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FROM: 4 DISTWO

TO: AFHQ : MMIA

INFO: ALCOM

REF: QS 393

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YOUR FX26391 OF 21 FX 26894 AND FX 27084 OF 23 CITE INGDQ(.) SUBJECT
IS PARA 8 OF BRIT ADM INSTRUCTION NO. 7 AS AMENDED BY YOU(.)

(1) IN VIEW CESSATION BRIT MIL MAINT EXCL COAL BULK POL AND FROZEN
MEAT BY SEA AFTER 2 SEP AM PLANNING FUTURE SHIPS ON FOLLOWING LINES(.)
PLEASE CONFIRM THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INTENTIONS(.)

(2) STOCKS AT 42 BSD AND 58 BSD GENOA WILL BE EATEN DOWN AND THOSE
INSTALLATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED(.) SHIPS FOR BRIT MAIN WILL BE
RAILED BY PACK TO 93 DID MILAN 203 DID GENOA AND SEC 203 DID TURIN
WHICH WILL HOLD 7 DAYS RES ADDITIONAL TO 7 DAYS MAINT STOCKS(.)
EFL SHIPS WILL BE CONSIGNED BY RAIL DIRECT TO 49 BIS MILAN 40 BIS GENOA
52 BIS TURIN(.)

(3) NO QUESTION OF REESTABLISHING BSD OR BED IN MILAN

(4) REQUEST YOU CLARIFY WHETHER HQ 2 DISTRICT ABSOLVED FROM RESPONSIBILITY
TO CLEAR 2000 TED MIL AND ALCOM SHIPS FROM GENOA DOCKS AFTER DISCHARGE
OF SHIPS ARRIVING UP TO 2 SEP INCL. (.) P

(5) FOR MMIA (.) REQUEST YOU NOTIFY FIRM DATE AND PLAN FOR ASSUMPTION
OWN MAIN BY ITALIAN ARMY UNITS WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE BY RAIL AFTER
2 SEP

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From: Dir., Gen., Serv. *Translat.*
 To: M.M.A. *Com. issariat.*

Subject: Transport of dried fruit for the Bari Garrison.

Ref., to letter Q/2/13-21 dated 11/3/45 of the M.M.A., and further to note 32/1C/RP and 56/1C/RP, dated 27/3/45 and 22/5/45 respectively, from this ministry.

The Bari Mil., Terr., Commandant, Gen., BOSELLI has concluded the investigations regarding the transport of dried fruit for the requirements of the Bari Garrison.

The wagons requested by the Bari Com. issariat Directorate from the 16/11/44 to the 26/2/45, for the transport of the said fruit, amount to 274.

According to the a/m request, during that period, 259 rail wagons were assigned, to which must also be added another 70 rail wagons assigned for the reorganising of the transport program, which were not assigned allowed in answer to the original request.

In all, the firm supplying dried fruit to the Bari Garrison; (Unioncopa) ~~was~~ obtained during that period, the assignment of 329 wagons. Regarding this it is pointed out that the wagons would not have been assigned if the firm concerned had revealed the fact that they had obtained the release of a further 60 wagons not authorised by the Mil., Admin., to whom the wagons were directed.

The fresh fruit for Bari, which arrived by rail, did not meet satisfactorily the requirements of the a/m garrison, because the fruit was perishable and had to be stocked in stores for several days (Loading and unloading points) was transported ~~under~~ *under* ~~the~~ *the* ~~same~~ *same* ~~conditions~~ *conditions*, and ~~was~~ *was* liable to frequent theft during the journey.

In certain cases the loss due to spoiling alone, was 40% to 50%. ~~More over, when the quantity of the wagons, with the quantity arriving, was three~~ *More over, when the quantity of the wagons, with the quantity arriving, was three* ~~wagons of onions and lemons, approx 500 quintals destined for the hospitals,~~ *wagons of onions and lemons, approx 500 quintals destined for the hospitals,* ~~and the rest were missing.~~

Examining the question from this point of view, the discrepancy between the quantity of fruit arriving and the quantity distributed to the troops, does not appear to be so ~~in~~ *in* ~~plate~~ *plate* as at first sight.

