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C O P Y

242 A Branch

FROM: AFHQ

30 SEPTEMBER 1945

TO: MMIA

C24056

UNCLASSIFIED. REFER OUR G-1 (BR)/9904/AL OF 21. SUBJECT
ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER BY RETURN

Copy sent to ^{Q1.} ~~welfare~~
1/10/45

Ref your A 242
27 Sept.

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REF LEX NR 62

T HSHO

FROM AFHQ 301534A

TO MMIA

CR --- PT

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REFER OUR C-1 (CR) /9934/AM OF 21

SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE . WOULD APPRECIATE

ANSWER BY RETURN

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RST 1625 M.A. sent
by A.M.G. 27/9
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Subject: Welfare of Italian Army.

Lead Forces Sub-Comm A.C.,
(M.H.I.A.) R O S E

A 242

24 Sep 45.

To : A.F.H.Q. for DAG GI(27).

Ywar 52(27)/3906/44 of 21 Sep 45.

1. The issue of extra rations for the purpose shown in Rear 13 Corps signal of 21 Sep 45 has never been authorized and when done has been irregular.

2. If British issue from D.I.D. is at British expense as a free gift to Italians on leave in their own country. In view of the British food and financial situation, it is considered undesirable and unnecessary to do this.

FMG

Fr.

Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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Welfare.

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Subject: Welfare of Italian Army.

URGENT : PDLS.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/9904/A4

21 Sep 45

MMIA ✓

Reference attached copy Rear 13 Corps signal dated
23 Sep 45.

Will you please give your views on 13 Corps recommendations
as soon as possible.

JDP/MC.

Copy to: Q (Maint).

Spill
W 61
Major-General.
DAG. G1.(Br).

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MESSAGE FORM.

DATE/TOO 23??????????

(54)

FROM: REAR 13 CORPS

TO: ACTION : (1) AFHQ Q(MAINT)

INFO: (2) Q REAR BTA (3) 86 AREA (4) A (5) ST
(6) WELFARE (7) MMIA LO

Q1019 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF RATIONS FOR ITALIAN WELFARE IN VENICE (.)

ONE (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED POLICY OF FOSTERING ITALIAN WELFARE ISSUES OF RATIONS HAVE TO DATE BEEN MADE AT ITALIAN MILITARY SCALE FROM BRITISH DID TO

- (A) MONACO ITALIAN OFFERS REST AND TRANSIT HOTEL
- (B) ITALIAN OR REST CAMP ON LIDO
- (C) ITALIAN OR REST CAMP VENICE (.)

TWO (.) NOW UNDERSTAND MMIA ROME WILL NOT ACCEPT FORM ST/8 FOR THESE PAST ISSUES AND THAT CONSEQUENT ON LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUES WEF 21 AUG MMIA HAVE INSTRUCTED ITALIAN DID MESTRE TO REFUSE INDENTS FOR THESE WELFARE SUPS (.)

THREE (.) KNOWING IMPORTANCE PREVIOUSLY ATT TO THIS SUBJECT INTERIM AUTHORITY GIVEN BY THIS HQ FOR SEVEN DAYS CONTINUED ISSUES AT ITALIAN SCALE EX BRITISH DID (.)

FOUR (.) THESE WELFARE CONCERNS WHICH ARE FLOURISHING AND OF UNDOUBTED MORALE VALUE MUST CERTAINLY CLOSE DOWN IF ISSUES ARE STOPPED (.) THIS MOST UNDESIRABLE (.) REQUEST YOU TAKE UP WITH MMIA WITH VIEW TO CONTINUED OPERATION OF WELFARE BY THEM

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Float

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent in CIPHER.

Originators Instrs
Degree of Priority

2 points

1. Esche rations.
2. Canteen rations.

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C O P Y

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE - TIME
Sept. 07 1400-B

TO : 13 CORPS

UNCLASSIFIED

INFO: 55 AREA FOR MMIA LO

Q-592

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 4,320 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 2,250 LBS, SUGAR 1,620 LBS, COFFEE 1,062 LBS, ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,440 PINTS, SALT 67 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING
ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM
AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR
CANTEEN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

EXTERNAL

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION ROSE

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ

5 SEPTEMBER 1945

TO : MMIA

CI7106

UNCLASSIFIED. FROM Q(MAINT). YOUR Q560 OF 29 AUGUST

AGREED

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C O P Y

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SIGNAL

Aug DATE - TIME
29 1555 B

FROM MMIA
TO FREEDOM
INFO DISTWO - DISTHREE - PENSOUTH - 13 CORPS

REF: Q.560

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY CANTEENS YOUR AG.400/005 GDB-O 12 MAR
REFERS (.) FOR FOLLOWING REASONS RECOMMEND DISCONTINUANCE ALLIED
PROVIDED RATIONS W.E.F. 1st OCTOBER (.) CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES
(.) REORGANISATION ITALIAN ARMY (.) URGENT NEED UTMOST ECONOMY
FOODSTUFFS (.) REQUEST EARLY APPROVAL BY SIGNAL

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION R.A. CURTIES

Copy to: All MMIA LO's (by post)

Internal: 'A'
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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
Sept 07 1400 - B (51)

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTWO

INFO: MMIA LO MILAN

G-589

UNCLASSIFIED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTRENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 6,048 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 3,150 LBS, SUGAR 2,268 LBS, COFFEE 1,487 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,016 PINTS, SALT 94 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING
ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELE-
GRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO
MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL
BE MADE FOR CANTEN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

EXTERNAL

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION Loe

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTHRE

INFO: DISTHRE FOR MMIA LO

DATE - TIME
07 1430 - B

Q-594

UNCLASSIFIED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 5,616 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 2,925 LBS, SUGAR 2,106 LBS, COFFEE 1,361 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,872 PINTS, SALT 88 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING
ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS
TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED
TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL
BE MADE FOR CANTEN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

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WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION Rosell

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
Sept 07 1430 - B

FROM: MMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: Florence City Cmd.
MMIA (FOR MMIA LO

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Q-593

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 1,080 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 563 LBS, SUGAR 405 LBS, COFFEE 265 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 360 PINTS, SALT 17 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING
ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELE-
GRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO
MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL
BE MADE FOR CANTERN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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AUTHENTICATION Rand

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE - TIME
07 1400 - B

TO : 13 CORPS

INFO: 55 AREA (FOR MMIA LO)

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Q-592

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF ~~SEPTEMBER~~ SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE
ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 4,320 LBS,
PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH 2,250 LBS, SUGAR 1,620 LBS, COFFEE 1,062 LBS.
ITALIAN SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,440 PINTS, SALT 67 LBS (.)
VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT
SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER,
COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE
THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE
FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL
ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR CANTEN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION Rae

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE - TIME
Sept 07 1400 - B

TO : FMBASE

INFO: PENBOUTH, PERBOUTH (FOR MMIA LG)

