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Feb. - Sept. 1945

Flour.

RCV/ebf

Sr MMIA C.G. 17 Sept
 LO Terr HQ 1945
 Florence #7

Reference our buck slip same subject of
 this date.

The following Wagons containing Flour left
 Leghorn on the 15th of September consigned to Florence
 and should have arrived on the 16th of September:

144,497	1,016,212
1,005,062	111,532
131,626	565,532
182,447	26,378
320,738	1,127,766

The following Wagons consigned through error
 to Florence but should go to Bologna:

44,596	157,507
1,100,998	1,123,581
136,899	4,657
153,162	92,460
7,105,611	265,741

These Wagons left Leghorn on the 16th and
 should be routed right on to Bologna.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Inf.,
 Sr MMIA LO
 Florence

Release of subsistence.

RCV/ebf

Sr MIA C2 20 Sept
IO Terr HQ 1945
Florence #1

For your information and necessary action.

A.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MIA IO
Florence

8359

Ration Maintenance, Bologna and Florence Food Depots.

Sr	Ital	15 Sept	
MMIA	LO	1945	For necessary action.
LO			
Florence			

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

1358

Italian Rations.

Sr Italian 15 Sept
MMIA LO 1945
LO
Florence

1. Reference attached communication from Italian Ministry of War.

2. In addition to the instructions therein contained the following are added:

A. See that the 10% reduction is put into effect in accordance with MMIA directive Q/1/29-172, dated 24 August 1945.

B. Be sure unit is authorized to draw rations.

C. See that unit drawing rations is within authorized strength. If there are attachments they should be shown on reverse side of ST/8.

D. See that the permanent staffs of hospitals draw separately from patients, they should.

E. See that the unit designation is the same as that shown on the Order of Battle.

F. Remember that the British CC.RH Florence are BR-ITIS.

G. Rations drawn for attached personnel, in a different category should be drawn on separate ST/8s.

3. It is your responsibility to check all ST/8s which come through these offices before they are forwarded to MMIA.

cc: MMIA
att: Col. Rose

R.C. VAN KIRK.
Major, Inf.,
SrMMIA LO
Florence

ST/8 Forms.

Sr MMIA 14 Sept
MMIA 1945
LO
Florence

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr MMIA LO
Florence

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FLORENCE COMMAND

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Office of origin **M.M.L.A. LO FLORENCE**Date **13 SEPTEMBER 1945**Classification **UNCLASSIFIED**Telephone **1929**Precedence **PRIORITY**

(Originaling officer)

(Deferred) - Routine - Priority - Operational Priority - Urgent

To: **MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE ROME**

UNCLASSIFIED PD STOCK STATE REPORT BY SEVEN COMMISSARIATO AT 052359 SEPTEMBER
 PD FROM ALLIED SOURCES PD FLOUR GROUP SEVEN ZERO THREE ONE FIVE SEVEN POUNDS
 CMA MACARONI GROUP NINE EIGHT ONE THREE THREE POUNDS CMA MEAT AND FISH ONE
 EIGHT NINE TWO NINE NINE POUNDS CMA VEGETABLES DRIED ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO TWO
 POUNDS CMA VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED ONE ONE SEVEN NINE POUNDS CMA COFFEE ONE
 FIVE ONE NINE SEVEN POUNDS CMA SUGAR EIGHT ZERO SEVEN NINE NINE POUNDS CMA
 CATSUP NINE SIX EIGHT TWO TWO POUNDS CMA CHEESE THREE EIGHT TWO EIGHT SIX
 POUNDS CMA PEPPER TWO ZERO NINE POUNDS PD FROM ITALIAN SOURCES PD OLIVE OIL
 TWO TWO THREE FIVE SIX EIGHT POUNDS CMA SALT ONE FOUR TWO ZERO NINE FIVE
 POUNDS CMA SOAP SIX TWO SEVEN NINE TWO POUNDS CMA CIGARETTES ONE ONE ONE ONE
 NINE THREE FIVE EIGHT SINGLES PD

R.C. Van Kirk
 R.C. VAN KIRK
 MAJOR, INF
 SR. (MMIA) LO
 FLORENCE

Distribution

Content and classification **ST/F/1**

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Signal Corps Message Center Number

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Italian Army Canteens.

RCV/ebf

Sr	Ital	1 Sept
MMIA LO	LO	1945

For your information and necessary
distribution.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

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TRANSDATIONITALIAN LIAISON
M M I A Florence

File# 5-10

8 Sept. 45

Subject : Reports

To : Ferr. HQ #7 - G4

This is to inform you that the Sr. MMIA LO Florence issued orders that your ration dumps forward to this office the following reports beside those already forwarded :

1. Daily - Report of daily ration issue.
2. Every fortnight - List of the units fed by your ration dump and their strength .

(sgd) Amerigo Apostoli, 1st Lt.
Italian L.O.

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Translation

UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON
L'AMIA - FIRENZE
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8 sept. 1945

File No

To: 7th Terr. Hq.

Subjet: Rations Withdrawals.

This is to inform you that M.M.I.A. Rome ordered to discontinue immediatly the ration issue to "Centro Allogi Florence".

This unit is not authorised to military rations.
Please confirm.

L'Ufficiale di Collegamento
Sgd (Ten. Amerigo Apostoli)

3352

Italian Section

1 Ital Sr 17
LO MMIA 603
7/29/45

Attached is the SF/3 form corrected as
required.

Alessandro Ciogna
Capt. Artillery
Ital. 50. 6-4

2 Sr MMIA
MMIA LO
Att.
Col.
Rose.

1. Reference your Q/1/29-153 of
23 July 1945.

2. Trust this is now made out correctly.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

8051

Receipt of Coffee Beans in lieu Ground Coffee.

RCV/ebf

Sr Ital 13 Aug
MMIA LO LO 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

8350

Rations - SI/8 Forms

RCV/jed

Sr MMIA 20 Aug
MMIA LO 1945

For your necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

5349

AMG Request for Rations

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 10 Aug
MMIA LO Supply 1945

Inviting your attention to the 4th Indorsement.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

1348

ST/8 Ration Forms.

Rcv/ebf

Sr
MMIA LO

MMIA

5 Aug
1945

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

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OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL
THREE OF REGIONS.

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Sr CG 6 Aug
MMIA LOFolgo 1945
Group

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

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Commodities for Canteens and Clubs

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 1 Aug
MIA LO Supply 1945

Reference copy of attached signal Q-481 of 31 July.

