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

18 June 1945.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AC.
Air Force Sub Commission AC.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy & Air Force.

The undermentioned items not collected by Italian Navy/Air Force representative from the British Depot at NAPLES against May maintenance have now been cancelled.

Milk USA	1,573 lbs
Rice	3,010 "
Margarine	2,805 "
Meat Extract	132 "

AIG/gmc

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC:(MMIA).
Lt.Col. RASO.

INTERNAL:- Q (A/cs)

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SUBJECT: Flour for month of April 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/1/10-13
30 April 1946

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, HQ, Allied Commission

Reference your letter NSC/4934 of 26 April 46.

1. The question of yield of flour has been referred to the Food and Agriculture Branch, Economics Section A.C. and the following comments are quoted :

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1. Reference NSC/4934 and attached translation of letter from Ministry of Marine, Paras 1, 2 and 3 have been discussed with the office of the High Commissioner for Food.

2. The assertion by the Ministry of Marine that they can only get a yield of 110% from 72% milled flour is quite incorrect. Providing care is taken, a suitable size loaf is made and if necessary yeast is used (this is now readily obtainable) a yield of at least 125% can be obtained and possibly more. In any case at this juncture no extra flour could be issued. It is pertinent that no complaint has been received from either the Ministry of War or of Air.

/sgd/ V.R.A. COWPER
Lt. Colonel
Director, Food & Agriculture Branch "

30 Apr 46

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

KRW/mp

INTERNAL

AIST, MMIA

Copy : Food & Agriculture Branch A.C.

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4934.
26th April, 1946.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
Ministry of Marine's letter
No.19268 dated 4th April, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Flour for the month of April, 1946.

Forwarded for action please with special reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Minute I.

2. With reference to paragraphs 4 and 5, no further action is considered necessary, observing that the Ministry of Marine have already been informed in the sense of your letter Q/1/10-12 dated 25th March, 1946 on the 29th March, 1946 and a copy of your letter Q/1-127, dated 8th April, 1946, has also been forwarded on 11th April, 1946.

(Sd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C - O - P - Y

From : Ministry of Marine
To : N.S.C.
Date : 4th April, 1946.
Ref. : 19268.

Subject : Flour for the month of April, 1946.

1. The flour for bread issued to the I.R.N. by the High Commissioner for Food for the month of April, through arrangements made by N.S.C., is 19% bolted; that for "pasta" is 80% bolted.

2. As the above supplies are issued by the afore-mentioned Food Commission against restitution of stocks of white flour received in their turn from the Allied Authorities, is judged opportune to inform N.S.C. that with flour at 91%, the yield of bread will not be in the region of 130% as previously prescribed, but will reach, at its maximum, 118% with a consequent reduction in the bread ration to be distributed to the men.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that N.S.C. may inform us if it is possible that the Food Commission may be instructed to supply the supplementary quantity of flour to the I.R.N. necessary to keep the bread ration at the same level; that is, an increase of 10% above the allocation already made.

4. At the same time, it is confirmed that, further to our letter of 11th March, 1946, the Food Commission demands immediate payment (threatening non-delivery in default) for all the commodities, in addition to vegetables, which it delivers to the I.R.N. against repayment in kind from the stocks received direct by the I.R.N. from the Allied authorities.

5. In this connection, we renew our request to be informed whether this procedure is not the cause of duplicate payment for such goods by the I.R.N., i.e., to the afore-mentioned Food Commission and to the Allied Authorities, in the total account of all commodities allocated by them for the supplying of the I.R.N.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

AAH/P/P.
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.I.L.).
Tel : 476207
ST/179

11 Apr 46.

Ministry of War (2)
Navy Sub Commission AC (3)

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU
Food and Agriculture Sub Commission AC.

1. Attached are details of breakdown for maintenance of Italian Navy on a basis of 55,000 all ranks for month of May 1946.

2. The breakdown as between BARI and NAPLES is based on Navy strength estimates of 27,000 and 28,000 respectively.

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4. It has been necessary to arrange releases and acceptance from British sources in accordance with availability of commodities in British installations. DST GHQ has however arranged for provision of necessary railcars for transfer of commodities BARI/NAPLES and NAPLES/BARI.

5. Acceptance of these supplies from British depots must be on MML Form ST/3 by a representative of the Ministry of War who will in turn voucher over supplies direct to the Italian Navy. The Italian Navy will arrange for a representative to be present at the British depot to take over supplies from the Ministry of War representative. These supplies will NOT pass through Italian Army depots.

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Lt.Col. RASC.

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Food and Agriculture Sub Commission AC.

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1st March 1078.

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

MPHD/psc

INTERNAL:- Q (J./cs)
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WAR DIARY (2)
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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

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SCALE	COMMODITY	BARI (27,000 x 31 days) Ex British stocks per 22 CRASC BARI lbs	Ex British stocks per 14 CRASC NAPLES lbs	Ex Italian Food Min. stocks lbs	TOTAL lbs	NAPLES (28,000 x 3 Ex British stocks per 22 CRASC BARI lbs	Ex British stocks per 14 CRASC NAPLES lbs
12 ozs	FLOUR	---	---	784,687	784,687	---	---
3 ozs	P.MEAT (+)	78,467	---	---	78,467	41,862	---
2 ozs	SARDINES (+)	---	34,876	---	34,876	---	18,606
4 ozs	HERRINGS (+)	---	20,924	---	20,924	---	11,163
3 ozs	SALMON (+)	---	10,463	---	10,463	---	5,582
3 ozs	FLOUR FOR MACARONI	---	---	156,937	156,937	---	---
2 ozs	P/B/L	---	---	104,624	104,624	---	---
1 oz	RICE	---	52,312	---	52,312	---	54,250
6/7 oz	CHEESE	---	44,838	---	44,838	---	46,500
1 oz	SUGAR	---	52,312	---	52,312	---	54,250
½ oz	COFFEE ø	---	26,156 ø	---	26,156 ø	---	27,125 ø
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	---	26,156	---	26,156	---	27,125
1/200 oz	PEPPER	---	262	---	262	---	272

ø Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS
(+) P.MEAT/FISH basic scale 3 ozs.

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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

Enclosure to letter ST/179 of 11 April 1946.

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---	---	104,624	104,624	---	---	108,500	108,500
---	52,312	---	52,312	---	54,250	---	54,250
---	44,838	---	44,838	---	46,500	---	46,500
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(+) P.MEAT/FISH basic scale 5 ozs.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
GT/179

3. June 46.

D.S.T., C.M.G., C.M.P.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

1. Application is now made for release of the undermentioned commodities for maintenance of Italian Navy for month of May 1946.

2. The May maintenance is based on a strength of 55,000 this figure being supplied by Navy Sub Commission AC.

SCALE	COMMODITY	For delivery to War Ministry at BARI lbs	For delivery to War Ministry at NAPLES lbs	TOTAL lbs
3 ozs	F.MEAT/FISH	156,937	83,721	240,658
1 oz	RICE or FLOUR in lieu	52,312	54,250	106,562
	CHEESE	44,838	46,500	91,338
6/7 oz	SUGAR	52,312	54,250	106,562
1 oz	COFFEE (+)	26,156 (+)1	27,125 (+)	53,281(+)
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	26,156	27,125	53,281
½ oz	PEPPER	262	272	534

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS

3. It will be observed that no demand is submitted for FLOUR or P/B/L. These, as agreed, are to be provided by Italian Food Ministry in repayment of stocks loaned by you to the Italian Armed Forces. Similarly the demand for 83,721 lbs P.MEAT/FISH at NAPLES makes allowance for 79,029 lbs of this commodity to be supplied by the Italian Ministry of Food.

4. Attached is "a statement of loans to the Italian Armed Forces per DBT CHQ and subsequent repayment in respect of these loans". This includes repayments due for the month of May 1946. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with the figures shown as "remains due for repayment".

5. It will be appreciated if authority for the release of commodities detailed in para 2 above can be issued as early as possible to enable distribution to be effected to schedule.

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2. The May maintenance is based on a strength of 55,000 this figure being supplied by Navy Sub Commission AC.

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MPHD/gmc

L. Landsborough
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

INTERNAL: 9 (A/cs)
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Incoming Signal

FROM : MTOUSA 27 March-1100 B

TO : MMIA

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SUBSISTENCE FOR UNITED STATES - (AIR) - ITI IS SUBJECT (.) ALLIED-COMMISSION, AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO REQUISITION SUBSISTENCE ON APPROVED SCALES FROM QUARTERMASTER, PBS TO COVER REQUIREMENTS UP TO 31 MAY 1946 FOR ANY ITI-AIR UNITS RELEASED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY UNITED STATES ARMY (.) THIS REQUIRES REPORT BY UNITED STATES PARENT ORGANIZATION TO ALCOM AIR-FORCES SUB COMMISSION OF UNIT AND STRENGTH SO RELEASED TO FACILITATE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF REQUISITIONS TO QUARTERMASTER PBS (.) SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FURNISHED BY ALCOM (.) MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM RATION DELIVERY POINT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE (.) ACCOUNTING FOR RATIONS FURNISHED WILL BE BY PRICED SHIPPING TICKETS FORWARDED BY ISSUING AGENCY TO ALCOM, MMIA, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNTING AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: Foodstuffs issued to Italian Navy by Ministry of Food

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.G. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/1/10-12
25 March 1946

TO : Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission

Reference your NSC/4769 of 22 March 46, not to all.

1. The Italian Ministry of War has been charged for all foodstuffs received from Allied Military Stocks on a loan basis.

2. When the Ministry of Food (High Commissioner for Food) has completed repayment in kind to Allied Military Depots or loans, credit will be given to the Italian Government.

3. Concerning repayment of foodstuffs made by the High Commissioner for Food to the British Army by way of issue direct to the Italian Air Force and Navy; e.g. dried vegetables, preserved meat/fish, and flour for March and April maintenance, the charge made for original loan (para 1 above) will stand as a charge against the Italian Government instead of credit being given for the repayment to British Army.

4. The charge had been made against the Ministry of War for foodstuffs issued to the Italian Air Force and Navy, as has been the procedure in the past.

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

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Copy to:
Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission
Food and Agriculture Branch, Allied Commission
Ministry of War
Internal;
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Navy Sub Commission APO 394

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NSC/4769.
22nd March, 1946.

KRN 25/3

FIPST ENDOPSEMENT on
Ministry of Marine's letter No.
SM/13326 of 11th March, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Dried vegetables for the I.P.N. for March.

Forwarded.

2. Your remarks would be appreciated.

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G. F. Mentz

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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"S & T. MMIA.
Read MAR 25 1946
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C - O - P - Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date : 11 March 1946
Ref. : SM/13326.

Subject : Dried vegetables for the I.R.N. for March.

1. In letter No.910 of 25th February 1946 (copy to N.S.C. for information) the Dept. of the High Commissioner for Food has allocated 510 quintals of dried vegetables to this Ministry of Marine from the Italian Federations of Agricultural Societies; this completes the requirements for the present month (March).

2. In conformance with the Land Sub Commission's letter No. ST/179 of 15th February 1946, copy of which was forwarded under cover of your letter No.4606 dated 16th February 1946, this allocation should be made to form part of the restitution of a loan of 388 tons, owing to the British depots.

3. On the other hand the Dept. of the High Commissioner for Food, in making the allocation, has asked the I.R.N. to pay for the 510 quintals.

4. In order to avoid the possibility of payment being made twice for these goods, it is requested that you may indicate whether or not the cost of the above lot should be included in the total account for all foodstuffs made available to the I.R.N. by the Allied Authorities.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

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NSC/4770.
22nd March, 1946.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
G.H.Q., C.M.F.'s letter No.2554/Q-1
dated 20th March, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Provisioning of Italian Navy and Air Forces.

Forwarded for information.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

25.3.46
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C - O - P - Y

G.H.Q. C.M.F.
2554/Q-1
20 March 46

Subject : Provisioning of Italian Navy and Air Forces.

S. T.

Reference conversation BEAN - SIBREE.

1. It has been agreed that we shall be responsible for the provisioning of the Italian Navy and Air Forces until 31 May 46. To effect this you will arrange to handover 2 months supply (for Apr and May consumption) in bulk to the Italian Depots as soon as possible.

2. Responsibility for the future subsistence of the Italian Navy and Air Forces has been taken up with the Combined Chiefs of Staff AFHQ Cable FX 63008 dated 18 Mar 46 (not to all) refers.

(Sgd) J.H.D. SIBREE, Major,
for Brigadier
DQMG.

JHDS/va

Copy to : AC Air Forces Sub Commission
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/179
2 Mar 46. KRN 2/3

D.S.T., C.R.C., C.M.F.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

1. Application is now made for release of the undermentioned commodities for maintenance of Italian Navy for month of April 1946.

2. The April maintenance is based on a strength of 58,000 this figure being supplied by Navy Sub Commission AC.

SCALE	COMMODITY	For delivery to War Ministry at BARI lbs	For delivery to War Ministry at NAPLES lbs	TOTAL lbs
15 ozs	FLOUR	815,625	815,625	1,631,250
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	163,125	163,125	326,250
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	163,125	163,125	326,250
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1 oz	SUGAR	54,375	54,375	108,750
½ oz	COFFEE (+)	27,187 (+)	27,188 (+)	54,375(+)
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	27,187	27,188	54,375
1/200 oz	PEPPER	272	272	544

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as Coffee Beans.

3. It will be observed that the demand for cheese at BARI is unbalanced and as mentioned in previous correspondence this is due to the fact that a small portion will be met ex remainder of British provided stocks still held in War Ministry depots. When the Italian War Ministry have met this demand they will have no further liabilities of this particular nature.

4. It will be appreciated if authority for the release of commodities detailed above can be issued as early as possible to enable distribution to be effected to schedule.

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MPHD/gmc

W.M. McClure.
Lt.Col. RAMC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'q' (A/cs)
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

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

16 Mar 46.

Ministry of War (2)
Navy Sub Commission AC (3)

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU Food & Agriculture Sub Comm. AC.

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2. The breakdown as between BARI and NAPLES is based on Navy strength estimates of 29,000 at each station.

3. The quantities indicated to be supplied from British sources through DST GHQ CMF have already been authorised for release. DST letter 64/2/ST6(b) of 8 March 46 refers. Quantities due to be released ex Italian Food Ministry depots have been agreed by the High Commissioner for Food, Food and Agriculture Branch AC letter 43-4/FA of 6 March refers.

4. The Ministry of War is now asked to arrange release of 3,272 lbs cheese ex Italian War Ministry stocks as indicated.

5. It will be observed that all releases ex DST GHQ stocks will be made through 22 CRASC at BARI at which point the supplies will be accepted. DST has however arranged for provision of necessary railcars for transfer of relevant quantities to NAPLES during period 11 - 17 March 1946.

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Lt.C-l. RASC.
ADST. Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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for Lt.C-l, RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MALA).

INTERNAL -- 'Q' (A/cs) ST/102
War Diary (2) Spare (2)

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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

(3 bis)

SCALE	COMMODITY	BARI - 29,000 x 30 days				NAPLES -	
		Ex British stocks per 22 CRASC - BARI	Ex Italian Food Min. stocks	Ex Italian War Ministry stocks	TOTAL	Ex British stocks per 22 CRASC - BARI	Ex Italian Food Min. stocks
		LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
15 ozs	FLOUR	-	815,625	-	815,625	-	815,625
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	-	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	-	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125
2 ozs	P/B/L	-	108,750	-	108,750	-	108,750
1 oz	RICE or FLOUR in lieu	54,375	-	-	54,375	54,375	-
6/7 oz	CHEESE	43,335	-	3,272	46,607	46,607	-
1 oz	SUGAR	54,375	-	-	54,375	54,375	-
½ oz	COFFEE (+)	27,187 (+)	-	-	27,187 (+)	27,188 (+)	-
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	27,187	-	-	27,187	27,188	-
1/200 oz	PEPPER	272	-	-	272	272	-

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

Enclosure to letter ST/179 of 11 Mar 46.

	BARI - 29,000 x 30 days			NAPLES - 29,000 x 30 days			
sh ar -	Ex Italian Food Min. stocks	Ex Italian War Ministry stocks	TOTAL	Ex British stocks per 22 CRASC - BARI	Ex Italian Food Min. stocks	Ex Italian War Ministry stocks	TOTAL
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
	815,625	-	815,625	-	815,625	-	815,625
	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125
	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125	-	163,125
	108,750	-	108,750	-	108,750	-	108,750
	-	-	54,375	54,375	-	-	54,375
	-	3,272	46,607	46,607	-	-	46,607
	-	-	54,375	54,375	-	-	54,375
(+)	-	-	27,187 (+)	27,188 (+)	-	-	27,188 (+)
	-	-	27,187	27,188	-	-	27,188
	-	-	272	272	-	-	272

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy - March 46.

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

21 Feb 46.

KFN 224

Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU

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1. Further to this branch letters ST/179 of 8 & 15 Feb 46. D.S.T. G.H.Q. has now notified that it will NOT be necessary to transfer the undermentioned items from BARI to NAPLES.

Flour	784,687	Lbs
Flour in lieu of Macaroni	156,937	Lbs

2. The above quantities will now therefore be released at Naples as originally intended.

Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL :- Q a/cs
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4607.
16th February, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission, (MMIA), Rome.

Subject: Provision of Supplies for the Italian Royal Navy.

Reference (a):- Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (MMIA)'s letter, Q/1/10-11 dated 9th February, 1946.

1. With regard to reference (a) paragraph 1, the Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy Sub Commission that the release of Hospital Diet Items from British sources for the Italian Navy should be based on a daily hospital patient strength of 800 and not 1,300 as reported in Ministry of Marine letter SM/2402 of 17th January, 1946.

Send copy to ADST

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian Navy

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/10-11
9 February 1946

TO : Navy Sub Commission A.C.

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Reference your letter NSC/4542 of 2 Feb 46.

1. Firstly, reference Ministry of Marine letter SM/2102 of 17 Jan 46 (your enclosure (a)).

(a) The supply of olive oil to the Ministry of Marine by the Ministry of War is an interministerial matter. The Ministry of Food releases olive oil requirements of the three services to the Ministry of War for further distribution to the Ministries of Air and Marine. There is no Allied Agency concerned after issue to the Ministry of War.

(b) A request has been initiated by this Headquarters to MST, CMH for a release of Hospital Diet Items from British sources for the Italian Navy. The demand has been based on an average strength of 1300 patients daily. If the release is made, it will be for February maintenance. A similar demand will be made by this HQ for March maintenance.

It will be noted that demands in the past have been based on a daily hospital patient strength of 800 and not 1300.

Please confirm, by 20 Feb 46, on what average strength the demand should be based.

2. Secondly, reference Ministry of Marine letter SM/1994 of 29 Jan 46 (your enclosure (b)).

The Ministry of War has been advised to release cheese from its depots to the Italian Navy. Due to a delay in receiving cheese from Italian sources which has been released by the Ministry of Food, the Ministry of War has been unable to transfer this stock from Northern Italy (from where cheese was released) to Southern Italy (transfer point to Italian Navy).

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The Ministry of War has given instructions to its Commissariats Directorates in the South to endeavour to purchase cheese locally to meet this commitment.

K R N

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

KRN/mp
Copy to: MINISTRY OF WAR

Internal

ADST, MMIA

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KRN 8/2

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

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

8 Feb 46

Ministry of War (2)
Navy Sub Commission AC (3)

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU.

1. Below are details of breakdown for maintenance of Italian Navy on a basis of 58,000 all ranks for month of March 1946.

2. The breakdown as between BARI and NAPLES is based on Navy strength estimates of 31,000 and 27,000 respectively.

3. The quantities indicated to be supplied from British sources through DST GHQ CMF have already been authorised for release. DST letter 64/2/ST6(b) of 6 February 1946 refers.

4. Acceptance of these supplies from British Depots must be on MMIA Form ST/3 by a representative of the Ministry of War who will in turn voucher over supplies direct to the Italian Navy. The Italian Navy will arrange for a representative to be present at the British Depot to take over supplies from the Ministry of War representatives. These supplies will NOT pass through Italian Army depots.

Scale	ITEM	BARI - 31,000 x 31 days		NAPLES- 27,000 x 31 days		TOTAL
		Ex Italian W/M stocks LBS	Ex British stocks per DST GHQ CMF LBS	Ex Italian W/M stocks LBS	Ex British stocks per DST GHQ CMF LBS	58,000 x 31 days LBS
15 ozs	FLOUR	-	900,938	-	784,687	1,685,625
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	-	180,188	-	156,937	337,125
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	-	180,188	-	156,937	337,125
.2 ozs	P/B/L	-	120,126	-	104,624	224,750
1 oz	RICE or FLOUR in lieu	-	60,063	-	53,312	112,375
67 oz	CHEESE	51,482	-	44,839	-	96,321
1 oz	SUGAR	3,272	56,791	-	52,312	112,375
1 oz	COFFEE (+)	-	30,031 (+)	-	26,156 (+)	56,187 (+)
½ oz	TOMATO CATSUP	30,031	-	9,122	17,034	56,187
1/200 oz	PEPPER	-	300	-	261	561

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

5. The Ministry of War is now asked to release to the Italian Navy from Army depots at NAPLES and BARI the quantities indicated in the above schedule as being quantities to be received [illegible]

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2. The breakdown as between BARI and NAPLES is based on Navy strength estimates of 31,000 and 27,000 respectively.

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Scale	ITEM	BARI - 31,000 x 31 days Ex Italian W/M stocks LBS	BARI - 31,000 x 31 days Ex British stocks per DST GHQ CMF LBS	NAPLES- 27,000 x 31 days Ex Italian W/M stocks LBS	NAPLES- 27,000 x 31 days Ex British stocks per DST GHQ CMF LBS	TOTAL 58,000 x 31 days LBS
15 ozs	FLOUR	-	900,938	-	784,687	1,685,625
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	-	180,188	-	156,937	337,125
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	-	180,188	-	156,937	337,125
.2 ozs	P/B/L	-	120,126	-	104,624	224,750
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(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

5. The Ministry of War is now asked to release to the Italian Navy from Army depots at NAPLES and BARI the quantities indicated in the above schedule as being quantities to be received 'Ex Italian War Ministry stocks'.

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Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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INTERNAL:- 'Q' (Accounts) ← ST/102
War Diary (2) Spare (2)

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HEADQUAPTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/4542.
2nd February, 1946.

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From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq, Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission. (MMIA)

Subject: Supply of Foodstuffs to the Italian Royal Navy - Table cheese.

Enclosure (a):- Ministry of Marine's letter SM/2402 dated 17th January,1946.

Enclosure (b):- Ministry of Marine's letter SM/4994 dated 29th January,1946.

Enclosures (a) and (b) are forwarded.

2. Your early remarks and recommendations would be appreciated in order that a reply may be given the Italian Ministry of Marine.

See 47

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C - O - P - Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Rome.
Date : 17th January 1946
Ref. : SM/2402.

Subject : Provision supplies for the I.R.N.

Reference is made to your letter NSC/4411 of 10th instant .

1. It is desired to thank the Navy Sub Commission for the communication contained in the above letter, and to give assurance concerning the enquiry in para.3 of the same, with reference to the use of the reserve and the turn-over of the articles forming them.

2. It is necessary to take this opportunity of observing that in respect of the requirements for oil in February a demand for an allocation 1,736,000 rations (62000 x 28) has been made to the Ministry of War. In order to complete the relative reserve also, calculated at 65000 men for 15 days, as laid down, a further allocation of 370,928 rations - equivalent to 23183 lbs. - would be required. To this end it is requested that you may ask M.M.I.A. to give the necessary instructions to the Ministry of War.

