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Indenting - Method + Procedure

Apr. 1945 - Oct. 1946

Subject : Vocabulary Rates.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M. M. I. A.
R O M E
9/03/11/6
October 46

To : 7 D. L.U.

Reference your BLU/350 dated 3 October 46.

1. Below are given some British rates for Web Equipment. To each of these rates should be added 10% Departmental expenses plus 10% freight charges. This then gives you the rate for a new item, part worn items are charged at 75% of this total rate.

2. These rates were used when pricing issues to the Italian Army, they therefore represent the value of the equipment to the Italian Army.

Bottles Water	3/4d
Pouches Utility front	5/6d
" " rear	4/10d
Frogs Bayonet	9d
Cases Binocular	6/-
Haversack small Officers	6/6d
Pouches Arm Revolver	3/9d
Belts Waist	2/8d
Braces WE 37 patt left	1/2d
" " " " right	1/2d
Straps Shoulder Haversack left	1/3d
" " " " right	1/3d
Pouches Basic	4/10d
Haversack	7/3d
Carriers Waterbottle	1/6d

1306

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

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

REF: HLU/35D

3 Oct 1946

Subject : Priced Vocabulary

To : HQ. MMIA (Attn A.D.O.B.) ✓

Appx "D" to end/beginning month report as at 1 Oct 46, in para 4 refers.

1. At 7 C.A.R., some cases have occurred of recruits losing their British Equipment or it being destroyed through negligence.
2. The O.C. C.A.R. does not know how much to charge the men when these cases occur, as he has no priced vocabulary of the British equipment issued.
3. Please forward copies of the necessary price lists to this HQ. for onward transmission to 7 C.A.R.
4. If priced vocabs are not available, will you please forward a list of prices that you consider should be charged to a man who has lost or destroyed any kit through negligence.



DS.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
D.A. & J.G.



Copy 7 T.C. for Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI.

FIVE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)Subject: Demands - Ordnance Stores.To : ALL UNITSRef.: OS/600/5
Tel.: Rome 66588
Date: 17 May '46

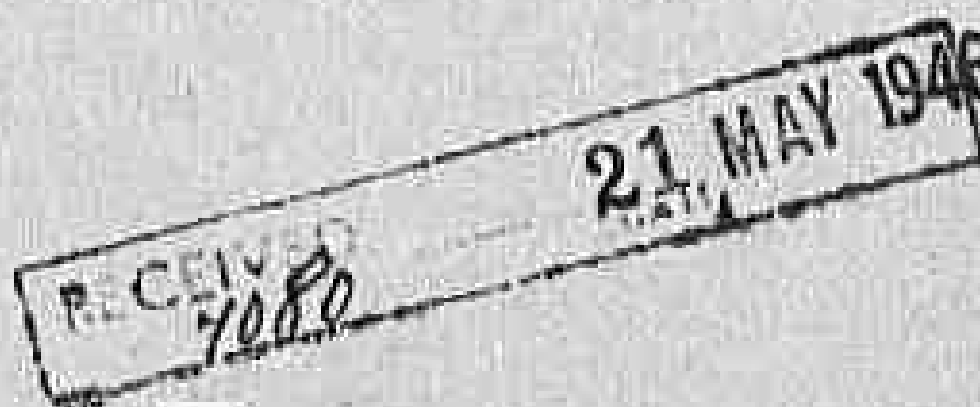
1. In future it is requested that all indents for items which are not held in DADOS Dump Rome or Foligno are only submitted to cover emergency requirements only. (See DADOS Circ. No. 12 Appendix "B").
2. RASC & REHE W/Shops please note that future indents for MT spares should be submitted to this office and should be only for emergency requirements. 2 months supplies are already held.
3. These indents must be marked "Emergency Requirements" in red and full reasons for the demand must be given.
4. Care should be taken to ensure that indents are properly prepared with section and part number and only one item is submitted on each indent.
5. Items held in DADOS Dumps will be issued as heretofore. Units must be prepared to accept reductions in their demands and only actual requirements should be indented for.
6. Because AFG 1098 permits of any item or items, it does not necessarily follow that these items will be issued.



Hanner.
Major
D.A.D.O.S.

P.W. 28/5

1304



Subject :- System of Supply - Italian Army.

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

Q/OS/11/6

20 March.46.

To : 4 BLU.

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Reference your ORD/8-30 dated 14th March.

The 60 days maintenance pack will be taken in bulk to Bologna. It is presumed that system of supply will be by indent via Territorial Commands to War Ministry.

The latter have been pressed to issue instructions on their system of supply for M.T. spares, but so far have not produced a directive.

You will notified as soon as it comes to hand.

There is no scaling for Vote 8 items, but if you let this Hq have your requirements, efforts will be made to obtain a release from GHQ.

AJH/tr

1302
Lt. Col.

A.D.O.S.

M.M.I.A. 1303

785020

Subject: System of Supply - Italian Army.

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HQ U.S. L. V.
Bolzano 3965.
Ref: CND/G-30.
14 Mar 46.

Did.

To: A.B.C.D. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.I.A.).

Copies for: R.E.M.E. Branch 5 U.L.V.
R.E.M.E. Branch 4 U.L.V.
Ufficio Automobilistica & T.S.



1. Will you please inform me of the system being adopted to distribute New Year's stocking of vote 9 spare parts for the five Cochen Groups, which is now being prepared at Naples. I.S. is the stocking going to be stored in one central store, or is a proportion being allocated to each Division.

