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SUBJECT : SUPPLY OF ORD STORES TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(A.L.L.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/11/8
18 January 1946

TO :

List B - (2 copies each addressee).

Ministry of War - (2 copies).

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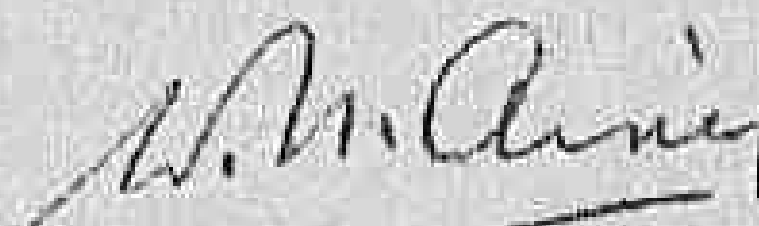
In conclusion it is pointed out that

(a) the method of obtaining ordnance stores is by indent from unit to Territorial HQ, who either meets the demand from stocks under their administration or passes the demand to the Ministry of War.

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(b) Items of clothing, boots and personal equipment are in reasonable supply, whilst MT spares, Gun parts etc at the present are practically non-existent, although it is expected that the position will improve in the near future.



Lt-Col. ADCS.
M. M. I. A.

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G. H. Q. C. M. P.

Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

Ref: DCS/7209

Tel: FREEDOM 495

8 Nov 45

DEOS 2 District

1. Consequent on the publication of AGO 81.711 C(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45 W.O.F. 2400 hrs 14 November the five Br-Itl Combat Groups and their support units will be transferred to the control of the Italian Army.

2. Action will be taken to implement D.O.S. Circular No. 224, para 5(b) (i) (ii) and (iii) in respect of all equipment (including lease land) in possession of Italian units administered by HQ 50 - 51 - 52 - 53 and 55 B.L.U. as at 2400 hrs 14 November, 1945.

3. The necessary consolidated lists of all equipment issued to the combat groups and their support units, together with the supporting documents, will be forwarded to Land Forces Sub-Commission, MILIA, AS, CMF., as soon as possible after that date, in accordance with the a/m D.O.S. Circular.

4. The maintenance of these forces is the responsibility of the Italian Government and after 14 November 1945 no further issues of stores will be made from Ord sources, with the following exceptions:-

(a) Certain equipment may be issued on loan as a temporary expedient up to the 1 January 1946. In no circumstances will any equipment be issued after 14 November 1945 without the authority of the Staff at this H.Q.

(b) Up to one year's maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles, and other equipment, so provided, as may be surplus to British requirements.

5. In order that a scaling for equipments referred to in para 4(b) above may be prepared, D.A.D.S.O.S. B.L.U.'s will be instructed to comply with D.O.S. Circular No. 161, para 4 (i) A & B without delay.

6. When the scaling of equipments is complete (except in the case of lethal war-like equipment) it will be declared as surplus to British requirements to Chief Disposals Officer (Italy), Ministry of Supply, in accordance with established procedure, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. Subject to the C.D.O. (Italy) agreeing to these priorities, the responsibility for subsequent allocation and issue of these stores is that of the Italian Government. In the case of lethal war-like equipment, transfers will be arranged, by this H.Q.

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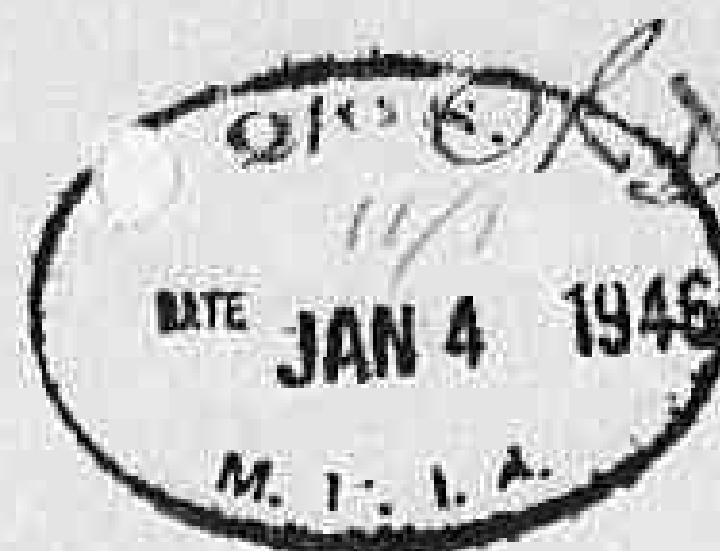
7. Issues to Br-Iti units (less the five combat groups) who continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements, will follow the procedure laid down in D.O.S. Circular No. 224, para 5(a) and 6(a) and (b).

10/11/46

W. H. King
(A.I. HIXON) Brigadier, DROS
for Maj-Gen
DOS

Copy :- Q(AS)
MILA, A.C., C.M.F.
C.D.O. (Italy), British Embassy, Rome.

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War

REF : 4417/4/1

TO : MMIA

DATE : 31.12.45

SUBJECT : Higher command of the infantry divisions

1. I agree entirely with the opinion expressed by your Mission that the infantry divisions, replaced in their guard duties, be concentrated for training and that instructions of a training nature be given to them by one military territorial command only i.e. by that in whose territory the Divisional HQ is located. Directives to this effect, already issued in the past, have today been confirmed to the competent Comiliters.
2. The underlisted military territorial commands will, therefore, be responsible for the training of the infantry divisions shown alongside each:

Volsano Comiliter	-	"FRIULI" Division
Turin Comiliter	-	"CHERONA" Division
Cenon Comiliter	-	"MANIJOVA" Division
Milan Comiliter	-	"LEGHANA" Division
Florence Comiliter	-	"POLGONE" Division

Sgd GARDNER

Gen., U.S.S.

Translated by: Cpl DANTE O
 Typed by: Cpl WARD J

3 Jan 46

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1. 2. dated 11 Nov 45. The following notes on Ordnance procedure are issued for guidance.

1. The type B.I.U.'s requiring technical information or advice on Ordnance matters should obtain same from the Ordnance Officer or Ord.W.O. of their parent B.I.U.

At present an Ord. Warrant Officer is on the strength of a type "A" B.I.U. and it is hoped that an Ordnance Officer will be attached in the near future to No. 1, 3 and 6 B.I.U.'s.

2. Clothing and/or Equipment Depots are maintained under the Ministry of War at the places shown in Appendix "A" and these should be frequently visited by the Ordnance Officer or O.W.O. of the B.I.U., and periodic reports on the position at Appendix "B" submitted to ADOS M.I.I.C.

3. The Ordnance Officer or W.O. will assist in an advisory capacity in:

- (a) - Selection of sites for dumps;
- (b) - Method of storing different types of stores;
- (c) - Repairing;
- (d) - Maintenance;
- (e) - Accounting;

and in introducing a single "Bin Out" system, so that each article handled may be readily identifiable by name in both English and Italian.

4. We should at all times be conversant with the W.M.s of War in the Territorial Command in order to be able to advise on either the amount or source of certain items from time to time as considered necessary, in the interests of economy and the needs of the Indian Army as a whole.

Any tendency to "hoard" stores in bulk or sub-depots will be strongly discouraged and if necessary specific attention brought to the notice of the Territorial Headquarters concerned.

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5. On matters of policy or change of system I.C. If M.P.A. will immediately be kept informed, the Ordnance Officer, or O.W.O., reporting in the first instance to ADOS M.I.I.C.

6. The position regarding the supply of spares for British I.C. and other Warlike stores is at present being discussed.

For the time being, the system existing prior to Nov 1944 will remain in force. It is proposed that the Allies will hold war to the Italian front in two more phases a bulk allotment of spares, all in the Italian front stores should be handled at No. 6 B.I.U. Spares Depot at Bologna.

Storage of stores on this matter will be issued when the position is more definite.

77. Spares for Italian M.T. are handled by the Repairs Organisation of the Italian Army. Stocks are held at No. 5 M.T. Spares Depot at Fincenza and No. 8 M.T. Spares Depot Rome. Issues are made to Repairs Units only, against fortnightly demands made by them through their Territorial Repairs Director.

Issues for Italian Army M.T. are in very short supply. Issues are controlled by the War Ministry and effected only through Reichs Units.

8. The question of spares has also been raised in E.I.M. 2, Directive No. 1, para 4, and close liaison with E.I.M. 3 on this subject will be necessary.

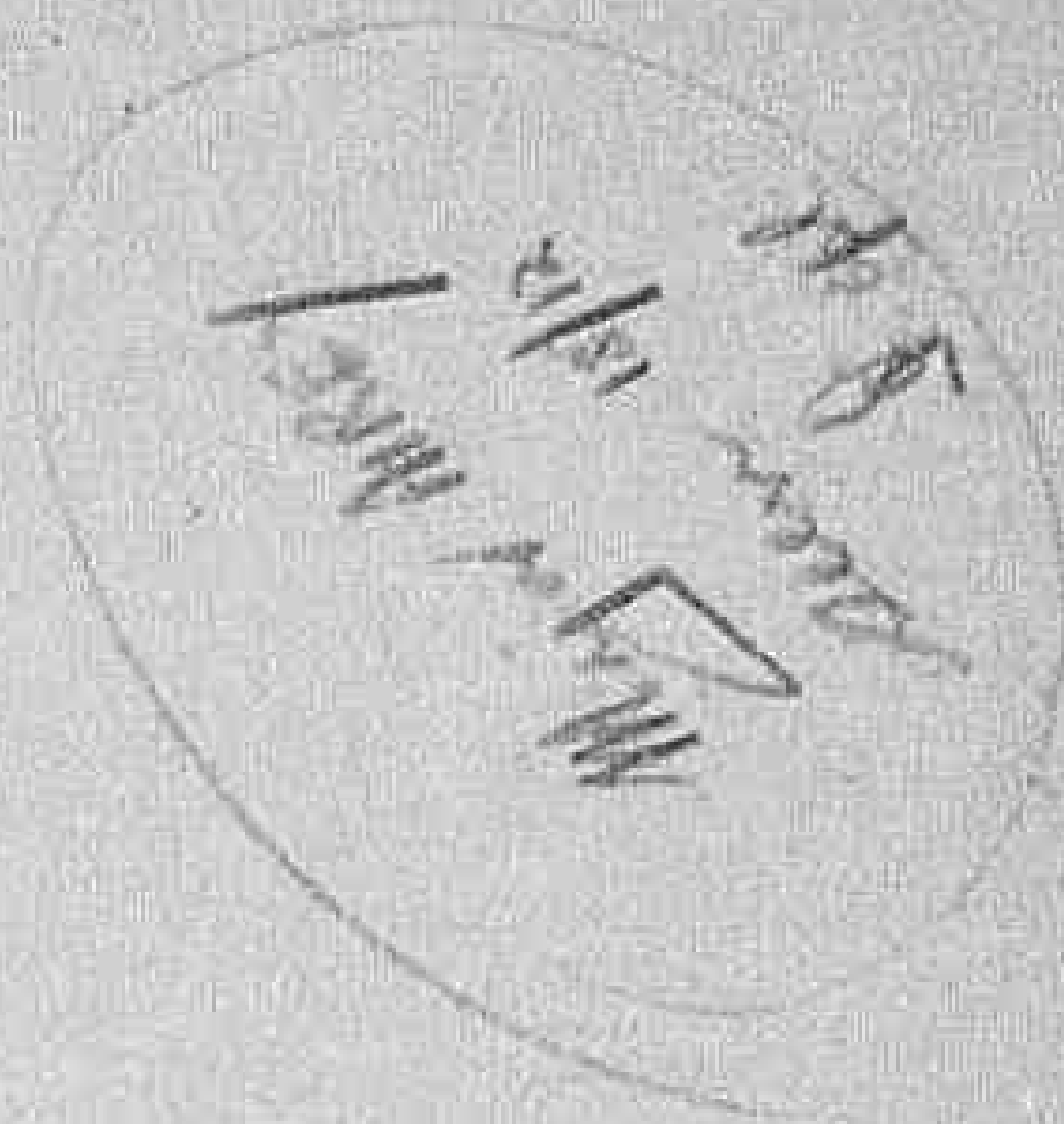
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Post Lt. Colonel AOS
 Land Forces Sub Comd. 1,0
 (M.R.I.A.)

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APPENDIX "A"

Depots are established at :-

TUPIN +
 MILAN =
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 VERONA +
 BOLZANO +
 FLORENCE =
 ROMA +
 AVI +
 NAPLES =
 PALERMO +
 CATANIA +

+ denotes Principal depots with repair facilities.

= denotes Central warehouses.

ORIGIN OF CLOTHING BY NO'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES

1. Unit
2. Date of inspection
3. Name of Officer I/O

Stores

- (a) Type of building
e.g., house, hall etc.
- (b) General condition of building
- (c) Approx. tonnage of stores
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing
(ii) Equipment
(iii) Other stores
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately?
- (f) Method of preservation
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory?
- (i) Are commodities marked in English and Italian for all items of allied origin?

Repairs

- (a) General state of readiness
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken
- (c) Any shortages of repairs incurred

8-1a. Photos, film etc.

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- (h) Is resupply necessary?
- (i) Are communications written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin?

Results Summary

- (a) General state of machinery
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken
- (c) Any shortages of required material
- (d) Status of equipment

Results Summary

Signature of Ordnance Officer
or W.O.

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Subject : G.1018 for BUUs types "A" and "B"LAND FORCES SUB CORN. A.C.
M. I. A.
H. C. E.
G(CS) 1/3

29 Nov 45

To : AFML.

Since the BUUs have office and living accommodation in the towns where the Terr. H. Q. is situated, and since these buildings are normally fitted and furnished, there appears to be no need for a Special Equipment list (G.1018).

Training stores and equipment will be obtained from the Terr. H. Q.

All other BUUs will be equipped to scale with cooking utensils etc.

For each additional item as are required, BUUs will contact the nearest Area ABC or - where this is not possible - furnish a list of requirements to Camp Commandant MIA.

H. A. SUTHERS, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. I. A.

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Inter Office Minute

To: AQMG.

REML position on passing of Combat Groups to LFI-LFI

1. The Italian Army will have to provide:-
 - (a) 3rd Line Workshops facilities to deal with Allied vehicles from 5 Combat Groups (this is in addition to the Allied vehicles being passed by AC).
 - (b) A system of storage and supply of the 12 months ~~MT~~ Spares which is being passed to the Italian Army.
2. It is proposed to attend to both these requirements at the QARS at Bologna which was the large Italian Army Workshops before the Armistice. This is in agreement with Min of War.