In conformity with your request, I suggest that the commodities for canteens allotted to Italian troops in Fifth Army area and listed in attached signal for August be allotted as follows:

Category	Flour 3720 lbs (5.59 lbs per 100 men)	Preserved Meat/Fish 1938 lbs (2.91 lbs per 100 men)	Sugar 1395 lbs (2.09 lbs per 100 men)	Coffee 930 lbs (1.39 lbs per 100 men)	Olive Oil 1240 pts (1.86 pts per 100 men)	Salt 58 lbs (.087 lbs per 100 men)
US-ITI 17000	950.30 lbs	494.70 lbs	355.30 lbs	236.30 lbs	316.20 pts	14.79 lbs
BR-ITI 47000	2627.30 lbs	1367.70 lbs	982.30 lbs	653.30 lbs	874.20 pts	40.89 lbs
ITI-ITI 2500	139.75 lbs	72.75 lbs	52.25 lbs	34.75 lbs	46.50 pts	2.17 lbs

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

Rations - CC.RR

RCV/ebf

Sr Ital 31 Jul
MMIA LO LO 1945
 QM

Reference my buck-slip of 21 June
same subject. Attached is for your
information and compliance.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

0044

Issue of Child con Carne.

RCI/enf

Sr	Issd	31 Jul
MMIA LO	LO	1945
	QM	

For your information and compliance.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO
5th Army

5343

Italian Rations

RCV/jad

3 Sr MMIA 29 Jul
MMIA IO 1945

Inviting your attention to the 2d Indorsement,
the explanation made by Lieutenants Kunz and Apostoli.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) IO,
5th Army

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Italian Rations.

RCV/ebf

Sr	Ital	20 Jul
MMIA LO	LO	1945
	Q M	

1. Reference attached communication.
2. Request compliance.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (MMIA) LO,
5th Army.

ST/8 Forms - Rations

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 23 Jul
MMIA LO 1945

For necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

0340

Ration Withdrawal - ST/8

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	23 Jul
MIA	LO	1945
LO		

1. Reference attached communication.
2. Request compliance with basic communication. If you are unable to locate unit on the Order of Battle, return to us for further action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

2829

Italian Rations

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA LO 21 Jul
MMIA LO 1 Dist 1945

MMIA LO
2 Dist

1. Reference MMIA signals SF/912 of 18 July and 10/Q/2 of 18 July.

2. Attached as appendix A is a list of units which it would appear should be rationed by Distone as of Aug 1st.

3. Attached as appendix B is a list of units which it would appear should be rationed by Distone as of Aug 1st.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
95th Army

JAG

Station for the Division of the United States. 107/100

Mr. Tol 19 Jul
1945
c/s 12

1. Reference is made to the letter of 18 July and list of units furnished to the Division.

2. Request for give to 2 lists of units to be retained by One District and Two District, one showing the units for One District and the other for Two District depending upon geographic location. These lists should include strengths and locations.

J. L. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Br. (MIA) Co.,
5th Arty

cc: MIA

3337

Distribution and Allocation of Cigarettes
for July 1948.

RCV/ebf

Sr Ital 18 July
NMIA 50 50 1948
CM

For your information.

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Inf.,
Sr (NMIA) LG
5th Army

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ST/S Forms - Rations

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 16 July
MMIA LO 1945

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Rations for August

RCV/jad

IND NO.	FROM	TO Sr	DATE	
	Ital LO	MMIA LO	11 Jul 1945	Attached copy of cable from 210 Div to our office for onward transmission to War Ministry and MMIA LO, requesting allotment of 10,000 complete rations for August. R. DI PALMA Lt, Italian Liaison Officer G - 4
2	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	13 Jul 1945	5th Army will make no demand for rations for August, 210 Division is making the request and that will be the only one made. After August 1st, 210 Division will handle the ration dump for Italian troops in this immediate area, either at MODENA it's present location, or at VERONA where the dump of Terr HQ #4 will be located. Shipment should be made direct to 210 Div or Terr HQ #4. R.C.VAN KIRK Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LO, 5th Army

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ST/8 FORMS

RCV/ent

Sr MMIA 12 Jul
MMIA 1945
LO

For necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

6333

Translation

PHONE MESSAGE

FROM ITALIAN LIAISON FIFTH ARMY G-4

TO 210TH DIVISION HQ
TO HQ MILITARY HOSPITAL VERONA

N 7500/6 DTD 10 JUL Y 1945 URGENT. IT IS NOTIFIED THAT RATION ISSUE
TO MILITARY HOSPITAL VERONA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.
SAID HOSPITAL WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE ITS RATION WITHDRAWALS
AS SOON AS ITS SUPPLY OFFICER WILL COME TO THIS OFFICE TO CLARIFY
THE PRECEDING RATION WITHDRAWALS WHICH APPEAR TO BE RATHER CONFUSE.

for Capt. CICOGNA
(sgd) 1st Lt. APOSTOLI

Rations

FCV/jad

Sr	Ital	5 Jul
MMIA LO	LO	1945
	c/o QM	

You are authorized to issue Italian Military rations
to the 562 Mine Clearance Coy on the following basis:

7 officers
180 Enlisted Men

P.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

234

ST/6 Forms

RCV/jad

Sr MIA 4 Jul
MIA LO 1945

In conformity with request of Capt Clerk, am enclosing
ST/6's for units which drew rations from 210 Div Dumps
for the period 20 June - 30 June 1945 inclusive.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

Commodities for Canteens and Clubs

RCV/jad

Sr C-4 2 July
 MMIA LO Supply 1945

Reference copy of attached signal 0400 of 30 June.

