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TOBACCO + MATCHES - FOLIO No 1-1

Ap. 1944 - May 1945

TOBACCO + MATCHES - FOLIO No 1-100

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Apr. 1944 - May 1945

SUBJECT: Cigarette Ration - Italian Armed Forces

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/75
28 May 1945

1. Reference MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 of 20 Feb. 45.
2. Owing to temporary inadequacy of cigarette production the monthly allocation to the Italian Armed Forces has been reduced as from 1 June 45 in terms of AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) of 24 May.
3. As from 1 June 45 the issue of 5 cigarettes per day on repayment will cease until further notice. Paragraphs 6(a) (iii), 6(b) and 6(c) of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 are therefore suspended.
4. The ration scale will be as laid down in Para. 6(a) (i) and 6(a) (ii) of Administrative Instruction No. 22 i.e.:
 - a. Free issue - 5 per man per day for all tps.
 - b. Additional Free Issue - 5 per man per day for operational tps as detailed.
5. Cigarettes on hand for issue on repayment during June will be counted against the free issue allotment.

RTMw/ri

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ for Q Maint.
AFHQ for ST
MTOUSA for QM
HQ Eighth Army for Q
CG Fifth Army for C-4
CG Fifth Army for Q Br Incr.
15 Army Gp.
CG USAAFSC/MTO
HQ No. 1 District for Q
HQ No. 2 District for Q
HQ No. 3 District for Q
HQ PBS

803 REITS CENTRE for OC Br Cadre
804 " " " " "
802 " " " " "
Naval Sub Comm. AC
Air Forces Sub Comm. AC
Public Safety Sub Comm. AC
Food Sub Comm. AC
MMIA C.O.S.
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STANTON P. KEAR, Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

on repayment will cease and the amount of MMIA Administrative Instruction 6(a) (iii), 6(b) and 6(c) of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 i.e.:- No. 22 are therefore suspended.

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

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CG USAFSC/MTO

HQ No. 1 District for Q

HQ No. 2 District for Q

HQ No. 3 District for Q

HQ PERS

PENSCOUTH

All MMIA LO's

52 BLU

56 BLU

803 RFTS CENTRE for OC Br Cadre

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802 " " " " " "

Naval Sub Comm. AC

Air Forces Sub Comm. AC

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Food Sub Comm. AC

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" DADOS

" Med.

War Diary

File

Copy: Ministry of War

(General PELLIGRA)

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

Date - Time
May 28 1130 BTO : FIVE ARMY, FIVE ARMY BR INCR, EIGHTH ARMY, PBS c/o
LIAISON SECTION, FENSOUTH, 1 DISTRICT, 2 DISTRICT,
3 DISTRICT, 54 AREA, LO SARDINIA, COMNOB PALERMOINFO: 52 BLU, 56 BLU
Q-308

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FOR MMIA LO'S (.) WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JUNE ISSUE OF 5
CIGARETTES PER DAY ON REPAYMENT TO ALL TROOPS WILL CEASE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.) ISSUE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS
FORTHWITH (.) ISSUE OF FREE CIGARETTES NOW 5 PER DAY ALL
TPS ADDITIONAL 5 PER DAY OPERATIONAL TPS (.) STOCKS ON
HAND FOR ISSUE ON REPAYMENT JUNE WILL COUNT AGAINST FREE
ISSUE ALLOCATION

INTERNAL

ST SECTION

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

R. H. Williams May

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Subject: Cigarette Supply for Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. I, C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M H
9/1/4-6

21 May 1945.

To: AFHQ (3)

1. Reference this HQ signal Q-225 of 27 Apr 45 and Q-265 of 12 May and further to conversations BIRWELL - WAREHAM.

2. In view of the acute shortage of cigarettes owing to lack of paper and the fact that on the present scale of issue to the Italian Armed Forces present known potential stocks will be completely exhausted by the end of June, the following calculations are submitted.

3. Figures are based on the ceiling figures for the Armed Forces.

4. Present scale of issue:-

a. Operational troops, all services

10 per man per day
5 per man per day on repayment
15 per man per day

b. All other troops

5 per man per day
5 per man per day on repayment
10 per man per day

5. Requirements on present scale:-

a. ARMY (incl CG.RH)

	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Daily Consumption</u>
Drawing Operational Scale (15)	101,000	1,515,000
Other tps (10)	267,000	2,670,000
Total	368,000	4,185,000

b. Navy

Drawing Operational Scale (15)	24,000	360,000
Other tps (10)	51,000	510,000
Total	75,000	870,000

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c. Air Force

Drawing Operational Scale (15)	7,897	118,455
Other Tps (10)	23,103	231,030
Total	31,000	349,485

d. Total Armed Forces

Drawing Operational Scale (15)	132,897	1,993,455
Other tps (10)	341,103	3,411,030
Total	474,000	5,404,485

6. In order to extend the cigarette supply until such time as production can be resumed and is again adequate the following changes in ration scale would have effects as shown:-

a. Cancelling 5 per man per day on repayment for all tps.

	<u>Total personnel affected</u>	<u>Saving per day</u>
All Forces	474,000	2,370,000

b. Reducing number of tps drawing operational scale:

(i) At present Army personnel drawing operational scale are made up as follows:-

Combat Groups	55,000
Cesano RTC	11,000
Eighth Army	15,000
Fifth Army	20,000
	<u>101,000</u>

In view of the present non-operational situation, not only is it impossible to define clearly what troops are entitled to the operational scale, but little case can now be made for service troops with the Armies having a larger scale than other service tps. For example the work and conditions of service of Pioneers under command of Armies are no different from those of Pioneers elsewhere.

(ii) You may wish that the Army operational scale be confined to Combat Gps and Cesano RTC effecting the following savings.

	<u>Total personnel affected</u>	<u>Saving per day</u>
Fifth and Eighth Armies	35,000	175,000

c. Reducing Free issue by 5 to 5 per day for all operational tps.

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	<u>Total personnel affected</u>	<u>Saving per day</u>
Army	101,000	505,000
Navy	24,000	120,000
Air Force	7,897	39,485
Total	132,897	664,485

7. Paragraph 6 may be summarized as in Appx "A".

RTM/ls

F. J. Noakes.

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

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Appx "A" to MIA Ltr.
3/1/46 of 21 May 43.