3. There is bound, however, to be a time lag and the following are the main requirements:-

General

- (1) The immediate handing back to the Italians of the whole of the premises, much of which is at present occupied by Allied Units.
 - (ii) The immediate provision of the necessary skilled personnel. This must be done by civilians and is a matter of Italian economy.
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 - (i) The provision of the necessary machines. Difficulty may be found here owing to the different graduations between inches and centimeters.
 - (ii) 'A' Vehicles comprising Carriers and Scout Cars will also have to be repaired.
 - (b)
 - (i) It must be decided, presumably by GHQ, what comprises 12 months maintenance and ^{how} it will be passed over.
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(iii) Italian personnel will have to be trained and this can either be done by attaching Italians to the British Depot for a period or by establishing a temporary British Cadre at the Italian Depot.

(iv) Racking will be urgently required and it is felt that the Allies might pass this over with the spares.

(v) Is there any possibility of an existing British Depot being handed to the Italians intact?

(vi) The passing of inefficient vehicles for cannibalisation is not favoured because most types have one or more defective part which would be missing from all vehicles. Also, rapid deterioration will take place during the Winter.

(vii) As there will presumably be accounting action on the original handover and all the documents will be in English technical language, skilled interpreters will be required.

(viii) Will tyres be included in the 12 months maintenance? Also tyre and tube repair materials?

4. It will be necessary also to supply spares and effect 3rd line repairs for Cesano (TUCOF). The present Workshops there is in need of much reorganisation.

Copy to:-

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[Signature]
Major R.A.O.C.
for REME Branch.

Subject:- Proposed REME re-org-Italian Inf.Div.

52 British Liaison Unit,
G.M.F.
Tele No 2451-2-3.
6 Nov.45.

To: DDME, MMIA.

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GSOL, 52 BLU.
Ord, 52 BLU.

1. Since the MMIA meeting in MILAN on 2 Nov.45, considerable thoughts has been given to the decisions made, particularly the one regarding the removal of the REME Increment, and as emphasised by both myself and SC REME 50 BLU during this meeting, under the present circumstances this step is considered most inadvisable and serious consequences would immediately result. Particularly in view of the complete absence of Mechanical Specialist replacements and the proposed increase of specialised eqpt, ie: 4.2" mortars, 17 pr A Tk, Scout cars, etc, which will all require additional REME instructions and liaison, and from the Ord point of view, considerable work in the preparation of additional spare scalings.

2. If, in the first place, CESANO Rfts Centre had been able to produce the anticipated flow of Italian Tradesmen replacements, trained in the repair of Brit eqpt and conversant with Brit repair procedure, the proposed withdrawal of the majority of the REME Increments would, by now, have been feasible; in fact, it can be said that with the LEGNANO Div, a fairly efficient REME org was in full swing by Apr 45 - this in spite of a late start. However, CESANO have been unable to produce this reserve of Technical personnel and since the commencement of the Italian Army Age and Service Release scheme the work of the REME Increment has steadily increased, until at its present state it is considerably higher than during the actual War period.

3. This replacement difficulty is not only confined to OR Tradesmen and a far more serious effect has resulted from the loss of experienced officer personnel in both the Wksp and the Regts, and this has made necessary considerable additional supervision and instruction by REME.

4. The present position was foreseen by us in its early stages and steps were taken to counteract it by arranging Wksp courses and other forms of instruction, with the result that we are now probably in a better position than most other Italian Divs, and with a continued effort will have some possibility of recovery.

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5. To obtain some true idea of the present critical position a review of the present commitments of my REME Incr will possibly be useful, and we are therefore detailing some of these in brief note-form at Appx 'B'.

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6. In view of the above, it is obvious that some transition plans are required from the Service point of view for the change-over from British to Italian Administration, particularly in view of the statement by MMIA that no Mech Specialist replacements can be expected before Mar 46, and it is felt that immediate consideration should be given to a joint Ord and KEME proposal. We have discussed the matter with Ord 52 BIU who are in entire agreement and we propose the following alternative given at Appx'A'; and in view of the seriousness of this matter would appreciate an immediate review of the whole question, which we suggest could best be effected by a joint Ord and KEME meeting at HQ.MMIA,ROME.

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PROPOSED 'TRANSITION' PLAN (BRITISH TO ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION).

1. Primary consideration.

- (a) ME replacement personnel can only be obtained from civilian sources and will therefore continue to require trg and instruction if the Italian Div is to continue with British eqpt.
- (b) 3rd Line Repair is still Brit REME and although Italian Territorial 3rd Line Wksps are being formed they are at present concerned entirely with Italian eqpt and if required to handle Brit eqpt held by Italian Divs will obviously require extensive re-org.
- (c) Veh replacement and BLK procedure is still controlled by Brit Ord and REME and for liaison with Ord Veh Parks and REME Wksps Brit personnel are required.
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- (e) The proposal regarding the allocation of one year's supply of spares and replacements to the Italian Divs is most impracticable as no satisfactory allocation could be forecast and it is unlikely that present commitments would permit an allocation on such a scale.

2. Proposed Plan.

Stage 1.

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(b) SC REME operates from the Italian Terr Comd nearest to his present Italian Div. Under this arrangement he could divide his time between instruction of Italian REME at Comd (who from past experience are not even conversant with the basic REME procedure) and his respective Italian Div. In my case I would suggest that I should be temporarily attached to the Terr Comd, MILAN from where I could quite easily attend to the requirements of the LEGNANO Div and also maintain my REME Incr in its present location.

NOTE: The above 2 paras will, with slight modifications, be also applicable to Ord, as under present circumstances it is difficult to imagine an Italian Div eqmipped with Brit eqpt and supplied from Brit sources functioning without Ord representation.

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Change-over to complete Italian Adm.

(a) REME Incr withdrawn but WO2 and Sst Veh Mech and S/Sgt Ed

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(b) A pool of Specialist Trademens, ie: Radio and Instrument Mechs and Armourers, held for all five Italian Divs; this pool to assist with any particular difficulties and to be co-ordinated with either by SC REME of BLUS or REME HQ MMIA.

(c) A Tech Translation bureau to be set up by MMIA to attend to the translation and co-ordination of Technical instructions and data at present being handled by individual SCs REME. This has been necessary since the inauguration of the Italian Combat Groups and the saving in

PRESENT COMMITMENTS OF REME TRG INCR ATTACHED TO 52 BIU.

1. Trg and Instruction of civilian Tradesmen. Approx 120 civilians tradesmen are now held in lieu of deficiencies of mil personnel, and although the majority of these personnel are satisfactory from the tech point of view they are not conversant with Brit eqpts or REME methods and their instruction falls largely on the REME Trg Incr. It should also be noted that with the latest Age and Service releases it will be necessary to increase the figure of 120 by approx a further 80 personnel which will then represent two-thirds of the total ME Specialists held by an Italian Div.

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This work is largely being conducted by the REME Incr and should show considerable results within the next few weeks.

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5. Recovery Courses. Most of the LEGNANO recovery crews are new and therefore not experienced in Recovery technique, film shows and instruction on which have also been arranged by the REME Incr. This instruction is considered by us to be of the utmost importance in view of the climatic condition in this area and in other parts occupied by the LEGNANO Div, and will also be beneficial to Brit units moving in the area.

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6. Accumulator Maint. Due to the loss of trained personnel and the extremely low Mech knowledge of the replacement personnel, the accumulator wastage is serious and replacements have been unable to meet even a fraction of the present demand, with a consequent alarming increase in VORs. To counteract this the LEGNANO Signals TM Section who have been without work since their fmn are in the process of being formed into a temporary Accumulator Maint Section which will visit Units and give instruction and assistance in the maint and repair of accumulators. Here again REME assistance is essential and it is anticipated that the results obtained will amply justify this additional effort.

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Annexure to Appx 'B'Table I - Distribution on by Trades and Regts.

Unit	Ranks	Black- Wel- Draught ELEC-Carp-Pain-Turners.	Totals.
		Fit- ters. Smiths. ders. -men. trns ntrs ters	
68 Inf Regt	Sjts		4
	Cpls	1	10
	Ptes	1	3
69 Inf Regt	Sjts	1	10
	Cpls	1	22
	Ptes	1	2
11 Avty Regt	Sjts		2
	Cpls	2	1
	Ptes	2	1
114 Inf Reg	Sjts	1	12
Mantova Div	Cpls	1	1
	Ptes	3	1
51 Engr Bn	Sjts		2
	Cpls	1	1
	Ptes	1	1
51 Med Sec	Sjts	1	2
	Cpls	2	2
	Ptes	10	19
TOTAL (Trade)			58
		6	6
		2	2
		10	2
		3	5
			92

Table 2 - Distribution by Trades and class.

Class.	Totals
1920	1
21	15
22	12
23	15
24	19
25	16
26	104
27	5
28	2

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1920	1
21	15
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24	19
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26	1047
27	5
28	2

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FROM V. HAV

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FROM
TO
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ADOS LINTA

011755A

Nov

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COULD A RULING PLEASE BE GIVEN IF THIS APPLIES TO THE ITALIAN DIVISIONS.
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COMPLICATED RETURNS. THIS OFFICE STAFF TOO SMALL TO COPE WITH THESE
RETURNS CENTRALLY. IF NECESSARY FOR ITALIANS WILL ENDEAVOUR TO EXPLAIN
PERSONALLY TO EACH UNIT INFORMATION REQUIRED. AS VOTE 9 IS PAID FOR BY
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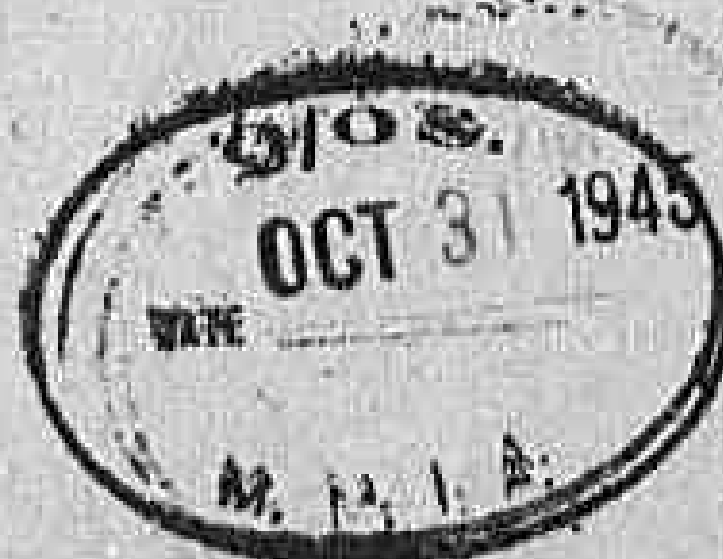
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 TO : 2 DISTRICT
 EMIA
 INFO: 3 DISTRICT
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PARA ONE : RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE GRUPPI AS BETWEEN DISTRICTS AND EMIA REQUIRE CLARIFICATION (.)

PARA TWO : UNTIL RETURNED TO THE CONTROL OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ALL GRUPPI ARE UNDER ALLIED COMMAND AND ARE UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF TWO DISTRICT (.)

PARA THREE (.) ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING (.) EMIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING OF THE GRUPPI (.) EMIA WILL ENSURE THAT INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE MATTERS ARE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH TWO DISTRICT WHERE ANY OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE INVOLVED AND WILL ADVISE THE ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY AND TWO DISTRICT OVER ACCOMMODATION TO EFFECT WHERE POSSIBLE CONCENTRATION OF GRUPPI FOR TRAINING (.)

PARA FOUR (.) ADMINISTRATION (.) THE GRUPPI ARE AT PRESENT ADMINISTERED BY TWO DISTRICT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF EMIA (.) CONDITIONS COVERING ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRUPPI ARE CONTAINED IN AG LETTER 091.711/169 OCT-O DATED 16 NOV 44 (.)

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Subject: - WIA Adm. Instr.
No. 28.

Land Forces Sub Comm. S. G.
(S.I.I.)

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6 Oct 45.

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Ref. your Q/3/194 of 26 Sept.

— see file Q/75 in Q' Bch.

Para 7 of Adm. Instr 28 states specifically that the provisions of the Instruction apply only to WIA SERVICE troops and certain IRI-ITI Units.

WIA SG RAY troops will, therefore, continue to be clothed on the original scale.

Major,
WIA,
S.I.I.

Copy to: - 50 BLD
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FINANCE (PLISS)

D.O.S. CIRCULAR NO. 224

Subject: Accounting for Issues to Italian Armed Forces
and their Agencies.

1. DOS Circular No. 206 is cancelled.

2. DOS Circular No. 167 dated 14 Nov 44, as amended by Amendment No. 1, shows the various categories into which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces are divided, and the channels through which clothing and equipment is supplied.

3. From the circular mentioned at para 2, it will be noted that the British Army is concerned only with clothing and equipment for the following:-

- (a) Br-Itis (i.e. Italian Armed Forces under British Command)
- (b) Italian Combat Groups (Gruppi di Combattimento) who are, in effect, Br-Itis.

The British Army is responsible for fully equipping and clothing (a). With regard to (a) however, the proportionate share (as allocated by MIA between Br-Itis and other classes of the Italian Army) of the entire resources of the Italian Army is available for the equipping and clothing of Br-Itis. To supplement this, where the share allocated by MIA to Br-Itis is insufficient, periodic releases of Grade III and other clothing will be made by AFHQ and MIA.

5. Accounting

- (a) Br-Itis. (including Italian Combat Groups). In accordance with DOS Circular No. 167 direct issues should not normally be made from British Army stocks to these troops. Where issues of Grade III clothing are made to MIA under AFHQ authority an acknowledged copy of the voucher will be retained by the issuing depot from Land Forces Sub Commissioner, MIA, AG, CME, and no further action is necessary. (See 8(a) below regarding method of completion of vouchers.) Scales of issues are given in Appendix 'H' of MIA Admin Instruction No. 12 of 13 Oct 44.

(b) Italian Combat Groups

(1) Clothing. The basic clothing and individual equipment

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Scopes of issues are given in Appendix 'B' of MIA Admin Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct 44.

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- (b) Italian Combat Groups

- (i) Clothing. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale is set down in AG 400/105 DO dated 22 Sep 44. Annexure 'B' para 1, and will be the subject of a Dev action clause under arrangements made between Financial Adviser, AFHQ, AG, CTF and Land Forces Sub Commission, AFHQ, AG, CTF. See fo. 72.

- (ii) Other Items. All other items of equipment are non-expendable nature which may be authorized for issue in accordance with para 3(a) second sub para of AG 400/105 DO dated 22 Sep 44. It will be regarded as on a temporary loan basis as outlined in para 12 of AG 400/105 GDS-0 dated 5 Oct 44. Procedure as in (iii) below will apply.

