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Stationery + Publications Italia- Combat Groups

Nov. 28, 1944 - Nov. 9, 1945

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Subject: - Issuance on Repayment.

Ref: -10645/1336.

75A

56 B.L.U.
C.M.F.

Herewith Form P39/1 in respect of S.O. items supplied to Combat Group "Mantova".

Will you please sign and return 4 copies to this Unit. The fifth copy should be retained by you.

see Y6A
Field,
9 Nov. 45
JCP/CP.

17 NOV 1945

Dean
Lieut. Col. War. R.
O.C. 13 Advanced Stationery Depot.
C.M.F.

18 Q.

File
Subject:- Issues of Repayment.

76A
56 BLU.
18 Q.

18 Nov 45.

HQ Inf Div, MANTOVA.

75A
Reference the attached forms PSS/1

1. Will you please sign and return 4 copies to this Unit, the fifth being retained by you.
2. Will the Officer concerned please print in Block Letters his name and rank underneath his signature.

In The Field
FD/fs

YPS
Lt Col.
63.

ARMY FORM C8136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

03031

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

13 ADVANCED STATIONERY DEPOT. R.A.S.C.

030800 A.

For Action

TO

MANTOVA INF. DIV. 56 B. L. U.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

2322/1576, UNCLASSIFIED.

YOUR INDENT AWAITS COLLECTION EARLIEST (.)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN

OR BY MEANS OF

WIRELESS

Capt. R.A.S.C.

O.C. 13th Advanced Stationery Depot

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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NOV 1946

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Ref No 221A File for File
SUBJECT :- Stationery Indent - MANTOVA Inf Div.

13 Advance Stationery Devo.

68A
56 BLU
18 Q

30 Oct 45

1. Please find attached Stationery Indent covering months November and December in respect of MANTOVA Inf Div.

In The Field
/ojw

see 69A

730 refer

St. L. L. L.
Lt Col
CS
68A

File. *67-A*
Subject: - Issues on Repayment.

56 BLU
18 Q

19 Oct 45.

00
13 Advanced Stationary Depot,
QAF

66 A
Reference your 10645/1336 dated 9 Oct 45.

1. Herewith Form FSS/1 in respect of MANTOVA returned duly completed.

In The Field,
JRM/mh.

[Signature]

Lt Col,
GS.

689*

Subject: - Issues on Repayment.

Ref: - 10645/1336.

56 B. L. U.

C.M.F.

66A

Herewith Forms PSS/1 in respect of S.O. items supplied to
Combat Group Mantova under your command.
Will you please sign and return 4 copies of each set to
this Depot.

Bield,
9 Oct. 45.
FHC/CP.

See 67A

[Signature]

6893

Capt., R. A. S. C.
O.C. 13 Advanced Stationery Depot.
C.M.F.

18Q 14 OCT 1945

By Folio 184 A File 50/9 **60.A**
SUBJECT :- Indent for Forms.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

03/3894

P.M. 104 10 Sep 45

56 BLU

1. Following the requirements of Italian War Department dependant units have been interested by this HQ on the 22 Aug 45 to do copies of the vouchers and indents of British equipment received.
2. As this order reached 155 Arty Regt after they had provided to fill and send the indent for stationery it has not been possible to include in it the forms necessary to do what is asked in para 1.
3. Therefore it is asked that a special issue, if possible immediate, is made of the following forms.

AF G.1033 in pads of 100

- 40 ✓

AF G.982 C (small) 6 Copies

- 1000 ✓

AF G982 C (large) 6 Copies

- 1000 ✓

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See 62 A
188
(SGD) F. FORMISANO Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call Sel. No. Priority

Transmission Functions

Register No.

05000

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)

Originator

13 ADVANCED STATIONERY DEPOT. R.A.S.C.
For Action

Date - Time of Origin

050800 B.

TO 56 B. L. U.

(W) For Information (INFC)

Originator's No.

1513/1556. RESTRICTED.

COLLECT IMMEDIATELY 5 CARTONS 9 FIBS ONE ROLL FOR MANTOVA
COMBAT GROUP (.)

THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED AS WRITTEN

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

5 SEP 1945

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O.O. 13 Advanced Stationery Depot

Capt. R.A.S.C.

