending forward dumps the last two weeks of May for issue during the first two weeks of July as the details are not fixed yet.

2. The position of the winter items is not clear as the majority of items withdrawn from tps for the summer season have not yet reached the depots. It will take a short time before the sorting and repacking has progressed sufficiently to estimate accurately the amount recovered.

3. It is recommended that the June Maint Pack consist of:-

-Trousers, KD	NIL	i.e. 10,000 less than normal pack.
-Shirts, Bush	10,000	i.e. NIL less than normal pack.
-Boots, ankle	40,000	i.e. NIL less than normal pack.
-Socks, American Pattern	40,000	i.e. NIL less than normal pack.
-Athlets, Web	NIL	i.e. 40,000 less than normal pack.

This is based on the present plan for the discharge of many of the older men and the inclusion of replacements. There is further the probablistical effect of the inclusion for maintenance purposes of the Co-operators after 1 July 45.

4. It is recommended that the July Pack be reconsidered on 25 Jun 45.

RMH/10

P. J. HONORS, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

BRANCH NOTE

B/F 22 June

26 May

Speakers by Bousley (AAG)
28 June - suggested same
with hopes June except that
collection of assets could be delayed
for a month or two. Bousley will
check with G/AR phone back 28 June.

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 APPENDIX "A" to MIA Ltr
 Dated 26 May 1945.

ITEM	STOCK	NOTES
Anklets, Web	47,000	Recommend that no further quantity be supplied until the autumn.
Battle Dress Grease:		
Blouses	149,000	In addition there will be some quantity still to come from outlying units after the change over to ED.
Trousers	169,000	
Trousers, wool, green	43,000	U.S. origin, quite suitable for use with ED. Owing to the poorer condition etc. of trousers there is a heavier demand. The total of 149,000 blouses to 217,000 trousers is about right.
Boots	159,000	This consists of all types and grades of boots. Bitter experience during last autumn showed that an almost 100% issue has to be made at the end of the summer in order to start the winter and that the wastage rate is higher in the winter. Every effort is being made to build up a stock during the summer.
Blankets	4,700	Extra winter blankets withdrawn have not yet got back into stocks.
Cotton Camouflage	3,000	
Procs	9,700	Request no further issues be made until ED is worn again.
Caps, Green	23,000	This stock is far too low, wastage rate is high quite apart from the new intake who need complete equipping.
Drawers, Wool	90,000	There are still some more to come from Units after conversion to summer scale.
Drawers, cotton	1,500	Be made in the repair factories from scavenged cloth. Estimate a further 60,000 needed to equip existing tps to scale of two pairs per man.
Overcoats	10,000	Majority of tps have one but there is bound to be a demand to complete to scale at the beginning of the autumn.

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 APPX "A" to MIA ltr.
 dated 26 May 1945.

NOTES

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Request no further issues be made until BD is worn again.

This stock is far too low, wastage rate is high quite apart from the new intake who need complete equipping.

There are still some more to come from Units after conversion to summer scale.

We make in the repair factories from scrounged cloth. Estimate a further 60,000 needed to equip existing tps to scale of two pairs per man.

Majority of tps have one but there is bound to be a demand to complete to scale at the beginning of the autumn.

Pullovers	6,900	Estimate 1/3 of existing tps have one.
Shirts, Wool	40,000	There are still some more to come from units after conversion to summer scale.
Shirts, Cotton All types	28,000	This includes all types of cotton shirts of all patterns and colours.
Socks, Cotton	150,000	Owing to the short period of wear in heavy boots the wastage rate is very high.
Socks, Wool	4,800	By ^{reknitting} putting out of salvage.
Towels	19,000	Bagged, borrowed and stolen from various dumps, mostly in SAIBINIA.
Trousers, Long ED	84,000	Owing to black market transaction during the winter NO further supply needed this summer.
Vests, Woollen	18,000	There are still some more to come from Units after conversion to summer scale but the position is NOT good.
Vests, Cotton	1,900	Not needed.
Water Bottles	-	There is never any stock as local purchase and manufacture has never yet caught up with the wastage rate and equipment of new tps. No help received from Allied sources except very meagre quantity of real salvage.
Kans Tins	-	
Knives	-	
Forks	-	
Spoons	-	

Wool	6,900	Estimate 1/3 of existing tps have one.
Cotton types	40,000	There are still some more to come from units after conversion to summer scale.
Cotton	21,000	This includes all types of cotton shirts of all patterns and colours.
Wool	150,000	Owing to the short period of wear in heavy boots the wastage rate is very high.
	4,800	By ^{reknitting} remitting out of salvage.
	19,000	Begged, borrowed and stolen from various dumps, mostly in SARDINIA.
Long ID	64,000	Owing to black market transaction during the winter NO further supply needed this summer.
Woolen	18,000	There are still some more to come from Units after conversion to summer scale but the position is NOT good.
Cotton	1,900	Not needed.
Articles	-	There is never any stock as local purchase and manufacture has never yet caught up with the wastage rate and equipment of new tps. No help received from Allied sources except very meagre quantity of real salvage.
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Subject:- KD for Er-Itis

D.O.S.
A.F.H.Q., (ORDI)

C.O.C. 557 B.O.D.
H.Q. M.M.I.A.
D.A.D.O.S. MMIA Naples

2 Sub Depot
557 E.O.D., C.M.F.

Tel:-55187

Ref:-2/305/1
2/ April 1945

Reference your DOS/1411(2)(ORDI) dated 16th March, 1945.

