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R.G. WALK, Lt. COL. AFOS

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FROM RENE 7 BLU C/O 6 BLU 241700B
TO HQ MMIA ROME (FOR ADME)
INFO ADOS MMIA/6, 7 & 10 BLU
GR -- BT

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ADOS MMIA

EME/31/87 • UNCLASSIFIED
REFERENCE YOUR ME/26/73 DATED 21 SEPT 46
7 BLU REPLYING TO THIS SIGNAL BUT MEANWHILE RECOMMEND THAT
S/CDR LYON 4 BLU WHO IS MT AND EX 557 BOD SHOULD ALSO VISIT
NAPLES • CAN THIS BE ARRANGED ?

BT 241700B

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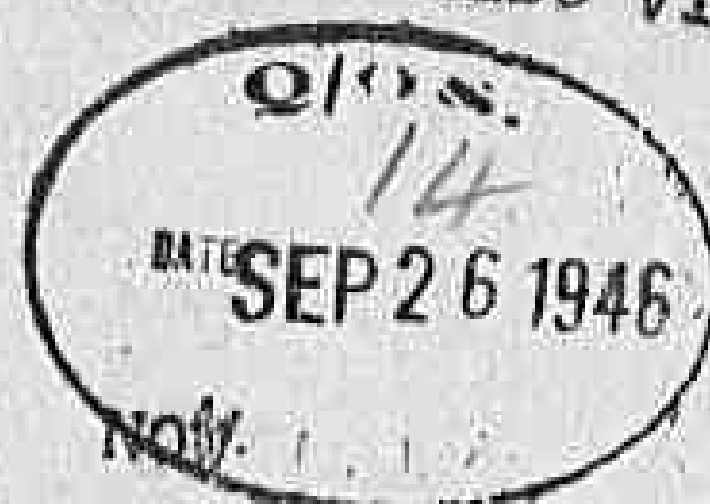
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Combined 3 and Ord report on the
visit of Lt. Col. ERAD and Major B. W. W. to Northern BU's.

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Unit Visited Date	Subject
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17 May 2 B.L.U.	At the time of the visit to this BU their domestic transport was 100% deficient or inefficient. The same for the C.A.R. had arrived but not that for the OC.R. stagheads Clothing situation good except for socks.

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- (f) Informed BHU of latest Q and Ord policy between
C.I.C. and M.M.I.A.

Ord for action.

Remind M. of W. that the issue of
oil and L x 2 was only an initial
issue and that the next lot must come
from indigenous resources.

Ord trying to obtain.

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Q.2 It is believed that the situation
is now ameliorated, 4 Tyres and Tubes
900 x 16 required.
No action required as this ammo has
already been despatched from 501 B.A.R.
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BHU informed that M. of W. have plenty
of socks but the quality is bad until
the new M. of W. sock contracts are
fulfilled.

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19 May 1 B.L.U.

Biella Blankets.

No blankets left at factories.
Plenty of raw material but the firm claims this to be their own property. They are supported by A.R.A.R. (who are interfering although they have nothing to do with the coal).

1000 Pullthroughs deficient at C.A.R. because the recruits have broken them through using to keep their trousers up. Wire gunnes required for rifle cleaning. Buffer oil required for 25 Mtrs.

All arms and ammo arrived for C.A.R.

Clothing situation good.

20 May 3 B.L.U.

No Problems confirm that they are in touch with Disthree's local representatives re any C.R.M. remaining. Buffer oil required.

22 May 4 B.L.U.

D.S.C. and M.C. ribbon required for Italian officers holding British Decorations from last war. SMITH Division short of clothing particularly Battle Dress, although they have asked war Min. who have stocks. Ord require identification lists for Rifles, Thompsons, 2" mortars and Brens.

Require Tyres and Tubes 1050 x 16.
Discussed parallel ord set up in Italian Army.

27 May 5 B.L.U.

Difficulty in obtaining C.R.M. which normally should go to Italian Army. Visited A.M.C. H.Q. and obtained satisfactory through conversation and explanation.

No K.D. yet arrived from War Min.

Complained of no ord representation on B.L.U.

War Min have not yet warned 5 Camiller that British pattern steel helmets are to be handed in.

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Q. to confirm this in writing.

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Ord obtaining.

Q. Write War Min.

Q.2 with Stationery Office

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pattern steel helmets are to be handed in.

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29 May

6 B.L.U.

7th Lt - 1st Admin Regt demands not being satisfied by
 Par Min. Explained system to A/J. Release of Modern U.S.
 vehicle dump expected in a months time.

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General Points.

Informed by 12 Vehicle Park R.A.O.C. that they have had 170 Carriers Delivered earmarked
 for Italian Army for past three months. They propose to hand them to A.R.A.R. (3.1).

918 German Ord Depot VISMBA hold a lot of Italian M.A.A.F.I. stores such as razors, blades,
 writing pads, etc. The dump commander said that if we apply 3 District we may get a role

All the B.L.U.'s were most hospitable and did everything to help that was possible. The
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Flot Bradley
 E.M. BRADLEY, Major
 Royal Intelligence

Dist. File.

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Mr. Br - It2 Admin Regts demands not being satisfied by
Admin. Explained system to A/C. Release of Modena C.E.
Vehicle Camp expected in a month's time.

Vehicle Park S.A.O.C. that they have had 470 Carriera Universal converted and fully kitted up
for past three months. They propose to hand them to S.R.I.R. (2.1).

Depot VITERBA hold a lot of Italian M.I.A.P.I. stores such as razors, blades, brilliantine,
etc. The Camp commander said that if we apply 3 District we may get a release for it (2.2).

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Glob Bradley Major

G.L. BRADLEY, Major
Royal Armoured Corps.