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THI or TOR		
Time cleared		

File
SSA refers
SUBJECT :- Stationery Indent

56 BLU
18 Q

13 Stationery Depot

31 Aug 45

Reference attached AF L.1393 (GMP) dated 31 Aug 45.

1. This indent is in respect of MANTOVA Combat Group a formation comprising some 20 units and thus the sub division of stationery requires that the indent be met as fully as possible.

In The Field,
JIB/ajw

J. M. Marney
Lt Col,
6830

File

SUBJECT :- Issues on Repayment.

54A

56 TIA
18 0

28 Aug 45.

13 Advance Stationary Depot

Reference your 10645/1336 dated 18 Aug 45.

1. Herewith Forms PSS/1 in respect of the u/n, signed and returned as requested.

56 BLU - 4 Copies
Combat Group MANTOVA - 4 Copies

In The Field,
RCM/ajw

[Signature]
Lt Col,
GS.

SUBJECT :- Stationery.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

1. Herewith Forms PSS/1 in respect of S.O. items supplied to you. Please sign and return 4 copies to 56 BLU.
2. The fifth copy to be retained by you.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

56 BLU
18 Q

22 Aug 45

W. H. Hild
Lt Col,
GS.
6800

Subject: - Issues on Repayment.

Ref. 10645/1336.

56. B.L.U.
60 Sub Area.

51A

Herewith Forms PSS/1 in respect of S.O. items supplied to you. Will you please sign and return 4 copies to this Unit.

The fifth copy should be retained by you.

Field,
18 Aug. 45
PHC/CP.

all 53A *[Signature]*
Capt., R.A.S.C.
O.C. 13 Advanced Stationery Depot.
C.M.F.

18 0828 AUG 1945

File

SUBJECT: Stationery Indent - Combat Group "MANTOVA"

56 BLU
18 Q

July 45

13 Stationery Depot

Reference attached AF L1393 (N.A.)

1. The following additional items are required by Combat Group "MANTOVA"

AF C2136 Message Pads (Large)	1000
AF C2136 Message Pads (Small)	1000
- AF B2504 Signal Registers	350
AF B2501 Signal DR Dockets	200
- AB 425 Orderlies Receipt Books	200
- AB 412 (In Italian)	300
- AF G1045 Workshop Indent (Pads of 100)	100

2. It is pointed out that this indent is light but covers some 20 units of Groups

In The Field,
JHM/ajw.

Moore
6837 Lit Col,
CS.

File

47A

Subject: - Stationery Incident - Combat Group MANTOVA.

56 MJD
18 Q

15 June 45.

17 Stationery Depot.

Copy to: - 10 Publications Depot. *46A*

Reference your 17/50/RE/7 and our stationery Demand AF M393 dated 27 May.

1. It is reported by the Combat Group that the following items were not included in the package when collected.

AB 406 (with Italian key)	1500.
AB 413 (in Italian)	250.
AF B810	500.
AB 412 (in Italian)	800.
AF C 3518	5000.
AF A 3676	500.

2. It is not known if some of these are not of Publications supply. For this reason a copy of this letter is forwarded to 10 Publications Depot, and it is requested that such items as concern them may be forwarded to the Group.

In The Field,
JEM/rh.

JRM Moore/May
Lt Col,
6836

Ref Lohio 100A file 508.

URGENT.

37A

HQ MANTOVA Combat Group
No. 746/Comm
P.M. 104 - 26 Apr 45.

Subject:- Indent for Stationery.

56 BLU

1. Reference last months indent for stationery.
2. Only one tenth of this indent has been issued.
3. Will you please provide that the remaining quantity is allotted to the Group, because the offices of this HQ and the units are actually without stationery.

(Sgd) Maj FORMISANO.

see HO A

6885

Subject:- Typewriters

Combat Group MANTOVA.

56 BLH
18 Q

17 Mar 45.

Reference your 586/Comm dated 12 Mar 45.

1. The allotment of typewriters to the Italian Combat Groups is shown at Appendix 'A' attached. This totals 41 typewriters of Italian or British manufacture.
2. It is understood that 30 machines from Italian sources are held by the Group. A further 11 machines have been issued from British sources.
3. Attempts have been made to increase the allotment of machines but these proposals have been rejected by AFHQ.

In The Field,
JFM/mb.

