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RATION SCALE - FOLIO No 201-300

Oct. - Dec. 1944

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COPY FROM TRASLATION

SUBJECT : Italian Ration Scale

Col.KERR :

- 1 After a great deal of Head-Scratching and analysis, I have written the attached two letters!
- 2 The figures arrived at in APP."A" and "B" are surprising, though HEGGIL tells me he has never been able to arrive at the figure of 3290 calories for the ration and that he thinks it is on the short side.
- 3 The recent authorization of special increase for Friuli and Cremona is a new factor.
- 4 G.C.53 B.L.C. is new and does not realize the State of affairs yet I do not wish to "pillory" him for representing the Italian case, as put to him. So I have taken a different line to you in our reply to him!
- 5 Any comments?

L.B. I Dec

P.S. The parachutist scale does not affect the issue.

Actually, taking into a/c the pre-armistice purchasing power of the cash allowance for food, it is possible to make the parachutist scale higher than the typical.

Also, politically, I do not think the Fascists would have perpetrated a deliberate fraud on their darlings!

MINISTER FOR W

Translation

6 February 1943

TO ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS
TO TERRITORIAL DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS

for information

SUBJECT: Rations
for parachutists
within the terri-
tory.

TO SMRE, Supreme Air Corps Command
TO HQ 184TH INF DIV "NEMBO"
TO HQ PARACHUTIST CENTER
TO TERRITORIAL MILITARY QUARTERMASTER HQ

1st)- The territorial rations for all military personnel who specialized as "parachutists", including officers and non-commissioned officers is established as follows, and will be effective 16 February:

-bread.....600 grams per day
-pasta.....150 grams per day (4 times per week)
-rice.....160 grams per day (3 times per week)
-meat.....150 grams per day (6 times per week)
-minestrone.....once per week (100 grams of rice or pasta, 15 grams of oil and 10 grams of tomato paste)
-cheese.....50 grams (once per week)
-pulses.....50 grams per day (or 100 grams potatoes)
-coffee substitute.....7 grams per day
-sugar.....15 grams per day
-lard or oil.....15 grams per day
-tomato paste.....15 grams per day
-grated cheese.....10 grams per day
-wine......25 litre per day
-marmalade.....40 grams (3 times per week)
-ration improvement.....1 lira

2nd)- The above ration applies to all military personnel included in this specialized branch of service regardless of the capacity they hold within the territory (normal, field, school, training, duty) and to trainee parachutists.

3rd)- The military personnel included within the present regulation are not entitled to monetary allowance as prescribed in the Ministry Circular 5781/6210 of 9/3/1941 (decreased bread ration).

4th)- This regulation revokes the authority given to unit commanders to withhold three lire from the flight pay of military personnel, which was meant to improve the ration.

This also abolishes the allowance of 3 lire given by the military administration to the trainees in parachutists forces who have not made their first jumps (foglio n.1387 dated 2/2/1941 of the SMRE, Supreme Air Corps Command).

- 5th)- Parachutist officers and non-commissioned officers may, however, obtain by payment--at the military stores--through their respective mess the above-mentioned ration, this to apply against the ration quota assigned to the mess.
- 6th)- To the military of this specialized branch of service, during the training period or in the period preceding the assignment to duty (10 days before the date in which the duty is assumed) in the place of 7 grams of coffee substitute, 10 grams of coffee will be given.
- 7th)- The regulations placed into effect by circulars 3915/11369 dated 8/5/1942, 3915/13465 dated 29/5/1942 and 3915/19045 dated 30/7/1942 are rescinded.

FOR THE MINISTER

/s/ illegible

MIA

45 1000 0000

Appl. Instructions for (MIA) and (M)

TRAINING MIA (M)

AL 1000

ST/8

Italian Forces Station ~~Secret~~ MIA 8 being received this is still also known

of military action to unauthorized Italian personnel (.) (MIA) (MIA)

Italian, Italian Forces, Civil Police (.) Point out no accounting action can be

taken. This is to charge Italian Government with such losses (.) Further

~~ST/8~~ MIA 8 is official document for use by and for Italian Armed Forces

only therefore is not subject valid for use by or for any other organization (.)

Request instructions be issued to this document level that such losses are

unauthorized and must cease (.)

IMPORTANT

ST. MIA.

1011A

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Subject: Rations for Military Prisoners.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. U. I. A.) R O M A
12/2-29

29 Dec 1944

To: Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

Ref: Conversations 29 Dec 1944. Col. LEST - Lt. Col. SICOX.
Maj. GRAGSON

1. Difficulty is being experienced over the rationing of Italian Army deserters or absentees when arrested by G.I.S. or C.C.R. and detained in C.C.R. cells.

2. Although it is the wish and endeavour of the C.C.R. to hand these prisoners over to the appropriate Military Authorities as soon as possible, lack of transport, distance from nearest Military Post, etc. makes this difficult at times and prisoners have to spend several days in C.C.R. cells.

3. The question thus arises as to what rations the C.C.R. should draw on their behalf (a) Civil or (b) Military.

A report from MLI 101 District (para 9, Liaison Log of 19 Dec) states that in fact in some cases neither Civil or Military rations were drawn and during their time in C.C.R. cells the military prisoners existed on food left over from the C.C.R.'s own table.

4. Para 11 (f) of AFHQ letter, File # 094.711/169 GCI-3 of 15 Nov 1944 specifically provides that Italian Army personnel on leave are not entitled to rations from Army Sources during the period of absence. It is considered that this "leave" as mentioned is absence, either with or without permission.

5. Army personnel absent from their units over 30 days are struck off the strength of the Army, thereby becoming civilians insofar as rations are concerned.

6. The C.C.R. could not determine if the man arrested was in fact a soldier absent without leave, and for less than 30 days. He would have to be fed by the C.C.R. as an ordinary civil prisoner prior to the time he was turned over to and accepted by the Military authorities. During this period between arrest and the time of acceptance by the Military authorities, the only rations available to the C.C.R. for feeding the man are the ordinary civilian rations available to civil prisoners, and these are the only rations the man can ever eat during this period. The Military ration and the Civil ration is not the same.

Even if it were contended that the Civil rations should be repaid, which is not reasonable in the light of the cited AFM directive, this would involve a determination (1) that the man was in fact AFM, and for less than 30 days, (2) the establishment of the particular category in which the man was serving inasmuch as the different categories are National responsibilities and (3) the exact kind and weight of the Civil rations issued. This would involve a large amount of administrative labour.

7. The Civil rations are charged to the Italian Government, as are the Army rations. It is the desire of the Italian Government, as well as the Allies, that these deserters be apprehended. The cost of the civil prison ration is less than the Army ration. Obviously the man must be fed at Italian Government expense, and very obviously the present regulations determine the man to be a civil prisoner until he is returned to Military control.

8. It appears that the only logical solution to the problem will be for the CO.ER to treat such prisoners as ordinary civil prisoners, and feed them the ordinary Civil rations while such men are in their custody. Will this be done?

BT/10


WILLIAM P. KISER, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. E. I. A.

Copy to: File 104 District

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C O P Y

File

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/2
December 1944

To : The Minister for War

Reference your 1/5426/SAN of 16 Dec 1944.

1. The 60-day limit for stay in hospital applies to all members of the Italian Armed Forces in Italian Army hospitals. This includes Naval and Air Force personnel.
2. Our letter M/22/2451 of 5 Dec does not place new restrictions on hospitalization of Italian Armed Forces, but on the contrary increases the limit of stay in the hospital for all ordinary cases from 30 to 60 days, thereby eliminating a certain amount of administrative work previously required in retaining patients in hospitals for over 30 days. Exceptions to the 60-day rule can be made in cases of seriously ill patients, as has been done in the past. It is certainly not the intent to injure any patient, and the new rule assists a large part of the Italian Army.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

cc: Navy Sub Commission, ALCOM
Air Force Sub Commission, ALCOM

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SUBJECT: Ration SaltLAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION
A.C. (M. H. I. A.) R O M E
A/2-26
26 December 1944TO : Ministry of War

1. Will you please consider the scale of salt in the ration scale and make any recommendations in view of:

- (a) The additional 6 ozs. of flour issued to certain tps.
- (b) That the cost of any increase will be borne by the Italian Government.
- (c) No salt will be imported by the Allies and any issued to Italian tps. must be found by you from Italian supplies.
- (d) The resultant extra transport needed.

2. For information it has been assumed that 1 lb. of salt is required for 30 lbs. of bread.

3. Any comments you wish to make should be forwarded to this HQ.

F. H. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General
M. H. I. A.

FJR/PI
Copy to: 51 BEM
MMIA ST

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SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces
Ration Scale.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

ATHQ/2554/1/0(Maint).

29 Dec 44.

AB
1/2/45

TO

:- M.M.I.A. ✓

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1. Attached is copy of letter received from SO B.L.U. reference Q/5 dated 20 Dec 44 recommending an increase of 6 grammes per day in the salt ration. This is one of the items for which the Italian Government are responsible for supply.

2. Please forward your recommendations.

W. J. Barnish
W.J. BARNISH, Major,
for Major-General,
D.C.M.G.

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Holding pending answer to our app. 2 - 26

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COPY/

50 Brit Liaison Unit

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SUBJECT:- Ration Scale - Italian Combat Group.20 Dec 44
-----HQ No 1 District

1. The present ration scale allows 14 gms of salt per man per day. This ration includes the salt which has to be used for baking bread, and it is found in this group that 4 gms per day is necessary for this purpose, leaving only 10 gms per day for unit cooking.
2. It is strongly recommended that the possibility of raising the salt ration from 14 to 20 gms per day be investigated.
3. The subject has also been raised by 51 BLM, att to the CREMONA Gp, who state that the same difficulty is being experienced. Representations have already been made by this unit through S&T channels.

(Sgd.) ? Major for
Lt Col
GSCMP
FCRV/SXBCopy to: HQ 15 Army Group
HQ M&IA

51 BLM - your Q 5/1 dated 17 Dec refers

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TRANSLATION

FROM M OF W

REF No 1/5426/SAN

TO MMIA

Date 16 Dec 1944

Subject Admission to Hospital

The dispositions taken in letter AQ/2 Para 8 Dated 22/6/44 relative to the change over after a patient has stayed in hospital for a period exceeding 30 days, have caused a difficult problem to be solved by this M of W, and also necessitate a rather heavy organization work by this Ministry of War.

Owing to the lack of civilian medical organization, it is necessary to place a certain number of establishment under civilian rationing, creating thus a separate organization, a profound research with the Italian Red Cross and the Order of Malta and also with the interested Ministry to adopt a kind of diet using the nations resources etc.

Since, for the personnel of the Italian Navy there is no 30 days limit for stay in hospital with military ration. Thus Ministry made a request for the same ruling to be extended to the Army or at least a prolongation of the authorized period up to 60 days (letter 1/4401/SAN) for those who require transfer. MMIA with letter AQ/7 dated 27/11/44 inform us that they were taking the facts into consideration. However, letter M/22/2451 dated 5/12/44 contains new restrictions, which do not extend only as previously for the Italian troops dependant from Italian Commands, but includes also HT-ITIS and BRI-ITIS fixing for those a maximum period of 60 days.

In fact the most important category of war wounded (that is the ones wounded serving with the Allies) (see letter) lose right to stay in Military hospital after a period of 60 days.

Thus arises a rather serious problem in that the patient have to be transferred to a civilian hospital where they will after having suffered for the cause for the victory have to submit to civilian rationing and be treated with the rather insufficient means at the disposal of civilian hospitals which are far below the standard of those in military hospitals.

On the other hand, it would be necessary to form a new medical organization at the rear of the combat area (which has not been required yet) that could cope with the transfer of patients whenever required.

This Ministry thinks that such treatment for the said troops may result in a lowering of morale and fighting spirit of the combat troops.

We therefore, beg MMIA to reexamine the question together with competent Allied Authorities.

sgd CASATI

TRANSMISSION

Serial No.

Translated by: Lt. J. J. Horlick,
Col. Gds.

Date: 24 Dec. 44.

FROM: W/M Comm/to.
Sussistenza Branch.

Ref No: 14284/S/1

Date: 23 Dec. 44.

To: Staff

In Reply to:

11/11 / Division 100 L. PMA

Subject: Supplementary ration for operational Italian units.

As is known, one of the basic Italian foods is pasta for broth.

Taking this into consideration and also the particular preference that Italian soldiers, especially Southerners, have for pasta asciutta, some of the units to whom the additional 168 grams of flour have been conceded, have expressed the desire that a part of the said flour be employed for the making of pasta.

Anyhow, as it is not possible to see to that in the forward areas, we request you to examine the possibility of issuing pasta directly from Allied Depots instead of a part of the said flour. A ration could be distributed, in this way, of 100 grams of flour, instead of 168 grams and a further ration of 66.6 grams of pasta to be obtained on the normal 98% basis from the remaining 68 grams of flour.

Please inform us of the decisions you will adopt on the matter.

(Signed) PELLIGRA, for the Minister. 2171

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SUBJECT: Request for extra rations for
combat groups in training.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A2/2-21A
17 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. We wish to inform you that in connection with your 13171/8/1 concerning extra rations for combat groups, that this subject has already been brought to the attention of high authorities for consideration.
2. Any change in the Ration Scale will be passed on to you immediately after receipt by this office.