2. Is there any stocking of Vote 8 being allocated, the special case etc. for the upkeep of Artillery and small arms are urgently required, also it is impossible to buy A.R.K. spanners even on the local market.

[Signature]

S/Gdr.,
C.W.O. & B.L.V.

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RECEIVED 18 MAR 1946
3-3 (DATE)

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Subject: System of Supply - Italian Army.Hq 4 B.L.M.
Polignano 3003.
Ref: ORD/8-29.
14 Mar 46.To: A.D.O.S. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.I.A.) -
R.M.M.S. Branch 3 B.L.M.
R.M.M.S. Branch 4 B.L.M.

Ord



1. The system of supply of Ord stores in 4 Territorial Command is as follows:-

Vote 2 (M.T.) (English) Units submit demands on Ufficio Automobiliistico who meet the demands from local stocks or if items are N.A. pass the indent to M.O.W. (Note: No stores for Allied vehicles are yet held in this Territorial Command).

Vote 3 (M.T.) (Italian) Italian vehicles for repair are sent to either No. 4 w/dep at Polignano or to No. 46 w/dep at Verona. These two w/dep have a quantity of spares which were recovered from the Germans. If spares required are N.A. indent is passed to M.O.W.

Vote 7 & 8 Indents are passed by Units to Ufficio Commissariato who supply what is available and demand the remainder from M.O.W. Ufficio Commissariato have a manufacture and repair factory at Verona and also a store located at Casermaglio Verone.

Vote 8 (Artillery Small stores) Indents are passed by Units to Ufficio Artigliera who as they have no stocks of spares pass the indents to M.O.W.

Vote 9 (Wireless etc.) Indents are passed to Ufficio Semaio who pass them to M.O.W.

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S/Sec.
C.W.O. & P.L.U.
(W. LYON)

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SYSTEM OF IMPROVING - ITALIAN ARMY (4 Territorial Commands).

MINISTRY OF WAR

UFFICIO GENERALE

UFFICIO GENIO

W/1000s and
General W/1000 9.

UFFICIO ANTICOMUNISMO

Vol 9 ANTICOMUNISMO.

UFFICIO COLLABORATO

Vol 7 & Vol 8.

UFFICIO AERONAUTISTICO

Vol 9 (M.T.)

Repair Depot, VERONA. No. 1 W/1000.

Dump at CASEROTTO, No. 16 W/1000.

VERONA.

W/1000 Verona

W/1000

Paschiana.

UFFICIO

1300

UFFICIO SERVIZI



1300

NOTE: Indents are not as far as available from sources in Territorial Command; indents are forwarded to Ministry of War only if items are N. 1.

SUBJECT: Indents for British Equipment.

RECEIVED 1459 11 FEB 1946



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

Ref: AQ/5/993.

9 Feb. 46.

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari.

Copy for info. to:
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Com.AC (MILIA).

Dnd

1. A demand made to you on 28 December 45 by 152 Artillery School, and forwarded via the Italian Ministry of War to M.M.I.A., has been considerably delayed owing to the fact that the Indent (A.F. G. 994) was made out in Italian, designations of stores were incorrect and in some instances no part numbers were quoted.

2. Owing to the delay this indent could not go through the normal channels, (i.e. on the old system, which existed prior to 15 November 45, and since extended to 31 December 45) but as it was dated 28 December 45, it will be forwarded to G.M.I. for special authorisation.

3. In the event of a Demand for British Equipment being made to your Ministry of War, and to avoid future delays, the following procedure must be adopted :-

- (a) Units will submit indents (5 copies) to you in English.
- (b) When approved, you will forward all copies direct to D.A.D.O.S., 12 British Liaison Unit.
- (c) D.A.D.O.S. will check indents received against catalogue numbers and sign indents to effect that a check has been made and that they are correct. He will then return them direct to you, retaining one copy for file.
- (d) Indents then to be forwarded by you to Ministry of War, who will transmit to M.M.I.A. in the normal way.
- (e) No indents will be forwarded to Ministry of War without the signature of D.A.D.O.S., 12 British Liaison Unit.

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Scuola Centrale Militari.

Copy for infm. to:

M.Q.

Land Forces Sub Com.AC (LITA).

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4. It is pointed out that only in very exceptional cases, which are considered of the highest priority, and approved as such by the British Liaison Officer attached to the particular arm of the service, will Units indent for British Ordnance Equipment which is unobtainable from Italian sources, and then the indents must be initialled by the British Liaison Officer concerned.

Internal

File.

Float.

File.

Colonel

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

C O P Y20Tel-Baseball 2Subject:- Eqpt. for BR-ITIs.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) 3 District
Ref 3DLO/9
10 August 45.

To:- HQ MMIA.

Ref. your Q/OS/29 of 8 Aug (Indents-382 Ord.Coy) and Q/OS/29 of 8 Aug (Indents-21 and 22 Engr Coys), I am afraid I am NOT in a position to go through indents in detail with BRITI units, situated as far apart as FOGGIA, TARANTO and SALERNO, after they have been certified by the British supervising officer, and I can NOT believe that it is intended to be part of my functions.

2. 3 District have already justifiably complained of the delay involved in equipping BRITI units, which will be seriously aggravated if this additional hurdle is to be interposed.

3. All that is required according to MMIA directives is for the stores if available from Italian sources to be released through Italian channels, or if NOT available, a certificate to that effect from War Ministry endorsed by you, so that application can be made to British supply sources.

