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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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FROM: *AFHQ ST GHQ OMF*

TO : *ALLIED COMMISSION ROME*

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Ref my 64/ST6 of 6 September addressed land forces Sub Commission. Can you now provide information as to amounts issued.

I spoke w/Col. Darlow, ST, GHQ on 20 Sept. He had read our letter of 13 Sept + was satisfied.

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HEADQUARTERS
17 SEP 1946
A. I. C.

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SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Navy & Air Force.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
 G.S./D-339
13 September 1946

TO : S.T. Branch
CHQ, CHF

1. Reference is made to your letters G/S/276 (b) of 26 July 1946 and 6 September 1946.
2. Attached as Appendix "A" find the totals of commodities issued to the Italian Navy & Air Force from 1 April 1946 to 12 September 1946.
3. Discrepancies will be noted between the totals now forwarded and those listed in your G/S/276 of 13 June 1946 and this Headquarters G/S/D-338 of 23 July 1946. Such discrepancies are on the whole due to additional acceptance notes received at this Headquarters since the despatch of our original letter. It is desired to point out, however, that the 20,700 lbs of Flour issued on Acceptance Note No. 629 at Naples Depot were issued to the Italian Army, and not to the Italian Navy or Air Force.

del 17
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[Signature]
 JOHN J. WARD, Captain
 Major-General
 M. M. I. A.

Copy to : Allied Supply Accounting Agency
 c/o HQ, Allied Commission
 (4th Floor Annex).

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Appendix "A"
to Itr Q/A/B-339
dtd 11 Sept 1946

CONSOLIDATION
OF ITEMS ISSUED TO
ITALIAN NAVY & ITALIAN AIR FORCE
From 1 April 1946 to 31 September 1946

	<u>lbs</u>
Canned Beef	132,872
Herrings	51,619
Salmon	27,336
Rice	173,068
Sugar	165,328
Tomato Paste	58,480
Cheese	132,006
Pepper	871
Coffee Powder	51,290
Sardines	92,052
Margarine	7,230
Meat Extract	367
Milk	1,321
Coffee	27,332

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, GMP.

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S. F. BRANCH

Subject: - Issues to Italian Navy and Air Force.

61/ST6

Tel: FREEDOM 499

September 1946.

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.),
Rome.

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RECEIVED 9 - SEP 1946
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1. Can you now provide the amounts requested in my letter of even reference dated 9 August 1946.

hanna

*All 18
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*where did this
go please?*

APZ

W. Darlow

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

DARLOW

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, G.M.F.

S.T. BRANCH

Subject:- Issues to Italian Navy
and Air Force.

Q/316

RECEIVED 10 AUG 1946
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TEL: FREEDOM 499

9 August 46

Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, (MIA)
ROME.

1. Your Q/1-B-138 of 23 July 1946 formed the basis of subsequent discussion AQMG - ADST of 2 August. After careful perusal of acceptance notes, it was agreed that a consolidation of these in respect of issues to the Italian Navy and Air Force since 1 Apr 46 should form the basis of the debit voucher to be raised against the Italian Government.
2. Would you please therefore confirm amounts by totals of commodities, and we will raise debit vouchers which will enable you to cancel items listed.

See 16
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W. J. Carter

Director of Supplies and Transport.

Brigadier,
S.O.S.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GMP.

S.E. BRANCH.

URGENT.

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SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Navy and Air Force.

64/STG(b).

Tel: FREEDOM 499.

RECEIVED
29 JUL 1946

26 July '46

H.Q. 14 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS).

1. In early June the following information was obtained by telephone as representing actual issues since 1 April '46, of the stated items, to M.M.I.A. representative for maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force:-

Commodity.	Actual Issues.		Total.	M.M.I.A. Figures.
	April.	May.		
Pork Meat	-	10,944	10,944	N.A.
Rice	45,170	109,758	154,928	+ 19,298
Coffee Beans	-	1,969	1,969	N.A.
Cheese	41,538	89,628	131,166	+ 50,418
Tomato Paste	27,105	24,972	52,077	- 688
Sugar	-	112,692	112,692	+ 106,276
Pepper	-	553	553	+ 366
Herrings	-	43,450	43,450	+ 18,733

2. In view of the above please forward details of day to day issues and confirmation that your figures above are correct. It is presumed that the M.M.I.A. figures includes some of the late March issues for April Maintenance as opposed to actual issues after 1 April.

3. Please treat as URGENT.

W. D. ...

Brigadier,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Copy for-H.Q. Allied Commission, ROME.

