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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (MMIA)

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DATE: 16 Feb. 45

FILE NO:
SUBJECT:

TO : Col. Kerr.

Sir, the attached is the proposal with which the War Ministry proposes to control the issue of rations to ITI-ITIs through their depots.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
M. M. I./A.

TTR/ri

Col Rose

This appears to be a good plan and with the publication of the WE's of Cat 1 and 5 and 6 C should work.

What about the travel ration?

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Col Kerr

Sir, there is to be no change in travel ration. Checked with ap. 4830

1. The territorial Military Commands to which this is addressed will send on the 20th. of each month, the complete list of ITI-ITI units located in their own area and that have to be fed by the food depots of the area, to their Dependent Commissariato Direct. beside the name of each unit the following will be shown:
 - a. Maximum authorized strength.
 - b. The depot from which the unit withdrew their rations.
2. The Commissariat Directorate who received such situation will send a list of units to each depot pointing out that only the units therein authorized to draw rations will be permitted to do so and only within the limits of their authorized ration strength.
3. The Territorial Mil. Commands will be responsible for informing the Comm. Directorate of any changes of ration strength which may occur during the course of the month to permit alteration of the lists.
4. For the CC.RR the information will also be sent by the Military Commands after arrangements have been made with the legion HQ.
5. All the addressees by means of frequent inspection of the depots and units will ensure that:
 - a. The depots are only issuing rations to authorized units, and only within the authorized limits.
 - b. The authorized units only draw their rations according to their present strength as shown in their accountancy files as already arranged with letters 4430/S/1 and 11858/S/1 respectively of the 5th of May and 31st. Oct. 44.
6. A monthly return on such activities will be sent to this Ministry. This return will show the depots and unit inspected, eventual irregularities and action taken.
7. The Commissariato Directorate and Independent office of the military command of TARANTO will send before the 15th. of each month to this ministry the list requested in letter 1600/S/1 dated 26 Jan. showing for each unit (ITI-ITI) the ration strength authorized by Military Commands.
8. We point out that in this way two systems of control are being put into force the first to prevent any abuses, the next to ensure that obedience of the first is being observed.
9. The first will apply mainly to control of the actual authorized strength giving the depots the necessary data to avoid withdrawal of rations in excess of the strength authorized by Allies and also to prevent units not recognized by the Allied authorities from drawing any rations.
10. The second will apply mainly to the control of withdrawal of rations according to actual strength of unit, which are authorized to draw only the number of rations required to feed the actual number of men present. This control to be done by the commands from which the

units are depending will also apply to BR-ITI and US-ITI units rationed both from Italian or Allied depots.

11. For the ITI-ITI units in advanced areas the control will be done by "T" delegation of SMRE.

12. The information about authorized units for the Rome Depot will be given by the Ministry of War as previously done.

13. We point out that the Commands will be held responsible if withdrawals are made contrary to present ruling.

Transit ration that we intend to adopt:—

✓ Bread -	550 grms.
or	
✓ Biscuits	400 grms
✓ Tinned Meat	113 Grms
or Fish	113 grms.
✓ Fresh Fruits	56 grms
✓ Tinned Cheese	2 litre
✓ Wine	14 grms.
✓ Dried Fruit	5
✓ Cigarettes, free	5
✓ " , on	
✓ repayment	5

No Change.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2554/6(Maint).

16 Jan 45.

SUBJECT:- Supplies for Italian Army.

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

1. Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining current needs of supplies which the Italian Government is responsible to provide for distribution to dependent units through R.A.S.C. channels.

2. In accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions already issued (AG 400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44 and AG 400/031 GDS-0 dated 6 Oct 44), it is your responsibility to ensure that

(a) the required quantities of supplies provided by the Italian Government to cover the maintenance of dependent units are delivered into Army hands

(b) a stock of these items is built up in the CASORIA Supply Depots sufficient to form one month's issue holdings.

3. Demands have been placed each month in accordance with the above arrangements, but supplies of the main items concerned, i.e.,

Wine - 3500 boxes a month (5 supplies)
Olive Oil
Cigarettes
Matches

have not been forthcoming in sufficient quantity to maintain regular issues to forward packs. Repeated demands upon the Depot nominated to supply are serving to obtain only irregular and inadequate replenishment on a day to day basis.

4. No means exist of obtaining alternative supplies to cover the necessary maintenance demands and as each of the above-named commodities is an essential component of the Italian Army Ration Scale, continued failure to supply is likely to have serious repercussions.

5. It is requested therefore that you will take such steps as may be necessary to rectify the position.

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5. It is requested therefore that you will take such steps as may be necessary to rectify the position as a matter of urgency and forward a report to this Headquarters on the action taken.

Copy to:- S.T.

L. A. S. Sheldon

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

Sheldon
11/11/44

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

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RCV/jad
6 February 1945

Subject: Military Rations.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)
A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.

