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Subject : Hand-over 257 B.O.D.

Land Forces Sub Commission, L.O.
M. H. I. A.
R O M E.
9/01/41/1
24 October 46.

To : 10 B. L. U.

REC'D

Ref. No. 1
1/1/47

1. Reference your 9/01/46 dated 18 October 46 and attached lists.

2. These lists will prove of great value in the near future when M.T. spares are released and you should now go ahead to obtain similar lists from the other Divisions.

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The following points were confirmed:-

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(b) That the sheds in 3 Sub-Depot (Main) are considered by War Ministry to be suitable for use as a issuing and holding Depot for Ordnance Stores.

The confirmation of these points therefore means that a start can now be made on organising the Storehouse and the binning and locating of 3 Sub-Depot items.

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8. The War Ministry have more or less agreed to using G.P. sealings as a basis for determining what M.T. spares are required. By applying a multiplication factor to these sealings and using lists of "dies out" such as attached, it should be possible to arrive at something approaching what is required for 1st and 2nd Echelon maintenance. The question of 3rd and 4th Echelon requirements is in hand but no definite details are yet available.

H.C. Evans
H.C. EVANS Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

SUGGESTED LIST OF STORES AND PARTS REQUIRED FROM EQUIPMENTS PARKED AT RSD

QUANTITY

ITEM

PART

25 Pr Guns

Firing Mechanisms 250
 Gun Wheels complete with tyre and tube 100
 Sights complete 50
 Buffer and Recuperator Systems 30
 Buffer and Recuperators Systems less Blocks 30
 Grease Nipples Tecalomit 200
 Trail Eye Assembly 50
 Plat forms 20
 Shields 5
 Elevating Gear 10
 Drag Links 50
 Breech Assembly less block 20
 Cradle clamps 20
 Hub assembly 30

17 Pr and 6 Pr

Quantities for each
type

Firing Mechanism 100
 Sight Brackets 50
 Recuperators complete 10
 Recuperator system less block 10
 Shields complete 5
 Spade tips 20
 Trail Eyes 10
 Elevating Gear 5
 Cradles and Carriage 5
 Wheels complete 50
 Drag Links 10
 Semi Automatic gear 10
 Breech assembly 10
 Trail clamps 20
 Cradle clamps 10
 Hub assembly 10

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OF 40 mm

Complete breech Assembly less block 20
 Wheels complete 100
 Recuperator Spring sets 20
 Buffers complete 10
 Firing Mechanisms 100
 Jacks 20
 Gun Stays 10
 Firing Pedal and Linkage 30
 Engine Draught Connector 20
 Traversing gear 5
 Elevating Gear 5
 Cartridge Deflector 5
 Gun Balancing Gear 10
 Automatic Loader 5

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 Cradle clamps
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 Trail Eyes
 Elevating Gear
 Cradle and Carriage
 Wheels complete
 Drag links
 Semi Automatic gear
 Breech assembly
 Trail clamps
 Cradle clamps
 Hub assembly

100

50

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 Buffers complete
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 Jacks
 Gun Stays
 Firing Pedal and Linkage
 Engine Draught Connector
 Traversing gear
 Elevating gear
 Cartridge Deflector
 Gun Balancing Gear
 Automatic Loader
 Hub Assembly
 Elevation Trip Switch Gear

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Subject : Hand over 557 BOD.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
M.H.I.A.
R G H E
Q/OS/11/1

23 Oct 46

TO : DOS, GHQ, CMT.

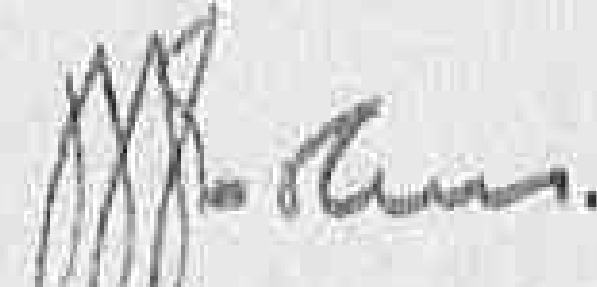
Is it possible, please, to make available to Italian Army, a set of Master Parts Indices, Sections LV1 to LV7 complete.

There are so many supercessions, e.g. LV7/NEU, that without these MPIs it will be practically impossible to ascertain on what vehicles spares are used, when it comes to determining what spares are required, from the spares remaining at 557 BOD.

It is the intention that a scaling should be decided upon, dependant on items and quantities available. This means that every item in the depot must be reviewed and identified and though agreed that most items can be identified from Makers Parts Lists, only a set of MPIs can give the complete answer.

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Copy to : 'Q'


H.G. EVANS, Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.H.I.A.

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

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Subject: Supply of Ordnance Stores

Ref : DOS/7209
Tel : PADUA 22648
Date: 22 Oct 46

To : ADOS, MIA, ROME ✓

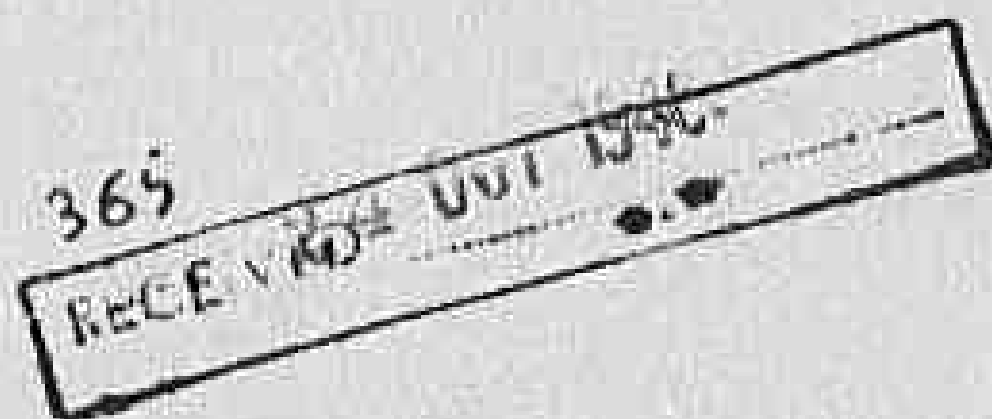
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Reference your letter Q/OS/11/1 of 12 Oct 46.

1. The proposals contained in your letter have been passed to this Directorate for observation by 'Q' Branch this H.Q.

2. The proposals are agreed with the exception that demands should initially be passed for issue through DADOS 86 Area, the source of supply reverting to 500 AOD at a later date.



S.G. Slingsby

(S.G. SLINGSBY) Lt. Col. ADOS Org.
for Brigadier,
D.O.S.



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Subject: SUPPLY OF ORDNANCE STORES

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/1/3
22nd Oct. '46

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M. M. I. A.) ROME. for A.D.O.S.

Reference your Q/OS/11/1 of 18 Oct. '46.

The policy therein outlined is noted.

As normal BRITISH Ord administration is operating locally, and steps have already been taken to ensure adequate supply of Ord stores for future requirements up to approx. 31 Dec. '46, it is considered, (subject to your agreement), that no purpose will be served by submitting the return called for in para 2(a) and (b), at this present time.

Major DAF & QMG
6 BLN

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
HQ MMIA ROME

TO
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REF YOUR EX 0/03/11/1 DATED 18 OCT 46 PARA 4 (.) NO REPEAT NO
DEMANDS OUTSTANDING

BT

SENT NR 212156 AT 1640 STANNERS SE W
RD AT 1640A HINSWORTH



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RECEIVED 22 OCT 1946

SUBJECT:- M.T. Spares.

O.W.O. 4 B.L.U.
Attached 10 B.L.U.
Tel:- 55802 NAPLES
Q/ORD/18

18 OCTOBER 46.

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

1. Herewith copies of deficiency lists for Vote 9 and Vote 9 (M.T.) in respect of FRIULI Infantry Division. These deficiency lists represent only items required to meet 'Dues Out' and to bring the stocks of the O.F.P. and Workshops Stores Section of FRIULI Division up to authorised scale, they are not scalings.
2. I suggest that each of the other divisions be asked to submit similar lists so that we will know their immediate requirements and can also obtain a picture of the wastage of spares in the various divisions, which will help us when scaling.
3. In view of your remarks at the conference re the withdrawing of O.F.P's from Divisions, it may be thought that these lists will serve no purpose, but as they do represent actual liabilities, the items concerned would still be required by the Divisions and could be issued by a depot in response to indents if the O.F.P's are actually withdrawn.
4. Would you please return the attached lists to me after perusal, together with your instructions as to whether or not I should obtain similar lists from each Division.



WL/WJ

O.W.O. 4 B.L.U.
Attached 10 B.L.U.

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From: Direzione Commissariato 6 COMINT

30.9.46

Subject: GARMENTS FOR CAR.

With reference to 6 Terr. Comd letter No. 14571/Serv of 31 Aug '46, the following are forwarded herewith:-

1. Report on garments issued to 6 CAR, together with remarks of CAR regarding quality etc;
2. Report on suggestions and considerations made relative to the new Italian Army uniforms.

(sgd) Col. G. Alvergnus
"COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE"

GARMENTS ISSUED TO RECRUITS OF VI CAR

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2. As far as the green-dyed uniforms are concerned, they did not last very long. Moreover they turned out to be too small for the physical dimensions of the recruits then at CAR. The result, therefore, was far from satisfactory.
3. The grey-green shirts distributed during the same period were of two kinds. One kind, that formed part of the Republican Fascist Government supplies, left much to be desired both in the cut and in the quality of the material, but though it would not last for long, it was decided to utilize it for economy's sake. These shirts were then substituted by those of the other kind which was good in every respect.
4. For the same reasons given above, the summer uniforms and caps proved to be of little use, mainly because they would not stand washing. Nevertheless, during the time in which they were used, short though it was, they meant a sensible saving of material.
5. The summer shorts then issued were badly made and of various colours. The material for these was also of that recovered from Republican Fascist Gov. stores. However, according to regulations, shorts are to be worn only during training in the barracks.
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1. Summer clothes in the new pattern are very practical and well made. Unfortunately, the material has not proved to be good nor worthy of such accurate workmanship. Anyway, it was considered better to use the material up as it was scarce.
2. The khaki shirts proved to be very good; the same can be said of the caps.
3. With regard to the shorts, the same inconvenience as in the previous distribution exists (i.e. variety of colours and bad workmanship).
4. The under-pants have been recently made with material that is the remainder of old stocks, but they have been distributed with a view to economy.

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5. Socks are practical and of good quality.
6. Boots are better than those previously distributed.
7. Towels and handkerchiefs are considered very good.

PROPOSALS.

- Soldiers should have two uniforms in order to enable them to change whenever a suit needs washing or repairing.
- The same can be said with regard to Footwear. as often, in order to have his boots repaired, the soldier has to wear his best ones.
- In view of the forthcoming distribution of winter vests, it is advised to issue two to each soldier, for the principle of hygiene.
- It is suggested that a pair of woollen gloves be issued for winter wear.
- It would be convenient to distribute a canvas bag (holdall) for personal effects (i.e., razor, soap, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc.).

Subject: NEW UNIFORMS.

With regard to the contents of Ministry of War letter dated 10 Aug. '46, on the above subject, the remarks and suggestions of this CDR are given below.

a- The new uniforms should be considered temporary and as "experimental". - NO OBSERVATIONS.

b- Summer field uniform:-
The KD jacket should be abolished and substituted with a shirt with two pockets, epaulettes, and open collar. - OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.

The tie, which gives the uniform an untidy appearance, should be abolished. - OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.

Embossed pin-badges and flashes should be worn on the shirts, or KD jackets if the latter are maintained. - OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.

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With regard to linen trousers it is suggested that:-

- 1) they be provided with three large belt straps instead of small belt straps, so that a web belt may be support through them;
- 2) the field uniform should have trousers complete with anklets, in the English style, in several sizes so that they are sure to fit well.

