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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AG 430 GDS-O

29 November 1945

SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army

TO: Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference letter your Headquarters, file Q/1-100, dated 12 November 1945, subject as above. The following items, quantities expressed in net pounds, have been authorized for release, on loan to the Italian (Interim) Army, at the places designated below:

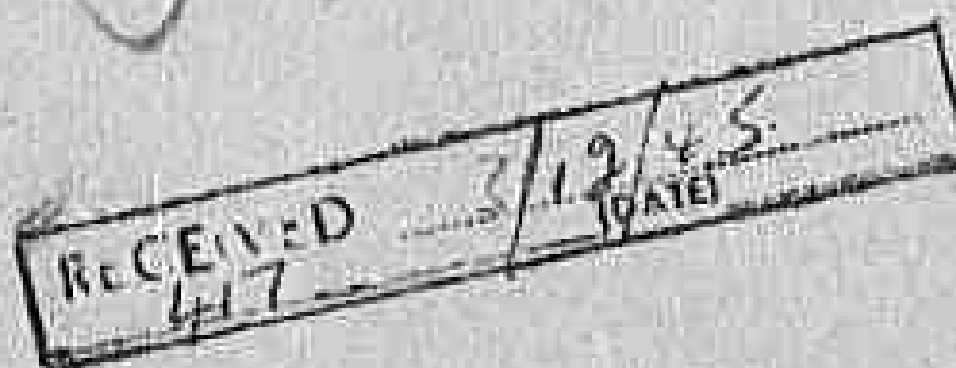
| COMMODITY             | (U.S.)<br>NAPLES | (BRIT)<br>BARI | (BRIT)<br>VENICE | (BRIT)<br>MILAN |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Flour                 | 4,100,000        | 2,400,000      | 112,000          | 537,000         |
| Macaroni              | N11              | N11            | N11              | N11             |
| Preserved Fish & Meat | 617,000          | 516,000        | ---              | 58,000          |
| Pepper                | N11              | N11            | N11              | N11             |

2. The above items in quantities listed are to be in kind on receipt of imported foodstuffs for Italian Army, anticipated date of receipt being on or about 31 January 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Shugart  
EDMUND R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

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CG, PBS for QM  
MMIA, AC (Lt Col Rose)



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SUBJECT: Fortnightly Ration Withdrawal  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-107  
30 November 1945  
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TO : Ministry of War  
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Ref. your letter 22932 of 28 Nov. 45.

1. The recommendation made in the above mentioned letter is agreed.
2. Changing the existing system of withdrawal periods of 6th to the 20th and the 21st until the 5th, to the 1st to the 15th and the 16th to the last day of each month would come closer into agreement with the present system of food supply.
3. Request that a copy of your instructions implementing the above change of policy be furnished to this Headquarters.

*KRN*  
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: ADST, MMIA

*see 597*  
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance BR-ITI Service Units.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
ST/102

D.S.T., GHO, CMF.

29 Nov 45.

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Copy to:- Ministry of War.

1. Reference your letters 64/ST6 of 6 Nov 45 and 64/ST6 of 13 Nov 45, as will be appreciated the issue of 16 ozs vegetables fresh from British depots to BR-ITI Service Units excludes potatoes. Comment on this point has been received from Italian units concerned and in view of the fact that prior to the British Depots supplying them with Fresh Vegetables they had been receiving a proportion of potatoes, it is asked that the matter be reexamined with a view to a proportion of the fresh vegetable issue being made in terms of potatoes.

2. For your information issues of fresh vegetables are authorised by the Italian War Ministry to Italian Armed Forces in the following approximate proportions:-

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Green Vegetables | 45 per cent |
| Root Vegetables  | 15 " "      |
| Potatoes         | 40 " "      |

3. If you are unable to agree to an issue of potatoes the Italian Ministry of War would be prepared to reassume responsibility for the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables for BR-ITI Service Units.

see 607

M. W. N. Nixon.

Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.H.I.A.).

MPHD/gmc

INTERNAL: 101 HQ M.H.I.A.

Translation

From M. F. W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 22932

Date 28/11/45

Subject Fortnightly Ration Withdrawal.

Further to the new food supply organisation to the Italian army, the necessary foodstuffs have been put at our disposal for a month's supply <sup>w.e.f. 1st December</sup> and, successively, always for periods beginning from the 1<sup>o</sup> of the month.

You, afterwards, in settling stocks left over are referred to the 30 Nov.

We In order to equalise the fortnightly consumptions with supply periods, we are of the opinion that it is advisable to change the present start of the fortnightly consumption, advancing it to the 1<sup>o</sup> and 16 of each month.

By this change the fortnight would run from the first to the 15 and from the 16 to the last day of each month; instead of from the 6<sup>o</sup> to the 20<sup>o</sup> and from the 21<sup>o</sup> to the 5<sup>o</sup>. Please inform us whether you agree.

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necessary now

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

43-4/FOOD

19 November 1945

SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army  
TO : Food Sub-Commission Milan Office  
Ministry of Food, Rome

1. Further to this office letter 43-4/FOOD of 10 Nov. 1945 to Land Forces S/C, copy to you.

2. Ministry of War has requested that quantities of items, as listed below be made available at following locations:

VEGETABLES DRIED

|                   |     |      |                                             |
|-------------------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Ancona          | 14  | Tons | ✓ (12 Tons for Ancona, 2 Tons for Forli)    |
| ✓ Leghorn         | 30  | "    | (10 Tons for Leghorn, 10 tons for Florence) |
| ✓ Naples          | 232 | "    | (10 Tons for Bologna)                       |
| ✓ Bari            | 50  | "    | (162 tons for Naples, 70 tons for Rome)     |
| ✓ Mestre (Venice) | 34  | "    |                                             |
|                   | 360 | Tons |                                             |

SUGAR

|           |     |      |                                            |
|-----------|-----|------|--------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Leghorn | 14  | Tons | (10 Tons for Leghorn, 4 Tons for Florence) |
| ✓ Ancona  | 23  | "    | (3 Tons for Forli, 20 Tons for Milan)      |
| ✓ Naples  | 113 | "    | (63 Tons for Naples, 40 Tons for Rome)     |
| ✓ Bari    | 30  | "    | 10 Tons for Cagliari)                      |
|           | 180 | Tons |                                            |

CORFEE

|           |    |      |                                                             |
|-----------|----|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Leghorn | 9  | Tons | (5 Tons for Leghorn, 4 Tons for Florence)                   |
| ✓ Bari    | 39 | "    |                                                             |
| ✓ Naples  | 42 | "    | (20 Tons for Naples, 30 Tons for Rome, 2 tons for Cagliari) |

3. To meet the above mentioned requirements the under mentioned quantities are hereby allocated (out of stocks blocked for use) for Italian army consumption at the Federation Warehouses

2. Ministry of War has requested that quantities of items, as listed below be made available at following locations:

# VEGETABLES DRIED

|                   | 14  | Tons |                                             |
|-------------------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Ancona          | 30  |      | (12 Tons for Ancona, 2 Tons for Forlì)      |
| ✓ Leghorn         | 232 |      | (10 Tons for Leghorn, 10 tons for Florence) |
| ✓ Naples          | 50  |      | (10 Tons for Bologna)                       |
| ✓ Bari            | 34  |      | (162 tons for Naples, 70 tons for Rome)     |
| ✓ Mestre (Venice) |     |      |                                             |
|                   | 360 | Tons |                                             |

# SUGAR

|           | 14  | Tons |                                            |
|-----------|-----|------|--------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Leghorn | 23  |      | (10 Tons for Leghorn, 4 Tons for Florence) |
| ✓ Ancona  | 113 |      | (3 Tons for Forlì, 20 Tons for Milan)      |
| ✓ Naples  | 30  |      | (63 Tons for Naples, 40 Tons for Rome)     |
| ✓ Bari    | 180 |      | 10 Tons for Cagliari                       |

# COFFEE

|           | 9  | Tons |                                           |
|-----------|----|------|-------------------------------------------|
| ✓ Leghorn | 39 |      | (5 Tons for Leghorn, 4 Tons for Florence) |
| ✓ Bari    | 42 |      | (20 Tons for Naples, 20 Tons for Rome)    |
| ✓ Naples  |    |      | 2 tons for Cagliari                       |

3. To meet the above mentioned requirements the under mentioned quantities are hereby allocated (out of stocks blocked for AC) for Italian army consumption ex the Federation Warehouses stated.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| ✓ Ancona : Vegetables Dried | 14 Tons |
| Sugar                       | 23      |
| ✓ Leghorn: Vegetables Dried | 30      |
| Sugar                       | 14      |
| Naples : Vegetables Dried   | 232     |
| Sugar                       | 113     |
| Venice : Vegetables Dried   | 34      |

4. The under - mentioned quantities will be allocated by

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the Ministry of Food out of stocks assigned to the Italian Government at the following warehouses :

|        |                    |         |                                                 |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Bari   | : Vegetables Dried | 50 Tons |                                                 |
|        | Sugar              | 30 "    |                                                 |
|        | Coffee             | 39 "    |                                                 |
| Naples | : Coffee           | 42 "    | (for Naples, Rome and Cagliari)                 |
|        |                    | 9 "     | ( 5 to be railed to Leghorn and 4 to Florence ) |

5. Equivalent amounts of coffee are being assigned to Italian Government ex cargo of S/S Swisshelm due at Naples on 15 Nov. 1945.

6. Please report when requisite transfer has been completed.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

*J. M. Merritt*  
JAMES M. MERRITT  
Director

Distribution

Economic Section (Supply Group)  
Land Forces S/C (MMA) Your J/L-102 of 15 Nov. 1945 refers.  
Transportation S/C (Ports and Warehouses Division)  
Federconsorzi, Rome  
Federation Warehouse (Alcom Depot) Ancona  
" " " Bari  
" " " Leghorn  
" " " (Depot 12150)  
" " " (Depot 676 )  
" " " (Alcom Depot) Venice

SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army -  
December 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
2/1-105  
23 November 1945

TO : Ministry of War

Reference our 2/1-100 of 12 November 45, and further  
to our signal ST/1037 of 19 November 45, not to all.

1. Following items, at locations indicated have been re-  
leased from U.S. and U.K. depots, to Italian (Interim) Army for  
maintenance December 1945.:

| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT (net lbs) | SOURCE | RELEASED   |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------|------------|
| Flour                      | 528,000          | X U.S. | Ex Leghorn |
| "                          | 3,572,000        | X U.S. | " Naples   |
| "                          | 537,000          | U.K.   | " Mestre   |
| "                          | 2,400,000        | U.K.   | " Bari     |
| "                          | 112,000          | U.K.   | " Ancona   |
| Pres. Meat and/<br>or Fish | 617,000          | X U.S. | " Naples   |
| "                          | 58,000           | U.K.   | " Mestre   |
| "                          | 516,000          | U.K.   | " Bari     |
| Pepper                     | Nil              | ---    | ---        |

2. Flour has been substituted for Macaroni at equivalent weight.

3. Recapitulation of above, for repayment in kind, through  
Italian Government civil import by 31 January 1946 to QM (US) and  
DST (UK), is as follows:

| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT (net lbs) | REPAYMENT TO:    |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Flour                      | 4,100,000        | X US, QM, MTOUSA |
| "                          | 3,029,000        | UK, ST, CHQ CMF- |
| Pres. Meat and/<br>or Fish | 617,000          | X US, QM, MTOUSA |
| "                          | 574,000          | UK, ST, CHQ CMF  |
| Pepper                     | Nil              | ---              |

4. Acceptance Notes, MIA Form ST/3, or Receipt and Issue  
Vouchers AFS G1033 will be used for accounting. Records of  
acceptance and receipt of quantities of commodities, referred to  
para 1 above, will be maintained by this Headquarters.