Serial.	Action	Personnel Affected	New Scale	Saving	Daily Consumption
1.	Cancellation 5 per day repayment (para 6 (a))	474,000	Op Tps 10 Other Tps 5	2,370,000	3,034,485
2.	Reduction 5 per day for Service tps (para 6 (b))	35,000	Op Tps 10 Other Tps 5 All Tps 5 on Repayment	475,000	5,229,485
3.	Cancellation 5 per day for all OP Tps (para 6 (c))	132,897	All tps 5 and 5 on repayment	664,485	4,740,000
4.	Serial 1 and 2	-	Op Tps 10 Other Tps 5	2,545,000	2,859,485
5.	Serial 1 and 3	-	All Tps 5	3,034,485	2,370,000

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: AFHQ
TO : ALCOM ROME
INFO: MMIA

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Date - Time
May 15 1857 B

FX 76066

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PARA 1 (.) CIGARETTE SUPPLY BOTH ITALIAN ARMY AND CIVILIAN
MAY BECOME CRITICAL AS UNLIKELY FURTHER CIGARETTE PAPER CAN
ARRIVE BEFORE OCTOBER (.) (SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG) (.)
REQUEST EARLIEST ADVICE FOLLOWING: SUB PARA A (.) NUMBER OF
CIGARETTES AVAILABLE BETWEEN 1 JUNE AND 30 SEPT (.) SHOW
SEPARATELY: (1) FINISHED CIGARETTES ON HAND (.) (2) NUMBER
RESULTING FROM 13,000 REELS PAPER ARRIVING MAY (.) (3) ESTIMATED
NUMBER RESULTING FROM LOCAL PAPER PRODUCTION (.) SUB PARA B (.)
TOTAL REQUIREMENT IN CIGARETTES PER MONTH FOR ITALIAN CIVILIANS (.)
WHAT IS RATION BASIS ? SUB PARA C (.) POSSIBLE EFFECT AT LEAST
PARTIAL REDUCTION IN CIVILIAN RATION (.) PARA 2 (.) URGE LOCAL
PRODUCTION CIGARETTE PAPER BE EXPLORED FULLY ESPECIALLY AS ITALIAN
SIZES DIFFICULT TO PROCURE UK/USA (.) REQUEST PROGRESS REPORT
DUE COURSE

Alfred over
10/5

Copy to ST
16 May 45

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: EMIA

TO : AFHQ

4-265

Date - Time
12 1530 B

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REFERENCE YOUR F73917 OF 11 MAY (.) CONSUMPTION CIGARETTES
PER MONTH FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES WITH QUANTITIES EXPRESSED
AS SINGLE CIGARETTES IS AS FOLLOWS: ARMY, ONE THREE THREE
MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND; AIR FORCE, THIRTEEN MILLION;
NAVY, TWENTY FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (.) THIS
QUANTITY INCLUDES ADDITIONAL FREE DISTRIBUTION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH OUR ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. TWENTY TWO OF
20 FEB AND CIGARETTES ISSUED ON REPAYMENT BASIS

INTERNAL

ST SECTION

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: IEMIA

TO : AFHQ

Q-225

Date - Time

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SUBJECT IS CIGARETTES FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (.) FIRST (.)
SUFFICIENT STOCKS NOW ON HAND IN ITALIAN DEPOTS TO MEET MAY ISSUE (.)
SECOND (.) INDUSTRY SUB COMMISSION ADVISES US THAT DUE TO SHORTAGE
OF PAPER STATE MONOPOLY WILL CEASE OPERATIONS BY 15 MAY (.)
THIRD (.) JUNE REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED FORCES CAN BE SECURED BY
PRODUCTION BEFORE PLANTS CEASE PRODUCTION IF ARMED FORCES ARE
GIVEN PRIORITY UNTIL JUNE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET IN FULL (.)
REQUEST AS BE SO INSTRUCTED (.) FOURTH (.) NO CIGARETTES FOR
ARMED FORCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR JULY UNLESS PAPER IS MADE
AVAILABLE

INTERNAL

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HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AG (MMIA) APO 594,
U.S. Army, 20 February 1948.

TO: Commanding General, HQ Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army

1. The provision of cigarettes for Italian Troops is a responsibility of the War Ministry. The supply is obtained from the State Monopoly, and the needs of the Italian Armed Forces have priority. The provision of cigarettes in previous months has been irregular due to lack of materials, electric power, and strikes. However, the production is now such that beginning 1 March 1948, the supply should be assured on a fairly regular basis.

2. a. The regular scale of issue is 5 cigarettes per day for every man in the Italian Forces.

b. The Italian Cabinet authorized an extra 5 per day for certain troops (i.e. - all troops forward of the rear boundaries of Fifth and Eight Army and the Combat groups) but unfortunately the necessary stocks will probably not be available until 7 March 1948.

c. An attempt is made to provide 5 cigarettes per day on repayment, but this is irregular and is not considered in this letter.

3. Considering the limited production no agreement can be given for stocking a 30 day reserve, nor for the troops of Fifth Army to have first priority on any local production at the expense of the remainder of the Army. If the cigarettes are in short supply, all troops must share the cut.

4. The local production in Fifth Army Area is considered as a part of the production for the whole of Italy. Therefore no reservation of the entire production of the factory at Lucca or elsewhere can be made for the PIO Division.

5. The normal method of supply to troops under command Fifth Army (US-IFI and IFI-IFI) is:

a. To PSS for shipment to Fifth Army, or

b. Allotment direct to Italian troops from factories in the immediate locality, where a saving of transportation can be effected.

6. a. The estimated needs for the troops under Command Fifth Army for the issue of 5 cigarettes per day per man

b. If issue is made of the second 5 per day (para 2b above) before 7 March 1945, the entire provision is pre-judiced and no additional cigarettes can be furnished to make up the shortage which will occur in the regular issue (para 2a above).

d. During February PEB has received for onward shipment to Fifth Army a total of \$,339,000.

f. The total received since Jan. 1, 1945 (peras c,d,e) is therefore 11,839,000. The total requirement is:

This leaves a balance of \$58,000 to apply on the April requirement of 6 million (para 2 a & b). The approximately 5 1/2 million balance required for April will be furnished during March providing the present production is maintained.

Copies to: AFHQ for Gen. Hamblen
" " For G-4
" " For G-2

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

JRD/WAT/rbh

FEB 14 1945

AG 400-Z

Subject: Local Procurement of Cigarette Supply for US-ITX

To: Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army, Rome

1. The present method of supplying cigarettes to Italian Military troops of the Fifth Army has proven unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

a. Shipments of this item through regular channels of supply have consistently fallen far short of the actual requirement.

b. Shortages as shown above have forced the 210th Infantry Division (Italian) to purchase the item from sources of local manufacture on the open market without the assurance of having stocks frozen for their consumption.

c. Approvals by the Italian War Ministry for the above mentioned purchases have consistently been for quantities insufficient to make up for shortages indicated in paragraph 1, a above.

d. Procedure required to secure Ministry of War purchase approvals for cigarettes are placing additional administrative burdens on present limited facilities.

e. Such method of supply has precluded the opportunity to acquire any part of a 30 day reserve stock which is considered minimum to establish reasonable assurance of an uninterrupted supply of this item.

