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RATION SCALE - FOLIO NO 401-500

MAR. - AP. 1945

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SUBJECT: Money Allowance for Meal Improvement

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) H O M E
Q/1 - 85
26 April 1945

TO : MMIA LO British Increment
Fifth Army

1. Attached find copy of translation of minute 8345/S/1 of 22 April 1945 from the War Ministry.
2. Please investigate the statements made and report to this HQ.

R. T. M. Warham May
R.T.M. WARHAM, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Encl. Translation 8345/S/1 of 22 April 1945

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 8345/S/1

TO : MMIA (for info)

Date: 22-4-45

SUBJECT: Money allowance for meal improvement

On 2nd. April 45, 231st. Div. HQ, reported the following:

With the intention of facilitating the supply of food articles, bought for the purpose of improving meals without causing further shortages of food meant for the civilian population and, with a view to reduce the large number of vehicles used to get that food from various markets, HQ Fifth Army ordered that w.e.f. 18 March such service would be carried out by S.T Office and that distributions of such foodstuffs, will be made to Italian Troops by Allied D.I.D.

Therefore, orders were issued by HQ Fifth Army so that, from the 20 Lire allowance for troops in that area, 15 lire would be spent at the D.I.D. and 5 Lire would remain at the disposal of the units' commanders for the sole purpose of purchasing wine, vegetables and chestnuts.

However, up to the 2nd. April (date on which HQ 231st Div made out the report) no issue of that kind was made by Allied D.I.D. with the exception of Florence D.I.D. which issued on 26/3/45, 113 gra. of cauliflower per man.

By doing this, no benefit is obtained out of the 20 Lire's grant made for meal improvement and, HQ 231 Div. requested to be authorized so that the units may spend the daily allowance of 20 Lire in markets whenever Allied D.I.D.'s do not issue such foodstuffs.

Before a decision can be made on the authority requested, we would be grateful to know your opinion on the matter.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

COPY OF TRANSLATION

From : M.of W. Ref. IGII/Sit
To : MMIA for information Date 18th April 45

Subject : Drawing of rations by units which have a permanent strenght and a temporanyone.

MMIA pointed out that some units do not comply with instructions issued by this Ministry in letter 40/SA dated 22th Sept.44 and dealing with the making out of "Receipt Vouchers (Form K-MMIA.form ST/9) These are reproduced hereunder:

"Hospitals, punishment units, military schools trainingschools as well as all other units which do not have a static strength, will make out separate Receipt Vouchers for the permanent staff and for the temporary strength, marking the Receipt Vouchers for the permanent strength with the letters "P.S." in red ink on the top right, hand corner of the form"

Units addressed above will please remind their dependat units to comply strictly with these instructions.

(Sgd) PELLIGRA

Spt. Fabre

Translation

From : Ministry of War
To : Air Ministry
and for info to MIA
Subject: MIA form 32/8

Ref. : 1606/Sit
Date : 18 April 45

In regard to the drawing of bread and food rations, MIA has ordered that when it is necessary for units to draw rations which are not for their own personnel, such as;

- for personnel attached for rations
- for units attached for rations
- for small isolated units without sufficient means of transport to enable them to draw their own rations
- for territorial commands that draw rations for various units located in their immediate vicinity,

the following info should be shown on the back of the MIA form 32/8 regarding the consignment of the rations:

1. The effective strength of the unit drawing the ration;
2. The strength of attached personnel (or personnel attached for rations), with the name of the unit under which they depend;
3. The strength and name of the attached units (or units attached for rations) to whom rations were issued.

The addressees will inform the units under their command to comply with the above regulations which are effective immediately.

(sgd) Pelligrè

Cpl. VSC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. BLANCHSUBJECT: Italian Armed Forces Ration Scale
Equivalent ItemsLand Forces Sub-Commission,
AC. (AMIA) Rome

APR/64/11/STG(a)

Tel: Freedom 499

20 April 1945

Reference your 1-81 of 18 Apr 45.

1. It is most important that instructions affecting British provisioned ration scales are not issued by your HQ unless co-ordinated with this Directorate.

2. The following observations are made on the s/q letter:

Dried Vegetables 2 ozs }
Veg. Dehydrated 1 oz } Tinned Veg are not provisioned as an alternative.

Meat Canned or 3 ozs }
Fish preserved 3 ozs } Dehydrated meat is not provisioned as an alternative and is actually no longer supplied in this theatre.
Salted fish is not handled by us and M & V is not a recognised alternative.

Maceroni 3 ozs } Spaghetti is not supplied to the Italian forces.

Coffee 1/2 oz } Tea and Cocoa are not authorised alternatives.

Catsup or Tomato 1/2 oz } Tomato juice is not stocked by us.
Paste

3. Will you please amend your instruction since it was given very wide distribution and is already causing confusion.

4. Similarly, your letter of 1-50 of 14 Apr 45 referred to a scale - "Travel ration" - which is not known at this Directorate and certainly not known to the supply depots expected to issue it. We have already written to ALST, Rome on this point.

Reference your 1-24 of 10 Apr 45.

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2. The following observations are made on the e/q letter:

Dried Vegetables 2 ozs } Tinned Veg are not provisioned as an
Veg. Dehydrated 1 oz } alternative.

Meat Canned or 3 ozs } Dehydrated meat is not provisioned
Fish preserved 3 ozs } as an alternative and is actually no
longer supplied in this theatre.
Salted fish is not handled by us and
M & V is not a recognised alternative.

Macaroni 3 ozs } Spaghetti is not supplied to the
Italian forces.

Coffee 2 ozs } Tea and Cocoa are not authorised
alternatives.

Catsup or Tomato 1 oz } Tomato Juice is not stocked by us.
Paste

3. Will you please amend your instruction since it was given very wide distribution and is already causing confusion.

4. Similarly, your letter 1-30 of 11 Apr 45 referred to a scale - "Travel ration" - which is not known at this Directorate and certainly not known to the supply depots expected to issue it. We have already written to ABST, MILK on this point.

McLean 2030

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G. J. BEAN, Lt.-Col.,
for Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to: 'Q' (Maint), AWHQ

To see

Condensed
C.O.S.

SECRET

Brigadier M.C.E. SHARP.
Q(Maint),
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

11 April 1945.

Dear Noakes

Thank you for your letter of 7 Apr.

This matter was discussed by CAC on his recent visit to Armies and the form is now that they will all come into line with scales laid down. The actual date for implementing the new arrangements is dependent on current operations as it will obviously not be desirable to make the cuts immediately prior to a battle.

A small point about calories.

The experts here say the calories should be as follows:-

Old Combat Scale

3680 calories (Br)

New Single Scale3681 calories (US)
3380 calories (Br)

It is a matter only of whether British or US calculations are used.

It seems the matter is now cleared and I hope we shall hear no more about it, but I appreciate your having sent on the particulars.

Yours

M.C.E. Sharp.

Colonel F.J. NOAKES, CBE.
DA & QMG.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)

SUBJECT: Issue of Food to Civilians

1484
LAWY FORNERS SUB COMMISSION
M.C. (M. W. I. A. A. M. E.
4/1-53
18 April 1945

TO: Direr. Gen. Comissariato
Ministry of War

208116/11

Ref. to your letter 220-1-13 dated 12 April 1945,
which is in answer to our letter 4/1-75 of 5 Apr. 45.

2. Will you please give us the following information con-
cerning the messes of the administrative personnel of the
War Ministry:

- a. Number messing in organized messes.
- b. Number of persons who mess separately, by rank.
- c. Number of days rations withdrawn at one time
by individuals who mess separately.
- d. System you use in controlling the issue of rations
under this arrangement.

Please give this matter your prompt attention.

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

TTR/r1

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SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): CG FIFTH ARMY

CG FIFTH ARMY BR INCR

REAR EIGHT ARMY

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SECRET

FOR NMIA LO (.) REFERENCE FREEDOM PX 60555 DATED 15 APR AND WFOUSA PX 60235
 OF 15 APR NOT TO ALL (.) ITALIAN PORTION OF RATION SCALE FOR PARTISANS IS
 CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE NORMAL SCALE OF SOAP AND FREE CIGARETTES (.) ARMIES
 DISTRICTS AND BASE SECTIONS SHOULD DEMAND ON NMIA IN NORMAL MANNER

PRECEDENCE

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SUBJECT: Equivalent Items - Italian Army Ration Scale

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LAND FORCES SUPPLY COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. F. A. J. A. O. M. E.)
0/1-31
18 April 1945

TO : See Distribution

1. Reference Ration Scale for the Italian Army as laid down in MILIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22.

2. The following table of ration equivalents for basic items is published for the guidance of all concerned:-

<u>Allied pro-</u> <u>vided items</u>	<u>Per man</u> <u>per day</u>	<u>Equivalent if basic</u> <u>items not available</u>
Flour	15 oz.	Biscuits - 15 oz.
Dried Vegetables	2 oz.	Vegetables Dried. - 1 oz. or Tinned Veg. - 4 oz.
Meat canned, or Fish preserved	3 oz.	(Includes all types canned meat, meat and vegetables, canned fish, salted fish, etc.) Dehydrated meat - 1 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.	Cheese (Italian origin) - 1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.	-
Macaroni	3 oz.	Spaghetti - 3 oz. or Flour - 3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.	Flour - 1 oz. or Macaroni - 1 oz.
Vegetables Dried.	1 oz.	Tinned Vegetables - 4 oz. or Dried Vegetables - 2 oz.
Catsup or Tomato Paste	1 oz.	Tomato Juice - 1 oz.
Coffee	1 oz.	Surrogate - 1 oz. or Cocoa - 1 oz. or Tea - 1/8 oz.

Pennar 1/200 oz.

Down in NMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22.

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Flour	15 oz.	Biscuits - 15 oz.
Dried Vegetables	2 oz.	Vegetables Dried, or Tinned Veg. - 1 oz. - 4 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.	(Includes all types canned meat, meat and vegetables, tinned fish, salted fish, etc.) Dehydrated meat - 1 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.	Cheese (Italian origin) - 1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.	-
Macaroni	3 oz.	Spaghetti or flour - 3 oz. - 3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.	Flour or Macaroni - 1 oz. - 1 oz.
Vegetables Dried, 1 oz.	1 oz.	Tinned Vegetables or Dried Vegetables - 4 oz. - 2 oz.
Catsup or Tomato Paste	1 oz.	Tomato Juice - 1 oz.
Coffee	1 oz.	Surrogate or Cocoa or Tea - 1 oz. - 1/6 oz.
Pepper	1/200 oz.	-
Italian pro- vided items		
Fruit, Fresh	4 oz.	Dried Fruit (Italian Origin) - 2 oz.