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1. Further in reference to your AQ/2/13-16 of 29 January 1945 and telephone communication of even date.
 2. VIII Center Italian Red Cross drawing rations at Dump Q5/37 is the same unit which I reported to you and G-4 Supply on 21 October as drawing Military rations.
 3. Investigation reveals that when 5th Army entered Florence in October 1944, a Lieutenant Sassorasse, Italian Red Cross, went to the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, AMG HQ, talked to Col. Parr and Major Aronoff, AMG Welfare officers about drawing rations for their staff, consisting of 210 officers and men located at their HQ, Via delle Scale 52, Florence, the hospitals at Santa Maria Nuova, Florence, and the Red Cross Hospital at Prato, and for the patients which at that time consisted exclusively of Italian soldiers and Partisans. The AMG officers gave them written authority to draw Military rations which of course, they had no right to do and from there the Italian Lieutenant went to Tavernelle where 5th Army QM was located, Major Watson, Class I officer, authorized the issuance of rations. At the present time, the Santa Maria Nuova hospital has 144 military and partisan patients and 107 civilians. The Director, Lt. Col. Toginini, one of the officers to whom I talked, says they draw Military rations for their military and partisan patients through the San Gallo Military Hospital in Florence, and for the civilian patients from civilian sources. The staff of 210 continued to draw Military rations but I have told the Italian LO with the QM that their rations should be stopped immediately.
 4. Last Summer when I originally pointed out the list of units drawing Italian Military rations that I couldn't identify on the Italian Order of Battle, I suggested to G-4 5th Army, that all these units which we couldn't identify, be cut off at the Ration Dumps and then make the unit wanting to draw Italian Military rations, come in and show cause why they should draw rations, but G-4 didn't want to make the men at the Dumps "police men", and said it would be covered by directives. The 210 Division, since the 25th of January, has adopted a similar procedure to what I originally recommended, that rations for most of the units in this area are drawn by 210 Division and then these units must clear with Lt. Apostoli who is the Italian LO with the Army QM. When they come to him, he investigates and sees who the unit really is feeding.
 5. Recommend that some light Italian vehicle be made available to Apostoli in order that he may get to the QM dumps in this area and investigate the units requesting rations. Suggest that with the partisans center under AMG control, now drawing rations, it is more important than ever that Apostoli be made mobile.

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He could investigate, come back to this HQ, report, and a decision be made as to whether the unit should draw rations. Apostoli replaced Capt. Naldoni, the former Italian IO with the QM. Apostoli is much more efficient than Naldoni.

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

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Ltr. MMIA, subject: Reasons for Italian units under command of Fifth Army,
dtd 4 October 1944.

AG 430/130 QM-O 9th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 24 January 1945.

AWK/jwp

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)


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1. Attention is invited to information furnished in paragraph 1 of the above 8th Indorsement.
2. It is requested that information requested in paragraph 2 of the reference indorsement be furnished in CG, Fifth Army.

For the Theater Commander:



1 Incl:
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ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.



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Subject: Rations for Italian units under command of Fifth Army.

Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
AQ/2/13
4 October 1944

To : DCAO, Hq AAI

1. Attached hereto as Appendix "A" is a statement of rations issued by Italian Army depots to the Fifth Army for the month of August 1944.
2. The average ration strength of all Italian units under command Fifth Army for the month of August was 8500. Therefore, a total consumption of 263,500 rations is indicated. The number of rations represented by the issue is shown by each item. Comparison of the rations furnished and the number which should have been consumed indicates either (1) a stockpile is being built up or (2) rations have been overdrawn and overissued.
3. Information is requested regarding procedure for adjusting this account.


CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
MIA

CPK/lak


Appendix "A" attached

cc: G4, AFHQ
QM, AFHQ
SOS NATOUSA
MIA LO Fifth Army

AAI/421.2B/DCAO 1st Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400,
U.S. ARMY. 9 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U.S. Army.

For the Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Armies in Italy:


A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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Appendix "A" attached

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AG 430/130 QM-O
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 15 October 1944

2d Ind

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TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464

1. For remark in connection with paragraph 2 of basic communication.
2. In this connection, it is requested that this headquarters be advised as to the strength of the Italian Armed Forces under command of the Fifth Army during the month of August.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVIERS:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl n/c
(Appendix "A")

AG 430-Z
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, U. S. Army, OCT 29 1944

3d Ind.

REB/BWS/m

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. The average daily strength for rations submitted by Italian military units to truckheads in Fifth Army for the month of August was 15,092. The average strength of Italian units assigned Fifth Army during this period was 8,600; the remainder were PENBASE troops and Carabinieri.

2. It is pointed out that issues to Italian military units are made by Fifth Army from U. S. stocks, such issues being reported to PENBASE for adjustment in stocks and settlement with MMIA. Therefore, it is impossible for this Headquarters to justify actual issues from our truckheads with quantities shipped from Naples, as such shipments lose their identity before being received here.

3. In answer to paragraph 2, basic letter, no stockpile is being built up nor are rations being overissued.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

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

1 Incl:
n/c

cc: QM

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AG 430/130 QM-0 4th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 3 November 1944

RHF/wfb

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
THRU: Commanding General, COMZONE, MTOUSA, APO 750

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Your attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

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R. H. Freese

R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
n/c

430.2-H 5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS COMZONE, MTOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army. 7 November 1944

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army, APO 777, U.S. Army.

1. With reference to paragraph 2, preceding 3rd Indorsement, it is the understanding of this headquarters that PENBASE only acted as a carrier for the shipments that were made by MMIA to Fifth Army, and that the requisitions submitted for the Italian Military units by Fifth Army were passed by PENBASE to MMIA to be filled without exception. Therefore, there should be no reason for these shipments to have lost their identity as the rations involved were not shipped with U.S. Army stocks.

2. The statement that rations are not being overissued is not believed to be correct as it is understood that the scale used for issue purposes was the combat scale, as indicated in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 2, 1944, whereas it should have been the scale approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff placed in effect on 1 August 1944, which is less than the combat scale.

For the Commanding General:

Vernon W. Rice

VERNON W. RICE,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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File AQ/2/13 6th Ind. CPK/lak
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA), Rome, 6 December 1944

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. Reference Par 1, 5th Ind. This statement is correct.
2. The statement in Par 3, 3d Ind (rations not being over-issued) is contrary to the statement in Fifth Army Signal 1532 of 23 October 1944. Issue of rations to Italian Army units on the combat scale provided in AFHQ Adm Memo No. 2, 1944, instead of the scale in effect 1 August 1944, would create an overissue.
3. Information available indicates that Italian Army rations have been issued by Fifth Army dumps to a number of units which cannot be identified as belonging to the Italian Army, such as:

"24th General Hospital
-644 Armd.Inf Division
11th Armd.Inf.Bn.
435 A.A.A. Bn.
Co. "C" 101st. M.P. Bn.
VIII Center
135th Med. Comp. Plat.
A.R.C. Rest Center
329th Sign. Opn. Co.
6730th Co. Adv. Det.
Comp. "A" 719 By. Opn. Bn.
23rd Ital. 719 By. Opn. Bn."
4. Attention is invited to Par 9 and 10 of AAI Adm Inst No 24, 20 May 1944, which controlled the issue of these rations. The Allied agency involved in the issue is responsible that the scale is not exceeded and issues are made only to authorized units of the Italian Army. These rations, which are the property of the Italian Government, were furnished Fifth Army in accordance with the cited authority. Therefore Fifth Army is responsible for the rations and accounting for proper issue on the proper scale.
5. Request information regarding procedure for adjusting this account.

