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Equipping of Italian Combat GPS.

Sept. 1944 - Jan. 1945

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LROF V MEDY V MAJI NR 06043

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LROF V MEDY V MAJI NR 060423X4 QVR 1/3/5

ROM TRAFFIC RSD 557 BOD 05++++

TO RTO TUSCOLANE
INFO ORD BRIT AFHQ RAOC STORES SECTION 1 ABW REME
DDOS DISTHREE DADOS 52 BLU COO 557 BOD

QQX GR ++ BT

TO YOU 04 WAGON 7⁴03758 CONTAINING SERVICABLE ENGINES
FOR FOURTH ADDRESSEE AUSTIN G3 QTY TEN . FOR FIFTH ADDRESSEE
AUSTIN G3 QTY ONE . RELEASE NUMBERS ORD3E/1328 AND ORD3E/1329
FOURTH ADDRESSEE YOUR OS1/1048/1 OF 24 DEC REFERS

BT THI 061030

SENT NR 423/4 AFM BB

RD 2018 F A
(COPY SB)

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8 JAN 1945

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LROF V LAEE NR2

FROM 3 SUB DEPOT 551 BOD 23 NPT

TO DADOS 52 E L U

QQX GR-- ET

3/1022 08/16 OF 29 DEC (.) ARRANGING IMMEDIATE DESPATCH OF RIFLES QTY
389 ON R/N A/23/62 (.) DETAILS FOLLOW

BT. 031700

SENT NR2

040004A

IH B K

RECD NR 2 040004A JAN E

5 JAN 1945

INCOMING MESSAGE1848
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FROM: _____ REF NO. _____
CLASSIFICATION: _____ DATE TIME GRP. _____
PRECEDENCE: _____ DATE TIME REC. _____

TO:

LROF V LACE NR 56 OP OP
QVR 1/2/3/4/5

FROM TRAFFIC 1 AND 3 SUB DEPOTS 557 BOD 31 1000

TO ROO ROME TUSCULANA
ADD5 52 BLU
STORES SECTION 1 ABW
ADD5 RAAC
NO 3(LEGNAIO) ITALIAN COMB GROUP

QXX BT

T3870 RESTRICTED. TO YOU 30TH TRUCK 129323 CONT AINING 99 CS. W P
S.A. STORES FOR SECOND ADDRESSEE. FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO FIFTH
ADDRESSEE. TRUCK 321 CONTAINING COVERS AND TUBES FOR THIRD
ADDRESSEE. CONSIGNED PACK 30

BT 31 1230

SENT NR 56 1818
RECD 311818A

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1 JAN 1945

Subject: A.I. stores.

32 Brit. Division Unit,
J.A.P.
ORD/12/37.
2 Jan. 1945.

O.O.,
Barracks Factory,
557 B.O.D.,
S.A.P.

Reference your memo dated 24th Dec. 1944.

1. Please arrange to forward stores available under your Control No. B.31509.

2. Stores to be consigned :-
Arty. Regt. Gruppo di Comandamento "Legione"
c/o D.A.D.D.S. 22 B.L.U.

Wey Major.
(G. F. G. 1943)
D.A.D.D.S. 22 B.L.U.

* S/LSD.

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BEACH FACTORY, 557 B.O.D., C.M.

12
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TO. ARTY. RET. GP. COMBAT 'LEGNO'
C/O D.A.D.O.S 52 B.L.U.

DATE. 24. 12. 44

Stores are now available under your Demand No.....
Our Control No. B.31505 WHEEL DISCS ETC.

Will you please arrange to collect or forward disposal instructions
within 7 days. Failing this stores will be returned to stock.

Please produce this notification when collecting.

Order 97

St. M. H. H.

for O.O., Beach Factory,
557 B.O.D.

Print FILE

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1 JAN 1945

WIK LOR
 MEDY V MAJI NR 83 ~~T LROC QVR 1/2~~

~~MEDY V MAJI NR 83A T LRLC QVR 3~~

FROM TRAFFIC (N) 557 BOD 281500A

TO (1) ADOS ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

(2) DADOS 201 SUB AREA

(3) 52 B L U

INFO (4) CENTRAL TRAFFIC 557 BOD

QQX GR -- BT

TR/SG/2386 DESPATCHED 27TH TO PACK 30 WAGONS 1000426

1135536 1129581 STORES ~~27~~ AGAINST IV 2/124031

214 BALES 194 CWP 8 CRATES FOR THIRD ADDRESSEE

(.) WAGON 1129581 ALSO CONTAINS INSULATORS FOOD 120 LOOSE

FOR 104 GEN HOSP AND STORES AGAINST IV 2/449541

40 SACKS FOR FIRST ADDRESSEE

BT THI 281650A

~~RPTN 83 QVR 1/2 T LROC QVR 3 TLRLC AND 83A~~

~~557 281500A (01 281500A CT) (2) 201 (3) 52 IMI 52 BLU~~

~~(4) 557 7239/// /2386 IMI 72386 27 30 1000426~~

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~~8 1129581 120 104 GEN HOSP~~

2/449541 40 281650A

SENT NR 83 AND 83A AHT A/ B2 K

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 BHTM
 C. M. B.
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31 DEC 1944

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SUBJECT: 230 Field Hospital.

D.A.D.O.S.
53 B.L.U.
C.M.F.

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
OPD/12/93

(93)

24th December 1944.

Reference your Signal CS/33 dated 23rd
December 44.

1. No indents for G1098 equipment covering
230 Field Hospital have been submitted by us.

Ally Major.
(G.W. GORDAN)

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

5773

WS/

SUBJECT. Issue of Defence Stores.
52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
ORD/12/92
24 December 1944.

S.O.R.E.,
52 B. L. U.
CMF.

Attached copy letter CE 5020 dated
14th December 44 is passed to you for information.

Wes Major.
(G.W. GORDAN) 5772
D.A.D.O.S. 5 B.L.U.

WS.

Subject:- Issue of Defence Stores

3 District
Baseball 116
OS/126/5
20 Dec. 44

DADOS 52 BLU

" 53 BLU

1. Attached copy of this HQ letter CE 5020 dated 14 Dec. 44 is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. Second addressee indents enclosed herewith refer.

W. Coleman

Col
EDOS
(H.R. COLEMAN)

21 DEC 1944

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(COPY)

SECRET

Subject:- Issue of Defence StoresChief Engineer,
3 District, CMF
Tel : 10826
CE.5020

14 Dec 1944

18 CRE Wks

'G' 3 District
Ord
'G' 56 Area

1. 52 and 53 B.L.U's will probably be equipping in your Area and will require items of controlled stores of Ordnance origin to make up their G. 1098. Please arrange for them to draw on your controlled stores in accordance with their G.1098 quantities on presentation of a properly signed indent.
2. Report to this HQ the amounts drawn. You will, of course, include quantities of these items in your monthly demands to keep up stocks.

OGS/VM.

(Sgd) ?????? ??? ??

(R.W.E.LEWIN)
Major R.E.
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.Back to SEC RE
024

Action 92.

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Subject:- Collection of Stores.

To:- O.C. 52 B.L.U.

ADOS. Dump.
56 Area, Capua.
08/7
Date, 20-12-44

The u/n stores are held in this Dump for your unit. These will be held for a further seven days from the date of this letter pending your reply on the attached pro-forma.

21. C.W.P.
2. Chest.
3. Loose.
4. Bundles.

5769

Owing to no-availability of facilities for forwarding stores all stores for units which are unable to collect are being returned to stock on 3 Dist. instrs.

HJ/HD.

Collection 26 Dec.

W. L. Bourston B.M.

A.O.S.O.
For ADOS56 Area.

56 Area.

(89039)

LROF V GEDY V LRSJ NR230217 IMMEDIATE
 FROM DADCS 53 ELU 221200
 TO DADCS 52 ELU
 QRY CR23 BT

OS/22 (.) RESTRICTED(.) RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPPING 230 FLEAS
 HOSPITAL PASSED FROM YOU TO ME(.) PLEASE STATE WHETHER YOU HAVE SUB-
 MITTED INDENTS FOR G1000 EQUIPMENT FOR THIS UNIT(.)

BT 1130

SENT NR217 1220 TH AR TMS

AZ 4S ,4 217 1220 HTH BBS

24 DEC 1944

ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

DADOS 53 BLU

221118

For Action

TO

DADOS 53 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

OS/12 RESTRICTED O REFERENCE YOUR
 SIGNAL OS/19 G/ SOKRS ARE NOT NOW
 REQUIRED O

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BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
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LR OF V LAEE NR34
FROM DADOS 52 BLU 190930A
TO ORD 52 BLU
QQX GR13 BT
ORD/1 .

STORES DESPATCHED TO TUSELLAND ON PACK 30
WAGON NOS 1003200 AND 1417
BT 190940A

SENT NR34 1352A TE EBB K
RD DWH NR34 352

DADOS

WY

5766 22 DEC 1944

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SUBJECT : Special Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Groups.

SECRET
50 Brit Liaison Unit

6/7/44

18 Dec 44

Re No 1 District

1. The SEL for the Combat Gp HQ is deficient of the following items :-

Binoculars
Compasses
Map Boards

These items are obviously necessary if the HQ is to function efficiently in an operational role.

2. It is therefore recommended that the SEL be amended as at Appendix "A" to this letter.

3. May the issue of a limited number of the above items be authorized immediately for use during the try period.

CUT
RUCV/SYB

Copy to : HQ 15 Army Group
Q(AE)(Stats) AFHQ
HQ 1st Italian Combat Group
51, 52, 53, 56 BUs

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Madame in Major
col
G3

22 DEC 1944

Catalogue number	Designation	Card No.	Orig. Int. Sec.	Service Sec.
SECTION V2				
Tools -				
VC100,	Drawing, Atlas	-	3	-
CS202GA	Map G-11-I	2	6	2
W07709	Parole, matt. surface	4	12	4
Compass, prismatic, liquid -				
5530	Mk III (or)	2	6	2
0710	Mk II (or)			
0702	Mk IX (or)			
0700	Mk VIII			
Watches G3				
2512	Mk II (or)	-	2	1
2510	Mk I (or)			
7592	TP (or)			
7571	W/T TP			
H.I.V.				
Boards, map -				
5172	1-25 x 3-25	-	3	1
	Polishing, 1-4 x 1-25	-	2	1
SECTION V6				
Binoculars, prismatic, No 2 -				
CS300CA	Mk III (or)	2	6	2
CS307CA	Mk I			

APPENDIX "A" to 50 Brit Division Unit Letter
 7/7/21 dated 10 Dec 42

Equipment	Comd & Int	Comd & Int Sec	Services Sec	Co-ordinator Office	Medical Officer	Total
APC V2						
Flare	-	3	-	-	-	3
Flare	2	6	2	2	2	14
Flare, surface	4	12	4	4	4	28
Flare, liquid -						
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Flare	-	2	1	1	1	5
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Flare	-	3	1	1	-	5
Flare	-	2	1	-	-	3
Flare V6						
Flare V6, No 2 -	2	6	2	2	2	14

subject: Special Equipment Lists

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.A.S.
ORC/14/85.
21 Dec. 1944.

Land Forces HQ Commission A.C.
(C.A.S.),
C.A.S.

1. Will you please forward to this office, four complete sets of special equipment lists for an Italian Combat Group.
2. These are required for use by A.C. & Co. of this A.C.

Leely Major.
(G. V. JORDON)
D.A.D.C. 52 A.C.

/s/

5763

SECRET

O.O., R.S.,
J.E. H.L.U.,
J.E.H.

84
Lt. British Liaison Unit,
J.E.H.
O.O./12/54.
J.E.H.

1. Herewith memo order No. 1020 dated 21st Dec. 54, for 2000 Ambago, with the requirements for the whole Gruppe.
2. Will you please obtain these from the area U.S.S.

/s/

Jul
(G.H. J.E.H.) Major.
J.E.H. J.E.H.

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(83) 2638

LROF

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FROM 00 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 15NFT
 TO 3RD ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
 QOX

REF 3/PB/200 R/N/A/39/74 (.) STORES AWAITING COLLECTION (.)
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 BE RETURNED TO STOCK (.) WEIGHT 3 TON
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FROM 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 16 NFF
 TO DADOS 52 B L U
 QOX GR-- BT

3/PB/224 INDENT NOS 1293 (.)

STORES AWAITING COLLECTION (.)

IF NOT COLLECTED WITHIN TEN DAYS WILL BE RETURNED

TO STOCK (.) 3 TRUCKS REQUIRED

BT 161700

RPTN 111 3 557 16 52

3/PB/224 1293 3

SENT LDR AV

R1356/16

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20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Equipment of Legnano and Folgore Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/2
11 December 44

TO : 52, 53, ELUs.

Attached is AFHQ letter AFHQ/6442/Q(AE) dated
5 Dec 44, which is forwarded for information and action if
necessary.

