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MAR. 23, 1945 - Apr. 21, 1945

SUBJECT :- Canteen Supplies

'F' RLM LTRC ICF
Ref AQ/9/1/43

24 April 45

HQ RTO ICF

1. Canteen supplies have been made available to RTO ICF for the month of May as per attached signal from DDA reference Q-204 of 20 Apr 45.
2. Please forward to this HQ a list of Canteens together with their exact location and a report on how this extra food for Canteens will be used. None of these supplies can be issued until the above information is forwarded to this Office.
3. It is emphasised that this food is given so that Canteens may be able to give a slight variation to the normal Canteen supplies and should be used to provide snacks for the troops.
4. DADST will advise on the drawing of these supplies.

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SUBJECT :- Clubs and Canteens - Italian Armed Forces -
Control of Allied Provided Items of Rations

'P' DELI INTO ICF
Ref AQ/9/1/311

13 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (ASIA)

Ref your Q/27/5 of 9 Apr 45.

1. Authorisation is requested for the issue of rations for use in the Canteens at RTC ICF in accordance with above quoted letter.
2. It is understood that these Canteen rations will be furnished out of the saving effected by NOT issuing rations to RTC ICF personnel on leave.
3. Average strength of RTC ICF during Feb 45 was :-
11,040
5% allowed on leave = 550.
4. May the issue to Canteens of items and quantities listed in your para 1 for a strength of 11,000 for May please be authorised.

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SUBJECT :-

Flour

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1st MAJ DTM: DTF
Ref AG/4/74

30 Mar 45

HQ RHC ICF

1. By AG/4/38 of 20 Feb 45 details the various items in the Italian Ration Scale authorized by AFM cable PX 2879 of 16 Feb 45.
2. It will be noticed that this Ration Scale gives an increase of 3 oz of Flour. It is however not laid down anywhere by AFM that the extra Flour must be used in increasing the bread ration.
3. This increase in the Flour ration should be used in the best way possible to ensure that the Italian soldier's ration is made as appetizing and satisfying as possible. Should General Officer Commanding RHC ICF decide that the bread ration of 500 grams is sufficient and that this Flour increase should be used to make "pasta" such a decision may be implemented forthwith.

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SUBJECT: Supply Situation - R.T.C., I.C.F.

21 JUL 1945

Ref: 572/44/140.

23 March 1945.

To: C.C.

From: B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

Copy to: A.D.S.T.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MIA).

1. The following is a brief summary of the supply situation at R.T.C., I.C.F., CESSANO, as at 22 March 45.

(1) Supply stocks are held both at CESSANO and PALIDORO, the actual quantities held at PALIDORO being shown at Appendix 'A'. It is the intention to transfer all stocks from PALIDORO into the one, central Distribution Depot at CESSANO, where all bulk receipts and detail issues are now made. It will be seen that the stocks at the latter total 5 days' rations. Immediately the stocks are rations held at PALIDORO are very unbalanced. Consolidated at CESSANO a complete stock-taking will be carried out and bulk drawings adjusted to build up the required holdings of balanced rations.

(2) The stocks held at PALIDORO total approximately 170-ton. These stocks have lain idle, with no turn-over, for 4 - 5 weeks and there is the risk of such items as mearoni and flour deteriorating, unless consumed as soon as possible. The quantity of stock transferred to CESSANO has been negligible, due to shortage of road transport. Rail transport is most inadvisable as the trucks would have to be routed via ROMA, thus causing delay and encouraging pilfering.

(3) In order to expedite the clearance of the PALIDORO depot I have arranged with C.C. Driving & Maintenance School, and the Commissariate, for 20 to 30 3-ton vehicles of the School to combine driving instruction with the transport of supply stocks from PALIDORO to CESSANO, until the former depot is cleared. By this means all stocks should be concentrated at CESSANO within 3 to 4 days.

(4) A civilian bakery has been requisitioned at CESSANO village. This was visited on 17 March, the day it commenced operating. The bakery is very old and small. Due to its age and ~~poor~~ construction, the oven is highly inefficient but is adequate for existing requirements. This bakery

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1. The following is a brief summary of the supply situation at R.F.C., I.C.F., ORLANDO, as at 22 March 45.