For the Commanding General:


CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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AG 430/130 QM-0 7th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MFOUSA, APO 512, 22 December 1944.

RHF/rm

TO: Commanding General, 5th Army, APO 464.

Information is requested as to what Italian Military Units were attached for rations to the organizations listed in paragraph 3 of the above 6th Indorsement.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

1 Incl
n/c

R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, ACD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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

8th Ind.

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To: Commanding General, MTOUSA, A. P. O. #512, U. S. Army.

1. The following information is submitted in compliance with request contained in 7th Indorsement:

<u>Unit (U.S.)</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Italian Unit Attached or Reason for Issue</u>
24th General Hospital	FBS ✓	23rd Service Bn.
644th Armored Infantry Division	Unknown	No record this headquarters.
11th Armored Infantry Bn.	Fifth Army	1 section, 15th Pack Group.
Co. "C", 101st M.P. Bn.	Fifth Army	4th Co., 511th Bn., 6th Regt. Guardie.
VIII Center	Italian ✓	Rest Camp for Italian Troops.
135th Med. Comp. Plat.	Fifth Army	7th Co. 525th Regt. Ftr.
ARC Rest Center	Italian ✓	For Italian Troops in Transient and Rest Area.
329th Sig. Opn. Co.	Fifth Army	7th Co., 67th Regt. Ftr.
(Should be 229th Sig. Opn. Co.)		
6730th Co., Adv. Det.	Fifth Army	4th Co., 525th Regt. Ftr.
Co. A, 719th Ry. Opn. Bn. and		
719th Ry. Opn. Bn.	MRS (PBS for sup.)	6th, 18th and 21st Companies of 3rd Bn., MRS.

2. Further information and copy of record showing date of issue to 644th Armored Inf. Bn. of Italian Military rations is requested in order that further check can be made in this office.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

Warren A. Thrasher
WARREN A. THRASHER,

Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl
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APPENDIX "A"

ITI RATIONS DESPATCHED BY DIREZIONE
COMMISSARIATO, NAPLES FOR ITI TROOPS 5th ARMY
(All Weights in Net Pounds)

ITEM	TOTAL ISSUE	RATIONS REPRESENTED
Flour	229,300	305,733 ✓
Pasta	68,280	364,160 ✓
Rice	14,500	232,000
Preserved Meat/Fish	64,404	343,488
Pulses	42,300	338,400
Vegetables, Dch	18,228	291,648
Sugar	17,880	286,080
Coffee	10,528	336,896
Cheese	15,120	241,920
Tomato Preserve	7,321.6	234,288
Pepper	106	339,200 ✓
Matches (Boxes)	24,380	
Wine	139,330.4	
Olive Oil	21,029.4	
Tobacco	5,281.6	

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

20 January 1945

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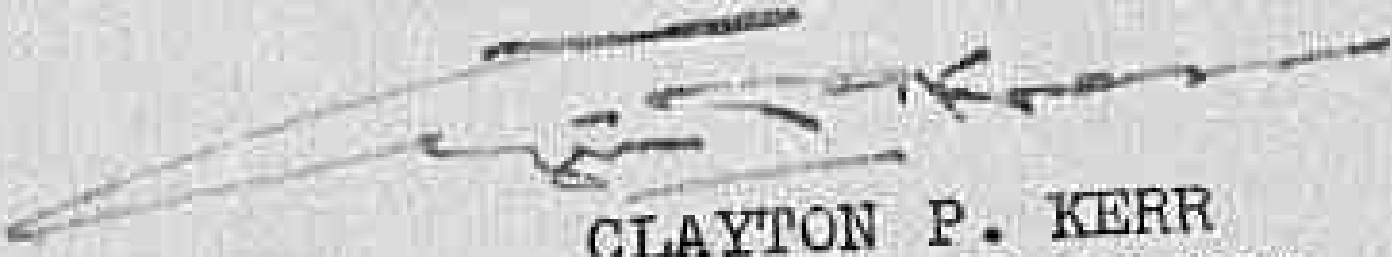
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SUBJECT: Rations - Italian Forces.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

Request reply to 6th Indorsement, this Headquarters,
dated 6 December 1944, file: AQ/2/13.

For the Commanding General:



CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPK/lak

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AG 430/130 - O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 24 January 1945.TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, (MMIA).1. Correspondence referred to was transmitted to the Fifth Army by
7th Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 22 December 1944, file AG 430/130
QM-0, copy attached.2. Upon receipt of reply from the Fifth Army, correspondence will be
acted upon by this headquarters and reply made to you.

For the Theater Commander:


R. H. PRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.1 Incl
Cpy, 7th Ind, this hq, file
AG 430/130 QM-0, dtd 22 Dec 44.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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AG 430/130 - 0 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS STGCSA, APO 512, 24 January 1945.

ANX/gen

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, (ICIA).

1. Correspondence referred to was transmitted to the Fifth Army by 7th Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 23 December 1944, file AG 430/130 QM-O, copy attached.

2. Upon receipt of reply from the Fifth Army, correspondence will be acted upon by this headquarters and reply made to you.

