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RATIONS STOCK IN DEPOT LOCAL RESOURCES

Aug - Oct 1944

RATIONS STOCK IN DEPOT LOCAL RESOURCES Folio 1-100

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

7 October 1944

TO *Gen 15*
Col. Kerr
thru *700*
Lt. Col. Neakas

Copy to: ST

Attached hereto is a Balance Sheet showing the stock situation on subsistence in the Italian Army Depots as of September 25th 1944. (Quantities shown in net lbs)

You can readily see that our stocks are unbalanced, and that we need additional quantities of some items to meet our commitments to November 30th. This however, does not take into consideration items to be off-loaded from ships at BARI, therefore our stocks should change as additional items are received there. Also the stock will be somewhat changed if the U.S Government failed to issue all the rations to the US-ITIs beginning October 16th. In some instances Dehydrated vegetables will be issued as a substitute for dried vegetables, which will assist in balancing the stocks of those two items.

The minus figures shown in columns are the items which will have to be drawn for U.S Army stocks.

COMZONE NATOUSA has asked for our stock situation, and I believe this will give them the picture of the Italian stock states. I will arrange with COMZONE NATOUSA to draw the quantities needed in U.S Depots at the appropriate time.

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ITEM	B SCALE	C ON HAND 25 Sep 44	D REQUIREMENT THRU 16 Oct 380,000 Men	E BALANCE AS OF 17 Oct 1944	F REQUIREMENT THRU 30 Nov 290,000 Men	G BALANCE AS OF 1 Dec 1944	H REQUIRED FOR CONSUMPTION THRU 30 Nov	I RE CO T
Flour and Biscuits	12 oz	14,827,058-	5,985,000	8,832,058	978,750	7,853,308		
Canned Meat and Fish	3 oz	3,033,243-	1,496,250	1,546,993	2,446,875	- 899,882	-899,882	
Vegetables, dried	2 oz	1,907,364-	997,500	909,864	1,631,250	- 721,386	-721,386	
Vegetables, dhyd.	1 oz	4,132,279-	498,750	3,633,529	819,625	2,814,904		
Tomato Catsup	1/2 oz	639,217-	249,375	389,842	409,413	- 19,571	-19,571	
Macaroni	3 oz	5,706,086-	1,496,250	4,209,836	2,446,875	1,762,961		
Cheese	1 oz	1,370,363-	498,750	871,613	819,625	51,988		
Rice	1 oz	1,567,587-	498,750	1,068,837	819,625	249,212		
Pepper	1/200 oz	11,249-	2,489	8,760	4,078	4,682		
Coffee	1/2 oz	1,465,959-	249,375	1,216,584	409,413	807,171		
Sugar	1 oz	3,108,435-	498,750	2,609,685	819,625	1,790,060		

All the above items in net lbs.

It is anticipated that distribution of the strength of 124,000 will be: 30 % East Coast, 70 % West Coast

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8-	5,985,000	8,832,058	978,750	7,853,308				2,087,308
3-	1,496,250	1,546,993	2,446,875	- 899,882	-899,882	-720,750	- 1,441,500	
4-	997,500	909,864	1,631,250	- 721,386	-721,386	-480,500	- 961,000	
9-	498,750	3,633,529	819,625	2,814,904				2,342,154
7-	249,375	389,842	409,413	- 19,571	-19,571	-120,125	- 240,250	
6-	1,496,250	4,209,836	2,446,875	1,762,961				344,711
8-	498,750	871,613	819,625	51,988		-188,262	- 480,500	
7-	498,750	1,068,837	819,625	249,212			- 223,538	
9-	2,489	8,760	4,078	4,682				2,321
9-	249,375	1,216,584	409,413	807,171				570,796
5-	498,750	2,609,685	819,625	1,790,060				1,317,310

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 70 % West Coast

SUBJECT: Purchase of Potatoes.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
A7/2/8-1
27 September 1944

TO : War Ministry.

1. There is a severe shortage of potatoes in the local markets for civilian consumption. Due to this fact, you will please issue instructions to all units of the Italian Armed Forces to the fact that no potatoes will be purchased until further notice. Severe penalties will be taken against the sellers, and the potatoes are liable to confiscation from the purchasers.

2. Please give this matter your prompt attention, and send us copy of your directive concerning the same.

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

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Economic Section, ACC.
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For Action

COMMANDING GENERAL MMIA

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4 376 (.) SECRET (.) RE YOUR SIGNAL 207 CITE MMIA AQ1916 DATED

20 SEPTEMBER YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING: CABLE FROM

PBS OFFICER HAVER MMIA LIAISON OFFICER DATED 16 JULY INDICATES 10 TONS

DRIED FRUIT ALMONDS LOADED ON VESSEL TABITAA BROWN FOR ITALIAN MILITARY

ON FANG; RE YOUR SIGNAL 3096 CITE BNQM DATED 27 JULY SPECIFICALLY STATES

THAT 31 LONG TONS DRIED FRUIT PULP HAD BEEN DISCHARGED FROM TABITAA

BROWN AND ASKED THE RATE OF ISSUE (.) Continued sheet 2

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THIS WAS ANSWERED BY YOUR CABLE 410 CITE AQ 1767 DATED 5 AUGUST (.) YOUR ATTENTION IS FURTHER INVITED TO MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL RATAY FROM HEADQUARTERS SOS NATOUSIA DATED 23 JULY QUOTE MMIA ADVISED THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO CORSICA WITH ETA 16 JULY (.) THESE ITEMS ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE FURNISHED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES: 10 TONS SALT, 10 TONS DRIED BEANS AND 10 TONS DRIED FRUITS AND ALMONDS UNQUOTE (.) AN ADDITIONAL SHIPMENT OF DRIED FRUIT PULP WAS DISCHARGED FROM VESSEL GEORGE HALE ON OR ABOUT 4 AUGUST (.) THIS SHIPMENT WAS PUT IN STOCK FOR ITALIAN RATIONS SINCE IT WAS

