ACC 10000/120/3693 8 ST 8

Dec. 18, 19

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10000/120/3693

8 ST

EFI-SUPPLIES

Dec. 18, 1944 - Nov. 5, 1945

338
369

Lt 103 A

SUBJECT:- R.A.I. Toilet Items.

56 R.I.S.
& SF

5 Nov 45.

Officer Commanding,
40 R.I.S., C.M.F.

1. Herewith attached five copies of R.A.I. Form MMIA 23, in respect of Toilet Items required by the MANTOVA Inf Div for the month of November.

2. Items hereunder :-

Shaving Soap	2,400
Tooth Paste	9,552
Hair Lotion	9,552
Health Salts	8,002

3. Total Ration Strength, all ranks: 11,254.

4. The MANTOVA Inf Div has been informed that purchases will have to be on a "cash over the counter" basis, in accordance with Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MMIA) letter, reference S/2/3, dated 26 Oct 45(copy to 2 District.)

100 A

Field.
SC/vjm.

E.A. Card RASC
for Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to : SF, 59 Area. (Will you please advise 56 RIS of the date and time of collection)

MANTOVA Inf Div.

368

File

Subject:- EFI Toilet Supplies.

56 BLU
8 ST

101/A

30 Oct 45.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.

100A refers

1. Information has been received from Land Forces Sib Commission AC (MMIA) that issues of EFI supplies on repayment (per EFI Form MMIA) are to be curtailed.

2. Issues of EFI Toilet Supplies will continue to be made on a cash basis only.

E A Card
for Lt Col,
GS.

In The Field.
EGA/mh.

367

File

99A

SUBJECT :- EFI Toilet Items.

56 DLU
6 ST

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div

30 Oct 45

1. 40 BIS have today been asked to replace breakages of bottles of Hair Cream as reported by you for September.

2. This they have agreed to do, but in future ONLY breakages or complaints made within 48 hours of the collection of these supplies will be rectified by them.

E A Capt RASC
for Lt Col
366s

In The Field
EGA/ajw

Tele

98A

SUBJECT :- Toilet Items - EFI.

56 BLU
8 ST

16 Oct 45

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

93A 95A

Reference your 1376/Comm dated 30 Sep 45 and 1407/Comm dated 5 Oct 45.

1. Herewith appended copy of letter AQ/3/206 dated 11 Oct 45 from 52 BLU passed to you for information.

" A misunderstanding which occurred when the LEGNANO AQMG returned from leave, has now been cleared. EFI toilet items for October are now being drawn by LEGNANO for 114 Inf Regt MANTOVA.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted."

In The Field
/ajw

L A [signature] for
Lt Col
GS

File

96A

SUBJECT :- Toilet Items - EFI.

56 BLU
8 ST

8 Oct 45

52 BLU
(For the attention of DADST)

1. 114 Inf Regt of this Italian Group, at present under command of 'LEGNANO' state that 'LEGNANO' are unable to draw EFI toilet items for them for the October period.

2. No reason is given, and it is thought that 'LEGNANO' are being unreasonable in this matter.

3. Before a supplementary indent is submitted by 'MANTOVA' to cover 114 Inf Regt, it would be appreciated if this BLU could hear your views on the matter.

In The Field
RCH/ajw

Lt Col
GS

Copy to:- HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

364

See 97A
95A refers.

REF FOLIO 71 A FILE 105T 95A

Subject:- Indent for Toilet Items October 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
1407/Comm
P.M. 104 - 5 Oct 45.

56 BLU

-93 A

Following our 1376/Comm dated 30 Sep 45.

1. In the indent for Toilet Items for Oct 45 114 Inf Regt was not included as this Regt said they had put their indent for this month through Combat Group "LEGNANO".

2. As "LEGNANO" informs us now that this Regt will have to draw toilet items from us, we attach to this letter a suplementary indent in five copies for the present strength of 114 Inf Regt (2704 men).

3. Please see if a suplementary allotment can be made to the Group.

4. The above confirms the inconveniences already reported to you in our 03/4232 dated 30 Sep 45, inconveniences that it is necessary and urgent to avoid.