SUBJECT :- Report on Visit to G.H.Q.

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E

28 May 1946

TO : A.Q.M.G. M.M.I.A.
COPY TO : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

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5. Ord. 2/13
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Ord.2/13

Release sigs/6535 of 9 May proceeding, no No.19 H.P.Sets available, but 85 Can.No.9 MK II would be issued in lieu.

(a) It was understood that ord release for weapons for the Internal Security Divisions had been sent to 557 B.O.D. The numbers as stated in this Hq letter SD/109/2 of 9 May 46, had been authorised in most cases, including the full demand for rifles, but only some would be complete with bayonets, as the total number of bayonets were not available in the Depot. The issue would commence after 2 June 1946.

Ord. 2/13 (contd.)

(b) 42 Artillery Trailers No. 27, were released at the Depot on 23 May, and information is awaited at this HQ. regarding their readiness for collection.

Ord. 3

6. (a) This Directorate was unable to give quantities and types of vehicles available because it was waiting for figures from the American Army of what it could contribute towards the total allocation of vehicles to the Italian Army.

(b) Unable to scale M.T. spares, because the total surplus could not be known, until after high priority issues had been met such as to

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- (i) British Units in this theater
- (ii) M.E.F.
- (iii) Greek Army.

(c) "A" Vehicles Spares for Staghoums and Daimler.

List as at Appendix "C" to this H.Q. letter Q.003 of 22 May 46 would have special attention.

There are some spares of this description at 557 B.O.D.

(d) Tyres and Tubes.

Tyres and tubes 900 x 16 quantity 1000 and Tubes

10.50/1100 x 20 quantity 3000 have been released at 557 B.O.D. Ref. Appendix "B" to this H.Q. letter "Q" 003 of 22 May 1946

(e) This Directorate suggested that this H.Q. should give total number of "A", and "B" vehicles by type which are required by the Italian Interim Army.

T. H. Sherrin

T.H. SHERRIN, Major
for Lt. Col. A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A.

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 FROM 1 SUB DEPOT 557PBOD
 TO ADOS M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Artillery and Armoured Cars.

Land Forces Sub Comm; A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/OS/14
24 December 45

Ministry of War.

It is requested that your reply to
Q/OS/14 dated 19 December 45 be hastened please.

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W. J. Ridd
Capt
for Lt-Col, ADOS
M. M. F. R. O.

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REPORT OF VISIT OF C(OS)/C(AE) TO M.B. ITALY.

1. VILLA.
Major BIRD has now contacted Major CUNLIFFE and expects news of a villa in MILAN by 19 July.
2. MILAN.
16 Jul.
Visited 3 Terr. HQ. - saw Gen. MARAS; he stated that the collection and recovery of Italian Army material was hampered by shortage of transport. He considered that the use of army tpt by Partisan/co-operatives working for AMG constituted a threat to security. Visited clothing and equipment central Depot Milan - accompanied by a Commissariat Officer. Considerable quantities of stores - per inventory forwarded to HQ MMTA 12 July - were found to be in good condition and well stored. Further stores in the area were still in process of recovery and checking.
3. GENOA.
18 Jul.
Capt. BERNATTI visited MILAN - he stated that stocks of clothing and equipment recovered in Genoa by the Terr. HQ. were small - inventory was being submitted. There had been no central depot at Genoa.
4. TURIN.
17 Jul.
Visited 1 Terr. HQ. and, accompanied by Commissariat Major, visited:
 - (a) Clothing Depot. Useful stocks have been recovered from the "bombed out" Central Depot - they are well-stored in the Terr. HQ. Depot and are in good condition. An inventory of stocks will be forwarded in 2 or 4 days. Recovery of further stores is slow due to shortage of transport.
 - (b) Boot factory (OPIFICIO). This army factory is functioning though some of the machinery has been lost by enemy action. 100 to 150 prs. boots are being manufactured daily. Present stock is approx. 2000 prs. Stocks of grindery in the factory are good and further stocks are available in Milan Depot. 8900 prs. boots are being repaired for AMG. With a small increase in staff it is considered that the output of boots could be increased to 200 prs. daily.
 - (c) Clothing factory (OPIFICIO). This factory is only partially employed on local work for Terr. HQ. employing staff of 30. If staff were increased to 100, 50 uniforms could be cut daily. Actual making up of uniforms is carried out by civilian contract. There are stocks of clothing material in Turin and larger stocks are available in the central depot at Milan.

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3. GENOVA. Capt. BERNARDI visited of clothing and equipment recovered in Genoa by the Terr. HQ. were small - inventory was being submitted. There had been no central depot at Genoa.

4. TURIN. Visited 1 Terr. HQ. and, accompanied by Commissariat Major, visited:

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5. 231 DIV. Stocks of boots in 231 Div. is stated to be nil at present - but there are 8000 due in from NAPLES, from whom dispatch particulars have been requested. If necessary, boots could be borrowed from ITI/ITI stocks at MILAN or TURIN. HQ. 231 Div. is still at IANATO but Capt. FOX is arranging the move to Milan in the near future.

6. VEHICLES. There is a general shortage of transport in N.W. Italy and vehicles due from 1 District are urgently required.

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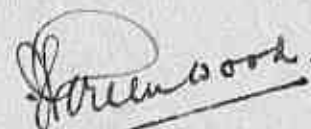
To : Staff Captain 'Q'

1. Request is made please for Movement Orders for the u/m.

(a) Major W A Badcock and Driver,
Rome to Naples 2 June and return 6 June.

(b) Major F S Greenwood
Rome to Naples - 2 June.

2. Nature of Duty - inspection of Br-ITI Clothing Installations
Naples Area.



F S Greenwood

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Copy : Unit MTO - one vehicle only required.

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