For the Theater Commander:

1 Incl
Cpy, 7th Ind, this hq, file
AG 430/130 QM-O, dtd 22 Dec 44.

R. H. PRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General. 4833

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Subject: Rations, Italian Army

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Land Forces
 Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
 Rome
 AQ/2/13-6
 14 November 1944


To : AFHQ (3)

Copy to: AAI for DCAO
 MMIA LO 5th Army

1. A number of Ration Issue Notes (MMIA Form ST/8) have been received from Fifth Army in accordance with AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-0, dated 22 September 1944.
2. A completed ration issue note and the Fifth Army Daily Issue Chart, dated 5 November, attached, are typical examples of the notes received.
3. Inspection of these notes reveals generally the issue of a number of items as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL ISSUES</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED SCALE</u>
Flour	18 oz	12 oz
Rice	2 oz	1 oz
Meat	4 oz	3 oz
Vegetables, dry	2 1/2 oz	2 oz

4. Information is requested whether the scale has been modified in accordance with par 7a of above quoted letter, and, if not, the disposition to be made of the vouchers in accordance with par 12a of the same letter.


 CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
 for Major General
 Land Forces
 Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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- 2 Incl: (with original only)
 Ration Issue Note
 Fifth Army Daily Issue Chart

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S: 15 December 1944

AG 430/130 QM-O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 25 November 1944.

AWK/jcm

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464.

For remarks reference the discrepancies between the authorized scale at time of issue and the actual issue made to elements of the Italian Army under your command.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:



2 Incls
n/c

W. A. Thrasher
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

cc to:
MIA

AG-430-Q 2nd Ind
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, 30 November 1944.

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To: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. Scale for issue of rations to Italian Military units has been modified to conform with paragraph 6b(4), AFHQ letter, AG 400/031 GDS-O, dated 6 October 1944, and increases of bread and meat components authorized by cable ref. no. FX52252 AFHQ to AAI for action.

2. Issues were made on old scale during period of date of attached form ST/8 pending reply from MTOUSA regarding request for increase in scale by Fifth Army.

3. Your attention is invited to scale on issue sheet attached, that dried vegetables were issued at 1½ oz. rather than the 2½ oz. as quoted in basic letter. The only over issue was 1 oz. on the rice component.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

Warren A. Thrasher
WARREN A. THRASHER,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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FIFTH ARMY

ALLIED MENU of
29 Nov. 1943 -
Revised - 14 Jan. 44

Form 100, JUL 43
DAIRY-ISSUE-CHART

FORM No. 95-3

ORGANIZATION: 103 MIA Bn. SUPPLY: 200 DATE: 11-5-44

I-T-E-M	U-N-I-T	ALLOWANCE	T-O-T-A-L
* Flour	Lb.	112.5	225 ✓
** Beans, dry	Lb.	12.50	25 ✓
*** Preserved meat	Lb.	25.00	50 ✓
Sugar	Lb.	6.25	13 ✓
Pepper	Lb.	0.03	1 ✓
Coffee	Lb.	3.12	7 ✓
Tomato catsup or paste	Lb.	3.12	7 ✓
Macaroni	Lb.	16.75	37 ✓
Cheese	Lb.	6.25	13 ✓
Rice	Lb.	12.50	25 ✓
Dried Vegetables	Lb.	9.37	19 ✓
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* Or other alimentary product at the rate of one lb. of alimentary product (ex. Macaroni, Noodles) for one lb of flour up to a maximum of 75 lbs of flour.

** Or other locally purchased canned vegetables at 12.5 lbs per 100 lbs of flour.

*** Or (1) one of the following items:

Termin, tinned 3.59 lbs
Cardines, tinned 1.8 lbs
Salmon, tinned 2.68 lbs

and including three items below:

Cheese, tinned 6.25 lbs
Sausage, tinned 7.37 lbs
Sugar 3.12 lbs
Or (2) Fish, tinned 25.0 lbs

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Preserved	Lb.	23.00	13
Sugar	Lb.	6.25	✓
Pepper	Lb.	0.03	✓
Coffee	Lb.	3.12	✓
Tomato catsup or paste	Lb.	3.12	✓
Macaroni	Lb.	18.75	37
Cheese	Lb.	6.25	13
Rice	Lb.	12.50	25
Dried vegetables	Lb.	9.37	19
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* Or other alimentary product at the rate of one lb. of alimentary product (ex.

macaroni, noodles) for one lb of flour up to a maximum of 75 lbs of flour.

** Or other locally purchased canned vegetables at 12.5 lbs per 100 mac.

*** Or (V) one of the following items:

Tuna, tinned 3.59 lbs
 Sardines, tinned 1.8 lbs
 Salmon, tinned 2.68 lbs
 and including three items below:
 Cheese, tinned 6.25 lbs
 Sausage, tinned 9.37 lbs
 Sugar 3.12 lbs
 Or (F) Fish, tinned 25.0 lbs

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W. J. Weaver
NIA
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SUBJECT: Release of soured wine.

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 LANG FORCED SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M B
 A/2/13-13
 5 January 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference telephone conversation Col. Rose with the following:

Col. Finicero, Italian War Ministry
 Col. Andrews, ST Section, AFHQ
 Col. Hartman, Quartermaster, HQ PENBAGH
 Maj. Nelson, MMIA LG Naples.

2. You will release the soured wine which has been reported in the Italian Special Food Depot at Naples to the following:

14 CRASC Naples ----- 90 tons
 Gq. PENBAGH Hq. ----- 50 tons

The quantity as shown may vary somewhat, but if so, the quantities released should be on an equal basis to the above listed units.

3. 14 CRASC and Gq. PENBAGH have been asked to move the wine as quickly as possible.

4. MMIA will be responsible for the accounting to insure that proper credit is given to the Italian War Ministry. Special Food Depot at Naples will obtain receipts from the units to which the wine is delivered, and forward them to MMIA LG Naples for transmittal to this office. The containers and transportation for the wine will be the responsibility of the units receiving the wine.

5. You will please notify this Headquarters when the wine has been removed from the Italian Depot.

James T. Rose
 James T. Rose, Lt. Col.
 For Major General
 M. M. I. A.