2A FILE 14/9

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

See 96 A

23865

See 98 A

94 A

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56 BLU
8 SF

SUBJECT :- EFI Toilet Items.

4 Oct 45

40 BIS

93A refers

1. Herewith attached five copies of EFI MAIA 25 in respect of toilet items required by the MANTOVA Combat Group for the month of October.

2. Items hereunder.

Shaving Brushes	-	205
Shaving Soap	-	1825
Tooth Paste	-	7300
Hair Lotion	-	7300
Health Salts	-	7300

3. Total Ration Strength all ranks 7300.

Mandova advised Today to collect (2 x 3 Ton Trucks) on 30. Oct. 45. EAC 29/10/45.

J R Moore
Lt Col
GS

In The Field
JRM/a.jw

Copies to :- OC RASC 60 Sub Area (Will you please advise 56 BLU of the date and time of collection).
MANTOVA Combat Group

Subject:- Indent for Toilet Items - October.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
1376/Comm
P.M. 104 - 30 Sep 45.

93A

56 BLU

86A

Reference 8 ST dated 1 Sep 45.

1. Find attached 5 copies of indent for toilet items for the month of October.

2. The strength of the Group is 7300 men as 114 Inf Regt has forwarded their indent to Combat Group "LEGNANO."

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

REF FOLIO 68A FILE 10 ST

all 94A
see 95A
see 98A

361

92 A

SUBJECT :- **EFI Supplies.**

56 BLU
8 ST

24 Sep 45

MMIA
Land Forces Sub Commission

39 A

Reference your Q/2/3/1 dated 31 Mar 45.

1. Herewith copy No. 3 of the demanding proforma placed in 40 BIS GENOA for the month of September 1945.

2. Goods were obtained to a value of 331,404 Lir approx £803 - 10 - 0.

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

J R Moore
Lt Col
GS

360

file

88-A

SUBJECT :- EFI Toilet Items.

56 BLU
8 SF

13 Sep 45

40 BIS

1. Herewith attached five copies of EFI MAIA 23 in respect of toilet items required by the MANTOVA Combat Group for the month of September.

2. Items hereunder.

Hair Lotion	- 9380
Health Salts	- 500
Shaving Soap	- 1930
Tooth Paste	- 9380

3. Ration strength of Group is 9380 all ranks.

J.R. Moore.
Lt Col,
OC.

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

Copies to :- OC RASC 60 Sub Area . (Will you please advise 56 BLU of the date and time of collection).
MANTOVA Combat Group

87-A refers 359

COPY File 86A

SUBJECT :- EFI Supps - Italian Combat Tps.

HQ No 2 District, CMF.

1072/Q1

29 Aug 45

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
LO 1 Italian Guard Regt

1. AFHQ have authorised under Ref AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 26 Aug 45 certain categories of Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of EFI commodities.

2. These categories are :-

(a) Combat troops
(b) BR-ITI Service tps
(c) That a part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment.

3. The scale of items which may be puschased is as follows:

Toothpaste	1 Tube per officer or man per month.
Shaving Brushes	1 Per 2 officers or men (initial issue only, no continued maintenance).
Shaving Soap	1/4 stick per officer or man per month.
Hair preparation / Health Salts	1 Bottle per officer or man per month.

4. Purchases may be made in the normal way w.e.f. 1 Sep 45.

(SGD) ????????????????
for Colonel
DA & QMG

358

Copy to :- 59 Area
217 Area
60 Sub Area
214 Sub Area
7 AGRA
G
A
MMIA LO
EFI - att copy to AFHQ/2554/Q/Maint dated 26 Aug is fwded.
File 1120/Q1

see 87A
see 93A

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2. These categories are :-

(a) Combat troops
(b) BR-ITI Service tps
(c) That a part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment.

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4. Purchases may be made in the normal way w.e.f. 1 Sep 45.

(SGD) ????????????????
for Colonel
DA & QMG

Copy to :- 59 Area
217 Area
60 Sub Area
214 Sub Area
7 AGRA
G
A
MMIA LO
EFI - att copy to AFHQ/2554/Q/Maint dated 26 Aug is fwded.
File 1120/Q1

see 87A 358
see 93A

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SUBJECT :- EFI Sups - Italian Combat Troops.

