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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Army.



Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.003
25 May 1946

TO : List "B"

1. The object of this letter is to explain the present position regarding "supply" of maintenance items and to dispel any suspicions that the War Ministry are not concerning themselves sufficiently with the need to repair deficiencies in Unit maintenance.
2. The maintenance of the Italian Army including the CC.RR is the responsibility of the Italian Government through the War Ministry. With the exception of British Ordnance weapons, equipment and ammunition the sources of supply are under the control of the Italian Government. As regards transport see para. 5.
3. The War Ministry control all maintenance items which are distributed down to Units through the normal administrative channels i.e. Supply Depots, Clothing Depots, Ammunition Magazines etc. The procedure for indenting, system of supply and detailed routine have been communicated to Territorial Commands in Directives issued by the War Ministry.
4. Some confusion and uncertainty has arisen regarding provision and supply of British Ordnance stores. It must be remembered that the re-organisation of the Italian Army and re-equipping of Units other than CC.RR with British weapons is coinciding with the run down of British stores in the theatre and the closing of Ordnance installations.
Every endeavour is being made by this HQ to secure for the War Ministry the stores needed to complete authorised equipment scales including maintenance items. Wherever possible (and invariably in the case of weapons and ammunition) transfer is being arranged direct military to military. In certain cases the War Ministry are acquiring stores through Allied Disposals Agencies and A.R.A.R.
5. The long term policy regarding transport is that the Italian Army shall be equipped with vehicles manufactured by the Italian Motor Industry. As a temporary measure efforts are being made to obtain further serviceable Allied vehicles and spare parts for those already held. The difficulty is the fact that there is an actual shortage in the theatre of enough equipment and no allied surplus exists.
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6. On receipt of the necessary GHQ authority the transfer of British Ordnance equipment to Italian Depots is arranged.
Thereafter distribution follows the normal practice.
No useful purpose is served by making detailed demands for this or that item and all concerned are requested to ensure the above situation is made clear to Territorial or other Commanders. B.L.U's can and should assist by advising on correct procedure and investigating whether or not the War Ministry instructions on the matter have been followed.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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See 10610 (4) (12)

Subject: Domestic Transport.LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG
(M.M.I.A.)

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16 May 1946.TO : List A- serials 4, 12, 14, 15 and 19.
List B

Reference MMIA Directive No 3.

1. Add new paragraph 7 as below:

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT.

7. Instructions regarding maintenance and replacement of Domestic Transport are contained in Annexure C. The M.T. return described therein will in future be substituted for that hitherto in use.

R. C. Cunningham
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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3.5.46.

A B U Rome
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SUBJECT :- Air Priorities - A.C. Air Line.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O K E
Q.145
3 May 1946

TO : List "B".

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At other stations particularly terminal air ports screening should be effected by the Terr. Command concerned and by the local A.C., Air Priorities Board.

2 In order to avoid unnecessary work and inconvenience to intending military passengers individuals who satisfy the regulations and are granted one way tickets to Rome should be warned that their application to return by air will not be considered unless touched for by the War Ministry as essential on grounds of duty.

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Copy to : War Ministry
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MINUTES OF M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

HELD AT H.Q. M.M.I.A. ROME.

28 - 29 January, 1946.

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"Q" Points - 29 January 1946.

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

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2. A limited number of British spare parts are being made available in the immediate future, and the O.A.R.E. at Bologna is to become the Italian Army Base Workshop for all M.T. repairs to British vehicles. It is hoped this will be functioning by the end of March. The situation as regards the maintenance of British vehicles is most unsatisfactory and energetic steps are being taken with G.H.Q. to obtain a more satisfactory supply of the necessary parts.

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Every endeavour is being made to secure the release of sufficient British arms to enable C.A.R.'s. to be completed in this respect by 15 March 46.

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ACCOMMODATION.

1. Generally speaking, the Allies have now released all military barracks urgently required by the Italian Army, and the needs of C.A.R.'s. are provided for.
2. In the special proforma reporting the state of readiness of C.A.R.'s, mention is made of "scales" of equipment, accommodation stores, clothing, etc. E.L.U.'s. will press the local Territorial Command to obtain copies of these scales which the War Ministry say have been issued.

SUPPLIES.