- (1) Supply stocks are held both at ORLANDO and PALMIRI, the actual quantities held at PALMIRI being shown at Appendix 'A'. It is the intention to transfer all stocks from PALMIRI into the one central Distribution Depot at ORLANDO, where all bulk receipts and detail issues are now made. Stocks at the latter total 5 days' rations. It will be seen that the rations held at PALMIRI are very unbalanced. Immediately the stocks are consolidated at ORLANDO a complete stock-taking will be carried out and bulk drawings adjusted to build up the required holdings of balanced rations.
- (2) The stocks held at PALMIRI total approximately 170 tons. These stocks have been idle, with no turn-over, for 4 - 5 weeks and there is the risk of such items as macaroni and flour deteriorating, uric acid becoming unusable. The quantity of stock transferred to ORLANDO has been negligible, due to shortage of road transport. Road transport is most undesirable as the trucks would have to be routed via MESE, thus causing delay and encouraging pilfering.
- (3) In order to expedite the clearance of the PALMIRI Depot I have arranged with O.C. Driving & Maintenance School, and the Carabinieri, for 20 to 30 3-ton vehicles of the School to combine driving instruction with the transport of supply stocks from PALMIRI to ORLANDO, until the former depot is cleared. By this means all stocks should be concentrated at ORLANDO within 3 to 4 days.
- (4) A civilian bakery has been requisitioned at ORLANDO village. This was visited on 17 March, the day it commenced operating. The bakery is very old and small. Due to its age and ~~over~~ ^{over} concentration, the oven is ^{very} highly efficient but is adequate for existing requirements. This bakery is operated entirely by Italian Military personnel and is capable, if required, of producing a maximum output of 7,500 rations a day. The civilian bakery at ORLANDO is capable of producing up to 6,000 rations a day. There are thus sufficient facilities at these two bakeries to provide for a total ration strength up to 13,500. Before the ORLANDO civilian bakery started operating, use was made of five Meina field bakery ovens, situated under canvas, also at ORLANDO village. It is suggested that R.F.C., I.C.F. be advised to concentrate all bread making at ORLANDO, at the civilian bakery, and to cease using the Meina ovens. These could then be thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and kept as a reserve to provide for any future increase in the ration strength.

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- (5) In view of the existing facilities available, it would not appear necessary to construct a further Viola Bakery at DESAND Camp.

Major R.A.S.C.
D.A.D.S.T.

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APPENDIX 'A' to
SI/4/110 L. 23 Mar. 45.

SURVIV STOCKS HELD AT PALIDORO DEPOT ON 23 MARCH 1945.

Item.	Kilograms.	No. of Rations.	Days Rations for 12,000
Flour.	54,048.	127,171	11
Macaroni.	23,500.	279,858	23
Rice.	5,505	196,000	16
Preserved Meat.	10,463	124,563	10
Canned Fish.	13,563	161,466	13 } 26
Pork Sausage.	2,795	33,282	3 }
Dried Peas, Beans or Lentils	19,212	34,307	3 }
Canned Vegetables.	24	218	— } 50
Dehydrated Vegetables.	9,184	328,000	27
Sugar.	1,625	58,057	5
Coffee.	1,822	130,145	11
Pepper.	15	110,764	9
Cheese.	4,603	164,413	14
Tomato Catsup.	3,775	269,703	22
Nuts.	1,07	7,293	1
Dried Fruit.	13,725	137,292	11
Belt.	6,239	—	—
Cigarettes (Issued).	22	22,208	2
Cigarettes (Replacement).	27	5,503	—
Matches.	39936 boxes	39936	5 weeks.
	1,957	130,000	11
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Preserved Meat.	10,463	124,563	10
Canned Fish.	13,563	161,466	15 } 26
Pork Sausage.	2,795	33,282	3
Dried Peas, Beans or Lentils	19,242	34,307	3
Canned Vegetables.	24	248	— } 30
Dehydrated Vegetables.	9,184	328,000	27
Sugar.	1,625	58,057	5
Coffee.	1,822	136,145	11
Pepper.	15	110,764	9
Onions.	4,603	164,443	14
Tomato Catsup.	3,775	269,703	22
Nuts.	407	7,283	1
Dried Fruit.	15,725	157,252	14
Salt.	6,259	—	—
Cigarettes (Issue).	22	22,288	2
Cigarettes (Compensation).	27	5,503	—
Matches.	39856 boxes	39856	3 weeks } 3363
Alcohol.	1,957	130,000	14
Cognac.	711	47,000	4
Wine.	349	688	—
	Litres		

