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or Discharge (inc. from Hospitals)

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Dress on Demobilisation

or Discharge (inc. from Hospitals)

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File - Q(88) 11/3  
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FROM : MMIA

DATE TIME

TO : 50 ELU

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INFO: 228 DIV MIL.

Nov.

REF : 444

UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR SIGNAL Q/211(.)

STOCKS OF BLACK BD EXHAUSTED (.) ISSUE GREEN

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AUTHENTICATION W.N.AIREY, MAJOR.

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 FROM 50 BLU 091030A  
 TO NMIA ROME  
 INFO 228 DIV MIL  
 GR54 BT

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Q211. UNCLASSIFIED. FURTHER TO THIS H Q SIGNAL Q208 OF 30 OCT (NOT TO  
 228 DIV MIL) F R I U L I NOW URGENTLY REQUIRE THE EXTRA 500 BLACK  
 B D ~~BL~~ / BLOUSES. IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE 1920 CLASS  
 RELEASE A FURTHER 1200 COMPLETE SETS OF BLACK B D ALSO REQUIRED.  
 ISSUE REQUESTED FORTHWITH

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SENT NR009 AT 1320 EAD B4 K

RECD NR 9 " SLW " 1320A/13 AR K  
 WHAT QVR ?

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Stocks of Black  
 B D  
 ISSUE GREEN

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SUBJECT:- Clothing on Discharge - Combat Gps

Ministry of War.

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

Ref your 20875/VC of 10 Aug 45.

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

*[Signature]*  
for Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: All B.L.U.s.  
M.M.I.A. LO, N.W. Italy, MILAN (2)  
M.M.I.A. LO, N.W. Italy, MILAN (for Capt. Fox).  
M.M.I.A. LO, FLORENCE City Comd.  
M.M.I.A. LO, 1 District.  
M.M.I.A. LO, 1 District (for Capt. Herbert).  
M.M.I.A. LO, 5 District.  
M.M.I.A. IC, 15 Corps.  
M.M.I.A. LO, 54 Area.

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Translation

From : MOW  
To : MMIA

Subject : Articles of clothing for soldiers being discharged.

We enclose the <sup>H.Q.</sup> Legneno Combat Group's letter  
No. 06/2301, dated July 18, with the request that  
you kindly let us know your decisions.

(Sgd) Illegible

Cpl. VDC W

Q/OS/11/3 of 22 AUG 45 refer

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Q/OS/11/3

Ref. : 20875/VC  
Date : August 10, 1945



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## Translation

From : Hq.  
 : Alermano Combat Group  
 To : MOW  
 Subject : Articles of clothing for soldiers being discharged.

Ref. : 06/2301  
 Date : July 18, 1945

With circular 15600/Mob. dated April 17, SARRE's SD office ordered the discharge of CR call-ups belonging to the class of 1914 (last four months) and older classes still under arms.

Paragraph 7 of that circular states that only the following articles of clothing will be left to the soldier being discharged:

1 cap, 1 blouse, 1 pr. trousers, 1 pair boots, 1 pr. socks,  
 1 pair drawers, 1 vest, 1 shirt, 1 trouser belt.

The same order states that said articles of clothing must be made up with Italian uniforms or with green Allied uniforms and that for no reason whatsoever are the discharges to be supplied with Allied knaki uniforms (bottle dress).

In order to comply with the above, this Hq., with signal 1816/Comm. dated May 8, requested the assignment of 400 Italian or green uniforms from the MOW. Successively, the Allied LO sent us a copy of Admin. Instructions No. 27, which laid down that the Allied outer clothing issued to Italian soldiers was to be withdrawn at the time of discharge and replaced with ~~the~~ dark uniform. It stated, furthermore, that the dark uniforms required (stored at Naples) would be sent by MOW to the Admin. Divisions for subsequent distribution to the Combat Groups. This Hq. therefore again sent ~~the~~ request for 400 dark uniforms to the 231 Logistic Division. Said div. sent a signal saying that ~~it had no~~ supplies whatsoever of said uniforms. We informed the Allied LO of this.

Owing to the lack of Italian, ~~green~~ or dark uniforms, the soldiers are being discharged with the Allied uniform (bottle dress) ~~issued to them~~.

