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Rations For Canteens1527
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Jan. 1945. Feb. 1946

a practical mean of giving a good reception to the young recruits beginning the military training in the new Italian Army.

Therefore we ask some foods (flour, milk, sugar, canned fish or meat) in the minimum quantities mentioned in the encl/ list.

Please consider if you have any possibility of complying with our request.

C/a

The Minister

I will speak to Com/Ty. W/M, recommending that the special issue be taken from existing stocks in Italian Army Depots - for 100,000 savings for leave and under-feeding etc. etc. etc.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato alle Armi

N. 00872 di prot.
Allegato n.1 specchio.

Roma, 1 febbraio 1946

O G G E T T O : assistenza alle reclute della classe 1924.-

ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER L'ALIMENTAZIONE

R O M A

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Allegato N. 1 al foglio 00872

in data 1 febbraio 1946

GENERI RICHIESTI (quantitativi minimi) per rifornire gli spacci e le cantine dei Distretti in occasione della prossima presentazione delle reclute.-

B A S E : 40.000 reclute con permanenza media presso i Distretti di 2 giorni.-

GENERI RICHIESTI	Quantità per ogni recluta per 2 gg. di permanenza.	Totale per 40.000 reclute di tutti i Distretti d'Italia	N O T E
Farina	Kg. 0,250	Kg. 10.000	
Carne o pesce in scatola	" 0,150	" 16.000	
Zucchero	" 0,030	" 1.200	
Latte	Litri 0,500	Litri 20.000	

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 09906/BS

TO: High Commissariat for Food Supply

DATE: 8.1.46

SUBJECT: Welfare rations for mobile canteens and stores
for serving troops.

In the last paragraph of your 08886/BS of 23.11.45, your Commissariat specified that, at the moment, it could take no favourable action in respect of welfare rations to be supplied to mobile canteens and stores etc.

To the needs already submitted by this office we would now add the need to arrange, as well as possible, for the concession of welfare goods to be distributed to the recruits who will shortly be called up. In view of the intemperate season it appears to be advisable to study the possibility of providing, for the youths being drafted to the Military Districts, that minimum of welfare which is so necessary from the moral welfare point of view which may greatly influence the mind of the new soldiers.

Since this matter is of an urgent nature we beg of your Commissariat to kindly inform us as to whether the matters which are now being studied with regard to the cession of welfare rations have been favourable resolved and, in particular, ^{whether} ~~which~~ it will be possible to take some exceptional measure in respect of the ~~from~~ recruits now being enlisted.

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd.

Col.

lt. Col. Nuri. Amari
Taken to Maj. Nelson's office
to be put in picture
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato alle Armi

N. 09906/BS di prot.

Roma, li 8 gennaio 1946

O G G E T T O : viveri di conforto per le cantine mobili e spacci per i soldati alle Armi.-

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ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER L'ALIMENTAZIONE
Direz. Gen. per i Generi Alim/ri razionati
-- Div. VIII
(rispo.f.n.08886/BS del 23/11/1945)

R O M A

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Nell'ultimo capoverso del foglio a riferimento, codesto Commissariato aveva precisato che, nel momento, non poteva essere preso nessun provvedimento favorevole nei riguardi dei generi di conforto da fornire alle cantine mobili, agli spacci, ecc.-

Alla necessità già prospettata da questo Ufficio si aggiunge ora la necessità di provvedere, nel miglior modo possibile, alla concessione di generi di conforto da distribuire alle reclute che prossimamente verranno chiamate alle armi. Ciò perchè, data la stagione rigida, sarebbe opportuno studiare la possibilità di far trovare ai giovani afflitti ai Distretti Militari quel minimo di assistenza tanto necessario ai fini del conforto morale che molto può influire nell'animo dei nuovi soldati.

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## TRANSLATION

WEL/T/1

(76)

From: Food MinistryTo: M.of.W. (Welfare office)Ref: ~~08886~~ A/GAR/VIII/11001Date: 23/11/45

Subject: Welfare rations for the mobile canteens and the soldier's canteens.

In reply to letter 08886/BS dated 30/10/45

~~xxxx~~ With ref to the a/m letter, we inform you that the supply of welfare rations for the mobile canteens and for soldier's canteens is included in the general scheme that this Ministry will have to prepare for the rationing of all the Armed Forces as it has been pointed out to Commissariat General Directorate of this Ministry with the attached letter.

Therefore for the time being this Ministry can not fulfill the request.-

R:E.Cpl

(Sgd) Romita

*matter brought up by  
Lt Col Nervi-Amaldi, Welfare Directorate, Nov  
JACF 1/2/46*



MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE  
Direz. Gen. per i Generi alimentari razionati

Divisione VIII  
N. A/GAR/VIII/11001  
Risp.f. n. 08886/BS del 30/10/1945

Roma 23 novembre 1945

O G G E T T O : viveri di conforto per le cantine mobili e gli spacci  
per i soldati alle Armi.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato alle Armi.

R O M A

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Con riferimento al foglio sopraindicato, si comunica che il rifornimento dei viveri di conforto per le cantine mobili e Spacci per i soldati alle armi rientra nel piano generale che questo Ministero dovrà predisporre per il vettovagliamento di tutte le FF.AA. italiane secondo quanto è reso noto alla Direzione Generale di Commissariato di codesto Ministero col foglio che si allega in copia.

Pertanto per il momento questo Ministero si trova nella impossibilità di provvedere nel senso richiesto.

IL MINISTRO  
F/to Romita



AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato alle Armi

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IL MINISTRO
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COPY TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Food.

REF: A/GAR/VIII/11340

TO: Food Sub Commission, A.C.

DATE: 16.11.45.

SUBJECT: Army and Navy ration supply.