3. It is requested, also, that you may inform us whether it will be possible to obtain from British Stocks the supplements for I.R.N. ratings detained in hospital, issue of which from the Italian Army ceased on 30th November 1945.

In this regard you are informed that the average strength sick each day is 1300 individuals.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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C - O - P - Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Rome.
Date : 29th January 1946.
Ref. : SM/4994.

Subject : Supply of foodstuffs to the I.R.N. - table cheese.

1. The I.R.N. Authorities who are responsible for the collection of provisions from Naples and Bari have notified us that the Italian Army Depots are not issuing table cheese, and say that they have none available.

2. Maricommi Naples has not even received any for the period 21st December 1945 - 31st January 1946.

3. Since this issue from Italian Army sources was laid down explicitly in the A.M.I.A.'s instructions as conveyed to this Ministry by the Navy Sub Commission, and since table cheese constitutes an essential item of a seaman's ration, it is requested that you may take action with the appropriate Authorities in order to examine the possibility of supplying the Italian Navy with this commodity, also, from the British depots at Naples and Bari.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

GGE/P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NAV/4442.
2nd February, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission. (MMIA)

Subject: Supply of Foodstuffs to the Italian Naval Navy - Table cheese.

Enclosure (a):- Ministry of Marine's letter 30/2402 dated 17th January, 1946.
Enclosure (b):- Ministry of Marine's letter 30/694 dated 25th January, 1946.

Enclosures (a) and (b) are forwarded.

2. Your early remarks and recommendations would be appreciated in order that a reply may be given the Italian Ministry of Marine.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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To : N.S.C. - A.C. - Rome.
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for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF.

GGR/P.

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HEADQUAPTEPS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/4524.
31st January, 1946.

FIPST ENDOPSEMENT on
Ministry of Marine's letter
NO. SM/4168 dated 24th January, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq, Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq, Allied Commission. (M.M.I.A.)
(Copy to:- The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn.

Subject: Issue of provisions to British Naval Unit.

Forwarded for information and any action that may be deemed necessary.

Spoke to Lt Cmdr Thomas
Secy to Chief N/S/C who
stated no action desired @ Personnel
by west Shlian - completed
KPN 6/2

O. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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COL KERR

Will it be OK
to prepare a S/T
Credentials that Hume's
with these amendments
and debit British?

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Major Nelson
The Navy Sub-Com
should authorize
this. We do not
have the signature
of a British officer,
but if Navy Sub Com
authorizes we can
change.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T8502D

(COPY)

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome.
Date: 24th January, 1946.
Ref : SM/4168.

Subject: Issue of provisions to British Naval Unit.

For your due information you are notified that in December last seven day's rations were issued from the I.P.N. Food Store at La Spezia to the British tug "EMPIRE GRIFFIN" which was temporarily stationed in that port for the manoeuvring of the I.P.N. Cruiser "AOSTA". These were taken from stocks available as shown in the attached list.

For CHIEF OF STAFF.

GGE/P.

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Note of the foodstuffs issued to the British tug:
"EMPIRE GRIFFIN"

Coffee	1.176	Kgs.
Coffee substitute	882	"
Meat	12.348	"
Condiment	2.058	"
Matches	20	boxes of 40.
Table cheese	4.116	Kgs.
Fresh soft fruits	14.700	"
Fresh dry fruits	12.348	"
Vegetables	8.236	"
Oil	4.116	"
Pasta	19.257	"
Salt	2.793	"
Cigarettes	1.050	"
Fresh greens and olives	33.075	"
Wine	73.500	Litres
Sugar	4.116	Kgs.
Bread	67.032	"

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 185020

HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/4321.
31st January, 1946.

FIRST REMINDER on
Ministry of Marine's letter
NO. SM/4168 dated 24th January, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq, Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Hq, Allied Commission. (M.F.I.A.)
(Copy to:- The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn.

Subject: Issue of inscriptions to British Naval Units.

Forwarded for information and any action that may be deemed necessary.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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(COPY)

From: MINISTRY OF LABOUR (Northolt)
To : N.S.O. - Rome.
Date: 22.th January, 1946.
Ref : 24/4168.

Subject: Issue of provisions to British Naval Units.

For your due information you are notified that in December last seven day's rations were issued from the I.E.N. Food Store at La Spezia to the British tug "[illegible] XII" which was temporarily stationed in that port for the manoeuvring of the I.E.N. Cruiser "ADUA". These were taken from stocks available as shown in the attached list.

For CHIEF OF WARS.

GGS/r.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Note of the foodstuffs issued to the British tugs
"[illegible]"

Coffee	1.176	Kgs.
Coffee substitute	882	"
Meat	12.348	"
Condiments	2.058	"
Matches	20	boxes of 40.
Table sugar	4.116	Kgs.
Fresh soft fruits	14.700	"
Fresh dry fruits	12.348	"
Vegetables	8.232	"
Oil	4.116	"
Pasta	19.257	"
Salt	2.793	"
Cigarettes	1.050	"
Fresh cream and olives	53.075	"
Wine	73.500	Litres
Sugar	4.116	Kgs.
Bread	67.032	"

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478297
ST/179

1 Feb 46.

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

P/L.A.C.'s

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

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1. Application is now made for release of the undermentioned commodities to the Italian Navy for maintenance for month of March 1946.

2. The March maintenance is based on a strength of 56,000 all ranks as submitted by the Navy Sub Commission AC.

SCALE	COMMODITY	For delivery to War Ministry at BARI lbs	For delivery to War Ministry at NAPLES lbs	TOTAL lbs
15 ozs	FLOUR	900,938	784,687	1,685,625
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	180,188	156,937	337,125
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	180,188	156,937	337,125
2 ozs	P/B/L	120,125	104,624	224,750
1 oz	RICE or FLOUR in lieu	60,063	52,312	112,375
1 oz	SUGAR	56,791	52,312	109,103
½ oz	COFFEE	30,031 (+)	26,156 (+)	56,187 (+)
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	--	17,034	17,034
1/200 oz	PEPPER	300	261	561

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as Coffee Beans.

3. It will be observed that the demands are not balanced. The reason for this has already been referred to in this branch letter ST/179 of 7 Jan. When the Navy and Air Force maintenance has been met for the month of March there will still remain in Italian War Ministry Depots for subsequent Navy and Air Force maintenance 3332 lbs cheese.

4. It will be appreciated if authority for the release of the commodities detailed above can be issued as early as possible in order to enable distribution to be effected to schedule.

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maintenance is based on a strength of 58,000 all ranks as submitted by the Navy Sub Commission AG.

SCALE	COMMODITY	For delivery to War Ministry at BARI Lbs	For delivery to War Ministry at NAPLES Lbs	TOTAL Lbs
15 ozs	FLOUR	900,938	784,687	1,685,625
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	180,188	156,937	337,125
3 ozs	MACARONI or FLOUR in lieu	180,188	156,937	337,125
2 ozs	P/B/S.	120,125	104,624	224,750
1 oz	RICE or FLOUR in lieu	60,063	52,312	112,375
1 oz	SUGAR	56,791	52,312	109,103
½ oz	COFFEE	30,031 (+)	26,156 (+)	56,187 (+)
½ oz	TOMATO PASTE	—	17,034	17,034
1/200 oz	PEPPER	300	261	561

(+) Increase by 20% if supplied as Coffee Beans.

3. It will be observed that the demands are not balanced. The reason for this has already been referred to in this branch letter ST/179 of 7 Jan. When the Navy and Air Force maintenance has been met for the month of March there will still remain in Italian War Ministry Depots for subsequent Navy and Air Force maintenance 3352 lbs cheese.

4. It will be appreciated if authority for the release of the commodities detailed above can be issued as early as possible in order to enable distribution to be effected to schedule.

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MPHD/gmc

L. Lt.Col. R.A.M.C.
AMST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'G' (Accounts)
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SUBJECT: Food Supplies for the Italian Navy

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
G/1/13-29
21 January 1946

TO : Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission

Ref your endorsement NSC/4449 of 16 Jan 46 to Ministry of Marine letter SM/1136 of 9 Jan. 46

1. MMIA will have no responsibility in provisioning the Italian Navy when responsibility for ration maintenance is handed over to the Italian Government.

2. The Ministry of Marine should direct its anticipatory demands for reserve supplies to the Ministry of Food (High Commissioner for Food).

KRN

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

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Copy to: Food and Agriculture Sub Commission, HQ Allied Commission
Air Forces Sub Commission, HQ Allied Commission

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File G/1/10

See File 11-3-29
F.O # 352

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy - FEBRUARY 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179
13 Jan 46.

Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU.

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Further to this HQ ST/179 dated 7 Jan 46.

1. Authority has been given under GHQ 64/2/ST6(b) dated 11 Jan 46 for immediate release as shown below to the Italian Navy for maintenance February 1946.

Commodity	√Ex 14 CRASC (Supply Units) NAPLES	√Ex 22 CRASC (Supply Units) BARI
FLOUR	968,580 lbs	1,169,508 lbs
RICE	61,169 "	70,514 "
P.MEAT/FISH	154,807 "	195,251 "
P/B/L	---	16,866 "
COFFEE BEANS	19,747 "	33,364 "
PEPPER	306 "	353 "

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Lt/Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:- Q (Accounts)
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

TO : 6 H.L.U.

INFO: NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALCOM

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UNCLASS

YOUR QB OF 12 JAN REFERS (.) ITALIAN NAVY UNITS TO DRAW ALLIED PORTION RATION EX ITALIAN ARMY DEPOTS UNTIL 31 JAN (.) SUBSEQUENTLY TO DRAW EX ITALIAN NAVY DEPOTS (.) ITALIAN NAVY WILL DRAW IN BULK FROM BRITISH ARMY DEPOTS PROBABLY EX NAPLES AND BARI (.) NAVY WILL MAKE FURTHER DETAIL ISSUES AT LOCATIONS OF ITALIAN NAVY UNITS (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

INTERNAL

AUTHENTICATION

ADJT, NMIA

Spoke to Maj THRUPP on 17/1 elaborating on above that rations for NAVY received in bulk in Naples and Bari thence Rome & army depots for distribution

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INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: 6 BLU

TO : MMIA

Jan 12 1030 A

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REQUEST YOU CONFIRM ITALIAN NAVY UNITS UNTIL 31 JAN DRAW ALLIED PORTION OF RATION FROM BRITISH DID (.) PELLIGRA'S ORDERS BEING INTERPRETED AS ABOVE BY LOCAL COMMISSARIATO

Copy sent to: ST MMIA

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FROM 6 BLU -- 121030/A
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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179
7 Jan 46. KENSI.

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

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.

1. Application is now made for release of the undermentioned commodities to the Italian Navy for maintenance during month February 1946. This request also includes demands which will bring up the Italian Navy's present reserve holdings to a level of 15 days on the basis of a ceiling of 65,000 all ranks.

2. The February maintenance is based on a ceiling of 62,000 all ranks. Copies of correspondence between GHQ and NAVY Sub Commission relative to Navy ceilings are attached for information.

SCALE	COMMODITY	For delivery to War Ministry at NAPLES lbs	For delivery to War Ministry at BARI lbs	TOTAL lbs
15 ozs	FLOUR	785,073	957,966	1,743,039
3 ozs	MACARONI or Flour in lieu	183,307	211,542	395,049
1 oz	RICE or Flour in lieu	61,169	70,514	131,683
3 ozs	P.MEAT/FISH	154,807	195,251	350,058
2 ozs	P/B/L	---	16,866	16,866
½ oz	COFFEE	15,456 (+)	27,803 (+)	44,259 (+)
1/200 oz	PEPPER	306	353	659

(+) increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS

3. It will be observed that the demands are not balanced but this is due to a portion of the requirements of Flour, P.Meat and Fish, P/B/L and Coffee being met from British provided stocks still held in Ministry of War depots. Sugar, Cheese and Tomato Paste are being wholly provided from this source, and 3,272 lbs Sugar, 147,003 lbs Cheese and 39,153 lbs Tomato Paste will then remain in Italian War Ministry depots against subsequent Navy and/or Air Force maintenance.

4. It will be appreciated if authority for the release of the commodities detailed above can be issued as early as possible in order to enable distribution to be effected to schedule.

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A.G.Thomas Major
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm, AC.(MILA).

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INTERNAL:- Q (Accounts)
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(C O P Y)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/3663.
4th October, 1945

FROM : Navy Sub Commission. Hq, Allied Commission

To : Allied Force Headquarters.

Subject : Feeding Strength - Italian Navy -

1. With reference to Allied Force Headquarters letter No.AFHQ/253/4/Q (Maint), dated 22nd September, 1945, the ration Strength figures of approximately 53,000 rendered for July, 1945, showed a decrease of approximately 10,000 as compared to the May and June approximative figures of 64,000 and 60,000 respectively.

2. This was explained by the Ministry of Marine as being due to discharges and exceptional leave granted to personnel residing in Northern Italy. The Ministry of Marine also pointed out that owing to the new recruiting and the return of men on leave, in due course, the future ration strength would rise again to former figures.

3. Further information has recently been received from the Ministry of Marine to the effect that, as the recruiting of the remaining groups of the 1924 class is now in progress, and as, particularly in the northern areas, there is a continuous inflow of ex-prisoners of war and of disbanded men who belong to those classes still under arms, for a brief period there will be an overlap between this inflow and the ratings of the 1921 and 1922 classes who are still to be discharged. As a result, the present strength, which has increased to about 58,000 in September, may still mount up in the coming two months to approximately 62,000 men, and then gradually decrease by February next to about 54,000.

4. In view of the above therefore, and observing that the ration strength would further be increased by about 2,000 in the event of the return of Italian Royal Navy units to Italy from abroad, it is considered that, for the present, the feeding strength ceiling of the Italian Navy may safely be lowered to 58,000.

5. While the future strength of the Italian Royal Navy is dependent upon decisions which may be reached at the Peace Treaty with Italy, the matter will, however, be brought up in six months time with a view to a further reduction being made.

(sgd) C.L. WARNER
REAR ADMIRAL, R.N.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMM.

(Copy to Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

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AL 1SP ARMIES HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2593/1/A (Main).

SUBJECT :- Feeding Strength - Italian Navy.

22 Sept 45

TO :- Naval Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

1. At the present moment, we are provisioning for the Italian navy on the ceiling of 75,000 : its ration strength during Sep has been approximately 53,000.

2. With the present shortage of food we are most anxious not to infest for more rations than we actually require.

3. With this object in mind, you are requested to review the estimated future feeding strength of the Italian navy in the MTO, and inform AFHQ whether we may safely provision on a lower figure than the ceiling quoted above.

(sgd) E.C. OULTRAM, Major,
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179

7 Jan 46. Note (K)

Ministry of War (2)
Navy Sub Commission AC (3)

Copy to:- 9 BLU 10 BLU

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A. G. Hon Major
Lt.Col. RASC.

MPHD/gmc

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA). Lt.Col. RASC.

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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

Requ rements for February 1946 maintenance plus addition to give 15 day reserve.

Commodity	Scale	Amount in lbs	Quantities to be received at BARI: Ex Italian War Ministry stocks	Ex British stocks per DST CHQ CMF	TOTAL	Quantit: Ex Italian Wa: Ministry stock
FLOUR	15 ozs	1,975,244	99,745	957,966	1,057,711	132,460
P.MEAT/FISH	3 ozs	395,049	16,291	195,251	211,542	28,700
MACARONI or flour in lieu	3 ozs	395,049	--	211,542	211,542	--
RICE or flour in lieu	1 oz	131,683	--	70,514	70,514	--
F/L/L	2 ozs	263,366	124,162	16,866	141,028	122,338
CHEESE	6/7 oz	112,872	60,442	--	60,442	52,430
SUGAR	1 oz	131,683	70,514	--	70,514	61,169
COFFEE (+)	½ oz	65,841	7,454	27,803	35,257	14,128
TOMATO PASTE	½ oz	65,841	35,257	--	35,257	30,584
PEPPER	1/200 oz	659	--	353	353	--

(+) increase by 20% if supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

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MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY

ry 1946 n to give		Quantities to be received at BARI			Quantities to be received at NAPLES		
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s	1,975,244	99,745	957,966	1,057,711	132,460	785,073	917,533
	395,049	16,291	195,251	211,542	28,700	154,807	183,507
	395,049	--	211,542	211,542	--	183,507	183,507
	131,683	--	70,514	70,514	--	61,169	61,169
	263,366	124,162	16,866	141,028	122,338	--	122,338
	112,872	60,442	--	60,442	52,430	--	52,430
	131,683	70,514	--	70,514	61,169	--	61,169
	65,841	7,454	27,803	35,257	14,128	16,456	30,584
	65,841	35,257	--	35,257	30,584	--	30,584
	659	--	353	353	--	306	306

supplied as COFFEE BEANS.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Navy and Air Force.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/402

14 Dec 45.

D.S.T.s. A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission AC.
Air Force Sub Commission. AC.

1. Reference maintenance of Italian Navy and Air Force the only item required for January maintenance is 872 lbs Pepper which it is now understood is likely to be available.

2. May therefore authority please be issued for release of this commodity as under as soon as possible.

ITEM	QUANTITY	FOR COLLECTION BY
PEPPER	436 lbs	No. 9 Italian Bulk Depot BARI
PEPPER	436 lbs	No. 10 " " " NAPLES

3. Regarding conversation Col. EGAN - Lt.Col. WILSON the fact that it has not hitherto been necessary to demand for the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force is due to the authorised reserves totalling 45 days held in Italian Bulk and Distribution Depots which were supplied ex British and US stocks. Since the Italian Interim Army has been maintained through the Italian Ministry of Food the British provided portion of these reserves has been utilised in maintaining the Italian Navy and Air Force.

4. As soon as definite breakdowns etc have been received from the Navy and Air Force Sub Commissions it is proposed to submit demands to you for February plus a 15 day reserve to be held in the respective Italian Navy and Air Force Depots. Delivery of these packs would be required on or about 20 January 1946.

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Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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SUBJECT:- Reserve Ratings - Italian Navy. 9/A-4

Land Forces Sub Comm. A
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179

7 Dec 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AC.
2 BLU 9 BLU
5 BLU 10 BLU
7 BLU 11 BLU

Dlf 93

Reference this HQ letter ST/179 dated 4 Dec 45.

1. Para 2, amend number of days reserve for TARANTO to read 15 instead of 10.

Dlf 83

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INTERNAL :- 'Q.1 '

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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Translation

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From M.of ..

To Admiralty Rome.
for info ..M.I.A.

Ref. 23383/S/I

Date 3/12/45

KRN 4/12

Subject Food Supplies for the Royal Navy.

Lee Abo 7/12.

Further to letter 23072/S/I dated 30/11/45.

The L.F.S.C. A.C., in ~~setting~~ establishing the foodstuffs needed for the food supplies of the Armed Forces, has put at our disposal for issue to units of the Royal Navy 60.000 rations, w.e;f. 1° Nov.45.

We ask you, therefore, in case the strength to be supplied should exceed the above limit, to approach the Allied Authorities, for the grant of the extra rations required.

As understood by telephone the recovery of the 878 rations overdrawn during the fortnight 21 Nov. to the 5° Dec. will be made during the fortnight 21 Dec. to the 5 Jan. 1946.

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SUBJECT:- Reserve Rations - Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/179
4 Dec 45.

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Ministry of War.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AC
(your NSC/4134 of 30 Nov 45 refers).
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5 BLU 10 BLU
7 BLU 11 BLU

1. Your attention is invited to this Headquarters letters SE/6 of 19 May 45 and SE/179 of 1 Sept 45.

2. For ready reference, reserve stocks authorized for Italian Navy Depots are as listed below:

AREA	D.Y.S RESERVE
TARANTO	10
BRINDISI	15
BARI	10
NAPLES	10
SICILY	10
SARDINIA	15
LA SPEZIA (Marina)	15
GENOA (Marina)	10
VENICE (Marina)	10

3. It was agreed that Italian Navy Depots could hold stock up to, and not to exceed, level, as indicated para 2 above.

4. Navy Sub Commission AC has indicated that difficulty has been encountered by the Italian Navy in drawing rations from Italian Army Depot to establish reserve stock level.

5. You are requested to authorise the issue of stocks from your depots to the Italian Navy not to exceed reserve level as in para 2 above.

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1. Your attention is invited to this Headquarters letters ST/6 of 19 May 45 and ST/179 of 1 Sept 45.

2. For ready reference, reserve stocks authorized for Italian Navy Depots are as listed below:

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BRINDISI	15
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SARDINIA	15
LA SPEZIA (Marina)	15
GENOA (Marina)	10
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5. You are requested to authorize the issue of stocks from your depots to the Italian Navy not to exceed reserve level as in para 2 above.

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It.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(SHLA).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4134.
30th November, 1945.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
Ministry of Marine's letter
SM.26145 of 23rd November, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Provision stocks in Italian Royal Navy Depots.

Forwarded for favourable consideration concurring.

H. St. J. Butler

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date : 23rd November, 1945
Ref. ; SM. 26145.

Subject : Provision stocks in I.R.N. Depots.

MOST - URGENT

1. As you will have been able to observe, this Staff has always taken the greatest care to avoid any excess in the reserves of foodstuffs by ordering the prompt elimination of surpluses upon every occasion that they have become manifest.

However, there is no equally effective way in which to replace the stocks consumed, which - if they should not exceed the established quantities - neither should they remain below them unless they are to fail in the purpose for which they were authorised.

2. In practice it occurs that when the reserve of ten or fifteen days authorised by the Navy Sub Commission is reduced or exhausted owing to increase in strength or to issues to ships which could not be foreseen in making the fortnightly estimate (which is known to be compiled a considerable time beforehand), it is impossible to replenish it, and all applications made for this purpose to the Italian Army Authorities or to the M.M.I.A. are in vain.

3. Maridipart Taranto has now notified us that the local I.R.N. Provision Depot is in the most serious difficulties owing to lack of reserves and it is foreseen, should it prove impossible to reconstitute this stock, that the victualling of personnel will not be ensured.

Similar circumstances are appearing at certain other bases, and in particular at Naples.

4. The position at Taranto is especially difficult since supplies to that, the most important, I.R.N. base now come from the Italian Army Store at Bari and rail consignments of allocated foodstuffs are subject to notable delays owing to the difficulties of transportation (delays in allocating trucks, derailings, bottlenecks and other rail incidents).

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These difficulties, and also the possibility of strikes or disorders which must be taken into consideration, unfortunately, compel that it be considered essential to maintain a full 15 days' supply, and therefore to re-stablish it whenever it falls below this limit.

5. This could be effected by a request from this Staff to the Navy Sub Commission for the reserve to be built up again upon any occasion of its being reduced. It is considered, however, that this procedure would result in noticeable delays and that the necessary arrangements could not be made with the speed indispensable at such a time.

6. In consequence it is proposed that M.M.I.A. Liaison Officers who control fortnightly allocations according to the state of stocks at the various stores, should be empowered to grant allocations - upon request by the store concerned - to complete the reserves upon every occasion of their falling below the limit, in the same way that they reduce the said allocations in case of there being a surplus.

