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Feb. 12, 1946 - Nov. 1, 1946

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : DLU/ORD

1 Nov. 1946

Subject : Sten Machine Caribines.

To : 217 Area
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1. Ref. your OS/A/31 of 25 Oct. '46.
2. A.Q.M.G. F.M.I.A. has informed this H.Q. that all necessary instructions for the withdrawal and disposal of these weapons will be issued by H.Q., F.M.I.A.
3. In view of this no further action is being taken on your a/quoted letter.

H.W. Hamilton
H.W. HAMILTON,
Major,
GSO II

Internal :- A/Q. *24/10*

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/35D

26 October 1946

Subject : Price Lists.

To : 7 Terr.Comd.

in line with

Herewith M.M.I.A. letter Q.002 dated 18 Oct. 1946 to Ministry of War regarding Price Lists of British Equipment, for your information.

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D.S.L. GRAYSON
Major,
DAA & CES
7 P.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : MUJ/ 35 D

23 Oct. 1946

Subject : Rifles 303.

To : H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Ref. your SH/109/2 dated 4 October 1946.

1. 7 Territorial Command are preparing a census of rifles within the Command.
2. When this census is completed a redistribution will be made within the Command to ensure of standardisation within Units.
3. Ref. para (9) of your a/quoted letter, those suggestions were welcomed by 7 Terr. Comd. and adequate redistribution will take place without the authority of the Ministry of War.

CCM
C.C. MARRIES
Lt. Col.
GSO I
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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Ref: BLU/55D

17 Oct. 1946

Subject: Vocabulary Rates

To

: 7 Territorial Command

(for travel character for CRR.)

Herewith letter from MIA ref. Q/OS/11/6 dated Oct. 46. containing
some British rates for Web equipment, for your information.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QME

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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Ref: BLU/35 D

2 Oct. 1946

Subject : Rifles .303

To : M.H.I.A.

Reference your SD/109/2 of 4 Oct. 46.

1. May two copies of small Arms Training Volume I, pamphlet 3 Appx II please be forwarded to this HQ.
2. It has not been found possible to procure this pamphlet from local sources.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

REF: BIAU/35 D

9 Oct. 1946

Subject : Rifles .303

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. A recent observation from one of the BIUs has brought to the fore the question of the very different types of British Rifles issued to the Italian Army.

2. The Territorial Command in question has had an issue of: -

Type	Quantity
Rifles .303 ERA Washington	1,603
" .303 Lee Enfield No 4 Mark I	96
" .303 " " 1942 S.P.T. II or II	4,010
" .303 Remington 1902 + 1907	20

3. The Lee Enfield is the rifle most familiar to British Forces, the ERA is called either No 3 or P. 14.

4. The ERA Rifle is chiefly known for its heavier weight, its smaller magazine which holds five rounds only and does not protrude below the stock, and the barrel which protrudes from the fore and for about four inches with a butterfly type foresight guard near the muzzle. There are also certain variations in the bolt mechanism and magazine, and it will not take a standard bayonet as the bayonet is attached to the muzzle itself and not to a boss.

5. It is recommended that a census of rifles in 7 Terr. Command should be taken and that rifles should be redistributed in such a way as to ensure standardisation within Units.

6. The P.14 rifles are least suited to the Infantry Troops owing to the additional weight and smaller magazine capacity.

7. If you are in possession of American .303 rifles it is suggested that they should be returned to the Ministry of War as they are useless with .303 Ammo.

8. A pamphlet, showing details of variations of training for these different types of rifles, has been requested from MMIA and will be forwarded to you.

9. You are requested to inform this HQ.

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- (a) whether adequate redistribution can be effected within 7 Terr. Command.
- (b) of any action you may take in this matter.