In case the jacket should be abolished:-

- 1) The number of shirts should be at least four; two for the field uniform (either that with trousers like those worn by paratroopers, or that with anklets) or that with shorts), and two for the dress suit;
- 2) Two cotton vests should be provided, especially if the jacket is

abolished, as in this case the soldier would be left with just his shirt even on chilly summer days.

c- Winter uniform.

The tie should be abolished and the shirt have a high collar that will look smart even without the tie. For this reason the shirts should be well made and in different sizes, so that it will never happen that a collar is too tight to be buttoned, as often occurred in the past. Very smart and practical are the zip fasteners with small woollen tassel, similar to those on the old shirts.

Further, it is suggested to substitute the shirt with a polo-neck jersey, which would also substitute the pullover now being issued, but in insufficient number (only 1 per man). The collar of the jacket should be provided with flashes as in the previous case. - **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.**

d- Field caps with the same badge for all regiments, corps and ser-vices. - **THE USE OF ADOPTING THE SAME BADGE FOR ALL CORPS AND SER-VICES.** - This would abolish a tradition to which each soldier is certainly attached. On the other hand, flashes on certain garments (capes for instance) would not be worn, and, therefore, it would not be possible to distinguish the regiment. For the same reason it is not considered convenient to abolish the badges of rank on caps.

e- Extra uniform for officers and WO's. The characteristics of the cap and the type of chin-strap to be adopted in order to distinguish field rank officers, below field rank officers, and WO's, should be clearly indicated on opposite tables. - **IT IS CONSIDERED CONVENIENT TO HAVE A DIFFER-ENT KIND OF CHIN STRAP FOR EACH DIFFERENT RANK.** Brass and other metal buttons should be abolished (they are only suitable for blue and black uniforms). - **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.** Flashies should be as on field uniforms. - **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.** Rank badges should be on removable counter-epaulets. **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.** Turn-up trousers to be worn also by WO's. - **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.**

f- Extra greatcoat for officers and WO's. Brass and other metal buttons should be abolished and substituted with others that are non-metallic. - **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.**

g- Waterproof capes for field uniforms. Before having them made it would be well to examine other types with the Chief of Staff, keeping in mind that these garments are to be worn by the soldiers when carrying equipment. **OPINION:- FAVOURABLE.** It is suggested that the capes be provided with a detachable hood.

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h- State that officers and WO's may now don new "extra uniform". (NO
OBSERVATIONS).

i- Establish a limit for the wearing of the old uniforms and request
from "Ministero del Tesoro" an adequate indemnity or a gratuitous
supply of new material in order to permit officers to buy the
new uniform. - As far as regards the field uniforms (both summer and
winter), it is suggested to issue this to officers and WO's as for
troops. Besides being a great help to each individual, this would
avoid many inconveniences. I.e., uniforms made in different styles,
officers and WO's abusively taking a troop uniform too, etc.
The issuing of the uniforms in question could be effected periodic-
ally by Corps Commands, and in the case of an officer or WO being
transferred, the issuing of the uniform could be recorded on AF
44 RA.

With regard to the dress uniform (which may be worn on duty so long as troops are not to be commanded) it is considered convenient to adopt the following system:-

Standard type of material sold at Military Stores (i.e. Uniforme Militare) Suits to be tailored privately.

A favourable opinion has been expressed to the granting of an adequate bonus to meet the expense of having the new uniform made. Should it not be considered convenient to pay the above mentioned bonus, it is suggested that the materials for making it be supplied gratuitously.

PESARO, 9th Sept. '46

signed THE COLONEL COMMANDING
Incio Giorgetti.

Subject : Supply of Ordnance Stores.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

M.I.A.

ROME

C/CS/11/1

18 October 1946.

To : List "B"
Camp Comdt H.Q.

1. It is proposed to open an "ADOS DUMP" at UDINE (5 B.L.U.) for the future supply of Ordnance stores to this HQ and B.L.U.s.

2. It is the intention that the following should be held at ADOS DUMP.

- (a) Clothing and necessities.
- (b) General stores i.e. web equipt, paints, oils, soap etc.
- (c) MT spares i.e. PAMTO (First Aid MT outfit) to cover 1st Echelon repairs to British Service "B" Vehicles.

3. Full details of demand and issue procedure will be forwarded at a later date.

4. Addressees should now begin to review all outstanding demands for 2 (a) and (b) and submit to this H.Q. - in duplicate - manuscript copies of outstanding demands as follows:-

Date of demand	Demand Number	To whom submitted	Items	Qty Required

5. It may be necessary to call for information on vehicles. The information that must be given so that FAMCO scalings can be prepared is as follows :-

Contract or Sply, Mech, number.
Make and type of vehicle.
Chassis No - in respect of AEC, Leyland, Humber, Dennis, Foden, Scammell, GMC, Mack.
Chev 3 ton 4 x 2
Dodge 15 cwt 4 x 4.
Engine serial number - Gardner engines
Tank maker and contract number - Petrol and water tankers.

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6. As far as can be foreseen MTA will remain in existence for some while even after the departure of other British troops from Italy, and as the only Depot for the supply of Ord stores will be 500 AOD at GRAZ, it is desirable that arrangements should now be made to facilitate future supply.

It is the intention that bulk demands should be placed on 500 AOD by ADOS Dump, addressees would submit their demands on ADOS Dump, for clothing and general once per month and for MT once per week, direct issues would then be made from stock at ADOS Dump.

Demands should continue to be placed through present existing channels until instructions are given that the above proposals are being put into effect.

Copy to: "Q"
ADME

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H.G. EVANS, Lt.Col.
A.D.C.S. M.K.I.A.

Report on Conference held at 10 Terr. Command on 10 OCT 46.

Present: BRITISH: Lt Col VENOUR, Capt. CLARKE.
 ITALIAN: Lt Col CONSTANTINO, Colonel, Major MARELLA, Col NASTA
 Lt Col TANNARINO, Major CONTE, Major CIMINO, Capt. POLIDORI.

1. Lt Col Constantino welcomed Lt Col Venour and informed us that we had present the president of the Ministry of War Commission handling the withdrawal of stores from 557 BOD.

2. The report of the conference held at 10 HLU (copy of which has been sent to ADOS MILIA) was read and it was noted that no further action could be taken until Para 1, sub-para (a) and (b) had been settled in Rome.

3. The following points arose during the discussion:

(a) 10 HLU Conference Para 1, sub-para (a). Is it possible for Ministry of War to have Stock States for a few days to have copies made for use of Commission?

(b) Para 1, sub-para (b). Agreed that broad principles of working between ARAH and Ministry of War should be laid down so that Commission can handle job efficiently.

(c) Para 1, sub-para (c). All points agreed. Position on Italian Depots should be clarified and final destination of all stores laid down. The use of 3 Sub Depot Main 557 BOD would fill an urgent need until the above can be done. The obtaining of incidents from Divisions and arrangements for deferment of release of trained Personnel to be considered and immediate arrangements made to carry this out.

(d) Para 2. Unskilled and skilled labour already allowed for and available when required with one or two minor alterations. The obtaining of Cranes from ARAH to be immediately arranged from Cranes held at Pontecagnolo. Supply of drivers dependent on types of Cranes released. These Cranes would be invaluable if obtained for other work later.

(e) Paras 3 and 4. Already arranged with minor amendments.

(f) Para 5. Part 1 already arranged. Part 2 - PRULLI Division to be asked to supply.

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Sub Lt Col

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- (b) Para 1, sub-para (b). Agreed that broad principles of working between ARAN and Ministry of War should be laid down so that Commission can handle job efficiently.
- (c) Para 1, sub-para (c). All points agreed. Position on Italian Depots should be clarified and final destination of all stores laid down. The use of 3 Sub Depot Main 557 BOD would fill an urgent need until the above can be done. The obtaining of incidents from Divisions and arrangements for deferment of release of trained Personnel to be considered and immediate arrangements made to carry this out.
- (d) Para 2. Unskilled and skilled labour already allowed for and available when required with one or two minor alterations. The obtaining of Cranes from ARAN to be immediately arranged from Cranes held at Pontecagnano. Supply of drivers dependent on types of Cranes released. These Cranes would be invaluable if obtained for other work later.
- (e) Paras 3 and 4. Already arranged with minor amendments.
- (f) Para 5. Part 1 already arranged. Part 2 - FRULLI Division to be asked to supply.

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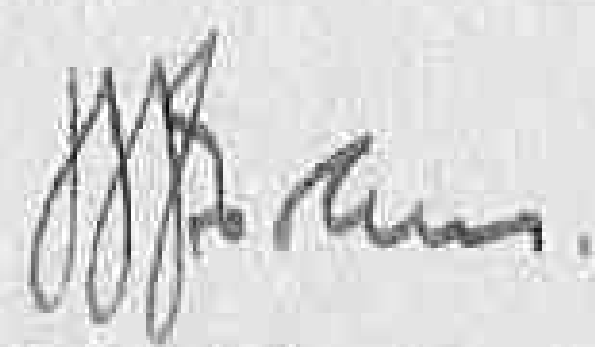
Subject : R.A.O.C. Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M B
C/03/11/1
17 October 46.

To : 5 B.L.U. (for attention Capt Chatfield)
7 B.L.U. (for attention S/Odr Patheyjohns)

1. Capt (SM) Chatfield RA has been posted to 5 B.L.U. as Ordnance Officer.
2. It is the intention that Capt Chatfield should act as Ordnance representative in N. Italy in addition to his duties at 5 B.L.U.
3. Arrangements should be made for Capt Chatfield and S/Odr Patheyjohns to meet at BOLOGNA in the near future to discuss Ord arrangements in the North and for Capt Chatfield to be "put in the picture".

The meeting should be arranged by mutual agreement between parties concerned. It is suggested that a suitable venue would be 6 B.L.U. where SQMS Smith should also be contacted.


H.G. EVANS. Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : 6 B.L.U.
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Subject : Establishment of Proposed "A" Vehicle Park - ITALIAN
ARMY - within 6 Territorial Command.

6 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: 217 Area 119.
Ref: 9/1/1.
14 October, 1946.

To :- Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)

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- (a) Ground in the vicinity of 12 Veh. Park, is entirely unsuitable for the parking of heavy vehicles during winter months. Hard standings are non-existent, and vehicles would 'bog down', or become entirely inundated. The construction of suitable hard standings on this site was considered impracticable.
- (b) The only suitable standings in the immediate area, were on the site of the local Cattle Market. It was considered that this site would accommodate 500 vehicles. Although the site had been requisitioned by the ALLIES, it was about to be handed over to the local Commune, and its procurement by the ITALIAN Army would be difficult. Further, no covered accommodation was available, and the perimeter of the area was not cordoned. The necessary GENIO work is therefore considerable, and authority for its execution is unlikely, since the property is not Government owned.
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3. It was decided therefore, that a site in the FORLI area presented so many difficulties as to make it impracticable; and in order that economical administration could be effected, the possibility of park being established at BOLOGNA, should be investigated.
4. With this end in view, the site of the PARCO di SAN FELICE, badly damaged by bombing, was recommended, and in the opinion of all representatives was considered adequate for requirements.



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5. The following factors substantiated this opinion :-

- (a) An adjacent railhead is available.
- (b) The site comprises sufficient hard standings for approximately 500 vehs., and may be enlarged if necessary.
- (c) The property is State owned, (ITALIAN Army), and although repairs will be necessary to existing buildings required as accommodation for personnel, kitting store, servicing bay etc., authority for this work to be carried out, should not be difficult.
- (d) The site is in a 'ZONA MILITARE', the perimeter is already protected, and generally the security of the proposed park should be simple.
- (e) Road approaches are reasonable, and necessary alterations to enlarge the entrance(s) can be effected at little cost.
- (f) Petrol pumps are in situ, and electric power available.

6. It was finally agreed that Major FICKE, (SMRE), should return to Rome with plans of the proposed project, and a request for GENIO work to start immediately.