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Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.	Dried Vegetables, (Italian Origin)	-	4 oz.
Olive Oil	1 1/2 oz.		-	-
Nuts shelled or	1 oz.	(Pigs (100 grams) approx. 3 1/2 oz. (or dried peaches, prunes, apri- cots, etc. (100 grams) approx. 3 1/2 oz.	-	-
Nuts unshelled	2 oz.		-	-
Salt	1 oz.		-	-
Wine	1 litre		-	-
Matches, per 7 rations	1 box, or 2 books		-	-

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

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CC Fifth Army for Q	Public Safety Sub Comm. AC
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CC Adriatic Base Comm.	
All MMIA 10's	
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53 BLU	
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Copy: Ministry of War
 (General PULLICHA)

SECRET

Subject: Feeding and Clothing Partisans.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A, C,
(M. H. I. A.) R O M E
2/50/4

1 / April 1945

1. Att are copies of SECRET signals Freedom FA 60055 of 14 Apr, Freedom
FA 60555 of 15 Apr and SECRET FA 60235 of 15 Apr.

2. The appropriate MAIA LOs will note that clothing is issued by the
ARMIES and not MAIA. CC Fifth Army may decide to use some US-III clothing
but for clothing in SK-III Arm Div Depots will NOT be used.

3. Rations are in any case drawn from Allied Army Depots. ST MAIA will
arrange for the III Government to provide the Italian portion for hand over
to Allied installations as demanded by PES and ST Armies. For Partisan
purposes the provision of the Italian portion at the ration scale is considered
to include SQP and the free ration of CIGARETTES.

4. Q1 MAIA will hold all Partisan ST/8 dated on or after 16 Apr 45 pending
further clarification on the eventual source of supply and financial adjust-
ment.

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F. J. NOAKES, COL.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. H. I. A.

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MAIA LO to CC Fifth Army
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FROM: THUNDERBOLT SIGNED CITE THREE
 TO: 15 ARMY GROUP
 REF: PX 60555
 DATE TIME: APR 151831
 INFO: 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, DISTWO, DISTWO, A.C., MIA
 PREC: IMPORTANT

SECRET

Subject is clothing and clothing partitions.

CLOTHING. Items will not exceed

Battle Dress Suit	1
Shirts	2
Shirts with Inces	1 pr
Shirts	2 pr
Shirts	2 pr
Vests or Undershirts	2
Jersey Pullover or Undershirt	1
Blanket	1

All items will be reconditioned. Battle Dress will be dyed chocolate under arrangements to be made by AFHQ. Battle Dress will be marked with yellow letter V over left pocket. Letter V will be 2 1/2 inches high 2 1/2 inches wide at top 3/4 inches thick and will be supplied on prior to issue under arrangements to be made by armies. As an interim measure and pending receipt of chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing as above you are authorized to issue 5th Army 500 items and 6th Army 500 items from above stock as you consider essential to clothe partisans. It is emphasized that this issue from army stocks is an emergency measure only. If further quantities in excess of 500 items each 5th and 6th Armies are required you will signal this HQ for authority for further release. You will be notified immediately chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing is available when issue from army stocks will cease. If available in army area reconditioned clothing should be used.

FOOD. All armed forces will be issued from army and MIA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MIA stocks. British cigarettes will NOT be issued. Records of releases to partisans will be kept and reported monthly to B.T. AFHQ. Detailed documentary instructions

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100% with lace
Buck
Buck
Vests or Undershirts
Socks, underwear, or undershirt woolen
Shirts

All items will be reconditioned. Battle Dress will be dyed chocolate under army conditions to be made by LMG. Battle Dress will be marked with yellow letter V over left pocket. Letter W will be 2 1/2 inches high 2 1/2 inches wide at top 3 inches thick and will be supplied on prior to issue under arrangements to be made by army. As an interim measure and pending receipt of chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing as above you are authorized to issue 5th Army 500 items and 8th Army 500 items from above stocks as you consider essential to equip the partisans. It is emphasized that this issue from army stocks is an emergency measure only. If further quantities in excess of 500 items each 5th and 8th Armies are required you will signal this HQ for authority for further release. You will be notified immediately chocolate battle dress and reconditioned clothing is available when issue from army stocks will cease. If available in army areas reconditioned clothing should be used.

POW. IFF armed forces goods will be issued from army and MHA stocks. Cigarettes will be issued only if available from MHA stocks. British cigarettes will not be issued. Boxes of ration issues to partisans will be kept and reported monthly to S.T. HQ. Detailed documented instructions will be issued.

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGROD SACROD CITE PHGDS

REF: FX 60055

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP, ALCON

DATE TIME: APR 14 1841

INFO: 5 ARMY, 3 ARMY

PREC: IMPORTANT

SACROD

Letter O-5203 of 12th April

You are authorized to proceed in accordance with policy outlined in our F 26948 of 14th February and our F 57979 of 10th April to extent to which you consider it operationally necessary. Emphasis: that CCS approval has not yet been given and that when CCS reply is received some modification to policy outlined in above quoted signal may be necessary. AG will take all steps to ensure final disposal Partisans taken place as quickly as possible to reduce the military commitment to a minimum. Detail of issue of instructions to 5 and 8 Armies with copy to you follows separately.

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FROM: JOUSA, SIGNED OF MIOUSA

REF: FX 60235

TO : CG 5 ARMY

DATE TIME: APR 194948B

INFO: CG 45 ARMY GROUP, MIA, ALCON, CG PES

PREC: ROUTINE

SECRET

As interim emergency policy you authorized issue to partisans who came through your lines minimum essential clothing class X as follows:

Jackets field OD old style	each 1
Trousers of any kind	each 1
Shirts cotton or woolen	each 2
Shoes with laces or improvised laces	pair 1
Socks cotton or woolen	pair 2
Drawers cotton or woolen	pair 2
Undershirts cotton or woolen	each 2
Blankets	each 1

This is NOT Complete initial issue authorization but an allowance authorized replacement of similar items that are NOT in possession of the individual or if in possession is not wearable. Scrap items of shoes and cloth turned in will be evacuated to ALLIED COMMISSION. Each individual issuing cloth will be given written authorization upon which his name appears. In addition there will be stencilled on left breast of field jacket and in centre of blanket the letter V (for Victory) preferable in yellow dimensions $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch stripe. Stocks for US IPI now in hand 5th Army may be utilized preferably of undyed clothing. Replacement to extent required will be requisitioned on PES. 5th Army to report issues monthly to this HQ for charge against Italian Government. Full Italian armed forces ration scale will be issued and will be shown separately in daily telegram to PES. Italian portion of the ration will be furnished by MIA as demanded by PES. PES to demand on AC for items of civilian ration scale details of which will be furnished by this HQ. PES to make monthly report to this HQ of total rations issued in order 2322 charge may be made to Italian Government.

COPY
of
TRANSLATIONRef. No. 208116/11
220-1-13

Date - 12 April 1945

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

SUBJECT: Issue of food rations to civilians

Ref. to letter Q/1-76 dated 5 April 45.

1. No Military food ration has ever been issued to civilian personnel for private consumption. Moreover, according to orders issued by MMIA, some time ago no civilian can benefit by military rations even in the military messes.

2. As regards the military personnel, this ministry, after their transfer to BOMB, found it absolutely impossible to feed all the personnel so entitled in the messes (this personnel amounts to about 800, as shown in the list attached to letter 207182/11 dated 26-3-45. *Agreed with MMIA*)

Thus for the following reasons:

- a. Lack of space
- b. Lack of table linen (not found in local commerce.
- c. Necessity to have a large number of military employed (80 to 100) who would have to be included in the number of rations authorized for this ministry.

In view of the impossibility of avoiding the difficulties as shown in para a. and b. and of the inadvisability of employing civilian staff in lieu of the military. (the cost of which would increase the price of the meals far above the cost that can be faced by the personnel using such facilities) This ministry could only meet the situation by permitting those who were able to feed at their own homes to withdraw raw rations as entitled.

The same difficulties have been met by other units among which S.M.G., S.M.R.E and others which have adopted the same procedure.

3. On the other hand it is to be considered that the issue of raw rations to the Military personnel of this unit, who have their families in the areas, besides answering satisfactorily the difficult problem explained in Para II, avoids that the head of the family be forced to have his meals away from his home, which

could have moral and economic repercussions.

We deem it advisable to point out that such arrangements only apply to Admin. personnel. In that, as it is known the remainder of the personnel must not have their families with them and use the mess as provided at their units.

In view of the fact that:-

The difficulties placed in evidence in the letter still exist.

That the issue of raw rations to the military personnel does not mean any increase of rations or irregularity of issue.

That the revocation of the procedure would have serious repercussions,

We beg you to approve the present procedure.

IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT: Issue of Salt

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M. M. I. A. ROME

16 April 1945

TO : Direr. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

1. The authorized scale for the issue of salt on the Italian Military Ration is 24 grams per ration per day.
2. This is your authority to issue salt on the following break-down between the bakeries and individual messes.

SALT

19 grams per man per day

5 grams per bread ration per day (to be issued to the bakery or to units baking their own bread)

3. This letter cancels our AQ/2-55 of 20 Feb. 45, subject, "Issue of Salt to Bakeries", copies of which were sent to the same addressees as the distribution on this letter.

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

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Copies to: ALL EMIA LO's
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53, & 56

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55 Area
61 Area
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54 Area
52 Area
56 Area
HQ 1 District
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208 Sub Area
ST EMIA (3)
HQ MAAT

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TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
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TOMMY J. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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53, & 56

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HQ 3 District
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Eastern Detachment
15 Army Group
HQ AFSC/MIC
CO, Adriatic Base Comm.
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Food Sub Comm. AC

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209 Sub Area
207 Sub Area
54 Area
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56 Area
HQ 1 District
201 Sub Area
208 Sub Area
ST JMWIA (3)
HQ MAAF
CG, Northern Base
Section
HQ Allied Commission
Naval Sub Comm. AC

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Subject: Travel Ration.

