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HEADQUARTERS, No. 1 TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

(Ufficio Servizi)

Subject :- Sten Machine Guns.

Ref :- 03/199/11.
12 Jan, 47.

To :- Headquarters, Artillery Command.

Copies to :- 1 B.L.U.
Artillery Department.

In modification of the instructions in letter 03/6016/111 dated 14 Dec., your H.Q. is asked to dispose of the 56 Sten Machine Guns, all deposited by the Artillery Department, together with the other 512 which the H.Q., Carabinieri of Turin are handing in the above Department will be sent to the D.A.D.O.S., 218 Sub-Area, Riccione, and not the Camp Office, Corso Galileo Ferraris, Turin.

The handing-in of the Arms in question will be effected by Train, with the instructions stated in letter 03/6016/111 of this H.Q.

The wagon must be properly escorted -

Your H.Q. are asked in addition to send to Riccione a N.C.O. to see that the transfer of the Arms is properly carried out with the attached voucher - 4 copies.

Of the 4 copies of this voucher, signed as a receipt, will be:

2 passed to 1 B.L.U.
2 retained by your H.Q.

Date of train will be notified later.

Chief of Staff.

*Translated by
J. J. B. B. B. B.
sh.
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1° COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI TORINO
RC/bv Ufficio Servizi

Prot. N.

03/199/IIZ
Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

OGGETTO: Moschetti automatici Sten.-

Torino,

12 GEN 1947

AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA

e, per conoscenza:

AL 1° B.L.U.

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA

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A modifica di quanto disposto col foglio 03/6016/III in data 14 dic. u.s., codesto Comando é pregato disporre perché i 56 Sten, tuttora depositati presso la Direzione di Artiglieria, unitamente agli altri 512 che il Comando Legione Carabinieri di Torino farà effluire in questi giorni alla predetta Direzione, siano versanti al D.A.D.O.S. 218 SUB-ARSA - RICCIONE, anziché presso il Camp. Office-Corso Galileo Ferraris - Torino.-

Il versamento delle armi in questione sarà effettuato per ferrovia, con le norme di cui al predetto foglio 03/6016/III di questo Comando.-

Il vagone dovrà essere regolarmente scortato.-

Codesto Comando é pregato, inoltre, di avviare a Riccione un sottufficiale, il quale provvederà a regolarizzare il versamento delle armi col buono - in quadruplici copie - allegato.-

Delle quattro copie di detto buono, firmate per ricevuta, saranno:

2 - consegnate al 1° B.L.U.

2 - trattenute da codesto C/do.-

Si ritiene in attesa di conoscere la data di spedizione.-

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ARMED'ordine

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IL SOTTUFFICIALE D'ORDINE
IL SOTTUFFICIALE DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten. Col. F. Caroprese)

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Subj: SPM MACHINE CARBINES.

- 1 British Liaison Unit,
A/CHD/5.
2 Jan, 1947.

To: Comando Territoriale, Torino.

Reference your 03/6016/II dated 14 Dec., 1946, and further to my A/CHD/5 dated 29 Oct., 1946.

1. It has now been found necessary to amend present disposal instructions contained para. 3 of above mentioned letter due to the disbandment of this Unit in the very near future.

2. Comando Carabinieri Legione di Torino has notified this office that 512 SPM Machine Carbines will be returned by him to Comando Artig. as soon as they have been collected in from out-lying stations; this will bring the total for transport to 568. (All serviceable.)

3. Owing to the limited transport I am unable to arrange despatch to Riofiora. Will you therefore undertake this task, please, and return the S.M.C.s in four copies. Your representative should obtain a receipt on all four, two to be retained by you to support your records, and remainder passed to this office for onward transmission to M.G., M.M.L.A., Rome.

4. 6 days, the S.M.C.s should therefore be in the hands of Comando Artig. by the 3th Jan, 1947 approx. Kindly notify this office when vehicles will be leaving for their destination, please, so that arrangements can be made for their receipt into R.S.D.

Sub-Comdr.,
Ordinance Warrent Officer.
(S.G. CHAMMAN)

Copies: - Comando Carabinieri Legione, Torino.
D.A.D.O.S., 218 Sub-area. (Ref. D.A.D.O.S. 217 Area 03/4/31 dated 25 Oct 46)

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Issue Voucher <u>11/10/59</u> No. and Date <u>2 JAN 67</u> Amount : — No. of Sheets <u>ONE</u> Sheet No. <u>ONE</u> Issued by : — <u>CHIEF OF CENTRAL</u> <u>TRUST.</u>	ISSUE and RECEIPT VOUCHER <i>NOTE—Voucher must accompany the Stores when practicable</i> { For Office Stamp	Receipt Voucher No. and Date <u>23</u> <u>53</u> <u>8</u> <u>1</u> Account : —
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		MACHINE GUNNERS MORT.	563								
		(MOUNTED AUTOMATIC WEAPON)									
		To be returned by Italian Transport.									

Army Form G 1033
(In books of 100)

* Of consignor on original and triplicate,
and of consignee on duplicate.

“ (Signature of consignor or consignee)

D. A. D. O. S. 218 Sub-Area.

1° COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI TORINO

TR/mg

Ufficio Servizi

Prot. N. 03/6016/11 Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

OGGETTO: Moschetti automatici STEN.--

Torino,

14 DIC 1945

AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA
(rif.f.n.03/3096 del 28 e.m.)
e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 1° B. L. U.

(rif.f.n.A/Ord/3 del 29/10/46)

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Pregasi disporre perché la dipendente Direzione di Artiglieria provveda al versamento ~~in~~ presso il Camp. Office - Corso Galileo Ferraris 22 - dei 56 moschetti automatici STEN.

Gli STEN dovranno essere imballati, compilando una distinta del contenuto della cassa.

Dovrà essere indicato altresì sulla cassa la natura del contenuto.

La Direzione di Artiglieria dovrà compilare una dichiarazione che le armi sono state ispezionate e che le canne ed i caricatori sono privi di munizioni.--

d'ordine

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col.P.Caroprese)

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AL COMANDO ARTIGLIERIA
(rif.f.n.03/3096 del 28 o.m.)
e, per conoscenza:

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(rif.f.n.A/Ord/3 del 29/10/46)

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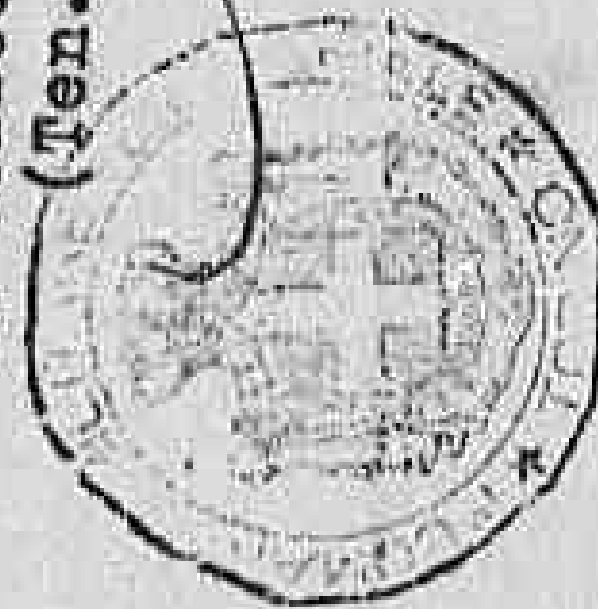
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Subject :- Q. MACHINE CARTRIDGES.

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/GRD/3.
16 Dec., 1946.

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To :- DAA & MG.,
2 British Liaison Unit.

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Reference by A/GRD/3 dated 29 Oct., '46.

1. Kindly notify this office of numbers of B.M.C.s to be returned by No. 2 Territorial Command as early as possible, please.
2. It has since been ascertained that the CC. are also in possession of considerable numbers of B.M.C.s, surplus due to their issue of Italian Arms.
3. The CC. should be included in instructions issued by you, and numbers notified together with those of the Territ. Comd., please.

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Lt. Col., R. Ir. F.
G.S.O. 1.

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Subject :- HANDOVER OF STEN MACHINE CARBINES.

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/5.
15 Dec., 1946.

To:- Comando,
Carabinieri Regione di Torino.

Instructions have now been received that all surplus Sten Machine Carbines at present held by the Italian Army are to be handed in and returned to Ordnance Depots.

Please arrange for S.M.C.s held by you to be returned as follows :-

- (a) S.M.C.s will be packed into Cases where possible.
- (b) A Voucher will be prepared showing total number of Cases and the number of S.M.C.s packed. One copy of this voucher will be placed inside one of the cases before sealing.
- (c) Each case will be clearly marked with nature of contents.
- (d) A Certificate stating that all Arms have been inspected and are free from Ammunition will be submitted with the original copy of the voucher.

Kindly notify this office immediately number of Sten Machine Carbines to be returned, instructions re disposal will then be issued.

Please note that this matter is VERY URGENT.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Telephone:

Rome 489081 Ext 415

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF

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12 Dec 46

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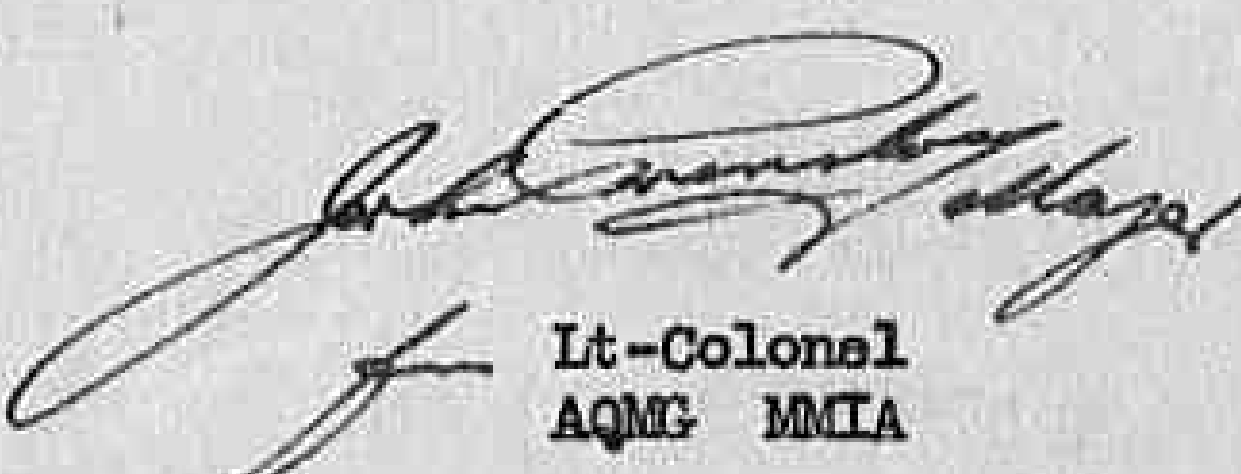
Subject: Return of Sten Machine Carbines.

Ref A/ORD/3 of 3 Dec 46. 193

1. This H.Q. letter of even reference dated 12 July 46 is still effective.
2. The CC are reported to be in possession of ^{these} normal arms which are all of Italian manufacture; the S.M.C.s should therefore be handed in to DADOS 217 Sub Area as requested.
3. Please forward a copy of the receipt to ADOS this H.Q.

512 - S.M.C.

HTOP/ra


Lt-Colonel
AQMG MMIA

Copy to/ ORD
CC.

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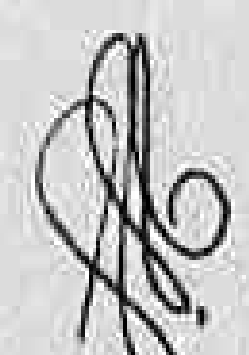
Subject :- Return of Sten Machine Carbines.

1 British Liaison Unit,
1/000/3.
3 Dec., 1946.

To :- Land Forces Sub-Commission (40),
M.M.I.A., R.M.E.

Reference your Q.138 dated 12 July, 1946.