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- (iii) (a) Vouchers for all issues made to Italian Combat Groups are in possession of DADOS BLUs. From these vouchers DADOS BLU will prepare a consolidated list of all issues except for items at para b (1) which are the subject of a per capita charge.
- (b) Where units disband, or are instructed to hand in their equipment, DADOS BLU will obtain from units a list in quadruplicate, of all items returned which will be checked with the equipment handed in and one signed copy of the list returned to the unit as a receipt.
- (c) DADOS BLU will prepare a consolidated deficiency list showing the difference between :-
- i) Stores issued
 - ii) Stores returned.
- and will forward this list in duplicate to Land Forces Sub Commission MIA, AC, CMR together with the receipted copy of the issue vouchers and the receipted list of stores which have been returned, as supporting documents.
- (d) Deficiency lists will be priced in the case of Vote 7 and 8 Stores and Vote 9 where the prices are available. In the case of items not priced in the vocabulary, one copy of the unpriced list will be sent to MIA, and one copy to Ministry of Supply, Gen/Vocab Section, Horseferry Road, London, SW1, with a request for prices to be ascertained, and returned direct to MIA.
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7. Issues in excess of approved scales will not be made to Italian Combat Groups. Any issues be made direct to other Br-Itis without authority from AFHQ.
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- i) Stores issued
- ii) Stores returned.

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- (i) Date of Issue
- (ii) Ordnance depot making the issue
- (iii) Authority for issue
- (iv) Unit to which issue was made
- (v) Standard nomenclature and grade of items
- (vi) Quantity

...../(vii) Price

- (vii) Price (for new or part worn articles as applicable).
- (viii) Total value
- (ix) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer and his name typed underneath.
- (x) Countersignature of O.C. Issuing Unit.

(b) Certain items of equipment of a non-expendable nature may be authorised only by AFHQ for use by Bri-Itis in the performance of specific tasks. When such equipment is authorised, action in accordance with G-1(B1)/3001/1/42 of June 45, para 14, will be taken by DDOS concerned.

9. This instruction does not apply to issues made to AMG or Allied Commission (as distinct from MIA) or to issues made direct to Italian Government agencies for civilian use, (i.e. other than for Armed Forces). The method of accounting for these issues will be as laid down in GHO 479 of 1943, schedules and vouchers required thereunder being forwarded to the Financial Adviser (Br), AFHQ, CEF.

10. The procedure laid down in this circular will take effect immediately.

11. Rates to be charged for Clothing, Boots and Rags handed over to MIA will be as follows :-

(a) New and Grade I Clothing & Boots

Full vocabulary rate plus freight and departmental expenses.
See DOS Circular No. 69 of 30 Jan 44.

(b) Repaired Grade II Clothing & Boots

75% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.

(c) Repaired Grade III Clothing & Boots

50% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.

(d) Unrepaired Grade III Clothing & Boots

35% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.

(e) Cotton rags, - irrespective of type - 250 per ton.

(f) Wool rags issued in bulk - 2150 per ton.

(g) Unreparable boots - 3/- per pair.

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Recd. HQ MMIA

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DADOS BLVS - 6 } Sent plus

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(A.I. NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj Gen
DOS

Subject: Equipment - Gd. Bns.

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Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/OS/7

24 August 1945.

To: MMIA LO NW ITALY

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2. Will you see Two District and find out exactly what are the problems to be solved for:
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 - (b) Ordinary Gd. Bns. who are ITI-ITI Category.
3. Relevant DOS instructions are DOS circulars 167 and 205 which will be in the possession of Ord Two District. A further DOS Circular No. 222 is in course of publication and covers the changing-up to the Italian Government of itmes on loan to the Combat Forces. This circular should reach Two District in a few days.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

19 April 1945.

AG 091.711/051 GCT-O

Subject: Org Process - Italian Army Units - Transfer of
Category within BR-ITI Ceiling.

To: ALL CONCERNED.

1. Reference is made to letter from G-3, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2 dated 6 April 1945.

2. Combat status of all units shown in Part 11 of Appendix "A" to the above letter is confirmed. In addition the following units will be carried within the combat ceiling:

a. 1 Italian Guard Regiment - strength 2,473. This regiment will be issued with khaki battledress and may be administered in North West Italy in the same way as the Italian Combat Groups. The regiment will be equipped with Italian arms, to shortage of British equipment.

b. GARIBALDI REGT - strength 2,683.

c. Spare ceiling and rfts - strength 2,907. This total includes 607 spare ceiling and 25% holding of rfts for the new combat commitment.

3. To accommodate the transfers involved in paragraph 2 above, the breakdown of the BR-ITI ceiling will be adjusted by a changeover of 12,000 from service category to combat category. Revised totals will be:

Service Tps including 5% rfts	85,800
Combat Tps including 25% rfts	74,700
	<u>160,500</u>

4. Transfers in no way affect matters of purely Italian administration which will be discussed separately with the Italian War Ministry by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA).

5. Formal amendments to letter under reference will follow.

1. Reference is made to letter from G-3, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2 dated 6 April 1945.

2. Combat status of all units shown in Part 11 of Appendix "A" to the above letter is confirmed. In addition the following units will be carried within the combat ceiling:

a. 1 Italian Guard Regiment - strength 2,473. This regiment will be issued with khaki battledress and may be administered in North West Italy in the same way as the Italian Combat Groups. The regiment will be equipped with Italian arms, to shortage of British equipment.

b. GARIBALDI REGT - strength 2,683.

c. Spare ceiling and rfts - strength 2,907. This total includes 607 spare ceiling and 25% holding of rfts for the new combat commitment.

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHALL ALEXANDER.

Sgnd. EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General.

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Subject: MR-VI, Adm. Div. Depots.

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

9/03/DOS/5
23 August 1945.

To: AFHQ for MR. Ord. (Plans)

Reference your telephone request, it is considered that Appx. A to DOS Circular 167 should now read:

ER. Fun.	Italian Fun.	Div. Locn.	Sub Depot Locn.	MILIA LO
XIII Corps	226 Div.	MINA	DOLLO	MILIALO 55 Area
HQ 2 Dist.	209 Div.	PADUA	GESENA	" 209 Div.
" " "	231 Div.	MILAN	MILAN	" Pactus N.W. Italy
HQ 3 Dist	227 Div.	NAPLES	NAPLES	" MILAN 3 District
" " "	227 Div. (East. Det.)	BARI	BARI	" 54 Area
" " "	230 Div.	FLORENCE	FLORENCE	" Florence City Command

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Major General M 038
M.M.I.A.

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Reference your telephone request, it is considered that Appx. A to DOS Circular 157 should now read:

HR. Plan.	Italian Plan.	Div. Loan.	Sub Depot Loan.	MILIA LO
XIII Corps	228 Div.	MIRA	DOLLO	MILIALO 55 Area
HQ 2 Dist.	209 Div.	PADUA	CESENA	" 209 Div.
" " "	231 Div.	MILAN	MILAN	" Padua
HQ 3 Dist	227 Div.	NAPLES	NAPLES	" N.W. Italy
" " "	227 Div. (East. Det.)	BARI	BARI	" MILAN
" " "	230 Div.	FLORENCE	FLORENCE	" 3 District
				" 54 Area
				" Florence City Command

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M.M.I.A.

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FROM AFHQ

TO NMIA

REF No F3324I

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SUBJECT IS SHEETS FROM ITALIAN MILITARY SOURCES (.) CITE NAQMC
SIGNED CONGENMED (.) REQUEST ALL THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BE
DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND BRITISH ARMIES (.)
FBS TO RECEIVE FOR UNITED STATES (.) 557 BOD TO RECEIVE FOR
BRITISH (.) SHEETS WILL BE TAKEN OVER AGAINST SIMPLE RECEIPT

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Subject :- STORES FOR BRITISH UNITS.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O.

FLORENCE COMMAND.

Ref your 50/1 of 23 July 45 and 220/0 of 20 July 45.

1. While it is agreed that it is desirable for stocks of Italian Unit equipment to be held in Div sub depots, it is regretted that stocks of these stores are insufficient to permit dispersal at present.

2. It is therefore necessary for the procedure laid down in MIA Adm No 11 to continue to be followed - a copies of demands for unit equipment should be forwarded to the Ministry of War and one copy by you to this office for information.

3. Releases will be made where possible from Italian stocks. Items not available from Italian sources will be so certified in order that the relative demand may be placed through British channels.

4. It is not necessary for all items on B.S.L.'s and S.S.L.'s to be demanded as they are not required under present conditions.

5. The provisions of the following extract from GHO 812/45 apply with equal force to M.I.I. Units :-

"In future before submitting indents for Ordnance stores, units will consider whether such stores are absolutely necessary for their present role. Units will not draw Ordnance stores merely because there is an entitlement under AF G1098, SAL or other authority. The fact of a unit refraining from drawing stores under this GHO will not preclude a subsequent indent being placed should necessity arise."

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

Q/00/11/6

1 August 45.

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4. It is not necessary for all items on B.E.L.'s and S.E.L.'s to be demanded as they are not required under present conditions.
5. The provisions of the following extract from GHO 812/45 apply with equal force to BR-IT Units :-

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"In future before submitting indents for Ordnance stores, units will consider whether such stores are absolutely necessary for their present role. Units will not draw Ordnance stores merely because there is an entitlement under AF G1090, GML or other authority. The fact of a unit refraining from drawing stores under this GHO will not preclude a subsequent indent being placed should necessity arise."

W. A. Baddock

W. A. BADDOCK, Major
for Col. DA & GHO,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- CLOTHING AT RTC ICF
CESAF.

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Q/OS/11/1
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M R
Q/OS/24

To: "P" Br. Liaison and
Trg Unit (2)
R.T.C. I.C.F.

30 July 45.

Ref. your AQ/5/1045 of 23 July 45.

Enclosed herewith for information is a copy of notes
of a conference held 28 July in the office of A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C.
re clothing at R.T.C. I.C.F.

W.A. Badcock

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

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CLOTHING for training at RTC ICE CESANO

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NOTES of CONFERENCE 28 JULY 45

Present: Lt.Col. REED ADOS RAAC
Maj. JEFFERIES DADOS "F" BLTU
Maj. BADCOCK DADOS MMIA

1. The policy detailed in "F" BLTU letter AQ/5/1045 of 23 July 45 to HQ, M.M.I.A. (copy attached) was noted.
2. Ref. para 5 of a/q letter - it was agreed that, in view of the general shortage of clothing (as emphasised in GRO 849/45) it would be inadvisable to issue instructions that, when a soldier is posted to a BRITI service unit, the green BD which he had worn during training should necessarily be replaced by a fresh issue. It was considered that this should be done only if the BD had become unserviceable.
3. The question of the basic scale of for troops under training was discussed and it was agreed that - while there were disadvantages such as a lowering of morale and difficulties in arranging a change of clothing for a number of men at short notice - the winter scale of clothing and necessaries for BRITI Service troops should be adopted for all troops under training at CESANO with the addition of British web equipment - British web equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to BRITI Service and held in a pool for re-issue, Grade III clothing and personal equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to Combat Groups and Grade I clothing issued to them together with the British items of clothing and personal equipment on the Combat Group scale.
4. To implement this training scale it would be necessary to transfer a stock of Grade III green battle dress and other clothing and personal equipment from BRITI stocks to RTC ICE CESANO.
5. In order to accommodate Grade III clothing and Italian equipment at CESANO it would probably be necessary to reduce stocks of British Grade I clothing and equipment held at CESANO as storage space was limited - and to hold a reserve in the ADOS Dump ROME. 1034
6. It was agreed that - in order to make provision for the winter and to decide on quantities of each type of clothing to be held - it is essential to have a reasonable estimate of the number of troops likely to pass through CESANO each month for posting to

(a) Combat Groups (b) BRIT Service units.

If troops were to be equipped to correct scales before being sent forward it would be necessary for reasonable notice to be received of numbers and Categories to be sent forward.

7. Other points connected with organisation at CESANO were discussed which will be included in a similar report being submitted by Major JEFFERIES DADOS "F" BLTU.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major.

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SUBJECT:- Clothing at R.T.C. I.C.F.

COPY

WFO BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/5/1045

23 July 45.

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

Reference your Q/OS/11/1 of 21 July 45 and confirming conversation Col. HOAKES - Major BADOCK - Major GILARDI of same date.

1. It is understood from "A" Branch M.M.I.A. that there will be no postings out of Cesano for Service Units until, probably, the end of September. In the meantime therefore, it is suggested that until say the beginning of September, all personnel posted to R.T.C. I.C.F. should be equipped according to Combat scale, as at present.

2. It is understood that there is no likelihood of there being one Clothing Scale for all troops of the Italian Army for some considerable time and that troops posted to Combat or Service units must be clothed according to the applicable scale.

3. It is also understood that all clothing for Service Groups will be supplied ex M.M.I.A. Depots and all clothing for Combat Scale will be supplied ex British Depots through R.A.A.C.

4. It is agreed that:-

- a) Permanent staff at R.T.C., I.C.F. will be equipped according to Combat Scale.
- b) In view of the fact that all reinforcements received the same training at R.T.C., I.C.F. and are only earmarked for Combat or Service units at the end of their training, it is considered essential that there be only one scale of clothing for reinforcements under trg. All reinforcements arriving at R.T.C., I.C.F. should therefore be equipped according to a basic scale not

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 - c) That clothing in possession of each individual will be made up to the appropriate scale before he is despatched to his new Unit.
5. It is also agreed that while under training all reinforcements will be issued, when winter dress is worn, with Green Battle Dress. On being posted to their own units the suit of Battle Dress worn during the period of training will be withdrawn and appropriate clean Battle Dress, either Khaki or Green, according to whether the individual is going to Combat or Service Troops, will be issued. All diary Battle Dress will be returned to M.M.I.A. Depot, Naples.

for disinfection, washing and re-issue.

6. It is pointed out that no guarantee can be given that individuals will only be issued with all items corresponding to their Service Group; that is Combat Troopers may join their units with items issued from M.M.I.A. stocks if these form part of the recruits' basic equipment, and vice versa, Service Troops may join their units with such items issued from R.A.A.C.

7. It is considered that a clothing stock should be held at R.T.C. I.C.F. to cover one month's requirements - at present this is estimated to be 3,000 sets of each Combat and Service scalings.

8. It is agreed that a conference should be held between A.D.O.S., Rome Area Allied Command, D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A., and D.A.D.O.S., "W" B.L. & T.U., to agree the basic scale for recruits training. It is requested that D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. please arrange this conference as soon as possible.

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(SGG) ? GELARDI, Major
for Colonel
Commander 'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit R.T.C. I.C.F.

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Subject: VEHICLE CENSUS -
CARRIERS UNIVERSAL.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
A 3-2
3/CS/11/1

30 July 45.

To: 50 BLU 53 BLU
51 BLU 56 BLU
52 BLU "F" BLU

1. The following 11 Carriers Universal were issued by Ord.
T4 Pks on dates as shown to the Italian UTILI Div, which was
later incorporated in the LEGHANO Combat Group.