J. M. Mordell
Lt Col,
GS.

APPENDIX 'A'
ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP - ALLOCATION OF TYPEWRITERS

Group HQ	2
Arty Regt	8
Inf Regts (7 each)	14
Rgt Bn	5
Med Sec	1
Field Hospitals (1 each)	2
GFF	3
Mech Engrs Wasp	1
Mech Engrs Platoon	1
ST Coy	3
OCGR	1
TOTAL	<u>41</u>

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NOTE:- This is only a suggested allotment of machines made by MNTA.

*Ref Folio 87A file SO Q.*HQ MANTOVA Combat Group
12 Mar 45

5E /Comm

Subject:- TypewritersHQ 56 BLU

Could 9 typewriters be allotted to the undermentioned departments who have informed us of its absolute and urgent necessity.

HQ Combat Group	3
76 Inf Regt	3
Group Workshop	1
Mechanical Engr Platoon	1
318 Bakers squad	1

May also the 5 typewriters which were sent for repairs be returned as soon as possible as the units concerned are in need of these.

(A. GUALANO)

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Q

File
Subject: Stationery - Italian Combat Group

21 Stationery Depot.

56 JUL
18 Q

9 Mar 45.

Reference this office letter 18 Q dated 27 Feb 45.

1. In view of the mobilization of Combat Group MANNOVA, the following list of Army Forms are urgently required.

2. May these please be added to the indent forwarded under cover of the above quoted letter.

AF G 351 A	Work ticket.	10 pads.
G 1045	Workshop indent	200 "
G 807	Work Time card	1000
G 808	Work summary card	100
G 816	Dues in & Out Record	2000
G 890	Expense voucher	100 pads
G 985	Discrepancy report	10 "
G 994	Indent for stores	100 "
G 997	General equipment indent	100 "
G 1020	Master	10 "
G 1033	Issue & receipt voucher	20 "
AF 108	Temporary Receipt & delivery voucher	40
344	Receipt & Issue voucher	2

In The Field.
/m.

Woodley
Lt Col, 888
CS.

Subject: Stationery.

56 BXU
18 Q

27 Feb 45.

21 Stationery Depot.

Reference attached AF L 1393 (OMF) in respect of MANTOVA Combat Group.

1. This represents one months requirements in respect of the whole Combat Group of some 20 units, and when examining this indent it would be appreciated if this fact could be borne in mind.
2. Heavy demands have been made for most materials as the Group holds very little Italian, and no British stationery in stock. The demand for Signals stationery is especially heavy in view of future training commitments and these forms are most essential.
3. The Combat Group will collect from your Depot on receipt of your instructions.

In The Field.
JRM/mh.

J. Moore May
Lt Col.
GR.

6881

see 21A

In Lieu of AF 14393 (OTF)

File

Code	Quantity	Description
1-21	200	Blotting paper.
2-12	500	Carbons type 6 1/2" x 8"
2-13	500	" " 7 1/2" x 9 1/2"
2-14	500	" " 8" x 13"
2-63	500	" hard 7 1/2" x 9 1/2"
2-64	500	" hard 8" x 13"
3-31	6	Cards, Guide, buff 5" x 3" plain (sets of five)
3-52	12	Cards, Record, ruled, 6" x 4"
4-21	6 Rolls.	Drawing Cartridge 30" x 12 1/2"
4-22	6 Rolls.	Drawing Cartridge 5 1/2" x 12 1/2"
5-22	30000	White paper, duplicating 8" x 13"
6-12	200	File covers, Manila Gusseted 8" x 13"
6-22	160	File covers Manila plain 8" x 13"
7-21	2000	Labels economy 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
7-22	2000	Labels economy 3 1/2" x 7"
7-27	1000	Labels plain 5" x 7"
7-42	500	Labels, Manila Washered 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
9-12	100	Millboards 8" x 13"
9-14	50	" 27" x 21"
11-22	200	Scribbling pads.
12-23	2000	Stencils, rotary Gestetner.
15-11	15000	Paper, thick type 7 1/2" x 4 1/2"
15-25	15000	Paper thick type 13" x 8"
15-31	50000	Paper thin type 7 1/2" x 4 1/2"
15-45	50000	Paper thin type 13" x 8"
18-14	1000	Paper Ruled foolscap 34 lines.
22-56	5000	Envelopes economy 5" x 4"
22-78	5000	Envelopes economy 8 1/2" x 3 1/2"
22-85	5000	Envelopes economy 9 1/2" x 4 1/2"
23-74	500	Envelopes brown gummed 10" x 8"
23-81	500	Envelopes brown gummed 14" x 9"
23-96	500	Envelopes brown gummed 15" x 10"
28-31	1000	Books exercise ruled
28-53	25	Books manifold quarto duplicate.
28-66	100	Books SO 129 indexed
28-69	500	Books SO 129
28-72	500	Books SO 135
28-76	1000	Books SO 136 1/2
30-11	500	Books SO 137
30-81	50	Brushes camel hair, Dick, Goss, Swan & Co. A. A.
30-83	30	Brushes typewriter small cleaning.
32-31	30	" " dusting.
33-13-54	100	Clips spring metal No. 1
35-35	10	Colour Cakes each colour
38-12	25 Balls	Cord Sisal
38-13	12 bottles.	Duplicating fluid cleansing
38-14	20 bottles.	" " correctine
39-11	20 bottles.	" " Developing
39-17	50	Erasers pencil
41-11	50	" type
42-21/39	40 ozs	Gun arabic
42-68	10 bottles	Ink Grading each colour
42-85	30 tubes	Ink grey duplicator
43-22	50	Ink stamp B violet