56 BLU
8 ST

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

84A

1 Sept 45

The above copy letter 1072/Q1 dated 29 Aug 45 is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

JR Moon
Lt Col,
GS.

In The Field,
JRM/a.jw

File

83A

SUBJECT :- EFI Supplies to MANTOVA Combat Group.

56 BLU
8 SF

22 Aug 45

MMIA
Land Forces Sub Comm (AC)

39A

Reference your Q/2/3/1 dated 31 March 1945.

1. Herewith copy No 3 of the demanding proforma placed on 40 BIS GENOA for the month of August 45.

2. Goods were obtained to the value of 228,192½ Lire, approx £570 - 10 - 0.

In The Field,
RCH/ajw

[signature]
Lt Col,
GS.

357

File

82A

SUBJECT :- EFI Toilet Items.

56 BLU
8 AT

OC 35 BIS CESENA

69A

10 Aug 45.

Reference this office letter dated 10 July 45 covering EFI forms MMIA 25 in respect of toilet items required by MANTOVA Combat Group for the month of July.

1. Will you please notify 56 BLU if and when release of these items may be made to MANTOVA Combat Group.

2. As no further releases of EFI items will be made to Italian Military after 1 Sept 45, will you please treat this as urgent.

In The Field,
RCR/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to :- HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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C O P Y File

77A

SUBJECT :- EFI Sups - Italian Combat Tps.

HQ No 2 District CMF
1128/Q1
30 Jul 45

51 BLU
52 BLU
56 BLU
LO Italian Guard Regt

With effect from 1 Sep Italian Combat Tps will no longer be permitted to make purchases from EFI.

Authority AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Jul 45.

(SGD) ??????????????
for Colonel DA & QMG

Copy to :- 59 Area
66 AA Bde
60 Sub Area
151 Sub Area
215 Sub Area
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EFI
MMIA LO

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SUBJECT :- EFI Supplies.

74A

56 BLU
8 ST
4 Aug 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

The above copy letter 1128/Q1 dated 30 July 45 is forwarded to you for information.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

Lch
Lt Col,
GS.

File

71A

Subject:- EFI Toilet Items.

56 EMU
8 ST

31 July 45.

OC 40 EIS

1. Herewith attached five copies of EFI Form NAAF 23 in respect of toilet items required by the MANTOVA Combat Group for the month of August.

2. Items hereunder.

Razors	-	74
Razor blades	-	17,762
Tooth brushes	-	6,412
Shaving brushes	-	154
Shaving soap	-	1,130
Tooth paste	-	8,627

3. Ration strength of the Group is 8,627 all ranks.

In The Field.
RGR/bh.

Lt Col,
GS.

Copies to:- OC RASC 60 Sub Area (will you please advise 56 EMU of the date and time of collection).
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

354

SUBJECT:- EFI Toilet Items.

56 BLU
8 ST

OC 35 BKS
CESENA

68A refers

6 July 45.

1. Herewith attached five copies of EFI Form MMIA 23 in respect of toilet items required by the MANTOVA Combat Group for the month of July.

2. Items hereunder.

Razor Blades	- 18,000
Shaving Soap	- 3,641
Tooth Paste	- 9,000

3. Ration strength of the Group is 9,000 all ranks.

4. Owing to the Group moving out of this area with effect from 20 July can an early release please be made of these items.

all 82A

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to:- ADST 217 Area
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

353

File

Subject:- EFI Supplies to Mantova Combat Group.

56 BLU
8 ST 66 A

/ Jul 45.

MMIA.

Reference your Q/2/3/1 dated 31 March 45.

1. Herewith copy No. 3 of the demanding pro-forma placed on 35 BIS CESENA for the month of June 45.

2. Goods were obtained to the value of £944-14-5½d.

Lt Col,
GS.

In The Field.
RCN/mh.

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61-A

SUBJECT:- EFI Toilet Items.

56 BLU
8 ST

22 June 45.

OC 35 BIS
CESENA

1. Herewith attached five copies of EFI Form RMIA 23 in respect of toilet items required by the 'MANTOVA' Combat Group for the month of June.