In conformity with your request, I suggest that the commodities for canteens allotted to Italian troops in Fifth Army area and listed in attached signal for July be allotted as follows:

Category	Flour	Preserved Meat and Fish	Sugar	Coffee	Olive Oil	Salt
	5022 lbs	2616 lbs	1883 lbs	1226 lbs	1674 pts	78 lbs
	(7.55 lbs per	(3.23 lbs per	(2.33 lbs	(1.84 lbs	(2.51 pts per	(.117 lbs per
US-ITI	100 men)	100 men)	per 100 men)	per 100 men)	100 men)	100 men)
17000						
	1283.50 lbs	668.10 lbs	461.10 lbs	312.80 lbs	426.70 lbs	19.89 lbs
BR-ITI						
47000	3548.50 lbs	1847.10 lbs	1330.10 lbs	864.80 lbs	1179.70 pts	55 lbs
ITI-ITI						
2500	184.75 lbs	98.25 lbs	70.75 lbs	46 lbs	62.75 pts	2.92 lbs

R.C. VAN KIRK
 Major, Inf.,
 Sr. (MMIA) LO,
 5th Army

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Rations

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	30 Jun
MMIA LO	LO	1945
	c/o QM	

You are authorized to issue Italian Military rations
to the 3rd Truck Bn, on the following basis:

34 officers
800 Enlisted Men

B.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

4328

ST/8 Forms

RCV/jad

Sr NMIA 22 Jun
NMIA LO 1945

In conformity with request of Capt Clark, am
enclosing ST/8's for units which drew rations from 210
Div Dumps for the period 11 June - 20 June 1945 in-
clusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (NMIA) LO,
9th Army

6327

Subsistence for Italian Military

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 22 Jun
MMIA LO 1945

Suggest that AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No.2, dated 10 January 1944, is not being complied with in the Milan area in that it appears that Italian military are being rationed at transit American messes. On June 14, 1945, I ate at the Hotel Nord in Milan and out of 12 officers in the dining room, six of them were Italian officers. Italian military should eat the Italian military ration which is provided for them. It is recognized that certain Italian individuals such as liaison officers, attached to Allied installations, may be rationed at Allied or American messes when it is more appropriate to do so but it is considered that the six officers referred to did not fall in that category. Italian Army messes are operating in that area and transit officers can be rationed there which would permit the rations consumed to be put on an ST/S and charged to the Italian Government.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

5826

SULPHUR OIL

Ref No. 7269/6 IIO

Ital LO Sr 15 Jun
G-4 MMIA LO 1945

Ref ltr 7190/6 dtd June 2, 45.

210 Division HQ informs that they have written to the Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia of Florence, stating that 130 qts of sulphur oil unfrozed by 5th Army HQ for their HQ, is made available to them at the Campostrini Firm at Sesto Fiorentino.

This sulphur oil is the remainder of the material which was used to manufacture soap for 210 Div.

Soap will be no more manufactured, as directed.

A. Cicogna, Captain
Italian Liaison Officer
G-4

2 Sr MMIA 21 Jun
MMIA LO 1945

Further in reference to your ST/111 of 12 May 1945.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

3325

Italian Provided Items

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	21 Jun
MMIA LO	LO	1945

For your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

Rations - CC.RR

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 21 Jun
MMIA LO LO 1945

1. For your information and guidance.
2. Request that you have Apostoli compare the ration return of the various CC.RR units in this area with the Order of Battle and let me know the results of his investigation.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

0323

ST/3 Forms

RCV/jad

Sr
NMIA
LO

NMIA 11 Jun
1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark, am
enclosing ST/3 forms for units which drew rations from
210 Div Dumps for the period 21 May 1945 to 10 June 1945
inclusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (NMIA)LO,
5th Army

6322

ST/S Forms

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 7 June
MMIA LO 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt. Clark, am
enclosing ST/S forms for units which drew rations from
210 Div Dumps for the period 21 May to 31 May 1945 in-
clusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

6324

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Purchase of Sulphur Oil

RCV/jad

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Sr MIA LO	Ital LO	22 May 1945

Request you give me the facts on this report. I want to explain it to my HQ.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

De : Ufficio Colleg. MIA
A : Off. Ital Colleg.
22 maggio 1945

Pregho precisarmi i dati di fatto circa questo rapporto. Desidero dare spiegazioni al riguardo al mio Comando.

R.C. VAN KIRK

3320

Unauthorized Purchase of Sulphur Oil

RCV/jad

Sr
WMIA LO

WMIA 6 June
1945

1. Reference your ST/111 of 12 May 1945.

2. Attached is a copy of the explanation made to me in compliance with my request. As I remember this incident, I knew nothing of it until after it had happened and remember criticizing parties concerned for not consulting with me on the situation but at that, the Regional Supply Officer A.C. Toscana Region should not be criticizing the release of this oil when it was approved by the AMG officer in that area. Also 5th Army controlled the product at that time and not A.C.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (WMIA) LO,
5th Army

3319

Italian Army Welfare - Mobile Canteens

RCV/jad

Sr CG 6 June
WIA LO 210 Div 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN EIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (WIA) LO,
5th Army

2 Sr Ital 2 June
 MMIA LO LO 1945

c/o
Br Incr

Suggest that this be forwarded to 59 Area recom-
mending approval. ST/As should be obtained and forwarded
to MMIA.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO
5th Army

6313

POW Rations

RCV/jad

Sr MIA 30 May
MIA LO 1945

1. Reference your Q/1/29-120 of 24 May 1945.
2. The 7287 Sig. Const. Co. is a PBS unit which was operating in Army area. The QM states that since this is a POW unit and our government is liable for POW rations, no action is necessary.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MIA) LO,
5th Army

3817

Cigarettes

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 29 May
MMIA LO IO 1945
c/o QM

For your information and compliance.

R.O. VAN KIRK
Major. Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

0316

ST/3 Forms

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 26 May
MMIA LO 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark, am enclosing ST/3 forms for units which drew rations from 210 Riv Dumps for the period 11 May to 20 May 1945 inclusive.

R.C. VAN BIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LD,
5th Army

5315

Ref No.1

210 Div Transit Camp

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 26 May
MMIA LO 1945

1. Reference your Q/1/13-C of 21 May 1945.

2. I forwarded to you the report which the 210 Division had furnished me on the 20th of this month, see copy attached. If this does not meet your requirements, I will have them go through their records again.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

0314

Commodities for Canteens and Clubs.

RCV/jad

Sr. G-4, 26 May
 MMIA LO Supply 1945

Reference copy of attached signal Q-294 of 25 May.