In order to comply with ~~the~~ orders issued by you, this Hq. has ordered that when the discharges arrive at their communes, they will turn in the bottle dress uniforms to the Carabinieri Stations which will see to it, in turn, that they are returned to the original units.

However, this measure has the following drawbacks:

- the parcel post service has not yet been completely ~~1164~~ <sup>1164</sup> invited and hence, the Carabinieri Stations cannot return the articles of clothing which have been turned in to them.
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- the discharges are not always able to turn in their Battle-dress uniforms inasmuch as their civilian clothes have been destroyed or taken away owing to the war. Others prefer not to turn them in and to have them charged against them - even at a higher price -; others keep the articles of clothing that are in good condition and turn in corresponding articles that are unserviceable;

- a great deal of correspondence between the units and the Carabinieri Stations in order to straighten out the questions that arise;

In regard to the above, we beg you to:

- either order the urgent assignment of Italian or green uniforms in order to replace the battle dress at the time of departure of the soldiers who are being discharged; the present requirement is 500 uniforms, but this may change in consequence of the discharge program;

- or to approach ~~MMIA~~, requesting that the battle dress and all of the articles of clothing that the discharges wear at the time of discharge, as prescribed in par. 7 of the s/m circular, be left to them without any obligation on their part to return them.

For morale reasons the second solution is preferable, inasmuch as it permits the soldier to go home with the uniform with which he participated in the war of liberation.

In any case, this Hq. awaits ~~the~~ urgent instructions in regard to this matter.

(Sgd) Major Terranova

Cpl. VDCW

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COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"  
Ufficio di Commissariato

n° 06/2301 di prot.

P.M. 155, 18 luglio 1945

OGGETTO: Oggetti di vestiario per i militari congedandi. -

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direz. gen. dei Serv. di Comm/to Mil. ed Ann'vi - Div.  
V.E.C.C.

= P. N. 3200 =

Con circ. n° 15600/mob. del 17 aprile u.s. lo S.M.P.E. ufficio ordinamento e mobilitazione disponeva il piccolamento in congedo dei sottufficiali e militari di truppa richiamati della classe 1914 (1° quadrimestre) o più anziane ancora alle armi. -

Al n° 7 della predetta circolare è precisato che ai congedandi vennero lasciati solamente i seguenti oggetti di corredo:

berretto 1 - giacca n. 1 - pantaloni paio n. 1 - scarpe paio n. 1 - calze  
paia n. 1 - mutande n. 1 - maglie n. 1 - camicie p. 1 - cintura pantalo-  
ni n. 1 -

La stessa disposizione prevede che tali capi di corredo dovranno essere costituiti da oggetti di uniformi italiane o di divise verdi al-  
leate e che per nessuna ragione i congedandi dovranno essere forniti  
delle divise cachi alleate (Battle dress). -

Per ottemperare a quanto sopra questo comando, con telegramma n.  
1316/Comm. dell'8 maggio scorso, chiedeva l'assegnazione a codesto Mi-  
nistero di 400 divise italiane o verdi. Successivamente l'ufficiale di  
collegamento alleato inviava copia delle "Istruzioni Amministrative n.  
27 della M.K.I.A." con le quali veniva stabilito che il vestiario ester-  
no alleato in consegna ai militari italiani doveva essere ritirato al-  
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quante distribuzione ai Gruppi di Combattimento. Veniva perciò da questo  
Comando ripetuta la richiesta di 400 divise scure alla 231 Div. Logistica.  
La predetta Divisione telegrafava di non aver comunque disponibilità di  
divise. Di ciò se ne informava anche l'ufficiale di collegamento allea-  
to. -

= P. N. 3800 =

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In mancanza quindi di divise italiane, verdi o scure i militari  
che ne hanno diritto vengono inviati in congedo con la divisa alleata  
(Battle dress) in distribuzione.-

Per ottemperare agli ordini impartiti da codest Ministero, questo

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Comando ha disposto che all'arrivo dei militari congedati ai comuni di residenza i Battle-dress siano versati alla Stazione dei CC.RR. che provvede alla restituzione al reparto di appartenenza del militare stesso.

