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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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1 February 1944

MILITARY MISC 1

SUBJECT: Noon or midnight meals for Italian labour.

Date 1 Feb 44 Aq:1

TO : Military Mission to the Italian Army.

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

The following instructions (dated 30 January No. 44982) has been received from A.P.H.Q. and is passed to you for information as to the type of action which various authorities have been directed to carry out.

To provide a noon meal (or midnight meal if employed at night) for Italian civilians employed at hard labour by Allied Forces, the following arrangements will be effected by those concerned.

a. Base Section, area or district commander will provide facilities necessary to prepare and serve the meal at the site of employment in order to ensure consumption by the individual performing the hard labour.

b. The basis of this meal, per individual per working day will be as follows:

| <u>A. ITEMS</u>                   | <u>B. AMOUNT</u> | <u>C. COST</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Flour, or bread equivalent        | 1/4 lb.          | .0128          |
| Vegetables, fresh                 | 6 oz.            | .045           |
| Meat, fresh, if locally available | 1 oz.            | .026           |
|                                   |                  | 3498           |

c. The provision of the flour element will be an ACC responsibility - under central arrangements, but detail issues on the above scale will be made from Army stocks through regular channels.

A consolidated monthly total of amounts so expended will be presented by Base Section, area or district commanders to HQ ACC, which will arrange immediate replacement.

d. Provision of items as above other than flour will be from local resources under existing arrangements, requirements being demanded and accounted for through regular Army channels.

*Carroll*

*(Duplicate to V. 1000)*

g. Daily wage scales will be reduced in an amount equivalent to the average cost of the meal furnished. This reduction is advisable in order that other local wage scales will not be affected because of this concession.

f. Care will be exercised to limit this concession to only those civilians performing hard labor for purely military purposes.

g. The provisions of meals under these arrangements is in addition to the supplemental ration for heavy workers provided under AOC civilian ration scale.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

*G. W. Quinby* Lt. Col.  
(G. W. QUINBY)

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Subject: Maintenance of Italian Forces.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

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Jan 1942

War Ministry.

Copy to: AFMO Adv Adm Ech.

1. Owing to the short supply of onions from Allied sources, please delete from COMBAT ration scale onions 2 ozs.
2. This item is to be procured from local resources by the Italian Military Authorities.

*A. L. Bann*  
MILITARY MISSION

Brig.  
Genl.

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Date 1. 12. 42

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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REC'D: Jan 30 0010A

TO: FATIMA, ACTION FLAMBO INFO CG ACOMF, CG 5TH ARMY, CG PBS, CG 8TH ARMY,  
GOC NO. 2 DISTRICT, GOC NO. 1 DISTRICT, FATIMA, CG TYRRHENIAN BASE DEPOT  
CG ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT

Due to shortage onions in United States delete onions 2 ounces from combat ration scale as outlined in administrative memorandum No. 2 dated 10 Jan 1944 and list fresh onions (2 ounces) under those items to be procured by Italian Military.

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Charles D. Lee, Jr.

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Manganese Ion Exchange Resin. — GR

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1.83 REF YOUR SIGNAL 0971 DATED 1 SEP. (.) ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY HAVE INSTRUCTED  
21 ITALIAN CONSULS TO CONTINUE SEARCHING ITALIAN NAVY FOR POMER GILBERTA (.) 22110  
IN COLUMBIA IN WASHDC (.) ITALIAN NAVY OBTAIN THE ASSISTANCE FROM STATES IN CUS  
WAX AS AMELIATE PROCE AND NOT THROUGH RN.

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THE ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THE  
 INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

11. CREDIT TO THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW DOMESTIC POLICY  
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## Appendix

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SUBJECT: - Maintenance Italian Forces

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"Q" No.2 District

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JAN 25/91  
AFHQ Adv Agm Echelon  
CMF

26 Jan 44

MILITARY DISTRICT

Date 11 Jan 44

ITALIAN ARMY

Ref AFHQ letter AF400-1(Italy)GDS-AMM dated  
9 Jan 44, para 1A(1).

1. The present RMA site at TARANTO in course of evacuation by ST, will be placed at the disposal of the Italian Military Authorities as a holding depot for Italian supplies.
2. As far as possible ships carrying supplies for the Italian Armed Forces will be berthed at TARANTO.
3. If supplies for the Italian Army arrive at other ports, Mov will arrange their movement by rail to TARANTO unless MMIA request otherwise.
4. As regards supplies required for the feeding of Italian troops in the Army areas, CG., PBS and ST respectively will make detailed arrangements direct with MMIA.

29/1 JK

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Major General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Forces

MEMO

Copy to:- "Q" Rear Eighth Army  
 "Q" Br Iner Fifth Army  
 "Q" Rear 10 Corps  
 "Q" No.2 District  
 ST

AMHQ Adv Ada Echelon

QIF

25/91

26 Jan 44

Ref AMHQ AC400-1(Italy)GDS-ADM of 9 Jan 44  
 and AMHQ Adv Memo No.2 of 10 Jan, also my 25/91 of 17 Jan 1944  
 not to Fifth Army, Eighth Army or 10 Corps.

The ration scales for the Italian Army laid  
 down in these instructions are the scales which will be  
 available when direct shipments for the Italian Armed  
 Forces arrive in this country.

Until such time as these shipments arrive,  
 our stock position enforces the issue of alternatives  
 for a number of items. ST this HQ will issue instructions  
 from time to time as to the actual scales which can be  
 issued.

28 Jan 44  
 AG/2

Brigadier.  
 DQSE.

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SUBJECT: Supplies for Civilians.Military Mission to  
Italian Army.

AG/2.

2) Jan 14.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter, Sup/R/26 dated 19 Jan 14.

In this matter affects the Italian Armed Forces as a whole, it is considered that the Comando Supremo is the proper Italian authority to approach to ensure the widest and most effective circulation of whatever orders are issued.

TVS/.

Brig.  
Cmd.

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19 JANUARY 1944.  
SUP/R/26.

SUBJECT: SUPPLIES FOR CIVILIANS.

TO----- MILITARY MISSION TO THE  
ITALIAN ARMY  
LECCE.

FROM----- CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date *20 Jan 1944*

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

1. The principle has been laid down by PLANBO that the Allied Forces will not purchase or consume civilian supplies, except those of which there is a surplus production.
2. District Routine Orders consequently lay down that no rationed commodities (including bread, meat etc.) or foodstuffs in short supply shall be purchased by the Allied Troops. The purchase of meals in public restaurants by Allied Troops is generally prohibited, or very severely limited.
3. Reports are being received, however, notably from Taranto, that personnel of the Italian Armed Forces are regularly eating their meals in public restaurants. In so far as this personnel is in receipt of Allied Rations, they are in effect consuming food required for the civilian population and encouraging the Black Market.
4. There are clearly difficulties in the way of putting local restaurants 'Out of Bounds' to Italians in uniform, but I am writing to ask you to consider what action can be taken in the matter.

*28 March*  
LT. COL.  
CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER.

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- Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 1-402/NMDC NO. 785020
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23 March  
for CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER.  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

COPY TO-----CAPT HAWKIN  
LIAISON OFFICER(TARANTO)  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian Forces.

MILITARY MISS. 221.

Date 14 Jan 44 14/2  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.AFHQ Adv Adm Sec.  
OAF.  
Tel Ext 216.  
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22 Jan 44.

HQ., AMG.

Copy to: AMIA.  
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ST.

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Reference your AMG/8136/10 of 17 Jan 44.

1. It would be appreciated if you would enlarge <sup>on</sup> the information given in your above-quoted letter, i.e.

- (a) are the stocks reported the only stocks of tobacco or tobacco leaf in Italy; if not will you state what other stocks are held, and where.
- (b) are the Bari stocks being drawn upon for civilian consumption or are they frozen.
- (c) are the Italian Armed Forces already being supplied from the Bari stocks.
- (d) is there another tobacco crop in the ground or in store, and if so, how much, and when will it be available for use.
- (e) any other information you can give regarding the tobacco situation in Italy.

HML/43B.

Major-General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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For S1

For Q.

Circulate.  
This refers to tobacco produced in  
Bari being used to supply 300 Armed Forces  
to that primary station to combat the 5/11  
may come from Bari 25/1.

*File*  
Subject:- Tobacco-Italian Armed Forces.

Allied Military Government,  
Industry and Commerce Sub Commission.

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Military Mission to  
Italian Army.

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25 Jan 44

Reference your letter AMG/6436/IC dated 17 Jan. addressed to AFHQ.

This does not give MIA the information required. Would you please inform MIA the quantity of tobacco which could be available each week and for what period the Italian Forces can be maintained.

In accordance with AFHQ Adv Adm Com letter 250/1. MIA have obtained the following information from the Italian War Ministry: Tobacco required by the three Services per week at a ration of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ozs per man.

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| ARMY      | 33,953 lbs. |
| NAVY      | 7,670 lbs.  |
| AIR FORCE | 2,507 lbs.  |

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*W. L. Lamm*

Brig.  
Genl.

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## References

2.4.4. *Statistical analysis*—The data were analysed using the SPSS 11.5 for Windows (Chicago, IL, USA) statistical package. The data were analysed using the Mann-Whitney *U*-test. The level of significance was set at  $P < 0.05$ .

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REPLYING YOUR LETTER OF 20 JANUARY (.) I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED  
OF THE LOSS OF THE AIRCRAFT AND I AM SORRY TO HEAR OF IT. I AM SURE THAT THE  
INVESTIGATION WITH YOUR OFFICE ON 16 JANUARY.

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ALL MEANS ARE AVAILABLE  
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NAQMC RFL/RMS 4TH APRIL 44

TO CG SOS NATOUSA

INFO CG PBS FLAMBO AND MMIA

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

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17 January 1944

SUBJECT: Tobacco - Italian Armed Forces

TO : AFHQ Adv. Adm. Section

1. Reference your 25/01 dated 7 Jan 44.
2. It is reported by the Financial Under-Secretary of State in the provisional Italian Government that stocks of tobacco leaf at BARI are at present:

|                |   |          |
|----------------|---|----------|
| for cigarettes | - | 100 tons |
| for cigars     | - | 40 tons. |

3. The minimum turnover stock which is necessary to meet demands is stated to be 30 - 40 tons of cigarettes.

4. 700 - 800 wooden cases are used for distribution and are returned to the BARI factory after delivery.

CHARLES H. BROWFORD  
Colonel, GSC  
D.C.O.A.O.

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22/1/44

to

ITALIAN ARMY

22/1 For ST Allen  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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20 January 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Mission to Italian Army, Lasee.

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Referenced your AQ/2 dated 11 January 1944. The following telegram from AFHQ deals with this matter, No. 49931 dated 16 January 1944, copy of which was addressed to you for information. The Italian government has been informed of the matters in the above and a copy of the letter to Marshal Messe is attached.

3454

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

*J. L. Smith* Lt. Col.  
(G. A. JEN-SMITH)

1 Incl-Ltr to Marshal Messe dated  
18 January 1944.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date *21 Jan 44* Ad/2  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

*2/1/44*  
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SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian Forces

*See 2000 ref*

AFHQ Adv Adm Zouelon  
CMZ  
25/01

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MILITARY MISSION. 17 Jan 44

Date *18 Jan 44* to *18 Jan 44*  
ITALIAN ARMY.

1. (a) The latest ration scales for the Italian Armed Forces laid down by AFHQ are as follows:-

RATION SCALES - ITALIAN MILITARY.

| Item                   | Unit       | Basic Ration  | Combat Ration                       |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Whole wheat or flour   | oz.        | 16            | 18 +                                |
| Pulses                 | "          | 12            | $1\frac{1}{2}$                      |
| Canned Meat            | "          | 2             | $\frac{1}{4}$ (or pre served fish). |
| Preserved fish         | "          | 4             | 1                                   |
| Cheese                 | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1                                   |
| Sugar                  | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3                                   |
| Macaroni               | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2                                   |
| Rice                   | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2                                   |
| Beans, dried           | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$                       |
| Tomato catsup or paste | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$                       |
| Coffee                 | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$                       |
| Pepper                 | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$                       |
| Onions                 | "          | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$                       |
| Matches (weekly issue) | box or box | 1/200         | 1/200                               |
|                        |            | 2             | 2 or 1                              |

\* Bread or biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary  
++ May be increased to 4 oz. when engaged in heavy manual labour.

Additional to be procured, stocked, and furnished by Italian Military:

| Item             | Unit  | Basic Ration  | Combat Ration |
|------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Fruit            | Oz    | 4             | 4             |
| Fresh vegetables | "     | 8             | 8             |
| Olive oil        | "     | 1             | 1             |
| Wine             | litre | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Nuts             | Oz    | 1             | 1             |
| Salt             | "     | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.

|                        |       |       |      |
|------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| Whole wheat or         | 16    | 18 +  | 3403 |
| Flour                  | 12    | 12    |      |
| Pulses                 | 2     | 2     |      |
| Canned Meat            | 2     | 2     |      |
|                        | ++    |       |      |
| Preserved fish         | 4     | 1     |      |
| Cheese                 | 1     | 1     |      |
| Sugar                  | 1     | 1     |      |
| Macaroni               | 1     | 1     |      |
| Rice                   | 1     | 1     |      |
| Beans, dried           | 1     | 1     |      |
| Tomato catsup or paste | 1     | 1     |      |
| Coffee                 | 1     | 1     |      |
| Pepper                 | 1     | 1     |      |
| Onions                 | 1     | 1     |      |
| Matches (weekly issue) | 1/200 | 1/200 |      |
| book or box            | 2     | 2     |      |
|                        | or 1  |       |      |

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|------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Fruit            | Oz    | 4            | 4             |
| Fresh vegetables | "     | 8            | 8             |
| Olive oil        | "     | 1            | 1             |
| Wine             | litre | 1/2          | 1/2           |
| Nuts             | Oz    | 1            | 1             |
| Salt             | "     | 1/2          | 1/2           |

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.

Where it is impracticable to supply the above items from Italian sources to Italian troops forward of army rear boundaries, substitutions from Allied stocks of suitable equivalents except for canned fruit.

(b) It will be seen that ST this HQ have issued on the basis of this scale for the period 5 Jan to 14 Jan.

(c) The above scales have not been circulated as yet owing to the many and confusing changes which are being made to the ration scale and to the fact that this HQ has again represented to AFHQ the inadequacy of the basic scale and the desirability of having one scale for all Italian Armed Forces and that that scale should be the Combat Scale.

(d) Certain amplification of the scales applicable in the Army Areas has been allowed. No alteration to any other scale can be approved by this HQ until such time as AFHQ reply to our recommendation.

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(d) contd.

as above. This fact must be accepted and no useful purpose will be served by further applications for increases.

2. As regards the additional 2 ozs. Preserved Meat which may be authorised for heavy manual labour, there does not appear any insuperable difficulty in ensuring that the increase goes in full to the personnel concerned. The additional 2 ozs. can be drawn under Area or Sub-Area arrangements and issued on the spot by the employing service. This can be arranged mutually between MIA and No.2 District.

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(c) The fact that supplies destined specifically for the Italian Army will begin to arrive early in February will not affect the scale of rations to be issued unless AFHQ revise the scales given above. The only effect will be that rations for the Italian Army will no longer come from stocks which have been provided for the Allied Armies.

(d) On no account must any promise or indication be given that any increases in the scale of rations can be expected.