However, ~~in respect of~~ *in respect of* ~~the lack of vigilance and control on the~~ *the lack of vigilance and control on the* ~~part of the officer in charge of the service, the Bari Mil., Terr., Commandant has proposed the following disciplinary measures, which have been~~ *part of the officer in charge of the service, the Bari Mil., Terr., Commandant has proposed the following disciplinary measures, which have been* readily approved.

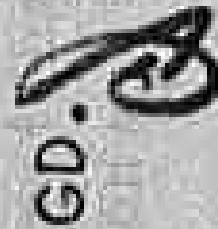
-ible for the firm itself to abuse the concession of rail wagons from the Mil., Administration.

Lt., (Substance) Reg., Army, MINNITI Sebastiano, 10 days ~~then~~ arrest for the following reasons.

Whilst specially entrusted with the service of supplying fresh fruit and vegetables to the Bari Garrison in accordance with contract (for that purpose) Although he experienced repeated but justified interruptions in the carrying out of his duty, he did not show the necessary diligence, and vigilance, in seeing that the contract was fulfilled.

Regarding the "Unioncopa" the firm is considered at fault for not informing the competent authorities of the use of the 60 wagons (unauthorised) and for putting on the market surplus fruit, without the previous authorisation of the Mil., Administration. The State Legal Department have been consulted with a view to ascertaining if (because of the unauthorised use of 60 rail wagons, and putting fruit on the market without the necessary approval,) the firm has violated special regulations of the Law.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Transport, Gen., Directorate of Railways, has been asked to ascertain the circumstances whereby it was possible for the "Unioncopa" to make use of the 60 wagons without the necessary authorisation, and also to point out the responsible parties so that the necessary action can be taken.

GD. 
(Pelligra)

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FROM: Ufficio Servizi - SMRE

27 June 1945

TO : MMIA

1/2835/Serv.

SUBJECT: Situation in regard to the possibilities of Supplying
the Italian Army.

Herewith for your information copy of our 1/2722/Serv of the 17th June, in which we asked the various General Directorates of the Ministry of War for a careful study of the situation in regard to the possibilities of supplying the Italian Army.

Sgd. GENERAL GIORGIO LIUZZI

COPY OF LETTER

From: Ufficio Servizi, SMRE
Ref: 1/2722/Serv of 17 June.Subject: Situation in regard to the possibilities of supplying
the Italian Army.

TO: The Coordination Office.

Info: Cabinet

Artillery Inspectorate.

Engineers Inspectorate.

On account of the cessation of hostilities and the consequent reorganization of units of the Army, the problem of which has been already foreshadowed by the constitution of a "Transition Army" with a strength of about 150,000 men (CCRR exclusive) it is foreseen that in the near future the Allies will give us the problem of providing the necessities of life to units of the Army, using exclusively our own means of transport and supplies, without any further allocations from the Allies.

At the best this change of system should come gradually and with sufficient warning and lapse of time, but it must not be ignored that it might happen suddenly from one moment to another

Therefore the various General Directorates, in conjunction with the General Staff and Inspectorates, must study the question, so that all necessary details may be collected as quickly as possible and so that it may be established up to what point the Army is and can be maintained and fed by materials, provisions and products of the country. For this purpose, it is pointed that the necessary details for appraisal may be collected and studied with the active assistance of the Territorial Commands, which are at the disposal of all directorates. These details are the availability of materials and raw materials already in possession of the Military Authorities (as well as those frozen by the Allies), the possibilities of attaining products, manufactured goods, raw materials for the country, the productive capacities of Military establishments, the use of civilian industries for supplying the military.

It would be desirable that a concrete study of this should be made by July so as to have an exact perspective of the problem and so that we may have the necessary data both to meet emergencies that may arise and to study a concrete base for the organization of the Army in the future.

SMRE
Sgd. General Ronco E.

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MINISTER DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIONE SERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

Prot. n° 1/2835/Serv. P.M.3800,11 24 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Situazione e previsioni circa la possibilità di rifornimenti per l'Esercito Italiano.

allegat. 1 *Situation reports and steps taken in respect of*
the possibilities of supplies to Italian Army.