7. This matter will be further reported on as necessary.



Major. DAA & QMG.
6 British Liaison Unit.

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Subject : Hand-over 557 B.O.D.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M. H. I. A.
R O E E
9/08/11/1
15 October 46.

To : Ordnance Officer
10 B. L. U.

Reference your CRD/2 dated 11 October 46.

1. A meeting was held at this HQ on 11 October 46, which representatives of Ministry of War attended, and the following is the present position.

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Ministry of War have been advised of the track, rail and labour requirements.

Authority has been given for the employment of civilian labour.

Proposed to War Ministry that they withdraw CFF's from Division and concentrate at Naples. The CFF's to be in possession of all their catalogues, parts lists, vocabs, scalings, etc: and that all personnel be put to work in 557.

No arrangements have been made for the submission of indents for immediate necessities as it is not considered feasible to issue placards to Units until Italian Depots are established.

If the proposal regarding CFF's is agreed then the necessary scaling information will be on hand, if not, then S/Cdr LYONS proposal to get scalings should fill the bill.

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No arrangements have been made for the submission of inlets for immediate necessities as it is not considered feasible to issue piecemeal to Units until Italian Depots are established.

If the proposal regarding OPR's is agreed then the necessary scaling information will be on hand, if not, then S/OAR LYONS proposal to get scalings should fill the bill.

3. General

The War Ministry have been given all the points we discussed and advised by Col Fidsley on behalf of this Mission. At this stage we can only advise the War Ministry.

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GDO state that nothing will be released for disposal in under six weeks from now. GDO are however endeavouring to get agreement from ARAR for the cannibalisation of the guns in the aerodrome. This will keep some personnel busy and meet immediate Artillery requirements until such times as stores in 3 Sub Depot are released.

GDO will not permit us the use of their copies of Stock Sheets.



H.C. EVANS Lt. Col.
A.D.C.S. M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Supply of Ordnance Stores.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.H.I.A.
R O M E
3/35/11/1

12 October 1946

TO : D.C.S. G.H.Q. C.M.F.

1. The British strength of this Mission is at present 101 Officers, 120 other ranks and 13 "B" Vehicles.

As far as can be foreseen this strength will remain constant for some while, even after the departure of other British troops from Italy.

2. A problem arises regarding the future supply of Ordnance Stores.

The Mission has an A.D.O.S. at H.Q. and various Ord representatives with the 12 B.L.U.'s.

Would you please consider the following propositions and if agreed, kindly inform Ordnance installations as necessary.

- (a) That a M.H.I.A. "ADDS DUMP" be established at UDINE for the purpose of supplying the needs of this H.Q. and the 12 B.L.U.'s.

The Dump to be supervised by A.D.O.S. this H.Q.

No additional Ord Personnel would be required.

- (b) That Bulk indents be submitted by A.D.O.S. direct to 500 A.C.D. for issue to "ADDS DUMP" Udine.

- (c) That a V.A.M.T.O. be issued and held at Udine to meet the 1st line needs of this H.Q. and B.L.U.'s.

Details of vehicles would be submitted at a later date if the proposal is agreed.

3. It is considered that the above proposals would result in a general saving in labour and effort, consolidated demands as opposed to 1121 Unit piecemeal demands, would reach 500 A.C.D. Despatches from 500 A.C.D. would be simplified as also would the issue of stores to B.L.U.'s.

H.C. EVANS, Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.H.I.A.

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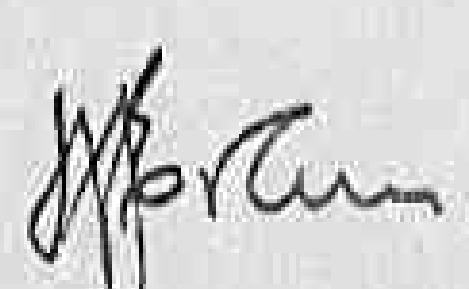
C O P YSUBJECT : Ordnance Representative.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
C/CS/11/1

October 1946

TO : 5 B.L.U.

Reference your A 30/118 dated 3 October 46.

1. No 291228 Captain (QM) L.A.S. CHARFIELD, R. ARMY is leaving ROME at 2230 hrs Monday 14 October 46 to join you as Ordnance Officer.
2. SQMS SMITH should remain attached to 6 B.L.U. will you please ensure that this W.O. is shown in your strength return submitted to "A" Branch this H.Q.


H.G. EVANS, Lt.Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.Copy to: 6 B.L.U. (Will you please also include
W.O. SMITH in your strength return).

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF : /ord/I

TO : Mil.Terr. Commands of Turin,
Genoa, Milan, Bolzano, Florence

DATE: /10/46

SUBJECT: Divisional artillery regiments.-



Further to letter 3760/Ord/I dated 22/7/46.

1. In issuing instructions regarding the reorganisation of the Divisional artillery regiments (see a/m letter), it was arranged that the operations concerning said reorganisation should have been completed, at the latest, by the end of November 46.

But said operations, which have begun in almost all the divisions, could not be carried out as prearranged on account of various reasons.

2. The present situation can be summarised as follows:
a) - a group of officers and senior NCOs have already gone to units. - Others are completing tradesmen courses. We shall order the assignment of personnel still required.

b) - Junior NCOs and men - The strenght existing in the units is small. Another group is completing tradesmen courses; the situation will improve by the end of November, when the new contingent of recruits will arrive.

c) - Equipment: guns have been or are being allotted. Gun tools, vehicles etc. are still required.

d) - Barrack accomodation: difficulties are met with. In some barracks, the repair works are at a good stage, but in others, they are still to be commenced; therefore, not all the barracks can be made ready by the end of November.

In view of the above, the estimated W/E reorganisation cannot be completed by the time fixed, but must necessarily be postponed for a further period.

Therefore, the system of graduality laid down in, our previous letter acquires more value.

3. Since the recruits will be posted to the units by the and of November and not all the new Regts and Groups can complete

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their formation by that time for the reason stated above, the training of the contingent earmarked for these new units becomes a problem.

It is necessary, therefore, to solve that problem, even though continuing the carrying out of the provisions concerning the above W/E reorganisation.

To this aim, we beg the Military Territorial Command addressed above to issue instructions so that:

- for each HQ or Unit to be formed, a nucleus of personnel, strictly essential, be detailed to provide, with the graduality suggested by the circumstances, for all the operations regarding the formation (organisation of the commands, withdrawal of the equipment, repair of billets, etc.);
- the remaining personnel be posted to the existing units for the carrying out of the training programme scheduled.

4. Even though considering that the different situation of the units requires as many different provisions, we deem it advisable to suggest - as a guidance and for the purpose of having a basis of agreement - the procedure which generally could be followed for the transfer of the personnel to be trained to existing units.

And that is:

- a) - Field Arty Rgts.
personnel earmarked for the 1st Regt to be formed will be posted to the two groups which will remain in the Regt.
personnel earmarked for the 2nd Regt will be posted to the two groups which will become part of said Regt.
- b) - Antitank Arty Regt.
personnel earmarked for the HQ of the Regt and for the two groups of 17 pdrs will be posted to the existing 17 pdrs group.
personnel earmarked for the 2nd 6 pdrs group will be posted to the 1st 6 pdrs group of which formation will have to be hastened so that it may be completed by the end of November.
- c) - A.A. Arty Regt.
personnel earmarked for the Regt will be posted to the Existing 40 m/m group.

5. As soon as the formation of the new units will be completed, (arrival of material and transport) also the personnel which was assigned for training to the existing units, will be posted to them (see para a, b, and c above).

We shall be grateful to know the position by the 15th of December next, in order to complete the W/E reorganisation in question.

sgd. LUZZI
Gen

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SUBJECT : Tours.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

A 331 // Oct 46.

TO : 3, 4, 5, BLUs. (2 copies each)

Lt Col J.D.A. HARDIE RASC ADST this HQ accompanied by
Maj G.T. BERRIDGE RASC DADST 12 BLU will be visiting your BLU in
accordance with tour programme attached as appendix 'A' to this
letter.

Please ensure that access is arranged as shown in column
(j) of attached Appendix.



for Major General,
M.M.I.A.
Maj D.H.A.G.

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Appendix
LetterProgramme of ADST Tour from 16 Oct to 25 Oct

Serial No	Date	From	Approx. time of dep.	To	Approx. time of arr.	Tpt arrange- ments	Purpose of visit	Accn arranged by
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	Wed 16 Oct	ROME	a.m.	RICCIONE	p.m.	By car	-	ADST
2.	Thurs 17 Oct	RICCIONE	a.m.	VENICE via PADUA	p.m.	By car	-	ADST
3.	Fri 18 Oct	VENICE	a.m.	UDINE via BELLUNO	p.m.	By car	Visit 8 Pack Coy BELLUNO	5 BLU for ADST, DADST and BOR dvr
4.	Sat 19 Oct Sun 20 Oct	Remain at			UDINE	-	Visit S & T Units UDINE	---
5.	Mon 21 Oct	UDINE	a.m.	BOLZANO via VITTELNO	p.m.	By car	Visit 6 Pack Coy VITTELNO	4 BLU for ADST & DADST and BOR dvr
6.	Tues 22 Oct	at	BOLZANO			-	Visit S & T Units BOLZANO	---
7.	Wed 23 Oct	BOLZANO	a.m.	MILAN	p.m.	By car	-	3 BLU for ADST & DADST and BOR dvr
8.	Thurs 24 Oct	Remain			MILAN	-	Visit Commissariato CAR etc.	---
9.	Fri 25 Oct	MILAN	a.m.	ROME	p.m.	By car		

Appendix 'A' to HQ RMIA
letter 131 of 10 Oct 66

Programme of ADST Tour from 15 Oct to 25 Oct

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(a)	(c)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)
	RIEGIONE	p.m.	By car	-	ADST	
	VENICE	p.m.	By car	-	ADST	
	via PADUA					
	UDINE	p.m.	By car	Visit 8 Pack Coy BELLUNO	5 BLU for ADST, DADST and BOR dvr	
	via BELLUNO					
	at UDINE		-	Visit S & T Units UDINE	---	
	BOLZANO	p.m.	By car	Visit 6 Pack Coy VIGITENO	4 BLU for ADST & DADST and BOR dvr	
	via VIGITENO					
	BOLZANO		-	Visit S & T Units BOLZANO	---	
	MILAN	p.m.	By car	-	3 BLU for ADST & DADST and BOR dvr	
	MILAN		-	Visit Commissariato CAR etc.	---	
	ROME	p.m.	By car			

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SUBJECT : ToursLAND FORCES SUB COM. ...O.
(M. M. I. A.) R O L L

A 331 11 Oct 46

TO	:	1	BU	(2)
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		4	"	"
		5	"	"

1. Major M. M. BUTLER, RMC, DMS, this HQ will visit your B.L.U. in accordance with details contained in appendix 'A' to this letter.
2. DMS will be accompanied by Capt. M. M. BUTLER. Details of accommodation required is shown in column (j) of appendix.
3. No accommodation is required for Capt. M. M. BUTLER.

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W. M. Butler
Major General DMS
M. M. I. A.



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A 331 11 Oct 46

TO : 1 BU (2)
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Milton May
 Capt Major General DMS
 M. M. A.



