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SUBJECT: Despatch of Olive Oil

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/1/19-8 ✓
22 May 1946

TO : Ministry of War

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1. Forwarded herewith letter 1636/1 of 30 April 46 and Despatch Notes, MMIA Forms ST/5, from the O.C. 67 Magazzino Presidiario Viveri Foraggi, Cassino.
2. The olive oil under consideration is believed to have been despatched to an Italian civil contractor (Cassolini ?) for refining.
3. Food and Agriculture Branch A.C. has no records concerning this transaction.
4. It is recommended that the Despatch Notes be forwarded to your Territorial Commissariate, Naples, who should be acquainted with the transaction, for clearance.

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

KRM/mp

Copy : Food and Agriculture Branch, A.C.
(Your letter 74/11/FA of 20 May 46 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE BRANCH

74/11/FA

20 May 1946

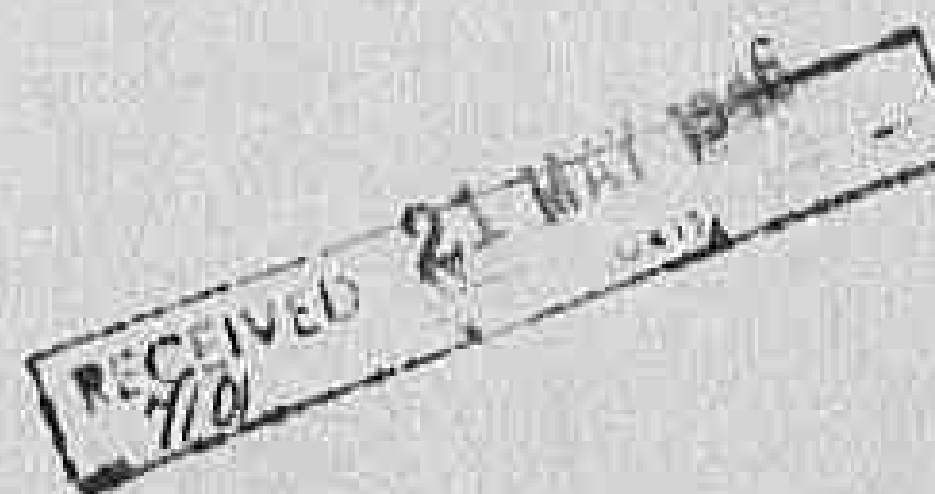
SUBJECT: - Olive oil.

TO : - HQ AC Land Forces Sub-Commission. Attn: Major Nelson.

1. Enclosed for your action is letter and enclosures dated 30 April from
67 Magazzino Presidario Viveri Foraggi, Cosenza. Ref. 1636/14

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V. R. A. COWPER.
Lt. Colonel.
Director FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.



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2/1/46

SUBJECT:- Release of Containers.
for Olive Oil.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/207

Ministry of War.

15 July 1945.

Copy to:- DST AFHQ (your AFHQ/47/2/ST6(b) of 13 July 45 refers)
MMIA LO NAPLES (your signal 9937-STN/25 of 12 July 45 refers)
MMIA LO BARI (signal 9937-STN/25 of 12 July 45 refers-)

1. Authority has been granted for the release of 2000 empty barrels from British stores to the Italian Army :

NAPLES	302	BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE SECTION	NAFPA Installation	800 Barrels
BARI	312	" " " "	ANIC Refinery	1200 Barrels.

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2. MMIA Liaison Officers Naples and Bari have been advised to arrange collection by Commissariati Naples and Bari respectively.

3. Containers will require thorough cleaning before used for Olive Oil.

4. Acceptance Note, MMIA Form ST/3, will be used for accounting and rendered in the normal manner.

5. AFHQ authority contained in letter, reference AFHQ/47/2/ST6(b) of 13 July 45.

KRM/jac

INTERNAL: "Q".

Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

COPYALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. BRANCH

SUBJECT: Release of Containers
for Olive Oil.

AFHQ/47/2/ST6(b)Tel: Freedom 21413 July 1945.

ADST,
MMIA.

1. Further to your request for containers for Olive Oil, the following release of 2,000 empty barrels has been made :-

NAPLES	302 BPSS	NAFTA Installation	800 Barrels
BARI	312 BPSS	ANIC Refinery	1,200 Barrels.

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2. Please note that these are available for your collection and that they will require cleaning before use.

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for
t/ Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

SUBJECT:- Olive Oil for Partisans.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/73

12 June 45.

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter 11314/2/1 of 6 June 45.

1. Feeding of Partisans from Italian Army stocks ceased with effect from 10 June 45.
2. The exact number of Partisans fed during this period is not precisely known at this time; however, a report will be made to this Headquarters during the course of this month by MMIA LO's 5th and 8th Amals.
3. There is no need for a demand to the High Commissioner for Food for olive oil for 100,000 Partisans during the period May - November 1945, on the basis of para 1 above.
4. When information is received concerning the rations consumed by the Partisans, you will then have the data on which you can demand for an additional allocation.

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K. Robert Nelson
Lt. Col. RASO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 1001

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Tel: 584

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Ref: 43-4/142/FOOD

ECON. ST. 1

7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Allocations of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Reference your E-4 dated 19 April 1945.

2. The question of substituting nuts for the additional 1/2 ounce of olive oil requested by the Italian Armed Forces was settled at a meeting attended by Col. Legg, Food Sub-Commission AD, Lt. Col. T. T. Rose, Land Forces Sub-Commission AD (LMIA), and representatives of the Italian War Ministry at which Land Forces Sub-Commission AD (LMIA) agreed to accept 1/2 ounce nuts shelled or 1 ounce nuts unshelled as a substitute for the 1/2 ounce of olive oil on the Italian Armed Forces ration scale. Food Sub-Commission has recommended that the Italian War Ministry purchase their full requirements of nuts to meet the increased scale while there is a plentiful supply.

3. This substitution is for a limited time only, that is, if the olive oil in the future should become sufficient to meet the demands of the Italian Armed Forces on the scale of 1-1/2 ounces per man per day, that the olive oil would be furnished and the substitution of nuts would be discontinued.

4. After approval of the substitution has been received from AFHQ, LMIA will issue necessary instructions to all concerned to implement this policy.

5. In reply to paragraph 6 of your letter Ref. N-1, dated 29 April 1945, Subject Use of nuts by Italian Armed Forces, the latest advices show that 10,000 tons of almonds in the shell are available in the Puglia. Further at the meeting mentioned in paragraph 2, the Italian Minister of war stated that on the Mainland there would be no difficulty in supplying nuts instead of olive oil and that there is an adequate supply of nuts in Sardinia and Sicily to meet the commitments there.

For the Chief Commissioner:

cc: To LMIA

APPROVED:

W. J. LEGG, Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

(Sgd.) C.W. Walton, Col. GSC

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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Q/1/19
INTER OFFICE MEMO

RLDT/sl

Tel: 584

28 April 45

Ref: 43-4/135/FOOD

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Economic Section

1. The reference is AFHQ letter G-5 Section dated 17 April and our note relating thereto.

2. After a review of the question of substituting nuts for the additional 1/2 ounce of olive oil for the Italian Armed Forces by Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG (MMIA), with the Italian War Ministry and with the Food Sub-Commission, AG, it was agreed that Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (MMIA) would accept the substitute of 1/2 ounce nuts shelled or 1 ounce nuts unshelled for the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil on the Italian Armed Forces ration scale. The Food Sub-Commission assured MMIA that nuts will be made available in the place of the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil.

3. This substitution is for a limited time only, that is, if the supply of olive oil in the future should become sufficient to meet the demands of the Italian Armed Forces on the scale of 1-1/2 ounce per man per day, that the olive oil would be furnished, and the substitution of nuts would be discontinued.

4. In view of the above it is requested that you approve this substitution. After approval has been received, MMIA will issue necessary instructions to all concerned to implement this policy.

W. J. LEO
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Land Forces Sub-Commission concurs

Copy to: Land Forces SC
High Commissioner for Food

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting (MMIA)

28-4-45

FILE NO:
SUBJECT: Food Sub-Commission, AC
Att: Col. Legg

DATE:

TO :

Attached hereto are Minutes of Meeting held in
Col. Rose' office on 27 April 1945, for your information
and file.

Tommy T. Rose 998
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Minutes of Meeting sent to:
Ministry of War - Gen. Pelligra
ST Section MMIA

MINUTES OF MEETING

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E

27 April 1945

A meeting was held in the office of Lt. Col. Rose of MMIA to discuss the availability of an acceptable substitute for the 1/2 oz. of olive oil to maintain the 1-1/2 oz. of olive oil in the military ration, use of nuts as the acceptable substitute to be issued in lieu of the extra 1/2 oz. of olive oil.

The above subject came under discussion in MMIA in the form of a meeting with particular reference to par. 4 of AFHQ G-5 Section, letter, ref. E-4, subject, "Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces", dated 19 April 1945, to: Hq. Allied Commission, APO 394, attn: Economic Section.

The following members were present:

Italian Officers

General Pelligra, Ministry of War
Colonel Finnicaro, " " "

Allied Officers

Col. Legg, Food Sub-Commission, AG
Lt. Col. Rose, MMIA
Major Nelson, MMIA
Capt. Zayaz, MMIA

Interpreter:- Lt. Cavalletti

Col. Rose called the meeting to order at 1030 hours.

Col. Rose explained the purpose of the meeting and asked Gen. Pelligra if he was acquainted with the subject to come under discussion.

Gen. Pelligra said he is acquainted with the matter.

Col. Rose informed Gen. Pelligra, that Col. Legg is from the Food Sub Commission, AG, and he will endeavor in every way to make the nuts available.

Col. Rose asked the General whether they had any trouble at the present time in purchasing nuts on the Italian Ration Scale.

Gen. Pelligra said they have no difficulty in the purchase of nuts.

Col. Rose asked the General whether he thought they would experience any difficulty in purchasing 1/2 ounce nuts in lieu of the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil (per man per day).

Gen. Pelligra said that on the mainland it would be no trouble to furnish nuts in lieu of olive oil.

Col. Rose asked about the supply in Sardinia and Sicily.

There is a sufficient supply of nuts on Sardinia to meet the commitment in Sardinia, the General stated, and the same in Sicily.

Col. Rose questioned the General as to whether he thought they could purchase enough nuts to last throughout the summer and into the fall, or will the supply fall off. 996

Gen. Pelligra is convinced that they will meet no difficulty in carrying out this plan. There is a sufficient supply of nuts, which should be facilitated with the new crop.

Col. Rose asked the General whether nuts were purchased, shelled, or unshelled.

At Naples and Messina they can provide nuts unshelled, other places it is according to the open market, stated the General.

Would there be any transportation difficulty in as much as nuts take up more tonnage space to ship than olive oil, Co. Rose asked.

Gen. Pelligra said that it is true that the shipment of nuts takes more space, but at the same time he thinks that transportation will not cause much trouble.

Col. Legg, said it was his view that the nuts are available for this substitute.

All concerned agreed that nuts can be provided in place of the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil, and that the nuts are available.

It is also the opinion of all concerned that nuts are to be used as a substitute only as long as olive oil cannot be supplied. When olive oil becomes available the full scale would be issued.

All agreed on the decision that 1/2 ounce nuts, shelled; or 1 ounce nuts, unshelled, would be issued in lieu of the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil on the Italian Ration Scale.

Col. Rose requested of the General to ask all commanders of units to give their cooperation in the matter regarding matters taken up at this meeting.

Col. Legg stated that it was a case of balancing the economy.

Gen. Palligra stated that present olive oil issue to the Italian military was nearly twice that of issue prior to entry of the Allies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1055 hours 27 April 1945.

F.P. Zayan
E.P. Zayan.
Capt. Inf. MIA
Recorder

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Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

28 April 1945

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

~~Attn: Economics & Supply Division~~

1. Ref. your E-4 dated 19 April 1945.
2. After a review of the question of substituting nuts for the additional 1/2 ounce of olive oil for the Italian Armed Forces by Land Forces Sub Commission with the Italian War Ministry and with the Food Sub-Commission AC, it was agreed that Land Forces Sub Commission would accept the substitute of 1/2 ounce nuts shelled or 1 ounce nuts unshelled for the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil on the Italian Armed Forces ration scale. The Food Sub-Commission assured MMIA that nuts could be made available in the place of the extra 1/2 ounce of olive oil.
3. This substitution is for a limited time only, that is, if the supply of olive oil in the future should become sufficient to meet the demands of the Italian Armed Forces on the scale of 1-1/2 ounce per man per day, that the olive oil would be furnished, and the substitution of nuts would be discontinued.
4. In view of the above it is requested that you approve this substitution. After approval has been received, MMIA will issue necessary instructions to all concerned to implement this policy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
3-5 Section.
APO 512

MMIA
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Ref. B-4

19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Ref your MS/7.08 of 17 Apr 45 and telephone conversation with Major Sinclair, Food Sub-Commission today.

2. It is not considered that the question of the necessity for the additional half ounce of olive oil should be reopened. The increase was made at the instance of operational commanders who insisted that without it the Italian Army ration was insufficient for the duties which soldiers have to perform, and at the request of AFHQ was approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

3. It is the view of AFHQ that the Italian Government must be pressed to produce either olive oil for a 1-1/2 oz ration or an acceptable substitute for 1/2 oz olive oil. The difficulties which you mention in connection with the use of nuts do not seem insuperable. Nuts are high in food value and it is not thought necessary that the substitute for 1/2 oz olive oil need be an item that can be cooked in soup. It is believed that the Italian Government could provide the required quantities of nuts, and that transportation arrangements can be made.

