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RATION SCALE FOLIO No 301-400

Jan. - Mar 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM: AFHQ

2 March 1945

TO : 5 ARMY (for Br. Incr.) 8 ARMY
DISTONE

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP, AMIA

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~~FX-52252~~ 36061

attached

SIGNED SACRED (.) CANCEL FX-35609 DATED 1 MAR/ (.) SUBSTITUTE
FOLLOWING (.) IN VIEW FIFTH ARMY SIGNAL 2668 OF 21ST FEB. NOT
TO ALL AN INCREASE OF 3 OZS FLOUR AND 1 OZ CANNED MEAT MAKING
A TOTAL OF 18 OZS FLOUR AND 4 OZS CANNED MEAT IS APPROVED FOR
ITALIAN ARMY TROOPS FORWARD OF ARMY REAR BOUNDARIES UNTIL
1 APRIL ON CONDITIONS NAMED IN FX 52252 OF 13 NOV 44 (.)

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare -
Canteen Supplies.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
O/2 - 60.
28 Feb '45.

To : A.F.W.O. (3)

Copy to :- DAWs. AFHQ.

1. Reference conference on 21 Feb (DCAC - ADAG(P) - DAWs).
and CR/9904/G-1(Er) of 26 Feb.
2. Attached are proposals in respect of the supplies which
it is considered should be made available to the Italian army for
canteens.
3. It is hoped that these proposals may be agreed as soon
as is possible so that the War Ministry may initiate a canteen
service.

a. Parley.
for
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal Distribution

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Italian Army Warfare - Airborne Supplies.

1. General. To prepare a scale on which the Italian Army can plan for and provide both static and mobile cantonments.
2. The importance of cantonments and their value in reducing and maintaining the morale of the Italian soldier has already been recognized in any area. It is also clear that cantonments must be an integral part of any planning of the Italian soldier service which it is desired to encourage.
3. Scale. It is proposed that the scale attached at Appendix A be adopted. This scale is a daily per unit and has been prepared after consideration of scales in use by the British services and also the scale suggested in Field Marshal Alexander's letter to you (ref 2072, 6/2 of 21 Nov 44). These scales show the provision for Italian resources are those which it is known are available to them. The supplies from Allied sources to be on supply unit.
4. Attached at Appendix B is a table showing what could be the maximum conditions from Allied sources or requirement.
5. While Appendix B is needed to show the maximum commitment it is envisaged that every unit in the Italian Army would be able to use a context. It is therefore proposed that factors of such supplies should only be made after authorization from this HQ.
6. It is envisaged that the initial requirements shall be:
 - (a) 6 mobile cantonments for any area.
 - (b) 1 static cantonment for each combat group and the day.
 - (c) 1 static cantonment for the combat group maintenance training depot at Cassino.
 - (d) 1 static cantonment for the army camp at Aragona, Brind, Taranto, Trieste, and Ancona.

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Appendix A

BASIC CAMP AND SUPPLY MENUQuantities worked in menu, for one man daily.

ITEM.	To be provided by Allies on requirement.	To be provided from Italian resources.
FLOUR.	1.250	
COFFE.	0.062	
SUGAR.	0.384	
STERILIZED MILK.	0.440	
BREAD OR BISCUITS.	0.360	0.004
JAM.		0.000
BAKING POWDER.	0.000	
COOKING FAT. (or OLIVE OIL)		0.000
TILTED MEAT, FISH FATS.	0.004	
SALT.		0.000
DRYED FRUIT.		0.000
CHEESE.		0.112
MARGARINE.	0.160	

Note - In addition to the above scale there would be provided from Italian resources such items as:-

FRUIT FRUIT.

HOTTERERS, PORK, LARD ETC.

TOILET ARTICLES (e.g. soap, toothbrushes etc.)

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WHEAT.	1.280	
COFFEE.	0.051	
SUGAR.	0.054	
TURNED MEAT.	0.417	
MEAT OF BEEF.	0.250	
JAM.		0.168
BAKING POWDER.		0.060
COOKING FAT. (OR OLIVE OIL)		
TURNED MEAT, FISH MEAT.	0.054	
SALT.		0.003
DRYED MEAT.		0.050
CHEESE.		0.115
MARSHMALLOW.	0.130	

Note - In addition to the above items there will be provided from Italian resources such items as:-

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FRUIT JUICE.

WATERMELON, PINEAPPLE, BANANA.

TOILET ARTICLES (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste etc.)

SHOES (e.g. bought)

Small items such as soap, shaving cream, etc.

DIARY OF RATION CONSUMPTION PER AMERICAN SOLDIER - DAILY

	TOTAL ISSUED - ITALIAN ARMY				TOTAL SUPPLIED w/US ARMY CULLEN -			
	INT-INT TONS	EXT-INT TONS	US-INT TONS	TOTAL TONS	INT-INT TONS	EXT-INT TONS	US-INT TONS	TOTAL TONS
Flour	4.429	5.732	2.982	13.143	4.321	4.536	2.571	11.428
Ten or Coffee	.221	.387	.149	.657	.216	.227	.129	.572
Sugar	1.329	1.720	.895	3.944	1.296	1.351	.771	3.418
Ground salt	1.550	1.006	1.041	3.597	1.512	1.533	.900	3.945
Bread	.885	1.145	.596	2.626	.864	.907	.514	2.285
Baking powder	.711	.143	.075	.929	.108	.113	.081	.302
Ground Meat, etc.	.221	.387	.149	.657	.216	.227	.129	.572
Cigarettes	.554	.717	.373	1.644	.540	.567	.321	1.428

SUMMARY OF RECEIVING OPERATIONS FROM ALIENS REGISTER - DAILY

APPENDIX "B"

TOTAL RECEIVING - FISCAL YEAR				TOTAL APPLICANTS 4/26 RECEIVING OFFICE - FEB 25				TOTAL FOR 1000 RE
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.221	.37	.149	.667	.216	.227	.129	.572	4
1,329	1,730	.395	3,454	1,296	1,361	.771	3,428	24
1,550	1,000	1,000	4,000	1,512	1,533	.900	4,000	36
.226	1,146	.996	2,368	.364	.907	.514	2,235	16
.111	.153	.075	.339	.103	.115	.064	.282	2
.221	.37	.149	.667	.216	.227	.129	.572	4
.521	.717	.375	1,613	.740	.567	.321	1,628	10

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FROM: Ministry of War
TO : Circular for information to MMIA. Date 20 Feb. 45.
Subject: Rations.

Further to decisions made by MMIA in letter S/AJ/5 dated 20 Feb. 45, on ration scale now in force and which includes soap and luxury articles, the following amendments have been brought.

Flour: the daily ration is brought up from 12 oz. to 15 oz. = 424 grs. 6875.

Toronto Bulk Depot and the Special Ration Depots will issue to the three Arms of Service : 424.3 grs. taking into account that the difference will be kept at the Depots in order to allow them to build up a small stock which will be used to fill in various deficiencies, losses and damages which may occur in handling this article of food.

Ration Distribution Depots will in their turn, issue 424 grs of flour to units who, have the 130% will bake 551 grs. of bread.

Oil: the daily rations is brought up from 28grs to 42grs

This increase will come into force as soon as assignments by Food Branches will be made. Instructions will be issued in that respect.

In the meantime, 28 grs. will continue to be issued.

Dried Fruit: will be issued daily: -

28 grs. of dried fruit shelled equals 56 grs. of dried fruit unshelled, substitute 100 grs. of dried palm fruit, (figs, peaches, prunes, apricots, etc.)

Fresh Vegetables.

The Allied Authorities want that 8 oz. net of Fresh Veg. be issued to the soldier.

Taking into account wastage, (stalks, leaves) the ration remain 350 grs. as gross weight.

Matches.

It is confirmed that the ration will not exceed 40 matches per week.

Cigarettes:

Free issue Cigarettes: 5 per man for all troops.

One supplementary ration of 5 cigarettes per day will be issued to the following units:

- a. to all units located north of the rear line of 5th. & 8th. Armies.
- b. Combat Group wherever they may be located.
- c. Cesano Hqs. Training Centers for Combat Groups.

The supplementary ration issue which should have started in the first days of Feb. will begin, taking into consideration the actual assignments made by the Monopolies which do not permit to do so, as from 7th. March 45.

Cigarettes on repayment.

The ration is 5 "Milit" Cigarettes for NCOs and Men and 5 common cigarettes to officers & W.Os.

However, this issue is done in accordance with availability giving priority to Combat Groups.

Soap

Soap allowance which should be understood as being a free issue because on the ration scale will be issued as under, as from the 1st. March 45.

- a. 300 grs per man per month for all troops located north of the rear line of the 5th. & 8th. Armies.
- b. 250 grs. per man per month for all other troops.
- c. 200 grs. per animal per month

Moreover, the following issues of soap are authorized:

Territorial Hospitals : 300 grs per bed occupied per month.
 Auxiliary Tented Hospitals: 60 kgs. per hospital per month.
 Med. Section: 4 kgs. per section per month.
 Field Surgical Units: 2 kgs. per unit per month.
 Units' M.Os: 600 grs. per M.O. per month.

In case only 100 grs. of common soap is available, a cake of soap of the same weight could be issued in lieu.

Personal allowances of soap will be issued "in block" to soldiers who have to do their own washing, but for soldiers who have a laundry service the ration will be reduced by 100 grs.

Therefore, it is pointed out that the soap to be assigned to laundries will be at the rate 1% of the weight of the clothing to be washed.

Units' Commander will, moreover, insure that economy is done on the amount to be distributed to soldiers working in cook houses, workshops, etc, for whom all extras laid down in the past should be considered cancelled.

No soap will be issued on repayment, except when this office authorizes same from time to time.

Cognac

Issues will be carried out as follows:

a. 3 cl. for 15 days of each month (Normally on alternative days) to Combat Groups in the line.

b. 3 cl. twice a week when there is cold weather and when men have to carry out hard work and that the issue is authorized by the Units' Italian HQ.

for all troops located north of the rear line of the 5th. and 8th. Armies and that are not allowed issues as at para. (a) above.

for Arts. Training Centers for Combat Groups, Cesano.

for "Mantova" Combat Group.

Issues of cognac will cease as from 15th. April 45.

Extra issues of flour and tinned meat laid down in circular 1293/S/1 dated 23/11/44 for troops doing hard work, should be understood as cancelled.

The present instruction, except those in respect of food articles for which special instructions have been laid down, will come into force as from 21st. inst.

Instructions issued previously which contradict the present circular, are cancelled.

Sgd. PELLICIA.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
A.F.H.Q.

LRS/525/6. *file 2/2*

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Postal Address :
AFHRS, ROME AREA
ALLIED COMMAND,
C.M.F.

TEL : ROME 66275

26 February 1945

SUBJECT : Amendment to Italian Ration Scale.
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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Reference your AQ/2-53 dated 18 FEB 45.

1. It is noticed in para 3 of the Appendix "F" to the above letter that certain items for the Italian Army Subsistence Scale are to be obtained from Italian resources.
2. It is pointed out that foodstuffs, excluding salt and wine, are restricted items and that no purchases are authorised except after allocation by the Food Supply Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.
3. Bids by the Italian Government for such quantities of restricted foodstuffs as are required for the maintenance of troops for which they are responsible should, therefore, be submitted in accordance with established procedure to this Section.