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Lead Person Sub Comm. A.C.
(St. I. A.) R U S A
2/1-30

April 1915

1. Authority was given in first movement, HQ MLI dated 22 June 1915, to RMA letter AQ/2/3 of 22 June 1915, subject "Ration After Given" for certain items, listed below, from all of persons for "Travel Sub. A.C." in lieu of normal ration scale:

MEAT, 100 grams
or
Bacon (125 gms to yield 100 gms
biscuits or 550 gms 100 gms)

MEAT, PRESERVED
or
FISH, PRESERVED
3 oz.
3 oz.

2. The Italian War Ministry has agreed to complete the ration for travel ration with the following:

WINE 140 gms (100 gms)
WINE 20 " (20 gms)
WINE 1/2 liter
3 or 10 oz
1/2 liter.

3. Will sample in advance appropriate issue ration accordingly.

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F. J. M. M. M.
R. J. M. M. M.
for Major General,
R. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Sub Commission, A.C.

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TRANSLATION

FROM MoPW

TO MMIA

Subject: Salt Ration

Ref No 7742/S/1

Date 9 April 45

As regards to what stated in letters 2/2-70 and 2/2-75 respectively dated 29 Mar and 3 April.

This Ministry before issuing the orders required considers its duty to point out to MMIA the inconveniences that would result, should the whole of the 10 grams of salt authorized by MMIA for bread making be used for this purpose.

Actually the bread for the Army is mostly made by civilians firms to which the required salt is being issued.

Since for good baking of the bread only 5 grams are amply sufficient the other 5 grams could find their way to the black market from the s/m firms. This practice is being now fought against both by the Italians and Allied authorities with all available means.

On the other hand the 14 grams for the cooking of the daily meals are not sufficient as regards to this complaints have already been received from one of the combat groups (FRIULI) which is finding many difficulties to overcome such shortages.

In view of the above explanation to meet the requirements of the troops and to avoid other complaints to the Military Administration by the organization which are supervising the feeding of the country. We once again beg MMIA to examine the possibilities of authorizing the distribution of Salt as under:

- 19 grams for meals
- 5 grams for bread making

We await your views on the matter.

PELLICRA

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Subject: Purchase by Italian Military
of Rationed Civilian Foodstuffs.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O N E
Q/1-76

10 April 1945

The attached order issued by the Ministry of War under reference
7140 of 30 Mar is forwarded for information.

FFN/lc

F. J. NOLES
F. J. NOLES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ for G(Maint)
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CG Fifth Army for Br Increment
HQ Rear Right Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
CG P.E.S.
All M.M.I.A. IOs
ST M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 7140

Date: 30 Mar 1945

From: Ministry of War

To : MIA (for info) and to All Italian
Comds for Action.

Subject: Purchase of rationed goods from local trade.

Despite the definite instructions issued by this Ministry the fact remains, according to reports from the Allied Authorities, that some units or groups are still purchasing rationed goods direct from the civilian market including olive oil and flour.

The repetition of these cases is absolutely deprecable especially under the circumstances in which the country finds itself.

In fact any purchase of food constitutes a definite reduction to the already meagre resources reserved for the civilian population and is, in addition, unjustified if it is considered that the present military ration issue can be regarded as sufficient to meet the requirements of a health maintaining diet.

The HQs addressed are therefore requested to recall the attention of all the units under command to the absolute veto on the direct purchase of rationed goods which are provided for on the ration scale and issued by military stores, and to ensure, by means of frequent inspections, the exact compliance with these instructions.

Severe disciplinary action must be taken by the above mentioned HQs against any offenders, their names being notified to this Ministry.

(Sgd) PELLICER
Com.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) H O R E
5/3/5

10 April 1945

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

SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION • NO. 1

1. ARMO have decided that the Italian Army ration scale should be amended by the substitution of flour for rice when the latter is not available.

2. INDIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22 is therefore recommended as follows:-

(s) 5 approved by

For "Price - 1 oz." read "Price per ounce"

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

17.5 Noval

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Copy: Ministry of War
(General PELLIERA)

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1. ATHS have decided that the Italian Army ration scale should be amended by the substitution of flour for rice when the latter is not available.

2. MILA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22 is therefore amended as follows:—

Title: *Mathematical*

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099
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F. J. MOATES, Cal.
for Master General
H. M. I. A.

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 15 Army Cpt.
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 All MILIA IO's
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	Air Force Sub Comm.	AC				
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Copy: Ministry of War
(General Pennington)

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SECRET

Colonel F.J. MOAKES
 U.S. & G.M.S.
 Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.)

8 April 45.

Dear

1. Reference SAC letter CAC/223/1 of 30 Mar 45. A query may arise on the first para as I thought I had better give you some of the figures in case you want to mention it at any time.

2. Reference add copy signals. After a certain amount of wavering in Numbers 1 & 2 due to the single scale being increased from 12 ozs to 16 ozs flour the Army Area increase was, on 2 Mar, cut down to an extra 3 ozs flour and 1 oz meat i.e., keeping flour at 12 ozs. Therefore the decrease on 1 Apr is only from 16 ozs flour to 12 ozs and NOT a decrease of 4 ozs as in SAC letter.

3. Calories are approx as under:-

Old Combat Scale

3000 calories

New Single Scale

3081 calories

This new single scale calorific figure is on WASHINGTON calorific figures used by G.O.S., it does include the latest authorized (but NOT yet fully implemented) 1/3 oz of olive oil but does NOT include anything purchased by the L5 or L20 messing cash allowance.

Thus for all practicable purposes the present single scale is the old combat scale.

4. As I say, I only mention this for your private eye and to inform you, in case anyone raises the point. I can assure you we will not! The ration scale, in my opinion, is very satisfactory.

/wk

Brigadier M.C.E. Sharp, C.B.E.
 G. Maint
 A.F.H.Q.

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C O P Y

S E C R E T

FROM AFHQ

13 Nov 44

TO EMIA

REF NO. PX-52252

SECRET. SUBJECT: ITALIAN MILITARY RATION SCALE. (PX-52252 CITE PH6UP
SIGNED DATED FROM AFHQ, TO FOR ACTION: AAI: FIFTH ARMY: EIGHT ARMY: PSS MAIN:
PSS ADVANCE: SOC DISTRICT No. 3: OMIA: IMIA: AMIA: AND TROOPERS.)

AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS
SUBJECT TO EXTENSION IF CONDITIONS REQUIRE, ARMY COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED
TO SUPPLEMENT THE COMBINED ORDERS OF STAFF APPROVED RATION SCALE FOR
CERTAINLY THE ITALIAN MILITARY IN THE AMOUNTS AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS SHOWN
BELOW: A. APPLICABLE TO THOSE TROOPS FORWARD OF THE ARMY REAR BOUNDARY,
WHEN ENGAGED IN DUTY OF AN ARDUOUS NATURE AND IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS
ONLY. B. INCREASE TO CONSIST OF AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE OF: FLOUR, SIX LBS
AND CANNED MEAT, ONE LBS.

IT IS EMPHASIZED UPON THOSE CONCERNED THAT THE ABOVE AUTHORITY IS NOT BLINDEST
ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THE RATION SCALE OF ALL ITALIAN TROOPS FORWARD OF ARMY
BOUNDARY, BUT THAT IT IS AS STATED, AN AUTHORIZATION TO MEET AN EXISTING
EMERGENCY FOR CERTAIN TROOPS WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY ARMY COMMANDERS, WHICH
WILL BE TERMINATED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AAI WHEN THE EMERGENCY NO LONGER
EXISTS. THE ABOVE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN LETTER FIFTE
ARMY, SAME SUBJECT, DATED FOUR NOVEMBER AT THIS HEADQUARTERS

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C O P Y

S E C R E T

FROM: AFHQ

28 Jan. 45

FOR ACTION: CG 15th ARMY GROUP, PENBASE, 5TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY
GOC DISTRICT THREE, MMIA

FOR INFO: AGWAR TROOPERS

FX 17132

SECRET

CITE FHSUP 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 TWRAD P 62262 DATED 13 NOV 44 IS MADE
TO 1ST MARCH 45 (.) THIS ANSWERS REAR 8TH ARMY RADIO Q 3361 OF 26 JAN

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3.

C O P Y

SECRET

Ref : FX 28379

From: SACMED - AFHQ

Site : FUSIF

Action: 15 Army Grp; 5th Army; 8th Army; PBS; GOC Dist S; MIA;
CG Rome Area; Adriatic Depot; etc-

SECRET. EFFECTIVE 20 FEBRUARY, ACTION ORDER FOR ITALIAN MILITARY

FORCES AS OUTLINED IN LETTER THIS HEADQUARTERS SUBJECT: SUPPLY

PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTING FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED BY

ALLIED FORCES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR), FILE

AG/400/931 GUS-O, DATED 6 OCTOBER 1944, IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

INCREASE FLOR FROM 12 ounces to 15 ounces; INCREASE OLIVE OIL FROM

1 ounce to 1-1/2 ounces; INCREASE BUTS FROM 1/2 ounce WITHOUT SHELLS

TO 1 ounce WITHOUT SHELLS FX28379 FOR ACTION TO 15 ARMY GROUP; 5 ARMY;

8 ARMY; PBS; GOC DIST S; MIA; CG ROME AREA; ADRIATIC DEPOT; MONDS;

AA/30/40; AAF/30; MAP BRAN; DIST 1; DIST 2 CITE FUSIF SIGNED

SACMED EFFECTIVE 20 FEBRUARY, INCREASES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AS

CONTAINED IN CTR F-52253 DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1944 AND EXTENDED TO

1 MARCH 1945 IN CTR FX-17182 DATED 29 JANUARY, ARE CANCELLED

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C O P Y

S E C R E T

FROM: AFHQ (FREEDOM SIGNED SAGMED)
TO : 5 ARMY BR. INCR. 8 ARMY DISTONE
INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP, MMIA
FX- 55609

1 March 1945

CITE - FHGDQ

SECRET

ADDITIONAL FLOUR AND CANNED MEAT FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IS SUBJECT (.)
IN VIEW OF 5 ARMY SIGNAL 2668 OF 21 FEB. NOT TO ALL AN INCREASE OF
3 OZ. OF FLOUR AND 1 OZ. CANNED MEAT MAKING A TOTAL OF 18 OZS FLOUR
AND 4 OZS CANNED MEAT APPROVED FOR ITALIAN ARMY TROOPS FORWARD OF
ARMY REAR BOUNDARIES UNTIL 1 APRIL ON CONDITIONS NAMED IN FX 52252
OF 13 NOV. 44

Corrected version to follow

COPY TO: ST

2809

Subject: Standard Rations for attached personnel. **467**

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) - ROME
9/1-77
7 April 1945

TO : Dir. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

1. When it is necessary for units to draw rations other than for the actual strength of their own personnel such as:
- a. Personnel attached for rations.
 - b. Units attached for rations.
 - c. Small isolated units with insufficient transportation to draw their own rations.
 - d. Territorial Headquarters drawing rations for several units in their immediate vicinity.