To note the above only applies to NAPLES issues. Your 9/7-3-46 dated 23 July '46 refers. Issues ex BAK have been confirmed by reference to Depot accounts. Full details follow on reply to above.

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SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Navy and Airforce.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. H. I. A.) R O M E
O/L-B - 138 ✓
23 July 1946

TO : S & T Branch GHO, C.M.F.

Reference your letters G/ST dated 13 June and 27 July 1946.

1. Acceptance Notes have been received in this Office for the following items issued to the Italian Navy and Air Force as from 1 April 1946 :

Corned Beef	110,071 - 75,560	Sugar	220,981 + 106,276
Rice	180,214 + 19,298	Salmon	27,336
Coffee	50,993 + 50,024	Flour	20,700
Sardines	92,007	Milk	3,690
Cheese	184,020 + 50,118	Margarine	6,162
Meat Extract	326	Pepper	219 + 366
Tomatoes	76,118 - 688	Herring	62,223 + 10,773
Coffee Powder	31,122		

2. It will be noted from above figures that in some cases they exceed the totals shown on your Appendix "A" whilst on others, have not reached your quoted amounts.

3. The following items have been received on Acceptance Notes, and agree with your figures :

Cheese	2,136	Salmon	27,336
Flour	20,700	Milk	3,690
Margarine	6,162	Meat Extract	326
Coffee Powder	31,122	Sardines	92,007

These amounts will be cancelled by this Office in order that you may raise a debit voucher to the Italian Government.

4. In view of the fact that there is still an outstanding discrepancy of amounts existent, we are unable to agree to cancellation of all items, until Acceptance Notes showing these amounts are received by this Branch.

Rac.
R.A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to : Allied Supply Accounting Agency,
c/o Headquarters Allied Commission, (15th Floor Annex).

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S. T. BRANCH

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GI/ST6

Tel : Freedom 499

17 July 46

SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Navy and Air Force.

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HQ. Allied Commission, ROME.

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Can you now reply to my letter of even reference dated 13 June 46. We are being pressed to take action in this matter.

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Director of Supplies and Transport.

W. J. ...

Brigadier 3052

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S. T. BRANCH

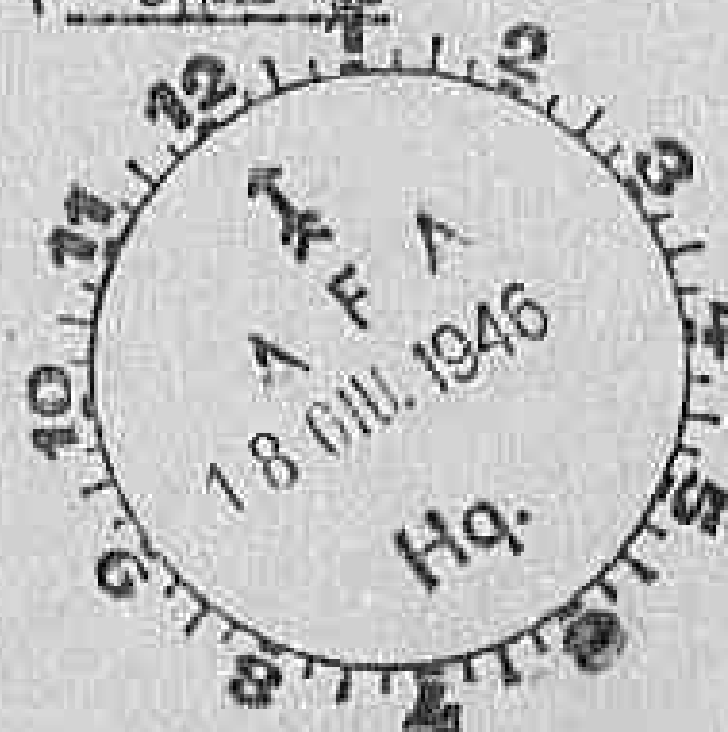
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Tel : Freedom 499

SUBJECT:- Issues to Italian Navy and Air Force.

13 June 46

HQ, Allied Commission, Rome.



1. We have been instructed by the War Office to treat all issues of supplies since 1 April 46 to the Italian Navy and Air Force under British Command, as issues on repayment, for recovery in sterling.
2. Will you therefore agree figures and cancel all entries in respect of such issues which are given in Appendix 'A' to this letter. Debit vouchers will then be raised by this Directorate.

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W. Charles Adams
Colonel,
A/Director of Supplies and Transport.

J. U. S. I.

APPENDIX 'A' to GI/ST6 dated 13 June 46

ISSUES TO ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE SINCE 1 APRIL 46.