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

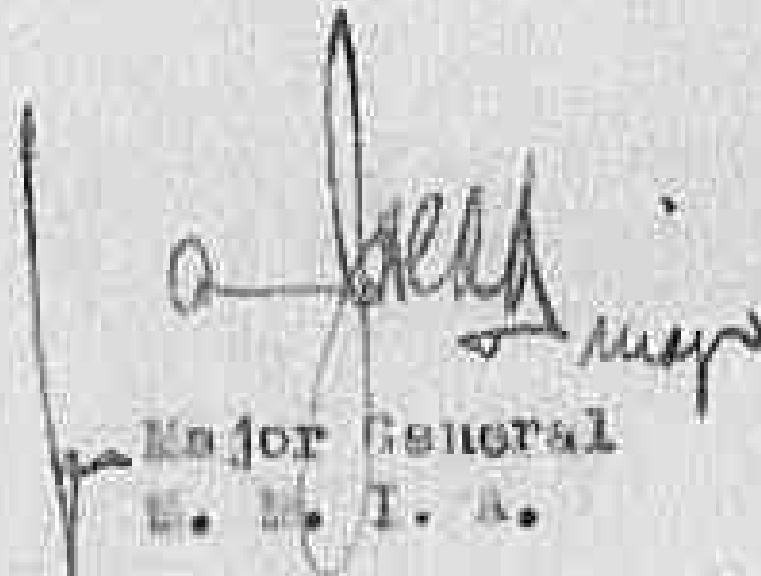
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18 DEC 1944

(80)¹²RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Equipment for Italian GroupsLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. S/G/29/13/E

11 Dec 44

TO : 60, 61, 52, 55, 56, 55 LMGsAttached copy of AFH letter AFH/S195/1(AB) of
7 December is forwarded for information and/or action.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

5758

18 DEC 1944

COPY

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian GroupsALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTel. No. Freedom 427AFHQ/9183/9(SE)7 Dec 44H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/S/29/13 dated 28 Nov 44.

1. The addition of Haversacks, M patn. 37 is being made to the Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Groups. This is now in the course of publication.
2. Please instruct D.A.D.O.S. B.L.Us to indent on Ordnance in the normal way.
3. With regard to your para 2 the whole question of additional clothing for Italian Combat Groups is being investigated and a decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Haversacks received(Sgd) B. S. A. Clarke,
/T/ B. S. A. CLARKE, J. Comd.
for Major General G-4(Br)

BSAC/JB

Copy to: Q(AE) Stats.

5757

SUBJECT:- Equipping of 3 Italian Combat Gp

3 District
Ext 114
OS/126/4
8 Dec 44

DADOS 52 BLU
DADOS 53 BLU
DADOS 54 BLU

The subjoined copy AFHQ Signal OS/PLANS/56 of 5 Dec 44 is passed to you for information.

tb

R. G. B. Greggains
ADOS
for Col DDOS
(R. G. B. GREGGAINS)

(C O P Y)

FROM A.F.H.Q. 05 A

TO COO 557 EOD

INFO DDOS 3 DISTRICT - (BY DRIS)

OS/PLANS/56 (.) BULKING OF UNIT INDENTS OF 52, 53 AND 54 BLUS
NOT POSSIBLE DURING EQUIPPING STAGE DUE TO INADEQUATE STAFF(.)
ARRANGE THEREFORE TO MEET UNIT INDENTS APPROVED BY DADOS BLU

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11 DEC 1944

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Test Instructions

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)

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Transmitting Instructions

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For Action

(W) For Information (INFO)

TO

FROM DADOS
(A) 53 BLU

CMF

DADOS

52 BLU

CMF

ORD DEPOT. RAOC. BARI. CMF

Originator's No.

05/9 RESTRICTED REFERENCE. ORD DEPOT BARI
SIGNAL 2/939 SOCKS QG 10080 ON IV 3/2894
COLLECTED BY THIS BLU FROM 56 AREA ARE SURPLUS
TO REQUIREMENTS PLEASE COLLECT EARLIESTTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
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Message Instructions

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LTLC V MEDY NR860/1/2 IMMEDIATE QVR1/2/3
 FROM TRAFFIC 557 BOD 080910A
 TO HQ CAPUA

ADDS 207 SUB ARE

DADOS 52 BLU

INFO AFHQ (ORD/13)

QX GR- BT

1/3487 • RESTRICTED •

TO YOU 7TH TRUCK 1021750 CONTAINING DETECTORS MINE QTY 41
 FOR SECOND ADDRESSEE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO
 (LEGNANAO) ITALIAN COMBAT GP • FOR FORTH ADDRESSEE YOUR
 US2/1056 REFERS

BT 281700

SENT NR 860/1/2 2325 OS B K

HD 860/1/2 2325 RWJP KK

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9 DEC 1944

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IMMEDIATE

FROM TRAFFIC 557 BOD 080910A

TO R T O CAPUA - ADO5 207 SUB AREA - DADOS 52 B L U

INFO AFHQ (ORD/13)

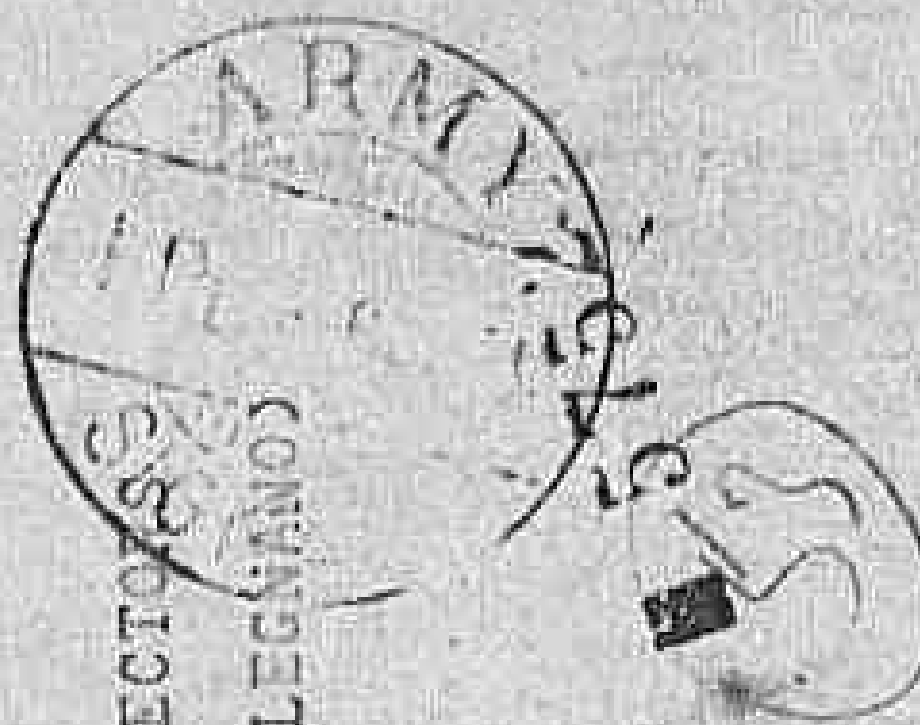
QX GR-- EF

TV3487. RESTRICTED. TO YOU 7 TH TRUCK 1021750 CONTAINING DETECTORS
 NINE QTY 41 FOR SECOND ADDRESSEE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO (LEGNAVO)
 ITALIAN COMBAT GP. FOR FOURTH ADDRESSEE YOUR OS2/1056 REFERS.

BT 081700

COPY WB AT LRLC

10 DEC 64



6. Weekly returns will continue to be made by each Issuing Depot showing tonnages, by types of stores (i.e. Votes 7, 8, 9, and M.T. stores), despatched during week, and those consignments awaiting shipment, quoting OSIT numbers in each case. These returns will be consolidated at AFHQ and an OSIT Bulletin will be published.

7. In connection with the above, attention of all concerned is drawn to DOS Circular No. 164.

8. DOS Circular No. 140 is cancelled.

(DOS/7552)

13 Nov '44

A.I. NIXON
(A.I. NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

DISTRIBUTION: LIST 'A'

5751

SPARE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CRENAUCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. CIRCULAR NO. 166

SUBJECT: BULK DEMANDS FROM ADsOS OF FORMATIONS AND AREAS.

1. It has been decided that 'TO-FOLLOWS' will be maintained for two months and 'does-cut' will be recorded by issuing depots, against fortnightly bulk demands received from ADsOS of Areas and Formations.
2. Effective date from which 'To-follows' will be maintained will be the date of the first periodical bulk demand submitted in December, 1944.
3. Those submitting fortnightly bulk demands will maintain a record of 'does-in' and will not re-demand stores shown as 'To-follow' until the period of two months from the date of demand has elapsed. Demands will show separately, all items re-demanded.

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LRLC V MEBY NR874 1 A MEUP
FROM 1 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 08

TO ADOS 52 BLU

INFO DDOS 3 DIST

QX CR- BT

1/4515 • RESTRICTED • 3 DIST 05/126/4 OF 1ST REFERS •

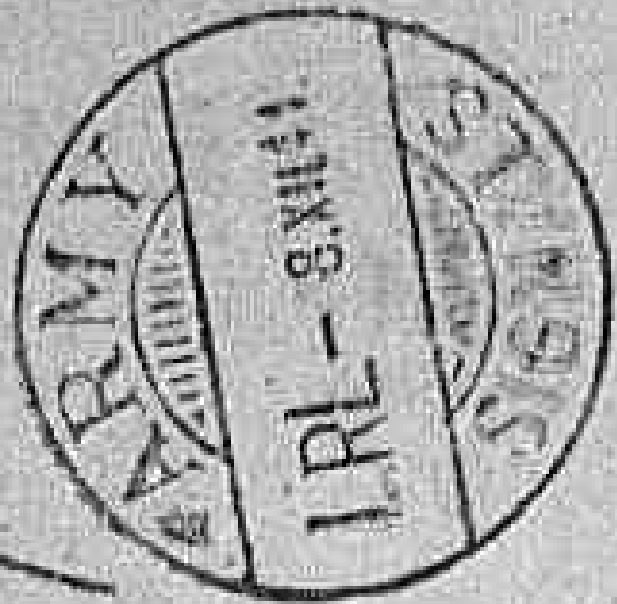
MT STORES FOR 3 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP NOW READY FOR COLLECTION

BT 081700

SENT NR874 2331 CS B K

NO 874 2331 RWJP K

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SUBJECT :- Clothing, Equipment, Rations ORR
Combat Groups.

(74)

52 Brit Liaison Unit
C.L.F.

8 Dec 44

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D.A.D.C.S.
52 BLU

Herewith copy of letter received from Land Forces
Sub Comm AC (MIA), for information and action where necessary.

AA.

Huck
Major
DAA&QMG

5740

8 DEC 1944

COPY -

Subject :- Clothing, personal equipment and rations for CCRR
in Combat Groups

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

ROME

AQ/8

4 Dec 44

1. AFM have ruled that the CCRR Sections within the organisation of the Combat Group will be treated as BR-ITI for the purpose of rations, and when necessary, for clothing.
2. CCRR outer garments may be worn but remaining garments may be supplied in the manner as the rest of the Group.
3. For rations, MFI supplies etc, the CCRR Section in the Combat Group will be treated in exactly the same way as the remainder of the Group.

FOM/wk

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION:

O.C. 50-51-52-53-54 BLU
Major Gelardi (MMA LO Rft Depot TEANO)
Ministry of War
Public Safety Sub Comm, A.C.
MMA S.B.
MMA Q/AE
MMA ST

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9 DEC 1944

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IRLC V MEDY RL306
FROM DDOS DISTHREE 060945A
TO DADOS 52 BLU : DADOS 53 BLU
INFO COO 557 BOD : DOS AFHQ : 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD: ORD BEPOT BARI
OOX GR70 BT

OS/126/4/5 . RESTRICTED. SUBJECT CLOTHING AND BOOTS FOR 3 AND 4 ITALIAN
COMBAT GPS. AFHQ AGREE TO REPLACEMENT REALLY BAD GRADE THREE CLOTHING NOW
HELD BY YOU WITH GRADE ONE OR GOOD GRADE TWO. WHOLESAL REPLACEMENT NOT
REPEAT NOT INTENDED. SECOND PAIR OFZBOOTS GRADE ONE WILL BE ISSUED.
SUBMIT INDENTS FORTHWITH ON 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD FOR BOOTS AND ESSENTIAL
REPLACEMENTS OF GRADE THREE NOW HELD

BT
THI 061145A
6CTN READ IN INFO ADD : 2 SUB AND ORD IMI
SEN1 1325A SWLV B 1 K
QVR INST ? QVR1-2 IMI 1-2
RD 306 1320 DGC AR K



SUBJECT: - No. 3 (LEGNANO) Italian Combat Group

52 BLU

Ord (with copy AFHQ letter)

3 District
Ext 113
485/1 Q
2 Dec 44

Ref AFHQ letter AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) dated 29 Nov 44, addressed
this HQ, copy to you.

Please take necessary action as indicated.