1. Instructions have been received from D.A.D.C.S., 217 Area stating that all Sten Machine Carbines, Mk. II, III and V withdrawn from the Italian Army are to be handed in to R.S.D. for onward transmission to U.K.
2. Nos 1 and 2 Territorial Commands were notified accordingly, and the former have 64 S.M.C.s ready for return.
3. The C.C., however, were issued with Berretta Arms in June, and in July requested permission from Commander, C.C., Rome to retain S.M.C.s; this request was granted.
4. May a ruling please be given as to whether these S.M.C.s come under the 'exchange for T&G 45' scheme, or whether the C.C. are to hold them until further notice.
5. Copies of correspondence from G.H.Q., 3 District and 217 Area are attached for your information.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Subject: Sten Machine Carbine

1 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F. 92

A/ORD/3
26 Nov. '46.

To: Comando Territoriale, Turin.

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Ref. by A/ORD/3 dated 29 Oct. '46.

Kindly hasten reply please, this matter is extremely URGENT.

Jb.
Sub-Cond. R.A.O.C.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Subject:- STEN MACHINE CARBINES.

1 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

URGENT

A/ORD/5.
29 Oct., 1946.

To :- DAA & QMG.,
2 British Liaison Unit.

Reference M.M.I.A. letter No. Q/138 dated 12 July, 1946.

1. Instructions have now been received from D.A.D.O.S., 217 Area, that all Sten Machine Carbines, Mks. II, III and V are to be returned to U.K. Please notify Comando Territoriale, Genoa to this effect, and kindly ensure that the following instructions are complied with.

2. Units to submit a return, as per proforma at Appdx. 'A' immediately, and arrangements to be made forthwith for S.M.C.s to be returned to R.S.D., D.A.D.O.S. 217 Area as early as possible.

3. Where possible S.M.C.s to be cased and a copy of relevant voucher placed inside. Cases to be clearly marked with nature of contents, and Os.C. Units to submit a certificate stating that Arms have been inspected, and Breeches, Magazines etc. cleared of Ammunition.

2/ 1846
Lt-Col. R.Ir.F.,
G.S.O.I.

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APPEND. "A" 2
A/ORD/3 of 29 Oct. 1946.

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DATE _____

STEIN MACHINE CARTRIDGE.

NAME	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	TOTAL	UNIT LOCATION
				1815

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Subject :- STEN MACHINE CARBINES.

URGENT

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/OED/3.
29 Oct., 1946.

To :- Comando Territoriale,

Reference this H.Q. letter 9/7 dated 16 July, '46.

1. Instructions have now been received that all Sten Machine Carbines, Mk. II, III and V are to be returned to U.K.

2. Kindly notify this office, by return, of numbers by Units as per proforma at Appdx. "A", please.

3. Arrangements should be made forthwith for U.M.C. to be handed into Camp Office, 22 Corso Galileo Ferraris, as early as possible.

4. Where possible U.M.C.s to be cased, and a copy of relevant voucher placed inside. Cases to be clearly marked with nature of contents, and U.M.C. Units to submit a certificate stating that Arms have been inspected, and Breeches, Magazines etc. cleared.

Please treat this matter as extremely URGENT.

J. Chapman
Sub-Comdr., R.A.O.C.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.
(S.G. CHAPMAN.)

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APFDZ. "A"
A/ORD/3 of 29 Oct. 1946.

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DATE _____

STEN MACHINE CARBINE.

MARK	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	TOTAL	UNIT LOCATION

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Tel:- 21. Area 46/447.

Dados Dump 217 Area
Ref : 03/A/31
Date: 25 October 46

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Subject:- Sten Machine Carbines -

DA & AQME 6 B.L.U.
OWO HQ 4 B.L.U.
OWO HQ 7 B.L.U.
OWO HQ 1 B.L.U. ✓

1. Attached copies of DOS/2125/3 of 11th Oct. '46, and HQ J District 08/39/5(100) dated 15 Oct. '46 are forwarded for information and necessary action.

2. This office will be notified as early as possible the number of serviceable and unserviceable Sten Machine Carbines being withdrawn from Italian Units and returned by addressees to R.S.D.

LG/LL

See 84

Blie Spas

Major.

(N.Y. BUTCHER)

/s/ DADOS 217 Area.

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COPY

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

Subject:- Sten Machine Carbine

Ref: DOS/2125/3
Tel: PADUA 22320
Date: 11th Oct 46

ADOS 3 District

Ref your OS/102 dated 26th Sep 46.

1. All serviceable and repairable Sten machine carbines of Mk II, III and V (S/List Serial 209) withdrawn from the Italian Army are required for return to U.K. Stores should be consigned to OO, 99 OSD, WEEDON.
2. OSIT No. 1,509 has been allotted for this consignment, which will be shipped from Venice. Please notify this Directorate as soon as the number of cases, tonnage etc is known.

Signed xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

(D.B. BAKER) Capt
for Brigadier
D.O.S.

Copy to:- ~~222~~ DADOS Moves (HQ),

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copy

Subject:- Sten Machine Carbines

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS/39/5(100-)

10 BLU

15 Oct 46

ADOS NAPLES Area
DADOS 217 Area
OO RAAG

Further to my Signal OS/102 of 26 Sept 46.

1. Copy of DOS letter DOS/2425/3 of 11 Oct 46 is forwarded for necessary action.
2. Second to fourth addressees will ensure that all serviceable and repairable Sten Machine Carbines withdrawn from the Italian Army, are notified to DOS in accordance with para 2 of the a/m letter.
3. It is anticipated that large quantities of these items will be held by BLUs. Addressees will, therefore, ensure that this letter is brought to notice of all BLUs within their respective territories.

/EG

Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W.N. DARBYSHIRE)

Copy to:- DOS GHQ CMF

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Subject:- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

S.P.O.
H.Q., 557 B.O.D.

1 Sub Depot.
557 B.O.D., C.M.F.
Tel. No. Ponte 75.
Ref: 1/25/5/Rept/91
16th. July, 1946

1. Reference telephone conversation Chief Clerk S.P.O. /
L/Opl. Clarke.

2. Issue Vouchers No.'s 249462, 260106, 251459, 251069/70,
enumerated on our monthly return, for May 1946, and Issue
Vouchers No.'s MT/238905, 248594/95, 258788/92, 260501/07,
249463, on our monthly return for April 1946 are in error.

3. These vouchers are for stores issued to a B.L.U. They
are not on repayment, and should, therefore, be deleted.

Ob Mitchell, Capt

Ordinance Officer

Copy to:- No. 1 B.L.U.

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Subject :- Admin - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MILIA) ROME
3 002
15 Jul 46

To :- MINISTER OF WAR

Expt - Italian Army

1. It is expected that increasing quantities of the following war-like material will be issued to the Italian Army almost immediately, from British Depots around Naples :-

- (a) Arms and am
- (b) Motor veh spares and tyres
- (c) Wireless and Signal eqpt
- (d) Engr and other stores

2. The conditions under which British Depots will be handling this material, and the Allies desire to close most of these installations as soon as possible, are likely to lead to a considerable confusion unless your organisation is able to receive and distribute expeditiously large and unbalanced consignments of all types of material, at very short notice.

3. It is probable that your emergency Depot at Aversa may become over-worked and over-loaded and that as a result the issue of eqpt to units may be delayed, and the flow from British Depots so checked that consignments may have to be diverted to surplus disposal agencies (ARAR) and so lost to the Italian Army.

4. To prevent this happening it is considered that an immediate interim plan should be made (related, as far as possible, to your final org anisation), which would facilitate the handling of material in appropriate Depots.

5. This has already been discussed with your representatives in the Directorates concerned, and the following suggestions have been made :-

(a)	<u>Arms</u>	Depot	PIACENZA	} Separate works stores sections to be established as required in vicinity of Base Wksp. 1808
(b)	<u>MT Spares</u>	"	MILAN	
(c)	<u>Signal Stores</u>	"	PAVIA	
(d)	<u>Engineer Stores</u>	"	"	

6. It is important that such depots should be staffed by officers and Other Ranks with experience of the British Expt they will be handling. This may well necessitate the temporary withdrawal of additional personnel from Inf Divs. The W.E. of the Depots Staff should be decided as soon as a firm decision has been taken.

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7. Will you please give this matter your urgent consideration and inform me as soon as possible what your plans are for the establishment and staffing of the necessary Depots. If you so wish, I should be pleased to discuss, or give any further info required, from the Allied point of view so as to enable you more effectively to produce a plan.

(SGd) W PIDSLEY COL

Subject :- Maintenance Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
POMT
Q005
25 May 46

To :- List "B"

1. The object of this letter is to explain the present position regarding "supply" of maintenance items and to dispel any suspicions that the War Ministry are not concerning themselves sufficiently with the need to repair deficiencies in Unit Maintenance.

2. The maintenance of the Italian Army including the CC.RR. is the responsibility of the Italian Govt through the War Ministry. With the exception of British Ordnance Weapons, eqpt and am the sources of supply are under the control of the Italian Govt. As regards tpt see para 5.

3. The War Ministry control all maintenance items which are distributed down to units through the normal admin channels i.e., Supply Depots, Clothing Depots, Am Magazines etc. The procedure for indenting system of supply and detailed routine have been communicated to Terr Comds in Directive issued by the War Ministry.

4. Some confusion and uncertainty has arisen regarding provision and supply of British Ordnance Stores. It must be remembered that the re-organisation of the Italian Army and re-equipping of Units other than CC.RR. with British weapons is coinciding with the run down of British stores in the theatre and the closing of Ordnance installations.

Every endeavour is being made by this HQ to secure for the War Ministry the stores needed to complete authorised eqpt scales including maint items. Wherever possible (and invariably in the case of weapons and am) transfer is being arranged direct military to military. In certain cases the War Ministry are acquiring stores through Allied Disposal Agencies and A.R.A.R.

5. The long term policy regarding tpt is that the Italian Army shall be equipped with vhs manufactured by the Italian Motor Industry. As a temporary measure efforts are being made to obtain further serviceable Allied vhs and spares parts for those already held. The difficulty is the fact that there is an actual shortage in the theatre of such eqpt and no Allied surplus exists.

6. On receipt of the necessary GHQ authy the transfer of Italian Ord Eqp to Italian Depots is arranged.

Thereafter distribution follows the normal practice.

No useful purpose is served by making detailed demands for this or that item and all concerned are requested to ensure the above situation is made clear to Terr or other Commanders. BLUs can and should assist by advising on correct procedure and investigating whether or not

of supply are under the control of the Italian Govt. As regards tpt see para 5.

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Every endeavour is being made by this HQ to secure for the War Ministry the stores needed to complete authorised eqpt scales including maint items. Wherever possible (and invariably in the case of weapons and amn) transfer is being arranged direct military to military. In certain cases the War Ministry are acquiring stores through Allied Disposal Agencies and A.R.A.R.

5. The long term policy regarding tpt is that the Italian Army shall be equipped with vels manufactured by the Italian Motor Industry. As a temporary measure efforts are being made to obtain further serviceable Allied vels and spares parts for those already held. The difficulty is the fact that there is an actual shortage in the theatre of such eqpt and no Allied surplus exists.

6. On receipt of the necessary GHQ authy the transfer of 1807 Italian Ord Eqpt to Italian Depots is arranged. Thereafter distribution follows the normal practice.

No useful purpose is served by making detailed demands for this or that item and all concerned are requested to ensure the above situation is made clear to Terr or other Commanders. BJUs can and should assist by advising on correct procedure and investigating whether or not the War Ministry instrs on the matter have been followed.

(SGC) R.A. CURTIS Lt Col

Issue of British Equipment to Italian A. M. Forces. 88

No: 1 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.

A/ORD/3
20 July '46

To:- Host Territorial Command.
TURIN.

FOR COMMISSIONARY.

Reference Italian War Ministry letter 4/1782 dated 20 June '46.

1. Kindly state: (a) If any of the equipment referred to in a/n letter has arrived.
(b) If any Advice copies of Vouchers have yet been received.
(c) If, in the event of (a) do any deficiencies or surpluses exist.
2. Is there sufficient quantities of Cleaning Materials for arms. eg. Brushes, Oils etc., available to meet immediate demands of Units.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

Copy to: S.C. MEMPHIS: 1 R.L.U.
for info see para 2.

1806

WAR MINISTRY

Subject : Issue of British equipment to
Italian Army.

Rome, 20 June 46

4/1782

for Infm ; 1 BLU.

Reference message 4/1685 dated 8 June 46.