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H. W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tela: 293618-23

REF: MLU/35D

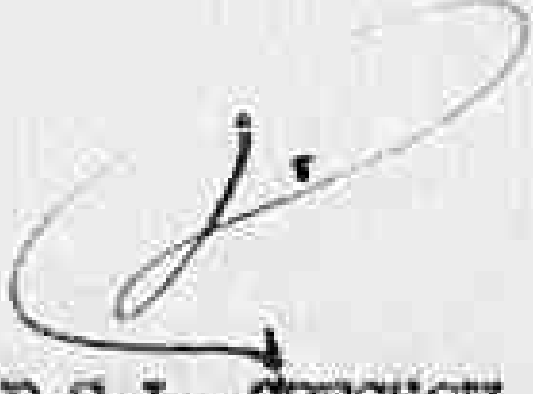
3 Oct 1946

Subject : Priced Vocabulary

To : MR. MEHA (Attn A.D.O.D.)

Appx "D" to end/beginning month report as at 1 Oct 46, in para 4 refers.

1. At 7 C.A.R., some cases have occurred of records losing their British Equipment or it being destroyed through negligence.
2. The O.C. C.A.R. does not know how much to charge the men when these cases occur, as he has no priced vocabulary of the British equipment issued.
3. Please forward copies of the necessary price lists to this HQ. for onward transmission to 7 C.A.R.
4. If priced vocabs are not available, will you please forward a list of prices that you consider should be charged to a man who has lost or destroyed any kit through negligence.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DMA & CIG

Copy 7 T.C. for Lieut. Col. CHIARIOTTI.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/73D

19 Sept 1946

Subject : Transport - C.A.Rs

To : M.M.I.A.

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Ref. your SD/109/5 dated 14 Sept 46.

The information asked for is as follows; -

		BR. ITALIAN		TOTAL
No. M/Cs issued to 7 C.A.R.		6	4	10
" " Serviceable		6	4	10
" " Unserviceable			NIL	

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D.S. IN GREGSON
Major
DIA & QAF

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BIN/35 D

Tel: 293618-23

5 Sept. 1946

Subject : Transport 7 C.A.R.

To : M.M.I.A.

Reference Monthly Report for August, Appx. "D" para 2(f).

1. During a recent visit to the 3rd Bn. 7 C.A.R. at AREZZO the question of shortage of transport was discussed.

2. O.C. 3rd Bn. stated that his two load carrying vehicles were just sufficient but that there was urgent need of passenger vehicles. At the present time the Bn. has only one Jeep and one M.C.

3. It was pointed out that Coy Comds. could not carry out their duties satisfactorily without some form of vehicle. As each Coy consists of some 350 men and as training areas are some distance from the barracks it is considered that at least one vehicle per Coy is essential for Staff and Instructors to get about and to carry out recoes.

4. It would appear that what is requested is :-

(a) One Jeep per Coy = 4 extra Jeeps
(b) One M/C " = 4 " M/Cs.
and one 15 cwt (or similar) vehicle to carry instructors and staff for training recoes which are, of necessity, some distance from the barracks. If Jeeps are provided the 15 cwt would be unnecessary. This shortage is not peculiar to 3rd Bn. This recommendation for increase of transport has been put up by 7 Territorial Command to Ministry of War and it is requested that M.M.I.A. will take steps to press this matter.

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To : M.M.I.A.

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D.S.L. GUNSON
Major,
IMA & QMG

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORANCE

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REF: BLU/35D

Florance, 9 July 1946

Subject : Web Equipment 7 C.A.R.

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref our BLU/35D dated 25 June 46.
2. Notification has now been received from HQ. MIA that the following items of equipment should be retained by 7 C.A.R. and not returned as stated in our above quoted letter.

Straps, shoulder patt 37 Right.
" " " " Left.

3. Will you please inform 7 C.A.R. to this effect.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

Copy to MIA

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLH/35 D

Florence, 23 June 46

Subject : Web Equipment 7 C.A.R.