[Signature]
J. L. PRESCOTT, Lt.Col., AQMG,
Acting Chief of Section (Br),
A.F.L.R.S.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Rations

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
4/2-59
26 February 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Minister for War

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Reference your 4142/S/1 dated 20 Feb. 45.

1. Rations will only be issued on the scale as laid down in our letter A/2-53 dated 18 February 1945.

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

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Subject:- Cash Ration Allowance - Italian Army.

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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

Copy: Lab. (your 3Dis/265/L of 7 Feb refers.)

Ref War Ministry letter 101190/1 dated 7 Jan 45 ordering the reduction in the cash grant for extra messing to Italian Army personnel from Lire 10 to Lire 5 per day.

Lab branch, 3 District point out that since the cost of foodstuffs in this area has risen considerably of late and since it is not considered worthwhile or desirable to send vehicles to outlying districts to purchase rations, this reduction will have an adverse effect upon both the morale and the work output of Italian tps under their control.

Is this reduction to be a permanent measure or can a resumption of the Lire 10 per day be expected in the future, please?

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[Signature]

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

log dated 17 Feb refers

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SUBJECT: Cash Ration Allowance - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. S. I. A.) R O M E
2/2-58
26 February 1945

TO : MIA IC
No. 3 District

Reference your 3240/6 of 18 February 1945.

Reference to the reduction of cash allowance to Italian troops in your area from 10 Lire to 5 Lire per man per day.

1. This allowance is given to units of the Italian Army as a company fund to use to supplement the rations of the unit, or to make or less balance out the rations for the items which can be purchased locally that are not on the Italian ration scale.

2. With the increase in the ration scale as of 20 Feb., we feel that this will be a sufficient ration for the Italian troops. Therefore, considering this increase, we do not believe this will have an adverse effect upon the morale and the efficiency of the work of the Italian troops in your area.

James H. Rose
James H. Rose, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. A. L. A.

THH/r1

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SUBJECT:- Cash allowance to Italian Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.).

Q/2-57

24 Feb 45.

1. A communication has been received from the Italian Ministry of War stating that as from and including 1st February 1945 an allowance of 20 (twenty) lire per man per day has been authorised to troops in the following areas :-

- (a) All troops forward of Fifth and Eighth Army Rear Boundaries.
- (b) Friuli, Orsenna, Legnano, Foligno and Mantova Combat Groups, wherever located.
- (c) Cesano Combat Group Reinforcement Centre.

2. This sum is available to Unit Commanders for the improvement of messing.

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Joint Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(A.M.I.A.) ROMAN

8/22/5

20 Feb 1945

M.M.I.A. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22

1. OBJECT.

The object of this instruction is to clarify the scales, sources of provision and method of distribution for certain supplies to the ITALIAN Army.

2. AUTHORITY.

This instruction is issued consequent to Army orders contained in Signal PY29482 of 18 Feb 45 and in conjunction with the Instruction Number 3650/SI of 26 Feb issued by the ITALIAN Ministry of War.

3. APPLICATION.

Except where specifically otherwise indicated, this instruction applies to BR-IIIIS (Combat and Service tps) and any type of other categories which may be temporarily maintained through private channels. The scales given are applicable to all categories of tps.

4. ARM DIVS.

In order that Combat tps may not be worried in unnecessary administrative details in the rear and to enable BR-IIIIS to be self supporting with the minimum Br assistance, it has been decided that the BR-III Adm Divs shall take administrative responsibility as far as possible for all BR-III tps (Combat and Service tps).

5. RACTIONS.

(a) The standard ration scale for the Italian Army (all categories) is:-

Allied provided items.

Flour
Dried vegetables
Meat, canned, or fish preserved
Cheese
Sugar
Macaroni
Rice
Vegetables, dehydrated
Catsup, or tomato paste
Coffee
Pepper

15 oz.
2 oz.
3 oz.
1 oz.
1 oz.
2 oz.
1 oz.
1 oz.
1 oz.
1 oz.
1/200 oz.

Italian provided items.

see 412

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The object of this instruction is to clarify the scales, sources of provision and method of distribution for certain supplies to the ITALIAN Army.

2. AUTHORITY.

This instruction is issued consequent to Army orders contained in Signal EN25468 of 18 Jan 49 and in conjunction with the Instruction Number 5630/37 of 20 Feb issued by the Italian Ministry of War.

3. APPLICATION.

Except where specifically otherwise indicated, this instruction applies to AM-III (Combat and Service Tps) and any type of other categories which may be temporarily maintained through AM-III channels. The scales given are applicable to all categories of Tps.

4. AIM DIV.

In order that Combat Tps may not be surried in unnecessary detail in the rear and to enable AM-III to be self supporting with the minimum of assistance, it has been decided that the AM-III Aim Div shall take full responsibility as far as possible for all AM-III Tps (Combat and Service Tps).

5. RATIONS.

(a) The standard ration scale for the Italian Army (all categories) is:-

Allowed provided items.

Flour 15 oz.
 Dried vegetables 2 oz.
 Meat, canned, or fish preserved 3 oz.
 Cheese 1 oz.
 Sugar 1 oz.
 Macaroni 3 oz.
 Rice 1 oz.
 Vegetables, dehydrated 1 oz.
 Canned, or tomato paste 1 oz.
 Coffee 1 oz.
 Pepper 1/200 oz.

Italian provided items.

Fruit, Fresh 4 oz.
 Vegetables, Fresh 4 oz.
 Olive Oil 1 oz.
 Nuts, Shelled, or 1 oz.
 Nuts, unshelled 2 oz.
 Salt 1 oz.
 Wine, litre 1 box
 Matches, per 7 rations or 2 boxes

The special allotment of units for use in barracks set out in MIA letters HQ/2-50 of 15 Mar 45 and HQ/2-5 of 10 Feb 45 remains unchanged. The provision of this extra unit is on Italian provided item.

(b) Infantry, provision and issue of the Allied portion to BR-THS.

(1) In Fifth Army, eight Army and One District.

Infantry, provision and issue is through normal ST channels to Unit.

(11) In remainder of ITALY - SICILY - SARDINIA.

MIA. Infantry on ST for issue into Italian Main Depots. Issues from Italian Main Depots to Units is through Italian channels.

(c) Infantry, provision and issue of the Italian provided portion to BR-THS.

(1) In Fifth Army, eight Army and One District.

ST Infantry on MIA who will instruct the Italian Government to make available to ST Base Depots (normally 10 MIA). Delivery from ST Base Depots to unit is through ST channels.

When considered desirable by AF, local purchase is made under ST arrangements and necessary vouchers sent to AF for a cash claim to be made against the Italian Government.

(11) In remainder of ITALY - SICILY - SARDINIA.

The provision and issue is in Italian responsibility through Italian channels.

6. ORGANIZATION.

(1) (1) STAFF ISSUE: Scale is 5 cigarettes per man per day for all types of all categories.

(11) ADDITIONAL STAFF ISSUE: An additional five issue has now been authorized for certain units on a scale of 5 per man per day. At the time this new scale was announced the Italian Government had not taken any provision action and did not have stock available. It is estimated that supplies will have been distributed to meet this new commitment by 7 Mar 45. Any issue made prior to that date will correspondingly prejudice the March issues. This issue is authorized for

(1) All the AF of Fifth and eight Army Rear boundaries.

6. STUDYING THE PAST

(c) **Gasline Company** (Group 1) (Group 1) (Group 1)

(234) WALTON'S CIGARETTES.

(a) The Italian Government supply certain quantities of cigarettes for issue by the Italian Authorities upon request. The scale of provision is 5 per day per man and per ex-serviceman. These cigarettes are normally of the "Gigari" brand. The responsibility of obtaining payment from the tax is that of the Italian military authorities.

(b) Indent, provision and issue of JUNE ISSUE cigarettes to
BR-1113.

(4) In Fifth Army, Ninth Army and One District.

ST Indents on JUNE for the required quantity. JUNE
will instruct the Italian Government to hand over to
ST as 11 CRAC of such other plans as may be agreed.
Delivery from ST Depots to JUNE is through ST
channels.

(11) In remainder of Italy - JUNE - JUNE - JUNE the provision
and issue is in Italian responsibility through ITALIAN
channels.

(c) Indent, provision and issue of JUNE ISSUE cigarettes to BR-1113.

(1) In Fifth Army, Ninth Army and One District the JUNE Div
(257 Div, 226 Div and 259 Div) will demand on War
Ministry the requisite quantity for the JUNE type in
the JUNE type and any other type for which the Div has JUNE
responsibility. JUNE is will inform the JUNE of the
quantities demanded. JUNE will instruct the Italian
Government to hand the quantity to ST Base Depots or
direct to JUNE Div or to a local factory. ST will
deliver JUNE to JUNE Divs such quantities as have been
handed to ST Depots. The responsibility of distribution
and collection of JUNE is that of the JUNE Div.
JUNE is responsible for conveying the JUNE of any
quantities handed direct to JUNE Divs in order that ST
Depots may consign their supply accordingly.

(11) In remainder of Italy - JUNE - JUNE the provision,
issue and sale is in ITALIAN responsibility through
Italian channels.

7. SOAP.

(a) Scale upon which the Italian Government bears provision action
is:-

(1) 300 grammes per man per month for all the JUNE of Fifth
and Ninth Army Rear Boundaries.

(11) 250 grammes per man per month for all the JUNE behind Fifth
and Ninth Army Rear Boundaries.

(111) 200 grammes per mule or horse per month.

200g

This scale varies with the fat acid content of the soap, the
above scale is based on the present content of 62%.

(b) Indent, provision and issue to BR-1113.

9. COGNAC.

- (a) A quantity of cognac is being provided by the Italian Government. The total requirement has to be found by local requisition and considerable difficulty is anticipated. The official ratio up to which issues can be made is:-
- (2) 3 entitlements for 15 days each month (normally on alternate days) for Combat Groups actually engaged in the line.

- (15) 3 entitlements twice per week to

All the forward of Fifth and Eight Army Rear Formations not receiving (i) above.

CASINO Combat Gp and Centre

MESECCA Combat Gp

When sold in advance for special strenuous work is undertaken and issue is authorized by Italian Unit Commander.

- (b) Issue ceases on 15 April 45.

- (c) Incident, provision and issue to BR-III.

As 7 (b) (i) and (11) above.

9. STORES AND EQUIPMENT ORIGIN.

- (a) BRITISH EQUIPMENT ISSUES.

- (i) Stores and equipment which are to be supplied to Combat Groups from BR sources are supplied through BR Ord channels. The RII of each Combat Gp has a D.I.D.O.C. in the U.S.

- (ii) For BR-III Service Units, where entitlement and necessity exists for BR supplied items, issue is made through the BR Unit information under whose command the BR-III Unit has been placed.

- (b) ITALIAN PROVIDED ITEMS.

All requirements for BR-III Units (Combat and Service) will be decided from the appropriate Arm Dir. It is the responsibility of the appropriate Arm Dir to hold such stocks and obtain required items as will enable them adequately to support the troops under their arm command.

10. ENGINEER STORES.

Same procedure as para 9 above.

On the morning of 7 July and 8 July Army Air
 Force units were ordered to move.

1. The 1st Air Force was ordered to move.

2. The 2nd Air Force was ordered to move.

When the 1st Air Force was ordered to move, it
 was ordered to move to the 1st Air Force
 Command.