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R. A. CURRIES Lt. Col.
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Subject:- Part X Orders.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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LIST "B".

7 Feb 46.

1. In future full particulars of all vehicle casualties will be sent to HQ M.M.I.A., immediately they occur.
2. Part X orders will then be made out by this HQ for all casualties.
3. On no account will Part X orders be made out by BLUS themselves.
4. Details of casualties need not be passed to any area/ corps/ordistrict unless specifically asked for.

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C.E. KING, Major,
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DIRECTIVE NO. 3.

"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

FOR

BRITISH LIAISON UNITS

ATTACHED TO

ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.002,
27 January, 1946.

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Authority: A.F.H.Q. AG-091.711 G(SD)-0 of 2 Nov 45.

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Distribution:
List "A" less serial 17 & 19
List "B" less serial 12.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

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Colonel A. J. A.
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Directive No. 3.
Annexure 'A'.

SUPPLIES.

1. The scales, sources of supply etc. are shown below against the various categories of the Italian Armed Forces which include the Italian Interim Army, US-ITI and BR-ITI Service Troops, Italian Navy (BR-ITI), Italian Air Force (BR-ITI, US-ITI).

2. Italian Interim Army.

The maintenance of the Italian Interim Army from Italian Army depots is the responsibility of the Ministry of War through the Italian Ministry of Food.

The sources of supply are from:-

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The ration scale shown at Appendix 'Y' is the current scale of issues for the Interim Army but may be subject to alterations by the War Ministry depending on availability of commodities.

3. US-ITI Troops.

The maintenance of US-ITI Troops is the responsibility of US Quartermaster in so far as items scheduled as Category 'A' in the ration scale concerned. These items are issued direct to US-ITI units ex US QM Depots.

Items scheduled as categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' are the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to be supplied from Italian Army depots.

4. BR-ITI Service Troops (Army).

The maintenance of BR-ITI Service Troops is the responsibility of DST GHQ CMF in so far as items scheduled as categories 'A' and 'B' in the ration scale are concerned. The remainder of items on the scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of War.

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Categories 'B', 'C' and 'D' of the ration scale are the responsibility of the Ministry of Marine.

6. (a) Italian Air Force (BR-ITI).

Maintenance of the Italian Air Force (BR-ITI) is the responsibility of DST GHQ CTF in so far as items in category 'A' of the ration scale are concerned. These items are demanded by HQ MILAN DST with a request for delivery to Italian depots as required.

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(b) Italian Air Force (US-ITI)

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7. General.

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The standard ration scale for the whole of the Italian Armed Forces is:-

ITEM	SCALE
CATEGORY 'A'	
FLOUR	15 ozs.
MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	3 ozs.
RICE or FLOUR in lieu	1 oz.
MEAT PRESERVED or FISH PRESERVED	3 ozs. (See note (a))
DRIED VEGETABLES (P/B/L)	2 ozs.
VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED	1 oz. (See note (b))
CHEESE	6/7 oz.
SUGAR	1 oz.
CATSUP or TOMATO PASTE	1/2 oz.
COFFEE GROUND	1/2 oz.
PEPPER	1/200 oz.
CATEGORY 'B'	
FRUIT FRESH	4 ozs.
VEGETABLES FRESH (includes potatoes)	8 ozs. (See Note (b))
CATEGORY 'C'	
OLIVE OIL plus	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLED or	1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLED	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLED or	1 1/2 oz.
NUTS UNSHELLED	3 ozs.
SALT (19 grams per man	24 grams.
5 grams for bread ration)	1 1/2 litre.
WINE	40 per week.
MATCHES	50 per week.
CATEGORY 'D'	
CIGARETTES, pieces	(See appendix 'Z')
SOAP	

NOTES:

- (a) Equivalents MEAT CANNED/FISH PRESERVED
MEAT PRESERVED 3 ozs. normally issued 15 days per month.
(as available).
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- (b) VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED are not now normally issued. Italian Ministries of Marine, War and Air issue 4 ozs. FRESH VEGETABLES in lieu. A 4 ozs peeling allowance is also issued to cover the total issue of FRESH VEGETABLES.
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CATEGORY 'B'	SUGAR	1 oz.
	CATSUP or TOMATO PASTE	1 oz.
	COFFEE GROUND	1/4 oz.
	PEPPER	1/200 oz.
	FRUIT FRESH	4 ozs.
	VEGETABLES FRESH (includes potatoes)	8 ozs. (See Note (b))
CATEGORY 'C'	OLIVE OIL plus	1 oz.
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 SARDINES " 2 ozs. 10 days per month.
 HERRINGS " 4 ozs. 3 days per month.