DRIVERS SCHOOL.1st Course.Theoretical - Practical Programme.

Considering the eminently practical scope of the Course and its shortness (15 days), in the first Course, only students who have had previous knowledge of Motor driving will be admitted. The instruction will be of an intensive character :-

The students will be instructed in the following points :-

1st Day: Four-stroke Engines. Formation of principal parts of engine.
Explanation of their working.
Distribution: Side valves, head valves, grinding of valves and points registration.
Silencer. Inspection of admission and exhaust tubes.
Maintenance of vehicles according to the British system - -
1st Task - Engine.

2nd Day: Carburation and Carburettors. Cleaning of filters and pipes, and adjustments of (minims).
Lubrication and Lubricants. Lubricating pressure systems, cleaning of filters and pipes.
Cooling: Water and air. Radiator - internal and external cleaning.
Maintenance of sockets, adjustment of fan belt.
Tasks: Maintenance of vehicles according to British system - No.2 - Lubricating system of the engine.

3rd Day: Starting: Magneto - cleaning and adjustment of platinum ends.
Cleaning sparking plugs. Inspection of coils. Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.3 - Cooling Engine system.

4th Day: Transmission Organs: Clutch, multiple discs and single disc.
Regulation of friction. Change of speeds - in three or four gears.
Reducers and multipliers. Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.4: Feeding system.

5th Day: Gears and Axles. Transmission over back wheels. Four-wheeled transmission.
Differential: back - forward and central. Brake differential - stopping - backing.
Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.5: Carburettor and commands.

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2nd Day: Starting: Magneto - cleaning and adjustment of platinum ends. Cleaning sparking plugs. Inspection of coils. Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.3 - Cooling engine system.

4th Day: Transmission Organs: Clutch, multiple discs and single disc. Regulation of friction. Change of speed - in three or four gears. Reducers and multipliers. Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.4: Feeding system.

5th Day: Gears and Axles. Transmission over back wheels. Four-wheeled transmission.
Differential: back - forward and central. Brake differential - stopping - backing.
Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.5: Carburettor and controls.

6th Day: Brake organs: Mechanic, hydraulic. Methods of using brakes. Brakes on tongs. Adjustment of brakes.
Maintenance task according to the British system: Task No.6 - High tension conductors.

7th Day: Electric installation: Explanation of the lay-out of an electric system. Dynamo - starting motor - batteries - accumulators - manœuvring fuses - replacement of valves and lamps. Maintenance task of vehicle according to British system - Task No.7: Magneto.

8th Day: Suspension Frames: Main spring support on independent wheels - front and rear. Hydraulic and mechanical shock absorbers. Assembly of springs and shockers.

Tyres and Wheels. Assembling, removal, pressure control and maintenance. Cleaning of wheels, rim grooves and hoops.
Maintenance task of vehicle according to the British system - Task No.8 - steering.
Task No.9 - charging system.

