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1. Please cancel distribution of copies of Shipping Tickets to this branch.

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K. Robert Helms
S & T Branch.

SUBJECT:- ST Operating Instruction No. 1.

All Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.). LO's :

Mainland
Sicily
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1. Appendix "A" to ST Operating Instruction No. 1, para 2 (Commodity Code) is cancelled, and the attached amended code will operate forthwith.
2. ~~Amended code.~~

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capt
for E.L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASO,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
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Appendix "A".

No. 1.

S&T BRANCH

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

(COMMODITY CODE)

The following detailed instructions will be complied with in rendering stock returns to this HQ.

1. Returns will employ the Commodity Code detailed below. All items will be listed in the order of the code, and quantities will be expressed in terms of the unit of measurement indicated in the code. Any commodities which are held for which no code is allotted will be appended in clear at the end of the return, with the unit of measurement shown. For such items as are included in the code, the unit of measurement will NOT be stated in the return. THIS CODE WILL BE EMPLOYED ON ALL OCCASIONS WHEN LISTS OF COMMODITIES ARE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE.

2.

COMMODITY CODE

Cereals Group

CA Flour (Wheat)
CB Flour (semolina)
CC Biscuits (Allied)
CD Bread
CE Macaroni & Sphaghetti
CF Rice
CG Hominy, Dehydrated
CH Hominy Canned

Meat & Fish Group

MA Preserved Meat (Incl all Meats, various)
MB Meat, dehydrated
MC Canned fish (all types)
MD Fish, salted (Allied)

Vegetable Group

VA Dried Veg (other than peas, beans & lentils)
VB Dehydrated Veg
VC Canned Veg (with liquid)
VD Peas, beans & lentils.

Beverage, etc. Group

EA Canned soups (Allied)
EB Cheese (Allied)
EC Canned Spread
ED Lard, or Edible oils (Allied)
EE Sugar
EF Tea
EG Coffee (Allied)
EH Coffee Beans, green (Allied)
EI Cocoa

Hospital Diet Group

HA Canned milk
HB Milk powder
HC Semolina, sago
HD Tapioca or ground rice.
HE Meat extract
HF Butter or margarine

Italian Group

IA Olive Oil
IB Nuts
IC Wine
ID Salt
IE Matches
IF Cigarettes
IG Tobacco
IH Tomato paste (Italian)
IJ Preserved meat (Italian)
IK Biscuits (Italian)
IL Surrugato

Forage Group

FA Grain
FB Hay, straw, tibbon
FC Bran
FD Paille straw.
+
TH Macaroni (Italian)
TN Cheese (Italian)

COMMODITY CODE

Cereals Group

CA Flour (Wheat) lbs
 CB Flour (semolina) "
 CC Biscuits (Allied) "
 CD Bread "
 CE Macaroni & Sphaggetti "
 CF Rice "
 CG Hominy, Dehydrated "
 CH Hominy Canned "
Meat & Fish Group

MA Preserved Meat (Incl all Meats, various) "
 MB Meat, dehydrated "
 MC Canned fish (all types) "
 MD Fish, salted (Allied) "

Vegetable Group

VA Dried Veg (other than peas, beans & lentils) "
 VB Dehydrated Veg "
 VC Canned Veg (with liquid) "
 VD Peas, beans & lentils. "

Beverage, etc. Group

EA Canned soups (Allied) "
 EB Cheese (Allied) "
 EC Canned Spread "
 ED Lard, or Edible oils (Allied) "
 EE Sugar "
 EF Tea "
 EG Coffee (Allied) "
 EH Coffee Beans, green (Allied) "
 EJ Cocoa "
 EK Pepper "
 EL Tomato catsup or Paste (Allied) "
 EM Tomato juice (Allied) "
 EN Tomatoes, canned or barrelled (Allied) "

Hospital Diet Group

HA Canned milk lbs
 HB Milk powder "
 HC Semolina, sago "
 HD Tapioca or ground rice. "
 HE Meat extract "
 HE Butter or margarine "