Tommy T. Ross
TOMMY T. ROSS, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

TTR/ri

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TRANSLATION

FROM M of W

Ref No 14591/S/1

TO MMIA

Date 20 Dec 1944

Subject: Issue of extra rations to troops on civilian Ration for Christmas Day

The kind concession of MMIA for issue of extra rations for Christmas Day, for which we are very grateful, could not be extended to the following military personnel owing to the facts that they are on civilian rations:

- (a) POW in transit camps.
- (b) Repatriated personnel from the BALKINS at S ANDREA transit camp who receive type 30 rations.
- (c) Military personnel who have been in hospital for over the allotted period of 30 days and therefore on civilian rations.
such exclusion from the general ruling on such a solemn occasion cannot but bring discontent amongst the said personnel who are formed mostly of men who have their families in yet occupied Italy.
conscious of the kindness which has been shown by MMIA, we beg same to contact the necessary Allied Units to grant that personnel, as it is done for the rest of the Italian fighting forces, a double issue of ration for Christmas Day only.
For distribution of double ration of foodstuff not rationed and that can be bought on the market we will issue the necessary authorization unless MMIA has any objections and if so Please inform us of same.

PELLIGRA

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LIAISON OFFICER
 LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 ALLIED COMMISSION (L.F.S.C.)
 Allied Garrison Sardinia
 A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

A02-281
 19/2

R/10

13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Special Christmas Ration Scale.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, (A.S.) F.A.I.A.
 A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.
 Attention: AGSI.

1. Reference cable A 2321 of 5 December, subject as above. Letter 13330/S/1 of 5 December 1944, from War Ministry to sub ordinate units states that for a Christmas ration, the men will be issued a double ration of items supplied from Italian Sources. It does not state that any additional ration from Allied Sources is authorized.

2. The ration from Italian Sources that is authorized is not the same as that shown in A 2321. By reference to letter 11330/S/1 of 22 October 1944, from War Ministry to sub ordinate units, the scales of rations authorized are compared as follows:

	Authorized by AFIA	Authorized by War Ministry
Bread	4 ozs.	115 grams
Fresh Vegetables	5 ozs.	250 grams
Olive Oil	1 oz.	10 grams
Eggs	1 oz.	25 grams
Salt	1 oz.	20 grams
Bone	1 lb.	1 litre
Instant Coffee	1	4 grams
Cigarettes	5	5

3. Request clarification on above mentioned differences.

A.L. Simmons
 F.I. STAFF,
 Colonel, Infantry,
 Senior Liaison Officer

G12/300

Copy to ST
 19 Dec

2704

Subject:- Rules for the drawing of Rations.

This follows our telegram 11249/S/1 of the 18th Oct 44.

It has happened with some units in compiling the new ration indent notes (Forms K) instead of writing in the ration which has been laid down by the Allied authorities, has shown the ration as it appears from the ration table attached to the letter 7650/S of 26 July 1944.

Apart from the fact that the ration table must only be enforced inside the unit, drawn effected on the basis of the above will produce obvious inequalities in the distribution of Pasta and Rice by Food Depots, inequalities due to the unexpected transfer of units during a determined period, which produces a greater or a lesser draw in respect to the daily ration of the above foodstuffs.

Series to eliminate the troubles lamented about we instruct that the units the exclusion of nobody shall compile and present to the Food Depots the forms based on the daily ration shown below:

DAILY RATION
(Fundamental Rations)

Flour	339 gms ✓
or	
Bread	440 gms
Pasta	84 gms ✓
Rice	28 gms ✓
Meat or Fish	84 gms (1)
Dried Veg	56 gms (Peas, Beans, Lentils) (2)
Dehy Veg	28 gms (3)
Tomato Preserve	14 gms (4)
Tinned Cheese	28 gms
Pepper	0.14 gms
Sugar	28 gms ✓
Coffee	14 gms ✓
or	
Tea	4.7 gms ✓
or	
Cocoa	7 gms ✓
Butter or	
Margarine	28 gms (instead of oil) ✓
Matches	40 per week ✓

- (1) Whatever type of meat or fish or tinned sausage; it can be substituted with 200 gms (with bone) of horse meat, or with half a time of Italian meat, or with 28 gms of dehy meat from Allied sources.
- (2) In substitution of 56 gms of veg, there can be issued (when the depot has no veg) 28 gms of dehy veg or 112 gms of Tinned Veg.
- (3) In substitution of 28 gms of dehy veg (when the depot has none) there can be distributed: 56 gms of dried veg or 112 gms of Tinned Veg.
- (4) From Allied sources either doubly concentrated or meat juice or Peeled Tomatoes; 28 gms Tomato Juice: 10 gms if triply concentrated; 6 gms if extremely concentrated.

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ADDITIONAL FOODSTUFFS

Olive Oil	10 gms (can be substituted with 28 gms of Butter or Margarin)
Salt	20 gms
Vino	2 litre
Cigarettes	5 gms
Grating Cheese	4 gms
Dried Fruit	28 gms (1)
Fresh Fruit	113 gms (2)
Fresh Veg	350 gms (2)

Copy from ST 19 Dec 44 (over)

(1) To be bought on the market through bodies and units when it is not available in the depots of the Italian QM (During the summer season - May - Sept it must be substituted by 56 gms of Fresh Fruit).

(2) To be bought on the market through bodies and units when not available in the depots of the Italian QM.

For the HIM and RIAN the instructions herein are only applicable to units who because of the eccentricity of their station, draw directly from depots of the Army. The instructions for the two above services remain which were given out in letter 7700/S of 29 July 44, about the drawing of the fortnightly allotments from Army Bulk Depots, which must be effected by the presentation of Ration Issue Notes (Forms K in triplicate).

Finally we state that Form K, in triplicate, must list only the items constituting the fundamental ration while for the additional items another separate form must be made up using the old forms.

On that account we clarify that it is not necessary to make out the third copy for additional items to be sent to MIA, because it has not been asked for.

The addressees are requested to issue the instructions in this letter to their subordinates as quickly as possible.

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Subject: Extra Xmas Fare for Italian Tro.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(L.F.S.A.) R C 3 E
AS/2

19 Dec 44

To: A.F. Note
for AS/2
AS/2
(AS/2)

Herewith copy of letter from the Italian Minister
of War for your information.

P.J. Ad Col.
For Major General.
L.F.S.A.

CS/nh

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TRANSMISSION.

translated by Lt. J. J. M. Horlick,
Coldm. Gds.
From: The Ministry of War,
Commissariat,
Sussistenza Branch.

RECEIVED BY

Date : 18 Dec. 44.
Ref No : 14376
Date : 17 Dec. 44.
In reply to :

Major General I. BROWNING,
Director,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

SUBJECT: Special ration issue for Christmas Day.

The information about the special concession of rations, given me by M.M.I.A., at your orders, in their ST/41 of 6 Dec. 44., has given me particular satisfaction.

In the name of all the Italian Armed Forces, as well as my own, I offer you my most lively thanks for your kind thought and comradely interest, and I beg you to interpret this my feeling to the Higher Allied Authorities.

(Signed) CASATI, the Minister.

"S & T, MMIA.

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File ST/

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TRANSLATION

FROM M of W

TO MMIA for Information

FILE
13620/S/1

Dated 5 Dec 1944

Subject: Christmas Day Extra distribution of rations

In accordance with verbal agreements with the Allied authorities concerned, H E the Minister ordered that for Christmas day ration articles from Italian sources be doubled for the Army (additional rations)

Please instruct depending distribution Depots of same pointing out that this double ration will be distributed to all soldiers and should include articles as under:

Oil
Fresh Veg.
Fresh Fruits
Dry Fruits
Wine
Salt
Cigarettes

In case of difficulties, inform this office acknowledge.

For the Minister

Sgd PELLIGRA

Feb 27 1945
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T R A N S L A T I O N 276

Subject:- Loss of rations coming from Naples.

13/5/2

G.O.C.
CCRR.

I have been informed for some time of major deficiencies in rations sent from Naples Special depot.

Constant repetition of this leads me to believe that it is the work of a well organized gang of thieves, operating in the city.

My conviction, strengthened by the fact of the one origin of the losses, draws its foundation from the peculiar methods used in the thefts.

It has been noticed that the cases are received with original covers, without any signs of tampering and in most cases the correct weight; sometimes the contents have been substituted with rocks of a volcanic nature.

The accuracy of the packing of the cases shows that the work is done in complete calm thereby removing the doubt that thefts take place during the trip.

As from the first notification of such thefts, I was under the impression that these were taking place in the Naples Depot itself, but since Nov. 9 I instructed H.Q. Campania to carry out a careful enquiry and to take all necessary measures to stop all these inconveniences.

I have not yet had any results of the enquiry and am now of the opinion that there have been no results as further communications of thefts still continue to reach me. Furthermore I have been informed that quantities are missing lately, prior to rations reaching the depot which might show that those responsible have been urged to remove suspicion as to actual scene where thefts take place.

Taking into consideration the inconvenience this is causing, apart from causing considerable harm to the Public Treasury, it threatens to affect the regularity of supply. In order therefore to ascertain eventual responsibilities of the personnel in the Depot, I ask Your Excellency to take personal action in this question, using what methods you think best.

To: M.M.I.A.

For your information as per verbal communication.

sd. CASATI
Minister for War

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FROM CG MTOUSA

ACTION TO CG FIFTH ARMY

INFO TO MMIA AND CO PBS

HOSPITAL RATIONS FOR US-ITI AND ITI-ITI HOSPITALS IS SUBJECT (*)

(ACTION TO CG 5th ARMY INFO TO MMIA AND CO PBS CITE NAQMC FX6940 SIGNED

CG MTOUSA) REFERENCE YOUR 9674 DATED 12 DECEMBER. SUPPLY OF HOSPITAL

RATIONS IS A BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY. THIS QUESTION IS COVERED BY

PARAGRAPH 9d (2), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS LETTER AG 400/105 D-O

DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1944. SUBJECT SUPPLY OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

(ARMY, NAVY AND AIR). 210 ITALIAN DIVISION SHOULD SUBMIT FORM ST/8

TO NEAREST BRITISH DID FOR THESE SUPPLIES

Dec 15 1105

FX 69440.

AQ/2

This also answered by our signal of
16 Dec to 5 Army letting them
where to draw hospital items.

(K)
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OF
TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF NO. 13171/S/1

TO : MMIA

DATE 15 Dec. 44

Subject: Request for extra rations for combat groups in training.

The LEGNANO Combat Group HQ jointly with the FOLCORE and CREMONA Combat groups HQs which are now under going a training period, notifies us that the ration normally issued to the troops based on M and V or CHILI Con Carne has proved to be insufficient to replace the energy spent by the troops on training.

Taking those facts into consideration we request that the rules as laid in letter A2/2-12 dated 13/11/44 applies also to the personnel on training in rear areas.

We refer the matter to MMIA for examination and for the eventual proposition that they intend to put forward to Superior Allied Command.

Sgd. PELLICHA

TTR
Tell him directly
under consideration of MMIA
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COPY
OF
TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War.

Ref. 400574/RPGR

TO: War Materials Disposal
and ST P.W. Sub Commission

Date Dec. 5, 1944

For Info: MMIA

SUBJECT: Rations for repatriated mil. (ex. P.O.W's from
Balkans.

As is known, the following food rations are in force
for repatriated military.

(1) For ex P.O.W's or persons repatriated from France

Ration constituted in part by foodstuffs to be
bought through the SE.PR.AL. and in part by food-
stuffs to be bought on the market (see encl. No. 1)

(2) For Mil. repatriated from Balkans

(a) Food ration "type 30" (distributed to those who
land at TARANTO and who go to the camp at S.ANDREA)

(b) Ration mentioned in (1) (distributed to those who
land at other ports and who go to camps prepared
by Italian Military authorities)

As the established ration for ex POW's does not appear to
be sufficient and as for reasons of morale it is advisable that
the food treatment be made uniform for those who came from the
Balkans, for those who are ex POW's, and for those who are re-
patriated from France, (also in consideration of the fact that
many of those in the last group are liable to military duty, and
therefore, when the leaves granted them expire, they must join
combat units or labor units) I beg, MMIA to consider the possibility:

(a) Of extending to all the returned men during the period
of stay in the billeting centers (an average of 30 days) type 30
ration which is the most advantageous. -

(b) If the a/m extension is impossible, of conceding to
those who receive the ration mentioned in No. 1 of this letter,
the single type military ration for Italian Armed Forces. -

(c) In case neither of the two measures mentioned above
could be adopted, it would be necessary at least to complete the
present ration for the POW'S, and that also in consideration of
the difficulties encountered in the purchase on the market of
foodstuffs not furnished by SE.PR.AL.

For this purpose it would be necessary to examine the pos-
sibility of increasing congruously the ration of flour or macaroni,
and to include in said ration a certain quantity of canned meat. ..

Sgd. GEN OXILIA

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OF
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ENCLOSURE NO. 1.

Rations for P.O.W's

Foodstuffs to be bought through SE.PR.AL.

Bread	300 grams
Dry Veg.	100 "
Veg. Stew	100 "
Sugar	8,3 "
Fats	6,6

Foodstuffs to be bought on the market

Fresh fruit	150 grams
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ litre
Tobacco	5 grams
Salt	15 grams

Subject: Rations

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (WMA)

Rome

12 December 1944

AO/2421

To : AFHQ for C-4

1. Inviting attention to attached letter from Transportation Sub Commission, ALCOM, file AC/31/2/27 of 4 December 1944.

2. The unit referred to is the 1st Truck Bn (Italian) 9675th Regt. ALCOM. This is an MTI-MTI unit. A large number of other Italian units, in all categories, would be affected by any decision in this case.

3. An Italian ration, other than the bread and meat component can be made from the present authorized ration. No "C" type rations are available for issue to MTI-MTI troops. The money value of the "C" type ration is several times that of the present authorized ration.

4. Whether or not the operational efficiency of all of the Italian Gt companies would justify a change in the ration scale to permit the issue of "C" rations instead of the present authorized ration, cannot be decided here.