7. In view of the present serious situation and of communications from external authorities upon the subject, it is requested that you may refer the matter in the above sense to the appropriate Allied Authorities in order that these regrettable inconveniences may be disposed of at an early date, and particularly at Taranto and Naples where the traffic of naval vessels is heavier.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

Subject: Ration Maintenance - Italian Navy and Air Force

File: Q/1/10 20/11

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

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

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

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

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

KRN/mg

Incl: Supplies - Italian Navy and Air Force

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INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: AFHQ

TO : ALCOM MMIA

Date: 17 November 45

IMPORTANT

FX 53510

RESTRICTED. REQUEST YOU EXAMINE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MMIA, PRACTICABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF MAKING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALLIED MILITARY ELEMENT OF RATION FOR ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE AT PRESENT BEING PROVIDED BY BRITISH AND US FORCES. (SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQEG TO ALCOM FOR ECONOMIC SECTION, NAVAL SUB COMMISSION, AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION). MAXIMUM COMMITMENT UNDER FAN 365 AND COSMED 231 WOULD BE NAVY 75000, AIR FORCE 34000. PRESENT STRENGTHS RATIONED BY ALLIES ARE NAVY 53000, AIR FORCE 31800. 2. REQUEST YOU INFORM THIS HQ BY 1200 HRS TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER WHETHER IN THE EVENT OF THIS RESPONSIBLITY BEING TRANS* FERRED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THEY COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES EITHER ACCORDING TO EXISTING RATION SCALES OR BY SUBSTITUTION, AND WHAT EFFECT THIS WOULD MMK HAVE ON THE ITALIAN ECONOMY.

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Translation

Ref. 21362/S/1

From M. of W.

To Admiralty

Date 6/11/45

Subject Organisation of Food Supplies.

The M.M.I.A. has informed us that, w.e.f. 10 Nov., food granted from allied source for Navy and Air Force units will have to made in bulk by Italian Bulk Food Depots to the respective issue depots of the two armed Fordes.

Such system has not been adopted at once owing to the fact it was given at such short notice.

We have therefore ordered that the supply for the fortnight 6-20 Nov. be made through normal procedure. The same will be ordered for the fortnight 21 Nov. to 6 Dec. while waiting for you to inform us to which Italian Army Food Depot the consignment of foodstuff will be made, this being absolutely necessary in order to afterwards define the procedure for the bulk issue.

We shall inform you of M.M.I.A.'s decision.

Pelligra.

DAK

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Translation

From M. of W.
To Admiralty

Ref. 21362/S/I
Date 6/II/45

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The M.M.I.A. has informed us that, w.e.f. 1°Nov., food ~~granted~~ from allied source for ~~xxxxxxx~~ Navy and Air Force units will have to made in ~~Italy~~ Bulk by Italian Food Depots ~~of the U.K. stores.~~ of the two Armed forces.

Such system has not been adopted at once owing to the fact it was given at such short notice.

We have therefore ordered that the supply for the forthnight 6-20 Nov. be made through normal procedure. The same will be ordered for the fortnight 21 Nov. to 6 Dec. while waiting for you to inform us to which Italian Army Food Depots the consignment of foodstuff will be made, this ~~is~~ being absolutely necessary in order to afterwards define the procedure for the ~~granting in full~~ bulk issue.

We shall inform you of M.M.I.A.'s decision.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/3899.
1st November, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Provisions for Vessels in transit in Sardinia.

Enclosure (a) : Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM.21223 dated 27th September, 1945.
Enclosure (b) : Navy Sub Commission's letter No.NSC/3768 dated 13th October, 1945.
Enclosure (c) : Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM.23337 dated 24th October, 1945.

Enclosures (a), (b) and (c) are forwarded for the information of the Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (M.M.I.A.).

H. St. J. Butler

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 27th September 1945
Ref.: 3M.21223

Subject: Provisions for Naval Units in transit in Sardinia.

1. With reference to your letter No. NCC/2934 of 12th July last, forwarded herewith are copies of the communications received from Maricommi La Maddalena, from which it appears that the M.M.I.A. in Cagliari not only requires to give prior authorisation for every issue of provisions to warships in transit at Sardinia ports but also gives notice that in future approval will be given only in cases of emergency.

2. Since one of the principal reasons for authorising I.R.N. provision stores to hold a reserve stock is to make possible the provisioning of naval vessels in transit it would be appreciated if the Navy Sub Commission would take up the matter with the M.M.I.A. in order to obtain the withdrawal of the restrictions imposed by the M.M.I.A. Office at Cagliari, thereby avoiding the resulting inconveniences and the delay which may be caused in the ships' itineraries.

3. In respect of the above it is considered desirable to observe that the provisioning of vessels in transit is a normal occurrence, and not an emergency, since those ships in particular which have no store of provisions, being authorised to retain on board only the stock necessary for their time at sea, must necessarily embark provisions in other ports than that on which they are based and on the victualling estimates of which they are normally included.

4. On the other hand, in the following fortnight the base to which their provisions are allocated, deducts those stores which were allocated to it and which were not issued to the ship owing to its sailing, and thus does not form a surplus reserve which it is not permitted.

FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

CCS/F.

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Copy.

From : I.R.N. SUPPLY BRANCH, LA MADDALENA.
To : MARICOMMI ROME.
Date : 6th September 45
Ref. : 1734/A/4/A

Subject : Provisions for Naval Vessels in transit.

Reference is made to despatch no. 35805/S of 31st August 1945 addressed to Marisardegna and forwarded to us for information and compliance under cover of letter 28897 of 2nd instant.-

1. With regard to the instructions contained in the above-mentioned letter I have to inform you that :
a) the store controlled by this office is supplied with provisions from the general store at Cagliari, which receives its issuing orders from the M.M.I.A.
b) the rations allocated to this base correspond to the numbers victualled.
c) there is a 15-days reserve for the actual strength, to be used in the event of a delay in supply and for distribution to ships on passage. In the latter case, however, it is necessary to have the covering approval of the M.M.I.A. since the latter would not otherwise allow a readjustment and would order the recovery of the stores (see M.M.I.A.'s letter R 3 of 2nd June 45, copy of which is attached).
d) should this section issue provisions to ships in transit and then request their replacement from the Italian Army general store at Cagliari, it is considered that, notwithstanding the Ministry of War's despatch no. 15960/S of 10th August, the M.M.I.A. would not authorise the issue.

2. The following particular instance is brought to your attention :-
a) the IRN ship "ALISEO", which makes trips between Genoa and La Maddalena, requested on 30th August ten days rations for a strength of 150 persons. Upon being approached through Marina Cagliari, the M.M.I.A. first authorised the issue of three days rations for 150 persons, totalling therefore 600 rations.
b) On the subsequent voyage. on 2nd September, the "ALISEO" requested 3 days provisions (450 rations) ; M.M.I.A. authorised this issue as an exceptional case, giving notice that such authorisations would no longer be granted (see signal no. 2762 of 2nd Sep 45, copy attached).

3. Since it is expected that the ALISEO will make further trip Marisardegna drew the attention of Maristat to this, and by signal nc 45003 of 4th inst. the latter has informed us that M.M.I.A. in Rome has given authority for Marina Genoa to supply provisions to the ALISEO.

4. Since the instructions from the Ministry of War seem to be at variance with those of M.M.I.A. Cagliari, it is requested that further instructions may be given in the matter, by telegraph if possible.

sgd. Commander (S)
HEAD OF SECTION.

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Copy.

To MARICOMMI From MARISARDEGNA.

The following signal no. 2762 of 2nd inst. from Marina Cagliari is forwarded for information and compliance. No. 2762 from Marine Cagliari.
Reference signal no. 100 of today's date. Local M.M.I.A. as an exceptional measure authorises the issue of 450 food rations only to T/B"ALISEO" for three days and informs that in future it can not authorise further issues except in cases of emergency. - BORGHI →.

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Copy.

From : Senior Liaison Officer, Allied Garrison in Sardinia, M.M.I.A. Cagliari.
To : Officer Commanding, I.R.N. in Sardinia.
Date : 2nd June 1945.
Ref. : -

Subject : Provision reserve held by the I.R.N.

1. Further to our letter R./3. dated 24th May 1945 upon the above subject, the M.M.I.A. in Rome has authorised you to maintain in your stores on the Island a reserve of provisions for 15days for the personnel borne.

2. As laid down in letter no. ST/6 of 26th May :

(A) .... omissis ....
(B) in cases of emergency ships will not be supplied with provisions at Maddalena and Cagliari without the prior authorisation of this office.

(i) if this should be necessary you will signal the name of the ship, the number of rations required, port at which the ship is lying (Maddalena or Cagliari), and the reasons for the emergency issue of provisions.

(ii) after the approval of this Office has been obtained you may issue the abovementioned emergency rations from your 15 days reserve referred to above.

.... omissis ....

sgd. SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER.

GGE.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

From : THE MINISTRY OF WAR (Supply & Administration)
To : ALL ITALIAN ARMY SUPPLY OFFICES
and for info. to Directorate of Supply, MINISTRY OF MARINE.

Date : 10th August 1945.
Ref. : 13960/S/1

Subject : Provisions for Naval Vessels in transit.

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It has happened that Naval vessels in transit at ports where there is no Naval provision store, or forced by bad weather to put in to those ports for a few days, have found difficulty in obtaining provisions since Italian Army Stores were not intended, according to current instructions, to issue more than the allocated rations to the I.R.N. Headquarters there.

It being that these are exceptional cases, and in view of the need to arrange for the provisioning of ships in these circumstances, Supply Offices, in agreement with the M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer, will give instructions for the issue of rations in excess of the allocation demanded for the above reasons by I.R.N. Commands, and inform this Ministry of the number of rations issued in order that their replacement may be requested of the Ministry of Marine.

for the Director General
signed. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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C - O - P - Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission, APO 394

NSC/3768.
13th October, 1945

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Provisions for Naval Units in transit in Sardinia.

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter No.SM.21223 dated 27th September, 1945, owing to the shortage of shipping, there are no ample facilities for the shipment of food to Sardinia. To offset this, a strict control has been instituted to curtail the issues of food rations in Sardinia as much as possible, and it is considered that the Italian Royal Navy could materially assist if Italian Warships calling at Sardinian Ports, whilst reserving the right to draw rations in cases of emergency only, did not draw provisions there, but obtained a sufficient quantity of victuals for the round trip from the mainland.

2. The procedure for the issue of allied rations to Italian warships in transit at Sardinian ports followed by the Military Mission Italian Army Liaison Officer, Sardinia, therefore, has the approval of the Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) and the full concurrence of the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission, observing that the period a ship is away from the mainland on a trip to Sardinia, is normally under a week, for which rations can easily be issued from the mainland, thereby avoiding any delay that may be incurred in sailing the ship should she have to draw rations, and obviating any further accounting mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Ministry of Marine's letter under reference.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C - O - P - Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome.
Date : 24th October, 1945.
Ref. : SM.23337.

Subject : Provisions for Vessels in transit in Sardinia.

Reply is made to your letter NSC/3768 of 13th instant.
In compliance with the request of the Navy Sub Commission instructions have been given to all Commands concerned to arrange that the Naval vessels calling at Sardinian ports, whether in transit or for a short stay, shall always be provisioned as necessary to avoid withdrawals of food stores from the depots on the island save in exceptional cases resulting from unforeseen events.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2334/Q(Maint)

12 Sep 45.

SUBJECT:- Trade Testing of Italian Civilians for work with R.N. in Far East.

TO :- Headquarters, 2 District.
Headquarters, 3 District.
Engrs (Br).
R.E.M.E.

Reference AFHQ/2334/Q(Maint) dated 15 and 18 Jul 45.

1. Royal Navy now advise that this scheme of recruitment of Italian civilians has been dropped and express thanks to all those who assisted in its initiation.

2. Apart from certain items such as return of stores, instructions for which will be given through Service channels from A.F.H.Q., no further action is now required.

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

AC/FCE.

Copy to:- H.Q., B.T.A.
H.Q., R.A.A.C.
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D.P.I.C.

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TO :- Headquarters, 2 District.
Hoadquarters, 3 District.
Engrs (Br).
R.E.M.E.

Reference AFHQ/2334/Q(Maint) dated 15 and 18 Jul 45.

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2. Apart from certain items such as return of stores, instructions for which will be given through Service channels from A.F.H.Q., no further action is now required.

T P Whitaker

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

AC/FCE.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M M I A

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TO : NOIC TARANTO FOR OC BLANDAMURA RECEPTION CAMP

INFO : CINC MED
AFHQ FOR Q MAINT
ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY
5th AREA FOR MMIA LO
NAVY SUB COMMISSION ALCOM

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ST/997

UNCLASSIFIED (.) PROVISIONS OUR SIGNAL ST/924 OF 26 JULY CMA NOT TO CINC MED CMA ARE CANCELLED FORTHWITH (.) CINC MED LETTER MED 45/00180/28(111) OF 07 SEPT REPORTS RATIONS NO LANGER REQUIRED

see 75

(ST/287)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

AUTHENTICATION R. Robert Nelson Major A.G.D.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
7th September, 1945.

Med.45/C0180/28(iii)
MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY.
(Copies to:
The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.
The Officer in Charge, Blandamura Camp).

RECRUITMENT OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS FOR R.N. WORK IN FAR EAST.

Admiralty instructions have been received that it is not now intended to proceed with the above scheme.

2. The arrangements made for the provision of rations for recruits while waiting at Blandamura Camp, Taranto, will not therefore be required.

3. Your co-operation in the preparations for this scheme has been much appreciated.

for ADMIRAL

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 725020

SUBJECT:- Reserve Stock - Italian Navy Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179

1 Sept 45.

Navy Sub Commission HQ AC.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
MMIA LO c/o 60 Sub Area
MMIA LO c/o 86 Area
MMIA LO PENBASE.

Ref your NSC/3401 of 28 Aug 45.

1. It is agreed that reserve stocks of rations may be held at Italian Navy Bases as listed below:

MARINA LA SPEZIA	15 days (through Marina GENOA)
MARINA GENOA	10 days
MARINA VENICE	10 days

2. General stocks of foodstuffs held by Italian Army Depot, are being reduced. Reserves agreed, as above, are based on adequate stocks being available at Italian Army Depots. Actual withdrawals to build reserve should be accomplished after agreement of representatives Ministries of War and Marine.

3. Determination of days' reserve stock should be based on feeding strength of each base.

K. Robert Lukeman Major
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm., AC(MMIA).

KRN/gmc

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SUBJECT: Ration Maintenance - Italian Labor Recruited for Far East

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) H Q M E
Q/1/14-26
20 August 1945

TO : AFHQ for Q Maint

Reference your AFHQ/2334/Q(Maint) of 14 August 1945

1. It is regretted copy of our signal ST/934 of 01 August 1945 to CC Blandamura Reception Camp confirming ration withdrawals for five (5) day periods was not repeated to you.

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

TTR/nl

Copy to: ST MMIA

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Sir:

Major Nelson brought the attached letter in. Said he was talking to Col Noakes & the Colonel said it was for Q/ & answer. Major Nelson has the answer written & he said that was all that is necessary to reply.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 795020

Subject: Ration Maintenance - Italian Labor Recruited for Far East

To : AFHQ for Q ~~M~~ Maint

Reference your AFHQ/2334/Q(MAINT) of 14 Aug 45

1x ~~Regret~~ It is regretted copy of our gen ST/9347 of 01 Aug 45 to OC Blandamura Receptim Camp confirming ration withdrawals for five day periods was not repeated to you

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ST MMIA

(Not Urgent) 4014 -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Feeding Arrangements - Italian Labour Recruited for Far East.

AFHQ/2334/9(Maint).

14 Aug 45.

TO :- M.M.I.A.

2.

Reference your telegram S2/924 dated 26 Jul 45 to O.C. Blandamura Reception Camp.

1. It is confirmed with reference to item 8 that charges for Italian provided items should be raised direct against Royal Navy for adjustment.

2. Will you please say if you have been able to comply with the Royal Navy request in their signal dated 26 Jul in reply to your telegram referred to above.

A. COLVILLE, Capt.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

AC/FM.

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 16 Aug

File ST/ 287

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M of W

TO : MMIA

Noted

Ref. 14597/S/1

10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of rations to Far East Royal Naval Corps

With reference and further to sig 14187/S/1 dated 28-7-45 the Far Eastroyal Naval Corps are authorised to draw rations for a strength not exceeding 2,000 men daily.

Withdrawal of rations will be carried out every fortnight (6-20 and 21-5) at TARANTO distribution Depot with ST/8 forms - Separate, ST/8's will be compiled for items from Allied sources and for items from Italian sources - ST/8's will be duly signed by a/m Royal Naval Corps

We beg BARI Commissariat Directorate to approve all the requests of rations sent by MMIA LO-BARI, within the ceiling of a/m strength.

The price for the items forming the Italian ration has been fixed at Lire 38 (oil, salt, wine, dry fruit, tobacco, matches and soap)

/s/ BASILE

Translation

from : m of w
to : MMIA

ref. 14597/S/1
10-8-45

Subject: Issue of rations to Far East Royal Naval Corps

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The price for the Italian items forming the Italian ration has been fixed at Lire 38/oil, salt, wine, dry fruit, tobacco, matches.

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Sijol. BASILE

(for Col.)

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/212
13 Aug 45.

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Depots - SARDINIA.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SARDINIA.

1. Forwarded herewith copy of Report of Inspection of Italian Navy Depot MADDALENA by MMIA LO SARDINIA.

2. It is noted that agreement has been reached between Italian Navy Personnel and MMIA LO for the reduction of excessive stock.

K. Robertshaw Major
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

KRR/gmc

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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APPENDIX 1.

NMLA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name Depot Insp.	Date	Type Depot	Name and Rank Insp Off.
1. Italian Navy Food Depot at La Maddalena	10 Aug	Food Depot	Lt.Col. Albert
2. Italian Navy Bakery at La Maddalena	10 Aug.	Bakery	Lt.Col. Albert

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

(1) Satisfactory. However they are holding reserve rations for 19 days instead of 15 for 2500 personnel. Their explanation is that their strength has been recently reduced. Checked meat and flour in addition to reserve and found they have sufficient to last 2500 personnel until approximately 14 September. Instructed them to make corrections re both reserve and regular rations when they drew for September and in future to maintain reserve and draw regular rations in accordance with existing strength.

(2) Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

(1) Very satisfactory. Best Depot I have inspected in Sardinia.
(2) Very Satisfactory. Best Bakery I have inspected in Sardinia.

(c) Accounting Position.

(1) Very satisfactory.
(2) Very satisfactory.

Date: 11 August 1945.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

/s/ LESTER R. ALBERT LT.COL.

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Dated 11 August 1945.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

/s/ LESTER R. ALBERT LT.COL.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/3192.
9th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Ration Maintenance - Italian Armed Forces N.E.Italy.

Information has been received from Military Mission to the Italian Army that with effect from 21st August 1945, the Italian Army will assume responsibility of ration maintenance of all Italian Armed Forces in North-East Italy in the same manner as it has been effected in North-West Italy on 6th August 1945.

2. Distribution of Allied provided items will be made from the Italian Army Bulk Food Depots at Mestre and Genoa.

3. As from 20th August 1945 therefore, no more rations will be issued to Italian Royal Navy Commands in the North from British Distribution Depots.

4. Necessary arrangements, for the victualling of Italian Royal Navy personnel affected, should therefore be made with the Ministry of War, from whom any further details in connection with this matter may be obtained.

M. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S
For
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to :- Military Mission to the Italian Army.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

N30/3192.
9th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to :- Military Mission to the Italian Army.)

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/3205.
9th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, Taranto.

The attached copy of Military Mission to the Italian Army's letter No. G/1/10-9 of 30th July, 1945, with enclosures, is forwarded for information and appropriate action in accordance with paragraph 5 fully concurring in the remarks therein.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of section (b) of the Inspecting Officers report, it is requested, that the Italian Naval Authorities at Taranto be instructed to take the matter up with the Commodore Taranto with a view to obtaining the release of the premises in question, informing this Sub Commission of the result in due course.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to : Military Mission to the Italian Army.)

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

C - O - P - Y

SUBJECT : Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
G/1/10-9
30th July, 1945.

TO : Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. We are enclosing herewith copy of letter and inspection report covering the inspection of the Italian Navy Bulk Depot at Taranto by our Liaison Officer at Bari.

2. It can readily be seen that excessive stocks are held in the depot. In some instances as much as 140 days surplus rations for the strength being rationed by the depot is surplus to their 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve holding.

3. Due to the fact that there is a nation-wide shortage of food, and since the responsibility for the supplying of rations for the Italian Navy is a British responsibility, they would not concur in having excessive stocks carried in an Italian depot, which does not even show in the theater reserve stocks.

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

TTR/rl
Copy to : DEPT, APHQ
MMIA LO 54 Area
ST Section, MMIA.
Encl.: Ltr. ST/1, MMIA LO Bari, dated 24-7-45, with attached Inspection Bari.

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Tel. : Bari 13869.

Subject : Visit to Italian Royal Navy, TARANTO.

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
C/o 54 Area; C.M.F.

37/1
24 July, 1945.

To : AMGT, HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC(MMIA).

1. In accordance with instructions issued in HQ, MMIA's letter, 37/179 dated 2 July 45, a visit was made on 21 July 45, to the Italian Naval Commissariat's Depot at TARANTO, in company with Ten.Col.MARS of 9 Terr. HQ Commissariat.

2. After discussion with the Vice-director of Naval Commissariat, accurate figures were obtained in relation to feeding strengths and existing stocks (see attached statement).

3. Steps have now been taken to balance out the surplus items held in this depot. (my 37/10/1 dated 21 July, copy to you refers).

4. Report of my inspection of the depot, in which we were also accompanied by the officer i/c, Ten Col. [illegible], is attached in duplicate.

/s/ L.L. Monk-Mason Capt RASC
for Senior LO
Eastern Italy.

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APPENDIX "1"

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOTS.

Name of depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk P.o.L or Forage	Rank & Name of Inspecting Officer.
MAGAZZINO DELLA MARINA DI TARANTO (Italian Royal Navy Depot, TARANTO)	21/7/45	Bulk & Distribution Depots : Bakery, & Plant for Refrigeration	Capt. E.L. Monck-Mason R.A.S.C.

(a) Maintenance of Stock Position : Approx.Feeding str :- 21,000 (see para (c) below) Large surpluses of a number of items held (see attached statements, Arrangements being made to adjust and cut down NAVY pack from END, EUROPE. Weekly pack will recommence, w.e.f. 6th Aug, with certain items only, and subsequent packs will be balanced in accordance with surpluses still in existence.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.
Satisfactory, though Depot appeared to be rather overcrowded. Tally-cards were in use on all stacks, but in some cases, were pieces of cardboard or paper, extremely difficult to decipher. Suggested to Col.MAIA that D/Com.BARI should supply a quantity of MMIA printed Tally-cards to remedy this (SI/1a). ..

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The Bakery was also visited : an excellent loaf of 240 gms. weight produced (2 per man per day).

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On board	" " "	9,590
Personnel at Gallipoli		400
		20,750

Date 22nd July 45

/s/ E. L. Monck-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A. c/o 34 Area.

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Subject: Transactions - Italian Naval Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
9/1/10-40.

9 Aug 43

To: AFHQ for G(Main) - 2 copies.

Reference is made to MEIA letter 9/1/10-9 of 30 Jul and AFHQ letter AFH/G4/476 of 2 Aug, copies of which are att for ease of reference.