BKM/WTS

NP
5745
Col
DA & QMG
(B.K. MICHAELSON)

DRUES

SUBJECT: No. 3 (LAMPARD) Italian Combat Group

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TRA. NO. PROCEED 427.

AFHQ/9193/9(AS).

Nov 44.

H.Q. No. 3 District

Reference is made to this H.Q. letter AFHQ/9193/9(AS) dated 2 Nov 44.

1. In accordance with 9(AS) Administrative Instruction No. 3 authority is given for the issue of 1998 equipment for No. 3 (LAMPARD) Italian Combat Group.
2. It is desired that all equipment to the full extent of availabilities be issued not later than 20 Dec 44. AFHQ has already been provisionally instructed to place infants with your HQS forthwith.
3. The priority for issue to this Group will be on an equal basis with No. 4 (MOLINO) Italian Combat Group, and will rank immediately after issues to 8th and 5th Armies.

R. E. HANLEY
R. E. HANLEY, Major,
for Major-General G-4 (Br)

IND/35H

Copy to : Ord(Br)
32 REV. ✓

7 DEC 1944

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785020

LRLC V LROF NR 609S LIM

FROM MMIA 281515A

TO 52, 53, BLU

GR28BT

AQ/2098(.) RESTRICTED(.) MINISTRY OF ~~WAR~~ WAR IS INCREASING SOAP
RATION FROM 250 TO 350 GRAMMES PER MAN PER MONTH FOR COMBAT GROUPS(.)

PLEASE INFORM MMIA LO'S (.) ALL INFORMED

BT

SENT NR 6099 290109A JN AR K

RD NR6099 290109 WB B

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57 DEC 1944

Subject : Pistols Signal.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref G/5/17.

Capo di S.M.

8 Nov. 14.

(1) Pistols Signal 1 inch are at present held as follows :

<u>Inf Regt.</u>	Each Regt H.Q. Coy.	2.
	3" M Coy.	2.
		<u>4.</u>
Total two Regts.		8.
	A/Tk Bty.	1.
Total per Gruppo.		<u>9.</u>

(2) The establishment has now been increased by 57. These will be distributed as follows :

<u>Inf Bn.</u>	1 per Bn H.Q.	= 1 per Bn.
	2 " Sp Coy.	= 2 " "
	2 " Rifle Coy.	= 6 " "
Total		= 9 " "
		= 27 per Inf Regt.
		= 54 per Gruppo.

<u>Arty.</u>	1 additional for A/Tk Bty.	= 1 " "
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<u>Engrs.</u>	1 per Fd Coy.	= 2 " "
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Total		<u>57.</u> " "
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Plus 9 shown in para (1).	9.
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Total.	<u>66.</u> per Gruppo.
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G.M.F.
WFB/LCB.

Copy to : G I.
G II.
A/Q. (for distribution)
D.A.D.O.S. (" ")
D.A.D.S.T.

G II R.A.
S.O. R.P.
G II Trg.
H.H.I.A.
51 D.L.U.
52 "
53 "

Lt Col.
G.S.

5742
6502
and
DADOS to see.

8 DEC 1943

William Major

69

SUBJECT:- Deficiencies of Signal Stores.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

2 Dec 44

To :- HQ, Legnano Gruppo
(Uff Servizio)

BLUS/5

1; Stores Deficient

(a) Now that routine indents for stores have been started by DADOS with effect from 1 Dec 44, please ensure that action is taken by units to indent for deficiencies in those Signal Stores already issued.

(b) It is important that they do NOT indent for any items in addition to these. For instance, there have been several parts of the wireless station No.11. which have been incomplete issues. These should now be indented for. But units should NOT for instance indent for Hydrometers, since these have NOT yet been issued, and they do NOT form part of any complete apparatus already issued.

2. Stores Unserviceable

Indents may also be made during the next fourteen days to replace minor parts of equipment which still appear to be defective and need much repair. After 15 Dec however indent will NOT be made to replace such defective equipment, except after it has been passed to the Compagnia Teleradio and received a certificate as being beyond local repair.

RGA/WF.

R. H. Williams
5741
Captain,
S.O.R. Sigs.

Subject: Equipment.

C O P Y

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING

AFHQ, C.M.F.

Tel. 11656

DMT/55/14/MT1.

27 Nov 1944.

52 BLU CMF.

Copy to: 3 District;

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

Reference your A/5/34 dated 8 Nov. 1944.

1. The following stores have been released to you through 3 District and will be treated as part of your G.1098 Stores not Training scale.

Release No. Q(AE) 41/16 dated 22 Nov. PIAT 12
" " " 31/38 " 22 " LMG Bren 30

2. It is regretted that Mortars are not available at the moment.
3. Collection instructions will be issued by 3 District.

RY/RM.

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Brig. D.M.T.

5740

Subject: Equipment.

C O P Y

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Brig. D.M.T.

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WLC V MEDY NR 180631 ROUTINE
QVR 21
FROM 51 BLU 181040-
TO MMIA INFO 50 52 53 54 BLUS'S
67/8 61098 OF ARTY REGT CONTANS
NO STRETCHERS. CONSIDER THESE ESSENTIAL SUGGEST
SCALE FROM 4 BATTERY TWO R H Q TOTAL 26
THI 181230A
SENT NR 631 1953 B2 K
ID NR 631 181953 JB E K

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~~SECRET~~

REC DEC 1944

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5739
SIGNALS

(65)

SUBJECT:- Nos. 3 & 4 Italian Combat Groups
(LEGNANO & FOLGORE respectively)

3 District
Ext 114
OS/126/1
Dec 44

COO 557 BOD (4 copies)
COO Ordnance Depot, BARI

Copy to :- DOS AFHQ
DDOS L of C
DADOS 52 BLU
DADOS 53 BLU
'Q' (conversation MICHAELSON - GREGGAINS)
OO 3 Dist East Det

1. Instructions have now been received that the above formations are to be equipped during December. Indents are now being submitted to 557 BOD by DADOS 52 and 53 BLU for No 3 and No 4 Groups respectively
2. Releases of Staff and Controlled Stores will be obtained by this office.
3. Please note that Q(AE) AFHQ have advised this HQ that these Groups will be equipped on equal priority to the Polish Brigades and on priority immediately after Fifth and Eighth Armies.

tb

5738
R.G.B. Greggains
for Col DDOS
(R.G.B. GREGGAINS)

DEC 1944

Subject: Amendments to S.E.L.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.E.F.
GRU/12/64.
5 Dec. 1944.

(614)

Sezione I - B - Ufficio Servizi,
Gruppo di Combattimento,
"Lanciano"

1. Attached herewith amendments to Special Equipment Lists 121/1, 122/2 and 162/1, for transmission to units concerned.
2. These items should be oriented for, through D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U. in the normal manner.

#HX/LMD.

Wey Major.
(S.W. GORDON)
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

5737

0223

Subject: Collection of Stores.

OS/2/Dump

To D.O.S. 52 B.H.U.

The u/m stores are awaiting collection at A.D.O.S. Dump, Map ref. 243513 (Town Plan).

Please arrange that these stores be collected within five days, or notify address to which they may be forwarded.

Stores not disposed of within this period will be returned to stock.

Stores in Transit

Page 1

Date 28 NOV 44

Hean, Sgt
Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S., 56 Area

*61
Refer*

*S/Sgt Barclay
will collect 5800
M4*

5736
14 DEC 1944

30 Oct 44 - Summary of No. 3 Italian Combat Co

(62)

3 District
Act 114
09/126/4
Dec 44

1 Sub Depot 507 BOD
2 Sub Depot 507 BOD
3 Sub Depot 507 BOD

Copy to:- DAXS 52 BOD

Following inkents from DAXS 52 BOD are passed to you for action please.

1 Sub Depot

DAXS 52 BOD	Schedule No. 06	Dated	30/11/44
" " "	" No. 09	"	30/11/44

2 Sub Depot

DAXS 52 BOD	Schedule No. 05	Dated	30/11/44
" " "	" No. 07	"	30/11/44
" " "	" No. 08	"	30/11/44

3 Sub Depot

DAXS 52 BOD	Schedule No. 10	Dated	30/11/44
" " "	" No. 11	"	30/11/44
" " "	" No. 12	"	30/11/44

5735

W. G. A. Gray

W. G. A. Gray

3 DAXS
for Col 1008
(S.C.I. 1008/1009)

LRLC V MEDY NR 437

IMMEDIATE

Q I M

FROM ORD DEPOT BARI

TO DADOS 52 BLU - INFO DADOS 53 BLU

QIX GR43 BT

2/939 1 OS/10 OF 29/11 • RESTRICTED • STORES ON IV IN/3/2894 DESPATCHED
 TO ADOS 56 AREA BY 561 L OF C SCU VEHICLE 5636585 ON 24/11 • NOTE INABILITY
 VOUCHER 2/117132 FROM 557 BOD CLEARLY STATED 53 BLU NOT 52 AS STATED IN
 YOUR SIGNAL

THI 011430

SENT KFS

CTN NOTE INABILITY

B2

RD NR 437 EJ 1655 AR K K



IMMEDIATE

Leave to 5734
52/192

ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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TO (W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)

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12 DEC 1944

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RESTRICTED 0 STORES

2/9391: 05/10 OF 29/11 0

ON 1-V M/3/2894 DESPATCHED TO A 205 56 AREA

BY 581 2 SEC S.C.U. VEHICLE 5686585 on 24/11

NOTE INACCURATE VOUCHER 3/11/32 FROM 557 A.O.D. CIPHER

STATED 53 B.L.U. NOT 52 AS STATED ON

YOUR SIGNAL 0

IMMEDIATE

JADOS

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C. M. F.Subject :- Equipment for Italian Combat Groups.Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.G.
(M.E.I.A.)8/6/29/13.
28 Nov., 44.To :- AFHQ for Q(AE).

copies to 50 BLU

51 BLU

52 BLU

53 BLU

54 BLU

55 BLU

1. Representations have been made that Haversacks W.E. should be added to the Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Groups. These were originally omitted since it was thought that the pack would be sufficient. This has proved to be incorrect, and the addition of 1 haversack is therefore requested.

2. It is also considered that Gloves, woollen should be added to the clothing scale as these are an essential item for an Italian winter.

N.A.
Mey.Major General.
M.E.I.A.

5732

02221

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SUBJECT: Knives Clasp - Italian Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. S/G/25/13/3
29 Nov 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BLUE

Attached AFHQ letter AFHQ/9193/Q(AR)
dated 26 Nov 44 is forwarded for information
and action as necessary.

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

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61 DEC 1944

5731

COPY

SUBJECT: Knives Clasp - Italian Combat Groups

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427
AFHQ/9193/G(AE)
26 Nov 44

H.Q. MIA

5730

Reference your S/G/29/13/2 dated 3 Nov 44.

Knives clasp will be added to the Special Equipment Lists for Engineers & Signals personnel. It is pointed out, however, that this item is in very short supply, and issues cannot be made until stocks become available. Ordnance have been instructed to take the necessary provision action to cover this commitment.

BSAC/WH

(Sgd) E.S.A. Clarke
/Y/ E.S.A. CLARKE, J. Comd.,
For Major General C-4 (Br)

11 DEC 1944

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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Originator

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51 Blue

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

50, 52, 53, 54 Blue

Originator's No.

Message Instructions

OR

1531/CHQP

8/11/44 The above is not included in normal group-
ment list. Consider them essential & presume they have been
omitted in error. Any steps be taken to insure they have
been given have not been received. They will be given
by high level troops.

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Approved

Both sent by radio
but not by C.S.

Important

ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)

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Message Instructions

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Subject: Sock

DADOS
52 B.L.U.

DADOS
53 B.L.U. (56)
ORD/13.
29 Nov 44

Re your memo dated 29 Nov. 44.
I submitted ident for sock - vide 20000 originally as
an emergency demand and subsequently another indent
for balance of 10,000. I have since received
an issue from Bari of 30,000 (total). But Bari
advise now that QTY 10,080 sock are available
- there being against my former indent (53/B/22)
the issue number as is IN/3/2894.
I would suggest you signal ORD Bari and
have these 10,080 sock transferred & issued to
you at Bari. If agreeable please inform me
via your signal to ORD Bari and will
signal confirmation to ORD Bari.
I have no knowledge of QTY 14,000 sock
you mention in your memo.

29.11.44

29 NOV 1944

ACTION 54. (5727)
DADOS. 53. B.L.U.

Subject:- Signal Equipment
for Gruppis.

D.A.D.O.S., 52 B.L.U.

D.A.D.O.S., 53 B.L.U.

3 District
Ext 87
OS/126/5
25 Nov'44.

1. Following extract from DOS letter DOS 3430/1(ORD13) d:d. 21 Nov'44 is passed to you for information and necessary compliance.

" (1) In view of the need to train Italian Signallers, CSO AFHQ has ruled that the issue of AF G1098 Signal Equip to 52 and 53 BLU shall proceed.