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7-27	1000	Labels plain 5" x 7".	(1)
7-22	500	Labels, Manila Washered 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	(2)
9-12	100	Willboards 6" x 15".	(3)
9-14	50	" 27" x 24".	(4)
11-22	200	Scribbling pads.	(5)
12-23	2000	Standals, rotary Gestetion.	(6)
15-11	15000	Paper, thick type 7 1/2" x 4 1/2".	(7)
15-25	15000	Paper, thick type 13" x 8".	(8)
15-31	50000	Paper thin type 7 1/2" x 4 1/2".	(9)
15-45	50000	Paper thin type 13" x 8".	(10)
18-14	1000	Paper Ruled foolscap 34 lines.	(11)
22-56	5000	Envelopes economy 5" x 4".	(12)
22-78	5000	Envelopes economy 8 1/2" x 5 1/2".	(13)
22-85	5000	Envelopes economy 9 1/2" x 4 1/2".	(14)
23-74	500	Envelopes brown gummed 10" x 8".	(15)
23-81	500	Envelopes brown gummed 14" x 9".	(16)
23-96	500	Envelopes brown gummed 15" x 10".	(17)
26-31	1000	Books exercise ruled	(18)
28-53	25	Books manifold quarto duplicate.	(19)
28-66	100	Books SO 129 indexed	(20)
28-69	500	Books SO 129	(21)
28-72	500	Books SO 135	(22)
28-76	1000	Books SO 136 1/2	(23)
	500	Books SO 137	(24)
30-11	50	Brushes camel hair, Duck, Goose, Swan & No. 4 & 5 Gum small.	(25)
		Brushes typewriter small cleaning. " " dusting.	(26)
30-81	30	Clips spring metal No. 1	(27)
30-83	30	Colour Cakes each colour	(28)
32-31	100	Cord Sical	(29)
33-13-54	10	Duplicating fluid cleansing " " correcting " " Developing	(30)
35-35	25	Erasers pencil	(31)
38-12	12	" type	(32)
38-13	20	Gum arabic	(33)
38-14	20	Ink drawing each colour	(34)
39-11	50	Ink grey duplicator	(35)
39-17	50	Ink stamp IR violet	(36)
41-11	40	Ink powder blueblack	(37)
42-21-59	100	Ink powder red	(38)
42-68	150	Ink stamps ordinary.	(39)
42-85	30	Pads stamp IR violet	(40)
43-22	30	Pads stamp IR black	(41)
43-25	100	Paper fasteners small (100)	(42)
44-14	50	Pencils blue	(43)
44-45	12	Pencils burnt Sienna	(44)
44-46	12	Pencils green	(45)
44-47	250	Pencils lead	(46)
44-16	12	Pencils yellow	(47)
44-11	12	Pencils black	(48)
48-12	100	Pencils copying	(49)
48-13	20	Drawing B	(50)