CHARLES P. SPAN, Colonel
For Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (WMA)

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1 Incl:
Ltr, Trans Sub Com, ALCOM,
dated 4 Dec 1944

cc: Trans Sub Com, ALCOM

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

Date-Time of Origin

FROM (A) MMIA

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TO: AFHQ, COMZONE MTOUSA, AAI, PENBASE, HQ NO. 1 DISTRICT, HQ NO. 3 DISTRICT, NORBASE, HQ REAR FIVE ARMY FOR MMIA LO, HQ REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO, HQ REAR FIFTH ARMY FOR BRITISH INCREMENT, AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION, FOTALI, 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO, 52 AREA FOR MMIA LO, PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO, ALCOM SARDINIA FOR MMIA LO, ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO, HQ REAR FIVE ARMY, HQ REAR EIGHTH ARMY

REF. NO. AQ-2321

SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RATIONS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)

AUTHORITY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE IN ADDITION TO

REGULAR SINGLE RATION FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES AS FOLLOWS (.)

ITEMS OF RATION SCALE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.)

FRUIT 4 OUNCES CMA FRESH VEGETABLES 8 OUNCES CMA OLIVE OIL 1 OUNCE

CMA BUTER $\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCE CMA SALT $\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCE CMA WINE $\frac{1}{2}$ LITRE (.) ALLIEDPORTION OF RATION (.) FLOUR 6 OUNCES CMA MEAT $1\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCES CMACHEESE $\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCE CMA SUGAR 1 OUNCE CMA MACARONI 3 OUNCES CMARICE 1 OUNCE CMA COFFEE $\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCE (.) ALSO APPROVAL IS GIVEN

FOR EXTRA ISSUE OF CIGARETTES WHICH IS 5 CIGARETTES PER MAN (.)

THIS ISSUE WILL BE MADE ON SEPARATE FORM FROM REGULAR RATIONS

ISSUE ON BRIL. FORM ST/8 AND WILL BE PLAINLY MARKED CHRISTMAS

ISSUE (.) THIS SPECIAL ISSUE APPLIES TO ALL CATEGORIES OF THE

ITALIAN ARMED FORCES CMA THAT IS CMA ARMY CMA NAVY CMA AIR FORCE

AND COAST (.) ALL INFORMED

~~INTERNAL~~

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PRECEDENCE

Immediate

AUTHENTICATION

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To: ST

You will please notify the war Ministry of this special issue for Christmas and make arrangements with them for the local purchase items and cigarettes on the ration scale.

- 267-211

Subject: Italian Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces

6.3.4.1. For 10 (Br)

Land Forces Sub Command
(S. 1.1.1.)
A/2 - 18

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1. (a) I keep on getting complaints from the Italians regarding what they consider the inadequacy of the present "Single Scale" ration.

(b) I fully appreciate that this whole matter was considered in detail last summer and that the A.C.F. have decided on the existing scale in the light of all the factors involved, e.g. availability of supplies, calorific value, etc. Moreover, I was informed by the Italian Commanders that the present ration was better than they had under their own regime. On this basis I sent attached letter A/G dated 11 Aug to H.Q. A.C.F.

2. However, in view of the complaint, I demanded from the Italians what I have been unable to secure otherwise, viz. a written statement of the rations issued to their troops previously. I have now received this and examined it in relation to the Single Scale ration.

3. (a) Appendixes "A" and "B" give details together with relative calorific values, calculated in App. "A" as per British Ministry of Food data, and App. "B" as per A.C.F. Research Council, Food & Nutrition Board Nov. 1943 data.

(b) A completely exact comparison is not possible, as the type of certain items issued (e.g. fruit, vegetables, nuts) varies according to what is available locally. The figures of relative calorific value thus vary. Nevertheless, I think that the appendices give a fairly comparative picture.

(c) The special paratrooper ration, designed to give that type of soldier a higher ration scale than the normal soldier, need not be considered in this comparison.

4. (a) It is understood that:-

(1) the calorific value of the British ration is 4300 and that of the American is slightly higher.

(2) a ration with calorific value of not less than 3300 is necessary to maintain energy sufficient for a reasonably hard day's work and that a higher figure is required under arduous conditions of work.

3 Dec 44

Memo for Mr. (Mr.)

1. (a) I keep on getting questions from the Italians regarding what they consider the inadequacy of the present "British Soldier" ration.

(b) I fully appreciate that this scale ration was considered in detail long before the war, and that the British Army included in the existing scale in the 1914-18 all the known elements, such as availability of supplies, calorific value, etc. However, I was informed by the Italian themselves that the present ration was better than that had under some other ration. On this basis I sent a memorandum to the British Army dated 11 Aug 44, 44.

2. However, in view of the conditions, I departed from the Italian what I have been unable to obtain (the above, viz, a data on the adequacy of the ration for the troops in the field). I have now received this and examine it in relation to the British scale ration.

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(c) The special parachute ration, designed to give the type of soldier a higher ration scale than the normal soldier, need not be considered in the comparison.

4. (a) It is understood that:-

(i) the calorific value of the British ration is 4300 kcal and that of the American is slightly higher.

(ii) a ration with calorific value of not less than 3000 kcal is required to maintain energy sufficient for a reasonably hard day's work, and that a higher figure is required under adverse conditions of effort or weather. It is for this reason that increased to meet adverse conditions were authorized in your 13 SEPT 44 on 13 Nov.

(b) Annex "A" of Army Letter 10,400/108, dated 22 Sept 44 states that the "total calorific value of the ration (British) is 4300".

5. Taking all the above into account, App. A and B appear to show that the calorific value of the present single scale Italian ration is:-

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(c) Lower than the population scale --
on American data, by 44% on average,
on British " 33%

(b) actually less than the stated \$250 salaries (see para. 4(b) above), re-
as Adjusted data, by \$32 salaries
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While being at the same time less bulky, through the United States particularly likes bulk and a "tight belt".

60. If my calculations are correct, the results also

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(b) the particular aspect of the Italian combat economy under hard training and (inevitably) hard conditions of living in winter due to lack of economization and clothing.

The general belief is, I realize, a matter for the club and I think that the State cannot now be expected.

An regards the particular aspect, I am informed by Finance Commission A.C. that the necessary doubling or trebling of the cash price (to purchase items to make up the shortage of calories) would be most inadvisable on the grounds of inflation and because it would have other repercussions tending to the same financial result. Similarly Food Sub-Commission A.C. inform me that civilian stocks of food could not stand the strain produced by this extra money purchasing power.

The matter, however, could be solved by sending specialists to all combat groups upon training the instructors authorized under your order of 15 Nov. I consider that there is a case for this, particularly as authority for that special increase has already been given for Finland and that combat groups on arrival in the forward area, 20000, 30000 and 40000 are or shortly will be doing equally intensive training under worse conditions of clothing and accommodation. I therefore suggest that the special increase be authorized for these 3 latter groups also. There is no doubt that such an authorization would cut down desertions and A.S.S. and raise the morale considerably, apart from giving greater unity in carry out the intensive training necessary, considering the short time available.

For your consideration, please,

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6. If my calculations are correct, two groups will be

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As regards the particular aspect, I am informed by Generalissimo (to purchase items to make up the shortage of supplies) would be most favorable on the ground of the shortage of supplies. I would have other representations tending to the same financial results. Similarly need for Commission I.I. inform me that official stocks of food could not stand the strain produced by this extra army purchasing power.

The matter, however, could be solved by making available to all combat groups under training the necessary authorities under your authority of 12 Nov. I consider that there is a case for this, particularly as authority for that special increase has already been given for the Italian combat groups on arrival in the forward area. United, United and Italian are or shortly will be doing equally intensive training under more conditions of clothing and accommodation. I therefore suggest that the special increase be authorized for these latter groups also. There is no doubt that such an authorization would be of great assistance and I.I. and raise the morale considerably, apart from giving greater energy to carry out the intensive training necessary, considering the short time available.

7. For your consideration, please.

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Copy to: SI,
C/Int
Spec. Sec.

Major General.
C.I.I.A.

2/10/1944
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APPENDIX "A"

COMPARATIVE CALORIFIC VALUES IN DIETARY SCALES

BRITISH MINISTRY OF FOOD DATA

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical Pro-Ration Issue Italian Scale	Present single scale	Weight Grams/Ounces	Calories
Bread	If the Italian bread issue is transferred back to flour for comparison with the single ration issue, the corresponding flour issue would be (approx) 542 grams = 19.1 oz. = 2083 calories, an increase of 235 in the calory value of the Italian issue.	74	900 24.7 1528			
Flour				12		1295
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried peas.	83		2		166
Meat canned	Calculated as for corned beef	66	200 7.05 465	3		198
Cheese		128	10 .36 44	1		124
Sugar		120	15 .54 65	1		120
Macaroni	As for flour	103		3		324
Rice		112		1		112
Dehydrated Veg.	As for an for double weight of dried peas = 88 which may be issued in lieu.	165		1		160
Butter or Tomato Paste		20	15 .54 11	1/2		10
Coffee or Coffee Sub		111	20 .85	1/2		
Pepper		111		1/200		
Fruit	Taken as a combination of apples (14) and Oranges (11)	13		4		52
Veg (Fresh)	Taken on an average of 5 likely vegetables	7 1/2		8		80
Live Oil		264	15 .54 142	1		264

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Bread		74	700	24.7	1828		
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Flour						12	1298
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried peas.	88	-	-	-	2	166
Meat canned.	Calculated as for corned beef	56	200	7.06	468	3	198
Cheese		125	10	.85	44	1	129
Sugar		180	16	.54	65	1	120
Macaroni	As for flour	108	-	-	-	3	324
Rice		112	-	-	-	1	112
Dehydrated Veg.	Taken as for double weight of dried peas @ 88 which may be issued in 1 lb.	185	-	-	-	1	165
Catsup or Potato Paste		20	15	.54	11	1/2	10
Coffee or Coffee Sub		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Taken as a combination of apples (14) and Oranges (11)	13	-	-	-	4	88
Tea (fresh)	Taken on an average of 8 likely vegetables	7 1/2	-	-	-	8	60
Live Oil		284	15	.54	142	1	254
Wine	Taken as walnuts	150	-	-	-	1/2	75
Eggs		Nil	20	.70	-	1/2	-
Beans		Nil	1 1/4	-	-	1 1/2	-
Butter	As for flour	108	200	7.06	761	-	-
Alfalfa	As for dried peas	83	50	1.76	145	-	-
Total Daily calories of food issued				43 1/2	3462	39	2972
ADD Cash grant of 3-10 lire per day according to locality.							337
TOTAL daily calories of food issued and bought					3462		3188

NOTE: The Italian soldiers ration has always been increased by extra-ordinary issues of "comfort rations" (chocolate, marmalade etc) under extreme conditions.

APPENDIX "D"

COMPARATIVE DATA - ITALIAN L. UNION PAPER

AMERICAN DATA

(NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, FOOD AND NUTRITION BOARD NOV 1943)

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical pre-war Italian scale	Present single scale	Height in inches	Weight in grams	Calories
Bread	See corresponding note in appendix A. 700 grams bread = 562 grams flour (approx) = 10.1 oz = 1825 calories (American figures) an increase of 101 calories in the value of the Italian issue.	74	700	562.7	1825	-	~ 45
Flour		101	-	-	12	1212	
Dried vegetables	Calculated as for dried split peas	100 1/2	-	-	2	201 1/2	
Beef	Not canned. Calculated as for corned beef	62	200	7.06	437	3	186 1/2
Cheese		102	10	4.55	38	1	109 1/2
Eggs		111	15	4.64	60	1	111 1/2
Macaroni		102	-	-	-	3	300
Rice		99	-	-	-	1	90
Dehydrated Veg.		103	-	-	-	1	103
Beans or tomato paste		12	15	4.54	6	1 1/2	6 10
Tomato or tomato sub.		111	10	4.36	-	1 1/2	-
Pepper		111	-	-	-	1/100	-
Fruit	Calculated as a combination of apples and oranges.	13	-	-	-	4	52 56
Vegetables (fresh)	Calculated on average of 5 likely vegetables	0 1/4	-	-	-	8	65 80
Wine oil		256	15	4.64	138	1	256 155
Salt	Calculated as salt	190	-	-	-	1 1/2	120
Fat		111	20	4.70	-	1 1/2	-
Wine		111	1/4 litre	-	-	1 1/2	300

Calorific Value of Italian Ration Scale

By British Ministry of
Food data.By Washington Research Co.
Nutrition Board, Nov. 1943

Item	Amount	Cal. Value per oz.	Calories	Cal. Value per oz.	Calories
Flour	15 oz	108	1620	101	1515
Dried Veg.	2 oz	83	166	100.5	201
cat Canned	3 oz	66	198	62	186
Cheese	1 oz	126	126	109	109
Sugar	1 oz	120	120	111	111
Macaroni	3 oz	108	324	102	306
Rice	1 oz	112	112	99	99
Veg. dehydrated	1 oz	166	166	103	103
Catsup or Tomato paste	1 oz	20	10	12	6
Coffee	1 oz	-	-	-	-
Pepper	1/200 oz	-	-	-	-
<u>Portion from Italian sources</u>					
Fruit fresh	4 oz	13	52	13	52
Vegetables fresh	8 oz	71	568	81	648
Olive Oil	1 1/2 oz	264	396	256	384
Beans shelled	1 oz	-	-	-	-
or unshelled	2 oz	156	156	190	190
Salt	1 oz	-	-	-	-
Wine (10% alcohol)	1 litre (approx)	-	300	-	300
			3806		3630

1/2 oz oil =

Calorific Value of Italian Ration Scale

By British Ministry of
Food Data.

