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Subject : DOS Circular No. 237.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Q/CS/DOS/5
1 March 1946

Ordnance Directorate,
G.H.Q. C.M.F.

May this office please be supplied with fifteen
copies of DOS Circular No. 237.

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Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S.
M.M.I.A.

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GRO 312/45

ORDNANCE STORES

Q/OS/DOS/



1. The attention of all units is drawn to GRO 312/45 under the terms of which a unit may return to Ordnance any ordnance stores (other than Antigas equipment) which it does not require or cannot carry. Anti-gas equipment will be covered by an Operational Instruction now in course of preparation. This Instruction will supersede AFHQ Operational Instruction N°48.
2. With the cessation of hostilities in this command all units are required again to review their holdings of Ordnance stores with a view to returning to Ordnance those stores which are surplus to requirements and are not of ~~unnecessary handling.~~
operational importance.
3. Many cases have occurred of stores being issued from Ordnance Depots and subsequently returned to RSDs without having been used. This results in deterioration and unnecessary handling.
4. In future before submitting indents for Ordnance Stores, 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 G1098, SEL or other authority. The fact of a unit refraining from drawing stores under this GRO will not preclude a subsequent indent being placed should necessity arise.

(Applicable to all troops)

9150/Q(AE)

A.C. DUFF,
Major General,
D.Q.M.G.

*Copies to all MIA, 602
and MINISTERS of War.*

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*Equally applicable to all units
who should be informed that only stores
actually required should be demanded*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. OFFICE INSTRUCTION
NO. 202

Q(05)

Q105/005/5

Subject: Ordnance Directorate, G.H.Q., C.M.F.

1. In view of the reorganisation of AFHQ, Ordnance (British), AFHQ will be re-named as follows w.e.f. 1 Oct 45:-

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE, G.H.Q., C.M.F.

2. CORRESPONDENCE - Letters from G.H.Q., C.M.F.

(a) Letters will be headed:-

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G. H. Q. C. M. F.

(b) Letters will be signed:-

for D.O.S., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - Signals from G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Signals will no longer include "Signed General Site PHONE" but will indicate in the text the originating branch of G.H.Q., C.M.F., thus "from CHD CMF".

Authority: AFHQ AG 322/917 OCT-0 dated 20 Sep 45 and AFHQ AG 322/917 JACS-0 dated 20 Sep 45.

P. (Rank)

(P. BRADY) J. G. ed. PA/DOS
for Maj-Gen
DOS

30 Sep 45

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Ref: DCS 3/85 (3)

Tel: Freedom 988

17th September 1945.

Subject:- Write-off.

Further to our DCS 213 of 5th July 1945, herewith lists of basic prices for Write-off purposes of Canadian and U.S.A 'B' Vehicles in use by the British Army.

[Signature]

M. CLIVINGTON & JONES S/Capt. 'B' Vch.,
for Major General,
D.C.S.
A.F.H.Q.

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Car 4 str.	Ford	245	Motor Cycles	Indian	110
Car Lt. Room M21	G.M.C.	1200	Car 4 str 4x2	Chevrolet	210
Truck 6 str 4x2 G.S.	Dodge 4x4	405	" Amphibious 4x4	Ford	660
" " Wireless	Chevrolet	335	" 5 str 4x4	Ford	255
" 15 str 4x2 G.S.	Ford	325	" " "	Willis	300
" Water	Dodge	345	Truck 10 str 4x4 G.S.	Dodge	310
Lorry 30 str 4x4 4x2	Ford	570	" Room w/winch	"	265
" 4 1/2 Portec	Chevrolet	550	" Carryall	"	310
" 5 ton G.S. 4x2	Chevrolet	670	" Munson carrier	"	245
" " "	Chevrolet	540	" Wireless	"	415
" " 4x4	Dodge	550	" 15 str 4x4 G.S.	"	360
" " 4x2	Ford	710	" " Carryall	"	365
" " Store	Chevrolet	630	" Personal FWD	White	1650
" 4 x 4 Store	Ford	540	" Half truck M.5	International	2400
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" " "	Chevrolet	860	" " "	Dodge 4x4	450
" 5 ton 4 x 2 Chassis	Chevrolet	710	" " "	Chevrolet	1100
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Chevrolet	960	Lorry 3 ton GS 4x2	G.M.C.	370
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Ford	940	" " 4x4	"	700
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Ford	340	" " 4x4	"	595
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Chevrolet	320	" 4 ton GS 4x6	Diamond 2	1550
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Dodge	400+	" 3 ton 4 whl	G.M.C.	710
" 3 ton 4 x 4 Chassis	Chevrolet	530	Compressor	Dodge	1050
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" " "	Chevrolet	650	" 6 ton 4x2 GS	Int.	900
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" " "	Dodge	510	" 5 ton 4x6 Cargo	White	2400
" " "	Ford	1000	" 10 ton GS 6x4	Mack	2400
" " "	Chevrolet	850	" Semi Artic 6x4 2	White	2400
" " "	"	940	" " "	Brookway	1300
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" " "	"	970	" " "	Mack	2450