(1) The 1st Air Force was ordered to move.

(2) The 2nd Air Force was ordered to move.

3. The 3rd Air Force was ordered to move.

4. The 4th Air Force was ordered to move.

(a) The 1st Air Force was ordered to move.

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10. The 1st Air Force was ordered to move.

Same procedure as para 9 above.

11. The 2nd Air Force was ordered to move.

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 The 2nd Air Force was ordered to move.
 The 3rd Air Force was ordered to move.

12. Nothing in this instruction allows the present arrangements by
 which units of one category are located in territory administered
 by another category (e.g., 1st Air Force in a 2nd Air Force area) is maintained
 under the local arrangements when operationally necessary, the resultant
 arrangements being adjusted by 10th Air Force with national responsibility.

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SUBJECT: Supply of meat to Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A4/2-56
21 February 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Minister for War

Reference is made to your letter Ref. No. 3948/8/1
dated 17 February 1945.

1. We regret to inform you that no fresh meat can be
issued to troops of the Combat Groups.

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

FRC/r1

Subject: Issue of Salt to Bakeries

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
AG/C - 65

20 February 1948

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. This is your authority to issue 10 grams of salt per ration to bakeries baking bread for the Italian Military.

2. This 10 grams of salt will be issued on the basis of the number of daily bread rations furnished by the bakery. In no way does this increase the ration scale for the Italian troops. The issue of salt on the ration scale will continue to be issued on the basis of 10 grams per man per day.

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THOMAS T. ROSE, Lt. Col.

for Major General,

M. M. I. A.

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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 3948/S/1

TO : MMIA

Date 17 Feb. 45

Subject: Supplies of meat to Combat Groups.

Complaint about the continual issue of tinned meat have been received from the Combat Groups, this renders monotonous the preparation of meals and on the other hand does not permit to give broth to the soldiers, which contribute largely to the potentiality of the meal and give energy particularly needed by fatigued and exposed troops.

We therefore request that, similarly to what has been adopted by the Canadian Army Corp, the troops of the combat groups receive and issue of fresh meat or even frozen meat at least twice a week.

We refer to MMIA with request to kindly examine the suggestion and kindly inform this Ministry of their decision.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

Answered 21 Feb 45

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URGENTURGENTALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/2554/1/O(Maint).31 Dec 44SUBJECT:- Maintenance - Italian
Armed Forces.TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓
S.T.
Med.
F.A.

1. Certain difficulties have been encountered in making a practical application of the under-mentioned instructions :-

This H.Q. letter AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 Sep 44
-do- AG 400/031 GDS-O dtd 6 Oct 44
M.M.I.A. Adm. Instr. No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44

These difficulties have been summarised in the attached Appendix.

2. A meeting will, therefore, be held at this Headquarters Room 23, Sixth Floor, CASERTA PALACE, at 1430 hrs 4 Jan 45 in order that decisions on the various points raised may be given.

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

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Av Six.

Reference	Information	Questions
1. MIA Adm Instr No. 12 Para 9 (a)	Certain Italian units in fwd areas are split into sub/units and dets working with dets of British Units. Co-operators are also included in this category and the three types may be working together and using a common cookhouse e.g. in a bridging unit working with fwd bns and in fwd tps of Pk Coy.	(i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided (ii) If not, are three different scales to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men all told. (iii) Are the Br personnel to get reduced rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided.
2. -do-	British tps working under similar conditions may be issued with Compo. No cooking facilities may exist for fresh vegetables, pulses, rice, and macaroni and British would, therefore, be receiving hard equivalents. No hard equivalents exist for BRI-ITIS and MIA will repudiate vouchers submitted which include these items.	(i) Will authority be given for issue of operational packs to BRI-ITIS pari passu with British tps? (ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BRI-ITIS. (iii) Will authority be given for issue of :- (a) Operational cookers. (b) Rum or beverage rations. (c) High altitude rations. (d) Vitamin tabs etc. (iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by MIA?
3. MIA Adm Instr No. 12 Appx "B" (a)	In many cases Italian Offrs are not with their sub/units and only visit them periodically.	(i) Will MIA accept the signatures of Italian NCOs or British Offrs or NCOs i/c dets?
4. -do- (b)	Information as in 3	(i) An extra copy of ST/8 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its use in MIA is that vis

e.g. in a bridging unit working with fwd bns and in fwd tps of Pack Tpt Coys.

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4. -do- (b)

(i) An extra copy of ST/8 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to MIA, is that risk accepted?

(ii) Will last ration certificate for Italian units be employed?

Reference	Information	Questions
5. MMIA Adm Instr No. 12 Appx "B" (e)	Bulk purchases of local produce takes place in the operational zone. The unit making the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit of fm. At the issuing depot, for example, locally purchased fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian units and fmns have no local purchase organisation of their own.	No specific query exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted. (i) Are MMIA prepared for this? (ii) S&T of fmns have given priority to purchase of fresh items for BR-ITIS, but is this to continue or can MMIA assist?
6. MMIA Adm Instr No. 12, para. 11. Appendix "D" Appendix "J"	No specific direction exists as to from whom Medical Supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Indents are to state authority for issue.	(i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies? (ii) Who is to authorize? (iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorised, e.g., (a) Jellies and Brandy (b) Foot soap & powder (c) Water filter powder (d) Latrine paper (e) Water sterilizing outfits. (f) Candles.
7.	No instructions are given concerning fuel for Italian forces.	What action is to be taken for issues of fuel?

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URGENT

2 January 1945

MEMORANDUM for: AQ
ST
MED

1. Some officer will have to be designated to go to this meeting. I suggest Col Percival, as this is a British Staff meeting entirely.
2. In order to standardize on answers which may be given at the meeting, I make the following notations. The letter of 22 September is referred to as reference (1) and the letter of 6 October is referred to as reference (2) for convenience:
3. With reference to (1)
 - a. Reference Par 1. This is purely a matter of British administration. I would like to see the British reply.
 - b. Reference Par 2. This is also a matter of British administration, and if AFHQ approves the issue of hard equivalents to BR-ITI, MMIA will not repudiate the vouchers.
 - c. Reference to Par 3. We will, do, and have always accepted the signature of an Italian non-commissioned officer.
 - d. Reference to Par 4 (i). Under our bookkeeping system, there is no chance for two vouchers to be entered covering issues for the same day.
 - e. Reference to Par 4 (ii). The use of the last ration certificate for Italian units is not suitable. It can serve no good purpose, and will only complicate matters.
 - f. Reference to Par 5. Italian units do have a local-purchase organization of their own. If Allied-purchased fruit is issued to an Italian unit, it makes no difference whether the purchase was local or the fruit was consigned from the base. No local-purchase items will be sent to an Allied depot unless it requests them, and when it has been furnished the local-purchase items, no charge for additional items will be allowed. MMIA is prepared to handle the local-purchase items in exactly the way the letter referred to provides. It is our understanding that the purchase of fresh items by ST for BR-ITI's has priority. If ST does not want to do this in the operational zone, requisition can be placed on us, and we will furnish to the best of our ability.

g. Reference to Par 6. See Par 13 of Reference (2). This answers the question as to sources of Italian military hospital supplies.

4. With reference to (2). This is a matter of demand by Italian hospital authorities.

a. Reference to Par 6. I would say that jellies and brandy, if issued, would specifically have to be authorized. The balance of the items will be handled the same as latrine paper. That is, when a normal issue is made from national depots to units, a normal charge is made against the Italian Government if the issue is reported to us.

b. Reference to Par 7. It is not clearly understood what is meant by the term fuel. If this means petroleum products, the question is covered in Annex D to reference (1). If it means fuel for cooking, either wood or petroleum, it will be considered an operational necessity if such items must be secured from the Allied Governments and a shipping ticket should be prepared and a charge made against the Italian Government in the normal way through MMIA. There is no shortage of fuel for cooking and heat in the rear areas, and it is supplied through normal Italian channels. So as a general matter, the supply of wood and petroleum for cooking and heating should be done only in the Army Areas and then only if the Italians cannot arrange for local-purchase on their own account.

5. It is desired that all sections mentioned consider the remarks I have made so that whoever is sent to Caserta will have the MMIA view. I will discuss these matters with anyone interested. Desire that all interested sections advise me by 1500 hours, 3 January regarding the matter under discussion, so that our representative can be thoroughly briefed tomorrow before he goes to Caserta on Thursday.

(1)

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Ref. 3514/S/1

Date: 16 Feb. 45

FROM: Ministry of war
TO : MMIA

SUBJECT: Scale of ration for Dried Fruits shelled.

Instructions for the carrying out the rulings contained in letter ST/5 dated 10/1/45 were issued to depending units on 3 Feb., because, as it may be noted, a proposal was made to you for considering the ration of dried fruit shelled to be brought up to 28gr.

This proposal was refused in letter AQ/2-38 dated 26-1-45 which was received in this office on 29/1/45.

Sgd. PELLICRA

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LAND POLICES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O K E
40/2-53
18 February 1945

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ATHA	Letter	AG/2-12	dated	17	Nov.	1944.
ATHQ	Cable	EX-17132	dated	20	Jan.	1945.
ATHA	Cable	AG-2767	dated	31	Jan.	1945.

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SECRET

APPENDIX "F" to MIA 4th
Instruction No. 12
of 12 Oct 44.
(Effective 20 Feb. 45)

RATION - SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. This cancels Appendix "F" to ADM. Instruction No. 12 of 12 Oct. 44. Authority cable from AFHQ PX-28379 dated 14 Feb. 45.

2. The following items of the Single Scale Italian ration will be furnished from Allied Sources:

FLOUR	15 oz.
Grain, vegetables,	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Spices	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Wine	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Butter, or tomato paste	1 oz.
Coffee	1 oz.
Pepper	1/200 oz.

3. The following items, to complete the ration, will be procured by the Italian Government from Italian resources for M-IIR, US-TIS and M-T-TIS.

Fruit, fresh	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	3 oz.
olive oil	1 1/2 oz.
Nuts, shelled, or	1 oz.
beans, unshelled	1 oz.
Salt	1 oz.
Wine, litre	1/2
Meat, per 7 rations	1/2
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16 Feb 45
 Ref : FX 28379

SECRET

From: SACMED — *ADHQ*

Cite : FHSUP

Action:

15 Army Gr.; 5th Army; 8th Army; PBS; GOC Dist 3; MMIA; CG Rome Area; Adriatic Depot; etc-

SECRET. EFFECTIVE 20 FEBRUARY, RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY FORCES AS OUTLINED IN LETTER THIS HEADQUARTERS, SUBJECT: SUPPLY PROCEDURE AND ACCOUNTING FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED BY ALLIED DEPOTS TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR), FILE AG/400/031 GDS-0, DATED 6 OCTOBER 1944, IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: INCREASE FLOUR FROM 12 ounces to 15 ounces; INCREASE OLIVE OIL FROM 1 ounce to 1½ ounces; INCREASE NUTS FROM ½ ounce WITHOUT SHELLS TO 1 ounce WITHOUT SHELLS [FX28379 FOR ACTION TO 15 ARMY GROUP: 5 ARMY; 8 ARMY: PBS: GOC DIST 3; MMIA: CG ROME AREA: ADRIATIC DEPOT: NORBS: AAFSC/MTO: AAF/MTO: MAAP REAR: DIST 1: DIST 2 CITE FHSUP SIGNED SACMED] EFFECTIVE 20 FEBRUARY, INCREASES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AS CONTAINED IN OUR ~~AD~~ F-52252 DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1944 AND EXTENDED TO 1 MARCH 1945 IN OUR ~~AD~~ FX-17132 DATED 29 JANUARY, ARE CANCELLED

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FROM: War Ministry

Ref. 3304/S/1

TO: MMIA

13 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT: Celebration of Partisans and Soldiers Day.