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THE SAME AS THAT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED, THIS MAKING THE AMOUNT REPORTED IN OUR LETTERS(.) DRIED FRUIT PULP SHOWN IN BOTH LETTERS IS THE SAME (.) SUBJECT CABLE DOES NOT INDICATE ACTION DESIRED BY YOU IN REGARDS TO DRIED FRUIT PULP REFERENCE FIRST INDORSEMENT TO LETTER 77 MEDICAL COMPOSITE SECTION SUBJECT ISSUE OF DRIED FRUIT PULP TO YUGOSLAV LABOUR COMPANIES DATED 8 SEPTEMBER IN WHICH IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE DISCONTINUED AS THIS ITEM WAS NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (.) IMMEDIATE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED (.) RELATED SUBJECT: TO DATE NO ADDITIONAL RATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

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ON FANG FROM MMIA (.) REQUEST THAT YOU EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS TO FURNISH THIS HEADQUARTERS
ETA (.) SOS NATOUSHA HAS GRANTED NORBS AUTHORITY TO SUBSTITUTE CERTAIN ITEMS FROM US
STOCKS FOR ITALIAN MILITARY IN ORDER TO RELIEVE CRITICAL SITUATION (.) THESE ITEMS ARE
TO BE ISSUED ON A LOAN BASIS ONLY (.) REFERENCE CABLE LX 42705 CITE SSQC 737 DATED 18
SEPTEMBER WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY YOU FOR WINE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY

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HEADQUARTERS

SOS,

NATOUA

Copy No. 9

28 July 44

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NORBS

ACTION COPY TO: QMC

FOR ACTION : SOS NATOUA AND MMIA

FROM : NORES

3096 of 27 July

Considerable confusion exists concerning ration for Italian military, clarification is desired on the following subsistence supplies received from vessels BA-377 and BA-385 plus those released from US stocks for Italian military have been set aside for issue to Italian military as directed by SOS NATOUA cable LX-30347 Cite SS QMC-2992 dated 10th July.

Discharged from vessel TABITHA BROWN on 19th July:

07.5 long ton - dried beans,
= 31 long tons - dried fruit pulp. —
6 long tons - almonds, and
7 long tons - coarse salt
shipped by MMIA.

Effective 1st August will be single ration scale for Italian military authorized by MMIA cable 711, cite AQ-1719 dated 21st July. Your attention is invited to amendment No. 4 MX Technical Bulletin No. 4 dated 20th July, does change in pulses apply to pulses as authorized in MMIA cable referred to above and if so what disposition is decided of the beans dried shipped for Italian military. Is it to be assumed that vegetable dehydrates shipped specifically for Italian military will be substituted for fresh vegetable, if not what substitutes are desired for fresh vegetable and olive oil by which no supply has been received to date. Is the 4-oz. allowance of fruit reference MMIA cable referred to above for fresh fruit or dried fruit pulp which has been received. It is requested that information requested above be expedited to enable this headquarters to put into effect the ration scale as directed by Combined Chiefs of Staff for Italian military.

see 42A

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

TO : SOS NATOUSA RPTD NORBS, AAI

AQ/1767 /RESTRICTED (*) ANSWER TO NORBS 3096 OF 27 JULY (*)

FIRST (*) RATION SCALE AS AMENDED DOES NOT SHOW PULSES (*)

READS INSTEAD DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES 1 OZ AND DRIED BEANS OR PEAS

2 OZ (*) SECOND (*) SUBSTITUTE FOR FRESH VEGETABLES IS DRIED

OR DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES FROM ITALIAN SOURCES AND NOT REPEAT

NOT FROM ALLIED SOURCE (*) BEANS SHIPPED ON "TABITHA BROWN"

ARE TO BE USED AS SUBSTITUTES FOR FRESH VEGETABLES ON ITALIAN

PURCHASE PART OF RATION ON BASIS 2 OZ DRIED BEANS FOR 8 OZ FRESH

VEGETABLES (*) THIRD (*) DRIED FRUIT PULP FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

TO BE ISSUED ON BASIS OF 1 OZ DRIED FRUIT PULP FOR 4 OZ FRESH

FRUIT (*) FOURTH (*) OLIVE OIL WILL BE SHIPPED WHEN AVAILABLE

CMA. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OLIVE OIL

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as written by any means except ()
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if liable to be
intercepted

Sgd _____

Sgd Rose _____

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File *46*

STN/5
2000 Hrs.
16 September 1944
53878
Capt. Nelson

PBS MMIA LIAISON OFFICER

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MMIA HQ FOR ASST G-4 (Major Rose)