4. The above should not be taken to mean that this HQ is of opinion that the present scales are satisfactory. Every effort has been made to obtain an increase but it will be appreciated that such increase is dependent on authority from AFHQ and no promise can be given that such authority will be forthcoming.

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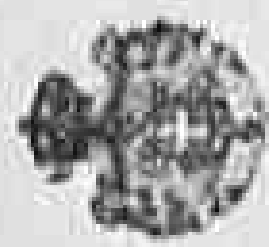
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+ Brigadier,  
DQED.

MILITARY MISSION

Date 10 June 44 10/2

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 4428 S di prot. Div. Eusse. 22

P. M. 107. li

11 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Razione viveri per le truppe italiane della Sardegna.-

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA - presso l'Esercito Italiano -

LE QUILL 3461

Come è noto, alle truppe italiane dislocate nel territorio continentale e nella Sicilia è distribuita la razione viveri fissata dal Comando di Algeri.-

Non ne fruiscono invece le truppe della Sardegna le quali hanno potuto solo concordare con le autorità locali Alleate un tipo di razione sostanzialmente diversa per quantità e valore nutritivo.-

Allo scopo di non continuare in questa disparità di trattamento che, perpetuandosi, potrebbe incidere negativamente sul morale della truppa, si prega codesta Missione di voler interessare le competenti autorità perché estendano alle truppe della Sardegna la razione in vigore per il continente e per la Sicilia, informando che la forma stabilita in Sardegna è di 220.000.-

P. IL SOTTOSGEGRETARIO DI STATO

*[Signature]*

Sardegna: 220.000 Razione in Sicilia: 220.000

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA - presso l'Esercito Italiano -

LEQUILL 3451

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P. IL SOTTOSGEGNATARIO DI STATO

*X* *elligna*

States that 220,000 troops in SARDEGNA are not receiving a definite ration & only get what the Allies allow to have them. With NOVA arrange for them to receive the same ration as Sicily & the Mainland.

ACTION Gen PELLIGRA is dealing with this. He is forwarding the subject to Commando Supremo through SORAF.

*16/11*

ARMY FORM 0210 (Rev. 11-64)

MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

AIR DIV AGC

To

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No.

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SEE YOUR LISTER 501/2, OF 16 JAN (.) PLEASE REFER TO IT RE: 2PS  
 OPERATIONALLY EMPLOYED IN COMBAT ZONE AND OUT OF REACH OF CIVILIAN SUPPLIES  
 IN BOMB (.) IF THE IT LAM AIR POWER IS IN THE GUN-BOAT-SPREAD YOU ADVISE  
 WHEN TO COME ON AIR NEXT DAY.

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ALL MESSAGES MAY BE TRANSMITTED BY ANY MEANS  
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FROM:- AIR DIVISION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

TO:- M.H.I.A. IS. QUILL.

DATE:- 16th January 1944.

REF:- 601/34.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 19 Jan 1944

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.ITALIAN ARMED FORCESM.A.A.P.I. & E.F.I. SUPPLIES.

It is understood Finance has issued a memorandum on the above subject with a view to supplies of such commodities as Soap, Razor Blades etc. being made available for purchase by individual members of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. Should success meet your efforts it is desired to remind you that the Italian Air Force would welcome an opportunity to buy such commodities.

  
R.M. FOSTER,  
AIR COMMISSION.

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## MESSAGE FORM

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Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

INDEX 401

ref your 2762 of 13 Jan(°) do not intend supplementary ration to be additional to Scale A(°) Intention is to supplement Scale B for those entitled to Scale A and for whom Scale A is not forthcoming owing to increase in operational strength since indent was placed(°) Repeat that Italians hold NO res Scale A rations and request therefore they be authorized to draw a definite amount(°) otherwise operational personnel will continue with line lag to exist on Scale B

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M.M.I.A.

For Action

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

TO

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Message Instructions - OR -

Originator's No.

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REF YOUR INFO REL 711 DATED 14 JAN (.) VIA 7 PLANO SIGNAL 0631 DATED  
16 JAN. PLEASE SAY RETURN YOU WILL BE GIVE A COPY OF PLANO LETTER 25/1 DATED  
6 JAN (.) ACC WAS AN ANSWER IN YOUR COPY MAY HAVE SINCE ARRIVED (.) IT IS LONG  
YOUR FILE DOCUMENT AND WANT YOUR COPY FILE TO GET A COPY FOR YOU.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE ANY REMOTE  
BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT WIRELESS)

I HEREBY REQUEST THAT THIS MESSAGE BE HANDLED AS A MATTER OF  
PRIORITY AND THAT IT BE HANDLED AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY  
AND THAT IT BE HANDLED AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY

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Signed

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

EWS/hjp

APO 394

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In reply refer to:  
091.711

14 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Military Mission to the Italian Army

It will be appreciated if you would forward to this office a copy of PLAMBU letter 25/21 dated 6 January 1944 with reference to the authorized combined strength of Italian Forces on the mainland of Italy, reference to which is made in your telegram of today, cite D206.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MILITARY MISSION

Date 15/1 40/2  
in  
ITALIAN ARMY



ELBERT W. STONE  
Captain, USAR  
Acting Chief of Staff

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*See* ACC are on the  
distribution of 25/21 of  
6 Jan. Folio 104 refers  
cc.

AFHQ ltr. AG 400-1 (17 May 44 - 6041) 12 Jan  
also refers  
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ARMY FORM 6236 (Rev. 11-55)

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For Action

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MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

ITALIAN ARMY.

Office Data Stamp



Message Instructions

OK

Originator's No.

Q 762 (.) Ref your Q 346 of 10 (.) No authority known for issue any  
 supplementary rations in addition to scale A (.) Flambo instructions only  
 allow for REF 2 on P Meat supplement to Scale B labour

*Refers to our request for  
 continuation of supplementary ration for  
 Italian air force with several requests from  
 2 weeks up to cover transfer recently from  
 B. 13 A. Request.*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY WRITER  
BY AIR MEANS EXCEPT

WITHIN 24 HOURS

IF LIKELY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
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SAGE MUST BE SENT BY AIROriginator's Instructions  
ORDER OF PRIORITY

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TRANSLATION.

COPY  
NAVY DEPT. WASH. D.C.

SUBJECT: Issue of foodstuff for the period from 5 to 14 Jan 44.

REF. 3/A 13 of 2.1.44.

Naval Ministry informed of the quantity of rations to be delivered by you in connection with figures of strength in your possession, and informed us that while this issue is enough for personnel on board (Category A), it is not enough for what concerns personnel on land (Category B). Figures for these personnel are 44,649 men: 35,300 in KOREA and MANCHU, 273 in CALIFORNIA and 8936 in CAP HIA in stead of 27015.

In the light of the illustrations of the above are not enough to cover the extra figures, even for the period from the 5th to 14 Jan. In order to inform you of this difference of 17,460 men in case you would like examine the possibility of a further issue of 17,460 daily ration for the period from 5th to 14th Jan. to be drawn from 173,710. 218011.

Gen. FILLIPA

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## SUMMARY - Requirements of Italian Armed Forces.

APRIL 1974  
 COMBAT - 2  
 AIR DIVISION  
 AIR DIVISION  
 FODM.

Military Mission to  
 Italian Army.

15. April 1974

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Reference your letter dated 12 Dec 63, para 2.

1. The action requirements for the Italian Army, Air Force and Navy in No. 2 Military Area for the period 25 Jan to 31 Feb (10 days) under category "A" & "B" action are as follows:-

## 22. INF BATT

| Army   | Air Force | Navy   | Scale B | Scale A |
|--------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 10,075 | 5,365     | 20,400 | 677     |         |

## 13. INF BATT

| Army   | Air Force | Navy | Scale B | Scale A |
|--------|-----------|------|---------|---------|
| 65,000 | 11,875    |      |         |         |

## 14. INF BATT

| Army   | Air Force | Navy   | Scale B | Scale A |
|--------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 10,075 | 5,365     | 20,400 | 677     |         |

## 15. INF BATT

| Army   | Air Force | Navy | Scale B | Scale A |
|--------|-----------|------|---------|---------|
| 14,215 | 7,586     | 100  |         |         |

2. To avoid duplication of transport the Italian Air Ministry have asked for a proportion of the nations required for the Army and Navy can be drawn from the 100% of the nations required for the Army and Navy. If this is possible, please assign requirements to the nations as shown above.

13. INF BATT: Army Scale B 10,075  
 " " " " " 5,365  
 14. INF BATT: Army " 10,075  
 " " " " " 5,365

3. As an consequence of nations occurred in the previous 10 daily during the night of 12/17 dated 13 Dec, request; the following reduction of the 3 services have been made:-

APRIL 19, 1974: AIR FORCE 3,075; NAVY 4,907.

4. Additional nations for the Italian Army in the 100% area will be notified in due course in accordance with our 100% dated 12 Dec, para 1.

*De M...*

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AIR NAV A.C.C.  
PERALZ.

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Reference your bill dated 12 Jan 45, para 2.

1. The nation requirements for the Italian Army, Air Force and Navy in No. 2 District Area for the period 25 Jan to 31 Jan (10 days) under categories "A" & "B" nation services are as follows:-

|                |           |         |        |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 22.000.000     | Air Force | Scale B | 91,075 |
|                | "         | " A     | 5,365  |
|                | "         | " B     | 20,400 |
|                | "         | " B     | 677    |
| 11.000.000.000 | Air Force | "       | 65,000 |
|                | "         | " B     | 11,200 |
| 1.000.000.000  | Air Force | "       | 10,000 |
|                | "         | " A     | 33,077 |
|                | "         | " B     | 7,900  |
| 24.000.000.000 | Air Force | "       | 14,235 |
|                | "         | " B     | 7,886  |
|                | "         | " B     | 100    |

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2. To avoid difficulties of transport the Italian War Ministry have asked for a proportion of the nations required for the Army and Navy can be drawn from the District Area as shown above. If this is possible, please assign requirements for:-

- 13. NO. 2 DISTRICT Area Scale B 18,000
- 14. NO. 2 DISTRICT Area " A 33,077
- 15. NO. 2 DISTRICT Area " B 7,900

3. As an overrunning of nations occurred in the previous 10 daily periods, the original bill dated 13 Jan, refers; the following adjustments of the 3 services have been made:-

NOV 19, 1945; AIR FORCE 3,200; NAVY 4,900.

4. Additional nations for the Italian Army in District Area will be notified in the course in accordance with our bill dated 12 Jan, para 3.

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Agent  
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## MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

N. 113/S. di prot. DIV. SUSS. 22

P. M. 107, li 14 Gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. \_\_\_\_\_ del \_\_\_\_\_

Carte comense

OGGETTO: Razionamento PP.AA. Italiane.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso il Regio Esercito

LEQUILE

Riferimento vostro foglio AQ/2 del 9 corrente:-

34.1

- a) - la ripartizione dei viveri sui depositi inglesi di Bari, Brindisi e Napoli venne effettuata il 4 gennaio sulla base della forza al 20 dicembre.-
- b) - La forza segnalata il 7 corrente col foglio n. 964/S. venne degunta dalle situazioni al 31 dicembre;
- c) - è evidente che la differenza di 14.752 unità da voi riscontrata fra l'una e l'altra segnalazione è dovuta a diminuzioni verificatesi nella forza complessiva durante i 10 giorni, e che non erano prevedibili;
- d) - sarà tenuto conto delle razioni ricevute in più nella decade 5 - 14 gennaio per richiederne altrettante in meno in occasione della richiesta viveri che sarà trasmessa a cotesta Missione il 14 corrente.-

P. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Generale Divisione P.P.A.A.

*Delegato*

Breakdown of rations among

OGGETTO: Razioneamento P.F.A.A. Italiana.-

A/LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso il Regio Esercito

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P.IL SOTTOSEGREARIO DI STATO

*Relazione Italiana P.F.A.A.*

*Delega*

Breakdown of returns amount

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*On the 14th inst.*

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Subject:- Rationing of CarabinieriMilitary Mission to  
Italian Army

AG/2

14 Jan 44

Ministry of WarCopy to:- AMEA LO att AFHQ AGY AGS Bologna

With reference to your letter 77/8 dated 11 Jan 44.

1. AMEA does not deal with the rationing of Italian troops or Carabinieri in SICILY; the correct way for you to approach the Allied Authorities concerned is through the Comando Supremo.
2. With regard to the Carabinieri in the NAPLES Area, they have always been included in the Italian Army for the purpose of demanding rations in bulk for ten daily periods. Figures of Carabinieri have been included as follows:-  
20 Nov. 7,010, 30 Nov. 6,069, 10 Dec. 6,703, 20 Dec. 6,703, 31 Dec. 5,540.
3. The question of distribution is a matter for the local Italian HQ to decide and control.
4. I am informed by my Liaison Officer in NAPLES that the Carabinieri in CAMPANIA are now definitely receiving their rations under the supervision of Gen MASSE's HQ.

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B. G. Lawrence  
for Brig  
Genl

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CAR MINISTRY MEMIA

II Jan 44 114

The HQ of the CARABINIERI of freed Italy and the HQ of the 6 CARABINIERI Bde in PALERMO report that the Carabinieri dets in CAMPANIA and SICILY are having great difficulty in feeding their men, as the local Allied authorities do NOT intend to consider the Carabinieri as an integral part of the army, and consequently will NOT authorize the issue of rations.

As is known, the CCRR are assisting in actual ops of war (coastal watch, anti-parachutist measures, military police etc). Although for some of their duties they come under the Home Office, they are nevertheless a separate and distinct arm of their own, and as such form an integral part of the army, whose badge they wear - the stars worn on the collar. In this war, as in previous wars, they have been formed into their own combatant units - bns and regts - of CCRR, which have been employed on the battlefield no differently from inf units.

For these reasons they have always been incl in the ration returns sent to your Mission.

As the conditions of empl of the tps of this service (patrols or police duties carried out for the most part in the open, at night, under adverse weather conditions) require a considerable expenditure of energy, and bearing in mind the work which ~~is~~ is undertaken by this service is everywhere appreciated by the Allied authorities, who have often requested a larger number of Carabinieri for their respective areas, it would be appreciated if the Mission would use its good offices to overcome the difficulties mentioned above by obtaining authorization for the issue of rations to the CCRR.

# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## GABINETTO

N. di prot. 71/C

P.M. 107 M. 11 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Viveri per i CC.RR.

→ Alla M.M.I.A.

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e, per conoscenza:

Allo S.A.O. MAGGIORE R. BOERIO - Ufficio Servizi - P. M. 151

Alla DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMMERCIALE - S E D S

Il Comando dei CC.RR. dell'Italia liberata ed il Comando della 5<sup>a</sup> Brigata CC.RR. di Palermo segnalano che i reparti CC.RR. dislocati in Campania ed in Sicilia incontrano serie difficoltà per il vettovagliamento dei propri Carabinieri, in quanto le Autorità locali Alleate non intenderebbero considerare i CC.RR. come parte integrante dell'Esercito e non autorizzano conseguentemente il prelevamento dei viveri necessari.

Come è noto, i CC.RR. concorrono anche oggi a veri e propri servizi militari di guerra (vigilanza costiera - misure di sicurezza contro paracadutisti - polizia militare ecc.). Essi, pur dipendendo anche, per alcune attività del loro servizio di istituto, dal Ministero dell'Interno, sono tuttavia una vera e propria Armata, come tale, formano parte integrante dell'Esercito, di cui portano il caratteristico distintivo (stelle al bavero). La guerra come nelle passate guerre sono state condotte vere e proprie unità combattenti (battaglioni e reggimenti) di CC.RR. che sono state impiegate sul campo di battaglia e più o meno come reparti di fanteria.