4. It is therefore requested that you, in conjunction with MMIA, take what steps you consider necessary to ensure that the additional 1/2 ounce olive oil or some suitable substitute is made promptly forthcoming by the Italian Government.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, 3-5:

Copy to:

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J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G. S. C. Staff
Chief, Economics & Supply Division.

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Tel: 338

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: D77.02

17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces.

TO : AFHQ, G-5, Section

Attn: Economics & Supply Division

1. Reference your E-4 dated 2 April 1945.
2. The only single commodity which could replace the half ounce of olive oil in terms of caloric value is one ounce of shelled nuts with a caloric value of 127.
3. Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA), however, indicates that the substitution of one ounce of shelled nuts for the half ounce of olive oil is unacceptable for the following reasons:
 - a) The War Ministry is only just able now to keep up the ration of nuts which has also recently been increased. It would seem most unlikely that any further increase could be adequately maintained for any appreciable period.
 - b) The use of olive oil in the Italian ration is for cooking in the meat and vegetable "soup" which is a staple item in the diet. Olive oil cannot be replaced by nuts for this purpose.
 - c) The transportation required for nuts (2 oz unshelled) is considerably greater than for oil moved in bulk, often in tank cars.
4. The present caloric value of the ration to the Italian Armed Forces on the one ounce of olive oil basis is 3290 and in view of the current low availability of olive oil, it is again desired to raise the question of the necessity for the additional half ounce.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(S) S. G. Antolini

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

cc: Food & R

MMIA ✓

INTER OFFICE MEMO

R.D.D./21

Tel: 384

12 April 1945

Ref: 43-4/124/FOOD

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to AMHQ, C-5 Section, letter E-4 of 2 April, and particularly to para 6.

2. It is noted that according to para 5 of the above letter E-4 is prepared to suspend the issue of an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of olive oil provided only that the Italian Government furnishes sufficient substitutes in other foods to effect the calorific value of $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce oil.

3. It is pointed out that the Italian Government provides the following items:

Fruit	4 ozs.
Vegetables, Fresh	8 "
Olive Oil	1 "
Nuts	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ litre

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4. Nuts is the only single commodity which could replace the $\frac{1}{2}$ of olive oil in terms of calorific value, i.e. 127 calories.

5. AMHA in their Memo Q/1/19-7 dated 10 April indicate that nuts would not be acceptable for the following reasons:

a. The War Ministry is only just able now to keep up the ration of nuts which has also recently been increased. It would seem most unlikely that any further increase could adequately maintained for any appreciable period.

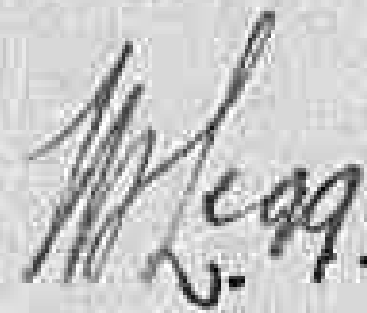
b. The use of olive oil in the Italian ration is for cooking in the meat and vegetable "soup" which is a staple item in the meal. Olive oil is not replaced by nuts for this purpose.

c. The transportation required for nuts (2 ozs. unshelled) is considerably greater than for oil moved in bulk, often in tank cars.

6. It is again desired to raise the question of the necessity for this extra $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of olive oil.

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7. In view of the fact that the calorific value of the present ration on a 1 ounce basis is 3290, and that NMIA are disinclined to accept the only substitute which it is practicable to propose it is suggested that AFHQ should review the matter and give a ruling having special regard to A.C. letter dated 5 April, Reference RS/7.08, Subject "Italian Army Ration Scale and Indiscriminate Purchases by Italian Army".



W. J. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Land Forces Sub-Commission, NMIA

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Subject: Allocation of Olive Oil to
Italian Armed Forces

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H. H. I. A.) ~~W O H E~~
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10 April 1945

To: HQ Allied Commission
From: Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

Reference is made to AFHQ C-5 Section letter #4 of 2 April.

1. It is understood that the only possible item which could be provided as a substitute for the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz Olive oil is $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shelled nuts and that this substitution has approximately the same calorific value.

2. The substitution of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of shelled nuts for the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of Olive oil is however unacceptable for these reasons:-

(a) The War Ministry is only just able now to keep up the ration of nuts which has also recently been increased. It would seem most unlikely that any further increase could be adequately maintained for any appreciable period.

(b) The use of olive oil in the Italian ration is for cooking in the meat and vegetable "soup" which is a staple item in the meal. Olive oil is not replaced by nuts for this purpose.

(c) The transportation required for nuts (2 oz unshelled) is considerably greater than for oil moved in bulk, often in tank cars.

3. It is requested that AFHQ be asked for a decision as early as possible in order that the necessary provision action can be taken.

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Copy to: AF HSEA

P. J. ROBERTS, Col.
for Major General,
H. H. I. A.

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CONFIDENTIALALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. E-4

2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Allocation of Olive Oil to Italian Armed Forces

TO : M.M.I.A. ~~██████████~~Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

Reference 43-4/106/FOOD of 28 February 1945.

1. It is still being discussed whether the ration scale may be reduced from 1-1/2 ounces to 1 ounce daily as originally issued.

2. Quartermaster has recommended:

"It is appreciated that the current availability of olive oil may be strained to meet this requirement. Nevertheless, it is felt that the additional allowance is a necessary supplement to that portion of the Italian Military Ration being supplied by the Italian Government. It is, therefore, requested that every effort be made to influence the Italian Government as to the necessity for amassing sufficient quantities of oil to meet the commitment."

3. Q(Maint)'s opinion was:

"A. Whilst agreeing in principle that the Italian Government should be pressed to take all measures to provide for the increased scale of olive oil authorized in the ration for the Italian Armed Forces, it is thought that it may be unwise to continue the issue of 1-1/2 ounces in existing circumstances.

"B. If it should prove that the olive oil situation is as stated by the Italian High Commissioner for Food, the continued issue of 1-1/2 ounces to the Italian Armed Forces will, in a short time, lead to a serious shortage with the result that we may be compelled in the end to reduce the ration to less than 1 ounce. This would, of course, be most undesirable and create a worse situation than allowing a reduction to 1 ounce - the scale which we are likely to be able to meet permanently.

"C. We suggest, therefore, that if the situation is as stated by the Italian High Commissioner for Food and the Allied Commission and there is no prospect of improving the situation by import, we suspend immediately the additional 1/2 ounce of olive oil and reinstate the increase only when we are satisfied that the supply position warrants such action."

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4. G-5's comments were:

"A. Advice from the Allied Commission (Minutes of V.P. Meeting 8 - 9 Mar) would indicate that so far 32,000 tons of olive oil have been amassed, or 40% of the target. While it was hoped that increased amounts might be obtained, there was no assurance felt that the ultimate goal would be reached. All pressure is being put upon the Italian Govt to produce more.

"B. It is agreed that the Italian forces should receive the required number of calories. It is not understood why caloric deficiencies in other items need necessarily be provided by an increase in the olive oil ration. It is understood that the increase to 1-1/2 ounces was authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff."

In addition G-5 suggested that its original recommendation should be reconsidered, namely that the views of the Allied Commission should be entertained and that:

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"a. The Theater should report on the status of olive oil amassment to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, quoting the recommendation of the Italian Government in which the Allied Commission concurs.

"b. In agreement with para 3 C above, reconsideration be given to the recommendation, with which this section originally concurred:

(1) That the increase in the ration be held in abeyance until such time as availability of olive oil permits its being met without greatly jeopardizing supply to the civilian population, or

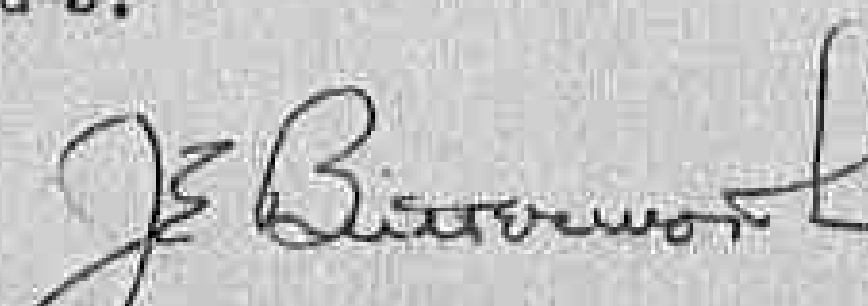
(2) That AFHQ withdraw its directive that the ration be increased."

5. As a result of this correspondence, G-4 has stated the following:

"As an interim measure, pending the results of action requested by QM in paragraph 2 above, it is concurred to suspend the issue of an additional 1/2 ounce of olive oil provided only that the Italian Government furnishes sufficient substitutes in other foods to offset the caloric value of 1/2 ounce oil."

6. It is requested that the Allied Commission and M.M.I.A. coordinate as an urgent matter and inform this headquarters what items can be substituted for the half ounce of olive oil to provide the necessary calories.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.

Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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SUBJECT:- Allocation of Olive Oil - Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.).
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Food Sub Commission, AG.

20 Feb 45

Cc: to:- AFHQ (for: "G" (Mint) and "IF").
Italian Ministry of War.

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1. In accordance with provisions of decision reached by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and AFHQ signal PL 28379 dated 15 February 1945, and MILA letter AA/2-55 of 18 February 1945, the ration scale of olive oil for the Italian Armed Forces has been increased from one (1) ounce to one and one half (1½) ounces.
2. Request that allocations be increased accordingly to include the additional one half (½) ounce of olive oil for Italian Armed Forces. The increase is effective from and including 20 February 1945.
3. Please confirm by 22nd February 1945 allotment has been made and where it is available.
4. Additional quantity required to cover period 20th to 28th February 1945, 567 quintals, and for the month of March 1945, making a total of 564.3 quintals for consumption during March.

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1st Lt. HNSO,
AFHQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.).

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TRANSLATION

FROM M of W

Ref 104532

TO MMIA

Date 15 Feb 1945

Subject: Smuggling of rationed goods

With ref to illegalities reported by MMIA with letter AQ/2/19 - 3 dated January 21, we inform you that ~~enquiries~~ are being carried on at FOLGORE combat group. enquiries

We have sent a signal on Jan 15th requesting result of a/m enquiries

LOMBARDI

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Ref 69
(75 mmen)
2/18/45

TRANSLATION

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FROM: SMRE

TO : MMIA

Ref. 581/SP/1

Date 8 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT: Illicit Olive oil black marketing by Italian troops.

We have ordered and urged enquiries to be carried out by Naples Territory Command. MMIA will be informed of the results as soon as we shall receive them.

SGD. Gen SANTI

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Handwritten:
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: PENBASE
TO : CG MTOUSA
INFO: MMIA

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NO REPEAT NO OLIVE OIL HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE TO
US-ITI RECENTLY (.) PENBASE 1642 PAREN CITE PBGDS (.)
PENBASE TO CG MTOUSA FOR ACTION AND CG MMIA FOR INFORMATION (.)
REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BUTTER PRESERVED OR ARMY SPREAD IN
LIEU OF OLIVE OIL (.) THIS ISSUE TO BE MADE ON A SEMI WEEKLY
BASIS UNTIL OLIVE OIL IS OBTAINABLE

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SUBJECT: Olive Oil Ration for Italian Military.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/19-5
9 February 1945

TO : Navy Sub-Commission,
HQ AC

attached

Ref. your letter NSC/1620 of 5 Feb. 45.

1. We are pleased to transmit to you the basis of issue of olive oil to Italian military on the authorized scale.

Oil, olive -- 1 ounce per man per day

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2. AFHQ has authorized an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of olive oil per man per day for operational troops of the Italian Air Force.

3. Therefore, it will not be necessary to grant any special authority to enable the Italian Naval personnel to draw 28 grams of oil per man per day.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

AQ/2
NSC/1620

5 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) ✓
Hq. AC.
Subject: Olive Oil Ration for Italian Naval
Personnel Afloat.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. AQ/2-17 of 1st December 1944, the Ministry of Marine have requested that special consideration be given to the increase of the olive oil ration to personnel in seagoing ships of the Italian Navy. 981

2. It is understood that military personnel serving north of the Army Control Line are now receiving 28 grams per head per day and a similar quantity of this commodity for seagoing officers and ratings is considered to be a reasonable requirement. It is requested, therefore, that favourable consideration may be given to the increase of the naval ration for seagoing personnel to 28 grams per day.


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

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SUBJECT: Illegal Action by Italian Tps
in Black Market - Olive Oil.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/19-6
9 February 1945

TO : Ministry of War

1. Request reply to our letter AQ/2/19-3 dated 21 Jan. 45,
subject same as above.

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

TTR/r1

To
HQ UNIA

Subject:- Travel Orders.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/26

1 February 1945.

To: S. TENENTE CASTELLI, AMLETO,
Direzione, Commissariato,
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.

1. S. Tenente Castelli Amleto, Italian Army will proceed
o/a 1 February 1945 from Naples Italy to Bari Italy reporting
upon arrival to Direzione, Commissariato, Comando Territoriale
di Bari in connection with the collection of olive oil to be
transported to Naples for consumption by the Italian Army.
Upon completion of his duties he will return to Naples, Italy.
Travel by Allied Air transport is authorized.

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George R. Smith
MAJOR GENERAL
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

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JAN 31

ALGERIA SARDINIA REGION
HQ ALGERIA

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ROUTINE

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Sitrep number 54 dated 29 January.