(2) Controlled stores have already been released. Will you please arrange for indents for uncontrolled stores to be submitted to you and passed for issue."

RHP

H.R. Coleman
Col
DDOS
(H.R. COLEMAN)

28 NOV 1944

5726

1. ~~Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the letterhead memorandum dated 22 Nov. 1964, captioned "Subject's Activities in the United States, 1944-1964".~~

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Very truly,
John Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI

Copy for Major, 11 Nov. 1964, 11 Nov. 1964,
Group 12, 11 Nov. 1964, 11 Nov. 1964

(Your letter dated 22 Nov. 1964 referred)

0235

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

Mr. William H. Sullivan
Director
FBI
Washington, D.C.

(SH)

1. 2/3 copy of letter,
16 March.

2. Attached copy of letter from Agent Sullivan, 11 April.
Sgt.

3. Could this branch be informed of any report of any type of
this information?

12/1/68.

W.H.
W.H. Sullivan
Director, FBI

Copy to: Agent Sullivan, 11 April - Sgt.,
Chicago, Illinois, "Chicago"

(Your letter dated 22 Nov. 1968 received)

DAGOS

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists

LAND FORCES SUB-CCM. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

File No. S/G/29/13/3

25 Nov 4410 : O.C. 52 ELU ✓

Reference your letter Ord/12/34 of
13 November.

As requested herewith Lists No's.
119/1 (HQ Combat Group) and 133/1 (Provost
Section)

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

28 NOV 1944

5725

11 ARTILLERY REGIMENT
Gruppe "Legnano" (54)

To: DADOS
52 E.L.U.

November 22 - 1944

Subject: Signal Equipment.

1. As charging sets were drawn from DADOS Dump on November 9, one charging set was found to be deficient of:
 - One box containing all the spare parts and tools.
2. One box issued as containing 3 telephones D Mk V, was found to contain 2 telephones "P".

Berretta
(Lt. R. Berretta)

Signal Officer 11 Art. Regt.

REGION 54

28 NOV 1944

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

26/22

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

P

QVR 3/4

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

MMIA

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

26/220A

OFFICE DATE Stamp

TORC

26/1600A

For Action

50, 51, (52), 53, 54 BLUs.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

3432/CHQP 12-43

Originator's No.

SS 399 RESTRICTED @ Cookers Portable No. 1 for Artillery
 Coy should be demanded on platoon basis @
 unnecessary to amend SEI @ for 51 BLU @ your Q7/4
 dated 24/4 refers.

VH 11/4

28 NOV 1944

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Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Signed

Subject: Translation of Special Equipment List.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

24 Nov 44.

BLUB/5.

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo
(Servizio)
DADOS 52 BLU

Compagnia Teleradio

1. Herewith one copy, for your retention, of the Special Equipment List of the Signal Company translated into Italian.
2. There is also a copy with OC Genio En and with the OC Signal Coy.

Richard Adams
Captain,
SORSigs.

5722
25 NOV 1944

RGA/NS

COPIA

Al Sig. Magg. GORDON

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi-Sezione St. M.

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N° 144838/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 151 li, 15 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Fascicoli dotazioni materiali per Gruppi di Combattimento.-

AL COMANDO DEI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO

LORD SEDI

e, per conoscenza

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA

Staff office is providing for the translation
Questa Stato Maggiore sta provvedendo alla traduzione

and for the printing of the English books
ed alla stampa dei fascicoli inglesi:

a)- Normal equipment list for Italian Combat Group;

b)- Special equipment.-

Looks have been given to the translation as long and difficult, but some of these
La traduzione è lunga e difficoltosa, ma già sono stati dati
to the staff office for the translation of the English books
alla stampa parecchi fascicoli dello "Special Equipment" che saranno dati
to the staff office for the translation of the English books
ma ti nei prossimi giorni. Seguiranno, man mano che saranno tradotti e stampati
Little by little
gli altri fascicoli. +

Will communicate to the staff office that it is not possible to forward other copies of the English books
Al Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano" si comunica che non è
possibile inviare altre copie del fascicolo inglese "Special Equipment"
because M.M.I.A. have more available
perché la M.M.I.A. non ne ha più disponibili.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
Fo.-Alessandro Santi



p. c. c.
IL MAGGIORE CAPO SEZIONE
- Giuseppe Terranova -

5721

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
 Po. - Alessandro Santi



P. C. C.
 IL MAGGIORE CAPO SEZIONE
 - Giuseppe Terranova -

5721

25 NOV 1944

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Extracted and returned to D.A.H. & Q.M.G.

25 NOV 1944

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Subject: Monthly scale of weapons, ammunition stores.

72 British Liaison Unit,
C.I.F.

080/12/47.

22th Nov. 1964.

Sezione I: D - Ufficio Servizi,
Gruppo Di Combattimento,
"Lancia"

Ref. your 07/64, dated 14th Nov. 1964.

1. Inventories should be submitted to this branch on the 1st and 15th of each month, on a minimum scale, sufficient to maintain holdings of weapons in efficient order.

SHI/MSO.

Curry Major.
(G. V. GORDON)
M.A.D.O.S. 72 B.L.U.

Subject: Boot Repairs.

46
52 British Liaison Unit,
G.A.F.
ORD/12/46.
20 Nov. 1944.

DAM & CAG.,
52 British Liaison Unit,
G.A.F.

1. Further to my ORD/12/46 dated 15th Nov. 1944.
2. It is confirmed that Boot Repairs are an Ordnance responsibility.
3. Demands have been placed for 50 sets of Tools for shoemakers, together with the necessary materials.
4. Arrangements will be made for personnel to attend a short course on boot repairing.

G.W./LAD.

G.W. Major.
(G.W. GORDON,
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.)

5719

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO
LEGNANO

DAD *45*
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n° 03/649 file

APD 155 14 Nov. 44

Subject : monthly scale of weapons maintenance stores

To. 52 B. L. U.

Could you please inform us of the monthly scale of weapons cleaning and maintenance materials .
For your information we should like to state that, for the quantity of arms held by Gruppo di Combattimento, the following quantities of maintenance materials used to be allotted by the Italian Army. :

Paraffine	litres	498
Vaseline	Kg	225
Cleaning oil	litres	496
Brake oil	"	20
Grease for Arty.	Kg.	60
Cleaning rag	"	539

Materials already provided from British sources :

Oil	Kg.	520
Grease	"	45

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Action 47
By order

sgd. L. Lombardi Col.
C. of S.

13 NOV 1944

P/pm.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione 1^a b.- Servizi

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N° 03/649 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 14 novembre 1944

Oggetto: Competenze mensili per manutenzione armi.-

AL 52 B. I. U.

Fregasi far conoscere quali sono le spettanze mensili di materie prime per la manutenzione delle armi.

Per notizia si comunica che, per il numero delle armi che il gruppo di combattimento ha in organico, erano previste, nell'esercito italiano, le seguenti spettanze:

- petrolio	litri	498
- vasellina per armi	kg.	225
- olio per armi (cleaner)	litri	495
- olio per freni	"	20
- grasso per artiglieria	kg.	50
- stracci	"	539

Materiale già pervenuto da fonte inglese :

- olio	kg.	5520
- grasso	"	45.-



d'ordine
UFFICIO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. L. Lombardi -

4L 52 B. L. U.

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- vasellina per armi	kg.	225
- olio per armi (cleaner)	litri	496
- olio per freni	"	20
- grasso per artiglieria	kg.	50
- stracci	"	539

Materiale già pervenuto da fonte inglese:

- olio	kg.	5717
- grasso	"	5520
		45.-



d'ordine
LEGGO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. L. Lombardi -

Lombardi

12 NOV 1944

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SIGNALS

LRLC V MEDY NR 79/// NR 719 I M H E D I A T E

FROM DADOS 50 BLU 18NJT

TO DADOS 52 BLU

QAA CR --- ---BT ---

OS/108 (RESTRICTED) APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE EARLY COLLECTION 39
OF STORES AS ALREADY REQUESTED. NOW PRESSING DDO3 DISTHREI OS/126/2 REFERS.

~~###~~ REFERS. ---BT ---

SEMI NR 719 17-1907A CB B

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15 NOV 1964

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists.

URGENT

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/13/2

15 Nov 44

TO : War Ministry and Attn SMRE.

Copy to: 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BLUS.

Copies of the following Special Equipment Lists
are forwarded :-

<u>S.E.L. No.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>W.E.</u>
162/1	Italian Fd Park Coy	NA 596/1
163/1	Italian Mobile Dental Unit	NA/577/1
165/1	Italian Adv. Depot of Med. Stores	NA/578/1
166/1	Italian Field Bakery	NA/597/1

Major General
M.M.I.A.

17 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: Equipment ^{and} Necessaries

52 Brit Liaison Unit

CLF

16 Nov 44

HQ LEGNANO

Gruppo di Combattimento.

Q/4/41

Ref your 06/396 of 10 Nov 44 and your 30/03/650 of 7 Nov.

1. Washing Soap and Dubbin.

It is understood DADOS has asked you to submit detailed indents for this.

2. Toilet articles.

Enclosed are copies of AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/Q(maint) of 27 Sept and AAI letter 2049/12/Q2 of 5 Oct 44 which explain the position. Indents should be prepared immediately on entry into an operational zone.

3. Steel Helmets.

These will be issued from British sources when available. In the meantime Italian helmets should be retained.

4. Respirators.

Respirators and anti-gas equipment will NOT be issued from British sources - at any rate at present. It is proposed that the Legnano Gruppo retains its present holding of Italian equipment.

5. Other Items.

(a) Materials for clothing repairs are contained in the housewife which is part of the clothing scale to be issued from British sources.

(b) Boot repairs should be an Ordnance responsibility. Will DADOS 52 BLT please take this point up with Ord and obtain confirmation that boots for repair can be handed in in the normal manner.

(c) Candles, if it is regretted, are not available from British sources. Normal issue of hurricane lamps and illuminants will be made when a 1098 equipment is issued.

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(b) Boot repairs should be an Ordnance responsibility. Will DADOS 52 BLU please take this point up with Ord and obtain confirmation that boots for repair can be handed in in the normal manner.

(c) Candles, it is regretted, are not available from British sources. Normal issue of hurricane lamps and illuminants will be made when 3 1008 equipment is issued.

Robert L. ...

Major,
DAA&QAG.

Copy to: DADOS (Your ORD/12/36 and ORD/12/38 52 BLU of 15 Nov 44 refers).

17 NOV 1944

**SUBJECT: Amendments to Special Equipment
Lists for an Italian Combat Course**

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)

3/3/39/13/2

13 Nov 44

TO : War Ministry attn. S.E.R.E.

Copy to: 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 SLUs.

Latest Amendments as under to S.E.Ls for an Italian Combat Group are forwarded :

- Amendment No. 1 to S.E.L. No 154/1 (Sept 44).
- Amendment No. 2 to S.E.L. No 155/1 (Sept 44).
- Amendment No. 4 to S.E.L. No 156/1 (Sept 44).

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

*Previously received
from A.F.H.Q.
& amended.*

[Signature]

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16 NOV 1944

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SUBJECT:- Special Equipment Lists -
Italian Combat Groups.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL No. FREEDOM 971.

AFHQ/6506/2/Q(AE).

12 Nov. 44.

D.A.D.O.S.
52 British Liaison Unit.
C.M.F.

Reference your Ord/12/25 of 7 Nov 44.

1. It is pointed out that SEL 122/1 (Sep 44) for a Field Company Engineer Battalion has been superseded by SEL/122/1 (Oct 44) and copies of this have been despatched to you.
2. Your demand is therefore considered cancelled.

DPL/FB.

D. F. Longman
D. F. LONGMAN, Capt.
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

115 NOV 1944

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MIRAC V MEDY NR 96 QVR1/2

FROM DADOS DISTREE 140930A

• TO DADOS 52 BLU DADOS 55 BLU

INFO DADOS 50 BLU

ORX GR 21 RT

CE/126/2 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FIRST ADDRESSEE COLLECT FROM
50 BLU ONE X 3 TON LOAD STORES (.) SECOND ADDRESSEE COLLECT
FROM FOUR X 3 TON LOADS STORES FROM 50 BLU DADOS DUMP (.)
COLLECTION THURSDAY 23 (.)

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SENT NR 96 141027A RVK E K

RD 26 1835 DCC AR

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no more
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15 NOV 1964

subject: provision of some. unclassified

Dr. Britton L. Olson Unit
C.R.F.
11/12/38.
15 Nov. 1941.

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San & S.S.,
Dr. B.L.O.

1. Ref. attached copy of letter from Comodoro, Grupo B1
Comandante "Regencia".
2. It is considered that the supply of some of the items
is an urgent responsibility, and the Grupo have been asked to
submit reports to this branch.
3. May a ruling please be obtained as to the responsibility
supply of other items asked for.

llw. Major.
(G. L. G. G. G.)
Dr. B.L.O. Dr. B.L.O.

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all/m.

Subject: Provision of soap, Dabbin etc.