2. In view of the above, the matter is again brought to your attention as previously, in letter, Headquarters Fifth Army, subject: "Manufacture of Tobacco Products for the Italian Armed Forces, Project #1", dated 19 October 1944. It is felt that the Fifth Army must have definite assurance of continuance of its Italian cigarette supply, which can be accomplished by authorizing the requests of the letter cited above.

3. Under Memorandum LR-37, this Headquarters, dated 19 October 1944, the Army Commander approved the manufacture of tobacco products within the Army area under the supervision of the Italian War Ministry, stipulating:

a. Full allowance of cigarettes and other tobacco products for all Italian troops with Fifth Army be given first priority.

b. Reserve of 30 days for all Italian troops with Fifth Army be established.

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AG 400-Z; Local Procurement of
Cigarette Supply for US-FRI, continued

c. That no releases be made to civilian market until the provisions of paragraph 3, a and b above, are satisfied, together with any other Italian military needs as determined by the War Ministry.

4. The uninterrupted supply of tobacco products to Italian troops of Fifth Army is considered to be one of the most important factors contributing to their present high standard of efficiency. In view of this, and the fact that no evidence of progress towards the desired end discussed above is yet evident, it is requested that your headquarters initiate priority action to expedite this matter.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

WARREN A. THACHER,
Major, A. G. E.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

2/4 73

FROM: Ministry of War
TO : MMIA

Ref. 3502/S/1

Dated 16 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of cigarettes.

Ref. letter AQ/2-47 dated 7th. inst. We beg to inform you that the distribution of cigarettes to the troops is carried out on the basis of the following ration:

A daily free issue of 10 grams to the:

- FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE and MANTOVA Combat groups.
- 209, 210, 228, 231 Divisions
- Italian Combat Reinforcement Training Center at CESANO.
- ORVIETO Reinforcement Transit Camp.

A daily free issue of 5 grams to the remainder of the troops.

Moreover, 5 grams of cigarettes are issued to all of the troops on payment.

Sgd. FELLIGRA

CIGARETTES2/4 File 71
11 February 45(1) RequirementsAs from 1st March 1945

- (a) For 450000 (Army, Navy & Air Forces) @ 5 cigarettes per day. 875 quintals
- (b) For Army operational troops extra issue of 5 cigarettes per day.

5 Combat Groups	50000
210 Division	20000
212 Division	20000
251 Division	13000
298 Division	12000
R.F.C. Casano	10000

187 quintals

123000

- (c) For operational personnel of the Navy - 20000

39 quintals

- (d) For operational personnel of the Air Force - 8000

12 quintals

280 quintals
1163 quintals

- (e) For Reserve -

- (2) The Administration of State Monopolies have agreed to release :-

For February	1220 quintals
For March	1220 quintals

See attached copy of letter received from State Monopolies. It should be pointed out that this letter has been sent to each Tobacco Factory and Commerce and Finance Sub-Commission.

5. It is understood that the allocation by the State Monopolies for months following March will be the same but the allocations to factories may be different.

4. Provided no unforeseen circumstances arise, i.e. breakdown of plant or factory or lack of supply of paper, the 1220 quintals per month will cover all known requirements.

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125000
127 quintals
39 quintals
12 quintals
250 quintals
1163 quintals

- (e) For operational personnel of the Navy - 20000
- (d) For operational personnel of the Air Force - 8000
- (e) For Reserve -

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For March 1229 quintals

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K.P. JUNTIS.
Lt. Col. RASCO,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.).

KRC/Jo

14 Feb

HQ MMIA

FIVE ARMY

FREEDOM Q. MAINT

AQ 2792

RESTRICTED PERIOD FOR HR INCREMENT FOR QUEN PERIOD REFER YOUR

QUEN NINE SIX NINE OF THIRTEEN FEB PERIOD BETWEEN TWENTY SIX

JANUARY AND FOURTEEN FEBRUARY TWELVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY

FOUR THOUSAND FREE CIGARETTES HAVE BEEN HANDED TO FOURTEEN DRASC AGAINST

A TOTAL FEBRUARY REQUIREMENT OF TWELVE MILLION THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY

SIX THOUSAND FOR ALL FEBRUARY PERIOD SUGGEST THIS IS AN UNUSUALLY

SATISFACTORY SITUATION

INTERNAL:

AQ 2792

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SUBJECT: Issue of cigarettes

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) HOME
AM/2-47
7 February 1945

TO : Direc. Gen. Commissariato
Minister for War

1. Since the item of cigarettes is not on the authorized scale as laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, but is only on the scale as laid down by the Italian War Ministry, will you please furnish us with the basis of issue to all troops as of this date.

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

TTR/ri

per 73

SIGNAL

FROM: MEIA

TO (FOR ACTION): 50 BLU

TO (FOR INFO) : 51 BLU

DATE

TIME

31 1535 A

AQ 2704

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REPLY YOUR QG 727 OF 291800 (.) FIVE FREE CIGARETTES PER MAN PER DAY IS
 CORRECT BASIC RATION SCALE AND IS BASIS ON WHICH MEIA INITIATES PROVISION
 ACTION (.) MEIA HAS FIRST CALL ON ALL PRODUCTION TO MEET BASIC RATION
 WHICH AMOUNTS TO 70,000 EGS APPROX 19% OF TOTAL PRODUCTION POSSIBLE (.)
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ENDEAVOURS FROM REMAINING QUANTITY AVAILABLE IN
 CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR OTHER COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CIGARETTES
 FOR PURCHASE BY ARMY (.) IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES IMPORTATION OF PAPER CMA
 POWER AND CIVIL DEMANDS ETC IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL NOT
 ALWAYS BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CIGARETTES ADDITIONAL TO BASIC SCALE (.)
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES IMPORTANCE OF GIVING COMBAT TROOPS FIRST
 SHARE OF AVAILABILITIES (.) REPORTING SPECIAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN FOR
 FRONTIERS AREA HALLMARK

PREVIOUS

AUTHENTICATION

F. J. N. (S)

Int: ST

Ref 59

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MESSAGE FORM

TO (FOR ACTION)

EIGHT ARMY;
DISTONE

TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR INFORMATION) FREEDOM FOR Q MAINT & ST