1. Nil.
2. Amassing last 7 days wheat 854 barley 320 totals wheat 9780 barley 30971 quintals; OLIARI DEL POPOLO: olive oil last 7 days edible 137 lampante 13 the totals edible 128 lampante 134 quintals.
3. 2718 tons phosphates 39 tons sugar 715 tons miscellaneous stores 309 tons coke arrived. 1200 tons slate 100 tons various minerals 45 tons skins 129 tons cork 113 tons kalite 20 tons fire clay 1163 sheep 1750 tons coal exported.
4. Robberies and burglaries still on the increase.
5. Satisfactory.
6. Nil.
7. Nil.
8. Nil.
9. The battalion of 900 Italian soldiers attached to CC MR have been withdrawn and are being sent to mainland.

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Action: G o B (2)
Info: A/President
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HEADQUARTERS

31 JAN 1945

A. C.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil: February maintenance.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.F.A.).

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2 Feb 45.

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LO's

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.F.A.).

PARI

PARMA

Copy to: Direzione Commissariato,

Italian War Ministry. (Your 1474/3/1 dated 27 Jan 45 refers).

AG

MOV.

1. It is understood from War Ministry that allocations of oil by Italian Federation of Agriculture Agencies for February are as follows:-

PARI	200 Quintals	Cosenza	565 Quintals	977
Brindisi	1200 "	Messina	87 "	
Foggia	800 "	Sardinia	310 "	

2. Commissariato of Bari, Catanzaro, Palermo and Cagliari have already been instructed to take delivery of the oil.

3. The amounts of oil required in the various areas are:-

PARI	560 Quintals	Palermo	121 Quintals
Catanzaro	67 "	Taranto	605 "
Naples	1822 "	Sardinia	155 "
Rome	207 "		

4. War Ministry has therefore ordered following despatches to take place, and will arrange for Movement bills to be made for them in the usual way:-

From Bari to Rome	207	Quintals	From Catanzaro to Naples	394
" " " Naples	1428		" " " Palermo	104
" " " Taranto	505			

5. M.M.F.A. LO's concerned are requested to liaise with Commissariato concerned to supervise the withdrawal and despatches of oil mentioned above; they will also advise LO's at receiving end of despatch (information this H.Q.).

6. The surplus amount in Sardinia will be retained in the despatches concerned, to meet future requirements. Movement of oil will be

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Foggia	830 "	Sardinia	310 "	

2. Commissariati of Bari, Catanzaro, Palermo and Cagliari have already been instructed to take delivery of the oil.

3. The amounts of oil required in the various areas are:-

Bari	560 Quintals	Palermo	191 Quintals
Catanzaro	67 "	Taranto	605 "
Naples	1822 "	Sardinia	155 "
Rome	207 "		

4. War Ministry has therefore ordered following despatches to take place, and will arrange for Movement bias to be made for them in the usual way:-

From Bari to Rome	207	Quintals	From Catanzaro to Naples	324
" " " Naples	1428		" " " Palermo	104
" " " Taranto	605			

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6. The surplus amount in Sardinia will be retained in the depots concerned, to meet future requirements. Movement of olive oil to Sardinia from Naples will not take place as arranged for period 25 Feb 6 March & 7 March to 16 March (ST/20's dated 17 and 29 Jan refer).

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Capella
 K.T. CURTIS.
 Lt. Col. VASC.
 ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (VIA).

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SUBJECT:- Olive Oil.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(L.F.S.C.).
21/73

29 Jan 45.

Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi
Agrari - (Agrari - Olio) -
ROMA.

Copy for- Dires. Gen. Comandamento,
Italian War Ministry.
Food Sub Comm. AG.

Handwritten: AG 2/19
MT
AG

1. Ministry of War in their letter to you 1535/5/1 of 26 Jan 45 stated that Consorzi Rossini had declared not availability of oil and inability to fulfill the January assignment to the Italian Army in Sicily of 87 quintals.

Since the requirements of the Italian Armed Forces take precedence, the statement by Consorzi Rossini is not understood and it is requested you will take most urgent steps to ensure that oil is forthcoming in fulfillment of the January, and subsequent, allocations. 976

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S.L. PERSONAL.
Lt. Col. SABO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIA).

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Subject: Military Black Market Activities.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/19-4

21 Jan 1945

To: Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.

Reference AC/14006/20/P.S. of 18 Jan 45.

Immediate action will be taken by MMIA on all cases of this description which you are able to report.

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F. J. WOKES
F. J. WOKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: Illegal Action by Italian Tps in Black Market - Olive Oil

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/19-3

21 Jan 1945

To: Ministry of War.

1. At about 4 pm on 6th January 1945 at Bovino, Province of Foggia, Corporal Clavell, 65 Company CSM (TC) stopped an Austin ambulance No. 1209756, driven by Autista CAMPANELLA Renato of Gruppo Combattimento: Folgore Sezione, Sanita stationed at Cerreto Samite, Benevento, P.M. 146 and accompanied by S. Tenente Cattania Gennaro of the same unit.
2. On examination the vehicle was found to contain approximately 8 quintals of grain; 40 litres of olive oil; 50 litres of wine and several large hams and as the grain and oil were not covered by the necessary documents required by Italian law they were seized and amassed at Lucera. The driver was allowed to proceed with the wine and hams. 974
3. The vehicle also contained 27 empty jerrycans; many of which had recently contained olive oil and as an inspection of the work ticket carried by driver showed several journeys recently to San Severo and Rome, it would tend to show that this ambulance has been used for some rather extensive black market operations.
4. The case reported above is not an isolated instance of an Italian Service vehicle being used for the purpose of transporting "black market" produce. It is said that practically every service vehicle proceeding from the S.S. Provinces towards Naples and Rome carry such produce.
5. Jerrycans are freely used for the purpose of transporting olive oil.
6. You will please cause an immediate investigation to be made and report to this Hq. The action of the officer authorising such action would appear to be most irregular.

FJM/ls

Copy to: 53 B.L.S.

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P. J. HOGAN, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.
see 175

Subject: Illegal action by Italian in
Black Markets - Olive Oil

To: Minister of War

~~This report is forwarded to you~~
~~for immediate action.~~ 6. You will ^{please} cause an
immediate investigation to be made and report
to this HQ. The action of the officer
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Copy 53 B.L.U.

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C O P Y
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478800

18 January 1945

AC/14006/20/PS

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Control

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission

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5. Jerricans are freely used for the purpose of transporting olive oil.
6. This Sub-Commission will report to you all cases which are brought to notice.

Copy: RPSO Southern Region
(Your PS/42 of 14 January,
refers).

WCB/G.

sgd Wm. C. Ballance, Maj.
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Olive Oil - January Maintenance.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/73

Dir. Gen. Commissariat,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: AG
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Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).
BARI
SICILY
TARANTO

1. Reference is made to Italian Federation of Agrarian Committees letter of the 2 January addressed to Ministry of War (M.V. Sussistenza).
2. The following amounts of Olive Oil have been released for the January maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:-

Bari	1900 Quintals
Brindisi	500 "
Foggia	800 "
Taranto	275 "
Cosenza	1000 "
Reggina	67 "

3. It is requested you will instruct the Commissariat concerned immediately to proceed with the collection of the Oil from the Consorzi.

4. For the purpose of maintenance the quantities required in the Areas are:-

Bari	756 Quintals
Taranto	840 " including an addition of 116.6 Quintals for Sicily
Naples	2166 "

5. Please ensure that rail movement plan for distribution as outlined in para 4 above are forwarded through SURE to this office in the normal manner.
6. LO's will liaison with the local Commissariat and progress action and inform this HQ of any difficulties that may arise.

1. Reference is made to Italian Federation of Agrarian Committees letter of the 8 January addressed to Ministry of War (Div. Assistenza).
2. The following amounts of Olive Oil have been released for the January maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:-

Barl	1000 quintals
Brindisi	800 "
Foggia	800 "
Taranto	275 "
Cosenza	1000 "
Reggina	57 "

3. It is requested you will instruct the Commissariat concerned immediately to proceed with the collection of the oil from the Consorzi.
4. For the purpose of maintenance the quantities required in the areas are:-

Barl	756 quintals	
Taranto	840 "	including an addition of 114.6 quintals for Sicily
Naples	2155 "	

5. Please ensure that rail movement bids for distribution as outlined in para 4 above are forwarded through SHW to this office in the normal manner.
6. LO's will liaison with the local Commissariati and progress action and inform this HQ of any difficulties that may arise.

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Th. Dam *Major*

Major, *and Forces and Comm. AG. (MIA).*
 Lt. Col. RAGG.
 Lt. Col. PERSOVAL.

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"S & T. MMIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

18 January, 1945

AO/14006/20/PS

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TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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6. It is requested that strong action be taken with a view to securing the discontinuance of these practices.

7. This Sub-Commission will report to you all cases which are brought to notice.

Wm. C. Ballance Maj

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy : RPSO Southern Region
(Your PS/42 of 14 January, refers).

WCE/C.

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FROM: Ministry of War
TO: MMIA for information.
Subject: Issue of Olive Oil.

REF. 15225/S/1

Date 5 Jan. 45.

Authority is given to issue to MIRACOLI Mil. Hosp.
Naples, 45 kgs. of Olive Oil required to be stored in that
hospital as medicine for US-ITI troops.

Direct arrangements with the units concerned for
issue.

Sgd. BASILE

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LO SARDINIA
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Italian War Ministry.

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Understand difficulties being experienced in amassing
Olive Oil (.) Contact Allied Commission and General Agrari
and press for delivery to Italian Army Depots of December
allocation of 310 quintali (.) Advise amounts received and
report difficulties (.) Olive Oil is not available from
Mainland (.)

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HQ CIA



Steno Dept. Lt. Col.

AFHQ

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13 DEC. 44

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT OLIVE OIL PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM HQ ALCOM FROM LEGG SIGNED STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD YOUR FOX SIX TWO NINE THREE TWO OF FOUR DECEMBER PD OLIVE OIL RATION FOR DECEMBER NOW ALLOCATED BY ITALIAN MINISTRY AND SUPPLIES ASSURED PD CONFIRM THAT NEEDS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES TO HAVE PRIORITY OVER CIVILIAN POPULATION AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTED TO THIS EFFECT PD NO ISSUE OF DOUBLE QUANTITY OF OLIVE OIL FOR CHRISTMAS IS BEING MADE TO CIVILIAN POPULATION PD ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BEING INSTRUCTED TO ENSURE REGULAR MONTHLY SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES FROM THIS SEASONS CROP

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COPY TO: LAND FORCES SUB.COM.

FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

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N. W. DRONEFF
MAJOR, AGD
ADJUTANT

(at/73)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MIA

TO : 52 Area, 54 Area,
ALCOM SICILY
ALCOM SARDINIA
PBS (SOUTHERN DIST)

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For MIA LOs (.) Subject is Olive Oil (.) Further to this HQ letter ST/73 of 06 Dec 44 (.) Request you investigate with Consorel and Commissariato to determine what stocks of oil exist rpt exist towards your allocation and report results to this HQ (.) Also keep this HQ advised of quantities of oil actually received into Italian Depots against allocations (.) Oil situation requires close attention to establish stocks in Depots with minimum delay (.)

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Lt. Col.

INTERNAL : A/Q - For file AQ/2/49.

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REFERENCE OUR AQ-2315 OF 4 DECEMBER
1944 CONCERNING 45 TONS MARGARINE (.) CONSIDER THIS
SIGNAL CANCELLED

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INTERNAL

MMIA ST

To ST:

We have received information from AFHQ to the
effect that the 45 tons Margarine will not be released
from 22 CRASC to Italian Military.

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SUBJECT:- Olive Oil - December maintenance.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/13

6 Dec 44

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. Reference is made to Ministry of Agriculture's letter 4/2/2183 of 5 Dec 1944 addressed Federazione Dei Consorzi Agrari, copy to Ministry of War (Div. Sussistenza).
2. Subject letter allocates supplies of oil for the December requirements of the Italian Armed Forces and it is requested you will instruct Commissariato Sicily, Sardinia, Taranto, Bari and Naples immediately to proceed with the collection of the oil from Consorzi and its storage in Italian Army Depots. 964
3. Any difficulties in obtaining delivery from Consorzi should be taken up by the Ministry of War direct with Federazione Dei Consorzi, copy to this HQ for information.

BLP/jc

ref 63
B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASO,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) LOS:

Sicily -	allocated	87 quintals	} For information and progress action with local Commissariato.
Sardinia -	allocated	310 quintals	
Taranto -	allocated	1121 quintals	
Bari -	allocated	1122 quintals	
Naples -	allocated	1122 quintals	

A/Q.

C O P Y (Orig in ST/73)

From : The Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

Ref. A/2/2183

To : The Italian Federation of Agrarian Committees. Date: 5 Dec 44.

Copy to: W. War Min. MMSA.

Subject: Allotment of olive oil for the month of December for the Italian Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy, Air Force and CC.RR.

So as to meet the requests of the Ministry of War and with the data given by the Land Forces Sub Commission, this Ministry lays down that you will give instructions to the Federated Provincial Agrarian Committees to allot to the General Commissariat Directorate 3,762 quintals of single type olive oil (up to 7th. acidity) on the amassi production 1944-45.