32 British Liaison Unit,
J.M.F.

GRU/12/37.

15 Nov. 1964.

COMANDO GUERRA DE COMBATIMENTOS,
"GRU-NO"

Reference your 06/396 dated 10/11/64.

1. Intents for washing soap and Dabbin should be submitted to this branch.
2. A ruling on the supply of other items required has been applied for, to Higher authority.

WII/ham.

(G.T. GORDON)

D.A.M.C. 32 B.L.U.

Major.

5709

Subject: Helmets and Respirators for Gruppo.

52 British Liaison Unit,
J.M.S.
GMB/12/50.
15 Nov. 1944.

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Deane to G.M.G.,
52 B.L.U.

1. Ref. attached copy of letter from Chief of Staff, Gruppo
01 Combattimento, "Legnano".
2. Helmets are issued from British sources, but Respirators
are not issued.
3. May a ruling on this matter be obtained please.

WHL/had.

WHL
(G.P. GORDON)

D.A.S.O. to 52 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: Special Equipment Lists.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(L.F.S.A.)

2/5/24/13/2
Rev 14

TO: 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 BRUs.

Attached AFHQ letter, AFHQ/5518/51AR) dated 2 Nov 44
is passed to you for information and/or action.

La Bell
Major General.
(L.F.S.A.)

5706

COPY

SUBJECT :- Special Equipment ListsALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTel. No. FREEDOM 971AFHC/6518/C(AB)

8 Nov 44

H.Q., N.M.I.A.

Reference your S/C/29/13/2 of 3 Nov and SO B.I.U. letter A/2/11 of 30 Oct 44.

1. It has been decided to increase the scale of Pistols Signal in the Gruppo di Combattimento, and amendments to the relevant Equipment lists are in course of publication in accordance with the following scale:-

25 pdr Battery	1
Anti-Tank Battery	1
40 mm Battery	9
Infantry Regt	8
(less Inf Btn)	
Infantry Battalion	6

2. This will make a total of 66 Pistols Signal per Gruppo which should prove adequate.

Amended

(Sgd) D. F. Longman
D. F. LONGMAN, Capt.
for Major General, G-4 (Br).

DFL/EHI

5705

Subject: Special Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Group.

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File

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

ORD/12/34.

13 Nov. 1944.

M.H.I.A.,
ROME.

Reference our ORD/12/17 dated 2/11/44.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of 2 sets of Special Equipment Lists for an Italian Combat Group.

2. In each set, Lists Nos. 119/1 (H.Q. Combat Group) and 133/1 (Provost Sect.) are deficient. Could these please be forwarded to this branch.

WHY/LED.

Swat Major.
(G.W. GORDON)
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L. 5704

DETAIL FOR COLLECTION OF STORES.

(33)

Convoy of 10 Lorries will leave Albergo Matass at ^{13.00} ~~12.00~~ hrs, and will proceed direct to 2nd sub Depot, 357 S.O.D. Portici.

Pte. Booth will report to C. i/c Group IV for collection of 9000 blankets (authr D.A.D.C.S. 3 Dist.) 300 Denim Blouses & 300 Trousers
K.D. to be collected from "C" Clothing Factory.

Five lorries to collect cases from Dump, and these are to be delivered to R.S.D. Naples.

Rations for 48 hours will be carried.

Bruckner, Major.
D.A.D.C.S. 92 M.L.U.

DISTRIBUTION: Sezione 1^a B;
Gruppo di Combattimento, "leggero"
Pte. Booth.
Nazione R.S.D.
File.

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LELC V MEDY NR 547 IMMEDIATE QVR2

FROM DDOS DISTHREE: 111645A

TO DADOS 51 BLU: DADOS 52 BLU

GR --- ---ET ---

08/2/2023. RESTRICTED. REPLY BY RETURN NUMBER OF BLANKETS REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE. ---ET ---

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SENT NR 547 11-1818A CB BB 2

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FROM DDOS DISTHREE 121200

TO DADOS 52 BLU

INOF OO 2 SD 557 BOD

QOX GR17

OS2/2023 . RESTRICTED . REF CONVERSATION HANSTON - BREWER

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NOV . BLANKES QTY 9000 RELEASED 2ND

ADDRESSEE . ARRANGE EARLY COLECTION

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTI "LEGNANO"

Ufficio Del Capo di Stato Maggiore Sezione 1 b - Servizi

Ref: 24/03/708

PM 155 10 Nov 44

Subject : Normal Equipment list & Special Equipment list

To: 52 BLU

The booklets "Normal equipment list and special equipment list" are compiled in English. Your vocabulary of technical terms is very difficult even for one who knows the language.

This HQ has already contacted the Italian High Command to have Italian copies of it but does not expect to get them. But the question is a very important one and must be cleared up. Thus it is suggested that one or two British NCOs well versed in ORDINANCE be attached to the Gruppo. It is not necessary that they speak Italian. Their task should be that of showing an appointed man from the Deposito Mobile, as the equipment arrives, which are those articles corresponding to the various sections of the equipment lists; this man would then assign to each article of equipment the appropriate Italian term. Thus a bilingual list would be built up, which would solve the problem.

DCM/NS

Capo Stato Maggiore
Col Lombardi.

5700

7/pm.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO",
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione 1^a b.- Servizi

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N° 2H/03/708 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 10 novembre 1944

Oggetto: "Normal equipment list e special equipment list.-

AL 52° B.L.U.

I fascicoli "Normal equipment list e special equipment list,, sono compilati in inglese.

La loro traduzione trattandosi di termini tecnici è molto difficile anche a chi conosce la lingua.

Questo comando ha già interessato lo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito per avere delle copie in italiano ma non spera di ottenerle.

D'altra parte la questione è molto importante e deve essere risolta.

Si propone far assegnare per un certo periodo a questo gruppo uno o due sottufficiali inglesi, pratici di materiali "Ordnance,,.

Non è necessario parlino l'italiano.

Il loro compito dovrebbe essere quello di mostrare, mano a mano perverranno i materiali, ad un incaricato del deposito mobile quali sono i materiali corrispondenti alle varie dizioni dei fascicoli; l'incaricato del deposito attribuirebbe tali materiali il nome italiano. Ne verrebbe così fuori un fascicolo bilingue che risolverebbe la questione.



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. L. Lombardi -

Lombardi

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

Ref 06/396.

Em 155

10 Nov 44

Subject: Provision of soap, grease for boots, candles etc.To 52 BLU(

The Minister of War, to whom requests for the above mentioned provisions for the current month have been presented, brings to our notice that allotments supplying needs of Italian Combat Groups and auxiliary units must be provided for by AA.

It is therefore requested that the matter be taken up by you, as the following have been allotted:-

Washing soap

For Units of Gruppo Legnano	9,500
" Auxiliary units	2,000
Supplementary rations to drivers, motorcyclists, mechanics, mess cooks etc	3,000

Grease for footwear (Dubbin)

For Legnano units	9,500
" Auxiliary units	2,000

Toilet articles (Toilet soap, shaving soap, toothpaste, razor blades, etc)

Forces of the Gruppo	9,500
Auxiliaries	2,000

We should be pleased to know if any of the following articles might also be allotted - and in what quantities:

Wax candles for tent illumination

Materials for the effecting of minor repairs to footwear (leather, nails, shoemakers wax, twine etc)

Materials for minor repairs to clothing (needles, thread etc)

Capo di Stato Maggiore
Col Lombardi.

DCM/RS.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Ufficio di Commissariato -

n. 06/396 di prot.

R.M. 155, 10 Novembre 1944

OGGETTO: spettanze sapone, grasso per calzature, candele ecc.=

AL 520 BLU

S E D E

Il Ministero della Guerra - al quale è stata presentata la richiesta per le competenze in oggetto del mese corrente - ha fatto presente che alle assegnazioni per i bisogni dei Gruppi di Combattimento ed unità ausiliarie devono provvedere le A.A.

Si prega pertanto di interessarsi perchè vengano assegnati:

-SAPONE PER LISCIVATURA:

- Per le unità del Gruppo "Legnano".....	razioni	9.500
- " " " ausiliarie	"	2.000
- Per supplemento ad autisti, motociclisti, meccanici, fanti ecc.....	"	3.000

-GRASSO PER CALZATURE:

- Per le unità del Gruppo "Legnano".....	"	3.897
- " " " ausiliarie	"	2.000

- ARTICOLI DA TOILETTA (saponette, sapone per barba, dentifrici, lamette per rasoio ecc.....)

- Forza del Gruppo.....	"	9.500
- Unità ausiliarie.....	"	2.000.=

Si gradirebbe conoscere se potranno anche essere assegnati ed in quale misura:

- Candele steariche per illuminazione tende -
- materiali per piccole riparazioni alle calzature presso i reparti (spago, cuoio, chiodi ecc.) -
- materiali per piccole riparazioni al vestiario (filo, aghi ecc.) -

OGGETTO: spettanze sapone, grasso per calzature, candele ecc.=

AL 52° BLV

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- " " " ausiliarie " " 2.000
- Per supplemento ad autisti, motociclisti, meccanici, rancieri ecc..... " 3.000

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- " " " ausiliarie " " 2.000

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- materiali per piccole riparazioni al vestiario (filo, aghi ecc.=



CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. L. Lombardi)

Lombardi

Subject: Medical Supplies

DMA & QM
50 British Liaison Unit

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIL)
RCSB
W/L/2215
9 Nov 44.

Reference your Q/5/10 of 3 Nov 44.

1. The deficiencies have been discussed with Ministry of War and the list is similar to that already in their possession except that several items demanded are now in excess of those previously asked through Italian channels. Instructions have been previously sent by Ministry of War to Priuli and Crescenzi Groups giving detailed instructions where to obtain such items. The following cannot be supplied from Italian sources:-

(a) Non-Medical Units

Stretchers (British pattern)
Blankets
Lighting sets, acetylene

(b) Medical Units

Distillers
Petrol: Large

2. Stretchers. As Italian pattern is not suitable for the new type British ambulance car, only British pattern will be used.

(c) In the Servizio di Sanita Special Equipment List No 131 (W.R. W/535/1.) authority is given for:-

TWO Dressing Stations each 75 stretchers

Stretcher Bearer Group

In addition ambulance cars are issued with:
4 per vehicle (18)

150
75

72 (18 not ^{indent?} ~~5896~~ ^{blended})

Total 297

Of the 297 probably 12 will require to be re-allocated to each Divisional Field Hospital who have however, 50 hospital beds and 30 patients each.

(b) Stretchers for Non-Medical Units. are authorised in General Equipment Tables No 23 and No 43 (acrosses for stretcher). Table No 23 does not state number of stretchers to be issued per vehicle. It is necessary to have

1. The deficiencies have been discussed with Ministry of War and the list is similar to that already in their possession except that several items demanded are now in excess of those previously asked through Italian channels. Instructions have been previously sent by Ministry of War to Priuli and Crenona Groups giving detailed instructions where to obtain such items. The following cannot be supplied from Italian sources:-

(a) Non-Medical Units

Stretchers (British pattern)
Blankets
Lighting Sets, acetylene

(b) Medical Units

Vaccinators
Petrol lamps

2. Stretchers. As Italian pattern is not suitable for the new type British ambulance car, only British pattern will be used.

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Two Dressing Stations each 75 stretchers
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4 per vehicle (18)

150
75

72 (18 not issued)
5896

Total 297

Of the 297 probably 12 will require to be re-allocated to each Divisional Field Hospital who have however, 50 hospital beds and 23 palliasses each.

(b) Stretchers for Non-Medical Units. are authorised in Normal Equipment Tables No 23 and No 43 (accessories for stretchers). Table No 23 does not state number to be issued but refers to S.E.Ls. for each type of unit. S.E.Ls appear to have omitted in error this item.

AMIA have requested AMHQ through Crenona channels to correct this omission. In the event of amendments not being available in time a special release of 100 will be requested. There is no shortage of stretchers.

Flases retain Italian stretchers until British pattern are received.

3. Blankets. Issues of 50 blankets for B.M.Os are also authorised in Table 23 Normal Equipment. As it is presumed infants have been submitted through British Crenona channels the matter has been taken up with AMIA EADOS.

4. Lighting Sets Acetylene.

One (or two) pressure lamp in lieu per B.M.O. is authorised in Table 23 Normal Equipment.

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5. Disinfectors These are scarce and it is intended to keep the Italian pattern for use with the supporting Field Hospital. The Division is allotted one special 3-gon lorry disinfecter, (S.E.L. No 151/1, page 1) and one portable Field pattern (page 4) and necessities (page 9). It is considered that this will be sufficient for divisional needs.

6. Petroler Lamps for Medical Units.

These are not available in Italian Stores. Non-acetylene lighting sets are authorized in S.E.L. 151/1. This, together with 45 Hurricane lamps also authorized, will need to suffice for illumination purposes. If paraffin or petrol pressure lamps are available in lieu these are preferable for medical units providing there is a sufficiency of spare mantles.