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Programme of DADMS Tour from 17 Oct to 30 Oct

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)
1.	Thurs 17 Oct	ROME	a.m.	LUCCA	p.m.	By car	Visit secondary Hospital and Med Stores	D.A.D.M.S.
2.	Fri 18 Oct	Remain LUCCA	a.m. to	GENOA	p.m.	By car		D.A.D.M.S.
3.	Sat 19 Oct	Remain GENOA					Visit 2 BLU, DIME Hosp & Med Coy	D.A.D.M.S.
4.	Sun 20 Oct	GENOA	a.m.	TURIN	p.m.	By car	Visit 1 BLU, DDMS Hosp & Med Coy	1 BLU for DADMS and Italian dvr
5.	Mon 21 Oct	Remain TURIN						
6.	Tues 22 Oct	TURIN	a.m.	MILAN	p.m.	By car	Visit 3 BLU	.3 BLU for DADMS and Italian dvr
7.	Wed 23 Oct	Remain MILAN					Visit DMS Hospital and Med Coy	
8.	Thurs 24 Oct	Remain MILAN						
9.	Fri 25 Oct	MILAN	a.m.	BOLZANO	p.m.	By car	Visit 4 BLU	4 BLU for DADMS and Italian dvr
10.	Sat 26 Oct	Remain BOLZANO				-	Visit MERANO Chemical Institute	
11.	Sun 27 Oct	Remain BOLZANO				-		
12.	Mon 28 Oct	BOLZANO	a.m.	VERONA	p.m.	By car	Visit Secondary Hospital	DADMS
13.	Tues 29 Oct	Remain VERONA to PADUA			a.m. p.m.	By car		DADMS

Appendix 'A' to HQ MIA
letter A 331 of 11 Oct 46

Programme of DAIMS Tour from 17 Oct to 30 Oct

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From	Approx. time of dep.	To	Approx. time of arr.	Tpt Arrange- ments	Purpose of visit	Accn arranged by	Remarks
(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
ROME	a.m.	LUCCA	p.m.	By car	Visit secondary Hospital and Med Stores	D.A.D.M.S.	
In LUCCA a.m. to		GENOA	p.m.	By car		D.A.D.M.S.	
Main GENOA					Visit 2 BLU, DEMS Hosp & Med Coy	D.A.D.M.S.	
GENOA	a.m.	TURIN	p.m.	By car	Visit 1 BLU, DEMS Hosp & Med Coy	1 BLU for DAIMS and Italian dvr	
Main TURIN							
TURIN	a.m.	MILAN	p.m.	By car	Visit 3 BLU	3 BLU for DAIMS and Italian dvr	
Main MILAN					Visit DEMS Hospital and Med Coy		
Main MILAN							
LAN	a.m.	BOLZANO	p.m.	By car	Visit 4 BLU	4 BLU for DAIMS and Italian dvr	
Main BOLZANO					Visit MERANO Chemical Institute		
Main BOLZANO							
LANO a.m.		VERONA	p.m.	By car	Visit Secondary Hospital	DAIMS	
Main VERONA							
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Programme of DEDAS Tour from 17 Oct to 30 Oct

Serial No.	Date	From	Approx. time of dep.	To	Approx. time of arr.	Tpt Arrangements	Purpose of visit	Acen arranged by	Per
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(i)
14.	Wed 30 Oct	FIORIN	a.m.	FLORENCE	p.m.	By car	Visit Chemical Institute	7 BLU for DEDAS and Italian dir	
15.	Thurs 31 Oct	FLORENCE	a.m.	ROME	p.m.	By car			

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Appendix 'A' to HQ MIIA
 letter A 331 dated 11 Oct 46

Programme of D/DeS Tour from 17 Oct to 30 Oct

Approx. time of dep.	To	Approx. time of arr.	Tpt Arrange- ments	Purpose of visit	Accon arranged by	Remarks
(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
a.m.	FLORENCE	p.m.	By car	Visit Chemical Institute	7 HLU for BRIKS and Italian dvr	
a.m.	ROME	p.m.	By car			

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- (b) Domestic Transport require copy of revised US. 3 ton heavy moved urgently, not yet arrived. Note for 3 car (800) to be required as immediate on arrival road. (see page 76). Are sending participants of two cars which we should get from AG + Holman + German wire, both loaded now.
- (c) Local Administration are looking after displaced persons left and right (displaced). Total numbers straight 75. Have 150 and 100 for reconstructional cultural transport from London.
- (d) Personnel almost urgently for 22 day or 225000 to help at Camp. Also for replacement left London the far western end of Bay Area.
- (e) Police Under reports more of 4 Bay Area Unit to London. Local Labor troubles are hampering U.S. shipping. Join for more military technical personnel and would welcome visit from AG. Director of Bay Area wishes cost of repairs to their staff our delayed from some other source than 4 Year Cost allotment.
- (f) L.F. Courier Service Please advise with letter on Monday, Saturday and Friday.
- (g) Mailbox area Not AG & Year Cost and 6 of 6. Subversive concerns and expressed suggestion of 4 AG's efforts. Inquire if AG had any contact to date on his recent tour of inspection.
- Notes
- Problems at Bureau lately used on officials club and barracks at Vienna. All letters 1 - 7 and 4 - 6 of 26 kept to 217 area notes. some gone.
- AG has received validation. No letter (45 12 kept to 21) notes.
- 1 October 2 PM Union
- (s) Not written - Huntington - Johnston and Harter. Administration Officers satisfactory AG's by arrangement with AG but has recently received new British CR rts which would prefer to be visited as evidence he must start separate AG's team. Is writing in about this. Could be sent to London or Belgium.
- (t) Personnel Senders left Clark. Ask for AG to arrive and lead into local "American" matters. Request 2 AGs from Belgium (AGs) as preferably Florence Ratty who is one for lower and could "stop off" at times on his way to G.I.

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Various measures in exchange for crop reduction and there are no limitations including tobacco plant. No labor limitation and subject rising.

5. September 6, 1949

- (a) Not Nelson - action. *Administrative satisfaction.* Italian Army provided good news with guest news. G's accommodation excellent based on mail. Investment.
- (b) Local Administration 217 area closing. Item out of October and November spending at possibly November. Refinement with present same staff excellent.

7. October 7, 1949

- (a) Not Nelson - (Regent - Hamilton. *Administrative* Officers less good (G's and Congress) villa. Villa. Refinement and likely to be lost by end of November so far as (American children) wishes to regain position. This being revealed as alternative buildings under "G.S. Co" into buildings not as good.
- (b) Local Administration. Can purchase now for each such item as glass, oil, fire and discuss but quantity limited to 100000000. This used for entire country. Fuel not sufficient and business in Italian centered water is less than 300 local rate for wood or lighter.
- (c) *Administrative* and resistance to get Italian Chief Clerk back into Italy and into 7 1949. Can our Ministry be persuaded to grant 100000000 drivers military status as compensation for visiting drivers is difficult if they are Italian. ST Officer must be explained when he is due for release.

- (d) Italian Army 7 year coal urgently requires 300 in 700 of "Gos" for windows of newly occupied buildings, can we help obtain direct from U.S. Military stores.

- (e) *Administrative* Negative 3 out of 100000000 (see from 45).

General

- (a) Local administration on increasing worry ALP's uncertain as to future and would welcome change now to local purchase and management allowance.

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- (b) Information very much resembles such as should have and includes a how for simple and winding outcome.
- (c) Possible having a serious distraction to the working of Hill's who are all required this be resolved.
- (d) Approximate as follows in copy.
- (e) Approximate as follows in copy.
- (f) Approximate as follows in copy.
- (g) Approximate as follows in copy.
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- (z) Approximate as follows in copy.

5th October 1965

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and they themselves will be helping in saving the
country in a hundred ways. It is useless to help
anybody if they may be given an additional
burden on their backs. In order then contact the
American people, first, and let them know.

Figure 1. *Staphylococcus aureus* strains.

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SUBJECT:- Boots from RSD 557 BOD.

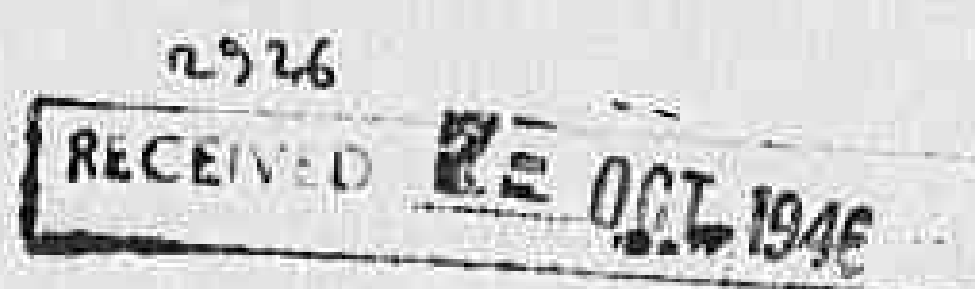
ORDINANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.

Tel:- 55802 NAPLES

ORD 8

4 OCTOBER 46.

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



1. No.10 Centro Confezioni e Recupero are desirous of clearing up the question of an issue of Boots ex-RSD made in SEPTEMBER 45. I enclose all correspondence received in connection with this matter together with a report No.433 of a Court of Inquiry held by the Italians. This matter was previously taken up with Major Airey, DADOS MMIA, in NAPLES last year.
2. From the report of the Court it will be seen that a credit of 767 pairs of Boots will be required from our Accounting Branch to clear this matter.
3. Can you please take this matter up and advise us how to handle. If a fresh Acceptance Note be made out for the lower figure and the previous one cancelled, or whether our office will issue a cancellation themselves for the Italians to insert in their books.



NWC/MJ

W. Clarke
CAPT., RAOC.
ORDINANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N.W. CLARKE
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Enclosures:- Report No.433 and relevant documents.

IOth Confections and Recuperated
Material Centre.-Naples

File:-5072/C

Subject:-Allied shoes - Acceptation bill N°2/599/320.

To:- IO B.L.U.

Torre del Greco

In reference to conversation Major Ventrella - Captain Clarke
of 26 September 1946.

Herewith forwarded the following documents verbally requested
referring to the a/m subject:-

Letter ref. N°3480/C dated 25/6/46.

" " N°4160/C " 23/7/46.

Recorded verbal N° 433 dated 6/10/45.

A report explaining the practice.

Signed

Maj. Vincenzo Ventrella
Chief Centre Commissioner

Trans.Cpt/P.

Naples 27/9/46.

REPORT.

During the period of 6 - 13 September 1945, N° 1508 bales, which should have contained a total of 23385 pairs of British shoes, were taken to the 599 Establishment, having been drawn from the 557 B.O.D. Allied Depot.

The prescribed opening of the bales with the relative selectioning was quickly begun, ending on 6 October of the same year, giving the results mentioned in the enclosed copy of the report.

The War Ministry sent the present practice to the Land Forces Sub-Commission - AC(MMIA) who informed, through the same War Ministry, that the question could not be settled because of the absence of clarifications by your office.

For such a beginning the Acceptation Bill N° Q/599/320 dated 16/10/45 has been issued.

Signed

Major Vincenzo Ventrella
Chief Centre Commissioner.

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Trans.Cpt/P.

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IO Confection and Recuperated Centre
Naples.

File:-4I60
Registered hand mail.

Naples, 23 July 1946.

Subject:- Shoes from Allied Sources.

To:-IO B.L.U.
-through No 8 Subsidiary Depot - FRATTAMAGGIORE.

The Allied Subcommission HQ. has verbally manifested to the War Ministry the desire that all the suspended practices be defined at the earliest, this motive urging us to bring pressure on your office in defining the practice sent with letter ref. N°3480/C dated 25/6/46.

Having this Centre to make a report to the War Ministry, it is please requested, therefore, that your office inform us of the proper decision in reference to the question in subject.

True copy
S.Lt.Emilio Milella

Signed

Captain Vincenzo Ventrella
Chief Centre Commissioner.

Trans.Cpt/P.

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10th Confection and Refitted Centre
Naples.

File:-3480/C

Naples, 25 June 1946.

Subject:- Shoes from Allied sources.

To:- IO B.L.U. - c/o N° 8 Supplies Depot - FRATTAMAGGIORE.

On 19 October 1945, this Centre, with the transmission list N° IOI39/C, sent the recorded verbal N° 433, proving the contents of the 1508 bales of British shoes, drawn by the 599 Establishment from the 557 B.O.D. Allied Depot, to the M.M.I.A. - LO - DADOS - NAPLES for the competent decisions.