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: DOS Circulars

Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (121A), ROME.

Ref: DCE/24
Tel: FREEDOM 812

29 Aug 45

QOS

Ref. your Q/OS/DOS/5 of 27 Aug 45.

Herewith six copies of DOS Circular No.224.

Q/OS District " (addl.)

2 c/c

Col 'Q'

Q1. (plus Maj MAXWELL)

Q/AE

Q/OS

F. Chaske
(F. CHASKE, J. Coord. PA/DOS)
for Maj-Gen
DOS

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Subject: D.O.S. circulars.

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

Q/OS/DOS/5
27 August 1945.

A.F.R.Q.

1. It is requested that a further six copies of DOS Circular 224 be sent to this HQ.

bkltt
Major General,
Military Mission Italian
Army.

Further six copies received 31/8.

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Subject: Equipment - Gd. Bns.

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Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME
C/05/7

24 August 1945.

To: MMIA LO MW ITALY

1. GSO 1 Two District recently raised with Lt. Col. Ingledew the problem of provision of arms and equipment with the resultant spares replacement problem for Guard Bns.
2. Will you see Two District and find out exactly what are the problems to be solved for;
 - (a) 1 Gd. Regt. which is combat force but has NO Er Arms as set out in AFHQ/AC.08K, 711/051 OCT.0 of 19 Apr (att for ref) although it has Er clothing.
 - (b) Ordinary Gd. Bns. who are ITI-IFI Category.
3. Relevant DOS instructions are DOS circulars 167 and 206 which will be in the possession of Ord Two District. A further DOS Circular No. 222 is in course of publication and covers the changing-up to the Italian Government of times on loan to the Combat Forces. This circular should reach Two District in a few days.
4. I expect to be in Milan about 4/5 Sep and will go through the points with you. Please have all queries ready.

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F.J. HOAKES, Col.
DQMS MMIA.

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2. Will you see Two District and find out exactly what are the problems to be solved for:
 - (a) 1 Gd. Regt. which is combat force but has NO Br Arms as set out in AFHQ/AG-09k, 711/051 GGT-0 of 19 Apr (att for ref) although it has Br clothing.
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P. J. HOAKES, Col.
DQMG

PJM/hh

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

19 April 1945.

AG 021.711/051 OCT-0

Subject: Org Process - Italian Army Units - Transfer of
Category within BR-IVI Ceiling.

TO: ALL CONCERNED.

1. Reference is made to letter from G-3, this headquarters,
file ASD/922.8 dated 6 April 1945.

2. Combat status of all units shown in Part 11 of Appendix
"A" to the above letter is confirmed. In addition the following
units will be carried within the combat ceiling:

a. 1 Italian Guard Regiment - strength 2,473. This
regiment will be issued with khaki battledress and
may be administered in North West Italy in the same
way as the Italian Combat Groups. The regiment will
be equipped with Italian arms, to shortage of British
equipment.

b. GARIBOLDI REGT - strength 2,683.

c. Spare ceiling and rfis - strength 2,907. This total
includes 807 spare ceiling and 25% holding of rfis
for the new combat commitment.

3. To accommodate the transfers involved in paragraph 2
above, the breakdown of the BR-IVI ceiling will be adjusted by
a changeover of 12,000 from service category to combat category.
Revised totals will be:

Service Tps including 5% rfis	85,800
Combat Tps including 25% rfis	74,700
	<u>160,500</u>

4. Transfers in no way affect matters of purely Italian
administration which will be discussed separately with the
Italian War Ministry by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (EMIA).