FOLLOWING ARE AMOUNTS BY WHICH NAPLES BULK DEPOT STOCKS AT CLOSE
LAST NIGHT PLUS BALANCES STILL TO BE COLLECTED FROM PENBASE ON
TRANSFERS ALREADY AUTHORIZED AND SHORT AGAINST 15 DAYS HOLDING
FOR TOTAL PRESENT FEEDING STRENGTHS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FLOUR	600 TONS
MEAT / FISH	140 TONS - <i>100</i>
PULSES	40 TONS
TOBACCO	25 TONS
SALT	34 TONS
MATCHES	300,000 BOXES
PEPPER	350 KILOGRAMS

REF. STN/57896 (FROM PBS MMIA LIAISON OFFICER TO MMIA HQ FOR ASST
G-4 MAJOR ROSE) RELEASES OF FOREGOING AMOUNTS FROM AMERICAN OR
BRITISH SOURCES ESSENTIAL TO PUT SUPPLY POSITION HERE ON SOUND
BASIS. PRESENT SITUATION ENTIRELY HAND TO MOUTH WITH CONSTANT
THREAT OF SERIOUS BREAKDOWN.

IRA V. FORDYCE
Capt., Inf.,
M. M. I. A.

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17 Sept

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

RCV/jad
Ref: File Nola/1
15 September 1944

Subject: Rations for Italian Troops Attached to Fifth Army.

To : Headquarters Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
A.P.O. #394, U. S. ARMY.

1. Reference your AQ 2/8 of 1 September 1944.
2. My information concerning the handling of Italian rations in 5th Army corresponds almost exactly with the SOS memorandum forwarded to you under date of 28th of August 1944 by Lt. Col.S.Greenberg.

3. My answers to the questions asked would be:

"(1) "What is procedure for supplying subsistence to Italian Military operating with 5th Army?"

A- Same answer as to American components but Italian components are issued to the 210th Italian Division in bulk for distribution to Italian units under 210th Division.

"(2) "What is Fifth Army requisitioning procedure for rations for Italian Military?"

A- Same

"(3) "Is Ita subsistence stored in common pool with U.S. stocks?"

A- ITI subsistence is segregated into a separate dump within the U.S. dump.

"(4) "Is record kept of deliveries from MMIA to insure that they keep pace with issues?"

A- Same

"(5) "Is any subsistence furnished Italian Military from U.S. stocks because of short deliveries? If so, have these amounts been withheld from subsequent receipts or is it just furnished and reported for recapture?"

A- All subsistence furnished Italian Military has been from U.S. stocks with the exception of Italian components. These have been reported for recapture.

"(6) "Has MMIA supplied olive oil yet?"

A- 3,966,578 Kg. (13½ long tons) have been received to

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A- 3,966,578 Kg. (13½ long tons) have been received to date since the 20th of August 1944.

"(7) "Has Fifth Army subsistence in installations under their control not yet included in Pen Base stock reports (held for Pen Base) inventory and not being used as stocks for issue to Fifth Army?"

A- Items not normally received with the U.S. ration or the identity of which could not be determined were not issued until identity could be determined.

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"(8) "Can Fifth Army give SOS monthly the average daily consumption of rations by type and of gratuitous issues together with quantities on hand? If so, how soon can Fifth Army start furnishing this information to SOS?"

A- Fifth Army furnishes daily to PBS the daily consumption of rations by type. Quantities on hand can be determined from the G-4 report. It is asked that if the average daily issue is to be furnished by Fifth Army, will the necessity continue for furnishing this information to PBS? Fifth Army is prepared to furnish this information at any time and to whatever point desired.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.
5th Army

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H.C. VAN ALLEN,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.
5th Army

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DIST:
Addressee-2
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 Subject: Rations, Italian Troops attached to Fifth Army.

File
 Army Sub Commission (SSIA)
 Bq 400
 Rome
 42/2/8
 10 September 1944

To : HQAS, Bq 441

1. Italian Troops attached to Fifth Army are rationed as follows:

a) Fifth Army requisitions on SAS.

b) SAS picks up the amounts requisitioned by Fifth Army from the Italian Army Depot and ships to Fifth Army.

2. The Italian Army Depot has been instructed to fill requisitions submitted by SAS in order to insure that Italian rations will be available as needed for Italian Troops under Fifth Army Command.

3. A complete check of issues made by the Italian Army Depot to SAS for shipment to Fifth Army, for the months of June and July has been made and is attached as Appendix "A".

4. The average ration strength of Italian Troops under command of Fifth Army for this period is estimated at a maximum of 2500. It is not possible for this office to figure exactly the ration strength, as men are on leave, sick in hospital, or absent for other reasons. Also, it is possible that some Italian Troops under command Fifth Army drew rations direct from Italian Depots.

4. Based on the 2500 ration strength for each day of the period, it is apparent that Fifth Army has overdrawn certain commodities as shown in Col. 4 of the Appendix. Pulses and dehydrated vegetables have not been figured, as these are substitute items, and the amount issued depends on the commodity.

