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CLOTHING + EQPT I T I

Dec. 4, 1945 - Oct. 17, 1946

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Subject: Equipment of Italian Army.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

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17 Oct. 46.

To : 11 Mil. Terr. H.Q.

1. I have been directed to draw your attention to the following:-
 - (a) 557 Base Ordnance Depot consisting of three Sub Depots has been handed over to the Chief Disposals Officer (Italy) Min. of Supply who has appointed A.R.A.R. as caretaker of the contents.
 - (b) Reps. of M.M.I.A. and Min. of War have access to the depots to facilitate the transfer of stores allocated to the War Ministry.
 - (c) The War Ministry is allowed to submit claims for M.T. spares for special army pattern vehicles and if supported by M.M.I.A. such claims will be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.
 - (d) The War Ministry has absolute priority in regard to all material in No.3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army.
2. You are requested to draw the attention of any Italian Officers concerned to the information contained above.

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W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

26A
4 March.46.

Subject: Clothing - Br-ITI Troops
File : PAL/Q/21
To : Officer Commanding,
British Troops Sicily.

2 Italian Special Coy. C.M.F. (V.P.) 10A

Ref. your A 16 dated 11.Jan.46 and further to this office letter PAL/Q/21 dated 19.Feb.46.

1. A large consignment of clothing was despatched to the above named unit by train from Naples on Sat. 2.March.46.
2. Would you please inform this H.Q. when this clothing arrives and arrange for collection by the above named It. Coy.

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

Q/21
Subject:- CLOTHING FOR 2 ITAL. SPECIAL COY C.M.P. ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U. (NAPLES)
Tel: 15781
ORD 25
27 FEB 46. 22A

D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 11 B.L.U. —

Reference your PAL/Q/21 dated 19 FEB 46. ← 20A

1. The clothing & stores demanded by No. 2 Italian Special Coy C.M.P. is being issued & bailed by No. 8 BR. ITI Clothing Depot, Prattamaggiore.
2. Arrangements are being made to despatch the stores to SICILY by air freight if it is possible.
3. Personal attention is being paid in this matter and despatch ^{20A}particulars will be forwarded to your office.

/HG.

M. A. Davie
MAJOR
for ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
M. A. DAVIE

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

11 Feb. 46. ✓

Subject: Clothing statement

File : PAL/Q/21

To : Comando Territoriale Palermo

1. Herewith copy of reply from Ministry of War to M.M.I.A. following reports made by this H.Q. to M.M.I.A. on the clothing situation in 11 Territorial Command.
2. Please forward any comments to this H.Q.

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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SUBJECT : Clothing for Sicily

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.103

February 1946

TO : 11 B.L.U. - Palermo

Herewith a copy of a report from Ministry of War explaining
the clothing situation in SICILY.

E. W. Bradley

E.W. BRADLEY, Major INNISKS
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A.

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C O P Y

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref: 10.224/VO
Date: 22/1/46

SUBJECT: Clothing for Sicily.

Further to the verbal request presented to the Liaison officer of this General Directorate, we inform you of the following, regarding the supply of clothing and equipment materials to Sicily.

W.e.f. the 1st October last, the following assignments have been carried out:

- 5.000 series of Allied dyed clothing, including, uniforms, caps, coats, shirts, underpants, socks;
- 2.000 complete series of Italian Clothing at the entire disposal of Sicily Military Territorial Command;
- 3.600 complete series of Italian Clothing for the requirements of the Recruits Training Centre.

With a letter which is being (issued) a further quantity of the following items will be assigned, a certain quantity of said items being available:

Towels
Cups
Belts
Body belts
Staps
Boot laces
Packs

The above represents the maximum that this Ministry has been able to do in the present situation, considering that each of the military territorial commands have received an assignment of:

- 2.000 series of Italian Clothing at disposal
- 1.000 " of Allied dyed Clothing
- 3.600 " of Italian Clothing for recruits.

Therefore, 4.000 sets of Allied Dyed clothing in excess have been assigned to Sicily, and this is for the purpose of the special

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R. ERREPA. Cpl

G. Z. Belligra.

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R. ERRERA. Cpl

Gen/ Pelligra.

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Subject : Boot repairs.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.O.
M.M.I.A.
Q . 104
R O M E

31 January 46

To : 11 B.L.U. Palermo.

Ref para. 4B(b) of your Fortnightly Report A63F.E. of
15 January 46.

1. A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. does not think it practicable to send leather to Sicily, since leather alone is not sufficient for boot repairs. For example a complete scale of grindery would be required. In any case it is felt that the amount of leather that would be left by the time it arrived in Palermo is open to conjecture.
2. In order that this matter may be further investigated; an estimate of the monthly repairs that would be undertaken is required.