1. We refer to the meeting held on the 13th inst. regarding the supply of rations to the Army and Navy and we thank you for the kind and speedy interest that you have shown in the matter.
2. The rations requested by the Army, commencing December next, are shown in enclosures 1, 2, and 3, those notified by the Navy in the event of rationing by the Allied Armed Forces ceasing, are summarised in enclosure 4.
3. The situation of the food stocks of our country are well known to the Allied Commission. The A.C. is informed of our worries in respect of grain and also knows that special rationing scales are provided for with products supplied by the Allies. The ration supply plans formulated by your Sub Commission, on the basis of which we are arranging for the necessities of the civilian population and the special treatment category, do not include the needs of the Armed Forces.
4. Having closely examined the situation, this Ministry, while hopeful of presenting to the Ministry of Reconstruction an integrated plan to that formulated for the civilian population in order to support the feeding of the Armed Forces, sees itself compelled to request that the A.C. continue to carry out complete supplies (including also the "special treatments") until the end of March, in the certainty that the programme presented at Washington by the Italian Government will be fully carried out.
5. In the meantime, this Ministry, in agreement with the other two Ministries concerned, will arrange for the compiling of the plans for rationing, which will require a certain amount of time especially as far as the executive part is concerned, since we are dealing with having the necessary products arrive on the spot at least a month beforehand.
6. If the compilation and putting into effect of the plans for some products (rice - cheese - tomato paste) can be expedited this Ministry will immediately so inform the A.C. to remove such products from the Allied rationing scheme.
7. We take the liberty of stressing the urgent nature of the matter.

(Sgd) ILLEGIBLE.

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MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE

A/GAR/VIII/11340

ALLA FOOD SUB COMMISSION

R O M A

IN { Date 1630 1/2

OUT { Time 17.30 1/2

O G G E T T O : rifornimento viveri Guerra e Marina.-

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e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = Commissariato

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA = Comm/to

AL MINISTERO DELLA RICOSTRUZIONE

R O M A

- 1°) - Si fa riferimento al colloquio del giorno 13 u.s. riguardante il rifornimento viveri per l'Esercito e la Marina, e si ringrazia per il cortese e pronto interessamento portato al problema.
- 2°) - I viveri richiesti dell'Esercito a partire dal mese di dicembre sono indicati negli allegati; quelli segnalati dalla Marina nella eventualità che l'approvvigionamento da parte delle Forze Alleate venga a cessare, sono riepilogate negli allegati.....
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- 6°) - Se la compilazione e la esecuzione dei piani per alcuni prodotti (riso formaggio - conserva) potranno avere una più sollecita esecuzione - questo Ministero ne darà immediato avviso alla A.C. per togliere tali prodotti dal piano di approvvigionamento alleato.
- 7°) - Questo Ministero si permette di sottolineare il carattere di urgenza della pratica.

p. IL MINISTRO
De Marzi

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SUBJECT: Welfare for Italian Interim Army

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/35-13
28 December 1945

TO : O.C., 6 B.L.U.,

Reference your A/6/1 of 21 Dec. 45.

1. No subsistence is available in Italy for welfare purposes of the Italian Interim Army.
2. It is extremely difficult to procure sufficient subsistence for the basic scale, and this has been met only through Allied military assistance. (Our Q/1-111 of 18 Dec. 45 as amended by Q/1-112 of 27 Dec. 45 refer)
3. Responsibility for subsistence of the Italian Interim Army was placed on the Italian Government w.e.f. 15 Nov. 45. For maintenance until March 46 the Italian Government has been able to contribute only a small part of the total requirement.
4. It is, therefore, obvious that the Italian Ministry of War can not procure additional foodstuffs when it can not meet its basic requirements.



K. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

KRN/r1

Internal:
'A' (Welfare) ✓
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SUBJECT: Canteen Rations

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/35-12
23 November 1945

TO : MMIA LO, N. Italy

Reference your MIL/6/A of 17 November 45

1. Your attention is invited to letter, S & T MMIA LO N.W. Italy, STG/19 of 13 September 1945.
2. Quantities of canteen rations were allocated to various Territorial Commands in a/m letter.
3. Allocation of items for units of No. 2 District was made in our Signal Q-589 of 7 September 1945.

K. Robert Nelson
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

KRN/mg

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Welfare MMIA ✓

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Subject : Canteen Supplies Italian.7317
50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref Q/5/14.

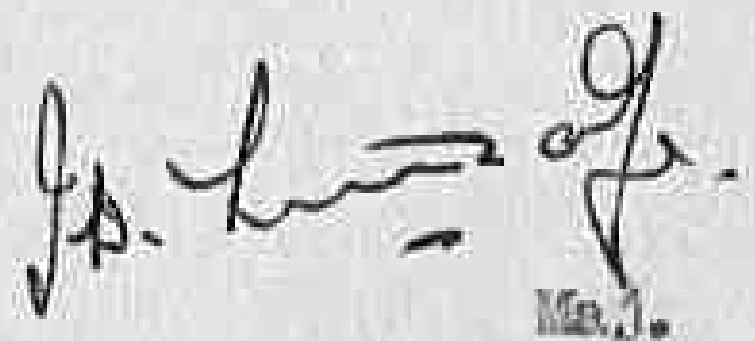
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HQ 2 District

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MIA, our WEL/J/I dated 19 Oct refers).

1. It is understood from MIA that the last allocation of Canteen supplies for Italian troops to be drawn from British stocks was made for Sep. MIA signal Q 509 addressed to you refers.
2. The last allocation made to FRIULI Italian Inf Div of canteen rations was made in Aug by A Dist under their letter 1D/2706/1/Q dated 11 Aug.
3. It is requested that this matter be investigated and that the Sep allotment for FRIULI may be released.

CWP.
JDM/LCB.Jp. 
MIA and QMG.

Q 589 7 Sep
017106 5 Sep

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Subject: Welfare - Italian Army.

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

WEL/J/I

19 Oct. '45.

To : 50 B.L.U.

Reference your Q/5/14 dated 13 Oct 45.

1. It is not possible to continue to supply Canteen Rations from British and US resources and all have been informed to this effect. This HQ signal Q 509 addressed to Distwo made a final allotment for the month of September, 1945 and stated that no additional allocations would be made in the future.
2. It has been pointed out to the Ministry of War that welfare generally, including the provision of canteen rations, must become an Italian responsibility.

Major General
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

ARG/ccc.

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Subject : Canteen Rations.

5. British Liaison Unit.

Ref Q/5/14.

13 Oct 45.

HQ MMIA.

1. HQ 2 District state that canteen rations for Italian ICGs can no longer be obtained through British channels. FRIULI have in consequence received no such supplies for Sep, and no allocation for Oct. The last issue of canteen rations to the Gruppo which was made in August was made up as follows:-

<u>Item.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
Flour	1894 lbs
P/Meat/Fish	986 "
Sugar	710 "
Coffee	472 "
Olive Oil	630 pts
Salt	30 lbs.