UTILI DIV.				
VD No.	TYPE	MK	EX	DATE
T 11188	Carrier Univer- sal	I	37 Pol Corps O.P.F.	27-6-44
11845	"	I	5 Corps O.P.F.	6-6-44
21303	"	I	"	9-6-44
21469	"	I	"	9-6-44
33369	"	I	"	9-6-44
143412	"	I	"	9-6-44
202693	"	II	"	9-6-44
56560	"	IX	"	9-6-44
57613	"	IX	"	9-6-44
175116	"	IX	"	9-6-44
55971	"	IX	"	8-6-44

2. These vehicles are not shown on census returns.

3. Will 52 BLU and other addressees please arrange for a
careful check to be made and submit a report as soon as possible
giving all information available regarding these Carriers.

To: 50 BU 53 BU
51 BU 56 BU
52 BU "F" BU

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2. These vehicles are not shown on census returns.
3. Will 52 BU and other addressees please arrange for a careful check to be made and submit a report as soon as possible giving all information available regarding these Carriers Universal including present or past location or known casualties affecting them.

Approved
W.A. MADDOCK, Major
for Major General,
M.A.I.A.

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See 51 BU letter 038/1 7 8 Aug.

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See 51 BU letter 1280/207 of 9 AUG (File 9/05/38)

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YOUR QS 395 OF 28 (.)

(1) YOUR PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 AGREED (.) SEE ALSO LETTER
AFHQ/1057/C(aint) OF 28 JUL 45 PROBABLY NOT YET RECEIVED
BY YOU (.)

(2) YOUR PARAGRAPH 4 (.) THIS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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TO AFHQ : MMIA

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YOUR FX26391 OF 21 FX 26894 AND FX 27084 OF 23 CITE FIELDQ(.) SUBJECT
IS PARA 8 OF BRIT ADM INSTRUCTION NO. 7 AS AMENDED BY YOU(.)

(1) IN VIEW CESSATION BRIT MIL MAINT EXCL COAL BULK FOL AND FROZEN
MEAT BY SEA AFTER 2 SEP AM FLAGGING FUTURE SUPS ON FOLLOWING LINES(.)
PLEASE CONFIRM THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INTENTIONS(.)

(2) STOCKS AT 42 RSD AND 58 RSD GENOA WILL BE EATEN DOWN AND THOSE
INSTALLATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED(.) SUPS FOR BRIT MAINT WILL BE
RAILED BY PACK TO 93 DID MILAN 203 DID GENOA AND SEC 203 DID TURIN
WHICH WILL HOLD 7 DAYS RES ADDITIONAL TO 7 DAYS MAINT STOCKS(.)
RPT SUPS WILL BE CONSIGNED BY RAIL DIRECT TO 49 BIS MILAN 40 BIS GENOA
52 BIS TURIN(.)

(3) NO QUESTION OF REESTABLISHING RSD OR RSD IN MILAN

(4) REQUEST YOU CLARIFY WHETHER HQ 2 DISTRICT ABSOLVED FROM RESPONSIBILITY
TO CLEAR 2000 TPD MIL AND ALCON SUPS FROM GENOA DOCKS AFTER DISCHARGE
OF SHIPS ARRIVING UP TO 2 SEP INCL. (.) IF

(5) FOR MMIA (.) REQUEST YOU NOTIFY FIRM DATE AND PLAN FOR ASSUPTION
OWN MAINT BY ITALIAN ARMY UNITS WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE BY RAIL AFTER
2 SEP

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Log FX 29550 of 29 Jul. ref.

Subject : Maintenance of Br-Itis

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/9187/Q(AE)

24 Jul 45

M.M.I.A. ✓

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.

possible
service units
only?

He probably has enough BD,
but not enough boots, which
will probably limit the
use of the units only.

JJS/NH

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

Col. A.

Present BRM stocks of boots battledress are as follows:

	TABLES	BOOTS	TOTAL
Green BD	131,000	33,000	= 164,000
Green BD	135,000	49,000	= 184,000
* Boots	80,000	48,000	= 128,000

* After deducting
20,000 for
10,000 for BD

Q105/11/1 : Q105/11/5
Q105/11/1 : Q105/11/1

28. Clothing.

It has been possible to put all BR-ITI Service Troops into KD this summer. Stocks of clothing for BR-ITI troops for the coming winter are inadequate to maintain the existing strengths. In view of the express intention of ceasing the supply of Grade 3 Battle Dress, boots, etc (your 9487/QAE 24 July refers) a progressive diminution in the number of BR-ITI Service troops is essential if a clothing crisis is to be avoided.

Similarly the supply of salvage material from U.S. sources is falling off and this diminution in the production of clothing is not being offset to any appreciable extent by Italian Army clothing recovered from the North. While the extent of such stocks is not yet accurately assessed it is clear that Allied assistance will be needed to produce sufficient clothing for the Italian Army. The output from factories under M.M.I.A. control is decreasing and will fall off very rapidly if Allied salvage articles cease to be made available.

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30 July.

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Subject: Census of Warlike Stores.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/6510/1/Q(AE)

24 Jul 45

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1. It is requested that every effort be made to conform to census procedure and to render census returns accurately.

2. Certain points enumerated below are drawn to your attention as causing difficulty at the present time. It will be appreciated if these may be watched and corrected where necessary.

- (a) Returns are, in some cases, rendered incomplete.
e.g. An Inf Regt less the portion for one Bn.
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Copy to: HQ MHA.
Q(AE)4, GHQ, MEF.

L. S. Cornford

L.G. CORNFORD, Lt. Col.,
for Major General, G-4(B).

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Mr. C. M. MICHAELSON Q(AE) AFHQ call on 27 June. re 11 Carriers returned

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[Signature]

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Q(AE)4, GHQ, MEF.

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L.G. Coenford

L.G. COENFORD, Lt. Col.,
for Major General, G-4(B).

W. L. MICHAELSON Q(AE) AFHQ called 27 June. re 11 German's Movement
issued in June 44 to the 171st Div but ~~not~~ now shown
on census returns

See letter HQ AFHQ 27 June 45 (7085)

See 70102

Subject:- CLOTHING R.T.C. I.C.F.

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

"P" Br.Liaison and
Trg Unit.

21 July 45.

Ref. your AQ/5/1001 of 16 July 45.

1. A revised scale of clothing for BR-ITI Combat and Service troops is under consideration by AFHQ.
2. In the meantime it is considered that a scale of clothing for troops under training should be agreed between yourselves and the Italian Commander and that - as already suggested by Col. NOAKES to Maj. GELARDI - Maj. JEFFRIES (D/BS "F" BLTU) should visit this H.Q. in order to assist in reaching agreement on this scale.
3. When troops are posted to Combat or Service units it will be necessary for them to be clothed to the scale applicable. Copy of basic scale of clothing for BR-ITI service troops is enclosed herewith.
4. Stocks of grade III clothing and certain personal equipment for BR-ITI service troops are held at NAPLES from which your estimated requirements at GESANO will be supplied.

W.A. Badcock

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

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BASIC CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT SCALE FOR
BR-III SERVICE TROOPS.

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

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DATED 17 JULY YOUR GO 55 (.) APPENDIX 'A' TO OP MEMO 77 OF 7 JULY APPLIES
TO ALL ITALIAN TROOPS (SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOTO) UNDER BRITISH COMMAND (.)

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FROM: AMHQ STATED SACRED CITE PHOZ

TO : ROME AREA
MMIA

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WITH EFFECT FROM 18 AND WILL BE MADE FORTHWITH AVAILABLE
FOR THE TASKS STATED IN MMIA LETTER SD/6/2 OF 5 (.)
AIM COOD WILL REMAIN WITH ROME AREA ALLIED
COOD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.) THIS COY WILL NOT CONTINUE
PRESENT UNAUTHORISED TASK OF MAINTAINING PICHNO
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE FOR WHICH
OTHER VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY ALLOTTED

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INFO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY-AMIA

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B. THE NUMBERS AS IN A ABOVE WHICH CAN BE REGARDED AS SURPLUS TO ANY FORSEEABLE REQUIREMENTS (.)

FOUR: EQUIPMENT IN 3 WOULD BE WITHDRAWN INTO PARKS FROM WHICH IT COULD BE REISSUED IN AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING CHANGE OF ROLE (.)
MAINTENANCE (.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 542

AG 386.3/163 LOG-C

22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY.

TO:

Commanding Generals,
15th Army Group, APO 777
Fifth Army, APO 464
Peninsular Base Section, APO 732
Headquarters, Eighth Army
General Officer Commanding, No.1 District
General Officer Commanding, No.2 District
General Officer Commanding, No.3 District

1. OBJECT OF THIS DIRECTIVE - The object of this directive is to indicate the manner of dealing with captured and/or surrendered enemy war material in ITALY. The following pertinent letters, this headquarters, are hereby reissued:

AG 386.3/163 LOG-C, dated 22 April 1945, subject as above
AG 386.3/163 LOG-C, dated 2 May 1945, subject as above
AG 386.3/163 GCT-C, dated 13 May 1945, subject as above
AG 386.3/163 GCT-C, dated 9 June 1945, subject as above.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTROL, ALLOCATION AND DISPOSAL OF ENEMY MATERIAL.

- a. The control of all enemy material in this theater is vested in the Supreme Allied Commander.
- b. The allocation, use and disposal of enemy material (either captured in the course of operations or as a result of enemy disarmament following a surrender) is a responsibility of command, which will be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this directive.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a. Captured or Surrendered Enemy War Material - (hereafter referred to as enemy material) includes any material of whatever nature and wherever situated, intended for war on land, in the air, or on the sea, or which is, or may be, or has been at any time in use by, or intended for use by, the armed forces, civil defense or other formations or organizations under the control or influence of the German Government, German authorities, or Governments or authorities of any states now allied to or associated with Germany.

- b. Withdrawal Authority is the military authority in whom power to authorize withdrawal is vested.

4. PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED

- a. Allied Naval, Ground and Air Forces Responsibilities - Enemy Naval and Air Forces material will be dealt with and the necessary reports and returns made by the Allied Naval and Air Forces respectively, subject to such convenient adjustments as may be necessary to deal with cases where the Allied Naval and Air Services do not correspond in their command with the Allied

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3. Allied Ground Forces Staff and Service Responsibilities for
Equipmenting and Control - The responsibility for the taking
over (or the collection where necessary) and the safeguarding of all enemy
Ground Forces war material is placed upon the Commanding Generals of Fifth
and Eighth Armies, Headquarters 1 and 2 Districts, and Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section in their respective areas. This responsibility will
be exercised through the normal Allied Staff and technical service channels
appropriate to type of material concerned. It is desired that the arrangements
made by Armies be such that continuity of management when headquarters of 1 and
2 Districts and Peninsular Base Section take over Armies' areas in Northern
Italy.

5. CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES AT AFHQ - The control of enemy materials
will be exercised by AFHQ through normal command and technical channels
appropriate to the material concerned.

6. CLASSIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL -

a. Enemy Ground Forces war material will be classified into
categories by the authorities designated below. Notes amplifying classification
and withdrawals are at Appendix "A" to this directive.

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REPORTS

a. Addressees will report as of the 15th of each month (commencing with 15th June 1945) to reach this headquarters by the 28th of the same month all serviceable captured enemy material in dumps. Initially such reports will be in brief form and special efforts will be made to ensure the fullest possible reports on material which is significant for maintenance of POW or Allied troops including redeployment operations. In addition to the inventories called for above, addressees will as of the 15th of each month designate such material as is in excess of their requirements. The first report of excesses will be as of 15 July 1945.

b. No special reports are required in connection with material which is not repairable. It should be rendered innocuous (where necessary) and turned over to Allied military salvage organizations.

c. As of the 15th of each month (commencing with 15 June 1945) to reach this headquarters by the 28th of the same month addressees will report the following information in respect of all captured general purpose (H) vehicles showing vehicles of Italian make separately.

- (1) Numbers and types organized into car/truck companies, held by units within establishments, or otherwise.
- (2) Numbers and types handed over to other agencies.
- (3) Numbers and types awaiting issue.
- (4) Numbers and types awaiting repair.

8. PRIORITIES FOR TAKING OVER AND COLLECTION

a. Material will be taken over (or collected where necessary) in the following order:

- (1) Category 1.
- (2) Category 2.
- (3) Category 3.
- (4) Other categories and uncategorized material as convenient unless otherwise ordered by this headquarters.
- (5) Unserviceable material and scrap.

b. The order in which material in category 2 is to be taken over or collected will normally be as follows:

- (1) Vehicles which are serviceable or a source of spares.
- (2) Food, clothing and coal.
- (3) Animals.
- (4) Petrol, oil, lubricants (including containers therefor).
- (5) Signal Stores.
- (6) Medical, dental and veterinary stores, equipment and drugs.
- (7) Technical railway stores and equipment.
- (8) Docks and inland water transport, stores and equipment.
- (9) Engineer stores and equipment.
- (10) All other serviceable and repairable Ground Forces material.

9. POLICIES

a. Retention of materials by units or individuals - Retention by units or individuals of such materials unless properly authorized in accordance with this instruction and other pertinent directives is forbidden.

b. Use of material by Allied Commanders - Authority is granted for the maximum use to be made of enemy material required for the support of Allied Forces (including essential civil requirements) or for the maintenance of enemy forces.

c. Recaptured material of Italian Military Origin - Recaptured material of Italian Military origin which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian Military authorities for Italian maintenance. Such material may also be used by Italian troops for support of operations. The channel of transaction in material of Italian origin

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d. War material of US, British, Russian, or French origin

(1) It will be the policy to return to the Russian and French authorities all material which was formally the property of the Russian and French Governments. Pending further instructions all material that is apparently of Russian and French ownership will be segregated and reported to this HQ.

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e. War Factories and War Factory Production - The policies contained in letter, this headquarters, File AG 383.3/687 GDC-C, dated 14 Feb 1945, subject: "Policy on Italian Munitions Production" will apply.

f. Ammunition

(1) Attention is drawn to current instructions on the handling of enemy ammunition.

(2) Ammunition of German manufacture is in category 3 and in original containers will be centralized in a few selected parks under arrangements to be made by the addressees. German transport and personnel will be used for this purpose under Allied supervision.

(3) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will, under arrangements to be made by MILA, be reported by Carabinieri to the Italian Ministry of War. MILA will authorize the destruction by the Italian Ministry of War without reference to this headquarters of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. Incapacities will, if not available in the dumps, be demanded by MILA from Armies, Districts, or Base Section.

(4) Small Dumps of German and Italian ammunition (other than that in Category 3 in original containers) of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by German personnel under Allied supervision. German technical units may be formed for this purpose. If practicable the dumps will be recovered and be returned through Allied Army Salvage organizations.