Code	Quantity	Description
48-52	20	Pencils drawing 2 B
48-54	20	" " H
48-55	20	" " HB
48-56	20	" " 2H
48-57	20	" " 5H
48-71	20	" Ordinary B
48-74	20	" " H
48-75	20	" " HB
48-87	500	" small compass
48-111-116	20	" chinagraph each colour
49-14	10	" Pentholders
50-12	200	" Pens relief
50-17	250	" Pens waverley
50-82	50	" Pens mapping
53-11	25	" Rulers flat 12"
53-22	50	" Rulers flat graduated
55-11	100	" Sealing wax
56-13	20	" Sponges
59-15	1000	" Tape India 4"
60-11	20	" Tape adhesive linen 1"
60-12	20	" Tape adhesive transparent 1"
60-43	50	" Tape cotton white 1"
63-72	20	" Type ribbons Oliver
64-52	20	" Type Ribbons underwood
	20	" Type Ribbons Imperial
	20	" Pins drawing steel
68-33	100 boxes	" Paste
69-16	30 bottles	" Pins steel
69-46	5000s	" Stapling machines
	10	" Staples
	50 boxes	" Typewriter oil
	30 bottles	" Punches paper (double hole)
	12	" Date stamps
	12	" Army books 193
	100	" Army books 153 (refills)
	200	" Army books 153 (covers)
	100	" Indent for stationary forms 2-4393 (GSE)
	12	

*Ref John 81A file 50 Q*Subject:- Indent for Typewriters1 MAC
314/2
P.M. 104 7 FebCombat Group MANTOVA

1. Owing to the fact that this unit must correspond with various units and with the HQ and are required to submit plus the normal correspondence, monthly census returns, daily orders etc, will you please dispose the allotment of two typewriters.

2. It is explained that this HQ also has dependent on it, three ambulance platoons and one workshop platoon, three reserve sections and one sanitary nucleus.

3. The ambulance platoons will be decentralised, like the first one to the Combat Group, and for that reason it will be necessary to make many copies of each letter, which is a difficult thing when these are obliged to be done in handwriting, also considering the reduced WE of the HQ that must work administratively like an Autogroup.

(Cap Franco Arioli)

18/11 A

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159
Subject :- Training Pamphlets Already Distributed.

56 HLU
14 G

7 Feb 45.

Herewith attached complete list of Training Pamphlets already distributed by the Italian General Staff revised up to 30 Jan 45.

In the Field.
AG/ec

John G. Gach
Lt-Col.
GS.

Distribution :-

DAA&QMG
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TRAINING PAMPHLETS ALREADY PUBLISHED
(Up to 30 Jan 45)

SIGNALS

1. Battery Maintenance	250
2. Wavemeter Glass D	30
3. Tel F Mark 1 and 1	220
4. 19 Set	35
5. 22 Set	30

ENGINEERS

6. Bailey Bridge	40
7. Mines and Minefields	35

INFANTRY

8. Application of Fire No. 2	300
9. Bren L.M.G. No. 4	300
10. 2" Mortar No. 8	300
11. 3" Mortar No. 9	120
12. Pistol 38 N. 11	500
13. Bayonet N. 12	500
14. Grenades N. 13	160
15. Thompson Machine Carbine N. 21	300
16. PIAT N. 24	300
17. Rifle	400
18. Infantry Training Part VIII Fieldcraft Battle Drill, Section & Platoon Tactics	200

ARTILLERY

19. Rules for the Training of Div Arty Regts with new British Material	45
20. Preparation for Opening Fire Vol III N. 2	31
21. Employment of base ejection - smoke & Chemical shell Vol III N. 5	31
22. Concentrations & Barrages Vol III N. 6	31
23. Calibration Vol III N. 7	31
24. Concentration of observed Fire Vol III N. 12	31
25. Provisional Range Table 25 pr (cyclostiled)	13
26. Gun Drill for 6 pr and 17 pr	100
27. Maintenance Manual for Ordnance QF 25 pr Mark II	72
28. Handbook for Ordnance QF 25 pr Mk II	100

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Notes on Hygiene	400
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POSTERS

1. Bren L.M.G.	100
2. Bren Firing Position AA	100
3. Bren Firing Position	100
4. Bren Firing Position from a Trench	100
5. Bren Use of Cover. Advance at the Crawl	100
6. Correct Aim	250

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Situation Up To 30 Jan 45MANUALS IN PROCESS OF PRINTINGSIGNALS

1. 1260 Watt Battery Charging Set.
2. 1260 Watt Charging Set.
3. Signal Training 19 Set.