(All lbs)

ITEM	EX PART	EX NAPLES	TOTAL
Tomato Paste	25,029	52,077	77,106
Cheese	ST 982 2,436 A/N. N 395	131,166	133,602
Rice	5,988	154,928	160,916
Salmon JR	-	27,336 ✓	27,336 ✓
Herrings	-	43,450	43,450
Sardines	-	91,007	91,007
Coffee	-	81,422	81,422 ✓
Coffee Beans	-	1,969	1,969
Pres. Meat	204,687	10,944	215,631 ✓
Sugar	2,016	112,692	114,708
Flour	-	ST 994 20,700 A.N. 629 ✓	20,700 ✓
Milk USA	2,013	ST 990 1,677 A/N. 621	3,690
Pepper	-	553	553
Margarine	3,500 K. ST 990 2,962 A/N. 618		6,462
Meat Extract	164	ST 990 162 A/N. 619	326

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE BRANCH

43-4/EA

RECEIVED 12 APR 1946
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11 April 1945

KRN 13/4

SUBJECT : - Allotments of dried vegetables to
Ministries of Marine and Air Force.

TO : - ~~Alto Commissario dell'Alimentazione.~~

(WTR)

1. Refer your letter AMR/1/1090 dated 20 March.
2. Referring to paragraph 5 of your letter, the balance outstanding to be used is that shown in the table which accompanied letter reference EU/7.08 dated 9 April from H. AC. Economic Section to you.

File Q11
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K. J. Luman, by

V. H. A. COPPER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

Copies for INFO:

H. AC., Land Forces S/G.
Attn: - Major Nelson.

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ADST *jai*

DAADST *hoo*

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From Min. of Agriculture and Forests
To Allied Commission

Ref. ANR/I/I090
Date 20/3/1946.

KRN/4

Subject Allocation of Dried Imported Vegetables to ~~XXX~~.
Admiralty and Air Force for 388 ton of the same
product to be returned to the British Army.

1 - We refer to the "draft" with subject "repayment of foodstuffs
to British Army", received on the 6 of March, further to letter
ANR/I/995 dated 7/3/46.

2 - Concerning the figures contained in the aforesaid draft this
High Commissariat has effected the following allocations
of dried imported vegetables to the Admiralty and Air Min.
for the 388 tons to be returned to the British Army for the
loan made of the same to the Italian Army during the month
of Feb.

- in letter ANR/I/I091/M/2 dated 8/3/1946 to the Admiralty for
the month of April 1946 : on Naples 217.500 lbs
equal to 98.658 tons

- in letter ANR/I/I093/A/2 dated 8/3/1946 to the Air Min.
for the month of April 1946:

on Naples	17625 lbs	equal to	7.995 tons
" Brindisi	94875 "	"	" 43.035 "
Total	112500 lbs	"	" 51.030 tons 51.030 tons

- in letter ANR/I/I107/A/1 dated 8/3/1946 on reports from the
Subcommission for Agriculture and Supply in letter 43/4/Food
dated 19 Feb. 1946 and on request by telephone by the Air Min.
there has been allocated to same at Naples, in order to
complete their own requirements for the month of March

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to carry 28.000
177.688 tons

carried 177.688 Tons

- in letter ANR/I/962/M/I dated I/3/1946 has been allotted to the Admiralty, as already communicated to the A.C. Supply and Agriculture Subcommittee in letter ANR/I/995 already quoted 51.000

Total allotments 228.688

- 3 - According to the a/m figures, there is still to be returned to the British Army 158.312 (X 388 ton - 228.688 ton).
- 4 - In the a/m draft the Supply Subcommittee show instead, as left over to be returned to DST, GHQ, CMF the minor figure of 157.800 tons less a difference, in respect of the quantity of 159.312 tons referred to in the previous para 3, of 1.512 tons

This difference can be explained as follows:

- Complete allocation to the Admiralty and Air Min. according to letters a) and b) of the draft in examination : 330.000 lbs

Assuming for every lb the weight of 453.6^{grams} we have

	149.688
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- Taking for basis in the same draft the quantity of ~~158~~ 312 tons of vegetables (letter a)) already to be returned before the a/m allotments to the aforesaid ministry and the 157.8 tons shown in the same draft (letter d) as quota left over still to be returned to the nett of the amount (330.000 lbs) of these allocations, we have a difference (312 ton - 157.8 ton) which the reputed 330.000 lbs have been valued in the draft as

	154.200
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Difference between the two valuations made *against* the High Comm. of Supply

	4.512 tons.
	<u>3017</u>

carried 4.512 tons

- Pending the clarification of para 3 in letter ANR/I/995 dated the 7 March which states that this High Comm. has allotted 3 tons more in respect of the amount shown by the A.C. Supply Comm. - letter 43/4/ food ~~xxxxxx~~ namely 51 tons in place of 48 tons to the Admiralty, the difference shown above between the two valuations made against the High Comm. will be reduced to /..... 3.000 tons

Difference left over made against the High Comm. 1.512 tons.