Having to settle the account of the shoes resulting missing or useless and, bearing in mind that the a/m MMIA did not indicate the procedure to follow for the settlement of the a/m account, the practice is submitted to your office, please requesting to inform the modality to be used for the settlement of the account of the following quantity of shoes:-

392 pairs found missing to be credited to the Italian Govt.

375 pairs found useless to be debited to the Italian Govt at the price corresponding to useless and not considering them as repaired according to the report of the issuing Depot (557 B.O.D.).

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A duplicate copy of the recorded report N° 433 is included.

True copy

S.Lt E. Milella - Commissioner

Trans. Cpt/P.

Signed

Capt. Vincenzo Ventrella
Centre Chief Commissioner

10th Italian Refitted Material Depot
599 Establishment.

Recorded report No 433.

VERBAL of opening and ascertaining contents of No I508 bales containing shoes from British sources.

16 October in the year nineteen hundred forty-five - Naples.

IT IS MADE KNOWN.

THAT by order of the Regional Recuperated Centre, the undersigned Commission was assembled in the premises of the 10th Italian Refitted Material Depot to ascertain with the present report, the daily operations carried out since 8/9/45 to the present date in order to verify the exact contents of No I508 bales containing British shoes brought by means of 31 motor vehicles to the Depot in installation from 6 to 13 September of the current year, drawn from the 557 B.O.D. Allied Depot.

THAT the entire lot was contained in the following wrappings and which, because of the value of the contents, had the indications of the kind of contents on the outside of each package:-

No 1186 sacks containing 15 prs. Ea.	=	17,790 pairs
" 195 cages	=	3,900 "
" 33 "	=	495 "
" 42 cases	=	420 "
" 52 "	=	780 "

Total No I508 Bales

No 23,385 "

THAT proceeding in the opening of these bales, they proved to contain British worn shoes, for the most part repaired with half soles and heels but not suitable for immediate distribution to the Units because in need of other repairs or, at least, of reshaping, fattening and cleaning. 375 pairs were found to be useless and 76 pairs impaired.

THAT it was furthermore proved that not all the bales contained the number of shoes indicated by the stamping existing on the outside of the wrapping, but that the absence of one, two or three pairs of shoes was found in each bale, with a deficiency totalling 392 pairs.

THAT No 181 cages of 20 pairs each were sent to the No 3 Depot MAGGIORE, on their nominal value, (a total of 3020 pairs of shoes) considered as being of Group I.

THAT, finally, accomplished the selectioning and the classification of the whole lot, the results

the daily operations carried out since 8/9/45 to the present date in order to verify the exact contents of No 1508 bales containing British shoes brought by means of 31 motor vehicles to the Depot in installation from 6 to 13 September of the current year; drawn from the 557 B.C.D. Allied Depot.

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THAT No 181 cages of 20 pairs each were sent to the No 8 Depot FRATTAMAGGIORE, on their nominal value, (a total of 3020 pairs of shoes) considered as being of Group I.

THAT, finally, accomplished the selectioning and the classification of the whole lot, the results are:-

Shoes of Group	I (Cleaned and slightly repaired)	including those sent to FRATTAMAGGIORE.....	20,708 pairs
" "	II (half soles and heels)	I,800 "	
" "	III (half bottoms)	24 "	
" "	IV (whole bottoms)	10 "	
" "	V (useless)	375 "	
" "	I (unpaired)	52 "	
" "	II "	24 "	
TOTAL			22,993 pairs

THAT therefore, it is proposed that the depository of the 10th Italian Refit Material Depot assume in charge 22,993 pairs of worn British shoes as listed above.

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THAT for the verifying of what is a/m, the present report is drawn up for all consecutive administration effects.

Made, read, finished and undersigned on the date and in the premises above mentioned.

THE COMMISSION

COMMISSARY OFFICER

Signed - Giuseppe Lojaco

True copy

Chief Centre Commissary
Major Vincenzo Ventrella

SUPPLIES CONSIGNEE

Signed - Major S. Ambrogio

Translated - Cpt/P.

Subject:- Ordnance Representative.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1553
A 30/118

3 Oct 46

"ORD"
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

1. Although an Ora WO (SMITH) is on the strength of this Unit, he is in fact permanently attached to 6 BLU and has never joined this HQ. This BLU has never had the advantage of an ordnance representative, and apart from one very fleeting visit by ADOS your HQ in May, we have had no personal contact with your branch. My A 1/33 dated 6 Jul and your Q/O.S./11/1 dated 1 Aug refer. In the latter you state that you hope that SMITH will be available for us in three weeks or a month.

2. I have no grounds for supposing that the Italian Ord Services in this Command are inefficient, I would however like to make certain on this point. I doubt if there is full time employment for an Ord rep at this Command at present but would suggest that a WO be attached for a period of say a fortnight, so that he can visit all Units and submit a report on their ordnance efficiency. On the result of this report would depend the duration and frequency of any future visits.

3. You may wish to consider the following additional point; as you will be aware the total Brit Ord resources in CME from DDOS at GHQ downwards will shortly be concentrated in 5 Territorial Command area. A time will also come when considerable releases of Ord Stocks located in this area will be made to the Italian Arms, it might therefore be wise to have a fairly Senior Ord Officer representative at this HQ.

4. With ref to para 2 above, I discussed the matter with Col CURTIES during his visit, he suggested that perhaps WO LYONS of 4 BLU might be made available.

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Copy to:- "Q" Branch MMIA.

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7 - OCT 1946

Lt Colonel,
G.S.



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M.M.I.A.

10 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT NAPLES

Q/OS/ 520

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PLEASE ARRANGE CAPT CLARKE TO REPORT THIS HQ SATURDAY MORNING
14th INST.

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ROUTINE

ORD

A. J. Head

A.J. HEAD, Lt.Col. ADC

SUBJECT : Distribution List "A".

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.N.I.A.
R O H E
Q/CS/11/1
8 August 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
C.M.F.

Ref your DCS/24 dated 2nd August 1946.

Number of DCS Circulars required is 15.

A. J. Head
A. J. HEAD, Lt. Col.
For Major General
M.N.I.A.

AMH/ra

Answer To 63

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
C.H.Q. C.M.F.

Subject: Distribution List "A"

To : DDOS, HQ, BIA.
CEO, HQ, 557 BOD.
ADOS, HQ, 3 District.
DADOS, HQ, BIA.
CO, HQ 38 Veh. Coy.

Ref : DCE/21

Tel : Hvedon 812

Date: 3 Aug 46

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In view of recent unit disbandments, departures from the theatre, etc. Distribution List "A" for DCE Circulars, etc. is again being revised.

Please notify your minimum requirements.



M. Peart

(M. PEART, S/Comd., PA/DO3).
For Brig.
B.O.B.

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SUBJECT : Special Equipment Returns.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E

✓OS/11/1

2nd August 1946

TO : GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Reference DOS/2006/Ord 5 dated 8/7/46, herewith NIL returns in respect of Special Equipment lists for Increment to MMIA and Police Increment to M.M.I.A.

Central Mediterranean Establishments are respectively CM/1111/2 and CM/1279/1.

A. J. Head
A.J. HEAD, Lt.Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Postings - O.R.'s

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E

✓03/11/1

1st August 1946

TO : 5 British Liaison Unit

Reference your A/1/33 dated 6/7/46 and A/1/36 dated 26/7/46.

It is understood that this matter was discussed with you by AA & QMG on his recent visit.

It is hoped that S.Q.M.S. SMITH will be available to you in three weeks to a month.

Copy to: 6 British Liaison Unit.

A. J. Head
A.J. HEAD, Lt.Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

AJH/ra

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SUBJECT:- Postings - O.R's.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1553

A/L/36

26 Jul 46.

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

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May a reply please be given to my A/L/33 of
6 Jul 46.



Atkinson
Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
C.M.Q. C.M.F.Subject:- Issues to the Italian Army.Ref: DOS/7209
Tel: Freedom 495
Date: 24th July '46.COO
557 B.O.D.

With reference to my various letters of even number in which I requested that signed copies of vouchers be passed to ADOS M.M.I.A. and the Financial Adviser.

The instructions do not appear to have been observed and in consequence there are certain to be difficulties in obtaining settlement from the Italian Government.

Apart from receipted copies of vouchers required to support your account, two additional copies signed by the Italian Officer who collected the stores are needed. One for ADOS M.M.I.A. for him to present to the Italian War Ministry to get the costs recorded and the other for the F.A. to maintain a check on the Italian Government.

Will you please take action to get this procedure working.

Your letters P3/523/3(334), P3/523/3(335), P3/523/3(332) dated 19th July '46, P3/523/3(329) dated 18th July '46 P3/523/3(328) and P3/523/3(327) dated 17th July '46 refer.



Butlin
(P.W. BUTLIN) Lt.Col. ADOS CRE,
for Brigadier,
D.O.S.

Copy to: A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A.
Financial Adviser, GHQ C.M.F.

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Subject: Personnel

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

SC REME
7 British Liaison Unit,
c/o 6 B.L.U.

Ref. EME/4A/1
19 July 1946

Reference posting of SQMS Smith D.E.A. to 5 B.L.U. and subsequent attachment to this Unit.

Will you please inform if any action has been taken in regard to promotion of this W.O. to fill the W.E. vacancy in 5 B.L.U.

Will you please notify if necessary casualties taking the W.O. on strength 5 B.L.U. have been published by that Unit.

P.H. Melser SC REME

Copy to:- HQ. 5 B.L.U.

Ref. folio 50

See 5A



TRANSLATION

S I G N A L

FROM : Maj. Catalano Bergamo Ref: 42110 2240hr.

TO : Col. Head ADOS MMIA Date: 19.7.46

NOTIFY THAT "MONZA FUNZIONALI" BARRACKS AGREE
IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENT ON BASIS ORDNANCE STOP
FOR YOUR EVENTUAL INTERVENTION I ADD THAT I
HAVE GIVEN SAME COMMUNICATION TO GENERAL ROSSI.

SGD. MAJ. CATALANO

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LT A COLONEL HEAD
ADD MIA PALAZZO EX
CORPORAZIONI ROMA

VIA E INDICAZIONI EVENTUALI D'UFFICIO	
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BERGAMO 42210 58 19 22,40
- JULY -
= HAVE LOCATED A GOOD PLACE FOR ITALIAN ORDNANCE
- DEPOT AT MONZA STOP ADDRESS IS CASERME FUNZIONALI
MONZA NEAR MILAN STOP MAJOR CATALANO HAS SIGNED
GENERAL ROSSI AND YOU PARTICULAR OF THIS LOCATION
STOP CAN YOU PLEASE HELP TO OBTAIN A QUICK
DECISION FROM NOW TO ALLOW US TO TAKE OVER THIS
CASERME STOP LETTER FOLLOWS = SUB CONDUCTOR LYON

Fatevi correntisti postali. PAGAMENTI E RISCOSSIONI IN TUTTE LE LOCALITÀ DEL
REGNO - FRA CORRENTISTI I PAGAMENTI E LE RISCOSSIONI
MEDIANTE POSTAGIRO SONO ESEGUITI SENZA LIMITAZIONE DI SOMMA ED IN ESENZIONE DA QUALSIASI TASSA

REF. FOLIO. 49

SUBJECT: Postings - O.R.'s.

5 British Liaison Unit,
Tel. 1767,
A/1/33, 6th. Jul. '46.

TO: "ORD".,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

FOLIO 51

Ref your Q/O.S./11/1 of 2nd. Jul. '46.

It will be noted that SQMS SMITH, R.A.O.C. was posted to this Unit by O2E., G.HQ., and although no doubt there are very strong reasons as to why this W.O. should be employed with 6 B.L.U. it would have been appreciated if this HQ had been consulted.

There has been no ORD representative at this B.L.U. since its formation; and to satisfy my mind that the Italian ORD Services are functioning smoothly I would like a British ORD representative for an initial period of, say a month, so that he can carry out technical inspections and make a report.