1. As soon as the equipment has been checked and taken in charge it will be forwarded to the units concerned.

In particular:-

- arms: will be despatched to the Infantry and Alpini Regts as well as to the Regts. of the internal security Division in order of priority and in the quantity shown on enclosure No.1
 - signal stores: those shown on enclosure 2 will be forwarded to the Infantry Div. Hqs according to the priority and quantity shown on the enclosure itself; the remainder will be set aside pending further instructions from this S.M.
 - vehicle spare parts: must from time to time be forwarded to O.A.R.E. Bologna.
2. Transport demands: By wire to the Transport Office of this S.M.
 3. The General HQ of Arty and Motors are kindly asked to issue the required directives re the collection from the aforesaid regts. of the Italian arms and ammunition. This will take place as each regiment will receive the complete equipment of British arms and ammunition.

The GOC
(signed) Giorgio Iduzzi.

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The GOC
(signed) Giorgio Liuzzi.

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Subject :- Weapons for Italian Army

1 British Liaison Unit
Q 7

To :- No 1 Territorial Command
TURIN
ORD - 1 B.L.U.

16 Jul 46

The following is copy of letter received from HQ MMIA,
and is passed for information.

" It has been decided to standardise Machine Carbines
for the Italian Army on the TMC 45, sufficient quantities
of which are available.

On the issue of the TMC 45's all STEN MC's held by the
Italian Army will be withdrawn and returned to ORD."

[Signature]
Major
DAA & QMG

*Rang 8/1/46
& Clancy
20/7/46*

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE
BELOW THIS SHEET
DEALS WITH ITEMS
APPERTAINING TO
CONSOLIDATED LISTS OF
Guns & Equipment.

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DETERM WITH ITEMS

APPROXIMATING TO

CONSOLIDATED LISTS OF

GRIDS + EQUIPMENT.

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SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Armed Forces -

OWO No. 1 BLU

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS/39/10/5 (15)

12 July 46

Receipt of your letter A/ORD/3 of 9 Jul 46 and return
attached thereto, is acknowledged.

j/th

W. C. Thomas

180 For Lt Col
ADOS
(W C THOMAS)

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Subject: Letter to Italian Armed Forces.

Head British Liaison Unit.
C.I.P.

1/10/5
9 July 1946.

To: A.D.O.S. IN 5 REGIMENT. GE.

Copy: A.D.O.S. Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
H.E.I.A. H.E.I.A.

Reference your letter OS/39/10/5(7) dated
21 June '46, and Signals OS/39/10/5(10); OS/39/10/5(11).

1. Herewith, Ammunition Section Consolidated
List of Stores and Equipment, Mantova Division.
2. All Consolidated Returns, Mantova now
completed.
3. Please acknowledge receipt.


Ordinance Warrant Officer.

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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2/28/80

For Action

ADOS DISTHREE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

OS'19' D O UNCLASSIFIED O YOUR OS'39'10'S(11)
MY A/ORD/3 DATED 26 JUNE REFER
AMMO STATES MANTOVA RECEIVED THIS
A.M.O WILL FORWARD IMMEDIATELY
TRANSLATION COMPLETED O ESTIMATE
ONE WEEK TO COMPLETE O

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS (WIRELESS)

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MEAV V MELY NR 010169
FROM ADOS DISTHREE 011230 B
TO ORG 1 BLU

011052

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BT
OS/39/10/5(11) UNCLASS (.)

REF MY LETTER ~~02/30/10/5(11)~~ OS/39/10/5(7) OF 21 JUN PARA
2 (.) EXPEDITE REPLY

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SENT NR 169 1800 WS B K
RL NR 169 RJK 01/1759 B 7

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COMANDO DI DIVISIONE DI ARTIGLERIA "CREMONA"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione Operazioni e Servizi
^^^

79

N. 1677/Serv.

Torino 13 giugno 1946.

Oggetto: esistenza munizioni ed esplosivi alla data 14 novembre 1945.

→ AL 1° B.L.U. = Ord.
e, per conoscenza:

TORINO

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
- Ufficio Servizi -

TORINO

Esito richiesta OD/13 data 10 corrente si trasmette
l'elenco di cui all'oggetto significando che i dati sono
comprensivi delle esistenze di :

- 1^ linea (in distribuzione ai reparti);
- 2^ linea, e 3^ linea (in più della 1^ e 2^ linea e 7 gr.
addizionali) esistenti presso il posto munizioni
divisionale.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
n.Col. Ignazio Pisotti

1738



[Handwritten signature]

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Subject: - Ammunition & explosives destroyed on 14 Nov. 1945

To I.B.L. U. & for
acknowledgment to
Comando Territoriale.

Ref:- your letter 00/13, we are transmitting list
of ammunition & explosives.

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SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Armed Forces -

OWO 1 BLU

3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS/39/10/1 (9)

24 Jun 46

Ref your letter A/ORD/3 of 18 Jun 46.

1. Receipt of Consolidated list of Ammunition and Explosives in respect of Cremona Division, is acknowledged.

W. C. Thomas 1790

T/th

Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W C THOMAS)

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Subject:- Issue to Italian Armed Forces.

No:1 British Malaya Unit
C.M.F.

A/ODD/3
26 June 1946.

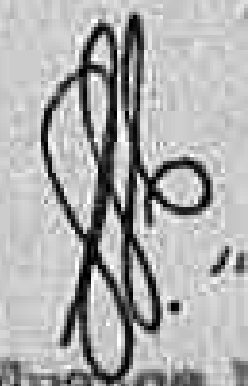
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See 74

To:- A.D.C.S. 3 District. C.M.F.

Reference your OS/39/10/5 (7) dated

21 June '46.

1. First of Ammunition Holdings will be forwarded as soon as possible after receipt from Mantova Division.
2. Mantova Division did forward a list of Ammunition Holdings to this office, but these contained only receipts in October 1945, and not, as requested, Unit Holdings.
3. Mantova Division has been hastened.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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MEAV V MEDY 240446
FROM ADOS DISTHREE 241700B
TO ORD 1 BLU
BT
OS/39/10/5(10) (.) UNCLASS (.) YOUR Q7 OF 21 (.)
RECIPT ACKNOWLEDGED (.) SEE MY LETTER OS/39/10/5(7)
OF 21 JUN
BT
SENT 2142 J I J BBB K
RD NR46 RB AT 2142

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2 JUL 1946

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SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Armed Forces -

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3 District
Tel Ext 83
OS/39/10/5 (7)

OWO 1 BLU —

21 Jun 46

Ref your letter A/ORD/3 of 15 Jun 46.

1. Receipt of consolidated lists and unit returns in respect of the Mantova Division are acknowledged.
2. Please report when the list of ammunition holdings may be expected.

W. C. Thomas

T/th

Maj for Lt Col
ADOS
(W C THOMAS)

Copy to: DOS GHQ CMF
ADOS MMIA

A/O/31793

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Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

No:1 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.

A/D/3
26 June 1946.

To:
OO. 1 Sub-Depot. 557 A.O.D. C.M.F.

Enclosed Issue Vouchers, Priced, received
by this office are for Stores issued to this Unit, and not to
Italian Armed Forces.

As no Accounting action is required between
British/British units, please make necessary adjustments.

Control Numbers: IM 23805, 24554/95,
260106, 256782/92, 260105/07, 251069/70, 251159, 249462, 249463,
Issue Vouchers, enclosed.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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FROM (A) <u>ORD 18LU</u>	Originator	Date-Time of Origin <u>21 1530Z</u>	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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(W) For Information (INFO)			GH
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Subject :- Consolidated list of stores and equipment - Cremona Division.

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1 British Liaison Unit, C.M.F.,
A/GHD/3.
12 June, 1946.

A.D.C.S., Headquarters, 3 District,
C.M.F.

Reference your OS/39/10/1 (5) dated 6 June 46, and further to
my OS/14/D dated 10 June 46; herewith consolidated list of Ammunition and Explosives
in respect of Cremona Division as at 14 Nov 45.

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Ordnance Warrent Officer.
(S.C. CHAPMAN.)

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Subject :- Consolidated list of stores and equipment - Mantova Division. 63

1 British Liaison Unit, C.M.F.,
A/OD/3.
15 June 1946.

A.D.C.S., Headquarters, 5 District,
C.M.F.

Please find herewith -

1. CONSOLIDATED LIST OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT FOR MANTOVA LIFTY DIV.
2. RETRAN FROM UNITS FROM WHICH LIST WAS COMPILED.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, please.

Ammunition figures are not yet available, but these 1739
will be forwarded as soon as returns from both Divisions have been received.

Copies :- A.D.C.S., M.M.I.A., HQML
O.C., 10 B.L.U.
File.

Ordnance Warrant Officer.
(S.G. CHAPMAN.)

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ARMY FORM C9136 (Small)

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HEADQUARTERS MANTOVA DIVISION

TO

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Message Instructions

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45 REQUIRED THIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN
14 JUNE 46 O

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MEAV V MEDY NR 060458

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FROM ADOS DISTHREE 061550 B

TO ORD 1 BLU

INFO DOS GHQ CMF

ADOS MMIA

BT

OS/39/10/1 (5) (.) UNCLASS (.) YOUR A/ORD30F 25 MAY 46 (.)

LISTS RECEIVED BUT DO NOT INCLUDE AMN HOLDINGS (.) SUBMIT

THESE SOONEST (.) FOR DOS (.) DISTWO LETTER

ORD/5048 OF 9 MAY REFERS (.)

BT 061550 B

SENT NR 060458 2104 AP B 3 K

RD NR458 AT 2104 EAD B K

Amn. issued on Repayment.

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Subject :- Signal Rpt for Italian Army

To :- No 1 Territorial Command
TURIN

1 British Liaison Unit
Q 7

6 Jun 46

The attached list of Signal Rpt is forwarded for information. This
rpt will shortly be released to the Italian Army.

[Signature]
Major
DIA & QMG

Serial

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Item

Wireless Sets No 38 (not Mk III)
Wireless Sets No 43
Wireless Sets No 19
Wireless Sets No 19 (HP)
Wireless Sets No 9
Wireless Receiver No 107
Switchboards P & P 40 line
Frames, Testing, 40 pr
Switchboards 10 line U.C.
Superposing Units 1 transformer
Superposing Units 3 transformers
Fullerphones (not Mk V)
Telephones D Mk V
Telephones "L"
Telephones "T"
Cable D 8 Miles
Cable D 3 Miles
Charging Sets 4 Kv
Charging Sets 1260 W
Charging Sets 300 W

Qty

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Copy to :- QMG

1 British Liaison Unit. ✓

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>
1	Wireless Sets No 38 (not Mk III)	1911
2	Wireless Sets No 43	567
3	Wireless Sets No 19	981
4	Wireless Sets No 19 (HP)	84
5	Wireless Sets No 9	22
6	Wireless Receiver No 107	7
7	Switchboards P & F 40 line	11
8	Frames, Testing, 40 pr	16
9	Switchboards 10 line U.C.	192
10	Superposing Units 1 transformer	64
11	Superposing Units 3 transformers	44
12	Fullerphones (not Mk V)	162
13	Telephones D Mk V	1801
14	Telephones "L"	642
15	Telephones "M"	290
16	Cable D 5 Miles	420
17	Cable D 3 Miles	3340
18	Charging Sets 4 Kw	3
19	Charging Sets 1260 W	63
20	Charging Sets 300 W	597

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A/ore/3

Copy to :- CTD

1 British Liaison Unit. ✓

[Signature]
Major
D.L. & QMG

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(subject:- ISSUES TO ITALIAN ARMY.

ORDNANCE, 1 B. I. U. (TURIN)
tel: 45516
ref: A/OED/3
5 JUNE 46

A. D. O. S. HQ M. N. I. A.

Reference your O/OB/1 dated 31 MAY 46.

1. Contents of your letter have been noted.
2. Every assistance has been given to Sgt. Green in compiling consolidated lists of MANROVA I.C.G., but, to finish these lists by 3 June is not possible.
3. Work has been continuing until late hours every day by all Ordnance staff and civilian typists and as this consolidation is a slow and tedious task the earliest possible date for completion will be approximately 15 June 46, may therefore these extra seven days be granted please.
4. As most of this work now consists only of typing, there is no apparent necessity for keeping Sgt. Green after 6 June 46.

EOG/IL.

[Signature]
S/CDR.
ORIGINAL WARRANT OFFICE
S.C. CHAIRMAN 1731.