Tale provvedimento presenta però i seguenti inconvenienti:

- il servizio pacchi postali non è stato ancora completamente ripristinato e, quindi, le Stazioni dei CC.RR. non possono restituire gli oggetti di vestiario versati;
- gli oggetti sono naturalmente sporchi e le stazioni CC.RR., per ragioni igieniche, fanno molte difficoltà per custodirli a tempo imprecisato;
- i congedati non sono sempre in grado di versare i Battle-dress in quanto hanno avuto distrutto o asportato per effetto della guerra gli indumenti civili di loro proprietà. Altri preferiscono non versarli e farli addebitare - sia pure a prezzo maggiorato -; altri ancora trattengono gli oggetti in loro consegna in buono stato d'uso e versano i corrispondenti capi di corredo inservibili;
- lunghi carteggi fra i reparti e le stazioni dei CC.RR. per regolarizzare le questioni che sorgono;

In relazione a quanto sopra si prega codesto Ministero:

- o di disporre l'urgente assegnazione di divise italiane o verdi per sostituire i Battle-dress all'atto della partenza del militare che si congeda; il fabbisogno attuale è di 500 divise, ma potrà variare in dipendenza del programma dei congedamenti;
  - o intervenire presso la M.M.I.A. perchè ai congedati siano lasciati in consegna, senza obbligo di restituzione, i battle-dress e tutti gli altri oggetti che indossano all'atto del congedo, come è precisato al n. 7 della presetta circolare dello S.M.R.E. -
- Per ragioni di carattere morale sarebbe preferibile questa seconda soluzione in quanto consente al militare di rientrare a casa con la divisa con la quale ha partecipato alla guerra di liberazione.

Questo Comando resta comunque in attesa di urgenti disposizioni al riguardo.

d'ordine

P. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE A. P. I. I. I.  
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f.to G. Terranova

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MAGGIORE CAPO SEZ. SERV.  
I. to G. Terrenova

Subject: CLOTHING SCALE ON DISCHARGE  
ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.  
(M.H.I.A.)  
R O H W  
2/08/11/3

To: HQ 1 DISTRICT (2)  
HQ 2 DISTRICT (2)  
HQ 3 DISTRICT (2)  
50 B.L.U.  
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20 JULY 45.

ALL UNIT LOG  
OO BN CADET 002 ITALIAN BRD  
MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. para 2 III: Adm. Instrs H027.

1. On authority APHQ T 27287 of 24 July - Italian Combat troops may retain on discharge (subject to limitations in para 2 below) the following items of personal kit if in possession:-

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Brushes, hair | Comb      |
| " tooth       | Razor     |
| " shaving     | Housewife |
| " shoe        |           |

2. (a) Issues of the above items will not be made to complete to scale on discharge.  
(b) Exchanges of the above items will not be made within 3 months prior to discharge.

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*W. L. M. DCOCK*  
W. L. M. DCOCK, Major  
For Major General, 1100  
M.H.I.A.

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51 D.I.U.  
52 B.I.U.  
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MINISTRY OF WAR.

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*W.A. RADCOCK*  
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for Major General, JICA  
M.M.I.A.

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A Q(AE)  
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~~LROF V LAEE NR 70~~~~T MEYT~~

FROM AFHQ 241208B

TO MMIA

~~GR 62 BT~~

F 27287 RESTRICTED

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BADCOCK/BEASLEY REFERS (.) SIGNED SACMED  
 CITE FHQAE (.) NO OBJECTION RETENTION ON DISCHARGE COMBAT TROOPS  
 FOLLOWING ITEMS BRUSHES HAIR TEETH SHAVING SHOE COMB RAZOR AND  
 HOUSEWIFE PROVIDED TROOPS IN POSSESSION (.) ISSUES TO COMPLETE  
 WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE (.) EXCHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE WITHIN  
 THREE REPEAT THREE MONTHS PRIOR DISCHARGE (.) THIS IDENTICAL WITH  
 BRITISH DISCHARGE POLICY

~~BT 2241208B~~

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FROM: M M I A

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TO : AFHQ

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FOR Q(AE) (.) CONFIRMING CONVERSATION B E A S L E Y  
B A D C O C K OF 21 (.) RECOMMEND AUTHORITY BE GIVEN FOR RETENTION  
BY ITALIAN COMBAT TPS ON DEMOBILISATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF  
PERSONAL KIT (.) BRUSHES HAIR SHAVING TOOTH AND SHOE (.) COMB (.)  
RAZOR (.) HOUSEWIFE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANTAUTHENTICATION *10/05/11/13*  
*major*

COPY TO Q 75

(REF 50 BLU SIG Q154 OF 19 JUL)

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Subject:- CLOTHING ON DISCHARGE.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E  
Q/OS/11/3

20 July 45.

"P" Br.Liaison and Reg Unit.