To : 7 Territorial Command

1. Ref your 6393 /serv. dated 3 June 46, ^{filed} ~~shown~~ below is comparative table showing deficiencies and surpluses of web equipment held by 7 C.A.R. Figures shown in para b are taken from you above quoted letter.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Item	Correct Scale for C.A.R.	Actual Holdings of 7 C.A.R.	Surplus to para (b)	Deficient to para (b)	REMARKS
Belts, waist W.E. Patt 37	4100	3920	-	180	
Trogs, Bayonet	4100	4265	165	-	
Pouches, Basic	8200	X	?	?	
Braces Right	4100	4470	370	-	
Braces Left	4100	4221	121	-	
Carriers, water bottle	NIL	4380	4380	-	Not included in scale
Straps, shoulder patt 37 right	NIL	4351	4351	-	Not included in scale
Straps, shoulder patt 37 left	NIL	4162	4162	-	Not included in scale
Haversack W.E. patt 37	NIL	4397	4397	-	Not included in scale
Cases, Pistol " "	91	91	-	-	
Pouches, Ammo, Pistol patt 37	91	91	-	-	
Pouches, utility	598	X	?	?	9003

2. In your letter 6293/serv dated 3 June 46 the two items marked X above are bracketed together and a total shown of 8806.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Item	Correct Scale for CAR	Actual Holdings of 7 C.A.R.	Surplus to para (b)	Deficient to para (b)	REMARKS
Belts, waist W.E. Patt 37	4100	3920	-	180	
Frogs, Bayonet "	4100	4265	165	-	
Pouches, Basic "	8200	X	?	?	
Braces Right "	4100	4470	370	-	
Braces Left "	4100	4221	121	-	
Carriers, water bottle	NIL	4380	4380	-	Not included in scale
Straps, shoulder patt 37 right	NIL	4351	4351	-	Not included in scale
Straps, shoulder patt 37 left	NIL	4162	4162	-	Not included in scale
Haversack W.E. patt 37	NIL	4397	4397	-	Not included in scale
Cases, Pistol " "	91	91	-	-	Not included in scale
Pouches, Ammo, Pistol patt 37	91	91	-	-	Not included in scale
Pouches, utility	598	X	?	?	700?

2. In your letter 6293/Serv dated 3 June 46 the two items marked X above are bracketted together and a total shown of 8906. Please inform urgently this HQ shortcomings holdings separately.
3. Will you please make arrangements to return all surplus items to no. 3 Depot FRATTAGGIERE, NAPLES.
4. It is hoped that deficiencies will be delivered in time for the commencement of second course at 7 C.A.R.

Copy to MIA, your signal 9/08/4975/
23 May and letter 9/08/37- 21 June'46 refers.
Copy to 10 HAF your letter Ord 23 dated
21 May refers.

A.
H.W. HAMMILL
Major
GSO II

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BU/350

Florence, 7 June 1946

Subject: Web Equipment 7 C.A.R.

To: HQ. M.M.L.A.

1. Ref your signal 9/05/49 dated 4 June 1946 and 10 BU letter ORD 23/4 dated 27 May 1946. — *Ref 43*

2. Receipts for web equipment have been checked with 7 CAR and deficiencies and surplus are shown as under:

ARTICLE	Despatched 10 B.L.U.	Recd. 7 C.A.	Surplus	Deficiency
Frogs, Bayonet	4420	4255	85	—
Pouches Utility Front	8200	8100	—	100
Water Bottles	4400	—	—	4400
Carrier "	4400	4380	—	20
Braces, R.	4400	4470	70	—
" I.	4400	4421	—	179
Knives	4400	4537	—	3
Straps Supporting R.	4400	4551	—	49
" I.	4400	4162	—	238
Pouches Basic	800	706	—	94
Belts Waist	4400	3920	—	430
Cases Pistol	91	91	—	—
Pouches, Ammo., Pistol	91	91	—	—

3. Your a/quoted signal laying down correct scale of web equipment for CARs does not include haversacks, water bottles and water bottle carriers. Will you please confirm whether these articles should be included in the scale. *Ref 38*

4. As previously notified by telephone no action can be taken on your signal 9/05/49 dated 23 May 1946 until a complete scale of web equipment for CARs is made known. *Ref 38*

W.D.