Italian Group

IA Olive Oil litres
 IB Nuts lbs
 IC Wine litres
 ID Salt lbs
 IE Matches boxes
 IF Cigarettes lbs
 IG Tobacco "
 IH Tomato paste (Italian) "
 IJ Preserved meat (Italian) "
 IK Biscuits (Italian) "
 IL Surrugato "

Forage Group

FA Grain lbs
 FB Hay, straw, tibbon "
 FC Bran "
 FD Paille straw. 882
 + IM Macaroni (Italian) lbs
 + IN Cheese (Italian) lbs

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OFFICIAL FOREIGN INSTRUCTIONS

1. In future ALL consignments of cigarettes for Italian troops with 8th Army and 1 District will be consigned to -
General Commanding
228 Division (R.I.A.)
ITAL.
2. Despatch advice signals will be sent for each consignment addressed MIA LO Rear 8th Army, repeated MIA LO HQ 1 District for information.
3. MIA LOs Rear 8th Army and 1 District have accepted responsibility for distribution to units.
4. Should 8th Army include cigarettes on their monthly maintenance demands vide HQ AAI Letter 38/6/12 of 9 August they will be extracted from the demand and dealt with as stated above. These cigarettes will go forward under MIA/Ministry of War arrangements and not as a part of 8th Army normal maintenance.
5. Exactly similar arrangements apply to supplies of soap for 8th Army and 1 District Italian troops.

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Lt. Col. RMC,
ADSM, Military Mission Italian Army.

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OFFICE WORKING INSTRUCTION.

1. Major S.W. Cann is nominated as MMIA representative member of the Allied Local Resources (Italian) Board, Food Supply Committee.
2. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Sunday 10 Sept, 44 at HQ, AAI Local Resources Section.
3. Major S.W. Cann will be prepared to support all bids submitted on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces and discussed at Committee meetings.
4. An Italian officer representative of the Commissariato (Sussistenza) from the Ministry of War may be invited to attend if deemed necessary. In such cases an interpreter will also be taken.

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17 Aug. 44.
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Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION.

This Instruction applies to Italian Army Bulk Depôts only.

1. Considerable quantities of foodstuffs received from the U.S.A. by the Italian Armed Forces are NOT marked with a manufacturer's warranty period or packing date.
2. To secure uniformity of practice in Italian Army Depôts and to ensure maximum conservation of foodstuffs by reducing to a minimum losses due to deterioration in stock, a list is attached at Appendix "A" showing "Life Expectations" of various food commodities.
3. Effective the date of this instruction Officers Commanding Italian Army Depôts will be instructed to put the following procedure into operation. -

A. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Unmarked.

Any such foodstuffs received without warranty period or packing date marks will be stencilled, on receipt into the Depôt, with a Provisional Warranty Expiry date, based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the date of receipt of such supplies into the Depôt.

B. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Marked with packing date only.

Any such foodstuffs similarly will have applied to them a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the packing date shown on the boxes, etc.

C. Foodstuffs received from US Army or Allied Army Depôts.

- i. All such foodstuffs will be carefully scrutinized by OSC I ⁸⁷¹⁹ Army Depôts to see whether a Provisional Warranty Expiry date has already been applied to them. Such Warranty Expiry dates may appear on such foodstuffs in any of the forms shown in the following examples, viz:

W/E	Mar. '44	or	3/44.
PROV W/E	Apr. '45	or	4/45.
Warranty Expiry	Jun. '46	or	6/46.

losses and "Life Expectations" of various food items.

3. Effective the date of this instruction Officers Commanding Italian Army Depôts will be instructed to put the following procedure into operation. -

A. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Unmarked.

Any such foodstuffs received without warranty period or packing date marks will be stencilled, on receipt into the Depôt, with a Provisional Warranty Expiry date, based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the date of receipt of such supplies into the Depôt.