7. If items in paras 4, 5 and 6 have already been requested from British sources (and not Italian) please signal by return and DADCS MIA will take necessary action.

8. Deficiencies of items for panniers are being issued from Italian Medical Depot Stores.

/RFG

D. L. Pegg

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AG. (MIA)

Copy to: DMS AMI

51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 B.L.U. (as similar difficulties may arise)
Special Section

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Dr. al

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
L E G N A N O

3C/03/650 file

APO 155 7 Nov. 44

Subject : stores

To : 52 B. L. U.

Will you please inform us if helmets and gas masks will be issued from British sources.

For your information we communicate as follows :

We have sufficient number of Italian helmets ; it is very good material that could be held.

Italian gas masks, now on charge, are good.

It is deficient an aliquot part to complete necessary number. We are deficient in all anti dim classes ; that could be replaced with a special ointment used in British and U.S. Army.

If gas masks are not included in new equipment ; will you please inform us to handed in them.

By order

sd L. Lombardi Col.
C. of S.*Action 36.*

ACTION DADOS

*NO SCHE
OF
BREMERS.*

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T/pm.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMANTINMENTO "LEOPARDO",
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione 1^a b. - Servizi

N° 30/CS/650 del 1904.

P.M. 155, li 7 novembre 1944

Oggetto: Materiali.

AL 52° B. L. U.

- Pregasi far conoscere se verranno distribuiti
- da fonte inglese - elmetti e maschere antigas.
- Per notizia si comunica:
- si dispone del completo fabbisogno di elmetti italiani. Trattasi di buon materiale che potrebbe essere trattato.
 - le maschere italiane in distribuzione sono buone. Ne manca una aliquota per completare il fabbisogno.
- Mancano anche tutti i dischi antiappannanti che possono essere molto bene sostituiti da una pomata speciale usata nell'esercito inglese o americano.
- Qualora poi nel nuovo equipaggiamento non fossero previste le maschere, si prega darne avviso; questo comando provvederebbe a versarle.



d'ordine

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. L. Lombardi

Lombardi 5693

Subject:- Electrolyte 1260 SG

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

10 Nov 44

BLUS/S

To DADOS 52 BLU

1) It may be recalled that when batteries were released to this Gruppo, a very high proportion of them required initial charging. Towards achieving this, 50 gallons of electrolyte were obtained, which were all that could be asked for at the time.

2) Please may release now be asked (or indent made) for the balance, which is urgently required to render the existing wireless equipment usable. This quantity is estimated to be:-

250 gallons

*Advised by
Capt
7. 10. 44*
RGA/HJJ

1001. 10. 44
Phool. Adam
Capt
SO R Sigs.

5692

Subject: Release of Signal Stores.

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52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

ORD 12/25

7 Nov. 1944.

D.D.O.S.,
Ord. 3 District,
C.M.F.

1. In addition to AFG.1098 Signal stores already drawn for training purposes, the undermentioned are required to enable training to be carried out.

2. May release be obtained against AFG.1098 entitlement;

Cases Tool Filled Sigs; Instrument Mech.	5
Chests Tool Filled Instrument Mechs.	1
Boxes Stationery Small Mk V	8
Cells Dry X Mk II	862
" " Tele EE8	120
Panniers Sigs.	12
Stamps Army Sig. Dating Mk III	10
Hydrometers Secy; Cell Port:	12
Water Distilled Galls.	22
Batts. Dry (for No 48 set W/T)	208
Funnels Batt. Filling Mk II	6
Gloves Rubber 5 x 11" A Mk I	3
Jars Electrolyte 2 Gall.	6

(J.M.C. MANSON)

Major.

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

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52 B.L.U Signal Section

C.M.F

D.A.D.O.S Branch

52 B.L.U*Pass Insp. [unclear] [unclear]*

The following items of stores are estimated as being required for the working of the stores already released for training purposes.

Section.	Designation.	W.E	Required.
F	Cases Tool Filled Sigs		
	Instrument Mechanic	15	5
F	Chests Tool Filled		
	Instrument Mechanic	1	1
J1	Boxes Stationery Small MkV	8	8
W2	Cells Dry X Mk2	862	600 <i>842</i>
Y	" " Tele EE8	120	60 <i>120</i>
Y	Panniers Sigs	12	12
Y	Stamps Army Sig Dating Mk3	24	10
Z2	Hydrometers Secy: Cell Port:	25	12
Z2	Water Distilled Galls	22	22
?	Batts Dry (for No 48 set W/T)	208	208
Z2	Funnels Batt Filling Mk2	17	6
W2	Gloves Rubber 5 x 11 1/2 A Mk1	12	3
Z2	Jars Electrolyte 2 Gall	?	6

for [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

O.C 52 B.L.U Signal Section

3/11/44.

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DETAIL FOR COLLECTION OF STORES

24

Sgt. Crosby will proceed to Bari a.m. 8 Nov. 1944, and report to Ord. Depot Bari for collection of stores for Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano".

One lorry will be available for this purpose on above date at 0800 hrs. at Albergo Matess. He will contact G. I/o Italian convoy of 12 vehicles at U.S. Ord. Depot Bari. After estimating number of vehicles required for Granance stores, he will give this information to G. I/o Convoy, who has commitments for the remainder of the transport.

7 days rations will be carried.

Vehicles will be staged at 3 Reggimento Autieri, Bari:

Location: Near entrance to town from direction of Foggia.

DISTRIBUTION:

Gruppo di Combattimento, "Legnano"
Sgt. Crosby.
Nation N.C.O.
File.

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Subject: Special Equipment Lists for Italian Combat Group.

File

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

ORD/12/23.

7 Nov. 1944.

Q (AE).,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

1. Two copies of Amendment No. 1 dated 30/9/44, to Special Equipment List No: 122/1, for a Field Coy. Engineer Battalion, Italian Combat Group received minus Appendix II. May these be forwarded please.

JROM/LED.


(J.M.C. MANSON)

Major.

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

5688

Subject :- Stores - Italian Combat Forces.

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E.

3/3/29/13/2.
Cote., 44.

To :- 52, 51, 50, 53, 54 & 55 S.E. U.S.

(21)

Attached letter, SM/5508/2/G(AM) dated 23 Oct. 44,
is passed to you for information and action as necessary.

La Jolla
Major General
M.E.I.S.

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COPY.

SUBJECT :- Stores - Italian Combat GroupsALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSTEL. NO. FREEDOM 971AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE)

28 Oct 44

H.Q. M.M.I.A.
C.M.F.

Reference your S/C/29/13 of 24 Oct '44.

1. It has been agreed that the following revised scales of Picks and Shovels will apply to the Infantry Battalions of the Italian Combat Groups :-

Picks	75
Shovels	150

2. An amendment to the Special Equipment List is in course of preparation.

DPI/RHH

D.F. LONGMAN, Capt.
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

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BLANKETS BUT IF ANY TROOPS ALREADY IN POSSESSION ONE ITALIAN
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IT IS DESIRED THAT GROUPS BE EQUIPPED TWO BLANKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
BUT THIS WILL ~~DEPEND~~ DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY AND SECOND ONE WILL
NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL PERSONNEL ~~W/143718717~~ OF GROUPS
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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione I^a b.-- Servizi

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N° 3F/03/505 di prot.

P.N. 155, li 1 novembre 1944

Oggetto: 28 x 6 prd eqpts.-

ALLA M. E. I. A. L.O.
(magg. Gelardi)

*Maggiore
Y.P. Gelardi*

Si fa seguito a foglio 3F/03/197 in data 13 ottobre 1944.-

Si trasmette la situazione dei pezzi da 6 pds in carico al Gruppo di Combattimento "Folgore".

Pertanto :

17 pezzi sono attualmente in carico a questo gruppo

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1 pezzo è stato versato, perchè fuori uso al P.A.
M. di Jesi, attualmente alle dipendenze della
209^a Divisione

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Combattimento "Folgore".-



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CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. L. Lombardi -

L. Lombardi

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CENSUS FORM 45 C

Distribution		Units of C. M.E.F.	Units of A.F.H.Q.
Original		Q.A.E.S., G.H.Q., M.E.F.	D.O., Formation or Area
Duplicate		R.A., G.H.Q., M.E.F., or A.A. & C.D., G.H.Q., M.E.F.	
Triplicate		H.Q., Army or Command.	
Quadruplicate		H.Q., Area or Formation.	
Quintuplicate		Unit Copy.	

Monthly Return of

Artillery Holdings by Registered Numbers

A.A. - Field - Airborne - Coast Artillery

Unit, GRUPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"

Bty.

Est. (No. of Guns Authorized)

Date of Return

Information required will be shown in the appropriate column below.

NOTE.—All captured artillery to be reported by registered numbers (where M.E. numbers have been allotted). These will be given.

Nomenclature in Full (Modifications for Airborne to be stated)	Country of Origin	Mk. of Ordnance	Barrel Regd. No. (Incl. Squares Nos. to be reported to correspond to the numbers on the Gun Record Book (or Memo. of Examination	Carriage or Mounting		A.A. Equipment ONLY Mk. of Platform	State for in mm. A.A. with or without on units	State for in mm. A.A. Type of Auto-Loader	Type of breech mech.
				Mk.	Regd. No.				
		1	L. 7759 FL. 3948		C.A. 10486				
		22	L. 7681 FL. 3948		5399				
		3	L. 3451 FL. 3948		C.A. 4758				
		4	L. 3134 FL. 3948		2048				
		5	L. 49312 FL. 3948		C.A. 10496				
		6	L. 33739 FL. 3948		C.A. 1679				
		7	220 B. 162353		461				
		8	N. A052 B. 162353		1608				
		9	N. A074 B. 162353		1736				
		10	L. 2650 FL. 3948		1610				
		11	L. 3350 FL. 3948		903				
		12	L. 1474 TG. 1966						
		13	L. 32152 TG. 1966		1524				
		14	L. 4180 TG. 1966		1465				

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DETAIL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF STORES

(18)

Convoy of 10 barges will leave Alghero Harbor at 0900 hrs, 3rd November, and proceed direct to 3rd Depot, 337 m.t.D. Pontecorvo.

4/Lt. Tarron, S.M.D.U., one Sgt. and one Cpl. Sigala will accompany the convoy, for the purpose of loading and supervision of stores.

At least one officer and 2 senior S.M.D.U.'s will be included in the Italian loading party.

Nations for 48 hours will be carried by British Personnel.

[Signature]
Lieutenant J. J. De la H.

Major.

~~RECEIVED~~ - Version 1 - 3, Gruppo di Comandamento, "Regione"
- 4/Lt. Tarron.
- 4/Lt. Sigala
- 4/Lt. De la H.

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Subject: EQUIPMENT OF Italian Combat Groups.

32 British Liaison Unit,
I.L.U.

WD/12/17.

2 Nov. 1944.

M.A.I.L.

ROME.

1. Please send to this Branch, two complete sets of Special Equipment Lists for all units of an Italian Combat Group.

JRGH/LW

(J.E.C. MASON)

D.A.D.U.S. 32 B.L.U.

Major.

5681

Subject: Equipping of Italian Combat Groups.

(16)

52 British Liaison Unit;

C.M.F.

ORD/12/16.

2 Nov. 1944

D.O.S.

A.F.H.Q.

1. Ref: your DOS/1255/1 (Ord 1) dated 26 Oct. 1944.

2. No indents have been submitted for Chests etc, as advice has been received that only Clothing and Equipment is at present authorised for Gruppo Di Combattimento, "Legnano"

Major.

(J.M.C. MANSON)

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.H.

NCM/LED;

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(15)

Subject: [illegible]

Reference: [illegible]

Group of 16 lorries will leave Kiamantse at 08-30 hrs. a group of direct to No. 2 sub depot, 757 D.O.D. Portals. One lorry will report to Alberto Matena at 08-20 hrs. for Sgt. Crossy and Pte. Booth.

Booth will be responsible for the drinking and Sgt. Crossy assisted by Pte. Booth will be initiated.

loading of stores at Portals.

In addition to Group 2-0 lorry, at least 2 lorries will be initiated in the initial party for the maintenance of discipline.

Actions for 43 hours will be carried by British personnel.

Station - [illegible]
Sgt. Crossy
Section 16 hrs.
Pte.

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Major.
D.O.D. 52 1.1.11.

DETAILS FOR CONDUCT OF LARRY DETAILS FOR CONDUCT OF LARRY

Convoy of 16 lorries will leave Piazmonte at 08-30 hrs. and proceed direct to No. 2 sub depot, 557 S.O.S. Portici. One lorry will report to Airbase at 08-30 hrs. for Sgt. Crosby and Pto. Booth. (15)

Sgt. Crosby assisted by Pto. Booth will be responsible for the checking and loading of stores at Portici.

In addition to officer in convoy, at least 2 senior N.C.O.'s will be included in the Italian party for the maintenance of discipline.

Actions for 48 hours will be carried by British personnel.