5 - This pointed out we ask the ^{Food} Supply and Agriculture Comm. to kindly state which of the two left overs must be considered as final concerning the return to be effected to the British Army and namely whether 159.312 tons or 157.800 tons.

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FROM MTOUSA 261301B
TO PBS - NAFGE - ALCOM - ~~MMIA~~
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OF REQUISITIONS TO QUARTERMASTER PBS PD SHIPPING INSRCTIONS TO BE FUR-
ISHED BY ALCOM PD MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM RATION DELIVERY POINT IS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFD 512

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Ref: I-1

25 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Feeding of the Italian Navy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
AFD 394.

KRN 26/3
D/Ac

Reference your TS/100/N/ES dated 25 February 1946.

1. In view of the serious food situation in Italy, SACMID has agreed to transfer to the Italian Government as early as possible, two month's supplies in bulk, from British to Italian depots.

These bulk issues will provide for the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force, except for a small U.S. commitment which AFCEA has agreed to supply, until 31 May 1946.

2. By this date, it is anticipated that several British supply depots in Southern Italy will have closed out, and, further assistance towards the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force from British sources, will not be possible.

3. Accordingly, it is requested that this fact be made known immediately to the Italian Government, on whom also pressure should be brought to bear, to ensure that they will be in the position to accept full responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force, with effect from 1 June 1946.

4. Meanwhile, AFM have informed CGS of the above and have asked them in WAF 1123 for instructions regarding the Italian Government channel for provisioning with effect from 1 June 1946 to ensure that there is no break down in the supply program for their armed Forces.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HUGHES:

A. L. HUGHES,
Brigadier General, CGS,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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U.S. FMAC, Comd,
AFM, RAF, BRIT. FMAC,
AF, G-3 AFHQ, WAF.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy and Air Force.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.H.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/102

D.S.T., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

11 Feb 46

Reference your 64/2/ST6(b) of 13 Feb the contents of paras 2 and 3 are noted and arrangements have been made accordingly.

1. Regarding para 3 of your above quoted letter arrangements will be made to accept 50% of P/B/L in the form of sound stocks already specified as to be released at NAPLES and BARI. It is considered however that it would be preferable to arrange for the remaining 50% P/B/L to be supplied ex Italian Ministry of Food stocks in part repayment of 388 tons loan of P/B/L made ex British stocks (AFFHQ signal C 47119 of 15 Dec 45 refers). It is understood that you would have no objection to this arrangement. Conversation Col. DARLOW/Maj. NELSON refers.
2. It is further understood that you will be good enough to arrange for the rail bid for wagons necessary to transfer requisite quantities from BARI to NAPLES.

MPHD/gmc

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

INTERNAL:- 'Q' (A/os) ←
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/179

15 Feb 46.

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**Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AG.**

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU

*File 410
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1. Further to this branch letter ST/179 of 8 Feb 46 GHQ CMB have deemed it necessary to release a large portion of the Navy maintenance for March 46 at BARI instead of NAPLES as originally agreed.

2. All supplies for March will be released at BARI with the exception of P.MEAT/FISH which will still be released in accordance with the a/q letter. 50% only of quantities of P/B/L scheduled will be released at NAPLES and BARI. It is proposed that the remainder of P/B/L will be forthcoming at NAPLES and BARI ex Italian Ministry of Food stocks and will form part repayment of loan of 388 tons due to British Depots.

3. Para 4 of this branch letter ST/179 of 8 Feb 46 will still apply.

4. DST, GHQ, CMB has however undertaken to submit rail bid for transfer of supplies ex BARI to NAPLES in view of the difficulty that would be likely to be experienced by the Naval authorities.

*see File 410 - Folio # 90
" " 410 - " # 99*

[Signature]
Lt. Col. RASO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).

NPHD/gmc

INTERNAL:- 10 (A/OS) ST/102

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SUBJECT: Repayment of Foodstuffs

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/A-319
15 February 1946

TO : Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your letter HQ-21/FOOD of 11 Feb 46.