Per vari ragioni essi sono sempre stati compresi nelle esclusioni della forma di vettovagliare sommersa a carico M.M.I.A.

Tenendo le caratteristiche di impiego dei militari dell'Ar-

→ Alla M.M.I.A.

= LEQUIDE

e, per conoscenza:

Allo 3-A-O MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO = Ufficio Servizi = P. M. 151

Alla DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMANDO E LOGISTICA = S. E. D. 3

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Poiché le caratteristiche di impiego dei militari dell'Arma (servizi di pattugliamento e di polizia militare, svolta nella maggior parte dei casi all'aperto, di notte, nelle intemperie ecc.) richiedono forte dispendio di energia e nella considerazione che il servizio che svolge l'Arma è dappertutto apprezzato dalle autorità Alleate, che perciò hanno manifestato il desiderio di una maggiore disponibilità dei CC.RR. nei ranghi previsti, si farà molto grato di un cortese intervento di codesta M.M.I.A. perché le diffi-

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 12 June 1947

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colli sopra accennate possono essere superate con l'autorizzazione  
al prelievo della razione viveri da parte dei CC.RR.

- GENERALE ALIDORI -

*Alidori*

SECRET: Strength of Italian Army and Air Force

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Military Mission to  
Italian Army.  
10/2  
11 Jan 44.

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ALLIED CHIEFS OF STAFF.

Copy for: A.B.L. 7. Air Adm Relations.  
15 Army Group.

1. In 1939 Air Adm. Staff, Letter, 25/10 dated 6 Jan, 1940 has recommended that a ceiling of 300,000 be imposed upon the Italian Armed Forces on the mainland and that beyond this figure no Italian unit shall be maintained by the Allies.

2. The ceiling in the strength of the Army due to demobilization is offset by an increase in the strength of the Italian Army and Air Force as shown:-

|           | 10 Dec<br>28,301 | 10 Jan<br>124,259 | 10 Feb<br>280,629 | 10 Dec<br>20,305 | 10 Jan<br>19,905 | 10 Feb<br>19,905 |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Army      |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Navy      | 60,000           | 61,306            | 61,037            | 61,106           | 61,106           | 77,199           |
| Air Force | 30,930           | 31,237            | 31,037            | 31,905           | 31,905           | 29,300 +         |
| TOTAL     | 30,301           | 303,802           | 311,629           | -                | -                | 290,504          |

+ Incl. 6,200 operational aircraft for first time.

These figures are as received from the Italian Ministry of War and are submitted to A.B.L. 7. for his purpose of making with recent figures.

3. The strength of the Italian Armed Forces as at 31 Dec., was 290,504.

This shows an increase in the Italian Army and Air Force of 24,205 during the month 30 Dec to 31 Dec., and a decrease in the Italian Army of 42,190 during the same period.

4. It will be seen that future increases on the same scale will compel a reduction in the effective strength of the Army, and prejudice the proposed future expansion.

5. A request for 27,000 additional vehicles made by the Ministry of War for the Italian Army received by A.B.L. 7. on 13 Jan has been found on investigation to have been made under a misapprehension and the final figures for 31 Dec., are not thereby increased. (A.B.L. 7. Signal D 205 dated 14 Jan 1944.)

6. May I please be informed whether this variation in figures for the Italian Army and Air Force has due to rounding and whether the same policy of amplification

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2. The increase in the strength of the Army due to demobilization is offset by an increase in the strength of the Italian Navy and Air Force as shown:

|           | 10 Nov. | 10 Dec. | 10 Jan. | 10 Feb. | 10 Mar. | 10 Apr. |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Army      | 225,304 | 224,200 | 225,304 | 225,304 | 225,304 | 225,304 |
| Navy      | 60,000  | 61,316  | 61,316  | 61,316  | 61,316  | 61,316  |
| Air Force | 20,000  | 21,237  | 21,237  | 21,237  | 21,237  | 21,237  |
| TOTAL     | 305,304 | 306,753 | 307,857 | 307,857 | 307,857 | 307,857 |

• Incl. 6,222 operational substitutes for first three.

These figures are as received from the Italian Ministry of War and are submitted to H.M.L.A. for its purpose of making better nation demands.

3. The strength of the Italian Armed Forces as at 31 Dec., was 290,662.

This shows an increase in the Italian Navy and Air Force of 21,225 during the month 30 Nov to 31 Dec., and a decrease in the Italian Army of 42,190 during the same period.

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6. May I please be informed whether this variation in figures for the Italian Navy and Air Force is due to rounding and whether the new policy of mobilization in the force throughout the three Italian Services.

Yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. L. G.  
Comd.

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SUBJECT: - Assurance Italian Forces

MILITARY DIVISION

AMM Adv Amn Mahalon

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7 Jan 44

HQ, AMO, SCF

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1. Information has been received from AMO that tobacco and cigarettes are available at HMT-PATTRE TARDON, HMT, sufficient to ensure a regular supply of tobacco or cigarettes for all Italian troops both on the mainland and in SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSEGA.

2. Cigarettes and tobacco from US and British sources are at present being supplied to Italian troops in the forward areas and to Italian Navy and Air Force on combat orders. This supply will be replaced by Italian tobacco immediately distribution arrangements can be made.

3. Will AMO please confirm to this HQ and AMO that these supplies are available at HMT.

4. In the meantime AMO will make necessary arrangements for the distribution of tobacco and cigarettes from this source to Italian Armed Forces both on the mainland and in SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSEGA, and inform this HQ when it will be possible to stop supplies from other sources.

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*John H. Kelly* Maj  
for

Major General  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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## MILITARY MISSION.

WAR MINISTRY

to c M M I A

Date 9 Jan 44

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

7 Jan 44

As has already been pointed out to your Mission, the ration at present issued to the Italian soldier has a considerably lower energy producing value than the ration to which he is accustomed.

All tps who by reason of work or trg are undergoing physical effort are feeling the effects of this difference. In particular, those engaged in the hy work of discharging ships are suffering thereby, to the extent of seriously influencing their output.

So much so that the comd 71 Sub Area was able to obtain a big increase in output by distributing a supplementary ration to the workers in the port of Brindisi.

This Ministry is very concerned ~~ix~~ about the lab problem, and is leaving nothing undone to improve the physical and moral conditions of the tps, who are in fact doing work which is both hy and uninteresting.

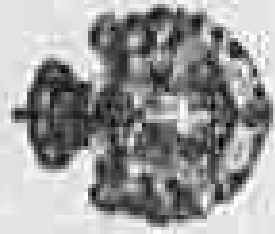
Among other things it has succeeded in doubling the lab bonus, which from 10 inst is increased to 20 Lire, although a hy additional burden ~~for the~~ on the finances of the state.

The Ministry is nevertheless convinced that the results which will be obtained by this measure will not be adequate unless the personnel is ~~in~~ 3400 in a condition physically to be able to carry out the work. This can only be if the soldier receives a ration corresponding with the expenditure of energy asked of him.

Although it is well understood that reasons of high policy have compelled the Anglo-American authorities to reduce rations to their present level, the good offices of the Mission are being sought in order that a supplementary <sup>ration</sup> may be supplied to all units engaged on lab, similar to that temporarily supplied by 71 Sub-Area.

The increased output of the lab resulting from this measure would be translated into increased utilisation of tpt and therefore a greater lift of sups.

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## GABINETTO

N. di prot. 54/C.

P.M.107 u 7 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Viaggio di lavoro reparti lavoratori

ALLA M.M.I.A.

- LEQUILLÉ

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SERVIZIO DI COMM. TO

- S E D E

Come è già stato rappresentato a codesta M.M.I.A., la razione attualmente distribuita al soldato italiano è di valore energetico notevolmente inferiore a quello della razione per lui abituaria.

Risentono di tale differenza tutti i militari che, per necessità di lavoro o di addestramento, sono assoggettati a sforzo fisico. In modo particolare risentono quelli addetti al faticoso lavoro di manovalanza per lo scarico dei piroscafi, tanto da ripercuotersi sensibilmente sulla possibilità di rendimento del personale in questione.

Già è tanto vero che il Comandante della 71<sup>a</sup> Sub-Area aveva ottenuto un notevole incremento di rendimento con la distribuzione di un supplemento di vitto ai lavoratori del porto di Brindisi.

Il problema della manovalanza sta molto a cuore di questo Ministero che non trasalca occasione per cercare di migliorare le condizioni materiali e morali di questo personale che effettivamente compie un lavoro quanto mai faticoso e svenante.

Ma, per ottenere di poter raddoppiare il soprassoldo di manovalanza,

ALLA M.M.I.A.

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Ha, tra l'altro, ottenuto di poter raddoppiare il soprassoldo di manovalanza portandolo, a partire dal 10 gennaio p.v., a L.20, con notevole agio per le Finanze dello Stato.

E' tuttavia convinto che il risultato che da tale provvedimento si potrà ottenere, non potrà essere completo se non si ponga il personale a

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so in condizioni fisiche tali da resistere alla fatica e ciò non può raggiungersi se non viene corrisposto al soldato una alimentazione proporzionata al dispendio di energia che da lui si richiede.

Pur comprendendo perfettamente quali motivi di ordine superiore hanno costretto le Autorità Anglo-Americane a ridurre ai limiti ora in vigore la razione alimentare, si chiede il vivo interessamento di questa M.M.I.A. perché un supplemento vitto, analogo a quello concesso in via provvisoria e temporanea dal 71° Sub-Area, venga corrisposto a tutti i reparti addetti alla manovalanza.

Ciò nella considerazione che il maggior rendimento del personale, che si avrà, come immediata conseguenza, si tradurrà in maggior utilizzazione dei mezzi di trasporto e quindi in una maggiore affluenza di derrate. -

GENERALE ALIBERTI

*Aliberti*

Subject: Relief of Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army.

AD/2.

9 Jan 44

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Ministry of War.

Copy to: ADM, Adv Adm Sec.

Reference your letter 90A/3 Div 012.7A of 7 Jan 44 and telephone conversation 7 Jan 44; Col Lanzolfi - Major Carlos Hunt.

1. It is noted that the strength of the Italian Army in 2 District is stated to be 165,514 men in contrast to the strength of 180,266 (including 6,000 Carabinieri Naples Area) for the demands upon Allied H.Q. for the period 15 Jan to 24 Jan 44. Your letter 900/3 dated 4 Jan refers.

2. As the ration demands have already been submitted to ADM Adv Adm Sec and it is not expedient to alter them, the excess strength of 14,752 (excluding 6,000 Carabinieri in Naples) will be subtracted from the next ration demand due to reach HQA on the 14th Jan for the period 25 Jan to 3 Feb incl.

3. As asked for in HQA letter AD/2 dated 7 Jan 44, the strength stated p.c.f. 14 Jan should reach HQA simultaneously with the demands for rations and the system will therefore be considerably simplified.

*B. G. A. Hunt*  
for Brig  
and Maj

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SUBJECT: Maintenance Italian Forces

AMHQ (3)

Copy to: Allied Control Commission

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PES  
No. 2 District  
USSR, FLANDS

AMHQ Adv Air Echelon  
25/01

6 Jan 44

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AD 12

1. Reference previous correspondence on the subject of maintenance of Italian Forces contained in this HQ letters 25/9 dated 12 and 14 Dec 43 and my discussions during my recent visit to ALGERIA.

2. (a) The present position of rationing of Italian Forces on the mainland of Italy is as follows:-

ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE

(1) Numbers being fed on operational bases as laid down in your signal 14262 dated 4 Dec 43 from G HATTOUSA. These include Italian 302 vbo your signal AMHQ 17913 of 21 Dec 43.

13,000 35,104 4841  
50,945

TOTAL

(2) Numbers being fed on bases 3 as laid down in your signal 6184 dated 8 Nov 43. These also include Italian Navy.

202,193 27,119 16,225  
245,537  
256,482

TOTAL

GRAND TOTAL

(b) The present position of employment of the Italian Forces on the mainland of Italy is as follows:-

- (i) Combat or operational zone including Army, Navy and Air Force
- (ii) Navy (mainly)
- (iii) Air Force (non-operationally employed)
- (iv) Army on RE North Sardina
- (v) Army on Dodeca, Dagesta etc.
- (vi) Carabinieri, Militia etc.
- (vii) E of G and Air Detach Calabria.
- (viii) Not employed as present directly by Allied Forces

50,745 27,119 16,225 10,533 31,000 21,000 42,000 97,660  
256,482 3462

TOTAL

(1) Numbers being fed on operational basis to laid down in your signal 11262 dated 8 Dec 43 from AF HANNUCA. These include Italian Navy while your signal 11110 17443 of 24 Dec 43.

13,030 13,104 4241

TOTAL

50,945

(41) Numbers being fed on scale 8 m laid down in your signal 8184 dated 8 Nov 43. These also include Italian Navy.

202,193 27,119 16,225

TOTAL

245,537

GRAND TOTAL

296,482

(42) The present position of employment of the Italian Forces on the mainland of Africa is as follows:-

- (i) Combat or operational zone including Army, Navy and Air Force 50,945
- (ii) Navy (allied) 27,119
- (iii) Air Force (non-operationally employed) 16,225
- (iv) Army on AF Marks Services 10,533
- (v) Army on docks, Depots etc. 31,000
- (vi) Quartermaster, Militia etc. 21,000
- (vii) L of C and AFM Duties (LIBERIA) 42,000
- (viii) Not employed at present directly by Italian Forces 97,660

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TOTAL

296,482

Included under (vii) and (viii) above are the three field divisions which are not available for administrative duties. They number 27,000.

"dashed" has been placed on the Italian Military authorities requesting the provision of personnel for administration in excess of the present balance unemployed by us.

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 8 Jan 44 10/2

ITALIAN ARMY.

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3. A medical opinion on the two ration scales is shown in the attached letters. It is clear from this that both scales are inadequate in caloric value. It is the opinion of the medical authorities that the Italian troops are undernourished. In this condition they can neither fight nor work properly, and they are liable to contract disease, thus becoming an additional burden on Allied resources.

We have to rely to a larger and increasing extent on the Italian troops. The fighting portion is probably the best important to us; their value resides mainly in the safeguard which they afford against civil disturbances, provided that they themselves are content and well disposed towards our cause.

More important are the large numbers employed on labor, and the further numbers which we intend to employ in administrative units. We are dependent on these men to clear the dumps, work the depots, mend the roads etc. At present their output is poor for no other reason than that they are ill-fed and ill-clothed. This is seriously reducing the intake into our ports. This economy is defeating its own object.

We have from Italian administrative units to replace British and US units required elsewhere. We have no hope of obtaining effective replacement units from the Italians under present conditions. We have already had trouble about rations in the units which we have formed.

5. The establishment of two separate ration scales is an unfair discrimination, difficult to operate and negatifies our desire to make use of the Italians. Scale "A", even with the additional preserved meat, is quite inadequate for sustained work. Nor is it wise to keep on a low diet the men not actually employed by us. We intend to employ them all and shall do so as soon as they can be armed and organized. To refuse them an adequate ration now means that they will be weak and listless when they are put to work, and will take a long time to get fit.