In conformity with your request, I suggest that the commodities for canteens allotted to Italian troops in Fifth Army area and listed in attached signal for June be allotted as follows:

Category	Flour 7123 lbs (10.71 lbs per 100 men)	Coffee 1742 lbs (2.57 lbs per 100 men)	Olive Oil 2376 pints (3.57 pts per 100 men)	Salt 111 lbs (1/6 lb per 100 men)
US-ITI 17000	1220.70 lbs	153.90 lbs	606.90 pts	27.20 lbs
BR-ITI 47000	5033.70 lbs	1254.90 lbs	1677.90 pts	75.20 lbs
ITI-ITI 2500	267.75 lbs	66.75 lbs	89.25 pts	4.00 lbs

R.C. VAN KIRK
 Major, Inf.,
 Sr. (MMIA) LO,
 5th Army

cc: MMIA LO Br Incr

1313

Purchase of Sulphur Oil

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	22 May
MMIA LO	LO	1945

Request you give me the facts on this report. I want to explain it to my HQ.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Commodities for Canteens and Clubs

ROV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE			
	Sr MIA LO	G-4 Supply	11 May 1945	Reference attached signals. In conformity with your request, I suggest that the commodities for canteens allotted to Italian troops in Fifth Army area and listed in attached signal for May be allotted as follows:		
CATEGORY	Olive Oil	Flour	Preserved Meat/Fish	Sugar Coffee Salt		
US-ITI 17000 100 men)	739.50 pts (4.35 pts per	2225.30 lbs (13.09 lbs per 100 men)	1156 lbs (6.80 lbs per 100 men)	827.90 lbs (4.87 lbs per 100 men)	552.50 lbs (3 1/5 lbs 100 men) per 100 men)	34 lbs (1/5 lb per 100 men)
BR-ITI 12000 47200	522 pts	1570.80 lbs	816 lbs	584.40 lbs	390 lbs	24 lbs
GRUPPI 9500 9500	413.25 pts	1243.55 lbs	646 lbs	462.65 lbs	308.75 lbs	19 lbs
ITI-ITI 2500	108.75 pts	327.25 lbs	170 lbs	121.75 lbs	81.25 lbs	5 lbs
				R.C.VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MIA) L.O., 5th Army		
cc: MIA LO Br. Inor						

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MIA LO Br. Inor

Italian Military Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 4 May
NMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

1. You are authorized to issue Italian Military rations to the Italian Military Hospital formerly located at Verona and now located in two sections, one at Marzana 8 km. North of Verona and the 2nd section at San Bonifacio in an old school building 30 km East of Verona on the following basis:

32 officers
20 Sisters
179 Enlisted Men
Total 231

2. The capacity of the hospitals should be 900 beds but only rations can be drawn for designated military personnel.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: NMIA

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ST/8 Forms

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 30 Apr
MIA LO LO 1945
o/o BM

Request you complete the enclosed ST/8s in accordance
with request contained in basic communication and return to
me.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

2309

Staging Area - Florence

REV/jud

Sr CG 28 Apr
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
#7

Reference Rome-Van Kirk telephone conversation above subject.

Your request to operate a staging area in Firenze is not favorably considered by my HQ. 210 Division is authorized however, to operate such an area if necessary and providing only US-THIS and ITI-THIS under command 210 Division are rationed there and the rations properly accounted for.

Attached is a copy of a recent directive on the subject which as you will note does not contemplate the organization of transit messes.

R.O. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.C.,
5th Army

cc: CG 210 Div (Info)
MMIA (Info)

Attached

ROV/jad

Sr CG 24 Apr
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945
#7

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Italian Military Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Army 25 Apr
MMIA LO QM 1945

You are authorized to issue Italian Military Rations to the MODENA Italian Military Hospital, the rations for the staff not to exceed 115 for:

16 officers (doctors)
12 Sisters
90 EM.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

6506

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr
MIA LO

MIA 26 Apr
1945

1. Reference your Q/27/3 of 9 April 1945 and Q/1/35-2 of 10 April 1945 and AFHQ letter AG 400/005 of 12 March 1945 and telephone conversation Rose-Van Kirk of 25 April 1945.
2. Attached is copy of directive issued by 5th Army on the subject and report of Apostoli, Italian LO with QM for your information.
3. Am suggesting that G-4 5th Army send a signal in accordance with Para 8 your letter Q/27/3 of 9 April 1945.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8305

Travel Station

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 24 Apr
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

For your information and guidance.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8304

ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 23 Apr
MMIA LO 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark, am enclosing ST/8 forms for units which drew rations from 210 Div Dumps for the period 11 April to 20 April 1945 inclusive.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8303

Attached

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 18 Apr
MMIA LO 1945
LO c/o QM

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8302

Attached Signal

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 16 Apr
MIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

For your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8301

Attached letter

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 13 Apr
MIA LO LO 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) I.O.,
5th Army

8200

Travel Ration

RV/jad

Sr Ital 14 Apr
NMIA LO Lo 1945
c/o QM

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

3299

May Maintenance

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 13 Apr
MIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

For your information and necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

5298

ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr
WIA LO

WIA 12 Apr
1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark,
am enclosing ST/S forms for units which drew rations from
210 Div Dumps for the period 1 April to 10 April 1945 in-
clusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (WIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Rations for 210th Staging Area

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 10 Apr
MMIA ~~MMIA~~ 1945
LO

For your comment and return. My comment is that the Br-Iti must obtain as soon as possible their own hotel. Capt Newton and I are both agreed on this. This system requires too many records and too much accounting.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

226

Rations

REV/jed

Sr Terr 9 Apr
MIA LO HQ #7 1945

For your information and compliance.

Kcal
LO
c/o QM

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8391

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY
QM

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April 2nd 1945

To: QM Class I
Sr. MEMIA LO

Subject: Additional items for 210th Division April maintenance.

210th Division informs that its ration
dump received on March 29th from 65/7 n.7816 kilos of dry fruits,
part of its April maintenance.

A. Apostoli Amerigo
Apostoli Amerigo
1st Lt., Infantry
Italian L.O. with
QM

6295

ST Forms

RCV/jed

Sr (MIA) 8 Apr
MIA LO 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark, am
enclosing ST/8 forms for units which drew rations from
210 Division Dumps for the period 21 March to 31 March 1945
inclusive.

R.C.VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.
5th Army

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY
QM

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28th March 1945

To: Class I
Sr. MMIA LO

Subject: Additional items for 210th Italian Infantry Division
April maintenance.

210th Italian Division informs that the
following quantities of additional items arrived at its Dump
on March 27th 1945:

Soap	kilos	7,500
Cigarettes	kilos	3,372
Matches	each	3,600,000

A. Apostoli Amerigo
Apostoli Amerigo
1st Lt., Infantry
Italian L.O. with
QM

6202

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Ref No. 1

Subject: Manufacture of Macaroni

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	Ital LO	28 Mar 1945	Attached is for your information and Lt. Apostoli. Request that Apostoli sees to it that only Semolina flour is issued for the manufacture of macaroni. <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army cc: MMIA (Ref your Q/2/13-23 of 24 Mar 45)
	Ital LO	Sr MMIA LO	28 Mar 1945	All US ITIs and ITI ITIs troops in Fifth Army Area are receiving their wheat flour ration from U.S. Dumps, (210th Division dump is drawing from Q5/4I U.S. ration dump). Such wheat ration is issued in substitution of bread when this is not available in U.S. Dumps. <i>A. Cicogna</i> Alessandro Cicogna Captain, Artillery Italian L.O. with Fifth Army (G-4) 8291

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr O.C. 28 Mar
MIA 507 1945
LO Provost
Company
Corps
of
Military
Police

Reference your PRO 507/Q of 25th of March to G.O.C.
210 Division H.Q. Florence.