The following information will be shown on the reverse side of the ration issue note (MMIA Form ST/3) covering the issue of the rations:

- (1) Actual strength of the unit drawing the rations.
- (2) Strength of attached personnel, showing designation of their parent unit.
- (3) Strength and designation of any attached units which may be included in the ration issue.

2. This information shown on the reverse side of the Ration Issue Note will enable both you and ourselves to be able to more efficiently control the issue of rations to the Italian Military. This will apply to all units drawing rations from the Army depots; that is, Army, Air Corps, and CC.RC.

3. You will please therefore issue instructions to your depots immediately, to implement this policy, sending us a copy of your instructions. We are asking our Liaison Officers to check the MMIA Form ST/3's in their respective areas to insure that your instructions concerning this matter are adhered to.

su 488 Tommy Rose
488 TOMMY R. ROSE, Lt. Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: ALL MMIA LO's
ALL BMO's

MMIA ST

Air Force Sub Commission

Public Safety Sub Commission

*This does not include
units in the combat groups.*

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subject: Consumption of Foodstuffs of Italian Origin

Major General
 Sub Commission, 22 (7012)
 Date
 27/6
 5 April 1946

1. In your letter of 2 April 1946, you stated that the Commission will be dealing with this subject.
2. This is one of a series of communications on this subject. Italian food stocks still exist in the depots, while allied stocks are being issued.
3. I want you to take such steps as are necessary to prevent the issue of allied food stocks when similar items of Italian origin are available in the depots. I want that the Italian items will be issued beginning now, and that no allied foodstuffs of a similar nature will be issued until all Italian items are exhausted.
4. Acknowledge receipt of this letter, and advise me that you understand exactly what is meant.

Major General
 Sub Commission, 22 (7012)

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:-- Consumption of Foodstuffs of Italian Origin.

Land Forces Sub Area, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ap/6

14 April 45.

MEMO TO:--
HARRIS; EARL; TARRANT;
STOLY; SANDERS; WOOD.

1. An examination of Stock Movement Reports, of 20 March 1945, has revealed that some Bulk and Distribution Depots have large holdings of items of Italian origin, which can be readily issued, in lieu of items of Allied origin. It has been the established policy that where foodstuffs of Italian origin exist, the same should be issued before foodstuffs of a like or similar kind, of Allied origin.
2. Several communications from this Headquarters have been written on this subject, yet stock still exists in Italian Depots.
3. To implement this policy it is desired that you make an inspection of all depots with a representative of the local Commissariato in your Sector to determine items of Italian origin and give instructions on the spot to respective depot commanders to issue these items. When stock has been depleted, request a certificate from the local Commissariato to this effect.
4. It is appreciated that office duties occupy a large part of your time; however, it is important and essential that inspections be made of depots as part of your operating procedure.
5. Supervision and control of the Italian Army is accomplished in a large part through the supply of rations. If no check is made at the depot of those rations, the result is obvious.
6. Recently a large amount of Allied foodstuffs was discovered in a food depot which had not been taken on charge. This would not have occurred had the Liaison Officer made periodic physical checks of stocks and original receipts with book figures of the depots in his Sector.
7. Paras 4, 5, and 6 are not meant as a digression but as an amplification of policy to maintain closer surveillance of food supply depots in your Sector.
8. It is requested that you render a report to this HQ by 30 April on the results of this inspection, with special reference to Paragraphs 4 and 6 above.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M.H.I.A.).
30/15

14 April 1945.

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MAYLES; SANTI; TAVARNO;
SECIEN; SANDINIA; MROC.

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K. J. Lusk

Lt. Col. RANSO,
ADJUT, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M.H.I.A.).

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Subject: Purchase by Italian Troops
of Local Commodities.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1-70

5 Apr 1945

To: AFHQ for G4 A
AFHQ for G4 B
AFHQ for G(Maint)

Reference is made to SM 1 District letter 13/2701/5/Q of 26 Mar to AFHQ only and 1 District ST/443/1 of 25 Mar to D.S.F. only. (Att for reference)

1. The problem raised by the large cash allowance available to Italian bands for the purchase of food etc items (decided on by the Italian Government without reference to AFHQ) is acute. The sum at present authorized is:

£ 1100 per man per day behind Rear Army Bdy) additional to the full ration (Allied 20 lire per man per day fwd of Rear Army Bdy) and Italian portion of the ration scale).

In a Bd of 300 all ranks, for example, the band thus has in a ten day ration period either

£ 40,000 or if in Army Area £ 160,000

to spend in unrestricted purchases.

2. This results in MF and petrol being used by units to scour all Italy for items to purchase. As cash is no worry, any price is paid, to the detriment of national price stability, food supplies for civil population and Allied officers trying to purchase for Allied Hospitals.

3. There appear to be three possible solutions to remedy this state of affairs.

(a) Reduction in the amount of cash allowance.

This is the simplest solution. But it has long been Allied policy to raise the standard of feeding of the Italian Army, and such a cut would be a retrograde step and thus undesirable from this aspect.

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(b) Control of spending of the cash allowance.

(i) Of the entire ITALIAN Army only approximately 30,000 (10%) are not under Allied Comd. The purchase of extra food by this 30,000 (who are distributed practically all in rear of Army Areas) would not affect the general food situation or prices.

The CC.RM also receive the L 20 allowance unless they are actually serving with the Army ied of the Army Rear Boundary when they receive the L 20 allowance. The CC.RM however as a whole are, by nature of their duties, not concentrated but scattered round the country and therefore also do not present a serious problem.

The problem at issue is thus the control of purchases by that part of the Italian Army under Allied Commanders.

(ii) Allied control of spending the cash allowance is being done in part already. I understand that in Fifth Army Area USARF units may only purchase through Italian purchasing officers under A.M.S. permit, whereas for M.I.T.I.S. administered by 1st Increment the R.A.S.C. are trying to solve the problem by leaving L 15 with the Italian Unit Comd and spending the remaining L 15 on his behalf. I believe that in Eighth Army Area, 1 Dist. and 3 Dist. the spending is entirely in ITALIAN hands.

(iii) The Allied Comds could control the problem to a degree by:-

- Centralised purchasing agencies.
- Direct orders limiting purchases.
- Restriction of use of motor transport.
- Non-issue of similar parts of the ration where instructions are violated.

This, however, would inevitably entail a greater degree of supervision, checking and book-keeping, with corresponding increase in Allied personnel.

(c) Amendment of Italian portion of the ration scale.

On the basis that this cash allowance is necessary or desirable in order to augment the existing ration scale by the purchase of extra fruit, vegetables etc., the question arises as to whether the ration scale itself should not be increased and the cash allowance correspondingly reduced.

This would give a considerable degree of control but has the disadvantages of establishing a scale which it may be undesirable to keep up at all times and also prevents the use

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of such occasional surpluses as might arise in various localities.

4. This matter is referred to you, for decision and orders please.

L. Browning

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

PJW/1a

Copy to:-

CG, Fifth Army
CG, Eighth Army
HQ, No. 1 District
HQ, No. 2 District
HQ, No. 3 District
CG, P.B.S.
HQ A.C. (For Food Sub-commission)

P.S. Since dictating the above, I have received your AFHQ/2554/
C(Maint) of 30 Mar 45, which refers.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance Italian Forces.11/2701/6/926 Mar 45

HQ MIA

1. Ref conversation Col Hoskes - Lt. Col Gould.
2. Herewith schedule of purchases during the month of February made by the Italian Rft Depot, ONVISTO, with 5 lire per man per diem cash allowance.
3. It is considered monstrous that they should purchase flour, and instructions have been issued to DC Br Cadre to stop this practice immediately. It is requested that you will instruct the Ministry of War to publish orders in similar terms.
4. It is very apparent from the prices paid that no regard is had to the regulation prices laid down by AMG and that direct encouragement is being given to the Black Market. The high prices paid have adversely affected the availability of fresh vegetables for hospitals and for the normal entitlement of the Italian Army, growers being unwilling to sell at the controlled price, when they know that they can obtain these inflated ones.
5. It is requested that you will make strong representations to the War Ministry to issue instructions that excessive prices will not be paid and the same procedure as that for British local purchases will be followed, i.e. an AMG release obtained before purchases are made.

CMF

(sgd) J.F. GOULD, Lt Col
for Major General
Commanding
No.1 District

Copy to: AFHQ (MIA)
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SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES MADE BY ITALIAN BASE DEPOT ORVIERO DURING MONTH OF FEB 48

Commodity	Quantity : Purchased : in Kilos.	Representative : Value in Tons : of rations.	Price paid : per kilo : Live	Price paid per : kilo by DISTOBE : for similar : purchases.	Price per kilo : fixed by AMO.	Remarks
1. CAULIFLOWER	12,096	53,530	13	10 to 13.50	8 to 10	Represents 13 days issue @ 8 ozs for feeding strength.
2. POTATOES	50 2,600 2,057 879 40 5,526	Not an item of the Nation Scale	32 26 36 36 40	None Purchased	13 to 14	-
3. ONIONS	188 225 410	-	32 37	13.50	13 to 14	-
4. BEANS DRIED	391 20 175 132 100 400 130 100 1,000 2,438		72 75 75 80 90 95 100 60 26	None Purchased	30	1. Represents 11.75 days issue at 2 ozs for the feeding strength. 2. AMO price quote is for Peas and Beans dried.
5. PEAS DRIED	640	12,900	110	None Purchased	110	Rep. 3 issues @ 50 ozs in lieu Rats.
6. FLOUR (For Macaroni)	2,000	4,704	40	None Purchased	5 to 7	Rep. 1.7 issues @ 15 ozs.
7. PEA (Live)	448.5 673	-	374 364	None Purchased	80 to 100	-

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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces. Box No 1 District DM

Tel. Ext: 6223

ST/445/1

25 Mar 45.

L.S.F., A.S.H.Q.