6. There have been several changes in the ration scales since they were first introduced. There is some doubt as to whether we have yet arrived at a scale which, on the one hand is convenient from the point of view of provision, and on the other hand is suitable for the Italians. In order to bring the present scale up to a correct caloric value I have been advised to recommend the addition to it of 1 cc. of margarine, olive oil, cooking fat, or the equivalent (1 1/2 lbs.) of cotton seed oil. A better plan might be to have a disinfectant here at which the Quartermaster's Department and the Italian Intelligence were both represented.

7. To sum up, no recommendations are:-

- (a) A common ration scale to be applied to all recommended Italian Armed Forces in the occupied or controlled portion of the Italian mainland.
- (b) A ceiling of 500,000 to be fixed, beyond which no Italian Armed Forces on the mainland may be recommended as entitled to rations from us.
- (c) The ration scale to be the present combat scale plus 1 cc.

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7. To sum up, my recommendations are:-

- (a) A common ration scale to be applied to all recognised Italian Armed Forces in the occupied or controlled portion of the Italian mainland.
- (b) A ceiling of 300,000 to be fixed, beyond which no Italian Armed Forces on the mainland may be recognised as entitled to rations from us.
- (c) The ration scale to be the present combat scale plus 1 lb. margarine (or equivalent), or such other scale as may be fixed having the same food value.
- (d) Until the new provisioning takes effect, no man sent on the expedition, besides, supplemented from Allied rations where essential and on due authority.

*W. J. P. L.*

Major General,  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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(C. S. A. U.)

SUBJECT: Ration Scale - Italian Military Personnel

Allied Forces Headquarters  
Adv. Gen. Ech. CEF.  
Ext. 130  
3807 N

D. D. S. T.

Copy to: DPMO, ADV GEN Ech.  
DPMO, Military Mission to Italian Army

Reference your 4012/SM dated 15 Dec 43.

1. Question on Scale "A" for Regular Troops, Italian Army

(a) Total energy (calorific) value is 3577 calories - adequate for most purposes involving moderate output of work. This contrasts with 4274 calories total of Service Ration Scale for our own troops.

(b) The approximate principles of protein and carbohydrates are correctly proportioned. Fat, however, is low and it would be advisable to supplement it with soy Margarine - 1 oz. and/or Olive Oil - 1 oz.

(c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable.

(d) Vitamins A and D are low owing to low fat ration, but would be corrected by addition of margarine as in (b) above.

2. Question on Scale "B" for L of O Troops, Italian Army

(a) Total calorific value is too low, and barely sufficient for output of light work. (See attached copy of this office letter 3807 N dated 17 Dec 43).

(b) The approximate principles of protein, fat and carbohydrate are correctly proportioned.

(c) The diet is otherwise moderately varied, digestible and easily assimilable. 3461

(d) Vitamins and Mineral Salts are present in moderate amounts.

(Signed) R. W. GALLOWAY,  
Brigadier,  
DPMO.

RAJ/MS

Subject - Ration Scale "B" - Italian Army

(Copy)

AFHQ Adv Am Echelon,  
OMZ.  
Ext. 130  
3607 R  
17 Dec. 43.

Military Mission to the Italian Army  
Copy to - DOWG, AFHQ Adv Am Echelon.

1. An opinion on the above ration scale has been requested by Major HEGGIE, RMD.
2. The total caloric value is 2846 calories, with an extension at a later date to 2500 calories when 4 ozs fish (caloric value 244 calories) will be added to the present scale.
3. This represents the gross caloric value, from which a 100 calories loss on cooking and food preparation and a further 100 loss with digestion and absorption, must be deducted, leaving a net value of some 2000 calories, for 2841 calories when subtracted by 4 ozs fish. The waste and refuse deduction is conservative so the diet is essentially vegetarian.
4. It is considered that any man employed on moderate muscular work has a daily energy output of some 3000 calories, and must receive at least 3000 calories gross to cover loss in cooking and preparation, and loss during digestion and absorption.
5. Scale "A" is reasonably balanced in the main food principles of protein, fat and carbohydrates.
6. The recommended scale "B" is thus grossly inadequate, calorifically, if there must be no carry out a day's work in the construction, port labour, etc. etc. or any 1 or 2 tons.

These soldiers will be unable to give the necessary amount of energy, nor will they maintain health.

(Signed) W. SALOMAY  
Lieut.  
D.L.M.E.

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7 JUN 48

Message Instructions - GR - 22

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Subject:- Rationing of Italian Armed Forces

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Ministry of War

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2

7 Jan 44

Reference our AQ/2 dated 2 Jan 44 para 3(a).

Would you please amend the above mentioned para to read 4, 14, 24 Jan 44.

It is mentioned that MMIA have found difficulty in agreeing your 10 daily ration demands with your strength statements.

Therefore it will be necessary for the ration demand to be supported by the strength statement (Order of Battle) and both statements to be forwarded on the same days as in para 1 above.

RJC/cc

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for Brig  
Cmd

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Subject: Italian Army Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army.

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1. Area of Interest. Under present arrangements Italian service labour working on dock installations are issued with 2 cans processed meat per man per day as compared with 4 cans of meat and 5 cans biscuits per man issued formerly. This discloses a great reduction of the ration, flour and meat.

Apart from this ration being inadequate, the objective is to ensure that the individual on the job gets the full-day meal into his stomach and so works the better for it. In effect we are demanding more work and gradually reducing their lives.

From conversation with Comdr 71 Sub Area I gather that the practical effect of present arrangements is that:-

(a) By issuing complete bulk rations to the Italian Army in theory the port workers should get extra food. In practice the extra food (2 cans of meat) does not come on to the job with the man for consumption on the work.

(b) Labour camps in which the port labour live contain also their administrative personnel and certain other troops (e.g. anti-aircraft personnel) who in practice share any extra ration that may be issued.

(c) The Italian port worker works beside Allied personnel on the same work, lunch time, and sitting in sight of the worker, the Allied personnel march on along the beach while the Italians have an inferior one.

(d) It is rather odd, when it was earlier he used to get 4 cans of meat and 5 cans biscuits issued by the Allies on the docks to each man and he saw that it went into his stomach. It is essential to provide an additional 5 cans of meat and 5 cans biscuits to the man on the spot, actually working, in order to maintain his strength. The basic ration was cut at the same time, though it is barely sufficient for light duty.

2. The detailed practice can best be described by those responsible for port work and I write this letter to raise the question for confirmation and amplification.

The first point to be made is that the Italian has been undernourished for some time in Italy. The result is his low morale and his lack of ability and will to work. It is therefore essential to feed him better than in early 1943 and get him added to his ration scale as soon as supplies can be found.

### 3. IN SUMMARY

(a) The scale of rations now being issued to the Italian Army is completely unsatisfactory, particularly with regard to the lack of flour or wheat (about 345 lbs per man) to which they are accustomed.

(b) I realize that at present we can only issue what is imposed upon us by the situation available and that this may mean a change of the actual ration scale every 20 days, but the situation should improve when shipments begin to arrive from America. I understand that this is likely to be about the end of Feb.

(c) At present the Italian feels that his rations are inadequate for physical effort, and in particular the worker misses the bulk food to which he is accustomed. To receive Allied rations as an immediate goal aim of these rations he will be granted a share nearly as to consider fit. That we may have administrative difficulties does not seem to him unless we say so. I think it would help them to understand, and so raise their confidence and morale, to disclose some of our difficulties to them officially.

(d) Do you agree to my writing to Italian authorities on the lines of para 3 (b) above, to say that temporary difficulties lower the present scale on us, but that by the end of Feb it is hoped that the basic scale will be improved so that the full flour ration or wheat about can be issued. Am I have you anything to add?

4. The attached appendix is a comparison between the Italian ration scales.

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Alpena Copy

Ad 2 of 7 Jan 44big Duchesne River original copy  
from duty  
cc.

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## THE ITALIAN RATION BOOK.

| Section.      |                | How<br>Ration Book<br>Section. See A3.                         | Amount being<br>issued for period<br>5 to 14 Jan 1954.         | Remarks.<br>(Differences and<br>Supplements)                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spring, 1953. | Part - See A3. |                                                                |                                                                |                                                             |
| 17 1/2 oz     | 12 oz          | Whole Wheat Macs<br>or 12 oz                                   | (Flour 6 oz<br>(Biscuits 6 oz)                                 | (A) 5 issues only.                                          |
| 5 1/2 oz (10) | 7 1/2 oz (15)  | -                                                              | -                                                              | (B) 3 1/2 oz supplement<br>on meatless days                 |
| 1 1/2 oz (3)  | 1 1/2 oz (3)   | -                                                              | -                                                              |                                                             |
| 1 1/2 oz (3)  | 1 1/2 oz (3)   | 1 1/2 oz                                                       | 1 1/2 oz                                                       | (C) 1/2 oz supplement<br>on meatless days                   |
| 5 1/2 oz (10) | 5 1/2 oz (10)  | -                                                              | 1 1/2 oz                                                       |                                                             |
| -             | -              | 2 oz                                                           | -                                                              | (D) 1/3 oz supplement<br>on meatless days                   |
| 2 1/2 oz      | 2 1/2 oz       | 2 1/2 oz                                                       | -                                                              |                                                             |
| 1 1/3 (3 1/3) | 1 1/3 (3 1/3)  | 1 1/3                                                          | -                                                              | (E) 2 issues weekly<br>for meatless days                    |
| 1 oz          | 1 oz           | 3 oz meat                                                      | 4 oz.                                                          |                                                             |
| 2 oz          | -              | -                                                              | -                                                              | (F) Alternative of<br>2 oz sausage.                         |
| 2 oz          | 2 oz           | 2 oz                                                           | 2 oz                                                           | (G) Alternative of<br>a tin of meat, or<br>1 oz of Dry Fish |
| 2 1/2 oz      | 2 1/2 oz       | 2 1/2 oz                                                       | 2 1/2 oz                                                       |                                                             |
| -             | 1 1/2 oz       | 0 oz                                                           | 0 oz                                                           | (H) 1 1/2 oz supplement<br>on Sundays                       |
| 1 1/2 oz      | 1 1/2 oz       | -                                                              | -                                                              |                                                             |
| -             | -              | -                                                              | -                                                              | (I) 3 times a week.                                         |
| -             | -              | -                                                              | -                                                              |                                                             |
| -             | -              | -                                                              | -                                                              | (J) Never available<br>in this area.                        |
| -             | -              | Meatless 4 7/8 oz<br>or Sausages 2 7/8 oz<br>or Bacon 1 7/8 oz | Meatless 4 7/8 oz<br>or Sausages 2 7/8 oz<br>or Bacon 1 7/8 oz |                                                             |
| -             | -              | -                                                              | -                                                              | MEATLESS 1 1/2 oz                                           |
| 2 1/2 oz (5)  | 2 1/2 oz       | 1 1/2 oz                                                       | 1 1/2 oz                                                       | Meatless 4 oz & Meat.<br>8 oz Sausages.                     |
| 3 1/2 oz (7)  | 3 1/2 oz       | -                                                              | -                                                              | Not related to<br>2 oz & Meat only.                         |
| 3 1/2 oz (7)  | 3 1/2 oz       | 4 1/2 3/42 oz                                                  | 3 11/16 oz.                                                    |                                                             |

SUBJECT: REPORTS FOR ITALIAN FORCES

MILITARY INFORMATION

Headquarters,  
71 Sub Area  
Q/34/2  
2 Jan '44

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Dear

BrigadierDate 2-1-44  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

1. With reference to the draft letter 1/3/2 of which you have no a copy.
2. I have had the attached table produced as a comprehensive guide to Italian ration changes as I have had them reported to me.
3. They disclose a great reduction in flour and meat for the average man. As you will see we are now ensuring an issue of coffee and some meat whereas this did not exist a few months ago.
4. I feel that we must face up to the fact that the Italian has been undernourished for some time in Italy. That fact and his low morale account for his lack of ability and will to work.
5. I consider we must raise his physical ability and then his morale may improve. To feed him only a little better than early in 1942 will not put back what he has lacked in the past year or more. We must get bulk added to his ration as soon as supplies come forward.
6. If as you say, we can tell him (The Pte. Soldier) this is our intention, he should look on our efforts more kindly.
7. I am more convinced than I can say that to give extra rations to the actual worker on the job is the real answer.
8. I suggest 6 ozs Biscuits and 3 ozs of Meat instead of the present 2 ozs. of meat only. The basic ration for all ranks must continue untouched, it being barely sufficient for light duty.

FILE No. 88/2.

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James L. G.

L. J. G.

Commanding 71 Sub Area.

Col.,

| Serial No | Commodity.                    | I<br>Italian<br>Pre-War<br>Ration. | II<br>Italian Army<br>Ration Spring<br>1943. | III<br>Italian Army<br>Ration Sept<br>- Dec '43 | IV<br>New Basic<br>Ration<br>Dec '43 | V<br>British<br>Army<br>Ration. |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.        | Bread or (Flour)              | 24 1/2 ozs                         | 17 1/2 ozs                                   | 12 oz                                           | 10 2 2/5 oz                          | 12 oz                           |
| 2.        | Macaroni or Rice              | 7 oz (B)                           | 5 1/6 oz (B)                                 | 5 1/6 oz (B)                                    | 3 1/2 oz                             | 1 oz                            |
| 3.        | Pulses                        | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | 2 oz                                 | -                               |
| 4.        | x Tomato Conserve             | 1 oz (C)                           | 1/3 oz (D)                                   | 1/3 oz (D)                                      | -                                    | -                               |
| 5.        | Lard or fat or oil            | 1 oz (C)                           | 1/2 oz (C)                                   | 1/2 oz (C)                                      | 1 oz                                 | 2 oz                            |
| 6.        | Meat Fresh.                   | 7 oz (A)                           | 5 1/6 oz (A)                                 | 5 1/6 oz (A) (J) (C)                            | -                                    | 10 ozs with                     |
| 7.        | Meat Preserve                 | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | 2 oz                                 | CR 8 oz                         |
| 8.        | Cheese (Grated)               | 1/3 oz                             | 2/7 oz                                       | 2/7 oz                                          | -                                    | -                               |
| 9.        | Cheese                        | 2 oz (E)                           | 1 1/3 oz (E) (F)                             | 1 1/3 oz                                        | -                                    | 1 oz 6dys p.w                   |
| 10.       | Vegetables Dried or<br>tinned | 1 1/2 oz                           | 1 oz                                         | 1 oz                                            | -                                    | 4 (or 8 oz fresh)               |
| 11.       | Potatoes.                     | 3 1/2 oz                           | 2 oz                                         | -                                               | -                                    | 12 (or 6 oz t)                  |
| 12.       | Vegetables Fresh              | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | 8 ozs                                | 8 (or 4 oz)                     |
| 13.       | x Coffee                      | 1/3 oz                             | 1/3 oz (Imitation)                           | 1/3 oz (Imitation)                              | 1 oz                                 | 1 oz                            |
| 14.       | SUGAR                         | 1 oz                               | 1 oz                                         | 1 oz                                            | 1 oz                                 | 2 oz                            |
| 15.       | x Wine.                       | 25 cl                              | 25 cl (2 wkly)                               | 25 cl                                           | 1 litre                              | -                               |
| 16.       | x Salt.                       | 2/3 oz                             | 2/3 oz                                       | 2/3 oz                                          | 2/3 oz                               | 1 oz                            |
| 17.       | Fruit Fresh or Tnd.           | -                                  | -                                            | 1.50 litre<br>each. (E)                         | 8 oz                                 | 4 oz or                         |
| 18.       | Tobacco.                      | -                                  | 1/6 oz                                       | 1/6 oz                                          | -                                    | 7 oz                            |
| 19.       | x Bacon                       | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 3 oz (t)                        |
| 20.       | x Pickles.                    | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 2/7 oz                          |
| 21.       | x Milk.                       | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 2 oz (U)                        |
| 22.       | x Milk Spray Pdr.             | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 2 oz                            |
| 23.       | x Tinned Fish.                | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 3/7 oz                          |
| 24.       | x JAM                         | -                                  | -                                            | -                                               | -                                    | 3/7 (Salt)                      |
|           |                               |                                    |                                              |                                                 |                                      | 1 oz                            |