2. So far there appears to be no scheme for supplying Grupos' with canteen rations from Italian sources.
3. Whilst under command British firms the importance of welfare was constantly being taken up with the Gruppo, and eventually vast improvements in general welfare arrangements were made and they showed signs of becoming welfare minded. This was helped very considerably by the help given by British firms in matters such as supply of canteen rations etc.. Eighth Army provided a Canteen lorry for the Group and this was organised roughly in British lines, and proved highly successful. With the cessation of canteen supplies it will be impossible to supply personnel with canteen items within the limit of their pocket.
4. It is requested that this matter be investigated and that arrangements be made to provide canteen rations through Italian sources. It is felt by this HQ that the welfare mindedness which has been developed amongst the Italians for their troops is a step forward, and that at this stage it would be a great pity to check its growth by stopping the perquisites needed to make it a practical proposition.

cc: A/Q.

CMF.
JDM/LGB.

According to 62 A 2 District did get
an issue for September.

I propose answering that we can not go
on supplying the Italians for ever from British
stocks, and that Italian welfare must get
something organised. Do you agree.

J. L. ...
Lt Col.
G.S.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

DATE - TIME
13 1000

TO : NMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

INFO: NMIA LO FLORENCE CITY COMMAND

Q-604

UNCLASSIFIED (.) CANTEN RATIONS ALLOTTED BY UGR Q-594
DATED 7 SEPTEMBER ARE INTENDED TO COVER ALL TROOPS IN YOUR
AREA (.) RECOMMEND TO UNITS IN YOUR AREA IS TO BE DECIDED
BY YOU (.)

INTERNAL

WELFARE BRANCH

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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COPY
INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: MMIA LO No. 1 DIST

July 04

TO : MMIA

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SUBJECT WELFARE FOOD ITEMS (.) IS YOUR JULY A ALLOTMENT
TO 1 DIST MEANT TO INCLUDE FRIULI AND FOLGORE

WELFARE

original in Q1 file

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To : "A" French

LOCATION OF CAMPS

In view of the fact that Northern Italy offers far more scope than Southern and Central Italy, there is no longer any necessity to give a higher allocation to Armies.

Suggested, therefore,

5 Army	-	2	-	
8 Army	-	2	-	
1 District	-	2	-	Ancona and Orvieto/Perugia.
2 "	-	2	-	
3 "	-	3	-	Trani Frosinone & (Naples/
P.R.S.	-	1	-	(Raviscanina
Cesano	-	1	-	(Extra)

23 May '45R.V. Copple,
S/Lieutenant Colonel.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Forces Canteens

227 Italian Division

Q 54 Area
58 "

Army Sub Commission (MIA)

MIA IC

MIA IC 54 Area

Italian IC

3 District
EASTPALE 14
712/1 Q
16 May '45.

1. The following supplies have been allotted for use in canteens for the month of May, for the Italian Armed Forces:-

Flour	7732 lbs.
P. Meat & fish	4330 "
Sugar	2902 "
Coffee	1934 "
Olive Oil	2470 pints.
Salt	121 lbs.

2. Canteens will be established by you and proportions of the above supplies allotted as stated:-

NAPLES - Proportion	54%
BARI - "	20%

3. In addition the following proportion will be allotted to BRDS for unit canteens:-

RAVISCANINA -	13%
TRANI -	13%

4. Supplies will be drawn from Italian Depots and under no circumstances will the quantities given in para 1 be exceeded.

5. Authy for the issue is MIA signal Q302 dated **1571**'45.

6. It is understood that MIA have arranged for the Italian War Ministry to issue an instruction covering the operation of these canteens.

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ITALIA IO 34 Area
Italian IO

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Flour	7733 lbs.
P. Meat & Fish	4830 "
Sugar	2362 "
Coffee	1034 "
Olive Oil	2477 pints.
Salt	121 lbs.

2. Canteens will be established by you and proportions of the above supplies allotted as stated:-

MAINS - Proportion	54%
PARI - "	20%

3. In addition the following proportion will be allotted to ERBS for unit canteens:-

RAVISCARINA	- 13%
TRAMI	- 13%

4. Supplies will be drawn from Italian Depots and under no circumstances will the quantities given in para 1 be exceeded.

5. Autry for the issue is ITALIA signal Q203 dated **1571**'45.

6. It is understood that ITALIA have arranged for the Italian War Ministry to issue an instruction covering the operation of these canteens.

R.P. REECH Lt. Col.
for Col.
DA & QMG

SUBJECT: Welfare - Establishment of Canteens

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
~~2/17/45~~ 27/3
5 May 1945

TO : MMIA LO No. 3 District

1. Reference your 3D10/36 of 2 May 45.
2. Responsibility. *19A*

a. Our 2-203 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. *19A*

a. The number of canteens permitted was limited by AFHQ instructions. Our 4/27/3 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 RAVISCANERA. If 3 District so desire a further branch of TRANI could be opened at BARI.

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.

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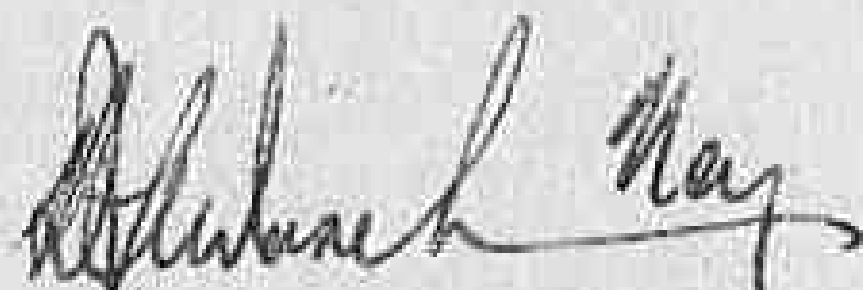
*To: Welfare**34A*

SUBJECT: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/35-4
4 May 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

1. Further to our Q/1/35-3 of 24 Apr. 45.
2. Attached find copies of signals giving allotments to Eighth Army, Fifth Army and PBS.