1. It is requested that a portion of the 388 tons of dried vegetables, which is due for repayment to the British Army, be released from Ministry of Food depots to the Italian Air Force and Navy at Naples and Bari.
2. Due to a shortage of supply only 50% of the requirements of dried vegetables can be met for the maintenance for March of the Italian Air Force and Navy. It is therefore requested that the balance of dried vegetable requirement be met from Ministry of Food stocks against the loan previously made to the Italian Government for the Interim Army.
3. 106,569 lbs and 61,920 lbs dried vegetables will be required at Bari and Naples respectively by 25 February.
4. LST, GAG, GEF has agreed to the above in principle.
5. Request that this office be advised of details of collection in order to advise the Navy and Air Force in good time.

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

KRN/np

Copy to: Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Navy Sub Commission
Supply Group, Economic Section A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

7 February 1946

Ref. TS/100/B/23
Cross Ref. 7-08

SUBJECT: Food for the Italian Navy

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

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1. At his conference on 20 December 45, SACMAD directed that he should be informed of the earliest date on which the Italian Government could assume the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy before the target date of 31 March 1946.

2. It is apparent that the Italian Government cannot initiate and put into effect a full procurement program for the added subsistence maintenance of this force (now tentatively set at 60,000) before the target date of 31 March 46. This is based upon the following considerations:-

(a) The current world food situation will not allow procurement by separate importation from the main producing countries of the basic items of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other items required by the Navy. Attempts by the Italian Technical Mission to purchase separately (YT funds) subsistence items from these countries for the Italian Army have been unsuccessful.

(b) Use of surplus Allied military stocks to meet this added requirement for the Navy appears impossible in view of your confirmation that US Army flour holdings do not permit loans and British holdings allow loans only for very short periods (your PX 59771 of 31 Jan 46 refers).

(c) Use of indigenous stocks, in view of bad harvests and current shortfalls and shipping difficulties in the civilian programs of FFA and UNRRA, presents a delicate problem of balancing civilian needs with military requirements so as to avoid too great disruption or variance from the established low civilian ration scales. Difficulty of procurement from this source has been illustrated already in the case of the Italian Interim force of 205,000. It is felt that assumption, before March 31, 46, of subsistence maintenance responsibility by the Italian Government for the Navy and attempts in accordance with such responsibility to procure the added amounts of basic food items would place an undesirable strain on this source for the period Feb-Mar 46.

see 648

J. D. [unclear]

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3. The Italian High Commissioner for Food has been consulted on the general problems of reconciling the requirements of the Italian Armed Forces and the effect of this commitment (having regard to the import program - 1946) on the present basic ration scales of the civilian population.

4. I have also contacted the Prime Minister on this question and have asked that he call together representatives of the appropriate Italian Ministries to discuss this matter fully and to prepare a general plan for procurement of subsistence items for all of the Forces. (See TS/100/B/ES of 31 Jan 1946, copy attached).

5. Upon the completion of these discussions with the Italian Government and our obtaining the general plan for procurement for these forces, I shall inform you of my final recommendation on the matter.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl.:- FI 59772 of 31 Jan 46
TS/100/B/ES of 31 Jan 46

Distribution:-

N.M.I.A. ✓
Navy S/C
Air Force S/C
Food & Agriculture S/C
Requisition Branch

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Ref. TS/100/B/ES

see 648

31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

In reference to my letter to you of January 24th, I should like to take this opportunity to discuss further the problems of subsistence for the Italian Armed Forces.

As you are aware, the responsibility for subsistence of the Italian Army has rested with your Government since November 1945.

It is now necessary for me to recommend to the Supreme Allied Commander a date on which the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy and the Italian Air Force should revert to the Italian Government.

In connection with this question, it must be pointed out that it is not possible to use FEA or UNRRA supplies for military purposes. For this reason, in the case of food for the Italian Army, your Government instructed its Technical Mission in Washington to procure, from IT credits, certain items on a separate import basis. That commitment, at the time, provided a satisfactory solution and seemed to insure basic procurement for future requirements as well as to insure return of certain advances from Allied military stocks.

However, in view of the current world cereal situation, it appears that procurement by separate importation from the main producing countries of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other basic items, is not a currently feasible method for the discharge of the Italian Government's impending responsibility for the subsistence of the Navy and Air Forces nor for the fulfillment of its present responsibility for maintenance of the Army.

Provision, therefore, for these Armed Forces will have to be met, at least for the present, from indigenous sources, from stocks already purchased with Italian funds (IT), and procurement from countries not under the jurisdiction of the Combined Food Board under arrangements like the recent Spanish agreement.

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I, therefore, request that through your appropriate ministries you consider the procurement of the subsistence items necessary for the maintenance of these forces and inform me of your general plan for this procurement as well as the date your Government will be able to assume the added subsistence responsibility for the Navy and the Air Force. This plan, I assume, would cover a period of a year, at scales and in amounts already forwarded to the Allied Commission as representing the total requirements of these forces.