|     | III<br>Italian Army<br>Ration Spring<br>1943. | IV<br>Italian Army<br>Ration Sept<br>- Dec '43 | V<br>New Basic<br>Ration<br>Dec '43 | VI<br>British<br>Army<br>Ration. | REMARKS<br>(Differences &<br>Supplements)                                 |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | 17 1/2 oz                                     | 12 oz                                          | 10 3 2/5 oz                         | 12 oz                            |                                                                           |
| (B) | 5 1/6 oz (B)                                  | 5 1/6 oz (B)                                   | 3 1/2 oz                            | 1 oz.                            | (A) Five issues weekly                                                    |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | 2 oz                                | -                                |                                                                           |
| (D) | 1/3 oz (D)                                    | 1/3 oz (D)                                     | -                                   | -                                | (B) 3 1/2 oz supplement on<br>Meatless days.                              |
| (C) | 1 oz (C)                                      | 1 oz (C)                                       | 1 oz                                | 2 oz.                            |                                                                           |
| (A) | 5 1/6 oz (A)                                  | 5 1/6 oz (G) (J) (C)                           | -                                   | 10 ozs with Bone.                | (C) 1/2 oz supplement on<br>Meatless days.                                |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | 2 oz                                | OR 8 oz                          |                                                                           |
|     | 2/7 oz                                        | 2/7 oz                                         | -                                   | -                                | (D) 1/3 oz supplement<br>on Meatless days.                                |
| (F) | 1 1/3 oz (E) (F)                              | 1 1/3 oz                                       | -                                   | 1 oz 6 days p. week              |                                                                           |
|     | 1 oz                                          | 1 oz                                           | -                                   | 4 (or 8 oz fresh)                | (E) 2 issues weekly for<br>meatless days.                                 |
|     | 2 oz                                          | -                                              | -                                   | 12 (or 6 oz tinned)              |                                                                           |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | 8 ozs                               | 8 (or 4 oz tinned)               |                                                                           |
|     | 1/3 oz (Imitation)                            | 1/3 oz (Imitation)                             | 1 oz                                | 1 oz (T)                         | (F) Alternative of 2 oz<br>Sausage.                                       |
|     | 1 oz                                          | 1 oz                                           | 1 oz                                | 2 oz                             |                                                                           |
|     | 25cl (2 wkly)                                 | 25cl                                           | 1 litre                             | -                                |                                                                           |
|     | 2/3 oz                                        | 2/3 oz                                         | 2/3 oz                              | 1 oz.                            |                                                                           |
|     | -                                             | 1.50 litre<br>each. (E)                        | 8 oz                                | 4 oz or 2 oz tind.               | (G) Alternative of<br>half a tin of<br>Meat or 3 1/2 oz of<br>Tunny Fish. |
|     | 1/6 oz                                        | 1/6 oz                                         | -                                   | 7 Clgs.                          |                                                                           |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 3 oz (tinned 2 1/2)              | (H) 1 1/2 oz supplement<br>on Sundays.                                    |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 2/7 oz                           |                                                                           |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 3 oz (USA MILK<br>2 1/2 ozs.)    | (J) three times a<br>week                                                 |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 3/7 oz                           |                                                                           |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 3/7 (Salmon)                     | (C) Never available<br>for issue in this<br>Area.                         |
|     | -                                             | -                                              | -                                   | 1 1/2 ozs                        |                                                                           |

MINISTERO della GUERRA  
 Dire. ☐ Generale Servizi di Commissariato Militare

APPUNTO PER IL MAGGIORE CAREU HUNT

Il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, telefonicamen-  
 te interpellato, ha fatto conoscere che la nuova razio-  
 ne viveri agli aviatori impiegati in operazioni sarà ma-  
 terialmente distribuita il giorno 7 corrente.-

P.M. 107, 11 4 Gennaio 1944

From: W. M. M. Commissariato

Memorandum for Maj. Careu Hunt

Il Direttore Capo Divisione II  
 (Ten. Col. Ugo Landolfi)

Ai Ministri

Air Force Headquarters

Further to antelephone enquiry, Air Force Headquarters  
 informed us that the new food ration to the  
 aviators ~~on ops~~ will be issued  
 on the 7 inst.

Ugo Landolfi

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ITALIA

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : W.M. MIL. COMMISSARIATE  
MEMORANDUM FOR MAJ. CARTER-HUNT

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Further antelephone enquiry, Air Ministry informed us that the new food ration to the armed on ops will be issued on the 7 inst.

LT. COL. U. LAMOTTE

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3. No doubt these alterations have had to be made in consequence of a reduced availability of stocks.

for Books  
Cord

5 - 16 Jan

| COMMODITY                                                        |                  | BASIS QUANTITY    |  | ALTERNATIVES FOR FOOD |                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                                                  |                  | 5 - 14 Jan        |  |                       |                                         |
| 1                                                                | Whole Wheat      | 16 cans           |  |                       | Add 12 ozs biscuits as alternative      |
|                                                                  | or               | 5 1/2             |  |                       |                                         |
| 2                                                                | Flour            | 12                |  |                       | delete. Add 4 ozs dried veg             |
| 3                                                                | Pulses           | 2                 |  |                       | Add 1 1/2 ozs boneless meat alternative |
| 4                                                                | Canned Meat      | 2                 |  |                       |                                         |
| 5                                                                | Herrings Tinned  | 1 1/2             |  |                       |                                         |
|                                                                  | or               | 1 1/2             |  |                       |                                         |
| 6                                                                | Sardines Tinned  | 1 1/2             |  |                       |                                         |
|                                                                  | or               | 1 1/2             |  |                       |                                         |
| 7                                                                | Salmon ME        | 1                 |  |                       | delete                                  |
| 8                                                                | Cheese Tinned    | 1 1/2             |  |                       | delete                                  |
| 9                                                                | Sausage Tinned   | 1                 |  |                       | Reduce to 1/2 oz                        |
| 10                                                               | Sugar            | 1 1/2             |  |                       | delete                                  |
| 11                                                               | Pepper           | one box weekly    |  |                       |                                         |
| 12                                                               | Mustard          | 1/2               |  |                       |                                         |
| 13                                                               | Coffee           | 1/2               |  |                       |                                         |
| <u>Items to be obtained locally and paid for by Italian Army</u> |                  |                   |  |                       |                                         |
| 14                                                               | Fruit            | 8                 |  |                       |                                         |
| 15                                                               | Fresh Vegetables | 8                 |  |                       |                                         |
| 16                                                               | Olive Oil        | 1 1/2 litre       |  |                       |                                         |
| 17                                                               | Wine             | 1 (alternatives   |  |                       |                                         |
| 18                                                               | Nuts, unshelled  | to 14 & 15 above) |  |                       | Additional to 14 & 15 above             |

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6 Base Sub Area  
52 Area

For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO)

AIR DIV AGO  
PLANNED  
MINUTES OF WAR

Message Instructions

OR

AO/2

REGISTRATION

0511

Re: DISTWO signal 0616 of 1 Jan (.). Confirmed herewith that Italian authorities will undertake rationing of operational waste in category A waf 8 Jan (.). No reserve of Cat A rations yet formed (.). Will DISTWO please allot same and permit Air Div AGO to issue supplement to LAF personnel in excess of strength 4841 (4841) (.). Therefore anticipate that supplement must be issued in part until reserve authorized by you can

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For Action

(1) 52AEMA(2) 71 SUB AREA 1

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

(3) M.N.12A. (4) AIR DIVISION ACC (5) ST/DISTWO (6) FLAMING

Message Instructions 1-GR-

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6616

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION ARE HERE BY AUTHORIZED TO INSERT ON THIS FOR  
 ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL OPERATIONALLY ENGAGED FOR ADDITIONAL RATIONS TO BRING  
 SCALE B ON WHICH THEY ARE NOW SUBSISTED UP TO SCALE A (.) THIS PROVISION IS ONLY  
 TEMPORARY UNTIL IMA CAN PROVIDE SCALE A RATIONS DIRECT IN BUIS (.) IMA WILL NOTIFY  
 ALL ADDRESSES EARLIEST DATE ON WHICH THEY CAN UNDERSTAND THIS COMMITMENT.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE RESENT BY THE  
 A. ANY REASONS ( ) WHENEVER

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE ARMY TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF  
 MESSAGE DELIVERY. THIS MESSAGE IS BEING DELIVERED BY PRIORITY  
 AND IS NOT TO BE RESENT.

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SUBJECT: - Maintenance - Italian Forces

AMHQ Adv Adm Echelon  
GIF

25 Q.1

2 Jan 44

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MMIA

Copy to: - ST  
Medical

Ref your A1/2 of 28 Dec 43.

There is no authority for the provision of these disinfectants from Army sources, and it would appear that these supplies, or similar commodities, are available locally.

Will you please investigate the reasons why they cannot be obtained by the Italian Army themselves and re-submit when you are satisfied that Allied Military sources are the only means of supply.

3-1-15

A1/2

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*Paul M. Hays*  
Brigadier.  
DSS.

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DADMS

Re investigate local supply & report in due course

4/1/44

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY OTHER MEANS IF NECESSARY TO THE COMMAND & INSTITUTIONS BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS. MESSAGE MUST BE REPRODUCED.

Signed

Signed

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Originator's No.

48783

YOUR Q300 OF 1st (.) REQUEST YOU GIVE MEMBERS EACH ARMY NAVY AND AIR  
FORCE DRAWING FROM EACH DEPOT TO ENABLE DECISION TO BE MADE.THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT BY  
ANY MEANS (CABLE, WIRELESS)IF TRANSMITTED BY WIRELESS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT BY  
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2. Rations will be issued on two scales: (a) Operational, and (b) Basic, which are attached as Apps "A" & "B" to this letter. *(for 100,000 tons only)*

The operational scale does not apply within the terms of this letter to the Italian Army; provision for these units entitled to it is already made by 5 & 8 below.

Numbers of those now operationally employed in the Italian Navy and Air Force are shown in para. 4 below.

3. It will therefore now be necessary to include the Italian Navy in both

(a) 10 daily strength state for to reach MELA on the 7th, 17th and 27th days of each month.

and (b) Ration demands due to reach MELA every ten days. Those due during the month of January are as under:-

|                                         |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--|
| 4 Jan to cover period 15 - 24 Jan incl. |  |
| 14 Jan " " 25 Jan - 3 Feb incl.         |  |
| 24 Jan " " 4 Feb - 13 Feb incl.         |  |

4. Owing to the short notices with which this scheme has to be implemented, the demand for the period 5 - 14 Jan incl. has already been forwarded to AFHQ for their consideration as under:-

| Destination.  | Service.  | Scale.       | Daily Ration Strength. |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|
| 22 HQ ITALY   | ARMY      | B            | 112,434                |
| " " "         | AIR FORCE | B            | 16,225                 |
| " " "         | AIR FORCE | A            | 4,321                  |
| 13 HQ BRITAIN | ARMY      | B            | 60,557                 |
| " " "         | NAVY      | B            | 27,119                 |
| " " "         | NAVY      | A            | 53,104                 |
| 14 HQ GREECE  | ARMY      | B            | 12,577                 |
|               |           | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>267,251</b>         |

The recent move of 227 Coastal Div to the Naples area has been taken into account in this calculation.

5. An initial issue of rations is now being made to the Italian Navy for the period 1 - 4 Jan incl by 13 B.F.C. BRITAIN.

6. Will the Ministry of War please arrange to keep a central record of all rations drawn from Allied B.F.C. for the three Arms of the Service, Army, Navy and Air Force; a clear distinction will be made between those entitled to the two different ration scales.

7. Those officers nominated as responsible for drawing from each B.F.C. will please be instructed to forward to the Ministry at the completion of each ten day period a signed consolidated statement showing commodities drawn during the preceding period.

Copy to - ST.

*19 Jan 1945*  
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Message Instructions

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Q300 Ref you Q6242 dated 30 Dec received corrupt (°) Assume that previous ruling that each BSD will deliver to one consignee is now obsolete (°) RN and RAF both wish Italian opposite numbers to draw separately from Italian Army for following reasons (°) ONE (°) issue of category A ~~xxxxx~~ rations in non operational areas makes ~~invidious~~ distinction from Army (°) TWO (°) Strain on Army tpt will ~~xxxxxx~~ be relieved (°) THREE (°) Italian Navy and Air Force depots

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SUBJECT: - Maintenance - Italian Forces

Air Division, AOC

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AMT: ADV ADV Sublon  
GDF

25 Q.1

28 Dec 43

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Reference your 604/89 of 25 Dec 43.

Authority is given for Italian Air Force operational wings to draw the operational scale of rations. Numbers, as last known, are as follows:-

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Fighter Wing | 2060 |
| Bomber Wing  | 1916 |
| Coastal Wing | 865  |

TOTAL operational rations 4841

TOTAL non-operational rations 21290

3943

Rations for all the above, whether operational or non-operational, must be demanded, stored and distributed in accordance with my 25 Q of 14 Dec.

British Army depots are not in a position to undertake detailed issues to Italian Units or groups of Units and it is decided to have a uniform system of supply.

*[Signature]*

Major General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

10/2

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*[Handwritten notes in left margin:]*  
The above is a summary of the situation as regards the supply of rations to Italian units. It is based on the information received from the Italian authorities. The figures are approximate and subject to change. The system of supply is being organized as a matter of priority.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394.

In reply refer to  
L30.2.

107/407

18 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Buchanan, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

I have just received these comments on the Italian ration from the Ministry of War. Would you be good enough to suggest the type of reply which should be made.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

(824)... H.D.F.  
MAINTENANCE DIVISION  
Brigadier General, USA.

1 Incl:

Ltr, Ministry of War.  
P.M. 107. 15 Dec 43.

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THE MINISTRY OF WAR.  
Cabinet.

P.M. 107 15 December 1943.

Ration of Italian troops.

3442

The rations established by AFHQ for Italian troops are as follows:-

|                   | Quintals | Grams |                                        |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Grain or Flour | 16       | 154.0 |                                        |
| 2. Meat, Canned   | 12       | 343.0 |                                        |
| 3. Beans, dried   | 2        | 56.7  |                                        |
| 4. Sugar          | 2        | 56.7  |                                        |
| 5. Pepper         | 1/200    | 15.0  |                                        |
| 6. Coffee         | 1/2      | 0.15  |                                        |
| 7. Fresh Fruit    | 8        | 15.0  |                                        |
| 8. Cream.         | 8        | 227.0 |                                        |
| 9. Olive Oil.     | 1        | 227.0 |                                        |
| 10. Wine.         | 1        | 15.0  |                                        |
| 11. Hops.         | 1        | 500.0 |                                        |
|                   |          | 28.0  |                                        |
|                   |          |       | To be furnished in kind by the Allies. |
|                   |          |       | To be obtained locally.                |

This ration differs greatly both in quality and in energy value from that normally distributed and which consists of:

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Bread                 | 700 grams. |
| Spaghetti or Macaroni | 220 "      |
| Meat                  | 200 "      |
| Vegetables            | 30 "       |
| Sugar                 | 15 "       |
| Coffee                | 10 "       |
| Wine.                 | 250 "      |
| Oil                   | 15 "       |
| Waste Product         | 15 "       |

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THE MINISTRY OF WAR.  
Cabinet.