Amount	Cal. Value per oz.	Calories
15 oz	148	1420
2 oz	83	166
3 oz	66	198
4 oz	126	126
1 lb	120	120
3 lb	108	324
1 lb	112	112
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1 lb	-	-
1/200 lb	-	-

By Washington Research Council Food &
Nutritive Board, Nov. 43.

Cal. Value per oz.	Calories
101	1515
100.5	201
62	186
109	109
111	111
102	306
99	99
103	103
12	6

Sources

1/4 oz	13	52
1/2 oz	7	60
1 1/2 oz	264	396
1 lb	-	-
2 lb	156	156
1 lb	-	-
1 litre (approx)	-	300

15	52
81	66
256	364
190	190
-	190
-	300

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V.H.
3/4/45

SUBJECT: Supplying "Garibaldi" Div. by Sea and Air

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2-20
3 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference your 3261/T/A of 11 November 1944.
2. The supplying of the Garibaldi Division does not come under the control of MMIA. Therefore, we regret to have to inform you that the supply problem of this division will have to be directed to HQ Force 399, and not to MMIA.
3. We wish to call to your attention that items of subsistence or supplies from Italian Depots are not to be dispatched to the Garibaldi Division.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: ST MMIA

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From: AFHQ

2 DEC 1944

To : MMIA, MAIN AAI, PERBASE, DISTHQS, CO ROHBASE
CO FIFTH ARMY, REAR EIGHTH ARMY

FX 61766

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SUBJECT IS XMAS RATIONS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES. (CITE FUSUP SIGNED SACRED)

1. APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST AS PER CABLE AQ2265 DATED 25 NOVEMBER FROM MMIA TO ISSUE DOUBLE QUANTITIES OF ITEMS OF RATIONS FURNISHED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT I.E. FRUIT, FRESH VEGETABLES, OLIVE OIL, NUTS, SALT, SUGAR.
2. APPROVAL ALSO GIVEN TO REQUEST TO ISSUE DOUBLE QUANTITY CIGARETTES FOR XMAS DAY.
3. WHERE SUPPLY OF THESE ITEMS IS NORMALLY MADE FROM ALLIED SOURCES AGAINST LATER REPLACEMENT OR ADJUSTMENT BY MMIA THESE INCREASES WILL BE FURNISHED BY CORRESPONDING ALLIED SOURCE AND MMIA WILL OBTAIN THE NECESSARY RELEASES FROM LOGAN RESOURCES TO REPLACE IN KIND IN ALLIED DEPOTS.
4. AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR FOLLOWING INCREASES TO RATION FOR XMAS DAY ONLY PROVIDED FROM ALLIED SOURCES. FLOUR SIX OUNCES. MEAT ONE AND A HALF OUNCES. CHEESE HALF OUNCE. SUGAR ONE OUNCE. MACARONI THREE OUNCES. RICE ONE OUNCE. COFFEE HALF OUNCE.
5. ALL ABOVE INCREASES APPLY TO ALL CATEGORIES ITALIAN ARMED FORCES BOTH IN OPERATIONAL ZONE AND L OF C ZONE BUT DO NOT REPEAT NOT APPLY TO ITALIAN COOPERATOR PERSONNEL. CONSIDERED: CIB G-4(A)
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Land Forces Sub Comm, A.D.,
(M.I.I.A.) H O H E
AQ/2-10.

2 Dec 64

O.C., 53 B.L. 1/6

Subject: Italian ration needs.

Ref your Q6-17 dated 21 Nov and your HMA Lia letter Q8 of 20 Nov, the following comments are made:-

1. We do not wish to appear hard-hearted or unsympathetic in this matter. We realize that these combat troops are prepared to go and fight for us, and that they are doing or about to do hard training under adverse conditions of weather, accommodation, clothing etc.
2. (a) But the fact remains that this whole matter was thrashed out very fully last summer. We submitted our recommendations to AAF who took up the matter with AFHQ. The latter had to get the decision from the Combined Chiefs of Staff at Washington, who in turn had to take into account factors such as availability of supplies, world wide demands, shipping facilities, calorific values of items etc. It was U.C.S. who decided on the present single-scale Italian ration. In any event, an alteration in the scale would take time to implement, bearing in mind the shipping time-lag. All this has been explained ad nauseam to the Italians.
- (b) Incidentally, we have worked out calorific values of the ration on British and American data, which are very different to the Italian calorie values shown in the Italian letter 899/Gen/4 dt prot of 9 Nov. The Italian calorie values given in that letter are distinctly to the advantage of the Italian case! Obviously, we must work on British or American calorie values, as we are providing the rations.
3. Since then, AFHQ telegram EX 52252 of 13 Nov has authorized a special increase in the ration for soldiers in the combat zone on specially arduous duty, of 625 flour and 1 oz meat. But that is the only alteration that has been made and on a limited basis.
4. From the aspect of inflation and of the drain on civil food stocks, an increase in the cash grant per soldier for food is most undesirable, I am informed by A.C.
5. (a) The graph of casualties in FULFORD shows 1 1/2% sick for last half of October and 2 1/2% for the 2nd half. Our M.O. here informs us that 3 1/2% would not be undue in an Allied unit at this time of year and that sick-rate naturally always rises in the winter.

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(b) The table of allowances in PULASKI for October shows 940 (out of 439 = 55%) men sick from ailments such as fractures, syphilis, etc. which cannot possibly be attributed to malnutrition. This makes the percentages in 5 (a) look all the better.

6. The Italians naturally (and we in their position would do the same) make the biggest "song and dance" they can, so as to try and get a bigger ration. I am bound to say that they look remarkably well on the diet.

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7. The above is the state of affairs, therefore. It is not a matter of what we would like to give; it is what we are in a position and authorized to give. You, being new to this business, have not known the implications and background as we have.

8. The G.O.C. nevertheless has again represented what you say to AFHQ. Whether anything will come out of it, we do not know - probably nothing. It is just possible that the increase mentioned in para 3 might be authorized for combat groups in training, in view of the Combat Zone. But do NOT tell the Italians this. They would at once take it as a firm premise. All you can tell the Italians at this moment is that their complaints and requests are being investigated by the G.O.C. personally, and the contents of paras 2,3,4, 5 above. We will let you know what eventuates.

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Copy to: UC 52 HJH (LEAHARD)

UC 54 HJH (MARTON)

ST 151A.

F. J. Noval.
F. J. Noval
For Major General.
U.S. I.A.

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CC 56 BLU (MANTICIA)

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F. J. Noval.

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For Major General.
M. J. L. L.

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Subject: Rations.

TO: Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (LMA)

53 B.L.U. *153*

Ref. Q4 - 17

fol 21 Nov. 44.

1. Serious complaints are being made throughout the Combat Group FOLCORE of the small ration scale being issued to Italian troops.
2. The position has been explained in a letter ref. Q/3 of 20 Nov. written by your LO attached to this Combat Group.
3. Enclosed are copies of correspondence which has been received from this Group by this HQ - letter ref. 889/San of 9 Nov., 2019/S.M. of 11 Nov. and 2198/Serv of 18 Nov. with appx.
4. The need for an increase in the Italian ration scale has been stressed repeatedly in the weekly progress report submitted by GI this HQ.
5. The need for this increase is again stressed and it is requested that this HQ be informed whether or not such an increase as suggested in the attached correspondence and the above referred to letter can be provided.

L. H. Mors

Lt. Col.
G. S.

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C O P Y

E. ., COMBAT GROUP POLGORE.

TRANSLATION.

1 Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

2198/serv ai prot

18 Nov. 44.

Subject :- Food Rations.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

(Ref Q4-11 of 15 Nov. 44).

1. This HQ maintains that the total needs of calories necessary for troops under the present conditions of climate and billeting should not be less than 4300 - 4700 daily, such a figure will respond to the required energy for intense training even if prolonged.

2. It is necessary to point out that the ration of the Italian soldier tabulated below has always been assisted by the special supplies of luxuries (chocolate, cognac, marmalade etc.) in the case of troops finding themselves under unfavourable conditions and incommensurable billets.

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Oil	15 "
Conserved Tomatoes (double strength)	15 "
Salt	20 "
Cheese for grating	10 "
Wine	25 cl.

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3. The short period of time since the beginning of the present ration does not allow us to collect complete and demonstrative statistics.

In fact, for the effects of malnutrition to be perceived on normal healthy individuals takes food shortage for a long period.

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5 " "	8	-	11	6	9	1	-	35
6 " "	24	-	10	7	5	-	-	46
7 " "	14	-	20	7	7	5	10	62
8 " "	11	-	11	9	7	4	-	42
9 " "	17	-	27	12	8	6	-	60
10 " "	15	-	34	10	9	4	-	72
11 " "	4	-	29	10	7	3	1	54
12 " "	26	-	19	7	4	2	3	61
13 " "	26	-	31	10	5	2	5	79
14 " "	20	66	16	7	7	6	5	129
15 " "	17	70	10	18	9	1	10	135
16 " "	23	80	28	21	-	2	8	162
17 " "	50	100	24	16	5	2	4	201
18 " "	26	140	18	13	12	4	6	231
19 " "	12	140	30	14	9	3	2	210
20 " "	28	121	45	10	7	1	3	215
21 " "	12	68	14	20	4	2	6	127
22 " "	41	99	39	10	7	-	3	199
23 " "	28	109	19	12	12	2	5	189
24 " "	40	93	15	18	5	5	4	180
25 " "	43	98	32	7	6	1	5	192
26 " "	34	118	14	8	9	1	3	187
27 " "	25	81	16	6	8	5	4	139
28 " "	54	142	34	5	8	4	5	252
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H.Q. CO. 1 GROUP FOLGORE.

1 Sec. Op. Inf. Serv.

2019/S.M. di pret

Subject: Rations (Food)

Copy to : 53 B.L.U.

TRANSLATION

11 Nov. 44

The food ration usually issued for the soldiers of the fighting group, as a result of the attached paper compiled by the Chief Medical Officer of this Command, is insufficient for the normal necessities of young men employed in normal activities under general conditions.

The following will be taken into consideration :-
Billets in the worst conditions ; a number lodged in buildings hardly suitable for the most elementary exigencies of hygiene as regards ventilation and dampness ; a number living in tents which are old and of well worn Italian canvas or Indian tents which are even more useless as effective protection.

That the season is exceptionally rainy and the usual temperature is lowered at a much earlier period in view of the usual seasonal changes in the region.

The state of stores and equipment is disastrous ; it is true the distribution of goods by the Allies is near, but it is also true that this solution will not be either immediate or simultaneous for all units, and we cannot exclude the fact that they will not be completed till the end of December.

That to these unfavourable conditions of protection must be added the using of energy as a consequence of the intense training that must be undertaken thoroughly and continually in the open in all sorts of weather, especially rain.

At the least it is also necessary to take into account the fact that the troops of the Combat Gp have returned from a long and hard period of operations, in which the food situation has been very different to which they are actually subjected ; the brusque reduction of rations, coincident with a period to which they must reply ; besides the training necessities, thus the relief of the forces of these men, has produced an unfavourable impression on the troops.

Because of these facts which bring an absolute necessity of an improvement in the food, they cannot in the least go to the local inns or shops for the possible acquisition of food to improve the situation for there is hardly anything of a reasonable price, it is all very exorbitant.

I therefore propose that the existing ration be increased at least as indicated in the attached papers.

The continuation of a nutrient deficiency will only have negative results not only on the physical efficiency of the troop but also on their efficient morale at the same time creating :

Distrust in a short time in the superior authority on the part of those (that are a very small minority in compassion with the remaining population) who have been newly called up to give their lives for their country.
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TRANSLATION.

L. V. Combat Group Folgore.

Medical Office

089/San/v di prot.

9 Nov. 44.

Subject :- Food Ration.

To :- H. V. Combat Group FOLGORE Staff Office.

1. The actual food ration distributed to the soldier is composed of the following substances with a corresponding production of calories as shown :-

Food	Weight	Equivalent calories.
Bread	440	1,146
Meat or Tinned Fish	84	250
Pastries	84	301
Rice	88	98
Dry Vegetables	56	184
Dehydrated Greens	28	92
Bottled Tomatoes	14	7
Table Cheese	28	103
Coarse Cheese (for grating)	6	24
Sugar	-28-	122
Olive Oil	10	90
Fresh Greens	350	87
Fresh Fruit	113	67
Dried Fruit (nuts etc.)	28	196
Total Calories		2,757

This can be treated on the whole as about 2,800 calories because they are augmented by foods of a better sort and by commodities (wine, coffee) not taken into account from a food point of view, which will bring it up to an average of 3,000 calories daily.

Such a total provides the total needs of an adult person not subjected to hard fatigues and physical discomfort.

Considering that the conditions of climate, of training and the precarious conditions of the billets of which the Combat Gp has come to find itself at the end of a heavy operational period requiring a consumption of energy far superior to the normal 3,000 calories of present ration must be considered insufficient to meet the daily needs of the soldier.

Particularly deficient are the quantities of bread and meat, lower in their fat contents (gr. 10).

In consequence of the above, this office estimates the necessary increase of the present ration - such a ration, if still maintained for a long time, especially in the training period, being insufficient for the change into physical energy by the soldier, there will be seen in no uncertain way a difference in the physical efficiency of the troops. In particular should be increased the quantities of :-

Bread	from 440 grammes to 500 grammes
Meat	" 84 " " 226 "
Rice	" 28 " " 56 "
Oil	" 10 " " 35 "

In the case of distribution of meat with vegetables the ration of such a commodity should be proportionately increased, in consideration of its' small food value. Also for a healthy ration, frozen meat should be granted to the soldier in

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The ration to conclude, should be made up with small quantities of biscuits (50 grammes) and milk (56 grammes) as was the practice previously carried out.