Upon receipt of this information I shall be able to make my recommendations to the Supreme Allied Commander.

The details of your plan might well be worked out through inter-ministerial contact with parallel sections or agencies of the Allied Commission. If you desire, I shall call together, at an early date, those sections of the Allied Commission that are directly interested in this problem for a meeting with representatives of the appropriate ministries of your Government.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT W. STONE

(signed)

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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C O P Y

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INFO: ALCOM

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Your letter C/1-115⁴ of 24 January 46 and subsequent conversation Nelson-Clare.

1. Confirm verbal explanation that US Army flour holdings do not permit loan and British holdings only allow loan for very short period.
2. Any loan now granted for consumption by Italian Army during Feb represents flour required for consumption by British troops during March since no further imports planned until April. Repayment will be required by 28 Feb 46 such repayment to have first priority call on any stocks available to Italian Govt at that date. Request confirmation obtained from Italian Govt in writing that these terms acceptable before offer of assistance confirmed.
3. Subject to para 2 above can loan 2000 tons flour up to 50 per cent of which may be available now at Naples. Regret cannot consider any further loan unless replacement flour known to be available in Italy within 14 days I E ship advised as sailed from country of origin.
4. For information other loans flour to Italian Govt from British Army are (A) Outlay against Mid shift meal 5000 tons. (B) 3000 tons for Italian army consumption Jan for which replacement was required by 30 April 46. (signal C 47119 of 15 Dec refers.)
5. For ALCOM and MMIA loans at para 4 above also require urgent repayment.

31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reference to my letter of 24 January regarding the urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army, I have just now received the following information from AFHQ which has a direct bearing on your answer to my original letter.

AFHQ informs us that any loan which may be granted for consumption by the Italian Army during the month of February represents flour which will be required for British troop use during the month of March inasmuch as no further imports are planned until April. Accordingly, it is absolutely essential that full repayment of such flour loan be made by 28 February and that such repayment be given absolute first priority call on any stocks available to the Italian Government on that date. Until written confirmation and agreement to such terms are obtained from the Italian Government, the Allied offer of assistance cannot be continued.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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The President of the Council of Ministers
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Security Plans Loan - Italian Italian Army

also provide some information
S. S. (S. I. A.) R. O. S. S.
1-115
26 January 1946

To I G, HQ, USF.

1. The Italian Government in conjunction with allied governments has exhaustively investigated the requirements of flour requirements for the Italian Italian Army for February.

2. From sources available, flour can not be measured from

3. Industrial requirements. Approximately 1000 tons of Italian grain flour has been ordered for February.

4. Export program. Flour being imported into Italy to supplement the domestic supply (with 1-11) has been furnished by USA, and (11) approximations. Most of these approximations are generally outside the possibilities of any national based program. At present, the imports are subject to a quota and similar quotas in other countries are at a similar level to meet civilian requirements. A loan from these sources, requirements for which have not included amounts for the Italian Italian Army, would definitely help the civilian supply situation in a reduction of the civil ration.

5. Advice has been received that approximately 24,000 tons of flour/meal, produced under Italian Government Export Program (exclusive of USA) and was shipped to Italy in 1945, will arrive in early February. Attention is invited to Appendix 11, letter from Chief Economist Allied Commission to the Public Minister (Italian Government), that from this reported these requirements will be met of additional needs.

6. In the case of the above it is requested that 1400 metric tons of flour be added to the Italian Government for the Italian Army subject to requirements by 14 March 46.

7. Italian Air Ministry has requested amounts estimated as

8. Requirements of operating loans will be affected from February thru/Flour available.

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APPENDIX 'A'
 Ltr 9/1-115
 dated 24 Jan 48

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 Office of the Chief Commissioner

APG 394

Ref. TS/100/3/43

24 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army has had my attention.

I understand this situation is affected by these major factors:

First, from recent information it is understood that attempts to procure wheat/flour for the Italian Armed Forces by your Technical Mission in Washington are now understandably meeting with difficulty because of URRSA domination of the market.

Second, I am informed that Allied military authorities in Italy are unwilling to extend further loans of wheat or flour for the Italian Army, unless firm assurance is given that early repayment in kind can be made.

In view of the current inability of the Mission to procure subsistence items for the Army from abroad, and in view of the urgency of the situation, insofar as procurement of immediate flour requirements for the Italian Army is concerned, I urge that your Government take the steps necessary to assure early repayment to the Allied military authorities of both the February requirements and these amounts previously loaned to the Italian Army.