(5) Larger Dumps of German and Italian ammunition in excess of 500 tons will be placed under guard, their contents reported and disposal instructions awaited.

(6) Nothing in these instructions is to be regarded in any way as restricting the authority of addressees to destroy ammunition in any quantity which is in a dangerous condition or constitutes a hazard to internal security, utilizing German personnel, under Allied supervision, for the work.

g. Animals

(1) It is expected that a large proportion of enemy-held animals will disappear before Allied control becomes effective. The remainder will be classified and where possible Malmgren-tested and Preston-branded from numbers allotted to Armies by this headquarters.

(2) Animals required for the maintenance of surrendered German forces will remain under German care and supervision.

(3) Animals in Categories 2 and 3 will be moved as soon as possible into Allied animal collecting centres. Separate instructions will be issued on this subject.

(4) The remainder will be handed over on temporary loan to civil authorities by AMG who will obtain receipts.

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h. War Material alienated by the Enemy - Any alienation of war material by the enemy, out of the ordinary course of army administration (for example, materials which may have been sold to the civilians in anticipation of surrender) entered into within three months before the date of surrender shall be provisionally regarded as voidable, and, if required, the material so alienated will be summarily recovered.

(2) Repairs to Enemy Material - Except on instructions from this HQ, no attempt will be made to repair enemy material other than that categorised in Categories 1 and 2, but category 3 material will be preserved to the extent of being put in grease and under cover where appropriate. With the exception of Category 1, enemy material may be modified as required for abnormal uses.

3. Passenger and Load-Carrying Vehicles

- (1) To allow for the maintenance of enemy forces and in order to save Allied transport, car and truck companies of German make, by types, will be formed. Whenever practicable, however, such vehicles will not be issued without workshop inspection and never without WD numbers and full registration.
- (2) The issue of enemy vehicles to existing Allied units will be permitted only in cases where such units have deficiencies in their TMs (TSS).
- (3) Italian Army vehicles captured after the armistice with Italy will be dealt with in accordance with Section II, AFM, Circular Number 5, 1945, and returned to the appropriate Italian authorities through AFM. All other captured Italian vehicles whether requisitioned or not will be turned over to Allied Commission. Italian vehicles are defined as vehicles of Italian make. Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by the R-3 on the dashboard or instrument panel. If doubt arises as to whether a vehicle of Italian make is a civilian or military vehicle, such vehicle will be turned over to AFM who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with Allied Commission. Receipts for all vehicles handed over to Allied Commission or AFM will be obtained. As the retention of vehicles of Italian make against deficiencies in unit establishments is, at present, authorized, the ultimate hand-over to Allied Commission or AFM of such vehicles may be postponed until further orders are issued by this headquarters. Every effort will be made to hand-over to AFM all stocks of spare parts including types for Italian military vehicles which are marked with R-3 or are otherwise identifiable as having been the property of the Italian Ministry of War. Stocks of spares for Italian civilian vehicles will similarly be handed over to Allied Commission or in doubtful cases to AFM. Sufficient spares may be retained for such Italian vehicles as are held against deficiencies in unit establishments. Addressees will not normally be responsible for repairing vehicles of Italian make before they are handed over to Allied Commission or AFM. The responsibility for insuring the proper registration of, and the provision of drivers for all vehicles handed over to them will be that of Allied Commission or AFM as the case may be.

k. Captured Civilian Material

- (1) Captured material, which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of POW, which is apparently of a civil character and of Italian origin will be turned over to Allied Commission or AFM as appropriate, who will investigate ownership and authorize its return to its owners under such financial arrangements as may be appropriate. Material of this character, the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of by sale or otherwise as Allied Commission may determine. Proceeds of sales will be deposited in the Allied Finance Agency under Allied Commission direction and held pending further instructions from CCS.
- (2) Captured German civil material which is not required by the controlling service at this headquarters will be turned over to Allied Commission for disposal as above.
- (3) Captured civil material, which is of neither German or Italian origin will be reported to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited.

1. (Salvage Scrap) - Unrepairable enemy ground forces war material for which there is no further use, will be regarded as salvage (scrap) and will be dealt with in accordance with existing procedures.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALFREDER:

EDWARD R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGC
Asst Adjutant General,
(S&A)

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1. - Appendix "A" - Notes on classification and withdrawal of enemy war material

2.- Appendix "g" - List of Category 3 material.

DISCUSSION

5 Tech Addresses.
2 Combined Chiefs of Staff.
2 War Office(Lia for IMA3)
2 C-in-C Med.
2 Air C-in-C Med.
2 WAAF.
2 RAFAC
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2 Allied Commission Italy.

APPENDIX "A" to
letter, AFHQ, AG 386.3/463
LOG-C, dtd 22 June 1945.

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NOTES ON CLASSIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF EXCESS MATERIAL.

1. CATEGORY 1 MATERIAL. AFHQ will be responsible for indicating to addressees (by means of a list or through liaison officers) what material is to be placed in Category 1 and where it is to be consigned. Material thus placed in Category 1 is not available for any purpose. AFHQ is responsible for maintaining records of all material withdrawn under their authority.
2. CATEGORY 2 MATERIAL. Addressees, subject only to limitation in 1 above, will place any material which they need or likely to need in Category 2. They will maintain simple records of all Category 2 material which they authorize to be withdrawn (e.g. copies of the documents authorizing depots to make issue). Addressees will not prepare consolidated returns of material thus used until ordered by this HQ.
3. CATEGORY 3 MATERIAL. A list of Category 3 material which may be required for the IIR EAST is attached at Appendix "B". Addressees will locate such material and report the quantities held to this headquarters. Such inventories must be accurate and the material so reported must be frozen. AFHQ will declare how much of this material is to be placed in Category 3. AFHQ will be responsible for issuing disposal instructions and maintaining the records of withdrawals of Category 3 material.
4. CATEGORY 4 MATERIAL. If the policy in connection with the equipping of liberated armies is enunciated during the period this headquarters will issue a list of material that might be required under Category 4. The procedures will then be as for Category 3 material in paragraph 3 above.
5. CATEGORY 5 MATERIAL.
 - a. Material which must be destroyed for any reason e.g. perished foodstuffs, dangerous ammunition, will be placed in Category 5 by the addressees and destroyed. Simple records in broad terms of material which has been thus destroyed should be maintained by the addressees (e.g. a copy of the authorization to destroy the material). No returns of such destructions are required from the addressees until ordered by this headquarters.
 - b. All stocks of Toxic Gases will be placed in Category 5 and if practicable segregated under normal safety precautions. The approximate tonnage by types of fillings and locations will be reported to this HQ, which will then give disposal instructions. Isolated stocks of less than 100 tons may be destroyed by any suitable means if such destruction will help to reduce future transportation, or any other problem.

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LIST OF COUNTRY & NUMBERSerial 1 DISCLOSURE

San Francisco (Cuba and Mexico relations)

Therapeutic Effects (unpublished)

Serial 2 DISCLOSURE

7.000 (1000 copies)

7.000 (1000 copies) (1000 copies)

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Serial 3 DISCLOSURE

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Serial 4 DISCLOSURE

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Serial 5 DISCLOSURE

All types

Serial 6 DISCLOSURE

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2nd Signal Division (Major's wife)

Serial 2 RECEIVED

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SUBJECT: Clothing.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/5/1001

16 July 45.

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

1. Please advise whether all troops entering R.T.C., I.C.F. are to be equipped :

(a) To Italian Combat Force scale, irrespective of whether they will ultimately be posted to Gruppi or Service Units,

(b) Only on Service Unit scale while under training, or whether,

(c) there is going to be a special scaling for these recruits.

2. If Troops under training are to be equipped in accordance with (b) or (c) please advise the exact scalings.

Commander 'F' British Liaison & Training Unit RTC ICF

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NOTE

Col. Q. asked Maj. G. Shaw - pres
to ask of this letter - to send Maj. G.
Saffairs to this HQ to discuss the
question of clothing at Cassano.

Col. Q.
Informed Maj. G. Shaw
F. B. L. T. V. 21 Dec 45

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Subject:- Officers Shop - BR-ITI Tps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
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A.F.H.Q. for Q(AE).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.

FJH/ab

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

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Conf. Once DQMG's Office 9 Jul 45.

Present:

Allied

Col NOAKES
Lt Col ROSE
Major NEWTON
Major RADCOCK
Capt FORDYCE

Italian

General PELLIGRA
Lt Col CASERTANO

Q/OS/11/1

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-III 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 issues should be based on the average monthly strength of the Gruppi. The ED issue would be assessed on the May strength of the Gruppi.

2. Officers Shops. It was decided 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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Subject:- EQUIPMENT -- ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

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

R O M E

O/CS/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.

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

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.

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Subject:- EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/CS/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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53 B.L.U.
56 D.L.U.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 1 DISTRICT
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" " (c/o 2 DISTRICT

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

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CONFIDENTIALAllied Force Headquarters
APO 512

RVD/ES

G 400/005 GCT-O

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Equipment - Italian Combat Groups.

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

1. Reference is made to MHA 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, LCD
Asst Adjutant General

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66C O P YSUBJECT:- Equipment - Montova Group.

1D/2712/A/40

16 Jun 45

MM12

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

The question of handing in major equipment is obviously one affecting other Gruppi beside the Montova, 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 BIU
"G" 1 District
MM12 LG 1 District

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C O P YS E C R E TMO No.1 District

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13 June 45

Copy to:- IIIA

1. The MANTOVA Group holds a great deal of equipment which is not required for its present role of PW 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. At 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.

Lt.Col.
CS

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In the Field
AFC/mh

C O P YAPPENDIX "A"

The following equipments are not required by Combat Group 121 TCVA in its present role.

Types of Eqpt.	WE	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 40	12	12	
Trailer Arty	64	64	

SIGNAL

FROM: M H I A

DATE TIME

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TO(FOR ACTION) REAR EIGHTH ARMY
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TO(FOR INFO) PENSOUTH
 MINISTRY OF WAR
 AFHQ

Q/OS/318

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FOR M H I A L O SECOND ADDRESSEE FOR F O X
 231 DIV (.) LAST ADDRESSEE FOR Q(LX) (.) US-ITI AND ISU TPS
 TRANSFERRED TO BR-ITI SERVICE IN OLIVE DRAB OR GREEN DRESS WILL
 NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED WITH KING DOG CLOTHING (.) THIRD
 ADDRESSEE REF YOUR Q4 DATED 30 JUN

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

W. B. ...
Major

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Subject:- BR-ITI CLOTHING.

Spare.

Q/OS/H/I

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

5 July 45.

2 (AM) A.F.I.Q.

Ref. my Q/OS/H/I of 26 May/45.

1. Confirming conversation BRASLEY/DARCOCK 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 AD clothing.

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

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Subject:- BRITI CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT.

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

3 July 45.

M.M.I.A. D.O.
54 AREA.

Please ensure that items of clothing and equipment issued from BRITI stocks to ITI/ITI Units are reported to this H.Q. in order that authority for compensating transfer from ITI/ITI to BR-ITI stocks may be obtained.

W.A. Badcock

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

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TO : DIA

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To MMIA

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Ref your SD 2808 of 1645 July para added MMIA LO (.)
First (.) Info Recd from CE Distwo (.) Second (.) Ref vehs not
RPT not understood (.) Is provision vehs to Italian Service Tps
Allied responsibility query (.) Third (.) CE Distwo have requested
AFHQ for 23 Engr BN reclassify Briti (.) If agreed US vehs will
be withdrawn (.) Without vehs BN becomes inoperative (.) Please
forward authority covering issue Allied vehs in order to advise
Distwo (.) Ends (.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Equipment - MANTOVA Italian
Combat Group.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 518

ATHQ/642/Q(AE)

2 Jul 45

MMIA. ✓

Q(05) 4/7

Reference your QCS/11/1 dated 21 Jun 45. ✓ Ad.

1. For your information, it has been decided that no equipment will be removed from the MANTOVA Combat Group, or any other Italian Combat Groups.

2. You are requested to ensure that proper maintenance is carried out on all items of Allied equipment now held by the Combat Groups. Information from the Inspectorate of Unit Maintenance states that vehicles in particular are being allowed to deteriorate through lack of regular maintenance.

JJS/DY.

J.J. Sloan

J.J. SLOAN, Lt. Col.,
For Major General, G-4(B).

Col. O. This is practically a duplication of AFHQ letter
AH 440/005 GCT-O dated 1 July 45. Ad. Q(05) 5 Jul.
seen by Col NORRIS 5 Jul.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/005 GCT-0

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Equipment - Italian Combat Groups.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LEMA)

1. Reference is made to LMA 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:

AFHQ AG
(13)

Robert V. Benham
ROBERT V. BENHAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

BRANCH DMS

Seen by Col ROAKES 4 Jul 1945

Reply to 1 DISTRICT copies to AGD

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for AGD

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Subject:- Boots.

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

27 June 45.

E.M.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 BR-ITI 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 states submitted by dm. Divs.

W. J. Madcock
W. J. MADDOCK, Major
for Col. D. & M.,
E.M.I.A.

Copies to:- MH. 10 HAPLES
MINISTRY OF WAR

Internal Copy to:- Q(ME)

WJB/cb

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Subject:- Equipment - Mantova Group.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.G.
(M. W. I. A.) ROME.
QCE/11/1
22 Jan 1945.

To:-

H.Q. 1 District.

Reference your ID/2712/4/Q of 16th June 1945.

The question of handing in equipment is under consideration,
and we will write you further on this matter.

F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General
M. W. I. A.

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Subject: Equipment - MANTOVA GROUP.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) ROME.
008/11/1 ←

24 June 45

To: A.F.H.Q. FOR QAE.

Reference conversation REAMT - NOAKES.

All correspondence is forwarded to you for such action
as you consider necessary. No similar requests have been
received as regards other Combat Groups.

fr.
F.J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General.
M.H.I.A.

FJN/wh

Copy: "G" MIA.

AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GCT-0
of 1 July 45 refers.

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C O P YSUBJECT: Equipment - Mantova Group.

1D/2712/1/9

16 Jun 45

MEMO

Ref 56 BLU letter 7/9 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 HQ of the decision.

For Major General
Commanding
No.1 District .

Copy to: 56 BLU
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MEMO LO 1 District

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13 June 45

HQ No.1 DistrictCopy to : NMIA

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In the Field.
AWG/uh-----
Lt.Col.
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COPYAPPENDIX "A"

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SUBJECT :- Equipment - Mantova Group

4D/2712/A/O

16 Jun 45

MEMO

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Copy to :- 56 HLU
'C' 1 District
MEMO LO 1 District

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

See letter Q/OS/11/1 of 21 JUNE (with encls)

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TRANSLATION

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

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. TURIN 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:-

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- 2nd. Arrange for the despatch of volunteers with transport of his own formation. The clothing of volunteers will be the responsibility of the receiving unit. Formations will also ration the volunteers commencing from the date of arrival.