The ration thus changed would answer for pressing energy requirements of a hard and prolonged day's work, which should be that of a soldier during his period of training.

Signed. ?????????

Chief Medical Officer.

SUBJECT: Supplementary ration.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AG/2-17
1 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War

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1. Reference your 13213/S/1 of 28 November concerning the supplementary issue of rations to members of the Italian Army in the forward areas. Any supplementary issue authorized by the Allied authorities who have the complete authority to change the Ration Scale of the Italian Armed Forces or to authorize additional issues, will be passed on to you immediately after receipt by this office.
 2. We wish to inform you that no supplementary issues will be made to any units of Italian Navy, Italian Air Force, or units in rear areas without the authority from this office.
 3. You will have spot checks made from time to time to ensure that all units are rationed on the Single Ration Scale, as laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

TRM/r1

CC: Naval Sub Commission AG - Att: Lt. Harvey.

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

TO: MMIA

Subject: Supplementary ration.

Ref. 13213/S/1

Date Nov. 28, 1944

With letter A2/2-12 dated Nov. 17, MMIA authorized the issue of a supplement of six ounces of flour and one ounce of canned meat on the ration of Italian Army units who perform arduous duties or who are located in poor environments.

As the Italian Navy and Italian Air Corps continue to report the need for completing in some way the present ration of sailing and combat flying units, who are also subject to considerable physical wear we report the opportunity of extending said increase to said units, with the procedure which MMIA will establish.

Where necessary, please approach the Superior Allied Authorities which, according to their point of view, have made themselves promoters of the issuing of said supplement.

Sgd. PELLICHA

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of
TRANSLATION

From: War Ministry

Ref. 305159/1/CA

To: MMIA

Date Nov. 29, 1944

Subject: Refurnishing of Garibaldi Div. by sea and by
air.

Ref. AQ/2/14 dated Nov. 21.

Refurnishments for the Garibaldi Div. are placed at
the disposal of the Base Hq. Garibaldi Div. - LECCE - for the
successive air transport by "339 Force" of Bari.

The average monthly quantity of 120 tons of refurnish-
ments is divided as follows:

80 tons of rations
40 tons of medicine, weapons, ammunition,
P.O.L., radio materials, articles of
clothing, mail and luxury items.

Sgd. Gen. Oxilia

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of
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27 November

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

SUBJECT: Extra Rations for Christmas for Italian Troops.

As it has been requested by MMIA, I have arranged
that all army personnel be given double ration for Christmas
day in respect of orders of ration issued by Italian Arm.

IL MINISTRO

7/11/47

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

M/C 4794

27/28

CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 271913A

FROM (A) SACMED

TO (FOR ACTION) MMIA

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

(REF. No.) CITE FHGDQ (REF MAAF (R)/S) (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)

AQ. / 2

28/11

7514/G/E. 1 OF 20 NOVEMBER.
 MAAF REQUEST RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCES OPERATIONALLY
 EMPLOYED WITH RAF BE INCREASED BY FLOUR 6 OZ. BY CANNED MEAT 1 OZ.
 NUMBERS APPROX 6500. REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
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ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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SUBJECT :- Christmas Fare

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IO LEGNANO GRUPPO
Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(AMIA)
c/o 52 BLU OMF
Ref IO 4/65

26 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (AMIA)

Copy to :- HQ LEGNANO Gruppo
RTD ICF
52 BLU

1. The Italian confectionery for Christmas Fare is the PANETTONE. This is a sort of current cake.

2. It is desired to give each man of the LEGNANO Gruppo and the RTD ICF one Panettone of approximately 300 grammes (10 ozs) on Christmas Day.

3. The ingredients ex British sources needed for making a Panettone of 300 grammes are approximately :-

Flour	-	5 1/3 ozs
Sugar	-	2 ozs
Butter/larg	-	1 2/3 ozs
Egg Powder	-	0 - 1/2 ozs
Raisons	-	0 - 2/3 ozs
Total		10 1/6 ozs

4. Total extra quantities involved are therefore approximately :-

Item	For LEGNANO	For RTD ICF	Total
Strength	9,000	Strength 2,500	11,500
Flour	25 cwt	7 cwt	32 cwt
Sugar	10 cwt	3 cwt	13 cwt
Butter/larg	8 1/2 cwt	2 3/4 cwt	11 cwt

Copy to :- HQ LEGNANO Gruppo
RTD ICF
52 RLU

1. The Italian confectionery for Christmas Fare is the PANETTONE. This is a sort of currant cake.

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Egg Powder	2 1/2 cwt	3/4 cwt	3 1/4 cwt
Raisons	3 1/3 cwt	1 cwt	4 1/3 cwt

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5. It is requested that an extra issue of the above material on the scale set out in para 3 be made available for these two units for delivery during the week-ending 23 Dec 44. Payments will, of course, be made through the normal channels.
6. No other 'Christmas Cheer' is being asked for from British sources by the above two units.

A. M. G. Jones
Maj RA

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MEMO

FOR G4A AND Q MAINT (.) SUBJECT IN RATIONS FOR ITALIAN ARMY
ON XMAS-DAY (.) WAR MINISTRY WISH TO ISSUE DOUBLE QUANTITY
INCLUDING CIGARETTES OF ALL ITALIAN PROVIDED ITEMS ON RATION
SCALE (.) STRONGLY URGE ALLIES ISSUE DOUBLE QUANTITY ALLIED
PROVIDED ITEMS (.) REQUEST EARLY DECISION TO AN END AREA TO
TAKE PROVISION ACTION

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FINAL

M/C NR 3769

RAAC MESSAGE FOR: 1

48/25

CALL

CIRCUIT No.
NR

PRIORITY

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) SPLLA SIGNED SOMERVELL

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

250445A

TO (FOR ACTION) MCNARNEY

TO (FOR INFORMATION) MMIA

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

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WAR 67962 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH
POLICY CREATED 1391 REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 5 NAF 773 WERE
APPROVED PARAGRAPH 5 FAN 448 REURA FX 54713 OF 19 NOVEMBER

AG/2.
28.

MUNITIONS ASSIGNMENTS TO BE APPROVAL THEATER LEND LEASE
TRANSFER TO BRITISH OF UNITED STATES RATIONS USED FOR BR-ITIS
FROM 15 SEPT TO 30 NOVEMBER NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

ORIGINATING
SECTION:

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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20 Nov 44

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4th Forces Sub Comm, AG

and for info 53 BLU

FROM: MILA CO, POLGORS

Subject - Italian ration scale

1. Further to my 2/3 of 14 Oct 44 enclosing copy of letter from HQ POLGORS to SMH regarding Italian ration scale.

2. I now attach

(a) copy of a letter from AIMS POLGORS to 51 HQ regarding Italian ration scale

(b) copy of a letter from Italian Ministry of War to districts showing pre-armistice ration scales from 6 Feb 43

(c) copy of a table showing sick parade state POLGORS for Oct 44

(d) graph of admissions to SUS POLGORS for month of Oct 44

3. Ration scales (pre-armistice) shown in (a) and (b) above are considerably higher than the ration scale now applicable.

4. Data submitted by AIMS POLGORS shows an increase in sick parades and in admissions to SUS. This is in part to be ascribed to climatic conditions and to insufficient clothing and bedding. But opinion is expressed that the incidence of insufficient nutrition on sick rate is already felt and will show increase in course of active training programme.

5. AIMS POLGORS states that on the basis of authoritative medical opinion the ration content expressed in calories is not sufficient for field training in winter.

6. In conclusion

(a) the present ration scale is inferior to Italian pre-armistice scale.

(b) in medical opinion the present scale is insufficient for physical efficiency in training.

7. It is suggested that the present scale would be sufficient for the needs of troops with the following adjustments

(a) bread and flour - 600 gms per man per day

(b) meat ration to be 900 gms per man per day and to consist of corned beef (not M and Y which

Subject - Italian ration scale

1. Further to my 2/3 of 14 Nov 44 attaching copy of letter from HQ FOLGORES to COMUS regarding Italian Ration Scale.
2. I now attach
 - (a) copy of a letter from ADAMS FOLGORES to 53 HQU regarding Italian ration scale
 - (b) copy of a letter from Italian Ministry of War to districts showing pre-armistice ration scale as from 1 Feb 43
 - (c) copy of a table showing sick parade state FOLGORES for Oct 44
 - (d) graph of admissions to 53 FOLGORES for month of Oct 44
3. Ration scales (pre-armistice) shown in (a) and (b) above are considerably higher than the ration scale now applicable.
4. Data submitted by ADAMS FOLGORES shows an increase in sick parades and in admissions to 53. This is in part to be ascribed to climatic conditions and to insufficient clothing and bedding. But opinion is expressed that the incidence of insufficient nutrition on sick rate is already felt and will show increase in course of active training programme.
5. ADAMS FOLGORES states that on the basis of authoritative medical opinion the ration content expressed in calories is not sufficient for field training in winter.
 - (a) in conclusion
 - (b) the present ration scale is inferior to Italian pre-armistice scale.
 - (c) in medical opinion the present scale is insufficient for physical efficiency in training.
7. It is suggested that the present scale would be sufficient for the needs of troops with the following adjustments
 - (a) bread and flour - 500 gms per man per day
 - (b) meat ration to be 9 ozs per man per day and to consist of corned beef (not B and V which has inferior nutritive value).
 - (c) minimum olive oil ration to be 1 oz 2 ozs per scale, and not 10 grammes as at present.
 - (d) addition of condensed milk to scale.

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7. It is pointed out that present ration scale has following practical drawbacks

- (a) it does not permit of issue of haversack ration for midday meal often essential for drivers and detachments.
- (b) on present scale troops in line during operations could not be given hard rations. If a cooked meal could not be brought forward and cooking, in company localities were impossible, the hard ration element in their scale would not suffice.

8. In my contacts with MUGUNA troops (officers of BIL and training increment confirmed) I find that considerable and growing discontent is being caused by the present ration scale, especially as the possibilities of local purchase in this area with live 5 'miglioramento rancio' are small.

9. The consequences which may be feared are

- (a) increase in AWUs and insertions during training. Troops realize that their chances of going scot-free are large).
- (b) increase in AWUs and desertions once the homes of the many Northern Italians are freed
- (c) failure of troops in any crucial phase of operations.

10. After careful investigation and consideration I have come to the conclusion that the question of rations is one of prime importance in the reorganization now under weigh. I therefore submit it for your consideration.

I. H. Phillips
capt.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - 1^a Sez.Op.Inf.Servizi

n°2198/Serv. di prot.

P.M.146,11 18 novembre 1944

Allegati n° 1

OGGETTO: Razione viveri.-

AL SIGNOR CAPITANO PHILIPS

S E D E

1°) Questo comando ritiene che il fabbisogno totale di calorie necessarie per le truppe nelle attuali condizioni di clima e di alloggiamento non dovrebbe essere inferiore alle 4300 - 4700 giornaliere. Tale cifra risponde alle richieste energetiche di un addestramento intenso, anche se prolungato.

2°) Occorre tener presente che la razione del soldato italiano, della quale ce ne descrive un tipo, è stata sempre integrata da somministrazioni straordinarie di viveri di conforto (cioccolato, cognac, marmellata ecc.) nel caso di truppe trovantesi in particolari condizioni e in località disagiate.

(Razione tipo per il soldato italiano - istruzione per i servizi di Commissariato militare - libro II - tabella delle sussistenze militari art. 6, - pag. 34).

Pane.....gr.	700
Carne....."	200
Pasta....."	200
Legumi secchi....."	50
Caffè tostato....."	10
Zucchero....."	15
Olio....."	15
Conserva pomodoro a doppio con centrato....."	15
Sale....."	20
Formaggio da grattugiare....."	10
Vino.....cl.	25

.....somministrazioni straordinarie di viveri di conforto (cioccolato, cognac, marmellata ecc.) a truppe trovantesi in determinate condizioni o in località di disagio.

3°) Il breve periodo di tempo;intercorso dall'inizio dell'attuale razionamento, non consente di raccogliere una statistica completa e dimostrativa.

Infatti, perchè si notino su individui sani casi conclamanti di denutrizione è necessario un lungo periodo di carenza alimentare.