Maintenance December 1945:

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|------------------------|------------------|--------|------------|
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| "                      | 58,000           | U.K.   | " Mestre   |
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| "                      | 3,049,000        | UK, ST, GHQ CMF  |
| Pres. Meat and/or Fish | 617,000          | X US, QM, MTOUSA |
| "                      | 574,000          | UK, ST, GHQ CMF  |
| Pepper                 | Nil              | ---              |

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*K. Robert Nelson*  
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to:  
HQ Allied Commission  
for Food & Agriculture Sub-Comm. (your 43-4/63/food of 10 Nov refers)  
" Economic Section (Supply)

AFHQ  
for G-4, MTOUSA (your I.O.M. dated 16 Nov 45 refers)  
" DST, GHQ, CMF (your signal G38567 of 17 Nov 45 refers)  
" Q/MAINT, GHQ, CMF

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ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY

ST/ 1037

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SUBJECT IS MAINTENANCE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.)  
ST CHQ CMF SIGNAL C 38567 OF 17 NOV AUTHORIZES RELEASES FOR  
MONTH DECEMBER AS FOLLOWS (.) BY 13 CORPS TO BULK DEPOT MESTRE  
FLOUR 537,000 LBS P.MEAT/FISH 58,000 LBS (.) BY 22 GRASCO TO  
BULK DEPOT BARI FLOUR 2,400,000 LBS P.MEAT/FISH 516,000 LBS (.)  
BY 13 GRASCO TO ITALIAN DEPOT ANCONA FLOUR 112,000 LBS (.)  
TINNED FISH WILL BE ISSUED IN FORM OF SALMON MR

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ST/MMIA

INTERNAL:- ST/102

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OF V IAE NR 107 P.P.

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FROM AFHQ 171454A  
 TO 13 CORPS - HQ 13 CRASC (SUP UNITS) - HQ 22 CRASC (SUP UNITS)  
 INFO M.M.I.A.  
 CR— BT

C38567 UNCLASSIFIED . FROM ST GHQ CMF . SUBJECT IS MAINTENANCE ITALIAN  
 ARMED FORCES . EFFECT FOLLOWING RELEASES EARLIEST TO M.M.I.A. BULK  
 DEPOTS . FIRST . FOR 13 CORPS . TO ITALIAN BULK DEPOT MESTRE FLOUR  
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 516000 LBS . THIRD . FOR HQ 22 CRASC (SUP UNITS . TO ITALIAN BULK  
 DEPOT ANCONA FLOUR 112000 LBS . P.MEAT/FISH TO BE ISSUED 50 PER  
 CENT EACH. TIMMED FISH TO BE ISSUED IN FORM OF SALMON M.R. . UNDERSTAND  
 FROM M.M.I.A. THAT ABOVE ISSUES SATISFY ITALIAN REQUIREMENTS TO END  
 DECEMBER 45 .

BT 171454A

SENT NR 107 JMG B

RECD NR 3130 URGENT 1735 JMG TKS

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16 Nov. 1945

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## Release of subsistence to Italian Military (MMIA)

1. G-4 QM 16 Nov  
(QM) (PBS) 45

1. Request the following items, quantities expressed in net pounds, be released to Italian Military, MMIA, at Naples.

ITEMQUANTITY\*Flour  
Preserved Meat & Fish  
Pepper4,100,000  
617,000 ✓  
Nil

\*Flour has been substituted for macaroni at equivalent weight.

2. MMIA will be responsible for accounting and replacements in kind on or about 31 January 1946. Request this headquarters be notified when above action is accomplished.

cc: Major Nelson  
MMIAJack E. Finks  
JACK E. FINKS  
Colonel, QMC

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Translation

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Ref : 2220 S/1

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from : of War

To : M of Food Supply M of Reconstruction Dtd : 19 Nov 45

MMIA

Subject : Phonogram.

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MMIA, with letter No. Q/1-101 dtd 13 Nov 45, has communicated that the following foodstuffs for the rationing of the army must be supplied from civilian goods already available at the M of Food Supply: 370 tons of Dried Veg. 180 Tons of Sugar, 90 Tons of coffee. We beg you to communicate locality from which foodstuffs must be withdrawn. This request must be treated as urgent, as it deals with foodstuffs required for consumption w.e.f. 1 December. In addition, we beg to be informed of localities from which the rice, cheese and tomato extract referred to in ~~xxxxxxx~~ phonogram No. 22095/S/1 dtd 16 Nov 45 must be withdrawn, as these also are intended for consumption during the month of December. In order to, establish responsibility, we call the M of Food Supply's particular attention to the necessity of overcoming all difficulties because if above-mentioned items are not available, it will not be possible to supply the ~~xxxxxx~~ units.

— ST MILAN checking

Sgd. Lanni. locations

B/S. V. V. V.

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MINISTERO GUERRA  
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MINISTERO ALIMENTAZIONE

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MINISTERO RICOSTRUZIONE

ROMA

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

ROMA (a mano)

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N. 22281/S/1 AL DESTINATARIO MINISTERO ALIMEN-  
 TAZIONE ROMA ET CONOSCENZA MINISTERO RICOSTRUZIONE ET M.M.I.A. ROMA  
 AL M.M.I.A. ROMA CON FOGLIO 1/1-101 DATATO 13 CORRENTE HABET COMUNI-  
 CATO CHE SEGUENTI GENERI DESTINATI VETTOVAGLIAMENTO ESERCITO DEBBERE  
 ESSERE FORNITI DA IMPORTAZIONI CIVILI CIA' DISPONIBILI NEI MAGAZZINI DIPT  
 TI COESIO MINISTERO  
 DUE PUNTI TONNELLATE TRECENTOSESSANTA LEGUMI SECCHI TONNELLATE CENTOTAN-  
 TA ZUCCHERO TONNELLATE NOVANTA CAFFE' ALT PREGASTI INDICARE LOCALITA'  
 OVE GENERI POTRANNO ESSERE RITIRATI ALT RICHIESTA RIVESTE CARATTERE  
 MASSIMA URGENZA TRATTANDOSI DERRATE OCCORRENTI PER CONSUMO AT PARTI-  
 RE PRIMO DICEMBRE ALT URGE CONOSCERE ALTRESI' LOCALITA' RITIRO RISO  
 FORMAGGIO CONSERVA CUI FONO 22095/S/1 DATATO 16 CORRENTE DESTINATI  
 ANCHE ESSI CONSUMO MESE DICEMBRE ALT SCOPO PRECISARE RESPONSABILITA'  
 RICHIAMASI PARTICOLARE ATTENZIONE MINISTERO SU NECESSITA'  
 SUPERARE QUALSIASI DIFFICOLTA' IN QUANTO MANCANDO DISPONIBILITA' GENE-  
 RI ANZIDETTI VIEN MENO POSSIBILITA' ASSICURARE VETTOVAGLIAMENTO REPAR-  
 TI ALT PROMINISTRO GUERRA FELLIGRA .....140019

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

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| TRANS |            |
| IN    | 1500       |
|       | Date 20/11 |
| OUT   | 1030       |
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Translation

M. of W.

To Supply Ministry

for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 22186/S/I

Date 19/11/45

Subject Foodstuffs for Army Requirements Dec. 1945.

Further to and acknowledging tele. 22095/S/I dated 16/11/45.

Report received from M.M.I.A. - letter Q/I-101 dated 13/11/45 -

we ask the Inter-regional Supply Comm. of Northern Italy to inform us of the premises where the 180 tons of rice and 180 tons of cheese will be available.

We ask the Supply Min. to let us know whether the 90 tons of preserve needed will be put at disposal on the known <sup>area</sup> ~~area~~ of 25% frozen and in such case the premises where the foodstuff will be available.

Due to the aforesaid requirements being of a continuous nature we ask you to also put at disposal the amounts required for the whole 4 monthly period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. to 30 April 1946 until we can arrange their withdrawal and consequent shipment.

We think it advisable to point out that the allotment of the a/m foodstuffs for the month of Dec. is of the greatest urgency due to the fact that we have to arrange the shipment ~~tonnage~~ Food Issue Stores, so that the foodstuffs reach destination by the 1 Dec. 45

The allotment for the requirements 1 Jan. to 30 April 1946 will have to be made to us so that we are able to start withdrawal w.e.f. at the latest, 10 Dec. 45

Please acknowledge.

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Translation

From: of A.  
To A.S.I.A.

**URGENT**

Ref. 22096/3/1

Date 17/II/45

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Subject Food Requirements for the Period  
1 Jan. - 30 April 1946.

Further to agreement reached at the conferences dated 27 and 29 Oct. 45, we forward you a list of items required for the food supply to units of the ITI-ITI category for the period 1 Jan. - 30 April 1946.

The Requirements - limited to items that are at present supplied by you, have been calculated on the basis of the full strength ~~maximum~~ of 205,000 men planned for the aforesaid category.

The quantities have been increased by 10% as a precautional measure for waste, damage or various losses.

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attached to letter 22096 dated 17/11/45

Food Requirements - In <sup>quarters</sup> lbs. - for 205,000 men for 4 months.

Foodstuffs.

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| - Flour .....                       | 115.000    |
| - Rice .....                        | 7.600      |
| - Macaroni .....                    | 23.000     |
| - Meat (tinned) .....               | 23.000 (1) |
| - Peas Beans (Dried Veg) ...        | 15.500     |
| - Preserve, <sup>Tomato</sup> ..... | 3.800      |
| - Pepper .....                      | 38         |
| - Roasted Coffee .....              | 3.800 (2)  |
| - Sugar .....                       | 7.600      |
| - Table Cheese .....                | 7.600      |

(1) If fresh or frozen meat is supplied the requirement will be 54.500 lbs.

(2) If coffee beans are put at our disposal the amount will have to be increased by 25%.

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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army -  
1 January to 30 April 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.O. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
1-104  
20 November 1945

TO : HQ Allied Commission  
for - Food Sub Commission  
for - Economic Section

1. The Ministry of War has submitted to this HQ a demand of its requirements (see Appendix A) for the Italian (Interim) Army, including CO.MR., based on a strength of 205,000, for period 1 January to 30 April 46.

2. Please advise the following :

- a) amounts available through Italian indigenous resources,
- b) amounts available from civil import program,
- c) if Italian Government has Dollar or Sterling credits to purchase balance from declared available surplus military stocks.

3. It will be noted that the Ministry of War has requested an amount of 10% increase for each item as a precautionary measure for waste, damage, or other losses. In that no reserve stock is being held this request appears reasonable.

4. On the basis of the above it will be possible to present a demand to the respective Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies, through AFHQ, for any available surplus stocks.

5. Request that this matter be treated as urgent.

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Copy to: AFHQ  
for Q/MAINT, GHQ  
for G-4, MTOUSA  
Italian Ministry of War

INTERNAL:  
ST, AMIA

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*K. Robert Nelson*  
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Appendix A to letter  
 ✓ 1-104 dated 20 November 1945  
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Requirements - Italian (Interim) Army - 1 January to 30 April 46

| <u>COMMODITY</u>          | <u>SCALE(oz)</u> | <u>QUANTITY (Metric tons)</u> |         |      |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|------|
| ✓ Flour                   | 15✓              | 11500                         | 2875    | 9025 |
| Rice                      | 1                | 760                           | 190     |      |
| ✓ Macaroni                | 3                | 2300                          | 575     |      |
| ✓ Preserved Meat and Fish | 3                | 2300                          | (1) 575 |      |
| ✓ Vegetables, Dried       | 2                | 1550                          | 388     |      |
| ✓ Tomato Paste            | 1                | 380                           | 95      |      |
| ✓ Coffee (Roasted)        | 1                | 380                           | (2) 95  |      |
| ✓ Sugar                   | 1                | 760                           | 190     |      |
| ✓ Cheese                  | 1                | 760                           | 190     |      |
| ✓ Pepper                  | 1/200            | 3.8                           | 0.9     |      |

(1) If fresh or frozen meat is available requirement will be 5450 metric tons.

(2) ✓ If coffee beans are made available amount should be increased ✓ by 25%.

## TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 22221/5/1

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 19.11.45

SUBJECT: Rationing of ITI-ITI category units of  
the Italian Army.