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Directive No. 3.
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Appendix 'Z'

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MINISTRY OF WAR
SUPPLIES & ADMINISTRATION GENERAL DIRECTORATE.
SUPPLIES SECTION.

P.L.3800 4 Oct 1945.

Ref. No. 19070/S/1

To: All Territorial Commands.
Sardinia Territorial Office.

Info to: MEMA
All Ministry of War Branches concerned.
All S.M.R.E. Branches concerned.

Subject: Allotment of common soap containing 60-62% acid fats.

This Ministry instructs that, w.e.f. 1st November 45, no changes will be made in the allotments of:

250 grammes of soap, per man, per month, to soldiers of the Italian Army, of all ranks, who are part of the authorised W.E., of whatever category and wherever they might be located;

200 grammes of soap, per month, to all animals who are part of the authorised W.E.;

and that, to the said allotments, there will be added the following supplements:-

- (a) Military Hospitals (on military rationing) : 200 grammes per month, for every bed space occupied;
- (b) Auxiliary Camp Hospitals: 60 Kilogrammes per hospital, per month;
- (c) Medical Sections: 4 Kilogrammes per section, per month.
- (d) Field Surgical units: 2 Kilogrammes per unit, per month;
- (e) Medical officers on duty with medical establishments as described above, and also with troop units; 600 grammes per officer, per month;
- (f) Veterinary officers: on duty with animal infirmaries, and also troop units: 600 grammes per officer, per month.

Following categories:

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To: All Territorial Commands.
Sardinia Territorial Office.

Info to: 1881A
All Ministry of War Branches concerned.
All S.M.R.E. Branches concerned.

Subject: Allotment of common soap containing 60-62% acid fats.

This Ministry instructs that, w.e.f. 1st November 45, no changes will be made in the allotments of:

250 grammes of soap, per man, per month, to soldiers of the Italian Army, of all ranks, who are part of the authorised V.E., of whatever category and wherever they might be located;

200 grammes of soap, per month, to all animals who are part of the authorised V.E.;

and that, to the said allotments, there will be added the following supplements:-

- (a) Military Hospitals (on military rationing) : 200 grammes per month, for every bed space occupied;
- (b) Auxiliary Camp Hospitals: 60 Kilogrammes per hospital, per month;
- (c) Medical Sections: 4 Kilogrammes per section, per month.
- (d) Field Surgical units: 2 Kilogrammes per unit, per month;
- (e) Medical officers on duty with medical establishments as described above, and also with troop units; 600 grammes per officer, per month;
- (f) Veterinary officers: on duty with animal infirmaries, and also troop units: 600 grammes per officer, per month.
- (g) Military personnel belonging to the following categories: Mechanics, drivers, cooks, stable-hands, personnel on duty in the sorting of salvage materials or the distribution of rations, also to those whose duties lead to the accumulation of excessive personal dirt: 100 grammes per man, per month.

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Annexure 'A'

Appendix 'Z' continued.

Whenever there exists the availability, a piece of toilet soap weighing 100 grammes may be issued in lieu of a piece of common soap of equal weight.

The individual allotment of 250 grammes of soap will be distributed in its entirety only to military who do their own washing; however, it will be reduced to 100 grammes for those personnel who take advantage of the laundry service provided.

Quantities to be assigned to the laundries must be measured as follows:

- soap to the amount of 1% of the weight of the article to be washed, if the employment of soap in the washing be necessary;
- 2% of the weight as above, if the washing is performed by hand only, at the laundries.

The soap will be supplied by the formations of units consigning the articles for washing; it will be drawn from the quantities of cleaning materials drawn from the allotments to military personnel under command, or in the case of hospitals from the allotments made to patients.

It is still forbidden to distribute soap to personnel recalled or recruits for the very short periods which they spend with the districts or the formations which act as districts, and to which Circular No. 8566/S/1 dated 21 April 45, refers.

No drawing of soap, on payment, is permitted.