1. Complete issue has now effected as follows:

Bari- Trousers KD Grade III qty 30,000
Shirts Cotton Grade III " 30,000

Despatched 12.13.14th April.

Naples-Trousers Grade III 170,000
Shirts Cotton Grade III 170,000

Collected.

T.O.S. 1/200 B

C.O.C. 557 B.O.D.

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C O P Y

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(25)

FROM MMIA LO DISTHREE 181205 B
 TO MMIA
 INFO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO : 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
 COPY TO ORD

EJ/345 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR Q/OS/162 OF 13 (.) DISTHREE
 STATE IN CONJUNCTION FREEDOM THAT TERM "D E L I V E R Y"
 NOT INTENDED TO INCLUDE SHIPMENT TO ADM DIVS. BUT IS AGREEMENT
 TO TAKE BUSH NETS AVAILABLE AT BARI AND NAPLES FOR ONWARD
 CARRIAGE BY ADM DIV TPT (.) SHALL ARRANGE NECESSARY TN BY 227
 DIV FOR THEIR QUOTA

Q/OS distribn.

A/Q

Q/OS/3

Q/OS/8

Q/OS/1/1

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See by Col. Harker 1945 *24*

Box 2/14/45

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: ISSUES OF BUSH NETS TO BR-ITIS.

QOS 19/4
Q/OS/1/1
REF: DOS. 1908 (ORD 1).

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

TEL: FREEDOM 808.

16 APRIL, 1945.

1. HEREWITH FOR INFORMATION COPY OF MY DOS/1908 (ORD 1)
REGARDING ISSUES OF BUSH NETS TO BR-ITIS DIVS.

Stevenson

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

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Copy to file Q/OS/1/1 JMC 20/4

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

SECRET.

SUBJECT: ISSUES OF BUSH NETS ETC.
TO BR-ITIS.

REF: DOS/1908 (ORD 1).

TEL: FREEDOM 808.

12 APRIL, 1945.

To: DDOS EIGHTH ARMY.
DDOS 1 DISTRICT.
DDOS 3 DISTRICT.
ADOS (BRIT INCR) 5 ARMY.

1. AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ISSUES OF BUSH NETS, CURTAINS MOSQUITO AND NETS BIVOUAC REVEALS THAT DEMANDS FOR THESE ARE MORE THAN 30% IN EXCESS OF THEATRE CEILING.

2. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR THAT FMNS, AREAS, ETC. HAVE INCLUDED IN THEIR DEMANDS A PERCENTAGE FOR STOCKPILING IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE THAT DEMAND WOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

3. WE NOW HAVE A COMMITMENT OF 87,000 BUSH NETS FOR BR-ITIS, WHICH IN VIEW OF 1 ABOVE WE ARE NOW UNABLE TO MEET FROM THEATRE STOCKS, AND DUES IN. BREAKDOWN OF THIS REQUIREMENT IS AS FOLLOWS :-

EIGHTH ARMY	228 DIV.	15,000
FIFTH ARMY	231 DIV.	18,000
1 DISTRICT	209 DIV.	14,000
	ORVIETO	10,000
3 DISTRICT	227 DIV.	15,000
	230 DIV.	15,000
		<u>87,000</u>

4. THE ABOVE WILL NOW HAVE TO BE MET FROM YOUR PRESENT HOLDINGS IN ADOS DUMPS ETC. PLEASE TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY AND CONFIRM ACTION TAKEN. FURTHER ISSUES TO AID THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE MADE WHEN STOCKS ALLOW.

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(SGD) K. STEVENSON MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

COPIES TO:- CO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD.

COO 557 BOD.

C O P Y

FROM AFHQ 161511B APR
TO MIA
INFO REARREIGHT ARMY

CONFIDENTIAL PX60850
REFERENCE Q/OS/162 DATED 13 (.) SIGNED SIGNED CITE PHQAE (.)
13,000 NETS RELEASED NAPLES

Q/OS DISTRIB.
FLOAT

Q/OS/8

Q/OS/1/1

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

TO : FREEDOM

FIFTH ARMY BR INCREMENT
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY
 DISTONE
 DISTWO
 DISTTHREE
 54 AREA
 802 BRD ORVIETO
 PENSOUTH