We forward a copy of the Ministry of Food's letter A/GAR/VIII/11340 of the 16th., inst., addressed to the Food Sub Commission of A.C., which which the abovementioned Ministry asked the A.C. to continue complete supplies until the end of March whilst awaiting the compilation and putting into effect of the necessary feeding plans.

We therefore beg of your Mission to kindly support the Food Ministry's request, with the competent authorities, in view of the fact that foodstuffs for the requirements of January must be available, at the latest, before the 10th. December to permit of the necessary supplies to this Ministry.

Food S/C and Econ. Sect. settling issues with  
M/ Reconstruction JPN 207

Sgd. PELLIGRA

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O. Danin Cpl.

Gen.

## TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of Feed

REF: A/GAR/VIII/11340

TO: Food Sub Commission, A.C.

DATE: 16.11.45

*Copy Ministries of War, Navy, and Reconstruction*

SUBJECT: Army and Navy ration supply.

- 1) - We refer to the meeting held on the 13th inst., regarding the supply of rations to the Army and Navy and we thank you for the kind and speedy interest that you have shown on the matter.
- 2) - The rations requested by the Army, commencing December next, are shown in enclosures 1, 2, and 3; those notified by the Navy in the event of rationing by the Allied Armed Forces ceasing, are summarised in enclosure 4.
- 3) - The situation of the food stocks of our country are well known to the Allied Commission. The A.C. is informed of our worries in respect of grain and also knows that special rationing scales are provided for with products supplied by the Allies. The ration supply plans formulated by your Sub Commission, on the basis of which we are arranging for the necessities of the civilian population and the special treatment category, do not include the needs of the Armed Forces.
- 4) - Having closely examined the situation, this Ministry, while <sup>299</sup>of presenting to the Ministry of Reconstruction an integrated plan to that formulated for the civilian population in order to support the feeding of the Armed Forces, sees itself compelled

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- 4) - Having closely examined the situation, this Ministry, while hopeful of presenting to the Ministry of Reconstruction an integrated plan to that formulated for the civilian population in order to support the feeding of the Armed Forces, sees itself compelled to request that the A.C. continue to carry out complete supplies (including also the "special treatments") until the end of March, in the certainty that the programme presented at Washington by the Italian Government will be fully carried out.
- 5) - In the meantime, this Ministry, in agreement with the other two Ministries concerned, will arrange for the compiling of the plans for rationing, which will require a certain amount of time especially as far as the executive part is concerned, since we are dealing with having the necessary products arrive on the spot.

at least a month beforehand.

6) - If the compilation and putting into effect of ~~xxxxxx~~ the plans for some products (rice - cheese - tomato paste) can be expedited this Ministry will immediately so inform the A.C. to remove such products from the Allied rationing scheme.

7) - We take the liberty of stressing the urgent nature of the matter.

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SUBJECT: Authority for Issue of Rations  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E ✓  
Q/1-103  
19 November 1945  
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TO : Ministry of War  
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1. Authority for issue of rations to units of the Italian (Interim) Army of 205,000 is your responsibility.
2. In future, all requests for reserve rations to be held by units, if received by this Headquarters, will be forwarded to you for your action.

KRN  
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: ST MMIA

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from: M of W  
to: MMIA

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Translation

ref. 21258 S/1

10 November 1945

Subject: Withdrawal of rations

57v  
We ~~acknowledged~~ acknowledge receipt of your letter Q/1/98 dated 29/10/45, informing you that we have issued instructions accordingly. These instructions are contained in the circ. attached, ref. 21182/S/1 dated 3 inst.

G/a

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## Translation

From K. of A.

To See Addressees

Ref. 1112-1/1

date 3/II/1945

Subject Withdrawal of Rations

This Min. with Cir. 11103 dated 31/10/45, has given notice of a new organisation in the Food Supply Service concerning both the stocking of food supplies and the distribution of same to the units.

Due to this organisation:

- 1) - US-ITI will withdraw rations from Allied sources directly from U.S. depots w.e.f. 1st. inst.
- 2) - BR-ITI units will withdraw rations from Allied sources directly from British Depots w.e.f. Nov. 15
- 3) - ITI-ITI units will continue to withdraw rations from Italian Food Depots.

Some of the units at present included in the BR-ITI category, for which (including CS.RR.) a maximum ceiling has been laid down, ~~this ceiling~~ <sup>will be transferred to the ITI-ITI cat</sup> will under no circumstances be exceeded.

Rations will be supplied to Mil. Admin. in accordance with this strength. Therefore it is indispensable to avoid any loss of supplies owing either to theft, deterioration or any other cause; any of these facts would endanger the regular supply of rations for the period for which the Mil. Admin. has been supplied.

Therefore Mil. Terr. Commands will intensify controls on withdrawal of rations by all units authorised.

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It is necessary to bring the above to the notice of all unit Hqs in order that ~~they may be aware of the present difficult situation~~

~~xxx~~ being fully aware of the present difficult situation

3) - IGI-ITI units will continue to withdraw rations from Italian Food Depots.

Some of the units at present included in the ERL-ITI category, for which will be transferred to the ITI-ITI cat (including CC. 22.) a maximum ceiling has been laid down, this ceiling will under no circumstances be exceeded.

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order that the Government can be held responsible for the actions of its agents.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, being fully aware of the present difficult situation, they may avoid any irregular drawing and holding of stocks of foodstuffs at said units.

This Ministry is depending on the Military Territorial Commands to act in the sense shown above in order that, in this difficult transitional period, the service will be properly carried out.

Please acknowledge.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

Gen.

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SUBJECT: Sub. stance - Italian (Interim) Army -  
December 1945

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.G. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-100  
12 November 1945

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TO : AFHQ

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COPY : CG, WFOUSA (Faxon Col. Finks-Major Nelson refers)  
CG, Peninsular Base Section  
HQ, Allied Commission for Food Sub-Commission  
(Your 43-4/Food of 10 Nov 45 refers)

1. Pursuant provisions of para 11, c. (1), letter, AFHQ, AG 091.711 G (SD)-O of 2 Nov 45 request that commodities in amounts indicated below, not available in December from indigenous Italian resources or through the Italian Government import program, be released, on loan, to the Italian (Interim) Army for maintenance, December 45:

| COMMODITY             | AMOUNT (lbs) |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Flour                 | 5,957,823    |
| *Macaroni             | 1,191,563    |
| Preserved Meat & Fish | 1,191,563    |
| Pepper                | 1,986        |

\*Flour may be issued in lieu of macaroni at equivalent weight.

2. Attention is invited to para 5, letter, 43-4/Food, Food Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, dated 10 Nov 45, attached hereto, concerning repayment ex Italian Government import program.

3. Italian (Interim) Army Base Food Depots are located in Naples, Bari, Mestre (Venice), and Milan. Acceptance can be taken at these depots or at Leghorn or Ancona for rail transfer to Italian Army Depots, North Italy.

4. It is requested that this Headquarters be advised where items will be released.

5. Since the Italian (Interim) Army has no reserve stocks, it is requested that release be made as soon as possible.

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K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.  
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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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Tel : 761

Ref. 43-4/ 66 / Food

10 November 1945

SUBJECT : Subsistence - Italian Army

TO : Land Forces S/C (MMIA)

1. Reference your Q/1-99 of 1 November 1945.

2. Of the items listed by you in Appendix A to a/m letter the tomato catsup could, in the opinion of the Ministry of Food, be bought on the free market by the Italian Army purchasing agency. Alternatively, this Sub-Commission suggests that it could be requisitioned. At present, the Ministry cannot estimate how much catsup will be at its disposal, for of the total production of tomato catsup only 25% is "blocked" for the Ministry of Food, the remainder being available for sale on the free market. It is now too early to estimate the total production of this commodity for this season.

3. The cheese (180 m tons) and rice (180 m tons) can be made available ex Northern Italy production. Instructions will be issued to the Regions concerned for the "blocking" of the requisite quantities.

4. The under mentioned items can be furnished from civil imports now in stock :

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Vegetables dried | 360 metric tons |
| Sugar            | 180 "           |
| Coffee           | 90 "            |

5. The under mentioned items can be resold to British and US Army Depots when the additional requisition <sup>which is</sup> being prepared for imported foodstuffs to maintain the Italian Army has been met :

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Meat/Fish Preserved                     | 541 metric tons |
| Flour (including maccaroni requirement) | 3263 " "        |
| Pepper                                  | 0,90 " "        |

It is not expected that these items will be available until the end of January 46, at the earliest.

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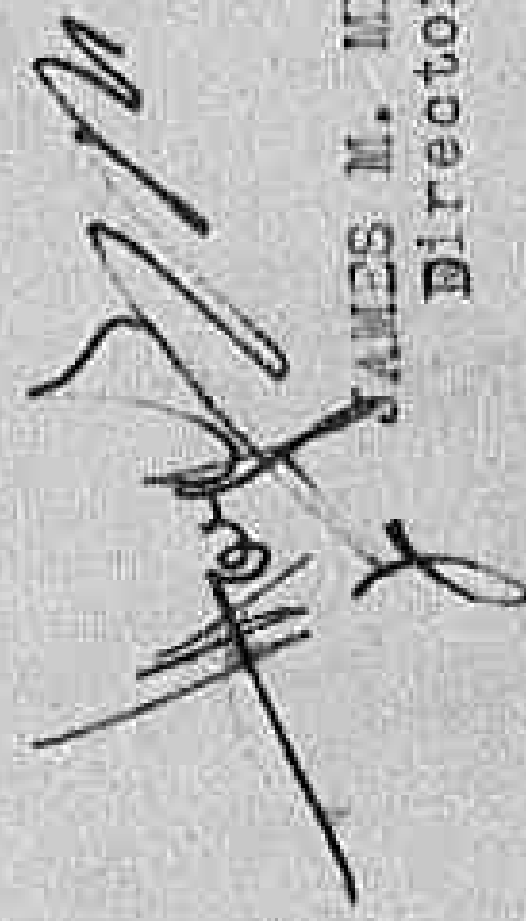
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|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Meat/Fish Preserved                    | 541 metric tons |
| Flour (including macaroni requirement) | 3263 " "        |
| Pepper                                 | 0.90 " "        |
|                                        | 2984            |

It is not expected that these items will be available until the end of January 46, at the earliest.

6. please arrange for the Italian Ministry of War to notify the Ministry of Food where it requires the cheese, tomato paste and rice, mentioned in para 3 above.

7. If you will state where the items listed in para 4 above will be required, the requisite quantities will be assigned to the Italian Government ex stocks now blocked by AC in those part ware-houses where the Ministry of Food have not (already assigned to it) sufficient stocks to meet the military requirements in those areas.

  
JAMES M. MERRITT  
Director

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Copy to : S & T, IMIA

Food S/C, Milan Office - Please arrange immediately for the a/m quantities of cheese and rice to be blocked for the Italian Army each month as from 1 Dec 45. Report location of blocked stocks to this HQ.

Economic Section (Supply Div). Advance notice of the Italian Army requirements was given in MOC 107 of 31 August 45. A firm demand will be submitted as soon as agreement on financing procedure (d) is arranged with Italian Government. Quantities involved are not large.

Ministry of Food, Rome. Yourd GAR/SECR/420-V- of 29 Oct 45 to this S/C and GAR/SECR/ 419-V of 29 Oct 45 to Ministry of War refers. You will be notified as soon as possible of the locations of the stocks of cheese and rice. Please liaise with Ministry of War as to purchasing of tomato catsup.

Commissario Interregionale dell'Alimentazione Alta Italia.  
Federconsorzi, Rome.

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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army -  
December 1945.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.S. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
7/1-102  
15 November 1945

TO : HQ Allied Commission,  
for - Food Sub-Commission

Reference para 4, your 43/4/Food of 10 Nov. 45.