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SUBJECT : Issues to Italian Army. 53

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A. ROME.
Q/OS/1

31 May 1946

TO : O.W.O.
1 British Liaison Unit. SEE 54

1. Please give Sgt Green every assistance in compiling lists for the records required by A.D.O.S. 3 District.
2. There has been a considerable delay in obtaining this information which is now urgently required, also Sgt Green has had his Python deferred for 14 days, therefore the work on these lists must finish by 8 June.

T. H. Shortrose
(T.H. SHORTHORSE) Major,
for A.D.O.S. Lt.Col.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: O.O. 7 B.L.U. (refers your Ord 11
of 27 May 46).

Internal : "Q"

*Sgt. Green's report
back immediately!*
1730

SUBJECT :- Maintenance Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.003
25 May 46

TO :- List "B"

1. The object of this letter is to explain the present position regarding "supply" of maintenance items and to dispel any suspicions that the War Ministry are not concerning themselves sufficiently with the need to repair deficiencies in Unit maintenance.

2. The maintenance of the Italian Army including the O.O.R.R. is the responsibility of the Italian Government through the War Ministry. With the exception of British Ordnance weapons, equipment and ammunition the sources of supply are under the control of the Italian Government. As regards transport see para. 5.

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Thereafter distribution follows the normal practice.

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- under the control of the Italian Government. As regards transport see para. 5.
3. The War Ministry control all maintenance items which are distributed down to Units through the normal administrative channels i.e. Supply Depots, Clothing Depots, Ammunition Magazines etc. The procedure for indenting, system of supply and detailed routine have been communicated to Territorial Commands in Directives issued by the War Ministry.
 4. Some confusion and uncertainty has arisen regarding provision and supply of British Ordnance stores. It must be remembered that the re-organization of the Italian Army and re-equipping of Units other than CO. BR with British weapons is coinciding with the run down of British stores in the theatre and the closing of Ordnance installations.
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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Consolidated List of Stores & Equipment
for Italian Infantry Divisions.

Re: 1 British Liaison Unit.

C.M.F.

N/OB/3

25 May 1946.

To:- A.D.O.S. HQ 3 District.
C.M.F.

Further to this HQ letter Q 7 of even date.

Enclosed herewith:

1. CONSOLIDATED LIST OF STORES & EQUIPMENT FOR GREEK INFANTRY DIVISION.
2. RETURNS FROM UNITS OF GREEK INFANTRY DIVISION FROM WHICH CONSOLIDATED LIST WAS COMPILED.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, please.

Ordinance Warrant Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject :- Consolidated List of Eqpt
for Italian Inf Divs

ORD
49
1 British Liaison Unit
Q 7

25 May 46

To :- ADOS
HQ 3 District

Ref your signal OS/21/5 dated 24 May 46.

1. Consolidated list of eqpt in respect of CREMONA Inf Div, was completed by ORD Branch this unit on 5 Apr 46, and ORD 2 District duly advised (this office signal OS/7/D of 5 Apr refers). Distwo were requested for disposal instrs for this return, but as yet these instrs have not been forthcoming. However, this Consolidated List will be despatched to your HQ to-day.

2. Approx three weeks ago, this unit was informed that it had to consolidate eqpt for MANTOVA Inf Div, this is now 75% completed and will be despatched to your HQ as soon as possible.


Major
DAA & QIG

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MAY 4 1947 ME 66 QVR 1
FROM ABOS BIRTHDAY - 2405028
TO 1 BLU

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the message*

INFO:- ABOS MHA
COPY TO 08/39/10/1-2-3-4-5 08/25/1

BT
08/21/5 (15) UNCLAS.. FOR ORD BRANCH.. SUBJECT IS ISSUED TO ITALIAN
ARMED FORCES. ORD 2 DIST CONFIRM THAT CONSOLIDATED LIST OF 12PT
ISSUED TO COMBAT SPS AND SUPPORTING UNITS UP TO 14 NOV 45 HAS NOT
BEEN SUBMITTED BY YOU IN SPITE OF FREQUENT HASTENING ACTION.
FED TO THIS DIRECTORATE FULL PROGRESS REPORT BEFORE 31 MAY AND SUP
FIRE DATE OF DESPATCH OF LIST.

BT
R.S.M. AR TKU " K "
ED NR 66 RGS AT 2950 F1 K

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CA/an

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "CREMONA"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione Operazioni e Servizi

N° 949/Serv. di prot.

Torino - 24 Aprile 1946

OGGETTO: Rilasci alle forze armate italiane - Materiale calzole-
ria.-

AL COMANDO I° B. L. U. - D. A. D. O. S. = SEDE

Esito richiesta verbale.-

I seguenti reparti hanno dichiarato che i materiali di cal-
zoleria non sono stati compresi negli snecci già inviati perchè
inesistenti alla data 30 novembre, data alla quale si riferiscono
gli snecci stessi:

- 21° reggimento fanteria
- 7° reggimento artiglieria
- Quartier Generale
- 84° Ospedale da campo
- 333° Ospedale da campo
- 739^ sezione CC.RR.
- 94^ sezione CC.RR.

I seguenti altri reparti hanno assicurato di aver incluso
negli elenchi precedenti anche il materiale di calzoleria esistente:

- 22° reggimento fanteria
- 144° battaglione misto genio
- 44° reparto trasporti e rifornimenti
- Officine mobili "Cremona"
- 318^ sezione CC.RR.
- 317^ squadra penettersi.

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Per il Parco Mobile A.G.A. e la 54^ Sezione Sanità, che non
li avevano inclusi negli elenchi precedenti, si trasmettono in al-
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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Gen. Col. Ignazio Pisotti



Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- ISSUES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U. (NAPLES)

Tel: 55381 - 51530

ORD 2

17 APR 46.

B.O.W.O. No. 1 B.L.U. —

A. D. O. S. HQ M.M.I.A.

Reference your letter A/ORD/3 dated 6 APR 46.

1. I return herewith records sent to this BLU as instructed by ADOS MMIA.
2. It is impossible for us to handle this matter from NAPLES and have no clerks available to send up to you, as it entails reference to units in your area.
3. Any queries in this connection should be referred to LT.COL. HEAD ADOS MMIA who has knowledge of this matter.

NWC/HG.

enclosures:- Records of MANTOVA I.C.G.

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CAPT.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N. W. CLARKE. 17:3

20 APR 1946

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces → Consolidated Return.

44
1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/3.
6 April, 1946.

O.W.O., 10 British Liaison Unit.

Reference 2 District ORD/5043 dated 23 Mar, '46 copy to you, passed to this office and returned herewith.

1. Receipt of this letter caused me to search correspondence ex Ord., 96 B.L.U., now in my possession, and I found the enclosed returns. It has been clearly stressed that the responsibility for consolidation etc. of these returns lays with B.L.U.s formerly serving with Group; and this is confirmed in A.D.O.S. signal No. Q 885 dated 26 Mar '46.

2. A.D.O.S., 2 District has therefore instructed me to pass these Returns to you for consolidation, and report as requested in ORD/5043, dated 23 Mar, '46.


Ordinance Warrant Officer.

Copies :- A.D.O.S., 2 District (Ref: conversation of today.)
A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A.

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MEAV U LROF NR 6432 OP OP T/MELG QVR1 T/M W QVR2

FROM MMIA 26 1745 B

TO 1 BLU, 4 BLU, 10 BLU

BT

Q 885 UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT EQUIPMENT IN POSSESSION GRUPPI DISTWO ORD/5048 23 MARCH REFERS (.)
YOUR ATTENTION ~~XXXXXXXX~~ DIRECTED THIS HQ G/7 7 DEC DIRECTIVE NO 2 PARS ..
3(D) 4(A) 4(B) WHICH SHOULD BE QUOTED IN REPLY ABOVE LETTER (.) ALL
INFORMATION..OBTAINED BY ORD REPS FORMERLY SERVING WITH K GRUPPI IF NOT
ALREADY ~~XXXXXXXX~~ FURNISHED SHOULD MM HOWEVER BE SUBMITTED TO DISTWO
BT

SENT NR 6432 RJR AT 2115 B16 K

RD NR 6432 2110 D.C.R. AR/K

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/3.
24 March, 1946

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A.D.O.S.,
Headquarters, 2 District, C.M.F.

Reference your ORD/5043 dated 23 Mar. '46.

1.

Receipt is acknowledged herewith.

Ordinance Warrant Officer.

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

Subject :- Lists of Equipment.

Headquarters, Cremona Inftry. Division.

1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/3.
24 March, 1946.

(FOR CO MISSARIO.)

The attached copy of letter from A.D.O.S., 2 District, is passed for your information.

During the ensuing week there will be a number of queries to be answered by your department, and I would appreciate your urgent co-operation in this matter if the return is to be completed by the 10 April, 1946.

Ordinance Warrant Officer.

C O P Y.

Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

H.Q. No 2 District ~~CM~~ 708
Tel No MILAN Auto 12736
ORD/5048.
23 Mar. '46.

OO 1 ELU.

Further to my signal OS/645 dated 26 Feb. '46.

1. No further delays in the rendition of the required returns will be tolerated, and the matter must be cleared by 10 April, '46 at the latest.
2. The difficulties are fully appreciated, but it must be borne in mind that over three months have elapsed since the original instructions were issued. This period should have been ample for the tasks of obtaining returns, translations and consolidations.
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Ordinance Warrent Officer.

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ORD/5048.
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4. I am not prepared to accept any excuses whatsoever for non-completion by 10 April, '46.
5. Ack.

Copy to :- ADOS MILA.

(XXXXXXXXXX) Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Issue to Italian Armed Forces

HQ No 2 District CMF
Tel No MILAN Auto 12736
ORD/5048
23 Mar. '46

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5. Ack.

/HO

Copy to:- ADOS MMIA
DOS GHQ CMF

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Lt. Col.,
(P W BUTLIN),
A.D.O.S.

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

1 British Liason Unit.
A/ORD/3.
1 March, 1946.

D.D.O.S., H.Q., 2 District,
C.M.P.

Reference your signal 63/645 dated 26 Feb., and ORD/5048 dated 22 Jan., 1946.

1. Lists of Equipment for Cremona Infy. Division are now complete as reported in my A/ORD/3 dated 2 Feb., and are being consolidated as per instructions contained in your ORD/5048 dated 4 Feb., '46.
2. This consolidation presents innumerable difficulties in translation; most of the items are unrecognisable in the English language. Time is wasted in contacting Units in an attempt to elucidate such items, and in cases the Units themselves have not known the answer.
3. Votes 7 and 8 will be completed by 3 Mar., and it is anticipated that Vote 9 will take approximately one week.


Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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AND SIGNAL CS/645 (.) RETURN IN PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION

LETTER FOLLOWS (.)

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of 2nd Jan (C)

My ORD/5048

Report present position by

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Handover of Italian Army
to Italian Government.

HQ 2 District CMF
Tel Ex : 311
ORD/5048
14 Feb 46.

OO 1 BLU
OO 3 BLU
OO 4 BLU
OO 5 BLU
OO 10 BLU

Herewith for your information, copy of DOS GHQ letter DOS/7209
dated 8 Nov 45 and extracts from AFHQ AG/091.7116(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45.

sm/

Capt.
(A.G. HAKEN)
for Col.DDOS.

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C O P Y

ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
GHQ CMF

Subject : Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

Ref : DOS/7209
Tel : Freedom 495
8 Nov 45

DDOS 2 District.