REF : Q/OS/162

DATE APR. 13 1962 B

TIME

RESTRICTED

REFER MMIA LETTER Q/OS/11/1 DATED 30 MAR (*) FREEDOM
 SIGNAL F 59143 OF 12 APR DIRECTS THAT ORD (BR) WILL DELIVER
 BUSHNETS DIRECT TO ADM DIVS AND ORVIETO AS PARA 2 OF
 Q/OS/11/1 AND THAT BUSHNETS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE
 AT NAPLES (*) ADDRESSES PLEASE PASS MMIA LO (*) FOR
 FREEDOM Q/AE (*) REQUEST BALANCE THIRTEEN THOUSAND NETS
 NOT YET ALLOTTED IN PARA TWO MY LETTER BE MADE AVAILABLE
 IN NAPLES (*) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED:

tvs.

copy to: A.
MED.Spave.Q/OS/11/1

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REFER MMIA LETTER Q/OS/11/1 DATED 30 MAR (*) FREEDOM
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PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED:

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copy to: A.
MED.

FROM AFHQ 121951B
TO MMIA APR.

COPY (orig. on file
Q/OS/11/1)

Spate. (21)
Q/OS/11/1

F59143 RESTRICTED YOUR Q/OS/151 OF 11 APR (.)
ORD (BR) WILL ISSUE TO TI DIVS IN ACCORDANCE
YOUR Q/OS/11/1 OF 30 MAR FROM DEPOTS AND/OR
HOLDINGS OF LOCAL ADOS'S BUT NOT RPT NOT DIRECT TO TROOPS (.)
DETAILED DISTRIBUTION WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

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Subject: Anti-Malarial Egpt for BR-ITIS.

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

1 Apr 45

MMIA LO NAPLES

Ref my Q/OS/11/1 of 30 Mar 45. (19)

1. A copy of letter AFHQ/9178/Q(AE) is attached. Will you please act in accordance with para 2 thereof informing this office of the detailed arrangements that are made.
2. Please concentrate first on despatching the quantities allocated to the divisions operating within Army Areas, viz. 228 Div and 231 Div. Para 3 of my letter under reference is relevant.

F.S. Greenwood.

F.S. GREENWOOD Major.
for Col. DA & QMG.
M.M.I.A.

FSG/hh

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Subject: Anti-Malarial Equipment for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R O M E
9/03/11/1

20 Mar 1945

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

1. AMHQ under letter AMHQ/9487/Q(2E) of 26 Mar 45 have directed that Bush nets will be issued to BR-ITI Service Tps held in Category 3 and BR-III Rpts held in Category 6B page 58 of OMBAT dated 9 Mar 45. Instructions regarding III-ITI Gd Dns under Br Comd have not yet been received.

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

209 Div - 14,000	230 Div - 15,000	16-12 Apr	3 TPD
227 Div - 15,000	231 Div - 18,000		
228 Div - 15,000	ONVITO - 10,000		

3. MHA LO Br Increment Fifth Army and Eight Army will request Army Q to call for delivery to remaining destinations.

4. Issue will be at the date and in the order of priority within the 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 Tps.

ENJ/1c

Copy to: AMHQ for Q/AS
OG Fifth 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 MHA LOs (less above)

F. J. NORMES, Col.
D. A. & Q. M. G.
M. H. I. A.

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MIA IO Naples.
MIA IO Bari.

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228 Div - 15,000	ORVLETO - 10,000

16-22 Apr 3 Tps

3. MIA IO Br Increment Fifth Army and Eight Army will request Army Q to call fwd 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 the 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 tps.

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Copy to: AFHQ for Q/AE
CG Fifth 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 MIA IOs (less addressees)
Ministry of War (Gen PELLIGRA)
Ministry of War (Gen CALDIROLA)

Internal: "A"
Medical

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F. J. NOLTES, Col.
D. A. & Q. M. G.
M. K. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HIGHLIGHTS
COMARON (MUTUAL)

Subject - Maint of Clothing for
Br-Itis

Ref: DOS/1411 (GND 1)

Rel: FREEDOM 808

29 March, 1945.

To: GO 2 Sub Depot 527 BMD

Further to my DOS/1411(11) (GND 1) dated 16 March 45.

1. The following issues of Clothing for maintenance of Br-Itis are now required:-

(a) Maint Pack 1. - 1 May '45.

Trousers K.D.
Shirts Bush
Boots Ankle
Socks American Pattern
Anklelets Web

40,000
40,000
40,000 pps.
40,000 "
40,000 "

*
? Under collection.
pull over.

(b) Maint Pack 2. - 1 June '45.

Trousers K.D.
Shirts Bush
Boots Ankle
Socks American Pattern
Anklelets Web

10,000
10,000
40,000 pps.
40,000 "
40,000 "

(c) Maint Pack 3. - 1 July '45.

Trousers K.D.
Shirts Bush
Boots Ankle
Socks American Pattern
Anklelets Web

10,000
10,000
40,000 pps.
40,000 "
40,000 "

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2. Issues are to be made on or before the dates mentioned, where possible, Grade III items will be issued; where this is not possible Grade II or I may be issued. Any issues of Grade II or I items will be reported to this HQ, with particular regard to Boots Ankle.