Authan
Lieut.-Colonel,
G.S.

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Subject: Continued.

LAND FORCE SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q /08/11/1

2 July 46

TO : 5 B.I.U.

Copy to: 6 B.I.U. for Capt. Nelson
: 4 B.I.U.
: 217 Area.

10556427 S/NO XI(SCHS)SMITH, D.M.A. RAGE.

Reference ORR/97139/Ref/3 dated 26 June 46 the a/n
W.O will be held within 72 of 5 B.I.U., remaining attached
6 B.I.U. for employment with Capt. NELSON.

a desk

A. J. HEAD, Lt. Col.
A.R.O.S. (M.M.I.A.)

Ref Folio 50

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Tel No: VALJEAN 55

028/97139/Rfts/3

By SDS

28 Jun 46

HQ 217 Area

SUBJECT:- Postings - ORs

10586427 W/NO II (SQMS) SMITH. D.E.A. RAOC A/S Gp 44

Reference ADOS MMIA letter Q/OS/11/1 dated 21 Jun 46, copy to you.

1. Authority is given for the posting of the above named WO from HQ 217 Area to 5 BLU to fill an existing vacancy within WE as a WO I (RAOC).
2. Ensure movement is effected with minimum of delay and render appropriate casualty.



CMF

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission
 AG (MMIA) Rome - your above quoted letter refers.
 OC 5 BLU 13 Corps.
 Adv Rfts Sub Sec N Italy c/o 1 CRU (Treviso)

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R/4 (RAOC)
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John D. Dyer
 Brigadier,
 DAG,
 GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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LRKE V MBGE NR 29014 QVR
FROM EME 7 B. L. U.
TO HQ MMIA ROME (FOR ADOS)
INFO ADME 4 B. L. U. BOLZANO
BT

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Folio 44.
U/C . REF 4 BLU SIGNAL 26/6/46 LOAN OF S/CDR LYON TO THIS
UNIT . STORES DEPOT BERGAMO UNOFFICIAL AND NOT APPROVED BY
MIN . OF WAR . CAN DECISION BE OBTAINED RE LOCATION OF B. O. D.
OV// OBVIOUS LOCATION FOR MT DEPOT IS BOLOGNA WHERE BASE WKSP
FACILITIES EXIST FOR QUALITY AND TECHNICAL CONTROL. TJ// THIS
MATTER REQUIRES CLARIFYING AS WHOLE DIVISIONAL REPAIR PROGRAMME
DEPENDS ON SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATION OF B. O. D. AND LOCAL
MANUFACTURE . THIS CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISE D IN
CONJUNCTION WITH BASE WUSP WHERE ED// EXPERIENCE ALREADY SHOW
THAT QUALITY CONTROL IS ESSENTIAL . PLEASE DISCUSS WITH ADME WHO HAS
FULL FACTS RE BOLOGNA ?// B. O. D.
BT

SENT NR 014 BY JBV AT1003

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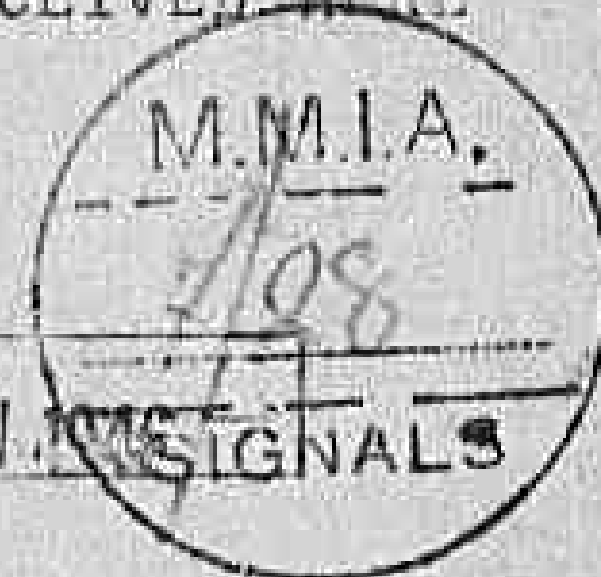
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 RESTRICTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDPERSONNEL ON WE SHOULD ALWY//
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O ROMA BOLZANO 4452/148 63 27/6 1230
27 JUNE 1946

== N 4/GB/14 STOP FOR HERD FROM DOUGLAS STOP
FURTHER TO THIS HG SIGNAL 4/GBX14 DATED 26 JUNE
STOP TERMINATION OF LOAN TO GENERAL UTILI OF
SERVICES OF S/CDR LYON WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE
EMBARASSENT STOP BRADLEY VISITING YOU
FORTHWITH WITH FULL PICTURE STOP PENDING FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS HAVE POSPONED DESPATCH OF LYON
TO BOLOGNA STOP

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== BLOGNA == 2139
ROME FOR INFO 6/0 20
== FROM 4/0 BLU TO MMIA

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TO 5 ADOS MMIA
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ORD/1 UNCLAS . FROM S/CDR LYON . HAVING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING
CAPTAIN BEBON . REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR ORGANIZATION OF BOB AT
BOLOGNA . SITE AND BUILDING FOR BOB ALREADY AVAILABLE AND IN SEPARATE
FROM WORKSHOPS STORES SECTION . WILL YOU PLEASE HELP BY LIAISON WITH
NOW WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING THIS TRANSFER . NO ME FOR BOB AT PRESENT
AUTHORISED BUT MATTER RAISED WITH MMIA BY CAPTAIN NELSON . PLEASE
DISCUSS WITH COLONEL BEBON

1 he General
June 46
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Al Balanzano
Telephone 1200 hrs 26/6/46

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MODULARIO
C.N. Telegr. - 03*Via d'indicazioni
eventuali d'ufficio

PA ROMA BOLZANO 4393/138 140 26/6 1005
 = 4/GB/14 STOP U/C/STOP. FOR HEAD FROM DUOGLAS
 STOP REF YOUR QOS/NUMBER UNDECIPHERABLE DATED 11
 JUN STOP REGRET APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MISUNDERS
 TANDING DURING ABSERCE STOP YUOR A MENTIONED SIGNAL
 ARRIVED AFTER MY DEPARTURE FOR CONFERENCE WITH
 COLONEL PIDSLEY IN VENICE STOP COLONEL PIDSLEY NOW
 DWS COMPLETE PICTURE STOP LYON AT PRESENT ON LOAN
 FOR 3 DAYS PER WEEK TO GENERAL UTILI AT BERGAMO STOP
 HAVE DESPATCHED LYON TO BERGAMO TO DISCUSS QUESTION
 OF TERMINATING LAN TO GENERAL UTILI STOP ON RETUAN
 WILL DESPATCH HIM TO BOLOGNA PROVIDED NO EMBARRASSMENT

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26 JUNE
Bologna == 9065
TO M.M.I.A. ROME 6 BLU
FROM 4 BLU 26100 B. ++++

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CAUSED TO GENERAL UTILI STOP MUST POINT OUT THAT
 LOAN TO BOLOGNA WILL ENTAIL TOTAL LOSS OF LYONS -
 SERVICES TO THIS BLU FOR 2 MONTHS ASDUEFAR LEAVE
 FORTHWITH STOP REQUEST PERIOD OF LOAN CURTAILED TO
 THE MINIMUM +



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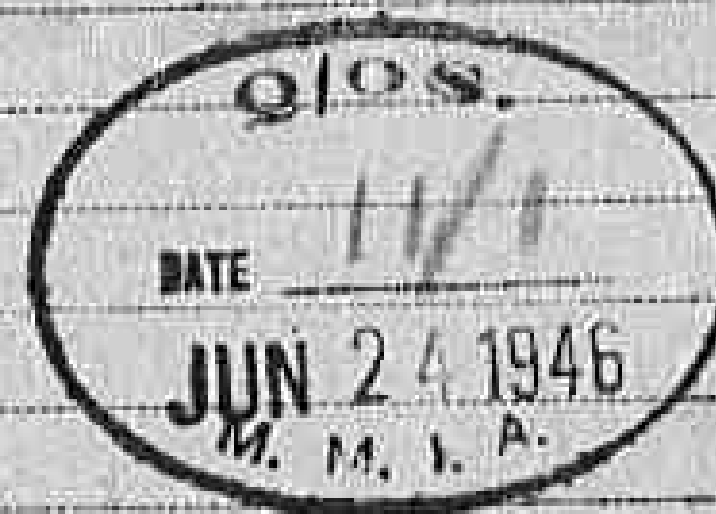
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6 BLU BOLOGNA NR G/B/14 STOP REF MMIA SIQ
- Q/OS/508 OF 18 JUNE STOP IF LYON PROCEEDS DIRICT
- BOLOGNA PLEASE INSTRUCT HIM TO RETURN TRANSPORT
- THIS HQ IMMEDIATLY ++++++

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=221007 TO MMIA ROME ++
PA FROM 4 BLU
TELEGRAMMA

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SUBJECT: Ordinance Personnel.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
9/02/11/1

21 June 1946

TO : G.R.E.

1050A27 S.O.M.S. Smith D.M.A.

The above mentioned Warrent Officer has written to this H.Q. asking the possibility of joining a B.L.U. D.A.D.O.S. 217 Area where he is at present employed is quite willing to recommend the transfer, and in view of our dire lack of trained Ordinance personnel, it would be greatly appreciated if it could be effected.

S.O.M.S. Smith could be held within the W.M. of 5 B.L.U. where a vacancy for a W.O.1 exists. His A/s Group is 44.

Copy to : G.E.I.H.
D.A.D.O.S. 217 Area.

A.J. HEND, Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

A.H./re

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M.M.I.A.

4 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - BOLZANO

6 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - BOLOGNA

Q/OS/508

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SUB ODR LYON REPORTING DIRECT TO BOLOGNA STOP ETA 2100

HBB 19 JUNE

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A.J.HEAD. Lt. Col.

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++4/GB/14 STOP FOR ADOS STOP REF YOUR QOS 504 OF
11 JUNE STOP LYON ENROUTE ROME STOP
PLEASE INFORM YOUR END +++

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SUB CONDUCTOR LYON DELAYED MMIA STOP WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY

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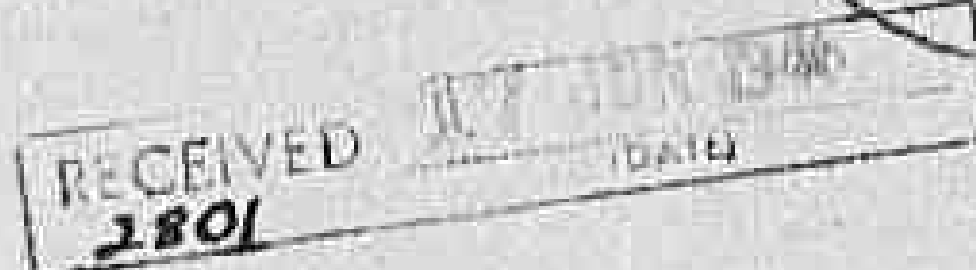
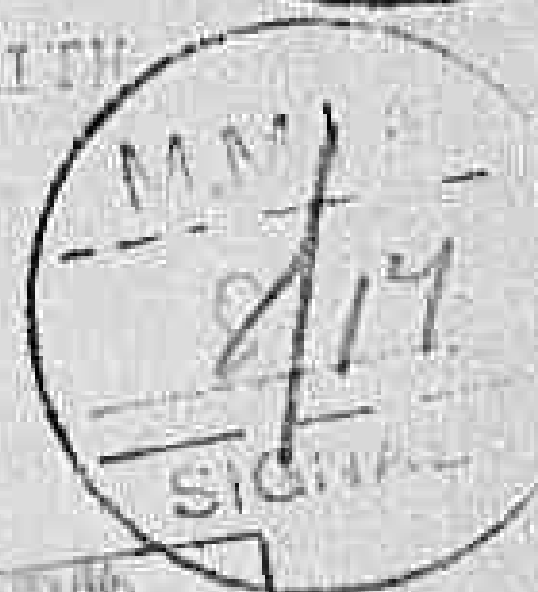
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 EME/41/30 UNCLASS (.)
 REF YOUR SIGNAL C/05/535 D/C (.) PARTICULARS OF SONS SMITH
 D E A AS FOLLOWS (.) ARMY NO 10526427 (.) UNIT DADOS
 DUMP HQ 217 AREA (.) A/S GROUP 44 (.) PRESENT
 EMPLOYMENT NO 1/C DADOS DUMP (.) DADOS 217 AREA WILL
 RECOMMEND SMITH FOR POST WITH 6 ELM (.) SMITH'S LETTER
 TO ADOS MIRA DATED 28 MAY REVEALS

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THI 1030

SENT NR 13 116// 1126 WGT E
 RD NR 18 1126 JMC AR H



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M.M.I.A.