4. I am returning the indents herewith.

(Sgd) ?GP HOLT Maj.
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

Copy to:- MMIA LO 54 AREA
GPH/agn

Q/OS Distribn.
Q/OS/29 (2)
Q/OS/11/6 1228

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Subject :- STORES FOR BR-ITI UNITS.

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

9/08/11/6

1 August 45.

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

FLORENCE COMMAND.

Ref your 230/1 of 23 July 45 and 230/8 of 20 July 45.

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

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

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

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

5. The provisions of the following extract from GRC 812/45 apply with equal force to BR-ITI Units :-

In future before submitting indents for Ordnance Stores 297 units will consider whether such stores are absolutely necessary for their present role. Units will not draw Ordnance stores merely because there is an entitlement under AF G1096, SEL or other authority. The fact of a unit refraining from drawing stores under this GRC will not preclude a subsequent indent being placed should necessity arise.

Ref your 230/1 of 23 July 45 and 230/C of 20 July 45.

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W.A. Badcock

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

WAB/tr

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Subj. Equipment

MMIA LO 230 Division
c/o FLORENCE COMMAND
Phone Florence 1395
File 230/9
20 July 1945

To: LAND FORCES SUB COMM. (2 copies)
(MMIA)

R O M E

Attached is a list of G 1098 and Eng. Stores which it is suggested might be issued to H.Q. 230 Division for their Sub. Depot in order to enable them to meet day to day demands for these articles.

At the present moment the Sub. Depot has no stock of articles of Unit equipment and the procedure of indenting on the Ministry of War separately as each demand occurs has never produced very encouraging results.

Captain

Captain,
MMIA LO

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Q/OS

To: LAND FORCES SUB COMM. (2 copies)
(LMIA)

R O M E

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Captain

Captain,
LMIA LO

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Chambers
Unit
Equipment
off. list
Major (Q/05)
Room 14.
123 JUL 45

17A
 COMANDO 230a DIVISIONE (Ufficio di Commissariato)
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Elmetti	N° 50
Coltelli da cucina	" 150
Apriscatole	" 50
Mestoli da cucina	" 30
Cofani scrittoi	" 10
Recipienti di lamiera	" 10
Marmitte	" 20
Bidoni per acqua	" 30
Padelle grandi	" 10
Scuri da taglialegna	" 10
Accette	" 10
Gravine	" 10
Pale	" 10
Badili	" 150
Picconi	" 150
Ascie	" 100
Martelli	" 50
Tenaglie	" 50
Seghe	" 50
Estintori Mod. al tetracoloro	" 30
Ricriche per detti estintori	" 30
Lampade Hurricane	" 60
Scarpelli	" 50

Espresso
Charles for old
Charles Hurricane
Charles

Accette	"	10
Gravine	"	10
Pale	"	10
Badili	"	150
Picconi	"	150
Ascie	"	100
Martelli	"	50
Tenaglie	"	50
Seghe	"	50
Estintori Mod. al tetracoloruro	"	50
Ricariche per detti estinton	"	30
Lampade Hurrican	"	60
Scarpelli	"	50

*Eggingenichent
Chaplet for oil
Lampade Hurricane
Chiuso CS*

Subj: Ord. Stores for
BR-IT18 Service Unit.

Q/OS/11/16
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MMIA LO 230 DIVISION
c/o FLORENCE COMMAND
Phone 1393
Ref. 230/1
23 Jul 45

To: LAND FORCES SUB COMM.
(MMIA)
R O M E

QOS

Ref. Your Q/OS/11/1 of 13 Jun 45.

Many queries are arising regarding
implementation of BEL's and SEL's. May the drill
be classified, please?

[Signature]

Captain,
MMIA LO.

Following items on BEL 1294
N/A from Station source.

Attention drawn to G.R.O 812/45 (copy sent)
especially para 4.

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Subject:- INDENTING PROCEDURE
for BRIT Units.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/11/6

M.M.I.A. L.O.
3 DISTRICT.

11 July 45.

Ref. your 3 DLO/9 of 22 June 45.

1. The indent procedure outlined by you is correct and the question has been taken up with the Ministry of War - with special reference to their letter N°18389/VC of 11 June 45 to 227 DIV which it is agreed is entirely contrary to M.M.I.A. Adm Instr N°11.

2. This matter had previously been taken up with the Ministry but has now been made clear on a high level.

3. The only indents which will be returned by the Ministry of War will be those for clothing and personal equipment normally held in stock in Adm Div sub depots - which are occasionally erroneously forwarded to the Ministry of War.

Will you please make this point clear with 227 DIV.

W.A. Badcock

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

WAF/ab

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Subject:- INDENTS 227 DIV.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/29

M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 DISTRICT (2)

11 July 45.

Ref. your 3 DLO/8 dated 22 June 45.

It is certified that the following stores required
by 382 Italian Ord.Coy are not available from Italian
sources:-

Lamps hurricane	3
" " globes	3
Cookess portable N°1	
Burner unit HYDRA type	4

W.A. Badcock

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

Copy to:- FILE Q/OS/11/6 —

WAB/sb

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Subject:- VEHICLES AND MT SPARES
FOR BRITI UNITS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)
R O M E
O/OS/11/6

9 July 45.

M.I.A. L.O. REAR EIGHTH ARMY
" " FIFTH ARMY (for
" " MMIA LO 231 DIV)
" " 1 DISTRICT
" " NW ITALY C/O 2 DISTRICT
" " FLORENCE CITY COMD.