The Italian soldiers referred to are Br-Itis and should
continue to draw rations from British Dumps. The instructions
from my HQ will not permit a change except in an emergency.

R.O.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) I.O.,
5th Army.

cc: CG 210 Div

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY

QM

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27th March 1945

S. n. 6211/6

To: Class I
Sr. ISTA LO

Subject: Additional items for 210th Division April maintenance.

210th Division informs that the following
quantities of additional items arrived on the 26th march 1945
at its Ration Dump:

Cognac	kilos	2350
Soap	kilos	28
Tobacco	kilos	3

*H. G. ...*Apostoli Amerigo
1st Lt., Infantry
Italian L.O. with

6283

Rations for 210th Div Transit Camp

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 27 Mar
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

Reference attached communication.

When all but US and Iti-Itis have been eliminated from the ration strength, notify me so that I may comply with Para 2.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

4288

Ref No. 1

Terr. Mil. Hospital Calci - Rations

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	27 Mar
MMIA LO	LO	1945
	PBS	
	Fwd	

The Terr. Mil. Hospital Calci is authorized to draw Italian Military rations, strength 23 officers and 69 EM. This hospital has a capacity of 250 beds.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 23 Mar
MMIA LO LO 1945
o/c QM

Confirming my verbal instructions to you, no more U.S. rations are to be issued Br-Itis in the 210 Div staging area. All Br-Itis must be rationed from British Dumps. As a temporary measure and just until a separate hotel in Florence is established for Br-Iti officers, then rations equal to the number of Br-Iti officers in the hotel must be drawn from British Dumps, and that number deducted from the U.S. rations now being drawn for the hotel.

R.C. VAN WIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: MMIA
MMIA LO Br Insp.

4287

Rations

RCV/jed

Sr QM 25 Mar
 MMIA Class 1945
 LO I

The following QM Bn and Service Coys appears on the
 Order of Battle and are entitled to draw Italian Military
 rations:

		Unit	Off	MM
304	Ital	QM Bn Hq & Hq Det	6	14
318	"	" Sv Co		215
319	"	" " "	10	255
320	"	" " "	4	198
321	"	" " "	4	20

R.C.VAN KIRK,
 Major, Infantry,
 Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
 5th Army

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ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr MIA 22 Mar
MIA 1945
LO

In conformity with oral request of Capt Clark, am
enclosing ST/8 forms for units which drew rations from
210 Division Dump for the period 10 March to 20 March 1945
inclusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8285

Cigarettes from Lucca Factory

RCV/jed

Sr MMIA 20 Mar
MMIA LO 1945

Reference your ST/774 of 13 March 1945.

In compliance with above signal.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8284

Rations- Italian Air Force

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 17 Mar
MMIA LO 1945

Reference your Q/2/26-20 of 12 March 1945.

No Italian Air Force Distribution Depots are located in this area. The only Italian Air Corps units are the ones engaged in the collection of Italian Air Corps material. These units are as follows:

	<u>Strength</u>
Florence	66
Pisa	15
Lucca	8
Pistoia	20
Total	<u>109</u>

All their rations are drawn from 69 D.I.D., Via Gabriele D'Annunzio, Firenze.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry ,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

6283

Rations - 213 Refugees Transit Camp - Lucca

RCV/jad

Sr Italian 16 Mar
MIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

This unit is authorized to draw Italian Military Rations.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

6282

213 Refugee Transit Camp-Lucca Strength 500 Officers and Men

RCV/jad

Sr MIA 16 Mar
MIA LO 1945

Reference telephone conversation Col Rose's office-
Van Kirk this date.

Attached is copy of buck slip on the above unit, but
the officer drawing the rations says that his unit is no
longer a part of 600 Refugee Assistance Unit Magliarino
strength 69. If what this officer says is correct, then
the new unit should be shown on the Italian Order of Battle.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH 5th IV

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S.O. 5943/6

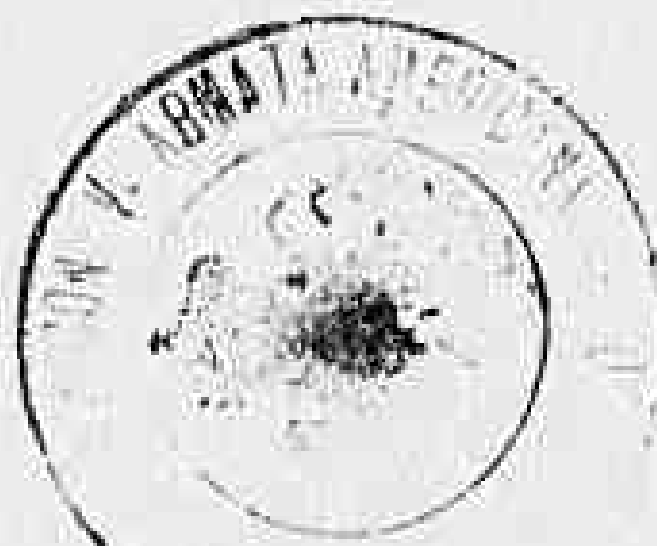
March 15th 1945

To: Sr. IVIA LO

Subject: 210th Division March tobacco maintenance.

Italian Ministry of War supplied
210th Division with tobacco for its March maintenance as follows:

- 1) - Authority to draw 60 quintals of tobacco from Lucca factory.
- 2) - Expedition of 31.04 quintals of "Milit" cigarettes from Naples.



A. Apostoli Amerigo
Apostoli Amerigo
1st Lt., Infantry
Italian L.O. with
Q

3280

REF. OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET
H3-QUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Attached

RCV/jad

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Sr MMIA LO	Ital LO c/o QM ↑ 9	14 Mar 1945

Request you check the attached for errors and keep
me informed as to developments.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

0273

5942/6

Rations for Italian Air Force

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 15 Mar
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

Request that you obtain a list of all Italian Air Force Distribution Depots in 5th Army Area, that you then visit each depot and make an inventory of the rations on hand, determine the number of days rations for the units being served. After these rations in the depots have been properly consumed, then the units of the Italian Air Force will draw direct from Ration dumps on MMIA ST/8s instead of Italian Air Force depots. You will notify the G.Os. of the Italian Air Force depots that the inventory is being made. A copy of your inventory will be furnished me for forwarding to my HQ.