Q-591

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-D DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINES AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 3,672 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
1,912 LBS, SUGAR 1,377 LBS, COFFEE 903 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,224 PINTS, SALT 57 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR
CANTINE RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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AUTHENTICATION Basch

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Sep 07 1400 - B

FROM: MMIA

TO : R.T.C. I.C.F. CEBANO

INFO: F BLU

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG/400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 864 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 450 LBS, SUGAR 324 LBS, COFFEE 212 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 288 PINTS, SALT 14 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT
SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER,
COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE
THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE
FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) NO ADDITIONAL
ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR CANTEN RATIONS IN THE FUTURE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION Rose

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SIGNAL

(45)

DATE TIME

29 15 55 B

FROM MMIA

TO FREEDOM

INFO DISTWO - DISTHREE - PENSOUTH - 13 CORPS

REF: Q.560

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT ITALIAN ARMY CANTEENS YOUR AG.400/005 GDB-O 12 MAR REFERS (.)
FOR FOLLOWING REASONS RECOMMEND DISCONTINUANCE ALLIED PROVIDED RATIONS
W.E.F. 1st OCTOBER (.) CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES (.) REORGANISATION
ITALIAN ARMY (.) URGENT NEED UTMOST ECONOMY FOODSTUFFS (.) REQUEST
EARLY APPROVAL BY SIGNAL

PRECEDENCE Important

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AUTHENTICATION RACUNTS

Copy to: ALL MMIA LO's (by post)

Internal: 'A' ✓
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Welfare.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
04 1630 B

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTWO

INFO: MMIA LO N.W. ITALY

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-498

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED
FORCES (.) ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 1,860 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT
AND FISH 969 LBS, SUGAR 698 LBS, COFFEE 465 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 620 PINTS, SALT 29 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE; QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST THAT YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

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WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

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AUTHENTICATION Rose

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
31 0930

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTHREE

INFO: ^{DISTHREE FOR} MMIA LO NO. ~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-482

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER ATRQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINES AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 9,672 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
5,036 LBS, SUGAR 3,627 LBS, COFFEE 2,416 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 3,224 PINTS, SALT 151 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST THAT YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
WELFARE
'A' BRANCH

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

EXTERNAL

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION J.P. Payor - Capt.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
31 0930

FROM: MMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-481

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 406/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLABS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 3,720, LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
1,938 LBS, SUGAR 1,395 LBS, COFFEE 930 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED ITEMS:
OLIVE OIL 1,240 PINTS, SALT 58 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING
AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY
FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES
(.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT
EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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EXTERNAL

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AUTHENTICATION

J. P. Zayag - Capt.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
31 0930

FROM: MMIA

TO : ~~MMIA~~ PEN/3056

INFO: PENSOUTH, PENSOUTH (FOR MMIA LQ)

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-480

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ NO 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTIERI AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,068 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,681 LBS, SUGAR 2,651 LBS, COFFEE 1,767 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,356 PINTS, SALT 110 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING
AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY
FOR ISSUE: (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING
PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED ABOVE
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INTERNAL

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'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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AUTHENTICATION

P. P. Royall - Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE - TIME
31 0930

FROM: MMIA

TO : 13 CORPS

INFO: 13 CORPS (FOR MMIA LG)

Q-479

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 4,836 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
2,519 LBS, SUGAR 1,814 LBS, COFFEE 1,209 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,612 PINTS, SALT 76 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING
AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY
FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES
(.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT
EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

ST SECTION
'A' BRANCH
WELFARE

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EXTERNAL

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTHENTICATION

J. P. Fayat - Capt

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DATE - TIME
31 0930

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TO : R.T.C. I.G.F. CHISANO

Info: F BLU

Q-478

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG/400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINES AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 1,438 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH 775
LBS, SUGAR 558 LBS, COFFEE 372 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED ITEMS: OLIVE
OIL 496 PINTS, SALT 23 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO
BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF
RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY,
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR
ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO NMIA FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.)
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P. Pappas - Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTONE

INFO: ~~MMIA LG NO. 1 DISTONE~~
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CONFIDENTIAL

Q-477

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 10,416 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
5,425 LBS, SUGAR 3,906 LBS, COFFEE 2,604 LBS, (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 3,472 PINTS, SALT 163 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
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J. P. Payas Capt.

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Maj. Gen. L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME
DO/2

12 July 1945

My dear

1. I am enclosing a letter I have received from G.O.C. Eighth Army as I know you are very interested in this Welfare problem and would like to have your decision.

2. The Eighth Army W.V.S. have done a first class job and some of their canteens and Rest Centers would serve as a model for any Allied Welfare organisation. I agree with Gen. McCREERY that it would be a great pity if this progress could not be maintained.

3. I have consulted the Italian War Ministry who consider that, as a matter of principle, there must be only one Italian Welfare Service. I am sure they are right. The Ministry therefore put forward the practical solution, with which I agree viz -

- (a) that Eighth Army W.V.S. be asked to join the C.A.F. (official War Ministry Welfare Service) and those who do not wish to join should be replaced.
- (b) that those who do join should continue with the static canteens etc which they have founded and with the tps they know.

Thus these services will continue to function.

4. There are certain aspects of the problem.

- (a) I am not sure that all the Eighth Army W.V.S. will be politically acceptable to the present Government. But I do not think we can force the War Ministry to take any of these W.V.S. whose records they think are not good. If we did, we would be going against the whole principle of Epuration. So we must let the War Ministry decide who to keep on.
- (b) The C.A.F. terms are not as generous as the W.V.S. terms. and the Italian Treasury is at the moment disinclined to pay for Women's services, particularly in view of the financial stringency. I think I can overcome the Treasury

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objection but the W.V.S. would have to come on to the same terms as the O.A.F. when they join the latter. A further point in this connection is that, although under contract to G.O.C. Eighth Army, the W.V.S. were paid from 228 Adm. Div. Italian Army Welfare Funds! The situation has changed since G.O.C. Eighth Army made his personal contract with the W.V.S. I do not think it would be right if a new contract were made by Comd. 86 Area with the W.V.S., who, as I say, work with and are paid by the Italian Army.

5. I shall be glad to have your decision.

Yours

L.P.

Lt Gen Sir BRIAN ROBERTSON, Pt. RUVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC.
C.A.O., Allied Force Headquarters.