TTK/ri
 Copy to: DST AFHQ
 2d. AFHQ
 Gq. PENBAGH
 14 CRASC
 PENBAGH
 MMIA LG Naples

SUBJECT: Release of soured wine.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A) R O M E
AG/2/13-12
30 December 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Reference telephone conversation Col. Rose with the following:

General Pelligrà, Italian War Ministry
Col. Andrews, ST Section, AFHQ
Col. Hartman, Quartermaster, HQ PENBASE
Maj. Nelson, MMIA LO Naples.

2. You will release the soured wine which has been reported in the Special Food Depot at Naples to the following:

14 CRASC Naples ---- 33½ tons
Gm. PENBASE HQ. ---- 33½ tons

The quantity as shown may vary somewhat, but if so, the quantities released should be on an equal basis to the above listed units.

3. MMIA will be responsible for the accounting to insure that proper credit is given to the Italian War Ministry. Special Food Depot at Naples will obtain receipt from the units to which the wine is delivered, and forward them to MMIA LO Naples for transmittal to this office. The containers and transportation for the wine will be the responsibility of the units receiving the wine.

4. You will please notify this headquarters when the wine has been removed from the Italian Depot.

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

TTR/r1
Copy to: DST AFHQ
Gm. AFHQ
Gm. PENBASE
14 CRASC
PENSOUTH
MMIA LO Naples

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TRANSLATION.

COPY

FROM: W/M Comm/to.
Sussistenza Branch

Date: 19 Dec.44

TO: MMIA .

Ref. No. 1 4468/S/1

SUBJECT: Transportation of foodstuffs to ROME.

As is known, the troops stationed in the ROME Area are at the moment supplied by despatches from the Central Food Depot at NAPLES, which, in it's turn receives a good part of the items from the Bulk Depot at BARI. This produces a serious waste of time, usage of vehicles and personnel and also dispersal of foodstuffs owing to the reduplication of the work of loading and unloading.

So as to avoid these difficulties which, in quite a few cases, have assumed a grave character, would you please examine the possibility that the goods in question might be sent directly from the BARI Bulk Depot.

The following reasons explain this question:-

- (a) For the additional items the circumstance that the principle sources of supply are in APULIA.
In fact the allotments of tobacco and salt are made by the General Directorate of Monopolies almost exclusively from the Factories of BARI AND LECCE And from the salt marsh of MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA, and the allotments of oil are made by the Ministry of Agriculture from the Apulian Agrarian Committees. Furthermore as far as local purchase items (such as vino and dried fruit) are concerned as well, the conditions on the Apulian make the supply very much easier.
- (b) For the goods of Allied origin, the fact that for some time now nearly all arrive at BARI port, and therefore for them too exist the difficulties caused by the necessity of putting in two transport bids, and by the reduplication of the operations of loading and unloading etc.

The system proposed will have to be followed, as far as additional items are concerned, up to the time that this Ministry is capable of forming the necessary reserves of such items at the NAPLES Bulk Depot; reserves which are required by you, and for whose formation no small difficulties are being encountered, particularly as far as controlled or Monopolized items are concerned.

Will you please be so kind as to examine the proposals outlined above and inform this Office of your own decisions on the question.

Sgd. PELLICRA, for the Minister

4039

Subject: Supply of 205th Italian Division

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (NMIA)
Rome
AQ/2/13-11
5 December 1944

To : Commanding General, Headquarters AAFSC/MTD
APO 394, U. S. Army

Ref: Your AG .091 (d) of 25 November 1944

1. Insofar as the 205 Division is concerned, the amendment you requested in Par 1 of your letter is agreed. In order to promptly effect such an agreement, it is suggested that you so inform the Division Commander, 205 Division.
2. For such items as will be furnished from purely Italian sources, out of Italian depots, through NMIA it is requested that the Division Commander submit his requisitions through the Minister for War in the normal Italian channels so that release in the normal manner through NMIA can be effected. In this case, it is suggested that a copy of the requisition be forwarded direct to NMIA with a statement as to your desires regarding the delivery of the material from the Italian Army depot to the US Air Force depot.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (NMIA)

CPR/lak

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 528

BY AUTH: <i>g.f.B.</i>
Initials
Date <i>25 Nov 1944</i>

SD-2-19

In reply:
Refer to AG .091 (d)

25 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Supply of 205th Italian Division.

TO : CAO Land Forces Sub-Com A.C. (MMIA) Rome, APO 394,
US Army. (Att: Col. Kerr)

1. It is requested that letter, Land Forces Sub Com AC (MMIA), File No. SD/47, dated 14 Nov 44, subject: "Administration of Italian Units by Hq, 205 Div.", be amended to relieve the Division Commander, 205 Division, of supply responsibility for all Italian Units attached to 205 Division. This to be effective until the Division Commander has available sufficient Italian personnel and facilities to effect a distribution of supplies to all units through Italian channels.

2. The Italian Service Units of the 205th Division assigned to the US Air Force are attached for operational control to US Air Force Units located throughout East, West, and North Italy. In view of the wide dispersment of these units, it is felt that supply through normal Air Force supply channels is the only effective way by which Italian units may be adequately supplied. The four thousand (4,000) Italian Service Troops who have been under the operational control of the US Air Forces during the past nine (9) months have been supplied through normal American channels.

For the Commanding General:

W. P. Browne
W. P. BROWNE,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

AAFSG/MT

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File AQ/2/13

6th Ind.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AG (MMIA), Rome, 6 December 1944

CPK/lak

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. Reference Par 1, 5th Ind. This statement is correct.
2. The statement in Par 3, 3d Ind (rations not being over-issued) is contrary to the statement in Fifth Army Signal 1532 of 23 October 1944. Issue of rations to Italian Army units on the combat scale provided in AFHQ Adm Memo No. 2, 1944, instead of the scale in effect 1 August 1944, would create an overissue.
3. Information available indicates that Italian Army rations have been issued by Fifth Army dumps to a number of units which cannot be identified as belonging to the Italian Army, such as:

"24th General Hospital
644 Armd. Inf Division
11th Armd. Inf. Bn.
435 A.A.A. Bn.
Co. "C" 101st. M.P. Bn.
VIII Center
185th Med. Comp. Plat.
A.R.C. Rest Center
328th Sign. Opn. Co.
6750th Co. Adv. Det.
Comp. "A" 719 By. Opn. Bn.
23rd Ital. 719 By. Opn. Bn."