The 18th. inst. will be celebrated in Rome with particular solemnity as Soldiers and Partisans Day.

For this occasion it is the intention of this Ministry to issue to the garrison troops a special meal of the type prepared on Christmas Day.

For its preparation, however, the following supplement to the normal daily ration will be required:

Flour	120 gms.
Tinned Cheese	14 "
Macaroni	84 "
Coffee	10 "
Sugar	35 "
Jam	30 "
Olive Oil or Butter	5 "

In view of the particular ends for which the celebrations are held we beg of MMIA to be so kind as to consider the possibility of authorizing in an exceptional way the issue of this supplement which will be limited to the Rome Garrison troops only, a strength of about 25,000 men in all. 2039

Sgd. PELLIGRA

Answer is NO!

Called Col. Fissicaro - 16 Feb. 1945

SECRET
Subject: Provision of Cigarettes - Soap -
Cognac for ITALIAN ARMY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

AC/2 -

14 Feb 45

1. The following arrangements have been made in conjunction with the ITALIAN Government and have been notified to the ITALIAN Military Comds

under reference 3630/5... 13 FEB 45

2. CIGARETTES.

- (a) FREE RATION of five per day is applicable to all tps.
(b) ADDITIONAL FREE RATION of FIVE per day to the following :-

ALL COMBAT GROUPS AND MANTOVA GROUP.

CEBSMC COMBAT GROUP RETS CENTRE

ALL TPS FWD OF FIVE AND EIGHT ARMY REAR BOUNDARY.

(c) CIGARETTES FOR PURCHASE.

Certain quantities of MILIT cigarettes are made available for purchase on a scale of 5 per man for fwd tps. Supplies will be handed over to 14 CRASO to be consigned to 228 Div and 231 Div for BR-ITIS in fwd areas and to PES for US-ITIS in the same way as the fwd issue cigarettes. The responsibility for arrangements for sale is that of the ITALIAN Military.

3. SOAP.

- (a) Soap is as far as possible supplied by the ITALIAN Government to the following scale while the soap has a fat acid content of 62%:

300 grammes per man per month for the tps fwd of Armies
Rear Boundaries.

250 grammes per man per month for tps behind Five and Eight
Army Rear Boundary.

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250 grammes per man per month for tps behind Five and Eight
Army Rear Boundary.

200 grammes per month for mule or horse in all areas.

(b) Soap for tps fwd of Five and Eight Rear Army Boundaries will be

handed over to 14 CRASC to be consigned to 228 Div or 231 Div for

all ER-ITIS in Army Areas and to PES for US-ITIS.

(c) HOSPITAL SOAP.

In addition to issues as (a) and (b) above the following

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is authorized :-

General Hospitals	300 grammes per month per bed occupied.
Evacuation Hospitals	60 Kilos per month per hospital.
Medical Sections	4 Kilos per month per Section.
Fd Surgical Units	2 Kilos per month per Unit.
Unit Medical Officers	600 grammes per month per medical officer.

4. COGNAC.

Cognac is now provided by the ITALIAN Government and will be

distributed on the following scale :-

(a) 3 centilitres for 15 days of the month (normally on alternate days) for Combat Gps actually engaged in the line.

(b) 3 Centilitres twice per week to -

(i) all other tps fwd of Five and Eight Army Rear Boundary.

(ii) DESANO Combat Gps Rpts Centre

(iii) MANTOVA Combat Gp.

When the cold is intense or special strenuous work is undertaken.

The actual tps within the above categories to receive the

Cognac is decided by the Unit Comd.

(c) Cognac will be handed to Base Installations for consignment to tps fwd of Five and Eight Army Rear Boundaries. DESANO and

MANTOVA will draw direct from base under separate arrangements.

(d) Issues of Cognac will cease on April 15th 1945.

5. PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS.

All previous JMTA or ITALIAN Government instructions, which conflict

Evacuation Hospitals 50 Kilos per month per hospital.
 Medical Sections 4 Kilos per month per Section.
 Fd Surgical Units 2 Kilos per month per Unit.
 Unit Medical Officers 500 grammes per month per medical officer.

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5. PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS.

ALL previous MELA or ITALIA Government instructions, which conflict with this instruction, are cancelled.

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P.J. NOYES Col.
 for Major General.
 M.M.I.A.

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Copy Minutes of War (General Prisoners)

Subject: Treatment of Military Personnel 368

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/2-52
February 1945

To : Minister for War

Reference your 00593/B.S. di prot.
Ufficio Benessere Del Soldato of 9 Feb 1945

1. From the remarks made in your communication referred to, this Headquarters is of the opinion that it has been exploited (to use an ugly but fitting expression) by the appointment of a Welfare Officer for the Italian Army who has so little knowledge of the situation and is so ignorant of what has transpired in connection with the hospitalization of personnel, that he wastes his time and the time of this headquarters in pursuing a subject which has been pursued on the highest levels by the Italian Government, and on which a decision has already been rendered by the Allies.
2. The case of men who are discharged from Army hospitals and who require further hospitalization must be a civil responsibility, and the Italian Government has been repeatedly advised that this is the case.
3. Further communications on this subject are not desired.

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

Subject: Maintenance BR-IPIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) P O M B
AQ/2-50

12 Feb 1945

To: HQIA HQ Five Army (Br Increment)
Eight Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 3 District HQ 2 District
Naples
Bari
Taranto
San Maria
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Herewith for information and action two copies of ASHQ/2554/1/2(Maint)
of 10 January 45.

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F. J. NOAN, Colonel,
D.A. & J.A.C.
M. H. I. A.

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C O P YALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/2554/1/2(Maint).10 Jan 45.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance - Italian
Armed Forces (British
Responsibility only).

TO :-- Headquarters, 5th Army (Br Inch).
Headquarters, 8th Army.
Headquarters, 1 District.
Headquarters, 2 District.
Headquarters, 3 District.
Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Certain difficulties have been encountered in making a practical application of the under-mentioned instructions :-

This Headquarters letter AG 100/105 D-O dtd 22 Sep 44.
" " " " AG 100/031 DS-O dtd 6 Oct 44.
M.M.I.A. Adm. Instr. No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44.

2. These difficulties have been summarized in the attached Appendix and the rulings of this Headquarters are forwarded herewith for action by all concerned.

3. These decisions refer only to Italian Armed Forces personnel who are a British responsibility.

(Signed) W. D. E. SHEDDEN, Lt. Col.,
For Lieutenant-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Headquarters, 15 Army Group.
M.M.I.A.
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Appendix to AFM 2952/1/3 (Revised) dated 10 Jan 55.

Information	Questions	AFM Finding
main Italian units in Red areas split in comb/units and deta- ching with data of Italian units. operators are also included in category and the three types are working together and with a for cookhouse, e.g., in a building working with Swedes and in the of Back Lot Gays.	(i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided. (ii) If not, are there different meals to be used for a det consisting of, say, 50 men all told. (iii) Are the US personnel to get reduced rations where use of common cooking cannot be avoided.	(i) Yes. (ii) Yes. Separate GI/S must be rendered in respect of Italian Army personnel concerned. (iii) No.
also the cooking under similar conditions as in (i) above. No cooking facilities are for fresh vegetables, pulses, and chocolate and British id, therefore, be receiving equivalents. No hard equip- to exist for BR-ITN and BR-ITN will also vouchers submitted which also these items.	(i) Will authority be given for issue of vouchers for to BR-ITN personnel with British troops? (ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BR-ITN. (iii) Will authority be given for issue of :- (a) Operational rations (b) Rum or beverage rations. (c) High altitude rations (d) Vitamin tabs, etc. (iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not expended by BR-ITN?	(i) Operational rations may be issued to BR-ITN in ex- ceptional circumstances on the authority of Army or Independent Corps Centre. (ii) As above. (iii) (a) As per (i) above. (b) No. Alternative to rum in the form of brandy being made available from Italian Army sources. (c) No. (d) No. (iv) AFM will accept vouchers in respect of issues made under (i) and (ii) and (iii) (a) above.

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Reference	Information	Questions	Answers
3. MHA Adm Instr No. 12 Appx "B" (a)	In many cases Italian Officers are not with their sub/units and only visit them periodically.	(i) Will MHA accept the signatures of Italian WGs or British Officers or HQs i/c data?	(i) Yes.
4. -do- (b)	Information as in 3.	(ii) An extra copy of 31/4 will have to be brought into use as a leading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to Italy, is that risk accepted? (iii) Will last nation certificate for Italian units be employed?	(ii) No. extra copy must be brought in separately. (iii) No.
5. MHA Adm Instr No. 12 Appx "B" (c)	Local purchases of local produce take place in the operational zone. The unit asking the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or Dn. At the issuing depot, for example, locally purchased fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian units and Dns have no local purchase organisation of their own.	No specific policy exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in times of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted. (i) Are MHA prepared for this? (ii) Sd of Items have given priority to purchase of fresh items for M-IFIS, but is this to continue or can MHA assist?	(i) Yes. (ii) Priority from the unit must continue to be maintained with end or base.

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Information	Questions	AFHQ Ruling.
many cases Italian Officers are not in their sub/units and only visit periodically.	(i) Will HQ accept the signatures of Italian SOCs or British Officer or SOCs i/s data ?	(i) Yes.
information as in 3.	(ii) An extra copy of ST/6 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after arrival, as this will also find its way to HQ, is that risk acceptable ?	(i) No. Extra copy of loading list to be prepared separately.
	(iii) Will Post ration certificate for Italian units be employed ?	(ii) No.
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	(i) Are HQ prepared for this ?	(i) Yes.
	(ii) ST of them have given priority to purchase of fresh items for HQ-HIS, but in view to continue or can HQ admit ?	(ii) Priority of purchase of fresh items by ST of them must continue, if unobtainable locally, HQ will endeavour to supply ex base.

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Reference	Information	Questions	AFH
6. USA 4th Instr No. 12, para 11. Appendix "D" Appendix "J"	No specific direction exists as to from whom Medical supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Requests are to state authority for issue.	(i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies? (ii) Who is to authorize? (iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g. (a) Tealies and Brandy (b) Foot soap & Powder. (c) Water sterilizing outfit. (d) Latrine paper. (e) Water sterilizing outfits. (f) Candles.	(i)(a) Med Pl Ita the was repl in E (ii) Ital (iii) (a) J Issue from (b) W (c) W are (d) M from (e) W any (f) Ca
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(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g.

(a) Jellies and Brandy

(b) Foot soap & Powder.

(c) Water filter system.

(d) Latrine paper.

(e) Water sterilizing tablets.

(f) Candles.

(i)(a) Medical Stores.

From Italian Depots.

(b) Hospital Diet Items. From Italian Depots, but in some areas these may be obtained in an emergency from Dr D.I.Ds. and replacement effected in bulk in some areas.

(ii) Italian Medical authorities.