Ref: my O/OS/11/1 dated 13 June 45.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of L.F.M.Q. letter AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE) of 28 Jan/45 giving a ruling regarding supply of vehicles and MT spares to BRITI units.
2. Please ensure that all concerned are informed of the correct procedure.

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

Copies to:- MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
- your 3 DLO/9 of 3
July refers.
MMIA LO WARLES
MINISTRY of WAR
ST
ROME

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C O P Y

12

Subject:- Supply of Brit Vehicles and
MT Spares to Br-Iti Units.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQTele N°Freedom 124AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE)28 Jun 45HQ N°3 District (3 copies)

Reference your letter 485/Q dated 23 Jun 45.

1. It is not intended that the replacement of Brit vehicles and the provision of Brit M.T. spares for vehicles nominally held on charge by the supervising Brit Cadres of Br-Iti units should be provided by M.W.I.A. as no bulk releases of these items are made to M.W.I.A.
2. It would appear that DOS circular N°167 of 14 Nov 44 and N°205 of 3 Apr 45 have been interpreted to include vehicles and spares in addition to items of clothing and equipment. This is not so, and Ordnance have been requested to amend their circulars accordingly.
3. Accordingly, demands for replacement vehicles of the nature should be channelled through your Headquarters to Q(AE) this Headquarters and M.T. spares demanded direct from ADCS/DACOS concerned.
4. In order to comply, however, with the future policy for the equipment of Italian units whereby all the requirements of the Italians will be provided by M.W.I.A. an investigation is now being made with a view to determining if it will be possible for M.W.I.A. to maintain Br-Iti units in transport as well as other items of equipment.
5. You will be advised as soon as any change is contemplated.

(Sgd) W.B. WEBBER, Lt.Col.
 for Major General, G-4 (B)

WBW/WH

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMA) - with copy of letter under reference.

Ord (Br) AFHQ

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Q103/3

SUBJECT :- British MT and Spares - Method
of Indenting

(11)

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Baseball 2
3 Jul 45

Q103/3
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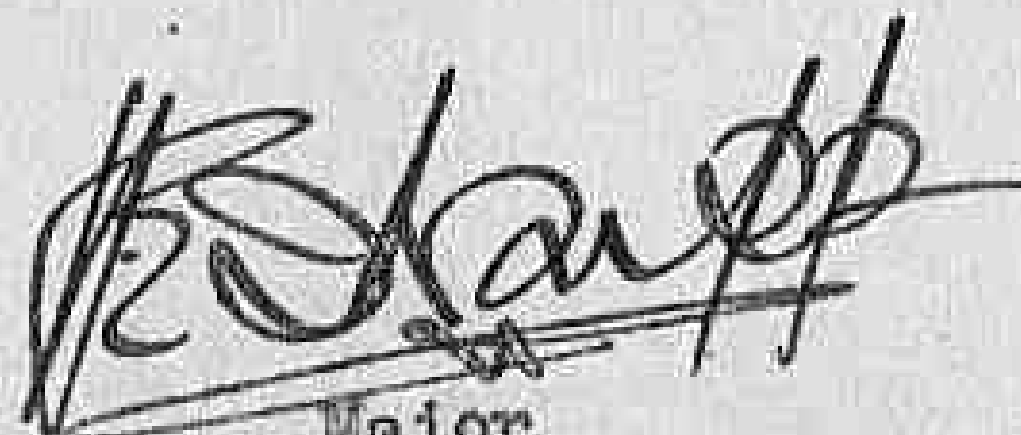
HQ 227 DIV
East Det 227 DIV (Through MMIA LO 54 Area)

Copy to :- LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA)
MMIA LO 54 Area (No enclosure)
ILO

Ref the att copy of 3 DISTRICT letter 485 Q dated
2 Jul 45.

1. In accordance with para 3 it will be noted that indents for replacements and spares for BRITISH vehicles held on charge by Italian Army Units will be submitted by the Brit Cadre etc Comd or LO through normal Brit channels and will NOT be placed on War Ministry by the Italian Units themselves as previously instructed.

2. You are requested to ensure that all Units under comd are infm of this change.



Major
MMIA LO
3 DISTRICT

Col. Q. / sec

1259

785020

COPY

SUBJECT: Supply of Brit Vechs and MT Spares
to Bri-Iti Units

3 DISTRICT
Baseball 16
485 Q

2 Jul 45

ROME Area Allied Command (2)
52 Area (2)
54 Area (2)
56 Area (2)
94 Sub Area (2)
OC Brit Tps SICILY (2)

MMIA LO BARI
List B (Less CH)
Sal
MMIA LO

Ref this HQ OS/40/3 (13) of 30 Apr 45 forwarded to
you through Ord channels.

1. It is not intended that the repl^aacements of Brit
vehs and the provision of Brit MT Spares for vechs nominally held
on charge by the supervising Brit Cadre of Bri-Iti Units should
be provided by MMIA as no bulk releases of these items are made
to MMIA.

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and No 205 of 3 Apr 45 have been interpreted to include vechs
and spares in addition to items of clothing and equipment. This
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circulars accordingly.

3. Accordingly, demands for replacement vehicles of this
nature should be channelled through your Headquarters to Q(AE) this
Headquarters and MT Spares demanded direct from ADOS/DATOS
concerned.