The present instructions cancel all previous orders on the subject.

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For the Minister,

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RECOVERY ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY.

The Policy regarding the return of Captured Enemy Material of Italian military origin to the Italian Military Authorities is:

- (a) Material of Italian Ground Force origin not required for Allied military purposes including maintenance of POW will be turned over to M.I.I.A. for return to the War Ministry.
- (b) The decision as to what is surplus to Allied needs rests with the Allied Commander. While the majority of the material is in 2 District, BTA, 3 District, and XIII Corps may be concerned.
- (c) Special attention will be given to the recovery of Italian Army vehicles which may not readily be identifiable as of Italian Military origin. In doubtful cases, vehicles will be turned over to M.I.I.A., who will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation.
- (d) Details as to the method by which material is to be taken over by M.I.I.A. will be obtained from the Allied HQ concerned. R.L.U's. will report any difficulty experienced in this connection. The Territorial H.Q. concerned, will be responsible for collection and distribution in accordance with instructions received by them from the War Ministry.
- (e) In the case of 2 District, full instructions are contained in 2 District Administrative Instruction No. 35 as amended by 2 District letter 1265/Q2 dated 29 October, copies of which should be in the possession of all B.L.U's. in 2 District.
- (f) Captured enemy material other than of Italian military origin surplus to Allied military needs is being disposed of to the Italian Government, whose agent in this matter is Azienda Ricupero Alienazione Residuati (A.R.A.R.). Where it comes to the notice of a B.L.U. that such material contains articles of military origin or of particular value to the Italian Army, the fact should be reported to H.Q. M.I.I.A. who will endeavour to obtain release to the Italian Army.
- (g) Should materials of British or other United Nation origin be discovered after control has passed to M.I.I.A. such articles will at once be set aside and reported to the nearest Allied H.Q. Area, Sub Area, or District, for disposal instructions.

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Directive No 3
Annexure C

1. The general position of British transport in this theatre remains unchanged.

Units must exist on theatre stocks which are not being replenished and consist only of reconditioned vehicles.

Responsibility for maintaining Domestic Transport up to W.E. is as under

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| (a) | HQ MMIA | (i) | replacement of vehicles for which BIR certificates are received. |
| | | (ii) | distribution of available vehicles to the best advantage. |
| | | (iii) | compilation of GHQ Census Returns. |
| (b) | BLUs | (i) | accurate and prompt rendition to HQ MMIA of proforma at Appx "A". |
| | | (ii) | careful supervision of unit maintenance and control of "employment". |
| | | (iii) | close liaison with affiliated workshop. |
- (Camp Commandant similarly responsible in case of HQ transport)

2. BLUs are advised in their own interests to keep themselves informed as to the best Allied repair facilities remaining available and arrange to be affiliated for this purpose.

Immediately it is apparent that a vehicle will be off the road for an indefinite period a BIR certificate should be obtained and forwarded to HQ MMIA.

3. HQ MMIA will obtain release of a replacement vehicle immediately a BIR certificate is received. If any BLU can furnish particulars of a WD vehicle which it is desired to acquire in replacement GHQ will be asked to approve the release of the particular vehicle in question. With units continuing to disband this may be a possibility. Physical possession of the vehicle should be obtained by the BLU if the Allied HQ concerned can be persuaded to concur.

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B.L.U. Domestic Transport: State as at 1st _____

Ser No (a)	Veh Type (b)	W.D. No (c)	Contract No (d)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)
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Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that AB 412 inspected and found correct.

Signed _____

Date _____

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- (1) To be completed on 1st of each month and despatched to reach HQ MIA not later than 3rd.
- (2) Full particulars to be inserted in coln (d) and (e) if not already reported. Contract No is to found on mal
- (3) Coln (h) to be used only when BLR certificate has been obtained and forwarded to HQ MIA.
- (4) Use coln (j) to give information ~~concerning~~ vehicles listed at coln (g) or (h) and to indicate vehicles att
- (5) All vehicles under control of the BLU including for example ~~REME~~ Increment and CC.RR LO will be shown on th

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Transport: State as at 1st

Contract No (a)	Chassis No (e)	Efficient (f)	Local Repair (g)	Beyond Local Repair (h)	Remarks (j)
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Signed _____

Date _____

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