1. Consequent on the publication of AGO91.711 G(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45 w.e.f. 2400 hrs 14 November the five Br-Iti Combat Groups and their support units will be transferred to the control of the Italian Army.
2. Action will be taken to implement D.O.S. Circular No 224, para 5(b) (i) (ii) and (iii) in respect of all equipment (including lease lend) in possession of Italian Units administered by HQ 50 - 51 - 52 - 53 and 56 BLU as at 2400 hrs 15 November, 1945.
3. The necessary consolidated lists of all equipment issued to the combat groups and their support units, together with the supporting documents, will be forwarded to Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA, AG, CMF, as soon as possible after that date, in accordance with the a/m D.O.S.
4. The maintenance of these forces is the responsibility of the Italian Government, and after 14 November 1945 no further issues of stores will be made from Ord sources, with the following exceptions :
 - (a) Certain equipment may be issued on loan as a temporary expedient up to the 1 January 1946. In no circumstances will any equipment be issued after 14 November 1945 without the authority of the Staff at this H.Q.
 - (b) Up to one year's maintenance and spare parts of arms, vehicles, and other equipment, so provided, as may be surplus to British requirements.
5. In order that a scaling for equipments referred to in para 4(b) above may be prepared, D.A.D's.O.S. B.L.U's will be instructed to comply with D.O.S. Circular No 161, para 4 (1) A & B without delay.
6. When the scaling of equipments is complete (except in the case of lethal War-like equipment) it will be declared as surplus to British requirements to Chief Disposals Officer (Italy), Ministry of Supply, in accordance with established procedure, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. Subject to the C.D.O. (Italy) agreeing to these priorities, the responsibility for subsequent allocation and issue of these stores is that of the Italian Government. In the case of lethal war-like equipment, transfers will be arranged, by this H.Q. with MMIA.
7. Issues to Br-Iti units (less the five combat groups) who continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements, will follow the procedure laid down in D.O.S. Circular No 224, para 5(a) and 8(a) and (b).

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Copy : Q(AE)
MMIA A.C., CMF.
C.D.O. (Italy) British Embassy, Rome.

Sgd. (A.I. NIXON) Brigadier, DDOS
for Maj-Gen
DOS.

Extracts from AFHQ AG 091.711 G(SD)-C
dated 2 November 45.

10. Administration

a. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the administration of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri. Administrative units required will be formed from within the authorized ceiling so that the Italian Army is self-administering and no longer dependent on Allied base and lines of communication units.

b. Italian Navy and Italian Air Force personnel will continue to be administered and maintained as at present, through Italian service channels.

c. ERI-ITI personnel in diluted British units will continue to be administered and maintained as at present. ERI-ITI Army Service units will continue to be administered and maintained through Italian service channels, except in respect of the provision of rations. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, responsibility for provision and issue of rations will be as follows:

- (1) The British portion of the ration only will be issued to such units through British service channels.
- (2) The Italian portion of the ration will be issued direct to units through Italian administrative channels.

d. US-ITI Service Units will be administered and maintained through US service channels.

11. Maintenance and Provisioning

a. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri.

b. Procurement in respect of food, clothing, medical stores, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be effected from the following sources and in the following priorities subject to any subsequent instructions which may be issued regarding the standardization of equipment of the Italian Army and of the Carabinieri:

- (1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorized by Allied Force Headquarters.
- (2) By purchases from appropriate US and UK surplus disposal agencies in ITALY of stocks which are available to those disposal agencies.
- (3) Through the Italian Government import program.

c. As the procurement procedure outlined in paragraph 11 b above, will take time before it becomes fully operative, particularly in respect of requirements included in the Italian Government import program,

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c. As the procurement procedure outlined in paragraph 11 b above, will take time before it becomes fully operative, particularly in respect of requirements included in the Italian Government import program, the following procedure will apply to those requirements which cannot be met from the sources set out in paragraph 11 b, above :

- (1) Such requirements may be loaned from US and British military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 January 1946. In addition, certain food may be sold or loaned to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 13 c, below.
- (2) Thereafter, these items will be returnable to the US and British on demand or they may be transferred to the Italian Government through US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedure.

d. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will continue to be responsible for meeting the POL and Coal requirements of the Italian Army and Carabinieri from civil stocks and by means of the Italian Government import program.

12. Warlike Equipment and Spares

All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of US and British origin (including lend-lease) in possession of those units being used to make up the Italian Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri as may be surplus to US and British requirements together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment as provided as may be surplus to the US and British requirements will be disposed of to the Italian Government. Appropriate scales of ammunition of various natures will also be transferred and authorized expenditure replenished from Allied sources. In the case of vehicles and warlike equipment available to US and British disposal organizations, disposal to the Italian Government will be effected through the respective US and British disposals organizations in accordance with established procedures, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. In the case of lethal British warlike equipment, transfer will be made direct by the military.

14. Clothing and Individual/Personal Equipment

a. All previous directives pertaining to transfer of clothing, individual/personal equipment and salvage to the Italian Army through MMIA are rescinded.

b. Purchase of any surpluses of non-warlike stores is as authorized in paragraph 11 b (2), above.

16. Accounting

a. Financial arrangements consequent upon the above policy regarding supply remain to be settled. In the meantime, records will be maintained of all transfers made to the Italian Government from military stocks and accounting procedures in sub-paragraphs b and c below, will apply.

b. Accounting for Allied military supplies issued to the Italian Government in bulk for the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and the Carabinieri, Italian Navy and Air Force will follow present established procedures for the ITI-ITI category.

c. Accounting for Allied military supplies issued from British and US depots direct to BRI-ITI and US-ITI units will follow established procedures of the British and US forces. Issues from US military stocks, other than disposals through ANLC, will be through MMIA (US Contingent) who will maintain adequate records.

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Subject :Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

CO 1 BLU -
CO 4 BLU
CO 5 BLU
CO 10 BLU.

HQ 2 District CMP
Tel Ex : 311
ORD/5048
4 Feb 46.

14 28 9
Ref this office letters of even reference dated 21 Nov. and
29 Nov. '45 and 22 Jan. '46.

Units who have not as yet, submitted returns, should be hastened
by you and continue to be hastened until all returns are received.

Immediately on receipt, returns will be consolidated and this
office notified.

Please treat this matter as urgent.

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Capt.
(A.G. HAKEN)
for Col. DDOF

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No; 1 British Liaison Unit.

A/GW/3

2 February 1946.

To: D.D.O.S. HQ 2 DISTRICT

22 January '46.

Reference your letters ORD/5048 dated 29 November '45 and

Lists of Equipment held by Gwenton Infantry Division as at
14 November '45 are now complete in this office and await your instructions.


Ordnance Warrant Officer

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

(30)
1 British Liaison Unit,
A/ORD/3.
28th Jan, '46.

D.D.O.S., H.Q., 2 District.

Copd to :- D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 1 B.L.U. 28

Ref ORD/5048 dated 22 Jan '46, and my A/ORD/3 dated 24 Jan, '46. I am now able to report that, with the exception of three units, lists of equipment for Cremona Inf. Division are held in this office. 29

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Ordinance Warrant Officer.

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Subject: Request to Italian Armed Forces.

British Liaison Unit.

4/100/3.
24 January 1946.

P.A.O. : R. & 2 DISTRICT.

Copy to : D.A.A. & D.H.C. 1 B.L.U.

Ref 100/5043 dated 22 January 1946.

Repeated requests hastening rendition of this return have been made by this office to HQ Ordnance Div. Div., to be met with promises of early action and to date with no result.

The matter however, has now been placed in the hands of the Chief of Staff, and it is hoped to report completion to you at the beginning of next week.

Ordnance Warrent Officer.

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Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces

HQ 2 District CMF *28*

Tel Ext: 311

OO 1 BLU
OO 4 BLU
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OO 10 BLU

ORD/5048

22 Jan 46

Further this office letter ORD/5048 dated 29 Nov 45, *-14*
will you please state by return what progress has been made
regarding the list of equipments held by Gruppi as at 14 Nov 45.

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Capt,
(AG HAKEN)
for Col, DDOS.

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Inform DDOS
that Att list
now Relat in
this office

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Subject : Issues to Italian Gruppi.

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" 3 "
" 4 "

HQ 2 District CME
Tel Ex : 317
ORD/3012
19 Jan 46.

Herewith extract from DOS.2/17/5(3) dated 10 Jan 46 which was in reply to my letter covering your Tyre and Tube demands.

" In accordance with Staff Instructions, no further issues of spares are being made to Italian Combat Groups against demands"

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Copy to : OO,5 BLU.

That is that
A. G. Haken
Capt.
(A.G. HAKEN)
for Col. DOS
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Subject : Inmate to Italian Armed Forces.

1 British Liaison Unit.

4/12/5.
11 December 1945.

Headquarters, Central Infantry Division.

Copy to : HQ, 1 B.L.U.

The returns called for in my letter of even reference dated 24 November have not yet been received.

It is therefore requested that every effort be made to have these returns in this office not later than the 16 December 1945.


Capt.,
Quarantine Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: Issues to Italian and German
Marching Unit Status

No. 1 Italian Marching Unit
4/20/53
10 October 1944

For
Status (c) German (d) E. 5.7.
Copy: 1000 10 2 1/2
1000 10 1 1/2

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1. Reference to letter (100/5043 of 16 November 1944) enclosed
Marching Unit Status for German Infantry Division as requested.

2. Marching Unit Status comprises the following:

- (a) "A" & "B" units held by German Infantry Division with details
as laid down in 100/5043 Appendix 1, para 1 (a)
- (b) "C" & "D" units held by German Infantry Division, details
as laid down in 100/5043 para 1 (b)
- (c) Artillery battalions held by German Infantry Division held by German Infantry
Division as laid down in 100/5043 para 1 (a) & (b)

[Signature]
S/Br
German Officer

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

1 British Liaison Unit.
G.M.F.

A/ORD/3.
7 Dec., '45.

To :- Headquarters, Cremona Infantry Division.

Copy to :- H.Q., 1 B.L.U.

Reference your 3413/3 di prot dated 6 Dec., '45,
and my A/ORD/3 dated 24 Nov., '43.

1. This return is required for stores actually held on 14 Nov., '45 by Units of this Formation, and NOT the total issues since Sept., '44.
2. All previous vouchers are therefore considered irrelevant in this case, and any deficiencies which may have occurred in the past do not in any way affect the present position.


S/Odr.,
Ordnance Officer.

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "CREMONA"
Ufficio di Commissariato

NP3413/3 di prot.

TORINO, li 6 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO: Rilasci alle Forze Armate Italiane. -

Al 1° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT - O.O.

Ref. *ALRED* / 3 dated 24 nov.

Al n° 2 lett. e della lettera in riferimento viene detto:
"La situazione sarà firmata da ogni ufficiale Comandante e sarà considerata come una ricevuta dei materiali tenuti"

Si prega voler precisare se: a) tale situazione - ricevuta verrà considerata come unica vera ricevuta dei materiali avuti dal "Cremona" dal settembre 1944 in poi.

b) - Si debbano considerare nulli, per lo Stato Italiano, le ricevute mod. A B 108, o 9982, o G 997 e equivalenti, precedentemente rilasciate dai singoli reparti, ciò beninteso nei riguardi dello Stato Italiano, ferma restando le responsabilità delle singole persone che hanno firmato tali buoni di fronte alle autorità britanniche, quando dalla revisione sorgessero differenze dolose o colpose rispetto al ricevuto in base ai citati AB. 108, G 982, ecc. -

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Adelmo Federzani -

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Ref. APOD / 3 dated 24 nov.

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IL COMANDANTE
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Adelmo Pederzani -

Adelmo Pederzani

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ITALIAN LIAISON UNIT

7 DEC 1945

H. Q. "Cremone"
Commissariat Office
Tano, 6th Dec. 45

No. 34 13/3 dt. prot.

Subject: Material issued to Italian Armed Forces.

To 1. B. L. U.

Ref A/ORD (para c) dated 24 Nov. informs:
"The return should be signed by each O.C. and will be considered receipt for the stores listed."
Would you kindly enlighten if this means: a) if this receipted return is to be considered the only and official receipt of materials received by "Cremone" from Sept. 1944 onwards.

b) - if vouchers A. 8.108, J. 982, G. 994 and similar ones, such as are given by single units, are to be considered in the event of any deficiency of materials issued on a/m vouchers. That they are responsible of the Allied Authorities for any issue made on incidents subsequently signed. -

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C. O. S.

Col. Adriano Pedergnani

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 materials signed for any use made on incidents

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P. O. S.