4. In order to comply, however, with the future policy **1288**
the equipment of Italian Units whereby all the requirements of
the Italians will be provided by MMIA an investigation is now
being made with a view to determining if it will be possible for
MMIA to maintain Bri-Iti Units in transport as well as other items

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MMIA to maintain Bri-Iti Units in transport as well as other items
of equipment.
5. You will be advised as soon as any change is contemplated.
6. Authority AFHQ/8159/2 Q(AE) of 29 Jun 45.

*file 507
file Q/5*

(sgd) R.B. SPRAY Maj
for Col
DA & QMG

Q/108/11/6 COPY

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Subject:- Supply of Brit Vehicles and
MT Spares to Br-Iti Units.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTele N°Freedom 124AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE)HQ N°3 District (3 copies)28 Jun 45

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(Sgd) W.B. WEBBER, Lt.Col.
for Major General, G-4 (B)

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA) - with copy of letter
under reference.

Ord (Br) AFHQ

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Letter Q/108/11/6 of 9 July

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Q/0/11/6

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 124

Subject:- Vehicles for Br-Iti Service
Troops.

AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE)

23 Jun/45

Land Forces Sub Commission. A.C.
(MMIA) R O M E

Reference your letter Q/5 dated 16 Jun/45.

1. No instructions have been issued that British vehicles on charge to "Br-Iti" units should not be replaced from British reserves.
2. "Br-Iti" units should, therefore, continue to demand replacements of BLR vehicles in the normal way.

WBW/DY.

W.B. WEBBER, Lt.Col.
for Major General, G-4(B)

Copy taken from Circulation file.

Copies sent to MMIA. HQs 1, 2 & 3 DISTRICTS
under cover of Q/5 of 26 Jun. 45.

12/6 29 Jun

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SUBJECT:-- Supply Brit Vehs and MT Spares
to BRI-III Units.

AFHQ Q(AE)

MMIA

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MMIA LO

3 District
Baseball 13
MS 2
23 Jun 45.

1. To conform with existing instructions it is necessary for indents for British replacement vehicles and MT spares to be submitted to Adm Div thence to Italian War Ministry, thence (if not available from Italian stocks) to MMIA.

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4. All British vehicles are held on charge by the Supervising British Cadre of BRI-III units and indents for spares or replacements vehicles are invariably screened by this Cadre. It is further pointed out that Workshop facilities for British vehicles held by BRI-III units are provided by British units and any spares required by Workshops to effect necessary repairs are therefore supplied from British stocks automatically.

4. The WB vehicle holdings of BRI-III units normally represent the barest minimum transport necessary to enable the unit to discharge its duties and this makes it doubly essential to eliminate all possible delay in supply of replacement vehicles or spares.

5. In these circumstances it is strongly recommended that all demands for British replacement vehicles or British MT spares be submitted direct to APOS/IMDOS concerned. This procedure could be immediately revised if and when bulk stocks of British vehicles or MT spares are released to the Italian War Ministry.

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Rome, See

Ann. M. H. H. H.

Maj Gen
Comd

Subject. Equipment of BRITI Units - Indenting Procedure.

M.M.I.A.

HQ 227 Div. (please ensure that all units comply with para 5 below)

3DLO/9
Baseball 2.
22 June 45.

1. The attached copy of War Ministry letter 18389/VC dated 11 June 45 addressed to HQ 227 Div. brings to light an erroneous attitude on the part of War Ministry which has been going on for some time and which has caused, in the past, delay in the equipping of BRITI Units.

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Specie to be addressed to my/col 25 Jun.
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AFHQ.

* Q.K.

See AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE) 228 Jun 45 -
(copy att) giving ruling that demands for vehicle from Tapera

Major.
MMIA LO.
3 District.

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Explain to the Ministry that it was agreed that the Ministry should have applied for release of stores in ordinary way.

* O.K. *

see AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE) 728 Jun 45 - (copy att) giving ruling that demands for vehicle, Montaparo should be made, as before, through G.R. C.A.D. staff channels.

[Signature]
Major.
MMIA LO.
3 District.

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Letter 2/05/46 of 11 Jun 45. refer.

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MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