P.M. 107 15 December 1945.

Rations of Italian Troops.

3442

The rations established by AFHQ for Italian troops are as follows:-

|                   | Coupons   | Grams |                                        |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Grain or Flour | 16        | 454.0 |                                        |
| 2. Meat, Canned   | 12        | 340.0 |                                        |
| 3. Beans, dried   | 2         | 56.7  |                                        |
| 4. Sugar          | 2         | 56.7  |                                        |
| 5. Pepper         | 2         | 15.0  |                                        |
| 6. Coffee         | 1/200     | 0.15  |                                        |
| 7. Fresh Fruit    | 8         | 15.0  | To be furnished in kind by the Allies. |
| 8. Cereals.       | 8         | 227.0 |                                        |
| 9. Olive Oil.     | 8         | 247.0 |                                        |
| 10. Wine.         | 1/2 litre | 15.0  |                                        |
| 11. Malt.         | 1         | 500.0 | To be obtained locally.                |
|                   |           | 28.0  |                                        |

This ration differs greatly both in quality and in energy value from that normally distributed and which consists of:

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Bread                 | 700 grams. |
| Spaghetti or Macaroni | 220 "      |
| Meat                  | 200 "      |
| Vegetables            | 30 "       |
| Sugar                 | 15 "       |
| Coffee                | 10 "       |
| Wine.                 | 250 "      |
| Oil                   | 15 "       |
| Tomato Preserve       | 15 "       |
| Cheese.               | 40 "       |

While this latter ration contains approximately 4200 calories, this one established by AFHQ contains only 2070 calories.

It must further be kept in mind that of the items to be obtained locally, fresh fruit and vegetables which constitute a notable portion of the ration, are very difficult to provide both because of their scarcity in many parts of Southern Italy and because of transportation difficulties.

Finally, because the Italian diet consists for the most part of bread and spaghetti, the soldier will undoubtedly suffer from the limitations which of necessity be placed on the consumption of these two foods; especially since the quantities of grain and flour allowed under the new ration it is impossible to distribute more than 300 grams of bread and 100 grams of spaghetti or macaroni.

It would therefore be extremely desirable to modify the proposed rations with a view to increasing the allowance of flour, which should be raised to 550 grams, and substituting the fresh fruit with other foods, for example cheese, of which there are large supplies in Sardinia that can be imported in auxiliary sailing vessels.

SUBJECT: - Maintenance - Italian Forces

AMHQ Adv Amn Evacuation.

OPF

25/9

Dec 45

15 Army Group  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army (British Increment)  
Main Eighth Army  
Rear Eighth Army  
Distinguished Band Section  
No. 2 District  
Military Mission to Italian Army  
57 Area  
94 Sub-Area

Copy to:- AMHQ 15 Army Group    Maj VIMMER  
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          Pct Sec    DEPT    AMHQ  
          DO to Italian Forces GAST/MLA

The following amendment will be made to Annex "A"  
to our 25/9 of 14 Dec:-

- 1/ Tobacco or cigarettes 1 1/2 ounces per head  
per week - BRITISH Scale
- 2/ 2 packages cigarette tobacco with papers  
attached - per man per week - US scale

NOTE:- 1/ Authorized as an interim measure until such time  
as cigarettes can be procured from Italian  
production.

ST. Please deal  
under 'A' file.  
Agcd.  
24/12.

Major General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Ad/2  
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66242. YOUR 0278 OF 29 (.) FIRST (.) CONFIRMED ITALIAN NAVIGL PERSONNEL AFLOAT AND AIR FORCE OPERATIONALLY EMPLOYED SHOULD BASED SCALE A. (.) SER MY 250 OF 23AND 28 DEC (.) SECOND (.) CANNOT AGREE YOUR DEBANT SCALE B ONLY (.) ALL BATIONS BOTH A AND B SCALES FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES BEHIND QRM AREAS MUST BE DRAWD IN BULK THROUGH (.) THIRD (.) RECEIVE SHOULD BE HELD TO COVER IN VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS ON SCALE A AND SUBSEQUENT DEMANDS.

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ref your 25/Q dated 14 Dec (.) ONE (.) Please confirm that Italian Naval personnel afloat and Italian Air Force personnel operationally employed are to be rationed on Combat Scale under arrangements to be made by Royal Navy and RAF respectively (.) TWO (.) Consider that demands submitted by MMIA should refer only to personnel in Category B on basic scale (.) THREE (.) If easier RAF could continue to issue from Allied sources supplementary rations to convert to Combat Scale those operationally employed from time to time (.) FOUR (.) Confirmation urgently required to

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settle final procedure with Italian Authorities (.). FIVE (.). In my signal 0270 dated 28 Dec strength of Italian Air Force included 5000 now operationally employed at BRUCE BRIDGES and TARANTO

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FROM: AIR DIVISION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

TO: A.P.H.Q.

Copy to Military Mission to Italian Army —  
 " to Gen Sammelli Taylor.  
 " to D.P.C.I. 2 District  
 " to Supreme London Liaison.

DATE: 25th December 1943 REF: 601/50.

REMITTING ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

1. On Nov. 27th. I attended a meeting at the Allied Control Commission directed to discuss the policy of feeding the Italian Armed Forces.
2. At this meeting it was unanimously recognised that the Italian Air Force Operational Wings should have the same treatment as that applied to Italian Troops fighting at the front. It was agreed in consequence that these units would receive Category A rations whilst the remaining personnel of the I.A.F. would receive category B rations.  
 The breakdown (as at 17th Dec. the date of the last return submitted to M.M.I.A. of Italian Operational Strength) is as follows:-

Fighter Wing 2060  
 Bomber Wing 1916  
 Coastal Wing 665

|                   |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| L. of C Personnel | 4841  | Oct A |
|                   | 12225 | Oct B |
| Total             | 24290 |       |
|                   | 24290 |       |

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Previous to Dec. 24th. when the new scheme came into force the Operational wings were receiving a supplementary ration from British sources. Category B rations, which I am informed they are receiving now, are inadequate for operational personnel. It is essential therefore that the policy agreed at our meeting of November 29th. be put into effect forthwith and made retrospective from Dec. 24th. when the supplementary ration was withheld. I would like an assurance by return that this will be done.

3. At the meeting I stated that it would be far preferable if the Italian Air Force were to draw those items of rations which are now being provided from our sources, direct from Allied Bulk Depots. The reason for this is to avoid misunderstandings which might arise from the fact that certain air units will be drawing category A rations although they are serving in a non-operational area; this is a situation which might cause confusion if the detailed issue is controlled by the Italian Army. I would be grateful if this can be made possible.

G. A. H. P. H.

| Fighter Wing | 2069 |
|--------------|------|
| Bomber Wing  | 1916 |
| Coastal Wing | 669  |

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| 604.1 | Oct 1 |
| 16225 | Oct 2 |
| <hr/> |       |
| 21290 |       |
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| Total |       |

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 our meeting of November 29th. Is put into effect forthwith and made retroactive  
 from Dec. 24th, when the supplementary ration was withheld. I would like an  
 assurance by return that this will be done.

At the meeting I stated that it would be far preferable if the Italian Air Force were to draw those types of missions which are now being provided from our sources, direct from Allied Bulk Depots. The reason for this is to avoid misunderstandings which might arise from the fact that certain air units will be drawing category A missions although they are serving in a non-operational area; this is a situation which might cause confusion if the detailed issue is controlled by the Italian Army. I would be grateful if this can be made possible.

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• **2007** •

Subject:- Hospital Supplies for the Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

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28 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

1. Requests are being received from the Italian War Ministry (Medical Branch) for supplies such as Methylated Spirits, Cresoli, Flit, AL63, Mepacrine etc, these supplies are normally supplied from RASC sources.

2. The total number of beds at present at the disposal of the Italian Army in Southern ITALY is 10,500 of which about 80 to 90% are occupied. It is presumed that these supplies will be issued on the same scale as that of the British.

3. May WMA please be informed of the policy regarding the supply of such commodities in the future.

EJC/cc

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In reply refer to:  
091.711

SUBJECT: Availability of Supplies for the Italian Army

TO : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. The following is a reply to your letter of similar title dated 13 December 43, AG 400-1(Ital)GOS-ADM. The comments apply only to the Italian Army in Italy as the Allied Control Commission has made no direct observations on the Italian supply organization in Sardinia.

2. Plans for the Use of the Italian Army

The policy for the use of the Italian Army was reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief at a conference at Headquarters 15th Army Group on 20 December. The agreement was reached that AFHQ would furnish a new directive and that the 15th Army Group would provide a list of Italian units in order of desired priority of preparation. Pending the receipt of these two basic documents, the Italian High Command is unable to formulate plans and policies of the sort referred to in paragraphs 1a and b of the cited AFHQ letter.

3. Food Stocks Under Italian Control

No effective stocks are held. The Italian Army is being rationed at present in accordance with the policy directive of AFHQ Adv Adm 304 attached as Inclosure #1 hereto.

4. Storage and Distribution of Supplies

In general there are sufficient warehouses to store the rations and clothing. The Italian supply organization is capable of receiving and distributing subject to the limitation imposed by a critical shortage of motor transport. Movement by rail will depend on the availability of rolling stock after Allied needs have been met.

5. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the supply to the Italian Army be regulated in accordance with the following principles:

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28 December 1943

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27 Dec 1943

a. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech to be responsible in Italy for the execution of the approved supply plan utilizing both Allied and Italian supply agencies.

b. The Italian supply agencies to be used to a maximum in accordance with directives issued to the Italian High Command by AFHQ Adv Adm Ech thru the Allied Control Commission.

c. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech to be prepared to assist the Italian Authorities by providing supplementary transport needed to carry out the approved supply plan.

d. The Commanding General, District No. 1, and the Garrison Commander Sardinia to have analogous responsibilities to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech for Italian supply on Sicily or Sardinia.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:  
Policy Directive of  
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

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05863 28 1300A YOUR 378 OF 27 (.) ITALIAN NAVY WILL BE RATIONED SIMILARLY TO ITALIAN  
ARMY SEE MY 250 OF 21 DEC (.) ST THIS HQ ARRANGING RELEASE OF PATIENTS AT TARANTO FOR  
INCL 1 JAN TO INCL 4 JAN AS FOLLOWS (.) OPERATIONAL SCALE 33104 NON OPERATIONAL SCALE  
27119 WHICH ARE IN TEST PHASES KNOWN THIS HQ (.) PERSONNEL IN SARDINIA NOT RESPONSIBILITY  
THIS HQ (.) TWO DAY ORDER FOR 5 JAN ON WARD MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH NMIA TO BRING  
MAINTENANCE ITALIAN NAVY INTO LINE THAT OF ITALIAN ARMY (.) SEE MY 250 OF 14 DEC FOR  
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Subject - Maintenance Italian Forces.

POTALI  
EMIA

Copy to ST

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.  
CAF.

25Q

23 Nov. 43.

1. It has been decided by AFHQ that rations for the Italian Navy will be provided on the same scale and in the same manner as for the Italian Army and Air Force.
2. The procedure is laid down in my 25Q of 14 Dec. 43 - copy attached for POTALI.
3. It is assumed POTALI will wish all personnel afloat to be placed on combat scale and all personnel ashore on the non-operational scale. Will POTALI please report earliest possible as follows -
  - (a) No. of personnel on Combat Scale on East Coast.
  - (b) " " " " Non-operational Scale on East Coast.
  - (c) " " " " Combat Scale on West Coast.
  - (d) " " " " Non-operational Scale on West Coast.
4. It is considered that the procedure for demanding, holding, and issuing supplies for the Italian Navy as outlined in 25Q of 14 Dec. 43 can apply also to the Italian Navy. POTALI and EMIA are asked to confirm. It is imperative that the minimum of additional work be placed on Army Depots in respect of these commitments as the existing procedure has been devised with this end in view.

Major General P. I.  
D/O.A.C.

Ad/2  
26/12

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*Ration Policy*

SUBJECT :- Maintenance Italian Forces.

ATTN Adv Adm Echelon.  
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15 Army Group  
Fifth Army  
Fifth Army (British Movement)  
Main Eighth Army  
Rear Eighth Army  
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57 Area  
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14, Dec 43.

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AMOT Region III  
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Pot Sec HEPL A.F.H.Q.  
LO to Italian Forces CAMPANIA.

1. This instruction is issued in continuation of this H.Q. letter of even reference dated 13 Nov 43 and deals with the provision of supplies for the Italian Army and Air Force.

2. The Italian Navy will be rationed under arrangements to be made by the Royal Navy.

3. From the point of view of maintenance the Italian Armed Forces are divided into two categories :-

(a) Category "1".

These troops employed in the forward area or combat zone under command of Fifth or Eighth Armies.

(b) Category "3".

These troops employed on the L of C or Communications Zone and those belonging to organized Italian units on the L of C or Communications Zone scheduled for employment in either categories "1" or "3".

4. (a) Personnel in category "1" will be rationed on the scale laid down in Annex "1".

(b) Personnel in category "3" will be rationed on the scale laid down in Annex "3".

5. It has been decided that all Italian Military Personnel in category "3"

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Copy to :- AFMOT 15 Army Group      May 1940  
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 AFMOT Region III  
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(a) Category "A".  
 These troops employed in the forward area or combat zone under command of Fifth or Eighth Armies.

(b) Category "B".  
 These troops employed on the L of C or Communications Zone and those belonging to organised Italian units on the L of C or Communications Zone scheduled for employment in either categories "A" or "B".

4. Personnel in category "A" will be rationed on the scale laid down in Appx "A".

(b) Personnel in category "B" will be rationed on the scale laid down in Appx "B".

5. It has been decided that all Italian Military personnel in category "B" employed on various physical labour e.g. dock clearance, work in depots etc. can, at the discretion of the G.C.O. No.2 District and C.S. Peninsular Base Section, be issued with 2 ozs P. Meat or suitable equivalent in addition to the scale laid down in Appx "B".

6. Supplies for Italian Armed Forces will arrive in pre-stowed ships from the U.S. and will be identifiable by a special marking. Supplies arriving in the MAFSOS group of ports will be cleared by P.B.S. depots in the MAFSOS area and supplies arriving in the "Wheel" ports will be cleared to B.S.Ds. at BARI and BRINDISI. Receipts in Western Ports in excess of tonnages demanded by P.B.S. will be made available to AFMOT on demand to cover the corresponding deficiencies in tonnages arriving at Eastern Ports.

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7. (a) Troops in category "A" will be rationed in accordance with the approved scale under arrangements of Fifth and Eighth Armies.
- (b) Troops in category "B" employed by U.S. Army will be rationed by Peninsular Base Section. Troops in category "B" employed by the British Army will be rationed under arrangements of WEST FLANDERS.
- (c) The Military Mission to the Italian Army will place ration demands with strengths on F.B.S. and WEST FLANDERS for a ten day period ten days ahead.
- (d) Rations will be issued in bulk from F.B.S. depots to Italian units in Southern Italy in accordance with arrangements agreed mutually between C.G. P.B.S. and M.M.I.A.
- (e) Rations will be issued from British Base Supply Depots under arrangements to be made by 13, 14, and 22 B.P.Os., daily in bulk and will be stored, broken down, and distributed under arrangements to be made by M.M.I.A.
- Rations for Italian troops in Calabria will require to be railed in bulk or shipped in occasional schooners to GENOA, REGGIO, etc. Arrangements for rail transport will be made by M.M.I.A. direct with Mov East Italy.