3. Please arrange above issues and inform DADOS MIA Naples as items become available for collection.

Phurman

(A. STEVENSON) Major,
D.A.D. & S.
For MIA-Gen.

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Trousers L.D.
Shirts Bush
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Ankleto Web

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40,000 ^{trs.}
40,000 "
40,000 "

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Shirts Bush
Boots Ankle
Socks American Pattern
Ankleto Web

10,000
10,000
40,000 ^{trs.}
40,000 "
40,000 "

(c) Maint Pack 3. - 1 July '45.

Trousers L.D.
Shirts Bush
Boots Ankle
Socks American Pattern
Ankleto Web

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10,000
40,000 ^{trs.}
40,000 "
40,000 "

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3. Please arrange above issues and inform D-DO3 MIA Hayes as items become available for collection.

Putman

(E. STEVENS) Major,
D.A.E. C. D.
For Maj-gen.
D.C.S.: A.F.H.Q.

Copies to:-

COO 557 503
DDCS 1 of C CAP
HQ MIA ✓
DADOS MIA Hayes
C(AS) AFHQ - For AFHQ/9167/4(AS) of 27 March refers.

(Letter DCS 1401 (CNDI) of 22 Nov)

* Please check presentation of boots. Confirm that the instructions for Antioch Hill are correct - now available. *WJ*
Letter 2/305 w/2 from refers

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Clothing for
BR-ITIS

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

AFHQ/9187/Q(AB).

27 Mar 45.

2/05/1/1

Ord (Br)

Reference your DOS/1411(15)(Ord 1) dated 19 Mar 45 and further to conversation Lt.Col. Sidney/Major Beasley.

1. In confirmation of the arrangement made it is agreed that you will supply clothing etc. to MIA for maintenance of BR-ITIS as follows :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>MD.</u>	<u>Other items.</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
1 Apr	Slacks		200,000
	Bush Shirts		200,000
		Balance sets, excluding items peculiar to winter scale	40,000
1 May	Slacks		40,000
	Bush Shirts		40,000
		do.	40,000
1 June	Slacks		10,000
	Bush Shirts		10,000
		do.	40,000
1 July	Slacks		10,000
	Bush Shirts		10,000
		do.	40,000

2. All items of clothing should primarily be supplied in Grade III, but if this is not possible Grade II or if necessary Grade I should be issued.

3. On 1 June the situation will come up for review again when it will be possible to ascertain whether this basis is proving adequate or inadequate and a decision made as to whether it should continue or be subject to variation.

RWE/WHR

Copy to: MIA ✓

J.J. SLOAN Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier (AB).

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A/Q - 2 copies.

SIGNAL

Q/OS/1/1
DATE TIME
27 15 15 A
MAR.

FROM: M M I A

TO(FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

TO(FOR INFO): O O 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

Q/OS/129

RESTRICTED

FOR Q/AE AND O R D O N E (.) REFERENCE
DOS/1411/ORD/1 OF 13 MARCH (.) S T E V E N S O N -
N O A K E S S P O K E (.) REQUEST BLANKETS FROM BR SOURCES
ARE N O T R P T N O T RELEASED (.) ESTIMATE CAN MANAGE
AT PRESENT OWING TO HAND BACK OF I T A L I A N BLANKETS
FROM COMBAT GROUP AND COMING SUMMER SEASON (.) WILL
REQUEST RELEASE FROM BR SOURCES ONLY IF ESSENTIAL

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

F J M A m l
C J

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SUBJECT:- Anti Malarial Eqpt for Bri-Itis

Q105/1/1 (14)
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/9187/Q(AE)

26 Mar 45

MMIA ✓

1. To provide anti malarial protection for Bri-Itis, Ord (B) have arranged for the following to be made available:-

Bush Nets Qty 100,000

2. Will you please arrange for these to be collected from Ord Depots. For this purpose please instruct your NAPLES LO to contact Ord (B) at this HQ for detailed arrangements. Collection should be spread over the next four weeks.

R. W. Heasley
R. W. HEASLEY, Major.
for Major General G-4 (Br).

RWB/MLP

Cop to: Ord (B) - We spoke - Lt. Col. SIDNEY - Major. HEASLEY.
Med (B)
Q(Maint)
G-3(Org) A
D Lab

28 Mar

Seen
W.G.H.
27/3.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)
-----SUBJECT: CLOTHING & EQPT FOR BR-ITIS.

REF: DOS.1411() (ORD.1)

TEL: FREEDOM 808

23 MARCH 1945.To: HQ., M.M.I.A.

REF MY DOS.1411(ORD.1) DATED 13 MARCH 1945.

1. WILL YOU PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER TOTAL QUANTITY OF
BLANKETS ARE STILL REQUIRED.

2. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.*

Branch Note.* See letter
Q/OS/p/1 d. 23 Mar.
+ Sig. d/OS/129 d. 24 Mar.