R.T.M. WAREHAM, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

RTMW/ri
3 Encls. Signal Q-21 of 25 Apr.
Signals Q-220 and Q-221 of 27 Apr.
Copy to: Q/27/3
Welfare

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : FIVE ARMY
Q-243

Date - Time
4 1545 B

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FOR G-4 SECTION (.) REF YOUR 9627 OF 1 MAY (.) ALLOTMENT COVERS
ALL TROOPS OPERATING YOUR AREA INCLUDING GRUPPI (.) TOTAL SIXTEEN
COMMODITIES AVAILABLE FOR MONTH FOR 10,000 MEN LESS 20 PERCENT
DEDUCTION FOR RESERVE AND LATER ALLOCATION TO NORTH WERE DIVIDED
PROPORTIONATELY AMONG ARMIES AND DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO PERCENTAGE
OF ITALIAN ARMY OPERATING IN THEIR AREAS (.) FIGURES BASED ON
LATEST MMIA ORDER OF BATTLE

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AUTHENTICATION 1567

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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: C-4 SECTION
FIFTH ARMY

Date - Time
May 1 1754 B

TO: MMIA

CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE YOUR SIGNALS Q-220 AND Q-224 OF 27 APRIL SUBJECT
SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (FIVE ARMY
ACTION TO MMIA) QUERY DOES ALLOTMENT OF SUPPLIES INCLUDE THE
GRUPPI WHICH ARE OPERATING IN THIS AREA OR JUST THE US-ITI,
BR-ITI, AND ITI-ITI CATEGORIES WHICH ARE SHOWN ON OUR WEEKLY
STATUS REPORT TO CG 15 ARMY GROUP, COPY TO YOU (.) REQUEST
YOU ADVISE BASIS OF COMPUTATION USED FOR ALLOCATION OF
COMMODITIES

*Copy to welfare
original in file 9/35*

1566

Subject:- Canteens of Italian Armed Forces.

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

Q/27/3

2 May, 1945.

To:- H.Q. 3 District.

Reference your signal Q.C. 2165 dated 24 Apr 45.

Authority has been given by A.F.H.Q. for you to operate two canteens in your District, one at TRANI and one at NAPLES, with a branch of the NAPLES' canteen located at RAVISCANINA.

Our signal C-203 of 20 Apr 45 gave an overall allocation of supplies for your District and details regarding the method of accounting for them. The sub-allocation of these supplies is to be carried out by 227 Adm. Div. as directed and supervised by you, in order to ensure that the ration scale is not exceeded.

The Ministry of War has been requested to issue a Directive to formations concerned on the administration of these canteens.

P. P. PARDOLL

P.P. PARDOLL J/Cdr.
for Major General, MMIA.

Copy:- M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 District.
M.M.I.A. L.O. Naples.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 52 Area;

Internal:- Welfare.

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Subject:- Rations for Canteens -
Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/27/3

/ May 45.

C.S. Fifth Army
(for attn Br. Increment).

1. Reference 285/1 Q. of 22 Apr. and of 23 Apr.
2. The provisions of para 4 of this HQ letter Q/27/3 of 9 Apr. are made in order that ~~the H.Q.~~ may comply with A.F.H.Q. instructions to control the total of rations consumed.
3. The 10,000 ceiling authorized is to cover all categories of the Italian armed forces and the quantities available are therefore allotted in accordance with the current strengths within formations.
4. In addition the A.F.H.Q. authority limits the number of canteens which may be operated with these supplies (Para 6 of Q/27/3 of 9 Apr refers).
5. Within these provisions the sub-allocation of canteen supplies is a matter for the Adm. Div HQ concerned in conjunction with and under the supervision of the Allied H.Q. (210 and 231 Adm. Divs will receive their monthly allotments from H.Q. 5 Army.)
6. The vehicles provided for mobile canteens are being converted in workshops. The ~~figures~~ ^{figures} estimated that work will be completed during the first half of May.

RAC

R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
for Major General 1564
M.M.I.A.

Internal: Welfare.

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To : "A".
M.M.I.A.

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CANTEEN SUPPLIES.

1. Allotments of supplies for Canteens in compliance with AFHQ letter AG 400/005 GDE-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> <u>(10,000)</u>
5 Army.	18%	1440	14.4%
8 Army.	19%	1520	15.2%
1 District.	14%	1120	11.2%
3 District.	26%	2080	20.8%
P.B.S.	18%	1440	14.4%
Cesano.	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.

[Signature]

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Adams

28 Apr.

Items	5 Army.	3 Army.	1 Dist.	3 Dist.	P.B.S.	Cesano.	TOTAL.
Flour.....lbs	5357	5654	4166	7738	5357	1468	29,760
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	2790	2945	2170	4030	2790	775	15,500
Sugar.....lbs	2009	2120	1562	2902	2009	558	11,160
Coffee.....lbs	1339	1414	1042	1934	1339	372	7,440
Olive Oil.....pints	1786	1885	1288	2579	1786	496	9,920
Salt.....lbs	84	83	65	121	84	23	465

Items	Total for 31 days.	Total for 1 day.	No's catered for per day.
Flour.....lbs	29,760	960	8,000.
P/Meat or Fish.....lbs	15,500	500	8,000.
Sugar.....lbs	11,160	360	8,000.
Coffee.....lbs	7,440	240	8,000.
Olive Oil.....pints	9,920	320	8,000.
Salt.....lbs	465	15	8,000.

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	5 Army.	3 Army.	1 Dist.	3 Dist.	P.B.S.	Cesano.	TOTAL.
.....lbs	5357	5654	4166	7738	5357	1488	29,760
Fish.....lbs	2790	2945	2170	4030	2790	775	15,500
.....lbs	2009	2120	1562	2902	2009	558	11,160
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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	18%
8 Army	19%
1 District	14%
3 District	26%
P.B.S.	10%
Cesano	5%

100%

3. Allotments for May have been made to 1 and 3 District and Cesano (Folios 17A-19A). No allotments to other formations as they have not answered Folio 16A.

Folios 17a - 19a give the following canteen rations per day provided as follows:- (workings attached)

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

3,600.

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

24 Apr '45.

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ALL QUANTITIES EXCEPT OLIVE OIL IN LBS.

ITEMS	1 District.	2 District.	Cesano.	TOTAL.
FLOUR	4166	7738	1468	13392
Pres. MEAT or Fish	2170	4030	775	6975
SUGAR	1562	2902	558	5022
COFFEE	1042	1934	372	3348
OLIVE OIL	1388(pints)	2579(pints)	436(pints)	4463(pints)
SALT.	65	121	23	209

ITEMS	Total for 31 Days.	Total for 1 Day.	Mos catered for per day.
FLOUR	13,392	432	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.