5. Information is requested as to the method to be followed to adjust this account.

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 CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
 For Major General
 Army Sub Commission (SSIA)

see filed 146 in A9/2
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 1 AFHQ
 CG 208 SATROSA
 SSIA to Fifth Army

MONTH OF JUNE

ITEM	AMOUNTS ACTUALLY DRAWN	SCALE	RATIONS FOR 8500	OVERISSUE
Flour	391,882	18 oz		
Macaroni	65,215	3 oz	347,118	44,764 lbs
Biscuit			56,796	6,419 lbs
Rice	43,442	2 oz		
P/Meat/Fish	72,004	4 oz	37,866	5,576 lbs
Pulses			61,625	10,379 lbs
Deh Veg.)	388,410			
Sugar	21,686	1 oz	19,959	1,707 lbs
Coffee	10,674	1/2 oz	9,297	1,377 lbs
Cheese	21,827	1 oz	18,018	3,809 lbs
Tomato Catsup	10,822	1/2 oz	9,980	842 lbs
Pepper	105.8	1/200 oz	92.17	13.6 lbs

MONTH OF JULY

ITEM	AMOUNTS ACTUALLY DRAWN	SCALE	RATIONS FOR 8500	OVERISSUE
Flour	228,341	18 oz		
Macaroni	104,432	3 oz	177,892	50,449 lbs
Biscuit			91,162	13,320 lbs
Rice				
P/Meat/Fish	137,111	2 oz		
Pulses		4 oz	119,637	17,474 lbs
Deh Veg.)	306,826			
Sugar	14,264	1 oz	12,433	1,833 lbs
Coffee	14,264	1/2 oz		2,194 lbs
Cheese	1,455	1 oz	1,275	180 lbs
Tomato Catsup		1/2 oz		
Pepper	143.5	1/200 oz	125.11	18.4 lbs.

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SUBJECT: - Italian Rations.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC.
HQ (MMIA)
ROME
AQ/2/8
20 August 1944.

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TO : - Liaison Officer, 5th Army.

1. Your letter of 12 August 1944 in answer to our a/q 28 of 2nd August 1944 has been received.
2. We appreciate thoroughness in which you investigated this matter. Now since the Italians know we are checking the local purchase part of the ration, they will put forth more effort to secure such items.
3. In regards to marking the items moved up from Italian depots to 5th Army troops. We are instructing the Italian depots to stencil all items designated to Italian troops assigned to 5th Army with a letter I, the height of which will be in proportion to the size of the package.
4. Olive oil is now available in sufficient quantities to be issued as laid down in the ration scale, which you have been informed with copy of letter which we sent you from our Liaison Officer in Naples, addressed to PBS asking for transportation for the oil. Please inform us when the first lot of oil is received by the troops of 5th Army.
5. The matter of establishing a depot further forward is under consideration at this time and you will be kept informed of the progress.
6. Keep up the good work.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC.

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FROM MJDT 188453

TO IMIA FOR ADST - *in IMIA HQ Naples*

AND AQ

GR 241 BT

(CLASSIFY CONFIDENTIAL)

SUBJECT IS MEAT/FISH STOCKS NAPLES SECTOR (.) FURTHER TO PARA 5A OF MY STN/5 OF 15 AUGUST 44 (.) GROUND STOCKS OF MEAT/FISH IN NAPLES BULK AND DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS COMBINED ARE AT TWO DAYS DATE ABOUT 65 TONS (.) PRESENT AVERAGE DAILY OFF TAKE 6 1/2 TONS FOR 75000 ITIS ON FEEDING STRENGTH PROPER OF NAPLES SECTOR, 1/2 TON FOR 6500 PBS ITIS ON CIVITAVECCHIA , 1 TON FOR 10000 ITIS WITH 5 ARMY (.) PRESENT STOCKS THEREFORE REPRESENT ABOUT 8 DAYS SUPPLY FOR PRESENT COMMITMENTS (.) ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS IN PROSPECT 1 1/2 TONS DAILY FOR LITORIA PACK TRAIN YOUR ST/33/1 OF 15 AUGUST 44 REFERS, 1 TON DAILY FOR 10000 PBS ITIS BASED ON PIOMBINO WHICH IS A NEW COMMITMENT FOR WHICH DEMAND IS ABOUT TO BE PLACED ON COMMISSARIATO NAPLES , UP TO 2 TONS DAILY FOR NETT ADDITIONAL TROOPS AT BENEVENTO WHEN PEAK IS REACHED (.) MOREOVER THERE IS NO PROSPECT ACCORDING TO MY PRESENT INFORMATION THAT NAPLES WILL BE RELIEVED OF FOREGOING 5 ARMY OR PIOMBINO OR CIVITAVECCHIA COMMITMENTS AS RESULT OF CONVOYS DISCHARGING FURTHER NORTH SINCE NO MEAT/FISH IS INCLUDED IN CONVOYS EX US UP TO UGS 46 AT LEAST (.) PLEASE THEREFORE REVIEW URGENTLY AND STEP UP IF NECESSARY PROGRAMME FOR REPLISHMENT OF NAPLES MEAT/FISH STOCKS FROM WHATEVER IS YOUR SOURCE OF SUPPLY (.)

(FROM IMIA LIAISON OFFICER PBS TO IMIA FOR ADST AND AQ)

DATE ABOUT 65 TONS (.) PRESENT AVERAGE DAILY OFF TAKE OF TONS

FOR 75000 ITIS ON FEEDING STRENGTH PROPER OF NAPLES SECTOR,
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HOWEVER THERE IS NO PROSPECT ACCORDING TO MY PRESENT INFORMATION
THAT NAPLES WILL BE RELIEVED OF FOREGOING 5 ARMY OR FIOMBINO OR
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(FROM LIA LIAISON OFFICER PBS TO LIAIA FOR ADST AND AQ)

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

RCV/mjs
12 August 1944

Subject: Italian Rations.