Direc. Genor. del Serv. di Com/to Mil. e Arm./vi
Div. V.I.C.C.-Sez. 1^a

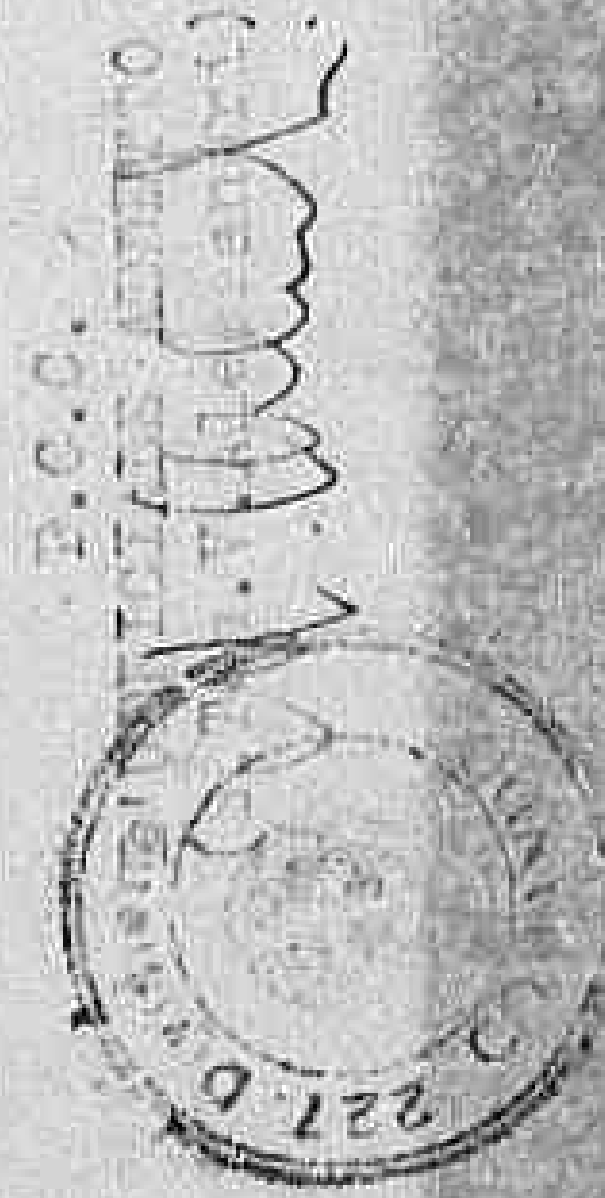
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Non occorre inviare la richiesta, anche a questo Ministero. Perchè la predetta M.M.I.A. già interviene lo scrivente per la concessione dei - steridoli -
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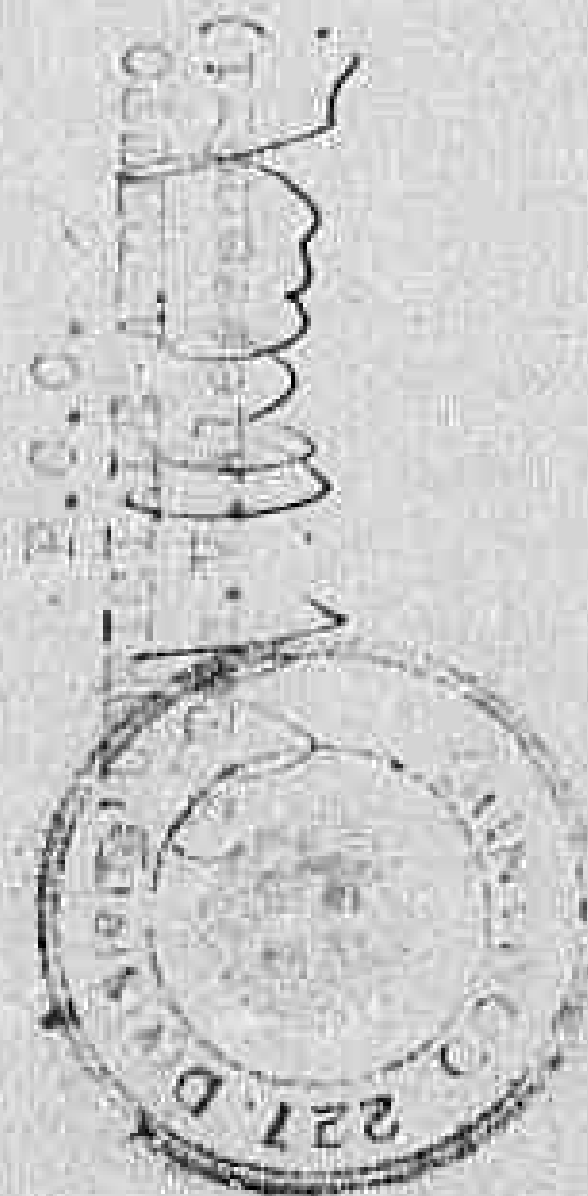
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P. IL MINISTRO
L'U. PELLICCI



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Grave M.M.I.A. Inval. applicata

Contrary to para 5 of
M.M.I.A. Admin Inval. No. 11
dated 2 Oct. 44

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C O P Y

Subject:- Supply of Brit Vehicles and
MT Spares to Br-Iti Units.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTele N°Freedom 124AFHQ/8159/2/Q(AE)28 Jun 45HQ N°3 District (3 copies)

Reference your letter 485/Q dated 23 Jun 45.

1. It is not intended that the replacement of Brit vehicles and the provision of Brit M.T. spares for vehicles nominally held on charge by the supervising Brit Cadres of Br-Iti units should be provided by M.M.I.A. as no bulk releases of these items are made to M.M.I.A.
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WBW/NH

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA) - with copy of letter
under reference.

Ord (Br) AFHQ

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SUBJECT:- Issue of Br Stores to BR-ITI Units.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
QOS/11/1
15 June 1945

To: MMIA LO, 3 District (3 copies)

Reference 3DLO/9 of 5 Jun 45.

1. The procedure for obtaining Br Stores and MT which come under the category of "on loan for an allotted task" affects MMIA in this way.
2. HQ MMIA is responsible that the Italian Government provides the maximum effort to maintain the Army (PAN 436) and HQ MMIA will certify if or not the known Italian stocks can produce any requirement for BR-ITIS.
3. If the item is NOT available from Italian stock the Br Unit or Formation which commands the Italian Unit must issue from Br stock under the "on loan for an allotted task" heading or the Italian Unit will go without. The question as to whether the Italian Unit must have the item for its work or not is a question for the Br Comd which is in most cases the District or Army.
4. Under no circumstances will MMIA indent on AFHQ or any Br Ord installation for any items under the "loan for an allotted task" heading for the basic reason that MMIA cannot determine if the items are really essential to the particular task of the unit at the time.
5. If 3 District do not issue any item which MMIA has certified as not available in Italian stocks then the Unit will just go without.