(iii)

(a) Jellies are not authorized for issue. Brandy will be supplied from Italian Army sources.

(b) Will not be provided.

(c) Will be provided from Italian Army sources.

(d) AFHQ will endeavour to obtain from Italian Army sources.

(e) Will be provided from Italian Army sources.

(f) Candles will not be provided.

o Instructions are given concerning fuel for Italian Forces.

What action is to be taken for issues of fuel?

Forward of Army rear boundaries fuel will be issued at scales laid down for British troops. SP/8 will be used.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 00593

TO : MMIA

Date. Feb. 9, 1945

SUBJECT: Memorandum concerning the treatment of military personnel hospitalized a long time ago.

Even though soldier welfare activities must center around combat troops, they cannot, out of a reuse of gratitude, disregard those who gave their youth for their country and in return are now seriously and permanently disabled.

I am referring to the disabled, the wounded, those who are sick because of hardships and discomforts, who, under an order of the Allied authorities cease to be regarded as part of the Armed Forces after a 60 day stay at military hospitals and must be considered as civilians even if still in need of quarters and care, and who lose the right (even if they can be kept in military hospitals or sanitariums) to their military food ration. Consequently they are given civilian rations, which, for young persons and for those suffering from illnesses (wounds, loss of limb, etc.) which, as a rule, do not entail a decreased need for a substantial and abundant diet, are absolutely insufficient despite all the measures which hospital authorities are trying to adopt in favor of their patients.

As a consequence soldiers who are hospitalized, wounded, etc. really suffer because of this state of affairs, and their physical suffering reacts on their morale, thus engendering the conviction that the country (in addition to military authorities) does not care for them and regards them as useless.

And their mental state - through family and friends - is transmitted to the rest of the country to the detriment of the war effort.

This, therefore, is a question which really affects public morale and the country's spirit of resistance and which, accordingly, deserves to be carefully considered by Allied authorities. One cannot expect the young to fight with all possible devotion to the cause if they are allowed to form the conviction that after they have been exploited (to use an ugly but fitting expression) they will then be discarded as useless trash.

We believe that the disabled, the wounded and the sick should - during the entire period when they are in need of care and assistance (according to Italian law they retain their status as soldiers) - receive in all respects the same treatment to which soldiers are entitled.

I know that this question was brought up repeatedly and discussed at length, and that some concessions were already made, but, mindful of the soldiers' welfare, I have felt the need to bring it up again, with the request that it receive the comprehensive and complete solution which I have outlined above.

Sgd. G.C. TAMASSIA

1. 4. 1945

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Ref: 8252/58/COS.

12. February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your 25070/16380/19.10 of 31 January 1945.

Prior to 1 December 1944, soldiers were permitted to remain in Army hospitals up to thirty days. Since that date, the time has been extended to sixty days. Provisions are made, and well known in the Italian Army, that it is possible for soldiers to remain in hospital over sixty days in cases where transfer to a civilian hospital would not be medically advisable.

The Italian Army has a fixed ceiling, and the personnel within that ceiling must be effective. Therefore, it is not possible to carry in the strength of the Army men who are absent for any reason for indefinite periods, as this would result in a large part of the authorized ceiling not being available for duty.

The case of men who are discharged from Army hospitals and who require further hospitalization must be a civil responsibility, and I suggest that active interest be taken by your Government to meet this responsibility, to which the attention of the War Ministry was called last August.

Yours sincerely,

15/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. S. Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to Land Forces S.C.

(Ref A.G. 2. dated 5 Feb. 45)

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Ref. 536/SP/1

359 ? Feb. 1945.

FROM: SMRE
TO: MMIA
SUBJECT: SMRE Mess.

With ref. to letter AQ/2-45 dated 5-2-45 of MMIA, we inform you that civil personnel working at TERMINUS pension ("A" Mess of SMRE) have had up to date (excluding bread, sugar and coffee) their meals on the total of the officers' rations, who with a small & irrelevant individual sacrifice have given to a few individuals the possibility of living. These people could not have provided for themselves otherwise because they had handed their kitchen over to the officers.

Therefore no surplus ration has been withdrawn for a/m personnel. In the future no food supplies from Allied sources will be issued to a/m civilians.

Gen. SANTI

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR
TO : MEMIA

Date Feb. 8, 1945

Ref. 103721/1
122-4-8

SUBJECT: NCO's mess at Ministry of War - Artillery Barracks.

Your ref. AQ/2-46 of 2/5/1945

1. Instructions were issued for an investigation of offenses committed in the NCO's mess at the Ministry of War
2. Orders were issued recently to insure proper functioning of the messes for Ministry personnel (Incl. No. 1)
3. Rigorous instructions were issued in order that messes be restricted to personnel duly authorized to draw rations in kind. (Inclosure No. 2)

Signed: Chief of Cabinet

COPY OF TRANSLATION

"Appx. 1"

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 103620
122.4.8

Date: Feb. 6, 1945

To: Territorial Military Command, Rome
Inspector of Army Horses and Veterinary Service
Director of Ministry's Messes (Lt. Col. Poidomani)

Copy to: Division Heads and Autonomous Offices of the Ministry.

Subject: Operation of the Ministry's messes.

Our experience in operating the Ministry's messes during the past several months and the large number of people they have come to accommodate have shown the need for their reorganization

It would be useless to describe the reasons which make it necessary to cut down the said messes and reserve them only for the officers of this Ministry, and to accommodate elsewhere the numerous transient officers entitled to rations in kind as well as the officers on duty with other military authorities in Rome.

Accordingly, the following order will go into effect on and after Feb. 16, 1945:

- a. Only the following will mess at "A" Mess (Palazzo Barberini)

Officers on duty in the Cabinet.
Officers of the Ministry who do not belong to the Cabinet and who have staggered office hours on a regular basis are, or will be, duly authorized in each instance by the Cabinet, depending upon the possibility of the mess to accommodate them.

For the time being authorizations already issued continue to be valid but it is intended to screen them.

"A" Mess will be placed in charge of Lt. Col. Poidomani (assisted by a manager)

- b. "B" Mess will accommodate all officers of the "Direzioni Generali" (Offices of Division Heads) and Autonomous Offices of the Ministry, excluding the persons authorized to mess at "A" mess.

The above mess will be under the management of General E. Del Panta, Veterinary and Inspector of Army Horses, in all matters pertaining to its operation.

Lt. Col. Poidomani therefore is relieved of all responsibility in connection with "B" Mess.

- c. All transient officers entitled to food rations in kind and all officers of military authorities in Rome will be accommodated at the mess of the Territorial Military Command in Rome, as soon as the same is ready to operate.

It is requested that proper action be taken in the matter.

Sgd. Chief of Cabinet

Copy of Translation

"Appx. 2"

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. 103539
122-4-8

TO: Gen. Directorates MOW. HQ.

6 Feb. 45

SUBJECT: Mess of Ministry of War.

An Allied officer on inspecting the NCO's Mess found out that civilian personnel who have no right to rations have meals at a/m. mess.

Therefore we remind you that it is severely forbidden to civil or military personnel who have no right to rations to eat at Ministry Messes.

Officers i/c of Mess are responsible for the carrying out of this order and will insure that no breach will follow these instructions.

Inspections will be made to check if a/m instructions will be complied with.

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A L L I E D F O R C E H E A D Q U A R T E R S
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Suspense: _____

Date: 2 February 1945

File: _____

Subject: Change #4 to SAE Instructions Headquarters 5th Army

No.	From	To	Date
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2.	G-4	MMIA	2/2
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1. Under theater policy set forth in AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O, 22 Sept 44 the Italian War ministry is responsible for distribution and issue of supplies to all WTE-ITI units. Request information as to whether or not Italian War Ministry is capable of assuming complete supply responsibility for all ITI ITI units working with or for 5th Army.

2. Section L-1210 of 5th Army SAE here-with indicates that it is necessary for 5th Army to supply certain ITI ITI units.

3. In the event that Italian War Ministry cannot adequately supply ITI ITI units which are required to operate in 5th Army area, it would appear that exception must be made to present policy referred to in paragraph 1.

4. Comment and recommendations are requested.

For the AC/S, G-4

D.I. DODENHOFF
Colonel, G. C. S.
Chief Military Supply Br.

MMIA G-4 7/2

1. Paragraph 2 a. (2), of Section L-1219, subject SAE, should read as follows:

"All ITI-ITI units operating with or under U.S. command and in the Army Area, except for the supply of individual clothing and equipment, medical supplies, and organizational equipment, which must be obtained from MMIA sources."

2. Evacuation will be through US-ITI Field Hospitals to ITI-ITI fixed installations.

3. Issue of Quartermaster Class I supplies by QM Fifth Army to ITI-ITI units is authorized, as an adjustment is made at this headquarters from the Ration Issue Notes received. The only change therefore, to the paragraph mentioned above, of the Fifth Army Instructions, is to include the item of medical supplies to the list of supplies which will be obtained through MMIA sources.

TTR/ti

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Ministry of War NCO's Mess,
Artillery Barracks

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MFA)
Rome
AG/2-46

5 February 1945

To : Minister for War

1. An inspection of this mess was made on 1 February 1945 by an officer of this Headquarters, and developed:

- a. Twenty civilian employees of the War Ministry are eating regularly in the mess,
- b. Major Valentini states that he received a letter from the Ministry directing that these civilians be fed,
- c. No rations are drawn for these civilians, the result being that the soldier's ration is simply reduced to feed these people.

2. Our AG/2 of 23 June 1944 specified that civilians with equivalent officer status, and mess attendants at general messes, could be issued Army rations under certain conditions. The civilians being fed in this mess are neither of officer status nor mess attendants, and are not entitled to draw rations. To permit these civilians to eat in this mess is a violation of instructions and amounts to stealing food from the soldiers.

3. This situation, in clear and direct violation of instructions from this Headquarters, can only occur as a result of an intention on the part of some Italian officer to violate instructions and a failure of supervision which permits such a violation to go uncorrected until detected by an officer from this Headquarters.

4. When such a condition exists in Rome, it is difficult to understand how you can expect any Italian officer to perform his duty without fear or favor, and, how you can expect the Italian people to believe that the new Italian Army is above graft and corruption. You can rest assured that the soldiers in this mess and other messes know the Allied instructions, and that no amount of protection and coercion will prevent violations being aired in the press and among the civilians and soldiers, resulting in a public demand for the removal of the corrupt, which

will come either as a result of an internal house cleaning and a moral rejuvenation of the Officer Corps, or by force from an enraged people.

5. A very pale view is taken of this situation, and it is therefore directed that you advise this Headquarters prior to 10 February 1945 what action is being taken to clear up this matter and prevent a recurrence. The alternative is for this Headquarters to stop the issue of any rations to this mess.

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

CPK/lak

February 1945

SUBJECT: Investigation of Ministerial Unit NEO's Mess.

TO : Colonel Kerr.