B. Foodstuffs received direct from the USA - Marked with packing date only.

Any such foodstuffs similarly will have applied to them a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on the "Life Expectations" at Appendix "A" and calculated from the packing date shown on the boxes, etc.

C. Foodstuffs received from US Army or Allied Army Depôts.

OSC 18719

i. All such foodstuffs will be carefully scrutinized by OSC 18719 Army Depôts to see whether a Provisional Warranty Expiry date has already been applied to them. Such Warranty Expiry dates may appear on such foodstuffs in any of the forms shown in the following examples, viz:

W/E	Mar. '44	or	3/44.
PROV W/E	Apr. '45	or	4/45.
Warranty Expiry	Jun. '46	or	6/46.

Other methods may be used. In cases of doubt MMIA Sector Liaison Officers will advise.

ii. If Provisional Warranty Expiry dates have been applied such dates will stand effective and OSC Italian Army Depôts need take no action to apply new dates.

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iii. If Provisional Warranty Expiry dates have NOT been so applied, OSC Italian Army Depôts will act as in "A" or "B" above, whichever is applicable, and themselves apply Provisional Warranty Expiry Dates.

iv. If foodstuffs received under this paragraph are clearly old stock (i.e. weathered, damaged cases, and other indications) OSC Italian Army Depôts will apply to such foodstuffs a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on 2/3.rds. of the "Life Expectations" shown at Appendix "A" and calculated from date of receipt into the Depôts.

Normally, MMIA Sector Liaison Officers will be called in to give their advice in such cases.

D. All Provisional Warranty Expiry dates applied in Italian Army Depôts will be so applied with a bold, clear cut stencil, using a prominent paint colour and will take the form shown in the following example:

A.F.D.G. Lug.45.

representing 'Alla Fine della Garanzia - Luglio 1945'.

4. The Provisional Warranty Expiry stencil will be applied to each individual box, crate, case, barrel, etc., and it will usually be necessary to apply it to one side and one end, so that the stencil is visible when foodstuffs are stacked in the Depôts.

5. Care must be exercised in the case of sacked goods (i.e. flour, sugar, etc) to ensure that the paint does not penetrate the sacks and contaminate the contents.

It may be necessary to stack sacked goods in accordance with the Warranty Expiry dates (i.e. all stock having the same Warranty Expiry date stacked in the same stack) and to mark each of such stacks with a single board showing the Warranty Expiry date.

6. Officers Commanding Italian Army Depôts will be instructed that the principle of stacking foodstuffs in Depôts is so to stack that the goods most near to Warranty Expiry can be issued first, thus ensuring prompt and regular turnover.

OSC Depôts must bear this in mind at all times and be constantly alert to ensure that the storemen and issuing clerks are carrying this principle into effect.

Italian Army Depôts will apply to such foodstuffs a Provisional Warranty Expiry date based on 2/3.rds. of the "Life Expectations" shown at Appendix "A" and calculated from date of receipt into the Depôts.

Normally, MMIA Sector Liaison Officers will be called in to give their advice in such cases.

D. All Provisional Warranty Expiry dates applied in Italian Army Depôts will be so applied with a bold, clear cut stencil, using a prominent paint colour and will take the form shown in the following example:

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7. Immediate action is necessary in all Italian Army Depôts to have stocks checked for Warranty Expiry and stencilled in accordance with these instructions.

24 July, 44.
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Distribution: All Sectors (3)
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ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No 6.

APPENDIX "A".