SMALL ARMS ETC.

4. Weapon Training Part I.
5. "Know your Mines".
- 6.

ARTILLERY.

6. Maintenance Manual for Ordnance Q.F. 6 pr Mark II
7. Maintenance Manual for Ordnance Q.F. 17 pr Mark II.
8. Gun Drill for 40 mm AA. 1942.

MISCELLANEOUS.

9. S.A.T. Range Courses.
10. Ready Reckoner: Italian and English Weights and Measures.

MANUALS IN PROCESS OF TRANSLATION.SIGNALS.

1. Signal Training 11 Set.
2. Lister Charging Sets 4/5 kw.

ARTILLERY.

3. Handbook for Ordnance Q.F. 40 mm Mark I.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
PRINTING & STATIONERY SERVICES DIRECTORATESUBJECT:- Office Machinery.

PSS/OM/866

HQ,
56 British Liaison Unit, CMF.

Reference your 189 dated 27 Dec 44 and 6 Jan 45.

It would appear from your a/m correspondence that the supply of office machinery to B.L.U's has not been clearly stated in our previous correspondence.

The proposed AF.L.1398 Scale laid down that 41 machines would be the entitlement of B.L.U's, thus any machines obtained from Italian sources would have to be counted against the AF.L.1398 Scale. As your Combat Gruppo has received 30 machines from Italian sources, this Service is responsible for the supply of 11 machines only.

It is appreciated that a total of 41 typewriters is only a small percentage of your actual requirements, but, unfortunately, the present state of office machinery supplies, in this theatre, is critical, and the consideration of an increase is out of the question.

Enclosed is an authority for one - 15 inch - typewriter, which will complete your entitlement of 41 machines.

13 Jan 45
RLB/PCM*R Lloyd Bowen*
Lt. Col. R.A.S.C.
A.D.P.S.S. A.F.H.Q.

16 JAN 1945

6874

Subject:- Typewriters.

ADPSS
ATHQ

56 DLU
18 Q

6 Jan 45.

Herewith return of typewriters at present held by MANTOVA
Combat Gruppo as requested.

From Italian sources.....30 (of which 3 require repair or
replacement).
From British sources.....10 (released 29 Dec 44).

In The Field.
MH

Lt Col,
GS.

6873

Subject: Stationery.

1. Stationery Book.

For our Stationery Account 18 of 25th Dec. 44, the following lists of publications which are usually required for training stations, be included.

Stationery Book (small)	1000
(Army Form 9216 (small))	
Stationery Book (large)	1000
(Army Form 9216 (large))	
Signal Office Registers	200
D. R. Books	100
Calculation Books	100
Note Books (small)	100
Pencils	100

The above are required before 10th Jan. 45.

In the Field
GP.

Lt - Col.

6872

SUBJECT: AB412 (Italian).

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(W.B.I.A.)

8/0/25/29

26 Nov 44

TO : 52, 53, 54, 55 EMB's.

Copy to: ADPSS, AFHQ.

Demands for your requirements of AB412 (Car
Book for M T Vehicles) printed in Italian should be made
direct on ADPSS at AFHQ.

Major General
W.B.I.A.

Q JLM
SOT 1 Rcl.

6871

SUBJECT:- Office equipment and Stationery.

56 HLU
18 Q
27 Dec 44

ADRES. AMER.

Reference HQIA Letter S/9/29/29 dated 28 Nov 44.

1. Please may a release be given to the MANTOVA Battle Group to draw the stock of typewriters (41 in all) laid down in the a/m letter.
2. These typewriters are urgently required now that training and reequipping are in progress, and an immediate release of a proportion of the machines would be greatly appreciated.
3. The following proportion of types of machine are required:

12" Carringe	25
15" "	15
18" "	1.

In The Field.
MH

6870
J. Moore Major
Lt Col.
GI

SUBJECT :- Stationery.

File
56 HQJ
18 9
2 Dec 44

21 Stationery Depot.

Reference attached demand for stationery.

1. This demand is submitted on behalf of the Italian Combat Group,
MANTOVA.
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that the indent covers the complete Group of some 20 units and that the
stationery supplied will have to be subdivided to units.