1. The Ministry of War has requested that quantities of items, listed below, be made available at following locations:

VEGETABLES, DRIED

| (a)             | (b)    | (c)                                                    |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| ANCONA          | 14 T.  | (12 T. for Ancona, 2 for Forli)                        |
| LEGHORN         | 30 T.  | (10 T. Leghorn, 10 T. Florence,<br>10 T. for Bologna.) |
| NAPLES          | 232 T. | (162 T. Naples, 70 T. for Rome)                        |
| BARI            | 50 T.  |                                                        |
| MISTRA (Venice) | 34 T.  |                                                        |
| Total           | 360 T. |                                                        |

SUGAR

| (a)     | (b)    | (c)                                                         |
|---------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| LEGHORN | 14 T.  | (10 T. for Leghorn, 4 for Florence)                         |
| ANCONA  | 23 T.  | (3 for Forli, 20 T. for Milan)                              |
| NAPLES  | 113 T. | (63 T. Naples, 40 T. Rome, 10 T.<br>for Cagliari, Sardinia) |
| BARI    | 30 T.  |                                                             |
| Total   | 180 T. |                                                             |

COFFEE

| (a)     | (b)   | (c)                                                        |
|---------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| LEGHORN | 9 T.  | (5 T. for Leghorn, 4 for Florence)                         |
| BARI    | 39 T. |                                                            |
| NAPLES  | 42 T. | (20 T. Naples, 20 T. Rome, 2 T.<br>for Cagliari, Sardinia) |
| Total   | 90 T. |                                                            |

2. The Italian Army operates depots at each location indicated under columns (a), para 1 above. Delivery can be taken for entire amount listed in column (b) or sub-divided for locations indicated column (c). All amounts are metric tons.

3. Quantities of commodities are desired at locations indicated para 1 above by 20 November 45.

*KRN*  
K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Ministry of War

INTERNAL:  
ST, MMIA

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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian (Interim) Army -  
December 1945

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-101  
13 November 1945

TO : Minister for War

Ref conversation Lt. Col. Fiescaro - Major Nelson,  
11 Nov. 45.

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1. Attention is invited to Incl. 1 (MMIA Ltr. Q/1-99, 1 Nov. 45) and Incl. 2 (Food Sub Comm. AC, Ltr. 43-4/Food, 10 Nov. 45) attached hereto.
  2. Reference para 2 and 3 of Incl. 2, please liaise with the Ministry of Food for procurement of items referred therein, i.e., catenup, cheese, and rice.
  3. Concerning procurement of items referred to in para 4, Incl. 2, please state where you desire quantities of these three items, so that we can advise the Food Sub-Commission, A.C.
  4. This Headquarters has requested release of items referred to in para 5, Incl. 2, from Allied Military Depots and will advise when and where quantities are available.

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K. ROBERT NELSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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2 Incls:

Incl. 1 - MMIA Ltr. Q/1-99 - 1 Nov. 45.

Incl. 2 - Food Sub-Comm. AC, Ltr. 43-4/Food - 10 Nov. 45.

Copy to: ST, MMIA

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Subject: Re-org. of Italian Army-Transfer  
of Units to the Interim Army.

CONFIDENTIAL

Land Forces Sub-Comm, A.C. (AMMA)

SD/92/3

8 Nov 45

To : Ministry of War

Reference Land Forces Sub Comm, Directive No 1 dated 8 Nov 45.

1. In order to give effect to the creation of the Interim Italian Army, 15 Nov it is proposed to build up the ORBAT of the Interim Italian Army in two phases.

Phase I. Transfer to ITI-ITI category of those US-ITI, BR-ITI and existing ITI-ITI units which will come under Italian Op. Command wef. 15 Nov 45.

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(d) Until 15 Nov 45 no alteration will be made in the present system of authorising formations or disbandments of units. This HQ will also continue to control the ITI-ITI ceiling until 15 Nov 45.

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(c) US-ITI and ER-ITI units will be shown in this ORBAT but will still remain under the Op. control of the US and ER authorities.

## 4. War Establishments

(a) It is considered that, in order to ensure the most economical use of manpower, a War Establishments Committee should be instituted forthwith by the Ministry of War.

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(b) This committee would have the duty of approving new War Establishments or amendments to existing war establishments of the Interim Army. In this way standardisation of units, the correct allocation of staffs and specialists to units and control of manpower, will be achieved.

(c) The committee should be constituted with at least one member from the Italian equivalent of the British and American staff branches, i.e. G(33) A(G4) and Q(G4).

(d) If you so desire a member of this Mission would attend all meetings, with due notice beforehand, so that he can advise, if called upon to do so, on matters of procedure and staff policy.

(e) It is suggested that any proposals for major re-organisation of formations and units should be discussed with the appropriate branches of this HQ before being submitted to the committee.

(f) The committee should issue minutes and war establishments on a wide distribution in the same way as is already done for ER-III units by this HQ.

(g) Will you please therefore consider this matter so that details may be discussed with G (SD) branch this HQ not later than 12 Nov 45.

*Major General*  
for Major General,  
M.M. I.A.

Copy to: AFHQ  
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" " c/o SIGNAL OFFICE GENOA  
" " TURIN c/o 7 ACRA  
" " N.W. ITALY MILAN (att Capt FOX)  
" " BOLZANO c/o 60 SUB AREA  
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*Major General,*  
M.M. I.A.

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| Serial<br>(a) | Type of Unit<br>(b)                                         | Ref to ORBAT 2/14<br>(c) | WE Str<br>of<br>(d) | ngth of Unit<br>ORs<br>(e) | Total<br>(f) |                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1.            | Five Combat Gps. (Inf Divs)<br>(426 offrs & 8483 ORs each)  | pages<br>15 - 20 incl    | 2130                | 42415                      | 44545        | Less not<br>comd of |
| 2.            | L of C Units for Italian<br>Combat Force (Inf Divs)         | see App. 'B'<br>att.     | 184                 | 1999                       | 2183         | Includes<br>and 319 |
| 3.            | ITC (Permanent staff only)                                  | pages 26 & 27            | 402                 | 2904                       | 3306         | 319 ml              |
| 4.            | Rft ceiling & ATHE reserve                                  | page 32                  | -                   | 12500                      | 12500        | Rfts und<br>this ce |
| 5.            | 802 Italian Reorg Centre<br>(ORVIEFO) (Perm. staff only)    | page 23                  | 77                  | 293                        | 370          | Disband<br>count    |
| 6.            | 807 Italian Transit Camp<br>(RAVISCANINA) (perm staff only) | page 12                  | 5                   | 102                        | 100          |                     |
| 7.            | 502, 526, 527 Gd Bns<br>(28 offrs & 772 ORs each)           | page 12                  | 84                  | 8316                       | 2400         |                     |
| 8.            | 266, 267, 268 Pack Tpt Coys<br>(10 offrs & 485 ORs each)    | page 13                  | 30                  | 1455                       | 1485         |                     |
| 9.            | Complete IPI-III Category<br>(incl Military & Terr CORR)    | pages 33 - 71            | 9147                | 10053                      | 124000       | This fr<br>ceiling  |
| 10.           | Florence Bde CORR                                           | pages 30 - 31            | 234                 | 9766                       | 10000        |                     |
| TOTAL         |                                                             |                          | 12294               | 100603                     | 200097       |                     |

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Appendix 'A' to SI/92/3  
dated 1 Nov 45.

| Ref to OREAT 2/14     |                       | WE Strength of Unit |            |              | Remarks                                                                                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a)                   |                       | offrs<br>(a)        | CRs<br>(c) | Total<br>(f) |                                                                                                     |
| af Divs)<br>CRs each) | pages<br>15 - 20 incl | 2130                | 4215       | 44545        | Less non-div units. Non-div units shown under<br>comd of Gps in OREAT 2/14 are incl in ser. 2 below |
| Malian<br>af Divs)    | see App. 'B'<br>att.  | 184                 | 1999       | 2163         | Includes L of C units under comd Groups (Divs)<br>and 319 Fd Bakery under comd RTC ICF              |
| ff only)              | pages 26 & 27         | 162                 | 2904       | 3306         | 319 Fd Bakery u/c RTC ICF incl in ser. 2 above.                                                     |
| reserve               | page 32               | -                   | 12500      | 12500        | Rfts under trg at CESANO to count against<br>this ceiling.                                          |
| Centre<br>ff only)    | page 23               | 77                  | 293        | 370          | Disbanding units in Centre not incl. as these<br>count against rfts in BR-ITI ceiling.              |
| Camp<br>staff only)   | page 12               | 6                   | 102        | 103          | ditto.                                                                                              |
| each)                 | page 12               | 84                  | 2316       | 2400         |                                                                                                     |
| nt Coys<br>each)      | page 13               | 30                  | 1455       | 1485         |                                                                                                     |
| category<br>err CCRR) | pages 33 - 71         | 9147                | 111853     | 124000       | This figure includes unallotted<br>ceiling in this category.                                        |
|                       | pages 30 - 31         | 234                 | 9766       | 10000        |                                                                                                     |
|                       |                       | 12294               | 100605     | 200097       |                                                                                                     |

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L OF 2 ITALIAN INF DIV UNITS

| IE                      | Unit                      | VE Str |     | total | Location |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----|-------|----------|
|                         |                           | Offrs  | OR  |       |          |
| ENGRS                   |                           |        |     |       |          |
| CM/596/1                | 1 Pk Coy                  | 5      | 129 | 134   | FOLGORE  |
| CM/596/1                | 2 Pk Coy                  | 5      | 129 | 134   | CREMONA  |
| CM/596/1                | 3 Pk Coy                  | 5      | 129 | 134   | LEGHANO  |
| S & T                   |                           |        |     |       |          |
| CM/597/1                | 1 Pk Bakery               | 1      | 32  | 33    | LEGHANO  |
| CM/597/1                | 2 Pk Bakery               | 1      | 32  | 33    | FOLGORE  |
| CM/597/1                | 316 Pk Bakery             | 1      | 32  | 33    | TRIULI   |
| CM/597/1                | 317 Pk Bakery             | 1      | 32  | 33    | CREMONA  |
| CM/597/1                | 318 Pk Bakery             | 1      | 32  | 33    | MANTOVA  |
| CM/597/1                | 319 Pk Bakery             | 1      | 32  | 33    | BALLO    |
| CM/531, 532, 533, 539/1 | 3 G.P. Coy (Combat)       | 9      | 348 | 357   | MANTOVA  |
| CM/532/1, VI/749/1      | 1 Motor Amb Conv.         | 7      | 274 | 281   | CREMONA  |
| SIGS                    |                           |        |     |       |          |
| CM/829/1                | 181 Tech Maint Sec        | 1      | 30  | 31    | TRIULI   |
| CM/829/1                | 183 Tech Maint Sec        | 1      | 30  | 31    | LEGHANO  |
| MED                     |                           |        |     |       |          |
| CM/574/1                | 331 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | 13 CORPS |
| CM/574/1                | 429 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | 13 CORPS |
| CM/574/1                | 470 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | 2 DIST   |
| CM/574/1                | 519 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | 2 DIST   |
| CM/574/1                | 520 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | MANTOVA  |
| CM/574/1                | 522 Evac Hosp             | 19     | 71  | 90    | 2 DIST   |
| CM/575/1                | 34 Pk Surg Unit           | 3      | 23  | 26    | LEGHANO  |
| CM/575/1                | 130 Pk Surg Unit          | 3      | 23  | 26    | TRIULI   |
| CM/575/1                | 131 Pk Surg Unit          | 3      | 23  | 26    | FOLGORE  |
| CM/575/1                | 216 Pk Surg Unit          | 3      | 23  | 26    | MANTOVA  |
| CM/575/1                | 29 Mob X-Ray Unit         | 1      | 6   | 7     | TRIULI   |
| CM/576/1                | 133 Mob X-Ray Unit        | 1      | 6   | 7     | 2 DIST   |
| CM/577/1                | 113 Mob Dental Unit       | 1      | 5   | 4     | TRIULI   |
| CM/577/1                | 114 Mob Dental Unit       | 1      | 5   | 4     | FOLGORE  |
| CM/577/1                | 26 Mob Bath Unit          | 1      | 14  | 14    | TRIULI   |
| CM/689/1                | 54 Mob Bath Unit          | 1      | 14  | 14    | CREMONA  |
| CM/689/1                | 51 Mob Bath Unit          | 1      | 14  | 14    | LEGHANO  |
| CM/689/1                | 184 Mob Bath Unit         | 1      | 14  | 14    | FOLGORE  |
| CM/689/1                | 104 Mob Bath Unit         | 1      | 14  | 14    | MANTOVA  |
| MISC                    |                           |        |     |       |          |
| CM/499/1                | 58 Combat Gp Transit Camp | 6      | 102 | 108   | 2 DIST   |
| CM/951/1                | 1 Cinema Unit             | 1      | 3   | 4     | CREMONA  |
|                         |                           |        |     |       | TRIULI   |