Schedule of Provisional Warranties for Foodstuffs received from U.S.A.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Pack Details</u>	<u>Provisional "Life Expectation"</u>	<u>reckoned from date of receipt into Depot.</u>
Bacon Tinned	Tins and Cases	12 months	
Beans Canned, (with Pork)	Tins and Cases	18 "	
" " (without Pork)			
Biscuits, Type 'O'	Packets & Cartons	12 "	
Cheese Tinned	Tins & Cases	12 "	
Dehydrated Cabbage			
" Carrots			
" Potatoes			
" Turnips			
Herrings Tinned	Lever Lid tins & cases	12 "	
M & V. Hash	Tins and cases	18 "	
M & V. Stew			
M & V. Meat & Beans			
M & V. Irish Stew			
Preserved Meat	Tins and cases	18 "	
Onion Powder	Tins and cases	18 "	
Pepper		9 "	
Pilchards	Tins and cases	12 "	
Pork Luncheon Meat	Lever Lid tins and cases	18 "	
incl Chopped Ham	Composite Cardboard/		
Pork Soya Links	Tinplate containers in cartons	12 "	
Potatoes Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "	
Salmon Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "	
Sardines	Tins and cases	13 "	
Sausage Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "	
Tomatoes Tinned			
Variety Meats.	Tins and Cases	12 "	
Stewed Steak	Tins and cases	18 "	
Vegetables Tinned.			
Beans Tinned (cut)			
" " (sliced)	Tins and cases	18 "	

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Bacon Tinned	Tins and Cases	12 months
Beans Canned, (with Pork)	Tins and Cases	18 "
" " (without Pork)	Packets & Cartons	12 "
Biscuits, Type 'C'	Tins & Cases	12 "
Cheese Tinned		
Dehydrated Cabbage)		
" Carrots)		
" Potatoes)		
" Turnips)		
Herrings Tinned	Lever Lid tins & cases	12 "
M & V. Hash)		
M & V. Stew)	Tins and cases	18 "
M & V. Meat & Beans)		
M & V. Irish Stew)	Tins and cases	18 "
Preserved Meat	Tins and cases	9 "
Onion Powder	Lever Lid tins and cases	18 "
Pepper	Composite Cardboard/	
Pilchards	Tinplate containers in cartons	12 "
Pork Luncheon Meat)	Tins and cases	18 "
incl Chopped Ham)	Tins and cases	18 "
Pork Soya Links		
Potatoes Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
Salmon Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
Sardines	Tins and cases	18 "
Sausage Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "
Tomatoes Tinned		
Variety Meats.	Tins and Cases	12 "
Stewed Steak		
Vegetables Tinned.	Tins and cases	18 "
Beans Tinned (cut))		
" (sliced))	Tins and cases	18 "
Beetroot Tinned (cut))		
" "(diced))	Tins and cases	12 "
Carrots Tinned (cut))		
" (sliced))	Tins and cases	18 "
" (plain))		
Peas Tinned		
Spinach	Tins and cases	12 "
Sweet Peas Tinned	Tins and cases	18 "

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NOTE: The term 'cases' includes timber, chip and batten cases or fibreboard cartons.

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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION.

No 3.

1. W.e.f. this date Allied Liaison Officers with Italian Port Detachments will complete and submit to Sector/Island Liaison Officers (Nominated in Operating Instruction No 2) a weekly report in the form shown at Appendix "A" hereto.
2. These reports will be completed as of close of business on Friday of each week.
3. Sector/Island Liaison Officers will forward them to HQ, MMIA, as an annexure to their own weekly reports.

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B.L. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

8 July, 44.
BP/DW

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Port Det LO's.
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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No. 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT _____ WEEK-ENDING _____ REPORT No. _____

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging. _____

Ships loading. _____

_____ Name. _____

_____ Tonnage of Cargo. _____

_____ Consignor/nee. _____

_____ Estimated date of completion. _____

_____ Nature of Cargo. _____

_____ Any difficulties experienced? _____

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship _____

Convoy No. _____

Consignor/nec. _____
Estimated date of completion. _____
Nature of Cargo. _____
Any difficulties experienced? _____

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship _____
Convoy No. _____
E.T.A. _____
Tonnage of Cargo _____
Manifest
Received ☒ Not Received ☐

C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, NMIA).

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(1) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

(11) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ, NMIA.

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