C O P Y

Lieutenant-General Sir Richard L. McCreery,
G.O.C. Eighth Army,
CMF

Tel Ext : 6

28 June 1945

Dear Browning

1. I have been informed that an Italian Women's organisation has now been formed in Rome and that the first members of the Corps have now been sent forward. It is understood that it is to consist of 20 ladies and that it is known as C.A.F. This is all to the good.
2. As you are aware, I formed during last winter an Italian W.V.S. This party of ladies was selected and organised by Duchessa Franca di Grassano VISCONTI and now consists of 15 ladies. I also provided four mobile canteens which these ladies staffed. The four mobile canteens were allotted to the Gruppo and as they have been moved to under command of other formations the mobile canteens have accompanied them. I have also arranged an Italian Rest Centre at the LIDO for ORs, a hotel for Officers and a Canteen for ORs in Venice and canteens for ORs in Udine and Mestre. All of them have Italian W.V.S. attached.
3. The Italian W.V.S. which I formed are under contract to Eighth Army and when Eighth Army leave Italy the contracts will become null and void unless they are renewed with some other formation. Duchessa VISCONTI has been consulted and she does not wish to continue to serve as a paid permanent member after 1st September 1945. She also states that she does not think many of her ladies will wish to continue after that date; nor does she think that her ladies would make a contract with C.A.F., though some might with 86 Area or 1 District.
4. The Italian W.V.S. has proved its worth as it is in large measure due to its efforts that a considerable measure of success has been obtained. I am most anxious that what I have built up should not lapse, particularly as units of 228 Division which the present amenities serve well, it is assumed, remain in situ for some time.
5. So long as Duchessa VISCONTI continues to take an active interest, I believe that some of her ladies could be persuaded to renew or make new contracts. She (the Duchessa) could I think be persuaded to become the Honorary Commander and would be prepared to visit canteens etc., and to supervise the W.V.S. In this event she would have to be given permission to wear uniform when on duty and be given transport from time to time to carry out her visits.
6. In the meantime I am taking steps to find out how many ladies would be prepared to renew their contracts with 86 Area. I cannot at the moment find employment for the C.A.F. ladies and suggest that they would be usefully employed with units with Fifth (US) Army or with Italian units in Districts.
7. Perhaps you would let me have your views on my proposals and would inform me of the particulars of service etc., of the C.A.F. I attach a copy of my contract for you to see in case you have not seen it.

Yours Sincerely

(Sgd) R.L. McCREERY

Major-General L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC
MIA, HQ AC, ROME.

C O P Y

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
OF
WELFARE WORKERS WITH ITALIAN FORMATIONS

1. I, the undersigned, offer my services as a Welfare worker with Italian formations serving under command of the Eighth (British) Army and am willing to accompany such formations so long as they operate within Italy under command of Eighth (British) Army.

2. I accept the undermentioned terms of service:-

- (a) The minimum period of service shall be for six months unless hostilities cease before that date. Should hostilities continue and my services be required by Commander Eighth (British) Army option of renewal of the contract will be offered.
- (b) Eighth (British) Army Commander may at any time dismiss me should there be no appointment for me to fill or should my services be, in his opinion, unsatisfactory. If in my opinion, I have been dismissed unjustifiably, the right of appeal to the Commander Eighth (British) Army shall be granted me. In the event of dismissal or conclusion of service, free transport to the place of enrolment will be provided under Eighth (British) Army arrangements.
- (c) 7 days leave, exclusive of travelling time, will be granted during every two months service to the place of enrolment, or to any place of less distance from the formations theatre of operations. Free transport will be provided to and from the place of enrolment or to any other place of less distance from the place of enrolment subject only to operational limitations at the time.
- (d) Rations and accommodation will be provided free of charge by the Italian formation to which assignments are made for duty. Should the accommodation and/or rations provided be unsatisfactory, the right of appeal to the ADMS Eighth (British) Army is granted.
- (e) A free initial issue of uniform will be made.
- (f) A salary of 4,500 lire will be paid for each complete month of service. In the event of dismissal and on conclusion of contract, payment will be continued up to an inclusive of day of arrival at such place not being delayed by any act of the person concerned. Free rations and accommodation will be provided during the period of transit as qualified above.
- (g) During the period of service, status will be that of an officer in the Italian Army and all security rules and such orders that may be issued by the Commander Eighth (British) Army or by the Allied Governments will be complied with and disobedience or infringement will be punishable in accordance with the rules and penal code at the time in force.

Applications to resign from the appointment for any reason, may be submitted for consideration by the Commander Eighth (British) Army at any time. Commander Eighth (British) Army decision is final.

Medical treatment will be provided free on the same scale as that granted to Nursing Sisters of the Italian Army.

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Place..... (Signed).....

The services of the a/m are hereby accepted.

Date.....

Signed.....

Lieut-Gen.,
GOC Eighth Army.

C.A.F.
(CORPO AUSILIARE FEMMINILE)

TERMS OF SERVICE

1. These women are not held by any written agreement: they can presumably be dismissed at any time.
2. The conditions of service which they accept are embodied in the "Decreto", which is yet to be passed.
 - (a) Service for the duration (? of what).
 - (b) Free uniform.
 - (c) While serving in Rome an indemnity of L.2,000 per mensa.
 - (d) While serving with a formation an indemnity of L.3,000 per mensa plus rations.
 - (e) The "Decreto" provides for free medical attention, compensation for injury, etc.

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Subject: Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROME
6/27/5

11 July 1945

To: Hq 3 District.

Re: your 742/4 of 21 Jun 45.

1. It is regretted that your letter was not answered more promptly. Going to sickness etc the conference arranged with Lt Col LAMM did not materialize.
2. Payment of the rations. The canteen rations are provided jointly from Hq and US sources and are charged to the Italian Government when they go into the Italian Bulk Depots from Hq or US Depots. There is no further payment interest as far as Allied interests are concerned. The results in the canteens to the individual troops is an Italian affair.
3. Ministry of War instructions have been issued and canteens are operating excellently in the remaining Armies and Districts.
4. The release of canteen rations for all Armed Forces in 3 District territory is made available in the one allotment in the same way as it is to other Districts and Armies. Your decisions on the use of this food are binding and your decisions are final as to where the food is to be used and whether 227 Div or Territorial Hq's etc are to operate the canteens.

F.M./10

F. J. WALKER, Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: Hq 10, 3 District.
Q.4 MIA

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Jan Time
30 0950 Z

FROM: MEMIA

TO : DISTONE

INFO: MEMIA LO NO. 1 DISTRICT

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-399

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AVHQ AG 400/005 GDS-O DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,366 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,836 LBS, SUGAR 2,762 LBS, COFFEE 1,841 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,455 PINTS, SALT 115 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
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AUTHENTICATION

G.P. Zayaz - Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: RMIA
TO : CG FIVE ARMY
INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR RMIA LO)
Q-400

Date - Time
30 1030 B
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CONFIDENTIAL

INCOMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG400/005 GDB-C DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 5,022 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
2,616 LBS, SUGAR 1,883 LBS, COFFEE 1,256 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,674 PINTS, SALT 78 LBS (.) VOUCHERS COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : DISTHREE
INFO: MMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT
Q-401

Date - Time
June 30 1030 B

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-C DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 8,705 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
4,534 LBS, SUGAR 3,264 LBS, COFFEE 2,176 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS OLIVE OIL 2,902 PINTS, SALT 136 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
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J.P. Zayab - Capt.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
30 0915 B

FROM: MMIA

TO : EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: REAR EIGHTH ARMY (FOR MMIA LO).