Distribution:-
 - 1 lorry to Gruppo di combattimento, "Legnano"
 - Sgt. Crosby.
 - Section in charge.
 - Pto.

5679

[Signature]
 Major.
 D.S.D.C.S. 52 Bell.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
ORDNANCE (BRITISH).

SUBJECT - EQUIPPING OF ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS.

REF: DGS. 1255/1 (ORD.1).

TO: FREEDOM 808.

TO: S.O.S. 2 SUB DEPOT. 557 B.O.D.

26 OCTOBER 1944.

1. I AM ADVISED THAT CHESTS TOOL FILLED FITTERS R.A. (0794) ARE STATED TO BE N.A., AND HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED TO NOS. 1 AND 2 GRUPPI'S. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE UNITS TO CARRY ON THEIR TRAINING WITHOUT THESE CHESTS. WILL YOU, THEREFORE, ARRANGE FOR CHESTS TO BE MADE UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND ISSUED. THE INDENT NOS. ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT THE STORES IN QUESTION WERE DEMANDED ON THE DUK DEMANDS FOR THE INITIAL ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT TO THESE FORMATIONS. THE UNITS CONCERNED ARE THE ARTILLERY REGIMENTS IN EACH CASE.
2. PRESUMABLY ACTION AS INDICATED ABOVE HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY YOU, BUT IF ISSUE HAS BEEN HELD UP OWING TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF SOME OF THE TOOLS, KINDLY ARRANGE ISSUE OF THE CHESTS WITH SUCH TOOLS AS ARE AVAILABLE AND CREATE 'TO FOLLOW' FOR ANY TOOLS N.A..

H. Bullard
(H. BULLARD) MAJOR.
D.A.D.O.S.
FOR MAJ-GEN.
D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.

COPY TO - S.O.S. 557 B.O.D.
A.D.O.S. (P.A. C.M.E.)
R.A. TRAINING TEAM, ITALIAN FORCES, S.M.E. (FOR THE
ATTENTION OF LT. COL. R.A. DEHN).
D.A.D.O.S. NO. 51 B.O.D. C.M.E.
D.A.D.O.S. NO. 52 B.O.D. C.M.E. ✓ KINDLY SAY WHAT
ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY YOU IN THIS MATTER.

May mention } *see*
Phil

5678

Signal Equipment Section

(13)

Convoy of 10 lorries will leave Alborgo Antese, Piedmont at 10-00 hours, Sunday 27th October, and will proceed direct to 3 Air Depot, 337 S.W.S., Fontevignone.

W/sgt. Yarrow will contact C.O. of Signal Equipment Sect. (Capt Burgess), to collect availabilities on A.F.H.V. Relays Sigs/317. W/sgt. Yarrow will also endeavour to estimate the number of lorries further required to complete release.

One Sgt. and one Opl. of Signals will accompany the party for the purpose of checking (where possible) and ensuring the safe custody of the equipment.

The Italian party should include one officer and at least two Senior N.C.O.'s, for the maintenance of discipline of Italian personnel.

Rations will be carried by British personnel for 48 hrs.

[Signature]

S.A.D.O. 32 S.W.S.

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- Distribution:
1. M.O. Sigs.
 2. Sezione 1^a B. Gruppo di Combattimento.
 3. W/sgt. Yarrow.
 4. Station N.C.O.
 5. File.

ITALIAN FOR TRANSPORT OF VEHICLES

(12)

Convoy of 10 lorries will leave Albano Laziale, Fiedmonte, at 09-00 hours, Friday 29th October, and will proceed direct to 2 Air Depot, 57 A.C.H. Portici.

Lt. Crosby accompanied by Pte. Bonaster will supervise loading of vehicles on Monday 30th Oct.

The Italian party should include one officer and at least two Senior N.C.O's. for the maintenance of discipline of Italian personnel.

Rations will be carried by British personnel for 48 hours.

[Signature]
D.A.C. 32 S.L.U.

Major.

Distribution:

1. Sezione 1^a B, Gruppo Di Combattimento.
2. Lt. Crosby.
3. Ration N.C.O.
4. File. *[initials]*

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To Officer i/c convoy collecting stores from No 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD,
PORTICI 24 10 1944

Convoy of ~~fifteen~~ lorries will leave Piedimonte at 0800 hrs, Tuesday
24 10 44 and will proceed direct to No 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD PORTICI.
On arrival you will contact Sgt Crosby of ~~DADOS 52 BLU~~, who will
supervise loading of vehicles. Sgt Crosby and Pte Booth will return
to Piedimonte with convoy on completion of loading

23 OCT 1944

Major RAOC
(SAC Laneon) DADOS 52 BLU

5675

Subject:- DISTRIBUTION OF STORES

52 British Liaison Unit.

CM.

22 October 44

RA/5/3

To:- Col Brunelli. (in Italian)

Copies to:- G.I. 52 B.I.U.
DADOS, 52 B.L.U.
R.A.Trng Team.

1. The following points concerning the drawing, distribution holding and replenishment of all material stores and equipment for the 11th Arty Regt Gruppo Legnano dealt with in the conversation Col Brunelli - Maj Collette on 23 Oct 44 are set out for greater clarity and record.

2. It is desired to make as little alteration as possible in the existing machinery in the Regt for holding and accounting, compatible with English ordnance procedure. Col Brunelli has agreed to the following:

- (1) To transfer the responsibility for drawing and issuing ammunition to Capt Marioni, to leave Lt De Vito free to deal with stores which are taken on charge permanently.
- (2) To provide Lt De Vito with a Dodge 15 cwt for his personal use in carrying out his duties.

3. The following officers are carrying out the duties as set out below:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| (1) Clothing (To include personal equipment of soldier viz: washing materials etc). | 2/Lt 5674 |
| (2) Rations | Lt Garavani |
| (3) Petrol Oil & Lubricants and ammunition | Capt Marioni |

This will leave the following to be dealt with by

4. Lt De Vito:
 - (1) Pieces of artillery (25 pdr, 17 pdr & 40 mm AA) and their associated stores
 - (2) Fire control instruments
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- (2) Fire control instruments
- (3) Vehicles
- (4) Radio equipment and signalling stores
- (5) Small arms, Bren guns, Tommy guns and pistols
- (6) Expendable stores and replacements for maintenance of above equipment.

5.

The above will be drawn by Lt De Vito:

- (1) Direct from English Ordnance Depots under the supervision of Maj Manson RAOC of 52 BLU
- (2) As for (1) above
- (3) From Depot Mobile Gruppo di Legnano
- (4) From 51 Genio Bn. under the supervision of * Capt Gould Adams RGS 52 BLU
- (5) On indent, from Depot Mobile.

* 5. As per (3) above.

(6) Lt De Vito will distribute the above equipment except (6) in Italian type ledgers (to be obtained from Italian army sources) which will contain:

To sheet 2.....

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- (1) English vocabulary number or proper nomenclature for each item
- (2) English registered number when applicable
- (3) Italian name for item
- (4) Distribution within 11 Arty. Regt.

These ledgers will correspond with Ordnance Issue vouchers or copy receipts from Depot Mobile or 51 Genio Bn. Vehicles will be dealt with in para 7 below.

7. Lt De Vito will distribute the above equipment to the Officer i/c HQ 11 Arty Regt and the Six Ajutanti respectively Maggiori (Sly Capt's) of the six batteries in the regt respectively using the English AF 108 of which he will retain the original and hand a copy over with the stores.

The method by which the stores are accounted for and held on charge within the Batteries is the concern of the 11 Arty Regt, consistent with the following principles:

- (1) The equipment of the battery as a whole is the direct responsibility of the Bty Commander
- (2) Each item is on the personal charge of the officer, NCO or man who has immediate control over it
- (3) The Ajutanti Maggiori will at all times be able to produce the amounts held, registered numbers where applicable, deficiencies and items under repair of all equipment.

8. In the initial stage of equipment, vehicles will probably arrive in considerable quantities simultaneously, and detailed checks of tools may not be possible before they have to be allotted to sub units. He will hand over vehicles to Ajutanti Maggiori as complete with tools, noting WD Number. At the earliest opportunity Ajutanti Maggiori will have the vehicles and tools checked, and fill in the duplicated form (a proforma of this will be produced by 52 BDU), retain a copy themselves and send one copy to Lt De Vito. The tools listed on this form will correspond with the initial entries in the Vehicle Book 412 (Copies are being prepared in Italian).

9. Replenishment and replacement of stores will be demanded by Ajutanti Maggiori of Batteries by letter to Lt De Vito. He will send in Indents (demands) for such stores to the Depot Mobile up to the scale authorized to be held by the regiment (6,1096) or in the case of expendable stores, to meet demands.

Maggiore (Bty Capt) of the 1st Bty, 108 AF 108 of which he will retain the original and hand a copy over with the stores.

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10. Lt De Vito will provide the data for the various monthly returns in respect of stores and equipment held, details of which are dealt with in a separate letter.

11. It will be necessary to have five separate store rooms for the following:

- (1) 25 pdr gun stores
- (2) 40 mm Bofors gun stores
- (3) 17 pdr gun stores
- (4) Radio and signalling equipment
- (5) Small arms and miscellaneous stores.

During the initial of equipment it will be necessary to have NCOs who have been on a course at Cerrito to assist in the stores (1) (2) and (3).

direct responsibility of the City Commander

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where he has his own staff of clerks, storeman, telephone,
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personnel.

DBC/NS.

ASL
Maj
GII RA.

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DBC/MS.

Aschewitz Maj
GII RA.

V/pm

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNARO"
 Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
 Sezione I^a b.- Servizi

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No 8E/03/354 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 21 ottobre 1944

SUBJECT :- Hurricane lamps and batteries.

To: 52 E.L.U.

Please advise if it would be possible
 to collect 50 Hurricane lamps and some batte-
 ries double cell for torches electric.



LeGNARO
 Lombardi
 Chief of Staff

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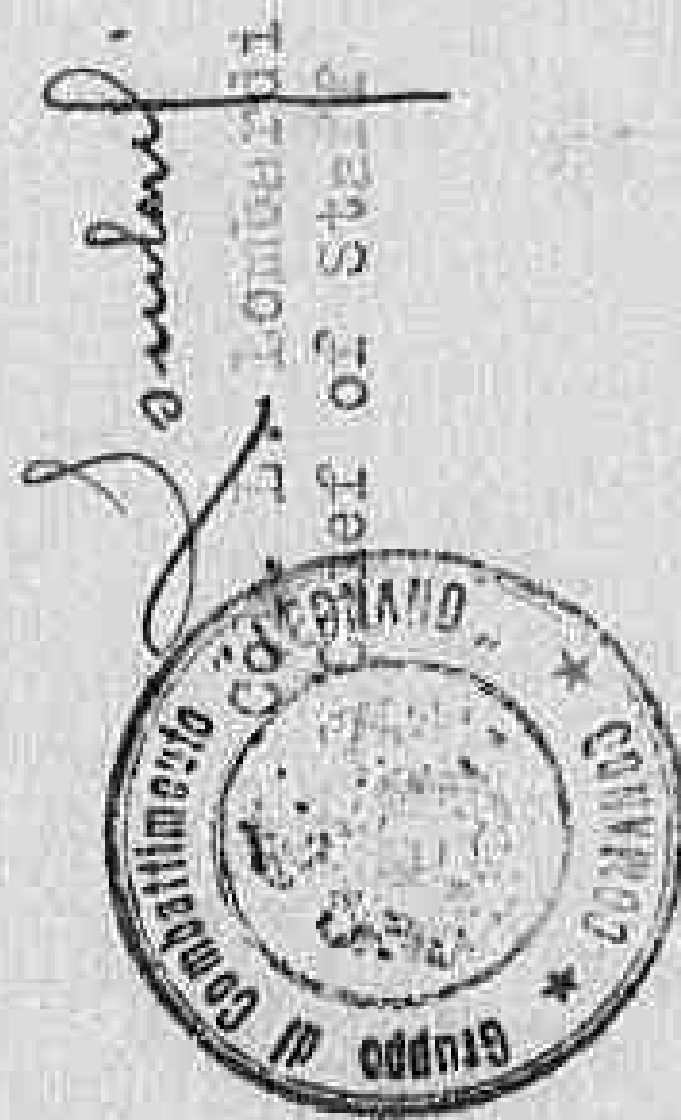
No 8E/03/354 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 21 ottobre 1944

SUBJECT :- Hurricane lamps and batteries.

To: 52 E.I.U.

Please advise if it would be possible
to collect 50 Hurricane lamps and some batte-
ries double cell for torches electric.



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Subject: Equipment of Italian Combat Group

52 British Liaison Unit, 8
C.M.S.
ORD/12/3.
12 Oct. 1944

Sezione I ' B Ufficio Servizi,
GRUPPO DI COMANTAMENTO,
"LEGNAIO"

1. Herewith 30 copies of the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group, including 3 amendments, for distribution to Units concerned.

JAC/LAD.


(J.M.C. MANSON)

D.A.D.C.S. 52 B.L.U.