Although the basic responsibility for the feeding of this force rests with your Government, I should like to suggest that these steps will require one or both of the following immediate commitments:

(a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both for eventual repayment purposes and for the meeting of future military requirements.

(b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat arrivals...

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(a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both for eventual repayment purposes and for the meeting of future military requirements.

(b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat arrivals purchased with Italian funds (VF) to cover an immediate loan for February and past loans to the Army from Allied Military sources.

I have been informed that some 49,000 tons of bulk wheat have arrived under the VF program up to January 22. For arrival at the end of this month under the same program, an additional 14,000 tons are scheduled. Additionally I am informed that the Italian Government procured 90,000 tons of flour from its own (VF) funds. The date of arrival for this is uncertain.

These amounts are sufficient, of course, to cover an immediate commitment for repayment purposes, and to form the bases for the assurances necessary for the granting of a loan from Military stocks to meet February requirements.

The greater problem of meeting future requirements for this force, as well as for the Navy and Air Force, will be the subject of a subsequent letter. I take this opportunity, however, to urge upon you the necessity for action upon the question of meeting this current need of the Army, and I shall be very grateful if you will advise me in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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President of the Council of Ministers
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/s/ Millery W. Stone
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Appendix 'B' to
 LSR 1-115
 dated 24 Jan. 46

FLOUR - February Requirements - Italian Interior Army

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ITALIAN ARMY DEPT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MESTRE (a)	65 Bulk Food Depot	1300 metric tons
ANCONA (b)	676 Food Dist. Depot	650 " "
NAPLES	610 Bulk Food Depot	1150 " "
NAZI	79 " " "	<u>300</u> " "
		3400 " "

(a) If not available at Mestre, release at Bari.

(b) " " " " Ancona, " " Naples.

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24 January 1946
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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army has had my attention.

I understand this situation is affected by three major factors:

First, from recent information it is understood that attempts to procure wheat/flour for the Italian Armed Forces by your Technical Mission in Washington are now understandably meeting with difficulty because of World War production of the market.

Second, I am informed that Allied military authorities in Italy are unwilling to extend further loans of wheat or flour for the Italian Army, unless firm assurance is given that early repayment in kind can be made.

In view of the current inability of the Mission to procure substitute items for the Army from abroad, and in view of the urgency of the situation, insofar as procurement of immediate flour requirements for the Italian Army is concerned, I urge that your Government take the steps necessary to assure early repayment to the Allied military authorities of both the February requirements and those accounts previously loaned to the Italian Army.

Although the basic responsibility for the feeding of this force rests with your Government, I should like to suggest that these steps will require one or both of the following immediate commitments:

- (a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both for eventual repayment purposes and for the meeting of future military requirements.
- (b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat accounts purchased with Italian funds (IT) to cover both an immediate loan for February and past loans to the Army from Allied MILITARY sources.

I have been informed that some 49,000 tons of bulk wheat have arrived under the IT program up to January 22. For arrival at the end of this month under the same program, an additional 14,000 tons are scheduled. Additionally I am informed that the Italian Government procured 90,000 tons of flour from its own (IT) funds. The date of arrival for this is uncertain.

These accounts are sufficient, of course, to cover an immediate commitment for repayment purposes, and to form the bases for the assurances necessary for the granting of a loan from Military stocks to meet February requirements.

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Ref. TS/100/B/IS

31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reference to my letter to you of January 24th, I should like to take this opportunity to discuss further the problems of subsistence for the Italian Armed Forces.

As you are aware, the responsibility for subsistence of the Italian Army has rested with your Government since November 1945.

It is now necessary for me to recommend to the Supreme Allied Commander a date on which the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy and the Italian Air Force should revert to the Italian Government.

In connection with this question, it must be pointed out that it is not possible to use FFA or UNRRA supplies for military purposes. For this reason, in the case of food for the Italian Army, your Government instructed its Technical Mission in Washington to procure, from YF credits, certain items on a separate import basis. That commitment, at the time, provided a satisfactory solution and seemed to insure basic procurement for future requirements as well as to insure return of certain advances from Allied military stocks.

However, in view of the current world cereal situation, it appears that procurement by separate importation from the main producing countries of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other basic items, is not a currently feasible method for the discharge of the Italian Government's impending responsibility for the subsistence of the Navy and Air Forces nor for the fulfillment of its present responsibility for maintenance of the Army.

Provision, therefore, for these Armed Forces will have to be met, at least for the present, from indigenous sources, from stocks already purchased with Italian funds (YF), and procurement from countries not under the jurisdiction of the Combined Food Board under arrangements like the recent Spanish agreement.