4. Attention is invited to Par 9 and 10 of AAI Adm Inst No 24, 20 May 1944, which controlled the issue of these rations. The Allied agency involved in the issue is responsible that the scale is not exceeded and issues are made only to authorized units of the Italian Army. These rations, which are the property of the Italian Government, were furnished Fifth Army in accordance with the cited authority. Therefore Fifth Army is responsible for the rations and accounting for proper issue on the proper scale.
5. Request information regarding procedure for adjusting this account.

For the Commanding General:

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

4030

Subject: Rations for Italian units under command of Fifth Army.

Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
AQ/2/13
4 October 1944

To : DCAO, Hq AAI

1. Attached hereto as Appendix "A" is a statement of rations issued by Italian Army depots to the Fifth Army for the month of August 1944.

2. The average ration strength of all Italian units under command Fifth Army for the month of August was 8500. Therefore, a total consumption of 263,500 rations is indicated. The number of rations represented by the issue is shown by each item. Comparison of the rations furnished and the number which should have been consumed indicates either (1) a stockpile is being built up or (2) rations have been overdrawn and overissued.

3. Information is requested regarding procedure for adjusting this account.

/s/ Clayton P. Kerr
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
MMIA

CPK/lak

Appendix "A" attached

cc: G4, AFHQ
QM, AFHQ
SCS NATOUSA
MMIA LO Fifth Army

AAI/421.2B/DCAO 1st Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400,
U.S. ARMY. 9 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

For the Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Armies in Italy :

/s/ A. L. Hamblen
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

Appendix "A" attached

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AG/430/130 QM-8
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 15 October 1944

2d Ind

RHF:sl

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464

1. For remark in connection with paragraph 2 of basic communication.

2. In this connection, it is requested that this headquarters be advised as to the strength of the Italian Armed Forces under command of the Fifth Army during the month of August.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl n/c
(Appendix "A")

AG 430-Z
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, U. S. Army,

3d Ind.

REB/EWS/m

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army

1. The average daily strength for rations submitted by Italian military units to truckheads in Fifth Army for the month of August was 15,092. The average strength of Italian units assigned Fifth Army during this period was 8,600; the remainder were PENBASE troops and Carabinieri.

2. It is pointed out that issues to Italian military units are made by Fifth Army from U. S. stocks, such issues being reported to PENBASE for adjustment in stocks and settlement with MMIA. Therefore, it is impossible for this Headquarters to justify actual issues from our truckheads with quantities shipped from Naples, as such shipments lose their identity before being received here.

3. In answer to paragraph 2, basic letter, no stockpile is being built up nor are rations being overissued.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

/s/ B. W. Saurel
B. W. SAUREL
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
n/c

cc: QM

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AG 430/130 QM-0 4th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 3 November 1944

RHF/wfb

TO: Deputy President, Allied Commission, APO 394
For: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
THRU: Commanding General, COMZONE, MTOUSA, APO 750

Your attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

R. H. Frese
R. H. PRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
n/c

430.2-H 5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS COMZONE, MTOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army. 7 November 1944

TO: Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army,
APO 777, U. S. Army.

1. With reference to paragraph 2, preceding 3rd Indorsement, it is the understanding of this headquarters that PENBASE only acted as a carrier for the shipments that were made by MMIA to Fifth Army, and that the requisitions submitted for the Italian Military units by Fifth Army were passed by PENBASE to MMIA to be filled without exception. Therefore, there should be no reason for these shipments to have lost their identity as the rations involved were not shipped with U.S. Army stocks.

2. The statement that rations are not being overissued is not believed to be correct as it is understood that the scale used for issue purposes was the combat scale, as indicated in AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 2, 1944, whereas it should have been the scale approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff placed in effect on 1 August 1944, which is less than the combat scale.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Vernon W. Rice
VERNON W. RICE,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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FROM

MINISTRY OF WAR ✓

Date 1100 25 1144

TO

COMANDO ITALIANO 212 DIV. P.B.S.

THRU

MMIA

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MMIA INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE ASK GENERAL BONACCONSI TO ISSUE RATIONS TO CCMH AT GROSSETTO, LUCCO, PISA, AND LIVORNO (.) FOR FURTHER ORDERS YOUR HQ SHOULD REQUEST IF NECESSARY THE USE OF P.B. V. SIGNALS MEANS (.) GENERAL BONACCONSI IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THIS MINISTRY OF REASONS FOR REFUSAL TO SUPPLY RATIONS TO CARABINIERI

In accordance with M.M.I.A. instructions please ask General
 Bonaccorsi to issue () rations to CORR at Grosseto, Lucca,
 Pisa, and Livorno drawing from availability in your Hq.
 Italian depot at Livorno. For further orders to ~~that~~
 Hq. request use of P.B.V. signals means. ~~that~~
 General Bonaccorsi is requested to inform the
 Ministry of reasons for refusal to supply rations to
 Carabinieri.