To: G. O. C., Army Sub-Commission, A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.
(Attn: Major Rose)

1. Reference your AQ 28, Captain Naldoni has been designated as Italian Officer to check Italian rations at the dumps, and will report discrepancies.

2. The 210th Division now admits receiving during the month of July, 1944:

Olive Oil, 6614 lbs.
Salt, 8618 lbs.
Tobacco, 2694 lbs.

as per statement of Italian Liaison Officer attached.

3. I do not agree with Captain Medici's figures on what the Italians were short. My records, based upon a count by American officers of officers and men, indicate that the actual average ration strength was 8500 instead of 9300. Using my ration strength figures, the olive oil is short to the extent of 9316 lbs and not 11,386 lbs as indicated by Captain Medici. The salt, as I compute it, was overdrawn 850 lbs. The tobacco ration was short 493 lbs instead of 906 lbs. as Captain Medici points out.

4. The only serious situation therefore is, the shortage of olive oil, with which we are all familiar and have been for some time. Am advised situation is improving and supplies are arriving.

5. General Sullivan, Army Quartermaster, suggests the following procedure to insure delivery of oil, tobacco, salt, and wine from Italian sources to the Italian troops in 5th Army Area:

a. All items shipped from Italian sources be marked with an "I" on each end and two sides of each package.

b. Notice be given by the Quartermaster, PBS to the Quartermaster, Army items shipped by quantity, name of vessel on which loaded, and date vessel sails.

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c. Notice be given Quartermaster Army by transportation at Port of destination of the arrival of the vessel and date discharge of cargo commence.

d. Instructions be given to all concerned that all items with above designated markings will go to the Class I dump.

6. I do not agree with Captain de Medici that the ration service has "completely failed", and that the "transportation service" needs an "urgent solution". If the Italian enlisted men are "seriously discontented" as he says, because they have failed to receive approximately one pound of olive oil per month, per man and approximately 1/2 pound of tobacco per month per man, then something is wrong with the morale of the Italian Army, having in mind that the Allied components have always been delivered on time and are entirely satisfactory which all admit.

7. I do suggest, however, that an Italian depot for supplies to the troops should be established at Livorno or Piombino. Otherwise the complaints from Captain de Medici should be discounted.

Rolla C. Van Kirk
ROLLA C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
M.M.I.A. - L.O.
Fifth Army.

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Ltr - Italian Liaison Office

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File - L.O. Reports to the Army
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<u>No. Req.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rations, type "B"</u> <u>Italian Military</u>	<u>Rations, type "B"</u> <u>Ital. Civil. 3 Meal</u>	<u>Rations, type "B"</u> <u>Ital. Civil. 1 Meal</u>
J-13	20 May	24,610	3,470	
J-14	28 May	24,720	3,200	
J-14 Sup.	31 May		70,000	
J-15	8 June	150,000	50,000	15,000
J-16	13 June	233,940	25,000	20,000
J-17	25 June	109,540	25,000	20,000
J-18	8 July	110,000	50,000	10,000
J-19	15 July	110,000	50,000	10,000
		Wine	liters 55,000	
		Olive Oil	liters 3,437	
J-20	26 July	121,900	28,000	14,000
		Wine	liters 91,425	
		Olive Oil	liters 3,605	
J-21	8 August	133,750	34,410	11,710
		Wine	liters 100,312	
		Olive Oil	liters 3,957	
		Tobacco	5,885	
J-22	12 August	133,000	34,410	11,710
		Wine	liters 100,312	
		Olive Oil	liters 3,957	
		Tobacco	5,885	
TOTAL		1,151,460	373,490	112,420

Wine Total 347,049
 O. Oil " 14,956
 Tobacco 11,770

ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICE WITH FIFTH ARMY

File N. 1803

August, 4, 1944.-

SUBJECT: Additional foods for 210th Division.

TO: MAJOR VAN KIRK (MMIA - L.O.)
and, for information:
TO: C.G. 210th INFANTRY DIVISION

A.P.O. 4 6 4

P.M. 1 7 9

1 - Referring to your request I file you a report on the withdrawals of additional rations received by 210th Div. during the month of July.

Olive oil	6614	lbs.
Salt	8818	"
Tobacco	2694	"

The right scale of these items should have been (average strength 9300);

Olive oil	18000	lbs.	(1 oz. per day and per man)
Salt	9000	"	(1/2 oz. " " " " ")
Tobacco	3600	"	(1/5 oz. " " " " ")

From what above-said the difference of what had to be issued and what has been received is obvious.

2 - Besides it, it is to be put into evidence the way by which the 210th has received these items. 6614 lbs. of olive oil
2205 " of salt and
2205 " of tobacco have been carried on some trucks sent, under the date of the 25th of June, by 210th from Tuscania to Naples for the purpose of transporting clothing and returned the 3rd of July.
6614 lbs. of salt have been ~~received~~ purchased by 210th from Saline (Volterra).

489 lbs. of tobacco have been withdrawn at Civitavecchia from the dump of the 212nd It. Div. because it was a spare stock.

For what concerns wine, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit the units have provided of their own from local resources.