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CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 4,017 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
2,092 LBS, SUGAR 1,507 LBS, COFFEE 1,004 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,339 PINTS, SALT 63 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
30 0900B

TO: HQ PBS

INFO: PENSOUTH, PENSOUTH (FOR MMIA LO)

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CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES & WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,031 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,662 LBS, SUGAR 2,637 LBS, COFFEE 1,758 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,344 PINTS, SALT 110 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
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J.P. Zayas - Capt

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Rome, June 7th 1945.

Italian Ministry of War

Aut. Office - Repatriation of
War Prisoners.

Prot. N. 409249/R.P.G.R.

Object: Assistance to returning
Prisoners from Germany.

To the Y.M.C.A.
Rome Branch

Please accept our thanks for the offer made
by this Association to collaborate in the aid given
to those who are returning from Germany.

Such collaboration will be appreciated for
the purpose of distributing to those repatriated
persons articles of clothing and food and objects of
comfort, and may be carried out in agreement with the
other relief organizations.

The distribution of such articles will be
effected in all cases through military channels.

THE GENERAL
HEAD OF THE AUTONOMOUS OFFICE
(A. Mannerini)

See folio 16 & 20.

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Memorandum to Gen. MANNERINI
From Claud Nelson, Director Rome Y.M.C.A.
And Prof. Guido Graziani, Secretary Rome Y.M.C.A.
Acting under instructions from War Prisoners' Aid, World's
Alliance of Y.M.C.A.

Subject: Assistance to Italian Prisoners of War

Confirming conversations between the undersigned and the Italian
Military Authorities in charge of aid to Italian Prisoners of
War, we wish to set forth the following:

In case the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian
Associations should be invited to collaborate in the work of
assistance to those returning from war prison camps, it would
undertake to make its contribution to such work following the
same principles which have always guided the Association in its
activity on behalf of prisoners belonging to all the belli-
gerent nations, a work which hitherto has reaped the approval
and support of almost all the governments and organizations
actively interested in this laudable enterprise; we call attention
to a few of the more important of these principles:

- 1) Full collaboration with organizations related to the
same objectives - collaboration free from competition
or rivalry.
- 2) Assistance to all without distinctions of race,
nationality, religious confession or political party.
- 3) Use of material aid not as an end but as a means of
creating the feelings of humane fellowship.

Proposals for the work:

- 1 - Immediate preparations for the constitution of a first
center of assistance to prisoners in transit, in the
rooms of the Rome Association at 2 Piazza Indipenden-
za - adjacent to railway station Termini

In case the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations should be invited to collaborate in the work of assistance to those returning from war prison camps, it would undertake to make its contribution to such work following the same principles which have always guided the Association in its activity on behalf of prisoners belonging to all the belligerent nations, a work which hitherto has reaped the approval and support of almost all the governments and organizations actively interested in this laudable enterprise; we call attention to a few of the more important of those principles:

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Proposals for the Work:

- I - Immediate preparations for the constitution of a first center of assistance to prisoners in transit, in the rooms of the Rome Association at 2 Piazza Indipendenza - adjacent to railway station Termini.
- II - Gradual extension of such work in centers of major need, as means become available, and Italian Military Authorities indicate the need.
- III - Wherever proper quarters and supplies are available we propose to provide:
 - 1) Temporary lodgings (more)

2) Hygienic services:

- a) Dressing rooms
- b) Showers
- c) Disinfection, washing and mending of clothes
- d) Barber's service, etc.
- 3) First Aid
- 4) Parcel checking
- 5) Soft drinks, coffee, sandwiches
- 6) Writing and reading room
- 7) Information desk
- 8) Specialized personnel

Note - The above represents a minimum, which the Association is able to offer now, without prejudice to further contributions of food, clothing and services which may be made available by the World's Alliance.

The World Movement of Young Men's Christian Associations:

Now established in approximately sixty countries, the Association experienced just after the war of 1914-1918 a major development in Europe and notably in Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Balkan and Baltic countries, as well as among Russian exiles.

Each local Association, bound to the national and to the world movement, is free in the choice of its own committee of direction and in the formulation of its own program, and from this freedom it follows naturally that in Poland, for example, the Association is almost entirely composed of Roman Catholic members, secretaries and directors, and in the Orthodox world, of Orthodox.

The same orientation has characterized the work carried on by the World's Alliance of the Associations, with headquarters in Geneva, for the benefit of prisoners of war. In giving assistance in the religious activities of the prisoners, the World's Committee has always proceeded along non-sectarian lines. Its secretaries, chosen in due proportion from the various Christian confessions, have collaborated felicitously with Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant chaplains, both in helping them to perform their pastoral functions, and in supplying printed matter and religious articles.

The Association is everywhere absolutely non-political. Furthermore, it does not restrict its beneficent activities to Christians only, but serves with equal sense of human brotherhood men of non-Christian faiths.

(Signed)

Clément B. Halévy Guido Graziani

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& Signed)

Claud D. Nelson

Guido Graziani

May 24, 1945

(Translation from original Italian)

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
25 1005 B

FROM: MMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AMHQ AG 400/005 GDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,128 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,713 LBS, SUGAR 2,673 LBS, COFFEE 1,782 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,376 PINTS, SALT 111 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
25 11:00 B

FROM: MMIA

TO : EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: REAR EIGHTH ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)

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COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERES AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 3,888 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
2,025 LBS, RUMAN 1,458 LBS, COFFEE 972 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,296 PINTS, SALT 61 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPT SHOWING ITEM,
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : HQ PBB
INFO: PENSOUTH, PENSOUTH (FOR MMIA LO)

A242 Date - Time
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TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 5,832 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,038 LBS, SUGAR 2,187 LBS COFFEE 1,458 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 1,944 PINTS, SALT 91 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR
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AUTHENTICATION Richard May

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
25 1030 B

FROM: MMIA

TO : R.T.O. I.C.F. CHSANG

INFO: F BLU

CONFIDENTIAL

Q-291

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-G DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIED - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 1,620 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
843 LBS, SUGAR 607 LBS, COFFEE 405 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 540 PINTS, SALT 26 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF
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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time

FROM: MMIA

A242 25 B

TO : DISTRICT

INFO MMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-G DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINES AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 7,452 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,831 LBS, SUGAR 2,795 LBS, COFFEE 1,863 LBS (.) ITALIAN
SUPPLIED ITEMS OLIVE OIL 2,484 PINTS, SALT 116 LBS (.) VOUCHER
COVERING ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING
ITEM, QUANTITY, SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS
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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
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FROM: SMIA

TO : DISTONE

INFO: SMIA LO NO. 1 DISTRICT

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDS-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)
ALLIED SUPPLIED ITEMS: FLOUR 6,480 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT AND FISH
3,375 LBS, SUGAR 2,430 LBS, COFFEE 1,620 LBS (.) ITALIAN SUPPLIED
ITEMS: OLIVE OIL 2,160 PINTS, SALT 101 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING
ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM,
QUANTITY SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE
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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Attached - Italian Drivers for Mobile Canteens

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Sr MMIA LO	Ital LO	8 May 1945

Attached signal for necessary action.