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1. Ref your signal 9/08/49 dated 4 June 1946 and 10 BLU letter ORD 23/4 dated 27 May 1946. — *See 43*

2. Receipts for web equipment have been checked with 7 CAR and deficiencies and surplus are shown as under:

ARTICLE	Despatched • Recd. • Surplus • Deficiency		
	10 B.L.U.	7 T.O.	
Troops, Bayonet	4400	4255	85
Pouches Utility Trench	8200	8400	-
Water Bottles	4400	-	-
Carrier "	4400	4380	20
Braces, R.	4400	4470	-
" " L.	4400	4221	179
Haversacks	4400	4597	3
Strops Supporting R.	4400	4354	49
" " L.	4400	4462	238
Pouches Basic	880	736	94
Belts waist	4400	3920	490
Cases Pistol	94	94	-
Pouches, Ammo., Pistol	94	94	-

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W.D.D.
to Sec. A.
noted, J.S. 11/6.

400th.
H.M. HARTMAN
Major
GSO II.

Copy to : 10 B.L.U.

Ord., 7. British Liaison Unit,
FLORENCE.

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IMMEDIATE

Ref:- BLU/35,D.

Tel:- 1121.

6th. June 1946.

SUBJECT:- Equipment for C.A.Rs.
TO:- H.Q. 7. Territorial Command.

Reference this office letter BLU/35.D. dated 31st. May.
Your reply is required immediately please.

J. S. J. at the time.

S/Cdr.

Ordinance Warrant Officer.
7. British Liaison Unit.

See

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Grd., 7. British Liaison Unit,
FLORENCE.

URGENT.

Ref:- BLU/35.D. **44**
Tel:- 1121

31st. May. '46.

SUBJECT:-

EQUIPMENT FOR C.A.Rs.

TO:-

H.Q. 7. Territorial Command.

1. It has been stated by C.A.Rs. that their total receipts for Equipment are only as follows:-

STRAPS SHOULDER W.E. Patt. 37. LEFT.	4,400
" " " " RIGHT.	4,400
POUCHES UNIVERSAL.	8,100
" BASIC.	706.

2. H.Q., M.M.I.A. state that the total Equipment that has been despatched for G.A.Rs. is as follows:-

✓ PROGS BAYONET W.E. Patt. 37. <i>utility front.</i>	4,180
✓ POUCHES UNIVERSAL " "	8,200
✓ " BASIC. " "	800
✓ Carriers Water Bottle. " "	4,400
✓ Water Bottles.	4,400
✓ Braces W.E. Patt. 37. Right.	4,400
✓ " " " LEFT.	4,400
✓ STRAPS SHOULDER Patt. 37. RIGHT.	4,400
✓ " " " LEFT.	4,400
✓ HAVESACKS W.E. Patt. 37.	4,400
✓ BELTS WAIST W.E. Patt. 37.	4,400
✓ CASES PISTOL W.E. Patt. 37.	91
✓ POUCHES AMIN. PISTOL. W.E.	91

3. It will be observed that the differences between the quantities and items of equipment despatched and those that are stated to have been received are enormous. Will you therefore please check the Convoy Note, or Wagon Waybill, as the case may be, and ensure that the items and amounts as quoted in paras. 2 and 1 above, are correct.

4. It is further requested that full priority be given to this action and a reply received in this office by 3rd. June. This information is most urgently required by H.Q., M.M.I.A.

Rec 46

J. S. S. S. S. S.

STRAPS SHOULDER W.E. Patt. 37. LEFT.
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 " BASIC.

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2. H.Q., M.M.I.A. state that the total Equipment that has been despatched for 6.A.Rs. is as follows:-

✓ PUGS BAYONET W.E. Patt. 37.	4,180
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✓ " BASIC. " "	800
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Rec 46

J. E. S. Smith
 S/Cdr.

Ordnance Warrant Officer,
 7. British Liaison Unit.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/35D

Florence, 30 May 1946

Subject : Arms Inspections: Rifles

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

1. Information has been received from A.D.O.S. MEIA that rifles delivered to 7 C.A.R. are, in some cases, fitted with bolts whose numbers do not coincide with the rifle numbers.
Numbers stamped on rifles should coincide with those on bolts.
2. It is requested that a check be made of all rifles and bolts held by 7 C.A.R. in order to ensure that bolts are in their correct rifles or that changes be made to attain this end.
3. The numbers of any rifles for which the correct bolts cannot be found should be reported to this HQ.