3 - What afore-said obviously reveals that the additional rations service has failed completely and that the amounts received by 210th have reached it only through indirect and occasional channels.

4 - 5th Army Q.M. has taken interest on the matter several times with direct agreements with P.B.S. (Naples) but without succeeding in obtaining a practical result.

The 14th of July we received a cable from P.B.S. according to which 800,000 cigarettes, 2200 pounds of salt and 648 gallons olive oil would have been shipped via Trunbull. Of these items, until now, only 11 sacks of salt have been received for an equivalent of 5000 rations equal to 1/2 day rations. Cigarettes, which result to be shipped on shipping bills, have gone astray. Olive oil does not even appear in shipping list.

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5 - As to me the deficiencies lamented are due to transportation system. Anyway, please take into account that this situation needs an urgent solution because e.m. do not receive these items and they are seriously discontented.

6 - Owing to the present distance between additional Italian dumps and 210th Div. troops and whatever might be the solution decided on the matter, we request to conform as urgently as possible also for additional supplies, and by exception, with the directions of Administrative Instructions # 3, issued by MMIA, 3rd chapter, # 13, letter "a", so that the above-mentioned troops may receive directly, from 5th Army dumps olive oil (or fats), salt, and tobacco at a rate of 50.000 rations and with immediate application.

As to wine, vegetables and fruit the units can continue to purchase them from local resources.

Request urgent action on the matter.

I enclose the radio concerning the shipping.

Lt. Medici
Lorenzo de' Medici
Capt. Cavalry
Italian Liaison Office
with Fifth Army
G-4 Section

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SECRETSUBJECT: Italian MilitaryFood Supply PositionIn Naples Sector

APPROVAL	NO
FILE REF	
Date Recd	6/8/44

 MR. MILIA
 MILITARY SECTION
 27/1/44

15 August, 1944

TO: ADST MILIA HQ
 Copy to: Special Section MILIA HQ
Asst. 3 - 4 MILIA HQ

1. Attached as Appendix A is Food Stocks Report as at close of August 1944 forwarded in accordance with MILIA S & T operating Instruction No. 1.

2. Appendix B contains an appreciation of the supply position represented by these stocks in relation to (a) new single ration scale (b) present Naples Sector feeding strength (c) possible nett increase in feeding strength as result of Benevento arrangements.

3. Penultimate column of Appendix B shows days' cover on each item represented by 9 August 1944 stocks for present Naples Sector feeding strength (approx 75000). Ultimate column shows same stocks expressed in days on hypothetical total feeding strength of 100,000 (representing estimate of total nett increase at Benevento peak period).

4. It should be noted in respect of both columns that they afford an over favourable assessment of the position in so far as Naples stocks have to be used not only for Naples Sector maintenance but also for meeting variable demands for maintenance of 5th Army IFF Troops and for eventual transfers to other sectors.

5. The action indicated as necessary from the assessment in Appendix B is as follows.

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- (d) Investigate wine position.

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(c) accelerate olive oil provision.

(d) investigate wine position (moderate quantities have arrived since the stock report under review was tabulated).

6. It should further be noted that intake into Naples is now becoming less regular and substantial than formerly (due to tendency of convoys to go further north for discharge). This in turn means that it is advisable as far as possible to limit off take from Naples to other sectors (Rome and elsewhere) in respect of items of which Naples Sector holdings are already approaching modest levels. This applies (see Appendix B) to Macaroni and Spaghetti, Pulses, Tomato Preserve, Sugar, Pepper, Tobacco and

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Matches in addition to the items noted as definitely short in para 5.

7. If you agree with the conclusions of paras 5 and 8 please take action as necessary via War Ministry and otherwise.

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ST LIAISON OFFICER
MILIA, NAPLES

Stocks Report as at close 2 August 1944

HQ. MHTA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/5

14 August, 1944

In accordance with S & T Branch Instruction No. 1, the following report for the Naples Sector is rendered:

(a) Food stuffs from Allied sources:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
Flour	5103004
Biscuits	56188
Rice	496428
Macaroni and Spaghetti	406881
Meat, Preserved	191686
Sardines	16527
Salmon	1033
Turn Fish	11973
Sausage, Vienna	1313
Vegetables, Dely	668938
Beans, Dry	319949
Vegetables, Canned	10688
Cheese, Canned	312761
Tomatoes, <i>Quince</i> (Catsup)	92989
Pepper	845
Sugar	233128
Coffee	159587
Surrogate	4947
Ten	867
Matches, (Box Type)	58270
" (Book Type)	371500

(b) Foodstuffs from Italian sources:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
Cigarettes	37408
Straw	136691
Barley	73139
Fodder	39313
Olive Oil	3280
Paste, Tomato	28459
Cheese	25196
Marmalade	56589
Cognac	13280
Candy	3752
Juice, Lemon (Bottles)	4374
Water, Mineral (Bottles)	4500
Salt	32802
Wine	Nil

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NAPLES SECTOR STOCKS AT CLOSE 9 AUGUST 1944