4116

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR,
D.A.D.O.S.,
FOR MAJ-GEN.,
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.*handed Col. HONKES
w/ file copy 8/10/45
d. 23 Mar. 45
note 27.3.45*

Subject:- Clothing and equipment for BR-ITIS.

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

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

23 March 45.

Ref your DOS/1411 (ORD 1) of 13 Mar/45 addressed to OO 2
Sub Depot 357 B.O.D. with copy and footnote to this H.Q.

It is not expected that the total quantity of blankets,
viz 36.000, will be required.

FSG/ab

see sig.
Q/OS/129
d 27/3 (fo. 16)

F.S. Greenwood.
F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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785020

Subject: - A.D. for Bri-Itia

D.O.S.

A.F.H.Q. (ORD I)

D.D.O.S. L of C.

H.Q., M.M.I.A.

D.A.D.O.S. EMIA Naples - *as per*

Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.

2 Sub Depot,
557 D.O.D., GMP.

Tel:- 5187

Ref:- 2/305/1
27 March 1945

Q/OS/1/1

Ref your DO S 1411 (12) (ORD I) of 16 Mar.45.

As arranged with fourth addressee (telephone conversation Major Airey-SQMS Henry) the 30,000 sets for Bari will be despatched by rail. Collection of the 170,000 for Naples will commence 24 Mar.45.

T.O.S. ¹³⁵⁰.....A.
AGH/EA.

N.20.18
✓ C.O.O. 557 D.O.D.

Copy to:- OI/c Group 111

4114

Subject:- Maintenance Clothing
for Bri-Itis

D.A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A., NAPLES

D.O.S., A.P.H.Q. Your DOS/1411(11) (ORD I) of 16 Mar.45
D.D.O.S. I of G. for ADOS (F)
H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Q (AE) A.P.H.Q.

2 Sub Depot,
557 B.O.D., GMP.

Tel:- 55187

Ref:- 2/305
March 1945

Q/OS/1/1

Confirming telephone conversation 21/3 (Major Airey-
SOM Henry) 40,000 suits of Battle Dress Dyed Green, released to you
under DO S/1411 (11) (ORD I) of 16 Mar.45 are now available for collection
from this depot.

Availability of the other items on a/q letter will be
notified to you as soon as possible.

T.O.S.....A.
AGH/EA.

Copy to:- O/c Group 111

C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

1113

Subject :- Clothing for Ed-Itis

D.O.S.

A.F.H.Q. (ORD.1)

A.D.O.S. (P)

D.A.D.O.S. IDIA Naples

H.Q. IDIA

2 Sub Depot

557 B.O.D.O.M.F.

Tel :- 55187

Ref :- 2/305

19 March 1945

2/05/1/1

Ref. your DOS/14/11 (ORD.1) of 13 March 1945. (4)

1. Issue Orders have been passed for 15000 Braces, Belts Web and Anklets as instructed in para 1 of your letter. The progress of these issues will be reported to you in the normal way.
2. Boots Ankles Grade III : As confirmed in telephone conversation 17 Mar. (Major Stevenson - Major Ashton) the quantity outstanding should read 13000 (8000 against DOS 14/11 (ORD.1) of 6 February and 5000 against DOS/14/11 (ORD.1) of 24 and 17 Feb.). These have now been issued on I.V.'s 2/134210/1 and 2/600971/1 and collected by IDIA.
3. Blankets :- No action has yet been taken on this pending reply from H.Q. IDIA to foot-note to your letter. (Annotated 33/3)
4. Boots Ankles NEW :- Issue of these is now in progress the bulk of the issue having been collected to day. Completion will be reported to you.

T.O.S. 15-30

A.C.H./GJ.

G.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

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SIGNALSpare.2/05/1/1DATE TIME
16 1705 A
MAR

FROM: M M I A

TO: PENSOUTH

Q/05/110

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FOR M M I A L O (.) REF D O S 1411 PARH O R D 1
PARH OF 13 (.) DO YOU CONFIRM FIGURES IN PARA ONE QUERY (.)
ARE ISSUES PARAS TWO AND THREE NOW COMPLETED QUERY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

Greenwood

Hagw

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE CLOTHING
FOR BRITIS.

REF: DOS/1411 (11) (ORD 1).

TEL: FREEDOM 808.

To: D.O. 2 SUB DEPOT,
557 B.O.D.

16 MARCH, 1945.

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONSTITUTING 40,000 SETS OF CLOTHING FOR MAINTENANCE OF BRITIS ARE REQUIRED BY 1 APRIL OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THAT DATE.

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| (A) | BATTLE DRESS, SUITS GREEN-DYED | 40,000 |
| (B) | BOOTS ANKLE GRADE III | 40,000 PRS. |
| (C) | SHIRTS A.D. GRADE III | 80,000 |
| (D) | DRAWERS WOOLLEN OR COTTON GRADE III | 80,000 |
| (E) | VESTS WOOLLEN OR COTTON GRADE III | 80,000 |
| (F) | JERSEYS PULLOVER GRADE III | 40,000 |
| (G) | SOCKS AMERICAN PATT. THIN | 80,000 PRS. |

2. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, ISSUES SHOULD BE OF WEARABLE GRADE III CLOTHING, NOT SALVAGE CLOTHING. WHERE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE GRADE II OR I MAY BE ISSUED.