1. Investigation was made today of Ministerial Unit NEO's Mess located in the Artillery Barracks, Rome.
2. Lunch consisted of Macaroni and sauce, Meat & Vegetable Stew, Fish, Lettuce Salad, Bread, Oranges and Wine, and appeared very tasty. Surroundings were reasonably clean and the meal was served hot.
3. About twenty (20) civilians were eating there and upon questioning found that they worked in the offices of the War Ministry. Investigation revealed that these civilians are fed from Army stocks and actually eat a portion of the sergeants' rations because they are not included in the ration strength. Later, Major Valenti, the officer in charge, reported that he received a letter from the War Ministry authorizing the feeding of these civilians.
4. Random questioning revealed:
 - a. Could eat more, was satisfied, had no particular complaint.
 - b. Not enough, doesn't know if he gets all he is supposed to.
 - c. Two others: have enough, are satisfied.
 - d. Two kitchen workers had animosity towards the Mess Sergeant but never noticed anything irregular. Never noticed any food disappear.
5. Mess Sergeant had current ST/S's; said that he received everything shown on the ST/S's and that everything he received was issued. One like a meal is collected to supplement the ration and the sergeant's books for collections and disbursements seemed to be in order.
6. Upon leaving the grounds three sergeants stopped us and asked to talk about the mess. Their points were:
 - a. Disliked civilians eating their rations.
 - b. Didn't like the Mess Sergeant (a complaint not limited to the Italian Army).
 - c. Suggested a complaint book. Said that if they complained, they would be punished or transferred.
7. Conclusions:
 - a. Ltr. AG/2 dated 23 June 44 states that civilians are authorized to consume Italian Army rations if they are executives and have equivalent officer grades. These civilians cannot be so classified or they would not be eating at a sergeants' mess. They should be prevented from eating the soldiers' rations.
 - b. There was no evidence of any other irregularities.

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FRANK R. CLARK
Captain, GAC,
WMA

TRANSLATION

TO: MMIA

The proven noble sentiments of honesty which are to be seen in the light of the actions of the gentlemen who command the Allied Armies, encourage us to put forward, with full confidence, a serious complaint which it would be useless to put, for the 4th time, to the Italian superior authorities, to whom the complaint probably owes its fraudulent origins.

About twenty civilian employees are messing in the M.C.O.'s mess of the Ministerial Unit, who, not having the right to rations supplied by the Allied authorities, are exclusively dependent upon the rations of us troops. This state of affairs has existed since the ministry was located in Lecce, in opposition to the orders of the Allied authorities regarding rations.

Thus, perhaps to a small degree, our rations are reduced. But the matter is more serious in that the presence of the civilians in our military community provides a good excuse to a certain person to reduce our rations more appreciably, for his exclusive benefit.

This reduction has, for some time, assumed exaggerated proportions. The person responsible for the management of our mess is making a proper fortune and greed for money has rendered him insensible to any exhortation to honesty by those in mess, who are compelled to spend against their will on the purchase of food from black market sources. The rations of the mess are so poor that, in addition to not satisfying, they are unappetizing.

The carabinieri are fully protected by he who should be the good father of this family, straitening out any administrative irregularity and rendering assistance to those under him.

It is sad to have to say so but in this unit everything is run in the Fascist way theft and oppression. A summary investigation will undoubtedly give full confirmation of this.

We strongly request energetic intervention by the Allied authorities, with the sure conviction that it will not have negative results and will confirm the seriousness of the facts.

We beg that this anon mess letter is not brought to the notice of the Italian authorities who will take the opportunity of persecuting all the M.C.O.'s of the Ministerial Unit, since it is known that in this unit the miserable, dictatorial, Fascist system is in full swing.

ROME 24 January 1945

Subject: SMRE MessLand Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMLA)
Rome
AG/2-45

5 February 1945

To : Minister for War

1. An inspection of the SMRE mess in Rome by an officer of this Headquarters, reveals that certain foodstuffs are handed over from "B" mess to "A" mess for consumption by the civilian owners of the building in which "A" mess is located. Some of these foodstuffs are from the Allied portion of the ration furnished the Italian Army.
2. Certain civilians of officer rank, and civilian personnel operating general messes are authorized to be issued rations when included in the ceiling of the Army and reported to this Headquarters in accordance with our letter AG/2 of 23 June 1944.
3. The practice of mess officers agreeing among themselves on some skulduggery in handling the Allied portion of the ration is disapproved. Rations are furnished for particular specified personnel, and will not be used for any other purpose.
4. It is directed that all instructions concerning rations be strictly complied with and that effective action be taken at once to insure that this is done. The alternative is for this Headquarters to limit the issue of Allied rations to those messes which prove that the instructions are being followed. Therefore it is desired that you advise, not later than 8 February 1945, what action has been taken to correct the situation reported, and prevent recurrence.

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

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Ration Complaint:-

3 February 1945

TO : Col. Kerr.

1. Upon receipt of a complaint that A Mess, Italian, S.M.E. was furnished with 150 rations a month from B Mess, Italian for the purpose of feeding five civilians, owners of the building where A Mess is located, an investigation was conducted.

2. The following information was obtained:

a. S.M.E. draws rations for four messes.

1. A Mess - Staff Colonels, and higher.

2. B Mess - other officers.

3. Sgts' Mess

4. Soldiers' Mess

b. Each mess knows how many rations they are to draw and check them on the scale at the time of issue.

c. Complete records of each mess are kept and it appears that each mess draws what it is allowed.

d. Upon questioning, Major Fiore, officer in charge of drawing rations for S.M.E., admitted that civilians, owners of the A Mess building, eat meals at A Mess, but said that they eat left-overs. Later he admitted that certain foodstuffs, not rations, are given by B Mess to A Mess through the agreement of the two mess Captains and are consumed by the civilians. Some of the so-called foodstuffs are from that portion of the ration furnished by the U.S.

3. Findings:

a. That foodstuffs are being furnished from B Mess stocks for the benefit of the 5 civilians who own A Mess.

b. That some of these foodstuffs are from the U.S. portion of the ration.

c. That this practice be stopped.

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Frederick E. Clark
FREDERICK E. CLARK,
Capt. CAC
MMIA

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/2

February 1946

To : Chief of Staff, Allied Commission
Reference year 6282/58/003 of 2 February 1946
Attached is draft reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPS/lak

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Ref 344
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DRAFT

Your Excellency:

Reference your 23070/16380/19.10 of 31 January 1945

Prior to 1 December 1944, soldiers were permitted to remain in Army hospitals up to thirty days. Since that date, the time has been extended to sixty days. Provisions are made, and well known in the Italian Army, that it is possible for soldiers to remain in hospital over sixty days in cases where transfer to a civilian hospital would not be medically advisable.

The Italian Army has a fixed ceiling, and the personnel within that ceiling must be effective. Therefore it is not possible to carry in the strength of the Army, men who are absent for any reason for indefinite periods, as this would result in a large part of the authorized ceiling not being available for duty.

The case of men who are discharged from Army hospitals and who require further hospitalization must be a civil responsibility, as it is in the United States. I can only suggest that active interest be taken by the Civil Government to meet this responsibility, which was called to the attention of the War Ministry and the Civil Government last August.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAN FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFORMATION: AMBRO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
STAFF

REF NO: FX 89140

SIGNED: ALEXANDER CITE: PHOUT

WAS 838

Rations for Italian Military in subject.

Experience in this theater since receipt of PAN 355, WJ 20936 dated 9 April indicates that the ration scale as approved is not sufficient in caloric content for the type of work performed by the Italian Military Forces. Considerable study has been given this question and as an emergency measure, the scale for those troops engaged in heavy work in the mountains has been increased by six ounces of flour and one ounce meat for a ninety day period, as outlined in cased FX 62252 dated 13 November 1944.

It is urgently requested that the ration scale for all Italian Military Forces be increased by three ounces of flour from imported sources and one half ounce of oil from Italian resources. As an operational necessity this increase has been authorized to combat members of the Italian Air Force pending your decision. Experience indicates a deficiency in bulk and weight content. It is believed the above increases will assist this theater in obtaining better results in the utilization of the Italian Military Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 289

2 February 1945. 3/2

Ref: 8252/58/COS

SUBJECT: Hospitalization of Soldiers.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

Attached letter 25070/16380/19.10 dated 31 Jan 45 from Prime Minister Bonomi to the Chief Commissioner is passed to you for ACTION and preparation of reply for signature of the Chief Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
2,075/10300/19.10

Rome, 31st January 1943

Dear Admiral,

I have been informed that according to a recent regulation, after sixty days in hospitals on military rations, the Italian soldiers who have been wounded or mutilated in the war must from now on be transferred to civilian hospitals, where the supply of food and medical equipment are of course very scarce and quite often insufficient.

This regulation might be a motive of moral depression for the soldiers who might feel that the cause of their illness is not being acknowledged, and also endanger the possibility of their quick recovery.

For all these reasons, I shall be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you will have this question re-examined and kindly take an interest in the matter. I feel that to give the best possible assistance to the combatants is very important for the war effort, which the Government wants to support by every means.

I thank you for all you will deem fit to do, and remain,

Yours very truly,

G. I. Bozani

Admiral Henry H. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
R. O. M. C.

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LAND RO. 13 SUB COMMISSION
A.C. 13. I. A.I. R. O. M. R.
A. 12-42
2 February 1945

Memorandum to: All concerned.

1. To clarify the position of the repayment for rations issued from British DIB's to RA-ITIs during the period 1 August through 30 November 1944, it was agreed by Lt. Col. Bean, 32 AFHQ, and Col. Kerr, Senior American Officer responsible for subsistence supplies, of MIA, that the following procedure would govern the adjustment of the accounts of the Italian Military and the British DIB's.

2. Basis for repayment.

Period	Strength	Rations
Aug. 1 through Sept. 15.	60,000	1,840,000 -
Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.	40,000	1,200,000 -
		3,040,000

Lease

July 1 through July 14.	6,000	186,000 -
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Commodities under-issued by the British Army for the Italian Army through Nov. 30, 1944.
(1.3.)
Dried Beans or Beans 132,337 lbs.
Oats 207,861 lbs.
Coffee 2,151 lbs.

Total due to Oct. 15, 1944. --- 3,226,000

3. Oct. 15 through Nov. 30, repayment to be made on actual issues to be determined by MIA, from MIA Forms 32/3's forwarded this office by British DIB's.

4. A charge will be made on Lease Issue by the U.S. Government to the British Government for all rations issued to RA-ITIs, including a. and b. above, for period 15 Oct. through 30 Nov.

5. Release to the Italian War Ministry to affect this repayment will be issued by MIA immediately after the figures in b. above are determined.

Col. Clayton P. Kerr

Lt. Col. Bean

TOMMY T. KERR, Lt. Col. 2610

Subject: Maintenance - Italian Armed Forces

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RONE
AQ/2-41

31 Jan 45.

AFHQ for Q/Int: A QK.

Ref your AFHQ/2554/Q(Int) dated 21 Jan 45.

1. On the 28th Jan 1400 litres of Brandy, seven days supply, was handed over to 14 C.R.A.S.C. for issue to Italian Troops working in exposed positions in the forward areas.
2. It has been arranged that a similar quantity will be handed over weekly.
3. Arrangements have also been made for the handing over of 2856 litres of Brandy to P.B.C. for issue to W-ITL troops operating under similar conditions. This represents maintenance for the month of February.
4. All WMA Liaison Officers have been informed that brandy will only be issued to troops working in arduous weather conditions and then only on the authorization of a Divisional Commander when recommended by a Senior Medical Officer.
5. The Scale of issue is three centilitres per man.

BSLG/WR

F. J. Harkins
F. J. HARKINS, Col.
for Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

Copies to: Ministry of War
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Lt Col Rose
WMA LG 50

ANHQ/2505/Q(Maint).

Major W.J. BARNISH,
Q (Maint),
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

23, January, 1945.