The above amount, which represents the needs for the month of December will be consigned as follows :-

CATANIA Depot for SICILY	87 quintals.	
CAGLIARI Depot for SARDINIA & CORSICA	310 " "	
NAPLES Depot	1122 " "	
BARI Depot	1122 " "	963
TARANTO Depot	1121 " "	
	<u>3762</u> " "	
TOTAL		

You will liaise directly with the Ministry of War, to arrange the details for the above consignment and the conditions relative to the price of the oil, bearing in mind the directives issued by this Ministry about draws on the "People's Oil Stores".

You are informed that this allotment is of a very urgent nature and must have complete precedence over all other allotments.
We await your acknowledgement.

sd/ THE MINISTER.

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S & T. MMIA.
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SUBJECT: Olive Oil for Italian Armed Forces

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/19-2
6 December 1944

TO : AFHQ (thru AQ)

1. Inviting attention to attached copies of correspondence as follows:-

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- Incl. 1 - MMIA letter AQ/2/19 of 3 Nov.
 - Incl. 2 - Food Sub Comm. letter 434/49/Food of 6 Nov. - 48
 - Incl. 3 - MMIA letter AQ/2/19 of 21 Nov.
 - Incl. 4 - Record of Meeting with Ministry of Agriculture, 30 Nov. - 964
 - Incl. 5 - MMIA Signal AQ-2303 of 1 Dec.
 - Incl. 6 - MMIA Signal AQ-2306 of 2 Dec.
 - Incl. 7 - AFHQ Signal F 62932 of 4 Dec.

2. Above show steps taken by MMIA to insure sufficient supply of olive oil. It is our understanding that the new crop would become available 1 December and that the supply for ITI Armed Forces has priority over other needs.

3. Inasmuch as MMIA can only request the necessary allocation, it is requested that Allied Commission reply to AFHQ signal F 62932.

(K)
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SIGNED SIGNED (.) CITE FHGDQ

YOUR A/2303 OF 1 DECEMBER AND AQ 2306 OF 2 DECEMBER (.) WE ARE NOT

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PREPARED TO RELEASE THESE SUBSTITUTES FOR OLIVE OIL WITHOUT FURTHER

REPORT AS TO THE REASONS FOR THE SHORTAGE (.) OUR UNDERSTANDING IS

THAT NEEDS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE PRIORITY OVER CIVILIAN

POPULATION AND ALLIED FORCES CITE ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 42 (.)

ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT OLIVE OIL CROP ALWAYS BECOMES AVAILABLE ON

1 DECEMBER IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES, THEREFORE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY

SHORTAGE HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO OCCUR (.) EMPHASIZE NO PROVISION MADE BY

ALLIED FORCES TO MEET ANY OF LOCALLY PRODUCED PORTION OF ITALIAN RATION (.)

REQUEST YOU SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY THROUGH ALLIED COMMISSION FULL EXPLANATION

AND CONFIRMATION THAT THE SHORTAGE IS DEFINITE AND CANNOT BE MADE GOOD FROM

OTHER SOURCES (.) IN THIS CONNECTION INFORMATION IS DESIRED AS TO HOW THE

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN ISSUE A DOUBLE QUANTITY OF OLIVE OIL FOR CHRISTMAS

AS OUTLINED IN YOUR MESSAGE AQ 2265 DATED 25 NOVEMBER (.) WHAT STEPS HAVE

BEEN TAKEN BY YOU TO INSURE SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OLIVE OIL FOR ENTIRE ITALIAN

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ARMED FORCES UNTIL NEXT CROP (.)

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Q(MAINT) SEC. NO. 12

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BY

NAME TYPED: H. McLEAN, Lt.Col.

TEL. No.

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SUBJECT:- Olive Oil - Calabria.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/73.

4 Dec 44

Direz. Gen. Comdasariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: LO

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area.
HQ AC, Food Sub Commission.
HQ AC, Region 7.
AQ M.M.I.A.

*Copy attached
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In reply to your letter 13421/S/1 dated 1 Dec 44.

1. In view of the fact that it is unlikely that any more quantities of Olive Oil can be requisitioned in CALABRIA, and with the approach of the new harvest, it is agreed that the instructions, laid down in our ST/73 date 18 July 44, can now be cancelled.
2. Please take the necessary steps to inform all concerned.

*E.L. Mimm-massy
Capt*

ELM/bg.

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Ref 51,52

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Subject: Olive Oil

From: Gen. Coordinator,
Italian War Reliefs

any one can see
the fact
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11/11/44

1. It is necessary that immediate steps be taken by the Italian Government (Sanctions) to secure certain unseized stocks of olive oil which are unaccounted for and which are urgently required for the Italian Armed Forces.
2. You are requested therefore to take the following action forthwith:
 - a. Provide 2 (two) small vehicles, preferably motor cars, for requirements with in German Province to transport stocks of oil in the hands of local producers.
 - b. Assign 2 (two) officers of headquarters to proceed, with the vehicles specified above, to Germany with instructions to report on arrival to the

Major Ryan.

Informed Supply Section

United Central Committee, Section 7.

who, in consultation with the Germano Agency will provide information regarding location of oil stocks. These officers will remain on the duty of organizing and supervising the collection of oil until notified with authority of this file.

Provide 10 - 12 small vehicles for use in collecting and transporting olive oil to Germany. These vehicles will report to the first instance to Major Ryan, and will not be relieved from this assignment except with approval of this file. Provide a working party of 1 officer and 20 soldiers, with an adequate number of vehicles, to ensure proper supervision. This working party is required for use in collecting olive oil, loading it onto German and offloading it at Major Ryan.

The officer in charge of the party will report in the first instance to Major Ryan and arrangements are required to be made by the Ministry of War for accommodation and feeding of the working party.

The party will remain on this duty until relieved with approval of this file.

It is suggested that General Commanding Major Ryan could provide the officers and personnel for the working party and possibly even or all of the transport needed for the work.

A quantity of 150 tons of oil is required to be collected and transported to Germany. It is suggested that the quantities so stated will be required to this file for subsequent orders.

Major Ryan, C.I. Berlin Road, has been assigned by this file to conduct in the work and will report to Major Ryan in the first instance.

It is, of course, entirely the responsibility of the Ministry of War to secure the olive oil required. The foregoing arrangements have however, been made in consultation with AGO to assist in the task.

The matter in case of urgency and every step should be taken to obtain the collection of oil as quickly as possible.

It is suggested that Major Ryan, C.I. Berlin Road, be assigned to the

Major System

Regional Supply Officer

Allied Central Commission, Section 7.

will, in conjunction with the General Officer, provide information regarding location of oil stores. These officers will remain on the job of supervising and supervising the collection of oil until relieved with authority of this HQ.

Provide 10 - 3 Ton vehicles for work in collecting and transporting olive oil to Naples. These vehicles will report in the first instance to Major System and will be relieved from this assignment except with approval of this HQ. Provide a working party of 1 Officer and 50 soldiers, with an adequate number of M.C.O.s. to ensure proper supervision. This working party is assigned for work in collecting olive oil, loading it onto barges and offloading it at Naples.

The officer in charge of the party will report in the first instance to Major System and arrangements are required to be made by the Ministry of War for transportation and feeding of the working party.

The party will remain on this duty until relieved with approval of this HQ.

It is suggested that General Commanding First Corps could provide the officer and personnel for the working party and possibly some or all of the transport needed for the work.

A quantity of 450 tons of oil is required to be collected and transported to Naples. If time in disbursement the quantities so far will be required to this HQ for subsequent action.

Ident. C.I. Team has been assigned by this HQ to assist in the work and will report to Major System in the first instance.

It is, of course, entirely the responsibility of the Ministry of War to secure the olive oil required. The foregoing arrangements have however, been made in consultation with HQ to assist in the task.

The matter is one of urgency and every step should be taken to assist the collection of oil as quickly as possible.

Please state immediately what Allied assistance, if any, is necessary in the matter of providing suitable conditions to help the oil.

If unrefined oil is collected the Allied Central Commission have agreed to assist in providing refining facilities and have also agreed to provide storage accommodation for the oil in Naples if sufficient storage space does not exist in Italian Army Depots there.

Please keep this HQ fully informed as to progress made.

Copy to: Col. L. (Head and Commander)
Lt. Col. (Head and Commander)
Major (Head and Commander)

Major (Head and Commander)
Lt. Col. (Head and Commander)
Major (Head and Commander)

4 Dec 44 56

AP/2/19

MMIA

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AQ 2315

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO (*) CONTACT 22 CRASC (*) OBTAIN FROM THEM 45 TONS
MARGARINE (*) MMIA RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNTING (*) NOTIFY THIS
OFFICE WHEN ITEM RECEIVED (*) THIS CONFIRMED BY SACRED
IN TO 22 CRASC

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Cancelled
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Ref 60INTERNAL

MMIA ST

: Distribution to be made by Italian War Ministry
when 45 tons margarine is received.

Ref 55
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LRKB V LAEE NR 25
 4 QVR 2
 FROM LAEE 031943A
 TO LRKB

TO 22 C., R A S C SUPPLY UNITS
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CR 21 BT

SIGNED SACHED CITE 7X472 FHCET (.) RELEASE TO MMIA ON DEMAND
 AS TONS MARGARINE FOR MMIA (.) 7X62504 YOUR AC2306
 OF 02 REFERS
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SENT NR 25 2155A CS 31
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MESSAGE FORM.

ST/73

To : H.Q., A.G., SEIZURE

FROM : M.M.I.A.

02/477

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Restricted.

For M.M.I.A. L.O. (*) In view of shortage of OLIVE OIL on Mainland
 issue of CANNED SPREAD and or OLIVE OIL will be restricted to ten grams
 rpt ten grams per man per day effective forthwith (*) War Ministry
 informed (*) ACK

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AUTHORIZATION

Lt. Col.

Copy to : A.G., M.M.I.A.

Italian War Ministry.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME

02 1600 4

FROM: NMIA

TO : BEMINGHAM HQ & HAWAII C-4

ATT: ECAC AAI - FIFTH ARMY - LAMAR AIR - BIRMINGHAM - COMZONE MEXUSA - NORES -

ALOKI BICHEL FOR NMIA DC - PLS - ELIENOR - DISHIRE - DISHIRE LAST

AQ 2506

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attached

NUMBER TO THIS HQ SIG AL AQ/2505 OF 01 DEC NOT TO ALL (.) SUBJECT IS DANGEROUS (.)

STOCKS DISTRIBUTED TO 24 CLASS (340 UNITS) VALUES AND TO 210 DIVISION WILL

MAINTAIN ALL FORWARD STOPS UNTIL 30 DEC (.) STOCKS DISTRIBUTED TO 305 AND 212

DIVISIONS WILL MAINTAIN FORWARD ELEMENTS UNTIL DIVISIONS UNTIL APPROX 10 DEC (.)

STOCKS DISTRIBUTED TO 20 DEC (.) WILL MAINTAIN STOPS UNTIL 30 DEC (.) STOCKS IN

STOCKS WILL LAST UNTIL APPROX 20 DEC OF APPROX DATE OF ISSUE (.) ESTIMATED STOCKS

BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT DIVISIONS. WILL LAST UNTIL APPROX 15 DEC (.) TO COM-

PLINE DECEMBER MAINTAINING FOLLOWING APPROX REQUIRED (.) BIKES (.) AUTOMOBILES

PERFORMING TO MEET US-THI REQUIREMENTS. APPROX FROM US STOCKS (.) STOCKS (.)

WILLING TO MEET AT HAWAII FROM US STOCKS TO 30 DEC 30 TONS CARRIED SPANISH/COOKING FAT

TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS (.) FUND (.) RELEASE TO MEET AT HAWAII FROM BRITISH

STOCKS 15 DEC 15 TONS CARRIED SPANISH/COOKING FAT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS (.)

RELEASES SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO BEHOLD DISTRIBUTION TO BE COMPLETED BY

DATES REQUIRED (.)

PRECEDENCE:

AUTHORIZATION:

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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FURNISH TO THIS HQ SIG AL 12/1305 OF 02 DEC FOR TO ALL (.) SCHEDULE IS GIVE OIL (.)
 STOCKS DISTRIBUTE TO 14 WARS (SIP UNIT) LATER AND PC 210 DIVISION WILL
 MAINTAIN ALL FORWARD CROOKS UNTIL 30 DEC (.) STOCKS DISTRIBUTE TO 1005 AND 212
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 PLATE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FOLLOWING LIST OF REQUIRED (.) FIRST (.) AUTHORIZED
 PERSONNEL TO NEXT US-INTI ESTIMATES VARIOUS FROM US STOCKS (.) SECOND (.)
 RELEASE TO UNTIL AT NAPLES FROM US STOCKS 30 SEP TO 1005 CAMED SPECIAL/COOLING TAT
 TO NEXT INTI-INTI REQUIREMENTS (.) THIRD (.) RELEASE TO UNTIL AT 1005 FROM BRITISH
 STOCKS 15 SEP 45 TONS CAMED SPECIAL/COOLING TAT TO 1005 FROM BRITISH REQUIREMENTS (.)
 RELEASES SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO 1005 DISTRIBUTION TO BE COMPLETED BY
 DATES REQUIRED (.)

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PRECEDENCE: 19705147
 AUTHORIZATION: F I Normal
 (Signed)

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

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Maj Rose

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MEMO

PRIORITY

AQ 2303

RESTRICTED

Subject is provision of olive oil and or substitute fats for all categories
 ITIS (.). Originally A C estimated new oil crop ready December (.). Matter
 now handled by Italian Ministry who say new crop will not produce any oil
 until early January (.). If this so Allies will need to allot canned spread
 or similar fat to last until early January (.). Exact date existing stocks will
 run out and quantity required to fill gap now being worked out

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IMPORTANT

I.O.M.