SUBJECT: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEI/J/1.
24 Apr '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of this HQ letter Q/1/35-3 of 24 April addressed to Dircz. Gen. Commissariato, Ministry of War.
2. Also attached are copies of the releases so far made to formations.


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

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SUBJECT: Foodstuffs for Italian Canteens

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.O. (M. M. 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
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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Copy to all MMIA LO.
Q 27/3 1 MAY 45

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/ri

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.

Internal
"A" Branch
ST Section
Welfare ✓

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO : R.T.C. I.C.F. CASARO
INFO: F BLU
Q-201

Date - Time
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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 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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'A' BRANCH

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time

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TO : ~~MMIA 10 NO. 1 DISTRICT~~ DISTONE

INFO: MMIA 10 NO. 1 DISTRICT

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFTER AD 400/005 GDS-O DATED 12 MARCH
 SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
 COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CERTAINS AND CLERS 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 1,388 PINTS, SALT 65 LBS (.) VOUCHER COVERING ISSUE OF
 SUPPLIES TO BE COMPILED BY ISSUING DEPOT DRAWING 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 IN MMIA FOR
 ACCOUNTING PURPOSES (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
 LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

Date - Time
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TO :

DISTHREE

INFO: NMIA LO NO. 3 DISTRICT

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CONFIDENTIAL

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LETTER AFHQ AG 400/005 008-0 DATED 12 MARCH
SUBJECT SUPPLIES - WELFARE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING
COMMODITIES ARE ALLOCATED FOR USE IN CANTIERI AND CUCES 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 DEPT 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 (.) REQUEST YOU INSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES
LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT EXCEEDED FOR THIS PERIOD

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REFERENCE NO 400/005 GDS/O OF 12 MAR AND MMIA/4/27/3 OF 9 APR (.) DISTRICTS
WILL OPERATE CANTERIN AT ANCONA OMA DISTRICTS AT M TRANI AND NAPLES WITH
BRANCH AT RAVISCANERA (.) REQUEST AUTHORITY OPERATE ADDITIONAL CANTERIN AT
CASSANO RTO INF OMA THIS CAN BE DONE WITHIN PRESENT CANTERIN RATION CEILING

AUTHENTICATION

Revised by
Hudson
M. C. H.

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SUBJECT: Canteens.

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

WEL/J/1.

12 Apr '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere.

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W.P.

1. Reference conversation with Gen. Tamassia.
2. The question of the issue on repayment of canteen supplies, on a limited scale, from Allied sources is now under consideration and it is likely that orders on this subject will be issued shortly.
3. In order that no time may be lost when the scale has been agreed you should prepare, for issue by the staff of the Ministry of War, a directive to formations on the administration of canteens.
4. It was understood from the conversation with you that you proposed that such a directive should include instructions with regards to:-
 - (i) maximum prices to be charged
 - (ii) responsibilities for accounting for monies
 - (iii) the amount of funds derived from profits which would be retained by formations for improvement and maintenance of canteens and the amount which would be held at disposal of the Ministry of War for general welfare purposes in the army.
5. Please forward a copy of your proposed directive so that this HQ may be kept informed.

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See 37A
Lt.Col.

WELFARE

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

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

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 MIA 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 amissable 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. MIA will calculate the amounts available for each month. The number of rations issued during a month will be subtracted from the rations amissable according to the average posted strength during the month and provided this figure thus obtained does NOT exceed the authorized 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 figure will be based 3 months behind. (U.S. Feb figures will be used to calculate May consumption).

5. MIA will advise Armies, Districts and Base Section of

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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 over-drawing 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 Agencies, Districts or Base Section please signal if and where they wish to operate canteens. The canteens so far authorized are provisionally allotted

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.

Richard M. ...
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

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.
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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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Fifth Army
 Light Army
 1 District
 3 District
 P.B.S.

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

Major General
 M.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.
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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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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
3/27/3

Apr 1945

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Salt	-	3 ozs.

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5. MMIA will advise Army District of the quantities of rations allotted for each month based on the proportion of tps in each Army District and taking cognance of the priority due to fwd tps owing to the conditions in fwd areas.
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from the next month allotment.

7. The quantity of rations calculated from the SF/3's will be held for replacement purposes against the US and Br account in accordance with the posted strength of the categories national rationing responsibility.

8. In order to comply with para 5 of the AFHQ letter, will Areas Districts please advise if and where they wish to operate canteens. The canteens so far authorized are provisionally allotted

Fifth Army	-	4	333 1/4	} Total 833
Eight Army	-	4	333 1/4	
1 District	-	1	833	
3 District	-	2	1666	
P.B.S.	-	1	833	
			<u>10,000</u>	

9. The quantity of rations admissible for April will be advised immediately the decision requested in para 6 have been received.

*Draft has been returned to
O.G.A. agreed with minor
alterations. P. 5014*

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Conference 29 Mar Caracas Supplies

File 13A
Caracas Supplies

2/1 LCA GCQ WGC Rose ADST ADRTS

LCA suggested allocation of 12 trucks -

5 Army	Mobiles	3
8 Army	"	3
Leghorn	PBS	1
Naples	2 PBS + 3 Dist.	1
Distano Perugia or Ancona		1
Taranto - Distances		1
RTC ICF Coram		1
Bari Distances		1
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Final report to await letter in
reply to AFHQ

[Signature]

Per 100 men per day in lbs.

ITEM	AFHQ 26th		MMIA Proposal	
	AMIES	ITALY	AMIES	ITALY
FLOUR	12 lbs.	-	8 lbs.	-
COFFEE	3 lbs.	-	6.4 oz	-
SUGAR	4 lbs 8 oz	-	2 lbs 6.4 oz	-
TINNED MEAT/FISH	6 lbs 4 oz	-	2 lbs 12.8 oz	-
OLIVE OIL	-	4 lbs 9.6 oz	-	1 lb 12.8 oz
SALT	-	3.2 oz	-	1.6 oz
TINNED MILK	-	-	2 lbs 12.8 oz	-
BREAD/BISCUIT	-	-	1 lb 9.6 oz	-
JAM	-	-	-	6.4 oz
BAKING POWDER	-	-	3.2 oz	-
DRIED FRUIT	-	-	-	8 oz
CHEESE	-	-	-	11.6 oz
MARGARINE	-	-	1 lb	-

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1. Ref AFHQ letter on counter supplies

2. It is not clear whether this letter has any - 19A

bearing on our proposal is AFHQ.