ITEM	Scale of Issue	Stock in lbs. At Close 9 Aug. 1944	Stock in Rations At Close 9 Aug. 1944	Days' Cover for 75000 Men	Days' Cover for 100000 Men
Flour (including biscuits)	12	5159192	6745880	90	67
Macaroni-Spaghetti	3	408881	2170339	29	22
Rice	1	496423	7948885	106	79
Meat/fish	3	222532	1185992	16	12
Pulses (including tinned vegetables)	2	325843	2501044	33	25
Dairy dried Vegetables	1	465938	10702039	143	107
Cheese	1	314761	5033187	87	50
Tomato Preserve	1	92289	3018030	40	30
Sugar	1	236123	3730049	49	37
Coffee (including alternatives at adjusted weights)	1	167435	5357920	72	54
Salt	1	32202	1049854	13	10
Oil	1	3230	52430	2/3	1
Wine	1 litre	NIL	NIL	0	0
Pepper	1/200	645	2703335	26	27

Macaroni-Spaghetti	✓ 3	403861	2170033	29	22
Rice	1	490428	7942255	106	79
Meat/Fish	3	222532	1185992	16	12
Pulses (including Tinned vegetables)	3	325243	2501844	23	25
Dehy drated Vegetables	1	685933	10703000	143	107
Cheese	1	314721	5036187	87	50
Tomato Preserve	1	92969	5018030	40	30
Sugar	1	233128	3730040	49	37
Coffee (including alternatives at adjusted weight)	1	187435	5357520	72	54
Salt	1	32302	1043024	13	10
Oil	1	3280	52480	2/3	1
Wine	1 litre	NIL	NIL	0	0
Pepper	1/200	645	2706335	36	27
Cigarettes and Tobacco	10grms per day	18946	1684000	23	17
Matches (all expressed in boxes)	1 box per week	244820 boxes	244020	5 weekly issues	2 weekly issues
Local Cheese	(1)	25196	(403134)	5	4
Local Tomato Preserve	(1)	28459	(910600)	12	9
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SECRET

Subject: Benevento Special Arrangements.MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/24.

12 August 1944.

To: ADST, MMIA, HQ.

Copies: Special Section MMIA HQ
AA and QMG MMIA HQ.

MMIA, HQ	Ad
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1. Following on instructions received from ADST, MMIA HQ in Rome on 8 August 1944 visits were made to Benevento by Major Papineau and Capt. Nelson on 9 August 1944 and 11 August 1944.
2. Resulting from these journeys the following is the latest position.
3. The pre-existing Italian Commissariato Magazzino Viveri at Benevento is a very small depot holding approximately 10 tons in constricted premises for the maintenance of approximately 1000 ITI troops based on Benevento. These premises would not allow an increase in the holding of this depot.
4. Prior for check up by this ^{staff} arrangements had been worked out in Naples on 9 August 1944 between Lt. Col. Riso Commissariato Naples and Lt. Col. Petrucci Chief of Staff Friuli Division for food supplies to be consigned from Naples to Benevento for acceptance by the Friuli Division into their own special depot at San Giorgio.
5. On visit by MMIA Naples officers to Benevento on 9 August 1944 no trace could be found either of the Italian divisional staff or of the food depot referred to in para 4.
6. On 10/11 August 1944 food supplies were despatched from Naples to Benevento as per attached list (which is set out for comparative purposes against a target of 6000 feeding strength for 15 days). Despatches will continue daily.
7. On 11 August 1944 the depot created by Friuli Division for acceptance of these supplies was inspected. It consisted of a small but satisfactory barn-type storeroom capable of holding and operating distribution of some 25 tons all supplies.

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8. Additional storage space is available in the vicinity and it was therefore agreed with Lt. Col. Petrucci in San Giorgio on 11 August 1944, that despatches from Naples would continue until the target of 6000 men x 15 days is attained.

9. Baking facilities will constitute a difficulty. The Friuli Division is actively investigating all possibilities for meeting their own divisional requirements and will probably succeed in arranging sufficient daily bread production. The situation for subsequent personnel will however be correspondingly more difficult. It is considered that War Ministry should be invited to examine urgently the problem of arranging Italian field bakeries to cope with later arrivals. In addition a small reserve stock of Biscuits is being transported from Naples to the Benevento Commissariato depot as an emergency reserve.

10. The situation is at present therefore under control and will continue to be closely watched.

W. Papineau
(G.C. PAPINEAU)
ST LIAISON OFFICER
MWIA, NAPLES.

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BENEVENTO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTSTarget 6000 Feeding Strengths x 15 Days.

Item	Scale of Issue per Man per Day	Target 6000 Men x 15 Days	Despatched From Naples to Benevento 10/11 August 1944
	<u>Ozs.</u>	<u>Kgs.</u>	<u>Kgs.</u>
Flour	12	30673	23329
Macaroni	3	7644	2900
Rice	1	2543	1019
Meat/Fish	3	7644	3110
Pulses	2	5096	1495
Dehydr. Vegetab.	1	2543	709
Cheese	1	2543	1006
Tomato Preserve	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	508
Sugar	1	2543	1006
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	498
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$	1274	899
Oil	1	2543	2178
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ litre	45000 litres	-
Cigarettes and Tobacco	10 pieces daily	900000 Ciga- rettes	408000
Matches	2 boxes (or 4 books) per 15 days	12000 boxes	= 6000 boxes
Pepper	$\frac{1}{200}$	13	5

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SUBJECT: Rations - Items from local resources.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION AGC

HQ MIA

NOTE

AQ/2/8

Aug 1944

TO : War Ministry

Ref your letter 8163/8 dated 9 August and our letter AQ/2/8 of 2 August.