Copy to: A.S.S.F., M.M.I.A.
M.M.I.A., L.S.

Reference AFAC/64/11/376(a) dated 15 Feb 45.

1. The attached schedule shows the extent to which the monetary grant available to the Italian Armed Forces was used by the Italian Base Reinforcement Depot ORVIERO to implement the ration scale during the month of February 45.
2. Inasmuch as it was not possible to purchase locally the hospital and Italian requirements of fresh fruit and vegetables for 71 Sub-Area in this month, it can be stated that the supply of these items was prejudiced. It is understood however, that the method employed by the ORVIERO Base Depot to obtain these supplies was for an Italian Officer to make a round trip of all the farms in the locality, purchasing wherever he found stocks available, and apparently without regard to the price paid. These methods are not open, of course, to the R.A.S.A. Local Resources Officers.
3. It has been confirmed that this Depot received its full entitlement from British and Italian sources in the period, so that all purchases made were in augmentation to the normal scale.
4. The actual cash allowance at ORVIERO was on the basis of 5 lire per man per day.
5. In the LEONARD Combat Group, the amount available was 20 lire per man per day and a statement as to how this was spent is awaited and will be forwarded as soon as received.

(Sgd) *****
for Colonel
Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.In the field

NOTE: Schedule same as attachment to 10/2701/6/Q of 26 Mar 45.

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COPY OF SIGNAL

(Original in ST/5)

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8/2/14
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FROM : AFHQ

TO : 5 ARMY 8 ARMY
DISTONE DESTWG

RESTRICTED

INFO : MBGA

31 MARCH 45

Ref No FX52780

SIGNED: SIGNED OTHER FOOT
FOR ST

SUBJECT ITALIAN RATION SCALE (.) ROMA UNABLE MEET MORE THAN 1 OZ. OLIVE
OIL DAILY (.) DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDING FOR SUBSTITUTION BY OTHER COMMODITY (.)
MONTEN: BRITISH STOCKS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE USED TO MAKE UP TO 1 1/2 OZS.

SW 401
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SUBJECT: Evacuation of Italian Army
Personnel from Yugoslavia.

M.M.I.A. L.O. BARI.

Copy to: Ministry of War
22 C.R.A.S.G. (Supply Units)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.S.
(M.M.I.A.),
52/62/40

5 April 1945.

1. Reference telephone conversation (M.M.I.A. - C.M.P.215), forwarded herewith is a copy of a letter received from Brig 3 (M.M.I.A.) No. AMO/4191/3/3 (M.M.I.A.) dated 30 March 1945.

2. As you are aware, 22 C.R.A.S.G. has had instructions to dispatch 25000 rations, approximately to the Italian scale, to Rear MARCHES. Of these rations, you are to supply ex-Bari Bulk Depot, 25000 x 5 (staples) free type cigarettes and 25000 rations of matches.

3. It will be observed from para 3 of the attached letter that for the purpose of accounting, these supplies will be considered a M.M.I.A. commitment and, therefore, it is suggested that the following procedure should be carried out :-

- (a) Italian Bulk Depot officer signs A.P.C. 1023 prepared by 22 C.R.A.S.G. acknowledging receipt of supplies and retains one copy. He should check quantities delivered at payaside.
- (b) Italian Bulk Depot takes supplies signed for on charge in normal way.
- (c) L.O. prepares SE/3 (Acceptance Note) which should be signed by Italian officer and L.O. and disposed of in normal manner.
- (d) Prepare SE/2 to clear Depot accounts.

File 417/100
ON

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/62/10

5 April 45.

M.M.I.A. L.O. BARI.

Copy to: Ministry of War
22 G.R.A.A.C. (Supply Units)

1. Reference telephone conversation (G.R.A.A.C. - M.M.I.A.), forwarded herewith in a copy of a letter received from Brig Q (Print) No. 41131/3/ Q (Print) dated 30 March 1945.
2. As you are aware, 22 G.R.A.A.C. has had instructions to dispatch 25000 millions, approximately to the Italian people, to their homes. Of these millions, you are to supply on-Bark Bulk Depot, 25000 x 5 (single) free type cigarettes and 25000 millions of matches.
3. It will be observed from para 3 of the attached letter that for the purpose of accounting, these supplies will be considered a 100-III equivalent and, therefore, it is suggested that the following procedure should be carried out :-
 - (a) Italian Bulk Depot officer signs A.P.S. 1033 prepared by 22 G.R.A.A.C. acknowledging receipt of supplies and retains one copy. He should check quantities delivered at quayside.
 - (b) Italian Bulk Depot takes supplies signed for on charge in normal way.
 - (c) L.O. prepares ST/5 (Acceptance Note) which should be signed by Italian officer and L.O. and disposed of in normal manner.
 - (d) Prepare ST/6 to clear Depot accounts.

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ORIGINAL: of M.M.I.A.

Lt. Col. BARK,
2202, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS1 (NAINT) BRANCHSUBJECT:- Evacuation of Italian
Army Personnel from JUGOSLAVIAAFHQ/1181/3/4 (Naint)BT30 March 45.

After the move of the GARIBOLDI Division from DUBROVNIK a considerable number of Italian military stragglers are still congregating there.

It has been ruled that food supplies will be despatched for these personnel. Will you please arrange dispatch of 25,000 rations to approximately the Italian Army scale as early as possible. They should be assigned to Bear MOBILE and MULES in case of dispatch details.

For the purpose of accounting these supplies will be considered a BR-ITI commitment.

/s/ H. MORGAN, Lt. Col.,

(t) H. MORGAN, Lt. Col.,
for Brig 4 (Naint).

Copy to: G-4 (Mov & Tr)
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C O P YSUBJECT: Issue of rations to civilians.
-----LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1 - 76
5 April 1945
-----TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

1. It has been brought to our attention that messes of the Italian Army are reissuing rations to individuals to be consumed in their homes and private billets.
2. This is contrary to instructions published in our letter A2/2 dated 23 June 1944, para. 2-a, which reads in part, "Military rations will not be issued for private messes for civil officials, or for private messes for officers below the grade of Brigadier General".
3. You will please investigate this matter and have the practice discontinued immediately. We cannot understand why our instructions have not been carried out concerning this matter. Request an explanation from your office as to the reason this issue has been made contrary to our instructions.

/s/ TOMMY T. ROSE.
/t/ TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.,
for Major General
M. M. I. A.TTR/ ri
Copy to: MMIA ST Section

99/2460
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/1181/3/4(Maint).2 Apr 45.

SUBJECT:- Evacuation of Italian
Army Personnel from
Yugoslavia.

TO :- M.H.I.A.

Reference our AFHQ/1181/3/4(Maint) of 30 Mar 45,
to S.T. copy to you.

1. 25,000 rations on Italian Military Scale have been
set up by S.T. as requested.
2. These rations are a Br-Iti commitment and we should
be glad if you would credit the value of the above to the
British Government account.

HLE/POE.

W. L. DEDWELL
Capt.
H.L. DEDWELL, Major,
for Major-General,
D.M.C.

Copy to:- S.T.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q MAINT BRANCH.

SUBJECT: Maintenance Italian Forces.

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)

30 Mar 45.

TO : F.M.I.A. ✓

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Reference is made to AFHQ/2701/6/Q of 26 Mar 45 on the subject of foodstuff purchases by Italian troops with the cash allowance now made to them.

It is requested that you assure this Headquarters that adequate steps are being taken immediately to stop this practice.

[Signature]
H. McLEAN, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
D. O. M. C.

[Handwritten notes]
See 2701/6/Q
2701/6/Q

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SUBJECT: Hot meals for recruits or conscripts.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O H E
2/2-74
3 April 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

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Ref. to your letter 7124/5/1 dated 30 March 1945.

1. We regret to inform you that we cannot approve the practice which you set forth in the above mentioned letter. We however do not have any objections as to the way the travel ration issued to soldiers is prepared, but we cannot approve the drawing of any additional rations from the depots for troops moving, other than the normal travel ration.

Henry Rose
HENRY L. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

TTR/21

Copy to: OMIA ST

TRANSMISSION

S. T. MINA.

FROM: Ministry of War.

(Direzione di Convalescenza)

Ref No 7134/S/1

TO: ADMA

File ST/

Date 30 March 45.

SUBJECT:-- Hot meals for recruits or conscripts.

Since the movements by rail of recruits or conscripts, in regard to the recent re-call to arms, are often delayed by the unavailability of carriages, bad repair of the trucks or long periods of waiting due to the difficult traffic conditions, the Ufficio Trasporti of the S.M.R.M. has proposed that a hot meal should be given to such personnel at various centres, for the time being at Bari, Naples, and Rome.

Its provision would constitute a form of assistance most often felt and desired by Military personnel in transit.

In order to satisfy as much as possible the needs of the personnel above, and at the same time to avoid any further demand on rations of Allied provision for the making of this hot meal, we maintain that the proposal of the S.M.R.M. could be effected in the following scale:-

The hot meal would consist of:-

52	grams	of	pasta
10	"	"	oil
200	"	"	fresh vegetables
8	"	"	salt

The pasta, oil and salt could be drawn from the Supply Depots and the vegetables and fuel needed for the meal would be bought from the market.

The supply of the pasta would be effected by taking the corresponding quantity of flour (34 grams) from the bread in the ration for transit personnel.

In other words, on the day when the hot meal is issued, the bread ration for personnel in transit would be 440 grams instead of 550 grams.