3. MAINTENANCE ISSUES OF BOOTS, AND SOCKS FOR BRITIS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS, AND WE ARE NOW ENDEAVOURING TO ESTABLISH THIS ON A DEMAND BASIS. A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION ON MAINTENANCE GENERALLY WILL BE SENT OUT IN DUE COURSE.

4. MEANWHILE WILL YOU PLEASE GO AHEAD WITH THE ABOVE ISSUE AND INFORM D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES AS ITEMS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.

D.A.D.O.S.

FOR MAJ-GEN.

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

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1. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONSTITUTING 40,000 SETS OF CLOTHING FOR MAINTENANCE OF BRITIS ARE REQUIRED BY 1 APRIL OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THAT DATE.

(A)	BATTLE DRESS, SUITS <u>GREEN-DYED</u>	40,000
(B)	BOOTS ANKLE GRADE III	40,000 PRS.
(C)	SHIRTS A.D. GRADE III	80,000
(D)	DRAWERS WOOLLEN OR COTTON GRADE III	80,000
(E)	VESTS WOOLLEN OR COTTON GRADE III	80,000
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Stevenson

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(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

COPY TO:- C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.
D.D.O.S. L. OF C. FOR A.D.O.S. (P).
H.Q. M.M.I.A.
D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES.
Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.

*Proved Major Stevenson 22/2/44 to ask
Keep drawn cotton for issued in preference to
drawn woollen. Pullovers in preference to
H.Q. That will be done so far as possible
Major Stevenson has signed accordingly
22/2*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: K.D. FOR BR-ITIS.

REF: D05. 1411 (P) (ORD 1).

TEL: FREEDOM 808.

To: O.O. 2 SUB DEPOT,
557 B.O.D.

16 MARCH, 1945.

1. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT K.D. WILL BE ISSUED TO BR-ITIS ON THE FOLLOWING SCALE :

TROUSERS K.D. GRADE III - 2 PRS.
SHIRTS COTTON GRADE III - 2

2. THE INITIAL REQUIREMENT IS NOW 200,000 PRS. TROUSERS AND 200,000 SHIRTS COTTON. THESE ARE REQUIRED FOR ISSUE AS FOLLOWS:-

BARL: TROUSERS 30,000 PRS.
SHIRTS 30,000

NAPLES: TROUSERS 170,000 PRS.
SHIRTS 170,000

3. THIS ISSUE MAY BE MADE FROM ITEMS RECEIVED EX MIDEAST IN OSME 2046. YOUR 2/JOB/353/3 OF 26 FEB. REFERS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THIS IS REGARDED AS GENERAL STOCK FOR ISSUES TO BR-ITIS ETC.

4. PLEASE ARRANGE ABOVE ISSUE AND NOTIFY D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES WHEN ITEMS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

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H.Q. M.M.I.A.
D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES.

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NAPLES WHEN ITEMS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

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Stevenson

(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

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D. A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES.
Q (AE) A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

SUBJECT: CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR
BR-ITIS.

REF: DOS. 1411 (ORD 1).

TEL: FREEDOM 808

13 MARCH, 1945.

To: C.O. 2 SUB DEPOT,
557 S.O.D.

REFERENCE YOUR 2/305 DATED 11 MARCH.

1. ISSUES MADE TO DATE AGAINST THE COMMITMENT FOR BR-ITIS CALL UP ARE NOTED, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE FOLLOWING ONLY REMAIN TO BE ISSUED :-

(A) BRACES PRS.	15000
(B) BOOTS ANKLE GRADE (11) PRS.	15000
(C) BELTS WEB	15000
(D) BLANKETS OR COMFORTERS COTTON	36000
(E) ANKLETS WEB PRS.	18000
(F) BOOTS ANKLE NEW PRS.	15000
	45000

2. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT 15000 PRS GRADE 111 BOOTS AT 1(B) ABOVE, MAY BE ISSUED FROM EARMARKS, PROVIDING THAT EARMARKS ARE AGAIN BUILT UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THE RECEIPT OF OSME 2076 EX MIDCAST.

3. BOOTS ANKLE GRADE 11 15000 PRS MAY BE ISSUED AGAINST REQUIREMENT AT 1(F) AND IT IS NOTED THAT YOU HAVE NOW PASSED ISSUE ORDER FOR THESE.

4. THE REMAINING ITEMS AT PARA 1 ABOVE SHOULD NOW BE ISSUED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CLEAR THIS COMMITMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE AND CONFIRM WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

Sturman
(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJORS.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

COPY TO: C.O. 2, 557 S.O.D.