COMANDO ITALIANO 212
 M.M.I.A. (per Cap. Clark)

NAPOLI
 ROMA

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N. /S/1 ALT DESTINATARIO COMANDO ITALIANO 212 ET
 CONOSCENZA M.M.I.A. ALT SEQUITO ISTRUZIONI M.M.I.A. PREGASI INTERESSARE
 GENERALE BONACCORSI AT CEDERE RAZIONI VIVERI AT CARABINIERI ZONA GROSSETO
 VIRGOLA LUCCA VIRGOLA PISA ET LIVORNO ATTINGENDO DISPONIBILITA' DEPOSITO
 ITALIANO LIVORNO ALT PER CONSEGUENTI ORDINI COTESTO COMANDO CHIEDA SE NE-
 CESSARIO POTER FRUIRE MEZZI COLLEGAMENTO F.B.V. ALT GENERALE BONACCORSI
 SIA INVITATO AT COMUNICARE QUESTO MINISTERO MOTIVI NEGATO RIFORMIMENTI CA-
 RABINIERI ALT PRO MINISTRO GUERRA PELLIGRA ALT 1100251144



IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
 (1. Col. G. Pignatelli)

Uff. S. Pignatelli

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By Chase

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REAR FIFTH ARMY

AQ-2268

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR VAN KIRK MMIA LO (.) PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM FROM THE WAR MINISTRY IS DELIVERED WITHOUT
DELAY (.) FROM THE WAR MINISTRY TO COMMANDING OFFICER
212 DIV. (.) QUOTE (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MMIA INSTRUCTIONS
PLEASE ASK GENERAL BONACCORSI TO ISSUE RATIONS TO CCRR AT
GROSSETO, LUCCO, PISA, AND LIVORNO (.) FOR FURTHER ORDERS
YOUR HQ SHOULD REQUEST IF NECESSARY THE USE OF P.B.V. SIGNALS
MEANS (.) GENERAL BONACCORSI IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THIS
MINISTRY OF REASONS FOR REFUSAL TO SUPPLY RATIONS TO CARABINIERI
(.) SIGNED PELLIGRA (.) UNQUOTE

Important
Amended

James J. Rose

4013

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Strength of 210 Division

File 2/12/42
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MIA)
Rome

November 1944

May Rose
MEMORANDUM:

To : Major A. M. Friedburg

Attached schedule of Italian formations and units operating with the 210 Division as of 9 November is forwarded for your information.

CPK/lmk

CLAYTON P. KERN
Colonel, Infantry

1 Incl: Schedule, 210 Division

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TRANSLATION

FROM M of W

Ref 657/SA

TO MMIA

Date 15 Nov 41

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Subject: Flour unloaded in Naples from SS J Miller and shipped to Taranto.

The Naples Commissariato, upon request from this office, has informed us that from the 11-23 May 1944 the Allied Liaison Office of Naples shipped 93 RR cars with 37,132 bags, or a total of 3,713,200 lbs of flour to the Central food Depot of Taranto, for their own account.

The above office added that the Port Detachment alone was charged with the supervision of the loading, and that, although they (the Commissariato) requested a guard from the Allied L.O. the cars were not guarded.

The Central Depot of Taranto received 36,220 bags, partly opened, containing a total of 3,582,460 lbs. This means a difference of 130,740 lbs from the amount shipped.

In view of above, considering that the shipment was made directly by MMIA Hq., and that, in the absence of guards, a deficiency of 130,740 lbs. of flour.

PELLIGRA

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Incoming Message

MSG Center No : N 55/20
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : FREEDOM
To : DISTRICT THREE rptd MMIA signed SACMED

Date : 20 Nov
Reference NR: Fx 5 & 897
Cite : FHGDQ

SECRET (.)

REFERENCE THIS HQ LETTER AFHQ/64/2/ST 1 of 18TH NOV COPY TO
DDST YOUR HQ (.) MMIA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT COLLECT THESE RATIONS (.)
REQUEST YOU ARRANGE DELIVERY OF 70,000 RATIONS DAILY FROM EACH
22 CRASC BARI AND 14 CRASC CASORIA TO ITALIAN ARMY BULK DEPOTS
AT BARI AND NAPLES RESPECTIVELY (.) DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE
MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MMIA LOS AT BARI NAPLES (.) REQUEST
MMIA NOTIFY EARLIEST WHEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THIS
COMMITMENT

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LAND FORCES

4018

Subject: Rations, Italian Army

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (WMIA)
Rome
AG/2/13-5
14 November 1944

To : AFHQ (3)

Copy to: AAI for DCAO
WMIA LO 5th Army

1. A number of Ration Issue Notes (WMIA Form 85/8) have been received from Fifth Army in accordance with AFHQ letter AG 400/105 L-3, dated 22 September 1944.
2. A completed ration issue note and the Fifth Army Daily Issue Chart, dated 3 November, attached, are typical examples of the notes received.
3. Inspection of these notes reveals generally the issue of a number of items as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL ISSUES</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED SCALE</u>
Flour	12 oz	12 oz
Rice	2 oz	1 oz
Wheat	4 oz	3 oz
Vegetables, dry	2 1/2 oz	2 oz

4. Information is requested whether the scale has been modified in accordance with par 7a of above quoted letter, and, if not, the disposition to be made of the vouchers in accordance with par 19 of the same letter.

CLAYTON T. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (WMIA)

CFE/lak

3 Incl: (with original only)
Ration Issue Note
Fifth Army Daily Issue Chart

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V
SUBJECT: Tomato Paste - Garibaldi Div.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/13-7
15 November 1944

TO: Ministry of War

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Ref. is made to your letter 304477/CA dated
13 November 1944.

1. We regret to inform you that Allied rations cannot be used for troops outside of Italy, and therefore Tomato Paste cannot be issued for the Garibaldi Division.

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

FRC/r1

Translation

From : Ministry of War

Ref : 304477/CA

To : MMIA

Date: 13 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Tomato paste "Garibaldi" Div.

As it may be noted, HQ 399 Forces supply "Garibaldi" Div. but could not supply this months' assignment of tomato paste because not available.

Considering that this article of food is indispensable to the meals and cannot be obtained from the market may please MMIA examine the possibility of authorising the drawing of 10 Qls ($\frac{1}{2}$ Ton) from Bari Depot.

Hoping for a favourable reply.