1. In your above mentioned letter you did not show the quantities of local purchase items issued to Italian troops attached to 5th Army as requested in Para 2 of our a/m letter. We request this information be submitted to this office without delay, so as to enable us to reconcile with the quantities reported to have been received for Italian troops of 5th Army.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission AGC

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Copies to: SE MIA

5th Army NOTE MIA IO 5th Army

We are attached hereto copy of letter received from W/M in answer to our AQ/2/8 of 2 Aug 44. Have you received report of quantities of local purchase items received as yet?

Checked by
JRA + JW

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C O P Y

From : Ministry of War

To : MIA, for information Ministry of War Gabinotto
SMME -Jff Serv

Ref-8L137s

9th Aug 44

SUBJECT: Rations - Articles of local production.

Ref AQ/2/3 dated 2 Aug 44.

1. Complaints to this Sub Commission in respect of the shortage of additional local ration to the Italian Troops of the 5th Army proved to be true.
2. Italian Troops of the 5th Army have had the normal issue of additional rations until they were located in the field. As soon as the advance continued towards the North, and owing to the extension of the line of supply, additional rations have more and more been cut down. The reason for that is the absolute deficiencies of means of transport.
3. Additional ration which are to be provided by the M of W are: OIL
wine, salt, tobacco.
Fruits and vegetables are obtained directly by units as this is the best way to use resources of the various zones and nor over save means of transport which are scarce for the conveyance of such articles which can always be found in the immediate vicinities.

a/OIL

Ref signal 4886/S dated 16 May 44 to MIA, this ministry informed you of the great necessity to supply oil to the Italian Army having failed in asking for same to the M of A and F and noting that by the end of June if supply were not provided, the existing stock would be expired reducing the prescribed issue of oil from time to time, we succeeded in issuing same till the end of July. It was not until the 18 July that this Sub Commission gave permission, already asked for by this Ministry, to obtain 430 tons of oil in the Province of Cosenza.

Operations in requisitioning this oil are being made and this oil, which don't need purified could be issued during the month of September.

Bari:

A further 50 tons of Oil are being drawn from Allied Depots at

b/WINE

As it is noted, transport for wine is not provided and if so, in a reduced scale. Reference this Ministry letter addressed to MIA ST/53 of 28 July 44. In Puglia, a large stock of wine is actually kept for advanced Italian Troops, but owing to the limited availability of railway transport, it cannot be sent to destinations. To supply Italian Troops of the 5th Army, railway transport would be needed at least till CINTAVECCHIA if not beyond.

c/SALT

Italian troops of the 5th Army can be supplied with large quantities of salt by the salt depots of VOLTERRA. Also for this article this Ministry found difficulties in means of transport from MARGHERITA d' SAVOIA to the various sectors. However, the fact that, a number of Railway Wagons already at disposal of the Italian Army and partly loaded to scale, were requisitioned and unloaded by the Allied Railway authorities to meet the needs of the

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d/TOBACCO

Tobacco for Italian Troops of the 5th Army is available at Naples 4A
Transport is required.

4. Finally, Italian Troops of the 5th Army received:-

OIL at a reduced amount, until the 25 July
WINE obtained locally or from rear supplies as far as transport allowed it
SALT obtained from Salt Depots at Volterra
TOBACCO obtained from Military stores of Naples until approx 20 July

This Ministry has, however, authorized the purchase of wine and oil from the market when supplies from the rear could not be ascertained, authority by which all units concerned were given.

5. Ration supplies for Italian Troops of the 5th Army are directed by the Commissariat Office of the 210 Div., Capt. Biguori and, as directed by Maj. Mini, Chief of SM of that Div. Maj Mini is energetic and capable and will not miss an opportunity in supplying rations for the Div and the return to normal of this question, with the least possible delay.

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the problem of transport is solved. Capt Liguori, commissariat officer of proved capacity is in charge and controls the receipts and issues to the Div additional rations with the greatest possible care.

6. From the above statement, it may be gathered that the complaints for additional ration shortage for the Troops of the 5th Army, is resumed in one word: TRANSPORT without Railway transport and road transport, the supply of such articles or any other articles needed by Italian troops, will always be unavailable.

The position already difficult, will be worst with the advance, noting the geographical position of Italy which requires long range transport as no Ports can be used

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SUBJECT: Rations- It from Local Resources

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)

HQ ACC

ROME

AO/2/8

2 AUG 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. It is considered that sufficient effort is not being made to procure and issue items available from local sources to tps in forward areas.
2. In order to enable the position to be more fully examined you are requested to render to this HQ a report showing local resources, commodities with quantities and dates, issued to Italian tps with Fifth Army, during the month of July.
3. To insure that all items purchased by you are in fact received by and issued to tps with Fifth Army, it is desired that you appoint an officer forthwith whose duty will be to check the receipt and issue of such items and will be responsible for seeing that items so purchased are in fact dispatched to tps with Fifth Army.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

Copies to: MMIA LO 5th Army
ST MMIA

NOTE: MMIA LO Rear 5th Army--Ref para 3
Please have Italian unit detail an officer to carry out daily checks of items from local sources received, and who will report discrepancies that have occurred in transit. He will submit a report to you for transmission to this HQ showing items, together with quantities and dates issued to tps, of all items received from local sources during the month of July, to enable a comparison to be made with list furnished by M of W

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