Mr Bradley Major
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To : 11 B.L.U. Palermo.

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15 January 46.

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E. W. Bradley Major

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E. W. BRADLEY,
Major Innisks
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

File
Subject:- Equipment

10 B.L.U. asked

Ref. A 16

Tel. Catania 14010

(ref Tel. comm. J.A.A.)

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11 Jan 46

11 B.L.U.

1. An inspection of No.2 Special Company revealed that this company is incredibly short of all the most necessary clothing such as boots, battledress and blankets.
2. O.C. No.2 company has been instructed to forward exact lists of requirements to your HQ.
3. It is hoped that this matter will be treated as urgent as this company is doing a very useful job in apprehending black market racketeers but it leaves very great temptations to men who are themselves very badly clothed and equipped.

In the Field
JEKR/CS

*of the line
my RA*
Major RA,
Officer Commanding,
British Troops Sicily.

Copy to:- OC No.2 Special Coy CMF (VP)

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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January 1946

Subject: Special Equipment Lists

File : PAL/Q/4

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.

1. Ref. M.M.I.A. letter Q.107 of 4 Dec. 45.
2. Italian Incr. to Reception Stn. "A" (W.E.C.M./1517/1) was disbanded W.E.F. 28 Nov. 45.
3. Italian Special V.P. Coy (W.E.C.M./1512/1) located at Catania have never been granted a Basic equipment entitlement and have been issued with necessary stores and clothing by O/C Tps. Sicily.
4. O/C Tps. Sicily reports that this unit does not require equipment in addition to Basic equipment list (see attached proforma) but he would appreciate the matter of their Basic equipment entitlement being clarified since they are in need of clothing which O/C Tps. has no authority to provide.

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[Signature]
R.E. HECTOR,
Major, G.S.O., II
11 B.L.S.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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3 January 1946

Subject: Clothing & Equipment ITI-ITI.

File : PAL/Q/13

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.). Rome (ORD.)

Copy to: 10 B.L.U.

1. Attached herewith copy of report requested by this H.Q. from Comando Territoriale on clothing and equipment state (Terr. Command letter 19030/03 of 31 Dec.).

2. This report was requested for following observations made by the G 11. and D.A.Q.M.G. of this H.Q. relating to the inferior state of equipment and clothing of troops so far visited in this command.

3. The following points are emphasised re this report:

a) ref. para 2) - the 5000 series mentioned therein are entirely for equipping new arrivals. Their delivery has not yet been completed (see para 4).

b) The 3600 series indicated in para 3)a) are entirely for equipping recruits arriving at the end of Feb.

c) Ref. para 1) - existing allied stocks for replenishment for Oct. have been almost completely distributed.

d) The requests for clothing and equipment see para 5) have all been refused by Ministry of War.

4. Conclusion is that the equipment and clothing with which to maintain some 15000 troops for the months of Nov. Dec. has got to be found from the 2000 series mentioned in para 3) b) of which 500 have yet to be delivered.

It is quite obviously an impossible proposition.

5. It is inevitable that, unless amelioration of this present position is found, units in this Territorial Command will suffer grave setbacks in both discipline and morale.

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Q1 Terr. H.Q.

31. Dec. 45. **6A**

File: 19030/03

Subject: Relation on equipment and clothing

TO: Maj. SNEEZUM,

As to verbal agreement we forward herewith a relation on equipment and cloths.

s/Ten. Col. S. Inghilleri

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI PALERMO

Report On Situation of Clothing and Equipment

The situation of clothing and equipment is as following:

- 1) The items of clothing existing at the Deposito Speciale at the time of the cessation of control by M.M.I.A. have been, during Nov. and Dec., ~~have~~ almost totally distributed to units entitled to replenishment for the month of Oct.
- 2) 500 series of clothing (less a few certain items) assigned by the Ministry of War are destined almost entirely for the clothing of volunteers and reinforcements who have arrived (and are still arriving) from the continent.
- 3) The Ministry of War:
 - a) Has assigned 3600 series of clothing for recruits who will arrive at the end of Feb.
 - b) Has ordered the construction of a supply of 2000 series to be made up by drawing (500) from stores depot and 1500 to be made up from part-worn clothing at the manufacture and salvage centre.
 - c) Has returned the requests for stores replenishment made by this H.Q. for the months of Nov. and Dec., directing that it is provided by the supply indicated in para b) above.
- 4) Territorial H.Q. and the Commissariato have confirmed the urgent necessity that the replenishment requests for Nov. and Dec. should be granted since the supply of 2000 series, still to be made up, are totally inadequate.