ALIA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Si rimette, per informazione, copia dell'allegato foglio n° 1/2722/Serv. del 17 corr. col quale questo S.M. ha richiesto alle varie Direzioni Generali del Ministero uno studio aggiornato circa situazione e previsioni relativamente alle possibilità di rifornimenti per l'Esercito Italiano.-



GENERALE ADDETTO
Giorgio Liuzzi-

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COPIA/se

Allegato 1 al foglio 42832
data 24.6.1945MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione S.M.

N° 1/2722/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 17 Giugno 1945.

O G G E T T O: Situazione e previsioni circa le possibilità di rifornimenti per l'Esercito Italiano.

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO
e, per conoscenza:
AL CABINETTO
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

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E' da prevedere che a non lontana scadenza, in relazione alla cessazione delle ostilità ed al conseguente riordinamento e rimangiamento delle unità del R.E. - il cui problema è stato già adombrato attraverso la costituzione di un "Esercito di transizione" la cui forza (esclusi i CC.RR.) si può ritenere aggirarsi intorno ai 150.000 uomini - sia posto sul tappeto dagli alleati il problema di provvedere, esclusivamente con mezzi nostri e nostri rifornimenti, alle necessità di vita della Unità del nostro Esercito, senza poter fare più assegnamento sui rifornimenti alleati.

Nella migliore delle ipotesi tale modifica di sistema dovrebbe avvenire gradualmente o per lo meno con conveniente preavviso e lasso di tempo, ma non è da escludere che ci si possa trovare improvvisamente, da un momento all'altro, di fronte al fatto compiuto.

Necessita pertanto che le varie Direzioni Generali, in contatto con lo Stato Maggiore e con i vari Ispettorati, pongano allo studio la questione al fine di raccogliere, nel più breve tempo possibile, tutti i necessari elementi interi particolarmente a stabilire, nei vari settori di rispettiva competenza, fino a che punto sussiste o può sussistere la possibilità di mantenere ed alimentare l'Esercito con materiali, sopperiti e prodotti provenienti dal Paese.

In tale quadro, interessa che, con l'attivo concorso dei Comandi Militari Territoriali i quali dispongono di tutti gli organi direttivi dei servizi, siano raccolti, tenuti aggiornati e posti allo studio i necessari elementi

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di valutazione: disponibilità di materiali e materie prime già in possesso della Autorità Militare (anche se bloccati dagli alleati), possibilità di attingere prodotti, manufatti, materie prime dal Paese, capacità produttiva degli stabilimenti militari, concorso dell'industria civile ai fini degli approvvigionamenti militari.--

Sarebbe desiderabile che uno studio concreto sull'argomento venisse realizzato entro il mese di luglio in modo da avere una esatta visione d'insieme dei termini del problema, e trovarci in possesso dei dati necessari sia per fronteggiare le esigenze logistiche contingenti sia per studiare su una base concreta il futuro ordinamento dell'Esercito.--

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO
F.to Generale Renzo E.



P. C. O.

CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI

(Colonnello M. MELONI)

Meloni

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FROM:-- AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDS

TO:-- ACTION MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

INFO REAR ARMY
ALCOM
15ARMY GROUP .
FIFTH ARMY.DATE JUNE 16.
TIME 1725 B.PRECEDENCE. PRIORITYREF FX 94030CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR U242 OF 13 JUNE .REQUIRE FOLLOWING FURTHER DETAILS

BEFORE APPROVING EXTENSION

(A) HOW MANY OF ONE MILLION RATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA B
OF FX 76738 OF 16 MAY HAD BEEN ISSUED UP TO 10 JUNE?(B) HOW MANY PARTISANS DO YOU ANTICIPATE FEEDING FROM
11 JUNE UNTIL 10 JULY?(C) PRESUME THOSE IN (B) ABOVE ARE LOCATED IN
VENEZIA GIULIADistributionInfo Action : Land Forces (2)
Patriots Br.Info : Chief Comm.
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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 56/I.C/Rp

TO : MMIA (for info)

Date: 22-5-45

SUBJECT: Citrous fruits bought in Sicily and Calabria.

Ref. to letter 2/2/13-21 dated 11-3-45 from MMIA and further to our letter 32/I.C/Rp dated 27/3/45.