Dear Colonel,

Basil SHELDON asked me to drop you a note on the subject of extra issues of tea, sugar and milk to ER-ITI personnel employed at night with Docks Operating Coys and ER-ITI Pioneer Coys detailed for dock work at night.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which we sent to Headquarters, 3 District, on this subject. This authority was issued solely to prevent bad feeling in cases where the British personnel were receiving the extra beverage ration, and to ensure that the maximum effort possible was obtained from the ER-ITI personnel.

These issues are purely unofficial and no replacement will be required from M.M.I.A. stocks in respect of the items so issued.

Yours Sincerely,

Barnish

Colonel F.J. HOAKES,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (LMIA),
ROME.

Noted - Rose

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SUBJECT: Additional Nationals

3 Districts

Reference FOUR 715 0 04 2 Nov 46 not ac 020016 0200000000

1. Authority is given for the free issue of sufficient sugar, and milk to provide one pint of tea per man per night.
2. All docks operating personnel employed on night work.
3. The scale of tea, sugar and milk to be issued is shown in Allowance Regulations, 1930, para. 53.
4. The above authority applies also to British military personnel who may be employed on docks operating duties at night.
5. The case for additional ration for docks operating personnel has been very fully considered and it has been decided that there is no case for an overall 10 increase of rations for such personnel.

Mr. Moulton, L.A. Co. Cal.
For Mr. J. C. Moulton

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FROM: MEMA

TO (FOR ACTION): 5 ARMY BR INCR FOR MEMA LO
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TO (FOR INFO): AFHQ
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REF NO: A12703

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SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF BRANDY TO ITALIAN TROOPS (.) BRANDY NOW AVAILABLE AT BASE AND MOVING F.D FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN TROOPS (.) SCALE THREE GENTILIERS PER MAN (.) ISSUE WILL ONLY BE MADE ON AUTHORITY OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WHEN RECOMMENDED BY SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER AND WILL ONLY BE TO TROOPS OPERATING IN FORWARD AREAS UNDER ARDUOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS

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TO(FOR INFO): AFHQ
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FOR MMIA TO ALL ADDRESSEES (.) REFERENCE PARA 2D LAND FORCES
SUB COMMISSION LETTER AQ/2-12 OF 27 NOVEMBER 1944 (.) PERIOD
MENTIONED IN ABOVE QUOTED PARA IS TO EXTEND TO 1 MARCH 1945 (.)
ALL INFORMED

INTERNAL:
Ministry of War
MMIA ST Section
MMIA Accounting Section

PRECEDENCE: ImportantORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION Rose

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: AFHQ

28 Jan. 45

FOR ACTION: CG 15th. ARMY GROUP, PENBASE, 5th. ARMY, 8th. ARMY
CGC DISTRICT THREE, RMIA

FOR INFO: AGHAR TROOPERS

FX 17132

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CITE FIRST SIGNED ALEXANDER (.) PENDING REPLY TO OUR REQUEST
TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR AN INCREASE IN ITALIAN MILITARY
RATION SCALE EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OUTLINED IN THRAD F 52252
DATED 13 NOV 44 IS MADE TO 1st. MARCH 45 (.) THIS ANSWERS
AGHAR 8th. ARMY RADIO Q. 3361 OF 26 JAN

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Sir
This is the one on 6 oz Flour
+ 1 oz P-mash

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IN COMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 17352
Date Time of Origin: JAN 29/2011

Message Centre No: C/ 9907
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 29/2205
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CURE THESE NEEDS THESE NEEDS
TO: ALCOHOL

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Supplies for Italian military. AFHQ in signal Aq 2689 of 28 January requested that Italian military be allocated first priority on all Italian stocks and production of olive oil, wine, cigarettes, and catches. It is confirmed that the Italian military is to receive first priority of issue of all Italian stocks and production of these items

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SUBJECT: Scale of Rations - Italian

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. I. I. A.) R C M R
AQ/2-40
30 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer,
Commanding Train & Railway Guards,

1. We have your letter S/L/56 of 21 January 1945, showing the rations issued to three Italian Guard Companies, and asking that we consider a change in the Italian Ration Scale, in order to furnish adequate travel rations for train guards.

2. This matter has already been discussed with higher authorities, and we regret to inform you that we do not as yet have a change in the Italian Ration Scale. If and when we receive a change to the scale, all employing agencies will be so informed.

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

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SUBJECT: Detainees in Police Cells.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. H. I. A.) ROME
AF/2-39
29 January 1945

TO : All MHA L's

1. Italian Armed Forces personnel including deserters or absentees who have been arrested or detained in Police Cells pending removal to a civil prison or discharge, will receive the ordinary Civil ration.
2. Arrangements for the rationing of the Armed Forces in detention will be made between the local Police and the local Alimentation Authorities.
3. Until the individual is returned to Military control, he will not receive Italian Military rations.
4. Your attention is invited to attached letter from HQ ALCON.

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

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Copies to: (MHA) AFHQ
Quartermaster AFHQ

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SIGNAL

DATE TIME

FROM: DIA

TO (FOR ACTION): UNKNOWN

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AQ 2609

FOR GAB AND GAB (.) REQUEST YOU CERTIFY THAT THE SUPPLY OF THE BASIC RATION FOR
ITALIAN MILITARY OF CIGARETTES MATCHES OLIVE OIL AND WINE IS FIRST CHARGE ON ALL
ITALIAN STOCKS AND PRODUCTION (.) WITH ESSENTIAL THIS PRINCIPLE IS CLEARLY
ESTABLISHED IF THE MILITARY RATION SOME IS TO BE MAINTAINED.

REFERENCE

AUTHENTICATION

Internal:
IT

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COPY
TRANSLATION

FROM: SMRE

REF. NO. 1/143/Serv.

TO: SMIA

DATE 25 Jan. 45.

Subject: Supplies for units not directly depending from 5th. Army.

This SMRE have been reformed that Units of the Italian Army arriving in Operational Area and attached to unit which are not under direct control from 5th. army, often contact 210th. Div. so as to obtain food and material needed.

Hq 5th. Army, through their Italian L.O. inform us that the 210 Div. cannot comply with the above requests, except, when there is availabilities and if they are warned in due time; they are then able to issue funds, extra rations, soap and tobacco.

Since this is the cause of inconvenience we would be grateful to SMIA to issue the necessary orders so that when transferred to operational areas the units be told from time to time the units from which they are dependant so as to enable them to know whom they have to contact to obtain their requirements when in Operational Area.

Sgd. SANTI

*Spoke to Pinkley**all ITI units will be attached
to some parent unit*

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S & T, MMIA.

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TO: 251941
 FROM: 251941

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 OR 43 BT

CLUE ENGAGE SIGNED SIGNED (.) F 5123
 SUBJECT IS SUPPLY OF FOOD TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES WORKING IN
 SERIOUS CONDITIONS (.) PLEASE CONFIRM THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS
 PROVIDING TO 14 THOUS 233 LITRES DAILY (.) OUR 2554/1/0 (CONFIRM) OF 10
 JAN 1954 2554/0 (CONFIRM) OF 21 JAN 1954
 IT 251941A
 2554/1/0 25/2235A HT F
 2554/1/0 25/2236 A AAA AR

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copy made for L. M. D.

TRANSLATION

FROM: M of W

Ref No. 121/S/E

TO: MMIA

Date 21 January 1945

Subject: Dried Fruit Rations.

Further to letter AG/2-31 of the 7 January regarding report on the equivalence between unshelled dried fruit and shelled almonds.

Since however we are dealing with food stuffs which is agreeable and much desired by soldiers also for its particularly high nutritive value, and also considering that it has become quite noticeable that there are large quantities of this kind of food in markets of liberated parts of Italy for disposal.

We beg MMIA to authorize an increase on shelled fruit from 12 gr to 28 gr daily

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Ref 330

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/2554/Q(Maint).21 Jan 45.SUBJECT:- Maintenance - Italian
Armed Forces.

TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓

S & T. MMMA.

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Reference AFHQ/2554/17Q(Maint) of 10 Jan 45 - Maintenance
Italian Armed Forces.

1. The question is now arising regarding the supply of brandy for Italian troops in exposed conditions in forward areas to be issuable at the discretion of Bde or equivalent Commanders.
2. In para. 2 (iii) (b), it was stated that an alternative to rum in the form of brandy was to be made available from Italian Army sources.
3. We shall be glad if you will see the Italian Government makes supplies of brandy available for this purpose.
4. This item should be supplied through the present R.A.S.C. channels and would therefore require to be provided into Base Depots at CASORIA in the same manner as olive oil, cigarettes, etc., as supplied at present.
5. As a very approximate guide, it is suggested that the provision at the rate of say 200 litres daily would cover the present needs and satisfy a very pressing demand.
6. We should be glad if you would see that action is taken regarding this forthwith.

H. L. Bedwell
H.L. BEDWELL, Major,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

Copy to:- S.T.

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2. THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

3. THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

10 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian
ated Forces (British
Responsibility 564).

TO : Headquarters, 5th Army (Italy),
Headquarters, 8th Army,
Headquarters, 1st Army,
Headquarters, 2nd Army,
Headquarters, 3rd Army,
Headquarters, 4th Army,
Headquarters, 5th Army, Allied Command.

1. German divisions have been encountered in setting a practical application of the under-mentioned instructions :-

This Headquarters letter of 409/105 7-0 dtd 22 Sep 44,
" 15 4-0/101-003-0-102 8-004 14,
M.F.E. 101. Instr. No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44.

2. These instructions have been summarized in the attached Appendix and the balance of 24 instructions are forwarded herewith for action by all concerned.

3. These decisions refer only to Italian and Forces personnel who are a British responsibility.

L. B. S. SHIPSON, Lt. Col.,
Ser Lieutenant-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: Headquarters, 15 Army Group.

M.F.E. 101.
S.E.
T.A.

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U.S. CIVILIAN, LEOVEL,
FOR IDENTIFICATION-CARD,
WAS ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTION.

Copy to: - Headquarters, 25 Army Group,
R.M. Lane ✓
S.M.
S.M.
S.M.

References

Information

Questions

3. RMA Unit Instr
No. 12
para "B"
(a)

In many cases Italian officers are not with the their sub/units and only visit them periodically.

- (1) Will RMA accept the signatures of Italian MGs or British MGs or MGs 1/2 MGs?

4. -do-
(b)

Information as in 3.

- (1) An extra copy of SI/3 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. As this may also find its way to RMA, is that risk accepted?
- (11) Will lost ration certificates for Italian units be accepted?

5. RMA Unit Instr
No. 12 para "B"
(c)

With purchases of local produce taken place in the operational zone. The unit making the bulk purchases cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or line. At the landing depot, for example, locally purchased mail is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian units and lines have no local purchase organization of their own.

No specific enquiry exists but it is quite obvious that accounting for these items will present great difficulties in practice and in case of great activity, inaccuracies must be accepted.

- (2) Are RMA prepared for this?
- (11) Some of them have given priority to purchase of fresh items for RMA, but is this to continue or can RMA assist?