1. Reference is made to letter from G-3, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2 dated 6 April 1945.

2. Combat status of all units shown in Part II of Appendix A to the above letter is confirmed. In addition the following units will be carried within the combat ceiling:

a. 1 Italian Guard Regiment - strength 2,473. This Regiment will be issued with khaki battledress and may be administered in North West Italy in the same way as the Italian Combat Groups. The Regiment will be equipped with Italian arms, to shortage of British equipment.

b. GARIBALDI REGT - strength 2,683.

c. Spare ceiling and rfts - strength 2,907. This total includes 60% spare ceiling and 25% holding of rfts for the new combat commitment.

3. To accommodate the transfers involved in paragraph 2 above, the breakdown of the BR-ITI ceiling will be adjusted by a changeover of 12,000 from service category to combat category. Revised totals will be:

Service Tps including 5% rfts	85,800
Combat Tps including 25% rfts	74,700
	<u>160,500</u>

4. Transfers in no way affect matters of purely Italian administration which will be discussed separately with the Italian War Ministry by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA).

5. Formal amendments to letter under reference will follow.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHALL ALEXANDER.

Sgnd. EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General.

Subject: RE-ITL Adm. Div. Donata.

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

Q/OS/DOS/3
23 August 1948.

To: AFHQ for M. Ord. (Plans)

Reference your telephone request, it is considered
that Appx. A to DOS Circular 187 should now read:

Est. Fm.	Italian Fm.	Div. Locn.	Sub Depot Locn.	MILIA LO
XIII Corps	228 Div.	MIRA	DOLO	MILIALO 55 Area
Hq 2 Dist.	208 Div.	PADUA	CESENA	" 202 Div. Padua
" " "	231 Div.	MILAN	MILAN	" N.W. Italy MILAN
Hq 3 Dist	227 Div.	NAPLES	NAPLES	" 3 District
" " "	227 Div. (East. Det.)	BARI	BARI	" 54 Area
" " "	230 Div.	FLORENCE	FLORENCE	" Florence City Command

W. H. H. H.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your telephone request, is in considered that Appx. A to LOS Circular 167 should now read:

HR. Fm.	Italian Fm.	Div. Locn.	Sub Depot Locn.	RMIA LO
XIII Corps	228 Div.	NETA	DOLO	RMIALO 55 Area
HQ 2 Dist.	209 Div.	PADUA	CESENA	" 209 Div. Padua
" " "	231 Div.	MILAN	MILAN	" N.W. Italy MILAN
HQ 3 Dist	227 Div.	NAPLES	NAPLES	" 3 District
" " "	227 Div. (East. Det.)	BARI	BARI	" 54 Area
" " "	230 Div.	FLORENCE	FLORENCE	" Florence City Command

W. H. H. H.
Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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Q/OS/POS

ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
ORDINANCE (CHIEF)

Subject: Termination of Local Contracts.

Ref: DOS/46/5

To: DOS Eighth Army (140)
DOS L. of C. (55)
DOS 1 District (22)
DOS 2 District (35)
DOS 3 District (70)
DOS L.P. GROUPS (40)
OC 38 Vehicle Coy
ADOS 15 Army Sp (2)
ADOS R.A.A.C. (10)
ADOS HQ L.P.A. (6)
ADOS 212 Area
ADOS 26 P.L.V.
ADOS M.M.L.A. (9)
ADOS 207 Sub Area

Tel: FREEDOM 495

Date: 16 June 45

QOS
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1. The attached memorandum on the procedure for termination of local contracts has been drawn up by the Contracts Directorate of the War Office and is circulated for distribution to officers under your administration.

2. In view of the changed situation C.O.'s will keep their contractual commitments under review in the light of stocks and of future requirements. In the case of any contracts for stores, etc. which are in excess of requirements, steps will be taken to terminate on the general lines indicated in the War Office memorandum and in consultation with Financial Adviser.

3. The clause giving the War Department power to terminate contracts, as necessary, will be included in all future transactions.

R. G. G. G. G.

(H.F. G. G. G.) Major, DOS(C)
For Sig-Sn.
D.O.S.

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Subject:- TERMINATION of LOCAL CONTRACTS.

