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FROM MAR 45
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CATALOGUE.

Opened: March '45

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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.

To : All B.L.U.s.
 COMA 10, N.W. Italy, MILAN (2)
 COMA 10, N.W. Italy, MILAN (for Capt. Fox).
 COMA 10, FLORENCE City Comd.
 COMA 10, 1 District.
 COMA 10, 1 District (for Capt. Herbert).
 COMA 10, 3 District.
 COMA 10, 13 Corps.
 COMA 10, 51 Area.

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Forwards :
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 WAR DIA W (2)

Subject: Backloading worn winter clothing.

To: MIA LO Rear 13 Corps
" " 230 Div (Capt. Thrupp)
" " Florence
" " 1 District
" " 3 District

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Q/OS/11/5

28 Aug 45

Reference MIA LO 13 Corps letter MM/116 of 24 Aug.

1. It is confirmed that 120 tons of worn winter clothing from 228 BRITI Adm Div may be back-loaded from CESENA to BOLOGNA for cleaning and repairing.
2. On completion of cleaning and repairing, this BRITI clothing will be moved to 230 Div Dump under arrangements made by MIA LO FLORENCE and MIA LO 230 Div. This HQ will arrange with MIA LO 230 Div for the redistribution of this clothing.
3. MIA LO 13 Corps will forward to this HQ and MIA LO's Florence, 230 Div., the estimate make up of this 120 tons.

FJM/hh

Copy to: Q/AB.

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Q/OS Notes for War Diary

1-10 Aug 45

Q/OS/14/2

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- 1 Major WTR MAXWELL RA - transferred from "A" Branch MMIA to take over from Major BADCOCK.
- 3 Major WA BADCOCK RAOC left on posting to "Y" BOD.
- 4 A signal was sent to AFHQ agreeing that no further issues of clothing or boots should be made from Br Ord for BRITI Service Tps unless specifically asked for. No demands are expected to be necessary during 1945, with the exception of winter underwear.
- 8 Information received from DAQNG RAAC that 227 Div (Rome det) are establishing a Sub Depot at TORRE-CAIA.
- 9 Allotments of winter clothing were made to A&M Div Sub Depots, based on the estimated strength of the divs at mid-Sep.
- 10 The first issue of clothing (approx 3000 sets) from BRITI stocks was made to IRTC, CESANO.

Q/OS/373
of 4 Aug
(copy att)Q/OS/382
of 10 Aug.

13 Aug 45

Q/OS.

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INTERNAL MEMO.

Subject:- WAR DIARY

To :- Col.Q

Q/OS/14/2

From :- Q(OS)

2 Aug/45

Notes for War Diary for the period 22 to 31 July are
forwarded herewith.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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Q/OS NOTES for WAR DIARY1945

- July 24 Information received from MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT that HQ 228 DIV may move north from PADUA and that HQ 209 Div may move up to PADUA.
- 25 AFHQ authority received for Combat troops to be discharged with certain necessities.
Letter sent to all concerned (Q/OS/11/3 of 25 July - 2 copies attached).
- 26 Letter received from AFHQ stating that no more clothing is likely to be allotted from British sources for BRIT service units and asking whether existing stocks will be sufficient for the winter 1945/46.
- 27 Information received that 231 Div clothing sub depot will be transferred from BOLOGNA to MILAN as soon as possible, and that 1421 Italian Officers Shop will move from LONATO to MILAN. Information received that 35 tons clothing for 228 Div has been offloaded at Venice. Lt.Col. MICHAELSON Q(AE) AFHQ called re 11 Carriers Universal issued to UTILI Div in 1944 now missing.
- 30 Letter re missing carriers sent to all concerned
(Q/OS/11/1 of 30 July 45 - 2 copies attached).
- 31 Major W.A. BADCOCK R.A.O.C. - posted to "Y" BOD (but eligible for PYTHON having completed 4 years overseas service) due to leave shortly - probably before arrival of replacement.



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W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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INTERNAL MEMO.Subject:- WAR DIARY

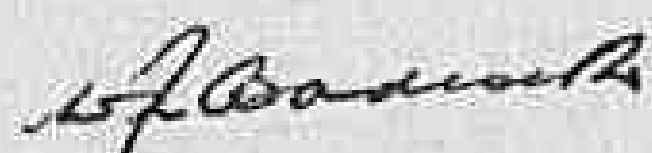
To :- Col.Q

Q/OS/14/2

From :- Q(OS)

23 July 45

Notes for War Diary for the period 8 to 21
July are forwarded herewith.