1. The Italian Navy is under cont of C in C Med and there is no direct communication between MEIA and the Italian Ministry of Marine. All matters concerning Italian Naval rations are discussed by MEIA only with the Naval Sub Commission A.C. MEIA takes no part in the internal control of the Italian Navy.

2. Ration requirements are based entirely on strength figures for ration purposes obtained mon-monthly by the Navy Sub Commission A.C. from the Ministry of Marine and after consideration etc by the Navy Sub Commission are forwarded to MEIA. These requirements are accepted by MEIA as correct and MEIA ensures that rations issued in bulk do not exceed this amount.

3. By a recent agreement with the Navy Sub Commission A.C. the following bulk Navy Depots are visited by MEIA Officers :-

Brindisi	Maddaloni
Bari	Naso
Taranto	Naples
Sicily (Augusta, Messina, Trapani, Palermo)	La Spezia
Cagliari (Sardinia)	Venice.

No executive action is taken by MEIA Officers but a report is given to the Navy Sub Commission (one is att to 9/1/10-9 of 30 Jul). Navy Sub Commission take such action as they consider desirable and in agreement with Navy Sub Commission the necessary under-takings are made. The greatest co-operation is invariably given by Navy Sub Commission on any point raised by MEIA.

4. It is emphasised that the present work performed or controlled by MEIA in respect to Italian Naval rations is :-

(a) channelling the Navy Sub Commission provisioning demands by involving with Italian Army and Air Force demands.

(b) The Italian Army draws the rations from Br Sources and arranges delivery to Italian Navy Bulk Depots after charging to Italian Government.

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(c) Providing technical advice to the Navy Sub Commission for the bulk depots given in para 3.

5. The control of rations downwards from Italian Naval Bulk Depots is NOT covered by ECLA but by internal Italian Navy Administration which is NOT under ECLA. NFB's are NOT used by the Italian Navy from the Bulk Depots to units. AFHQ/AC.402/105 D-G of 22 Sep 44 para 6 requires ECLA to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the Br Government. This is interpreted to mean the delivery to Italian Navy Bulk Depots of rations in accordance with the demands of the Allied Agency controlling the Italian Navy and ensuring that such rations are charged in bulk to the Italian Government.

6. Any further extension of ECLA military control over the internal ration administration of the Italian Navy together with the extra RASC personnel who would be required in a matter upon which further AFHQ and C in C Med instructions will be required.

F.T.HOARE Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Navy Sub Commission, A.C.
ECLA HQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. A. BRANCH

APO/64/sr6

Tel. Frascati 499

2 August 45.

Subject: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
AC (MMIA) MMIA.

Reference your C/1/10-9 of 30 July 45, addressed to Navy Sub Commission, AC, copy to us.

1. We are grateful for the information contained in that letter, but frankly we are very disturbed at the state of affairs it reveals.

2. It is difficult to see what sort of accounting system it is that allows such surpluses as 2,000,000 rations of Twenty Packs and 2,000,000 rations of Vegetables to accumulate without anyone outside the Depot being any the wiser.

3. Up to now, your demands for supplies to meet the Italian Navy's requirements have been set as bona fide indents for supplies actually required. In point of fact, these indents would now appear to have been routine demands, in no way related to stocks and in no way checked by MMIA.

4. We would like your assurance that some form of periodic check will in future be exercised by you to ensure that Depot commanders are not hoarding. We note your recommendation for disciplinary action. It is suggested that indents in future contain a certificate to the effect that all necessary unloadings have been made and no surpluses above authorised reserves are held.

for Major General
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to: Q(Maint) AFHQ.

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Subject: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO.

Land Forces Sub Commission
(A.C.) MMIA. ROME
G/1/10-9

30 July 1945.

To: Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. We are enclosing herewith copy of letter and inspection report covering the inspection of the Italian Navy Bulk Depot at Taranto by our liaison officer at Bari.

2. It can readily be seen that excessive stocks are held in the depot. In some instances as much as 140 days surplus rations for the strength being rationed by the depot is surplus to their 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve holding.

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TOMKX T.ROSS Lt.Col.
for Major General.
L.M.I.A.

Copy to: DCSE AFHQ.
MMIA LO 54, AFHQ.
ST Section, MMIA.

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Subject: Visit to Italian Naval Mov.TARANTO.

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces 5th Comm.A.C.
c/o 54 Area, C.M.F.
57/1

24 July 45

To: AFHQ HQ Land Forces 5th Corps.AG(MMIA)

1. In accordance with instructions issued in HQ MMIA's letter, 57/179 dated 2 July 45, a visit was made on 21 July 45, to the Italian Naval Commissariat's Depot at TARANTO, in company with Ten.Col.MAIN of 9 Corps HQ Commissariat.

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sgd S.L.MORK-JASON Capt.RASC.
for Senior Lo Italian Army.

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MEDITERRANEAN BASE AREA LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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Large surpluses of a number of items held (see attached statements)
Arrangements being made to adjust and cut down NAVY Pack From ZERO HOUR.
Tally pack will recommence w.e.f. 6th Aug, with certain items only and subsequent packs will be balanced in accordance with surpluses still in existence.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.
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The Bakery was also visited: an excellent loaf of 240 gms. weight produced (2 per man per day).

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Dated: 22nd July 45

sgd. R.L. MENCH-MASON
Capt. R.N.V.R.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. c/o 56 Area.

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STOCK STATE AS AT 19 JULY 1945 — IN RATIONS

COMMODITY	Remains as at 19/7/45	30 days requirements (i.e. 15 days allocation & 15 days reserve holdings) total 630,000 rations calculated in basis of daily feeding strength of 21,000 men.	DIFFERENCE: Commodities to be withdrawn	DIFFERENCE: SURPLUS RATIONS	DIFFERENCE: SURPLUS DAYS	REMARKS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COFFEE Daily ration.	1,431,702	630,000	-	801,702	38	
MEAT OR FISH " "	775,895	630,000	-	145,895	7	
CEREAL PASTA " "	2,751,775	630,000	-	2,121,775	101	
FLOUR " "	747,511	630,000	-	77,511	4	
MATCHES Monthly "	16,655	21,000	4,345	-	-	
CHEESE " "	725,978	630,000	-	95,978	4	
B/B/L " "	880,782	630,000	-	250,782	12	
OLIVE OIL " "	427,464	630,000	202,536	-	-	
PASTA " "	386,322	630,000	243,678	-	-	
PEPPER " "	647,022	630,000	12,978	-	-	
RICE " "	-	630,000	630,000	-	-	
VEGETABLES " "	3,586,868	630,000	-	2,956,868	140	
SUGAR " "	926,797	630,000	-	296,797	14	

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ALLIED PROVIDED ITEMS STOCK STATE
AS AT 19 JULY 1945

IN KGS

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				SURPLUS	REMARKS
	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Kgs	Days
COFFEE	20167	8395	-	11304	38
MEAT AND FISH	64408	35109	-	12299	7
TOMATO PASTE	30800	8385	-	29917	101
FLOUR	324413	267369	-	57134	4
MATCHES (40 singles a week)	2564200	3360000	695200	-	-
CHEESE	20480	17705	-	2697	4
B/B/L	49300	35406	-	14058	12
OLIVE OIL	11969	17640	5671	-	-
PASTA	32347	53189	20542	-	-
BEANS	87	38.300	1.200	-	-
RICE	-	17705	17705	-	-
VEGETABLES	100229	17705	-	82586	140
SUGAR	26043	17705	-	8340	14

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AFHQ/2334/Q(Maint)

18 Jul 45.

SUBJECT:- Italian Labour recruited for Far East - Feeding Arrangements.

TO :- C in C, Med.

Reference Med. 45/00180/28(i) dated 4 Jul 45.

1. The procedure in this case is for arrangements to be made through M.M.I.A. for the rations to be made available at the Italian Naval Depot at TARANTO.

2. It is confirmed that the Italian Armed Forces scale of rations is the most appropriate. All items on this scale, including those provided by the Italian Government, can be obtained through M.M.I.A.

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T.P. Whitaker

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,
for Lieutenant-General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to :- M.M.I.A.
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TRANSLATION.

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Memorandum for Lt. Col. Rose.

With reference to request made by telephone today, hereunder prices for the Italian items included in the Military Ration:

Olive oil	L.	80	~~per~~ Kilo.
Salt		20	" " "
Wine		30	" " Litre
Dried Fruit :			
without shell		140	" " Kilo.
With shell		70	" " "
Tobacco c		2500	" " "
Matches		6	" " box of 100
Soap		80	" " Kilo.

Prices of [redacted] Basic items are not listed (Flour, macaroni, rice, canned meat or fish, dried vegetable, dehydrated vegetable, pepper, tomatoe paste, cheese(table), coffee, sugar.) as they are of allied sources.

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SUBJECT: Request Cost Price of Italian Provided Ration Items

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/15-158
23 July 1945

TO : War Ministry
Direzione Commissariato

1. Confirming telephone conversation with Colonel FISICARO this day, request cost prices of the Italian provided ration items.

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

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M.M.I.A. LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(R) C IN C MED NOIC TARANTO

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
24/920B JULY

RESTRICTED IMPORTANT

REQUEST EARLY ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR RATIONS ON ITALIAN ARMED FORCES SCALE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ITALIAN NAVAL DEPOT, TARANTO FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN CIVILIANS ACCOMMODATED AT BRANDARUMA RECEPTION CAMP.

(2) NOIC TARANTO IS REQUESTED TO REPORT BY SIGNAL TO NAVY SUB COMMISSION ACTUAL NUMBERS AT PRESENT IN THE CAMP WHETHER ANY RATIONS HAVE YET BEEN ISSUED TO DATE AND FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUE, DAILY NUMBERS ACTUALLY VICTUALLED AT THE CAMP. M.M.I.A. ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR 2000 COMMENCING FROM END OF JULY.

(3) COST OF RATIONS DRAWN WILL BE CHARGEABLE TO BRITISH FUNDS AND PRESUMED M.M.I.A. WILL RAISE CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FROM ALLIED SOURCES.

(4) A.F.H.Q. 2334/Q (MAINT) OF 18th JULY 1945 TO M.M.I.A. ONLY REFERS.

(5) M.M.I.A. ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. C IN C MED's MESSAGE TIMED 240945 JULY NOT TO M.M.I.A. REFERS.

24/920B JULY

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PROMEMORIA PER IL TEN.COL. ROSE

A seguito del promemoria n.13895 del 23 c.m. si comunica per i generi di provenienza italiana il costo delle varie spettanze giornaliere:

- olio d'oliva	gr. 28 a £. 80 il Kg.	= £. 2,25	2.25
- sale	" 24 a £. 20 il Kg.	= £. 0,50	.50
- vino	litri 1/2 a £. 30 il litro	= £. 15	15.00 5.90 12.50
- frutta secca sgusciata ovvero	gr.42 a £.140 il Kg.	= £. 5,90	.35 .65
- frutta secca in guscio	" 84 a £. 70 il Kg.		37.15
- tabacchi	" 5 a £.2500 il Kg.	= £.12,50	
- fiammiferi n.40 per settimana	a £.6 la scatola da 100	= £. 0,35 (quota giornaliera)	
- sapone gr. 250 per mese	a £.80 il Kg.	= £. 0,65 (quota giornaliera)	

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Roma, lì 24 luglio 1945

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/210

5 Aug 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- MMIA LO BARI.

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Depots.

1. Forwarded herewith report of inspection by MMIA LO BARI of the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot on 31 July 45.

2. Information contained therein is for your information and appropriate action.

3. MMIA LO BARI will take action, para a, Inspection Report concerning surplus rations.

K. Robertshaw
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

KRR/gmo

INTERNAL:- 'G'

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APPENDIX '1'

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MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOT.

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e., BULK, D.D., P.O.L., or FORAGE	Rank & Name of inspecting officer
MAGAZZINO VIVERI DELLA MARINA DI BRINDISI	31/7/45	Food Bulk Depot and Issue Store: and Bakery	Capt. E.L. Monck-Mason R.A.S.C. Ten. MINNITI, of Dir. Comm. 9 Terr. HQ, and Ten. CINQUE (interpreting) accompanied.

(a) Maintenance of Stock Position: Average Daily Feeding str.- 4000 - 4500. As in case of Navy Depot, TARANTO, this Depot has been holding large surpluses of nearly all items of the Allied portion of the Italian Ration Scale. 2i/c. Depot (Capt. PETRONELLY, Luigi), who escorted me round the depot, stated that on 28 July, approx. 147000 balanced rations were held in this depot. Taking into consideration, say, 75000 rations (15 days x 5000) as a maximum reserve permissible, this still leaves a surplus of 72000 rations to be absorbed. A detailed statement certifying number of rations held as at 5 Aug, (the end of current period has been requested to be forwarded to Dir. Comm. 9 Terr. HQ (BARI), so that necessary adjustments and balances can be effected. Copy of this statement will be forwarded to you when received, together with details of items to be suspended from Next issues.

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(d) General; Appointment to visit this Depot was made by telephone 1 hour previous to arrival at the premises. As stated above, 2 i/c accompanied us round.

Date. 1 AUG 45.

/s/ E.L. MONCK-MASON
Capt. R.A.S.C.

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/s/ E.L. MONCK-MASON
Capt. R.A.S.C.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C., (M.M.I.A.).
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

AFHQ/64/ST6

Tel: Freedom 499

2 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO

Land Forces Sub Commission,
AC (MMIA),
ROME

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per 68

Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to: Q(Maint) AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/10-9
30 July 1945

TO : Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. We are enclosing herewith copy of letter and inspection report covering the inspection of the Italian Navy Bulk Depot at Taranto by our Liaison Officer at Bari.

2. It can readily be seen that excessive stocks are held in the depot. In some instances as much as 140 days surplus rations for the strength being rationed by the depot is surplus to their 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve holding.

3. Due to the fact that there is a nation-wide shortage of food, and since the responsibility for the supplying of rations for the Italian Navy is a British responsibility, they would not concur in having excessive stocks carried in an Italian depot, which does not even show in the theater reserve stocks.

4. There will be no rations withdrawn from MMIA depots covering the items which are shown to be in surplus stock until the rations are balanced in the Italian depot on the basis of 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve.

5. We cannot understand why the Depot Commander would allow such surplus to accumulate in his depot. We recommend that some disciplinary action be taken against the responsible officer in charge to prevent such over-stocking from occurring in the future.

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

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Copy to: DDST, AFHQ
MMIA LO 54 Area
ST Section, MMIA

Encl: Ltr. ST/1, MMIA LO Bari dated 24-7-45, with attached 1 ea
Inspection Report.

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Subject;- Visit to Italian Royal Navy, TARANTO

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
C/o 54 Area; C.M.F.

ST/1
24 July 45.

To: ADST, HQ. Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)

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/s/ R.L. Monk-Mason Capt RASC
for Senior IO
Eastern Italy

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APPENDIX "1",

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOTS.

Name of depot inspected	Date	Type of Dept: U.S. Bulk D.D.POL or Forage	Rank & Name of Inspecting Officer
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Large surpluses of a number of items held (see attached statements. Arrangements being made to adjust and cut down NAVY Pack from BSD, BRINDISI. Weekly pack will recommence, w.e.f. 6th Aug, with certain items only, and subsequent packs will be balanced in accordance with surpluses still in existence.

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Date 22nd July 45

/s/ E. L. Monck-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A. c/o 54 Area.

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STOCK STATE AS AT 19 JULY 1945 — IN RATIONS

COMMODITY	Remains as at 19/7/45 (15)	30 days requirements allocation & 15 days reserve holdings) total 630,000 rations calculated in basis of daily feeding strength of 21,000 men.	DIFFERENCE			REMARK
			Commodities to be withdrawn	SURPLUS		
				RATIONS	DAYS	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COFFEE Daily rat.	1,431,702	630,000	-	801,702	38	
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TOMATO PASTE " "	2,751,773	630,000	-	2,121,773	101	
FLOUR " "	717,511	630,000	"	77,511	4	
MATCHES Monthly"	16,655	21,000	4,345	-	-	
CHEESE " "	725,973	630,000	-	95,978	4	
P/B/L " "	880,782	630,000	"	250,782	12	
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PASTA " "	386,322	630,000	243,678	-	-	
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RICE " "	-	630,000	630,000	-	-	
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ALLIED PROVIDED ITEMS STOCK STATE
AS AT 19 JULY 1945

IN KGS

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Tel: Bari 13869

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
C/o 54 Area: C.M.F.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
M.M.I.A. c/o 54 AREA.

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SUBJECT:- Inspection Italian Navy Food Depots - SICILY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/211
20 July 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SICILY.

1. Herewith copies of report of inspections of Italian Navy Depots by MMIA LO SICILY during period 9 - 14 July 45.

2. It appears that depots are holding excessive stocks, particularly MESSINA, AUGUSTA and TRAPANI (for some items). It is noted, however, that the total strength for the four (4) depots is 2266 whereas reported ration strength by Ministry of Marine is approximately 5000 for SICILY.

K. Robertshaw Major
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Rations in Italian Navy Food Depots

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME

1. Reference your ST/179 of 2 July 45, the following inspections were made of the Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depot and the Unit Dstribution Depots during the period 9 - 14 July 45.

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Tomato Paste	1545	31	49
Flour	41500	938	45
Cheese	3090	62	49
Pulses	6180	124	49
Macaroni	17770	187	95
Pepper	15	5 oz.	48
Sugar	3090	62	49
Dehyd Vege	3090	62	49

3. Stocks held in the Italian Royal Navy Unit Distribution Food Depot, Palermo. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 315 as of 9 July 45.

Commodity	Weight in lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 315	No. of days on hand
Flour	4432	295	15
Meat and Fish	2758	59	46
Tomato Catsup	165	10	16
Coffee	129	10	12
Dehyd Veg	1575	20	79
Cheese	348	20	17
Pepper	2 lb 5 oz	2 1/4 oz.	19
Macaroni	1015	78	13
Sugar	195	20	10

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Meat and Fish	20743	94	220
Tomato Catsup	5206	15	341
Coffee	1552	15	103
Pulses	3900	60	65
Dehyd Veg	11765	30	392
Cheese	2544	30	84
Pepper	21	21/2 oz.	134

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Commodity	Weight in lbs	lbs used per day-based on strength of 500	No. of days on hand
Macaroni	3310	125	27
Sugar	1040	30	34
Rice	1750	30	58

5. Stocks held in the Italian Royal Navy Unit Distribution Depot, Trapani. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 451 as of 14 July 1945.

Commodity	Weight in lbs	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 451	No. of days on hand
Meat and Fish	5000	84	60
Tomato Catsup	437	14	31
Cheese	159	28	5
Dehyd Veg	1849	28	66
Flour	4339	422	10
Pulses	3739	56	66
Coffee	382	14	27
Sugar	382	28	13
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Rice	189	28	7
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/s/ HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
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ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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1.	ITI Royal Navy Palermo	9-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
2.	ITI Royal Navy Augusta	11-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
3.	ITI Royal Navy Messina	12-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
4.	ITI Royal Navy Trapani	14-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS

(a) Maintenance of Area position.
- a-1. Satisfactory
- a-2. Satisfactory
- a-3. Satisfactory
- a-4. Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.
- b-1. Floor of depot was dirty. Stocks of supplies were not neatly stacked. Cans of foodstuffs were in disorder on the shelves. Cans of spoiled meat were stored in the depot, causing a bad odor.
- b-2. Stocks of supplies were not neatly arranged and the floor of the depot was very dirty. This depot also stored their spoiled food meat in the depot causing a bad odor.
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- b-4. Satisfactory.

(c) Accounting Position.
- c-1. Satisfactory
- c-2. Satisfactory
- c-3. Satisfactory
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Signature of Inspecting Officer /s/ EDWIN T SNIDER

DATE: 16 July 1945

Rank 1st Lt. AUS

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SUBJECT: Allocation of Food Rations to Italian Royal Navy, Sardinia.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/10-8
9 July 1945

TO : Navy Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission

Ref. to your letter NSC/2829 dated 6 July 1945.

1. After reviewing our letter ST/6 dated 26 May 1945, subj., "Reserve Rations held by Italian Navy", copy of which was forwarded to you; and the Italian War Ministry letter reference 10958/3/1 dated 6 June 45, subj., "Allocation of Food Rations to I.R.N.", we cannot see that anything has been mentioned in either of the letters referred to above to limit the supplies to ships of the Italian Royal Navy.

2. Para 2 of letter Land Forces Sub Commission, AC, ST/6 dated 26 May 1945 refers only to emergency issues which are over and above the normal issues to the Italian Royal Navy. Therefore, if there is any specific difficulty; if the Ministry of Marines will bring the matter to our attention through your Headquarters, we will assist you in any way possible to overcome the difficulty.

Tommy T. Rose

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2829
6 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission(MMIA).

Subject: Allocation of Food Rations to Italian Royal Navy, Sardinia.

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr SM/12849 of 26 June 1945.
(B) War Ministry ltr 10958/S/I of 6 June 1945.

1. The enclosed copies of letters received from the Ministry of Marine are forwarded for your information and remarks.

F. H. J. Butler

F. H. J. BUTLER,
[illegible], U. S. NAVY,
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat) COPY
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 26 June '45
Ref.: SM/12849

Subject: Allocation of Food Rations to I.R.N. Sardinia.

1. The War Ministry has forwarded us attached letters which are not clear to us, especially the part referring to limiting supplies to Ships, as this Maristat is not aware of anything having occurred to originate same.

2. Moreover, it would appear to be contrary to instructions now in force which govern the distribution of rations to all I.R.N. Commands and Ships including those in Sardinia.

3. Shall be glad if you will clarify this matter so that we can issue definite instructions to I.R.N. Commands concerned.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

DG/P.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

From: WAR MINISTRY
To : Various
Date: 6 June '45
Ref.: 10958/S/I

Subject: Allocation of Food Rations to I.R.N.

We send you for implementation copy of letter ST/6 of 26 May last from Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

In cases of emergency any allocation of food rations to personnel in I.R.N. ships at Cagliari and La Maddalena must firstly be authorized by M.M.I.A.

This Ministry is to be advised by telegraph of any such exceptional allocations.

for THE MINISTER

DG/P.

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SUBJECT:- Rations for Italian Navy - VENICE Area.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179

30 June 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- DDST Eighth Army
(Reference your letter NSC/2756 of 26 June 45, not to Eighth Army).

1. It is agreed that rations for Italian Navy personnel based at VENICE may be drawn from the nearest British Army D.I.D. at VENICE, using MMIA Form ST/8.

2. It is anticipated that the Italian Army will establish food depots in the VENICE Area on or about 1 August 45. Our letter ST/182 of 28 June 45 refers.

KHW/gmc

L. Robertshaw

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

Philip S.C. NSC/2754.
25th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, Taranto).

Subject : Periodic inspections of Royal Italian Navy Bulk Food Depots.

The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Ministry of Marine is forwarded for your information.

(2) A. L. Lamm.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2752.
25th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Periodic inspections of Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depots.

In order that periodic inspections of Italian Royal Navy Bulk Foods Depots may be carried out from time to time by officers of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, who are primarily responsible for all bulk supplies of foodstuffs to the Italian Armed Forces, it is requested you will advise the appropriate authorities at Taranto, Brindisi, Bari, Naples, La Spezia, Venice, Messina, Cagliari and Maddalena that such inspections are contemplated and that every facility should be afforded these officers to enable them to perform their duties.

2. It would be appreciated if Officers-in-Charge of the above named depots could furnish the inspecting officer with a statement at the time of the inspection showing :-

(a) The number of personnel victualled from the base.