In The Field.
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Jit Col 839
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Subject:- Office Equipment and Stationery

To:

HQ M.M.I.A.

PSS ATHQ
50 BUJ
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23 DEC 1944

51 British Liaison Unit

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It should not be overlooked that correspondence from both British and Italian channels descends upon this HQ and a large proportion has to be passed on to Regiments.

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It appears to have been overlooked that such an HQ exists since there is no mention of it in the scale.

I consider at least four machines are required.

Presuming the HQ coy to which you refer and to which one machine is allotted in fact is meant for the Regt Support coy, the total for an Inf Regt becomes 11.

(d) S & T COY - Scale 4

- (i) There are two composite plns.

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(ii) I think the Coy HQ should hold a third typewriter for lending to detached typists.

This brings the total for the Coy up to 6.

(e) Pro - Scale 1 per Coy

It is considered 1 per sec is required making a total of 2.

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Inf Regts (2)	22
Engg Bn	5
Medical	3
O.F.P.	3
Wkaps	1
S.F.	6
Pro	2
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RWH/KS.

Lt Col,
General Staff.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. 2/5/29/29
28 Nov 44

TO : ALL HQs *See Ben*

Copy to: ADPSS
AFHQ

1. ADPSS have been approached with a view to the compilation of AEL 1398 for an Italian Combat Group.
2. It is not practicable to produce L 1398 to cover stationery but a scale of typewriters has been produced and a copy of this is attached.
3. ADPSS would welcome a provisional list for stationery etc. from MMIA for each unit in a Group. Would you therefore please forward your recommendations to this HQ in order that a list may be prepared and forwarded to ADPSS.
4. For 50 HQ. From attached scale it will be seen that your entitlement of typewriters is 41. Your holding is 31 and it will be necessary for you to shuffle your allocation.
5. For ADPSS. You will notice that according to the scale prepared by you (and handed to this HQ by Capt LONGMAN of G(AE)) that the entitlement for Gruppo is 41 and not 57 as shown at foot of scale.

[Signature]
Major General
M. E. I. A.

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ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

1. <u>Group H.Q.</u>	<u>SQUAD</u>	<u>RECAPTURE</u>
	2	2
2. <u>Artillery Bn.</u>		
H.Q.	2	2
425 mm. Hvy.	1 per Bty.	4
117 mm. Hvy.	"	1
1 40 mm AA Bty	"	1
		<u>TOTAL 3</u>
3. <u>Infantry Bn. (2)</u>		
3 Bns	2 per Bn	12
1 Hq Coy	1 per Coy	2
		<u>TOTAL 14</u>
4. <u>Engineer Bn.</u>		
H.Q.	2	2
2 Pz Coys	1 per Coy	2
Signal Coy	1 per Coy	1
		<u>TOTAL 5</u>
5. <u>Medical Bn.</u>		
H.Q.	1	1
72 Hospitals (2)	1 per hospital	2
		<u>TOTAL 3</u>
6. <u>Q.M.B.</u>		
H.Q.	3 per H.Q.	3
	1	1
		<u>TOTAL 4</u>
7. <u>Machine Bn. w/Shop</u>		
H.Q.	2	2
117 mm. Hvy.	1	1
1 40 mm AA Bty		
		<u>TOTAL 3</u>
8. <u>Q.M.B.</u>		
H.Q.	2	2
117 mm. Hvy.	1	1
1 40 mm AA Bty	1	1
		<u>TOTAL 4</u>
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H.Q.	2	2
117 mm. Hvy.	1	1
1 40 mm AA Bty	1	1
		<u>TOTAL 4</u>
10. <u>Recon. Coy</u>	1 per Coy	1

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3. Infantry Regt. (2)

3 Bns
1 Hq Coy

2 per Bn
1 per Coy

6

TOTAL 6

4. Machine Co.

H.Q.
2 Fd Coys
Signal Coy

2
1 per Coy
1 per Coy

1

TOTAL 14

5. Medical Co.

H.Q.
FD Hospitals (2)

1 per hospital
1 per hospital

1

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3 per H.Q.

3

1

1

3

1

8. L.A.B.

MIL

9. S.A.F.

H.Q.
Com. posite Platoon
w/Shop platoon

2
1
1

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2
1
1

TOTAL 4

10. Transport Coy

1 per Coy

1

TOTAL 4

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