3. For your information a comparison of the scale authorized in the scale proposed by us is as

follows:-

Do we need more authority for the Indians to 154 1/2
provide their items not mentioned by AFHQ i.e. Direct fruit,

bearing on our proposal to AFHQ.

3. For your information a comparison of the scale authorized by the scale proposed by us is as follows:-

Do we need more authority for the Italian to ¹⁵⁴³ provide their items not mentioned by AFHQ i.e. direct fruit, game, or cheese?

AFHQ has been asked by AFHQ for the following information:-

(1) location of stock cabinets.

- (ii) Buses from which mobile canteens will operate
 (iii) approximate number of men for whom each canteen will cater.

5. The above ceiling figure is 10,000 per day.

6. Our proposal was for -

6 mobiles - (3 strong 3 strong)	=	6
Stations - Contact Groups	=	6
Ad. Drivers	=	8
Cooks.	=	1
Afrigola, Trams, Drivers, Trains, A. H. H.	=	1
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7. In the B. service a mobile is broken, on average, 6 canteens for 1200 men per day.

8. To come within the ceiling I would suggest

for your approval:-

1 organized 3 vehicles.

6. 3 Mobile canteens	Based on 5 Army Areas	each serving 500	=	1500
6. 3 Mobile canteens	Based on 8 Army Areas	each serving 500	=	1500
9. (iv) 5 Mobile canteens	at Rte. 1 C.A. Areas	each serving	=	2000
			=	<u>5000</u>

10,000

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The above canteens at (iv) have canteens either be

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RHF/at

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/005 SDB-0

12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies - Welfare for Italian Armed Forces

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMAIA)

1. In connection with the efforts now being made to provide canteen and club facilities for the Italian Armed Forces, it has been decided to authorize the following in respect of supplies for these clubs and canteens.

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 MMAIA to insure 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. a. This authority will cover the operation of a maximum of twelve (12) clubs or canteens (mobile or static) and is designed to cater for an overall figure of 10,000 men per day. Will MMAIA please report details of clubs and canteens it is proposed to operate.

b. When it is desired to open clubs or canteens in excess of the number covered by this authority, MMAIA will submit their requests to this Headquarters for the necessary approval.

4. The following is the scale of supplies approved for issue. 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 1542

olive oil	-	4 pts
Salt	-	3 ozs

5. This authority applies to all categories of the Italian Armed Forces.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 400/005 GDB-0
dtd 12 March 45 (cont'd)

6. Issue of canteen supplies will be made through same channels as normal rations. Such issues will be shown separately on demands.

7. The cost of supplies furnished to canteens and clubs will be a charge against the Italian Government. Accounting will be in accordance with letters, this headquarters, file as above, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)", dated 22 September 1944, as amended, and file AG 400/031 GDS-0, subject: "Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment Issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)", dated 6 October 1944.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(Sgd) R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - 15th Army Group
- 1 - Fifth Army
- 1 - Fifth Army (Br Inert)
- 1 - Hq Eighth Army Rear
- 1 - No 1 District
- 1 - No 2 District
- 1 - No 3 District
- 1 - G-1 (A)
- 1 - G-1 (B)
- 1 - G-4 (A)
- 1 - QM
- 1 - SP
- 1 - FA (Br)
- 1 - Q(Maint)
- 1 - AG M & D
- 2 - AG Records

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare -
Canteen Supplies.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
G/S - 60.
28 Feb '45.

To : A.F.H.Q. (2)

Copy to :- DAWG. AFHQ.

1. Reference conference on 21 Feb (DCAG - ADAG(P) - DAWG).
and GR/9904/G-1(Br) of 26 Feb.
2. Attached are proposals in respect of the supplies which
it is considered should be made available to the Italian army for
canteens.
3. It is hoped that these proposals may be agreed as soon
as is possible so that the War Ministry may initiate a canteen
services.

WP
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal Distribution

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Welfare. —

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500 Refers

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6. It is requested that the initial requirements be met for the following items:

- (1) 6 copies of the report for each copy of the report.
- (2) 6 copies of the report for each copy of the report.
- (3) 6 copies of the report for each copy of the report.
- (4) 6 copies of the report for each copy of the report.

Appendix "A"

BASIC CAMPAIN SUPPLY SCALE

Quantities worked in campain, for one man daily.

ITEM.	To be provided by Allies on replacement.	To be provided from Italian resources.
FLOUR.	1.280	
COFFEE.	0.064	
SUGAR.	0.064	
TINNED MILK.	0.448	
BEAD or BISCUIT.	0.256	
JAM.		0.004
BAKING POWDER.	0.032	
COOKING FAT. (or OLIVE OIL)		0.228
TINNED MEAT, HIGH PASTE.	0.004	
SALT.		0.016
DRIED FRUIT.		0.060
CHEESE.		0.112
MARGARINE.	0.160	

Note - In addition to the above scale there would be provided from Italian resources such items as :-

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FRUIT FINISH.

WATER, FUEL, LIX ETC.

FOODSTUFFS (e.g. corn, potatoes, etc.)

SUGAR.	0.384	
STERILIZED MILK.	0.448	
BREAD OR BISCUIT.	0.256	0.004
JAM.		
BAKING POWDER.	0.032	0.288
COOKING FAT. (OR OLIVE OIL)		
STERILIZED MEAT, FISH PASTE.	0.004	0.016
SALT.		0.000
BOILED MEAT.		0.112
CHEESE.	0.160	
MARGARIN.		

Note - In addition to the above scale there would be provided from Italian resources such items as 1-

FRUIT.

NOTEPAPERS, PENS, INK ETC.

TOILET ARTICLES (e.g. combs, toothbrushes etc.)