(b) The stocks of food held on charge at the time.

(Sgd) G. L. [illegible]
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2756.
26th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army. —

Subject : Rations for Italian Royal Navy personnel in Northern Bases.

The enclosed copy of a communication received from the Ministry of Marine is forwarded for your remarks.

H. St. J. Butler

H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
By Direction
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C O P Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome.
Date : 22nd June, 1945.
Ref. : SM/12513.

Subject : Rations for I.R.N. personnel in Northern Bases.

1. In view of the fact that food supplies for I.R.N. personnel at Venice are received direct from Allied Depots, we consider it advisable that rations for local I.R.N. Depts. and Ships putting in at Venice should be distributed from I.R.N. Centre's Stores, and that Venice be mentioned separately in our bi-monthly victualling estimate which is forwarded to N.S.C.

2. Should you agree to this, please advise from which Allied Depot I.R.N. Centre Venice should draw stores.

3. The number to be victualled is approx. 500.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2756.
26th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Subject : Rations for Italian Royal Navy personnel in Northern Bases.

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H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
By Direction.
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C O P Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Secretat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome.
Date : 22nd June, 1945.
Ref. : SM/12513.

Subject : Rations for I.R.N. personnel in Northern Ports.

1. In view of the fact that food supplies for I.R.N. personnel at Venice are received direct from Allied Depots, we consider it advisable that rations for local I.R.N. Depts. and Ships putting in at Venice should be distributed from I.R.N. Centre's Stores, and that Venice be mentioned separately in our bi-monthly victualling estimate which is forwarded to N.S.C.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/2537.
1st June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Subject : Rations for Italian Royal Navy Personnel stationed in Outlying Areas.

It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for personnel of the Italian Naval Centre at Bologna to draw 31 rations daily direct from an Allied Depot in that vicinity.

2. The present arrangements which entail transporting rations to Bologna for so small a unit are most uneconomical and your cooperation in eliminating this wasteful procedure is requested.

for HEAD ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

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REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T85020

SUBJECT:- Rations for Italian Naval Centre Personnel - BOLOGNA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
G/1/10-6
8 June 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
MMIA IC 1 DIRECT.

Your letter NSC/2557 of 1 June 45 refers.

1. Italian Naval Centre at BOLOGNA may draw rations from British DID on MMIA Form 37/8 located at BOLOGNA.

2. No. 6 Territorial HQ (Italian Army) is located at 25 Via Castiglione, BOLOGNA. Italian Navy personnel may be attached to the Territorial HQ for rations in as much as the strength is small or may receive information on exact location of British DID from which to draw rations.

K. Robertson Major
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RME/gmc

Internal:- ST MMIA

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SUBJECT:- Reserve Rations held by Italian Navy.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/6

MMIA LO SARDINIA.

26 May 45.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AC.
Ministry of War.

Ref your letter dated 17 May 45, subject as above.

1. It is agreed that Italian Navy personnel stationed a great distance from Cagliari may be issued with 30 days ration at one time owing to transport difficulties. Please ensure that MMIA Form ST/12 (Stock Movements Return) is marked accordingly, stating number of such rations issued.

2. In emergencies, ships will not be supplied with rations at Maddalena or Cagliari without prior authorization from MMIA. MMIA LO SARDINIA is authorized to sanction such issues, notifying this HQ of action taken as early as is practicable. Ration Issue Notes (ST/8's) will be endorsed with the relevant authority.

3. The remainder of your queries are covered by this HQ letter ST/6 dated 19 May 45.

4. Ministry of War is requested to issue necessary instructions in accordance with paras 1 and 2 above.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 165020

Ref your letter dated 17 May 45, subject as above.

1. It is agreed that Italian Navy personnel stationed a great distance from Cagliari may be issued with 30 days ration at one time owing to transport difficulties. Please ensure that MMIA Form ST/12 (Stock Movements Return) is marked accordingly, stating number of such rations issued.

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for Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

KF/gmc

Internal: "Q1"

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SUBJECT: Reserve Rations in Italian Navy Depots

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)

MC/6

19 May 45

TO : NAVY SUB COMMISSION, AC.
MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: MMIA HQ's NAPLES BARI
SICILY SARDINIA

1. Provisions of our letter MC/6 of 11 May 45 are rescinded.

2. In consideration of the special situation of Naval Units, it has been agreed that a reserve of Allied components of the Italian Armed Forces ration scale may be maintained in Italian Navy Depots.

3. Authorised limit of reserve stock to be held at respective Navy Depots is set out below:

AREA	RATE RATIONS
TARANTO	10
BRINDISI	15
BARI	10
NAPLES AND ROME	10
SICILY	10
SARDINIA	15

4. It is agreed that reserves will not exceed the limit, as above.

5. This is in confirmation conversation Lt. Comdr. [redacted] - Major [redacted] 18 May 45.

6. Ministry of War is requested to rescind any instructions conflicting with the above.

7. Navy Sub Commission AC is requested to forward days' holdings as of 20th of each month for areas, as para 3 above.

KEW/bma

Lt.Col. RASC.
AD/ST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

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SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Royal Navy Personnel in Outlying Areas.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
G/1/10-5
12 May 1945

TO : Navy Sub Commission, AC

Ref. to your letter NSC/2381 dated 10 May 45.

1. According to our records, that is, the ration issue notes covering issues from Allied D.I.D's to the units mentioned in your letter, all rations issued to them have been issued on the authorized scale as published by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. If you have any evidence in your records to indicate that the rations have not been issued according to scale, if you will forward same to this office we will gladly investigate the matter for you.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2381.
10th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

Subject : Rations for Italian Royal Navy Personnel in Outlying Areas.

The attached correspondence with reference to the provision of rations for Italian Royal Navy personnel at Termoli and Ancona is forwarded for the favour of your remarks and such action as is possible to ensure that the Italian personnel may obtain the full single scale ration.

M. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C O P Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date : 25.3.45
Ref. : SM.5927

Subject : Rations for I.R.N. Personnel Stationed in Outlying Areas.

1. It is pointed out that food rations from Allied source to outlying I.R.N.Commands on the Adriatic side and particularly at Termoli are not allocated (as we have requested F.O.L.I. to do on numerous occasions) on the basis of the full ration as distributed to Allied Forces personnel.

2. As a result of this, I.R.N. has to make up the supplies to these localities and due to the lack of transport, difficulties and delays occur.

3. Under these conditions the advantages of direct supplying by the Allies to I.R.N. personnel in Adriatic and Tyrrhenian outlying areas - as proposed by F.O.L.I. in letter No.L.182/1 of 16th Aug. last - practically disappeared. It is requested, therefore, that Authorities concerned be asked to issue the full ration to above personnel as received by Allied Forces. i.e., "non-combat scale"

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2008.
31st March, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Rations for outlying Italian Naval Parties.

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM/5927 of 25th March, 1945, it is requested that the names and numbers of the Detailed Issued Depots from which rations are being drawn may be stated. On receipt of this information steps will be taken to rectify the position.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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C O P Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date : 4 May, 1945
Ref. : Sm.8973.

Subject : Rations for I.R.N. Personnel in Outlying Areas.

Your No.2008 of 31 Mar. refers.

The Allied Depots which supply food stores to I.R.N. Detachments stationed on the Adriatic side are the following :-

at Termoli : Detachment Off.197
" Ancona : D.I.D. 119. — No S/Ss from this depot. HC

Up to now, Pescara and Manfredonia have not drawn from Allied Depots.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

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NSC/2381.
10th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army. ✓

Subject : Rations for Italian Royal Navy Personnel in Outlying Areas.

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H. St. J. Butler

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T95020

C O P Y

From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date : 25.3.45
Ref. : SM.5927

Subject : Rations for I.R.N. Personnel Stationed in Outlying Areas.

1. It is pointed out that food rations from Allied source to outlying I.R.N.Commands on the Adriatic side and particularly at Termoli are not allocated (as we have requested F.O.L.I. to do on numerous occasions) on the basis of the full ration as distributed to Allied Forces personnel.

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3. Under these conditions the advantages of direct supplying by the Allies to I.R.N. personnel in Adriatic and Tyrrhenian outlying areas - as proposed by F.O.L.I. in letter No.L.182/1 of 16th Aug. last - practically disappeared. It is requested, therefore, that Authorities concerned be asked to issue the full ration to above personnel as received by Allied Forces. i.e., "non-combat scale"

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2008.
31st March, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Rations for outlying Italian Naval Parties.

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM/5927 of 25th March, 1945, it is requested that the names and numbers of the Detailed Issued Depots from which rations are being drawn may be stated. On receipt of this information steps will be taken to rectify the position.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date : 4 May, 1945
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Subject : Rations for I.R.N. Personnel in Outlying Areas.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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F.2 #49

SUBJECT:- Rations for Italian Navy Personnel in Outlying Areas.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.). Q/2/10-4

14 March 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- Ministry of War.
Italian Land Forces Sub Comm. AC(M.M.I.A.).
NAVIES

Your letter M30/1730 of 7 March 45 refers.

1. Ministry of Marine letter SM 4051 of 1 March 45 has been considered and the following recommended:

Navy Personnel located	Ration Strength	Draw Rations from
I.R.M. Det. GAETA	120	** NAPLES (Italian Depot)
CIVITAVECCHIA Naval Command	158	ROME " "
I.R.M. Det. PIOMBINO	80	LEGHORN " "
PORTOFERRAIO Naval Command	270	" " "
I.M.M. Centre LEGHORN	56	" " "

** GAMERTA Dist. Depot (Italian) may be closer.

2. It is pointed out that detachments are authorised to draw rations on the MMIA Form ST/8, as stated in our AG/2/10 of 7 Feb 45 from any Allied Food Depot.

3. Please advise this Headquarters if difficulty is encountered in drawing rations and we will endeavor to rectify.

for MAJOR GENERAL
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

KH&/gmc

Copy to:- ST MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

Q/2/10

NSC/1758
7 March 1945

From: Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

Subject: Rations for Italian Naval Personnel in Outlying Areas.

1. The attached translation of letter No. SM.4051 of the 1st March, 1945, from the Ministry of Marine, is forwarded with reference to your letter No. AQ/2/10 of the 7th February, 1945.

2. On receipt of your remarks as to the United States Depots from which rations are to be drawn, it is proposed to inform the Ministry that the revised arrangements are to be brought into force as from 6th April, 1945.

"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 12 hrs
File ST/

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub Commission, AC.

DDDS KRN 13/3

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COPY.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 1.3.45.
Ref.: SM.4051.

Subject: Rations for I.R.N. Personnel in Outlying Areas.

Ref. letter No. L.182/1 of 14th inst.

As pointed out in No. 19782 of 14th Oct. last and to facilitate supply of food rations to I.R.N. personnel stationed in areas on the tyrrhenian side, this Maristat has under consideration those localities mentioned below. These were to distribute rations to I.R.N. units in their vicinity, i.e., Signal and W/T Stations, Lighthouses, Captaincies of the Port, etc.

The number of rations required per diem in above localities in accordance with present personnel strength (which may very as and when new Centres are formed or extra men drafted) is about 684, sub divided as follows :-

I.R.N. Detachment Gaeta	120 in No.
Civitavecchia Naval Command	158 in No.
I.R.N. Detachment Piombino	80 in No.
Portoferraio Naval Command	270 in No.
I.R.N. Centre Leghorn	56 in No.
Total	684 in No.

Ration supplies from Allied sources could commence as from 6th April, before which date this Maristat would notify the several Commands Concerned.

As is done in regard to I.R.N. personnel on the Adriatic side, the necessary rations for detachments on the Tyrrhenian side would figure separately in the big-monthly victualling estimates forwarded to your command, commencing 21st March.

We wish to mention again that the Naval Parties in question should receive the full ration allowed to members of the Armed Forces as I.R.N. is unable to send them produce obtainable on the local market.

We shall be glad to have further news on this matter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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of

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War Ref. No. 3890/S/1

TO : MMIA 3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Feeding of Italian Naval personnel.

The Ministry of Marines request that Lt. Col. Marietta Guiseppe and sailor Cigo Gaistto, who are detailed to go to Terni to organize the Technical Office for Naval Engineering, may draw their rations from a unit of the loyal Army located at Terni or neighboring locality, since there is no Naval unit there, and it is not worth while sending transport to convey only two rations.

Since, however, as the arm's factory of the Royal Army is located at Terni, and drawing rations from the Rome ration depot, hence the task of feeding the a/m personnel may be entrusted to it.

We await to know whether you have any objection in respect of above.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

SUBJECT:- Drawing of Rations for outlying Italian Naval Portion.

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC
(M.M.I.A.).
AG/2/10
4th Feb 45.

Flag Officer Liaison, Italy,
Allied Commission,
Headquarters ROME.

Copy to:- ST MMIA.
Direz.Gen.Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Reference your L.182/1 dated 1st Feb.

1. Authority is given for any outlying Italian Naval Personnel to draw rations from the nearest Allied Depot.

2. It is pointed out that only U.S. Depots are in operation on the west coast.

3. MMIA Form ST/8 will be used when rations are indented for and drawn in accordance with AFHQ letter reference AG400/105 D-O dated 22 Sept as amended by even reference dated 21 Nov 44 and AG/031 SD-O dated 6 Oct 44.

for MAJOR GENERAL.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

SWC/ns

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

2/10

1st February, 1945.

No. L.182/1.

AQ 2/10

MILITARY MISSION TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY.

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RATIONS FOR OUTLYING ITALIAN NAVAL PARTIES.

With reference to your letter No. AQ 2/10 of 14th November, 1944, information is requested as to whether arrangements can be made for Italian Naval Personnel in Gaeta, Civitavecchia, Piombino, Leghorn and Portoferraio to draw rations direct from British Detail Issue Depots in those areas.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Rations - ~~Italian Navy~~.

AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint).

24 Jan 45.

TO :- Q.M. (Attention Lt.Col. LOCKE)

1. From the folios in the attached file, you will see the discussions which have taken place between A.F.H.Q. and Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMIA) with regard to the replacement in kind of the rations issued from British depots to Italian units during the period 25 Mar - 30 Sep 44.

2. We are anxious to settle the account and have reached an impasse as M.M.I.A. are pressing for details which it is not practicable to supply because of

(a) the differences in the original combat and basic ration scales

(b) the subsequent publication of the revised scale

(c) the amounts shown outstanding take replacements into account

These factors preclude any accurate relation of issues made to feeding strengths.

3. The only solution to the present difficulty is for your Section and this Section to agree a replacement figure. In this connection, it is most desirable that physical adjustments be made so far as stocks permit and inabilities are cleared by lease lend procedure.

4. Your comments on the above and your assistance in clearing this matter are requested.

W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
G-4 (B).

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REF AFHQ/2520/Q (MAINT) OF 17 JAN (.) SEE MMIA LETTER AQ/2/10 OF 26 DEC AND PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE (.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Rations - Italian Forces. AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint).

17 Jan 45.

TO :- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (MMIA), ROME.

Reference your AQ/2/10 dated 26 Dec 44.

1. Your repeated request for further detailed information in connection with issues made to the Italian military forces from British depots during the period under review is not understood.

2. In accordance with A.F.H.Q. policy, demands for replacement of issues actually made from British depots during the period under review have been made upon you, being the agency responsible to the Theatre Commander for ensuring that such replacement is made.

3. The figures presented to you are the official consolidated returns of issues actually made. The checking of those issues by the calculation you suggest in your letter of 6 Dec 44, para. 3, cannot be accepted as, during the period, the ration scale was changed and therefore relation of ~~commodities~~ commodities to feeding strengths cannot be made.

4. The issues from British depots were authorized as a convenience for the Italian Army, mainly because of distances from Italian depots to the troops; unless these issues had been made, the troops would have been without food.

5. You are therefore requested to confirm that replacement in kind of the amounts demanded will now be made.

W.B.S. Sheldon

W.B.S. SHELDON, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

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D.A.D.S.	2. Action on para 1 is automatic. Adjustments have been made on commodities and quantities as para 2 and it remains now for the physical repayment to be effected from British depots to Italian Depots. The Italian Navy account is balanced as at 30 November 44. Copies of AFH/2520/Q(Maint) d/- 4 Jan 45 have been made for our records. 11 Jany 45. W.O. i/c Ac counts.
O. H. Bl. Roce	3. Herewith reply to your AQ/2/16-a of 9 Jan attached 11 Jan. S.T.

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A C T I O N S L I P

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FILE NO: AQ/2/10-a
DATE: 9 January 1945
SUBJECT: Rations - Italian Navy
TO : ST

1. To implement the attached letter please make the following entries in your records as credits to the British Army Ration Account to adjust the over-issue of rations to the Italian Navy up to and including 30 November 1944.

Flour	544,418	lbs.
Macaroni	518,203	"
P. Meat & Fish	532,810	"
Dehy. Veg.	118,627	"
Cheese	49,954	"
Sugar	114,718	"
Rice	8,626	"
Pepper	902	"

2. There has been an under-issue by the British Army on 3 items for the Italian Navy, ie. Dried Beans and Peas, 199,887 lbs., (Catsup 207,861 lbs.), and Coffee 2,151 lbs. These items should be picked up physically in the ITI-ITI stocks from British DIDs per para. 2 of the attached letter, in order to balance the Italian Navy Account with the British Army as of November 30, 1944.

3. Please notify this office when these adjustments have been made and you consider the Italian Navy Account balanced as of November 30, 1944.

Tommy T. Rose

TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
M. M. I. A.

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Q MAINT BRANCH

SUBJECT : Rations - Italian Navy. AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint)

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.(MMIA). 4 Jan 45.

Ref your AQ/2/10-3 of 19 Dec 44.

1. It is agreed that the suggested method of settlement of the Italian Naval Account be adopted in principle.

2. Arrangements will be made departmentally to effect the necessary adjustments in respect of all items except Tomato Catsup. In the case of this item no extra quantities can be made available pedning arrival of supplies ex USA, and it is suggested, therefore, that the amount due to you be offset against any amount which may be included in the claim to be presented to you in respect of the Italian Army Account, the balance to be adjusted as soon as possible.

3. It is presumed that prior settlement of the Naval Account will in no way prejudice the settlement of the outstanding Army Account.

W.J. BARNISH, Major,
for Brigadier,
Q(Maint)

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TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
M. M. I. A.

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W.J.BARNISH, Major,
for Brigadier,
Q(Maint)

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Subject: Rations - Italian Forces

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AC/2/10
2 December 1944

To : AFHQ for G (Maint)

Reference your AFHQ/2520/4 (Maint), of 21 Dec 44.

1. It is on the basis of the principle as stated in your paragraph 1, ie, that all supplies authorized for issue should be replaced, that the information outlined in Par 4 of this letter AC/2/10 of 2 December is required.

2. Only one scale of rations is involved. Unauthorized issues, either in good faith, for expediency, or on incorrect scale, cannot be considered. Emergency issues in respect of the Army boundaries will be considered in accordance with the substantiation that an emergency did in fact exist.

3. The figures cannot, therefore, be accepted.

4. Request that the requested information be furnished.

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CLAYTON P. KENT
Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative, MMIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint).

21 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Rations - Italian Forces.

Land Forces
Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.),
RCMP.

Reference your AG/2/10 dated 6 Dec and further to AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint) of 2 December 1944.

1. A basic principle of the maintenance of the Italian Army during the period 25 March to 30 November 1944 was that all supplies authorised for issue from British and U.S. Army stocks should be replaced from the stocks brought into the Theatre specifically for the subsistence of the Italian Military Forces. This principle was clearly re-affirmed in AFHQ letter AG 400-1 (Italian) QM-C dated 20 June 1944.

2. In the light of this principle, instructions relative to the distribution of supplies to Italian units were given, initially, in A.A.I. Admin. Instruction No. 3, dated 19 March 1944, para. 6. It was the intention, as stated in that Instruction, that distribution to units in the rear of Army boundaries should be an Italian responsibility, but, where it was a question of expediency, issues from British depots were authorised. Queries as to whether it was, in fact, necessary in certain cases for supplies to be issued from British depots have no bearing on the principle that, once issued in good faith, such supplies were subject to replacement.

No good purpose would be served, therefore, by making exhaustive enquiries - should it be possible to do so at this late stage - into the circumstances of all issues.

3. The amounts shown in para. 1, column (a), of AFHQ/2520/Q(Maint) dated 2 Dec 1944, are based on depots records of issues made to Italian units over the period 25 March - 30 September 1944. It will be appreciated, therefore, that the basis of the deductions in para. 3 of your letter is incorrect. It will also be appreciated that the differences in the original combat and basic ration scales, the subsequent publication of a revised scale, and the fact that the amounts shown as outstanding take replacements into account, preclude any accurate relation of these amounts to feeding strengths.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the figures be accepted.

5. It is noted that a statement of account as at 30 November, relative to the maintenance of the Italian Navy is being prepared and will be forwarded in due course. S. & T., A.F.H.Q., will likewise produce a statement of supplies due to them on Italian

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H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.,
for Brigadier,
Q(Maint).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1(Italian) QM-O 20 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Replacement of Items of the Ration Furnished to Italian Military and Civilian Personnel.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. It is desired that subsistence furnished to the Italian military and to Italian civilians from both United States and British Army stocks other than stocks brought in specifically for Allied Control Commission and Italian military be replaced.

a. The Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA has been directed to report monthly to Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, any items of the Italian military ration scale issued from United States Army stocks for replacement in kind.

b. The replacement of items issued from British Army stocks will be arranged by Director of Supplies and Transport.

c. For those items that cannot be replaced in kind to United States Army stocks, a report will be submitted monthly to Chief Accountant, Allied Control Commission with copy to Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA.

d. For those items that cannot be replaced in kind to British Army stocks, a report will be submitted monthly to Assistant Financial Adviser, Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, with copy to Director of Supplies and Transport, Allied Force Headquarters.

2. A copy of a letter to Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA, relative to reports made, is enclosed. Procedure as to British stocks will be amplified by the Director of Supplies and Transport in a departmental instruction on the subject.

By command of General WILSON:

(Sgd.) T.J. BEE,
Capt. ASD,
Asst Adjutant General,

cc to: DST
QM
Q(Maint)
G-4 D-3712

1 Incl
Cpy ltr AG 430/588 QM-O,
dtd 20 June 44.
Subj:"Report on Rations to Italian Military and Civilians"

Cpy to: CG, SOS NATOUSA, w/o Incl

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Subject: Rations, Italian Navy.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (WVIA)
None
AG/2/10-3
15 December 1944

To : AFHQ (S)

With further reference to our AG/2/10 of 6 Dec 1944.

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is a statement of the ration account of the Italian Navy for the period 1 August-30 November. It will be noted that the receipts from British depots are shown as from 20 July to 19 November. Receipts from despatches made subsequent to 19 November from British depots to Italian depots go to make up the commitment for feeding all SR-ITIs beginning 1 December.

2. It will be noted that the issues shown to the Italian Navy for the period 1 August-30 November do not figure a total of 75,000 rations for each of the 122 days involved. The issues shown are the actual issues made and for the main items approximate 36,000 rations per day, which was the approximate ration strength of the Italian Navy for this period.

3. By comparison of the total receipts and the total issue on this account, it will be noted that items have been received in excess of the total required to ration the Navy. These items are now in Italian Army depots and should be picked up and credited to the British Army on our books as receipts against the British commitment for SR-ITIs beginning 1 December. Subsequent shipment from British depots could then be adjusted to deduct these quantities in order to bring shipments back to a balanced ration available in Italian Army depots.