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

R O M E

Q/OS/DO3

3 July 45.

50 B.L.U. (for DADOS)

51 " (" ")

52 " (" ")

53 " (" ")

54 " (" ")

"P" BLTU (" ")

M.M.I.A. L.O. HAPLES (for DADOS)

Ref. enclosed MEMORANDUM on TERMINATION of LOCAL CONTRACTS - following is an extract from AFHQ letter D93/46/3 of 15 Jun:-

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W. A. HARGREAVE

W. A. HARGREAVE, Major
for Col. DA & LW,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 3/23/1

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Appendix to SP-6/1/1942
dated 14 Jan 42

SP-6/1/1942 (D.C.1)

MEMORANDUM ON TERMINATION OF LOCAL CONTRACTS (ORDERS FOR
LOCAL SERVICES).

Note: This memorandum applies to the termination or curtailment of locally placed contracts (except those for Ordnance Services but including those for Ordnance Stores) due to changes in requirements arising out of developments in the war situation (e.g., end of European hostilities). It is not intended to cover, any authority for termination of a contract where the service or supply is to continue.

1. When instructions are issued for the closing down or curtailment of services or the reduction of stock holdings which involve current local contracts, all relevant existing contracts, and all orders actually placed under running contracts, should be carefully reviewed.
2. Where it is clear that services or deliveries beyond a certain date or quantity will not be required, and that steps must therefore be taken to terminate prematurely current contracts or orders, the procedure will be as follows:-
 3. Local Contracts containing a Break Clause. If the local contract contains a Break Clause, notice of termination will be given as provided in the clause. The position of the contract will be ascertained and further directions will (in the light of any specific instructions issued by A.O.) be given to the contractor as required by the clause. Claims will be dealt with and settled locally except that any claim will be referred to the War Office before settlement with a recommendation supported by Command Secretary or F.O.
 - If (i) it exceeds £2,500
 - or (ii) the claim or any portion of it is made under any "hardship" provision included in the break clause used in the contract. Any claim for continuing overhead expenses will be regarded as a "hardship" claim for this purpose.
 - or (iii) any question of debt or principle is involved unless the Command Secretary or Financial Adviser authorizes local settlement.

This paragraph applies to all contracts (except those for Ordnance Services) containing a Break Clause which were placed locally.

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- if (i) it exceeds £2,500
- or (ii) the claim or any portion of it is made under an "hardship" provision included in the break clause used in the contract. Any claim for continuing overhead expenses will be regarded as a "hardship" claim for this purpose.
- or (iii) any question of fact or principle is involved unless the Command Secretary or Financial Adviser authorizes local settlement.

This paragraph applies to all contracts (except those for services) containing a Break Clause which were placed locally.

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4. Running contracts placed locally which are no longer required should be terminated by due notice under the termination clause. If the Running Contract is of a type under which the Department is bound to order only such quantities or services as may be required, but contains no termination clause, the contractor should be informed that owing to the change in the military situation no further requirements are likely to arise under the contract; such contracts will then lapse automatically.

No question of compensation for quantities undelivered or services not performed should normally arise in these cases. If such claims do arise they should be referred to the War Office.

If a Running Contract which it is desired to terminate was placed by War Office or Ministry of Supply the matter should be reported to the Department concerned for action.

(Contd)

4. It should be possible to terminate any use, water and electricity agreements that need terminating without going outside their terms. Either the requisite few hours notice under the company's standard terms or the notice laid down in the larger agreements should be given. In Eastern, Northern, Western and Southern Commands, proposals to terminate any of these agreements made at the War Office should be reported to the Command Secretary instead of to the War Office.

5. Where the local contract contains no Break Clause or provision for early termination and cannot be dealt with by allowing it to lapse as in paragraph 4 or where it is desired to cancel or amend a firm order already given under a local running contract, the contractor should at once be informed of the position and invited to fall in with the Department's wishes. Subsequent action will be as follows:-

(a) If the contractor agrees to curtail deliveries or discontinues the services as required by the Department without payment in respect of quantities not delivered or services not rendered, action may be taken locally to amend the contract (or order under a running contract) accordingly. Such cases in Commands at Home should then be reported to the War Office.