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| CM/597/1                  | 1 Fd Bakery                 | 1   | 32   | 33   | LEGNAVO  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|------|----------|
| CM/597/1                  | 2 Fd Bakery                 | 1   | 32   | 33   | FOLGORE  |
| CM/597/1                  | 316 Fd Bakery               | 1   | 32   | 33   | TRIULI   |
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| CM/597/1                  | 318 Fd Bakery               | 1   | 32   | 33   | MANTOVA  |
| CM/597/1                  | 319 Fd Bakery               | 1   | 32   | 33   | PARO     |
| CM/532/1, 532, 533, 539/1 | 3 G.F. Coy (Combat)         | 9   | 348  | 357  | MANTOVA  |
| CM/532/1, VI/719/1        | 1 Motor Amb Conv.           | 7   | 274  | 281  | CREMONA  |
| SIGS                      |                             |     |      |      |          |
| CM/829/1                  | 181 Tech Maint Sec          | 1   | 30   | 31   | TRIULI   |
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| IED                       |                             |     |      |      |          |
| CM/574/1                  | 331 Evac Hosp               | 19  | 71   | 90   | 13 CORPS |
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| CM/689/1                  | 26 Mob Bath Unit            | -   | 14   | 14   | TRIULI   |
| CM/689/1                  | 54 Mob Bath Unit            | -   | 14   | 14   | CREMONA  |
| CM/689/1                  | 51 Mob Path Unit            | -   | 14   | 14   | LEGNAVO  |
| CM/689/1                  | 184 Mob Bath Unit           | -   | 14   | 14   | FOLGORE  |
| CM/689/1                  | 104 Mob Bath Unit           | -   | 14   | 14   | MANTOVA  |
| MISC                      |                             |     |      |      |          |
| CM/499/1                  | 58 Combat Co Transit Comp   | 6   | 102  | 108  | 2 DIST   |
| CM/954/1                  | 1 Cinema Unit               | 1   | 3    | 4    | CREMONA  |
| CM/954/1                  | 2 Cinema Unit               | 1   | 3    | 4    | TRIULI   |
| CM/876/1                  | 1421 It Offrs Shop (static) | 1   | 4    | 5    | 2 DIST   |
| CM/876/1                  | 1422 It Offrs Shop (static) | 1   | 4    | 5    | 13 CORPS |
| CM/799/1                  | 888 It Unit Maint           | 1   | 3    | 4    | MONZA    |
| CM/799/1                  | Insp 'B' Vehs               | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | 884 It Unit Maint           | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | Insp 'B' Vehs               | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | 882 It Unit Maint           | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | Insp 'B' Vehs               | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | 883 It Unit Maint           | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | Insp 'B' Vehs               | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | 884 It Unit Maint           | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| CM/799/1                  | Insp 'B' Vehs               | 1   | 3    | 4    | MILAN    |
| TOTAL                     |                             | 104 | 1995 | 2185 |          |

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BREAKDOWN OF CEILINGS FOR ORBAT 2/45 AS AT 15 NOV CN  
HAND-OVER OF ITI-ITI CATEGORY TO ITALIAN OP COMMAND.

Part I - US - ITI

- (a) P B S
- (b) USAAT/ATO
- (c) France
- (d) Replacements
- (e) Unallotted

52000  
5500  
5000  
4000  
17000  
83500

83500

Part II - BR - ITI

- (a) BR-ITI Service Units
- (b) Unallotted incl rfts

20000  
87000  
107000

107000

Part III - ITI-ITI ITALIAN OP COMMAND

- (a) Five Combat Groups (Inf Divs)
- (b) 1 of C units for ICF (Inf Divs)
- (c) RTC ICF Staff & Rfts.
- (d) 802 Reorg. Centre & 807 Transit Camp
- (e) Three Guard Bns.
- (f) Three Pack Tpt Coys
- (g) Italian Adm Units (late ITI-ITI category less GCR)
- (h) GCR incl Flammable Bde.
- (j) Unallotted

44545  
2133  
15806  
478  
2400  
1485  
69000  
65000  
4103  
205000

205000

395500

Total

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APPROX CEILINGS FOR ORBAT TO BE ISSUED  
ON ORGANISATION OF INTERIM ARMY

|          |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Part I   | US-III                                                                   | Ceiling dependent on T/O strengths of authorised units at date of ORBAT - likely to be approx 5000 at 1 Dec.                         |
| Part II  | BR-III                                                                   | Ceiling dependent on VE strength of authorised units at date of ORBAT - likely to be approx 10000 - 20000 at 1 Dec.                  |
| Part III | INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY                                                     | Ceiling 140,000. Final breakdown to be detailed later. See para 7 of Land Forces S/C Directive No 1 dated 8 Nov 45.<br>Ceiling 65000 |
| Part IV  | CCER<br>(a) Territorial CCER<br>(incl Florence Bde)<br>(b) Military CCER |                                                                                                                                      |

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (ALFIA)

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8 Nov 45

DIRECTIVE No. 1HANDOVER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENTI. GENERAL

1. Approval has now been given by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the interim policy to be adopted towards the Italian Armed Forces pending a final settlement by peace treaty. The Supreme Allied Commander therefore directs that the following arrangements be made for the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government and for its future organization, training and administration.

II. HANDOVER OF ITALIAN ARMY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

2. Transfer of Units. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, units of the Italian Army that are now in the ITI-ITI category together with the five BR-ITI combat groups and their support units and 10,000 Carabinieri now held in BR-ITI category will be transferred to the control of the Italian Government. Allied commanders will have no powers of command over such units except as stated in paragraph 5, below.

3. Future of US-ITI and BR-ITI Units.

(a) US-ITI and BR-ITI units less the five BR-ITI combat groups referred to above will continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements as long as they are needed by the Allied military authorities. Such units will remain under the operational command of Allied Forces Headquarters. The numbers employed will gradually be reduced to zero. It is anticipated that in the case of US-ITI personnel, this state will be reached in approximately February 1946 and in the case of BR-ITI personnel in approximately June, 1946. When no longer needed by the Allied military authorities, US-ITI and BR-ITI personnel of units will be ordered to the Italian Government.

(b) Administration and maintenance of US-ITI and BR-ITI Service Units, now the Italian Navy and Air Force, will be in accordance with paragraph 10, below.

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4. Future of the Carabinieri. Control of the Carabinieri will be the responsibility of the Italian Government subject to the supervision and overriding authority of IAC in those areas which remain outside the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. Strength will not exceed 55,000 which will be allocated to any ceiling figure agreed for the Italian Army. The Carabinieri will be used for civilian security purposes only and will not be responsible for military security.

### 5. Reservations.

(c) The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre reserves the right to assume command at any time of the whole or any part of the Italian Army located in the theatre, and to delegate his authority to command formations and units of the Italian Army to any Allied commander whom he may direct.

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(b) The Italian Government will furnish to the Supreme Allied Commander such information regarding the strength, organization, training, and other matters concerning the Italian Army as may be required from time to time.

(c) Italian troops in territory not handed back to the Italian Government, and 808 CS Battalion although included in the ceiling set out in paragraph 7 below, will remain under operational command of Allied Force Headquarters for the time being.

#### 6. Military Mission.

(a) An Allied Military Mission will be provided to advise and assist the Italian Government in the organization, training and administration of the Italian Army and Carabinieri and to obtain and transmit to superior authority such information as is required. The Italian Government will normally accept the advice of this Mission. If it should find itself unable to do so, the matter will be referred to Allied Force Headquarters by the Allied Military Mission. The Mission will also be responsible for screening those demands for supplies and equipment which continue to be met from Allied military sources, and will exercise supervisory control over the use of such materials.

(b) The Allied Military Mission will for the present be the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (ALIA).

### III. FUTURE ORGANISATION, TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION.

7. Organisation. During the interim period until the peace treaty becomes operative the Italian Army under control of the Italian Government will consist of not more than 140,000 personnel and will be organized on the following lines:

#### (a) Local Reserves.

Three Internal Security Divisions each of 5,000 men, two in SICILY and one in SARDEGNA..... 15,000  
Ten Independent Regiments each of 2,500 men for ten territorial regions on mainland..... 25,000

Total..... 40,000

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#### (c) Command.

Ministry of War and Territorial Region Headquarters

Total..... 9,000

#### (d) Administration.

Total..... 31,000

#### (e) Training and Reinforcements.

Total..... 10,000

140,000

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8. No alteration to the general lay-out shown above will be made by the Italian Government without the consent of Allied Force Headquarters. Detailed requirements within the above framework will, however, be worked out as a matter of urgency by the Italian Government, as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (MMIA) and reported to Allied Force Headquarters.

9. Training. The training of the Italian Army will be the responsibility of the Italian Government as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (MMIA).

#### 10. Administration,

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the administration of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri. Administrative units required will be formed from within the authorized ceiling so that the Italian Army is self-administering and no longer dependent on Allied base and lines of communication units.

(b) Italian Navy and Italian Air Force personnel will continue to be administered and maintained as at present, through Italian service channels.

(c) BR-ITI personnel in diluted British units will continue to be administered and maintained as at present. BR-ITI Army Service units will continue to be administered and maintained through Italian service channels, except in respect of the provision of rations. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, responsibility for provision and issue of rations will be as follows:

- (1) The British portion of the ration only will be issued to such units through British service channels.
- (2) The Italian portion of the ration will be issued direct to units through Italian administrative channels.

(d) US-ITI Service units will be administered and maintained through US service channels.

#### 11. Maintenance and Provisioning.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri.

(b) Procurement in respect of food, clothing, medical stores, warlike and non-warlike equipment will be effected from the following sources and in the following priorities subject to any subsequent instructions which may be issued regarding the standardisation of equipment of the Italian Army and of the Carabinieri.

- (1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures

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- (1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorized by Allied Force Headquarters. 2382
- (2) By purchases from appropriate US and UK surplus disposal agencies in ITALY of stocks which are available to those disposal agencies.
- (3) Through the Italian Government import programme.

(c) As the procurement procedure outlined in paragraph 11(b) above will take time before it becomes fully operative, particularly in respect of requirements included in the Italian Government import programme, the following procedure will apply to those requirements which cannot be met from the sources set out in paragraph 11(b) above:

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- (1) Such requirements may be loaned from US and British military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 January 1946. In addition, certain food may be sold or loaned to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 13(c) below.
- (2) Thereafter, these items will be returnable to the US and British on demand or they may be transferred to the Italian Government through US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedure.
- (d) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will continue to be responsible for meeting the POL and coal requirements of the Italian Army and Carabinieri from civil stocks and by means of the Italian Government import programme.

12. Warlike Equipment and Spares. All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of US and British origin (including lend-lease) in possession of those units being used to make up the Italian Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri as may be surplus to US and British requirements together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment so provided as may be surplus to US and British requirements will be disposed of to the Italian Government. Appropriate scales of ammunition of various natures will also be transferred and authorised expenditure replenished from Allied sources. In the case of vehicles and warlike equipment available to US and British disposal organisations, disposal to the Italian Government will be effected through the respective US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedures, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. In the case of lethal British warlike equipment, transfer will be made direct by the military.