JAN 20 0925 A

REF NO: AQ2592

RESTRICTED

FOR MEDIA LC (.) SUBJECT IS CIGARETTES FOR BR-ITIS FROM ITALIAN SOURCES (.)
 RATION SCALE IS FIVE HPT FIVE CIGARETTES DAILY (.) DURING DECEMBER
 TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND RATIONS HPT RATIONS
 HANDED TO COMMANDERS HACO SUB UNITS FOR MAINTENANCE TWO BR-ITI IPS IN
 DISTONE AND EIGHT ARMY (.) FURTHER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND RATIONS ON WAY
 TO EIGHT ARMY (.) IS CORRECT SCALE BEING ISSUED QUICKLY SINCE PROVISION
 ACTION IS BASED SOLELY ON THE ISSUE OF THE FREE ISSUE OF FIVE CIGARETTES
 PER MAN PER DAY USE PAPER AND TOBACCO MONTAGE

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Dec 14 1010A

MMIA

GO NORBASE

ALCOM SARDINIA for MMIA LO

AQ-2376

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144 POUNDS OF CIGARETTES COMMISSIONED TO NORBASE LEFT TODAY
BY AIR CARRIER FOR SARDINIA (.) MMIA LO SARDINIA WILL
MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO TRANSMIT CIGARETTES TO
YOU (.) REFERENCE YOUR 59964 CITE HQM

INTERNAL

MMIA ST

Important

Due

310.8

RAAC MESSAGE FORM M/C 172

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR		
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A) CG NORBASE			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 101630A
TO (FOR ACTION) CG MMIA			
TO (FOR INFORMATION)			MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR
(REF. No.) 59964 CITE BNQM		(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)	

TO DATE NO ITALIAN TOBACCO FOR DECEMBER CONSUMPTION HAS ARRIVED, AS THIS SITUATION CAUSES A DEPRESSING EFFECT UPON MORALE IT IS REQUESTED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO EXPEDITE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN ORDER THAT CIGARETTES MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS ISSUE. REDUR LETTER FILE AG 400.312 BNQM DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1944 SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS OF SOAP, TOBACCO, AND RAZOR BLADES FOR US-ITI UNITS NORBS. REQUEST ETA ON THESE SUPPLIES. FURTHER REQUEST THAT THESE SUPPLIES BE SET UP SO AS TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 FOR ISSUE FOR JANUARY CONSUMPTION.

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144 lbs (36,000 cigarettes) dispatched by air 13 Dec to Sandania for onward transshipment to Casablanca.

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PRIORITY

Ref attached

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE:

PRIORITY

ORIGINATING SECTION:

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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TIME CLEARED

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COPY

SUBJECT: - Cigarettes Maintenance
CORSICA

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/102/4
12 Dec. 44.

LO: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SARDINIA

Copy to:- Northern Base Section
Direz. Gen. Commissariato.
Italian War Ministry.

1. Herewith 144 lbs of Cigarettes dispatched by Air
Craft 13 Dec. 1944 for the maintenance of Italian troops in
CORSICA.

2. You are requested to make immediate arrangements to
transmit to CORSICA, consigned to HQ Northern Base Section
APO 386, so that they may arrive in time for distribution
for Christmas day.

3. Please confirm receipt.

Sgd. S.W. Cann, Major
B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

Ref 53

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COORDINATING ROUTE SHEET
(STAFF MINUTE SHEET)
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Log:

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Suspense:

Date 16 Nov 1944

Originated:

SUBJECT Ration Scale - Italian

Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw 1 line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No.	Section of Origin	Pass To	Date	
1.	G-4	MMIA	16/11	1. Revision of AFHQ, AG 400/105 D-0 of 22 September is about to be published. 2. Matches have been deleted completely from Annex A, since soap and other miscellaneous items furnished by the Italian Government are not included. for <i>DM Libby</i> LESTER H. BARNHILL, Colonel, G. S. C., Actg. Exec. Off, G-4. <i>(K) 16/11</i> <i>of BNA</i>

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SUBJECT: RATION SCALE - ITALIAN

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/4-b
11 November 1944

TO: AFHQ

Ref. AFHQ AG400/105 D-0 Appx. A of 22 Sept. 1944.

1. Matches can now be furnished from Italian sources. It is requested that the change attached as a draft here-
with may be published.

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

FJW/ri

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Draft

AFHQ

AG 400/105 D-0

Subject: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

To : All concerned.

1. Annex A to letter AFHQ, above file, 22 Sept 1944, is changed as follows:

a. Paragraph 1 - DELETE

"Matches, per 7 rations, box (small) 1 (oz) ?
book, commercial type, ea 2 (") "

b. Paragraph 2 - INSERT

"Matches, per 7 rations, box (small) 1 (oz) ?
book, commercial type, ea 2 (") "

2. The effect of this change is to eliminate matches from the Allied furnished portion of the ration, and to include matches in the portion of the ration provided by the Italian Army.

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SUBJECT: Manufacture of Tobacco Products for the
Italian Armed Forces, Project #1.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
AQ/2/4-3 ✓
30 October 1944.

TO : Hq. Fifth Army, APO 464.

1. Reference is made to letter file ref. AG 400-Z, dated 20 October 1944, subject same as above.
2. The manufacture of tobacco, a state monopoly in Italy, is controlled by the Ministry of Finance. MMIA and the Ministry of War cannot act in this case.
3. Inclosed for your information is a copy of a letter received from the Finance Sub Commission.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
MMIA.

PRC/ag

Copy to:
Finance Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
FINANCE AND COMMERCE
REVENUE SUB-SECTION

13032/F

SUBJECT: Florence Tobacco Factory

TO: : 3040 AND 5th ARMY
(For S.F.O.)

27 October 1944



1. The Director General of the State Monopolies informed us to-day that 5th Army had arranged for the removal of machinery and raw tobacco from the Florence factory, which is in their occupation, to an old factory building at Firenze St. Orsola, there to produce cigarettes solely for the Italian Forces. It is understood that they have appointed Ing. Amati, from Lucca Monopoly Factory to supervise the arrangements.

2. So far as we are aware A.M.C. and the State Monopoly have not been consulted by Fifth Army on this matter, which appears to be essentially within the province of the Civil Affairs side of Military Government.

3. We wish you to represent urgently to Fifth Army that Central Italy is almost entirely devoid of tobacco products, and that we have been relying on Florence factory to make up the deficiency and to bring in an appreciable revenue in diminution of the State deficit, now being financed by the Allied Governments.

4. Fifth Army should be requested to authorize the expert Monopoly staffs now ready in Florence and Rome to set up and operate machinery in the alternative premises and to undertake the entire administration of this highly specialized industry. The requirements of the Italian Armed Forces attached to the Fifth Army, on the approved scales, would be given priority. The surplus would assist in relieving the serious deficiency in Florence and to reduce the need for transportation of tobacco from Rome and elsewhere.