*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

# APPENDIX "A"

## COMBAT OR OPERATIONAL SCALE

| COMMODITY                | OUNCES PER RATION |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| FLOUR                    | 18                |
| P. MEAT                  | 4                 |
| MACARONI                 | 3                 |
| CHEESE                   | 1                 |
| RICE                     | 2                 |
| BEANS                    | 2                 |
| TOMATO SAUSAGE OR PASTE  | 1 1/2             |
| COFFEE                   | 1 1/2             |
| SUGAR                    | 1 1/2             |
| PEPPER                   | 1 1/2             |
| DRIED VEG.               | 2                 |
| DRIED ONIONS             | 2                 |
| X OR (A) HERRINGS TINNED | 4 1/2             |
| OR SARDINES TINNED       | 3 1/2             |
| OR SALMON TINNED M.P.    | 3 1/2             |
| AND CHEESE TINNED        | 1                 |
| AND SAUSAGE TINNED       | 1 1/2             |
| AND SUGAR                | 1 1/2             |
| OR (B) FISH, TINNED      | 4                 |

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1. Tobacco & cigarettes 12 ounces per ration per month  
 2. per ration cigarettes tobacco with proper attached  
 for more per ration US Stock

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# APPENDIX "B".

## BASIC SCALE.

| COMMODITY.         | OUNCES PER RATION. | REMARKS.                                       |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| WHOLE WHEAT        | 16                 | EXAMINATION TO BE MADE FOR PURCHASING LOCALLY. |
| OR FLOUR           | 12                 |                                                |
| PULSES             | 2                  |                                                |
| CANNED MEAT        | 2                  |                                                |
| MERRINGS TINNED    | 4/7                |                                                |
| OR SARDINES TINNED | 2/7                |                                                |
| OR SALMON M.B.     | 3/7                |                                                |
| CHEESE TINNED      | 1                  |                                                |
| SAUSAGE TINNED     | 1 1/2              |                                                |
| SUGAR              | 1                  |                                                |
| PEPPER             | 100                |                                                |
| MATCHES            | 1                  | BOOKS WEEKLY OR ONE BOX.                       |
| COFFEE             | 1                  |                                                |

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN ARMY. PURCHASES FROM LOCAL RESOURCES WILL BE CO-ORDINATED WITH A.M.G. TO ENSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS. ALL SUCH PURCHASES WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE ITALIAN ARMY. 3425

| COMMODITY.       | OUNCES PER RATION. | REMARKS.                                          |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| FRUIT            | 5                  |                                                   |
| FRESH VEGETABLES | 5                  |                                                   |
| OLIVE OIL        | 1                  |                                                   |
| WINE             | 1                  |                                                   |
| NUTS (UNSHELLED) | 1                  |                                                   |
|                  |                    | AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. |

SECRET

RATIONING OF ITALIAN NAVY

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ATRIATIC.

DATE.. 14th December, 1943.

TO .. P.L.A.M.B.O.  
MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMIES,  
(Copy to each.)

10305  
No. P.A. 4085/4.

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As requested in M.M.I.A. AG/3 and AG/2/A of 16th and 18th November respectively, dispositions and numbers of Italian Naval personnel afloat and ashore are forwarded herewith, as shown in a copy of a letter from the Minister of Marine, No. 2327, dated 7th December, 1943, which was considered at a meeting today between representatives of the appropriate Department of the Ministry of Marine and of my Staff.

2. At this meeting the following proposals were formulated, with which I concur :-

(a) PERSONNEL AFLOAT, INCLUDING SARDINIA - Total 33104.

All supplies to be taken into Italian stores at Taranto, where ships will replenish as convenient.

(b) PERSONNEL ASHORE, EXCLUDING NAVALS AND SARDINIA - Total 32042.

Supplies to be taken into store as in (a).

These figures include Commandos M.M., at Taranto and Brindisi, total 14453, shown also in Appendix "c" of M.M.I.A. AG/2/A of 18th November 1943, who, the Italian Navy prefer, should be supplied by them.

(c) PERSONNEL ASHORE, NAVALS - Total 6532.

Supplies to be stored by Italian Navy at Naples.

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(d) ISSUES OF RATIONS.

All issues of rations to be under complete control of Italian Naval Departments and in accordance with the scales referred to in para. 3 below.

(e) TRANSPORT OF SUPPLIES.

Italian authorities will provide all transport for collecting and distributing supplies. It is thought, however, that Allied assistance may be required.

(f) SEMI PERSONNEL, SARDINIA.

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(b) PERSONNEL ASHORE, EXCLUDING NAPLES AND SARDINIA - Total 3242.

Supplies to be taken into store as in (a).

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(c) PERSONNEL ASHORE, NAPLES - Total 6520.

Supplies to be stored by Italian Navy at Naples.

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(f) SHORE PERSONNEL, SARDINIA.

It is presumed that Sardinia is excluded from the scope of the present scheme, though, unless other arrangements are being made, supplies for these shore personnel, numbering 11453, could it is suggested, be drawn and dealt with as for (b) and shipment from Taranto arranged by Italian coasters.

3. RATION SCALES.

(a) Three ration scales are in normal use for personnel afloat, ashore and in submarines respectively, which thus conforms to the present system in force in the British Navy in these waters. These scales are shown in 1's

/ and 2 of the enclosed pamphlet.

RATIONING OF ITALIAN RATION (contd.)

and 2 of the enclosed pamphlet. (to P.L.A.M.B.O. only.)

(b) The proposal, with which I concur, is to ration the Allied supplies as far as possible to these scales and for certain commodities, demands will be based on the differences in Italian diet. Flour, for instance, will be drawn for making macaroni.

As and when supplies and distribution of local products are practicable, these will be introduced in relative degree in substitution for Allied items, demands for the latter being adjusted accordingly.

(c) New ration scales for Allied provisions are, it is understood, at present being worked out, to balance the variations in the respective diets.

4. Information is requested of the commanding date for the submission of demands by the Ministry of Marine and to cover the interim period before the first such demand can be made effective it would be appreciated if the following quantities of the commodities stated, of which the need is urgent, could be placed at the disposal of the Ministry at Taranto :-

|                    |   |                |
|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Corned Beef        | - | 100,000 tins.  |
| Flour              | - | 400,000 lbs.   |
| Dry Beans and Peas | - | 5,000 lbs.     |
| Pepper             | - | 2 1/2 lbs.     |
| Matches            | - | 165,000 boxes. |

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(Sd) RACER(GOR)

HEAD-ADMIRAL.

*Return file*

SUBJECT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES. - ITALIAN ARMY.

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MILITARY MISSION  
TO ITALIAN ARMY.

REF AQ/7 K. 5 DEC 43.

DDMS, AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Ech.  
DDMS, 2 District.  
Copy to S & T., MIA. —

Reference AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Ech. letter 3638 M of 26 Nov 43, and 2 District letter 9533/30 K. of 30 Nov 43, the following draft of procedure for indenting for medical supplies for the Italian Army and Air Force is submitted for approval or other suggestions.

1. Consolidated demands will be submitted by S.M.R.E. (Quarter-Master General's Department) Medical Branch to DDMS, MIA for translation, scrutiny, advice on Allied substitutes, and compiling requisite number of copies of A.P. I.1209 in accordance with usual British procedure.

2. Indents will be signed by a senior responsible Italian Officer.

3. Indents will be for one month's supply to reach DDMS, MIA by the 8th and DDMS 2 District by the 12th, and will be for the ensuing month.

4. Six copies of I.1209 are suggested and distributed as follows:

DDMS 2 District (one copy)

DDMS MIA (one copy-receipted)

G.C. Italian Medical Stores (one copy-as issued receipt voucher)

O.C. Rel. Base Depot Medical Stores-British (three copies)

5. O.C. British Medical Stores to notify Italian Depot Med. Stores when supplies are ready for collection. (Copy to DDMS, MIA). Italian authorities to arrange collection.

6. Italian Medical Store to keep separate ledgers of all drugs received from Allied sources. These ledgers to be open for inspection by British Authorities.

7. Redistribution to Italian Hospitals and Units will be made by Italian Authorities and DDMS, MIA, will be kept informed of all bulk issues by a fortnightly (monthly) report. It is hoped to avoid waste or lavish use by this means.

8. Applicable to expendable medical stores only.

NOTES.

a) The issue of medical requirements and comforts from RASC sources

secretary, leaving a copy of A.F. I.1209 in accordance with usual British procedure.

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DADMS MWIA (one copy-receipted)  
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C.C. No. 1 Base Depot Medical Stores-British (three copies)

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NOTES.

a) The issue of medical requirements and comforts from RASC sources be held in abeyance until the rationing of the Italian Forces from Allied sources is fully established.

b) It is not practicable to separate Army and Air Force demands as there are no separate hospitals. This leaves 21,000 Army and Air Force in Apulia, Lucania and Calabria to be supplied from No. 1 Base Medical Supply Depot. If approved a similar procedure could be put into practice in Campania.

c) A supplementary indent is being submitted meanwhile on the above lines to cover immediate needs.

*M. L. Leggieri*  
Brigadier,  
Commanding.

/WAH.

COPYRef. 582/5  
25 Dec. 43

FROM : War Ministry - Vismalling

TO : M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT : Food Ration.

With ref. to AQ/2 of 17 inst we sent instructions to the effect that from 22nd Dec. all the soldiers in 2nd District Area, and from the 25 for those in Naples Area, would receive, through the Italian Military Stores the ration issued by the Allies.

Gen. R. PELLICORA

3423

SECRET

Subject:-- Maintenance of Italian Forces62  
Military Mission to  
Italian ArmyAG/2  
24 Dec 43Allied Control CommissionCopy to:-- AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon (less Appendices)

With ref to your 312.1 dated 19 Dec.

1. At a conference held by Brigadier GOLDIE then DPMG AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon, on 28 Nov at the Allied Control Commission, decisions were taken to crystallize the policy of maintaining the Italian Army on the Mainland. At the conference were present representatives of RM, RAF, MMIA, and Gen ALBERPI from the Italian Ministry of War.
2. The policy was published by AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon in their letter 25/Q dated 14 Dec, of which a copy is attached as Appendix A as you were not on the distribution list.
3. Bulk assistance by the Allies has in fact started and the Italians began to draw their rations from ESD's on 16 Dec.
4. I attach as Appendix B my answers to the series of questions contained in AFHQ letter AG 400-1 (Italian) GDS - AGM dated 15 Dec which is returned herewith.
5. These answers are in respect of Italian Units on the Mainland only. MMIA has no knowledge of conditions elsewhere as it deals only with the Mainland of ITALY.
6. This letter has been written to inform you of arrangements already made. Any questions of future policy are a matter for AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

EJC/cc

*Edw. E. E. E.*  
Brig  
Gen

APPENDIX B

Ref AFHQ letter AG 400-1 (Italian) GSD-AGM dated 15 Dec 43.

Para

- 1 a (1) Maximum strength and rate of demobilisation were discussed at 15 Army Group on 20 Dec 43.  
a (2) Gen SMITH US Army C of S AFHQ was present and final policy is expected to be published shortly.

b as above

- c (1) No effective stocks are held. Small quantities revealed are deducted from Ration demands.

(2) See Appendix A

- (3) Basic Scale lays down that Italian Army in L of C(C.2.) should purchase locally a large amount of fresh vegetables and fruit. These are not available in sufficient quantities; AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon has been informed.

d (1) See Appendix A

- (2) Issue is limited to 10 day periods.

- (3) Not yet possible to judge their capabilities; transport is not yet sufficiently organised. Consider they should be able to do it.

- (4) Yes; each ten - daily ration demand is supported by a Ration State and the Italians realise that it would be the Army who would suffer directly from leakage to the Black Market.

- (5) Yes; in any case Allied Depots are not large enough nor Allied personnel sufficient to deal with additional tonnage.

e Warehouses are sufficient. Transport is difficult - Italian MF is very scarce, moves of foodstuffs by rail depend upon availability of rolling stock after Allied needs have been met. A certain number of coastwise schooners are employed.

f All clothing and boots now in transit from Allied sources are urgently awaited. At present Port Labour is in some cases halved owing to lack of boots and the consequent output of work may gravely affect the Allied cause. Reinforcements for Combat troops cannot be sent up fully equipped.

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g Storage space is sufficient. Distribution of clothing is controlled by PBS and MIA as laid down from time to time. It is recommended that clothing and boots be given in bulk to the Italians and that issues continue to be controlled as above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

MDT/HJP

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19 December 1943

In reply refer to:  
312.1

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

The formidable document attached has just been received. Will you give me your suggestions as to the most effective way to produce the desired information?

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

*MDT*  
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

As/1  
10/12

1 Incl:  
Ltr, AFHQ, 15 Dec 43  
File AG 400-1(Italian)GDS-AGM

3421

SUBJECT: Maintenance Italian Forces.

AFHQ Adv Adm Sch.  
CMF.  
Tel Ext 216.  
25/2.  
18 Dec 43.

15 Army Group.  
Fifth Army.  
Fifth Army (Mr. Increment).  
Main Eighth Army.  
Rear Eighth Army.  
Peninsular Base Section.  
No. 2 Dietrist.  
Military Mission to the Italian Army.  
57 Area.  
94 Sub Area.

Copy to: A.M.C.O. 15 Army Group. G-4. G(SD)  
A.M.C.O. 1, Region II. ST. OS.  
A.M.C.O. 1, Region III. MES (ADV).  
16 to Italian Forces Campania.  
Pet Sec. DEPL. AFHQ.  
Moy Flambo. Movsit.

In continuation of my letter of even number dated 14 Dec 43, the following copy signal from AFHQ is circulated for information and guidance:-

Cite PHEUP PEGDO and PHGDS 15215 18

Letter (.) subject (.) ration supply for Italian military personnel dated 7 December (.) file CMF 25/2 (.) signed ROBERTSON and NAPOUSA Signal 11268 dated 8 December are references (.) the issue of rations to Italian Forces in forward Army Areas mentioned in General ROBERTSON'S letter will be based in principle upon the so la in message 11268 dated 8 December but may be supplemented in the discretion of Army Commanders as operationally necessary from United States and British rations available (.) New Subject (.) bread or biscuit may be substituted for flour component shown in our 11268 (.) flour was specified for procurement and shipping purposes.

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Rear Echelon Army.  
 Peninsular Base Section.  
 No. 2 District.  
 Military Mission to the Italian Army.  
 57 Area.  
 54 Sub Area.

Copy to: A.M.G.O. 16 Army Group. G-4. G(SD)  
 A.M.G.O. I., Region II. ST. OS.  
 A.M.G.O. I., Region III. MHS(Adv).  
 10 to Italian Forces Campaign.  
 Pst Sec. 10PL. MSHQ.  
 Mov Flamb. Movait.

In confirmation of my letter of even number dated 14 Dec 43, the following copy signal from AFHQ is circulated for information and guidance:-

"Cite FHSUP FHSQC and FHSLS 15216 19

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WLO/MLB.