As a result of further investigations made in respect of the transport of fresh fruits needed in the Bari Area, by the Bari Territorial Command it appears that we can exclude any favoritism towards the UNIONCOPA by the Bari Commissariat Directorate nor was there any tacit consent to facilitate the abuse committed by said firm. Those investigations confirm the break of the Clauses of contract by the UNIONCOPA Firm and lack of control by the officer that was to supervise the service.

We therefore will inform you later of the disciplinary action taken against the culprit about whom more profound investigations are being made by the Bari Terr. Command.

PELLIGRA



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 93

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Mo/M

Sezione

Roma, 22 Maggio 1945

Procl. N° 56/I.C./Rp. Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

Div.

Sez.

N°

A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Oggetto. Agrumi acquistati in Sicilia e Calabria.

Si fa riferimento alla lettera n° Q/2/13-21 - data 11.3.1945 di codesta Missione e seguito alla nota n° 32/I.C./Rp. - data 27.3.1945 di questo Ministero.

Da ulteriori indagini esperite dal Comando Militare Territoriale di Bari in merito alla nota questione dei trasporti di frutta fresca per le necessità del presidio di Bari è sembrato possa escludersi che da parte della Direzione di Commissariato di Bari vi sia stata azione di favoreggiamento verso l'Unioncopa oppure tacito consenso per facilitare l'abuso commesso dalla Ditta. E' apparsa invece certa la violazione delle clausole contrattuali da parte dell'Unioncopa e la mancata azione di vigilanza e di controllo degli ufficiali incaricati di regolare il servizio.

Si fa, pertanto, riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni circa i provvedimenti disciplinari a carico dei responsabili, per i quali sono in corso nuovi e più approfonditi accertamenti da parte del succitato Comando Militare Territoriale di Bari.-

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Rations for 210th Staging Area

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	10 Apr 1945	For your comment and return. My comment is that the Br-Iti must obtain as soon as possible their own hotel. Capt Newton and I are both agreed on this. This system requires too many records and too much accounting. <i>R.C. Van Kirk</i> R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Infantry Sr. (MMIA) L.O., 5th Army <i>C.S.</i> <i>15 Apr</i> Agreed Van Kirk's comment. <i>R</i>

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HEADQUARTERS DELEGATION "T" SMRE
Service Office

File : 2018/Serv.

P.M. 219, 30 March 45

Subject : Rations for 210th Division Staging Area.

To : Italian Liaison - G. 4 - Fifth Army.

Reference letter 6254/6 dtd 29 March and verbal conversation
The question of 210th Staging Area for officers and EM might be set-
tled as follows:

1. "Cercina d'Italia" Hotel -

- Officers of 210th Division US-ITI units and of ITI-ITI units are entitled to be billeted.
- By a special concession officers of BR-ITI units (231 Div & Combat Groups) and ITI-ITI units attached to above BR-ITI Formations are admitted.
- Partisan officers might be admitted by replacement of rations from the Florence Partisan Center (establishing a reserve of 50 rations at the Hotel)
- Therefore the hotel should be keep following documents:
 - Record book for 210th Division US-ITI and ITI-ITI units.
 - Record book for BR-ITI units (231 Div and Combat Groups) and ITI-ITIs attached.
 - Record book for partisan officers.

2. 210th Division Staging Area (Via dell'Orinole)

- NCO's and EM of 210th Division US-ITI units and of ITI-ITI units attached to 210th Division are entitled to be billeted here.
- By a special concession NCO's and EM of BR-ITI units (231 Div & Combat Groups) and ITI-ITI units attached to above BR-ITIs are admitted.
- NCO's and EM of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force might be admitted by replacement of rations from the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.
- Further more EM of ITI-ITI units not attached to 210th and 231st Division might be admitted: they should be attached for rations to Delegation "T" Headquarters Co.
- Therefore the Commander of the Staging Area should keep following documents:
 - Record book for 210th Division US-ITI and ITI-ITI units
 - Record book for BR-ITI units (231 Div and Combat Groups) and ITI-ITI attached.
 - Record book for the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.
 - Record book for ITI-ITIs not attached to 210th and 231st Div and attached for rations to Delegation "T" Hq Co.
- Finally the Staging Area, both for Officers and E.M., should function, in regards to rations, as follows:

- a) US-ITIs and ITI-ITIs of 210th Division, BR-ITIs and ITI-ITI of 231st Division and Combat Groups.