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Tuttavia su qualche militare meno resistente e più esposto ai disagi ed alle fatiche si è di già notato un deperimento tale da motivarne l'invio in osservazione. Nel mese di ottobre sono stati inviati in osservazione e ricoverati in ospedale, per deperimento organico n° 15 militari dei quali:

- 8 del reggimento "Nembo"
- 4 del Rgt. "S. Marco"
- 2 del Rgt. Artiglieria
- 1 della compagnia complementi

Vi è anche un costante aumento dei chiedenti visita al corpo. Dalla lettura dell'acclusa tabella si noterà come ricorrono al medico soprattutto i militari di quei reparti nei quali, per l'addestramento più intenso, è maggiore il consumo di energie che, l'eseguita del potere energetico dell'attuale razione non riesce a reintegrare.-

P. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.a.
(Ten.col.S.M. G.F. Cangini)
(Maggiore in s. di S.M. - L. Dessy)



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale
dei Servizi di Commissariato Militare

Roma, 11 6 febbraio 1943

Div. Suss. Ser. 1^a

N. 3915/3336 di prot.

OGGETTO: - Razione viveri
in territorio per il per
sonale della specialità
paracadutisti. -

AI COMANDI DI CORPO D'ARMATA STANZIATI
= P.M. =

AI COMANDI DI DIFESA TERRITORIALI
= LORO SEDI =

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi I

Comando Super. Aviazione = P.M. 5 =

AL COMANDO 184^a DIVIS. FANTERIA "NEMBO"
= P.M. 146 =

AL COMANDO CENTRO PARACADUTISTI
= VITERBO =

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMM/TO MILITARE IN
TERRITORIO = LORO SEDI =

1^a) - La razione viveri in territorio per tutti i militari della
specialità "paracadutisti", ivi compresi ufficiali e sottuffi-
ciali, è fissata come segue e la sua applicazione avrà inizio
il 16 febbraio prossimo:

- pane.....	gr.	600 al giorno	
- pasta.....	"	160 "	" (4 volte la settimana)
- riso.....	"	160 "	" (3 " " " " " "
- carne.....	"	150 "	" (5 " " " " " "
- minestrone.....		una volta la settimana (gr. 100 di riso e pasta gr. 15 di olio e gr. 10 di conserva)	
- formaggio da tavola.....	gr.	60	(una volta la settimana)
- legumi secchi.....	"	50 al giorno	(oppure gr. 100) (di patate)
- salsicce.....	"	7 "	"
- zucchero.....	"	15 "	"
- lardo ad olio.....	"	15 "	"
- conserve di pomodoro.....	"	15 "	"
- formaggio da reppa.....	"	10 "	"
- vino.....	cl.	25 "	"
- marmellate.....	gr.	40	(3 volte la settimana)
- miglioramento rancio.....	L.	1,00	

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- 2°) - Tale razione si applica ai militari delle specialità in quali
qualsiasi condizione essi si trovino nel territorio (normale, cam-
pi, scuole, addestramento, impiego) ed allievi paracadutisti.-
- 3°) - E militari cui si applica la presente disposizione non hanno
diritto al compenso in contanti prescritto dalla circolare mini-
steriale 3781/8210 del 9/3/1941 (minore somministrazione di pane);
- 4°) - Con l'attuazione della presente disposizione è revocata la fa-
cultà concessa ai comandi dei reparti di operare la ritenuta di
L.3 sulla indennità di volo dei militari, destinate ad acquisti
per miglioramento del vitto.-
- Parimenti è soppressa il contributo di L.3 elargito a tal fine
dall'Amministrazione Militare per gli allievi dei corsi paracadutisti che
non abbiano effettuato il primo lancio (Foglio n. 1387 in data
2/2/1941 delle S.M.R.E.-Com.Sup.Aviazione).-
- 5°) - Gli ufficiali ed i sottufficiali delle specialità paracadutisti
potranno comunque prelevare a pagamento, presso i negozianti mi-
litari - tramite le rispettive mense, la razione predetta, appli-
cando sui relativi buoni i tagliandi della tessera ad essi intesta-
te.-
- 6°) - Ai militari delle specialità, durante il periodo addestrativo e
in quelle che precede l'impiego (10 giorni prima della data del
presumibile impiego) - limitatamente alla forza interessata - al
peso del 7 gr. di surrogato, saranno somministrati gr.10 di
fé.-
- 7°) - Le disposizioni emanate con le circolari 3915/11309 in data
8/5/1942, 3915/13465 in data 29/5/1942 e 3915/19045 in data
30/1/1942 sono abrogate.-

PER IL MINISTRO
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IL CAPO UFFICIO SANITÀ a.p.s.
(Capitano Med. DE NICHILO Dr. Ruggiero)

ALLEGATO N. 1

	Rgt. Nombro	Rgt. San Marco	Rgt. Artigl.	Btg. Miste Genie	Cp. Com- ple- menti	Quartie re Genera- le	Camp. Trasporti	T O T A L E
1° OTTOBRE 44	8	=	14	5	13	2	=	42
2° OTTOBRE 44	10	=	10	9	5	=	2	36
3 OTTOBRE 44	19	=	20	11	4	7	2	63
4 OTTOBRE 44	12	=	10	5	5	4	3	39
5 OTTOBRE 44	8	=	11	6	9	1	=	35
6 OTTOBRE 44	24	=	10	7	5	=	=	46
7 OTTOBRE 44	14	=	20	7	7	5	10	62
8 OTTOBRE 44	11	=	11	9	7	4	=	42
9 OTTOBRE 44	17	=	27	12	8	6	=	60
10 OTTOBRE 44	15	=	34	10	9	4	=	72
11 OTTOBRE 44	4	=	29	10	7	3	1	54
12 OTTOBRE 44	26	=	19	7	4	2	3	61
13 OTTOBRE 44	25	=	31	10	5	2	5	79
14 OTTOBRE 44	20	66	18	7	7	6	5	129
15 OTTOBRE 44	17	70	10	18	9	1	10	135
16 OTTOBRE 44	23	80	28	21	=	2	8	162
17 OTTOBRE 44	50	100	24	16	5	2	4	201
18 OTTOBRE 44	36	140	18	13	12	4	8	231
19 OTTOBRE 44	12	140	30	14	9	3	2	210
20 OTTOBRE 44	28	121	45	10	7	1	3	215
21 OTTOBRE 44	12	60	14	20	1	2	6	128
22 OTTOBRE 44	41	99	39	10	7	=	3	199
23 OTTOBRE 44	28	109	19	12	12	2	5	189
24 OTTOBRE 44	30	93	15	18	5	5	4	180
25 OTTOBRE 44	43	98	32	7	6	1	5	192
26 OTTOBRE 44	34	118	14	8	9	1	3	187
27 OTTOBRE 44	25	81	16	6	8	5	4	139
28 OTTOBRE 44	54	142	34	5	8	4	5	252
29 OTTOBRE 44	25	82	18	4	9	5	3	146
30 OTTOBRE 44	35	70	25	19	6	3	5	164
31 OTTOBRE 44	24	115	8	14	7	1	5	174
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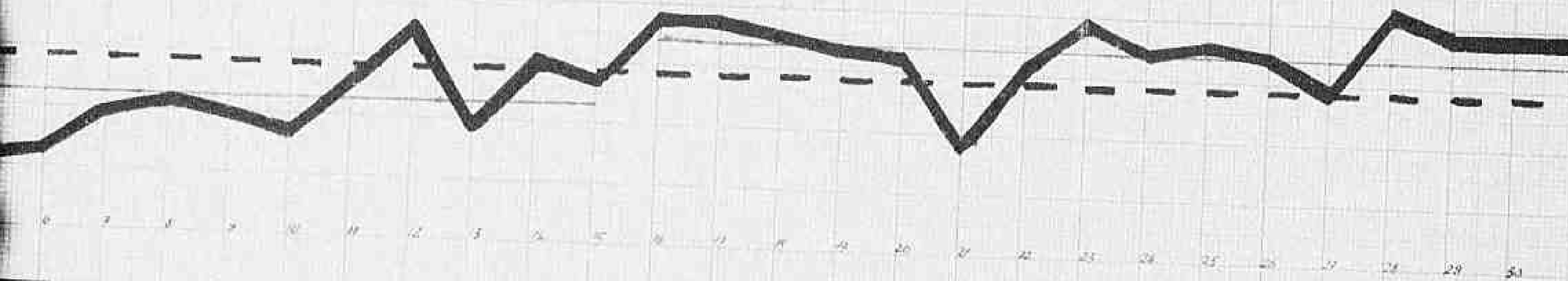
GRAFIA DELLA MORBILITÀ
% SULLA FORZA PRESENTE

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Graph of Mobility
GRAFIA DELLA MORBILITÀ
% SULLA FORZA PRESENTE
DATA Average Period

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	MEMO	SAN MARCO	ARRIGL.	MISTO GENIO	CC. RH.	COMP. COMP.	Q. GEN.	COMP. CRASSP.	UNITA SANITARIA	POT. GENERALE
SCABIEA	27	34	6	4		2			1	74
ELENORRAGGI	29	19	10			1		1		60
DUOREY	6	7	2	1		1	1			18
LUE	4					1				5
MALARIA	18	2	3			8	2	4		37
GAS. ENTER.	3	3	3	1		4	1			21
ITTERO	5	3				2	1	1	1	13
EPATITI	2									2
COLECCIS.				1						1
ANGINA	7	4	2							13
BRONCHITE	13	3	2			1				19
POLMONITE									1	1
INFLUENZA	2	4	2							8
PLEURITE	4		1							5
REUMATISMO	3	3				5	2	1		14
PARATIFO		1								1
CARDIOPAT.	4									4
DEP. ORG.	1	1	1			5				6
OTITE	6	4	2			1				15
OTTICI	4	4				2				10
ODONTOL.	9	4	2			1		1		17
DERMATITI	10	3	1			1				15
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PICCOLA CH.	14	6	3	2		2	4	1		32
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	6	7	2	1	1	1	1	18
BLENNORRAGGI	4				1			5
DUCREY	13	2	3		3	2	4	37
IUE	9	3	3	1	4	1		21
MALARIA	5	3			2	1	1	13
GAS. ENTER.	2							2
ITTERO				1				1
EPATITI	7	4	2					13
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BRONCHITE	2	4	2					8
POLIMONITE	4		1					5
INFLUENZA	3	3			5	2	1	14
PLEURITE		1						1
REUMATISMO	4							4
PARATIFO	1	1	1		5			8
CARDIOPAT.	8	4	2		1			15
DEP. ORG.	4	4			2			10
OTITE	2	4	2		1		1	17
ODONTOL.	10	3	1					15
DERMATITI	5							5
VARICI	14	5	3	2	2	4	1	32
PICCOLA CH.	5	1		1	1	3		12
PRATTURE	4	3			1		1	9
APPENDICITE	2	1						3
ERNIA	10	1	4				1	17
OSSEVV.	205	111	44	10	1	38	14	5439
TOTALE								

X Adm. not due to under treatment - total 2440 - 58% of total

Daily follow-up necessary for treatment of patients with severe cases of malaria

Adm. not due to under treatment - total 2440 - 58% of total

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MESSAGE FROM

FROM : ROMA

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TO : FOR INFO (RT) FROM 5 ARMY

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FROM 4312 OF 17 NOV REFERS (.) FIRST MEDICAL DIST ITED (.) ALSO REQUESTED
 TO ADVISORY DIST AND TO REMOTE FROM D.I.DS IN FORWARD AREA AGAINST
 DEMANDS SUBMITTED BY HOSPITALS OF MILITARY FOR NR/2 (DUPLICATE) THIRD COPY
 TO THIS HQ (.) SECOND (.) DISSEMINATED (.) ARMED HOSPITAL DEMANDS SENT
 THIS HQ FOR PROVISION ACTION (.) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH
 ITALIAN MEDICAL DISTRICT 210 DIVISION AT PERMET AND 251 DIVISION WHEN
 LATTER IS MOVED (.) MED DISTRICTS WILL DISTRIBUTE FROM SAN GALLIO ITALIAN
 MILITARY HOSPITAL TO WHICH UNIT DISSEMINATIONS WILL BE OBTAINED IN BRAX (.)
 YOUR DOCUMENTS DISSEMINATIONS WILL BE SO OBTAINED (.) QUESTION REGARDING
 LOCAL REFERENCE AND FOR BUILDING AS UNDERSTANDING HERE IS THIS ITEM NOT
 AUTHORIZED (.)

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INTERNAL : A/2
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.H.I.A.).
SZ/102

D.S.P.
A.P.H.O.

MF 21 Nov 44.

Your AMB/54/2/22.1 of 18 Nov 1944 refers.

Reference discussion (Col. Powell - Lt. Col. Percival).

1. It is agreed that adjustments to meet strength fluctuations in the forward areas will be effected by feeding strength figures to be submitted by you to this HQ.
2. On the basis of these figures this HQ will indicate which daily pack (i.e. Taranto, Bari, or Naples) should be correspondingly reduced or increased.

B. L. Percival

B. L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.H.I.A.).

RL2/36

Copy to:- DDEP. AAI.
DDEP. 3 District.
HQ 14 CRASC (Supply Units)
22 CRASC (Supply Units).

INTERNAL :- A/2 M.H.A. ←

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SUBJECT: Supplying "Garibaldi" Div. by sea and air. 237

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2-14
21 November 1944

TO: Ministry of War

1. Reference your letter 3261/T/M dated 15 Nov. 44, concerning the supply of the Garibaldi Div. in Yugoslavia. You state that the supplies required to be sent is approximately 120 tons per month.
2. Please give us the information as to what these supplies consist of, and from what sources they are obtained. This information will enable us to take further action.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Officers Messes and Cooking

LAND FORCE AND COMMISSION
 M.L. (M. S. J. A.) R C H S
 HQ/2
 11 November 1941

TO: 32 HQ

1. Att. is circular 7000/1 of 15 May 41 signed by the Minister for War.
2. It orders universal cooking from universal rations but it specifically allows officers to eat their meals in officers messes.
3. Officers are permitted to augment their rations if they so wish.

F. J. Noan
 Maj. General, Col.
 M.A.I.A.

VJH/x1
 Copy to: 50 - 51 - 53 - 54 - HQ
 Special Section M.A.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of War letter No 7800/1 dated 23 May 1944.

Subject: Equality of Rations for Officers and Men

In furtherance of a custom already largely extended throughout the Army and with a view to strengthening the ties which, particularly in units, should exist between officers, NCO's and men in sharing the same life, the same habits and the same discomfort, I order that in all units, within the Regiments (Regimental Bn's included) Bns, Brigades or smaller independent units, officers share the troops' food.

This matter means that only one meal will be cooked for the whole strength of the unit regardless of rank though officers may consume this meal in premises allotted to this purpose.

Officers having their families residing locally, are allowed with the authority of their Commanders, to live out drawing rations in kind where entitled to them.

Such rations will be drawn by coupon. This concession to officers is also applicable to senior NCO's.

The Commissariat Directorate General will issue the necessary instructions covering withdrawal of rations in accordance with this circular.