Ref. your AQ/5/981 of 12 July 45.

1. Owing to the "world wide shortage of clothing" it is necessary for existing stocks of black battle dress to be used as far as possible for clothing Italian troops on demobilisation - in accordance with instructions issued by AFHQ.
2. When your stock of black battle dress is exhausted, your estimated requirements of green battle dress for troops due for discharge should be demanded through this H.Q.

*W.A. Bidcock*

W.A. BIDCOCK, Major 115  
for Col. DA & QMG,  
M.M.I.A.

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"The Br. Liaison and Eng. Unit."

20 July 45.

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M.M.I.A.

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WAB/ab

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FROM: PENBASE

TO : MTOUSA

INFO: PENSOUTH:NMIA

REF: 7934

DATE TIME

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CONSIDERED VERY UNDESIDERABLE FOR US-ITI PERSONNEL, FORMER ISU  
PERSONNEL, TO RETAIN O.D. CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY UPON DISCHARGE OF  
SUCH PERSONNEL ALREADY INITIATED HERE TO WITHDRAW O.D. CLOTHING  
AND ARRANGE FOR 212 DIVISION TO ISSUE GREEN CLOTHING RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE  
(.) SUGGEST OTHER MAJOR COMMANDS BE DIRECTED TO DO LIKEWISE **1156**

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**IMPORTANT**



FROM VICTOR NR 2 P (P)

FROM MMIA TO FLORENCE COMMAND 24 NET  
 TO MMIA

JUNE

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REF VT/100.

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YOUR QUEEN SLANT OBOE SUGAR SLANT TWO EIGHT THREE OF TWO ONE JUNE 4  
 PAREN REFERENCE VICTOR TARE SLANT ONE ZERO ZERO NINE NINE ITEN  
 ABLE LOVE OBOE FLORENCE COMMAND TO NINE NINE ITEN ABLE PAREN REQUIRE TWO  
 THOUSAND SUITS GREEN BATTLE DRESS FOR TWO THREE ZERO DIVISION PD  
 FIGURE ALLOWS FOR RESERVE OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HUNDRED SUITS PD  
 BT 24-1007

CLIK

REC'D 241007Z JUN 46

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Q/OS/11/3<sup>20</sup>SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME

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JUNE.

TO : FIFTH ARMY BR INCR

Q/OS/288

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FOR M M I A L O (.) REF YOUR 5LO/74 (.) SEE  
MY Q/OS/283 OF 21 JUN AND MY Q/OS/286 OF EVEN DATE

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

forwards  
major.

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Internal Dist  
Q/OS/6 M/F  
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FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME  
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TO(FOR ACTION): 50 BLU  
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EIGHTH ARMY  
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Q/OS/286

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INFO ADDRESSED FOR M M I A L O (.) REF M M I A  
A D M I N S T R NUMBER 27 (.) BLACK DD NOT RPT NOT  
AVAILABLE FOR BRITI PERSONNEL ON DISCHARGE (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN  
FOR BRITI TPS TO BE DEMOBILIZED IN OLDEST GREEN PART DD (.)  
TO BE DRAFT THROUGH A D M DIVS (.) M M I A LOS MY Q/OS/283  
OF 22 JUN LETTERS

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AUTHENTICATION

A MMIA

Q MMIA

Q(AE) MMIA

War Diary (2)

SIGNAL

FROM: M M I A

DATE TIME

21/720 B

JUNE

TO(FOR ACTION): CG FIFTH ARMY BR INCR  
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY  
 DISTONE  
 DISTTHREE  
 54 AREA  
 FLORENCE CITY COMD  
 BR CADRE 802 ITALIAN  
 BRD ORVIETO  
 "F" BLU