4. It will be noted that the items of pulses, catsup and coffee were not received in sufficient quantities to permit the issue to the Italian Navy. These three items, in the quantities shown, were therefore loaned from WVIA stocks and should be repaid in kind to WVIA.

5. Should the suggestions in the two preceding paragraphs be accepted by you, the Italian Navy account for the period 1 August-30 November will be settled.

CLAYTON F. KIRK, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (WVIA)

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1 Incl: Appendix "A"

APPENDIX "A"

ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY

Receipts: 1 Aug - 19 Nov 44 incl.
(Includes receipts from despatches by Br. Depots up to M/N 19 Nov 44)

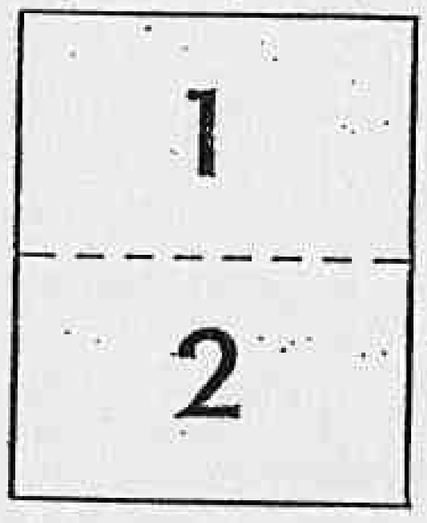
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Flour	7,259,815	6,715,397	544,418 -		66,000
Macaroni	1,507,341	989,138	518,203 -		66,000
P Meat & Fish	1,939,839	1,407,129	532,810 -		61,500
Pulses	620,588	820,475		199,887	61,300
Dehy Veg	643,841	524,714	118,827 -		61,300
Cheese	553,151	503,207	49,984 -		66,000
Sugar	612,763	468,065	114,718 -		65,300
Rice	508,164	499,538	8,626 -		65,500
Catsup	46,298	254,159		207,861	66,700
Coffee	253,478	255,629		2,151	67,100
Pepper	3,181	2,279	902 -		59,800
Matches	618,727	987,935			58,100

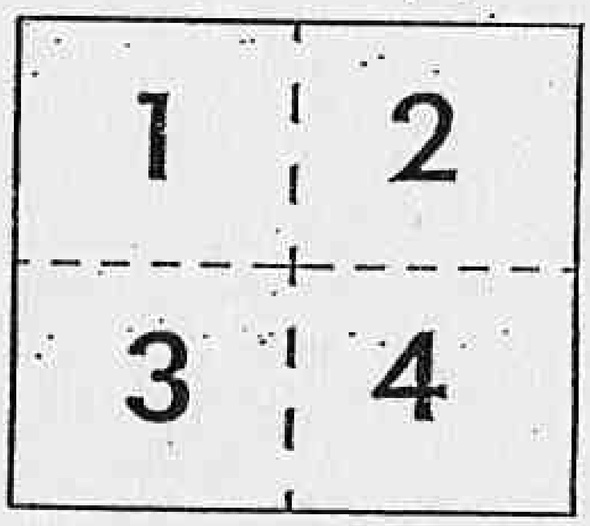
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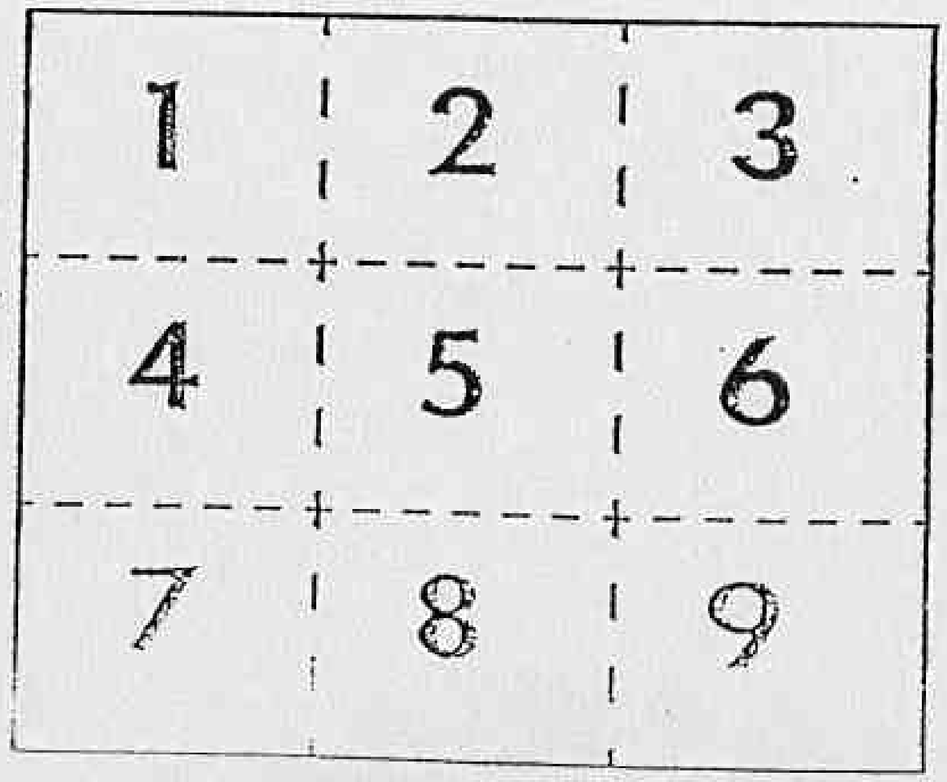
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RECEIPT OF RATIONS FOR ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY –

Receipts: 1 Aug – 19 Nov 44 incl. (Includes receipts from desp

ITEMS	FLOUR	MACARONI	P MEAT & FISH	PULSES	DEHY VEG	CHEESE	SUG
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122 days: Strength 70,402 - days	127	14	106	93	119	114	
Undrs	544,418	518,203	532,810		118,627	49,954	114,

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APPENDIX " A "

ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY -

incl. (Includes receipts from despatches by Br.Depots up to M/N 19 Nov 44).

PULSES	DEHY VEG	CHEESE	SUGAR	RICE	CATSUP	COFFEE	PEPPER	MATCHES
(59) 388	821, 209	445, 474	536, 870	369, 504	49, 512	201, 785	2, 660	445 576
620,588	643,341	553,161	612,783	508,164	46,298	253,478	3,181	618,727
717, 878	379, 14	386, 474	365 235	386, 399	185 053	187, 872	1,765	744, 527
820,475	524,714	503,207	498,065	499,538	254;159	255,629	2,279	987,935
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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (AMMIA)
Rome
AC/2/10
2 December 1944

To : APMG (S)

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Reference your APMG/2520/4(Maint) of 2 December 1944.

1. AAI Admin Inst No 24, dated 20 May 1944, is the authority on which the rations mentioned were issued. Attention is invited to the last sentence of paragraph 9. Authority was granted by AAI for issue from Allied stocks IN ARMY AREAS. Issues from Allied stocks in L of C zone have been authorized in one instance only, which expired on 1 August 1944. Any issues from Allied stocks in L of C zone are subject to repayment only if the emergency and the fact that the Italian unit did not also draw rations for the same period from an Italian depot, are established.

2. A statement showing the actual receipts from British depots for feeding the Italian Navy, and the actual issues from Italian depots to the Italian Navy, for the period 1 Aug - 30 Nov, is being prepared and will be forwarded in due course. On the basis of this statement, an adjustment of the Navy account up to 30 November will be possible. The full entitlement of 75,000 rations was neither received nor issued. The Navy account should not be considered with rations issued other categories, as such would confuse the entire matter.

3. Reference your Column (a), paragraph 1. The period involved is 61 days. The total of the items issued should therefore be the strength X 61 X authorized weight of item. The strength is stated to be approximately 40,000. The figures given show a ration issue far in excess of this strength, varying for different commodities from 149,529 rations to 39,222 per day (the only figure below 40,000). This indicates that (1) rations have been issued in excess of the actual ration strength of authorized units in Army areas; (2) the scale has been exceeded; (3) rations have been issued to other than authorized units in Army areas; (4) rations have been issued to units in rear of Army areas; or (5) the authorized scale has not been issued.

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Subject: Rations - Italian Forces

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AC/2/10
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4. Inasmuch as the Allied agency involved in the issue is responsible that the scale is not exceeded and that issue is made only to authorised personnel, it appears necessary that information concerning these issues be furnished as follows:

1. Official designation of unit
2. Ration strength for period involved
3. Area in which issue was made

It will then be possible to calculate the quantities subject to repayment.

5. DOST, AAI by ST/S/12/S of 26 August 1944 reported certain items issued to Italians in the month of July 1944. This letter listed rations issued by 2 and 3 District. In order to effect prompt repayment on the entire demand, repayment was authorised including the rations issued by 2 and 3 District. However, as 2 and 3 District issues were not shown as emergency issues (see paragraph 1 above), DOST, AAI by our ST/SS/16 of 5 September was requested to furnish the necessary information by units. With the exception of a statement of issues from 60 and 209 DID's, which do not account for the total issues, the requested information has not been received. Neither of these statements received indicates the emergency nature, and both list issues to units which cannot be identified as belonging to the Italian Army. It therefore appears necessary to deduct from any amounts due for repayment, the rations already repaid for the month of July which are not substantiated.

6. Repayment in kind will, of course, be effected, in accordance with existing instructions, promptly the necessary information is furnished.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry
U. S. Representative, MMIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Rations - Italian Forces. AFHQ/2520/0(Maint).

2 Dec

TO :- M.M.I.A. ✓

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Reference your AQ 2/10-1 of 2 Nov 44 on the subject of deliveries of rations from British to Italian depots for the Italian Navy.

1. As you are aware issues to Italian troops in the operational zone, and in certain cases, in the L of C zone, have been made from British stocks against later replacement. Replacement is considerably in arrear. A balance has been struck between issues made from British depots and shortages in British deliveries for the Italian Navy and the result, at the latest date for which we have figures, in as follows :-

"All figures in lbs except matches

	Owing to ST in respect of feeding of Iti forces as at 30 Sep. (a)	Owing to MMIA in respect of Italian Navy as at 31 Oct. (b)	Owing by S.T. (c)	Owing by MMIA. (d)
Flour & Biscuits	2,680,372	58,587	852,366	1,800,000
Pulses	514,947	61,534	504,362	10,000
Dehyd.Veg.	570,080	49,549	50,368	520,000
P.Meat & Fish	708,956	61,985	15,909	693,000
Cheese	558,276	83,728	126,399	212,000
Sugar	198,692	52,357	62,000	136,000
Macaroni	448,610	39,000	406,894	42,000
Rice	173,501	47,069	222,531	43,000 -
Tomato Catsup	127,255	62,598	256,126	115,000 -
Coffee	118,693	59,065	84,153	- 28,000
Pepper	1,281	61,700	200	- 1,000
Matches	770,050		529,424	- 241,000

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Reference your AG 2/10-1 of 2 Nov 44 on the subject of deliveries of rations from British to Italian depots for the Italian Navy.

1. As you are aware issues to Italian troops in the operational zone, and in certain cases, in the L of C zone, have been made from British stocks against later replacement. Replacement is considerably in arrear. A balance has been struck between issues made from British depots and shortages in British deliveries for the Italian Navy and the result, at the latest date for which we have figures, is as follows :-

"All figures in lbs except matches

	Owing to SF in respect of feeding of Itl forces as at 30 Sep. (a)		Owing to MMIA in respect of Italian Navy as at 31 Oct. (b)	Owing by S.F. (c)	Owing by MMIA. * (d)
Flour & Biscuits	2,680,571	58,687	852,586	-	1,800,000
Pulses	514,947	41,534	504,562	-	10,000
Dehyd.Veg.	570,080	149,529	50,568	-	520,000
P.Meat & Fish	708,956	21,985	15,909	-	695,000
Cheese	338,276	88,708	126,399	-	212,000
Sugar	139,592	52,354	63,000	-	136,000
Macaroni	448,610	39,344	406,854	-	42,000
Rice	172,501	47,054	222,331	43,000	-
Tomato Catsup	121,235	63,598	236,126	115,000	-
Coffee	112,503	59,065	84,153	-	28,000
Pepper	1,231	64,700	200	-	1,000
Matches	770,050		529,424	-	241,000

* To columns (a) and (d) must be added Oct. issues from British stocks - approximately 40,000 for 31 days. "

These figures are based on the issue of the official ration only.

2. As imports from U.S. covered all Italian armed forces, less the Italian Navy, there should have been no shortage of stocks in Italian depots but rather a surplus as a result of the above balances.

/s.....

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3. In view of the changed responsibilities for provision of rations for the Italian Armed Forces, it is desired to clear the respective balances as early as possible. Adjustment will require to fall into two phases, i.e., physical adjustment and adjustment under lease lend.

4. Physical Replacement.

The British responsibility for the physical provision of rations to all Br-Iti's does not start until 1 Dec, although financial responsibility commenced 16 Oct.

As soon as possible therefore after 30 Nov, figures will require to be agreed as to the outstanding balances as at 30 Nov. Physical adjustments will then be made so far as stocks permit. Inabilities will be cleared by lease lend procedure.

5. Lease Lend Adjustment.

The book debt owed by the British to the U.S. in respect of rations for Br-Iti's less Italian Navy from 16 Oct to 30 Nov will require adjustment by the extent physical adjustment has not been made under para. 4 above.

6. It is obvious that it would be much simpler to clear the whole transaction by lease lend as at 30 Nov. Physical adjustment is requested for two reasons :-

(a) The British ration stock position is such that physical replacement is desirable.

(b) If physical replacement is not made, theoretically, Italian depots would be holding excessive stocks.

7. Please let us have your agreement or comments on above, and confirmation that figures will be agreed and clearance made with S.T. this Headquarters as early as possible after 30 Nov.

H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

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ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

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Date 21 NOVEMBER 1944

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From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED FOSSETT Originator's Reference Number _____

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FOR SIMMONS (.) NAVAL SUB COMMISSION REPORTS ITALIAN NAVY IN SARDINIA HAS A SURPLUS OF RATIONS AND REQUESTS NO RATIONS BE ISSUED TO ANY ITALIAN NAVAL UNIT DURING THE PERIOD 23 NOV TO 9 DECEMBER (.) THEREFORE STOP ISSUE OF ANY RATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD (.) INSURE ALL INFORMED (.) ACKNOWLEDGE

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Subject: Rations, Italian Forces

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
AQ 2/10-1
Rome
17 November 1944

To : APHQ for Q Maint (2)

1. Further to MMIA letter AQ 2/10-1 of 2 November.

2. Attached as Appendix A is a statement showing the ration position of the Italian Navy as of 10 November. This statement takes into account receipts from British Depots between 27 Oct and 10 Nov. This should be substituted for the Appendix A attached to above cited letter.

3. The last column of attached Appendix A shows the items which should be placed in Italian Depots prior to 1 December in order to maintain the Italian Navy until 30 December in accordance with the agreement that MMIA would be furnished a 30 days' reserve for the Italian Navy which would be maintained.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Appendix A attached.

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RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY FROM BRITISH STOCKS
UP TO AND INCLUDING 10 NOV 44

(1) Commodity	(2) Entitlement for 30 days reserve, plus maint. from 1 Aug - 31 Oct	(3) Received from British Depots up to incl. of 31 Oct	(4) Due from British Depots at 31 Oct to complete 30 days' stock	(5) Received from British Depots 1 Nov - 10 Nov	(6) Total requirements as of 10 Nov to feed Italian Navy up to and incl. 30 Nov	(7) Over-issued by British Depots against entitlement as of 10
Flour	6,862,500	6,010,134	852,366	320,160	532,206	
Pulses	1,148,750	639,388	504,362	-	504,362	
Duty Veg	571,875	521,307	50,568	46,938	3,630	
Meat & Fish	1,715,625	1,699,716	15,909	57,295	-	41,386
Cheese	571,875	445,476	126,399	47,118	79,281	
Sugar	571,875	509,870	63,005	42,577	20,428	
Macaroni	1,715,625	1,309,731	406,894	105,313	301,581	
Rice	571,875	349,344	222,531	-	222,531	
Tomato Concn	285,938	49,812	236,126	-	236,126	
Coffee	285,938	201,705	84,153	21,517	62,636	
Papaw	2,860.25	2,660	200.25	215	-	14.75
Matches (Boxes)	975,000	445,576	529,424	-	529,424	

Notes: (a) Col 2 - Entitlement of matches is requirement up to 23 Oct. (12 weeks)
(b) Col 2 - 30 days reserve plus 92 days maint. (1 Aug - 1 Dec)
(c) Col 6 - Required to feed Italian Navy up to and including 30 Nov after which date the 30 day reserve and normal maintenance stock will be exhausted.
(d) All figures in lbs except matches.

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RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY FROM BRITISH STOCKS
UP TO AND INCLUDING 10 NOV 44

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	852.366	520.160	332.206		1.607.500	2.019.706
	504.362	-	504.362		281.250	785.612
	50.563	46.938	3.630		140.625	144.255
	15.909	57.295	-			
	126.399	47.118	79.281	41,386	421.875	330.489
	63.005	42.577	20.428		140.625	219.906
	406.894	105.313	301.581		140.625	161.053
	222.531	-	222.531		421.875	729.456
					140.625	368.156
	236.126	-	236.126			
	84.153	21.517	62.636		70.313	306.439
	200.25	215	-		70.313	132.949
				14.75	704	689.25
	529.424	-	529.424			
					Italian supply from 24 Oct 44	529.424

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL LEWIS FROM GENERAL BROWNING (.) REFER MY LETTER AQ 2/10-1 OF 2 NOVEMBER SUBJECT RATIONS ITALIAN FORCES (.) NO ANSWER TO MY LETTER RECEIVED AND NO APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF RATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY (.) ISSUES TO ITALIAN NAVY NOW POSSIBLE ONLY BY LOAN OF RATIONS FROM US STOCKS AVAILABLE TO MMIA (.) MMIA STOCKS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO CONTINUE THIS COMMITMENT INDEFINITELY (.) NO RATIONS YET RECEIVED IN ITALIAN DEPOTS FOR BR-ITI FOR ISSUE TO BE MADE BEGINNING 1 DECEMBER (.) UNLESS SUFFICIENT STOCKS OF BRITISH RATIONS ARE DELIVERED TO ITALIAN DEPOTS FOR BR-ITI PRIOR TO 1 DECEMBER ISSUES WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE (.)

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SUBJECT:- Rations for Italian Naval personnel in forward areas.

File copy

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
AQ/2/10

Flag Officer Liaison, Italy,
A.C., HQ ROME.

14 Nov 44.

Ref 25

Reference your L 182/1 dated 23 Oct 44.

1. Rationing of Italian Naval personnel in Forward Areas has been referred to Higher Authorities and approval has been given for these personnel to draw rations direct from British Detail Issue Depots.

MMIA Form ST/8 will be used when rations are indented for and drawn.

B.L. Perceval

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Lt. Col.
for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

11th November, 1944.

No. L.181.

MILITARY MISSION TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY.

Adv. 13/11

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ESTIMATE FOR FOOD ALLOCATION.

With reference to my letter No.L.181 of 10th November, 1944, it has been ascertained that the Italian Navy have a large surplus of rations in Sardinia. In order to adjust this surplus, it is requested that no rations be issued to the Italian Navy in Sardinia for the period 23rd November to 9th December, 1944.

2. Investigation is being made as to how this surplus was acquired.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

* See my Telegram to Commons.

* see 24

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

9th November, 1944.

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No. L.182/1.

MILITARY MISSION TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref 25

RATIONS FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL IN FORWARD AREAS.

An early reply to my letter No. L.182/1 of 23rd October, 1944, would be appreciated.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

Ref 26
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

SUBJECT :- Rations for Italian Navy-Discrepancy Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/91

7 Nov 44.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
c/o HQ 52 Area.

Your TPD/17 of 1 Nov 44 addsd OC. 46 BSD refers.

1. Academically speaking a NO Class II's' signature on Discrepancy Reports is inadequate. In your case you have the alternative of -

(a) Withholding despatch of D.Rs to OC 46 BSD until you are present to sign them.
(b) Continuing the present system with the agreement of OC 46 BSD.

The matter is one to be decided upon the relative merits of a signature as compared to waste of time.

2. In the view of this HQ AFHQ Supply Instructions were designed to establish a smooth working procedure within the RASC theatre organization. Consequently certain latitudes are allowed in order to simplify accountancy.

Such latitudes are permissible because the various transactions affect only the British Government.

In the particular case under review however, the transactions are international and the Italian Government is required to accept charges raised by the British Government for goods supplied to the Italian Navy.

This being so, the representatives of the Italian Government, ie. the local Commissariato, are perfectly in order in requiring they shall be charged only with what they actually receive.

It is for this reason that MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 3 specifies that Acceptance Notes shall be based on net weights.

It is NOT agreed therefore that the full provisions of AFHQ Supply Instructions Nos 15 and 18 can be held to apply in this instance.

3. Although the term "busted" is usually understood as synonymous to "broken" or "damaged" will you please instruct your Warrant Officer to use the more orthodox terms which will be understood by all concerned.

B. L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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OC 46 BSD.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
S. T. BRANCH

AFHQ/64/2/ST.1(D)
Tel Ext 217
31 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Naval Personnel.

TO: D.D.S.T.,
No. 3 District.

1. It is understood from Army Sub-Commission, MMIA that a small number of Italian Naval personnel, previously subsisted by the Royal Navy at TARANTO, are now located at MANFREDONIA, TERMOLI, and PESCARA.

2. Authority is given for these personnel to be issued with rations from D.I.D.s. The scale of issue, and accounting procedure will be as detailed in AFHQ Staff Instruction reference AG 400/031 CDS-C, dated 6 Oct 44.

Major-General,
Director of Supplies & Transport.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, M.I.A (Conversation Majors Cann Stannard refers)

dh 9 Nov

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Subject: Rations - Italian Forces.

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AC 2/10-1
7 November 1944

To : APHQ for Q Maint (2 copies)

1. Effective as of 1 Aug 1944 rations for the Italian Navy became a responsibility of the British Army. MMIA was informed (1) that prior to 1 Aug a stock of rations equal to requirements for 30 days would be delivered to Italian Army Depots and (2) that this stock would be kept up to 30 days requirements by deliveries to Italian Army Depots each 10 days after 1 Aug. This would have provided sufficient reserves of rations.

2. Attached Appendix A shows:

a. That the total stocks received from British Army for the period 1 Aug - 27 Oct, does not, with three exceptions, equal the amount actually required for issue to the Italian Navy for that period.

b. On 1 November sufficient stocks were not on hand to meet the issue for 10 days for the Italian Navy.

c. (In last column) the quantities required to cover the underissues due plus the requirements for the month of November.

3. In order to issue rations to the Italian Navy it has been necessary to draw on MMIA stocks to cover the underissues from the British Army. The MMIA stocks of US rations have, in the past, been sufficient to make the necessary loans to cover the requirements of the Italian Navy. However, the stocks available to MMIA are not now sufficient to cover any additional commitments, and after 1 Dec 1944, will not be available for this purpose.

4. It is requested that the amounts as shown in the last column of Appendix A be delivered at once to Italian Army Depots.