H
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: H.U/35 D

W May 46

Subject : Classification of weapons for Training

To : 7 T.C.

- See 34
1. Copy of M.M.I.A. letter Trg /42 dated 11 May 1946 is forwarded for your information.
 2. Will you notify this Hq., (a) if orders have been received from Ministry of War on this subject (b) of any action you make take.
- See 39

A
H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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ARMY FORM C-2136 (Large)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
FROM (A)					Office Date Stamp
7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.			Date-Time of Origin.	16 May - 1100	
TO					
O.O. 10 MJJ.					
ADOS. HQ. M.M.I.A.					
(W) For Information (INFO)					Message Instructions GR
Originator's No.					
HIA/350 (-) UNCLASSIFIED (-) REF YOUR OS 51 DATED 15 COPY NOT TO SECOND					
ADDRESSEE (-) NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION (-) DEFICIENCIES MAY					
AND SUPPLIES ALREADY INDICATED TO MIA IN OUR HIA/350 DATED 2 AS REQUESTED IN					
MIA SIGNAL TRG/462 OF 23 (-) SECOND ADDRESSES STATES ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS					
MUST PASS THROUGH HQ MIA					
See 37					
D.S.L. GREGSON					
Major. 7007					
DAA & CIL					
STANDARD					

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	GR
ADOS. HQ. M.M.I.A.			
Originator's No. 10031			
BLU/35D (-) UNCLASSIFIED (-) REF YOUR OS 51 DATED 15 COPY NOT TO RECORD			
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D.S.L. GREGSON			
Major. 7003			
DAA & CTR.			
			
This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority.	Time System Op.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/35 12

Florence, 15 May 1946

Subject : Training Equipment for C.A.R.

To : M.M.I.A.

See 30

1. Ref. your Trg/42/1 para (1) dated 9 May 1946.
2. 7 C.A.R. now report that they are in possession of wire gauzes.
3. Error is regretted.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Srl. No.

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Trans on Instructions

IMPORTANT

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FROM
(A)

Originator

Time of Origin

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

2 May 1946

For Action

TO

H.M.I.A.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

BLU/35 D (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) YOUR WTC 162 DATED 23 APRIL REFERS (.) FOLLOWING ITEMS
 WEB EQUIPMENT RECEIVED BY CAR SUMA (.) POUCHES UNIVERSAL 2100 (.) POUCHES BASIC 706 (.)
 TOTAL POUCHES 8806 (.) SHOULDER STRAPS RIGHT 4400 (.) SHOULDER STRAPS LEFT 4400 (.)
 TOTAL SHOULDER STRAPS 8800 (.) NO REPEAT NO YOKES RECEIVED

880 37

D.S.L. GREGSON

Major

DAA & JIC

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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THI or TOR

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Signed

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GVT 630, Wt. 2055g, 3087, 5731, Pads, 5/44, D. & S. Ltd. 43264.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C FLORENCE

Ref: HLU/35.D

Florence, 30 April 46

Subject: Training Stores.

To: H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. During a recent visit to 7 C.A.R. the following points were noted and are forwarded for such action as you may deem necessary.

2. It was reported that difficulty has been experienced in obtaining wire gauze for cleaning rifles. This has been indentured for through Italian sources but without result. May this H.Q. please be notified of the possibilities of obtaining this through Allied sources.

3. In the training programme for C.A.R. several periods are allotted to the teaching of Italian Army Regulations. At the moment instructors have no pamphlets for guidance on this subject. It is suggested that a short pamphlet should be issued dealing only with the subjects to be taught to recruits as laid down in the training programme.

4. The C.A.R. training programme allots periods for instruction on the snipers rifle but the W.E. of weapons for the C.A.R. does not include telescopic sights. It is suggested that these should be issued on a minimum scale of one per ~~ten~~.