5. The result should be reported to this HQ. as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner

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For the Chief Commissioners

(Signed) A.F. JARRELY-SMITH

Joint Director

Finance Sub-Commission

Copies to:

Economic Section

Army Sub-Commission

Civil Affairs Section HQ. A.I.L.

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SUBJECT: Manufacture of Tobacco Products for Italian Armed Forces.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
AQ/2/4-2
26 October 1944.

TO : Major Van Kirk, 10 5th Army.

1. Reference to letter AQ 400-2 Hq Fifth Army, dated 20 October 1944, concerning the manufacture of tobacco products for the Italian Armed Forces.
2. We are directing the Italian War Ministry to make the necessary arrangements to control and operate this plant as suggested in Memorandum LR-37 attached to the above mentioned letter from Fifth Army. Copy of our instructions to the War Ministry will be forwarded to you.
3. Please keep us informed of progress made towards the opening of this plant.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
MOTIA.

THH/ag

Copy to:
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Ref 37
see 41

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. 464, U. S. Army

MMIA	AD
FILE	214
Date Recd	22 Oct

SECRET
OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF STAFF
U. S. ARMY
Date: 20 Oct 1944

AG 400-2

REB/BWS/m
OCT 20 1944Subject: Manufacture of Tobacco Products for the Italian Armed Forces,
Project #1.

To: Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army, Rome.

1. Reference attached Memorandum, LR-37, this Headquarters, dated 19 October 1944, this Headquarters will effect necessary coordination in accordance with the above memo to permit limited production of tobacco products for the Italian Armed Forces.

2. It is requested that the necessary arrangements be made between the Italian War Ministry and other interested parties to assure that the production from this plant is controlled as specified in paragraph 4 of the above memo.

3. It is desired that required arrangements be made and the plant be in operation as outlined herein by 27 October. This problem is being expedited at this end; request expeditious action by your Headquarters.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

B. W. Saurel
B. W. SAUREL
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
Memo LR-37, 19 Oct 44 (in dup)

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20 Oct 1944

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. 464, S. S. Army
Office of the A. C. of S., G-4

SECRET
By Authority of
CG, Fifth Army
Initials
Date

WAT
Oct. 20, 1944

103/052/a
19 October 1944

Memorandum 12-37

To: Headquarters Commandant, Fifth Army
Fifth Army AMB
Engineer Real Estate Officer
Italian Liaison Officer, G-4
AMIA Liaison Officer, G-4

Manufacture of Tobacco Products for the Italian Armed Forces

PROJECT No. 1

1. A combination of many factors have made the supply of tobacco to Italian Armed Forces with Fifth Army very difficult. As a remedy, it is desirable to manufacture tobacco products in the Army Area with the following facilities:

- Machinery and tobacco from the factory of the Manifattura Tabacchi di Firenze (Occupied by Headquarters, Fifth Army, Rear).
- Buildings owned by that agency located in Firenze St. Orsola.
- Power supplied by local sources.

2. The machinery and supplies in paragraph 1 (a) will be removed from their present location to Firenze St. Orsola where actual production will take place.

3. To implement this plan, the personnel listed below are requested to take the action indicated with least possible delay:

a. Headquarters Commandant, Fifth Army: Release to Engineer Anati such machinery and material located in the Plant of Manifattura Tabacchi di Firenze as are specifically requested by Captain Cicogna, Italian Liaison Officer with Army G-4.

b. Fifth Army AMB: Arrange to supply necessary power to operate the factory at Firenze St. Orsola.

c. Fifth Army Real Estate: Clear and earmark building in Firenze St. Orsola desired for the new factory (coordinate with Captain Cicogna).

4. Under separate letter through AAI, the Italian War Ministry is being asked to arrange for the operation of the plant with the following provisions:

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a. Full allowance of cigarettes and other tobacco products for all Italian troops with Fifth Army be given first priority.

b. Reserve of 30 days for all Italian troops with Fifth Army be established.

c. That no releases be made to civilian market until the provisions of paragraph 4 a and b above are satisfied, together with any other Italian military needs as determined by the War Ministry.

For the A. G. of E., Genl:

CHARLES S. D'ORSA
Colonel, GSC
Executive Officer

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SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) CG, COMZONE NATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO (FOR ACTION) NORBS, MMIA

MMIA

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EXCISE

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Date Recd

11/10

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TO (FOR INFORMATION)

(REF. No.) LX-46413

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)

CITE SSQMC-1194, SSGDS

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POST EXCHANGE SUPPLIES, REFERENCE NORBS CABLE 4531 CITE BNCDE DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1944 IS SUBJECT. AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF SLAV TROOPS WITH TOILET ARTICLES AND POST EXCHANGE SUPPLIES, REFERENCE L1290 CITE SSQMC 5362, DATED 17 FEBRUARY 1944, IS RESCINDED. TOBACCO, GIGARRETTES AND TOILET ARTICLES WILL BE FURNISHED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES ONLY AND NOT FROM ALLIED SOURCES, AND ON SCALE AUTHORIZED BY ITALIAN ARMY, REFERENCE LETTER, AFHQ FILE AG 400/105D-0, SUBJECT: SUPPLY OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY AND AIR) DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1944. NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED IS AUTHORITY FOR INCREASED RATIONS REQUESTED CABLE 4531 CITE BNCDE DATED 29 SEPTEMBER IN VIEW OF FOREGOING. FOR MMIA ONLY: REQUEST ACTION BE TAKEN TO FURNISH PERSONNEL REFERRED TO ABOVE WITH CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 11, LETTER, AFHQ, DATED 22 SEPTEMBER REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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9860 *15/27*
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

INCOMING MESSAGE

RESTRICTED

FROM : CG SOS NATOUA SIGNED LARKIN CLASSIFICATION
 REFERENCE No. : LX 44116
 DATE TIME RECEIVED : 270458A
 DATE TIME GROUP : 262250A **PRIORITY** PRIORITY
 TO :

ACTION:

PEMBARK

INFO:

NATOUA, MMIA CITE SSQMC 940

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MATCHES FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IS SUBJECT. REQUEST THAT
 MATCHES ON REQUISITION NUMBER OM ROMAN 1-ITI-L SO BE CANCELLED
 UNLESS SUPPLY ACTION TOO FAR ADVANCED. EFFECTIVE 1 NOVEMBER
 ITI MATCHES MANUFACTURED LOCALLY.

Good
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PRIORITY
Ref 28
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July Major Rose *29*

Subject: Issue of matches to ITALIAN Armed Forces.

To: A.F.H.Q. for G4 (A)
A.F.H.Q. for Q.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/2/4

19 Sep 44

1. Arrangements have now been made for matches of Italian origin to be available for all Italian Armed Forces w.e.f. approx 24 Oct 44.

2. Once the issue of Italian matches has been satisfactorily established the balance of Allied matches in stock will be reported to you for disposal instructions.