SHIRTS (e.g. bought)

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STANDARD OF MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION FROM ALLIED SUPPLIES) DAILY

	TOTAL ORIGIN - ITALIAN ARMY				TOTAL AUTHORIZED W/IN ALLIED ORIGIN - FR			
	FR-ITA TMR	FR-ITA TMR	FR-ITA TMR	TOTAL TMR	FR-ITA TMR	FR-ITA TMR	FR-ITA TMR	TOTAL TMR
Flour	4.429	5.732	2.932	13.143	4.321	4.536	2.571	11.428
Tea or Coffee	.221	.287	.189	.697	.216	.227	.129	.572
Sugar	1.329	1.720	.355	3.404	1.296	1.361	.771	3.428
Canned milk	1.590	1.006	1.034	3.630	1.912	1.588	.900	4.400
Bread	.836	1.245	.596	2.677	.354	.907	.514	2.775
Baking powder	.111	.163	.075	.349	.108	.113	.064	.285
Canned Meat, Bone etc.	.221	.287	.189	.697	.216	.227	.129	.572
Margarine	.554	.717	.575	1.846	.540	.567	.321	1.428

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APPENDIX "B"

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF OILS AND GREASES FROM AIRCRAFT (CONTINUED)

TOTAL OILS - 15 JUL 48			TOTAL AIRCRAFT W/IN OTHER OILS - NO 45				TOTAL FOR 1000 HRS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2.902	15.143	4.321	4.536	2.571	11.428	50
2	.429	.657	.216	.227	.129	.572	4
3	.895	3.924	1.295	1.361	.771	3.428	24
4	1.044	4.600	1.512	1.503	.900	4.000	28
5	.595	2.628	.362	.307	.514	2.335	16
6	.875	.329	.103	.113	.064	.335	2
7	.429	.657	.216	.227	.129	.572	4
8	.573	1.944	.340	.567	.321	1.428	10

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR
WELFARE OFFICE.

ROME. 19. FEB. 1945..

A.D.A.W.S. c/o.

Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)RomeNo. 01221 /B.S.
8.1.4.SUBJECT: Supplies for Canteens.

- 1) Reference WEL/J/1 dated 26. Jan '45.
- 2) The present state of Italian industry and commerce and the availability of foodstuffs, do not permit of requisitioning the items indicated in the above quoted letter.
It will only be possible to obtain, directly from producers, fresh fruit, dried fruit, and salt.
All the other items are subject to rationing or quotas: there are very limited quantities available in the black market, at exorbitant prices. For obvious reasons it is not possible to use such a source of supply:
 - trading in such goods is forbidden by law, and thus is actionable;
 - the supply is in every case scanty and irregular;
 - the goods offered in the black market always come from an irregular source, more often than not from fraud, and perhaps from theft.

In conclusion therefore, almost all the items necessary for mobile canteens and stores, listed in the above quoted letter, would have to be released by the Anglo-American Authorities, except items like needles, buttons, thread, string, haberdashery etc. This has been recognised at the meeting of the 3rd February held to consider the project of forming a group of Italian lady volunteers for Welfare of fighting troops.

G.C. TAMASSIA
Brig. General.

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Ministro della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Dist. 1000

Prot. 1004221/B.5.5.14

OGGETTO

Forniture per spacci e cantine. =

Proposta al Regio del
Dir.

ALL A.D.A.W.S. c/o
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= ROMA

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

= ROMA

re) - Rispondo al foglio Wel/J/I in data 26 Gennaio 1945.

20) - L'attuale situazione delle industrie e commerci italiani e del vettovagliamento non consente di ricorrere alla requisizione per la fornitura dei generi indicati nel foglio al quale rispon-

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Sarà soltanto possibile provvedere all'acquisto diretto presso produttori di frutta fresca, frutta secca e sale.

Tutti gli altri generi sono contingentati e bloccati: ve ne è una limitatissima disponibilità nel commercio clandestino, a prezzi eccessivi. Per evidenti ragioni non possiamo ricorrere a tale fonte di rifornimento, perchè:

- il commercio di tali generi è vietato dalla legge e quindi perseguito;
- la disponibilità è in ogni caso assai esigua e saltuaria;
- le qualità offerte in vendita (commercio clandestino) hanno sempre provenienza irregolare, frutto il più delle volte di sottrazione abusiva e forse anche talora di furto.

In conclusione, quasi tutti i generi necessari per la fornitura di cantine mobili e spacci, elencati nel foglio al quale rispondo, nonchè gli aghi, bottoni, cucirini, stringhe, mercerie etc. dovrebbero essere ceduti dalle autorità anglo-americane come del resto è stato riconosciuto della seduta del 3 febbraio relativa all'esame di un progetto di costituzione di un gruppo volontario femminile italiano per l'assistenza alle truppe combattenti. =

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

OGGETTO Forniture per spacci e cantine. =

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TALASSIA)

Luigi Talassia

No Quantities in lbs.

BASIS - 500 men - 1 day

1	2	3	4	5	6
ITEM	Scale Recommended AAI - 7072/6/02 of 27 Nov	EFA - Basis for structure	GRE/H.17	Scale Recommended	Scale Recommended
✓ FLOUR	43	40	15	53.5	
C ✓ TEA OR COFFEE	3	2	2 *	2	
✓ SUGAR	29.5	12	9	31	
✓ TINNED MILK	7	14	10	6.75	
B ✓ BREAD OR BISCUIT	3 (Bread)	8 (Bread)	15 (Bread)	—	
J. ✓ SYRUP JAM OR MARMALADE	3	2	2.5	2 1.7	
✓ YEAST	NIL	.25	NIL	—	
✓ BAKING POWDER	.7	1	.1	.7	
✓ COOKING FAT	NIL	9	NIL	—	
U ✓ TINNED FISH, MEAT OR PASTE	NIL	2	15.5	—	
✓ SALT	.14	.5	NIL	.2	
✓ PEPPER	.063	NIL	NIL	—	
✓ EGG POWDER	3	NIL	NIL	3	
✓ DRIED FRUIT	3.5	2.5	.5	3.25	
✓ CHEESE	NIL	3.5	3	—	
✓ MARGARINE	14.5	5	5.5	15.25	
✓ COCOA	NIL	.5	6 *	—	
✓ SOAP	7	NIL	NIL	—	
FUEL	As necessary	As necessary	As necessary	—	
			As necessary		

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ARMY FORM C2103 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY 311845A

For Action

MMIA ROTCE

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

MM/321 O restricted O for ADAWS O here with
scale of canteens sups issued on repayment
to 228 Div O conversation with CAREW-MONT
supers O Delay in locating regretted

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**A GUIDE TO SCALE OF ISSUE OF RASC SUPS FOR USE
IN ITALIAN SOLDIERS' CATERERS**