See 30

Nard.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major,
G.S.O. II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

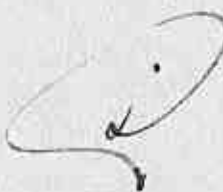
FLORENCE

REF: 33 D / HJ

Florence, 13 April 1946Subject : Socks and boots for C.A.R'sTo : 7 Territorial Command

Herewith copy of MMIA letter Q.103 dated 16 April 1946, for
your information and action.

Para B has reference to your 3912 /Serv Prot. dated 14 April.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLU/35D

Florence, 10 April 1946

Subject : Boots for C.A.R.

To : M.M.I.A. - ROME

See 20.
Reference your Q. 103 dated 8 April 1946.

The omission of the translation is regretted and is forwarded herewith.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DIA & QMC

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BUJ / 35.D.

Florence, 14 April 1946

Subject : Boots for G.A.R.

To : M.E.I.A. - ROME

1. Enclosed is a copy translation of a letter from Ministry of War to 7 Territorial Command, from which it will be seen that two pairs of boots will not be issued to each recruit.
2. Please, state if any further action should be taken by this H.Q. in this matter.

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D.S.L. GREENGILL
Major,
DAA & GAG

Copy to : - 7 Territorial Command. (your 3024/Serv. dated 29 March '46, refers).

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: RMU/37 D

Florence, 3 April 1946

Subject: Ammunition for 7 C.A.R.

To : HQ. 7 Territorial Command

- See 16*
1. Ref. your 2959/Serv Prot dated 23 March 1946.
 2. The present position regarding ammunition for 7 C.A.R. is as follows. An officer has been detailed by the Ministry of War, to supervise the breaking down, and loading on to railway trucks, of this ammunition at BARI. We have been informed that this ammunition will be delivered to C.A.R.s before 10 April 1946.

H.W. HAMILTON
Major
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Copy to : HQ. 7 CAR
Officio Op. Ord. Add. Mob.

7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ELJ/35 D

Florence, 26 March 1946

Subject : Clothing for C.A.R.s

To : M.M.I.A.

- Ref. your Q 165 dated 15 March 1946.
1. The position at the C.A.R. SIENA is that each recruit is issued with one new Italian uniform and one suit of dyed battledress and I am informed that this is in accordance with instructions received.
 2. Stocks are ample for present requirements.
 3. As regards boots the position is that stocks permit of only one pair being issued to each recruit. In addition to this one pair per man there is a surplus of 16% and this surplus is used for issuing to men whose boots are called in for repair.


D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAI & QMG

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Ref. B.L.U./35D

Florence 16th March 1946

Subject: Clothing for C.A.Rn'.

To : Hq. 7 Territorial Command

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Herewith copy of M.M.I.A. letter Q. 105 dtd 14 March 1946 for your immediate action.
Your reply to the above should be telephoned to Lieut. STORACE of this Hq. by Monday morning 18 March, and confirmation by letter to this Hq.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

*Letter to Col Tivnanzi AM
16/3 via wire phone. R*

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FLORENCEREF: HLU/35 DFlorence, 4 March 1946Subject : Equipment for C.A.Rs.To : 7 Territorial Command

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1. Herewith copy of MIA letter Q 103/1 of 23 Feb. 46 for your information.
2. Kindly inform this office of receipt of this equipment.

[Signature]
R. DOWNING
Major
7 HLU

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FLORENCE

28/12 (3)
REF: BLU/32D

Florence, 27 Feb. 1946

Subject : Training Stores for GARE

To : 7 Territorial Command

Herewith enclosed copy in duplicate of MHA letter TEG/42/1
dated 23 Feb. 1946, for your information.

[Signature]
D. G. GRYFON
Major
7 BLU

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/35

12 Feb 1946

Subject : Equipment for C.A.R.s

To : 7th Territorial Command.

Enclosed copy of M.M.I.A. letter TRG/42/1 dated 8 Feb '46, for your information.

Please ensure this HQ is informed immediately on receipt of first consignment.

D.S.L. Gregson
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Major
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