2. Items hereunder. Quantity.

Items hereunder.		Quantity.
Razors	-	808
Razor Blades	-	18,990
Tooth Brushes	-	1,825
Shaving Brushes	-	785
Shaving Soap	-	5,834
Tooth Paste	-	9,495

3. Ration Strength of the Group is 9495 all ranks.

In The Field,
RCH/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to:- ADSF 217 Area -- Will you please advise 56 BLU of date and time of collection.
Hq Combat Group MANTOVA.

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SUBJECT:- Cigarette Issues. 76

55A

56 MLU
8 ST

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

2 Jun 45

We have been informed by MMIA that as from 1 June 45 the issue of 5 cigarettes per day on repayment to all troops will cease.

The issue of FREE cigarettes is now 5 per day with an additional 5 per day for operational troops.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

53 A- 7/45

f/R. Maurice Negi
Lt Col,
GS.

35

File

57A

Subject:- EFI Supplies.

56 BLU
8 ST

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

40A

17 May 45.

1. Reference this office letter of even number dated 7 Apr 45, your attention is drawn to the fact that no proformae have been submitted for toilet items for May 45.

2. Items demanded by the BLU for the month of April are now available at 47 BIS AREZZO. It is necessary however, that the proformas be completed before EFI can release.

3. For your information the details of the demand for the month of April are under noted.

4. Strength. 485 Officers. 9575 OR's. Total 10060.

Item.	Quantity.
Razors	5030.
Razor Blades	20120.
Tooth brushes	772
Shaving brushes	386
Tooth paste	10060
Shaving soap	772

In The Field.
RCM/rh.

Lt Col,
GS.

Copy to:- O I/C 47 BIS AREZZO.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

File 50A

56 BLU
8 SF

9. May 45.

Subject:- EFI issues to Italian Combat Group.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

Copy to:- DAA & QMG 56 BLU.

Issues on repayment of English cigarettes and Chocolate.

1. Reference conversation of 6 May, Lt Col GUALANO (C of S) - Major MILES (DADST) speaking.

2. Exhaustive enquiries have been made at AREZZO regarding the possibility and authority for the issues from British stocks, EFI, of cigarettes and chocolate on repayment.

3. OC 47 BIS EFI, and HQ 71 Sub Area were contacted and the ruling was clearly given that no authority exists for any Italian Combat Group to obtain such items on repayment.

4. It was discovered that 30 all ranks of No.58 Italian Transit Camp had received such items from EFI, but on investigation caused by Major MILES no authority was forthcoming and such issues have now ceased.

5. If you require any further action in this matter, will you please notify HQ BLU and the matter can be taken up with HQ MMIA providing there is sufficient cause and justification.

In The Field.
HCM/mh.

Lt Col,
CG.

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File 46A

SUBJECT:- EFI Supplies.

56 BLU
8 ST

29 Apr 45

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1. MMIA have arranged that each soldier is provided with a stick of shaving soap before posting from a Reinforcement Training Centre to a Combat Group.

2. Consequently reinforcement soldiers will not be eligible for the authorised maintenance issue of shaving soap until four months after the date of their reporting at the Reinforcement Training Centre.

Lt Col,
GS.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

347

File

44A

SUBJECT;- EFI Supplies to "MANTOVA" Group.

56 BLU
8 ST

29 Apr 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
NMIA

1. Reference your AQ/2/3 dated 22 Dec 44 and further to this office letter of even reference dated 1 Apr 45.

2. EFI goods to the value of £425-14-0 were drawn from 38 BIS NOLA and supplied to MANTOVA Group on 4 Apr 45 against March demands.

3. Invoice No C62902 is attached.

4. Detail of Issues.

Razor Blades	18576
Toothpaste	9288
Shaving Soap	2322

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

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1 File 43A

SUBJECT:- NFI Issues to Italian Combat Group.

(3)

SECRET

56 MIS
ST 8

G NFI HQ NFI AFHQ CMF

37A

22 Apr 45.

1. Reference this office 8 ST dated 1 Apr 45 and your CNFI/00A/3641 dated 13 Apr. Owing to the change of location it is not possible to collect the April allotment of Toilet Articles for the Combat Group 'MANTOVA' from 38 MIS.