3. It is requested that further quantities of Allied matches are NOT shipped for use of the Italian Armed Forces, as stocks now in hand will last until the Italian matches are available.

FJN/nh

Copy to: ST. All MILA LO's.

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

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Feb 28
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CC 335 NATOUSA

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AC 1305 (*) RECORDED (*) For DEAO from KMR (*) refer CG 305

NATOUSA cde SSNHC/R220/L21539 of 6 June (*) request concise and

definite information (*) PLANT (*) that new single ration scale has

been approved early (*) RECORD (*) when can new scale come into force

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INCIPHER NO: 48657
5 JUN 44

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FROM: CG 505 MATCONA BROWN LAYTON
TO: CG 123
INFO: AMI MIA
ORIG NO: CG 505 BROWN - 2221
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REPTO THE THAIAN MILITARY DECLASS TWO BROWN SERVED PAGES UP MATCONA
FROM US ARMY CODE. PROPER ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORIZED IN
MIA. MATCONA ARE NOT USE DURING SINGLE MATCH STATE

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TO: CC PHNOMH
INFO: AAI AMIA
ORIG NO: CITE SCQMC-2220
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FOR 15152.25

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 BOOKS OF MATCHES BE REMOVED FROM US ARMY STOCK TO THE MILITARY
 MINISTRY. REQUEST ACCOUNTING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY 1971.
 ABOVE MATCHES ARE FOR USE AFTER REVENUE DATE ON SINGEL RATION
 BOOKS.

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Copy to ST.

FOR 15582.05
FOR 15152.25

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RESTRICTEDUS. CIPHER MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO. 49897
7 JUNE 44.

FROM: PENBASE CITE BPSUP.

TOO. 1806B 07

TO : SOS NATOUSA FOR ACTION TO AAI
MMIA FOR INFORMATIONTHI. NIL
TOR. 0058B 08

NO : PB 18268

MATCHES FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IS SUBJECT. REURAD L-24589
MATCHES FOR ITALIAN MILITARY WILL BE RELEASED TO MMIA FROM
UNITED STATES ARMY STOCKS

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ST MMIA

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

AS 1309 (..) RESTRICTED (..) Freedom P55566 of 5 June cite P13UP (..) subject tobacco on FANG (..) Italian military ration is one and one half ounces per week (..) therefore requirement of approximately 5000 lbs on FANG is one ton per month (..) Nothing known here of any shipments requested or made

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CO (310) SERVICE GROUP				
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RESTRICTED				
To ITALIAN Military at LEVY Ship 500000(500000 boxes of Matches(.)) These for consumption by ITALIAN Military subsequent to effective date of single ration scale(.)				
Matches to be released from QM(QM) resale stock and accounting to be accomplished by M M I A at (LEVY) (.)				
Shipping order number QM-T-3440 applies				

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Originator's No L- 24589 Signed LARKIN cite SSQMC - 2220
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Matches for Italian Military is subject(.)Request 900,000 boxes of matches
be released from U.S. Army stock to the Italian Military(.)Proper accounting to
be accomplished by M M I A (.)Above matches are for use after effective date of single
ration scale

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Subject:- Disposal of Cigarettes.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ. MMIA.
LEQUILE (LECCE)
ST/60.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

2 June 44.

Copy to:- "Q" MMIA.

1. An Allied Depot has for disposal 314,000 V Brand Cigarettes and 8 1/2 lbs of Ogden Brand Tobacco.
2. This quantity has been condemned by the War Department analyst. The cigarettes being in various stages of deterioration due to damp probably excessive moisture content when manufactured. The Tobacco being damp and mouldy due to excessive moisture content.
3. It has been recommended that they be disposed of locally to the advantage of Public Funds if possible. The W. D. Analyst has suggested that it may be possible to dry and ground the Tobacco and thereby manufacture snuff.
4. Would you please inform this office if you can utilize the above.

BO

Tommy T. Rose
Tommy T. Rose,
Maj. Med. Adm. C.,
Quartermaster, (S/T),
Army Sub Commission.

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Subject:- Matches for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MHA)
LEGHISE. (LEGGE)
AC/2/4

2 June 44.

Ministry of War.

1. Reference your N 5345/8 di prot dated 23 May 44.
2. A recommendation that matches be included in all rations for Italian Forces has been made to higher authority by this HQ. If approved a period of 60 days or longer will be required to make matches available and scale of issue may be relatively small.
3. It is the view of this HQ that the Italian Minister of Finance should allot some percentage of the matches now being manufactured to the Italian Armed Forces. Such allocation could be used to meet existing need and to supplementary issue that may in the future be authorised from Allied sources.
4. Will you please check the matter with the Italian Minister of Finance and advise this HQ of the results.

Geo A. Hughes
Major General. *WCL*
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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(14)

Subject:- Cigarettes and Tobacco for Prisoners of War.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMA)
LEQUILLÉ. (LECOE)
AQ/2/4

2 June 44

Ministry of War.

13.

1. Reference your N.5497/S d1 prot dated 31 May 44.
2. The request to divert cigarettes or Tobacco to Prisoners of War is disapproved.
3. Under no circumstances will cigarettes or Tobacco made available to Italian Armed Forces be diverted to Prisoners of War.

.b/GAS

Geoffrey
Major General. *W. G.*
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : W A R Ministry.
TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref. 5497/5
Date 31 May 1944

SUBJECT : Tobacco for P O W 'S in N.Africa.

The Italian Red Cross, on reporting that the Italian P O W'S located in N.Africa (about 50,000) have urgent need for cigarettes, has proposed that a certain quantity of tobacco be drawn from the assignment reserved monthly to the troops located in the Motherland.

With the aim of avoiding this, bearing in mind that the present ~~/~~ tobacco ration cannot be considered as sufficient for the ordinary requirements of the soldiers. This Ministry has approached the Finance Ministry with the aim of obtaining an additional assignment of 20 quintals to be sent to the P O W'S mentioned above in order to effect a monthly distribution of 40 cigarettes per man.

However, should the supplementary request be disapproved by Finance Ministry because of the difficulty of supplying tobacco, please approve the drawing of 20 quintals for the P O W'S from the monthly assignment ordered for troops fed with territorial type rations.

This would bring about a decrease of 10 grams a month to the soldier (from 150 gr. to 140).

For the Minister
PELLIGRA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

FMR/ln

AGC/5136/10

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Tobacco for Italian Armed Forces.

TO : A D S T, Hq 6 Base Sub Area, G.M.F.