6 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - BOLOGNA

Q/OS/505

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PLEASE FORWARD ALL PARTICULARS B Q M S BRANCH OF 247 SUB AREA STOP
CONVERSATION NELSON - HEAD REVERS

Q/OS/505

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A.J.HEAD. Lt. Col.

M.M.I.A.

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4 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - BOLZANO

6 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - BOLOGNA

Q/OS/504

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PLEASE SEND LYON TO BOLOGNA ON LOAN FOR ONE MONTH

ROUTINE

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A.J.HEAD. Lt. Col.

Q/OS/104

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FROM : Ministry of War
TO : MMIA



31 May 46

2315/IC/Ord

SUBJECT:- Training Centre for Subsistence Recruits.

Further to previous information already supplied By Lt.Col. FISICARO I inform you that Lt.Col. ARDIZZON Giuseppe, this General Directorate, came back from Milan where he inspected the a/m Training Centre.

The works that I ordered to be done are being carried out by the Military Engineers.

The a/m officer has hastened the completion of the outstanding works and the Milan Commissariat Directorate is due to complete the organisation for as far as it is concerned.

I will look after the progress of this organisation because I wish that the Recruits Training Centre be put on the same level with other CARS.

Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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PROGRAMME TO BE EXPLAINED TO SUBSISTENCE RECRUITS
FROM 1st MAY TO 30th JUNE

THEORETIC INSTRUCTION

1. What is the food ration for the Armed Forces? forage ration - ordinary ration - travel ration - dry food - reserve rations.
2. Functions displayed by subsistence services in peace and war time, i.e.:
 - collection and preservation of commodities, forage and supplies;
 - transformation of some items, i.e.:
 - alive animals into eatable meat (fresh, frozen or tinned).
 - cereals into ground cereals
 - ground cereals into bread and biscuits
 - roasting of coffee
 - issue to units of meat, bread, commodities, forage.
3. Which are the branches, establishments etc., dealing with the services mentioned in para 2.
Brief reference to tinned foodstuffs and concentrated fodder produced by the Military Administration and by private contractors.
4. Description of the various trades and duties (butchers, millers, bakers, issuers, store-keepers).
5. Which items (alive animals - cereals - ground-cereals - P/B/L - cheese - coffee - sugar - lard - wine - liquors, etc. - hay - straw - oats - concentrated items - fuels) are normally provided tinned and issued by subsistence services.
Briefly, particulars of each; details about their keeping to preserve them longer - brief reference to anti-rat campaign systems - fight against flies, rats, etc.
6. Barrels - sacks - containers - importance and value of.
7. Cost and accounts for items collected, preserved and issued and for losses which might occur, caused by carelessness in handling, transportation and maintenance.
8. Social, military and moral importance of honesty and integrity of subsistence personnel in respect of temptations which may assault him inside and outside the ambient he lives in.
9. Alternative ovens - buildings and use.
10. Barracks items - lixivation - various systems of lixivation - various types of bedding (wool, vegetable hair, animal hair, kapok, straw) - preservation of barracks materials.

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11. Clothing material - equipment - various systems of preservation.

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION

- at the end of theoretic instruction the milling and bread making will take place at Milan Military Bakery.
- practical milling instructions (provided cereals are available) will take place at the mills of a/m bakery.
- practical bread making, instructions at a/m bakery.
- practical slaughtering instructions (provided cattle are allocated) at Municipal Slaughterery in Milan.
- pitching and shifting of tents for mobile Weiss ovens that can be towed

P.T.O.

Text of the order of the day relating to the Armed Forces and the forthcoming institutional referendum, approved by the Council of Ministers at its meeting of 15 May 46.

The Council of Ministers, after examining the position of the Armed Forces in relation to the forthcoming constitutional referendum and elections for the Constituent Assembly, which will be a big test of the political maturity of the nation:

- renews its expression of confidence in the Commanders of the Armed Forces, and in all Officers, NCOs and men engaged in the impartial execution of a worthy task under conditions which are often difficult;
- reiterates that while no limit has been placed on the freedom of opinion and vote of military personnel, their obligations of loyalty to the Nation and of the observance of the laws of the State must remain firm;
- reaffirms the duty of all members of the Armed Forces to observe disciplinary regulations most strictly, remaining at their post, so as to ensure at any moment, and particularly after 2 June, within the bounds of their own responsibilities, the defence of the Nation and of the institutions which it will have selected, and the maintenance of order in accordance with the instructions of the Government;
- rules that flags and emblems, which are expressions of honour and faith in the continuity of the nation, as well as the badges, the "distinctions" and every other detail of the uniforms of the Armed Forces must be fully respected by all citizens; any eventual changes can be decided by the Government alone and unauthorized notions must be immediately suppressed;
- appeals to all citizens to maintain proper respect for the Armed Forces, and pledges all Parties to follow a sensible and straight course of political action in this connection;
- assures all troops that the Government, while demanding from them a conscientious discipline, will guarantee in all cases the integrity and dignity of the Armed Forces.

1500 20 MAY 46.



1081

Subject: - MT-Stores

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
Bologna
Ref.: - ORD-10-23

9 May 1946

To: - A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A.

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As you are aware the position of spare parts for the five Italian Inf Divs is now critical, a great percentage of the vehicles of these Divisions being off the road awaiting spare parts.

No information has yet been received about the system of supply of spare parts from the 60 days Maintenance Park held at Bologna, it is felt however that not very much of the stores in that Park will be available for the Combat Groups, most of the spares will be required by the Base Workshops at Bologna. Could you please inform me if the scaling was made on a Div O.F.P. & W/Shops Stores Section basis, on a Base W/Shop basis, or on both? I suppose that Italian War Ministry will be passing information to the various O.F.Ps re the system they are adopting to supply stores from Bologna, at the moment the O.F.Ps are just functioning on the stores left with them when British supplies were stopped.

There is at the moment a lack of liaison between the various O.F.Ps, and, I feel that one O.F.P. may be holding stores required by the other, and vice versa. Would it be possible to instruct the O.F.Ps that they should forward a weekly list of items required for V.O.R. to each of the other four O.F.Ps, for issue action if available. I am sure that if they did this, the percentage of Vs O.R. would drop considerably. The only snag in this system is however, the Italian attitude of "what we have we hold", and so it would be difficult to ensure that one Division would issue any availabilities to the other.

W. Lyon
(W. LYON)
S/Cdr O.W.O.
4 B.L.U.

CD Neal

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I have spoken with Col Curtis about their scaling
he said ignore it, but perhaps you have
already spoken with Lyon & given him his
answer that is why I have not replied
to this letter para 3.

F. H. 2/6

Subject: Local Manufacture (TURIN).

To : ADMS

HQ Land Forces Sub-Com. AC (MFA).

Copy to: *AK* ADOS

HQ Land Forces Sub-Com. AC (MFA). ✓

SC REPS

7 British Liaison Unit,
c/o 6 B.I.U.

Ref. No. MES/34/2

Date: 8 April 1946

1. A visit was paid to the principal manufacturers of M.T. spares in Turin and the writer was accompanied by Major BELINZETI O.C. OARR.
2. Very satisfactory results were obtained in connection with the following firms who are capable of supplying immediately the various M.T. spares listed in para 5 below.
Most of these firms are already experienced with Allied M.T., and the majority are equipped with the required dies, moulds and tooling facilities.
3. In the case of non-ferrous alloys no trouble is anticipated in the supply of raw materials but the particulars firms concerned with the production of ferrous components i.e. cylinder blocks, crank shafts, etc., are experiencing considerable difficulty in the obtaining of good quality coal and this requires prompt liaison between the Ministry of War and Ministry of Industry to ensure a sufficient allocation.

4. Before Major BELINZETI is able to make final arrangements regarding local manufacture a definite ruling is required on the following:

(a) When will the 60 days maintenance issue become available and what will this issue constitute.

(b) When will the Ministry of War officially nominate the O.C. OARR. as responsible for arranging contacts.

An answer to (a) is required to enable us to fix our demands and future policy and to (b) to enable Major BELINZETI to take the necessary authority to make immediate contacts.

5. Firms visited and components manufactured:

FIRM	COMPONENTS	REMARKS
1. DIETTA BORGO	PISTON AND RINGS	can supply for most makes of Allied Vehicles
2. DIETTA TRICME	WHITE METAL & METAL RODS & BRGS.	no difficulties anticipated 1079
3. DIETTA PERAGLIO	PISTONS & RINGS	no difficulties anticipated
4. DIETTA FIS	SLEEVES & PISTONS RINGS	Coal difficulties

no difficulties to supply

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3. DITTA VERGOLIO	PISTONS & RINGS	no difficulties anticipated
4. DITTA FIS	SLIDERS & PISTONS RINGS	Coal difficulties
5. DITTA DE LEON	ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS	no difficulties in supply
6. A BREA	CRANK SHAFTS etc.	coal difficulties
7. DITTA U. BIELLI	CRANKS etc.	coal difficulties
8. DITTA S. AMBROGIO	VALVES, GUIDES OILPUMPS	no difficulties anticipated
9. DITTA MAGNO	PISTONS & RINGS	no difficulties anticipated

P.H. Nelson SC RMBS

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
C. H. Q. C. M. F.



APR 10 1946

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of British Equipment -
Italian Army.

Ref : DOS/7209

Tel : FREEDOM 840

Date : 8th. April 1946.

TO:- C.O.O.,
557 B.O.D., C.M.F. (5 copies)

Further to my DOS/7209 of 14th. Jan and 27th. March '46 respectively, regarding issue of 60 days Maintenance Sealing to the Italian Army, and further to telephone conversation Slingsby - Corlett.

1. Instructions have been received from "Q" Branch of this H.Q., that the issue will now be made in accordance with established repayment procedure.

2. I am therefore returning to you

(a) all the copies of Issue Vouchers in respect of stores concerned

(b) Declaration Forms - for cancellation - received from :-

- (i) 1 Sub Depot - Ref 0014 (three sheets)
- (ii) 2 Sub Depot - Ref 10014 - 10028 (fifteen sheets)
- (iii) 3 Sub Depot - Ref 20078 (two sheets)

3. After you have priced the vouchers as far as possible and marked them up for normal repayment procedure, will you please return them to this office, with a list attached to each bundle of vouchers giving details of the Sections and Issue Voucher Nos of the vouchers in each bundle.

4. It is also suggested you retain copies of all such lists, as 1078 it is quite possible there will be further direct issues to the Italian Army other than through the Chief Disposals Officer. The Financial Adviser has also stated he may want to call for the receipted copies of the vouchers at a later date.

J.R. Corlett.

(J.R. CORLETT) Lt. Col. ADOS PLANS,
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File 1078

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Copy to:- ADOS., HQ., Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA) - Further to my DOS/7209 of 27 Mar '46, para 2, will you please return all receipted copies of I.V's in respect of the above stores, direct to 557 B.O.D.