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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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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO (FOR ACTION): REAR EIGHTH ARMY

JUNE

TO (FOR INFO): DISTONE for NMIA LO
 DISTONE for NMIA LO
 IN INCH 3 ARMY for NMIA LO

REF NO. ORD/86(SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED*with ORD Records*

FOR NMIA LO FOR HERBERT (.) REF YOUR MH/021 (.) NMIA WILL
 NOT FURNISH STATIONERY FOR ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS (.) OBTAIN
 NECESSARY SUPPLIES FROM ITALIAN HQ (.) ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES
 ESTABLISHED BY NMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 11 IS NOT
 APPLICABLE TO SUB DIVISIONS (.) NMIA FORMS ORD/1 AND ORD/3
 FROM DIVISIONS SUB DEPTS NOT REQUIRED BY HQ NMIA

PRECEDENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

INTERNAL:

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AL-78 (Sgd.) L. C. HAMILTON
 Capt. Inf.

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*Copies to: MMIA to 6 Army. }
8 Army. }*

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Ministry of War - Ordnance Service Instructions for HQ 228
Division for Officers Shops.

Copies to 231 Div
228 Div
M.M.I.A.
Ministry of War
Cig Italian
Q Master General
Friuli Group
Folgore
Legnano
Cremona

Ref. No. 2996/1.c/Ord.
5 June 45

1. The Allied Commission has arranged for the constitution of 2 Officers Shops (static) whose function will be to supply items of clothing on repayment to the following:-

Officers of the Fighting Groups in the 5 and 3 Army zones
Officers of the BR-ITI units in the above zones under supervision of 228 and 231 Div HQs
Nurses of the C.R.I. in the same zones.

2. Each of these Officers Shops will come under the jurisdiction of the Divs 228 and 231 HQs, and their location will be as near as possible to these HQs.

The Cremona group will come under the supervision of the 228 Div while the 231 Div will supervise the requirements of the Groups Friuli, Folgore and Legnano.

3. The War Establishment of these shops is indicated on appendix A. A mobile officers shop will be formed as and when necessary according to the exigencies of the service as laid down on the lines in appendix B. It will be dependent on the 2 other shops for existence and organization.

4. The British Ordnance will make monthly consignments from Naples to the respective Divisions in accordance with special instructions already laid down.

The type and quantity of items that can be acquired in a period of six months by each officer and each nurse is shown on appendixes C and D, with the prices indicated.

Each officer and nurse must be in possession of a ration card in which is listed the items that can be obtained, which upon purchase the cancellation is to be shown clearly.

These ration cards which will be issued through the liaison officer attached to the (Div) HQs of 2 and 8 Armies will be countersigned by the LOs and will carry also the signature of the GS Divs or the Combat Groups.

Payment for the items will be made in cash according to the prices listed in the appendixes C and D.

The money received in the Officers Shops will be paid into the Bank ~~with the copy invoices of sales attached.~~ *counterfoils to be attached to invoices.* *LC* *5/1/45*

The Div HQs will send a monthly statement of the payments made into the Bank accompanied by the counterfoils of the ~~sales~~ *Bank* *invoices.* *payments.* *5/1/45*

The Div HQs after having contacted the Los will make the necessary arrangements for the service to be effected in complete detailed instruction.

Particular care must be taken to see that this service is complied within the limits as laid down by the Allied Commission on the grounds that it is a coded privilege.

The Allied Commission will prescribe the date of the first consignment from Naples as and when necessary.

Through the Ministry of War

Translation
L. Carme.

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Subject:- Officers Shops Italian

Ministry of War (Italian)

Rome.

To: OC 228 Div
231 Div.

Copy to:- Allied Commission.(MMIA) 7 June 45

With reference to our letter 5th instant, file no.2996, we are enclosing pro forms of the procedure of sale, ie cash accounts for the Officers Shops.

Pro forma A - Stock Register of Items held

Daily accounts of ingoing and outgoing material should be kept in order that the Stock situation can be seen at a glance when examined.

Pro forma B - Sales Register

Record of all individual sales effected daily, the totals of which will serve for the register A - see Pro forma.

Pro forma C - Invoice

For every individual sale an invoice must be compiled, which will serve for the Register B - see Pro forma.

All the documentation must be kept in proper order, and must be evident for inspection when and where occasion arises for examination by the Allied and Italian Officials.

The demand for material will be made by the HQ Divisions through the LOs of the respective 8 and 5 Armies.

P. Minister

Sgd. Pelligra.

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Col. "Q" - 1
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MAIA

DATE TIME
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TO : FREEDOM

1
JUNE

REF : Q/CS/247

RESTRICTED

FOR Q/AE (?) FIFTH ARMY BN INCREMENT HAVE STRONGLY
 REQUESTED* AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ONE HUNDRED NEW K.D.
 TROUSERS AND BUSH SHIRTS TO OFFICERS OF 231 DIV
 ON NORMAL PAYMENT THROUGH M.M.I.A. (.) STANDARD
 OF K.D. ISSUED TO 231 DIV WAS LOW AND PRESTIGE OF
 OFFICERS CONSEQUENTLY SUFFERS WHEN COMPARISON IS
 MADE WITH COMBAT BROTHER PRIVATE SOLDIERS WHO ARE
 BETTER CLOTHED (.) M.M.I.A. COMPLETELY AGREE

PRECEDENCE ROUTING

AUTHENTICATION

Internal:-

Captain NEWTON (By hand)

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* see 5 Army (Br. Incr.) letter 188/6 Q of 26 May

COPY

Q/05/11/1-35

SUBJECT:- ED for Offrs of HQ 231 DivBritish Increment
HQ Fifth Army
CMTTele No: LIGHTNING 94
188/6 Q26 May 45.MMIACopy to:- 'A'
MMIA LO
Ord

1. It has been suggested that new Brit ED should be provided for the offrs of 231 Div in place of the low grade ED supplied to Service tps.
2. To maint the prestige of the Div HQ it is considered highly desirable that new ED should be issued to offrs. This is particularly so when comparison is made with the offrs of the Combat tps. The issue is therefore recommended.
3. This ED is prepare to issue from Army Stocks on receipt of the necessary authority to do so and instrs as to channels of repayment.
4. It is accordingly requested that you obtain authority from AFHQ for issue of 100 bush shirts and 100 prs slacks from Ord stocks to 231 Div and their directions as to channels of repayment.

IEB.

Col
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)Sig. Q/05/247 of 1 JUN 45
to AFHQ refers.

Letter Q/15 of 19 JUN 45 "Clothg. for SR. Offrs." also refers.

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Subject:- Italian Officers' Shops

Spane
Q/OS/11/1
Land Forces Sub Commission
AG (MMIA)
ROME
Q/OS/30
/S Apr 45

Q (AE)
AFHQ

Ref your AFHQ/9174/Q(AE) dated 14 Apr 45.

1. Assuming that all the Gruppi di Combattimenti are forward of the Rear Army boundary, the total number of Italian Officers is:-

Officers - male	3,900
Nursing sisters	100

2. It will be convenient if it can be arranged that ~~this~~ ^{the} bulk stock for the shops be made available in the Naples area.
3. SE action, both as regards personnel and vehicles will be initiated here.
4. It will be emphasised that Italian Officers are not permitted to purchase from British Officers' Shops.
5. There is attached a proposed scale of permissible purchases by Italian nursing sisters who are within the prescribed area. It will be appreciated if your approval or amendments to this list be signalled and the bulk issue be made to include these items.
6. The matter in general and the internal administration in particular have been to-day discussed with the Ministry of War.

ESG/ash

W.N.R. Maxwell
W.N.R. MAXWELL Capt R.A.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix to MIA letter
9/05/50 of 18 Apr 45

Proposed scale of permissible purchases by Italian
Nursing Sisters from Italian Officers Mobile Shops.

- I Raincoat ATS
- I Shirt ATS
- I Pyjamas ATS light
- I Pair Shoes leather ATS
- I Pair Lace Shoes ATS
- 2 Pairs Stockings ATS
- I Pair Gloves knitted drab ATS
- 2 Pairs Pantees cellular ATS
- 2 Shirts Poplin Khaki ATS
- 4 Collars for Shirts ATS
- I Ties ATS
- 2 Vests cellular ATS
- 2 Brassieres ATS
- 2 Belts Corset ATS
- 2 Overalls Nursing Sisters with short sleeves
- 2 Studs, collar

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE PHGDS

REF: FX 60055

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP, ALCOM

DATE TIME: APR 141841

INFO: 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY

PREC: IMPORTANT

SECRET

Your O-320B of 12th April

You are authorized to proceed in accordance with policy outlined in our F 26918 of 14th February and our F 57979 of 10th April to extent to which you consider it operationally necessary. Emphasize that CCS approval has not yet been given and that when CCS reply is received some modification to policy outlined in above quoted signal may be necessary. AC will take all steps to ensure final disposal Partisans takes place as quickly as possible to reduce the military commitment to a minimum. Detailed issue of instructions to 5 and 8 Armies with copy to you follows departmentally.

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COPY

FROM: FREEDOM SIGHTED SIGNED CITY PHOENIX

REF: FX 60555

TO : 45 ARMY GROUP

DATE TIME: APR 151831

INFO: 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, DISTONE, DISTWO, A.C., MIA

PREC: IMPORTANT

SECRETSubject is feeding and clothing partisans.CLOTHING. Socks will NOT exceed

Battle Dress Suit	1
Shirts	2
Boots with laces	1 pr
Socks	2 pr
Drawers	2 pr
Vests or Undershirts	2
Jersey pullover or undershirt woolen	1
Blanket	1

All items will be reconditioned. Battle Dress will be dyed chocolate underarrangements to be made by MTHO. Battle Dress will be marked with yellowletter V over left pocket. Letter V will be 2 1/2 inches high 2 1/2 inches wideat top 1/8 inches thick and will be stencilled on prior to issue underarrangements to be made by armies. As an interim measure and pendingreceipt of chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing as above youare authorized to issue 5th Army 500 items and 8th Army 500 items fromabove scale as you consider essential to clothe partisans. It is emphasizedthat this issue from army stocks is an emergency measure only. If furtherquantities in excess of 500 items each 5th and 8th Armies are requiredyou will signal this HQ for authority for further release. You will benotified immediately chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing isavailable when issue from army stocks will cease. If available in armyarea reconditioned clothing should be used.FOOD. III armed forces scale will be issued from Army and MIA stocks.Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MIA stocks. British cig-arettes will NOT be issued. Records of ration issues to partisans will bekept and reported monthly to 3rd Army. Reconditioned clothing instructions

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Jersey pullover or undershirt woolen 1
Blanket 1

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FOOD. INF armed forces scale will be issued from Army and MCLA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MCLA stocks. British cigarettes will NOT be issued. Records of ration issues to partisans will be kept and reported monthly to S.T. JIN. Detailed departmental instructions will be issued.

FROM: MTOUSA SIGNED OG MTOUSA

TO : OG 5-ARMY

INFO: OG 15 ARMY GROUP, MMIA, ALCOM, OG PBS

REF: FX 60235

DATE PDUE: APR 151948D

PREC: ROUTINE

SECRET

As interim emergency policy you authorized issue to partisans who came through your lines minimum essential clothing class X as follows:

Jackets field OD old style
Trousers of any kind
Shirts cotton or woolen
Shoes with laces or improvised laces
Socks cotton or woolen
Drawers cotton or woolen
Undershirts cotton or woolen
Blankets

each 1
each 1
~~each 2~~
pair 1
pair 2
pair 2
each 2
each 1

This is NOT Complete initial issue authorization but an allowance authorized replacement of similar items that are NOT in possession of the individual or if in possession is not wearable. Scrap items of shoe and cloth turned in will be evacuated to ALLIED COMMISSION. Each individual issuing cloth will be given written authorization upon which his name appears. In addition there will be stencilled on left breast of field jacket and in centre of blanket the letter V (for Victory) preferable in yellow dimensions $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch stripe. Stocks for US ITI now in hand 5th Army may be utilised preferably of undyed clothing. Replacement to extent required will be requisitioned on PES. 5th Army to report issues monthly to this HQ for charge against Italian Government. Full Italian armed forces ration scale will be issued and will be shown separately in daily telegram to PES. Italian portion of the ration will be furnished by MMIA as demanded by PES. PES to demand on HQ for items of civilian ration scale details of which will be furnished by this HQ. PES to make monthly report to this HQ of total rations issued in order charge may be made to Italian Government.

Socks cotton or woolen

pair 1

Drawers cotton or woolen

pair 2

Undershirts cotton or woolen

pair 2

Blankets

each 2

each 1

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785020

Ref:- DCS/7209
Tel:- Freedom 840
Date:- 16 Apr 45

Subject:- Supply of Ord Stores to PIGNO Div.

ADOS RMAC.

DADOS Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA), AG,
ROME.

DADOS 'F' BLU. - this answers your ORD/5/5 dated 5 Apr 45.

1. The supply of Ord stores to the PIGNO Division and the function of DADOS 'F' BLU in this respect resultant upon AFHQ letter AG 091.711/053 GOF of 24 Mar 45 as amended by AFHQ letter of even reference dated 1 Apr 45 was discussed by addressees with DADOS (Plans) AFHQ on 13 Apr 45.

2. The following action was agreed :-

(a) Demands for Ord stores would be channelled through ADOS RMAC after initial checking by DADOS 'F' BLU.

(b) Stores will be consigned to GERANO as at present but ADOS RMAC will provide representative(s) to receive and hand over the stores at this point, they to be assisted by storemen on the staff of DADOS 'F' BLU.

(c) The Italian Stores Depot at GERANO must be operated by the Italians and should only be supervised by DADOS 'F' BLU.

(d) The request for an increase in the Ord W.S. for 'F' BLU should be withdrawn.

3. It was pointed out by ADOS RMAC that he was deficient of A.V.O's - 3 Clerks, ptes - 3 and Storemen, ptes - 3 on his present W.S. without whom he would be unable to accept this new commitment. DADOS (Plans) promised to take steps to implement these deficiencies where possible. Junior ranks may be provided in lieu of A.V.O's, they may also be replaced by Storemen NCO's.

4. In order to assist DADOS 'F' BLU to take action at para 2(c) it was proposed to train certain Italian personnel from the PIGNO Division at RACC Training Establishment. This policy was subsequently agreed with Col. MOKES (MILA). Will DADOS 'F' BLU please submit his proposals in this respect through DADOS MILA. Information as to the type of training required and numbers to be trained should be given. *

W. H. H. H.

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(C.V. ARSON, MAJOR, DADOS, PLANS),
for Maj-Gen,
D.S.S.