/sgd/ Gen. G.B. OXILIA

COPY of TRANSLATION 125

FROM: M of W Ref. - 3187/1/Se
TO : MMIA Date- 8 Nov. 44. *low*

SUBJECT: Stores for Combat Groups' Bakeries

Further to verbal request of Ten. HORLICH.

1. Bakery sections of Combat Groups in formation are not being issued with Camp Ovens, so such equipment have been returned to the Direz.di Commissariato, Naples because inefficient or requiring repairs. The types and amount of oven returned to the Direz.di Commissariato, Naples are shown on the appendix attached to Letter 1/2953/Serv. dated 24 September 44 addressed to MMIA from SMRE. *NT*
2. Bakery sections of Combat Groups actually bakes the bread in stone oven, located in various zones.
3. As it has been requested by MMIA, this office with reference signal 2995/1/S dated 20 Oct. 44, Copy to MMIA, has arranged that all stores for bakeries, noted by SMRE, ref. 3453/Serv., be stocked at the Direz. di Comm. Naples. *NT*
4. Authority has been given to the Direz. di Art. Naples to arrange urgently the repair to ovens returned by Combat Groups at the Direz. Di Comm. Naples. To these stores for repair an oven WAISS should be added to the quantity because it has only recently been salvaged.
5. The Direz. di Comm. Bari has already informed that arrangements have been made to pack the stores in 41 bales of a total weight of 1 ton and the necessary transport to Naples of same.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

2653
30433JMB/PAM/sbk
7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Armed Forces.

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TO : MMLA ←

9/11

1. The rations listed are estimated requirements for December 1944, to supply the 205th Division (USAF Service Units) and 210th Division (5th Army) U.S. Italian Armed Forces in compliance with para 7, a (3) letter Allied Force Headquarters, dated 6 October 1944.

a. 205th Division: presumable strength 6500 men. 11,800

Matches	N.	1,040,000	26,000 300
Oil	litre	5,538	5527
Salt	kilo	2,769	2760
Tobacco	ration	6,500	✓
Wine	litre	97,500	✓

b. 210th Division: presumable strength 12,000 men.

Matches	N.	1,920,000	48,000 300
Oil	litre	10,200	10,204
Salt	kilo	5,100	5104
Tobacco	ration	12,000	✓
Wine	litre	180,000	✓

2. Requirements listed hereafter are for Comando Italiano 212 based on letter that organization dated 5 November 1944 and are in addition to para 1 above.

a. Naples: presumable strength 29,000 men.

Matches	N.	4,640,000 (40 per man weekly)	✓
Oil	kilo	8,700	24659
Salt	"	12,329	20,880 (includes baking)
Tobacco	"		4,350 (gratuitous) ✓
Tobacco	"		4,350 (on payment) ✓
Wine	litre	435,000	✓

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b. Leghorn: presumable strength 20,000 men.

Matches	N.	3,200,000 ✓	
Oil	kilo	6,000	17,006
Salt	"	14,400	8,503
Tobacco	"	3,000	
Tobacco	"	3,000	
Wine	litre	300,000 ✓	

c. Pionbino: presumable strength 4,000 men.

Matches	N.	640,000 ✓	
Oil	kilo	1,200	3401
Salt	"	2,880	1700
Tobacco	"	6,000	
Tobacco	"	6,000	
Wine	litre	600,000	60,000

d. Civitevecchie: presumable strength 2,000 men.

Matches	N.	320,000 ✓	
Oil	kilo	600	1700
Salt	"	1,440	850
Tobacco	"	3,000	
Tobacco	"	3,000	
Wine	litre	300,000	30,000

For the Quartermaster:

J. M. Berman
J. M. BERMAN
Major, QMC
Executive Officer

Info Cy: Captain Wheeler,
COM COMZONI LPOUSA.

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Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
25 October 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Major Van Kirk, MMIA LO
G-4 Section, Rear 5th Army

I note in your Liaison Log of 21 October the list of organizations drawing Italian military rations.

Please let me have the results of your investigation and the strengths of the units concerned.

The report made by 5 Army CIC, which you stated in your report was attached, was not attached. Please send it forward.

Clayton P. Kerr
CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPK/lak

1st Ind. RCV/jad
Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army, APO 464, U. S. Army, 1 November 1944

To: Headquarters, Military Mission Italian Army, APO 394, U. S. Army.

Am still unable to identify the organizations reported in my Liaison Log of 21 October 1944, their locations or strengths, but will furnish this information as soon as available. For a fifteen (15) day period, QM records indicate, however, these units drew 26,028 rations.

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Date Recd	6/11/

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M of W

REF 11830/s/1

TO : MMIA

DATE: 3 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Presentation of Form "K" Ration-Drawing tickets.

This Ministry has, with the letter known to MMIA, issued general orders concerning the date of presentation of the Form "K" ration-drawing ticket.

Nevertheless, since particular contingencies-such as excessive distance between drawing unit and depot-can well interfere with the punctual presentation of the Form "K", and since we cannot expect the troops to suffer for the commanders negligence, we do not believe it opportune to authorize the issuing authorities met to issue rations unless requisitioned at the established date.

In any case, in order to stimulate the unit commanders and assure strict adherence to directives, the "Commissariato" Directorates have been ordered to inform Mil HQ, from time to time, of cases of non-compliance, so that severe disciplinary measures can be taken.

We furthermore want to inform MMIA that, if the purpose of the directive is to allow the rations to be drawn in a few minutes time, this can not be accomplished at all, even presenting the Form "K" on time, because:

1. The unit cannot be denied the right to check, in the depot, the weight of the issued rations, and a certain amount of time is necessary for those operations.

2. For some types of rations (especially liquids) the empty containers, must be brought by the units from time to time, and have to be filled and weighed at the time the unit arrives to draw rations.

Thus the unfortunate inconveniences cannot always be eliminated.

*Agreed, but people can
always do as they are told
which was object of my letter!*

S/PELLIGRA

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