5. In view of the fact that, effective 1 December, rations for all PW-IWI in rear areas (estimated 315,000) will be issued from Italian Depots, it will be necessary that sufficient stocks be delivered to Italian Depots prior to that date. This stock should equal 30 days requirements with replacement of 1/3 of the total each 10 days.

Ref 33 (11)

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

Appendix A attached.

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RATION ISSUES - ITALIAN NAVY. 1 Aug to 27 Oct '44.

Commodity.	Entitlement 1 Aug - 27 Oct	Received from British B.S.D. 1Aug - 27Oct.	Over Issue.	Under Issue.	Requirement 30 d
Flour & Biscuits.	4,950,000	4,400,268	-	549,732	1,687,500
~~Pulses.~~ Dried beans and peas.	825,000	387,432	-	437,568	281,250
Dehy Veg.	412,501	483,775	71,274	-	140,625
P. Meat & Fish.	1,237,501	1,309,296	71,795	-	421,875
Cheese.	412,501	318,792	-	93,709	140,625
Sugar.	412,501	398,630	-	13,871	140,625
Macaroni.	1,237,501	1,218,232	-	19,269	421,875
Rice.	412,501	223,874	-	188,627	140,625
Tomato Catsup.	206,250	45,668	-	160,582	70,313
Coffee.	206,250	183,016	-	23,234	70,313
Pepper.	2,062	2,217	155	-	704
Matches. Boxes.	957,000	327,656	-	629,344	300,000

(a) ~~See Note (c) Appendix "A"~~

(a)-(b) See Note (d) Appendix "A"

30 Oct '44
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RATION ISSUES - ITALIAN NAVY. 1 Aug to 27 Oct '44.

itlement - 27 Oct	Received from British B.S.D. 1Aug - 27Oct.	Over Issue.	Under Issue.	Requirements - 30 days	Due from British Army as at 27 Oct.
950,000	4,400,268	-	549,732	1,687,500	2,237,232
825,000	387,432	-	437,568	281,250	718,818 (b)
412,501	483,775	71,274	-	140,625	69,351
237,501	1,309,296	71,795	-	421,875	350,080
412,501	318,792	-	93,709	140,625	234,334
412,501	398,630	-	13,871	140,625	154,496
237,501	1,218,232	-	19,269	421,875	441,144
412,501	223,874	-	188,627	140,625	329,252
206,250	45,668	-	160,582	70,313	230,895 (a)
206,250	183,016	-	23,234	70,313	93,547
2,062	2,217	155	-	704	549
957,000	327,656	-	629,344	300,000	929,344

(a) See Note (e) Appendix "A"

(a) (b) See Note (d) Appendix "A" Increase of 71,219 pounds
Deduct same to this column leaves total unchanged
at 295,020 pounds.

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(a) ISSUES AND RECEIPTS OF RATIONS FOR ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY - 1 August to 27 October 1944.

	Flour & Biscuits.	Pulses.	Dehy Veg.	P.Meat & Fish.	Cheese.	Sugar.	Macaroni.	Rice.	Tom Cat
Entitlement from Br. BSD 1 Aug - 27 Oct	4,950,000	825,000	412,501	1,237,501	412,501	412,501	1,237,501	412,501	206
Receipts from Br BSD 1 Aug - 27 Oct.	4,400,268	387,432	483,775 (c)	1,309,296	318,792	398,630	1,218,232	223,874	45
Overs.			71,274 (d)	71,795					
Unders.	549,732	437,568			93,709	13,871	19,269	188,627	10
Issues to R.I.N. 1 Aug - 30 Sep.	3,539,551	492,044	281,404	687,177	251,335	258,208	797,868	253,813	12
Overs. (b)	108,331								
Unders. (b)		79,831	4,534	170,636	34,603	27,730	59,945	32,125	1

(a) Receipts cover period 1 Aug to 27 Sep '44.
Issues cover period 1 Aug to 30 Sep '44.

(b) Overs and Unders are in respect of Issues against Entitlement for period 1 Au

(c) Dehy Veg issued in lieu of Pulses.

(d) Converting the over issue of 71,274 lbs Dehy Veg to the ratio of Pulses, the is 295,020 lbs.

(e) 56,000 lbs supplied by British ex NAPLES for maintenance of Italians.
See letter ST/102 dated 17 Oct addsd War Ministry. (Copy to A/Q)
The under issue of Tomato Catsup for the period under review is therefore 10

30 Oct 44.
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ND RECEIPTS OF RATIONS FOR ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY - 1 August to 27 October 1944.

APPENDIX "A"
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Dehy Veg.	P.Meat & Fish.	Cheese.	Sugar.	Macaroni.	Rice.	Tom. Catsup.	Coffee.	Pepper.	Matches. Boxes.
412,501	1,237,501	412,501	412,501	1,237,501	412,501	206,250	206,250	2,062	957,000
483,775 (c)	1,309,296	318,792	398,630	1,218,232	223,874	45,668	183,016	2,217	327,656
71,274 (d)	71,795							155	
		93,709	13,871	19,269	188,627	160,582 (e)	23,234		629,344
281,404	687,177	251,335	258,208	797,868	253,813	126,521	123,240	1,282	719,885
									62,885
4,534	170,636	34,603	27,730	59,945	32,125	16,448	19,729	148	

Receipts cover period 1 Aug to 27 Sep '44.
Issues cover period 1 Aug to 30 Sep '44.

Overs and Unders are in respect of Issues against Entitlement for period 1 Aug to 30 Sep as Appendix "C"

Dehy Veg issued in lieu of Pulses.

Converting the over issue of 71,274 lbs Dehy Veg to the ratio of Pulses, the total under issue of Pulses is 295,020 lbs.

56,000 lbs supplied by British ex NAPLES for maintenance of Italians.
See letter ST/102 dated 17 Oct addsd War Ministry. (Copy to A/Q)
The under issue of Tomato Catsup for the period under review is therefore 104,582 lbs.

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RECEIPT OF RATIONS FOR ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY - 1 Oct to 27 Oct '44 inclu

Entitlement 75,000 — 30 Days.	Flour & Biscuits	Pulses	Dehy Veg	P. Meat & Fish	Cheese	Sugar	Macaroni	Rice	Coff
30 Days Entitlement.	1,687,500	281,250	140,625	421,875	140,625	140,625	421,875	140,625	70,3
Receipts ex Br. E.S.D.	1,149,560	188,408	98,718	294,332	98,683	98,290	295,271	84,115	57,2
Overs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unders.	537,940	92,842	41,907	127,543	41,942	42,335	126,604	56,510	13,0

30 Oct '44
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Appendix "B"
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RECEIPT OF RATIONS FOR ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY - 1 Oct to 27 Oct '44 inclusive.

...y Veg	P. Meat & Fish	Cheese	Sugar	Macaroni	Rice	Coffee	Pepper	Tom Catsup.	Matches Boxes.
...0,625	421,875	140,625	140,625	421,875	140,625	70,313	704	70,313	300,000
...3,718	294,332	98,683	98,290	295,271	84,115	57,244	510	45,688	32,818
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...1,907	127,543	41,942	42,335	126,604	56,510	13,069	194	24,625	267,182

M.M.I.A. A.Q.
D.L.REF 3/10
Date Rec'd 24/10

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

23rd October, 1944.

No. L.182/1.

MILITARY MISSION TO THE
ITALIAN ARMY.
(Copy to :- Naval Officer in Charge, Ancona.
Naval Officer in Charge, Manfredonia.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.)

RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN FORWARD AREAS.

The following Italian Naval personnel are at present based on ports on the East Coast of Italy, north of Bari (the most northerly Italian Military Bulk Supply Depot) :-

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Termoli	93
Pescara	63
Ancona	252

There are also 10 Italian naval personnel in Florence.

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3. It is requested that you will inform me of the earliest date at which the Italian naval personnel concerned can commence to draw rations from the D.I.D's.

4. Owing to an absence of British Army D.I.D's, it is understood that it will not be possible to adopt this

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for REAR ADMIRAL.

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Translation

From: War Ministry — Ref: 202

To : Ministry of ~~War~~ Navy — Date: Oct 10, 1944

& for info to MMIA

Subject: Monthly report on fluctuating personnel

In explanation of what was communicated with letter 144/SA dated Oct 3, please note that the monthly report on fluctuating personnel must refer exclusively to billeted or detained personnel who have the right to receive military rations.

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SUBJECT: Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/2/10
14 September 1944.

TO : Flag Officer Liaison Italy Area
Combined Headquarters.

1. Reference your letter T.A. 1030 of 4 August 1944.

2. We wish to call your attention to the item appearing on your letter under the heading, "To be furnished by Italian Military from local resources at their own expense:" Fruit - 1 oz. The ration scale for the Italian Military reads, Fresh fruit four (4) ounces. If dried fruit pulp is issued by the Depot, in lieu of fresh fruit, it will be issued on the basis of one (1) ounce dried fruit pulp or four (4) ounces of fresh fruit.

3. For your convenience and reference, we attach hereto, copy of the ration scale for Italian Military.

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

Copy to: Ministry of War.
S.T.
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RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN MILITARY

ITEM	SCALE
FLOUR	12 ozs.
DEHYD VEG.	1 "
BEANS OR PEAS DRIED	2 "
CANNED MEAT OR PRESERVED FISH	3 "
CHEESE	1 "
SUGAR	1 "
MACARONI	3 "
RICE	1 "
TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE	1½ "
COFFEE	½ "
PEPPER	1/200
MATCHES, WEEKLY ISSUE 2 Books or 1 Box.	
FRUIT, FRESH	4 ozs.
FRESH VEGETABLES	8 "
OLIVE OIL	1 "
NUTS	1½ "
SALT	½ "
WINE	½ Litre

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RATIONS ISSUED TO ITALIAN FORCES DAILY

ITEM	SCALE	TOTAL IN LBS. PER 1000 DAILY	TOTAL IN LBS. PER 1000 FOR 30 DAYS
FLOUR	12 ozs	750	22500
Dehyd VPO	1 "	62.5	1875
CANNED MEAT or PRESERVED FISH	3 "	187.5	5625
CHEESE	1 "	62.5	1875
SUGAR	1 "	62.5	1875
MACORONI	3 "	187.5	5625
RICE	1 "	62.5	1875
BEANS or PEAS DRIED	2 "	125	3750
TOMATO CATSUP or PASTE	½ "	31.25	937.5
COFFEE	½ "	31.25	937.5
PEPPER	1/200		
MATCHES, WEEKLY ISSUE 2 Books or 1 Box			
		TOTAL LBS PER 1000 Rations Daily 1562.5	TOTAL LBS per 30,000 Rations 46,875.0
FRUIT FRESH	4 "	250	7500
FRESH VEGETABLES	8 "	500	15000
OLIVE OIL	1 "	62.5	1875
NUTS	⅛ "	31.25	937.5
SALT	⅛ "	31.25	937.5
WINE	½ Litre	500 Litre	15000 Litre

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M of W

TO : MMIA

Ref. No. 8929/1/S

Dated. 8 Sept. 1944

Food Rations

We communicate copy of letter No. 1030 dated 4/8/44 from Flag Office Liaison of Taranto sent to this ministry of Royal Navy (Italian) which show a ration not conforming to scale as for the M/N articles.

Dried Fruits
Fresh Fruits

We plead with MMIA to clarify the situation for us.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS

TARANTO

4th August 1944

No T.A. 1030

MINISTERO OF MARINE
MARISTAT PALAZZO RESTA
TARANTO

NEW RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

As already communicated verbally, as from 1 st August 1944, the "A" and "B" scales of rations for the italian Armed Forces are abolished and a single common scale instituted. Detalils of this new scale are as follows:

To be furnished from external sources:

Flour	12 oz	Macaroni	3 oz
Dehydrated Veg.	1 "	Rice	1 "
Peas or			
Beans dried	2 "	Tomato paste	½ "
Canned Meat or			
Preserved Fish	3 "	Coffee	½ "
Cheese	1 "	Pepper	1/200 oz
Sugar	1 "	Matches (weekly)	2 books or 1 box

To be furnished by Italian Military from local resources at their own expense:

Fruit	1 oz.	Nuts	½ oz.
Fresh vegetab.	8 "	Salt	½ "
Olive oil	1 "	Wine	½ litre

2. In future ration statements it will not therefors be necessary to distinguished between combat and no-combat personnel

F.to E.C. MORGAN
REAR ADMIRAL

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE ff.
(Ten. Giuseppe Fisicaro)

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA Date.TOO.21. 6-3-47 .B.

To : 22 CRASC (SUPPLY UNITS) CMF

Info : MMIA LO DISTWO
MMIA LO 52 AREA

MINISTRY OF WAR (BY HAND) "Q" MMIA.

ST/293 RESTRICTED (.) REF THIS OFFICE LETTER ST/9I OF I9 AUG (.) CONSIDER THIS LETTER AS CANCELLED (.) POINT OF ACCEPTANCE BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES REMAINS AS (.) QUOTE (.) POINT AT WHICH RAIL TRUCKS ARE OFF RPT OFF LOADED (.) UNQUOTE (.) DISCREPANCY REPORTS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS CONTAINED IN ST/9I OF 24 JUL PARAGRAPH THREE (.) IT WILL ASSIST TO REDUCE DISCREPANCIES IF AN ITALIAN OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE CHECKS TRUCK LOADINGS AT DESPATCHING END BUT THIS CHECK DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (.)

This message may be sent by any means except wireless.

K. L. Rose Lt.Col.

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).
HQ, ACC, BERN.
WE/91.

HQ. 22 GROUP (Supply Depot) C.M.F. 19 August 44.

Copy to:- Dirct. Gen. Considerazioni. (WE/91 of 24 Jul 44 refers).
Italian War Ministry.
MMIA HQ, TARANTO. (WE/91 of 24 Jul 44 refers).
MMIA HQ, ROME.

Referendo your 8/75 dated 17 August 44.

1. It is agreed that the "point of acceptance" for British ration for the Italian Navy shall be "the point at which such trucks are loaded".

2. It is also agreed that any deficiencies discovered to pilferage during transit between the point of loading and the point of off-loading shall be dealt with by the consignor as set out in para 2 of our WE/91 dated 24 July 44.

3. It is not agreed that the Italians should safeguard the supplies during transit.
The responsibility for safeguarding in transit falls to Movements, but Italian Army guards should also be used when available.

4. Trucks should be sealed by, or in the presence of, the Italian officer accepting delivery at the point of loading.

B.L. Kennedy
B.L. KENNEDY.
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADQS, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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SUBJECT: Naval Distributing Depot

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
HQ MMIA
ROME
AQ/2/10
7 Aug 1944 Date

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16 8 40

TO : LO Sicily
% Region 1 HQ ACC
APO 594 U S Army

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1. Reference your Weekly Liaison Log No.12 for week ending 29 July 44, dated 30 July 44. In para 1 b you mention conference with Italian Naval LO concerning setting up of a Naval Distributing Depot

2. We would like more details regarding this depot, because we have not anticipated any change in the system of rationing the Navy other than the source from which the rations are obtained.

(Signed) TOMMY T ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission, ACC

TTR/jra

Copy to: ST

No.559 1st Ind.
ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC (MMIA) L.O. SICILY 12 Aug 1944
% ACC SICILY REGION HQ. APO 594

TO: GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention: Major Rose

1. Conference referred to in basic communication was for purpose of setting up a system whereby the Italian Navy would draw rations in bulk from the Italian Army. Navy then assumes complete responsibility for distribution, turnover, warehousing accounting and issuing. This is in accord with par 3 of AQ/8 of -- March 44.

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2. Practice heretofor in Sicily had been for individual ships and naval units to draw from Italian Army Food Depots. New system is to take effect beginning with period 10 -24 Aug.

3. Italian Air Force has been drawing in bulk and will continue.

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Major C E
for Lt Col L O Sicily

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SUBJECT: Naval Distributing Depot

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
HQ MMIA
ROME
AQ/2/10
Aug 1944

TO : LO Sicily
% Region 1 HQ ACC
APO 394 U S Army

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Tommy T Rose

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for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

TTR/jra

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SUBJECT: Royal Italian Naval Academy

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/2/10
Aug 1944

TO : The Flag Officer
Taranto and Adriatic

Ref your letter No TA 1030/13 dated 20 Jul 44.

I am to inform you that my letter AQ/2 of 23 Jul is rescinded by my letter AQ/2 of 30 Jul 44. 78

The number of cadets in the Italian Naval Academy therefore is a matter for your consideration and decision provided that the overall ceiling as laid down for the Italian Navy is not exceeded.

Rations will be supplied from British sources and drawn from Italian Army depots.

CLAYTON P KERR
Colonel
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

Ref No AQ/2 folio 78 new folio 6 2nd 3rd cadets

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ITALIAN NAVY. ST/9

Very simple. We just want rations for 75,000 for 30 days delivered to Montecatini Depot at TARANTO.

Subsequent maintenance of 15 day shipments every 15 days. To arrive at Montecatini shortly after the 9th and 24th of each month.

Adjustments will be on basis of strength figures submitted to DDST, AAI by MMIA showing position as at 9th and 24th.

New Scale of Rations.

Agreed with Lt. Col. Smith. AAI that 10 days for 75,000 will be railed to TARANTO before July 28 and that additional 20 days will be got to TARANTO as quickly as possible.

Maintenance by daily "pack" train to TARANTO.

Adjustment monthly on basis of strength figures we will provide AAI.

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

20 July 44.
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DISTRIBUTION:- A/Q.
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Major Roe to see
Col. Hale.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Administrative Echelon
APO 400

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AAI/421.2/DCAO

AIH/rjs
19 July 1944

MEMORANDUM)
:
TO) Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, APO 683, U. S. Army.

Please note attached signal. This does not authorize the recovery of rations issued without proper authority or in excess of scale.

You will assure that MMIA rations issued to Italian Navy does not exceed 75000 regardless of the actual size of the Italian Navy.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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Signal fr Freedom (STS/5203).

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C O P Y

BR CIPHER MESSAGE ED

FALCO NO: 68938
16 JULY 44.

TOO: 1155B.16.
TOR: 20:58.16.

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TIME: PRIORITY CITE FHGDM.

TO : ACTION FLEPOT INFO Q MAINT.

ORIG NO: ST3/5203.

YOUR ST/6/12 DATED 12 JULY. FIRST. ALL ISSUES TO ITALIAN FORCES RECOVERABLE EXCEPT ITALIAN NAVY. SECOND. IEMA WILL ADVISE MONTHLY AMOUNTS REQUIRED BY ITALIAN NAVY TO BE DELIVERED BY YOU TO ITALIAN BASE DEPOT TARANTO. THIRD. ISSUES TO ITALIAN NAVY WILL NOT EXCEED MONTHLY CEILING FIGURE OF 75000.

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TT.2335B.16.
JSC.

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Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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Signal fr Freedom (STS/5203).

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COPY

SECRET BR CIPHER MESSAGE IN FOLIO NO: 88938
16 JULY 44.

FROM: FREEDOM CITE FHGDM.

TO : ACTION FILPOT INFO Q MAINT.

TOO: 1155B.16.
TOR: 2045B.16.

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Major Rose to see

Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Navy.

Rose

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), NRMB.
32/91.

MMIA Sector 10, c/o FD. 52 AMSA.

24 July 44.

Copy to:- EDAT, HQ, A.A.I. (+ Copy of 32/91 dated 20 July 44).
Direc. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.
HQ, 13 CMASC (Supply Units).
HQ, MMIA.

Further to this HQ letter 32/91 of 20 July 1944.

The following instructions will be put into effect for consignments ex British sources for the maintenance of the Italian Navy.

1. Documentation.

(i) Consignor will place in each rail truck one (1) copy of A.F.10 showing the truck contents.

(ii) Consignor will forward by post to consignee two (2) further copies of A.F.10 to be disposed
a. One (1) copy to be signed by a British Officer representative and an Italian Officer representative of consignee depot and returned to consignor as a receipt voucher.

b. One (1) copy to be similarly signed and retained by the consignee as a voucher to his depot accounts.

(iii) For each consignment, the consignor will place in one of the rail trucks a Master Waybill, giving details of the whole consignment.
The truck label of the truck containing this document will be endorsed accordingly to permit quick identification.
The Master Waybill is not an accounting document.

(iv) Consignee will affix usual truck labels and is responsible for sealing trucks before handing over to Movements for despatch.

Note

Under this system each truck load is treated as a separate consignment and accounting is effected on that basis.
C.O., Italian Depot should therefore follow suit and record receipts in his accounts on a truck basis and NOT on a total consignment basis.

2. Pilferage in Transit.

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a. MMIA Sector L.O. will be responsible for reporting the circumstances to S.I.B. immediately and requesting S.I.B. to investigate.

b. Consignee, in conjunction with Sector L.O., will prepare a Pilferage Report (Appendix 1 hereto) in quadruplicate copies being disposed as follows:-

i. One copy to Consignor. 4392

ii. One copy to the local S.I.B.

iii. One copy to Movements Taranto.

iv. One copy retained by consignee

All copies will be signed jointly by British and Italian Officer representatives.

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Pilferage in Transit (Cont).

c. Subsequent action to secure 'write off' for losses will devolve upon the consignor.

3. Discrepancies.

Discrepancies at point of acceptance which cannot be attributed to pilferage in transit will be dealt with as follows:-

(i) Consignee will prepare Discrepancy Report (A.F.W.785, specimen attached) in triplicate, copies being disposed:-

a. Two (2) copies to consignor.

b. One (1) copy retained by consignee.

(ii) If the consignor admits the discrepancy he will certify the D.Rs "Admitted" returning one (1) copy to the consignee in order that the later may take stores on charge at the correct amended figures.

(iii) If the consignor does NOT admit the discrepancy he will take loss action certifying the D.R. so certified, to the consignee in order that the latter may take stores on charge at the correct amended figures.

(iv) All copies of D.Rs will be jointly signed by British and Italian Officer representatives.

4. Containers.

Containers, (sacks, cases, crates, etc) received with consignments from British sources will be returned when empty to 43 CRASC. [illegible].

Consignee will be responsible for applying for rail transport, as necessary, to enable this to be done.

You are instructed to impress upon the O.C., Taranto Depot the high value of containers and the strict necessity for conserving and returning as high a proportion as possible.

B. L. Pennefather

B. L. PENNEFATHER.
Lt.-Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Containers, (sacks, cases, crates, etc) received with consignments from British sources will be returned when empty to 13 GRASC. RESTINCO.

Consignee will be responsible for applying for rail transport, as necessary, to enable this to be done.

You are instructed to impress upon the C.O., Taranto Depot the high value of containers and the strict necessity for conserving and returning as high a proportion as possible.

R. L. Percival

R.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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Appendix A.

PRO-FORMA.

REPORT OF LOSSES DUE TO PILFERAGE AT DEPOTS, PORTS, OR IN TRANSIT.

Date of discovery of loss .....

If at Depot, Port or in transit .....

Consigning Depot, or Port .....

Receiving Depot, or Port .....

Method of transport: Rail Open Wagon No. .....

" " " Box " " .....

" " " Seals If intact.....

" " " Numbers .....

" " " If numbers agree with wagon label.....

" " " Road. Lorry No. .....

" " " Driver's name .....

" " " Coastwise. Ship No. or Name.....

Description and quantity of stores pilfered or lost:-

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Any further available information as to method employed, etc. :-

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S.I.B. notified. Date.....

(Date).....

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DISCREPANCY REPORT. Army Form K. 765.

In any further correspondence upon this subject it is requested that the number and date be quoted.