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Information	Questions	AFS Ruling
In many cases Italian firms are not in the air and only visit base periodically.	(1) Will AFSA accept the signatures of Italian firms or British firms or both 1/0 data?	(1) Yes.
Information as in 1.	(1) An extra copy of ST/6 will have to be brought into use as a loading list which will be adjusted after issue. Will any one find this way to ST/6, is that rule accepted?	(1) No. Extra copy of loading list to be prepared separately.
	(2) What information certificate for Italian units is employed?	(2) No.
The majority of local produce items are in the operational zone. The first thing the AFSA personnel cannot prove that they go to a particular unit or firm. It is the loading list, not the AFSA, locally produced fruit is not easily distinguished from that which has been consigned from the base. Italian authorities have no local produce provision of AFSA.	No specific policy exists but it is quite obvious that searching for these items will present great difficulties in execution and in terms of great activity, the resources must be accepted.	
	(2) Are I.I. prepared for this?	(2) Yes.
	(11) ST/6 of AFSA have given priority to purchase of fresh items for AF-115, but is this to continue or can I.I. assist?	(11) Priority of purchase of fresh items by ST of AFSA must continue, if obtainable locally, I.I.A. will endeavour to supply ex base.

Appendix to AFM/25

Reference	Information	Questions
1. AFMA Mm Instr No. 12 Para 3 (a)	Certain Italian units in Fed areas are split into sub/units and detachments working with Pats of British units. Co-operators are also included in this category and the three types may be working together and using a common cookhouse, e.g., in a bridging unit working with Fed bus and in Fed type of back lot boys.	(i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided (ii) If not, are three different scales to be used for a unit consisting of, say, 30 men and food. (iii) Are the AF personnel to get reduced rations where use of co. on cooking cannot be avoided.
2. -do-	British type working under similar conditions may be issued with co-ops. No cooking facilities may exist for fresh vegetables, pulses, rice, and macaroni and protein food, therefore, no receiving hard equivalents. No hard equivalents exist for AF-1113 and AF-1114 will approximate vouchers submitted which include these items.	(i) Will authority be given for issue of operational ration to AF-1113 per passu with British type? (ii) Will authority be given for issue of hard equivalents to AF-1113. (iii) Will authority be given for issue of :- (a) Operational cookers (b) Fuel or Beverage rations (c) High altitude rations (d) Vitamin tabs, etc. (iv) If the foregoing authorities are given will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by AF-1113?

Appendix to AFHQ/2591/1/3(2) int) dated 10 Jun 45.

Information	Questions	AFHQ Rulings
Certain Italian units in Fed areas are split into sub-units and detachments with detachments of British units. Co-operators are also included in this category and the three types may be working together and using a common codebook, e.g., in a bridging unit working with Fed troops and in Fed troops of Park (at Ceylon).	(i) Must separate cooking facilities be provided	(i) Yes.
	(ii) If not, are three different codes to be used for a det consisting of, say, 30 men all told.	(ii) Yes. Separate 3/8 must be rendered in respect of Italian Army personnel concerned.
	(iii) Is the BR personnel to get reduced rations where use of an oven cooking cannot be avoided.	(iii) No.
British troops working under similar conditions may be issued with vouchers for fresh vegetables, fruit, rice, and macaroni and British troops, therefore, be receiving hard equivalents. Will BR equivalents exist for BR-THS and will BR-THS accept vouchers submitted which include these items.	(i) Will an entry be given for issue of operational packs to BR-THS participants with British troops?	(i) Operational packs may be issued to BR-THS in exceptional circumstances on the authority of Army or Independent Corps Commanders.
	(ii) Will priority be given for issue of hard equivalents to BR-THS.	(ii) As above.
	(iii) Will authority be given for issue of:- (a) Operational cookers (b) Gas or beverage ration	(iii) (a) As for (i) above. (b) No. Alternative to rum in the form of brandy being made available from Italian Army sources.
	(c) High altitude ration. (d) Vitamin tabs, etc.	(c) No. (d) No.
	(iv) If the foregoing authorities are given, will steps be taken to ensure that vouchers are not repudiated by BR-THS?	(iv) BR-THS will accept vouchers in respect of issues made under (i) and (ii) and (iii) (a) above.

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Reference	Information	Questions	WFO Ruling
6. HIA Adm Instr No. 12, para. II. Appendix "p" "j"	No specific direction exists as to from whom Medical Supplies and diet items are to be obtained. Patients are to state authority for issue.	(i) From whom should Italian Military Hospitals obtain their supplies? (ii) Who is to authorize? (iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g., (a) Jellies and Brandy (b) Foot soap & powder. (c) Water filter powder. (d) Latrine paper. (e) Water sterilizing outfit. (f) Candles.	(i) (a) Med From (b) How the and rep in (ii) Itali (iii) (a) La issue. from I (b) I (c) I Army (d) I from I (e) I Army (f) I
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	(ii) Who is to authorize?	(ii) Italian Medical authorities.
	(iii) What is the position regarding specific demands which are not authorized, e.g., (a) Cellies and Brandy (b) Foot soap & powder. (c) Water filter powder. (d) Latrine paper. (e) Water sterilizing outfits. (f) Candles.	(iii) (a) Cellies are not authorized for issue. Brandy will be supplied from Italian Army sources. (b) Will not be provided. (c) Will be provided from Italian Army sources. (d) Will endeavour to obtain from Italian Army sources. (e) Will be provided from Italian Army sources. (f) Candles will not be provided.
No instructions are given concerning fuel for Italian Forces.	What action is to be taken for issues of fuel?	Forward of any rear boundaries fuel will be issued at scales laid down for British troops. St/8 will be used.

MESSAGE

FROM : DISTONE

TO 55 AREA 52 BLU
Info G-ST MMIA LO

DATE 20 Jan 45

REF NO A 18

Under their FX 87596 Dated 19 Jan Cite WHGDQ APHQ have authorized
the issue of 6 ozs Flour and 1 oz P Meat per man per day
additional to basic ration to Legnano Gruppo

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint).

16 Jan 45.

SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian
Army.

TO :-- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (MILA) ROME.

1. Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining current needs of supplies which the Italian Government is responsible to provide for distribution to dependent units through R.A.S.G. channels.

2. In accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions already issued (AG 400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44 and AG 400/031 GDS-0 dated 6 Oct 44), it is your responsibility to ensure that

(a) the required quantities of supplies provided by the Italian Government to cover the maintenance of dependent units are delivered into Army hands

(b) a stock of these items is built up in the CASORIA Supply Depots sufficient to form one month's issue holdings.

3. Demands have been placed each month in accordance with the above arrangements, but supplies of the main items concerned, i.e.,

Wine
Olive Oil
Cigarettes
Matches

have not been forthcoming in sufficient quantity to maintain regular issues to forward packs. Repeated demands upon the Depot nominated to supply are serving to obtain only irregular and inadequate replenishment on a day to day basis.

4. No means exist of obtaining alternative supplies to cover the necessary maintenance demands and as each of the above-named commodities is an essential component of the Italian Army Ration Scale, continued failure to supply is likely to have serious repercussions.

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L. R. S. Sheldon

W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt. Col.,
for Major-General,
G-4 (B).

Copy to:- S.T.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Issue to Italian Ration Scale.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (L. No. 1. A.) R O M E
A/2-33
15 January 1945

TO : Air Forces Sub Commission
HQ AC

1. Reference telephone conversation this date J. Walton S/L and Col. Rose concerning subject of this letter.

2. We attach hereto copy of signal FX 83643 from AFHQ, authorizing an increase in the Ration Scale for operational personnel serving within Italian Air Force.

3. Request this headquarters be furnished information showing the number of personnel authorized to receive this additional ration increase. Information to be submitted showing the following:

- (a) Designation of Unit.
- (b) Location of Unit.
- (c) Strength of Unit.

4. Request the above information be furnished as soon as possible to enable this headquarters to issue instructions to the War Ministry and all depots concerned, to implement the increase as authorized.

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

TTR/rf

1 Incl. - Signal FX 83643 from AFHQ dated 12 Jan. 45.

AFHQ/2554/1/2/(Maint)

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12 Jan 45

FROM AFHQ

TO MAAF REAR ALGIERS

INFO MMIA for AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION

REF FX 83643 CITE FHCDQ

SUBJECT RATIONS FOR I ALIAN AIR FORCE (") OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL
SERVING WITHIN ITALIAN AIR FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED IMMEDIATELY TO
RECEIVE AN INCREASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 3 OZS FLOUR AND $\frac{1}{2}$ OZ OLIVE
OIL THE LATTER TO BE FURNISHED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

SGD H. L. BEDWELL, MAJOR

2483

Subject: Equivalents - Nuts.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STW/18

13 January 1945.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Your AS/2 - 31 of 7 Jan 45 refers-

1. Direzione, Commissariato, Territoriale, Napoli has been advised by the War Ministry in letter reference 15240/5/1 dated 30 December 44 the following in regard to ration of dried fruit:

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>RATION</u>
(Dried Fruit - Almonds shelled	28 grams
" " - " unshelled	70 "
" " - Pulp	100 "
Nuts and hazel nuts	70 "

2. The above conflicts with the provisions of your letter AS/2-31 of 7 January 1945.
3. Please advise War Ministry to correct instructions to Commissariato.

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

KRM/jlm

As indicated

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FOR G & B: (.) REFERENCE VISIT BIRD HAVEN (.) INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN COVERING
 PROVIDING EXTRA MEAT FOR BARRERS ON THE BEING CARRIED BY EXTRA BARRERS (.)
 OTHER THE PORTION BEING REMOVED BUT IT IS CONFIRMED THAT SUFFICIENT
 ORGANIZED FOR THE EARTH OF FIVE PER DAY FOR ALL FIVE ARMY BR-ITS ARE
 BROUGHT FOR BY 14 CUBIC FROM HAVEN

"ET" MIA
 3 MAINT MIA

17th Aug
 2157

TRANSLATION

FROM M of W

TO NMIA

Subject: Salt Rations

Ref No 223/s/1

Date 4 January 45

Further to letter 15301/S/1 dated 31 Dec 44

Provided troops issued with the extra 6 ozs of flour are also issued with the extra 4gr of salt for bread making we do not consider an extra salt ration necessary.

As a matter of fact the extra 6oz of flour can be made into 220 gr of bread a quantity that only requires 2 gr of salt and that amount can be drawn without difficulties out of the normal issue for cooking purposes which is 20 grams

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SUBJECT: Equivalents

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R G M E
AG/2-31
7 January 1945

TO: Ministry of War

1. We list below equivalents for Nuts, shelled:

Nuts

Nuts, shelled 1/2 ounce, or Nuts, unshelled 1 ounce.

Jimmy Rose
JIMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

TIR/PI

Copies to: MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO Sardinia
MMIA LO 5th. Army
MMIA LO Sicily
MMIA LO 54 Area

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see 307

301

SUBJECT: Issue of Salt to Bakeries

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A2/2 - 30 55
8 January 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. This is your authority to issue 10 grams of salt per ration to bakeries baking bread for the Italian Military.
2. This 10 grams of salt will be issued on the basis of the number of daily bread rations furnished by the bakery. In no way does this increase the ration scale for the Italian troops. The item of salt on the ration scale will continue to be issued on the basis of 14 grams per man per day.

Tommy T. Rose

TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.,
For Major General
M.M.I.A.

TTR/ri

Copies to: All M.M.I.A. LCA

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HQ 8 AREA

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COMBOD MTOUSA

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1 DISTRICT Southern District

1 DISTRICT Eastern Detachment

55 AREA

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