TO(FOR INFO) : DISTWO  
 PENSOUTH

Q/CS/283

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FOR M M I A L O (.) REF M M I A A D M I N S T R  
 NUMBER 27 DATED 27 MAY AND Q/OS/222 DATED 23 MAY. N O T TO ALL (.)  
 BLACK ED N O T RPT N O T AVAILABLE FOR BRITISH PERSONNEL ON  
 DISCHARGE EXCEPT ALLOTMENT TO 227 DIV AND "F" BLU (.) AUTHORITY  
 GIVEN FOR BRITISH TPS TO BE DEMOBILISED IN OLDEST GREEN PANT WORN  
 ED (.) ACTION ADDRESSED TO SIGN IN REQUIREMENTS GREEN ED SOONEST (.)  
 ALL INFORMED

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FROM MMIA LO BR INCR FIVE ARMY 19 NPT  
TO MMIA

5 LO/74 (.) REF YOUR Q/OS/222 OF 23 MAY (.) WHEN MAY BLACK BD  
BE EXPECTED (.) HAVE TOLD 231 DIV TO HOLD 1,000 GREEN BD PENDING  
ARRIVAL BLACK

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See Q/OS/283 of 21 JUN.

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INCOMING MESSAGE  
Headquarters Allied CommissionOriginator's Reference FX 95804Message Centre No. E/5769Date/Time of Origin JUNE 191907BDate Time Recd JUNE 192030BPrecedence ROUTINEFROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAETO : MMIA INFO ALCOMC O N F I D E N T I A L

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Your letter Q/15/1 dated 14 June. In view inability obtain black outer clothing from AC authority given for use oldest green part worn BD on discharge Italian Army personnel. Scale of clothing on discharge will remain as stated in AFHQ 6455/Q(AE) of 5 May

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Info - Chief Commissioner  
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*copy received from  
Q(AE)  
ALC 21 June*

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FROM: AFHQ

TO : CG PENBASE CG FIFTH ARMY

CO ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND

INFO: CG PENSOUTH : *MIA*

REF: FX 86659

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FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT IS  
 AUTHORIZED US-ITI: 's AND WILL BE IN POSSESSION OF THE  
 INDIVIDUAL WHEN HIS SERVICE WITH US ARMY EXPIRES AND YOU  
 WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TRANSFER CAN BE MADE: SHOES, PAIR,  
 ONE; SOCKS, PAIR, ONE;  
 UNDERCLOTHES, SUMMER OR WINTER, IF IN THE POSSESSION OF THE  
 INDIVIDUAL, SUITS ONE; TROUSERS, COTTON OR WOOL, DYED GREEN,  
 PAIR ONE; BELT, EACH ONE; SHIRT, COTTON OR WOOL, EACH ONE;  
 NECKTIE, IF IN POSSESSION, EACH ONE; CAP OF ANY KIND, ONE  
 EACH ONE; JACKET, FIELD, DYED GREEN, EACH ONE; BLANKET OR  
 COMFORTER, EACH TWO; INDIVIDUAL MESS EQUIPMENT TO THE EXTENT  
 IT IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL, SET EACH ONE(.)  
 ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT  
 OF ALLIED ORIGIN ALREADY CHARGED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL  
 BE TRANSFERRED IN BULK AS AGREED WITH MIA (.) NO REPEAT NO  
 ORGANISATIONAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE TRANSFERRED (.)  
 SEPARATE INSTRUCTION WILL BE PUBLISHED PERTAINING TO I S U

ACTION COPY Q/15  
COPY FL AT— copy k Q(05) for info. *A/Sgum*

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FROM: MMIA

TO (FOR ACTION): CG 5 ARMY FOR BR INCREMENT  
 REAR 8 ARMY  
 DISTONE  
 DISTHREE  
 54 AREA  
 F BLU  
 BR CADRE 802 ITALIAN BRD ORVIETO  
 PENSOUTH