FJW/16

(Sgd) P.J. NOAKES. Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to Q(AE)
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Q/05/11/16

SIGNAL

FROM: N M I A

DATE: 16 1720 B

TO: DISTRICT

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(3) FOR N M I A L O (4) (.) RE YOUR HQ422 DATED 15 (.) SEE BY Q/03/11/1 DATED 15 (.) AGREED BRITISH VMS AND BRITISH MT SPARS NOT YET NOT AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN SOURCES FOR ISSUE TO BRITISH (.) ROUTING MT INDENTS THROUGH WAR MIN AND N M I A UNNECESSARY IF DISTRICT ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE (.) WILL BE CANCELLED IF AND WHEN ITALIAN MT BECOMES AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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BRANCH NOTE

Signal agreed with Col. NOAKES.

Copy taken by Capt HAMILTON 19 Jan.
before proceeding to SH AREA to
take over from Maj. ROSS 1280

19 Jan

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Q/05/11/16 Loring Jones N81/15 (4)

FROM MMIA LU DISTHREE 1512200
TO MMIA

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[HR422]. REF YOUR Q/05/11/1 OF 13 AND FURTHER MY 3DLO/3 OF 05 (1)
WHAT IS POSSIBLE REGARDING ISSUE BRIT M-T AND SPARES SINCE IT IS
KNOWN A PRIORI THAT ITALIAN ARMY HOLD NO STOCKS.
IS ROUTING OF INDENTS THROUGH WARRIN AND MMIA STILL NECESSARY

~~LINE A PRIORI IS COT~~

*Col. Q's letters.
Q/05/11/1 & 15 JUN.
+ Q/5/8 & 17 JUN.
also ref*

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Subject:- ISSUE of ORD stores to
BR-ITI Units.

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

M.M.I.A. L.O.
E.S. 54 Area.

14 June 45.

Ref. your LO/3 AQ of 19 May and 1 Jun/45
and telephone conversations POSBETT/BADGCK/COLE.

1. A copy M.M.I.A. Office Instruction N°76 is enclosed herewith -- the provisions of which should assist you in clarifying the procedure. The items referred to in para 1 thereof are those which are normally held in stock in BR-ITI depots.

2. The position regarding other items of general stores is that they are in short supply and stocks in Italian depots are controlled by Q(AE) M.M.I.A.

Demands for these stores should be forwarded by the Adm. Div. concerned in duplicate to the Italian Ministry of War and one copy should be forwarded by the M.M.I.A. L.O. concerned to this office.

3. It is appreciated that this procedure entails delay in supply of equipment to units being formed or reorganised at short notice but when "controlled" stores are urgently required a signal or telephone message (confirmed by signal) from you will be accepted by this H.Q.

4. Ref. para 5 of AFHQ/6508/7/Q(AE) of May 45 - INTRODUCTION to BASIC EQUIPMENT LIST for BR-ITI SERVICE UNITS - it should be noted that the Authority to issue certificates of non-availability of stores from Italian resources rests with this H.Q.

5. Regarding the issue of vehicles and MT assemblies and spares to BR-ITI units - it has hitherto been generally understood by all concerned that no vehicles or spares have been available from Italian sources for issues to BR-ITI units and releases of British vehicles and spares have been obtained from H.Q. District or other British H.Q. concerned.

6. Further instructions will be issued if necessary.

W.A. Badcock

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

WAB/ab

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Subject:- ORD STORES for BR-ITI
SERVICE UNITS.

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

13 June 45.

M.E.I.A.	L.O.	Rear Eighth Army
"	"	Fifth Army (Br Iner)
"	"	1 District
"	"	2 District
"	"	3 District
"	"	54 Area
"	"	Florence City Comd.
"	"	Fensouth

1. Your attention is drawn to the amended "INTRODUCTION to the BASIC EQUIPMENT LIST for BRITISH-ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS (other than Italian Combat Groups)" - para 5 of which is repeated for easy reference:-

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2. Please note that, owing to the dispersion of stocks, authority to issue certificates of non-availability of stores from Italian resources can be exercised only by H.Q. M.E.I.A.

Letter 230/1 of 23 Feb refers
WAB/ab

W. A. Baddock
W.A. BADDOCK, Major
for Major General, 1276
M.E.I.A.

Lt Col 422 of 15 June refers

Subject:- Issue of Brit stores to BRITI units.

3DLO/9

Baseball 2
5 June 45.

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

Ref the att AF G1043 (BIR certificate).*

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This appears
to be the
normal
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past.

Was this
proposed
correct??

For Col. G. reply (general order) 15 June 44
- see letter 8/5/44 of 15 June 44
X 4 - see 8/5/44 of 17 June 44

Major,
MMIA IO,
3 District.

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Q/05/11/6

Subject:- Issue of Ord Stores to BRIT Units

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
C/o 54 Area, C.M.F.

LO/3/AQ

1 June 45.

To: HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (M.M.I.A.)

1. Further to our letter LO/3/AQ of 19 May.
2. We are still awaiting the assistance asked for in paragraph 3 of our a/m letter.
3. Request that this outline be forwarded without further delay because we have daily requests for assistance in this matter.