COMMODITY

	WEEKLY ISSUE TO CATER DAILY FOR 1000 MEN		WEEKLY ISSUE TO CATER DAILY FOR 200 MEN		WEEKLY ISSUE TO CATER DAILY FOR 200 MEN	
	Lbs	Approx Cost in Liras	Lbs	Approx Cost in Liras	Lbs	Approx Cost in Liras
Sea Salt	30	1235	15	613	7 1/2	322
Sugar	440	1585	220	993	110	496
Butt. Tinned	95	1135	47 1/2	569	23 3/4	284
Margarine	220	3633	110	1842	55	922
Baking Powder	10	189	5	95	2 1/2	47
Van or Syrup	30	325	15	163	7 1/2	81
Marinated	10	125	5	65	2 1/2	31
Flour	750	2045	375	1905	187 1/2	741
Salt	2	2	1	1	1	1
Egg Powder	40	2626	20	1313	10	657
Fruit Dried	45	467	22 1/2	234	11 1/4	114

or equivalent in coffee, if desired

Rations for Canteens.

The following information was received from Major Plimpton E.F.I., H.Q. 15.A.C. (B.S.)

1. In estimating for a canteen serving a distributed body of troops it can be assumed that the number of daily users will be approximately 10% of the total number of troops.

2. The following quantities of commodities will be required to produce

1,000 Cups of Tea
1,000 Cakes
1,000 Snacks.

Tea	4	lbs	Prepacked meat	4	lbs
Sugar	24	"	Salt	1	"
Trunks (tinned)	28	"	Dried fruit	5	"
Fat, cooking	18	"	Veget	$\frac{1}{2}$	"
Cheese	7	"	Baking powder	2	"
Margarine	10	"	Cocoa	1	"
Bread	16	"	Jam or Marm.	4	"
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of daily needs will be approximately 10% of the total number of troops.

2. The following quantities of commodities will be required to produce

1,000 cups of tea
1,000 cakes
1,000 snacks.

Tea	4 lbs	Precooked meat	4 lbs
Sugar	24 "	Salt	1 "
Tea (tin)	28 "	Dried fruit	5 "
Fat, cooking	18 "	Yeast	1/2 "
Cheese	7 "	Baking powder	2 "
Margarine	10 "	Cocoa	1 "
Bread	16 "	Jam or Marm.	4 "
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			80 "

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① I believe these two seals
are drafted with very different
purposes.

② A P2 "A" (q.v.) must be introduced
for canteens on a par with FBI
canteens, while GPO 717 is a
concession and is above them.

③. We also adjust models perhaps
for racial preferences.

Rations for Italian Concentees

Below is set out a comparison of the scale of rations for an Italian Army club as suggested in App. "A" to 2072/6/0.2 of 27. two 44 ex IFAI, with the scale laid down in G.R.O. 717/44 for British unit caterers.

Quantities per day - per 500 men served:

APPENDIX "A" G.R.O. 717.-

		43 lbs.	15 lbs.
12	Sugar	28 1/2 "	9 "
5	Margarine or Butter	14 1/2 "	5 1/2 "
14	Thick, Tinned	7 "	10 "
-	Egg powder	3 "	NIL
1/2	Cocoa, Tea or coffee	3 "	2 1/2 lbs Tea or 3 lbs cocoa. -
1	Baking powder	0.7 "	0.1 lbs.
2	Farm Syrup or Marmalade	3 "	2 1/2 "
1/2	Salt	1/2 "	NIL
2 1/2	Butter dried	3 1/2 "	1/2 lb (or 3 1/2 lbs fresh).
-	Pepper	103 "	NIL
8	Bread or Biscuit	3 lbs.	15 lbs. biscuit
-	Soap	7 "	NIL

Short list per day - per 500 men served:

APPENDIX "A" G.R.O. 717 -

40	Flour	43 lbs.	15 lbs.
12	Sugar	28 1/2 "	9 "
5	Margarine or Butter	14 1/2 "	5 1/2 "
14	lard, tinned	7 "	10 "
-	Egg powder	3 "	NIL
1/2	Cocoa, tea or coffee	3 "	2 lbs tea or 3 lbs cocoa -
1	Baking powder	7 "	1 lb.
2	fruit syrup or marmalade	3 "	2 1/2 "
1/2	Salt	1/4 "	NIL
2 1/2	fruit dried	3 1/2 "	1/2 lb (or 3 1/2 lb fresh).
-	Pepper	103	NIL
8	Bread or Biscuit	3 lbs.	15 lbs. biscuit
-	Soap	7 "	NIL
-	Coal or other fuel	as necessary	NIL
3 1/2	Cheese	NIL	3 lbs
2	Dish or Meat Paste.	NIL	15 1/2 "
9	Cooking Fat		
1/4	Yeast		

* G.R.O. 717. Bread, pepper, salt + mustard to be saved from normal rations.

G.R.O. 717/44.

Corps or District Commanders may authorize units to draw certain items of RASC supply through E.F.I., on repayment. Payment will be made to E.F.I. at the time of drawing.

Unit canteens are authorized only where other facilities are not available, authorizations are reviewed monthly, and they lapse when a unit moves.

The following is the maximum scale : items must be drawn on a strict consumption basis.

Quantities per 1,000 men per day.

4 lbs	of tea , or 6 lbs of cocoa.
20 "	" " tinned milk.
18 "	" " sugar.
30 "	" " flour.
30 "	" " biscuits
11 "	" " cooking fat, or marg.
3 ozs	" Baking powder.
5 lbs	" Jam or Marmalade.
7 "	" Fresh fruit (or 1 lb dried fruit)
6 "	" Cheese.
31 "	" Fish or Meat paste.

when biscuits are not available, extra flour, sugar and cooking fat.

Bread, salt, pepper and mustard to be saved from normal rations.

SUBJECT: Commodities for Canteens.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/J/1.
12 Jan. 45.

Ministry of War.
Ufficio Assistenza e Benessere del Soldato.

Please inform this Headquarters which, of the following commodities can be supplied from Italian resources for use in canteens.

Sugar
Margarine
Butter
Cooking fat
Cocoa
Tea
Coffee

Jam or preserves
Soap
Fruit dried
Fruit fresh
Salt
Pepper
Mustard

Bread or biscuit
Cheese
Meat paste
Fish paste
Flour
Baking Powder

[Signature]
Lt.Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

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