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Subject:- Blankets (BR-ITI Service Tps).

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
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A.P.H.Q.

10 May 45.

Ref. your AFHQ/9170/3/Q(41) of 2 May 45 and conversation 10 May 45 Majors HENSLY-GREENWOOD spoke.

1. Stocks of blankets are not sufficient to issue to all BR-ITI Service Troops to scale of 4 per man next winter.

2. Current events have left uncertain some factors that enter into any calculation of the numbers of blankets which will be required to equip to this scale but it is calculated that 200,000 will be needed. In arriving at this figure the following assumptions have been made:-

- a) that, although the maximum ceiling of 25,800 will not be reached, the strengths next winter will be 30,000.
- b) that the Combat Groups will continue to be supplied, not from stocks in BR-ITI clothing depots, but by Br.Ord. through their respective BRUs and next higher formation.
- c) that the wastage for Italian Army is double that in the British Army by reason of the poor quality of Italian blankets and of the greater risk of blankets being illegally disposed of. Wastage has been included right up to the end of the winter.

3. Is it confirmed please that next winter the scale of blankets for BR-ITI Service tps will be 4 per man throughout?

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AFHQ/9170/8/Q(AE).

2 May 45.

M.M.I.A.

1. Will you please confirm that you have sufficient stocks of blankets to issue all Br-Iti Troops to scale of 4 per man next winter.
2. Provision action is now in hand for next winter's requirements and an early reply would be appreciated.

RPH/MDB.

Copy to:- Ord (Br).

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