A.D.O.S. (P)

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

FOR BRITIS CALL UP ARE NOTED, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE FOLLOWING ONLY REMAIN TO BE ISSUED :-

(A) BRACES PRS.	15000
(B) BOOTS ANKLE GRADE III PRS.	15000
(C) BELTS WEB	15000
(D) BLANKETS OR	35000
COMFORTERS COTTON	18000
(E) ANKLETS WEB PRS.	15000
(F) BOOTS ANKLE NEW PRS.	15000

2. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT 15000 PRS GRADE III BOOTS AT 1(B) ABOVE, MAY BE ISSUED FROM EARMARKS, PROVIDING THAT EARMARKS ARE AGAIN BUILT UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THE RECEIPT OF OCMC 2075 EX MIDWEST.

3. BOOTS ANKLE GRADE II 15000 PRS MAY BE ISSUED AGAINST REQUIREMENT AT 1(F) AND IT IS NOTED THAT YOU HAVE NOW PASSED ISSUE ORDER FOR THESE.

4. THE REMAINING ITEMS AT PARA 1 ABOVE SHOULD NOW BE ISSUED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CLEAR THIS COMMITMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE ARRANGE AND CONFIRM WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

Stevenson
(K. STEVENSON) MAJOR,
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJORS,
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

COPY TO: C.O.O. 5578.0.0.

A.D.O.S. (P)

D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. NAPLES.
H.Q. M.M.I.A.

WILL YOU PLEASE CONFIRM IN VIEW OF PARA 3 (C) OF THIS LETTER - AFHQ/9187/0(AE) OF 31 JAN. WHETHER TOTAL QTY. OF BLANKETS IS STILL REQUIRED.

Stocks

Barr

Naples

Comforters

Towq

5000

12000

Blankets

9200

11,800

21,000

Blankets

41,000

11,000 +

para Perugia

16,000

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Subject: Clothing and Equipment for BrI-ites.

D.O.S.,
A.F.H.Q. (ORDI)
A.D.O.S. (F) C.M.P.
H.Q., H.M.I.A.

2 Sub Depot
557 B.O.D., C.M.P.

Tel: 55187

Ref: 2/305
// March, 1945

2/05/1/1

In accordance with your instructions, herewith progress report of issues made to MIA for BrI-ites, quoting in each case your letter reference and date.

- (a) D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) dated 6/2/45
- | Reqd. | Issued | Need. | Issued |
|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Braces | 8000 | 8000 | 16000 |
| Boots Ankle III | 8000 | 8000 | 16000 |
| Shirts A.D. | 16000 | 8000 | 9000 |
| Drawers woollen | 16000 | 8000 | 8000 |
- IVs 2/154200 - 12.
- (b) D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) dated 3/2/45.
- Boots Ankle Grade I Req d. 4000 Issued 4000.
- IVs 2/133478 - 2.
- (c) TPLS. D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) dated 11/2/45 & 17/2/45 - IV's 2/600968 - 71.
- | Reqd. | Issued | Need. | Issued |
|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Braces | 5000 | 5000 | 27000 |
| Boots Ankle III | 5000 | 5000 | 42000 |
| Shirts A.D. | 10000 | 10000 | 10000 |
| Drawers Woollen | 10000 | 4200 | 5150 |
- (5300 Issued by BarI)
- (d) D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) dated 22/2/45.
- | Reqd. | Issued | Need. | Issued |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Boots Ankle Grade III | 15000 | 15000 | 15000 |
| Shirts A.D. Grade III | 80000 | 49700 | 49700 |
| Drawers Woollen Short III | 8500 | 30300 | 30300 |
| " " Long III | 71400 | 33800 | 33800 |
| Vests Woollen Grade III | 80000 | 46440 | 46440 |
| Books Amer. Thin | 130000 | 76680 | 76680 |
| | | 3360 | 3360 |
- (Issue approved from earmark hold vide TPL D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) of 5/2/45.)
- (e) TPL. D.O.S./1411 (ORDI) dated 3/1/45.

Regarding the remaining requirement of 15000 pairs of NEW Boots, it is now understood that Grade II have started to arrive and I am passing an issue Order today for 15000 pairs and will inform you quantity issued in the course of a few days.

W. H. S.
W. H. S.
W. H. S.

W. H. S.

W. H. S.

W. H. S.

Q/OS/1/1

(2)

Extract of personal letter from Brig. R. G. THURBURN
Q(AE) Branch, A.F.H.Q. (no ref. number) dated 8 Mar/45.

(original on file Q/OS/1)

Dear Noakes,

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"Br-Itis Service Troops"

I fully appreciate your difficulties in maintaining the large force of Br-Iti Service troops, and apart from battledress, agree that recent deliveries do not meet what one could call a regular maintenance demand. What I have now arranged is this - that we provide 40,000 balanced sets of clothing, shirts, under-clothing, etc., per month. These balanced sets will be made up in the first instance from Grade 3 clothing; where Grade 3 cannot be made available Grade 2 will be used, and where Grade 2 cannot be used Grade 1 will be made available. By this means you will be assured of a regular monthly flow of clothing.