1. Reference: Your 103/1/ST dated 2 May 44.
2. It is recommended that the cigarettes and tobacco referred to should be disposed of to the Italian Armed Forces. This would undoubtedly relieve some of their needs.
3. We are forwarding your offer to our Army Sub-Commission for transmittal to the Italian Armed Forces, for direct liaison with your office.

For Lieut.Gen. MASON MACFARLANE:

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission

Incl:
Copy memo to Army Sub-Commission

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission

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C O P Y

/ln

SUBJECT: Disposal of Condemned SuppliesHQ 6 Base Sub Area, C.M.F.
103/1/ST
2 May 44H.Q.,
A.C.C.

1. The following report has been made by the W.D. Analyst on 314,000 Cigarettes, "V" Brand, and 8½ lbs Tobacco, Ogdens Brand.

"Cigarettes "V" Brand - 314,000 in various stages of deterioration due to damp - probably excessive moisture content when manufactured.

Tobacco-Ogdens Brand - 8½ lbs - Damp and mouldy due to excessive moisture content.

It is recommended that they be disposed of locally to the advantage of Public Funds, if possible. This could not be done as cigarettes, but the W.D. Analyst suggests that it may be possible to dry and ground the tobacco and thereby manufacture snuff. The same applies to the 8½ lbs Tobacco.

2. May this office please be informed if you can arrange disposal of the above.

/s/
Lt-Col.,
A.D.S.T.

Copy to:- 63 D.I.D. - Your 63/A/47 dated 26 Apr. 44 refers.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

MO/OM

N. 5345/S di prot. Risposta al foglio N. 107, li 28 Maggio 1944

del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Fiammiferi per la M.A.A. Italiana.
M.A.A. per l'Armata Italiana

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA M.A.A.
= Comando Principale =
LEQUILIZ

UNANIMEMENTE

Come è noto le rivendite dei generi di monopolio sono assolutamente sformite di fiammiferi.

I quantitativi di tale genere che il Ministero Italiano delle Finanze riesce ad approntare vengono distribuiti esclusivamente alla popolazione civile, dietro presentazione della carta annuaria. I soldati, che fruiscono della razione di tipo "B", pertanto, non possono in alcun modo procurarsi fiammiferi, e per accendere le sigarette devono far ricorso ad un illecito ed esoso mercato di accendisigari e di dietrine focaie.

Poiché sono pervenute a questo Ministero diverse lamentele di reparti, si prega questa Sottocommissione di voler interessare le Superiori Autorità Alleate perché venga concessa alle truppe fiammiferi di razione tipo "B" la distribuzione di fiammiferi, magari anche in misura ridotta.

The shops selling monopoly articles are now completely short of matches. The quantities which the State Min. of Finance manages to have prepared are issued to the civil population only. The soldiers on the 'B' scale are to be left their cigarettes.

D. IL MINISTERO

Come é noto le rivendite dei generi di monopolio sono assolutamente sornioie di flammigieri.

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Poiché sono pervenute a questo Ministero diverse lamentele di reparti, ei prega-comeste sottocommissione di voler interessare le Superiori Autorità alleste perché venga concessa alle truppe frequenti di razione tipo "D" la distribuzione di fiammiferi, magari anche in misura ridotta, =

The shops selling Monopoly articles are now completely short of matches. The quantities which the Gov. Min. of Finance manages to have prepared are issued to the civil population only. The soldiers on the 'B' section cannot obtain any matches. To light their cigars they have to use lighters & flints which trade is illegal and expensive.

Having received several complaints from the units, we would kindly ask you to obtain from the Superior Office with a short an issue of matches even if on a reduced scale, be given to the Troops on the "B" type of rations.

Gen. Pulicra

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D. DE WITTE

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SUBJECT:- Cigarettes.

COPY OF TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War.

Ref: 4867/3
Date 17 May 44.

Reference your ST/60 dated 13 May 44.

As we informed you with our 4885/3 of 16 May the Finance Ministry reduced his issue of tobacco to War Min. Adm. from 60 to 40 tons.

Such quantity enables an issue of 5 cigarettes a day to the Italian Forces on Operation Areas and food on the "A" ration with an extra daily issue of 3 cigarettes.

Should the 30966 men referred to in your ST/60 of 13 May belong to Italian units in the Ops areas, we confirm then that the present stocks of cigarettes are enough to ensure their supply for the whole month of May.

(Sgt)

Gen. PALLICIA.

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T R A S L A T I O N

FROM : Ministry of W A R- Commissariato
TO : M.M.I.A.

FILE : AQ/2/4

Ref. 4885/S/VE/ro
Date: 16 May 44

S U B J E C T: Issue of Tobacco

reply to AQ2/4 of 8 May.

In order to ensure issue of tobacco to our troops for the month of May we requested the Finance Ministry to supply us with 60 Tons of cigarettes.

A/m Ministry supplied only 40 Tons. This quantity will be enough to supply with cigarettes only the troops on the Mainland, Sicily and Corsica on rations "A" and "B". The requirement for troops in Sardinia will have to be ensured by their local supplies. Usually these supplies are drawn for the It. Troops in Sardinia from the SOLARUSSA factory.

The quantity supplied by the Finance Ministry will enable us issuing during all the month of May an extra issue of 3 cig. a day to all the men on the "A" ration, who will ~~be~~ then continue to receive 8 cig. a day.

We beg to inform you that we never included in our monthly request the requirements for the Navy and Air Force. In fact further to instruction issued by the a/m Ministry requests for the Navy and Air Forces ^{ref}indented directly by their own H.Q.

We consider the advisable that the procedure be continued in future. Considering that payment is accounted directly on the balance sheets of each Arm. While the procedure suggested by ^{the Mil. Adm.} the payment will have to be made by the Mil. Adm. which will then have to be refunded by the Navy and Air Force.

It will also entail an increase of incomes and distributions to be carried out by Italian Mil. Depots which will have to arrange a total issue to the other Arms.

Could you please re-examine the supply of cig. to the Navy and Air Force considering the above situation and kindly keep us informed of your decision.

We take the opportunity of informing you that the procedure for the distribution of tobacco to the troops as laid down in your AQ/2/4 dated 8 May 44 are being sent for info to the Naval and Air Force Ministeries.

GEN. PELLIGRA

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Subject:- Distribution of Tobacco.

War V Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
LACUIER, (1-1000)
AG/2/4 3 May 44. -IA

Ministero della Guerra.

1. Sufficient supplies of cigarettes have now been released to the Ministry of War to enable the Italian Armed Forces to be supplied from Italian sources. Issues will be made by the Ministry of War to all Italian Armed Forces accordingly.
2. Distribution of cigarettes will be made in the following priority:-
 - a) Standard ration of 5 cigarettes per day to all personnel on Combat Scale of Rations, including SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA.
 - b) Standard ration of 5 cigarettes per day to personnel on Basic Scale of Rations, including SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA.
 - c) Supplementary ration to personnel on Combat Scale of Rations from remaining surplus.