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2. Consequently, it is requested that the allotment be forwarded to 47 MIS for collection.

In The Field,
MCH/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

Copies to :- HQ Combat Group 'MANTOVA'.
O i/c 47 MIS AREZZO.

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File

40A

Subject:- Accounting for NAAFI Supplies for Combat Groups.

56 BLU
8 ST

7 Apr 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. In order to simplify the present system of supplying and accounting for NAAFI goods available to Combat Groups, AFHQ have agreed that the following procedure will be adopted forthwith.

(a) A consolidated demand in quintuplicate on the appropriate BIS will be made 14 days in advance on the proforma attached.

(b) This proforma must be signed by GOC Group and passed to the BLU for counter signature.

(c) The BLU will inform the Group of the designation of the appropriate BIS.

(d) The Group will draw its monthly quota direct from the BIS, who will fill in columns (C) and (D), according to availability. When the BIS issue the goods to the representative of the Group the proforma will be completed with the necessary signatures, and copies will then be disposed of as follows :-

No.1 copy retained by BIS.
No.2 copy forwarded by BIS to HQ ENT.
No.3 copy passed by Group to OC BLU, for onward transmission to MMIA.
No.4 copy passed by Group to Ministry of War.
No.5 copy retained by Group.

2. Demand for the month of April 45 has already been forwarded for the Group by the BLU. Consequently this system will come into operation for the month of May and the proformae will be forwarded on 24 April for collection on 7 May.

3. Attached are copies of proformae in English and Italian.

ref. May

In The Field.
RCN/mh.

Lt Col,
GS.

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ref May

In The Field.
RCN/mh.

lch
Lt Col,
GS.
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FILE (1) 37A

SECRET

Subject:- EFI Issues to Italian Combat Group.

56 BUX
8 SP

/ Apr 45.

C. EFI HQ EFI,
AFHQ,
CMF.

Reference your CEFI/80/1369 dated 28 Jan 45.

1. Attached herewith is the Consolidated demand for EFI issues to the Combat Group 'MANTOVA' for April 1945 in accordance with AFHQ letter AFHQ/2558/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sept 1944.

All 43A

In The Field.
BCT/mh.

Lt Col,
GC.

Copies to:- DC EFI HQ 3 District.
HQ 'MANTOVA' Group - Please note that strengths shown of officers & OR's have been increased to allow for Div Tail Units.

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Combat Group "MANTOVA". April 1 - 1945

CONSOLIDATED DEMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sept '44.

	OFFICERS	OR's	TOTAL
Strength	485	9575	10060

Required	ITEM	QUANTITY.	REMARKS.
	Razors	5030	No previous demands met.
	Razor blades	20120	Maintenance.
	Tooth brushes	772	Initial issue for additional Div Tail Personnel.
	Shaving Brushes	386	Initial issue for Div Tail unit personnel.
	Tooth paste	10060	Maintenance.
	Shaving soap	772	Initial issue for Div Tail unit personnel.

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Subject:- EFI supplies to MANTOVA Group

Type

33A

56 FLU
8 SF
/ Mar 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
NOLA

-5A

Reference your AQ/2/3 dated 22 Dec 44.

1. Total value of EFI goods supplied to MANTOVA Group up to 28 Feb 45, £1277-2-0.

2. The goods were collected from 38 BIS NOLA, invoice No. C 62901.

In The Field.
RGM/mh.

Lt Col,
GS.

File

29A

Subject: Toilet Articles for Italian Gruppi

56 BLU
8 ST

M.M.L.A.

25 Feb 45

1. Please find attached a receipt from 104 Transport and Supply Coy "MANTOVA" Combat Group, for Toilet Articles as listed hereunder:-

Razor Blades	18576
Tooth Brushes	9288
Shaving Brushes	464

2. 464 Razors were indented for but were not available.

3. The Toilet Articles were collected from 38 B.L.S. NOLA.

In The Field
JRM/caf

lcl
Lt Col.
GS.

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File

20A

Subject:- NFI Issues to Italian Combat Group.

SECRET

56/NLU
8 OT
2 Feb 45.