I have further arranged that where Grade 3 items are sent to you they will be better selected than in the past, and instead of receiving kit bags full of varying numbers and assortment of items, you will as far as possible receive complete sets of clothing. This should reduce your repair programme and enable you to get clothing in the hands of Br-Itis quicker than in the past. It will mean of course, that you will not have any surpluses available to pass on to AC. However, that is our worry, and I will take steps to ensure that AC get an equitable proportion of salvaged clothing for their civil requirements. I hope this new arrangement will come into force on 1 Apr 45. I will confirm this point later.

Yours,
(Sgd) R. G. THURBURN

Colonel P. J. NOAKES, O.B.E.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.
(WMIA)RCME.

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SIGNAL

Spare copy.

Q/05/1/1

(2/1)

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

07 1415 A

TO (FOR INFO): REAR EIGHT ARMY

FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INOR

MAR.

Q/05/87

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FOR Q/AS (.) REQUEST OUTSTANDING FIFTEEN THOUSAND NEW BOOTS FOR BR-ITI
 SERVICE TPS IN FIFTH AND EIGHT ARMY AREAS BE MADE AVAILABLE EARLIEST (.)
 FOR MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY BR INCREMENT AND EIGHT ARMY (.) OWING SHORTAGE
 BEHIND ARMY BOUNDARY AM NOT RPT NOT SENDING FWD REPAIRED SECOND HAND
 BOOTS ~~MMIA~~ IN VIEW ABOVE OUTSTANDING QUANTITIES NEW BOOTS DUE TO YOU

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

F. F. Noam
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SIGNAL

FROM: IMIA

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

Q/05/86

Spare copy

Q/05/86

DATE TIME

07 1420 A

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FOR Q/AS REFER Q.53/Q(AS) OF 4 MAR PARA FOUR (.) GRATEFUL FOR ANY QUANTITY
CAPS FOR SUGAR. OR CAPS GEORGE SUGAR AS WASTAGE RATE IS HIGH AND COMBAT
GROUPS USE ITALIAN HATS THUS REDUCING AVAILABILITY FOR SERVICE TPS

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

F. No. 1000
C. 11

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SUBJECT :- Clothing and Equipment for Br-Itis

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. No. FREEDOM 518

AHQ/6453/Q(AE)

M.M.I.A. ✓

8/05/11 4 Mar 45

In the absence of Lieut.-Colonel SLOAN, replies are forwarded herewith to the points raised with him by AQMG M.M.I.A. on 17 Feb 45.

1. KD for BR-ITIS

The policy is to equip Br-Itis with KD slacks and bush shirts which can be supplied to M.M.I.A. as under :-

KD slacks 2 pairs per man - forthwith
Bush shirts 2 per man - 1 forthwith, the second later.

2. DEFICIENCIES IN ISSUE OF ED-TROUSERS

8000 pairs of Grade III ED Trousers have been issued and were collected on 25 Feb 45.

3. UNDERCLOTHES FOR BR-ITIS

Ordnance are supplying underclothes in accordance with requirements outlined in M.M.I.A. letter AQ/15 dated 9 Jan 45, and instructions contained in this Staff Section letter AHQ/9187/Q(AE) of 31 Jan 45.

to date 16000 each of the following have been supplied :-

Shirts cotton
Drawers woollen
Vests woollen or Jerseys Pullover
Socks

4. CAPS FOR BR-ITIS
BART. The balance will have to be phased.

Regarding maintenance, 5000 sets are made available monthly from Grade III stocks. It is appreciated that wastage on this clothing is high, but it is not possible to give more assistance at present.

5. CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN BR-ITI OFFICERS
Ordnance will assist with Grade III caps wherever possible, but stocks are low.

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2. DEFICIENCIES IN ISSUE OF BD TROUSERS

8000 pairs of Grade III BD Trousers have been issued and were collected on 25 Feb 45.

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4. CAPS FOR BR-ITIS

Ordnance will assist with Grade III caps wherever possible, but stocks are low.

5. CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN BR-ITI OFFICERS

No stocks of new green BD exist in Depots. It is suggested that dyed BD ex UK be inspected to see whether it is suitable for wear by Italian Officers. If this proves unsuitable, it will be necessary to know the total number of Officers to be equipped before we can commit ourselves to handing over new khaki BD for dyeing, in view of the shortage of stocks at the present time.

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Sheet 26. SCALE OF ARMS AT RTC ICF

- (a) It has been agreed with DMT that RTC ICF will hold 1000 rifles and a proportionate quantity of other weapons for Training purposes.
- (b) Arrangements have been made with ROME AREA for rifles to be drawn as required by RTC ICF for reinforcements going forward. ROME AREA hold a pool of 1500 rifles for area requirements.

S. G. Gaskell Major
S. G. GASKELL, Major
for Major General, G-4(Br).

EA/EHH

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