The Method of Distribution will be as follows:-

MAINLAND.

- a) ARMY.
 - i) The Ministry of War will be responsible for distribution in rear of the Combat Zone.
 - ii) HQ, AAI and P36 are arranging for distribution to troops in the Combat Zone, and demands for supplies will be placed upon the Ministry of War accordingly.
 - iii) The Ministry of War will arrange to hold at all times both in CAMPANIA and APULIA at least 30 days supply for all troops in the Combat Zone, and will release such stocks to HQ, AAI and P36 as shall from time to time be demanded in accordance with the number of troops being subsisted on Combat or Basic Scale Rations.

b) AIR FORCE.

The Ministry of War will make a bulk allotment every 30 days to the Air Force on the scale shown in para 2 above, and according to their ration strength.

c) NAVY

As for Air Force.

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 - a) MAINLAND.
 - i) The Ministry of War will be responsible for distribution in rear of the Combat Zone.
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 - c) NAVY

As for Air Force.
- SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA.

The Ministry of War will be responsible for all distribution to, and in, SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA, and will make bulk allotments to the Air Force and Navy as in para 3(b) and (c)
4. The above will come into effect on 7th May 1944.

Major General,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

DISTRIBUTION.

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HQ. AAI. Adm. Ech. (3)-for G4, Q and ST.
 HQ. Fifth Army.
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 HQ. No. 3 District.
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 Col. Simons. thro' Allied Garrison Command.
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 ST. MIA.

SUBJECT:- Cigarettes for Italian Forces

HQ., FIFTH ARMY
HQ., EIGHTH ARMY
HQ., 5 CORPS
CG., FTS

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1025/4/91

4 May 44

1. Sufficient cigarettes are now available from Italian sources and with effect from 7 May 44 issues from Allied sources will cease.
2. The policy for priority of issues will be as follows:-
 - (a) Standard rationing of all Italian Military in forward areas.
 - (b) Standard rationing of the remainder of Italian Military.
 - (c) Supplementary issues to Italian Military in forward areas.
3. Details for cigarettes will be made in accordance with HQ., IAI Adm Instruction No. 3 dated 19 Nov para 11.
4. This has the concurrence of DCAO this HQ.

Copy to:- HQ., No. 1 District
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HQ., No. 3 District
Main HQ, AGC
Army Sub-Commission AGC
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Chief Administrative Officer,

Major General. May

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4. This has the concurrence of DCAO this HQ.

R. D. S. M. S.
 Major General, May
 Chief Administrative Officer.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
MAIN HQ. (MMIA) LEQUILE

March 29, 1944

Subject: Tobacco and cigarettes for Italian Units.

To: ITALIAN WAR DEPARTMENT

- 1*: FLAMBO has informed this Sub-Commission that Allied Control Commission cannot furnish Italian tobacco and cigarettes;
- 2*: Italian Units in Allied battle line which drew rations type "A" will continue to receive tobacco or cigarettes - two ounces weekly per man from Allied Sources.

Lt. Col. Fincht

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (REAR ADM. ECHELON), APO 400, U.S. Army, 5 May 1944.

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ALH/rjs

TO: Main Headquarters Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., APO 683, U.S. Army.

Attention is invited to the fact that in accordance with F 27515 dated 1 April, copy to MMIA, the authority for issue of tobacco and cigarettes to Italian forces was withdrawn.

U.S.

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLÉN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

N.A. see 1025/4/01 dated
4 May which clears all
cigarette 3130
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Info M.M.I.A. INDUSTRY and COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION

Message Instructions

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Q 1125

Ref MMIA Signal AQ 1061 of 2(.) Cigarettes for Italian forces is subject(.)
Agreed that issue ex allied sources cease wef 7(7)May(.) Policy of Priority
of issues confirmed ITI demands will be made in agreement with AAI adn instruction
no 3 of 19 May(.) Please advise DDST AAI where stock can be collected(.) Agreed 4

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

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Copy to: S.T. MMIA.

Originator's No.

AQ 1061 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Cigarettes for ITALIAN Forces is subject (*)
 Sufficient cigarettes are now available from Italian sources (*) recommend
 issues from Allied sources cease wof seven May (*) propose instruct Ministry
 of War that priority of issue shall be firstly standard ration to troops in
 combat zone secondly standard ration to remaining armed forces thirdly
 supplementary issues to combat zone tps (*) request confirmation this policy

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 384

FMS/12

AEC/3181/10

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Matches for Italian Armed Forces & Railroads.

TO : ~~D.D.S.F., HQ-AMI, (Administration)~~

1. Requests have been received from the Italian Armed Forces and from the Italian Railway for matches produced in Italy.

2. Italian Armed Forces. a. Total requirements presented per week for all Italian theaters are

	<u>operational</u>	<u>non operational</u>
Army	26,729	345,155
Air Force	7,582	22,567
Navy	27,235	53,555
	<u>61,546</u>	<u>421,277</u>

b. It is impossible to supply these quantities, totaling 485,876 boxes per week, from local production. It is believed that D.D.S.F. has been supplying matches to the Italian Army, approximately 250,000 boxes per month.

3. Italian Railways. The Italian Railways have requested 20,000 boxes of matches for use by operational employes in lighting lanterns.

4. All matches produced in Italy during April have already been allocated; 50% to D.D.S.F. and S.F.I., and 50% sub-allotted to the Regions for civilian requirements. Many of these sub-allotments have already been shipped for distribution to the population, through the State monopoly. This supply has been quite meagre for a population of approximately 15,000,000 people.

5. The production of matches for May is problematical due to shortage of raw materials. No wax matches will be produced. Booklet types of matches will be produced in limited quantities.

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6. The following recommendations are presented to D.P.S.T.:

a. That from their allocation of 1,800,000 boxes of matches for April, D.P.S.T. sub-allot

(1)	200,000	boxes	to	Italian	Army
(2)	20,000	"	"	"	Air Forces
(3)	50,000	"	"	"	Navy
(4)	50,000	"	"	"	Railways.

b. That items (1), (2), and (3) be distributed through military and naval channels, and item (4) through D.G.-M.R.B.

7. The above allotments will have to cover all requirements for the month of May. Allotments for June will depend upon production and availability.

For Lieut. General MASON MACFARLANE:

John Skivan
W. P. Evans
 Colonel,
 Director, Industry & Commerce
 Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

~~Local Resources Section, Hq-AII, West Admstr.~~

~~D.P.S.T., Hq-AII, Admstr.~~

~~Army Sub-Commission, Main Hq (MIA) Lequile (Leeds).~~

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