R.C.VAN KIRK ,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Attached Signal

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 14 Mar
WMIA LO LO 1945

Request you furnish me with information asked in basic communication.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (WMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

277

Attached

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 14 Mar
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

Request you check the attached for errors and keep
me informed as to developments.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8276

Purchases of foodstuffs by Italian troops

RCV/Ad

Sr LSCAC 9 Mar
NMIA LO (NMIA) 1945

Reference your Q257 of 24 Feb 1945.

For your information, AMG is apprehensive that this extra lire a day will disrupt civilian food supply in Army area. I don't share this view for the Italians make most of their purchases in rear of the Army boundary line. This directive of course, would not apply outside this area.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (NMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8275

ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr LMSCAC 12 Mar
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt. Clark, am enclosing ST/8 forms for units which drew rations from 210 Division Dump for the period 1 March to 10 March 1945 inclusive.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry.
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

3274

2 Sr Ital 7 War
WMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

This unit is authorized to draw Italian Military Rations and appears on the new Italian Order of Battle, category 58, which is coming out and dated 28 Feb 1945. The authorized strength is 5 officers and 105 EM.

R.S. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (WMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

6273

RCV/jed

1st Ind.
 Sr. (MIA) L.O., 5th Army, A.P.O. 461, U. S. Army, 7 March 1945.
 To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA), A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.

In conformity with your request in basic communication, my information is:

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 1

Unit
 202 U.S. Co

Remarks
 Have carabinieri attached.
 Mistake in naming unit.
 I recommend allowance.

2 - 24

104 Eng Co stated to
 1025 Engr Troop Bde Co

Part of 103 It. Eng.
 Combat Bn known as 1st
 Co. Should be allowed.

25 - 27

152 Medical Sect.

103-IT1. Appears on
 Status Report. Should
 be allowed.

28 - 29

317 It. QM Sv Co

Part of the 548th It. QM
 Gp, 304 It. QM Bn. Ap-
 pears on Status Report.
 Should be allowed.

30-31

7161 Sanita Co

Should be drawing co-
 operators' rations in-
 stead of Italian Military
 Rations which as I under-
 stand it, are better ra-
 tions than the military.
 I don't know whether our
 government or the Italian
 government is charged for
 cooperators rations which
 are practically in the
 same category as PM ra-
 tions.

R.C. VAN NICK,
 Major, Infantry,
 Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
 5th Army

Incls: n/c

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 5 Mar
MMIA LO LO 1945
 c/o
 QM

Reference 600 A.P.C., Page 22 Order of Battle dated
27 Jan 1945.

Request you determine the ration strength of the 600
A.P.C. If it exceeds 206, it will have to be reduced to that
number, otherwise those nurses will have to be dropped.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Attached signal

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 5 Mar
MMIA LO 1945
LO c/o QM

For necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

5270

Attached (Olive Oil)

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 4 Mar
MMIA LE 1945
LE c/o QM

For your information. Request you advise me of any shortages or delay in movement.

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8269

Attached cable

RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	3 Mar
MMIA	LO	1945
LO	o/o QM	

For your information and necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.L.
5th Army

0263

ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 1 Mar
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt. Clark, am
enclosing ST/8 forms for units which drew rations from
210 Division Dump for the period 21 Feb to 28 Feb 1945
inclusive.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

3267

Rations to Nurses - 600 A.P.C.

RCV/jad

Sr LSCAC 28 Feb
MIA LO (MIA) 1945

1. Reference telephone conversation Van Kirk-Clark 27 Feb 1945.

2. Attached is the correspondence on feeding the four nurses who claim to be a part of 600 Refugee Assistance Unit found on Page 22 of the Order of Battle, and on DS in this area. I can't reconcile the name of the unit or the strength since it is listed as having 4 officers and 202 ORs, whereas these 4 nurses all claim to be officers and there must be others. As per your instructions they have been attached to the 210 Div Staging Area, Via dell' Oriolo 24, Firenze, for rations.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

2266

March Maintenance Items

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 26 Feb
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

For your information.

R.C.VA KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

3265

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

FR: PENSOUTH

PREC: PRIORITY

TDG: FEB 25/1801A

REF NO: NONE

CLASS: SECRET - CIP

TDR: 25/2049A

TO: FIFTH ARMY

SECRET --- REFERENCE MMIA MOVEMENT ORDER PBS SLASH 210 SLASH 5 SLASH DATED
13 FEBRUARY 1945 PD DESPATCHED TODAY FOLLOWING RAIL CARS NUMBER 20175
SALT 15000 KGS CMA CAR NUMBER 28102 FIGS 21204 KGS CMA CAR NUMBER 881
COGNAC 990 KGS CMA CIGARETTES 3104 KGS MATCHES 35426 BOXES CMA CAR NUMBER
575467 FIGS 9680 KGS SOAP 6186 KGS PD REFERENCE NUMBER 9079-STN SLASH 9
PAREN TO 5 ARMY CMA MMIA CMA INFO PBS CMA PENSOUTH FOR QM FROM PENSOUTH
MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN REPRESENTS MARCH MAINTENANCE FOR 210 ITALIAN
DIVISION PD

8364

Tobacco

RCV/jad

3 Sr G-4 22 Feb
MMIA LO Supply 1945

Attached is copy of Col. Kerr's 1st Ind. to your AG 400-Z
of 14 Feb 1945, to MMIA.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Rations

RCV/jed

Sr. QN 22 Feb
MMIA LO CLASS 1945
I

The 40th US Service Bn (Italian), PPS US-ITI, strength 19 officers and 528 EN appears on the Order of Battle and is entitled to draw Italian Military rations.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

0262

Civilians Employed and Rationed in Military Hospitals.

RCV/jed

Sr IFSCAC 22 Feb
WMIA IO (WMIA) 1945

Reference your signal M027 of 15 Feb 1945, Subject:
Civilians employed and rationed in Military Hospitals.

In conformity with your request, the following information is submitted:

S. Gallo Hospital
Monte Oliveto Hospital
Villa Natalia Hospital
Lucca Military Hospital

174
41
50
62
327

40 of the men employed in the Florence hospitals are not rationed there so that the ration strength of civilians is actually 287.