Col. Alberto Pedergnani

Moroni
 5-12-45

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FROM DDOS DISTWO
TO 51 BLU NOW 1 BLU

4/12/65

(18)

OS/76 UNCL (.) FOLLOWING SIGNAL FX 55319 OF 3 RECEIVED FROM Q(AE) CMF
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION. QUOTE.
TO MMIA INFO DISTWO AND RAAC(.) YOUR Q 27 OF 28 NOV AND DISTWO OS/43
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FIRST(.) DEMANDS FOR SPARES FOR BRITISH EQUIPMENT ON CHARGE GRUPPO AND
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RAAC FROM BLUS CONCERNED(.) 2 DIST AND RAAC WILL FORWARD TO
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FOR ISSUE SUBJECT AVAILABILITIES(.)
SECOND(.) ACCOUNTS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BLUS CONCERNED(.)
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CONDITIONS PARAS 11 AND 12 OF OUR AG 091.711G(SD)-0 OF 2
NOV WILL BE APPLIED(.)
FORTH(.) CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT MEETING REFERRED YOUR PARA 2 BE
HELD THIS GHQ IN ORDER ALL SERVICES REFS MAY BE PRESENT(.)
ADVISE SUITABLE DATE(.) UNQUOTE.
Q(AE) INSTRUCTION AG 091 . 711G(SD)-0 OF 2 NOV IS NOT HELD IN
THIS OFFICE BUT KNOWN TO BE BASIS OF DOS/7209 OF 8 NOV FORWARDED
UNDER COVER MY ORD /5048 OF 14 NOV.
LATEST DEMANDS FOR ENGINES COVERS AND TUBES ARE BEING SENT DOS
GHQ FORTHWITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA ONE ABOVE(.)

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Message Instructions	CR
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TO DDOS 8112 CR 15 ADOS Dist.				

Originator's No.

OS/60 @ Unidentified @ 2205/7209 of 8 Nov

forwarded under cover my ORD/5048 of
14 Nov @ DOS handling, rendition reading
demand & para 5 @ forward urgently @
for DOS @ given 94281 of 1 Dec ref 6

Handwritten signatures and initials:
K. B. M.
O. J. M.
R. J. M.

Originator's No.

OS/60 @ Unclassified @ 2205/7209 of 8 Nov

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for DOS @ your 94281 of 1 Dec 1960

~~Robert~~
~~Robert~~
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This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except } WIRELESS.

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

Originator's Instructions,
Degree of Priority

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Signed

Signed

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

HQ 2 District CMT
Tel Ex: 313
ORD/5048
29 Nov 45.

O.O. 3 BLU (previously 50 BLU)	
1 BLU —	" 51 "
5 BLU	" 52 "
4 BLU	" 53 "
10 BLU	" 56 "

Further to my letter of even number dated 21 Nov 45.

The attached copy of G.H.Q. letter DOS/7209 dated 24 November 1945 is forwarded.

Paras 6 (a) (b) and (c) of my letter referred to in paras 2 and 3 of the above quoted G.H.Q. letter, were repeated to you as para 3 (a) (b) and (c) in my Ord/5048 of 21 November 1945.

Please inform me when the returns are complete so that I can notify G.H.Q.

The suggestion in para 6(a) of my Ord/5048 of 15 Nov 45 to G.H.Q., was that each OO BLU would compile a consolidated list of stores for the whole Gruppo and submit to the Ministry of Supply for pricing. That may be the next phase but it is subject to confirmation after I have notified G.H.Q. that your returns for each unit are complete.

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Butlin
Lt.Col.
(PW.BUTLIN)
for Col.DDOS.

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C O P Y

(14A)

ORDINANCE DIRECTORATE
CHQ CMF

Ref: DOS/7209

Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

Tel Freedom 495

DDOS
2 District.

24 Nov 45.

1. Reference ODD/5048 dated 13 Nov and in continuation of our signal F 53258 dated 15 Nov. The circumstances surrounding the issue of these stores is appreciated, but it is pointed out that the original instructions for the Accounting for the issue of stores to Italian Combat Groups issued under DOS Circular 205 dated 3 Apr 45, and at that time, no communication was received from HLUs saying that there would be any difficulty in complying with these instructions, in fact DADOS 56 HLU visited this HQ and assisted with his advice in the actual compilation of DOS Circular. The subsequent DOS Circular 224 which cancelled this, was compiled in view of the changed situation of the Co-operat ers, and did not affect the status of the Combat Groups or Br-Itis. It is not therefore understood why, after a period of seven months, when HLUs are instructed to implement the DOS Circular they state they cannot comply.

2. The position being what it is, the Financial Adviser has provisionally agreed that the suggestions contained in para 6 (a) (b) and (c) of your letter should be carried out without further delay.

3. Further consultations are being held with the Financial Adviser; and before compiling the consolidated list as outlined in para 6(d) is undertaken, please inform this directorate when the phase outlined in para 6 (a) (b) and (c) is complete, when further instructions will be issued.

(Sgd) (A.I.NIXON) Brigadier, DDOS
for Maj-Gen.
DOS 1741

Coy to: Financial Adviser.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Repair of Clothing.

To : H.Q. 1 B.L.U.

Copy to : Commissariato.

No. 1 British L.

A/ORD/3

27 November 1945.

Copy of D.D.O.S. 2 District letter ORD/9064 dated 21 November is attached herewith for your information.

1. As the clothing at present held by Cremona Infantry Division is the subject of a per capita charge, it can be assumed to be the property of the Italian Ministry of War.

2. On Saturday 24 November 45, when in company with the D.A.A. C.M.G. I visited the Military Clothing Factory of this territorial Command, the manager informed me that he was well able to take care of certain repairs to Clothing and Boots.

3. May I suggest then, that R.S.D. items at present held in Ord. Dump, and possibly in Unit Stores be inspected by a responsible person to ascertain the possibilities of recovery and for repair.

4. If the repairs being some measure of satisfaction to Units in this Formation, perhaps a system could be devised and adopted by the Commander Territorial, Turin, to more or less extend the scope of the Military Factory to wholesale recovery of U/S Clothing.

I am sure that this problem solved will go a long way to satisfying the present needs of Cremona, whilst still equipped to British scales.

J.B.
Capt.
ORDNANCE OFFICER

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Subject : Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

112
51 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.

A/OBD/3

24 November 1945.

To : Headquarters, Cremona Infantry Division.

Copy : HQ. 54, B.L.U.

See Serial 9

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1. Please note that no further action should be taken on my Signals OD 57 dated 12 and 13 November 1945, and all vouchers for Stores will be returned to Units concerned.

2.

The following action is now required:

(a)

A Return to be completed by each Unit in the Groups, giving details of all items held at 14 November 1945 under the following headings:

(i) Vote 7 items.

(ii) Vote 8 items.

(iii) Vote 9 items (less M.T.)

(iv) Vote 9 M.T. items.

See Appendix "A" attached.

(b)

Unit Q.M. Stores etc. But to include all stocks at Divisional Dumps, and "B" attached)

(c)

The Return should be signed by each O.C. and will be considered receipt for the Stores held.

3.

I fully realize the difficulties that will arise, and every help will be given to Units to ensure accuracy in the preparation of the returns. For this purpose I will arrange for certain competent personnel to visit Units as early as possible to give necessary advice and assistance. Unit Q.M.'s should also call at this office the week ending 30 November 1945.

4.

A degree of urgency exists, and would you therefore please instruct Units to commence preparation immediately on the lines of Proforma attached.

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Capt.
ORDNANCE OFFICER

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 - (iv) Vote 9 M.T. items. }
- See Appendix "A" attached.

(b) The list to include all stocks at Divisional Bumps, Unit Q.M. Stores etc. But to exclude all items of personal clothing (see Appendix "B" attached)

(c) The Return should be signed by each O.C. and will be considered receipt for the Stores held.

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 Capt.
 ORDNANCE OFFICER

APPENDIX "A" TO LETTER A/ORD/3 DATED 24 NOVEMBER 1945

VOTE 7 All items of clothing and personal equipment in use and supplied to Italian Armed Forces from British sources and held in Unit Q.M. Stores (see para 2 b and Appendix "B").

Battle Dress, Blouse	Holdalls
" " , Trousers	Housewives (including Buttons, Cotton, wool mending, needles)
Shirts, Angola Drab	A/G Clothing
Vests, Woollen	Protective Clothing for Motor Cycles
Pants, "	Hospital Clothing
Socks, Worsted	Jerkins, Leather
Jersey, Pullovers	S'western
Overall combination	Jackets Oilskin
Denims, Suits	Trousers "
Shirts, K.D.	Helmets, Steel
Trousers, K.D.	Bicycles
Vests, Tropical	Helmets M/C
Drawers, cellular	Grindery
Shoes, Canvas	Nets, Mosquito
Boots, Ankle	" , Sandfly.
Greatcoats, Dismounted	Cinematograph Equipment
Towels, Hand	

VOTE 8 All items of General Stores other than Clothing and items included in Vote 7, also including technical equipment.

Belts, Webbing	Cloth, Emery
Braces, L T	" , Glass
" M T	String
Pouches Basic	Cotton Waste
Troops Bayonet	Axes Felling
Straps, Supporting L T	Spades
" R T	Shovels A.D.
Haversack	Stoves, cooking all types
Valise	Stoves, Solid fuel
Carriers H/Battle	" Oil heating
Antigas Stores	Chairs
Camouflage Nets	Tables
Tools (Hammer, Spanners, Screw Drivers, Wrenches, Files, etc.)	Mugs Drinking
Nails	Lamps, Hurricane
Sheet, Metals	Ladles
Paints (P.F.U.)	Knives, hacking
Cills	" cutting
Soap	Kitchen Utensils
	Hospital Bedding
	" Equipment
	Fire-fighting Equipment

VOTE 9 (Less M.T.) All Warlike Stores and Equipment supplied to Italian Armed Forces from British sources, including the following which may be held in Q.M. Stores.

Trousers, K.D.
 Vests, Tropical
 Drawers, cellular
 Shoes, Canvas
 Boots, Ankle
 Greatcoats, Dismounted
 Towels, Hand

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Belts, Webbing
 Braces, L T
 " R T
 Pouches Basic
 Trous Bayonet
 Straps, Supporting L T
 " R T
 Haversack
 Valise
 Carriers W/Battle
 Antigas Stores
 Camouflage Nets
 Tools (Hammer, Spanners, Screw
 drivers Wrenches, Files, etc.)
 Nails
 Sheet, Metals
 Paints (F P U)
 Oils
 Soap

Cloth, Emery
 " , Glass
 String
 Cotton Waste
 Axes Felling
 Spades
 Shovels R.E.
 Stoves, cooking all types
 Stoves, Solid fuel
 " Oil heating
 Chairs
 Tables
 Mugs Drinking
 Lamps, Hurricane
 Ladles
 Knives, hacking
 , cutting
 Kitchening Utensils
 Hospital Bedding
 " Equipment
 Fire-fighting Equipment

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VOTE 9 (Less M.T.) All Warlike Stores and Equipment supplied to Italian Armed Forces from British sources, including the following which may be held in Q.M. Stores.

Mortars and Mountings
 Common Artillery Stores
 Small arms and their components
 " " accessory tools
 and packages
 Cabinets, Pistols, Automatics
 H/c Mags and accessories
 F.C.I.S
 Survey and Drawing Instruments and
 Watches

Electric cables, Wire Batteries
 General Electric lighting Stores
 Signal Stores, Line and Visual
 Wireless and associate Stores
 Portable Secondary Batteries
 Charging Sets
 Power Units Engines
 Bridging Equipment

P.T.O.

2 DATED 8/

VOTE 9 M.T. Includes all items of M.T. spares for "A" and "B" Vehicles held by C.M. Item at. inspection. E. E. Shops, L.A.D.S. and any M.T. spares held in possession of E. E. Shops

LV 2 LV 3 Items held under VOCAB SECTION LV6/MT1- 15
ALL LV 7 Section

(see attached drawing) (see attached drawing)

Log total for Motor Cycle

of clothing

positive clothing

first clothing

second clothing

third clothing

fourth clothing

+

Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

00 50 BLU.
00 51 BLU.
00 52 BLU.
00 53 BLU.
00 56 BLU.

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HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
Tel Bxt: 313.
ORD/5046.
21 Nov 45.

1. Further to my letter of even number dated 14 Nov and para 2 of GHQ letter DOS 7209 dated 8 Nov 45. — 3A

2. The alternative procedure suggested to GHQ to be used in lieu of para 2 of the LOS letter has been agreed in part.

3. Following action is now required:

(a) A return to be completed by each Italian Unit in the Gruppo, giving details of all items held at 14 Nov 45 under the following headings:

- (i) Vote 7 Items.
- (ii) Vote 6 Items.
- (iii) Vote 9 Items less M.T.
- (iv) Vote 9 M.T. items.

(b) The list to include all stocks at Div Dumps etc., but to exclude items of personal clothing referred to in para 5(a) of DOS circular No. 224.