- Partisan officers might be admitted by replacement of rations from the Florence Partisan Center (establishing a reserve of 50 rations at the Hotel)
- Therefore the hotel should be keep following documents:
 - Record book for 210th Division US-ITI and ITI-ITI units.
 - Record book for BR-ITI units (231 Div and Combat Groups) and ITI-ITIs attached.
 - Record book for partisan officers.

2. 210th Division Staging Area (Via dell'Orinello)

- NCO's and EM of 210th Division US-ITI units and of ITI-ITI units attached to 210th Division are entitled to be billeted here.
 - By a special concession NCO's and EM of BR-ITI units (231 Div & Combat Groups) and ITI-ITI units attached to above BR-ITIs are admitted.
 - NCO's and EM of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force might be admitted by replacement of rations from the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.
 - Further more EM of ITI-ITI units not attached to 210th and 231st Division might be admitted; they should be attached for rations to Delegation "T" Headquarters Co.
- Therefore the Commander of the Staging Area should keep following documents:
- Record book for 210th Division US-ITI and ITI-ITI units
 - Record book for BR-ITI units (231 Div and Combat Groups) and ITI-ITI attached.
 - Record book for the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.
 - Record book for ITI-ITIs not attached to 210th and 231st Div and attached for rations to Delegation "T" Hq Co.
- Finally the Staging Area, both for Officers and E.M., should function, in regard to rations, as follows:

- a) US-ITIs and ITI-ITIs of 210th Division, BR-ITIs and ITI-ITI of 231st Division and Combat Groups:
rations drawn by means of the Staging Area.
- b) NCO's and EM of the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force:
The Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force should establish, at the Staging Area, a reserve of a certain number of rations (50) to be renewed every 10 days according to consumption.
- c) Partisan Officers : Florence Partisan Center should establish a reserve of a certain number of rations (20) to be renewed every 10 days according to consumption.
- d) NCOs and EM of ITI-ITI units not attached to 210th and 231st Division : Delegation "T" Hq Co should establish a reserve of a certain number of rations (50) to be renewed periodically.

You are therefore requested to notify above to the Allied Authorities, emphasizing that :

- Number of employed Italian formations is now increased.
- Some formations actually operating in the Adriatic sector will transfer their communication line on the axis BOLOGNA
- FLORENCE - ROME.
- As Florence with the re-establishment of the railroad will become railhead for all communications towards Northern Italy, it is to be supposed that the movement of personnel will increase.

It is consequently necessary to provide assistance, shipment, restore and recovery for the personnel in transit at Florence in order to avoid abandonment of same personnel, which might have serious repercussions on the morale and originate incidents of various kinds.

By order

Sgd: AMERIGO CHIARIOTTI, Lt Col.

for

CARLO PICCININI,
Colonel, C. of S.

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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 321.C/RE

TO : MMIA (~~for info~~)

Date: 27-3-45

SUBJECT: Fresh Fruit purchased in Sicily and Calabria.

Ref. your Q/2/13-21 dated 11th. inst.

1. Since the 14th. Jan. 45, the supply and distribution of fresh fruits to Bari Garrison Troops, is ensured by contract made with the firm "Unione Commerciali Ortofrutta Prodotti Affini" of Bari.

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One of the clauses of the contract states that the Military Administration, i.e. Bari Commissariat Directorate, is to facilitate the assignation of railway trucks needed by the Firm to transport fruit from the various localities of production (chiefly from Sicily & Calabria) to BARI.

2. From investigations carried out by a Senior Officer of this Ministry, confirmation was given that the number of railway wagons employed during the period 1st. Jan. - 28th. Feb. was in excess to the requirements of Bari Garrison.

In fact, for that period, a total number of 153 railway wagons were employed to move a total quantity of 23,404.17 Qls. of fresh fruit.

Deducting from such quantity:-

6% packing weight	)	
10% natural tare weight	)	of the total quantity moved
10% losses thru going bad	)	

10% wooden framing made	)	
to railway trucks to	)	of the total quantity of
facilitate transport	)	7226.10 Qls. moved from Sicily,

- a balance of 16.336.34 Qls. net weight of fresh fruit was received by the firm.