As I understand it, as soon as medical personnel arrive to replace these men, they are to be cut off the ration strength.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (WMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

3281

ST Forms

RCV/jad

Sr IFSCAC 22 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

In conformity with oral request of Capt. Clark, am
enclosing ST/8 forms for units which draw rations from 210
Division Dump for the period 9 Feb to 20 Feb 1945 inclusive.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

4260

Attached

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 22 Feb
SMIA LO Supply 1945

Attached for your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (SMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: 1st L.O.

253

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr	QM	21 Feb
MMIA	CLASS	1945
LO	I	

The CO.RR Pistola (Italian), strength 450 officers and men appears on the Order of Battle and is entitled to draw Italian type Military rations.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

1258

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr C-4 16 Feb
MMIA LO Supply 1945

Reference your oral query.

My HQ states that an Italian non-commissioned officer at detached stations may sign SI/Es when no officer is available with the detachment.

cc: MMIA

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

3257

Attached

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 16 Feb
MMIA LO LO 1945
c/o QM

Attached list of units drawing rations with
comments as to each for your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8256

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr CM 16 Feb
MMIA LO CLASS 1945
I

The 11th Air Service Co (Italian), strength 4 officers and 148 EM, appears on the Italian Order of Battle and is entitled to draw Italian type Military rations.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

8255

Attached Copy of Letter

RCV/jad

Sr Grady 15 Feb
MMIA LO Supply 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

cc: Ital. L.O.

3254

Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Major 14 Feb
MMIA 10 William 1945

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Savin
Co. H
2675
Regt
A.C.
A.P.O.
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Reference your request for information concerning the status of the Italian Red Cross, the following excerpts from my directives are submitted for your information:

"Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/2/29-4
26 January 1945"

"TO: Ministry of War

"1. Ration issue notes MMIA Forms ST/8 are being received which show issues of subsistence from Italian depots to the following unauthorized organizations:

**
Croce Rossa Italiana

**
"2. Inasmuch as the personnel of these organizations are not borne on the roles of the Ministry and are, in fact, civilians, they will not be supplied from Italian Army stocks".

"Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/2/7 - 1
9 December 1944"

"TO: Ministry of War

**
"b. Rations will be issued in line with instructions in letter AQ/2 of 23 June, Army Sub Commission ACC, SUBJECT: Italian Army."

"(1) The following will NOT be issued with Army rations:--"

"(d) Red Cross Personnel

**
/s/ Clayton P. Kerr,
/t/ CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Local Resource Items

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 14 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. Reference your SI/711 of 9 Feb 1945, Subject; Local Resource Items for March Maintenance.

2. Based on requirements for 18,000 troops including TFI-ITI and 2000 partisans, 210 Division will require:

Oil	38,322 lbs
Salt	32,846 "
Soap	19,867 "
Dried Fruits	95,805 "
Matches (100 boxes each)	35,426
Tobacco	20,527 lbs

3. Fifth Army does not want to signal this information to you in present form over the CG's signature, for G-4 states it is a duplication, and that it is the same information sent PBS and you already have, and that requests may be confused. It is impossible therefore, for me to comply with your request to signal this information once all 5th Army signals go out in the name of the CG.

R.C.VAN KIRK, 352
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Italian Military Rations

RCV/jad

2 Sr 14 Feb
MIA LO 1945

2. Sr G-4 14 Feb
MIA LO Exec 1945

RCV/jad

1. Based upon information furnished me by Capt. Cicogna, Italian L.O., as to units in 5th Army area other than 210 drawing Italian Military rations, units listed in Appendix A are authorized to draw such rations. These units are shown on the Italian Order of Battle and are within effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces. The partisan centers were authorized to draw rations by virtue AFHQ letter, AG 400/033 of 13 Jan 1945. Units listed on Appendix B have not been identified on the Order of Battle and in my opinion, rations should not be issued to them until they have properly identified themselves or produced their authority to draw such rations. 210 Division is authorized to issue the Italian components of the ration to all approved units.

2. It is suggested that in the future, any unit desiring to draw Italian Military rations, could be directed to first clear with the Italian L.O., Lt. Apostoli, who is located in the Office of the Army QM. He could make such investigation as necessary, and then if G-4 or QM approved, the rations could be issued.

3. AM advised by my HQ, that although 5th Army may issue to Br-Iti or to Iti-Iti units, that this will all be adjusted in the final accounting by the Allied Commission and the proper government charged or credited as the case may be.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,

Soap Requirements

RCV/jed

Sr LSCAC 12 Feb
MIA LO (MIA) 1945

1. Further in reference to soap requirements for 210 Division.

2. Fifth Army Veterinarian reports that the mules are getting scabies because of insufficient soap and inferior quality, and recommends an increased allowance and also better quality soap.

R.O. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY

S.n. 5065/6

February 8th 1945

To : OM Class I

Subject: March Soap maintenance for US-ITI's medical purposes.

Following soap quantities are required as extra assignment for hospital requirements for march maintenance:

<i>Convalescent</i> One General Hospital (200 bed occupied) Ration 300 grammes per bed occupied.....lbs	132
Two Evac Hospitals Ration 60 kilos each..... "	264
One Medical Section Ration 4 kilos each..... "	9
Forty Unit Medical Officers Ration 600 grammes each..... "	53

TOTAL requirement	lbs	458
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Alessandro Cicogna
Captain, Artillery,
Italian L.C. with
Fifth Army (G-4)

Local Resource Items

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 10 Feb
MIA LO LO 1945
c/o
QM

Request you get me this information in order that I
may answer this signal.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Rations.