Before we give the necessary approval for its putting into practice to the units concerned, we ask you to examine this proposal and to inform us of your decisions.

Sgd.

ENLIERA for the Minister

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CAO OFFICE.

TO :- See below.

SUBJECT :- Italian Rations.

On 1 Apr 45 the authority given for an additional 6 ounces of flour and 1 ounce of canned meat to Italian troops employed in the forward area under arduous conditions ceases to be operative. The calorific value of the ration for all Italian troops will then be 3378 calories, as compared with 3680 calories of the old combat scale.

Representations have already been received to the effect that a ration scale equivalent to the old combat scale is desirable, particularly for troops in the forward area. The whole subject is one which has been under correspondence with the Combined Chiefs of Staff for a long time. The SAC, having reviewed it afresh, has now decided that he is not prepared to take the matter up again with the Combined Chiefs of Staff with a view to obtaining an increase in the ration. He has satisfied himself that the case for an increased ration is not sufficiently strong, and that further representations would certainly not receive approval.

I am instructed to bring this decision to your notice and to request that no encouragement should be given to Commanders of Italian troops to think that there is a possibility of a further increase in the ration.

30 March 45.

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DISTRIBUTION.

CG 15 Army Group.
CG Fifth Army.
Main Eighth Army.
CG Peninsular Base Section
Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (ITALIA).

B.A. ROBERTSON,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

7-4-73

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C(MAINT) BRANCH

SUBJECT:- Evacuation of Italian
Army Personnel from JUGOSLAVIA

AFHQ/1181/3/C(Maint)

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To MAF 45.

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It has been ruled that food supplies will be despatched for these personnel. Will you please arrange dispatch of 25,000 rations to approximately the Italian Army scale as early as possible. They should be consigned to Rear MAGNIS and MAGNIS informed of despatch details.

For the purpose of accounting these supplies will be considered a PR-TFI commitment.

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H. McLEAN, Lt. Col.,
 for Brig C(Maint).

Copy to: G-4 (Rev & In)
 MIA

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 1) *Nothing, when I was 1, 1973*
as a result of the 25 RMA
 2) *Nothing, but I did not know*
by the way, I did not know
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government for funds to pay these troops; and the fact a request has been made, the Italian Government has to have supplied the funds in accordance with the terms of the armistice. At this time it would be rather difficult to place these troops on the Italian Army pay scale inasmuch as the pay being drawn from the United States is about double the Italian Army pay.

4. Prior to August 1944 all of our Italian troops in Corsica were provided through United States supply at a basic subsistence, 1-1/2 the U. S. Army "A" ration, plus certain special allowances supplied, in addition the Italian Army and certain Italian-provided items in Corsica. The vouchers for the United States ration are most extensive and the line for these troops, which have been submitted by the U. S. Army, have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government. Since August 1944, these troops have been on the United States ration scale with certain items provided from U. S. supplies, and the Italian Army and items being shipped from Italy.

5. Vouchers for these troops ^{have} been provided from U. S. supplies in Corsica, generally since "A", and the vouchers submitted by the U. S. Army have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government.

6. From the above, you will see that we have the peculiar position of co-belligerent troops being paid by the United States as well as being provided and claimed at the expense of the co-belligerent government. Your attention is directed to the letter of 16 November 1944, File No. 061.711/170/UCW-2, subject: "United States Administration of Italian Army."

7. It has been decided by the U. S. Army that these troops are to be transferred to France. About 1,000 have already been shipped to France.

8. The Italian Government has been concerned about these troops, especially in regard to its responsibility for the expenses and its control of these troops, who are legally still Italian citizens. The Italian Government has requested that some officers of the Italian Army accompany these troops to France in order to handle documentation, pay, and supplies charged against the Italian Government. The Italian Officer in Corsica, and he was given the vouchers for supplies issued to the troops, but no authority has been received for these regular officers of the Italian Army to go to France. A request was received from France that one of the acting line officers be given authority to sign for the Italian Government, but the Italian Government has not agreed to this. No vouchers, charges, or supplies or supplies have been received from France. A-5 (copy) is handling the matter with them.

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5. From the supply and accounting standpoint, the following is recommended:

a. A small Italian Headquarters be sent to France to handle the administrative and supply matters.

b. These troops be placed on the authorized Italian ration scale, and the U. S. items be substituted for the Italian-provided items inasmuch as it is not practicable for the Italian-provided items to be shipped from Italy. The cost of the entire ration to be borne by the Italian Government. Vouchers covering the rations is used to be signed by an authorized Italian officer and forwarded to WIA for charge against the Italian Government.

c. Clothing and equipment items on the authorized scale to be issued from United States depots as is done for other WB-IFI's and vouchers be forwarded to WIA for charge against the Italian Government.

d. Pay - no recommendations.

6. The matter of discipline of these troops has not been considered. It is supposed that any serious crimes would be handled by U. S. Courts Martial under the "camp follower" provisions. However, the legality of such a procedure is doubtful as these are actually troops of a no-belligerent nation.

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CLAYTON E. ARRA
Colonel, Infantry

cc: General Maclean, AFOS
U-3 Ops (Foreign) AFOS

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SUBJECT. Maintenance Italian Forces

Q/2 1D/2701/6/9

26 Mar 45

HQ MMIA

1. Ref conversation Col Noakes - Lt. Col Gould.
2. Herewith schedule of purchases during the month of February made by the Italian Rft Depot, ORVIETO, with 5 lire per man per diem cash allowance.
3. It is considered monstrous that they should purchase flour, and instructions have been issued to OC Br Cadre to stop this practice immediately. It is requested that you will instruct the Ministry of War to publish orders in similar terms.
4. It is very apparent from the prices paid that no regard is had to the regulation prices laid down by AMG and that direct encouragement is being given to the Black Market. The high prices paid have adversely affected the availability of fresh vegetables for hospitals and for the normal entitlement of the Italian Army, growers being unwilling to sell at the controlled price, when they know that they can obtain these inflated ones.
5. It is requested that you will make strong representations to the War Ministry to issue instructions that excessive prices will not be paid and the same procedure as that for British local purchases will be followed, i.e., an AMG release obtained before purchases are made.

*Col. D. Draper, letter on figure received
from General Chamberlain to be forwarded on 26*

*Mar 3 11.30
21 Mar*

CMF

J. P. Gould
at tel

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

Copy to:- AFHQ Q(Maint)
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*Letter sent to
RAF HQ on 26 Mar*

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SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES MADE BY ITALIAN BASE DEPOT ORVIETO DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945

Commodity	Quantity Purchased in Kilos	Representative Value in Terms of Rations	Price paid per Kilo Lire	Price paid per Kilo by DISTRICT for similar purchases	Price per Kilo Fixed by A.M.G.	Re
1. CAULIFLOWER	12,095	53,530	13	10 to 13.50	8 to 10	Represents 13 d Feeding Strength
2. POTATOES	50 2,600 2,057 879 40 <u>5,626</u>	Not an item of the Ration Scale	32 26 35 36 40	None Purchased	13 to 14	
3. ONIONS	185 225 <u>410</u>	- do -	32 37	13.50	13 to 14	
4. CHICKPEAS	381		72			1. Represents 11 2 ozs for th
"	20		75			
BEANS	175		75			
"	132		80			
"	100		90	None Purchased	30	2. AMG price qu and Beans Dr
"	400		95			
"	130		100			
BEANS DRIED	100		60			
PEAS DRIED	1,100 <u>2,438</u>	43,000	26			
5. FIGS DRIED	640	12,900	119	None Purchased	110	Represents 3 1 Nuts w/o Shell
6. FLOUR (for Macaroni)	2,000	4,704	40	None Purchased	5 to 7	Represents 1.7
7. PIG (Live)	448.5 673	-	374 364	None Purchased	80 to 100	-

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Not an item of the Ration Scale	32 26 35 36 40	None Purchased	13 to 14	-
- do -	32 37	13.50	13 to 14	-
	72 75 75 80 90 95 100 60 26	None Purchased	30	1. Represents 11.75 days issue at 2 ozs for the Feeding Strength. 2. AMG price quoted is for Peas and Beans Dried.
43,000				
12,900	119	None Purchased	110	Represents 3 issues @ 50 gms in lieu Mts w/o Shells
4,704	40	None Purchased	5 to 7	Represents 1.7 issues @ 15 ozs
-	374 364	None Purchased	80 to 100	-

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Subject: Supplies - RTG IGF General Reserve Stocks

Roll

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2

24 Mar 45.

S.O. F BLD

1. Subject to review on 1 Sep 45 a reserve of 75000 balanced rations will be maintained at the RTG IGF.
2. Arrangements are being made to increase the normal Pack delivery to 15000 to cover the garrison at VITERBO.

P. J. ROXES
P. J. ROXES, Col.
for Major General,
M. N. I. A.

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Answered at - 451

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of
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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 6281/S/1

TO : MMIA (~~22-11-1945~~)

Date: 23/3/45

SUBJECT: Issue of salt to bakeries. *4-18*

Ref. request in letter Q/2-67 dated 17-3-45 we deem advisable to explain the problem. *301*

With letter AQ/2-30 dated 8th. of Jan. 45 the Mission informed us that beside the ration of 14 grms of salt per day the authorization to issue another 10grms per diem for breadmaking was granted.

Taking into consideration that following experiments the ration of 14 grms of salt proved to be insufficient to make the daily meals and that the 10 grms for baking purposes were excessive and that only 4 grms were necessary this Ministry pointed out orally that it would be advisable to distribute the entire salt allowance as follows:

20 grms for daily meals
4 grms for bread making.

As regards to this agreement dispositions were issued with letter 1020/S/1 dated 17/1/45, also sent to MMIA for information.

NT Later, since there was an increase of 3 ozs. of flour daily for breadmaking the 4 grms of salt became insufficient and the following was ordered so as not to cause an increase in the total salt issue, the distribution of salt would now be as follows:

19 grms for daily meals.
5 grms for bread making.

Letter 5210/S/1 dated 5/3/45 issuing such order was also sent to MMIA for Info.

Taking into consideration the above and particularly the technical reasons that have caused the Ministry to adopt same we beg you to allow us to carry out the same distribution in the future as on ther hand it does not bring any changes to the basic salt issue which is authorized.