(b) On the other hand, if the contractor indicates that he intends to ask for compensation in respect of deliveries or services not required he should be asked to state at once the estimated probable amount of such claim, an indication of the heads under which the claim will be made e.g. labour and materials on unfinished goods, materials purchased and not used etc. and (for stores or supplies) the position as regards degree of completion of the remaining quantities.

(c) In Home Commands cases under (b) will be reported as soon as possible to the War Office (D.A.F.) with a recommendation as to whether contractor should be instructed to cease work at once, to complete production of certain quantities or to a certain stage, or to complete the whole contract. (Such reference will not of course be necessary before arranging to stop any supply or service where definite War Office instructions to do so, irrespective of stage of completion, have already been issued).

Factors in making this recommendation will be e.g. the stage reached in the manufacture of the articles not required, the probable value of contractor's recoverable claim for labour and materials, etc. as compared with the contract price, the feasibility of accepting delivery for storage, the possibility of future use and whether the articles would command a good market if they eventually became surplus, and the availability of alternative work.

- (5) If the contractor agrees to curtail deliveries or discontinues the service as required by the Department without payment in respect of quantities not delivered or services not rendered, action may be taken locally to amend the contract (or order under a running contract) accordingly. Such cases in Germany at home should then be reported to the War Office.
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- (c) In Home Commands cases under (b) will be reported as soon as possible to the War Office (D.A.S.), with a recommendation as to whether contractor should be instructed to cease work at once, to complete production of certain quantities or to a certain stage, or to complete the whole contract. (Such reference will not of course be necessary before arranging to stop any supply or service where definite War Office instructions to do so, irrespective of stage of completion, have already been issued).

Factors in making this recommendation will be e.g. the stage reached in the manufacture of the articles not required, the probable value of contractor's reasonable claim for labour and materials, etc. as compared with the contract price, the feasibility of accepting delivery for storage, the possibility of future use and whether the articles would command a good market if they eventually become surplus, and the availability of alternative work.

In Commands abroad (unless specific instructions have been received from the War Office) decision on these considerations will be taken locally with the concurrence of the Command Secretary or Financial Adviser.

- (d) Then the decision under (b) and (c) above is to break the contract, the contractor will be urged to submit early his final claim for compensation in respect of articles not delivered or services not rendered. Such claims will be examined locally and dealt with as follows:-

- (1) Where the compensation payment does not exceed £500 settlement will be made locally with the agreement of Command Secretary or Financial Adviser but questions of principle and doubtful cases should be referred to the War Office unless the Command Secretary or Financial Adviser authorises local settlement.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORIENTAL (BRITISH)

Q/OS/DOS.

Subject: DOS Circulars.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) Rom.

Ref: DOS/24
Tel: FREEDOM 312
Date: 25 Apr 45

Reference your Q/OS/DOS of 23 April.

Herewith a further ten copies of DOS Circular No. 205 as requested.

P. (Crahe)

(P. CRAHE, J. Comd. PA/DOS)
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S.

2 1/2 Q/OS addl distrib:

G.R. Q1. Major Wancham } 1/5/45
did receive.

also Bani - sent 2/5/45

Majr Taylor (R206) 3/7/45 4 cpl.

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Subject:- D.O.S. Circulars.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/CS/DO3

D.O.S. A.V.H.Q.
(Plans)

23 April 45.

May a further ten (10) copies of D.O.S. Circular R*205, subject "Accounting for issues to Italian P.O.W., Co-operators, Italian Armed Forces and their agencies", please be supplied to this Mission.

Greenwood.

P.B. GREENWOOD, Major
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

PEG/ab

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FROM: N M I A

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TO(FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

Q/OS/2005

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REF YOUR DOS/7209 (ORD 1) OF 06 (.) COMMENTS ON
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Greenwood.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject - Issues to Italians.

Ref: DOS/7209 (ORD 1)

To: HQ MMIA ✓

Tel: FREEDOM 808

6 March, 1945.

Q/OS/105 ^{DOS.} ~~105~~

1. Reference this Directorate's letter numbered as above, dated 22 February 1945, forwarding Draft D.O.S. Circular for your perusal and comments.
2. May a reply, and the return of the above mentioned Draft, be effected please.