R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

	Htl LO	Sr MMIA LO	10 May 1945
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Drivers have been sent to Rome and should be there on the 9th May

A. G. Gagnier
Capt, Artillery
Htl. L. O. 64
5th Army

3	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	10 May 1945
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Inviting your attention to 2nd Ind.

*OK arrived
SPT
12/8*

R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: MMIA

PRNG: P

TDG: MAY031600 B

REF NO: A109

CLASS: RESTD

TDR: 0/1017B

TO: REAR HQ FIFTH ARMY
FOR MMIA LO

REAR HQ 8th ARMY

RESTD. REF OUR LETTER A245 OF 27TH APRIL AND SIGNAL 99A OF 29TH APRIL.
REQUEST INFORMATION RE PROVISION 6 (6) DRIVERS ITALIAN MOBILE CANTEENS
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ROME

5543

SUBJECT: Welfare - Establishment of Canteens

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. P. I. A.) R O M E
Q/27/3 27/3
5 May 1945

A

TO : MMIA IO No. 3 District

1. Reference your 3DLO/36 of 2 May 45.
2. Responsibility.

a. Our Q-203 of 20 Apr. 45 laid down the allocation of canteen supplies to 3 District for May. The responsibility for the location of canteens and the sub-allocation of supplies to these belongs to 3 District. Distribution is the responsibility of the assigned Italian Adm. Div. under the supervision of the District. The Ministry of War is merely issuing instructions as to the administrative details of the running of the canteens e.g. prices.

b. As supplies have been allotted to 3 District and NOT the Ministry of War 227 Div. will be informed of allocations by 3 District.

3. Location of Canteens.

a. The number of canteens permitted was limited by AFHQ instructions. Our Q/27/3 of 9 Apr. allowed two canteens to 3 District, but there is no reason why branches of these canteens should not be opened.

b. The location is solely at the discretion of the District. Authority has already been given for canteens at NAPLES and TRANI with a branch of the NAPLES canteen at RAVISCANINA. If 3 District so desire a further branch of TRANI could be opened at BARI.

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4. It is the intention that all categories of the Italian Army should be served by the canteens, but the choice of location and of sub-allocation of supplies among canteens remains a 3 District responsibility.

R. T. M. Warham May

R.T.M. WARHAM, Major
for DA & QMG
M. M. I. A.

RTM/rf
Copy to: MMIA LO Bari
Welfare
'A' Branch ✓

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SUBJECT : Italian Y.M.C.A.

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

WEL/C.

21 May 45.

To : D.A.W.S.
A.F.H.Q.

Copy:- C.V.W.W.
A.F.H.Q.

see folio 16
29 & 20.

1. As a result of the visit to Rome of Dr.Strong, General Secretary of the World Alliance Executive Committee of Y.M.C.A., in company with the Chairman of CVWW. CMF, a letter, a copy of which is attached, was written to the Italian Ministry of War.

2. The Minister of War has now replied. While appreciating sincerely the offer of assistance for the betterment of the Italian soldier's welfare he regrets that he is not in a position in present circumstances to accept the offer.

3. M.M.I.A. will watch the situation so as to be able to communicate with you further should events make it possible.

[Signature]

Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A. 5540

Internal:- "A" (Ministry of War 209229/11 OF 26 Apr refers)

SUBJECT: Mobile Canteen Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
A242.
28 Apr'45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference A/27/3 of 12 Mar.
2. The six vehicles made available by the Allies for this service are at present in workshops in Rome being adapted as mobile canteens. The vehicles will be completed and ready for service between the dates 1 May - 18 May.
3. The material necessary for making uniforms for the lady volunteers has been released.
4. It is understood, however, that the lady volunteers have not yet been selected, although a list of names has been approved from the security point of view.
5. It is desired that you ensure that the ladies are selected and that the teams are ready to accompany the canteens to the army areas immediately each vehicle is completed.
6. If this can not be arranged it is regretted that there can be no other alternative than to send forward the vehicles to army areas without the teams of lady volunteers.

Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

W.P. Kelly *Colonel*
Major General
M. M. I. A. 5533

A. 242.

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To : "A".
M.M.I.A.CANTEEN SUPPLIES.

1. Allotments of supplies for Canteens in compliance with AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDB-0 of 12 March have been made by Q1 as follows:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Present Strength</u> <u>State.</u>	<u>Rations</u> <u>Alloc'd</u>	<u>% of Rations</u> <u>Actually Available</u> (10,000)
5 Army.	18%	1440	14.4%
8 Army.	19%	1520	15.2%
1 District.	14%	1120	11.2%
3 District.	26%	2080	20.8%
E.B.S.	18%	1440	14.4%
Ceseno.	5%	400	4.0%
	100%	8,000.	80%.

2. 2,000 rations, or 20% of those authorized, remain unallotted, provision now having been made for all formations of the army.
3. Detailed figures are attached.

Del. - Wac

A. Jaws

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28 Apr.

Items	6 Army.	8 Army.	1 Dist.	3 Dist.	P.D.S.	Cesano.	TOTAL.
Flour.....lbs	6357	5654	4166	7136	5257	1468	23,760
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	2790	2343	2170	4030	2790	775	15,500
Sugar.....lbs	2009	2120	1562	2902	2009	558	11,160
Coffee.....lbs	1335	1112	1042	1834	1335	372	7,440
Olive Oil.....pints	1766	1365	1366	2579	1766	496	9,920
Salt.....lbs	84	80	65	121	84	23	465

Items	Total for 31 days.	Total for 1 day.	No's entered for per day.	
Flour.....lbs	23,760	960	6,000.	
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	15,500	500	3,000.	
Sugar.....lbs	11,160	360	3,000.	
Coffee.....lbs	7,440	240	3,000.	
Olive Oil.....pints	9,920	320	3,000.	
Salt.....lbs	465	15		

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Items	5 Army.	6 Army.	1 Dist.	3 Dist.	P.B.S.	Cesano.	TOTAL.
Flour.....lbs	5357	5654	4166	8728	5357	1488	29,760
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	2790	2945	2170	4030	2790	775	15,500
Sugar.....lbs	3009	2120	1532	2902	2003	558	11,160
Coffee.....lbs	1330	1414	1042	1934	1339	373	7,440
Olive Oil.....pints	1786	1895	1388	2579	1786	496	9,920
Salt.....lbs	84	68	65	121	84	23	465

Items	Total for 31 days.	Total for 1 day.	No's catered for per day.
Flour.....lbs	29,760	930	3,000.
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	15,500	500	3,000.
Sugar.....lbs	11,160	360	3,000.
Coffee.....lbs	7,440	240	3,000.
Olive Oil.....pints	9,920	320	3,000.
Salt.....lbs	435	15	3,000.

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Translation.

From; M.of W.
To ; MMIA ref., A/27/3-11th March.45.