DQMR., GHQ., CMT. - Ref your GHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) of 29 Mar '46.
Financial Advisor, HQ., CMT. - Ref conversation Burnett - Corlett.
ADOS., ORD.1.
ADOS., ORD.2.
ADOS., ORD.3.
DADOS., Disposals

For information only.

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Subject : Ord Circulars.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/11/1
8 April 1946

2 B.L.U.,
GENOA.

21
1 April.

Reference your Q4 dated 25 March and Q2/7 dated

All ORD Circulars are automatically forwarded to you as they appear. If you are not receiving them, please inform this Headquarters, when enquiries will be made through APO channels.

AJH/erc

a head
Lt.Col.,
A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Movement - Maintenance - Spares.

10 British Liaison Unit
Torre del Greco
Tel. Naples 55802
Ord. 11

5 Apr 46

ADOS.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.,
M.M.I.A., Rome.

1. Attached is a copy of instructions given to Lt. MANCINI for the movement of 60 days maintenance spares to O.A.R.E. BOLOGNA.
2. It is anticipated that all stores will be loaded and dispatched by April 11th.
3. Rail movement has been authorised and the necessary box wagons allocated.
4. A check visit will be made by me to PONTESAGNANO on Tuesday next.
5. No. 5 copy of voucher will be signed by Lt. MANCINI at PONTESAGNANO, No. 3 and 4 copies will be signed at BOLOGNA after checking and returned to MIA, No. 4 for retention by us and No. 3 for countersignature and onward transmission to Depot concerned.

NWC/bb

Mollinske Capt
for Lt-Col.
GS.

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ADOS MMIA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LT. MANCINI

1. LABOUR.

- (a) Storemen five. Are to be used for checking vouchers. 3 at Depot. 2 at station.
- (b) Carabinieri twenty. Will provide a day guard of five and a night guard of five at the station. All movement by Motor trucks will be guarded by Carabinieri, two to each vehicle provided.
- (c) Labour ten. To be arranged by Lt. MANCINI for loading at station with SALERNO O.C. Troops.

2. FEEDING.

To be arranged by Lt. MANCINI with SALERNO O.C. Troops (if) Meals morning and evening at SALERNO. Midday meal to be carried and eaten at PONTICAGNANO.

3. HOURS OF WORK.

0800 hrs - 1200 hrs } Monday to
1300 hrs - 1700 hrs } Friday
0800 hrs - 1300 hrs Saturday
NO Sunday work.

4. SEALING OF WAGONS.

All wagons will be sealed on completion of loading.

5. WAGONS ETC.

Responsibility of Lt. MANCINI in conjunction with Stationmaster. Carabinieri guard to travel with stores.

6. Above being completed Lt. MANCINI will contact

- (a) Capt. POOLE Traffic for use of their Motor Vehicles promised.
- (b) Capt. WARD 3 Sub Depot for movement of 54 Tons of wireless and arms spares.
- (c) Security Officer Lt. MITCHELL 1 Sub Depot to arrange movement of MT spares.

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(b) Capt. WARD 3 Sub Depot for movement of 51 Tons of wireless and arms spares.

(c) Security Officer Lt. MITCHELL 1 Sub Depot to arrange movement of LT spares.

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7. Any difficulty entailed to phone or see Capt. CLARKE 10 HLU. Telephone Naples Auto 55802.



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

RECEIVED 23 MAR 1946
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of British
Equipment - Italian Armed Forces.

Ref : DCS/7209

Tel : FREEDOM 810

Date : 27th. March 1946.

TO:-
A.D.O.S.,
H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMA)

1. Further to the 60 days Maintenance Sealing which has been prepared for the Italian Armed Forces and is now ready for moving from 557 B.O.D., instructions have now been received from "Q" Branch of this H.Q. to release the stores in accordance with GHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) of 13th. Dec. '45, an extract from same being attached for your information.

2. In order to expedite issue and ensure that all the stores get into the hands of the Italian Army, a slight variation from the now laid down instructions, is being resorted to.

An essential part of this change of procedure, is that you must give receipt for all the stores handed over, in order that the stores can later either be charged directly against the Italian Government or brought to account through a paper transaction arranged through the Chief Disposals Officer.

The onus for obtaining these receipts is with you. They should be held by you pending further instructions.

3. Please arrange mutually with COO 557 B.O.D. as to collection of the stores, as early as possible.

J.R. Corlett

(J.R. CORLETT) Lt.Col. ADOS PLANS.
for Maj-Gen,
D.O.S.

Copy to:- COO., 557 B.O.D. (4 copies) - The above stores should now be released under arrangements for collection to be made by Lieut Col. Head, ADOS, MMA.

DQMG., GHQ., CMF.
- Your GHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) of 22 Mar. '46
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Extract from GHQ/6453/6/Q(AE) dated 13th. Dec. '45.

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ACCOUNTING

ACTION.

(a) Accounting for equipment in possession is already recorded. Indents being met under 4.(a)(iii) above will be accounted for as in para 16(a) of AG directive.

F.A. (B)

(b) Maintenance will be packed and handed over to Italian rep in 557 BOD. MMIA will apply for Ordnance Officer to be attached to represent them at this stage to endorse validity of vouchers and Italian Government will arrange movement. Accounting will be as in para 16(b) of AG directive.

MMIA
F.A. (B)

(c) Ordnance will investigate the possibility of setting aside a shed or other suitable accommodation in the BOD in which the Italian rep may take delivery and check the items of scaling issued.

Ordnance.

(d) Lethal weapons will continue to be accounted for under Br-Iti machinery through MMIA.

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(e) Surpluses received by Italian Army through the Ministry of Supply will not be subject to military accounting, having already been written off.

Subject :- Issues to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
Q/OS/11/1
20 March.46.

To : 2 BLU.

Reference your Q2 dated 12th March.

It is regretted that no firm date can be given regarding the issue of the 60 day maintenance pack.

Numerous representations have been made to GHQ and a promise received that all possible will be done to expedite. We now await a decision from Chief Disposals Officer, Ministry of Supply.

AJH/fr

Lt. Col 1072
A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A. 70

SUBJECT :- Write-off of Stores from Allied Sources.



12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66319)

Ord.

Ref : AQ/17/1167

8 March 1946.

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comm,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

May this H.Q. please be notified of the correct procedure
to be adopted by Italian Army when applying for write-off of stores
emanating from Allied sources.

Colonel.

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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Internal.

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*Spoke major. Since
have required info
NFA*

for H/3

Subject : Special Instructions.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/11/1
1 March 1946

Ordinance,
7 B.L.U.,
FLORENCE.

Reference your ORD/2 dated 14 February 1946.

Owing to recent re-organisation, there has been no Directives issued by this office, which would serve you any useful purpose.

AJH/erc

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

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Subject : M.T. Spares, - 60 Day Maintenance Pack.

Land Forcesvsub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/11/1
28 February 1946

Ordnance,
7 B.L.U.,
FLORENCE.

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Reference your ORD/1 dated 25 February 1946.

1. The 60 Maintenance Pack is to be handed over 'in toto' to the Italians and the present intention is to take it all to the Italian Base Workshop at BOLOGNA. The Italian authorities will therefore clear all vouchers. For your information, there are enumerable difficulties in pricing M.T. vouchers, not the least of which is the absence in this theatre of priced vocabularies. The amount which the Italians will have to pay is being discussed on a G.H.Q. level.

2. The 60 Days Maintenance Pack will be the only issue - there will be no more, although representations have been made to G.H.Q. to step up this pack to 12 months maintenance. Once again, however, there are certain governing factors which need not (and cannot) be enumerated here.

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7 B.L.U.,
FLORENCE.

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

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ORD., 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

FLORENCE

REF: ORD/1

FLORENCE, 25 FEB. 1946SUBJECT : M.T. Spares - 60 Day Maintenance PackTO : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.*att.*
*Q/OS/4/1**Ord*

Reference Q/OS/11/8 dated 18th Jan. 1946 para 2.

1. It would be appreciated if the following points could be clarified for the information of this office.
 - (a) The issue of the "60 Day Pack" will presumably be supported by Priced Vouchers - A.Fs. G 982 C.
Will such Vouchers be countersigned by British representative authorities?
 - (b) Is it the intention to issue a series of the "60 Day Maintenance Pack" or will there be just the one initial issue?

S/ CDR.ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER
(Pathejohns J.E.)

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SUBJECT : SUPPLY OF ORD STORES TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(A.M.I.A.) ROME
9/OS/11/8
18 January 1946

TO :

List B - (2 copies each addressee).

Ministry of War - (2 copies).

1. The Italian War Ministry is now solely responsible for the supply of all Ord Stores, MT Spares, Signal Stores, Gun parts etc., and the method of indenting, system of supply etc has been laid down in directives issued by the Ministry of War to all Terr. Commands.

2. With a view to enabling the Ministry of War to maintain such British Equipments and Vehicles as are in possession of the Italian Army at present, AFHQ have instructed 557 British Ord Depot, NAPLES, to select and prepare for issue a 60 day Maintenance pack of all available MT spares and connected Gun spares etc for all Vehicles and Equipments reported as being in possession of the Italian Army. This instruction was issued to 557 B.O.D. on 14th January 1946 and the Depot is acting on it immediately.

3. It will necessarily take some time before the Maintenance pack reaches the issuing stage from the Italian Depots and British Vehicles will be going off the road at an alarming rate. At the same time however, the War Ministry are in the process of transferring to BOLOGNA U/S vehicles for repair and cannibalisation on a small scale, and some spares are becoming available already from this source.

Numerous requests have, from time to time, been made to AFHQ for permission to continue submitting indents for Ord Stores on the system containing prior to Nov 15th, but such requests have been turned down.

Whilst it is regretted that there is no source of supply from which vehicles etc can be maintained and kept on the road, it is emphasised that strong measures must be taken to ensure that when vehicles do become V.O.R. they are not tampered with nor cannibalised, pending receipt of spares etc from the 60 days Maintenance Pack.

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In conclusion it is pointed out that

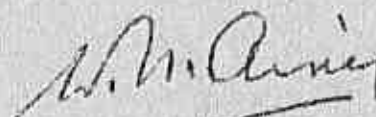
(a) the method of obtaining ordnance stores is by indent from unit to Territorial HQ, who either meets the demand from stocks under their administration or passes the demand to the Ministry of War.

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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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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE



Ref: ORD/2

Florence, 14 Feb. 1946

Subject : Maintenance Clothing & Equipment

To : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A

Ord.

(continued)

Reference M.M.I.A Directive No. 3 dated 21st Jan. 1946 -para 6
"Maintenance -Clothing and Equipment".

Will you please advise references of any "Special Instructions"
issued by your office to Ordnance Officers and Ord. W.O.s. It would be appreciated if copies could be forwarded of current instructions, as none appear to have been received at this office.

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer
(S/Cdr. Patheyjohns J.E.)

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SUBJECT: M.T. Spares.

HQ M.M.I.A. - Ord.

6 FEB 1946

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965(Ext-25)

Q/41/13

4 Feb 46

Cases are occurring of 557 BOD returning indents submitted by Legnano Inf Div since 14 Nov 45. It is understood that a GHQ authority exists authorising all indents for M.T. spares to be met which were submitted before 31 Dec 45. In order that those returned indents may be returned to BOD with the necessary authority quoted for the release it is requested that a copy of the GHQ authority be forwarded to this HQ.

It is imperative that all indents submitted prior to Dec 31 are met if the Div tpt is to be retained in any kind of running condition.

CMF
JDM/LO1-2-46
R 66MAJ
DAA 1064

Subject : MT Spares.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/11/1
14 February 1946

3 B.L.U.,
M I L A N.

Reference your Q/41/13 dated 4th February 1946.

You are referred to this HQ's letter Q/OS/11/8 dated 18th January 1946, copy of which is enclosed for easy reference.

It is hoped that the 60 days Maintenance Pack will be available in the immediate future.

AJH/erc

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

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