W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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Q/OS NOTES FOR WAR DIARY.

1945

JULY 9

Conference with Italian War Ministry - present Gen. PELLIGRA, Lt. Col. CASERTANO (Ministry of War), Col. NOAKES (DA & QMG), Lt. Col. ROBE (Q1), Maj. BADCOCK (Q/OS), Maj. NEWTON and Capt. FORDYCE (Q/AR) -

Gen. PELLIGRA agreed with proposal for charging Italian Government on a "PER CAPITUM" basis for clothing and equipment issued to Italian Combat Groups.

(letter to APHQ - Q/1/15-151 of 11 July 45).

Gen. PELLIGRA agreed to proposal that sales from Italian Officers Shops should now be to BRITISH officers in 1 and 2 DISTRICTS and EIGHTH ARMY areas and he was informed that clothing from British sources would probably be available for 4 months only.

(letter to APHQ - Q/OS/30 of 12 July 45).

Letter Q/OS/11/6 of 9 July (2 copies attached here to) sent to all concerned enclosing APHQ ruling that vehicles and MF spares for BRITISH units to continue to be supplied from British sources until further orders.

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13 Clothing for CCHRR discussed with Public Safety Sub Commission A.C. agreed that 10,000 pairs boots be sent from BRITISH depot NAPLES to FLORENCE as soon as possible for distribution by the FLORENCE Brigade CCHRR Lt. Col. WILSON (Public Safety Sub Commission) agreed to obtain a ruling whether or not CCHRR would be permitted to wear green battle dress as Col. NOAKES informed him that this was the only uniform which could at present be supplied to meet the BRITISH commitment of 10,000 CCHRR.

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18 Maj. BADCOCK and Maj. NEWTON returned by air from ITALY. (2 copies of report of tour attached hereto).

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W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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C O P Y

REPORT OF VISIT OF Q(OS)/Q(AE) TO N.W. 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 MMIA 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. GENOVA.
16 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.

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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 3 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. 3900 prs boots are being repaired for AMI. 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 **1450** 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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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 LOMATO but Capt. FOX LO 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.

19 JULY 45

Distribn.: Col. Q (2)
Q(AE) - {2}
Q(OS) - {1}

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(Sgd) W.A. BADCOCK, Major Q/OS

(Sgd) A.M. NEWTON, Major Q/AE

INTERNAL MEMOSubject:- WAR DIARY

To :- Col.Q

From :- Q(OS)

Q/OS/14/2

10 July 45

Notes for War Diary for the period 1 to 7 July are
forwarded herewith.

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W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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Q(OS) NOTES for WAR DIARY1945

- Jul 2 Issue on loan of ED trousers authorized from BRITI stocks for special police WENEZIA-GIULIA under command Eighth Army.
- 3 Information received that Q(AE) AFHQ have agreed that the JULY maintenance pack of BRITI clothing shall be the same as the revised JUNE pack and have instructed OND(BR) AFHQ to prepare issue accordingly.
- 4 Information received from WAR OFFICE (per DOS AFHQ) that clothing (especially battle dress) is in short supply.
- 5 Training tour for Italian officers and other ranks includes visit to ROME Area ADOS Dump. Instructions issued to all concerned regarding AFHQ ruling that equipment held by Italian Combat Groups will be retained (Q/OS/11/1 of 5 July 45 - copies [2 each letter] attached).

INTERNAL MEMO.

Subject:- MONTHLY REPORTS.

To :- G

Q/OS/14/2

From :- Q(OS)

6 July 45

Ref. your INT/107 dated 30 May 45.

Summary of the main events and activities of this Q(OS) branch during the month of June 45 is forwarded herewith.

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W.A. BADCOCK, Major

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G (Capt. Selby) states 6 Jul that reports for June and subsequent months are being consolidated by branches e.g. Q. *6 Jul.*

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INTERNAL MEMO.Subject:- WAR DIARY

Q/OS/14/2

To :- Col. "Q"

From :- Q(OS)

5 July 45

Notes for War Diary for the period 24 to 30
June are forwarded herewith.