DATE
26/4/45.

Translation ;

From; M.of W.
To ; MMIA.Ref; A/27/3 -11/3/45.
Subject; Y.M.C.A. Italian Branch.

Ref; 209229/11
26/4/45.

31 B in file W/C

Regarding contents of above ref., letter, this Ministry, although they are quite certain that the offer put forward by Dr., Strong is inspired by sincere and beneficial intentions of assistance, they cannot overlook the fact that the movement of which Dr., Strong is general secretary, has origins, methods, and aims, that too strictly adhere to Protestant propaganda.

In coming to a negative decision regarding the reorganisation of the Y.M.C.A/ in Italy, we have taken into account the necessity of protecting the spiritual solidarity of the Italian Armed forces.

We thank you for your kind offer.

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GD.

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Ref*

(A. Casati)

see folio 29.20

See B...

GI/ta

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 209229 / II
222-5-16

P.M. 3800 h

26 APR 1945

OGGETTO Y.M.C.A. ramo Italia. -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

(Rif. lettera A/27/3 dell'11 marzo u.s.)

R O M A

In relazione a quanto rappresentato con la lettera a riferimento, comunico che questo Ministero, per quanto sicuro che l'offerta avanzata dal dott. Strong sia ispirata a sincere e benefiche intenzioni di assistenza, non può non tener conto che il movimento di cui il dott. Strong è segretario generale, ha origini, metodi e finalità che troppo strettamente si ricollegano alla propaganda protestante.

Pertanto, tenuto conto della necessità di custodire la compattezza spirituale delle Forze Armate d'Italia, nel ringraziare per la gentile offerta, esprimo parere sfavorevole alla riorganizzazione dell'Y.M.C.A. in Italia.

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IL MINISTRO

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

(Rif. lettera A/27/3 dell'11 marzo u.s.)

ROMA

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IL MINISTRO

*Albrach*



MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MEMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR MEMIA LG)

Q-220

Date - Time B  
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AO 400/005 GDS-D DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINE AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
THEATRE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,357 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 2,790 LBS, SUGAR 2,009 LBS, COFFEE 1,339 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 1,786 PINTS, SALT 84 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING ORDER SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,  
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTRY SIGNATURE OF  
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WELFARE

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INFO: FIVE ARMY (FOR EMIA LO)

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Q-220

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AD 400/005 CDB-0 DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTIERI AND CLERS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,357 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 2,790 LBS, SUGAR 2,009 LBS, COFFEE 1,339 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 1,786 PINTS, SALT 84 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time  
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FROM: MMIA

TO : EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: REAR EIGHTH ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-6 DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,654 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 2,945 LBS, SUGAR 2,120 LBS, COFFEE 1,414 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 1,885 PINTS, SALT 88 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,  
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF ISSUING  
AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR AUTHORITY  
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WELFARE

PRIORITY

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AUTHENTICATION



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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: IMIA

TO : HQ PBS

INFO: PENLOUTH, PENCOUTH (FOR IMIA LO)

Q-214

Date - Time  
25 1615 B

CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LATTER AFHQ AG 400/005 ODB-0 DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTRENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 5,357 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 2,790 LBS, SUGAR 2,009 LBS, COFFEE 1,339 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 1,786 PINTS, SALT 84 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
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To : "A"

Canteen Supplies.

1. AFHQ scale allows 10,000 rations (canteen) per day.
2. Present strength states (Italian Troops) show following percentages:-

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| 5 Army     | 10%   |
| 8 Army     | 15%   |
| 1 District | 14%   |
| 3 District | 26%   |
| P.E.S.     | 18%   |
| Cesano     | 5%    |
|            | <hr/> |
|            | 100%  |
|            | <hr/> |

3. Allotments for May have been made to 1 and 3 District and Cesano (Folios ~~17a-18a~~). No allotments to other formations as they have not answered Folio ~~18a~~.

Folios ~~17a-18a~~ give the following canteen rations per day provided as follows:- (workings attached)

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| 1 District | 1,120 |
| 3 District | 2,080 |
| Cesano     | 400   |

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3,600. ✓  

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4. These are therefore 6400 rations in hand for May.

24 Apr '45.

*[Signature]* 5531  
HAW.S.



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ALL QUANTITIES EXCEPT OLIVE OIL IN LBS.

| ITEMS              | 1 District. | 2 District. | Vesano.    | TOTAL.      |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| FLOUR              | 4186        | 7738        | 1408       | 13334       |
| Pres. MEAT or Fish | 2170        | 4030        | 775        | 6975        |
| SUGAR              | 1562        | 2902        | 558        | 5022        |
| COFFEE             | 1042        | 1934        | 372        | 3348        |
| OLIVE OIL          | 1388(pints) | 2579(pints) | 496(pints) | 4463(pints) |
| SALT.              | 63          | 121         | 23         | 209         |

| ITEMS              | Total for<br>31 Days. | Total for<br>1 Day. | Nos catered for<br>per day. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| FLOUR              | 13,334                | 432.065             | 3,600.                      |
| Pres. MEAT or FISH | 6,975                 | 225                 | 3,600.                      |
| SUGAR              | 5,022                 | 162                 | 3,600.                      |
| COFFEE             | 3,348                 | 108                 | 3,600.                      |
| OLIVE OIL          | 4,463(pints)          | 144(pints)          | 3,600.                      |
| SALT               | 209                   | 6.742               | 3,600.                      |

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SUBJECT: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens

A 242

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
R.C. (M. H. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1/35-3  
24 April 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato  
Ministry of War

1. Authority has been received for the issue of foodstuffs to be used in clubs and canteens for the Italian military. This authority will cover the operation of an over-all figure of 10,000 men per day.

2. The scale of supplies approved for issue is as follows:

a. To be furnished from Allied sources,

|                   | Per 100 men<br>Per Day |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Flour             | 12 lbs.                |
| Pres. Meat & Fish | 6 1/2 lbs.             |
| Sugar             | 4 1/2 lbs.             |
| Coffee            | 3 lbs.                 |

b. To be furnished from Italian sources,

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Olive Oil | 4 pts. |
| Salt      | 3 ozs. |

3. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Army. Issue of canteen supplies will be made through same channels as normal rations. A release will be made by this headquarters to the Armies, Districts, and Base Section concerned as to the quantity of rations allotted for each month based on the proportion of troops in each Army, Base Section, and District, taking into consideration that priority is due to troops in forward areas.

4. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the savings from the ration scale caused by Italian personnel on leave, not drawing rations. The canteens will be operated under the supervision of the Armies, Districts, and Base Section employing the Italian military. You will be advised as to the quantity allocated to each Army, District, or Base Section for a monthly period.



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5. The cost of the supplies furnished to the canteens and clubs will be charged against the Italian Government.