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A/Q.

1. I sent you an I.O.M. earlier today on my discussion with Ministry of Agriculture's representative.
2. Stocks of oil and spread now on hand will NOT see us through. AFHQ will have to be asked to release 360 tons of spread/Margarine/lard/cooking fat, in order to meet the ration.
3. This will tide us over at strength of about 425,000 and at full scale issue, until January 1, plus a small safety margin in case the new crop oil is slow in coming from Consorziis and to cover distribution time when it does materialize.
4. I would like release at

	Ex U.S. Stocks for 212,000 tps.		Ex British Stocks for 213,000 tps.
Naples	205375 lbs	Naples	143890 lbs
Bari	205375 lbs	Taranto	268800 lbs
TOTAL	410750 lbs	Total	412690 lbs

Above figures are based on US ITI and ITI ITI categories comprising 951

ITI ITI	137,684
US ITI -	
Army	69,000
Air Force	6,500
	<u>213,184</u>

Adjusted to 212,000 for provision.

and ER ITI category comprising -

Army	115,134	(Incl. CORP)
Navy	75,000	
Air Force	24,500	
	<u>214,634</u>	(Adjusted to 213,000 for provision)

5. Action by AFHQ should NOT be delayed.

30/1 Dec 44.
BLP/jc

Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

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Ref 51,51

OLIVE OIL

2/19/73 51

1. At meeting held 30 Nov with Professor Mariano Vacirca, who deals with Olive Oil at the Ministry of Agriculture the requirements against the new crop in respect of Italian Armed Forces were discussed.
2. Professor Mariano Vacirca was given the total requirement of 376 long tons a month and the breakdown needed for Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland.
3. Professor Mariano Vacirca pointed out that the old ration for Italian Army was 15 grammes a day ~~NOT~~ 28 grammes. I helged on this and said it was now 28 grammes.
4. I stated Italian Armed Forces needs must take priority and that the Ministry of Agriculture should so instruct all local Consorzi in the oil producing provinces.
5. I pressed for information regarding availability but Professor Mariano Vacirca said it would probably be the end of December before the first oil became available, although the allocation would be made at once.
I urged him to do all possible to speed amassing and refining.
6. Professor Mariano Vacirca stated he doubted the crop would meet all needs, in view of black market activities and difficulty of amassing. I said in that case my position was that Italian Armed Forces came first, as Italian Government had obligated itself to provide oil at the scale of 1 oz a day per man.
7. We have a month's maintenance to think of before new deliveries can be expected. This is longer than had been anticipated as result of Food Sub Commissions information.
8. DADS will therefore at once obtain up to date information regarding present stocks of oil and spread, deduct any "dues out", i.e. ordered out but not despatched, add the "dues in" from refining of lampante oil now in progress and translate into days feeding for the number of troops involved, say 425,000.
On basis of this final figure it may, and probably will, be necessary to ask AFM to release more canned spread to tide us over the gap.
9. DADS - action on para 8 is urgent.

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Copy to: A/S.

30 Nov 4/4

Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

SUBJECT:- Olive Oil.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
AS/2/19

Ministry of War.

21 Nov 44.

1. This HQ tabled a bid to the Food Sub Commission Allied Commission for the allotment of 366 tons of oil a month from the new crop shortly to be gathered.

This quantity represents requirements for the monthly maintenance of approximately 450,000 Italian Armed Forces personnel at the authorized scale of 1 oz per man per day.

2. The Food Sub Commission has now advised that it is intended the Italian Government shall assume full responsibility for rationing and distribution of oil from the date of availability of the new crop. Therefore requirements for the Italian Armed Forces should be obtained by allocation by the appropriate Ministry to the Ministry of War, for subsequent distribution.

3. In view of the shortages that have been experienced in the past and bearing in mind that the scale of issue of 1 oz per day was established by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Washington it is desired to emphasize that the bid referred to in para 1 above is a minimum bid and will not be reduced.

4. You are requested to make urgent and strong representations to the appropriate Ministry in order to secure a guarantee that the bid submitted will in fact be met and that adequate priority of delivery is assured in order to establish working stocks of olive oil in Italian Army Depots with the least possible delay. This letter is of particular importance as present stocks of oil and fats will shortly be exhausted.

5. You are requested to keep this HQ closely informed in this matter and to report any difficulties or delays that may occur or may seem likely to occur.

HLF/jc

Copy to:- ST MIA.

For,
Major General,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

(82/75)

URGENT

FROM: DIA

TO : NO AD SIGINT REGION

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ON 1745.

ROUTED

For DIA IS (.) Your 876 O. Nov (.) Purchases of olive oil
old rpt old crop can be made in SIGINT open market (.) List
of oil merchants can be obtained from Chamber of Commerce (.)
If no old rpt old crop oil available advise this IS for
Further action (.)

REFERENCE

ADMINISTRATION

URGENT: - 1/2

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William Mafol
Lt. Col.

Hi

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Food Sub-Commission

JI/ml

Tel: 478807

Ref: 43-4/49/FOOD

6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Olive Oil

TO : Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Reference your AQ/2/19-1 dated 3 November 1944.

1. It ~~was~~ the intention of the Food Sub-Commission that the Italian Government will undertake full responsibility for the rationing and distribution of Olive Oil from the date of availability of the new season's crop. Ration scales for the civilian population will be worked out by them in the light of the full amounts of Olive Oil they expect to have at their disposal during the coming year. The responsibility for supplying the local part of the military ration would appear to rest with the Italian Government. Your bid for supplies of Oil for the Italian Armed Forces has therefore been passed on to the Italian Undersecretariate for Food. It is suggested that representations as to the need for allocating the amounts you have quoted should also be made to the same Minister through the Italian Ministry of War. 947
2. No proposals for the importation of Oil into Italy have been contemplated by this Sub-Commission, as it has not been considered that any sanction ^{would} be given by the C.C.S. to such a proposal. We are prepared however, when the full availability is known and if serious deficiencies are then discovered, to recommend jointly with you a programme of imports to meet the joint needs of the Italian civilian population and Armed Forces.

(copy made for 55/738)

J. Hume M4
W.J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

17/11 I will get on with this
in conjunction with D. H. W.

417/11

SUBJECT: Olive Oil.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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3 Nov 49

HQ,
Allied Commission
Food Sub Commission.

1. Having in view the imminence of the new olive crop, with probable availability of oil to consumers in the early days of December, it is desired to draw attention to the needs of the Italian Armed Forces L.A. Army, Navy, Air Force and Carabinieri.

2. On the basis of the established scale of 1 oz. per man per day and a total strength of 450,000, the following are firm figures of requirements.

Sicily	8.7	long tons a month
Sardinia &		
Corseica	31.38	" " " "
Mainland	336.5	" " " "

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Giving a total requirement of 366.58 long tons a month.

3. As you are aware, the Italian Armed Forces, with the exception of troops in combat areas, have for some time past received oil at a rate of 10 gms. per man per day against an entitlement of slightly more than 28 gms. a day. This reduced rate of issue, forced upon us due to shortage of supply, has caused some discontent among Italian servicemen, who are fully alive to the fact that the proper scale is 1 oz. daily.

4. It is desired to draw attention to the fact that the ration scale for the Italian Armed Forces was laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington. It is therefore incumbent upon all concerned in this theatre to ensure that COM' policy is properly and fully implemented. For this reason, and to give adequate notice of requirements, the firm bids at paragraph 2 above are submitted.

5. It is believed that the new crop may still not meet all commitments and if this be so it is desired you will refer the matter to Allied Force Headquarters, together with your proposals for restoring the deficiency. It is thought such proposals would provide for the importation of cottonseed oil from Egypt and/or peanut oil from the United States.

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24/11/49
3 Nov 49

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Lt. Col.
for Major General.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

Copy to:- AFHQ - For O Maint }
- G4 (A) } For information

Translation

From: M of W

Ref No. 11755/S

To : MMIA

Date: 28 Oct 44

Fat Rations.

The availability of Fats in the Italian Depots is nearly exhausted, infact with the quantities actually present we could only cover a period ending at the latest on the 10th of Nov, that is if we issue a reduced ration of 10 grms should there be no further arrival of Margarine in the meantime.

The requisition of oil in CALABRIA has not given the results anticipated for various reasons some of which have already been made known to MMIA amongst which the principals are:

Lack of M.T.
Difficulties in research and environment.
Difficulties and opposition from various civilian authorities.
Lack of help from A.C. following transfer of Maj SYKES and Lt. TONKS to an other sector.

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Up to this date we have requisitioned a total of 576 quintalities of oil of which 273 sent to Food sub com of Naples A.C. 170 in transit. 133 being contested by civilian authorities, of the quantities sent to Naples none has been returned as to now.

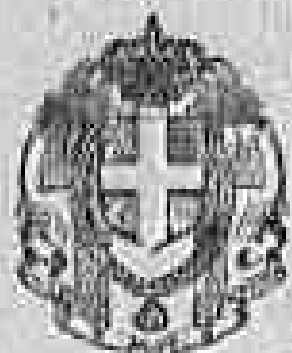
Given the situation this Ministry will be soon forced to cease issue of fat to the troops which would affect the whole of the quality of the rations issue because for their cooking a certain quantity of fat is required.

To solve the problem it is necessary and urgent to:

Notify MMIA of the situation so as to obtain assignment of the much needed oil taking in view that the monthly need is approximately 400 tons, or that we are given some substituted (butter or margarine) for the oil.

We are waiting for decision to be taken by MMIA in regards to this request.

Pelligra



URGENTE

M. 151, li 28 ott. 1944.-

Ro/

LA M.M.I.A.

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

ROMA

- Divisione Sussistenze -

N. di Prot. 155 / S / M. Sped.

Allegati

Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO: razione di grassi.-

notifica di fatto

ARMIA	Aa
DI RE	
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La disponibilità dei grassi presso i magazzini militari sono in via di esaurimento; infatti, con i quantitativi esistenti si potrà assicurare il servizio, con la razione ridotta di 10 grammi, al massimo fino al 10 novembre semprechè, nel frattempo, non arrivino ulteriori quantitativi di burro margarinato.-

La requisizione dell'olio in Calabria non ha dato i risultati sperati, per cause varie, in parte già note a codesta Missione, fra cui principalmente:

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- mancata assegnazione degli automezzi;
- difficoltà di ricerca e di ambiente;
- difficoltà e opposizione da parte di varie autorità civili;
- mancato appoggio dell'A.C.C. in seguito al trasferimento ad altra sede del Maggiore SYKES e del Tenente TONKS.-

Alla data di oggi sono stati requisiti complessivamente q.li 576 di olio lampante di cui:

- q.li 273 spediti alla Food Sub-Commission A.C.C. di Napoli;
- " 170 in corso di spedizione;
- " 133 in contestazione con le autorità civili.

Dei quantitativi spediti a Napoli niente è stato ancora restituito.-

Data la situazione questo Ministero si vedrà presto costretto a sospendere la distribuzione alle truppe della razione di grassi, provvedimento che si rifletterà senza dubbio sulla bontà dell'intera razione fra cui sono generi che richiedono, per la loro confezione, necessariamente il condimento di cui trattasi.-

La soluzione del problema si rende pertanto particolarmente urgente.-

Tanto si segnala a codesta Missione perchè voglia interessarsi della questione allo scopo di ottenere che venga messo a disposizione il quantitativo di olio occorrente, tenuto presente che il fabbisogno mensile è di circa 400 tonnellate, o siano assegnati generi di sostituzione quali burro o margarina.-

Si resta in attesa delle decisioni di cotesta Mis-
sione al riguardo.-

p.IL MINISTRO



AP/2/19 44

Subject: Issue of Butter Canned and for spread in lieu of Olive Oil.

Military Mission Italian Army,
Rome.
22/73

12 Oct 73

Dir. Gen. Commissariate,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: MILA 10:-- NAPLES; BARI; TARANTO; SIRIUS;
50 MIN; 51 MIN; 52 MIN; 53 MIN.
A/1 MILA

1. Stocks of canned butter and/or spread now held in Italian Depots on the mainland and in Sicily will be issued immediately to Italian troops in lieu of Olive Oil. 943

2. Rate of issue will be 25 grams per day per man, ie full scale.

3. No issues will be made of Olive Oil in areas where canned butter and/or spread is available until all stocks of canned butter and/or spread have been consumed.

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21/8/73

Stefano Nappi
1/11
S.L. NAPPI
Lt. Col. RMC,
Gen., Military Mission Italian Army.

Subject:- Maintenance of Legnano and Folgore Divisions.

original
in ST/53/10

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/53/10

10 Oct 44

MMIA LO NAPLES

Reference your ST/53 of 4 October 1944.

Proposals contained in subject letter are agreed, with exception of issue of olive oil at 28 grammes per man per day. Due to the critical shortage of oil and to ensure equitable distribution, it is temporarily necessary to control the rate of issue at 10 grammes per man per day, which is 100 grammes a month more than the bulk of the civil population receive at this time.

B. L. Perceval

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B. L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,

ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

BIP/jc

Copy to:- DADST. 'C' and 'D' BEUs.
MMIA LOs Legnano & Folgore.
A/Q MMIA.

785020

Subject:- Olive Oil.

**Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.**

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
82/73

4 Oct 1944

Reference number 10558/3/1 of 2 October 1944

11. The position in regard to Olive Oil is as follows:-

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- (b) Inhabitants living in large cities and towns eg. Rome, Naples, Potenza etc. are allowed 200 gals a month.
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- (d) Stocks of oil for civilian consumption are low and distribution of what oil exists is hampered by lack of transportation.