Major

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Pass of Mrs. Emerson

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EXAMEN

S/Q/29/13

20 Oct 11

TO : "52" BU.

1. Reference your Ord/12/5 dated 16th October 1944, it is regretted that normal Special Equipment Lists, translated into Italian, are not available.
2. They are in the hands of the Italians, but it will be appreciated that translation into Italian of technical tools peculiar to the British Army is extremely difficult, especially in view of the lack of appropriate military dictionaries.
3. Should the Italians prepare a passable translation, copies will be distributed to B.L.U's.
4. A proposal to include 3 Brigade Ordnance Warrant Officers in each Gruppo di Combattimento is before W/E Committee A.A.I. If approved, it is hoped that these personnel will materially relieve the difficulty which Italians might experience in recognition of stores - preparation of indents, etc.

Major General
H. M. I. A.

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To. Officer i/c Convoy for collection of stores from 3 Sub Depot, 557 B.O.D. Pontecagnano, SA day 21/10/44. (6)

Proceed to "B" Depot, 3 Sub Depot, 557 B.O.D. Pontecagnano, and present Release note, and receipt (A.B.108) for 2000 Rifles No. 4 Mk I.

On completion of loading the outstanding 2500 rifles, the copies of AB.108 will be destroyed, and the number 5 copy of Issue Voucher No. 5052199 will be signed by you as receipt of full quantity of 4500 rifles. Numbers 3 and 4 copies of Issue Voucher AFG.982 G, together with Release Note, will be handed in to this branch upon return, and receipt of 2500 rifles will be required from you on AB. 108.

On return to Piedemonte, stores will be delivered to D.A.D.O.S. Dump, for purposes of checking.

WHY/LEB.

(J.M.C. HARBON.)

Major.

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

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Subject:- Equipment Scale for Gruppo Di Combattimento, "Legnano"

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/12/5.
16 Oct. 1944.

MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY,
ROME.

1. Please send to this branch, one complete set of Normal and Special Equipment Scales in Italian.
2. This will be a necessity, for use by Sezione I 'B' Ufficio Servizi, Gruppo Di Combattimento, "Legnano", when "breaking bulk" of AFG. 1098 at D.A.D.O.S. Dump.
3. Lists will also be required to enable units to check entitlements and nomenclature, for unit accounting.
4. At present, stores are being demanded by this branch in bulk, on indents prepared by Ordnance personnel from equipment lists in possession.

JMCM/LHD.

(J.M.C. MANSON)

Major.

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

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REPORT FOR QUARTERS OF STAFF

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REPORT 16th Oct. 1944

3 Covered Lorries - 1 Officer (Italian) 3 Drivers and 16 Men.

The above to leave Albenga Station at 07-30 hrs., proceed to "C" Clothing Factory, Rapallo - load and return to D.A.D.C. Camp Piacenza, same day.

1/sgt. Yarrow to remain at Clothing Factory and lead similar detail leaving Piacenza 07-30 hrs Tuesday 17th Oct, and returning same day.

REPORT 17th Oct. 1944

7 Covered Lorries - 1 Officer (Italian) 7 Drivers and 14 Men, to arrive at Clothing Factory, Tuesday 1400 hrs. Contact 1/sgt. Yarrow, and proceed to 3 sub Depot, Fontanafredda, loading and returning to Piacenza on Wednesday 18th Oct.

REPORT 18th Oct. 1944

Similar detail to leave Piacenza on Wednesday morning, and proceed direct to No. 3 sub Depot, Fontanafredda - load and return with 1/sgt. Yarrow on Thursday 19th Oct.

Stores loaded on all above vehicles will be supervised by 1/sgt. Yarrow, in conjunction with an Italian officer. After checking quantities, 1/sgt. Yarrow will obtain a clear receipt for all stores loaded on Gruppo transport.

REPORT 19th Oct.

1/sgt. Crosby will be in attendance at Gruppo D.A.D.C. Camp, to give assistance and advice to Italian personnel in off loading, stacking and re-distribution of all Ordnance stores. He will specially assist in the checking of stores during the handover between Italian G. 1/3 Transport and Italian G. 1/3 Camp. He will ~~be~~ be responsible for the safe custody of stores in the camp.


(J. E. A. HARRIS)
D.A.D.C.

Major.

Copy to - Gruppo di Combattimento, "Legnano" (3)
1/sgt. Yarrow (1)
1/sgt. Crosby (1)

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
 - Ufficio di Commissariato -

n. 06/51 di prot.

P.M. 155, 4 Ottobre 1944

O g g e t t o: richiesta di sapone.-

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N A P O L I

 Si prega disporre l'assegnazione di quintali 39 di sapone
 quale spettanza per il corrente mese per la unità di questo
 Gruppo di Combattimento.-

- Forza complessiva.....n. 12.500
 (autisti, motociclisti, meccanici e
 rancieri)....." 1.500.=

Il ritiro sarà effettuato a cura di questo Comando.=

d'ordine
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 f.to (Col.L.Lombardi)

p.....c.....c.
 IL CAPO UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO
 - Magg. G. Scoppettone -

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- Magg. G. Scoppettone -

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To May Manson

This is a copy of the request of troops
in the strength are included the men who must start
but still there -
May Terpanon

Subject: Equipping Italian Combat
Groups 2

File
"C" Brit: Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

ORD/12

5 Oct. 1944.

Sezione 1^a B - Ufficio Servizi,
GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO,
"LEGNANO"

1. The method to be adopted in equipping Italian Combat Groups is laid down in AFHQ letter ref: AFHQ/6017/Q(AE) dated 17.9.44, a copy of which is now in your possession, for information.
2. Any enquiries or explanation necessary, in this connection should be referred to this Branch.

[Signature]
.....Major.
(J.M.C. MANSON)
D.A.D.O.S.

JMC/LED;

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Equip. of combat groups
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 296
AFHQ/6017/Q(AE)
17 Sep 44Q(AE) ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.3
-----1. OBJECT

To instruct B.L.U.s of method to be adopted in ~~equip~~ equipping Italian Combat Groups.

2. METHODVEHICLES(a) MAINTENANCE SCALE

Before issue of vehicles against unit entitlement is made to each Combat Group, a proportion will be issued to cover immediate domestic requirements. These issues will be based on the scale attached at Appendix "A". Vehicles issued in accordance with this scale will count against unit entitlement.

(b) TRAINING SCALE

Vehicles will be released to Director of Military Training AFHQ for sub-allotment by him to Italian Combat Groups. It is the intention that vehicles so issued to Combat Groups will pass from one Combat Group to another as each Group completes training. This scale is attached at Appendix "B".

(c) UNIT ENTITLEMENT

Vehicles will be released by AFHQ to the district in which the Combat Group is forming, with a copy of the release notes to H.Q. MMIA. and the B.L.U. concerned. Arrangements for collection will be made between the District concerned and the B.L.U. direct. Normal Ordnance procedure will apply.

3. CLOTHING AND G.D.98 EQUIPMENT (OTHER THAN CONTROLLED STORES AND VEHICLES)

(a) Authority for the issue of above will be given by Q(AE) AFHQ., to the District concerned, who will contact the B.L.U. attached to the group to be equipped, and arrange for indents to be submitted to 567 B.O.D. Clothing will be in accordance with the scale attached at Appendix "C" (see para 8)

4. CONTROLLED STORES (OTHER THAN VEHICLES)(a) TRAINING SCALE

A training scale of Controlled Stores will be released to Director of Military Training for sub-allotment by him to Italian Combat Groups. It is the intention that Controlled Stores will pass from one Combat Group to another as each Group completes training. This scale is attached at Appendix "D"

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(b) UNIT ENTITLEMENT

Release of Controlled Stores will be made by Q(AE) AFHQ on release notes to Ordnance AFHQ WITH copies to MMIA, the district concerned and the B.L.U. attached to the Group to be equipped. On receipt of release notes Ordnance AFHQ will signal Ord Depot from which the stores are to be issued, repeated to B.L.U., quoting the Q(AE) release number and the Ord release number.

The B.L.U. will then arrange for collection from the Ord Depot concerned.

5. GENERALREPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES AND ORDNANCE STORES

(a) Replacement vehicles will be released upon production of BLR certificates.

(b) B.L.U.s will instruct units in their Combat Group to indent through them for all Ordnance Stores to replace wastage. Normal Ordnance procedure will be adopted for ~~replenishing~~ obtaining:-

- (i) War Office Controlled Stores
- (ii) D.O.S. Reserve Stores
- (iii) All Other Ordnance Stores

Each B.L.U. is responsible for ensuring that unit indents submitted by Combat Groups through their office are made out correctly and that they are passed through the correct channels for supply.

6. CENSUS OF WAR OFFICE CONTROLLED STORES

(a) B.L.U.s will be responsible that Census returns are rendered promptly and accurately by units of Italian Combat Groups. Blank forms for distribution will be sent from Q(AE) AFHQ to each B.L.U. Completed forms will be despatched by B.L.U. as follows:-

Originals to Q(AE)4., G.H.Q., M.E.F. by Air
Duplicate to Q(AE) A.F.H.Q.

(b) The responsibilities of DADOS of the B.L.U. is defined in DOS Circular No. 68, a copy of which is attached at Appendix "E" G.R.O. Nos 474 of 43 and 192 of 44 refer.

7. PART X ORDERS

Part X Orders will be published by each B.L.U. in respect of every casualty or transfer of a vehicle or Artillery Equipment held by any unit of the Italian Combat Group for which they are responsible. G.R.O. 460 of 44 refers.

8. ENTITLEMENT OF ORDNANCE STORES

Units of Italian Combat Groups will be equipped to the scales of Personnel and Common Unit Equipment shown in 'Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group' and to the scales of special equipment shown in the 'Special Equipment Lists', the N.E.L. covers all units of an Italian Combat Group, a S.E.L. covers one particular type of unit. These lists are issued in lieu of A.F.G. 1098

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RECORD OF RECEIPTS

Each B.L.U. will maintain records of receipts of all Ordnance Stores in order to supply, when requested, a return showing the quantity of each item of equipment issued to the Italian Combat Group for which it is ~~possible~~ responsible.

(sgd) J.G.COWLEY, Brigadier.
Q(AE).

17 Sep 44
JGC/EHH

APPENDIX "A" to Q(AE) Administrative Instruction
No.3.

VEHICLESMAINTENANCE SCALE FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Motor Cycles	6
Cars 2str 4 x 2	4
Ambulances	4
Trucks 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2	24 40
Trucks 35 cwt Water 4 x 2	10
Lorries 3 ton G.Q. 4 x 2	54 40

NOTE

(a) Vehicles issued to 1st Italian Combat Group against this Maintenance Scale are low category vehicles. These will be withdrawn on receipt of class I vehicles issued against Unit Entitlement.

(b) Issues against this Maintenance Scale to remaining Italian Combat Groups will be class I vehicles and will count against Unit Entitlement.

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APPENDIX "B" to Q(AE) Administrative Instruction
No. 3.
-----VEHICLESTRAINING SCALE FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Motor Cycles	30
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6
Trucks 15 cwt G.S. 4 x 2	8
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 F.F.W.	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Wireless House	3
Lorries 3 ton G.S. 4 x 2	8
Lorries 7½ ton Lt Recovery	2
Tractors A/Tk	2
Tractors F.A.	4
Tractors L.A.A.	3
Carriers Universal	12
Carriers Loyd	12
Carriers Mortar	6

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APPENDIX "C" TO Q(AE) Administrative Instruction No. 3.PERSONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.Scale of Clothing & Equipment to personnel of Italian
Combat Groups.

Blouses B.D. (Khaki)	1 each
Trousers B.D. (Khaki)	1 pair each
Shirts Angola Drab or A/L.	2 each
Ø Web Equipment c/w Valise and Pack	1 each
Drawers Woollen	2 pairs each
Pullover	1 each
Towel	1 each
Greatcoat	1 each
Boots c/w laces	2 pairs each
Socks	3 pairs each
Anklets	1 pair each
Housewife	1 each
Ø Blankets (or 1 comforter)	2 each
Ø Mess Tin Set	1 each
Knife)	
Fork) Set	1 each
Spoon)	
Braces	1 each
Ø Mug	1 each
Ø Water Bottle	1 each

It is proposed to supply Toilet and Shaving Kit through E.F.I. channels.

Ø These items are not additional to those in Table 1 of the Normal Equipment List.

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APPENDIX "D" to Q(AE) Administrative Instruction No.3.
-----CONTROLLED STORES (OTHER THAN VEHICLES)TRAINING SCALE FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Rifles No.4.	Qty	9000
Machine Carbines		5000
LMG Bren		120
PIAT		48
6-pdr		30
17 pdr		8
25-pdr		16
40 mm		12
Directors No.7.		6
Compasses Prism		36
Binoculars No.2		100
Watches G.S.		50
Pistols Signal		48
Mine Detectors American		24
2-in Mortars		30
3-in Mortars		6

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