DATE / TIME

23 1455 B

Q/OS/222

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FOR MMIA LO (.) BR-ITI PERSONNEL ON DEMOBILISATION WILL NOT WEAR NOW CURRENT  
 UNIFORM UNLESS QUITE ESSENTIAL TO DEMOBILISE BEFORE ARRIVAL BLACK BD WHEN  
 OLDEST GREEN BD MAY BE USED (.) UNDESIRABLE TO DEMOBILISE IN KD UNLESS  
 ESSENTIAL OWING SHORTAGE KD STOCKS (.) BLACK BATTLE DRESS IS BEING DESPATCHED  
 AS UNDER (.) LAST ADDRESSEE WILL DESPATCH URGENTLY EQUAL QUANTITIES OF BLACK  
 BLOUSES AND TROUSERS AS FOLLOWS 209 DIV FIFTEEN HUNDRED 227 DIV FIFTEEN  
 HUNDRED 228 DIV TWELVE HUNDRED 227 DIV EASTERN DET FIFTEEN HUNDRED 231 DIV  
 TWELVE HUNDRED F BLU FIVE HUNDRED 802 IERD TWO HUNDRED (.) FIRST AND SECOND  
 ADDRESSEES WILL THEMSELVES OBTAIN EARLIEST RAIL ACCOMODATION (.) ALL INFORMED

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"Q" MMIA  
 Q(AE) MMIA

Issued:

F BLU 500 ✓  
 802 IERD -  
 227 DIV (H) 1500  
 227 DIV (E) 1000

3,000 = total available at 138m.45

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Q/OS dated

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Therese Jule (C/P)  
 " " (S/P)

Sig EJ 394 of 19 May refer

Letter LO/94 of 24 May refer

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LINE V MEDY 514 P P  
 FROM MMIALO DISTHREE 191705E  
 TO MMIA

QX BT

EJ 394 . REF SPOKE GREENWOOD - MMIALO DISTHREE AND YOUR  
 A 017 OF 15 PARA 5 . PENDING ISSUE OF BLACK BD PLEASE STATE  
 URGENTLY WHETHER DOMICILIZED PERSONS ARE TO BE DESPATCHED WITH  
 GREEN BD OR WITH KD

BT 1735

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IS BD CORRECT??? AND PERSONS ARE

PERSONS ARE IMI PERSONS ARE

AND BD IS COT BD OR WITH KD AS SENT

RECE NR 514 19/1650 E AAA AR

Grand Major Murphy's clerk  
 insisting that P.D. block  
 or if NA then green would  
 be issued - but not  
 not NOT KD.

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Sig Q/05/222  
 of 23 May refer.

21/10/19

Subject:- Uniform - Discharged Personnel - Italian.

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

50 RLU.

19 May 45

Ref your Q/7/10 of 11 May 45.

It is confirmed that Italian personnel may in no circumstances be discharged in khaki battle dress.

Copy to:- Q/OS/1

*W.A. Badcock*  
W.A. Badcock, Major  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Uniform - Discharged Personnel - ITALIAN PEAR HQ 50 BLU

HQ 1111A

Q/7/10

11 May 45

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I shall be obliged, therefore, if the 50 BLU will urgently re-examine this question, and see whether it is not possible to allow discharged personnel to wear their khaki uniform, which later could be recovered by instructing the men to return some to the nearest Military District HQ or Carabinieri Station.

(sgd) Arturo Scattini  
GOC "

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For reply - see letter  
Q/05/10/1 of 19 May

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May  
DAA and GUG

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For reply - see letter  
0/05/11/1 of 19 May

Subject:- Re-equipment of discharged  
Italian personnel from Brit.  
Gen. Hospitals.

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

5 May 45.

50 BLU:

Ref. your letter Q/7/10 dated 25 Apr 45 and your  
signal Q42 of 27 Apr 45.

1. Dealing first with your signal I attach hereto a copy  
of M.M.I.A. letter Q/15/1 of 8 Feb 45, from which you will  
see that this matter has already been fixed and stocks of  
Italian clothing for personnel evacuated are held in Italian  
Base hospitals.

2. The cessation of hostilities in this theatre means  
that the small number of Italian casualties which previously  
passed through Br. Gen Hospitals will now be still smaller.  
Normally these will be evacuated to an Italian Base Hospital  
while those discharged from Br. hospitals other than minor  
casualties who will have retained their Italian uniforms, will  
be infinitesimal and will not warrant the retention of a  
stock of Italian uniform in such hospitals.

*Greenwood.*

E.S. GREENWOOD, Major  
for Major General, 1145  
M.M.I.A.

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