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- 9th Day: Particulars of injection on lines of two or four strokes:-
 General characteristics and differences with carburettor motors -
 descriptions of two and four stroke motors.
 Task of maintenance of vehicle according to the British system -
 Task No. 10 - Running motor.
 Task No. 11 - Clutch and gear box.
- 10th Day: Coachwork - maintenance and cleanliness.
 Explanation of how to diagnose common breakdowns and respective possible repairs by driver.
 Rules as regards maintenance of vehicles according to British system -
 Task No. 12 - Transmission Axles - Rods and Joints.
- 11th Day: Maintenance task of vehicle according to the British system -
 Frame and shockproof springs.
 Motor tickets of motor vehicles. Discipline on the road. Movement rules. Prescribed general rules. Special instructions for military vehicles. Road accidents. Supply system of motor spirit and lubricants.
- 12th Day: British system of maintenance of vehicles:
 Task No. 14 - Frame and coach outfit.
 Task No. 15 - Brakes. Organization, formation, road discipline, convoy platoon commander's duties, driver's personal duties - signals - air attacks - defence - anti-gas defence. Camouflage.
- 13th Day: Maintenance according to the British system:
 Task No. 16 - Tyres and tools - precautions to be adopted when under zero temperatures. Anti-skidding means. Troop transporting convoys - load transporting convoys - particular rules when carrying ammunition, explosives and inflammables. Road classes - double way - plain transit. Traffic control. Organization - inspection and repair of vehicles.
- 14th Day: Convoy Movement exercise - day time.
- 15th Day: Convoy movement practice at night time.

Should the course be longer, the fourteen daily lessons to be divided and while practicing convoy movements it will be possible to have four columns instead of two.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION.

The rules laid down in the pamphlet "rules for driving a vehicle" (Italian), will be observed during driving instruction.

The instruction will be carried out on the following routes :-

For Lessons 1, 2 and 3.Route No. 1.

CESANO Station - CESANO Road Junction (new junction) - VIA CLAUDIA - ARNUNTIANA Road Junction - ARNUNTIANA Station, and back (Ref: Map No. 17, 1/200,000).

For Lessons 4, 5 and 6.Route No. 2.

CESANO - VIA CASSIA - FUSOLA CAVALLO - CASA DEL GROSSO - MADONNA DI BRACCIANO - VIA CLAUDIA - CESANO Road Junction - CESANO Station.

For Lessons 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.Route No. 3.

CESANO Station - VIA CLAUDIA - BRACCIANO - VIGNA GRANDE - VIGNANELLO - BREVEGLIANO ROMANO - GROTTA DEL FIANARO - VIA CASSIA - TACCANO - CESANO Road Junction - CESANO Station.

Night Convoy exercise takes place on Route No. 3.

Route for Day Convoy Exercise is :-

CESANO Station - VIA CLAUDIA - BRACCIANO - MADONNA - MADONNA DEL SOCCORSO - ROVA - TOLFA - ALLUMIERE - CASA S. ANGELO - CIVITAVECCHIA - S. MARCELLO - S. SEVERO - VACCINA - CEFRELLI - BRACCIANO - VIA CLAUDIA - CESANO Road Junction - CESANO Station.

During this exercise, meals will be eaten in the field.

The possibility of re-fuelling the convoy during the journey is being studied.

M.C. 'PICCO' DIVISION.

RESERVE TRAINING CENTRE.
D & H SCHOOL.

Daily Detail as from March 1945.

Daily Detail (Work days)	Time.	Daily Detail (Holidays)	Time.
Reveille.	0630 hrs.	Reveille.	0700 hrs.
Interior Economy & issues of coffee.	0630 - 0700 hrs.	Interior Economy & issues of coffee.	0730 - 0830 hrs.
Morning Training.		At Commanding Officer's disposal.	0830 - 1000 hrs.
Drill and P.T.	0700 - 0730 hrs.	Sick Parade.	0800 - 1100 hrs.
Training.			
1st Platoon.			
Technical - Theoretical - Practical Instruction.	0730 - 1100 hrs.		
2nd Platoon.			
Driving Instruction.	0730 - 1100 hrs.		
Sick Parade.	0800 - 1100 hrs.		
Dinners.	1100 hrs.	Dinners.	1100 hrs.
Afternoon Training.		Free pass.	1130 hrs.
2nd Platoon.		Roll Call.	1100 hrs.
Technical - Theoretical - Practical Instruction.	1230 - 1630 hrs.	Suppers.	1700 hrs.
1st Platoon.		Free Pass.	1800 hrs.
Driving Instruction.	1230 - 16.30 hrs.	First Post.	2000 hrs.
Suppers.	1700 hrs.	Last Post.	2100 "

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Every Saturday afternoon will be free for Interior Economy, Special Parade and making of clothes and personal belongings.

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