They have also requested:

- the completing of the assignment of 5000 series for volunteers and reinforcements;
- the assignment of 500 series to complete the 1500 in construction at the manufacture and salvage centre (supply of 2000 series para b).

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5) The stores indents for replenishment for Nov. and Dec. comprise:

Towels	No.	3794
Caps	"	1393
Hold alls	"	747
Water bottles	"	421
Haversack	"	492
Shirts	"	4695
Socks	"	8811
Greatcoats or capes	"	1966
Braces	"	1057
Spoons	"	195
Handkerchiefs	"	4757
Body belts	"	1420
Vests	"	2840
Puttees (prs.)	"	598
Mess tins	"	180
Jackets	"	3575
Laces (prs.)	"	6477
Pants "		3134
Ribbon for Jackets	metri	125
Trousers (prs.)		4419
Boots "		5953
Alpine Packs	"	310
Stars (Rank) (prs.)		2621
Mugs aluminium	"	165
Overalls	"	124
Tent canvases	"	346
Tent poles	"	400
Tent pickets	"	400
"AOSTA" div. titles (prs.)		968
"SABAUDA" div. titles "		685
M/T dvrs. " "		70
Med. Corps " "		2548

TITLE Nos.

- 5° Reggimento	No.	310
- 139° "	"	290
- 46° "	"	300

CAP TITLES

- Fanteria	"	713
- Sanità	"	251

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
s/ Ten. Col. S. Inghilleri

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

18 Dec. 45

Subject: Special equipment lists.

File : PAL/C/4

To : o/c Troops Sicily.

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UNIT

"E.F."

Italian Special V.P. Coy.

C/1512/1.

Ref. telephone conversation between D. A.A.&C.W.G. 11 B.I.U.
& your H.Q. 18 Dec.

1. The attached proforma "Proposed Equipment in addition to "Basic Equipment List Entitlement" are forwarded, for rendition to this H.Q., for suggested Equipment or Ordnance Supply required by the above mentioned unit in addition to the stores entitlement in accordance with the "Basic Equipment List".
2. Will you please obtain from the above mentioned unit a suggested list as required in para. 1 above.
3. Nil return is required in the event of unit not requiring Ordnance Stores in excess of the "Basic Equipment List".
4. State correct nomenclature, catalogue number & vocabulary sec. where possible.

[Signature]
Major
D.A.A.&C.W.G.

SES/et
C.M.F.

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DIRECTION OF COMMISSARIATO TERRITORIAL H. Q. PALERMO.
2^a section

3A

Subject :- Army Boots Assignment.

File. No 4983/2

4 DEC 45

To. Territorial H. Q. Service Office - Palermo
11^a B.L.U. Via Bari - Palermo

Following the Request made by the British Major, chief of the Allied Mission, this direction has provided at the following Boots assignment from the Army clothing stores of Palermo:

- To 45 ^o Regg.	S.I.	200	pairs
- To 145 ^o Regg.	S.I.	200	pairs

The above assignment has been disposed in account of the requested quantities for November and for which we required the Ministerial Authoritation .

Therewith enclosed a table from which results the Boots assignment all ready delivered from January 45 since to-day in favour of the above mentioned two Reggiments.
To the 11 B.L.U. this table has been delivered by hand.

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O.C. COMMISSARIATO :
(Giovanni Lo Vecchio)

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BOOTS SITUATION. =
 ITALIAN TERRITORIAL H. Q.
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UNIT	Medium Strenght	REQUESTED BY THE UNITS		Granted by M.M.I.A.	Granted without Ministeria Authori- zation		T To Bo Re
		Month	Quantity		Requested	Assigned	
45° Regg. Fant.	pr. 720	Jannary	640	440			
		February	578				
	Aut 1088	March	112				
		April	350	350			
		May		107			
		June	145	100			
		July	450	-			
		August	250	250			
		September	435	435			
		October	-	-	350	350	
145° Regg. to Fant. pr. aut	770	Jannary	198	434			
	1088	February	150	+			
		March	47	-			
		April	224	224			
		May	-	100			
		June	349	190			
		July	68	-			

ITALIAN TERRITORIAL H. Q. - PALERMO
 = DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSARIATO =

I. A.	Granted without Ministerial Authorization		Total Situation		Unduly Detained by the Units	Authorization Required at the Ministry of war and not yet granted	
	Requested	Assigned	Total Boots Received	To pour at Salvaged recovery		For November	For December
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Letter 23/11 to Ministry of war in orer to obtain the lot at Naples.