Ord.
6/3

*See our
Q/OS/20 d. 8 Mar
(already in post)
8/3/45*

(R. E. SIMNEY) Lt. Col.,
A.D.C.S.
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S., A.P.H.Q.

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Recd 8 Mar 1945
8/3/45

Subject:- Issues to Italians.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
(M.M.I.A.) A.C.
R O M E
Q/OS/20

D.O.B. A.F.H.Q.

8 March 45.

Ref your DOS/7209 (Ord 1) dated 22 Feb/45.

1. The following comments and amendments are made to the draft DOS circular enclosed with that letter:-

- a) para 3 (c) Gruppi Combattiment to read "Gruppi di Combattimento".
- b) para 4 is to some extent contradictory to para 7. As there has been no change of policy since the issue of A.F.H.Q. directive AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 Sept/44 which lays down in para 4 that the maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility, the following paragraph is suggested in substitution of para 4 in your draft:-
"The British Army is responsible for fully equipping and clothing (a), (b) and (c). In the case of (b) however the responsibility will first be discharged by periodic releases of Grade III Clothing and equipment to Land Forces Sub Comm. (MMIA) Allied Commission only to the extent that such stores are not available to BR-ITIS from Italian Army sources. MMIA ensures the repairing and, where necessary, of dying the Grade III clothing. To the extent that Grade III is not available, releases of better grade clothing will be made by A.F.H.Q. for the necessary maintenance of BR-ITIS".
- c) Para 5 (b) lines 6 and 7. Delete HQ Allied Comm. APO 394 and substitute (MMIA) A.C. G.M.F. A similar amendment is necessary to para 5 (c) (iii) line 3 and to para 8 line 18.

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d) Para 5 (c) (ii).

As it reads at present this para requires a voucher to be forwarded to this H.Q. for every issue. Items of equipment to which para 6 refers should be excluded from the provisions of para 5 (c).

The greater proportion of items issued to the Combat Groups are NOT chargeable to the Italian Government, but are on loan.

2. Copies of the vouchers to which you refer in para 3 of your letter other than those for items on loan (see 1 (d) above), may now be sent to the Accounting Section of this H.Q.

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

Copy to:- A.F.H.Q. for Q/AE
M.M.I.A. for Q-1

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*AFHQ letter AFHQ/6153/Q(AE)
of 12 March 45 refers.
(on file Q/05/11/1)*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Q/OS/DOS.

Subject - Issues to Italians

Ref: DOS/7209 (ORD 1)

To: HQ., MMIA.

Tel: FREEDOM 808

22 February, 1945.

1. I attach for favour of your comments, a draft D.O.S. Circular it is proposed to issue, as it is considered necessary to clarify the position regarding issues to the Italian Armed Forces, and also the accounting procedure connected with such issues.
2. The rates to be charged for Grade III Clothing etc. issued to Br-Itis, is at present under consideration. It is proposed to include these rates, when approved, in this D.O.S. Circular.
3. Records have been maintained of all issues which have been made to Italian Combat Groups. It is now proposed to instruct issuing depots to pass copies of vouchers to you, in accordance with the instructions contained in Appendix 'C' to your Adm. Instruction No.12 of 12 Oct 44. Do you agree?

P. E. Simey
(P.E. SIMEY) Lt. Col.,
A.D.O.S.
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

Copy for: Q (AR) AFHQ

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D.O.S. CIRCULAR NO.....

Accounting for issues to Italian P.O.W. Co-operators, Italian
Armed Forces and their Agencies.

1. D.O.S. Circular No. 63 of 27 December 1943, as amended by amendment No. 1 of 8th May 1944, D.O.S. Circular No. 94 of 13 April 1944, and D.O.S. Circular No. 163 of 10th November 1944, are hereby cancelled.
2. D.O.S. Circular No. 167 dated 14th November 1944 shows the various categories into which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces are divided, and the channels through which clothing and equipment is supplied.
3. From the circular mentioned at para 2 it will be noted that the British Army is concerned only with clothing and equipment for the following:-
 - (a) Italian Co-operators (i.e., Italian POW on parole working as individuals within British Units or forming part of a British "Diluted Unit").
 - (b) HR-ITIS. (i.e., Italian Armed Forces under British Command).
 - (c) Italian Combat Groups (Gruppi Combattimento) ^(COMBAT TITLES) who are, in effect, HR-ITIS.
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5. Accounting.