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Sgd. PELLIGRA

*I think
we should
agree*

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Subject: Italian Rationing.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
1/2-68

14 Mar 1945

To: OC 1st Bld.
429

Reference SI/4/49 of 17 Mar 45.

1. The ration scale position is fully appreciated but as one increase has just been authorized after much work it is felt that it is not opportune to raise it at this moment.
2. Rops of the A.C. are being added to the MS of 1944 and will cover the problem raised in para 5 of your SI/4/49 and your N/9/1/8 of 15 Mar.

EJH/18

E. J. Moran, Col.
D.A. & G.M.C.
M. M. I. A.
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COPY TRANSLATION

From; M. of W.

Ref; 5560/1.

To ; MMIA. for information.

9/3/45.

SUBJECT; Bread Ration

In letter 4420/S/1-20/8/45, dealing with rations, this Ministry ~~has~~ laid down that from the 21st said month, the ration of bread would be 551Gr to be obtained using 424Gr flour that is ^{the flour} with 130% benefit.

With ref., to the requests we have received in the meantime, we specify that the weight of the new bread ration (551Gr) is to be applied to those cases where the ration consists of only one loaf. When two small loaves are issued the weight of the ration - 10 hours after the bread has been baked - will be 539 Gr, as has been ascertained through baking experiments.

We add, that the above mentioned weights represent the minimum that can be obtained in the baking process, and therefore it is understood that the bakers must hand over to the Military ~~Authorities~~ Administration all the bread that they have obtained, employing all the flour that has been given them.

It is strictly forbidden to bake bread in other than normal forms.

The ration is established at 551 Gr for all those who are entitled to their ration in one loaf; where there is a special availability of bakeries and baking facilities, Territorial HQs, and Large units HQs can arrange in ^{certain} ~~certain~~ garrisons for the baking of bread in two small loaves, on authorities granted by this Ministry. This authority will be requested each time.

GD.

RK Pelligna.

2081

SUBJECT: Italian Rationing.

Q/2

1st B.N.G., R.F.C., I.C.F.
w/ Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.E.A.) RCM.

Ref: 33/4/49

17 March 1945.

To: HQ.

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

1. As a result of the Field Marshal's comments on Italian rationing during his recent visit, I have made a comparative survey of the British and Italian scales.

2. I realize that this matter has been exhaustively discussed and that decisions on the basic amount of food available for any nation are made at a very high level indeed.

3. None the less, the supply position undoubtedly varied from time to time and it seems justifiable to point out the following major discrepancies :-

Italian ration:	8 ozs. more flour or bread than British.
"	3 ozs. less meat
"	6 ozs. less Dried Vegetables
"	1 lb. less Coffee
"	1 1/2 ozs. less Sugar
"	1 1/2 ozs. less Fat (Margarine or Olive Oil) than British.
"	No bacon, sugar element, jam nor milk.

It seems, for a nation which normally consumes large quantities of coffee, that ration, together with sugar, should be increased. Vegetables are also of prime importance in Italian cooking, and if the allowance could be increased it would make a notable difference.

4. Actually the Italian ration in toto is 1 1/2 ozs. less than the British, the total of which amounts to approximately 9 ozs. A reduction of approximately 20% is a fairly substantial handicap on men who are not being asked to carry out the identical work normally done by the British soldier.

5. Actually, in both Armies, the food value depends very largely on the skill in preparation, and I have suggested to the A.C.C. representative who visited the Centre recently that a form of A.C.C. Incentive, skilled in Italian cooking, should be attached to the Centre with the specific object of ensuring that the best possible use is made of the available ration.

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[Signature]
Lieut-Col. R.A.

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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 5690/S/1

TO : MMIA for infor. (Circ. letter)

11 March 1945

Cash Allowance

Further to agreements made with the Allied authorities (letters S/AQ/5 and Q/2-57 respectively dated 20 and 24 February, from MMIA we point out, to complete what arranged in letter 4420/S/1 dated 20 Feb. 45, that the 20 lire allowance for improving the food and the 10 per free issue of cigarettes will be issued daily to the following troops.

- a. to all units north of the rear limits of the 5th. and 8th. Army.
- b. FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE, and MANTOVA Combat Groups wherever located.
- c. Combat Group training centre of CESANO previous orders contradicting those above all hereby cancelled.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

2049

Q/2 425
SUBJECT:- Supplies - Welfare for
Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2552/1/0(Maint.)

14 Mar 45.

TO :- R.M.I.A. 398

Reference your Q/2-60 of 28 Feb 45.

1. You will have seen A.P.H.Q. letter AG 400/005 GDE-0 of 12 Mar 45 which authorizes certain supplies for canteens and clubs for the Italian Armed Forces.
2. The proposals now submitted by you are under examination and you will be informed of the decision in due course.

HMC/PCE.

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H. McLEAN, Lt. Col.,
for Major-General,
R.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- Allowance to It. Tps for Improvement of Messing

1D/2701/Q

13 Mar 45

HQ MMIA

1. I have been approached by Gen OLMI G.O.C. 209 It Div on the reduction of the extra Messing Allowance from 20 lire to 3 lire per man per diem.
2. I am aware that the increase was originally granted owing to erroneous instructions being issued by the War Ministry and that It Tps in other Districts in Italy only receive 3 lire. Nevertheless, as the It Tps in this District have been in actual receipt of 20 lire per day, and as they frequently live in the same towns as tps of 228 and 231 Divs, who receive the higher rate, I feel this sudden reduction from 20 lire to the original 3 lire is unfair and may affect the morale, and the efficiency, of tps in the District.
3. I recommend, therefore, that permission be given to 209 Div to pay 6 lire per day allowance. This is a substantial increase on the present allowance, will provide a reasonable amount of money with which to purchase additional rations, yet is not so great as to enable units to make large black market purchases and raise the already high prices of unrationed foodstuffs.

C.M.F.

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C.A. Hydenman
Major-General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

Copy to : HQ 209 It Div
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Labour
MMIA LO

Gould - Noakes
NA on 11/11
26 Nov

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TRANSLATION

H.Q. 209 INFANTRY DIVISION
STAFF OFFICE - SECTION 1st

NO 95/827

P.M. 185, 11th March 1945

Subject : Allowance for improving food rations.

To General C.A. HEYDEMAN
C.O.C. No 1 District
C.M.F.

1) The War Ministry (Direzione Generale di Commissariato) with circular No 1890/S/1 dated 31st January last ordered the increase of the individual allowance for improving food rations from 5 to 20 lire daily, with effect from 1st February.

This increase was granted to the Combat Groups and to the Administrative Divisions 209 - 210 - 228 and 231.

With signal N. 4783/5/1 dated 1st inst. the a/m. Direzione Generale del Ministero has cancelled this increase with immediate effect.

The cancellation concerns the 209 Division only.

2) The allowance of 20 lire for improving food rations, which had been obtained after much insistence, had permitted to supply a satisfactory ration to the men. To reduce it again to 5 lire would be prejudicial in a material and moral way.

Aware of this fact I applied to the War Ministry first through the Chief of Staff of my H.Q. and then personally in order to obtain that the allowance could remain unchanged at 20 lire.

The Secretary of the Ministry (Col. LOMARDI) declared both to my Chief of the Staff and to myself that :

- the cancellation of this allowance of 20 lire was due to an order of the M.M. with a view to maintaining this benefit only for Italian troops located in the operational Areas of the Army.

- No objection will be raised by the Italian War Ministry to leave the allowance of 20 lire unchanged also for the 209 Division should the M.M. agree.

3) In view of the foregoing I beg to point out that the only Division lacking the benefit of 20 lire allowance is the 209 Division.

If a mistake was made in the granting of this benefit one month ago it is, no doubt, a bad remedy to cancel such a benefit to day.

In many places under the jurisdiction of No 1 District Italian troops of the 209 Division are in contact with troops of 210 - 228 and 231 Divisions. Now the former Division under administration of No 1 District and outside Army Area will not enjoy the benefit of 20 lire: the latter 3 Divisions, although they are located outside the Army Area, will have the benefit of 20 lire because they are administered by the Army H.Qs.

1) The War Ministry (Direzione Generale di Commissariato) with circular No 1890/S/1 dated 31st January last ordered the increase of the individual allowance for improving food rations from 5 to 20 lire daily, with effect from 1st February.

This increase was granted to the Combat Groups and to the Administrative Divisions 209 - 240 - 228 and 231.

With signal N. 4783/5/1 dated 1st Inst. the A.M. Direzione Generale del Ministero has cancelled this increase with immediate effect.

The cancellation concerns the 209 Division only.

2) The allowance of 20 lire for improving food rations, which had been obtained after much insistence, had permitted to supply a satisfactory ration to the men. To reduce it again to 5 lire would be prejudicial in a material and moral way.

Aware of this fact I applied to the War Ministry first through the Chief of Staff of my H.Q. and then personally in order to obtain that the allowance could remain unchanged at 20 lire.

The Secretary of the Ministry (Col. LOMBARDI) declared both to my Chief of the Staff and to myself that:

- the cancellation of this allowance of 20 lire was due to an order of the MMIA with a view to maintaining this benefit only for Italian troops located in the operational Areas of the Army.

- No objection will be raised by the Italian War Ministry to leave the allowance of 20 lire unchanged also for the 209 Division should the MMIA agree.

3) In view of the foregoing I beg to point out that the only Division losing the benefit of 20 lire allowance is the 209 Division.

If a mistake was made in the granting of this benefit one month ago it is, no doubt, a bad remedy to cancel such a benefit to day.

In many places under the jurisdiction of No 1 District Italian troops of the 209 Division are in contact with troops of 240 - 228 and 231 Divisions. Now the former Division under administration of No 1 District and outside Army Area will not enjoy the benefit of 20 lire; the latter 3 Divisions, although they are located outside the Army Area, will have the benefit of 20 lire because they are administered by the Army H.Qs.

The difference for this treatment is obvious. But is rather difficult to make a soldier understand such a difference which they will consider unjust.

4) Such a state of affairs is detrimental to the discipline and to the work of the men in addition to placing me and my officers in a difficult position with the men.