### 13. Food Supply.

- (a) Subsistence will continue to be furnished by the US and British Army based on actual strengths of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7, above, and of the Carabinieri until 30 November 1945. US responsibility will not exceed 124,000 and British responsibility will not exceed 81,000.
- (b) Subsistence for the Italian Army, including the Carabinieri, will be the responsibility of the Italian Government with effect from 1 December 1945. Its sources for provisioning are as set out in paragraph 11, above.
- (c) The US and British surplus disposal agencies will be requested to give the Italian Government priority in providing subsistence for the Italian Army from such supplies as may be declared surplus by the US and British military authorities. This priority is limited to items now being furnished in the ITI-ITI ration or equivalent British scale and in quantities not in excess of that required for the actual strength and in no event in excess of 205,000, ~~being~~ with the date of the request and ending 1 May 1946.

### 14. Clothing and Individual/Personal Equipment.

- (a) All previous directives pertaining to transfer of clothing,

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### 14. Clothing and Individual/Personal Equipment.

(a) All previous directives pertaining to transfer of clothing, individual/personal equipment and salvage to the Italian Army through MMIA are rescinded.

(b) Purchase of any surpluses of non-warlike stores is as authorized in paragraph 11(b)(2) above.

15. Medical Stores. Medical Stores of Allied origin which are held in Italian depots or by Italian units at the date of this letter will remain in Italian possession.

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16. Accounting.

- (a) Financial arrangements consequent upon the above policy regarding supply remain to be settled. In the meantime, records will be maintained of all transfers made to the Italian Government from military stocks and accounting procedures in subparagraphs (b) and (c) below will apply.
- (b) Accounting for Allied Military supplies issued to the Italian Government in bulk for the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and for the Carabinieri, Italian Navy and Air Force will follow present established procedures for the III-ITI category.
- (c) Accounting for Allied military supplies issued from British and US depots direct to BR-PTI and US-PTI units will follow established procedures of the British and US Forces. Issues from US military stocks other than disposals through AMLO, will be through AMIA (US Contingent) who will maintain adequate records.

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(c) Accounting for Allied military supplies issued from British and US depots direct to BRIT and US-ARVN units will follow established procedures of the British and US Forces. Issues from US military stocks other than disposals through ANIC, will be through MMIA (US Contingent) who will maintain adequate records.

*L. Browning*

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Major-General,  
Director,  
Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

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TO (FOR ACTION) AGWAR FOR CCS, CABINET OFFICES FOR BR CS

TO (FOR INFORMATION) RPTD FOR MMIA

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

(REF. No.) FX 51068 CITE FHCAO

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THIS IS NAF 1082.

IN VIEW REDUCTION BRITISH TROOPS RATION SCALES ORDERED BY  
TROOPERS WITH EFFECT FROM 1 NOVEMBER 45 PROPOSE TO REDUCE CHEESE  
ON ITALIAN ARMED FORCES RATION SCALE FROM 10Z TO 6/7 OZ DAILY.  
THIS WILL CONFORM TO TROOPERS PRINCIPLE THAT NO TROOPS SHOULD  
RECEIVE MORE THAN BRITISH TROOPS OF ITEMS IN WORLD SHORT SUPPLY.  
MAY COVERING APPROVED BE GIVEN.

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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian Army (ITI-ITI Category) *573*  
month of December.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-99  
1 November 1945

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TO : Hq Allied Commission,  
for - Food Sub-Commission,  
Economic Section.

1. Inclosed herewith is recapitulation showing the quantity of rations required for the Italian Army including CO.ER (ITI-ITI category) for the month of December 1945, figured on the present ration scale for a strength of 205,000.
2. Will you please review the inclosure to ascertain:
  - a. What quantity of the items shown can be furnished from indigenous Italian resources,
  - b. What quantity can be furnished from civil imports,
  - c. What quantity can be repaid from civil imports to the British or U.S. depots from which the balance of the items will be issued, stating when the repayment can be made and where.
3. Request your immediate attention to the matter, so as to enable us after receipt of your reply to obtain the rations, which are not available from either of the sources shown above, from the Allied Military depots, as the Italian Military at the present time does not have reserve stocks in their depots for the month of December.

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

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Appx. 'A'  
Ltr. Q/1-99  
1 Nov. 1945  
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Requirement  
mon. of Dec.  
Ital. Army  
str. 205,000

| <u>Scale</u> | <u>Item</u>       |           |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 15 oz.       | Flour             | 5,957,813 |
| 3 "          | Pres. Meat & Fish | 1,191,563 |
| 3 "          | *Macaroni         | 1,191,563 |
| 2 "          | Vegetables, dried | 794,375   |
| 1 "          | Cheese            | 397,188   |
| 1 "          | Sugar             | 397,188   |
| 1 "          | *Rice             | 397,188   |
| 1/2 "        | Coffee            | 198,594   |
| 1/2 "        | Tomato Catsup     | 198,594   |
| 1/200 "      | Pepper            | 1,986     |

Note: Quantities expressed in net pounds.

\* Flour may be issued in lieu thereof.

SUBJECT: Rations for US-ITI's

572  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. E. I. A.) R O M S  
2/1-98  
29 October 1945

TO : Minister for War

1. As of 1 November 1945, all US-ITI's will obtain the Allied portion of the ration from U.S. depots. The Italian portion of the ration will be drawn from Italian depots by units, as has been the procedure in the past.
2. A consolidated voucher will be prepared by the U.S. issuing agency as of the last day of each month showing the quantities of the items issued in net pounds, supported by the actual ration receipts signed by the personnel taking delivery of the rations from the depot. This voucher will be forwarded to MMIA for a charge against the Italian Government. MMIA will in turn forward the voucher to the War Ministry for signature, and after signature has been affixed, will forward same to AC Chief Accountant who will raise a charge against the Italian Government.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, giving us copy of the instructions which you issue to your depots.
4. Confirming telephone conversation Col. Rose - Direc. Gen. Commissariato. Authority, AFOSHA Signal GR DT C-31188 dated 24 October 1945.

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

TTH/r1

Copy to: MMIA LO Naples  
MMIA LO Leghorn  
MMIA LO Florence  
MMIA LO 54 Area  
ST Sec. MMIA

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SECRET AND IMMEDIATE.

Major General L. Browning, CB., OBE., MC.  
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC(MIA)  
R O M E

Ref: 9/1

23 October 1945.

Subject:-- Hand over of Italian Army and Carabinieri to the Italian Government

My Dear *Franklin*

*Secret*

Ref A.F.H.Q. CAO/228 dated 18 Oct on the above subject and our phone conversation of yesterday:--

1. The attached are our MIA comments. They have been agreed between Col. KERR and myself. I find it very difficult to understand fully the detailed implications on the supply side, but Col. KERR assures me I have got it right!

2. The comments are based on the Directive as it stands. The paragraphs on everything except the supply side are, with very minor alterations, just what we would like.

3. (a) From the supply angle, however, we are not happy about the proposal for feeding BR - ITI units from Italian Army depots, although, as I have stated, this can be made to work if the risk of dissatisfaction, loss of efficiency and absence of detailed accounting is accepted. I still feel, however, before a final decision is made, that I ought to press once again for this to be made a British responsibility, in the same way as US - ITI units are, I believe, likely to be accepted as a U.S. responsibility.

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    - (iv) There is liable to be dissatisfaction and loss of efficiency - from the ITI - ITI soldier's point of view, if the War Ministry are issuing one scale to BR - ITIS and another scale to ITI - ITIS; and from the British and BR - ITI soldier's point of view, if the full BR - ITI scale is not forthcoming.
    - (v) One rule for the U.S. and another for the British is contrary to accepted policy.
    - (vi) I cannot believe that the addition of this relatively small number of troops (25,000 dropping to nil) can seriously affect the working organization, effort or numbers of British personnel required in British supply depots and D.I.D.'s who are already catering for many times that number.

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3. (b) (vi)(Cont'd) If required, BR - IMI personnel could be added to British D.I.D's.
- (vii) The War Ministry have no accounting organization set-up to account for detailed issue of rations to BR - IMIS and an organization for this purpose would have to be hurriedly set-up ab initio. The only alternative is for IMIA to continue the accounting system, for which no staff is authorized in our new M.E.
- (viii) SIMPLICITY.
- (c) I believe the British Services objection is based on a reluctance to change existing methods, but cannot see why a change in method of supply should not be accepted as the logical sequence to a fundamental change in method of provision.
- (d) I am sure this has all been discussed at A.F.H.Q. and whatever you order we will do our best to carry out. But, as I say, I feel I must put the above forward to you from the IMIA angle. In any event (see para 7(c)(ii) of my NOTES attached) we ought to warn the Italian Government at a very early date what is decided.
- (e) The paramount note I want to end on is SIMPLICITY. We do want to make everything as SIMPLE as possible and thus avoid much of the complication and loss of efficiency which would be the result of the Draft Directive as it stands.

Yours

*Brigadier J. D'A Anderson*

Brigadier J. D'A Anderson, DSO.  
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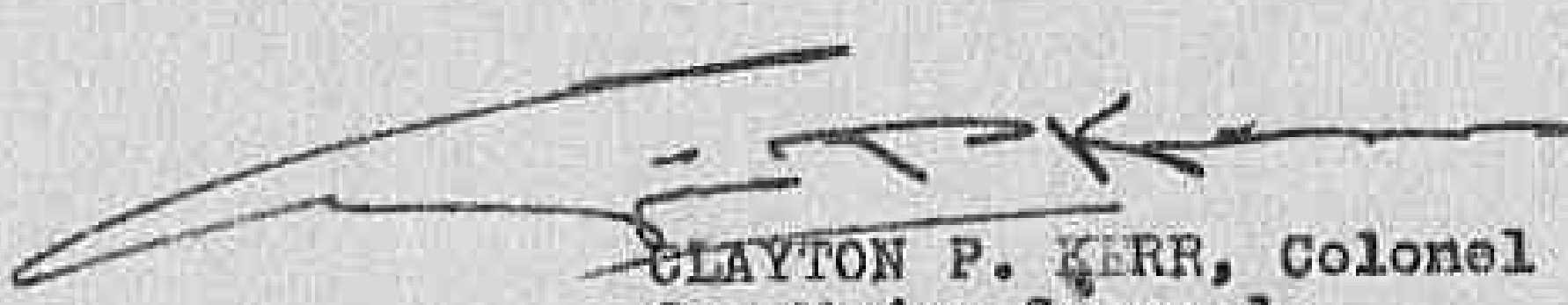
SUBJECT: Christmas Fare - Italian Armed Forces  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-96  
11 October 1945  
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TO : GHQ, CMF (for Q/Maint)  
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Ref your 2554/Q(Maint), dated 9 Oct 1945.

1. Inasmuch as it is contemplated that the rationing of Italian Troops (less BR-ITI and US-ITI Service Units), will be a matter of decision for the Italian War Ministry and must be accomplished from commodities sold to the Italian Government by the Allies, it is considered inadvisable to bring the subject up until the Italian Government has been informed where it stands, and this cannot be done until the directive on the Interim Army has been issued by AFHQ.

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

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S.T. CMF  
ST Sec. MMIA

SUBJECT:- Christmas Fare -  
Italian Armed Forces.

GHQ CMF.

2554/Q(Maint)

9 October 1945.

TO:- M.M.I.A. ✓

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1. You will remember that last year the Italian Government agreed to various increases in rations for the Italian Armed Forces for Christmas, e.g. double quantities of items furnished by the Italian Government, double rations of cigarettes, increases in commodities furnished by the Allies.

2. If it is contemplated that similar increases should be authorised for this year, it is requested that GHQ CMF be informed earliest so that appropriate instructions may be issued and provisioning action taken accordingly.

*W.D.A. CLARE*

W.D.A. CLARE, Major,  
for Major General,  
MGA.

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SUBJECT: Equivalent items - Italian Army Ration Scale

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
2/1-95  
8 October 1945

TO : See Distribution

1. Amend our letter 2/1-81 dated 13 April 1945, subject: Equivalent Items - Italian Army Ration Scale by adding the following:

| Allied pro-<br>vided Items        | Per man<br>Per day | Equivalent if basic<br>items are not available                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Meat canned, or<br>Fish preserved | 3 oz.              | Salmon -- 3 oz.<br>or Sardines -- 2 oz.<br>or Herring -- 4 oz. |

*see 566*

AUTHORITY: AFHQ Ltr. AG 430 Q(Maint)-9, subj. "Rations - Italian Armed Forces" dated 4 October 1945.