The foregoing are the conditions under which the civilian population receive oil and you will readily appreciate that every gramme of additional oil issued to Italian soldiers would inflict hardship on their families by reducing the amount available for civilian consumption. As the scale of issues now stands, that is to say 10 gms a day, the Italian soldiers gets more oil than the great majority of the civil population and it is thought that if the facts are made known to them there will be no further complaints.

As the new crop materializes in November every effort will be made to ensure adequate supplies of oil for the Italian Armed Forces, but here again you will appreciate the need for equitable distribution as between the services and the people.

It is regretted that provision of additional rates from Allied sources cannot be made available as requested. In the first place they are not an item of the ration scale approved by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff and in the second place any such provision would react most unfairly on the people as a whole.

W. L. Penland.

B. L. RABOVICH,
Lt. Col., RASC,
ADJUTANT, MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY.

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B. L. Percival

B. L. PERCIVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ANST, Military Mission Italian Army.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

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For Action

AGC SARDINIA FOR SIMMONS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

Originator's No.

8033 ALSO STN/23(.) SECRET (.) DESPATCHED TO YOU ON SS BEACONSFIELD 30 SEPTEMBER

APPROXIMATELY 25 TONS OLIVE OIL IN 139 DRUMS (.) ALSO APPROXIMATELY 35 TONS ANTI MALARIAL MATERIAL EX 50 B.S.D. LOADED (.) ETA 2 OCTOBER

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { ☒ WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Subject:- Canned Spread.

2/19/40

Army Sub Commission (ASCA),
HQ, AGO, ROME.
22/73.

Direr. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

18 Sep 44.

Copy to:- ASCA LO, SICILY (Ref your report No. 7)
"Q" ASCA.

1. It has been reported that Canned Spread is not being issued in Sicily at the correct scale.
2. The correct scale is 1 oz. (28 grams) per man per day and no alteration is permissible without prior authority from this Headquarters.
3. Instruct your Sicily Div Com accordingly.

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DVW/jc

[Signature]
B.I. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASO,
ASCA, Army Sub Commission, (ASCA).

Subject: Purchase of Olive Oil.

no reply

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMA)

HQ AGC

ROME

12/2/19

31 August 1944

To : Ministry of War.

1. It has been brought to our notice that Unit Commanders have been making purchases locally of olive oil.
2. As you are aware this commodity is in very short supply and should be strictly controlled by the Italian War Ministry, to insure distribution made on an equitable basis. 938
3. It would appear that Formations and Units have not been informed of the olive oil position, since local commanders are continuing to purchase in the open market.
4. The Ministry of War will, therefore, bring to the immediate attention of all commanders, that olive oil will not be purchased by Formations or Units of the Italian Army, and that their requirements will be met by the Ministry of War, as far as the supply of oil permits. No agency, other than the Ministry of War is authorized to purchase olive oil for the use of the Italian Army.

FJH/wk

ref 34
Copy to ST MMA.

[Signature]
F. J. NOAKES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission MMA.

[Signature]

ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED20/19 file
38
2 Sept

TO

S/T

What is being done by
W/M in regards to
olive oil & wine for
Sardinia, & Corsica. 7937

Q

Rose

They will be embarked on the
GARIBOLDI as soon as possible.

[Signature]
lt

Travelers

From Warman
 To Mid. N.Y. Library
 Subject Purchase of Oliver Dit. 37

Mmsa, with its A & 12734 dated
31/8 has reported that some Depot
Commanders have effected purchases
of olive oil.

~~Q~~ In regard to items, some ^{again,} ~~sent,~~ ^{and returned} ~~the~~ collection at the top of the document.

A The address the actual present
necessity of said item, which
was the last time controlled in
order to ensure our general
distribution. P.L.

1) It is absolutely forbidden to purchase olive oil on the free market.

2) No credit given when necessary re
authorized to purchase and when
for use with

3) 7 his 7th meeting, will continue to

936

XX In regard to this, ^{again} and, ^{concerning} the attention of the Hq. of the unit. The address the actual great vacancy of said item, which must be strictly controlled in order to ensure an equal distribution. Please note.

- 1) It is absolutely forbidden to purchase items and on the free market.
 - 2) No unit name the Ministry is authorized to purchase said item for use of the Army.
 - 3) The Ministry will continue to take care of the requirements of all the military units, in the limits permitted by the availability of the item.
- Please bring the above to the attention of units.

under your command, and
please advise it accordingly.

Please confirm.

Cpl. (RS)

Pellipina

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Troops Attached to Fifth Army.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ 2/8 AQ/2/19 —
1 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt. Col. S. Greenberg, Class I Branch, SOS Matouse.

1. In regards to report made by Col. M. V. Brunson on the supply of Olive Oil to the Italian Army attached to the Fifth Army. Regarding Par. 2, Sections 1 thru 6, Olive Oil-- For your information, during the month of July, the Italian troops of the 210 Division attached to the Fifth Army, received 6,614 pounds of Olive Oil. *In addition* we have a report from our Liaison Officer showing that the Italian Army attached to the Fifth Army received 29 quintals of olive oil, *on 26 August*, which is part of the olive oil released to the Italian Military by AFHQ--reference their message FX-70135 of 8 July 1944. There is sufficient olive oil in the Italian Depot at Naples for the troops of the Fifth Army, and distribution is being made to them on their daily ration issue. 935

2. Our Liaison Officer attached to the Fifth Army, Major Van Kirk, is going to check the items mentioned in Colonel Brunson's report with Class I Officer of the Fifth Army. We will advise you of the outcome of this further investigation.

Tommy Rose
TOMMY P. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

TTR/ag

su 32
23
AQ/4/8

COPY

35

MESSAGE FORM

From: ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY Cite 50/2

011620B

TO : MAIN HQ MMIA ROME

RESTRICTED (.) AT CONFERENCE WITH DIRECTOR COMMISSARY, MILITARY HQ SICILY, TODAY HE STATED THAT AUTHORITY HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF WAR TO SHIP CANNED SPREAD TO DEPOTS ON MAINLAND (.) THEY HAVE SENT A LETTER AND 2 CABLEGRAMS REQUESTING THIS AUTHORITY (.) A NATURAL RELUCTANCE TO SHIP WITHOUT THIS AUTHORITY IS SHOWN (.) REF OUR CABLE 510/1 DATED 25 AUGUST CAN YOU EXPEDITE ACTION FROM YOUR HQ? ✓

IMPORTANT

934

35A

Copy to St

2/9/44

1/5/44

Instructed S/T to Signal W/M with
Copy to Col Albert. directing that this be
done
Chris

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 3/2

Call

Sgt. No.

By

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

ALBERT MMIA LQ SICILY Cite50/2

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

011620B

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MMIA	Ag
FILED	2/12
Date Recd	2/9/

For Action

MAIN HQ MMIA ROME

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

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BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INDICATIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMPORTANT

Time 9:33 PM

THI or TOH

Transmitted

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SIGNED

MBAY V LHUB NR 51 T/LROF
FROM ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY DTG 25 BFT
TO MAIN HQ MMIA ROME

GR 78

510/1 CITE (.) RESTRICTED
MILITARY HQ SICILY HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WAR MINISTRY
TO ISSUE 10 GRAMS OF CANNED SPREAD AS THE DAILY RATION IN LIEU
OF OLIVE OIL PD REF WAR COMMISSARY TELEGRAM 86231/1 (ALBERT MMIA
LO SICILY TO MAIN HEADQUARTERS MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY ROME
VITE 510/1) WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO EIGHT GRAMS OF CANNED SPREAD
WAS TO BE ISSUED AS DAILY RATION PD REQUEST CLARIFICATION BT THI
251648B.

Copy made
from St

932

35a

see 35B

GR 55

PRIORITY

FROM ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY DTG 2 5 NPT

TO MAIN HQ MMIA ROME

510/1

RESTRICTED. REF YOUR CABLE ST/292 OF 14 AUGUST MILITARY HQ SICILY
IS STILL AWAITING AUTHORITY FROM WAR MINISTRY TO SHIP CANNED SPREAD
PD (ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY TO MAIN HQ MMIA ROME CITE 510/1) CAN YOU
EXPEDITE FROM YOUR HQ QUERY BT THI 251340B

*Copy made
from ST*

931

Subject: Purchase of Olive Oil.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AG/2/19
21 August 1944

To : Ministry of War.

1. It has been brought to our notice that Unit Commanders have been making purchases locally of olive oil.
2. As you are aware this commodity is in very short supply and should be strictly controlled by the Italian War Ministry, to insure distribution made on an equitable basis.
3. It would appear that Formations and Units have not been informed of the olive oil position, since local commanders are continuing to purchase in the open market. 930
4. The Ministry of War will, therefore, bring to the immediate attention of all commanders, that olive oil will not be purchased by Formations or Units of the Italian Army, and that their requirements will be met by the Ministry of War, as far as the supply of oil permits. No agency, other than the Ministry of War is authorized to purchase olive oil for the use of the Italian Army.

FJN/vk

Copy to ST MMIA.

FJN Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Lt Col,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

see 37

To SMRE
 + To: M.M.I.A. (copy)
 from: M.O.W.

Translation L
 ref. 8680/1/8 2/19
 August, 22, 44 33

Subject: Olive oil supplies for Italian troops
 in Sardinia. -

Following telephone conversation Rosol

This Ministry is to arrange for the shipment
 of 250 qti. of olive oil in barrels to the
 Special food supplies depot - CAGLIARI.

The a/m quantity will meet the
 requirements of the Italian troops in
 the Island for a period of about 30⁹³⁴ days
 on a daily ration of gr. 10.

We beg therefore this SMRE:

- 1) To issue an order of movement ~~from~~
 Bari for 4 close food-wagons to leave
 Bari ^{supplying unit} (military food supplies depot - Bari)
 & to reach the Special food supplies depot
 Naples (to be taken on forwarded to Sardinia)

② Am To issue an order for tra-tran
front from Naples to B Capliari.
Please confirm

PELLIGRA

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 7/13

Call

Sel. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

TRANSMISSION

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A) PBS MMIA LO

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

321835B

Origin Date Stamp

For Action

COMANDO TRUPPE ITALIANE SEZIONE COMMISSARIATO
CORSIKA C/O NES

M.M.I.A.

FILE REF

2119

Date Recd.

1/1

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AGC FOR SIMONE AND MMIA HQ FOR ATST AND ASS'T G-4

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FURTHER TO OUR SIGNAL 7665 OF 17 AUGUST 1944 PLEASE
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 25 DRUMS OLIVE OIL LX ARGENTINA TO PBS MMIA LOTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Time cleared

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ARMY FORM 02196 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY

FROM *MA* *MA*

(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP.

AGC SARDINIA (FOR *MA* *MA*)

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

AQ

SECRET

Message Instructions

GR -

Originator's No.

FOR SIMMONS FROM ROSE (*) FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM
LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES (.) APPROXIMATELY 5 TONS OLIVE OIL LOADED
ON SHIP ARGENTINA AT 2100 HOURS 16 AUGUST (.) SELF DEPARTS 17
AUGUST (.) SEA CORSIKA AT 21 AUGUST (.) CARGO LOADED ON TOP DECK
APT (.) THIS PARCEL CONSIGNED ON SHIP PAPERS TO COMMISSARIATO
ITALIAN ARMY CORSIKA C/O NIS

THE MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERRUPTED OR TO DISSEMINATE INSTRUCTIONS
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MES- DEGREE OF PRIORITY

WIRELESS SAGE MUST BE SENT IN LIPER

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 5/10

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FROM
(A)

Originator

PES MIA LIAISON OFFICER

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

COMANDO TRUPPE ITALIANE CORSICA SIMONE
COMMISSARIATO C/O NES

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AGO FOR SIMONE AND MIA HQ FOR AGST AND ASST Cmdr.

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

SECRET (.) APPROXIMATELY 5 TONS OLIVE OIL LOADED ON SHIP ARGENTINA AT
2100 HOURS 16 AUGUST (.) SHIP DEPARTS 17 AUGUST (.) ETA CORSICA AT 21 AUGUST (.)
CARGO LOADED ON TOP DECK AFT (.) THIS PARCEL, CONSIGNED ON SHIP PAPERS TO COMMISSARIATO
ITALIAN ARMY CORSICA C/O NES

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF HADEN TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMPORTANT

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FORMED

NUMBER

Subject:- Olive Oil ex Caserta Province.

Rose

2/19.
29
Army Sub Commission, (MILA),
HQ, AOC, MOSE.
SE/73.

Direc. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

15 August 44

Copy to:- HQ, AOC, Food Sub Commission.
MILA. IO, NAPLES.
"G" MILA.

92 16/8

Reference this HQ letter SE/73 of 18 July 44.

1. All unrefined oil obtained by you as a result of above quoted letter will be immediately consigned to Naples for refining.
2. Consignment address for movement is:-

Allied Control Commission
Food Sub Commission
NAPLES.

and you are requested to bid for rail movement forthwith.

3. A.C.C. will accept delivery at Naples and will divert the oil to refineries, making available to this HQ refined oil in the same proportions as they are presently receiving from the refining process.

(K)

B. L. Perceval

B. L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. MGC,

ASST, Army Sub Commission, (MILA).

BR/DC

925

785020

OLIVE OIL.

ST 713.

Lt. Col. Smith. ST. AAI. visited HQ MMIA 18 July to Discuss
Col. Kerr. A/Q, Lt. Col. Percival. Major Rose present.