Supply Office.....No.....

.....19.....

I have to report for your information the undermentioned discrepancies which have been discovered upon the examination of the supplies, charged on.....from.....
.....Please note that the numbers and quantities actually found to have been received have alone been brought on charge in my supply account for the month of...
.....by Receipt Voucher No.....

To..... Name and Rank.....

Description of Supplies	Charged	Received	Surplus or Deficient	Remarks

N.B. (a) Where this report is used to show Discrepancies on a Bill of lading the name of the vessel will be stated. It should also be stated in column of Remarks whether the Discrepancies have been endorsed on the Bill of lading.

(b) Two copies of this form will be sent to the Consignor, one copy will be retained by the Consignee for record.

* Bill of Lading or Way Bill (number and date to be given)

§ The actual time of receipt, mode of conveyance, and any other information likely to be of value in tracing the discrepancies should be shown, by the Consignee in this column.

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SUBJECT.

RATION STRENGTH ESTIMATE.

FROM ___ THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE ___ 18th July, 1944. No. T.A. 1030/13a.

TO ___ MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Ration strength estimate for the Italian Navy for the period 25th July to 8th August is forwarded herewith.

B. H. Morgan.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

Preventivo di vettovagliamento del personale della Regia Marina

per la decade dal quindicina 25 July al 8 August

Ente di ricezione	Località di distribuzione	Razioni tipo A	Razioni tipo B
Maricommi Taranto	Taranto	14,375	22,596
	Gallipoli	113	368
	Crotone	98	78
	R. Calabria		107
	Vibo Valentia		318
Maricommi Brindisi	Brindisi	2,444	3,288
Marina Bari	Bari	813	1,467
	Totale	18,141	33,467
Maricommi Napoli	Napoli	5,221	4,376
	Castellamare di Stabia	37	89
	Totale	5,258	4,465
Maricommi La Maddalena	La Maddalena	1,098	4,474
	Olbia		
Marina Cagliari	Cagliari	284	2,142
	S. Antioco		
	Totale	1,382	6,616
Sicilia		2,348	1,282
	Totale generale	25,329	45,591

Osservazioni :

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Maricommi Brindisi . . .	Brindisi	8,144	8,288
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	Totale .	18,141	53,467
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	S. Antioco		
	Totale .	1,382	6,616
Sicilia		1,546	1,282
	Totale generale .	26,329	45,591

Osservazioni :

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Tel: 363

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/367

19 July 1944.

TO : Italian Navy Commissioner, Rome.

SUBJECT: Italian Navy Personnel, Rations for.

1. The Direz. Gen. Commissariato Italian War Ministry was requested on 18 July 1944 by the Army Sub-Commission, ACC to make arrangements with the Italian Ministry of Marine for the issue of rations to personnel in the Rome Area from the Rome Distribution Depot.

2. The Direz. Gen. Commissariato was further advised that approximately 1360 Italian officers and men will be in the Rome Area by the end of July, 240 of whom have already arrived. This number includes the 60 officers and men referred to in your Prot. N. B 644 of 29 June 1944.

3. Attention is invited to my letter of 20 June 1944 which advised that Italian Naval personnel are not authorized to draw military rations unless incorporated in the "effective strength" of the Italian Armed Forces.

4. For your information, Army Sub-Commission letter AQ/2/7 of 21 June 44 to the Italian Minister of War and Subsequent letters authorize the issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces including the Italian Navy.

Commodore,
S.B.N.O., ROME.

Copy to:
FOTALI
Army Subcomm. HQ ACC.
Navy Subcomm, Taranto.

ACTION SLIP. URGENT.

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ST/91.

Col Kerr (Thru' Maj Rose)

Reference letter from DST,AFHQ to DDST,AAI.

1. I suggest we ask for a 30 day shipment for 75,000 to be made in initial instance, followed by 15 day maintenance shipments.
This will give us a 15 day margin in the Taranto Depot.
Adjustments to take care of fluctuations in Italian Navy strengths to be made retrospectively on basis of strength figures submitted by MMIA to DDST A.A.I. as of 9th and 24th of each month, in line with policy for Italian Army.

2. 30 days represents approximately 2100 Tons gross. We want the space now occupied by the 52 Area ADOS dump and we need it soon to get it laid out for reception of supplies, fire lighting, etc.
Present rate of progress in clearing this dump is slow. May 52 Area be asked to speed it up?

3. Will A.A.I. agree to accept responsibility for delivering into Italian Depot and handover to take place there?
Shortage of Italian transport makes it advisable, and we shall run with difficulties if it is laid down Italians to collect.

4. Suggest accounting be exactly as laid down in S.O.P. 19 (a) (i),(ii) and (iii) using instead AFG.1033 (Issue and Receipt Voucher) instead of QMC Shipping Ticket.
A.A.I. should, I think, be advised Italian Government liable to quibble ~~fix~~ charges if laid ~~down~~ on basis of some junior Italian Officers' signature only.
In my view the tidy way would be for MMIA to follow same procedure as for ITI shipments ex US sources and forward AFG.1033 to Chief Accountant ACC for ultimate disposal, thru channels, to the U.K.
The basis on which inter Governmental charges are to be raised, as between U.K. and Italian Govt., requires early clarification.

5. If you agree shall I draft letter to DDST, A.A.I.?

B.L. Percival

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Lt.Col, RASC.
A.D.S.T.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G.S. BRANCH

AFHQ/Gs.S/322(A)
Tel Memo 217
23 Jun 44

SUBJECT: Maintenance of the Italian Navy

ST.

D.D.S.T.,
Main Headquarters, AAI, CAF.

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Reference this H. signal FX.6465, dated 25 Jun 44.

1. The responsibility for the supply of rations to the Italian Navy will be assumed by the British Army with effect from 1 Aug 44.

2. In order to economise in the use of shipping, and to minimise the double handling of supplies, it has been agreed by this H. that this commitment shall be carried out in the following manner.

3. MMA have been instructed to notify the Italian Naval strengths, by ports, within a ceiling figure of 75,000 all ranks.

4. When this information is received, [redacted] will be requested to increase their shipments on Italian Army account by the feeding strength of the Italian Navy in respect of each port concerned, but exclusive of Naval ports. In the case of shipments to Naval ports, compensating deductions will be made for the additional rations shipped to other ports for covering the feeding of Naval personnel.

5. You will be responsible, therefore, for arranging delivery to the Italian Base Depot, in the Naval, rations equivalent to the total Italian Naval strength as notified by MMA in order that effective issues can be made w.e.f. 1 Aug 44.

6. When adjustments are made by this H. to the shipments about to be set up in [redacted], future provision will be simplified by MMA in formulating their tonnage bids and their detailed demands in accordance with the above principles.

7. The scale on which such demands will be met will be the new combined scale notified in AFHAR cable FX.20936, dated 9 Apr 44, a copy of which is attached for easy reference.

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Major General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

CAF 32) Comds.
MMA.
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office (MO6),
Whitehall, LONDON, S.W.1.

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Extract from AFHQ cable FX/dated 9 April 1944.

"A single ration for all Italian troops, whether in forward or rear areas, is approved. We consider, however, the following scale to be adequate.

1. (To be furnished from external sources):

Flour	12 ozs.
Pulses (vegetables, dehydrated)	1 "
Canned beef, or preserved fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Margarine	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans (or Peas) Dried	2 "
Tomato Catsup or Paste	½ "
Coffee	½ "
Pepper	1/200 oz.
Matches (weekly issue)	2 books or 1 box.

Calorie Value 2368

2. (From Italian Military local sources and at their own expense).

Fruit	4 ozs.
Fresh Vegetables	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Bread	½ "
Salt	½ "
Wine	½ Litre.

Calorie Value 921.

Total Calories (1 and 2) 3289.

The components listed in part 1 above are the maximum which can be furnished from external sources. Further augmentation must come from local resources and at Italian expense, if in your opinion further augmentation is desirable. For procurement planning request early determination for our approval your maximum ceiling strength Italian troops effectively employed and for which subsistence must be supplied."

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Subject:- Olive Oil.

File. Nov 1944 2/10

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
HQ. [illegible].
[illegible].
ST/73.
18 July 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. It is necessary that immediate steps are taken by the Divisione Commissariato (Sussistenza) to secure certain unassessed stocks of olive oil which are understood to exist in Cosenza Province and which are urgently required for the Italian Armed Forces.

2. You are requested therefore to take the following action forthwith:-

a. Provide 2 (Two) small vehicles, preferably motor cars, for reconnaissance work in Cosenza Province to discover stocks of oil in the hands of local producers.
b. Assign 2 (Two) Officers of Sussistenza to proceed, with the vehicles specified above, to Catanzaro with instructions to report on arrival there to:-

Major Sykes.
Regional Supply Officer
Allied Control Commission. Region 7.

who, in conjunction with the Consorzio Agrario will provide information regarding location of oil stocks. These Officers will remain on the duty of Organising and Supervising the collection of oil until recalled with authority of this HQ.
c. Provide 40 - 3 Ton vehicles for work in collecting and transporting olive oil to Naples. These vehicles will report in the first instance to Major Sykes, and will not be relieved from this assignment except with approval of this HQ.
d. Provide a working party of 1 Officer and 50 soldiers, with an adequate number of N.C.Os. to ensure proper supervision. This working party is required for work in collecting olive oil, loading it onto lorries and offloading it at Naples.

The officer in charge of the party will report in the first instance to Major Sykes and arrangements are required to be made by the Ministry of War for accommodation and feeding of the working party.

The party will remain on this duty until relieved with approval of this HQ.

3. It is suggested that General Commanding 31st Corps could provide the Officer and personnel for the working party and possibly some or all of the transport needed for the work.

4. A minimum of 430 tons of oil is required to be collected and transported to Naples. If more is discovered the quantities so found will be reported to this HQ for subsequent action.

5. Lieut. C.J. Tonks RASC. has been assigned by this HQ to assist in the work and will report to Major Sykes in the first instance.

6. It is, of course, entirely the responsibility of the Ministry of War to secure the olive oil required. The foregoing arrangements have however, been made in consultation with ACC to assist in the task.

The matter is one of urgency and every step should be taken to start the [illegible]

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Please state immediately what Allied assistance, if any, is necessary in the matter of providing suitable containers to hold the oil.

7. If unrefined oil is collected the Allied Control Commission have agreed to assist in providing refining facilities and have also agreed to provide storage accommodation for the oil in Naples if sufficient storage space does not exist in Italian Army Depots there.

8. Please keep this HQ fully informed as to progress made.

H.L. [illegible]
Lt.Col. RASC,
AAST, Army Sub Commission. AAI.

Copy to:- Col. Legg. ACC. (Food Sub Commission)
Lt.Col. White G-4. AAI.
"Q" MMIA.
Major Sykes. ACC. Region 7.
Lt. Tonks. RASC.

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Subject:- Rations for Italian Navy in ROME.

AQ/2/10

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), ROME.
ST/40.
17 July 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Comm. ACC.
"Q" MMIA.

1. 1360 Naval personnel of the Italian Navy are due to arrive in Rome by the end of July.

2. 240 of these are already in Rome, the remainder will come up in groups at five day intervals.

3. Please contact the Navy Ministry and make arrangements to feed these personnel from your Rome Distribution Depot.

B.L. PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Subject: Monthly Complement - Italian Navy.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/2/10.

12 Jul 44

F.O.T.A.L.I.
Area Combined Headquarters,
TARANTO

Ref your T.A.1030/13A dated 7 Jul 44.

1. The monthly complement for the Italian Navy is returned herewith, as requested.

J.F. Bird, Capt V
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

JB/jj

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

File No.
JJ56

Serial: 38 NSC

7 July 1944

From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Economic Section, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Purchase by Italian Armed Forces.

Reference: (a) Economic Section A.C.C. ltr. ES/5 of 21 May 44.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Italian Minister of Marine letter 29053/S of 3 July 1944.

1. The Economic Section A.C.C. in reference (a) recommended that the Italian Ministry of Marine be invited to set up a Central Purchasing Board for the procurement of foodstuffs.

2. The plan was referred to the Minister on 12 June 44. Enclosure (A) in reply outlines in detail the procedure for the procurement of foodstuffs followed by the Italian Navy. Apparently the Ministry does not consider that a Central Purchasing Board is desirable or feasible.

3. Until such time as it is clearly indicated that a direct advantage will inure to the Allied war effort, it is not recommended that the Italian Navy be induced to adopt the central purchasing plan.

H. St. J. BUTLER,
Commander U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub Commission,
A.C.C.

Copy to:
HQ AAI (ref 1/3/LR dtd 8 May)
Army Sub Com. ACC.
Air Force Sub Com. ACC.
Food Sub Com. ACC.
Ind & Comm. Sub Com. ACC.

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: F O L I.
Date: 3.7.44
Ref.: 28053/8

Subject: Provisions for Italian Armed Forces.

Ref. letter No. 1030/51 of 12th June last.

Component foodstuffs to the ration for Italian Servicemen, apart from those furnished by the Allies, and which must be procured from local sources, are as follows:-

Onions - Fresh and dried fruit with almond - Oil (olive) - Salt - Fresh Vegetables - Wine.

These provisions are supplied by the different Services to their personnel, and I.R.N. follows this procedure.

In regard to fresh fruit and vegetables, supplies are acquired by the Food Stores for all Departments, Commands and Ships attached to the Base. It is not possible to centralize these acquisitions elsewhere, due to their nature which necessarily indicates that they must be procured locally according to local supplies, the season and due to the impossibility of preserving them for transport over long distances.

Oil (olive) has been obtained from the collection centres, according to assignments from the Commissariat Dept. (Supplies Section). Now the allocations are to be made by the Allied Authorities; M.M.I.A. has been approached to ascertain which Allied Authority should arrange for providing I.R.N.

Salt is provided by the State Monopoly.

Wine supplies are taken care of by the Ministry thro' contractors who deliver to the principal Food Stores.

Also, although dried fruits with almond are generally purchased by the Ministry, the possibilities of obtaining supplies have been few to date and it has been necessary to substitute with dried figs, fruit pies, etc., and these also have been acquired by the Ministry or by the Commissariat Dept. or Sections when so charged by the Ministry.

The centralisation of foodstuffs, therefore, is already in being insofar as is possible. A further centralization is not feasible, given moreover the well-known transport deficiencies.

It is not a fact that I.R.N. Commands purchase direct the above additional foodstuffs with a weekly assignment of L.5 per man.

The assignment to improve living conditions in I.R.N. is Lire 4 per day per man, and is used by each Mess to acquire additional food, to purchase condiments, tomato extract, various ingredients and any extra comfort, if possible, which are not included in the ration issue. These supplies cannot be centralised because the Messes purchase them day by day according to the menu and local supplies available.

Nevertheless, some articles which last longer and are easier to preserve such as vinegar, tomato extract, jams, etc. are likewise supplied by I.R.N. Food Stores in accordance with purchases authorized by the Ministry.

for THE MINISTER.

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ENCLOSURE (A).

ADST

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Fuel Oil for Navy.

Papworth spoke to Vanbrugh re the on 11 July 44:

The Italian Navy is hitherto
obtained its Fuel Oil
independently by direct
arrangement with the
Italian Ministry of Agriculture.
The Navy did not draw
Fuel Oil from the distribution
depots when drawing other
items of the Ration.
Hence the present request.

Action Recommended: that it has been decided
Reply to letter beneath & that
Italian Armed Forces requirement

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Olive Oil from the distribution
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Hence the present request.

Action Recommended: that it has been decided
Reply to letter beneath that
Italian Armed Forces requirement
of fats will not be supplied in the
form of local Olive Oil (which would
prejudice maximum essential civil
needs) but in the form of fats
from Allied Sources. Supplies of
the latter are expected to be

P.T.O.

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available shipping. As soon as
are put
supplies / in distribution in the
Hilo (Army) / distribution depots
for
the Navy will be enabled
to draw. The fat item in the
same way as other items
of the Ration.

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: F O L I
Date: ?
Ref.: 425/FO.

Subject: Assignment of Olive Oil.

Information has been received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry that the request for the assignment of olive oil for feeding the Italian Armed Forces should be forwarded to the Local Resources Board, through the Army Sub-Commission of A.C.C.

As M.M.I.A. only authorizes indents for I.R.N. when asked to do so by your Command, we shall be glad if you will kindly approach MMIA to obtain that the assignment be made to this Ministry to cover rations to I.R.N. personnel.

The monthly requirement of Olive Oil for the entire IRN personnel is 150,000 lbs., on the basis of 1 oz. per man per day.

You are requested to kindly expedite the assignment of the above quantity per mensum, as from the current month of June, as stocks in hand are practically exhausted.

for THE MINISTER.

DG.-)

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO
DATE 29 JUN 1944
No. L. 513/1020.

1 oz X 30 X 75,000
= 140625 #

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ASSIGNMENT OF OLIVE OIL.
(Ministry of Marine's letter No. 425/FO received 29th June, 1944.)

II.

No. T.A. 1030/58.

MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Forwarded for necessary action, please.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

TARANTO.
6th July, 1944.

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RECEIVED AT PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL CENTER

28 JUNE 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : AGWAR, FOR SPILA

(INFORMATION) : CG SOS NATOUSA, AAI ADNAP FOR HAMBLEN, AFHQ AD CP

FROM : CG NATOUSA

DATE TIME SIGNED : 261523B

DATE TIME REC'D : 272214B

REFERENCE NR : F 64569

CITE : NONE

LOOKING AT FAN 365, THE BRITISH HERE HAVE AGREED TO ASSUME PROVISIONING OF RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY WITH EFFECT FROM 1 AUGUST. IT IS AGREED HERE THAT PRESENT ORGANIZATION SET UP TO CONTROL SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN TROOPS (MMIA) CAN HANDLE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN NAVY WHICH COME FROM BRITISH RESOURCES. THIS IS NECESSARY SINCE ROYAL NAVY STATES IT HAS NO ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE SUCH DISTRIBUTION.

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1 JULY 1944
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AD 317

WO SOS NATOUSA, MMIA
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CONFIDENTIAL X RE YOUR FX 66653 CITE MAGUS 30 JUNE X SIGNAL ALREADY SENT SOS NATOUSA IN SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS CLR IT IS ASSUMED NAVY NOT MMIA RESPONSIBILITY CMA THAT AIRFORCE IS 22000 CMA THAT NORMAL RATE TRANSFER FROM SARDINIA CONTINUES CMA THAT ALL DEMOBILIZATION TAKES PLACE ON MAINLAND X BASED ON THESE ASSUMPTIONS PERCENTAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR AUGUST MAINLAND 70 CMA SARDINIA 24 CMA SICILY 6 SEMI CLR FOR SEPTEMBER MAINLAND 74 CMA SARDINIA 20 CMA SICILY 6 SEMI CLR FOR OCTOBER MAINLAND 78 CMA SARDINIA 16 CMA SICILY 6 X PARA 2 X IN VIEW NAVY NON AN MMIA RESPONSIBILITY RECONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN DISTRIBUTION BUT IN VIEW LATENESS WILL MAKE NO CHANGE FOR AUGUST X WILL INFORM YOU SOONEST ANY CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER X PARA 3 X BY SEPARATE ED SIGNAL YOU BEING INFORMED IMPRACTICAL TO DEMOBILIZE ITALIAN ARMY BY 31 JULY AND THAT NO ACTION TO DEMOBILIZE BEING TAKEN PRIOR TO REPLY FROM AFHQ X

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IN VIEW THIS AM MOST ANXIOUS THAT THE RATIONS MADE AVAILABLE ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET NEEDS IN CASE ONLY PARTIAL OR NO DEMOBILIZATION TAKES PLACE X VIEW DCAO IS THAT FULL SCALE 500000 INCLUDING NAVY BE SENT FOR AUGUST X ANY OVERSHIPMENT CAN BE MET BY LATER UNDER SHIPMENT BUT SHORTAGE WOULD BE MOST DISASTEROUS

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CONFIDENTIAL DE CIPHER MESSAGE [illegible] NO 73395
IN 39 JUN 44

FROM: FREEDOM CITE PHODQ
TO: AAI ADRAP
INFO: CC SOS · NAPOUSA
MSG NO. WX 56104

REF TOUR 98-332 DATED 27 JUNE 44. 1. BRITISH ARMY DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES PROVISIONING OF RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY BY PROVIDING AT TARANTO SUFFICIENT RATIONS FOR A SEVENTY EQUIVALENT ITALIAN NAVY. THESE RATIONS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR RATIONING ITALIAN NAVY AND OTHER ITALIAN UNITS IN TARANTO AREA. US SHIPMENTS ENTERING TARANTO WILL CONSIST OF DESIGNATED BY TOTAL RATION STRENGTH ITALIAN NAVY. 2. IN VIEW REDUCTION MADE AT TARANTO US WILL CONSIDER US SHIPMENTS WERE PORTS SICILY AND SARDINIA AS REPRESENTING 3. WITH CONTINUED RESPONSIBILITY HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION RATIONS BY ITALIAN PORT AUTHORITIES AND ATTACH 1 AUG. PARA A OF FX 64163 OF 25 JUNE REPEAT. A. FURNISH BY NON NAVAL SHE SUBSISTENCE AND CONSUMED AFTER RATIONING AND DISTRIBUTION RATIONS

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T.T. 21308/30 KW

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CONFIDENTIAL O DE CIPHER MESSAGE TO 73395

IN 25 JUN 44

FROM: FREEDOM CITE FYDDO

TO: NAT ADJAP

INFO: CG EDS - NATOUSA AMIS

MMS NO. WX 56104

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3) STEIN E.T. 21305/30 SW

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SECRET

To MMIA
from 64 AAI
for Info

TO A A I ADNAP CG SOS NATOUSA MMIA

FROM FREEDOM CITE FHGDQ FX 64165 25 JUNE NIL

SECRET.

REF AFHQ CABLE F 61265 OF 18TH JUNE TO AAI ADNAP AND CG SOS NATOUSA FOLLOWING CABLE DEALS ONLY WITH RATIONS.

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian NAVY.

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Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ. AMITA.
LAQUILE (LECCE)
ST/91.

4 July 44.

AMITA. IO. c/o "ST" HQ. 52 AREA.

1. Effective inclusive 1st August 44 the responsibility for feeding the Italian Navy devolves upon the British Army.
It is being fulfilled as follows:-

i. Shipments set up in USA on ITI programme will be increased to cover Italian Navy strengths in SICILY, SARDINIA and MAINLAND ports, EXCEPT the Heel ports. These increases will feed Italian Navy strengths in stated ports and islands ex Italian Army Depots.

ii. Shipments set up in USA on ITI programme for discharge to Heel ports will will be cut by amounts equal to total [illegible] of Italian Navy.

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iii. DDST AAI. will deliver to TARANTO Italian Army Depot, British rations to TOTAL of Italian Navy strength (Ceiling is given as 75,000).

iv. Rations thus received will feed Italian Navy in Heel AND restore Heel deficiencies in ITI Army programme vide (ii) above.

2. Rations supplied by DDST AAI. will be to scales approved for feeding Italian Armed Forces. Physical segregation of stocks will NOT be necessary.

3. Notes on acceptance note procedure and accounting generally will follow.

4. You should be preparing to accept about 1500 Tons gross into Montecatini vide 1 (iii) above Report any difficulties to this Hq without delay.

5. Italian Ministry of War are in the picture and have been instructed to pass on the information to Divisions Commissariats.

6. Acknowledge.

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