(Sgd) The Minister

Translated by S/Lt De Juan

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

A/CS WP

British Liaison Unit.
C.M.E.From: Lt-Col: F.M. Elliot.
32 B.L.P.

11th Nov: 44

Dear Colonel

I have just heard of the order from S.M.A.M. by which Sate
messes have been done away with in the Italian Army and by which
Officers have been forbidden to augment their rations and are
encouraged to feed with their men.

I am convinced that this order will have an extremely
harmful effect on discipline and morale. It is unpopular with
all ranks, except for those small elements of the political
officer type who are most in need of discipline.

I am in full agreement that the Officers and WOs should
receive exactly the same scale of rations as the men. But that
they should be forbidden to augment their ration by private
purchase, or to have the small amenities of a separate mess which
is the privilege of every other Army in the world, is a distinct
blow at discipline and prestige.

I feel that this order should be withdrawn at once in the
interest of the Army.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Elliot.

Colonel R. Pidsley. M.C. M.D.
M.M.A.M.

SUBJECT: AFHQ Adm. Memorandum No. 46 of 13 Nov. 44
- Part III Local Resources in Italy

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.J. (Lt. M. I. A.) & O M A
A/2
11 November 1944

To : AFHQ

1. May the position of the Italian Armed Forces be clarified in respect of the "Controlled" and "Restricted" items of fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts, wheat, etc.
2. AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-0 of 24 Sept. 44 maps out the policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the Italian Government will provide certain parts of the ration scale from its own local resources.
3. Any failure on the part of the Italian Government to produce the local produce items on the ration scale will leave the Allies as no alternatives are provided from Allied sources. When provided to the field the scale is only just sufficient to enable the men to carry out the work required from them by the Allies.
4. May it be confirmed that the ruling given in AFHQ letter AG 400/6864/7/1 (Enlist) of 21 Oct. 44 remains unaltered in AFHQ Memorandum No. 46 of 11 Nov. 44.

F. J. Noval
M. J. Noval, Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

For/r1
Copy to: Allied Force Local Resources (Italian Board) Head.
Food Sub Commission B, AS
ST - 111

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C O P YT R A N S L A T I O N

From Hq. VOLIGORE
To S M R E

Ref. 2019/S/m
Date Nov. 11

Subject: Rations. A report

The ration in force at present for the military of the Combat groups, as shown on the attached report by the Head of the Medical Office of this Hq., is insufficient also for the normal needs of young men employed in normal activities in normal surroundings.-

Against this we must consider:

-that all the dependent troops are in very bad billets; the men billeted are in premises which almost entirely respond to the most elementary hygienic requirements in regard to air and humidity; the men under canvas have tents which are made from old and worn out Italian material or Indian tents of more or less no protective value.

-that the season is an exceptionally rainy one and that the temperature has been low in comparison with the normal seasonal temperature of the region;

-the absolutely disastrous state of the clothing and equipment; it is very true that the distribution of Allied clothing is near, but it is also true that this solution cannot be either immediate or simultaneous for all the units, and it is not to be excluded that the distribution may not be completed before the end of December;

-that to this unfavorable conditions of protection we must add the amount of energy used up in consequence to the intense training which the units are undergoing, training which must be entirely and continuously carried out in the open and in all kinds of weather, even if it is persistently raining.

Finally and principally we must bear in mind that the troops of the Combat groups are veterans of a long and hard operating cycle, in which the food situation, was very different from that to which they are now subjected; the sharp reduction of rations, coinciding with the beginning of a period which, apart from the new training requirements, should have also taken care of the restoring of the strength of the men, has produced an unfavorable impression among the troops.-

The possibilities offered by local or neighbouring markets do not meet in the least the factors which lead to the absolute need for improvement in the food situation, inasmuch as

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said possibility of purchasing food for the improvement of the mess is almost impossible owing to the exorbitant prices as against the modest quota available.

Therefore, I propose that the present ration be increased at least to the amount shown on the attached report.

The prolonging of a deficient nutrition will bring about only negative results, not only on the physical efficiency of the troops, but also on the morale, such as;

- Lack of confidence in superior authorities by those (who are a small minority in comparison to the rest of the population) who knows that they may be called again, within a short time to give their lives for their country;

- Further depression for the few weak ones;

- the exciting of most of the men with the consequent acts of indiscipline, of arbitrary absences and failure to return from leaves.

I submit all this to examination by S M R E and I am sure that the importance of the measures invoked will not escape anyone.

Commander of Combat Group
(Sgd) Brigadier Gen. C. Morigi

cpl U.

AAD.

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C O P YT R A N S L A T I O N

From Hq POLIGORE Combat Group Med Branch Ref. 889/San 7.
 To Hq POLIGORE Combat Group Stato Maggiore Date Nov. 9.

Subject: Food Ration.

1) The ration distributed to the soldier at present is composed of the following elements with a corresponding production of calories equal to:

Food	Weight	Equivalent Calories
Bread	440 grams	1.140
Meat (or canned fish)	84 "	250
Macaroni	84 "	301
Rice	28 "	93
Dry veg.	56 "	184
Dehydrated Veg.	28 "	92
Tomato paste	14 "	7
Table cheese	28 "	103
Gratin Cheese	6 "	24
Sugar	28 "	122
Olive oil	10 "	90
Fresh veg.	350 "	87
Fresh fruit	113 "	67
Shelled dry fruit	25 "	196

Total calories 2.757

We are dealing of a total of about 2.800 calories which, increased by the calories of the food for the improvement of the mess and the food (wine, coffee) not calculable as food reaches a total of about 3.000 calories a day.

Said quantities provide the total requirement of an adult person not subjected to tiresome works and to physical inconveniences.

Considering that, the condition of climate, training and billets in which the Combat Group has come to find itself after a heavy operating cycle, demand more than normal consumption of energy, the 3.000 calories of the present ration must be considered insufficient to meet the daily requirements of the soldier.

Particularly deficient are the quantities of bread and meat, and particularly low is the ration of fats (10 grams).

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2 In consequence of the above, this office reports the need for increasing the present ration.- If the present ration is maintained for a long time, and specially during the present training period, being insufficient to replace the energy spent by the personnel, it would come to incise surely and in a determining manner on the physical efficiency of the troops .

The following items in particular should be increased:

Bread	from 440 grams to 500 grams
Meat	from 84 grams to 220 grams
Rice	from 28 grams to 56 grams
Oil	from 10 grams to 35 grams

In case meat with vegetables should be distributed the ration of said foodstuff should be increased proportionally, in consideration of its minor food value.

An occasional distribution of fresh meat in place of canned meat would also be appreciated by the soldier.

Finally, the ration should be completed with small quantities of biscuits (50 grams) and milk (56 grams) as was done during the period preceding the present one.

The ration thus modified would meet the energy demands of an intense and prolonged works, such as that of the soldier during this training period.

Head of the Med. Office.

Med Major SESSA VINCENZO.

Cpl VC.

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Translate attached for
14 Nov 44
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TO:- Land Forces Sub Comm, # 0

From:- HQ, POLGORE

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Italian Ration Scale

1. Att for info is copy of a letter from HQ POLGORE to SMRE regarding present ration scale.

J.H. Miller 25113
for

C O P YT R A N S L A T I O N

From S M R E.
To M M I A.

Ref. 3261/T/M.
Date 15th Nov. 44.

Subject: Supplying "Garibaldi" Div. by sea and air.

As it may be noted, supplies for the "Garibaldi" Div. located in the Balkans, have, up to the present, been sent by air from Lecce Base. Considering that:

-during October, owing to bad weather condition, only 8 planes left Lecce for this destination.

-owing to the winter season, air transport becomes more and more difficult.

May, please, M M I A. examine the possibilities to use sea transport, as well as air transport, disembarking at Regusa Port which actually is being used to supply stores to the Yugoslaves units.

In the even of an agreement with the proposal, please, name the port of embarkation of stores and the boat chosen for such transport. To that effect, it is mentioned that the monthly supply required by the "Garibaldi" Div. and to be sent, is 120 tons. approx.

Men and stores could be loaded on the ship for its return journey.

(Sgd) Gen. A. Santì.

Sgt. Labre.

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COPY
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DATE 19 1725

REF NO FT 54713

FROM AFSA

TO

Copy to: on m. 1.1.

RATIONS FROM UNITED STATES STOCKS DELIVERED TO BRITISH ITIS
IS SUBJECT. (FOR ACTION TO ADVISE INFO TO MILA FOR
SOMMERSET CAMP. (SEE MAJMC SIGNED MONARNEY). SEPARATE
SUPPLY RESPONSIBILITY FOR BR-ITIS, UNITED STATES ITIS AND
ILL-ITIS WAS EFFECTIVE AS OF 15 SEPTEMBER 1944. PENDING
AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS FOR BR-ITIS, IT WAS AGREED
THAT UNITED STATES RATIONS COULD CONTINUE TO BE FURNISHED
FOR BR-ITIS AND ASSIGNED FOR AS LEAD LEASE TRANSFER TO
BRITISH. ISSUE OF UNITED STATES RATIONS FOR BR-ITIS WILL
CEASE AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 1944. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT
BOARD APPROVAL OF LEAD LEASE TRANSFER TO BRITISH OF UNITED STATES
RATIONS USED FOR BR-ITIS DURING ABOVE PERIOD. WHEN APPROVAL
IS NOTIFIED, TRANSFER WILL BE REPORTED ON FORM ODA-73 AS LEAD
LEASE TRANSFER, TRANSFER.

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SUBJECT: Supplement to Ration Scale

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A2/2-12
17 November 1944

TO: Ministry of War

1. Authority has been received from Higher Headquarters authorizing an increase issue of flour and meat as a supplement to the Ration Scale.

2. Factors governing this increase issue are as follows:

(a) Only Army Commanders are authorized to issue the supplement rations.

(b) Troops authorized to draw the supplement ration are those troops forward of Army Rear Boundary, "when engaged in duties of an arduous nature and in extreme weather conditions only".

(c) Increases to consist of flour 6 ounces, and canned meat 1 ounce per man per day.

(d) This increase is an emergency measure only, and is to continue in effect for a period of 90 days only, subject to extension from AFHQ.

3. We wish to impress upon you that only Army Commanders are authorized to issue this supplement to the Ration Scale, and if Allied organizations employing Italian units approach your depots, which are rear of the Army Boundary, asking that they be issued this supplement, they will be so informed that their troops do not come into the categories for the increased ration.

4. Please send us a copy of your correspondence to your depots concerning this subject.

see 242

TTR/rf

Copy to: COMZONE MTOUSS (2d Sec.)
AFHQ MIA DCS

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Ref 223

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2004/25
of 2004/25/2004

Abstract

16 June 1911.

1. Effective January 1 December 1944, responsibility for provision of the allied aces components of the Italian Armed Forces now falls to the British Army.

2. The ceiling figure for the M-III category is 250,000 composed as follows.

Services Unsupp.	95,000
Reinforcements	1,000
Combat troops	57,769
Reinforcements	1,311
Italian Navy	75,000
Italian Air Force	21,900
	<u>269,060</u>

The Italian Air Force is at present some 2,000 in excess of the ceiling figure shown above, thus increasing the total to 262,000.

With enough fluctuations which normally can be expected it is estimated reasonable to adopt the figure of £10,000 as a basis for provisioning.

3. For distribution purposes the following breakdown of revenues is recommended.

Tarantulas (for Arabian Navy)	75,000
Beet	70,000
Spider	70,000
	<u>215,000</u>
	215,000

This leaves 65,000 trees which were excluded in your letter/10/2/89(4)
7 Oct 44 to be in America's zone / But I am not sure

To some observers it is suggested that it is proposed there be maintained as a part of normal Army organization four divisions from 500's. This suggestion for this number would be transmitted to Italian War Office.

If this proposal is not acceptable then we will be obliged to withdraw our candidature to retain any votes.

4. In distribution to Italian G.I.'s has no sales place in view to permit issuance to be made for consumption 1 December. It is requested transferees be put in hand as soon as possible and in any case not later than 20 November.
- The fixed transfer amount of \$5 not less than \$0.50 per transferee, as the Italian Government normally issues on a \$0.50 per day basis, and it is further requested that the bill be \$0.50 on \$100 up to \$200 and be completed as soon after 1 December as is practicable.

2. The ceiling figure for the 37-471 category is 200,000 compared at earlier.

Service troops	97,000
Reinforcements	1,000
Combat troops	57,700
Maintenance troops	5,500
Italian Navy	75,000
Italian Air Force	21,000
	<u>200,000</u>

The Italian Air Force is at present over 8,000 in excess of the ceiling figure shown above, this increasing the total to 208,000.

With strength elements which normally can be expected it is considered reasonable to accept the figure of 200,000 on a basis for provisioning.

3. For distribution purposes the following breakdown of strength is recommended.

Paratroops (for Italian Army)	75,000
Infantry	75,000
Artillery	70,000
	<u>220,000</u>

This leaves 45,000 troops which were indicated in your AMR/24/2/579 (3) dated 7 Oct 44 to be in forward areas (5th Army and 9th Army (individual increments)). To save unnecessary handling it is proposed these be retained as a part of normal army maintenance direct from AMR's. This applies for this number would not be transferred to Italian Army Depots.

If this proposal is not acceptable when transfer will be accepted at Naples, increasing the Naples figure to 115,000.

4. is distribution to Italian S.I.D.'s has to take place in time to permit issues to be made for consumption 1 December if the requested transfers for all in hand as soon as possible and in any case not later than 20 November.

The first transfer should be of not less than 10 days requirements, as the Italian Depots normally issue on a 10 day basis, and it is further required that the build up to 30 days holdings be completed as soon after 1 December as is practicable.