? BULK release

George L. Fossett
George L. Fossett, Major
for Senior L.O.
Eastern Italy

GLE/baw

NOTE

Spoke to Maj. FOSSETT on phone - gave my views and informed him that Col. REAKES, Maj. COLE and other officers were away but that an answer in writing would be given as soon as possible.

* See letter Q/05/11/1 of 14 JUNE 45. 1 cpl.

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Copy to SPT Bch 13/6/45 1 cpl

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Subject:- Issue of Ord Stores to BRITI Units.Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MMIA) C/o 54 Area

LO/3/AQ

19 May 45

TO:- M.M.I.A.

1. Considerable confusion exists at this office as to procedure to be followed in regard to issue of ordnance stores to newly formed or reorganized Br Iti Units. A recent letter from 3 Dist on this subject, OS/40/2 (3) of 30 April does not help any. Specifically, paragraph 3 of that letter states "The normal manner of demand and supply is through Italian Adm Diva to MMIA and thence to Italian Ministry of War".

2. This procedure would postpone indefinitely the equipping of units now being formed or being reorganized. While the procedure for clothing and individual equipment is clear, the procedure for drawing items on Basic and Special equipment lists is not clear.

3. Therefore it is requested that a definite procedure be outlined for obtaining specific items such as cars, tool sets, cooking pots, water cans, electric lamps and batteries. This will enable us to advise and assist Italian officers of newly formed units, and also British officers for whom these Italian units are working. MMIA Adm Instr No.12 of 12 Oct, 1944 has been studied but it does not clearly outline the procedure.

G.L. Fossett
G.L. FOSSETT Maj.
for Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GLE/tv

copy to: MMIA LO + 3 Dist.

See letter AFHQ/9187/0 (ME)
of 11 May 45 on this subject.

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Copy to S4T Bch 13/6/45 J cp

Jo. (3) refers

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for Italian Service Units
under British Command (Br-Itals)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 518 / 227

AFHQ/9197/9 (AS)

// MAY 15

Ord (Br)

Reference recent conversation Brigadier NIXON/Col. BARNER/
Major BRADLEY when the question of supply of equipment to Br-Itals, in
addition to the authorized scale of clothing and necessities was discussed.

1. The policy on this subject is laid down in MIA Admin
Instruction No. 12 published under reference 8/AQ/5 dated 12 Oct 44. Para
3(a) and Appendix 'C' are the pertinent sections.

2. As there appears to be some doubt in the minds of your
HQs and AFHQ on this subject, it is recommended that a specific
instruction on this point be circulated.

3. It should be emphasized that the supply of all clothing and
equipment to Br-Ital Units (other than the Combat Groups) is the responsibility
of the Italian Government through MIA. It is not until this source has been
fully investigated that resort will be made to British Ordnance stocks.

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on a firm footing and requires no comment. Special or technical equipment
to enable a particular unit to perform an allotted task will only be issued
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Basic and Special Equipment Lists for Br-Ital Units by this Staff Section.
Publication of such lists in no way constitutes an authority to draw any
items listed from Ordnance Depots. Similarly, any segregation of the equipment
detailed in such lists into items which can, at the time of publication, be
supplied from Italian sources and items which cannot be so supplied, in no
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above.

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J. J. STANLEY, Lt. Col.
For Distribution (13)

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REB/MLP

Copy to: C-5 (O/E) Foreign

MILIA
Q(AE) State

- Your Q/CS/11/1 dated 24 Apr 45 refers.
- Please arrange for a suitable statement of the policy defined above to be incorporated in the Basic Equipment List and in all future MILIA.

- Q(AE)

J.J. SHAW, Lt. Col.
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

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6/5/44

Subject: Basic Equipment Lists - BR-ITI Service Tps.

X3
Q/05/11/6.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/03/11/1

~ April 1945

To: AFHQ for Q(AS)

May further instructions be issued as to the extent which such Basic Equipment lists are to be implemented.

1. Att is an example from 802 ORVINO Base Rft Depot (which please return in due course).

Many of the items on the list are either not available in Italian Depots or no equivalent is known.

2. Section A.1. Table 1 & 2.

Blankets and some mess gear is found from Italian Stocks and there is still available a selection of assorted haversacks/kitbags/packs. All ground sheet material is being made into badly needed tentage, stocks of steel helmets are negligible. It is felt that to implement the equipment list by the wholesale issue of Br items such as steel helmets, covers camouflage etc. was NOT your intention.

3. The same applies to other sections such as section J.2 cookers portable.

4. The ~~full~~ implementation of the list in full for all BR-ITI Service Units will give rise to very large demands on Br stocks.

5. Your instructions are requested.

FJN/1e

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

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AFHQ letter AFHQ/9181/Q(HE)
of 11 May refers.

SUBJECT: Certificates of Non-Availability of
Stores from Italian Sources. -----

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

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23/4 21 April, 1945

TO: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA) - Rome.

1. Forwarded herewith for clarification of the policy concerned is D.D.Tn., (Docks), C.M.F. letter ref. Tn.1(a)/4309/M. dated 20 April, '45.

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Ira V. Fordyce, Capt.
for Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

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Subject:- Equipment and Clothing
Italian Decks Operating Coys and
I.W.T. (Port) Operating Coys.

21 APR 1945

D.D.Th., (Decks),
 C.M.F.

Tel. Ext. 12593.
 Ref: Tt. 1(a)/4309/L.

20 Apr. 45.

To:- M.M.I.A.I.C.
 c/o H.Q. 54 Area.

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