*Tommy T. Rose*  
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

TTR/r1

Copies to: MMIA LO Naples  
MMIA LO Sicily  
MMIA LO Sardinia  
MMIA LO Fifth Army  
MMIA LO 52 Area  
MMIA LO 54 Area

3 Incls. (for W/M only) Cables Q-201, Q-202, Q-203.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time  
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FROM: MMIA  
TO : H.T.C. I.G.F. CEBANG  
INFO: F BLU  
Q-201

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 GDB-D DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTERNS AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 1,488 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 775 LBS, SUGAR 558 LBS, AND COFFEE 372 LBS (.) TO BE DRAWN  
FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 496 PINTS, SALT 23 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,  
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF  
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR  
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR  
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES  
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

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ST SECTION  
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'A' BRANCH ✓

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time  
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FROM: MMIA

TO : ~~MMIA NO. 1 DISTRICT~~ **DISTONE**

INFO: MMIA LO NO. 1 DISTRICT

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Q-202

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 ODB-O DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTEENS AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS: FLOUR 4,166 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 2,170 LBS, SUGAR 1,562 LBS, COFFEE 1,042 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 1,368 BINTS, SALT 65 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF  
SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,  
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF  
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR  
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR  
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES  
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

INTERNAL

ST SECTION  
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'A' BRANCH ✓

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTHREE

INFO: MMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

Q-203

Date - Time  
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER APR 4 AG 400/005 ODB-O DATED 12 MARCH  
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING  
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTINE AND CLUBS IN YOUR  
TERRITORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945 FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
TO BE DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS : FLOUR 7,738 LBS, PRESERVED MEAT  
AND FISH 4,030 LBS, SUGAR 2,902 LBS, COFFEE 1,934 LBS (.) TO BE  
DRAWN FROM ALLIED STOCKS AND TO BE REPLACED FROM ITALIAN STOCKS:  
OLIVE OIL 2,579 PINTS, SALT 121 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE  
OF SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT SHOWING ITEM, QUANTITY,  
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING ITALIAN OFFICER, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF  
ISSUING AGENCY, AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE: QUOTE THIS TELEGRAM AS YOUR  
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUE (.) VOUCHER TO BE FORWARDED TO MMIA FOR  
ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES  
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'A' BRANCH

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SIGNAL

FROM: IEIA

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

DATE TIME

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REFERENCE AS 400/005 GDB/O OF 12 MAR AND IEIA/27/3 OF 9 APR (.) DISTONE  
WILL OPERATE CANTEN AT ANCONA CMA DISTONE AT E TRANI AND NAPLES WITH  
BRANCH AT RAVISOANINA (.) REQUEST AUTHORITY OPERATE ADDITIONAL CANTEN AT  
OSIANO ETG ICF CMA THIS CAN BE DONE WITHIN PRESENT CANTEN RATION CELLING

PRESIDENCE

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SUBJECT: Screening of Civilian Welfare Workers

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/103

17 Apr 45

TO : Lieut BRANCH  
97 F.S.S.  
89 Via SICILIA - ROME

1. The Italian Army Welfare Organisation set up by the Ministry of War with the sanction and support of AFHQ and this H.Q. has requested Italian women volunteers to help in the Canteen Services.
2. Attached is a nominal roll of four (4) women volunteers in ROME who have offered their services.
3. It is requested that you screen this personnel from the security point of view and notify this H.Q. as soon as possible when these women have been passed for employment in Italian Army Welfare work.
4. In view of the fact that AFHQ have requested that this canteen service be put into effect with the minimum delay will you please give this matter your most urgent attention.

*Secur*

*DPH 17/4*

*f*  
*W. Selby*  
Lt. Col. G.S. Apr

Internal: A.D.A.W.S.  
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List of Candidates for C.A.F.

Coppini, Annina

d'Amico, Filomena

Geranova, Giuseppina

Della Gherar Desca Theodoli, Flavia



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SUBJECT: Screening of Civilian  
Welfare Workers

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. AG (MMIA)

INT/103

11 Apr 45

TO Lieut. BRANCH  
97 F.S.S.  
89 Via SICILIA - ROME

1. The Italian Army Welfare Organisation set up by the Ministry of War with the sanction and support of AFHQ and this H.Q. has requested Italian women volunteers to help in the Canteen Services.

2. Attached is a nominal roll of twenty-nine (29) women volunteers in ROME who have offered their services.

3. It is requested that you screen this personnel from the security point of view and notify this H.Q. as soon as possible when these women have been passed for employment in Italian Army Welfare work.

4. In view of the fact that AFHQ have requested that this canteen service be put into effect with the minimum delay will you please give this matter your most urgent attention.

Internal: A.D.A.W.S.  
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*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. Capr  
G.S.

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List of Candidates for C.A.F.

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. ACQUAVIVA             | Maria Giovanna |
| 2. ALICATA               | Maria Felicità |
| 3. BISOGNI BRENA         | Cloe           |
| 4. BLENGINI              | Adele          |
| 5. BOFFA                 | Wanda          |
| 6. CASANOVA              | Maria Luigia   |
| 7. CINGOLANI             | Paolina        |
| 8. CROCI                 | Leopolda       |
| 9. CROCE                 | Lidia          |
| 10. D'ALESSANDRI         | Luisa          |
| 11. DE FRANCESCO         | Giuliana       |
| 12. FRATELLI             | Maria Assunta  |
| 13. GIANANTI 8           | Wanda          |
| 14. IMPRONTA             | Carmelina      |
| 15. LORENZETTO GABRIELI  | Anna           |
| 16. MACRI                | Antonietta     |
| 17. MERCURI              | Elena          |
| 18. MINCARILLI           | Margherita     |
| 19. PAPALEO              | Rina           |
| 20. PARISI               | Ida            |
| 21. ROMAGNA MANCIA       | Renata         |
| 22. SAINT CYR            | Maria Anna     |
| 23. SALVI                | Wanda          |
| 24. SILLANO              | Magda          |
| 25. VULPIANI             | Gina           |
| 26. AMEROSI DE MAGISTRIS | Emma           |
| 27. CHILESOTTI           | Paola          |
| 28. CINGARINO            | Iolanda        |
| 29. CORETTI MANSILI      | Cesira         |

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Subject: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) ROME  
Q/27/3

1 April 1945

To: HQ 2 District.

Reference AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDB-O of 12 Mar 45 and att  
MMIA letter Q/27/3 of 9 April.

1. Will you please consider the possible requirements for canteens as early as is practicable so that application can be made to AFHQ.
2. You may wish to consider this both in connection with ROME locality and other places for which you may wish to plan. It is not known if ROME for purposes such as this would be covered by you or by HQ 3 District. The latter have NAPLES and TARANTO where large numbers of Italian Armed Forces are located.

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F. J. ROAKES, Col.  
~~D.A. & G.M.G.~~ for Reg for comd.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: "A" MMIA.

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Subject: Rations for Canteens - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. H. I. A.) R O M B  
Q/1/35-2

10 April 1945

To: C.G. Fifth Army for its Increment.

Ref your 235/10 of 20 Mar 45 not to HQIA.