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 10 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

For your information. I can recognize some of these units as being entitled to draw rations but the majority of them I can not. As previously indicated, Lt. Apostoli should be assigned an Italian vehicle in order that he may investigate such units.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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UNITS DRAWING MILITARY RATIONS AND
NOT BELONGING TO 210TH ITALIAN DIVISION

✓ Carabinieri Viareggio (school)	Q 5/5
X 7161 Sanity Co	Q 5/9
✓ 5th M.P. Hq <i>PBS</i>	Q 5/41
53d Serv Gp 1st Bn	Q 5/41
✓ 91 QM 23 QM Serv Bn <i>PBS</i>	Q 5/41
✓ 158 QM Com 40 Serv Bn <i>PBS</i>	Q 5/41
X 7731st Italian Serv Unit	Q 5/41
✓ 205th Div 5 Co 53 Gp	Q 5/3
205th Div 53 Det	Q 5/3
X 62nd Rgt Leghorn	Q 5/5
6th Gp Bn QM Serv	Q 5/9
4MG LV Corps	Q 5/9
425 Infantry Regt	Q 5/9
✓ 2d Partisans Gp Pescia	Q 5/9
Garibaldi Brigade (Partisans)	Q 5/9)
5th Gp 40 Bn 15th Co	Q 5/9
✓ 14th Air Force SV Co Hq Co	Q 5/41
✓ 3d MRE Bn 18th Co	Q 5/41
✓ 212th IFL Co <i>Ente</i>	Q 5/3

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Attached Copy of letter (Coffee Beans)

RCV/jad

Sr G-4 9 Feb
MMIA Supply 1945
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Attached for your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Copy to: Ital L.O.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/jad
10 February 1945

Subject: Olive Oil for Italian Army Ration.

To : Distribution.

Am advised by my Headquarters, A.P.O. #394, U.S. Army, that the Allied Commission has released 12 tons of Olive Oil in Perugia Province to the Italian Army and have signalled the consorts in accordance therewith. The bearer of this letter is authorized to purchase and transport to this Headquarters the required Olive Oil for the Italian Army.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army.

Distribution:
G-4 Fifth Army
Italian L.O.

Copy of attached cable

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 9 Feb
WMIA LO LO 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (WMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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M/C NR 2557

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: PENSOUTH PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY TIME DATE GROUP FEB 0
 REF. NO 8953-STN/9 CLASSIFICATION SECRET CIPHER TIME DATE RECD 072256A

TO: CG FIFTH ARMY

SECRET PD FIRST PD REFERENCE MMIA SUGAR TARE SLASH 701 DATED 2 ■
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 KING GEORGE SUGAR CMA SALT 2200 KING GEORGE SUGAR CMA CIGARETTES
 496 KING GEORGE SUGAR CMA MATCHES 5120 BOXES CMA FIGS 6270 KING
 GEORGE SUGAR PD REFERENCE NUMBER 8953 DASH SUGAR TARE NAN SLASH
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 FROM PENSOUTH MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN PD SECOND PD COGNAC 2894
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Attached letter - Tobacco Products

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 7 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

1. Reference your letter of 31 Jan 1945, subject,
Cigarettes for 210 Div.
2. Attached is for your information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #164, U. S. Army

RCV/jad
6 February 1945

Subject: Military Rations.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MICA)
A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.

1. Further in reference to your AQ/2/13-16 of 29 January 1945 and telephone communication of even date.
2. VIII Center Italian Red Cross drawing rations at Dump Q5/37 is the same unit which I reported to you and G-4 Supply on 21 October as drawing Military rations.
3. Investigation reveals that when 5th Army entered Florence in October 1944, a Lieutenant Sassorasse, Italian Red Cross, went to the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, AMG HQ, talked to Col. Farr and Major Aronoff, AMG Welfare officers about drawing rations for their staff, consisting of 210 officers and men located at their HQ, Via delle Scale 52, Florence, the hospitals at Santa Maria Nuova, Florence, and the Red Cross Hospital at Prato, and for the patients which at that time consisted exclusively of Italian soldiers and Partisans. The AMG officers gave them written authority to draw Military rations which of course, they had no right to do and from there the Italian Lieutenant went to Tavernelle where 5th Army QM was located, Major Watson, Class I officer, authorized the issuance of rations. At the present time, the Santa Maria Nuova hospital has 144 military and partisan patients and 107 civilians. The Director, Lt. Col. Toginini, one of the officers to whom I talked, says they draw Military rations for their military and partisan patients through the San Gallo Military Hospital in Florence, and for the civilian patients from civilian sources. The staff of 210 continued to draw Military rations but I have told the Italian LO with the QM that their rations should be stopped immediately.
4. Last Summer when I originally pointed out the list of units drawing Italian Military rations that I couldn't identify on the Italian Order of Battle, I suggested to G-4 5th Army, that all these units which we couldn't identify, be cut off at the Ration Dumps and then make the unit wanting to draw Italian Military rations, come in and show cause why they should draw rations, but G-4 didn't want to make the men at the Dumps "police men", and said it would be covered by directives. The 210 Division, since the 25th of January, has adopted a similar procedure to what I originally recommended, that rations for most of the units in this area are drawn by 210 Division and then these units must clear with Lt. Apostoli who is the Italian LO with the Army QM. When they come to him, he investigates and sees who the unit really is feeding.
5. Recommend that some light Italian vehicle be made available to Apostoli in order that he may get to the QM dumps in this area and investigate the units requesting rations. Suggest that with the partisans center under AMG control, now drawing rations, it is more important than ever that Apostoli be made mobile.

He could investigate, come back to this HQ, report, and a decision be made as to whether the unit should draw rations. Apostoli replaced Capt. Naldoni, the former Italian LO with the QM. Apostoli is much more efficient than Naldoni.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

Rations Query

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 6 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

Reference Order of Battle G/11 of 27 January 1945.

Query: 18 Railway Co of 3rd Railway Bn attached to Co A, 715 Military Railway Service American, has recently moved into this area from Leghorn, is administered by 231 Division and drawing rations from American Dumps since employed by the Americans. When at Leghorn, was rationed from FBS Dump. Since this is a Br-It1 unit and is either listed at Page 12 (Order of Battle) Category 3, "18 Engr Coy Naples, 4 Offrs and 136 ORS" or in Page 12, "HQ 3 Rly Engr Bn, Pisa, Offrs 20, ORS 479", shouldn't it be rationed from British dumps?

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Rations

RCV/jad

Sr LFSCAC 4 Feb
MMIA LO (MMIA) 1945

Reference your AO/2/13-16 of 29 Jan 1945. The only information I had was contained in copy of attached letter. Am asking the Italian L.O. with the Army QM to check this matter for me and as soon as I hear, will forward information.

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Attached Letter

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PMIA ID Deleg 1945
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For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (PMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Rations

RCV/jad

Sr Ital 4 Feb
MIA ID ID 1945
c/o CMI
5 Army

Under date of Oct 16 1944, Capt Cicogna reported to me as per copy of attached letter. Can you give me any additional information concerning issue of Italian rations to 644 Armd Inf Div from Q.5/1 as inquiry has been made by my HQ?

R.C.VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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Attached letters

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MIA LO Delegation
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For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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