(c) The return should be signed by each CC and will be considered a receipt for the stores held.

4. Please arrange for returns to be prepared as outlined above, as soon as possible.

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Lt. Col.
(P.W. BUTLER),
for DICS.

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[Signature]

Lt. Col.
(P.W. BUTLIN),
for EDCS.

Copy to: GO 60 Sub Area. For attention of Capt. DENYER.

*3 days a week
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expedited*

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Subject: Returned Stores

HQ 2 District CDR

Tel Ext: 313

ORD/5061

21 Nov 45

ADPT 6 (SA) Armd Div
OO 7 AGRA
OO 60 Sub Area
OO 50 HLU
OO 51 HLU
OO 52 HLU
OO 53 HLU
OO 56 HLU

With effect from 30 Nov 45 RMD will be returned to Base by addressees direct. For consignment particulars your attention is invited to DOS Circular No 231 of 1945.

5 ORD will not accept RMD from other than 59 Area units after that date, in view of its impending disbandment.

/M.S.

Butler
Lt Col.
(PW BUTLIN)
for Col, INDO.

Copy to: OC 5 ORD - You may continue to accept RMD from 59 Area until further notice. Before your unit is withdrawn ADOS 59 Area will make arrangements to take any balance of RMD which you may be holding, into his dump.

ADOS 59 Area for information.

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Subject; Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

HQ 2 District, CMF.

Tel Ext: 311.

ORD/5048.

16 Nov 45.

OO 50 BLU.
OO 51 BLU.
OO 52 BLU.
OO 53 BLU.
OO 56 BLU.

Further my ORD/5048 of 14 Nov, forwarding copy of DOS/7209 of 8 Nov for your necessary action as detailed therein.

It will be noted that the maintenance responsibility of the 5 Gruppi passed from British to Italian administration wef 2400 hrs 14 Nov. It follows, therefore, that to maintain correct Q(AE) Census Statistics for British commitments, all equipment and vehicles subject to monthly census returns should be struck off British Census records; only in this way can provision of spares etc be adjusted to the reduced commitments.

You will arrange, therefore, for Marching Out States in respect of all equipments and vehicles under reference, to be rendered to Q(AE) Census Branch MEF by the respective units holding such equipments and vehicles; in this connection your attention is drawn to DOS Circular 68 and GRC/1171/45.

W.D. Newman
Major.
(W.D. NEWMAN)
for DOS/CMF

Copy to: DOS CMF CMF.
Q(AE) Census MEF.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject : Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

To : Hq. Criminal Division.

Copy to : 51 HLI
HMI
CMP.

51 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

14/DEC/5
17 November 1945

1. Information has been received in this Office that w.e.f. 14 November 1945 normal demands on 557 HOS by Forces of the Italian Army will cease and the maintenance of these stores becomes the responsibility of the Italian Government.

2. No further demands for Stores can therefore be accepted by this Office until further information regarding this is received by this Office.

3. It is therefore suggested that strict control is exercised in the issuing of all Stores to Units of this Formation and that Issues are made only where necessity can be proved and Issues can be made on the basis by one for one.

See Incl 3

[Signature]
CHIEF OFFICER
1945

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Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces

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00 56 BLU

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HQ 2 District CMT

Tel Ext: 313

ORD/5048

14 Nov 45

1. The attached copy of DOS letter DOS/7209 dated 8 Nov 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. With regard to para 2 of the e/q letter, it is appreciated that this presents innumerable difficulties and an alternative procedure has been suggested to GHQ. If the alternative procedure is agreed it will be made known to you in due course.

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/MLB.

[Signature]
Lt Col,
(PW DUTLIN)
for Col. DODS

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE

GHQ GHP

Subject: Issues to Italian Armed Forces

Ref: DOS/7209

Tel: FREEDOM 495

DOS 2 District

8 Nov 45

1. Consequent upon the publication of AGO91.711 G(SD)-0 dated 2 Nov 45 wef 2400 hrs 14 November the five Br-Iti Combat Groups and their support units will be transferred to the control of the Italian Army.
2. Action will be taken to implement DOS Circular No 224, para 5(b) (i) (ii) and (iii) in respect of all equipment (including lease lend) in possession of Italian units administered by HQ 50 - 51 - 52 - 53 and 56 BIV as at 2400 hrs 14 November 1945.
3. The necessary consolidated lists of all equipment issued to the combat groups and their support units, together with the supporting documents, will be forwarded to Land Forces Sub-Commission, LIA, AG, GHP, as soon as possible after that date, in accordance with the a/m DOS Circular.
4. The maintenance of these forces is the responsibility of the Italian Government and after 14 November 1945 no further issues of stores will be made from Ord sources, with the following exceptions :-
 - (a) Certain equipment may be issued on loan as a temporary expedient up to the 1 January 1946. In no circumstances will any equipment be issued after 14 November 1945 without the authority of the Staff at this HQ.
 - (b) Up to one year's maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles, and other equipment, so provided, as may be surplus to British requirements.
5. In order that a scaling for equipments referred to in para 4(b) above may be prepared, DOSOS BLUs will be instructed to comply with DOS Circular No 161, para 4 (i) A & B without delay.
6. When the scaling of equipments is complete (except in the case of lethal war-like equipment) it will be declared as surplus to British requirements to Chief Disposals Officer (Italy), Ministry of Supply, in accordance with established procedure, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. Subject to the CDO (Italy) agreeing to these priorities, the responsibility for subsequent allocation and issue of these stores is that of the Italian Government. In the case of lethal war-like equipment, transfers will be arranged, by this HQ with LIA.
7. Issues to Br-Iti units (less the five combat groups) will continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements, and follow the procedure laid down in DOS Circular No 224, para 5(a) and 5(b).

BLU as at 2400 hrs 14 November 1945.

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Copy to: C(AM)

MILA, AC, GMP.

CDO (Italy) British Embassy, Rome.

(Sgd) AI NIXON, Brigadier, DADOS
for Maj-Gen. DOS.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDINANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.C. CIRCULAR No. 224

Subject: Accounting for Issues to Italian Armed Forces and their Agencies.

1. DOS Circular No. 205 is cancelled.

2. DOS Circular No. 167 dated 14 May 44, as amended by Amendment No. 1, shows the various categories into which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces are divided, and the channels through which clothing and equipment is supplied.

3. From the circular mentioned at para 2, it will be noted that the British Army is concerned only with clothing and equipment for the following :-

- (a) BR-ITIS (i.e. Italian Armed Forces under British Command)
- (b) Italian Combat Groups (Gruppi di Combattimento) who are, in effect, Br-Itis.

4. The British Army is responsible for fully equipping and clothing (b). With regard to (a) however, the proportionate share (as allocated by MIA between Br-Itis and other classes of the Italian Army) of the entire resources of the Italian Army is available for the equipping and clothing of Br-Itis. To supplement this, where the share allocated by MIA for Br-Itis is insufficient, periodic releases of Grade III and other clothing will be made by AFHQ and MIA.

5. Accounting

- (a) Br-Itis. (excluding Italian Combat Groups). In accordance with DOS Circular No. 187 direct issues should not normally be made from British Army stocks to these troops. Where issues of Grade III Clothing are made to MIA under AFHQ authority an acknowledged copy of the voucher will be obtained by the issuing depot from Land Forces Sub Commission, MIA, AG, CEF, and no further action is necessary. (See 8(a) below regarding method of completion of vouchers.) Scales of issues are given at Appendix 'H' of MIA Admin Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct 44.

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- (b) Italian Combat Groups

- (i) Clothing. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale is laid down in AG 400/105 DO dated 22 Sep 44, Annexure 'B', para 1, and will be the subject of a per capita charge under arrangements made between Financial Advisor this HQ and Land Forces Sub Commission, MILA, AC, GAF.

- (ii) Other items. All other items of equipment of a non-expendable nature which may be authorised for issue in accordance with para 3(a) second sub para of AG 400/105 DO dated 22 Sep 44 will be regarded as on a temporary loan basis as outlined in para 12 of AG 400/031 GDS-C dated 6 Oct 44. Procedure as in (iii) below will apply.

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- (iii) (a) Vouchers for all issues made to Italian Combat Groups are in possession of DADOS BLUs. From these vouchers DADOS BLU will prepare a consolidated list of all issues except for items at para b (1) which are the subject of a per capita charge.
- (b) Where units disband, or are instructed to hand in their equipment, DADOS BLU will obtain from units a list in quadruplicate, of all items returned which will be checked with the equipment handed in and one signed copy of the list returned to the unit as a receipt.
- (c) DADOS BLU will prepare a consolidated deficiency list showing the difference between :-
- (i) Stores issued
 - (ii) Stores returned.
- and will forward this list in duplicate to Land Force Sub Commission MMLA, AC, CEF together with the receipted copy of the issue vouchers and the receipted list of stores which have been returned, as supporting documents.
- (d) Deficiency lists will be priced in the case of Vote 7 and 8 Stores and Vote 9 where the prices are available. In the case of items not priced in the vocabulary, one copy of the unpriced list will be sent to MMLA, and one copy to Ministry of Supply, Gen/Vocab Section, Horseferry Road, London, SW1., with a request for prices to be inserted, and returned direct to MMLA.

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

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

8. The normal channel of supply for Br-Itis as indicated in DOS Circular No. 167 para 5, is from the Italian Ministry of War and it is only when supplies from the latter are not available that issues may be authorised by AFHQ. When such issues are made they will be vouchered as follows :-

- (a) Issue Vouchers (A.F. G.382 C or other normal I.V. as may be used) will be prepared by the issuing depot and will be passed to MMLA under cover of AF G.382. The following information must

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(a) Issue Vouchers (M.F. G. 962 C or other normal I.V. as may be used) will be prepared by the issuing depot and will be passed to MMIA under cover of AF 6820. The following information MUST be shown on issue vouchers :-

- (i) Date of Issue
- (ii) Ordnance depot making the issue
- (iii) Authority for issue
- (iv) Unit to which issue was made
- (v) Standard nomenclature and grade of items
- (vi) Quantity

...../(vii) Price

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- (vii) Price (for new or pert worn articles as applicable).
- (viii) Total value
- (ix) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer and his name typed underneath.
- (x) Countersignature of O.C. Issuing Unit.

(b) Certain items of equipment of a non-expendable nature may be authorised only by AMG for use by Bri-Itis in the performance of specific tasks. When such equipment is authorised, action in accordance with C-1(B1)/3001/1/42 of June 45, para 14, will be taken by DDOS concerned.

9. This instruction does not apply to issues made to AMG or Allied Commission (as distinct from MILA) or to issues made direct to Italian Government agencies for civilian use, (i.e. other than for Armed Forces). The method of accounting for these issues will be as laid down in GHQ 479 of 1943, schedules and vouchers required thereunder being forwarded to the Financial Adviser (Br), AMHQ, CMF.

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

11. Rates to be charged for Clothing, Boots and Rags handed over to MILA will be as follows :-

- (a) New and Grade I Clothing & Boots
Full vocabulary rate plus freight and departmental expenses.
See DOS Circular No. 69 of 30 Jan 44.
- (b) Repaired Grade II Clothing & Boots
75% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.
- (c) Repaired Grade III Clothing & Boots
50% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.
- (d) Unrepaired Grade III Clothing & Boots
35% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.
- (e) Cotton rags, - irrespective of type - 50 per ton.
- (f) Wool rags issued in bulk - £150 per ton.
- (g) Unreparable boots - 3/- per pair.

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Full vocabulary rate plus freight and departmental expenses.
See DOS Circular No. 69 of 30 Jan 44.

(b) Repaired Grade II Clothing & Boots

75% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.

(c) Repaired Grade III Clothing & Boots

50% of the total amount chargeable under (a) above.

(d) Unrepaired Grade III Clothing & Boots

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(e) Cotton rags, - irrespective of type - \$50 per ton.

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(A.I. NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj Gen
DOS

Distribution :- List 'A'
plus Fin. Adv. APO

CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES (less ammunition)

1. Vehicles.

The following returns will be submitted by all formations and units in possession of, or authorized to hold, "A" and/or "B" vehicles. These returns will be rendered monthly showing WE reference and possession of all "A" and "B" vehicles, as at 2359 hrs on the last day of the month, giving the following particulars: -

(a) "A" Vehicles (SF 28 ED 2)

- (i) WD No.
- (ii) Type
- (iii) Mark
- (iv) Make
- (v) Chassis or Serial No.
- (vi) Engine No(s)
- (vii) Type, Mark and Registered No. of Arty in AFVs.
- (viii) Type and/or Mark of Wireless Set.