(a) Italian POW Co-operators. (See Para 8 of D.O.S. Circular No. 167). No special accounting is required for issues to this category. Issues will be treated as for normal British Units. Authorized scales are given in G.R.O. 461 of 1945.

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- (b) EE-IVIS. (excluding Italian Combat Groups) In accordance with DOS Circular 167 direct issues should not normally be made from British Army stocks to these troops. Where issues of Grade III Clothing are made to MMIA under AFHQ authority an acknowledged copy of the voucher will be obtained by the issuing Depot from Land Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394, and no further action is necessary. (See (c) (ii) below regarding method of completion of vouchers). Scales of issue are given at Appendix 'H' of MMIA Admin Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct 44.

(c) Italian Combat Groups.

- (i) Only issues of items included in scales approved by AFHQ, see AFHQ/6017/Q(AE) of 17 Sep 44, or which receive special approval from AFHQ, will be issued to these firms.
- (ii) Issue Vouchers (A.P. G. 982 C or other normal I.V. as may be used) will be prepared by the issuing depot and will be passed to the DADOS of the BLJ concerned. The following information ~~must~~ be shown on issue vouchers (except that requirements (i) and (j) are only necessary on the copy forwarded to MMIA and one other copy to be retained by the issuing depot)

- (a) Date of issue
- (b) Ordnance depot making the issue
- (c) Authority for issue
- (d) Unit to which issue was made

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Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct 44.

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(b) Ordnance depot making the issue

(c) Authority for issue

(d) Unit to which issue was made

(e) Standard nomenclature of items.

(f) Quantity

(g) Price (for new or part worn articles as applicable).

(h) Total value

(i) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer and his

name typed underneath.

(j) Countersignature of O.C. Issuing Unit.

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(iii) A copy of the voucher, duly signed and completed as at (ii) above, will be sent by the DADOS of the BLU concerned to Land Forces Sub Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission (MILIA) A.P.O. 394, immediately after an issue is made. It will be despatched under cover of schedule AF G 820. One copy of the voucher will also be handed to and retained by the receiving unit.

6. It is emphasized that only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian Armed Forces, either Officer, N.C.O. or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted, who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned and performing duties to which assigned by the latter. Security Police, Fire Brigades and Finance Guards are not included (control of the latter is maintained through Allied Commission).

7. Issues in excess of approved scales will not be made to Italian Combat Groups nor will any issues be made direct to other BR-ITIS without authority from AFHQ.

The normal channel of supply for BR-ITIS as indicated in DOS Circular No. 167 para 5 is from the Italian Ministry of War and it is only when supplies from the latter are not available that issues may be authorized by AFHQ. When such issues are made they will be vouchered as in paras 5 (c) (ii) & (iii) above.

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Certain items of equipment of a non-essential nature

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8. Certain items of equipment of a non-expendible nature may be authorized, only by D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. for use by Italian Units in the performance of specific tasks.

The D.O.S. authority will show anticipated date of completion of task and return of the equipment in question. Issues of this character will be made on a normal "temporary loan" basis and no debit voucher will be raised except where the equipment is not returned within 15 days from date of completion of the particular task (i.e. the date given in the issuing authority).

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In such cases the matter will be raised initially with the parent organisation of the using Italian Unit, (as detailed in Appendix 'A' to DOS Circular No. 167).

Should return of the equipment not be secured as a result a debit voucher will be raised showing details as required in para 5 (c) (ii) and will be forwarded, together with supporting papers covering the investigation made by the Italian parent organisation commander and his recommendation, to D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. for onward transmission to H.Q. Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA), HQ Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394. If at a later date the equipment is returned it will be accepted by the depot and a receipt given. A copy of the receipt, endorsed with a reference to the original debit voucher raised, will be forwarded direct to Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

9. This instruction does not apply to issues made to AMG or Allied Commission (as distinct from MMIA) or to issues made direct to Italian Government Agencies for civilian use. (i.e. other than for the Armed Forces). The method of accounting for these issues will be as laid down in GEO 479 of 1943, schedules and vouchers required thereunder being forwarded to the Financial Adviser (Br) A.P.E.Q., C.M.F.

10. The procedure laid down in this circular will take effect immediately.

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