AMR/30

Copy to:- AMR

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G. (MILA) LG;

BAIT

REPLAS.

TARANTO.

AMR, Land Forces
B.I. DEPARTMENT
Lt. Col. BAIT
Sub Comm. A.G.
(M. No. 1, 1, 1)

B. L. P. 24/2/579

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FROM AFHQ
TO NMIA

Date 131946

Ref. No. FX-52252

SECRET (.) SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MILITARY RATION SCALE (.) PAREN
FX-52252 CITE THESE RIGIDLY SIGNED FROM AFHQ TO FOR ACTION AAI;
FIFTH ARMY; EIGHT ARMY; FRS MAIL; FRS ADVANCED; COC DISTRICT
NO 3; MMI; NMIA; AGWAL AND TROOPERS (.) PAREN PARA (.) AS AN
EMERGENCY MEASURE AND TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF
NINETY DAYS SUBJECT TO EXTENSION IF CONDITIONS REQUIRE, ARMY
COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPLEMENT THE COMBINED ORDERS
OF STAFF APPROVED RATION SCALE FOR CERTAINLY THE ITALIAN
MILITARY IN THE AMOUNTS AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SHOWN BELOW:
AAI (.) APPLICATORY TO THOSE TROOPS FORWARD OF THE ARMY REAR
BOUNDARY, WHEN ENGAGED IN DUTIES OF AN ARDUOUS NATURE AND IN
EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS ONLY (.) ~~PARA~~ (.) INCREASE TO CONSIST
OF AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE OF : FLOUR, SIX OUNCES AND CANNED MEAT,
ONE OUNCE (.) PARA (.) IT IS IMPRESSED UPON THOSE CONCERNED
THAT THE ABOVE AUTHORITY IS NOT BLANCKET AUTHORITY TO INCREASE
THE RATION SCALE OF ALL ITALIAN TROOPS FORWARD OF ARMY BOUNDARIES,
BUT THAT IT IS AS STATED, AN AUTHORIZATION TO MEET AN EXISTING
EMERGENCY FOR CERTAIN TROOPS WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY ARMY
COMMANDERS, WHICH WILL BE WITHDRAWN UPON THE RECOMMENDATION
OF AAI WHEN THE EMERGENCY NO LONGER EXISTS (.) PARA (.) THE
ABOVE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN LETTER FIFTH
ARMY, SAME SUBJECT, DATED FOUR NOVEMBER AT THIS HEADQUARTERS

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SUBJECT: Supplementary Food Rations for Heavy Workers (Mid Shift Meal)

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O S E
AM/2 - 11
18 November 1944

TO: War Ministry

1. The Regional Supply office A.C. has contacted us and informed us that as yet no rations are being furnished for heavy workers working for the W/S in the Rome AREA.
2. The following procedure is recommended to expedite the issue of rations to workers in the Rome area only.
3. (a) The W/S will compile on Wednesday of each week a list of units that employ civilians entitled to the supplementary ration. (See Annex A) A copy of this list will be sent to USIA LD ROSE each Friday.
- (b) The W/S will certify the total number of workers who are to receive supplementary ration cards and will give a copy of this certification to a designated officer who will report to the Ration Issue point at the Saperal, Via Borgo Pio 104 each Friday to receive the cards for the workers entitled to the ration.
- (c) The W/S delegate will then give to a designated officer of the employing unit one card for each worker.
- (d) Before the unit officer issues the cards he will show them to the issue depot where the rations are to be drawn.
- (e) The employing unit will keep a weekly list of its employees and enter the employees name on each card.
- (f) The cards will be good for one week only and the week will begin on Monday.
- (g) Each unit will ensure that:-
 1. Only bona-fide laborers receive the food.
 2. Distribution of food is on the proper scale.
 3. Food leakages do not exist.

ERC/ri

TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

SUBJECT: Supplementary Food Rations for Heavy Workers
(Mid-Shift Meal)

Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A2/2-10
6 November 1944

TO: War Ministry.

1. Reference our letter A2/2-4 of 26 September. Please make the following corrections:

Paragraph 1, delete Dehydrated Soup -- 8 ounces
insert Dehydrated Soup -- 0.8 ounces

Paragraph 2, delete 8 ounces of dehydrated soup
- 1 lire.
insert 0.8 ounces of dehydrated soup
- 1 lire.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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11 RMIA LO's - 2
Food Sub Commission - 10

*see 2/6
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SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Military Units.

TO : Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U.S. Army.

1. With assumption of supply responsibility by this Headquarters for maintenance of Italian Military Units operating under U.S. Army command, in accordance with letter AFHQ, file AG 400/105 B-C, dated 22 September 1944, subject: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air), an additional responsibility has been assigned which requires prompt attention and expeditious supply action in order to secure maximum effectiveness of the troops involved. In view of the fact that the major portion of Italian troops to be employed under this program are in PEN BASE supply area, the supply requirement is of sufficient consequence to justify careful planning.

2. There are several basic factors involved which are discussed in detail below so as to clarify the policy of this Headquarters:

a. Scales of equipment and subsistence as outlined in AFHQ directive referred to above are not to be exceeded without prior authority of this Headquarters except as authorized below. The AFHQ directive is based on specific and detailed authorizations of Combined Chiefs of Staff, and it has been made quite clear that no replacement will be made for unauthorized supplies issued from U. S. stocks. There is a general tendency on the part of troop commanders to attempt to secure all possible supplies and equipment for troops operating under their command, but it must be understood that unauthorized issues for which no authority exists to requisition and secure replacement from the 3/I will proportionately decrease availability of stocks to meet U.S. troop requirements.

b. Of particular concern to this Headquarters is the fact that Italian troops are living in pyramidal tents in many instances, even though heavy tentage is so critical in supply in both this Theater and B/I as to preclude issue to meet requirements for all U. S. troops. There is absolutely no authority for the supply of heavy tentage for housing Italian Military Units, even on a loan basis, in view of which tentage now being used for this purpose should be returned to Quartermaster depot stocks immediately so as to be available for U.S. requirements. A limited amount of tentage is available now in Italian depots and is still being manufactured by the Italian Army. Recommend that the possibility of securing tentage desired for PEN BASE supply area requirements be investigated by direct communication with Headquarters MIA.

Ltr. to CG, PBS, subject:
Supply of Italian Military Units (cont'd)

c. It is felt that the supply of several supplemental items, such as HBT work clothing, Raincoats, Gloves, and the substitution of Wool Shirts for Cotton Shirts during winter months from Class X stocks will serve to make up any individual clothing and equipage items considered as deficient in the AFHQ scale. Organizational supplies and equipment are being made available under Projects U-14-44 and U-15-44. A circular is now being prepared for publication by this Headquarters which will furnish all necessary details in connection with the foregoing authorization.

d. Fifth Army has protested that the ration for Italian Military Units as presently authorized is inadequate, but NATOUSA has not authorized a change. Copies of Fifth Army Cable 4380, 17 October 1944, and NATOUSA cable BX 41026, cite NAQMG, 19 October 1944, concerning this matter are inclosed for your information. It is essential that rations be issued on the prescribed scale only, in view of supply to Theater being restricted to this basis.

e. The AFHQ supply responsibility for all Italian Military Units operating under U.S. Command in its supply area must be recognized and the necessary supply action must be taken to insure prompt and adequate supply for all units operating under Fifth Army and Air Force command as well as PFM BASE units. Necessary action has been taken by this Headquarters to secure transfer of clothing and equipage released by NMIA to Quartermaster stocks with least possible delay. Inasmuch as any current deficiencies in supply after stocks received from NMIA are exhausted and future maintenance requirements will have to be provided from U. S. stocks, it is requested that positive action be taken to complete such initial issue requirements as may be necessary and establish without delay the Theater authorized levels of supply for all items required for this purpose. Requisitions from Fifth Army and Air Force for supplies required to establish authorized levels within these organizations are to be honored. In order that this Headquarters will be informed concerning status of stocks, request that the items of clothing peculiar to US-IFI supply after redyeing be included in future periodic Quartermaster Class II & IV Reports of Stocks and Issues.

f. Strict compliance with provisions of letter AFHQ, File AG 400/031 385-4, dated 6 October 1944, subject: Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air) is essential in order to permit accomplishment of its assigned accounting functions by NMIA and to prevent loss of organizational equipment furnished on loan basis from U.S. stocks.

g. Although supply responsibility for a number of items, such as certain locally procured subsistence items, soap, and cigarettes, is still assigned to Italian Armed Forces, the services of PFM BASE will

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Ltr. to CG, PBS, subject:
Supply of Italian Military Units (cont'd)

continue to be required in furnishing transportation. It is recommended that effective liaison with Fifth Army, AAFSC/STO, and Italian Armed Forces be established, in the event such action has not already been initiated, to insure timely notification of requirements for units operating under U. S. command and coordination of transportation and related functions to insure delivery of adequate supplies to troops serving U. S. Forces.

3. Request that circular to be published by this Headquarters be carefully analyzed promptly upon receipt, and that any base section directives considered necessary to supplement other existing directives be published to insure strict compliance therewith by all units under your command and that this Headquarters be advised in detail concerning violations within commands other than PEN BASE in your supply area in order that corrective action can be taken.

4. Further request that the contents of this letter be brought to the personal attention of each of your General and Special Staff Officers concerned with administration and supply matters pertaining to US-III troops.

By command of Major General LARSEN:

NEAL W. MURRAY
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Cy 5th Army Cable
4380, 17 Oct. 1944
Incl 2 - Cy MATOUSA cable
PX 41028, cite WAGNS,
19 October 1944

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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18 OCTOBER 44
RESTRICTED
PRIORITY
FIFTH ARMY

INFORMATION

FOR ACTION : CG AFHQ
FOR INFO : CG NATCUSA, CG COMZONE NATCUSA MAIN
FROM : CG FIFTH ARMY

Menu for ITALIAN military quoted letter AFHQ, AG 400/31, JDS-C,
in variance with combat scale ITALIAN military menu contained in
Administrative Memorandum Number 2, AFHQ, 10 JANUARY 1944.

New scale reduces bread by 6 ounces, preserved meat by 1 ounce,
dried vegetables by 1/2 ounces. Reduction in this quantity makes ration
inadequate for type work performed by ITALIAN Troops FIFTH ARMY area.

Further GMA form ST/8 not yet in hands of ITALIAN military
Units FIFTH ARMY area as provided by paragraph 6 A of letter mentioned
above. Request concurrence that menu as revised not applicable to
ITALIAN military FIFTH ARMY Area.

Letter follows with detailed recommendation on ITALIAN military
menu.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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20 OCT 44
RESTRICTED
ROUTINE
NATOUA

INFORMATION

FOR ACTION : FIFTH ARMY
FOR INFO : COMZONE NATOUA MAIN, MMIA
SIGNED : CG NATOUA
REFERENCE : AQ-1719 DATED 21 JULY 1944.
REURAD 4350 DATED 17 OCT.

Subsistence for ITALIAN Military is the subject. The single ration scale went into effect on 1 August 1944 as per MMIA Radio to your number AQ 1719 dated 21 July 1944. This scale was laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff who further stated that this scale was the maximum that could be furnished. Therefore no change can be made. MMIA Liaison Officer with the FIFTH ARMY advises that all ITALIAN Military Units with FIFTH ARMY have been provided with forms ST/8. Information is requested as to what scale of rations the ITALIAN Military has been issued by FIFTH ARMY since August 1.

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COMZONE NATOUA ADV.

PX 41026
NAQMC
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IMPORTANT
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IN

FOLIO NO. 71433
23 OCT 44

FROM: 5 ARMY.
TO : AAI ACTION AFHQ AND NATONIA INFO.
NO : 1532.

TOO: 232341A

TOR: 240315A

REF AFHQ MESSAGE FX 41026 DATED 19 OCT SUBJECT SUBSISTENCE FOR
ITALIAN MILITARY.

SCALE OF RATIONS AS DEFINED IN HMAA RADIO AQ 1719 DATED 21 JULY 1944 IS INADEQUATE TO SUSTAIN ITALIAN MILITARY TFS WORKING WITH 5 ARMY UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. THESE TFS PERFORM HARD LABOUR AND ESSENTIAL TASKS UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS. THEY ARE NOT EMPLOYED ON TASKS WHICH ALLOW DURING A REGULATED DAY AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE ROUSED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER OR TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COOKING FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO REAR AREAS. THE MAJORITY OF THESE TFS OPERATE UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH REQUIRE THEM TO LIVE IN THE OPEN CLOSE TO THE FRONT LINE, AND SUBJECT TO RIGORS OF THE WEATHER FOR WHICH THEY ARE INADEQUATELY EQUIPPED. BACK WHEEL COYS PARTICULARLY LIVE UNDER EXPOSED CONDITIONS TRANSPORTING FOOD, WATER AND AMM TO US AND BRITISH TFS 24 HRS A DAY. OTHERS WORK IN FWD SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS AND PERFORM HEAVY WORK LOADING AND UNLOADING OF BRIDGES, FOOD, GASOLINE AND AMM. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE TASKS ITALIAN TFS SUPPLEMENT COMBAT ENGINEER TFS BUILDING BRIDGES, REPAIRING AND CONDITIONING MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES. IT MUST BE APPRECIATED THAT ITALIAN MILITARY UNITS WITH 5 ARMY ARE RELIEVED APPROXIMATELY 12000 US TFS. FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE 5 ARMY HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ITS ITALIAN TFS ON THE COMBAT SCALE AS PROVIDED BY ADM NER NO. 2, AFHQ, 10 JAN 1944. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THIS SCALE BE RECOGNIZED AND APPROVED

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