Copy to: 1st Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) - AG, ROME.

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- (c) The Italian Stores Depot at GEMANO must be operated by the Italians and should only be supervised by DADOS 'F' ELU.
- (d) The request for an increase in the Ord S.A. for 'F' ELU should be withdrawn.
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(C.V. ABSON, MAJOR, DADOS, PLANS),
for Maj-Gen,
B.O.B.

Copy to: 'Q' Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) - AC ROME.

* see 'F' (B) V letter ORD/9/3 d. 24 Apr. - Plans
+ d(Eng) reply by 6/3/50 of 27 Apr (file closed)
+ retained by plan
@ 11/5/50 S.H.

Subject: Haversacks.

Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME

Q/OS/11/1
11 April 1945

To: MMIA LO BR. INC. 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 8 ARMY
MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 2 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 54 AREA
OC. BR. CADRE 802 IERD.

File.

The position regarding haversacks has been recently under review. Only negligible quantities can be expected from British sources and none are being made by Italian plants.

Stocks of Italian origin are being investigated and samples of various types are now awaited. Such stocks as are suitable will in due course be distributed to divisional etc. Sub-Depots in bulk.

It will be obvious that no uniformity of pattern can be expected and that the main purpose will have to be to give every man something in which he can store and carry his kit. Will you please bear this in mind when the time comes for detailed issues.

F.S. GREENWOOD
for Col. DASQMG.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to MMIA LO NAPLES

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Subject:- Clothing for IRTC - denims.

Spate.
Q/OS/11/1
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
F O M E
Q/OS/24

10 April 75.

O.C. "F" B.I.U.
(for DADOS).

The suggestion made after the visit of the Supreme Allied Commander was apparently that a pool of denims should be made available which would virtually be part of the training centre's equipment. The substance of A.F.H.Q.'s letter is that the shortage of denims prevents them from being able to allow you to hold such a pool but the letter does not mean that denims may no longer be issued to troops as personal equipment. NML Table 72 still stands and you should periodically demand denims in a sufficient quantity to equip all reinforcements going forward who are entitled to such.

Denims are not controlled stores but reserved stores. Your demands therefore may not go direct to the BOD but must be passed through ADOS RAAC for his approval.

Greenwood.

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

COPY TO: ADOS RAAC.

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letter ORD/21/51 d. 4 Apr. refers.

file Q/OS/24.

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Spant.Subject:- Denims.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/110 April 45.M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 District
M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 Area
C.C. Br. Cadre 802 LBRD.

Ref. my signals of 9 Apl/45 numbered Q/OS/143, 141 and 146 respectively to addressees allotting to each three hundred suits of Denims.

These suits are intended for the use of camp staff. Supplies are extremely short and no issues for men training can be expected.

P. Greenwood.P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. D. & CMC,
M.M.I.A.

File Q/OS/11/1

PSC/ab

SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512**SECRET**Authority of
SACMTInitials RVB
Date 29 March 1945

AG 400/005 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Clothing for IRTC - CESANO

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-CommissionQ/OS/11/1

1. Following the recent inspection of CESANO Depot by the Supreme Allied Commander, representations were made for 20,000 suits of denim overalls to be made available, as a station pool, in order to save the one suit of battle dress at present issued to each recruit.
2. It is regretted that there are insufficient denims available for any to be issued as a station pool for the depot.
3. Denims are being used to a great extent as an operational garment and for many other purposes, and have been the subject of special consideration with the War Office who explain their shortage as being due to a global shortage of cotton.
4. In this respect your attention is directed to the fact that denims are not supplied to the IRTD, GRTD and other British Training and Reinforcement establishments.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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ROBERT V. HENHAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General**SECRET**

Seen by Q 2/1/974
- see letter Q/OS/24(1)
d. 2 Apr. on file Q/OS/24.

J. h/cpl

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{ Original directive on file
Original copy to DADOS, F'BLU, RTC, ICF & H/H/45ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)Subject:- Special Equipment Lists.Ref:- DCS/7571
Tel:- Freedom 810
Date:- 28 Mar 45Land Forces Sub Commission,
IC (MELA)
ROME

Q/OS/11/1

Ref. your Q/OS/20 dated 25 Mar/44.

1. The preparation of Special Equipment Lists is not an Ordnance responsibility. It is the responsibility of the unit concerned.
2. The lists should be prepared by the Reinforcement Training Depot with the assistance of the BLU and in this respect the DADOS should give advice as necessary but should not carry out the actual preparation.
3. No additional Ordnance personnel will therefore be attached to your Headquarters for this purpose.

(C.V. ABSOR, MAJOR, DADOS, PLANS),
for Maj-Gen,
D.O.S.

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Subject:- Issues to Italians.

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

23 March 45.

G-4 (Br)
A.F.M.Q.

Ref your AFHQ/6153/Q(AE) dated 12 Mar/45.

The amended para 4 to the proposed DOS circular, quoted in para 2 of the above referenced letter, is agreed to.

P. S. Greenwood.

P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Summer Clothing.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O R
Q/06/11/1

M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES
M.M.I.A. L.O. BARI

23 March 45.

Ref Q/15/11 of 15 March 1945.

The contents of that letter are not applicable to
summer clothing in BR-ITI clothing Depots.

Greenwood

R.D. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

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See 3/3

SUBJECT: Issues to Italians

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

AFHQ/6153/Q(AE).

22 Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (LITA) AC ✓

Further to this HQ letter AFHQ/6153/Q(AE) dated 12 Mar 45.

It is requested that a reply please be given to the above quoted letter.

VL/WFH

Crossed out
Q/OS/11/1 d. 23/3

R. W. Beasley
R. W. BEASLEY, Major,
for Major-General G-4 (Br).

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*Recd Q/11/1
(from 29 Mar 45)*

Subject:- R.T.C. I.C.F. equipment.

Spate.
Q/OS/11/1

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

"F" B.I.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.
(for D.A.D.G.S.).

14 March 45.

Following upon the visit of A.Q.M.G., Q(A) to the R.T.C. I.C.F. on 3 March/45, a letter has been addressed to this H.Q. and the following points of an Ord. nature arising therefrom are brought up for your attention:-

1. There will be no change in the chain of supply. Your demands will continue to be submitted through R.A.A.C.
2. You should contact A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C. and arrange the exchange of Grade III Battledress for Grade I in accordance with availabilities. Ord. A.F.H.Q. has written to the depot to facilitate this exchange.
3. Who released the accommodation stores for 10,000 men? Please quote to this H.Q. the release number. This matter is said to require an urgent reply.
4. Forms calling for data for building up Special Equipment tables have been sent to you under cover of my letter Q/OS/20 of 9 March 45. Inform this H.Q. of any amendments you have to propose in existing NELS or SELS.
5. Laundry equipment is not available. Improvisation will have to be resorted to, calling upon RE resources.
6. Six sets of Barbers equipment are being released. Please maintain contact with A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C. thereon.
7. No shoe-makers tools are at present available but please keep in touch with A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C., enquiring into the

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possibility of local purchase.

F. S. Greenwood

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QSC,
M.G.I.A.

Copy to:- INTERNAL

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SUBJECT :- Issues to Italians

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/6153/Q(AE)

12 Mar 45

Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) AC ✓

Q/OS. Q/OS/11/1

Reference your Q/OS/20 dated 8 Mar 45.

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Although the bulk of the needs of Br-Itis may at present be supplied from British sources this in no way affects the responsibility of the Italian Army to apply its entire resources in satisfaction of such needs in common with the needs of US-Itis and Iti-Itis.

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"4. The British Army is responsible for fully equipping and clothing (a) and (c). With regards to (b), however, the proportionate share (as allocated by MIA between Br-Itis and other classes of the Italian Army) of the entire resources of the Italian Army are available for the equipping and clothing of Br-Itis. To supplement this, where the share allocated by MIA for Br-Itis of the entire resources of the Italian Army is insufficient, periodic releases of Grade III and other clothing will be made by AFHQ to MIA."

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RWB/EHH

Copy to :- Ord(Br)

J.J. SLOAN
J.J. SLOAN, Lieut.-Colonel,
for Major General, G-4(Br).

*See letter 8/05/11/1 (to G-4 (Br) & AFHQ)
d. 23 Mar 45 (for)*

C O P YCONFIDENTIAL

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

Q/OS/11/1

RAAC/125/03(Br)

12 March 1945

SUBJECT:- Anti-gas Clothing and Equipment.

TO :- "P" BEU, RTC ICP, c/o RHIA.

1. It has been decided to issue Personal and Anti-gas Equipment to Italian Troops in established units of the Italian Combat Force.
2. Authority for such issue is AFHQ letter HSD/521/2 dated 3 March 45.
3. Equipment will be issued on scales similar to those laid down for comparable British units, viz: Inf Trg Regt (Italian) scale to compare with Inf Trg Regt (British) INTD., Lt Pd Ambulance (Italian) to compare with Lt Pd Amb (British), adjustment being made to allow for possible difference in strengths between British and Italian WEs.
4. The policy of issue will be based on:-
 - (a) Full Scale (G4098) for Static Units incl Medical Units.
 - (b) Light Scale for Mobile Units.
 - (c) All Units in field formations (less AA Bdees) will be equipped on the Light Scale.
5. Light Scale for Mobile Units and Units in field formations will hold items as enumerated below:-

(a) Respirator, complete - Ointment, 2-oz tin or pot - Eyeshields - Gape - Cotton Waste, 6oz - Detectors, Gas, Ground, pads 25 (Officers and NCOs only)	1) To be carried by 1) the man or in the 6) vehicle in which 1) he normally travels. 1) To accompany if 1) casualty
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In addition, Mobile Units and Units in field formations will carry the following items; according to the number given in Unit G1098:-

(b) Personal Equipment, 1st line reserves - 11;

(c) Unit Equipment.

(incl Unit Ept - Additional Items) Alarms, Local
Bleaching Powder
Equipment for
Stretcher Bearers
Capsules Lachry-
matory.

(d) Vehicle Equipment.

Detector Paint
Trays for Detector
Paint.

Equipment other than above will NOT be issued to Mobile Units.

5. BLU, NTC ICF, will submit demands for Italian Units as given in para 1, but will NOT arrange collection until advised by ADOS, Rome Area, that stores and equipment are ready for drawing.

R.H. CAMRASH,
Lt. Col.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

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March 45

FILE NO : ESD/521/2

SUBJECT : Anti Gas Eqpt for Group 1

TO : CG 15 Army Gp
CG Fifth Army for G-4 (Dr Iner)
Rear HQ Eighth Army
No. 1 District
No. 2 District
No. 3 District
Rome Allied Area Command.

att.

Reference FX 26234 of 13 Feb (NOT TO ALL).

1. It has been decided to issue Personal and Unit Anti-Gas eqpt to Italian troops in established units of the Italian Combat force.
2. Formations responsible for the administration of those troops will issue the equipment on scales similar to those laid down for comparable British units.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

JOHN HARDING,
Lieutenant General.
Chief of Staff.

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Subject:- Issues to Italians.

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Lend Forces Sub Comm.
(M.M.I.A.) A.C.
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8 March 45.

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

Ref your DOS/7209 (Ord 1) dated 22 Feb/45.

1. The following comments and amendments are made to the draft DOS circular enclosed with that letter:-

- a) para 3 (c) Gruppi Combattimento to read "Gruppi di Combattimento".
- b) para 4 is to some extent contradictory to para 7. As there has been no change of policy since the issue of A.F.H.Q. directive AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 Sept/44 which lays down in para 4 that the maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility, the following paragraph is suggested in substitution of para 4 in your draft:-
"The British Army is responsible for fully equipping and clothing (a), (b) and (c). In the case of (b) however the responsibility will first be discharged by periodic releases of Grade III clothing and equipment to Land Forces Sub Comm. (MMIA) Allied Commission only to the extent that such stores are not available to BR-ITIS from Italian Army sources. MMIA ensures the repairing and, where necessary, of dyeing the Grade III clothing. To the extent that Grade III is not available, releases of better grade clothing will be made by A.F.H.Q. for the necessary maintenance of BR-ITIS".
- c) Para 5 (b) lines 6 and 7. Delete HQ Allied Comm. APO 394 and substitute (MMIA) A.C. G.M.F. A similar amendment is necessary to para 5 (c) (iii) line 3 and to para 8 line 18.

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d) Para 5 (c) (ii).

As it reads at present this para requires a voucher to be forwarded to this H.Q. for every issue. Items of equipment to which para 8 refers should be excluded from the provisions of para 5 (c). The greater proportion of items issued to the Combat Groups are NOT chargeable to the Italian Government, but are on loan.

2. Copies of the vouchers to which you refer in para 3 of your letter other than those for items on loan (see 1 (d) above), may now be sent to the Accounting Section of this H.Q.

F. J. Noan
F.J. NOAN, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- A.P.H.Q. for Q/AE
M.M.I.A. for Q-1

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AFHQ letter AFHQ/6153/Q(AE)
of 12 March 45 refers.

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BASIC CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT SCALE FOR
BR-ITV SERVICE TROOPS.

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

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Ordinance.

The O.C. will maintain a clothing etc store and be responsible for keeping adequate records.

The basic clothing and individual equipment scale is:-

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
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Shirt, cotton	ea	2
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Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
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Replenishment of the clothing store is made by periodical allocations from stocks available to M.M.I.A. Contact the MMIA LO when stocks are approaching a danger level.

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Orig. handed to

Major STANTON
M.M.I.A.

21 Feb. 45

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Subject: Handkerchiefs - BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/OS/20-----

ALL MMIA LOB

19 Feb 45.

1. Continual requests are received for the issue of handkerchiefs to BR-ITIS.
2. No general issue is foreseen. Supply will NOT come from BR Ord as handkerchiefs are NOT on the clothing scale for BR tps. Supply to BR tps by purchase from EPI is very small and no assistance will be given from this source.
3. Certain small stocks may be recovered from Italian depots as we advance and a small quantity of substitutes is made from old sacking etc.. Such small textile industry as exists will have higher priorities of clothing with which to compete.

FJN/wk

A. J. Head
A. J. HEAD, Major,
for Col DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

Subject: Soap - MIL BR-THS.

Land Force Sub Comm. A.C.
(L. F. I. L.) R O M E
3/OS/4

14 Feb 1945

1. The soap ration provided by the ITALIAN Government is set out in MILA letter AG/2-54 of 14 Feb 1945. Continual pressure is being and will continue to be put on the ITALIAN Government to produce the required quantity.
2. The total quantities available will only just meet the requirements if there is no unforeseen circumstances such as a shortage of fats or caustic soda needed for the manufacture. Moreover, the ration scale is so low that it provides no margin for "dirty workers" etc.
3. AFHQ has therefore authorized, under signal FRODQ F21955 of 6 Feb, that low scale issues for dirty work conditions may be made at the discretion of Br Comd5.
4. In order to charge such issues to the Italian Government, the voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and show the following information:-

- (a) Date of Issue.
- (b) Authority for issue.
- (c) Depot making issue.
- (d) Unit to which issue was made.
- (e) Item.
- (f) Unit.
- (g) Quantity.
- (h) Price.
- (i) Total amount.
- (j) Signature of receiving Italian Officer and name typed or printed.
- (k) Counter-signature of the Issuing Agency.

