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CLOTHING, BOOTS, + BLANKETS

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ADJUTANT GENERAL ON ADMINISTRATION OF CO. RR.

For discussion with War Minister

1. On the Allied side the Land Forces Sub-Commission M.I.A. is now interested in those Carabinieri matters which are dealt with by the Minister of War.

2. The most important of these, at the present moment, is the system for providing, distributing and accounting for supplies such as:

Clothing and Equipment
Arms and Ammunition
Food and Fuel, etc.

3. The present system under which Carabinieri G.M. is allotted by War Ministry in obtaining for itself quantities in bulk and then distributing them through its own G.C.H. channels is most unsatisfactory and uneconomical. It is so bad that it cannot continue.

4. The Italian Army commissariato and artillery directorates both at the War Ministry and in Territorial commands are on the other hand already well organized and functioning smoothly and efficiently; they are capable of handling a larger commitment than they have at present.

5. M.I.A. feels that in the Italian national interest the Carabinieri might now be supplied in exactly the same way and through exactly the same channels as the rest of the Italian Army.

6. This would ensure that best use is made of available stocks which would be fairly and economically distributed and accounted for by existing army depots throughout Italy. G.C.H. units would obtain their requirements from depots in the same way and on the same terms as other army units.

7. Separate records could of course be kept if required and special items of clothing and equipment stocked as is already done for certain Infantry regiments.

8. There would be a considerable saving of G.C.H. personnel in staffs, depots, stores and transport. Stock holdings could be reduced and the best use made of accommodation and transport.

9. It is understood that General RASCHETTI would favour such a change.

10. This proposal should be examined and if agreed in principle the necessary details could be worked out. If not agreed, we should like to know the reasons against it and any alternative proposals.

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SUBJECT:- Clothing & Equipment, etc., for CC.RR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
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All CC.RR. Liaison Officers.

1. When CC.RR. Liaison Officer receives any requests from CC.RR. Units for clothing, equipment, etc., the following procedure should be adopted.

2. The principle to be kept in mind is that this HQ does not wish to deal with individual requests for clothing, etc., but to ensure that a certain procedure of indenting and supply is adopted, and from there to watch that the procedure works in practice. It will therefore be the duty of this HQ to deal with "bottle necks" in distribution between War Ministry and CC.RR.HQ. and from CC.RR.HQ. to Legions, or take up provision of articles which cannot be met by the War Ministry.

3. Therefore, if LO. receives application from, say, a Region or Group Commander for a supply of certain articles, he should ascertain that the Commander has already:

- (a) Indented to his higher formation for the requirements.
- (b) If the indent has been forwarded on to next higher authority.
- (c) If the indent has been met in full ^{or} part, and,
- (d) If not met, the reasons, i.e. not available at HQ.CC.RR. or War Ministry, or situated at a distance where it cannot be collected, lack of transport etc.

4. When the LO. has satisfied himself that the provisions of para.3. have been complied with, he can then submit the request to this HQ, showing:

- (a) Strength of CC.RR. Unit concerned.
- (b) What stocks, if any.
- (c) balance required.
- (d) cause of the original application already made by CC.RR. not being met.

5. If LO. receives requests from Allied installations, i.e. District HQ, Area HQ, P.S., Liaison Officers, etc., the request should be turned over to the appropriate CC.RR. Commander to take action as in para.3. LO. can then take action as in para.4. should it be necessary.

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