C.NFI.HQ.NFI.AFHQ.CMF.

HQ MANTOVA Group
DC NFI HQ No.3 District.

18A

Reference your CNFI/60/1369 dated 28 Jan 45.

1. Attached herewith is the Consolidated demand for NFI Issues to the 'MANTOVA' Combat Group in accordance with AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/4(Maint) dated 27 Sept 44.

su 24A 13A

In The Field.
RCH/mh.

Lt Col,
GS.

'MANTOVA' COMBAT GROUP.

FEB 1 - 1945.

CONSOLIDATED DEMAND in accordance with AFHQ/2594/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sept 44.

STRENGTH.	-	OFFICERS 444	OR's 8844	TOTAL. 9288
Required.	-	ITEM	QUANTITY	REMARKS.
		Razors	4644	Initial Issue
		Razor blades	18576	Feb 45 - Maintenance.
		Tooth brushes	9288	Initial Issue.
		Shaving Brushes	4644	Initial Issue.

File 56 BRU 7/A
8 AF

SUBJECT:- EFI Issues to Italian Combat Group.

24 Jan 45.

HQ EFI
SF Branch
AFHQ.

13A

Reference AFHQ memo AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sept 44.

1. A representative of this BRU visited HQ 3 District and on the instructions of the DO EFI application is hereby made that the MANTOVA Combat Group may be supplied with EFI goods in bulk on a monthly basis as outlined in the a/m memo.

2. If this application is accepted may BRU please be informed the EBS from which the Combat Group may draw. The nearest EBS is No.38 at NOLA.

[signature]
Lt Col,
GS.

In the Field.
RCM/sh.

Copy to:- DO EFI 3 District.

see 18A

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SUBJECT:- Distribution of EFI Goods to Combat Groups.

RESTRICTED.

56 BLU
~~1 ST~~ 19Q.
Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Com AC
MMIA.

4. A 30

Reference your S/Q/29/1 dated 18 Dec 44 and paras 3 and 4 therein.

1. It is felt that the proposed system of a British officer being made responsible for the handing over of cash from the Italian Combat Group to EFI does present certain difficulties.

2. If an officer of the BLU were detailed to handle the cash on behalf of the Italian Group the following difficulties would arise, particularly when the Group is engaged in operations.

(a) The amount of cash involved weekly for a whole Group would be considerable and it would be very unfair to make one British officer responsible for such a large amount even though only for a short time.

(b) The checking and collection of this money will take a lot of time and that of an officer who is already fully occupied with his normal duties.

(c) In view of the fact that the officer must collect EFI stores personally because payment must be made in cash the time taken to cover the distance from the Group HQ to the nearest EFI issuing point must be borne in mind.

(d) Details of issues from EFI are not certain until the BIS is actually contacted and thus it is thought that the British officer responsible for the transaction would be saddled with the costody of large sums of money in the event of issues being limited.

3. It is therefore thought that the Italian authorities should settle their own EFI accounts and that an Italian officer should be appointed to each Group for the specific duty of watching the EFI interests of his Group and especially for the settling of accounts and handling of the monies involved.

In The Field.
MH

Lt Col,
GS.

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Distribution of EFI goods to Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 2/Q/29/1
18 Dec 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLU's

1. It is suggested that a cash transaction between each Combat Group and EFI would be a better means of distributing EFI goods to Combat Groups than the present system whereby the account is presented afterwards to the Ministry of War. Each Group would then be entirely responsible for accounting for such goods and the Ministry of War would not be involved in something over which it has no direct control.

2. The Ministry of War states that the Groups' Canteen organisation (Spaccio) has the necessary cash resources to do this.

3. It would, however, be necessary for the money to be paid to EFI through a British Officer who would be responsible for each account being settled. Provided the transaction were left on a strictly cash for goods basis there would seem to be no difficulty about this.

4. You are requested to inform MMIA if you agree with the above proposal, and if the BLU can undertake the task of being the necessary link between the Combat Group and EFI on the question of handing over the cash.

[signature] Major General
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Internal: A/Q To - G1.

Sir, I have attached a proposed draft in reply, for your perusal and approval.

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