MMIA require

- Delivery by DDST AAI of 430 Long tons minimum into Italian Army Depots to be nominated by MMIA.
- We will NOT take over and administer present contracts for oil.
- We will NOT provide labour, transportation, or containers.
- We DO want the ⁸oil, as oil, delivered to us vide relevant signal (Fx. 70135 Signed Sacmed).
- 420 Tons a month needed.

Agreed

- That DDST, AAI will continue to operate existing contracts to completion and will make available the Olive Oil to MMIA as and when deliveries are made ex contractors.
- That DDST, AAI will deliver all such oil to the Italian Army Depot in NAPLES.
- Lt. Col. Smith will confirm in writing to MMIA and agreed to urge Lt. Col. Wheatcroft to press for faster deliveries.

Notes

Rate of delivery is not high. We can expect only 50/70 tons a week from this source. This represents about 50/60% of our average requirements.

B. L. Percival

B. L. PERCIVAL.

Lt. Col. RASC,

ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

21 July 44.
BP/EC

DISTRIBUTION:

A/Q.
File
Diary

924

(32/73)

Message Form

From : MMIA
 To : HQ REGION I ACC FOR ALBERT

Info : MMIA LO 52 AREA
 MMIA LO DISTWO
 PBS FOR MMIA

Date: 14. / 23 / .B.
 25

ST/292 RESTRICTED (.) REF OUR ST/286 11 AUG NOT TO
 ALL ADDRESSEES (.) SUBJECT 212844 POUNDS (95 TONS
 APPROX) CANNED SPREAD TO BE RAILED FROM SICILY TO
 TARANTO (.) BREAKDOWN FOR DESPATCH NOW REQUIRED AS
 FOLLOWS (.) TARANTO MONTECATINI DEPOT TWENTYFIVE
 TONS (.) ITALIAN RATION DEPOT BARI FIFTEEN TONS (.)
 ITALIAN RATION DEPOT NAPLES FIFTYFIVE TONS (.) ALL
 WAGONS TO BE LABELLED AS ABOVE AND DOCUMENTS MADE
 OUT ACCORDINGLY (.) LO SICILY TO CONTACT DELEGAZIONE
 TRASPORTI MILITARE PALERMO AND ARRANGE FOR THIS
 MOVEMENT TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY (.)

This message may be sent
 by any means except
 wireless.

Degree of Priority.

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 11/15/44 14.23

DATA FOR JUNE 1944

11/15/44

SECRETSubject: Olive Oil OperationsHq. MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
Ref: STN/25

12 August, 1944

To: ADST MMIA Hq.

Copies: PBS ITI Liaison Officer
Major Rose Q. MMIA

MMIA	Ad
FILE REF	
Des Recd	14/8/44

1. The first three waggons from Bari ^{arrived} in Naples on 9 August 44.
2. PBS were immediately informed (telephone Major Papineau - Capt. Abe 9 August 44). PBS stated however that shipment could not be immediately arranged and requested that the Olive Oil should be taken into the Italian Depot 993 for subsequent calling forward.
3. Two waggons were therefore offloaded on 10 August 44 ~~and remaining~~ into ITI depot 993. The third waggon was shunted to shipside for on consignment to Corsica.
4. It is at present arranged that the Corsica consignment will be shipped directly to "Comando Truppe Italiane Corsica" per SS. Argentina berthing on 12 August 44. Further details will be signalled to Corsica and MMIA Hq on completion of loading. Consignee address is as previously used by Commissariato Naples.
5. PBS for Fifth Army parcel awaits collection (see STN/9 of even date to PBS copy to MMIA Hq). The third waggon has been used partly for despatch to Benevento and partly for other Naples Sector requirements.
6. Three further waggons have been signalled from Bari will be used partly for PBS Civitavecchia requirements ^{and} partly for Naples Sector requirements.

Papineau
(D.C. PAPINEAU)
ST LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA, NAPLES.

OCP/lt

21/8/44

SUBJECT: Olive Oil and Wine for 5th Army Requirements

2/19

26
 HQ. MIA
 HAVING SECTOR
 SEP/9

12 August 1944.

TO: VHS III Liaison Officer

Copies to: ADST MIA HQ.
 4 MIA HQ (Major Rose) ←
 MIA File 25.

AD	AD
DATE	14/8/44

1. Telephone is confirmed 9 Aug. 44 (Major Papineau - Capt. Attie) and (Major Papineau - Capt. Strandmeyer).
 (12 Aug 44)
2. The following await collection by VHS from III depot 593 for shipment to 5th Army :-

<u>Olive oil</u>	10 tons Netts 50 Barrels 11.6 tons Gross
<u>Wine</u>	50,000 Litres Netts 14. Barrels 50 tons Gross

see 27

3. It is understood that these items are urgently required by Fifth Army and it is therefore requested that you arrange for them to be collected as quickly as possible.

Chapman
 (O.C. PAPINEAU)
 ST. LIAISON OFFICER
 MIA, Naples.

921

*Copy sent to
 17/8/44*

Message Form (ST/73)

To : HQ ACC SICILY REGION for ALBERT

Rptd : MMIA LO 52 AREA

ALBERT.
Col ~~SEMMON~~ (by hand)

From : MMIA

Date: 100.11.11.30.3.

Copy: "Q"

ST/286 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR 510 09 (.) STOCK OF
517844 POUNDS CANNED BUTTER SLANT SPREAD NOW HANDED OVER
TO ITALIAN MILITARY (.) RETAIN RPT RETAIN FOR SICILY
CONSUMPTION 105000 POUNDS REPRESENTING SIXTY DAYS SUPPLY
(.) BALANCE OF 212844 POUNDS TO BE DESPATCHED TO MAINLAND
IMMEDIATELY (.) MOVE BY RAIL RPT RAIL AND CONSIGN TO
ITALIAN DEPOT MONTECATINI TARANTO (.) ADVISE DESPATCH TO
LO TARANTO AND THIS HQ (.) CANNED SPREAD SLANT BUTTER TO
BE ISSUED IN LIEU OF OLIVE OIL AT SAME SCALE (.) ONE OUNCE
CANNED SPREAD SLANT BUTTER EQUALS ONE OUNCE OLIVE OIL (.)

This message may be sent by
any means except wireless.

Degree of Priority.

IMMEDIATE.

Col. White, A.A.C. given the above
figures 13 August 44. Rose

920

24

SUBJECT: Rations-Issue of Butter canned and/or spread in lieu of Olive Oil

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC

HQ MMIA

ROME

AC/2/19

11 Aug 1944

TO : All MMIA LO's

Small quantities of Butter, ~~canned~~, and spread have been received ~~for~~ issue to Italian troops.

These items may be issued in lieu of, and on the same scale, as olive oil.

Tommy T. Rose

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

919

COPY TO: ST MMIA

ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call Srl. No. Priority Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator Date/Time of Origin

MIA

14 1042 B

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TO For Action

FILPOE

(W) For Information (INFO)

ACC ADV For MIA (for HNDG)

SE MIA

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

AG 130.2 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Refer AG/367 of 12 July (.) signals from
 G.C. HATONIA numbers BX 6984, rye BX 6984 of eight July and LX 30729 rye LX 30729
 of twelve July both instruct CG IIS to hand over canned butter word in butter to
 MIA (.) above signals MIA sent you (.) will report earliest what is actually handed
 over (.) in event CG IIS hands over 35000 pounds canned spread or butter can MIA
 to SIGINT has been ordered to retain 35000 rye 50000 pounds and ship remainder
 to BARADO

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPTIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE
WILLING CASE MUST BE SENT IN CODEORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Time cleared		918

SIGNED

SIGNED

ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

7 August 44

TO

S/T.

Will you make arrangements to ship 30 days supply of olive oil to Corsica, either via Sardinia or direct to Corsica, which ever will be the quickest way.

Rose 917

30 days x 5000 (strength) @ 1 oz per day
 = 9375 lbs
 = 4.18 L.T. 5 Tons

Ship to Sardinia for Corsica

Pl see att'd ST/73
 08 Aug

all 30
 + 31

ST

SUBJECT: OLIVE OIL.

Dires. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- MMIA LO, Naples.
MMIA LO, Sardinia.
MMIA LO, Corsica. +
HQ, MMIA.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, (ROME).
ST/73.

8 APR. 44.

1. As soon as the 25 tons of Olive Oil arrives at the Italian Depot, Naples, (our ST/73 dated 24 Jul 44, refers), 5 tons are to be despatched to Sardinia by Italian Cruiser for subsequent transportation to Corsica.
2. Contact should be made by the Sector LO Naples with the agents shipping to arrange for the 5 tons of Olive Oil to be loaded on the first available Cruiser leaving Naples for Sardinia.
3. The Olive Oil should be consigned to:-
ITALIAN MILITARY NATION DEPOT, CAGLIARI
and
shipping documents made out accordingly.
4. Arrangements will please be made by Col SIMONE (Sardinia) for forwarding the consignment on to Corsica.
5. Please treat as urgent; LO Naples to inform this HQ and all addressees by signal when the consignment departs.

SWC/DVV.

(+ c/o Maj Rose)
MMIA

B.L. FURCHVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

P. L. Furchval

MESSAGE FORM

TO : HQ REGION I ACC FOR ALBERT

Date. 300. 97. 1045

FROM : NMIA

ST/283 RESTRICTED (.) SUBJECT IS OLIVE OIL (.) SIGNAL
ACTUAL POUNDAGE CANNED BUTTER SLANT SPREAD HANDED OVER
FROM ACC STOCKS TO ITALIAN MILITARY (.) THIS INFO
REQUIRED PROMPTLY FOR CALCULATING DISTRIBUTION

This message may
be sent by any
means except
wireless.

IMMEDIATE.

915

Copy to: "Q" NMIA.

2/18

SUBJECT: Olive Oil

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/2/5
Aug 1944

TO : War Ministry

1. As olive oil is now being received in small quantities, combat troops and troops assigned to Allied organizations will be given priority of issue, until sufficient stocks are received to enable you to take care of all troops on equal basis.

Tommy T Rose

914

TOMMY T ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

Copies to: ALL MMIA LO's and ST-MMIA

SUBJECT: Olive Oil

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (AMIA)
HQ AGC
ROME
10/2/5

10 Aug 1944

TO : War Ministry

1. As olive oil is now being received in small quantities, combat troops and troops assigned to Allied organizations will be given priority of issue, until sufficient stocks are received to enable you to take care of all troops on equal basis.

TOMMY T ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission AGC

Copies to: ALL AMIA LO's and ST AMIA

T. Rose

*There is the issue of canned
butter (spread) getting on
dishes gets it ?*

Rose

There is the issue of control

children (spread getting on

of who gets it

b/s Jo Sally

813

Latest report it was they married
last Monday in Sicily.

SIGNAL MESSAGE

FROM : IMIA

TO : PIS FOR IMIA

COPY TO "Q" IMIA

DATE

TOO-B.

B.

ST/281 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref your STN/5 of 4 Aug (.) Subject is Olive oil for Italian Troops (.) FIRST (.) Position is 25 tons olive oil already despatched to NAPLES from 22 GRASSO BARI and further 200 tons will be despatched in lots of 25 tons as and when quantities become available (.) SECOND (.) Olive oil is now being purchased by Italian Authorities in CALABRIA part of which will be despatched to NAPLES as soon as transport is available (.) THIRD (.) Priority of issue should be given to Italian troops operating in forward areas

This message must be
sent in cipher if liable
to interception.

Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

M.M.I.A.	AG 2/5
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	5/8/44

4 AUGUST 1944
1230B

AAI

CG 5 ARMY

REPEAT NATOUSA PENBASE

GL-406

CONFIDENTIAL X REGARDING YOUR L862 DATED 3 AUGUST TO NATOUSA X THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF OLIVE OIL AND NONE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR ITALIAN ARMY SINCE EARLY JULY X SMALL STOCKS ARE BEING ACCUMULATED IN SOUTH ITALY AT PRESENT X SITUATION IS REALIZED BY ALL CONCERNED AND MATTER BEING PUSHED TO UTMOST X ESTIMATE PERIOD TWO WEEKS BEFORE OIL AVAILABLE TO TROOPS

911

CC: MMIA
Q
ACC/I.
ACC MAIN

AAI/421.2D/DCAO

Douglas N. Lawley
DOUGLAS N. LAWLEY
COLONEL, G. S. C.
EXECUTIVE G-4

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6/8**Law*
(K)

LRA V LAEE NR105

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TO AAI FOR MMAIA

INFORMATION TO C.G.SOS MATOUSA AND FIFTH ARMY

QQY GR59 BT

EDIBLE OIL FOR ITALIAN ARMY IS SUBJECT RD/FX79304 TO AAI FOR MMAIA
 SIGNED SACHED CITE THSUP PD CLARIFICATION IS REQUESTED OF FIFTH ARMY
 CABLE FOUR EIGHT SIX TWO THREE AUGUST ONE NINE FOUR FOUR CMA COPY TO
 YOU CMA IN VIEW OF RELEASES OF CANINED BUTTER AND OIL.