The original signed voucher to be sent to HQ MIL, as soon as possible after issue is made. Issuing Agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to receiving unit at time of issue.

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F. J. Noam, Col.
For Major General,
M. F. L. L.

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 P. F. NOVAL, C-1,
 For Major General,
 M. H. I. A.

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21 November 1944

AG 400/105 D-0

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air).

TO : All Concerned.

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 22 September 1944, is amended as follows:

- a. Paragraph 3a, line 7, change "ILTOUSA" to "ITOUZA".
- b. Paragraph 5, change heading "Functions of IML" to read "Functions of Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, (IML)".
- c. Paragraph 5c, change to read: "The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to all three categories of the Italian Army, thru IML, and will be allocated on an equitable basis. Headquarters IML will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots".
- d. Paragraph 6b, lines 2 and 3, delete "in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia".
- e. Paragraph 6g, line 3, delete "and 4d".
- f. Paragraph 9a, first sentence, change to read "Monthly adjustments of supplies, other than Medical Stores, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by United States and British Armies".
- g. Annex "A", paragraph 1c, delete all reference to matches.
- h. Annex "A", paragraph 2, change to read: "The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army for all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above".
- i. Annex "B", paragraph 3, line 2, change "ILTOUSA" to "ITOUZA".
- j. Annex "B", paragraph 2, change second sentence to read: "Commanders within the Communications Zone/Line of Communications, Armies, the RAF and AAF/ITC are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied Nations".
- k. Annex "C", paragraph 2a, last line, change "paragraph 10 of basic letter" to read, "paragraph 12 of basic letter".
- l. Annex "C", paragraph 2b, line 4, change "paragraph 10 of basic letter" to read, "paragraph 12 of basic letter".

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m. Annex "C", paragraph 2b (1) and (2), change to read:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the BR-ITI and US-ITI categories.

(2) Surplus items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI category.

n. Annex "E", paragraph 2c, change to read, "Requirements for US-ITI of items in 1 b and 1 c will be supplied by Commanding General, MTOUSA".

o. Annex "E", Paragraph 2, add a sub-paragraph d as follows: "Medical Stores will be supplied from captured enemy material, within availability, to all categories of the Italian Military Forces".

By command of General WILSON:

Albert W. Karr
ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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2 - Rome Area	2 - REME
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2 - No 3 Dist	2 - Ord Sec
5 - PBS	2 - QM Sec
1 - C/S MTOUSA	2 - Surgeon
1 - SGS	2 - Medical (B)
1 - CAO	2 - Signal
1 - G-1 (A)	2 - CWS
1 - G-1 (B)	2 - S & T
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3 - G-4 (B)	

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AG 400/031 GDS-O

6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment Issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air).

TO : All Concerned.

for file 9/05/11/11

1. Reference -- These instructions are issued in accordance with AFHQ letter, AG 400/105 D-O, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air)". Any previous instructions published by this or other headquarters, which are in conflict herewith, are rescinded.
2. Effective Date -- For all items of supply, except rations, the effective date is date of this publication. The effective date insofar as rations are concerned is 16 October 1944.
3. These instructions are applicable to all supplies and equipment issued direct to units of the Italian Armed Forces from United States or British Army sources regardless of the category of the unit, as distinguished from supplies delivered to Italian Army depots from United States or British Army sources through MHA.
4. The issuing agency is responsible that correct procedure is followed and that all vouchers are properly executed and forwarded to MHA. This is the only method by which the Italian Government is charged for such supplies and equipment.
5. The procedure prescribed herein is designed to eliminate, insofar as possible, administrative functions on the part of the various Allied issuing agencies, and at the same time to insure that proper charges are made against the Italian Government. MHA is charged with securing receipts from the Italian Government for all supplies issued in accordance with the AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above. Repayment, adjustment and accounting, in order that each nation will be given proper credit in accordance with its supply responsibility, will be performed by MHA on the basis of this procedure and the vouchers submitted by the Allied agencies as specified herein.
6. Issue of Subsistence (Rations) From Allied Sources
 - a. Action by Italian Unit -- In order to draw rations, the Italian Armed Force Unit (Division, Regiment, Battalion, Company, or Detachment) will submit to the issuing depot a ration issue note in triplicate (MHA Form ST/8) (for specimen, see Annex 1). Distribution of these forms to all Italian Units has been accomplished. Normally this document will be submitted at least 956 hours in advance of the time the rations are to be drawn from the depot. The Italian unit will enter name of unit, dates of consumption, ration strength, total number of rations. The unit will adjust the total number of rations due,

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in accordance with rations previously overdrawn or underdrawn according to the actual ration strength of the unit for the previous period. All three copies of the form will be signed by at least one officer; and if a second officer of the unit is available, he will countersign in the space provided.

b. Action by Issuing Depot

- (1) Enter voucher number in space provided. Vouchers will be serially numbered for each depot.
- (2) Enter depot name of designation in space provided.
- (3) Verify name of unit, period for consumption, and that the ration strength and total number of rations due seem reasonable on basis of previous indents (requisitions).
- (4) Calculate quantity of each item due the unit and enter the proper name of the item and the amount, in pounds, in the spaces provided. The only items to be issued to Italian Armed Force Units from Allied sources, and the proper scale of issue, as authorized in paragraph 1, Annex A of the above quoted AFHQ letter, are as follows:

Fleur	12 oz
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz
Cheese	1 oz
Sugar	1 oz
Macaroni	3 oz
Rice	1 oz
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz
Catsup, or tomato paste	1 oz
Coffee	1/2 oz
Pepper	1/200 oz
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 box
book, commercial type	2 ea

c. Delivery of Rations -- At the time of delivery of the rations to the Italian Unit, all copies of the ration issue note will be signed by the issuing depot officer and by the person taking delivery of the rations. The date the rations are actually delivered will be entered on all copies of the ration issue note.

d. Disposition of Ration Issue Notes -- The issuing agency will send the original by official mail to Commanding Officer, Headquarters EMMA, APO 394. The issuing agency will retain one copy for its own files and will deliver one copy to the unit at the time the rations are issued.

7. Provision of Local-Grown Commodities

- a. (1) The Italian Government is responsible for the procurement for all categories of the Italian Armed Forces of the items

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as authorized in paragraph 2, Annex A of the AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, which are as follows:

Fruit	4 oz
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz
Olive Oil	1 oz
Nuts	1 oz
Salt	1 oz
Wine	2 liter

- (2) Provision of these items is by War Ministry. Availability is from Italian Army Depots. Movement is by British or U.S., as applicable.
 - (3) British and U.S. authorities to bid to HQ MMIA each month for estimated requirements for following month.
 - (4) Bids to reach MMIA by 10th of each month and be by commodities in pounds weight needed.
 - (5) MMIA will advise British and U.S. authorities concerned at what point or points supplies can be made available and authorize Italian War Ministry to release on demand.
- b. (1) Where local resource items are purchased locally by Allied Commanders on basis of ultimate cash reimbursement by Ministry of War; the British and U.S. authorities effecting such purchases will forward to HQ MMIA each month, in respect of the preceding month, a priced debit voucher (in duplicate) showing commodities purchased, cost per unit (e.g. kilogram, liter) and total costs. Departmental handling charges may be added in the case of U.S. debit vouchers. Designation will be given of the finance office to which cash will be paid. Attached to each debit voucher will be a list of the Italian Army units and their aggregate monthly ration strengths, to whom the supplies thus purchased have been issued.
- (2) MMIA will be responsible to clear all such transactions with the Ministry of War and secure payment.

8. Italian Navy

a. Repayment to U.S. of rations issued by U.S. Depots to Italian Navy.

b. U.S. authorities concerned to submit monthly to HQ MMIA, in respect of the preceding month, requests for repayment in kind, stating commodities and weights issued Italian Navy vessels or store units concerned and their individual aggregate ration strengths for the month in question.

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c. Such requests for repayment to specify at what point repayment in kind is desired by the U.S. authorities.

9. Clothing and Equipment -- All clothing and equipment, except major items issued to an Italian unit from an Allied Issuing Agency, will be issued on Shipping Ticket, Tally, or other vouchers which will be serially numbered and show the following information:

- a. Date of issue.
- b. Authority for issue.
- c. Depot making issue.
- d. Unit to which issue was made.
- e. Item (use standard nomenclature)
- f. Unit
- g. Quantity
- *h. Price
- i. Amount
- j. Total amount
- k. Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, and name typed or printed.
- l. Countersignature of the issuing agency.

*New items or equivalent thereof, the full list price will be used. Used or part worn items will be priced as directed by AFHQ for British items and Commanding General, Communication Zone, NATOUSA for U.S. items.

10. The original signed voucher will be sent to HQ MMIA as soon as possible after the issue is made. Issuing agency will retain one copy of the voucher, and one copy will be given to receiving unit at the time of issue.

11. Items of clothing and individual equipment issued in excess of the scales established by AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, are not to be charged to the Italian Government unless such issue has previously been approved by AFHQ for ER-ITI and Commanding General, NATOUSA for US-ITI, MMIA for ITI-ITI. Strict adherence to the scale is the responsibility of the issuing agency.

12. a. Items of equipment furnished to Italian units and in accordance with paragraph 3 of AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, necessary to perform an allotted task or mission, will be issued on a loan basis, and returned to the issuing agency after the task or mission is completed. Memorandum receipt in duplicate will be obtained by issuing agency from the unit receiving the equipment. No charge will be made against the Italian Government for such issues, unless the equipment has not been returned within 15 days after the mission or task has been fulfilled. If the equipment has not been returned within that period, the original signed memorandum receipt in detail as follows will be forwarded to MMIA, and will be used as a debit voucher against the Italian Government:

- (1) Date of issue.

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- (2) Authority for issue.
- (3) Depot making issue.
- (4) Unit to which issue was made.
- (5) Item (use standard nomenclature)
- (6) Unit
- (7) Quantity
- *(8) Price
- (9) Amount
- (10) Total amount
- (11) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, with name typed or printed.
- (12) Signature of an officer of U.S. or British parent unit.
- (13) Countersignature of the issuing agency.

*New items or equivalent thereof, the full list price will be used. Used or part worn items will be priced as directed by AFHQ for British items and Commanding General, Communication Zone, NATOUSA, for U.S. items.

b. No vouchers on material loaned on memorandum receipt will be forwarded to MMIA for charge against the Italian Government until the parent organization of the using Italian unit has conducted an investigation of the circumstances. Memorandum receipts will be accompanied by supporting papers covering the investigation of the circumstances with the recommendations of the parent organization commander. Vouchers and supporting papers will be submitted to MMIA through AFHQ. The duplicate copy of the memorandum receipt will be used as a credit voucher to the stock record account of the issuing agency to drop the items from accountability. If, at a later date, the equipment is returned, it will be accepted by the issuing agency and receipt given therefor. Copy of this receipt will be sent to MMIA to be used as a credit voucher to the Italian Government account. Reference to the original memorandum receipt obtained at time of issue will be made on this receipt to enable MMIA to reconcile the two vouchers.

13. Medical Supplies -- Medical supplies will be issued to Italian medical personnel only. Medical supplies will not be issued to Italian hospitals from American or British sources except in emergency. The normal source of supply is from Italian Medical depots. An Italian Medical officer will be present at the time of issue and sign voucher for items issued.

14. Voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and will show the following information:

- a. Date of issue.
- b. Authority for issue.
- c. Depot making issue.
- d. Unit to which issue was made.
- e. Item (use standard nomenclature).
- f. Unit.
- g. Quantity.
- h. Price (full list price will be used).
- i. Amount.

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- j. Total amount.
- k. Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, with name printed or typed.
- l. Countersignature of the issuing agency.

15. The original signed voucher will be sent to HQ MIA as soon as possible after the issue is made. Issuing agency will retain one copy of the voucher, and one copy will be given to receiving unit at the time of issue.

16. No non-expendable major items of Medical Equipment will be issued to an Italian Unit without specific authority of AFHQ.

By command of General WILSON:

H. V. Roberts
 H. V. ROBERTS,
 Colonel, AGD, *RAF*
 Adjutant General.

1 Incl
 Rations Issue Note
 (MIA Form ST/3)

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - C-in-C, Med	1 - S/GS	1 - Labour
2 - CAO	1 - G-1 (Br)	1 - Med Serv Dir
3 - G-4	1 - G-1 (A)	1 - Provost (Br)
2 - ComNAVIAW	1 - C/S, NATO	1 - REME
10 - Fifth Army Hq and units	3 - G-3, AF	1 - Salvage
10 - Eighth Army (Br)	1 - G-4 (Log Plans)	1 - Tn (Br)
2 - MAAF	1 - G-5, AF	1 - V & Rs
10 - AAFSC/MTO	1 - Surg, NATO	1 - Works
1 - Hq Comd, AF	1 - AA & CD	1 - Engr (Br)
5 - Rome Allied Area Comd	1 - AFIRS	1 - Sig (Br)
50 - Hq COMZONE, NATOUSA	1 - Liaison Sec	2 - AG Records
10 - No 1 Dist	1 - Pol & Econ Council	
10 - No 2 Dist	1 - Pub Relations	
10 - No 3 Dist	1 - Fiscal Director	
5 - Commander, Allied Garrison, Sardinia	1 - Inspector General	
3 - S & T	1 - Historical Subsection	
25 - MIA	1 - PIC	
1 - Ord (Br)	1 - JAG, NATO	
4 - G(Mint)	5 - AAI	
3 - QM	5 - Hq AGC	
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	1 - Director, IRS	
	1 - BCA	
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 400/105 D-0

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

BRANCH NOTE

This directive
incorp'd in AFHQ
Admin. Inst. No. 12.1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec. I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI	-	Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, ~~Quarta Armata~~, Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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1. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

- (1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.
- (2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

- (1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":
 - (a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.
 - (b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".
 - (c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

- (1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or GOC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.
- (2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

- (1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.
- (2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.
- (3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

- (1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.
- (2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorized to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and armed forces patients will be maintained as under: 915 1

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- (1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.
- (2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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Annex "A" to Annex "E"

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

- a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources
- b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources
- c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Coffee	$\frac{1}{8}$ oz.
Pepper	1/200
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 oz.
book, commercial type, or	2

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army from all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Wine, litre	$\frac{1}{2}$

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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