W.A.

W.A. BADDOCK, Major

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- June 25 Notification received that 231 Adm. Div is transferred from under command FIFTH ARMY to under command 2 DISTRICT w/e/f; 24 June. Clothing sub depot remains at BOLOGNA at present.
- 27 BR-ITI units authorized to hold up to 20% reserve of boots to facilitate exchange of worn pairs.
- 28 Informed Q(AE) A.F.H.Q. by telephone that BRITI clothing maintenance pack required from BR.ORD. would be the same as for June.
- 29 Conference re training all BRITI troops - combat and service - at CESANO. It was suggested that all troops should have a basic scale of clothing while training, and be issued with Grade I clothing if posted to combat groups.

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INTERNAL MEMOSubject:- TAB DIARY

To : Col.Q

Q/OS/14/2

From : Q(OS)

12 June 45.

Notes for Tab Diary for the period 1 to 9 June 45
are forwarded herewith as requested.

W.A. Dabcock
W.A. DABCOCK, Major
R.A.O.C.

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June 2

Major F.S. GREENWOOD R.A.O.C. left for NAPLES for repatriation to U.K. under PYTHON scheme. Major W.A. BADCOCK R.A.O.C. assumed appointment of DADOS M.N.I.A.

- 4 A.P.H.Q. signal EX85870 of 1 Jun refuses special issue of new KD clothing to Italian offrs (EE-ITI service) of 231 AD DIV (Fifth Army) and refers to purchases from Italian offrs shops authorised and being formed.

Request received from Eighth Army that Italian tps demobilised in certain "Fertile" areas be dressed NOT in black but in chocolate battle dress. Referred to Col. NOAKES (DA and QMG) visiting Eighth Army.

- 6 Major ARIZON, ITALIAN MINISTRY of WAR, called with printed ration cards for Italian offrs ships and visited N°10 BRITISH Offrs shops to see procedure.

- 7 Received copy of ITALIAN Ministry of War instructions for operation of ITALIAN Offrs shops. Information received from Major ARTHUR DADOS M.N.I.A. PENSOUTH that division of bulk allotment of clothing will be completed in a few days (for FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies).

- 8 Information received from Lt.Col. SMITH M.N.I.A. Lo PENSOUTH and Major ARTHUR DADOS M.N.I.A. PENSOUTH that supplies of black dye are exhausted and that 3000 sets only of black battle dress are available for issue to demobilised EE-ITI troops. MTONSA have decided to demobilise their EE-ITI troops in dress in possession.

W.A. Badcock

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W.A. BADCOCK, Major
R.A.O.C.

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(Appx. A)
- 23 Signal Q/OS/286 of 23 Jun re black battle dress sent to all BLUs.
(Appx. B)

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INTERNAL MEMO.

Subject:- WAR DIARY

TO :- Col 'Q'

Q/OS/14/2

From :- Q(OS)

June 45

Notes for War Diary for the period 17 to 23
June are forwarded herewith.

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W.A. Badcock
W.A. BADCOCK, Major
R.A.O.C.

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Internal Memo

To : Col.Q

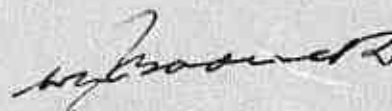
From : Q(OS)

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1 June 45.

WAR DIARY

Notes for War Diary for the month of May 45 are
forwarded herewith.



W.A. BADCOCK, Major(Q/OS)

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INTERNAL MEMO.

TO: G

Q/OS/14/2

FROM: Q (OS)

2 JUNE 45

Ref. your INT/107 of 30 May/45.

Forwarded herewith as requested is a typewritten summary of the main events and activities of this branch during the month of May/45.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major
R.A.O.C.