I beg, therefore, your intervention with the proper British Authorities in order to obtain that the allowance of 20 lire daily be enforced even for the troops of the 209 Division.

The Divisional General Commander
signed: R. OLMI

Subject: Adequacy of Italian Food.

2nd B.L.U., R.E.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MELA) ROME.

Ref: 4/9/45.

13 March 1945.

To: R.G.
Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C. (MELA).

1. The subject of the Italian ration scale was raised by the Field Marshal during the course of his visit, and from subsequent enquiries made to various Italian soldiers it appears that there is considerable variation in opinion amongst them, as to whether the food provided is adequate or not.
2. It is understood that this matter has received very considerable thought and food value experts have decided that the ration is, in fact, adequate. It appears possible that the difference in opinion is probably due to the very considerable variation in the skill in food preparation throughout the Centre. Whereas some cookhouses are well run and the cookhouse staff obtain the maximum vitamin value from the food provided, others are definitely less so.
3. It is suggested that the solution to this problem lies in the attachment of an A.C.C. increment, experienced in Italian methods of cooking and taste, on the same lines as the A.C.C. Catering Adviser available to all British units.
4. In order that the standard of food preparation and cooking should be improved throughout the whole Centre at the same time, thereby avoiding any ill-feeling, it is suggested that this A.C.C. increment should be fairly substantial and if the necessary personnel are available, probably a period of a fortnight would suffice to put the whole thing on a satisfactory basis. It is, of course, of the utmost importance that any such personnel should be fully experienced in the requirements of Italian cooking, so that is satisfactory for the British soldier is definitely not satisfactory for the Italian, and vice versa.
5. My representations be made to Higher Authority please, for guidance on the lines suggested.

LDV/sh.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) 8042

3 Mar 1945

M.M.I.A. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 23.

ITALIAN ARMY - SUPS

1. ORIGIN.

The object of this instruction is to amend and clarify the procedure of issue of and accounting for the FRESH FRUIT, FRESH VEGETABLES - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS to RS-THI Tps or other tps such as G4 Tps maintained from Dr DIDs in FIFTH ARMY, EIGHT ARMY and ONE DISTRICT.

2. FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

(a) Wef 1 Apr 45 all ITALIAN units drawing the allied portion of the ration from DIDs in FIFTH ARMY, EIGHT ARMY and ONE DISTRICT will draw the

FRESH	4 ozs
FRESH VEG	8 ozs

from the DID under MMLA FORM STB arrangements.

(b) Demands will be submitted and the accounting procedure will be adjusted on the normal STB system.

(c) MMLA Adm Instruction No. 22 para 3 (a) (i) is amended accordingly in respect of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

3. MISCELLANEOUS AND DISINFECTANT ITEMS.

(a) Wef 1 April 45 all Miscellaneous and Disinfectant Items which are a ST supply will be drawn in FIFTH ARMY, EIGHT ARMY and ONE DISTRICT from DIDs on the first drawing each month.

(b) Demands will be made on STB (a SEPARATE copy from rations) and handled in the normal manner.

(c) In view of distribution already made Meporin will continue to be issued through Italian Medical channels.

4. The system in force now in areas other than FIFTH ARMY, EIGHT ARMY and ONE DISTRICT will remain unchanged.

5. The ITALIAN Ministry of War has issued corresponding orders under reference 5034/S.1 of 3 Mar. AFHQ authority is signal T3652 of 2 May 45.

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The object of this instruction is to amend and clarify the procedure of issue of and accounting for the FRESH FRUIT, FRESH VEGETABLES - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS to 28-TH ARMY or other troops such as 1st and 2nd DISTRICT will draw from the 28-TH ARMY, 28-TH ARMY and ONE DISTRICT.

2. FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

- (a) Ver 1 Apr 45 all ITALIAN units drawing the Allied portion of the ration from DEB in 28-TH ARMY, 28-TH ARMY and ONE DISTRICT will draw the

FRESH	4 OZ
FRUIT	8 OZ

from the DEB under MILA FORM 375 arrangements.

- (b) Demands will be submitted and the accounting procedure will be adjusted on the normal STB system.

- (c) MILA Adm Instruction No. 22 para 5 (g) (4) is amended accordingly in respect of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

3. MISCELLANEOUS AND DISINFECTANT ITEMS.

- (a) Ver 1 April 45 all Miscellaneous and Disinfectant Items which are a ST supply will be drawn in 28-TH ARMY, 28-TH ARMY and ONE DISTRICT from DEBs on the first drawing each month.

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- (c) In view of distribution already made Meporin will continue to be issued through Italian Medical channels.

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5. The ITALIAN Ministry of War has issued corresponding orders under reference 5051/S.1 of 3 Mar. ARHQ authority is signal P36152 of 2 May 45.

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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

(see over)

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SUBJECT: Allowance for improvement of rations.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. S. I. A.) R O M E
W/2-65
11 March 1945

TO : MMIA 10
No. 1 District

Ref. is made to your letter LO/42, subject,
Allowance for Improvement of Rations, dated 7 Mar. 45.

1. For policy on cigarettes MMIA Administrative Instructions No. 22 of 20 Feb. 1945 refers.
2. The 309 Division has not been given authority for increased monetary allowance for improvement of rations and the allowance of 20 lire for this unit will have to cease, however there will be no back-charge for money already allowed. The allowance of 20 lire per man per day has been authorized to the following:
- a. All troops forward of Fifth and Eighth Army rear boundaries.
 - b. Friuli, Cremona, Legnano, Polgore and Mantova Combat groups, wherever located.
 - c. Cesano Combat Group Reinforcement Centre.
3. Should there be any change in the above policy all concerned will be immediately notified.

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

BP4/ri

see 4 2577

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SUBJECT: Substitutes - Italian Armed Forces Ration Scale

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
1/2-64
10 March 1945

TO : See Distribution

1. Figs may be issued in lieu of nuts (shelled or unshelled) at 100 grams per man per day.

Tommy T. Rose

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

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Distribution:

AFHQ for QM
AFHQ for Q Maint.
AFHQ for ST
CG MTOUSA
MTOUSA for QM
HQ 5 Army for G-4
HQ 8 Army for Q
15 Army Group
HQ AAFSS/LTC
CO Adriatic Base Depot
HQ PBS
CG NORTHERN BASE SECTION
HQ MAAF
ROME AREA MTOUSA
PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT
3 District Eastern Det
HQ No. 1 District for Q
HQ No. 2 District for Q
HQ No. 3 District for Q
ALL IMIA LO'S

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
F BLU
G BLU
H BLU
CESANO RTTS CENTER
for Major Gelardi
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
for Food Sub Commission
NAVAL SUB COM A.C.
AIR FORCE SUB COM A.C.
IMIA ST
IMIA Medical
WAR DIARY
FILE
MINISTRY OF WAR (GENERAL FELLIGRA)

Subject:- Allowance for Improvement of Rations.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.O. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref IO/Q2

7 March 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.O.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

I. Acting on written authority from Ministry of War, 209 Division gave orders to its dependent units to increase the extra allowance for the improvement of rations from 3 to 20 lire a day and also notified their units that they would be entitled to an increase of 5 cigarettes a day.

2. The order has now been received that 209 Division were not meant to be included in the above benefits. As the authority was given before the necessary provision of cigarettes was made, the units of 209 Division have never received these extra cigarettes. The extra money, however, has been spent on the improvement of rations for the last month.

3. Rations have always been a source of discontent among Italian units in I District as items of Italian origin are frequently non-available. The failures in the issues of wine have also been the source of much discontent. To take away the benefit of this extra money for improving their rations after they have been receiving it for the last month would inevitably affect their morale and the position of General OLMI and his officers would become difficult. General OLMI has made energetic protests to Delegazione "T", and his Chief of Staff informs me that the Ministry of War (Col LOMBARDI) would have no objection to 209 Division continuing to enjoy this financial benefit. The extra cigarettes they have never had and will consequently not miss.

4. I am therefore asked by 209 Division to submit for your consideration their case that they should continue

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
 N. M. I. A. R O M E.

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4. I am therefore asked by 209 Division to submit for your consideration their case that they should continue to be authorised to grant the 20 lire for 'miglioramento di rancio'.

Copy to:- HQ., I District.

HQ., 209 Division.

MIA B., I District.
 Capt.

2/24-57 folio 389

MMA Inst No 22 folio 385

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

310
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Ref: 5210/S/1

5 Mar. 1945

From: Ministry of War

TO : All addressees

INFO: MMIA

SUBJECT: Salt Ration

MMIA has confirmed the salt ration of 24 grams,
in letter AQ/2-55 of 20 Feb. last.

This ration, bearing in mind the recent increase
in the bread ration, must be used as follows:

5 grams for bread making

19 grams for mess purposes.

Circular 1020/S/1 of 17-1-45 is therefore annulled.

The above will be brought to the notice of all units
under command.

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Sgd. PELLIGRA

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: ARHQ CG MTOUSA

DATE 6 March 1945

TO : MMIA FOR INFO

REF NO. FX 38744 Cite NAGDS

INCREASE OF 3 OUNCES OF FLOUR AND 1 OUNCE OF CANNED MEAT MAKING A TOTAL OF
18 OUNCES OF FLOUR AND 4 OUNCES OF CANNED MEAT UNTIL 1 APRIL ACTION TO
5 ARMY INFO TO 15 ARMY GROUP; MMIA FX 38744 SIGNED CG MTOUSA
IS APPROVED FOR ITALIAN ARMY TROOPS OPERATING FORWARD OF ARMY REAR BOUNDARIES
UNDER CONDITIONS STATED IN OUR FX 52252 OF 13 NOVEMBER 1944. THIS AMENDS
OUR CABLE FX 35960, DATED 1 MARCH 1945, BY STRIKING OUT PROVISION THAT
INCREASE APPLIES ONLY TO MUTEERS. THIS IS SAME POLICY AS STATED IN
SACRED CABLE FX 35609, DATED 1 MARCH 1945, TO BRITISH ELEMENTS. AGAIN
IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS NOT BLANKET AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATION SCALE OF
ALL ITALIAN TROOPS BUT ONLY THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS DEEMED OPERATIONALLY
NECESSARY BY THE 5 ARMY COMMANDER

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