*James T. Rose*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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(General PELLIGNA)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

4 October 1945

AG 430 Q(Maint)-O

SUBJECT: Rations - Italian Armed Forces

TO: Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MMLA

1. In order to clarify a misunderstanding which has arisen, the following note on the Italian Armed Forces ration scale is forwarded for your information and compliance.

2. The daily ration of fish to the Italian Armed Forces is 3 ounces salmon: where alternatives are issued

2 ounces sardines  
4 ounces herring

will be considered the equivalent of 3 ounces of salmon.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

*R. H. Freese*R. H. FRESE  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General*Copy sent to ST  
12 Oct 45**See O/I-95 565  
for action*

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SUBJECT:- Receipt of Subsistence from Allied Sources.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/228

Ministry of War.

23 Aug 45.

Copy to:- ALL MIA LO's.

1. Considerable difficulties have been reported by MIA Liaison Officers concerning the weights of subsistence in sacks and in tins which are in original containers.
2. Your attention is invited to policy established in this HQ letter, AQ/2-3 of 25 September 44, and your letter 10351/S/1 of 30 Sept 44, both of which are attached for reference.
3. The policy established in letters referred to in para 2 above is still effective and applies to all subsistence received from Allied sources.
4. It is requested that you publish instructions to all Territorial HQ, similar to your letter referred to para 2 above, copy for information to this HQ.
5. It will be clearly understood that Depot Commanders, consignees of subsistence from Allied sources, will accomplish Acceptance Notes, MIA Forms ST/5, in accordance with this policy.

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see 713  
K Robert Helson Majr  
Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to Land Forces Sub Comm.  
(MIA) Ltr ST/228 of  
23 Aug 45.

SUBJECT:- Weights on Flour.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY  
ROME  
AG/2-3  
25 September 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference your letter of 21 Sept 1944 1001/S/1.

1. It is directed that all flour received from Allied sources will be accepted and registered exactly as to the net weight shown on the sacks. Any sack, that has been damaged in transit, will be weighed and the contents accepted and taken on charge after weighing.
2. We hope that this will clarify the matter of weights concerning flour for you, and ask that you please send copy to this office of the instructions you pass on to the depots confirming the fact that the flour will be taken on charge as mentioned in Par. 1 of this letter.

TTR/ae

/s/ TOMMY T. ROSE, Major  
For Major General  
MIA.

APPENDIX 'B'  
to Land Forces Sub Comm.  
(MILIA) 1tr ST/228 of  
23 Aug 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR  
COMMISSARIATO BRANCH  
SUBSISTENCE DIVISION

Ref: 10351/S/1

P.M. 151 30 September 44

SUBJECT: Weighing of sacks of Allied flour.

|    |                                          |                  |          |
|----|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| TO | : Commissariat Directorate of the Mil HQ | PUGLIA & LUCANIA | P.M. 67  |
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| "  | " " " " " "                              | CALABRIA         | P.M. 114 |
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| "  | " " " " " "                              | SARDINIA         | P.M. 50  |
| "  | " " " " " "                              | ROME             |          |
| "  | " " " " " "                              | TIRANTO          |          |

Further to agreements made with MILIA, we establish that the sacks of flour which are consigned directly by Allied Authorities to Italian Food Depots, are, as a general rule, to be taken on charge at the net weight shown on said sacks.

If the sacks are consigned in a damaged condition and if they are deficient in weight, they should be weighed and the contents taken on charge at the effective net weight.

The Allied Authorities who effect the supplies have already received instructions in regard to the matter.

Sgd.

Gen. Pelligra

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
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- W. J. H. G. Col.  
for Major General.  
M. J. H.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.O. (M. M. I. A.) R O M I  
S/AQ/5,  
7 August 1945

MILIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22

AMENDMENT NO. 5

1. MILIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 is amended to read as follows, effective as of 10 August 1945:

Delete: Under Paragraph 5A; Vegetables Dehydrated 1 oz.

AUTHORITY: AFHQ Signal C8141 dated 30 July 1942  
MTCUSA Signal C8188 dated 31 July 1942

CLAYTON P. HERP, COLONEL  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Equivalent items - Italian Army Ration Scale

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
2/1-92  
7 August 1945

TO : See Distribution

1. Amend our letter 2/1-81 dated 18 April 1945,  
Subject: Equivalent Items - Italian Army Ration Scale by  
deleting the following:

| Allyed pro-<br>vided items | Per man<br>Per day | Equivalent if basic<br>items are not available |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Vegetables Dehyd.          | 1 oz.              | Tinned Vegetables<br>or Dried Vegetables       |
|                            |                    | - 4 oz.                                        |
|                            |                    | - 2 oz.                                        |

AUTHORITY: Amendment No. 5 - MIA Administrative  
Instruction No. 22 dated 7 August 1945.

*James J. Rose*  
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for Major General  
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- Public Safety Sub Comm. AC  
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Copy: Ministry of War  
(General PELLIGRA)

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(W.D. 78)

SUBJECT: Fresh and Dried Fruit

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-91  
25 July 1945

*File*

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato  
Ministry of War

*attached*

Ref your letter 13213/S/1 dated 21 July 45.

1. We do not understand your letter referred to above, which asks that the Air Ministry be allowed to substitute fresh fruit for dried fruit, as the Ration Scale clearly shows the item of fresh fruit on the Ration Scale, but does not show dried fruit. So if there is any substituting to be done; dried fruit would be substituted for fresh fruit.

2. Therefore, our approval is not required for the issue of fresh fruit as asked for in your letter above.

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

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Copy to: ST Section

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## MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA  
TO : DISTWO  
2-459

Date - Time

July 21 1500 B

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AGREED YOUR 1070/Q1 OF 18 JULY WHEN YOU CONSIDER PRACTICABLE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION - Please inform War Ministry.  
Copy of HQ No. 2 District CMF 1070/Q1 attached.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANTAUTHENTICATION

SUBJECT :- Maint - Br - Itis

1D/2701/9

20 Jul 45

AMHQ O(Maint)

Re your AMHQ/255A/Q(Maint) dated 10 Jul 45 and conversations  
WHITTAKER - GOULD.

2. The plan outlined in MIA letter Q 1 dated 6 Jul 45 appears sound in principle and the establishment of Food Distribution Depots at places stated with additional ones at FORLI and ANCONA should make distribution to great majority of Dr-Iti units a practicable proposition. There will always be the small det which may cause difficulty.

3. It is, however, suggested that the Base Supply Depot might be better sited in the ANCONA area rather than at MESTRE. Two suitable sites are likely to become vacant: one occupied by Adriatic Base Command and another occupied by 45 BSD, both in or near SERRAVALLE. It is felt distribution from ANCONA may be easier than MESTRE.

4. No difficulty is anticipated in finding suitable accommodation for the Food Dist Depots.

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Major General

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Copy to :- HQ MIA  
MIA LO

(R) *[Signature]* *[Signature]*  
Major General,  
Commanding,  
No. 1 District.

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FROM: DIA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): DIA WASH DC

*July 92*

Q 131

URGENT

FOR INFO TO (.) REFER HQ/102/1 OF 8 JULY (.) YOUR OFFICE IS REQUESTED (.)  
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PRECEDENCE

REFERENCE

Initials of

Subject: Feeding of PHL-ITM

From: Mr. Wright, Army, USA  
To: Mr. Wright, 275

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19 JUL 45

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ASST

Copy to: Mr. Wright

19 JUL 45

1. Feeding of PHL-ITM (your letter dated 6 Jul 45)

Reference your letter 2510/0 (initial) dated 10 Jul 45.

1. This is in answer of your letter dated 6 Jul 45. The early establishment of Italian responsibility.
2. It is considered that stage 1 cannot be implemented before Aug 14, which date has been agreed by Lt. Col. Wright of PHL. This is due to the work being necessary to the most suitable building chosen as the depot at URM.
3. Regarding the above as a whole the following observations are made:
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  - (b) Following (a) above PHL must accept responsibility for Italian clubs established in an area taken over.
  - (c) Procurement of supplies locally must be carefully tied in with our arrangements to avoid competitive buying.

Henry Wright  
Lt Col.  
275, Eighth Army.

reference your letter 2554/1 (cont) dated 10 Jul 45.

1. This reply is in favor of affording every assistance to the early establishment of Italian responsibility.
2. It is considered that Stage I cannot be implemented before Aug 14, which date has been agreed by Lt Col Kerveno 753 Hq. This is due to the work being necessary to the most suitable building chosen as the depot at this time.
3. Regarding the memo as a whole the following observations are made:-
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*Henry Jones*  
Lt Col,  
CWO, Eighth Army.

2554/1

SUBJECT: Maint of Italian Tps.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.  
1070/Q1.

18 Jul 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission (IMIA).

Ref your Q/I dated 6 Jul 45.

1. It is understood that the Food Distribution Dep at TURIN is now in a fit condition to commence operations on receipt of the necessary sups. Furthermore it is believed that, pending the availability of sups from the Italian Bulk Food Sup Dep, the distribution dep would be prepared to draw sups in bulk from the Brit DID in TURIN for all Italian Units in TURIN and issue the sups in detail to the units.
2. It is considered that such procedure would give valuable practice to the Italian dep prior to its assuming its full responsibility. At the same time the Brit DID would be relieved of a considerable amount of detailed work.
3. Would you please say whether you have any objections to the local implementation of such procedure in TURIN and in other centres where it is practicable.

*La. Unadwyck-Malay*  
for Major General,  
Comd No. 2 District.

Copy to: AFHQ Q(Maint)  
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SUBJECT :- Adm - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission,  
(MIA)

HQ No 2 District, GMP

1070/Q1

13 Jul 45.

Ref your Q/1 dated 6 Jul 45.

1. Suitable buildings for Italian Army depts in No 2 Dist are available or will shortly be made so.
2. Your letter SD/6/2 dated 5 Jul 45 indicates that assistance with tpt may be required from this HQ in connection with the stocking of the sup depts. This HQ does not wish to have to make tpt available for this work. To this end it is recommended that any sups being moved to NW ITALY by rail should be routed to GENOA via MILAN, and not via LEGHORN, so that they may be completely by rail, or that when GENOA port is operating satisfactorily the sups should be shipped to GENOA.
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4. It is agreed that 1 Aug 45, is a suitable date for the commencement of the assumption by the Italian Army of their ultimate sup responsibilities.

Copy to: AFHQ Q(Maint)

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*La. Chardwell - Italy 1/1/46*

Major General,  
Comd. No 2 District.

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Major General,  
Comd. No 2 District.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFM/STB/1000000

10 JUL 45

SUBJECT: Feeding of I.R.M.A.

TO: 1- Riser H.Q. Eighth Army.  
Headquarters, 1 District.  
Headquarters, 2 District.

Reference is made to R.M.I.A. letter Q1 dated 6 Jul 45.

1. It is the policy of this Headquarters to transfer the responsibility for feeding I.R.M.A. to the Italian Army as soon as possible. This will be done in three stages as described in Appendix 'A' to the above-quoted letter.
2. The implementation of Stage 1 involves the establishment in the North of ITALY of a number of Italian administered bulk food supply depots and food distribution depots. The R.M.I.A. plan for implementing Stage 1 is given at Appendix 'A' to the above-quoted letter.
3. This Headquarters is most anxious that this transfer of responsibility should proceed smoothly and quickly and you are requested to give the Italian Army Territorial Organization and R.M.I.A. liaison officers all possible assistance, especially in the provision of suitable accommodation for the necessary depots.
4. Your comments on this scheme and your views on the possibility of the implementation of Stage 1 by 1 Aug as suggested would be appreciated.

T.P. Whitaker.