From that quantity, only 883.31 Qls. were issued, during that period, to Bari Garrison Troops.

Therefore, the balance, i.e. 15.453.03 Qls. was put to civilian use.

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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No.

TO : MMIA (for info)

Date:

SUBJECT:

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3. It has not been confirmed that Italian Military Authorities would have permitted Civilian Firms to use the transport tonnage assigned to the Army in order to ship fruit from Sicily & Calabria for the civilian population.

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However it is stated in the contract (see para. 1) that if the Firm has a stock of fruit considered as perishable and which therefore cannot be kept for further issue to troops, the Firm must immediately inform BARI Commissariat Directorate to obtain the necessary authority to issue s/m fruit to civilians after making agreements with the Commune Authorities.

It is understood that such clause applies only to exceptional cases and is a guarantee for the Mil. Admin.

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In any case, the Firm has never used s/m clause and therefore the issue to civilians of fruit, transported with railway trucks obtained through the Mil. Adm. must be considered as made exclusively on same Firm's initiative

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4. Your letter Q/2/13-21 refers to transports for Bari and Taranto Mil. Authorities.

Investigations have only been made at Bari because all transport requests forwarded through this office refers to the said locality.

5. Owing to the results obtained from investigation carried out, Bari Territorial HQ has been notified to investigate immediately in order to find out the responsible persons. Further information will be forwarded to you.

Sgd. FELLIGRA

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SUBJECT: Manufacture of Macaroni

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.S. (M. M. I. A.) R O M A
6/2/13-23
24 March 1943

TO : Direc. Gen. Commissariato
Minister for War

1. It has come to our attention that your depots have been issuing the wheat flour, to be used in the manufacture of macaroni, instead of issuing the semolina flour.
2. You will take steps immediately to correct this situation. Advise your bulk and distribution depots that they will only issue Semolina Flour for the manufacture of macaroni.

Jimmy T. Ross
Jimmy T. Ross, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

YTR/rf
Copy to: MIA 10 Sardinia
MIA 10 Sicily
MIA 10 Fifth Army
MIA 10 Naples
MIA 10 52 Area
MIA 10 54 Area
MIA 57 Section

Please see that the request
in para. 2 is complied with
in your area.

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SUBJECT: Rations for 210th. Div. Transit Camp

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/2/13-22
23 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO Fifth Army

1. With reference to telephone conversation between yourself and the under-signed, you will issue instructions to the 210th. Division and inform Fifth Army that the transit camp operated by the 210th. Division is for the purpose of serving units of the 210th. Division and attached ITI-ITI units.
2. Please follow this item through, so that you may be assured that your instructions are carried out. Please confirm to us in writing that there are no other units other than the 210th. Division, and ITI-ITI units attached to the Fifth Army, receiving meals at this staging area.
3. This is in reference to AFHQ Cable FX-33360 of 26 Feb. 45 to MMIA, information Fifth Army.

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

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FROM: Ministry of War

Ref. No. 5999

TO : QM DIRECTORATE OF THE TERR. MIL.
COM. at NAPLES, BARI, PALERMO

15 March 1945

INDEPENDENT QM Section, Cagliari
INFO: MMIA ✓ 2/12

SUBJECT: Authorization to draw rations.

We wish to call your attention to the instructions contained in letter SD/94 of Feb. 22, 1945 of MMIA which determines the war establishments for the units included in Category 1(c) - Services.

Since the above mentioned war establishments must be brought up to full strength not later than the 26th. inst., from such date:

1. No unit of category 1(c) - Services may draw food rations if not authorized under the afore-mentioned war establishments.
2. The maximum limit for which the drawing of rations may be authorized, is that of the war establishment.
3. Drawings must always correspond with the actual present strength within the limits of the war establishment.

The above instructions must be followed with the greatest care and accuracy.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

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Done 2/11

Ref. No. 5884/S/1

March 15, 1945

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : MMIA in reply to your letter Q/2/13-21 of the 11th. inst.

SUBJECT: Transport of fruit from Sicily and Calabria. *209*

We acknowledge receipt of your letter Q/2/13-21 of the 11th. inst. and inform you that a senior officer from this Ministry has already left for Bari in order to obtain the necessary information locally concerning the reports in the matter of fruit transports from Sicily and Calabria.