TO YOU DURING JULY PD EXPEDITE COPY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS

BT 0513433

SENT NR 105 05/1610B RJM BB K

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FROM LOGU 031047B

TO CG NATOUA

INFO SOS NATOUA

GOC MMIA

CO PBS

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REFNR4862

MMIA CANNOT FURNISH OLIVE OIL DUE ON ITALIAN MILITARY RATION X
 PAREN FROM FIVEARMY FOR ACTION TO CHARLIE GEORGE ~~NATOUA~~ NATOUA
 FOR INFO TO CHARLIE GEORGE SOS NATOUA CMA GEORGE OBOE CHARLIE
 MMIA CMA CHARLIE OBOE PENBASE CMA GEORGE ~~AAI~~ OBOE CHARLIE ABLE
 ABLE ITEM PAREN THIS SITUATION NOW EXTREMELY CRITICAL X REQUEST
 THAT PROVISION BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE OLIVE OIL OR SOME
 SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE FROM OTHER SOURCES

SENT NR 1 031410B VJV AR

RCD NR1 031410B HRA KKK

HEADQUARTERS
 3 AUG 1944
 A. C. C.

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

13 July 1944

Colonel C. P. Kerr, Infantry,
Headquarters Army Sub Commission, ACC (MMIA)
APO No. 394, U. S. Army

Dear Colonel Kerr:

Upon assuming the duties of Liaison Officer, PBS, succeeding Colonel Leehey, who, as you probably know, is now the Chief of Staff here, I found that you and he had been handling numerous matters by more or less informal memoranda. Feeling, as I do, that frequently a matter can be disposed of much more expeditiously through such informal dealings I hope that the practice may be continued.

I am taking the liberty of assuming that you will approve the continuation of the somewhat direct-dealing, and on that basis, to inquire into a matter on which you and Colonel Leehey have had some previous correspondence. It is the subject of the olive oil component of the Italian ration, or some substitute therefor. In your memorandum of 28 June to Colonel Leehey, you stated that request for a substitute had been made to AFHQ. May I inquire as to what, if any, results you have obtained?

Your problems in trying to keep everyone satisfied are appreciated, and I dislike adding to these problems. My sole idea in reopening this touchy olive oil question is to obtain, if at all possible, the one item of the meager ration, which, more than any other, borders on being a necessity. The absence of this item, as you well know has caused and will continue to cause more complaints than the loss of almost any other part of the ration. I assure you any assistance your headquarters can render to relieve the situation will be greatly appreciated.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of meeting you in the very near future, I am

Cordially yours,

Joseph W. Loef
JOSEPH W. LOEF
Colonel, F.A.,
Chief Liaison Officer

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TAG AAI FOR ROBERTSON ACC MAIN TO FOR INFO MMIA CG NOS MATOUZA
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ROUTINE

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CITE/PHSUP

OLIVE OIL FOR ITALIAN ARMY IS SUBJECT. REFERENCE UNAB CAO 249 DATED
1 JULY AND 64-354 OF 5 JULY. BASED ON AGREED SCALE OF 1 GUNCH OF OIL
PER MAN PER DAY, A 34 DAYS SUPPLY OF OIL WILL BE RELEASED TO MMIA
THROUGH YOUR DGT CHANNELS. AN ADDITIONAL 14 DAYS SUPPLY OF 325
THOUSAND POUNDS CANNED UNITED STATES ARMY SPREAD WILL BE RELEASED
FROM IBS STOCKS AT DIXO FOR MMIA. BALANCE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR OIL
FOR ITALIAN ARMY UNTIL THE NEXT CROP MUST BE SECURED LOCALLY BY
ACC AND MMIA. BASED ON INFORMATION IN ACC CABLE 717 DATED 6 JULY
IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AAI, MMIA AND ACC TO ARRANGE
TRANSPORTATION, PERSONNEL AND CONTAINERS TO COLLECT ALL UNREMOVED
STOCKS OF OIL IN COSENZA PROVINCE. REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS
QUANTITY THUS SECURED. PARA. ALSO ADVISE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR
PROCESSING SIGNOR? WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO LAST YEARS
STOCKS WHICH MAY STILL BE STORED

HEADQUARTERS
10 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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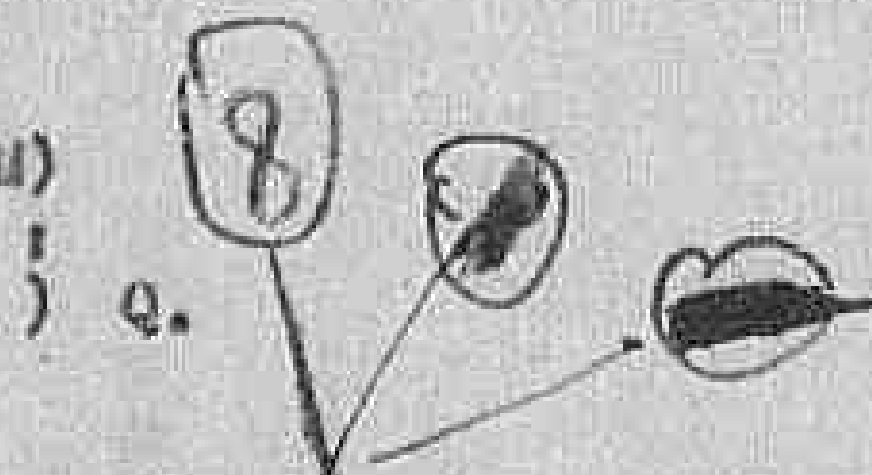
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MEMORANDUM)

TO



Reference FX 70135, 8 July, which states that 34 day supply of olive oil on basis of one ounce per man per day for Italian forces will be released by DST channels in Italy. At present the approved ceiling is 347,300 Army and 22,000 Air. The Navy strength is 75,000. As the Navy is a British commitment it is presumed that it will be included in the release. Thus the total ceiling is 444,300. Therefore, the total release required is 430 ITs. 906

Will you say whether you can meet this demand and if so where and when can it be released?

A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAG

cc: DIA.

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TRANSCRIPT

TO CO 1BS. GG NAT OUSA. MMIA. ACC.

FROM CG SOS NAT OUSA

Originator's Number
LX-30729

Date

In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED @ SSQMC rpt SSQMC-3034 Tinned Butter is
subject ima ref cable LX-28301 ima cite SSQMC rpt
SSQMC-2718 ima dated 24 June ima FX-68764 ima cite
NAQMC rpt NAQMC ima dated 5 July and FX-69834 ima
cite NAQMC rpt NAQMC ima dated 8 July @ Desire all
tinned butter not rpt not required for US Navy and
US Army to be released to MMIA instead of to ACC.

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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE AENO SIGNAL FX 70135 CITE

PHSUP 8 JULY 11205 CONTACT IRS

TO GET IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF 305000 POUNDS GARNED SPREAD INFORM
AMOUNT SECURED AND YOUR DISPOSITION

WILL INFORM YOU SOONEST REFERENCE RELEASE OIL BY DST

CONFERENCE SOON WITH AGC REFERENCE CIVIL PROGRAMMENT

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305000 POUNDS DET 11205

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TO CO IBS RPTD HQ REGION 1 ACC (WALBERT) 56 area (INTHRU PP)

FROM MAMA

Originator's Number
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In Reply to Number

Confid. G. Ref. FREEDOM FX 70135 CIG FHSUP not to all G
 MIA has signalled MIAH to contact IBS for immediate release
 of 305000 lbs CANNED SPREAD G MAKE available for
 consumption SICILY 55000 lbs G Balance of 250000 lbs required
 on mainland G Move by rail apt rail and consign to Italian
 Depot MONTECATINI TARANTO G Advise destination G

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TO TAC AAI for ROBERTSON and ACC MAIN info MMIA CG 503
FROM FREEDOM

Original's Number
FX 70135

Date
7th

In Reply to Number

Cite FHSUP @ Signed SACHED
CONFIDENTIAL

Blue oil for ITALIAN Army is
the subject @ Ref URAD CAS 249 dated 1st July
and G4-354 of 15th July @ Based on the scale
of one ounce of oil per man per day, a 34 days
supply of oil will be released to MMIA
through your DST channels @

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by any means

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FROM

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In Reply to Number

As additional 14 days supply issued
5000 lbs Canned (unit?) ITALIAN
Army spread rpt spread will be reused
from I.B.S. stocks at DIZO for M.M.I.A.O
Balance of requirements for out for ITALIAN
Army till the next crop must be
secured locally

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In Reply to Number

by ACC and MMIA and based
on info in ACC cable 717
dated 6th July it will be the responsibility
of AHI, MMIA and ACC to arrange the
personnel and containers to collect all
unmanned stocks of oil in COSENZA
province. (C) Report to this HQ

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In Reply to Number

quantity thus secured O Para O Also advise
your arrangements for processing GIGNONS
with particular reference last years stocks
which may still be stored

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three four come cite name of it name come dated
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TO ACC MAIN REPT AFHQ NMIA SOS MATOUSA
FROM ARI

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AA 2/5

In Reply to Nunoo

64-357 0 Confidential 0 Reference your 7/71 dated 6 July 0
Suggest conference this Headquarters earliest day you
can have all data available including answers to
Freedom FX 69224 UTE FMSUP 6 July and full details
of assistance needed report date desired 0 total
oil required is approximately 1900 tons to 1 December 0

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For MMIA investigate and report what Italian
transport now in Lardina or elsewhere can
be made available on loan basis to assist
in amassing stocks in Bozena province

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TO AAI INFO MMIA AFHQ SOS MATOUSA

FROM ACC MAIN from LEGG 7171

CONFIDENTIAL Olive oil for Italian forces O AAI GL-349
is reference O Possible to collect and make available
portion of unamassed stocks COSENZA province O
ACC will insure refining plants and materials O
Suggest conference headquarters ACC

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TO: AAI (ACTION) INFO (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)
MMIA AFHQ SOS NATO USA

FROM: ACC MAIN

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Ref nr 71-71 (confidential) olive oil for Italian forces for able able able
 George four dash three four nine it reference for power local action now (info)
 after (info) as a matter (info) from acc main four legs possible to collect and
 make available portion of in amassed stocks covering province for able able
 Charlie will insure refining plants and materials for suggest conference held
 in quarters able Charlie Charlie

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Translation
 from War Ministry 12/5 P 6919/5 5
 to MMSA Ac2 Date July 4, 1944
 Subject Refurnishment of olive oil
 to Italian armed forces.

Further to 6641/5 of June 28.

As is known, the supply of
 olive oil in military subsistence
 warehouses is almost exhausted.

To avoid a total suspension
 of distributions and to ensure the
 continuation of the refurnishment
 with the reduced quantities left,
 at least until MMSA makes its
 decision (the urgent nature of which
 has been underlined) - I proposed
 (to his Excellency the Minister) ~~that~~
 the reduction of the ration
 for troops be set with
 temporary ration to 10 grams.

and the reduction of the rations
forseen for operating troops
to 14 grams.

In presenting the above
to MM SA for its approval,
I add that as the above
measure is only a sort of
remedy for the situation

and at the most, I would
permit the distribution of a few
aid for ^{only} ten days, please
inform me urgently ~~concerning~~
what was decided concerning
the assignment of fats requested
for the requirement of the

H. Armed Forces.
Cpl (R). Pelligrè

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TO C.G. SOS NATOUSA info C.O. IBS MMIA and ACC

FROM NATOUSA

Originator's Number
FX69234 8th July

In Reply to Number

Confidential Linned butter from IBS is subject @
Re OURAD FX 68764 (info) 5th July @ signed
C.G. NATOUSA. cite NAQMC@ transfer entire quantity of
canned butter to MMIA as soon as possible

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into enemy hands, this Message
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ARMY FORM 5700 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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071230

FILIPOT

For Action

TO

LBS

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

AQ 7685

RESTRICTED (.) For DCA? (.) NATUSE signal PR 69834 dated 8 Jul
 cites HICMO states that entire quantity CANNED BUTTER will be handed
 to CIA by LBS as soon as possible (.) For LBS (.) signal quantity
 urgently

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ARMY FORM C.2130
(Pads of 100)

MESSAGE FORM

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TO *enter MIA for AFHQ SOS NATIONS IAS*FROM *AFI*Originator's Number
*64-367*Date
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In Reply to Number

Confidential & Ref your AQ 1683 NO copy NOTUSA
signal FX 69874 received here authorizing IRS
turn over all canned butter to you OIBS reply
that 324796 gave turned over to AGC instead of
MIA is noted @ AFHQ signal FX 70135 authorizes turn
over 305000 yft 305000 lbs spread @ NOTE spread is word
NOT butter @ Inform AFI nature of commodities and amounts each

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by any means
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ARMY FORM C-2130
(Pads of 100)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Numbers

actually turned over MIA

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1. Wireless

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Subject: - Olive Oil.

Direr. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: - AGO. Food Sub Commission,
"Q" UNIT.

Army Sub Comm. AGO.
(MIA), ROMA.
22/72.

21 July 44.

1. It is a well known fact that Olive Oil is being smuggled on a fairly considerable scale from the South of Italy to mainly the Naples area for sale in the black market at exorbitant prices.

This smuggling is carried out by Italian civilians, who are using many ingenious devices to carry the oil and evade suspicion and search.

2. This practice is:-

(a) Illegal.

(b) Detrimental to the Italian people as a whole.

(c) Detrimental to the Italian Armed Forces in particular.

3. It will be realized that neither the Allied Control Commission nor the Allied Military authorities are able to impose a close check on such smuggling traffic and it will be appreciated that the responsibility for maintenance of observance of law devolves upon the Italian Government.

4. This situation is brought to your attention in view of the well known acute shortage of Olive Oil and it is considered the matter might be the subject of discussion between yourselves and other appropriate Ministries of the Government with the object of enforcing the law by strict search and confiscation of any oil found in the possession of travellers.

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