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,  
for Major-General,  
R.C.M.G.

TRW/RS.

R.M.I.A.  
Copy to: S.R. (with copy of MIA Q1 of 6 Jul 45).

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Subject: Training 52-IV

Hand Forces Sub-Commission A.C.  
(16. 11. 1947) EOL.

60 July 1915.

To:- A.T.H.O. For Q Maint. (2 copies)

Copy to:- Q. Rear British Army

Q 4 District

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Reference is made to APP/2554/A (Point of 15 June and the implementation of stage 1 (attached at Appendix 'A' for ease of reference)).

1. Planning to establish Italian Army Depots in NORTH Italy is proceeding and it is planned with effect from 1 August 1945 to commence to take over feeding in certain localities.
2. Attached as Appendix 'B' is a recent M.I.A. S.F. letter on this subject. It is particularly emphasised that it is NOT planned to take over the whole responsibility for feeding ALL troops at once. It is, however, planned to establish depots etc. as indicated in our SM/182 of 28 June as early as possible and to take over the responsibility as rapidly as possible in accordance with your Stage I of AFM/2554/A (Joint) 15 June. May D.S.F. be asked to intermarit paragraph 1 of M.I.A. SM/182 of 28 June in this sense.

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- (a) the availability of suitable buildings owing to the heavy demands on accommodation for Allied troops.
- (b) the availability of transport in the localities to enable the commodities to be moved.
- (c) practicability, owing to their location, tasks, etc. for heavy ER-III service units to draw from the few Distribution Depots to be opened.
- (d) if the approximate Allied Comd. e.g. Eighth Army, agrees that this is the most desirable moment to make the change over. It must be accepted that, at the beginning, any Italian administration will NOT run as smoothly as the present Allied controlled system which now does at least work reasonably well.

4. Copy of this letter has been sent to L.A. Eighth Army, 1 District and 2 District. M.I.A. L.Os. will contact these M.Os. to obtain local information and to provide such additional details as are required.
5. May your views and that of Eighth Army, 1 District and 2 District be given as early as possible in order that the maximum may be done now, to enable the Italian Army to maintain itself.

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For information:

AMIA LO N.W. ITALY (for Milan, Turin, Genoa)

Plorence (2)

Fifth Army

234 Div thru AMIA LO Fifth Army

Rear Eighth Army

1 District

2 District

Naples

Bari

Air Forces Sub Commission  
Navy Sub Commission.

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Stage III - The final responsibility passing to the Italian Government who would then be responsible for arranging its own purchases and import programme.

2. It is considered that Stage I should be adopted as soon as possible and the convenient time might be the occasion of handing over of administrative responsibility in N. Italy from VIII and English Area to I, II, III and IV District. The same programme would then be adopted in Nos. 1 and 2 District as that which is at present working in No. 3 District.

3. It is considered that as soon as Stage I is found to be working smoothly throughout Italy, the change over to Stage II could gradually be made. Stage III must inevitably be some way ahead and no target date can be given for the adoption of this stage.

4. Will you please confirm your agreement with the above policy in order that details may be worked out through Service channels.

TCW/ACE

Copy to: S.P.

Sgt. M.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier,  
for Major-General,  
D.Q.M.G.

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Appendix 'B' of letter  
dated 6 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Activation and Operation of Supply  
Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/182

Ministry of War.

28 June 45.

Copy to: METALLO's:

N.W. ITALY (3) for Milan, Turin and Genoa.  
FLORENCE (2)

5 ARMY

8 ARMY

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DST, AFHQ

CG MTCUSA FOR QM

CG, PBS FOR QM

Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.

Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. It is planned that the Italian Army assume responsibility for the ration maintenance of Italian troops in North Italy w.e.f. 1 August 45.

2. You are therefore instructed to establish the following supply installations, ready for operation by 1 August 45:-

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b. Military Bakeries - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE and BOLOGNA.

c. Supply Companies - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE and BOLOGNA.

d. Port Detachments - located at LEGHORN, GENOA and VENICE.

e. Food Distribution Depots - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, ALESSANDRIA, BOLZANO, VERONA, UDINE, VENICE and BOLOGNA.

3. Method of supply of Allied Components of the ration will be advised shortly. Every effort should be made to procure items of the Italian portion of the ration in sectors of North Italy, thereby reducing transport problems.

4. The exact feeding strength for which provision will be made has not been confirmed. You are requested to contact respective Territorial HQ, Air and Navy Ministries to secure information on expected feeding strength in the various areas for all services of the Italian Armed Forces.

5. Authorization of personnel for installations enumerated in para 2 above have been provided for in this HQ letter SD/94/1 of 3 June 45. Supply installations located with respective Territorial HQ have gone forward at the same time as the Territorial HQ.

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6. Should difficulty be encountered in the acquisition of adequate accommodations Territorial HQ should contact nearest IMIA LO for assistance.
7. It is pointed out that selection of supply installation should be based on the close proximity to a railhead in view of the shortage of Italian Army road transport.
8. You are requested to treat this matter with urgency and report any serious difficulties to this HQ.

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Mov IMIA

/s/ J.W.R. PENROSE  
Lt.Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (IMIA).

C O P Y  
(original in ST/198)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S.T. BRANCH

AFHQ/64/11/ST6(a)

30 JUNE 45

SUBJECT:- Ration scale - Italian Armed Forces

D.D.S.T. H.Q. Eighth Army Rear  
D.D.S.T. NO. 1 DISTRICT  
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D.D.S.T. No. 3 District  
A.D.S.T. Rome Area Allied Command  
H.Q., 13 C.R.A.S.C. { Supply Units }  
H.Q., 14 C.R.A.S.C. { " " }  
H.Q., 22 C.R.A.S.C. { " " }

1. Effective from 1 July 45, all W.D. contracts for the manufacture of macaroni for issue to the Italian Armed Forces will cease.
2. It is not intended to alter the existing scale of macaroni 3 ozs, and it is anticipated that the Italian Government will shortly commence manufacture of this commodity with flour supplied from W.D. sources.
3. When present stocks of macaroni have been used, and until such time as macaroni from Italian sources is available, flour will be issued in lieu of macaroni on oz for oz basis.

Sgt. X X X X X Lt.Col.  
for Major General,  
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to:- A.D.S.T. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MEMIA)  
'Q' MAINT  
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War Diary (3)

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSUBJECT: - Ration Scale - RI-ITIS.AFHQ/2554/1/3 (Initial).20 Jun 45.TO : - Head Forces Sub Comm. I.C.  
(K.M.I.A.) RCE.

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Reference your 21-55 of 10 Jun 45.

1. The question of issuing increasing supplies of flour in lieu of macaroni is one which has been under consideration by the Services of this Headquarters and yours.
2. At the present time macaroni is made in Base Areas under contracts which are rather expensive and it is suggested that it would be preferable for flour to be issued and macaroni made in the areas where it would be consumed. I understand this has always been done on the American side so it should be no innovation.
3. It is not intended in any way to alter the rations received by the Italian troops but it is considered that this will assist in the change over of issue of rations as discussed earlier this week. The actual date will be arranged through Service channels.

H.H./T.C.

Copy to: - S.T.

KPN-216  
DADSH.H. HEDWELL, Major,  
for Major-General,  
D.M.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSAFHQ/2524/(Maint).13 Jun 45.SUBJECT:- Feeding of BR-ITALY.

TO :- Land Forces Sub Commission  
of the Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

1. In accordance with the policy of encouraging the Italian Army to stand on its own feet, it is desired to hand over the responsibility for feeding BR-ITALY to the Italians as soon as possible. It is intended that this transfer of responsibility should be carried out in three stages as follows :-

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3. It is considered that as soon as Stage I is found to be working smoothly throughout ITALY, the change over to Stage II could gradually be made. Stage III must inevitably be some way ahead and no target date can be given for the adoption of this stage.

4. Will you please confirm your agreement with the above policy in order that details may be worked out through Service channels.

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TFM/TCB.

Copy to:- S.T.

M.C.E. Sharp.

M.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier,  
Cor Major-General,  
D.C.M.C.

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16 Jan

Subject: Ration Scale - BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
Q/1-90

18 June 1945

To: AFHQ for g(Maint)

1. It is understood through Service channels that the BR-ITI ration scale is being amended by increasing the flour and deleting Macaroni from the list of items supplied by the Br Army.
2. Would you please confirm that this is correct and also say when the appropriate orders have been given to Districts and Armies.
3. The War Ministry have not been informed as it is clearly desirable for the Allied Comds to have official information from Br sources before they hear from Italian sources.

FJH/ls

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

Copy to: AFHQ for ST - your A/HQ/64/11/ST6(b) of 19 Apr 45 refers.  
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FROM AFHQ 1610150

TO MMIA AC

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LAND FORCE COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
S/Q/5  
18 May 1945

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

1. Due to the unavailability of Olive Oil, the authorized scale of 1½ oz. per man per day cannot be met. Therefore 1 oz. shelled nuts or one oz. unshelled nuts will be issued in lieu of ½ ounce Olive Oil.
2. MMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22 is therefore amended as follows:-  
  
In paragraph 5(a)  
  
For "Olive Oil - 1½ ounce".  
  
Read "Olive Oil - 1 ounce, plus ½ ounce shelled nuts or 1 ounce unshelled nuts".

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for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Your USS of 12 May para C.

1. Intention was to withdraw only that portion of ration now being secured for US/BRIT military sources. There is no intention to withdraw Italian Government contribution to Italian Armed Forces ration scale. ALLIED COMMISSION should also consider possibility of increasing their share of ration scale above scale allowed for civilians.

2. Request your views urgently whether ration scale made up on following basis would satisfactorily compensate the withdrawal US/BRIT military element of existing ration. Basic civilian ration supplemented by (A) Italian Government contribution to existing Italian Armed Forces ration scale and (B) increase in AC contribution to basic civil ration made up of such items which AC can provide.

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MMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 23 OF 3 MAR 1945.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AFHQ has ruled, under their reference AFHQ/2554/1/3(Maint) dated 27 Mar 45, that Two District shall be included within the provisions of MMIA Admin. Instruction No. 23 on the same basis as Fifth Army, Eighth Army and One District. This Instruction, therefore, will be amended by inserting the words "and Two District" in all cases after the words "Fifth Army, Eighth Army and One District".

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MMIA ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 22 OF 20 FEB 1945

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AFHQ has ruled, under their reference AFHQ/2551/1/3(Maint) dated 27 Mar 45, that Two District shall be included within the provisions of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 on the same basis as Fifth Army, Eighth Army and One District. This Instruction, therefore, will be amended as follows:-

- (a) By inserting the words "and Two District" in all cases after the words "Fifth Army, Eighth Army and One District".
- (b) By inserting the words "and 230 Div" after the words "209 Div" in Para 6 (c) (i).

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## TRANSLATION

FROM M.C.W.  
TO M.M.I.A.

REF No. 8639/S/1  
DATE. 28/4/45

Bettering of rations allowance of 20 lire  
Cigarettes ration 10 grammes

With letter 5690/S/1 dated 11/3/45 in accordance with orders issued by M.M.I.A. we have ordered that the allowance of 20 lire for the bettering of the rations and the issue of 10 grammes of tobacco be granted to the following troops

Combat groups wherever located

CESANO ref. receiving centre

All units to the north of the Armies rear delimitation line

We have been notified that some units of the Railway group that is working with the Allied armies are frequently sent south of said line for reasons of service

In view of these posting which sometimes are of very short duration these units do not receive the allowance of 20 lire per diem but only the very modest sum of 5 lire

Apart from any questions concerning the quality of the rations it is obvious that the a/m situation has had moral effects on the personnel

In <sup>order</sup> to avoid these inconveniences we beg M.M.I.A. to kindly examine the possibility of granting to these units ~~with~~ the same facilities as for the combat groups, that is to draw the allowance wherever they are located

In respect of this request we would like to point out that this facility would ~~only~~ concern only a few persons that are located out of the armies area for short periods

R.A.G.M.

PELLIGRA

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of Col. Fisicaro's office  
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