We will inform you of the result of the investigation as soon as possible.

Sgd. Pelligra

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2/12/209
 SUBJECT: Citrus Fruits purchased - Sicily and Calabria

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
 2/2/13-21
 11 March 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
 Minister for War

1. It has been brought to our attention by Allied authorities that the Italian Military at Bari and Taranto have placed, and received tonnage bids for shipment of fruit from Sicily and Calabria for use of the Italian Military.
2. The bids mentioned seem to be in excess of the actual needs of the Italian Military in the areas where the fruit is delivered. Also, it has been reported, but not as yet confirmed, that the Italian Military has permitted civilian agencies to use the tonnage allocated for Italian Military purposes to transport fruit from Sicily and Calabria for civilian use.
3. You will please investigate this matter immediately, informing us as to the quantity of fruit which has been transported from Sicily and Calabria from the period 1 January 1945 through 28 February 1945. Also, determine if all items were used by the Italian Military, or if some of the items so transported were diverted to the civilian market. We wish to inform you that we are also having this matter investigated by officers of this Headquarters.
4. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, informing us of an approximate date on which we may expect to receive the report covering your investigation.

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

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Copy to: ST Section MMIA
 Movements MMIA

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 — MMIA LO 54 Area)

AFHQ ST Branch

This letter is self-explanatory, please investigate this matter reporting to us your findings.
 Ref. your AFHQ/32/13/ST6(a) 4054

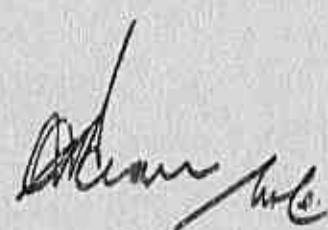
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. BRANCHSUBJECT:- Oranges for Italian MilitaryAFHQ/32/13/3/ST6(a)Tel: Freedom 4992 Merch 1945ADST, /
MMIA

in CALABRIA.

Enclosed is a report received from our LRO

In view of the allegations contained, we are passing the report to you for whatever action you consider advisable.


Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

S. T. BRANCH

R. G. J.

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SUBJECT:- Despatches of Oranges on Italian Military Account

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1. Since the beginning of the season, the Commisariate Militare of BARI and TARANTO have been receiving large quantities of Oranges from CALABRIA and SICILY under tonnages bid for by MMIA and authorised by AFHQ.

Below is a list of the tonnages in question:-

Period	25 - 31 Dec 44	ex CALABRIA	to BARI	200 tons	1,772 000 tons
"	1 - 7 Jan 45	"	"	140 "	
"	8 - 14 Jan 45	"	"	200 "	
"	22 - 28 Jan 45	"	"	390 "	- to TARANTO 110 tons
"	22 - 28 Jan 45	SICILY	to BARI	100 "	
"	29 Jan-4 Feb 45	CALABRIA	"	360 "	- to TARANTO 105 "
"	29 Jan-4 Feb 45	SICILY	"	100 "	
"	5 - 11 Feb 45	CALABRIA	"	200 "	- to TARANTO 30 "
"	5 - 11 Feb 45	SICILY	"	170 "	
"	12 - 18 Feb 45	SICILY	"	370 "	
"	19 - 25 Feb 45	SICILY	"	180 "	

2. It has been reported to me by different CALABRIAN Orange Exporters, and BARI and TARANTO merchants, that the majority of the above despatches although officially on Italian Military account have been released to certain merchants for sale on the civilian markets of the towns in question.

3. This might well be, for the above quantities are enormous. Over and above that, the scarcity of rolling stock has made it practically impossible for AC to release wms to civilians for their own accounts, and this state of affairs might very well encourage dishonesty on the part of certain people to whom it would be beneficial.

4. In view of these very serious allegations I asked the people concerned for signed reports which I attach herewith for such action as you may consider necessary.

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19 Feb 45

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To LRO CALABRIA, REGGIO, CAL.

The undersigned merchants and exporters of Oranges, Lemons etc beg to state the following :-

As things are at present, the priority in getting railwgs to TARANTO and BARI is granted to such firms who are entrusted with supplying to the Military of the towns mentioned.