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I, therefore, request that through your appropriate ministries you consider the procurement of the subsistence items necessary for the maintenance of these forces and inform me of your general plan for this procurement as well as the date your Government will be able to assume the added subsistence responsibility for the Navy and the Air Force. This plan, I assume, would cover a period of a year, at scales and in amounts already forwarded to the Allied Commission as representing the total requirements of these forces.

Upon receipt of this information I shall be able to make my recommendations to the Supreme Allied Commander.

The details of your plan might well be worked out through inter-ministerial contact with parallel sections or agencies of the Allied Commission. If you desire, I shall call together, at an early date, those sections of the Allied Commission that are directly interested in this problem for a meeting with representatives of the appropriate ministries of your Government.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry W. Stone
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20 November 1945

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NECESSARY FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR IMPORTATION OF FOLLOWING ITEMS CMA MONTHLY IN ADDITION
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PARA FOUR PD REQUISITE SUPPLIES OF ALL ABOVE ITEMS COULD NOT BE MET AFTER FIRST FEBRUARY
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AND AIRFORCE PD EXISTING STOCKS OF IMPORTED CIVIL SUPPLIES NOT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE
MAINTENACE OF ITALIAN NAVY AND AIRFORCE IN ADDITION TO PART MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN
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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A. C.
M. N. I. A. HOME

Subject: Nation Maintenance - Italian Navy and Air Force

File: Q/1/10

20/11

To : Economic Section A.C. (for Col. Walton)
Navy Sub-Commission (for Lt. Hall)
Air Forces Sub-Commission (for W/Comdr. Knowles)

Ref. AFHQ signal PX 53510 dated 17 Nov. 45.

1. Herewith some observations relative to the above quoted signal.

2. Although MIA was included in the signal, I do not know how it concerns us, except that the Air Force and Navy are, at present, being maintained from Italian Army Depots.

R. Robert Nelson

R. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General
M. N. I. A.

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Incl: Supplies - Italian Navy and Air Force

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NOTES

Reference AFHQ signal FX 53510
dated 17/11

SUBJECT: Supplies - Italian Navy and Air Force

1. Procurement similar to Italian Interim Army; i.e.
 - a. Indigenous resources
 - b. Civil import program
 - c. Ex Surplus Disposal Agencies (US and/or UK)
2. Ministry of Food responsible for procurement of above - accepting demands either
 - a. separately ex three services
 - b. consolidated demand by Ministry of War
3. Additional commitment by Italian Government of:

a. Italian Navy	60000
b. Italian Air Force	31000
	91000
4. Total Commitment

a. Italian Army	205000
b. Italian Navy	60000
c. Italian Air Force	31000
	296000
5. Pre-Armistice procedure was that 3 services procured requirements independently through Ministry of Food. Only since the Armistice, and Allied use of the Services, have Navy and Air Force been maintained through Italian Army.
6. At present stock in depots (Army) is sufficient to maintain Air Force and Navy until approx. 25 January '46. (British stock.)
7. With the present difficulties encountered for procurement of Italian Army (Interim) requirements, an additional 90000 would present serious difficulties.
8. The Air Force and Navy should already have the supply machinery necessary to ration themselves, providing the food is available.
9. Economic Section and Food Sub-Commission will have to produce data on availability of foodstuffs or financial credit for future imports to meet deficiencies of items not available in Italy.

KRN 19/11

60,000 X 30 equals 1,800,000 Rations

<u>SCALE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LBS.</u>
15 oz.	Flour	1,687,500
3	P. Meat and Fish	337,500
3	Macaroni	337,500
2	Veg. Dried	225,000
1	Cheese	112,500
1	Sugar	112,500
$\frac{1}{2}$	Coffee	56,250
$\frac{1}{2}$	Tomato Catsup	56,250
1/200	Pepper	562 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	Rice	112,500

REQUIREMENTS FOR ITALIAN NAVY

- 30 Days -

31,000 X 30 equals 930,000 Rations

<u>SCALE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LBS.</u>
15 oz.	Flour	871,875
3 oz.	P. Meat and Fish	174,375
3 oz.	Macaroni	174,375
2 oz.	Veg. Dried	116,250
1 oz.	Cheese	58,125
1 oz.	Sugar	58,125
$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Coffee	29,062 $\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Tomato Paste	29,062 $\frac{1}{2}$
1/200 oz.	Pepper	290.625
1 oz.	Rice	58,125

REQUIREMENTS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Requirements for Italian Air Force

- 30 Days -

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