1. It is mentioned that the AFHQ authority (letter AFHQ/AG 400/005 GUS-0 of 12 Mar) limits the issue of canteen rations to 10,000 men for the Armed Forces of all categories.
2. The present strength of the Armed Forces is approx 360,000. It is understood that your calculation in para 4 is based on 36,000 tps at 50 = 1800 rations.
3. The AFHQ ceiling of 10,000 men gives a ratio of 1 in 36 on the Armed Forces ceiling. This would give a ration ceiling for the 36,000 BW-ITIs in Fifth Army for Increment of 1,000 rations against the 1,800 upon which your para 4 is based.
4. It is appreciated that the ceiling of 10,000 may be exceeded in view of the possible further canteens requested by Allied Comds and also that due preference should be given to fed tps as opposed to tps in better living conditions in the rear.
5. Para 6 of your letter is not of necessity accurate. HQIA has been made responsible that the total rations used do not exceed the authorized amount. Considerations of other amenities available may make it desirable to use more rations out of the authorized amount in one district and less in another. Moreover CG Fifth Army would decide how he wishes to use the total Fifth Army allotment.
6. It is felt that these points should be brought forward now in order to facilitate any adjustments to your present plan which you may make in the future in view of the overall allotment made to CG Fifth Army. HQIA Q/27/3 of 9 Apr refers.

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Major General  
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: CG Fifth Army  
HQIA LO to CG Fifth Army (Major Van Kirk)  
HQIA LO to CG Fifth Army for Incr (Capt. Newton)

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Subject: Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces -  
Control of Allied Provided Items of Rations.

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

2/27/3

April 45

1. Under AG 400/005 GDB-0 of 12 Mar 45 authorization is made by AFHQ for issue, under certain conditions, items of rations for use in canteens and clubs on the following scale:-

The scale is for 100 men per day.

(a) From ration element provided by import.

|                |   |           |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| Flour          | = | 12 lbs    |
| Fish or P/Meat | = | 6 1/4 lbs |
| Sugar          | = | 4 1/2 lbs |
| Coffee         | = | 3 lbs     |

(b) From ration element provided from Italian sources.

|           |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| Olive Oil | = | 4 pts. |
| Salt      | = | 5 ozs. |

2. Canteen supplies will be furnished from the saving on the ration scale caused by Italian Personnel on leave not drawing rations. It will be the responsibility of the MMIA to ensure that the supplies issued to clubs and canteens plus the rations issued to personnel present with their units do not exceed the total admissible for the ration strength of the Italian Armed Forces.

3. This authority covers the operation of 12 clubs or canteens (mobile or static) and applies to ALL categories of the ITALIAN Armed Forces. It is designated to cater for 10,000 men per day.

4. MMIA will calculate the amounts available for each month. The number of rations issued during a month will be subtracted from the rations admissible according to the average posted strength during the month and provided this figure thus obtained does NOT exceed the authority provided 5% leave rate it will be taken as the governing quantity. It is estimated that owing to the time taken to collect and work out the data the figures will be based 3 months behind. (C.I. Feb figures will be used to calculate May consumption).

5. MMIA will advise Armies, Districts and B. Section of the quantities of rations allotted for each month. B. Section on the



(a) From ration element provided by import.

|                |   |                     |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Flour          | = | 12 lbs              |
| Fish or P/Meat | = | 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs |
| Sugar          | = | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs |
| Coffee         | = | 3 lbs               |

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|           |   |        |
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| Olive Oil | = | 4 pts. |
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5. MMIA will advise Armies, Districts and Base Section of the quantities of rations allotted for each month based on the proportion of tps in each Army, Base Section and District and taking cognisance of the priority due to fwd tps owing to the conditions in fwd areas. (see paras 8 and 9).

6. Rations will be drawn on separate Forms ST/8 clearly marked "Canteens". Only canteen rations will be entered on this ST/8. MMIA will check all "Canteen" ST/8 to ensure that the quantities issued are within the AFHQ permissible quantity, any overdrawing being deducted from the next month allotment.

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7. The quantity of rations calculated from the ST/8a will be held for replacement purposes against the US and B- account in accordance with the posted strength of the categories national rationing responsibility.

8. In order to comply with para 3 of the AFHQ letter, will A-ies, Districts or B- se Section please signal if and where they wish to operate canteens. The canteens so far authorized are provisionally allotted

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| Fifth Army | 4 |
| Eight Army | 4 |
| 1 District | 1 |
| 3 District | 2 |
| P.B.S.     | 1 |

9. The quantity of rations admissible for April will be advised immediately the signals requested in para 8 have been received.

*2-10-44*  
*Major General*  
*M.A.I.A.*

DISTRIBUTION:

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|-----|-----------------------------|
| H.  | Rear Eight Army             |
| CG. | Fifth Army                  |
| CG. | Fifth Army for B- Increment |
| HQ. | 1 District                  |
| HQ. | 2 District                  |
| HQ. | 3 District                  |
| CG. | P.B.S.                      |
| All | MAIL LO's                   |

INFORMATION:

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| AFHQ | for G1 A      |
| AFHQ | for G1 B      |
| AFHQ | for G4 A      |
| AFHQ | for G4 B      |
| CG.  | 15 Army Group |

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Fourth Army  
Eight Army  
1 District  
3 District  
P.B.S.

9. The quantity of rations admissible for April will be advised immediately the signals requested in para 8 have been received.

*Reviewed*  
Major General  
H.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

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CG. Fifth Army  
CG. Fifth Army for B- Increment  
HQ. 1 District  
HQ. 2 District  
HQ. 3 District  
CG. P.B.S.  
All MIA LO's

INFORMATION:

AFHQ for G1 A  
AFHQ for G1 B  
AFHQ for G4 A  
AFHQ for G4 B  
CG. 15 Army Group

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*Welford*  
The Manchester Guardian *A/242*

ITALIAN OFFICE  
16 VIA LUDOVISI  
ROMA

29.III.45

Dear General Browning,

Partly on my suggestion the Italian War Office has set up a small selection and interviewing committee for the Italian Auxiliary Women's group that is now being formed, with Allied approval.

This Committee has been asked by the Minister to arrange for a British liason officer from the ATS or Naafi to be attached to the corps, and so I have suggested to Signorina Nina Ruffini, a member of the selection committee, that she should telephone you for your advice. What they need is someone who speaks Italian and can advise and help them in the front areas, where their jobs have already been assigned to them, running canteens for the new Italian divisions up there. I think they would appreciate very much being allowed to meet, rather than interview, one or two candidates for the job, but this may not be possible, of course. There is alot to be said for a male liason officer, I think, if any man could face the prospect.

Yours sincerely,

*see DOL  
0230 Mar*

*Sylvia Spriggs*

*Reph over*  
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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of 29 March addressed to General  
Reaming in the subject of Italian women's series.  
This matter is ~~being~~ being considered by  
the Italian branch of War who no doubt will  
approach the Mission for any Allied help the  
my require.



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