Now it happens that these firms, when using the facilities allowed them, also despatch big quantities of Oranges not wanted by the Military of these towns, the consumption of the latter being not more than 10 quintals daily, so that the superfluous lots are consigned to the free market.

All this is illicit, inasmuch as the suppliers in question are using wgs destined to deliver Oranges to military commissariates, on behalf of their speculations and are selling the fruits to the free market. But moreover, it means a serious loss to the merchants and exporters of BARI and TARANTO, to whom a wgn very seldom is assigned, and who have to spend a lot of money for staying there and waiting for such assignments. Besides, they have to pay a higher price for the fruit than that destined to the Military Commissariates.

We request, therefore, that some just measures may be taken in this matter.

REGGIO, 16 Feb 1945

Signatures: Palagiano Emanuele, Piazza Fontanam TARANTO.
Durante Francesco, Piazza Fontana, TARANTO.
Vito di Bari and Sons, Mercato Generale, BARI.
Lanza Gennaro, Mercato BARI-MOLFETTA.
Tommaso Valerio, MERCATO, BARI.
De Marzo Domenico, Mercato BARI.
Zotti Emanuele, Mercato BARI.
De Marzo Giuseppe, Mercato BARI.
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Col Rose

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCT
TO MMIA
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FIVE ARMY LETTER AQ 336.2-Z OF 18 FEB AND MMIA LETTER SD/43/1 OF 7 FEB
REFERS (.) PARA ONE (.) RATIONS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE 210 DIV BASED ON
ACTUAL STRENGTH PRESENT IN UNITS WHETHER ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED (.)
PARA TWO (.) ALL US-ITI TRANSIT CAMPS IN FIVE ARMY AREA TO BE ABOLISHED
EXCEPT STAGING AREA MENTIONED FIVE ARMY CABLE 4601 OF 10 FEB (.) PARA THREE (.)
460 ITALIAN PERSONNEL NOW ABOVE PRESENT CEILING WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO
PBS BUT WILL BE USED AGAINST ATTRITIONAL LOSSES (.) PARA FOUR (.) ALL ITALIAN
REPLACEMENTS ENROUTE TO FIVE ARMY NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGGREGATE
ASSIGNED STRENGTH FIGURE UNTIL ARRIVAL IS ACKNOWLEDGED (.) PARA FIVE (.)
PBS WILL INCLUDE IN STRENGTH FIGURES ALL ITI REPLACEMENTS SCHEDULED FIVE
ARMY UNTIL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FIVE ARMY STATING ARRIVAL

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SUBJECT: Nations - Italian Military

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2/13-20
10 March 1945

TO : HQ No. 2 District

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Ref. to your 1388 Q1 of 26 Feb. 45.

1. We have investigated the matter concerning the issues of local purchase items to the Italian Guard Bns., which you mention in the above quoted letter.
2. Circumstances are, that at the time of issue to these Bns. the items which you show, were in very short supply at that time in the Italian Depots. Therefore, they were not able to issue according to scale, but had to reduce the issue to conform with the availability of the stock.
3. Sufficient stocks are now available in Italian Depots to meet the commitment of the local purchase items mentioned. Therefore, we feel sure that these Italian Guard Bns. are receiving the issues according to scale.

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

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Copy to: ST Section

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SUBJECT: Patriot Rations

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LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION
A.G. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/68
6 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO Fifth Army

1. Reference is made to your inter-office memorandum, dated 24 February 1945 concerning ration situation of patriots.
2. Your interest in this matter is appreciated and it is known that great variance exists in the strength, however, the closer check which you suggest is not deemed advisable.
3. Fifth Army and Eighth Army check on the number of rations required for patriots should be accurate and the number drawn assumed correct. Reference is made to our letter AQ/68, subject, "Rations issued to patriots", dated 21 January 1945, which gives further information on issues to patriots.

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

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FROM: MMIA
TO: (FOR ACTION) CG FIFTH ARMY
TO: (FOR INFO) CG MTOUSA
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15TH ARMY GROUP

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REFERENCE YOUR 2749 SUBJECT HOUSEKEEPING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW
UNITS (.) REQUISITIONS BEING ANTICIPATED AND EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLED
FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO YOU WHEN REQUISITIONS RECEIVED (.)

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C. P. KERR, Col

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