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- May 10 Letter Q/OS/11/1 sent to AFHQ in reply to their AFHQ/9170/84Q(AE) of 2 May 45. AFHQ was advised that 200 000 blankets would be required to equip next winter all BR-ITI tps with four blankets each.
- May 14 Major W.A. Badcock RAOC reported as replacement for Major F.S. Greenwood RAOC DADOS HQ NMIA consequent to his repatriation under scheme Python - authority G1-B/14855/A9 of 8 May 45.
- May 17 NMIA Administration Instruction No 27 published - scale shown of clothing for Italian military personnel on demobilization which includes black battle dress.
- May 19 Signal Q/OS/220 despatched to NMIA LOs, instructing that all blankets in excess of 2 in possession of BR-ITI tps would be withdrawn 1 June 45. Disposal instruction given.
- May 23 After discussion with AFHQ, Q(AE), Signal Q/OS/222 despatch in amplification of Admin Instruction No 27 of 17 May 45. This signal authorised issue to demobilised BR-ITI personnel of old green battle dress if black not then arrived and stressed the undesirability of demobilising in KD on account of shortage of KD clothing.
- May 25 Formal notification sent to NMIA LOs with 5th and 8th Armies of formation of Italian Officers' Shops. Ministry of War will issue appropriate instructions through Italian channels.
- May 26 Signal Q/OS/236 despatched to LOs asking for reports on progress of return of winter clothing to Base for repair. Replies indicate that progress is very slow, the inference being that delay is due to transport difficulties and to extended Is of C. Letter Q/OS/1/1 sent to AFHQ for Q(AE) reviewing existing BR-ITI Clothing stocks and recommending that some reductions be made in the 1 June Maintenance Pack.
- May 29 Visit to F BLU and RTC ICT Cesano of ADOS RAAC, DADOS HQ NMIA to see progress in reorganization of duties of DADOS '1438- see entry War Diary 13 April 45.
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Ref. 0/05/14/2

May 45.

Letter DOS/1411 (ORD 1) dated 29 Mar/45 received
authorizing 557 BOD to prepare and issue monthly
"Maintenance Packs" for BI-LTIS.

Under ref. 2/OS/30 of 4 Apr/45 letter written to ARMC for 2(AR) submitting details regarding establishment of static and mobile shops for Italian Officers.

Letter 51C/2/2 of 5 Apr/45 received. Attached was report from ADOS Br.Inc. 5th Army in which he gave it as his opinion that EB received for issue to RN-ITI service EB would be fit for issue after further washing, although not of good appearance.

Letter Q/OS/5 sent to AMUQ for Q(AE) asking that Allied Comds be informed of the position regarding ID and that required clothing is all that can be provided.

Conference at 1100 hours ADOS RAAC: DADOS (Plants):
 DADOS H.2. MIA: DADOS V. RU. Duties of last named
 and his relationship with ADOS RAAC agreed upon and
 defined. Italian personnel from RMC ICI to be train
 in Ord. duties.

- ✓ " 4 Under ref. 2/OS/30 of 4 Apr/45 letter written to AFHQ for Q(AE) submitting details regarding establishment of static and mobile shops for Italian Officers.
- ✓ " 7 Letter 510/2/2 of 5 Apr/45 received. Attached was report from ADCS Br. Inc. 5th Army in which he gave it as his opinion that HE received for issue to DE-IVI service type would be fit for issue after further washing, although not of good appearance.
- ✓ " 9 Letter 2/OS/6 sent to AFHQ for Q(AE) asking that Allied Comds be informed of the position regarding ID and that repaired clothing is all that can be provided.
- ✓ " 13 Conference at 1100 hours ADCS RAAC: DABOS (Plans): DABOS H.Q. MIA: DABOS 7 DLU. Duties of last named and his relationship with ADCS RAAC agreed upon and defined. Italian personnel from RTO ICF to be trained in Ord. duties. **1437**
- ✓ " 14 Letter DCS/1908 (ORD 1) of 12 Apr/45 received, instructing Ordnance to issue businets to Admin. Divs within their formations. Scale one per man.
- ✓ " 15 AFHQ/9174/Q (AE) of 14 Apr/45 received, approving details submitted for officers shops.
- ✓ " 16 Proposals for WE, conduct and admin. of officer's shops put to Major ADDIZON of Ministry of War.

April 21 557 DCD advised the completion of issue of ID for

✓
BR-ITIS.

" 25 Instructions issued to IOs as to disposal of winter
✓ clothing to Naples and Bari plants for repair during
summer months. Rel

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The War Diary will be coordinated in the Q Office.

Addressees are requested, therefore, to submit all relevant notes and copies of correspondence which they wish to be included in the War Diary by the first day of each month. This procedure will become effective from the beginning of April.

7 APR. 45

F.J. HOKES Col.
DA & QMG
M.E.I.A.

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