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Wastage

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WAR INDUSTRY

To :- All Territorial HQs

Rome, 24 June 1966

Subject - Foot Repairs

16128/VG

In view of the new regulations and for the purpose of facilitating boot repairing at the various units, this Ministry will allow all units to hold a reserve of boots equivalent to 20% of the unit's strength.

The Territorial HQs and the Calabria Divisional HQ are, therefore requested to increase the reserve previously established by collecting the required boots from the 'magazzini vestiario ed equipaggiamento' concerned.

The various Direzione di Commissariato will ask this Ministry for the quantities of boots necessary to replace the present deficiencies.

for the Minister
(Sgt) Pelligra

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

Fatigue linen blouse
Linen blouse
Towels
Woollen cap
Linen cap
Socks (pairs)
Linen shirt
Greatcoat
Drivers' Overalls (1)
Trousers belt
Pullover
Handkerchiefs
Badge for cap
Woollen blouse (jacket)
Fatigue woollen blouse
Boot laces (pairs)
Short linen underpants (or woollen)
Woollen trousers
Woollen fatigue trousers
Linen trousers
Linen fatigue trousers
Identity disk
Metal stars (pairs)
Boots Pairs (2)

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CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

NOTES :- (1) For the distribution to motor cyclists and veh drivers only
(2) Plus 10% as Unit's reserve

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(2) plus 10% as Unit's reserve

120%

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Subject :- Wastage - Economy in Clothing

1 British Liaison Unit
Q 7

18 Jun 46

To :- No 1 Italian Territorial Command
TURIN

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MILIA)

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1. The British Army has, found it imperative that owing to shortages of materials, both stocks and consumption of clothing should be drastically reduced. Therefore a revised list of wastage rates has been circulated to all British Units with instructions that these figures be strictly adhered to, and all items held over and above these rates be returned to Depots.

2. The list has been compiled with a great deal of forethought, and comparison of issues, receipts and previous wastage rates therefore represent the minimum rates possible to conserve stocks, and at the same time keep the soldier smartly dressed and equipped.

3. The list is produced below and is given as a percentage of unit strength :-

Boots Ankle	15%	Jersey Pullover	5%
Trousers ED	14%	Faces Leather	30%
Blouses ED	10%	Overalls	7%
Caps	8%	Socks Woolen	35%
Drawers Summer	15%	Socks Cotton	40%
Drawers Winter	8%	Shirts	12%
Gloves	7%	Vests	8%
Greatcoats	3%	Towels Hand	12%

4. It is suggested the above wastage rates should be made known to all units in No 1 Terr Comd and orders issued stating that these wastage rates will not be exceeded. In addition Commissariato should submit a return to No 1 Terr Comd monthly showing exact issues to all units during the month, so that a check can be made on units, this return will show which units have exceeded the wastage rates and which units have exceeded the percentages. All units which have exceeded the wastage rates, should be called upon to give an explanation why the percentages have been exceeded.

5. It is further suggested that these percentages be applied to this Terr Comd - for a period, e.g., 6 months, with a view to economy; if proved successful the system could be represented to the Ministry of War. Any assistance required for the application will be willingly given by both "Q" and OED Branches of this HQ. Please forward to this HQ your remarks to the above proposal.

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*Approved by the War Office
12/10/41*

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WASTAGE IN CLOTHING

- (a) It is imperative that both stocks and consumption of clothing should be drastically reduced. Recent checks of sale to units have revealed a tendency to accumulate excessive stocks.
- (b) Revised wastage rates of the main items of clothing are given in para (f) below. These rates represent double the present civilian home ration and it is therefore most necessary that consumption should be kept within them.
- (c) All units stocks or clothing will be checked forthwith and reduced to a normal level of one month's wastage at the rates given in para (f) below. Stocks in excess of one month's, but not exceeding two month's, wastage will be eaten down in the months of June, July, August and September. Stocks in excess of two month's wastage will be returned to OMD forthwith, with the exception of winter clothing withdrawn under GPO 165/46, which will continue to be held in unit stores, but not in excess of unit entitlement and one month's wastage.
- (d) Issues against future monthly indents will be restricted to the scale given in para (g) below.
- (e) A return will be rendered to reach "g" Branch this HQ by 13 Jan 46 showing the total quantities of items in para (f) below handed in to OMD as a result of this order.
- (f) Following are the revised monthly wastage rates given as a percentage of unit strength.

4 Boots Ankle	15%	4 Overall's Denim Trousers	7%
4 Trousers ID	14%	4 " " Blouses	5%
1 Blouses ID	10%	7 Socks Worsted	35%
1 Caps G5 or Berets Khaki	8%	3 Shirts Angola Drab	12%
1 Cap Comforters	2%	2 Shoes Canvas	5%
4 Drawers Cellular	15%	4 Vests Woolen	9%
4 Drawers Woolen	8%	3 Towels Hand	12%
1 Greatcoats IM	5%		
2 Gloves Woolen	7%		
3 Jerseys Pullover	5%		
9 Laces Leather	30%		

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