NOTES: - The following vehicles will be reported on all Census Documents as "A" Vehicles: -

- (1) Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 Armoured.
- (2) Half Tracked Vehicles.
- (3) Cars, Light Reconnaissance.
- (4) Carriers 40 mm AA SP.

(b) "B" Vehicles (own proforma)

- (i) WD No.
- (ii) "B" Vehicle Nomenclature (Type and capacity)
- (iii) Make
- (iv) Contract No.
- (v) Chassis or Serial No.

NOTES :- (1) Units holding vehicles on loan will include such vehicles on their returns stating from which unit the vehicles are on loan. The unit lending these vehicles will also include them on their return stating to whom they are on loan.

- (ii) Type
- (iii) Mark
- (iv) Make
- (v) Chassis or Serial No.
- (vi) Engine No(s)
- (vii) Type, Mark and Registered No. of Arty in APVs.
- (viii) Type and/or Mark of Wireless Set.

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(b) "B" Vehicles (own proforma.)

- (i) WD No.
- (ii) "B" Vehicle Nomenclature (Type and capacity)
- (iii) Make
- (iv) Contract No.
- (v) Chassis or Serial No.

- NOTES :- (1) Units holding vehicles on loan will include such vehicles on their returns stating from which unit the vehicles are on loan. The unit lending these vehicles will also include them on their return stating to whom they are on loan.
- (2) A note will be inserted against all vehicles held surplus to WE specifying the authority.
- (3) All RE, RASC, RAMC, REME, and RAOD Installations, Base or Advanced, will be considered as units and submit returns accordingly in respect of vehicles held against G 1098 Scale.

(c) Distribution of the returns is as follows:-

Original } To ADOS or DADOS Formation,
Duplicate } Area, etc.
Triplicate : Unit Copy.

(d) Part X Orders - (Census Forms 185 and 186)

(i) Every movement or casualty of an "A" or "B" vehicle involving a strike ing-off or taking-on charge will be notified on a Unit Part X Order within 24 hours of the movement occurring.

(ii) Separate Part X Orders will be rendered on the specified forms for "A" and "B" Vehicles and such Part X Orders will be numbered consecutively with a separate series for Units holding both "A" and "B" vehicles on charge. Movements referred to are as follows:-

- (1) Vehicle receipts - either from a Vehicle Park or other unit.
- (2) Vehicle transfers - from one unit to another or evacuated for repair beyond 2nd line.
- (3) Vehicle Casualties - complete or partial destruction by enemy action, fire or other means.

(iii) Distribution is as follows:-

Original - Direct to ^{STAT Q (Census)} ~~GHQ~~ GHQ MEF.
Duplicate - to ADOS or DADOS Formation,
Area, etc.
Triplicate - Unit copy.

(e) Marching-In and Marching-Out States.

(i) On the move of a unit in or out of CEF Command, Marching-In States and Marching-Out States in respect of "A" or "B" vehicles will be prepared in triplicate, giving the same information as required in para 1 (a) and (b) above, and using Census Forms where applicable.

(ii) Distribution is as follows:-

Original } To ADOS or DADOS Formation,
Duplicate } Area, etc.
Triplicate : Unit copy.

2. Warlike Stores

The following Census Returns are required from all units (including detachments) under the Command of or Administration of GHQ, CEF:-

(a) Monthly Return of Warlike Stores - Census Form 45

(i) This return will be prepared in triplicate as at 2359 hours on the last day of each month, giving the following information: Unit

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- (2) Vehicle transfers - from one unit to another or evacuated for repair beyond 2nd line.
- (3) Vehicle Casualties - complete or partial destruction by enemy action, fire or other means.

(iii) Distribution is as follows:-

STAT Q (Census)

Original - Direct to ~~GHQ~~ GHQ MFF.
 Duplicate - to ADOS or DADOS Formation,
 Area, etc.
 Triplicate - Unit copy.

(e) Marching-In and Marching-Out States.

- (i) On the move of a unit in or out of CMF Command, Marching-In States and Marching-Out States in respect of "A" or "B" vehicles will be prepared in triplicate, giving the same information as required in para 1 (a) and (b) above, and using Census Forms where applicable.

(ii) Distribution is as follows:-

Original) To ADOS or DADOS Formation,
 Duplicate) Area, etc.
 Triplicate : Unit copy.

2. Warlike Stores

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The following Census Returns are required from all units (including detachments) under the Command of or Administration of GHQ, CMF:-

(a) Monthly Return of Warlike Stores - Census Form 45

- (i) This return will be prepared in triplicate as at 2359 hours on the last day of each month, giving the following information: Unit possession, entitlement and wastage of all items listed in Census Form 45.

(ii) Instructions:-

- (1) The entitlement column will be completed in all cases and the applicable G 1098 reference will be quoted.
- (2) All equipment in vehicles, e.g., Wireless and Charging Setts, Small Arms, Machine Guns, etc, listed in Census Form 45, will be reported with a note inserted in the Remarks Column to the effect that they are vehicle equipment. The UE in these cases will be based on the UE of unit vehicles, and not on the vehicles actually held.

- (3) ALL RE, RASC, RAMC, REME and RAOC Installations, Base or Advanced, will be considered as units and submit returns accordingly in respect of their unit equipment held against G 1098 scale.

(iii) Distribution is as follows:-

Copy No. 1	}	To ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc. Unit copy.
Copy No. 2		
Copy No. 3		

- (iv) Area or Formation HQs will despatch a certificate (Proforma No. 1 to this Appendix), together with a list or lists of Units who have submitted returns, to reach Stat Q (Census), GHQ, MEF by 14th of the following month.

- (v) Stocks of Warlike Stores are reported each month on Census Form 45 Special, which is distributed monthly to Ordnance Installations, Pools, etc, by Stat Q (Census), GHQ, MEF. This return will not include equipment held against G 1098 scales.

3. Artillery and Associated Equipments.

The following returns are required from all units in possession of or authorized to hold Artillery and Associated Equipments.

- (a) Monthly Return of Holding of Artillery and Associated Equipment by Registered Numbers (except arty in AFVs) on Census Form 45 C.
- (i) Returns will be rendered in triplicate, showing UE and possession by type and mark of all Arty and Associated Equipment detailed in Census Form 45 C.
- (ii) Distribution of Census Form 45 C is as follows:-
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| Original | } | ADOS or DADOS Formation,
Area, etc.
Unit copy. |
| Duplicate | | |
| Triplicate | | |
- (b) Monthly Return of Holdings of Artillery in AFVs by Registered Numbers.
- (i) Rendered by all Units in possession of Artillery mounted in AFVs on SF 28 Ed 2 (see para 1 (a) vii)
- (ii) The registered number required is the Ordnance Barrel or tube Number which should agree with the numbers on the Gun Record Book.
- (iii) For distribution of SF 28 Ed 2 (see para 1 (c)).
- (c) Part X Orders - Census Form 189
- (i) Every movement of Artillery or Associated Equipment involving a striking off or taking on charge will be notified on Part X Orders

Special, which is distributed monthly to Ordnance Installations, Pools, etc., by Stat Q (Census), GHQ, ~~NSF~~. This return will not include equipment held against 1098 scales.

3. Artillery and Associated Equipments.

The following returns are required from all units in possession of or authorized to hold Artillery and Associated Equipments.

- (a) Monthly Return of Holdings of Artillery and Associated Equipment by Registered Numbers (except arty in AFVs) on Census Form 45 C.
 - (i) Returns will be rendered in triplicate, showing UE and possession by type and mark of all Artillery and Associated Equipment detailed in Census Form 45 C.
 - (ii) Distribution of Census Form 45 C is as follows:-

Original Duplicate Triplicate	} ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc. Unit copy.
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- (b) Monthly Return of Holdings of Artillery in AFVs by Registered Numbers.
 - (i) Rendered by all Units in possession of Artillery mounted in AFVs on SF 28 EA 2 (see para 1 (a) vii)
 - (ii) The registered number required is the Ordnance Barrel or tube Number which should agree with the numbers on the Gun Record Book. 1721
 - (iii) For distribution of SF 28 EA 2 (see para 1 (c)).
- (c) Part X Orders - Census Form 139
 - (i) Every movement of Artillery or Associated Equipment involving a striking off or taking on charge will be notified on Part X Orders Movements or casualties of Artillery, etc., mounted in AFVs will be reported on the same Part X Orders as the movement or casualty of the AFV. Part X Orders will be numbered consecutively by the unit. Movements referred to are as follows:-
 - (1) Receipts - Either from an Ordnance Installation or another unit
 - (2) Transfers - From one unit to another or evacuated for repair beyond 2nd line.
 - (3) Casualties - Complete or partial destruction by enemy action, fire or other means.

(ii) Part X Orders for Artillery and Associated Equipment will in future be rendered on Census Form 189

(iii) Distribution of Part X Orders is as follows:-

Original - Direct to Stat Q (Census), GHQ, MEF
Duplicate - To ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc.
Triplicate Unit copy.

4. Marching-In and Marching-Out States of Warlike Stores (Less LT)

(a) Complete Units

(i) On the move of a unit in or out of the Command, Marching-In and Marching-Out State, showing the UE and possession of all items on Census Form 45, also the UE and possession by registered numbers where required, or items on Census Form 45 C, will be rendered.

(b) Detachments

(i) When a detachment leaves or arrives in a theatre during the same month as its parent unit, the parent unit will render a Marching-In or Marching-Out State for the whole unit.

(ii) When, however, the Detachment leaves or arrives in a theatre during a different month from that in which the parent unit leaves or arrives, the parent unit will render a Marching-In or Marching-Out State for the Unit less the Detachment concerned, and will endorse the State "less detachment(s) (stating title(s) of the detachment(s))". The detachment will in such an event render the usual monthly Census Return and a Marching-In or Marching-Out State on its own behalf when it eventually moves from the theatre.

(c) Distribution is as follows:-

Original } Duplicate } Triplicate }	To ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc. Unit copy.
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5. (a) Summarized briefly, units are required to render:-

(i) Vehicle Strength Return -
SF 28 Ed 2 and own proforma Monthly

(ii) Census Form 45 and 45 C Monthly

(iii) Part X Orders - Census Form 185, 186 and 189

As necessary

(iv) Marching-In and Marching-Out States
As necessary

(i) On the move of a unit in or out of the Command, Marching, In and Marching-Out State, showing the UE and possession of all items on Census Form 45, also the UE and possession by registered numbers where required, or items on Census Form 45 C, will be rendered.

(b) Detachments

(i) When a detachment leaves or arrives in a theatre during the same month as its parent unit, the parent unit will render a Marching-In or Marching-Out State for the whole unit.

(ii) When, however, the Detachment leaves or arrives in a theatre during a different month from that in which the parent unit leaves or arrives, the parent unit will render a Marching-In or Marching-Out State for the Unit less the Detachment concerned, and will endorse the State "less detachment(s) (stating title(s) of the detachment(s))". The detachment will in such an event render the usual monthly Census Return and a Marching-In or Marching-Out State on its own behalf when it eventually moves from the theatre.

(c) Distribution is as follows:-

Original	} To ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc.
Duplicate	
Triplicate	

5. (a) Summarized briefly, units are required to render:-

(i) Vehicle Strength Return - SF 28 Ed 2 and own proforma	<u>Monthly</u>
(ii) Census Form 45 and 45 C	<u>Monthly</u>
(iii) Part X Orders - Census Form 185, 186 and 189	<u>As necessary</u>
(iv) Marching, In and Marching-Out States	<u>As necessary</u>

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(b) In addition, stock holding units are required to submit Census Form 45 Special monthly.

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CERTIFICATE TO BE RENDERED BY AREA OR FORMATION HEADQUARTERS

All units administered by this HQ have rendered:-

(1) Monthly Census of Warlike Stores Return on Census Form 45 and Census Form 45 C (where applicable)
(2) Monthly Vehicle State
(3) Four-monthly Census of Warlike Stores (at 30 April, 31 Aug. and 31 Dec only) with the following exceptions:-

Name of Unit	Reason for Delay	Action Taken	Signature

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