Major-General,  
 Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

14/12  
 14/12

662

Subject: - Rationing of Italian Army and Air Force.

Air Division  
Allied Control Commission

58  
Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
17/2  
23 Dec 43

Reference your A.202 dated 21 Dec 43.

1. Herewith copy of AFHQ Air Adm Echelon policy for feeding Italian Army and Air Force.
2. It is pointed out that para 6 lays down that British BPD issue to one consignee only. Arrangements have already been made with the Italian War Ministry to have their Depots situated as near to the British BPD as possible in order that their 10 daily requirements can be drawn within that period.
3. Therefore the Italian Air Force must draw their rations from the Italian Depot.
4. The Italian War Ministry is responsible for distributing to all Army and Air Force units.

ENC/CO

Bgch.  
for Brig  
Comm

3419

OUTGOING SIGNAL.

From:  Foster, Air Division, Allied Control Commission.

To: M.M.I.A. LEQUITE for Major Carew-Hunt.  
Repeat AFM Advance Administrative Echelon.  
D.D.S.T. 2 District.  
71 Sub Area.  
H.M. Sub Area.  
D.A.D.S. 2 District.

Secret (.) Immediate (.) A.202 (.) 21st December 1943 (.)

Only to-day advised verbally of contents of AFM ADV. ADMIN. EXH. 25 of 14/12 (.) May copy be supplied to ensure complete understanding of new policy for feeding Italian Air Force (.) Italian Air Force require to draw bulk rations direct from Allied sources independently of Italian Army (.)

As no arrangements yet made to operate new system and as no reserve ration stocks held, request you arrange that the scheme of supplementary rationing heretofore existing continues until new policy can be fully implemented (.) In view of extremely low scale of Italian rations, supplementary rationing scheme is an operational necessity (.) Furthermore I am naturally anxious that these additional supplies should not be interrupted just at this season. (.)

AIR Division for Officer Foster.  
A.C.C.

R.M. FOSTER  
AIR COLONEL.

3415

Tel 10256 Ext-162

Also arrived as a copy on  
22/12 & two sigs on  
24/12. Latter two have  
been destroyed. Bgct.

Subject: Supplies for Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2 (6)

21 Dec 43

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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Further to MIA letter AQ/2 dated 21 Dec 43.

1. Supplies for the Italian Army may arrive at ports in pre stowed ships or be allotted by Allied authorities for re consignment without passing through HSD's.
2. In both cases it is necessary for MIA to be informed of the details of such arrangements; it will not be possible to obtain a receipt in the same way as for bulk assistance now in force from HSD's.
3. May therefore instructions please be given to the appropriate Mov and Tn authorities to forward a copy of such consignment notes to MIA.

*B. G. ...*  
New

Brig  
Comd

EJC/co

3117

Subject:- Rationing of Italian Navy

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2

20 Dec 43

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Ministry of War

Copy to:- No 2 District

Ref MIA letter AQ/2 dated 14 Dec 43, para 1 (c).

1. MIA have been notified for information only that the Royal Navy is unable to ration the Italian Navy for the period 16 - 25 Dec owing to absence of supplies from Allied Naval Sources.

2. AFM have given authority, without prejudice and to cover the present emergency only, for the issue of:-

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Preserved Meat       | 75,000 lbs |
| Flour                | 400,000 "  |
| Peas, Beans, Lentils | 5,000 "    |
| Pepper               | 224 "      |

3. This issue is to be made forthwith from 43 ASD BRUNORI and collection is to be made in Italian transport to clear the rations from ASD's as soon as possible.

RJC/cc

BZC Caruthing  
3 Dec 43  
J Brig  
Cord

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FROM FLAMBO 161300A

TO FOTALI

INFO AFHQ MMIA FONIT 13 BPO

COPY BY HAND TO ST

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Q4123

YOUR T A 1030/5 DATED 14 DEC AND  
SUBSEQUENT UNNUMBERED SIGNAL

DATED 17 DEC. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT

ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR FEEDING ITALIAN NAVY.

THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN REGARDED AS ALL RESPONSIBILITY ROYAL NAVY  
VIA OUR LETTERS 25/8

~~1-NAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 25/8 DIEDXXX~~

DATED 12 AND 14 DEC COPIES

NOW IN POST TO YOU.

SECOND. OWING

PRESENT EMERGENCY AGREE RELEASE

FOLLOWING COMMODITIES FROM 13

BPO BRINDISI AND TARANTO WITHOUT

PREJUDICE FUTURE PROVISION.

100000 CRD 100000 TINS

3410

*Carabinieri*

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ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR FEEDING ITALIAN NAVY.

THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN REGARDED AS RESPONSIBILITY/ROYAL NAVY  
VIA OUR LETTERS 25/8

1-~~RAVENSPOON~~ 18/12/55 25/8 DIED

DATED 12 AND 14 DEC CORGES

NOV IN POST TO YOU.

SECOND. OWING

PRESENT EMERGENCY AGREE RELEASE

FOLLOWING COMMODITIES FROM 13

BPO BRINDISI AND TARANTO WITHOUT

PREJUDICE FUTURE PROVISION.

100000 CRD 100000 TINS

P MEAT 400000 CRD 40000 LBS

FLOUR OR BISCUITS 5000 CRD 5000 LBS

DRIED BEANS AND PEAS 224 CRD 224

LBS PEPPER. THIS REPRESENTS

APPROX 10 DAY RATIONS FOR 61000 CRD 610000

WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD TO

~~PRESENT~~ PRESENT

STRENGTH ITALIAN NAVY.

THIRD. RECOMMEND THAT QUESTION OF

FUTURE PROVISION BE

TAKEN UP BETWEEN CIN C

MED AND AFHQ. NEITHER OUR DEPOT

STAFF NOR STOCKS

WHICH ARE NOT CONSIDERABLE

ARE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT

THIS ADDITIONAL PERMANENT COMMITMENT

3415

18/12/55  
18/12/55

COPY

REF 1277 0  
14 DEC 67

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FROM : WAR MINISTRY - GABON  
TO : NMIA  
TO : COMMISSIONER GEN. MANAC. (for information)

SUBJECT: Cheese from ARGENTINA

It will be of great advantage for our troops if it could be possible to use the large quantities of cheese available in ARGENTINA where they have been stocked for several months owing to lack of transport.

Considering that in winter it will be very difficult to find supplies of fresh veg and fresh fruits which are in a large scale need for the present ration, cheese will be a very good substitute.

If the Anglo American authorities find no objection, it will be possible to consider the organization of a regular supply from ARGENTINA using motor mail boats for the transport.

Gen. ALIBERTI.

3414

Sr. Act: - Rations for Italian Army

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2  
18 Dec 43

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AFHQ Adv Acta Echelon

HQ No 2 District for inf

1. The Italian Ministry of War state that there are large quantities of cheese now in SARDINIA. Lack of transport has prevented its distribution and export.
2. It has already been reported to you that the Italians are finding difficulty in supplying themselves with the large quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables which they are to procure by local purchase within the special temporary ration scale issued by AFHQ.
3. It is considered that the cheese in SARDINIA would be a useful substitute.
4. May therefore permission be obtained
  - a) for an allocation of cheese to made for export.
  - b) for its transport to the mainland by Italian schooners.

3413

RJC/cc

*W. Lawrence*  
Brig  
Comm

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ARMY FORM C 2146 (Rev. 11-59)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM  
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Originator

Date, Time, and Place

Order, Date, Name

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

For Action

M.M.I.A.

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TO

(W) For information (INFO)

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Message Instructions - OR -

Originator's No.

DATE: 18 DEC (...) CASE FORWARDED BY ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR WITH SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES  
WAS SUBMITTED TO DIA AND PASSED TO FLASCO UNDER DIA LATER A/2 DATED 1 DEC.

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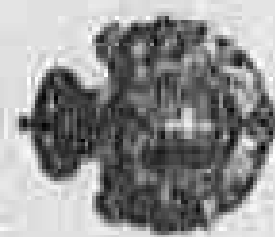
IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: A. INFORMATION  
C. THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO BE REPRODUCED OR TRANSMITTED  
AND MUST BE KEPT SECRET

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## CABINETTO

N. di prot. 127/e. di prot.

P.M. 107 B 15 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Formaggio della Sardegna.



ALLA MISIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO  
e, per conoscenza

LEGULE

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SERVIZIO DI COMMISSARIATO - SEDE -

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA PRESSO L'Esercito ITALIANO

e, per conoscenza

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ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SERVIZIO DI COMMISSARIATO - S E D E

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Potrebbe essere un vantaggio per l'alimentazione delle nostre truppe utilizzare le forti disponibilità di foraggi esistenti in Sardegna dove, per difficoltà di trasporti, sono ammassati i prodotti di più stagione.

Ciò anche nella considerazione che, con l'inoltrarsi della stagione invernale, sarà sempre più difficile l'approvvigionamento delle verdure e frutta fresche che costituiscono buona parte della razione per dette truppe e che possono trovare nel foraggiamento un ottimo sostituto.

Qualora le Autorità Anglo-Americane nulla abbiano in contrario verrà presa in esame la possibilità di organizzare un regolare approvvigionamento della Sardegna specialmente sotto il punto di vista della possibilità del trasporto a mezzo motorizzati.

- GENERALE ALINZANI -

*Alinzani*

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 MILITARY HOSPITALS. AND FOR FRENCH IN ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITALS UNDER 5  
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Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No Q 156

FOR COMMODORE PALMER RM (.) AM INSTRUCTED BY FLAMBO THAT NO RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY  
WILL BE ISSUED FROM BRITISH OR US ARMY DEPOTS AND THAT RM ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLY  
(.) ITALIAN GCU REPORTS THAT

RR STATE NO RATIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE 16 JAN (.) REQUEST YOU TO INVESTIGATE FOR  
PROVISION BY RM IS NOW ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY

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Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Army and Air Force

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

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14 Dec 43

Ministry of War

No 2 District (for information)

1. It has been ruled by AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon that:-

- a) Italian units under command 5 & 8 Armies for labour or operations will be rationed by the Armies concerned.
- b) Italian units employed within Peninsular Base Section will be rationed from American sources.
- c) Italian Navy will be rationed under arrangements to be made by the Royal Navy.

2. The balance of the Italian Army and Air Force is located in No 2 District and will draw rations in bulk from British BSD's in 10 day periods as detailed in the following paragraphs. The scale on which rations will be drawn is shown at Appendix 'A'.

3. The Ministry of War will please notify MIA every 10 days beginning on 23 Dec for the period 26 Dec 43 - 4 Jan 44 inclusive of the number of rations required to be drawn from BSD's in BARI, BRINDISI and NAPLES area. The total numbers of rations so required will be checked against the Order of Battle submitted for the purpose of making normal Shipping bids for import one month later.

4. It is emphasized that each BSD will issue to one Italian consignee only and that rations may be drawn daily within the specified period.

5. Ration requirements for period 16 - 25 Dec are as follows:-

|             |         |                 |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| BARI        | 63,500  | rations per day |
| BRINDISI    | 153,500 | " " "           |
| NAPLES area | 11,000  | " " "           |

The breakdown into separate commodities is shown in Appx 'B'.

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5. Ration requirements for period 16 - 25 Dec are as follows:-

|             |         |                 |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| BARI        | 65,500  | rations per day |
| BRINDISI    | 153,500 | " "             |
| NAPLES area | 11,000  | " "             |

The breakdown into separate commodities is shown in Appx 'B'.

6. It is stressed that these figures refer to Italian units in No 2 District only and are exclusive of units shown in para 1 above.

7. It is anticipated that in the near future bidding and provision for units of the Italian Air Force will become the responsibility of the Allied Air Forces, but until further notification, you will please continue to include them in your strength.

EJC/cc

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Originator's No. 2920

FROM CAMEL POINT (..) FOLLOWING DAILY RATION AVAILABLE FOR ITALIAN ARMY AND AIR  
 FORCE INCL. C. LARREA BY RAILWAY IN P.S.D. FOR 13th TO 22nd D.D. INCLUSIVE (..) NOT 2TH  
 IT IS IN THE ROAD BE RAIL TO APPROX COMPLETE CLEARANCE FOR RAILWAY P.S.D. BY 23rd.

D.D. (..) PRESENT 137000 (137000) AND 65000 (15000) MATING 11000 (11000) (..) AND  
 P.S.D. IS TO RAIL TO ONE COMBATANT CHIE (..) IN THE MAKING ARRANGEMENT FOR  
 ITALIAN NAVY (..) REQUEST YOU INFORM GENERAL ALBERTI PORTINARI.

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IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS  
 AND TO REPORT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
 FORCE MUST BE SENT BY AIR

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Q 2912 SECRET .

YOUR CITE FHSUP AND FHGDS NO8680 OF 2 DEC

10967 OF 7 DEC AND CG NATOUA

11262 OF 8 DEC .

FIRST . ESTIATED TOTAL NUMBER

ITALIAN MILITR PERSONNEL INCLUDING AIR FORCE

BUT NOT RPT NOT

ITALIAN NAVY IS 244000 RPT 244000 .

OF THIS NUMBER 11000 RPT 11000 WILL BE FED ON COMBAT SCALE LAID DOWN

SIGNAL 11262 OF 8 NOV AND 233000 RPT 233000

ON BASIC SCALE LAID DOWN IN YOUR 8181 OF 8 NOV .

ESTIMATE THAT IN 3 MONTHS TIME 34500 RPT 34500

WILL BE FED ON COMBAT SCALE AND BALANCE OF

209500 RPT 209500 ON

THE ~~DATA~~ BASIC SCALE .

SECOND . BASED ON ABOVE FIGURES FOLLOWING

TONNAGES CAN BE ACCEPTED IN ITALIAN PORTS (A)

NAPLES GROUP . <sup>12.5</sup>~~17.5~~ COMBAT SCALE

32.5 BASIC SCALE

(B) HEEL PORTS 29.3 COMBAT SCALE

113.8 BASIC SCALE . <sup>35</sup>~~35~~ IN TONS PER DAY .

THIRD . RECOMMEND STOCK LEVEL 20

RPT 20 DAYS FLSS 10 DAYS WORKING MARGIN

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FIFTH ARMY

TO

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MMIA IO with FLAMBO

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Originator's No.

Q 153

ref your SVC1199 (.) Please give MMIA longest possible notice of any Italian tps working for FIFTH ARMY in COMBAT ZONE liable to be left SOUTH of COMBAT ZONE if rear operational boundary changes (.) In such cases request you continue to ration them until arrangements made to ration them from Italian sources

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AQ/Z

7 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm EchelonPeninsular Base Section } (for information  
2 District

Further to this HQ letter AQ/Z/Z of 3 Dec 43 addressed to you only.

1. APPX A attached shows the loan of Italian Military Ration Depots and stores together with approximate ration strengths dependent upon each as at 20 Nov 43.

2. It will be understood that frequent troop movements affect these figures very considerably; in particular the move from APULIA to NAPLES of 210 Coastal Div (strengths approx 3300) now in progress and that of 227 Coastal Div to follow.

3. Allied BSD's nearest Italian Depots have been inserted in column(d)

(a) To facilitate distribution of those rations required by the Italian Armed Forces from the present time to 15 Dec incl.

(b) To give an indication of the additional daily ration strength to be supplied in bulk wef 16 Dec 43 in the various areas.

EJ

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for Brig  
Comd

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| Location of Depot           |                                                                                                                      |                    | Approx Ration Strength<br>as at 20 Nov 43 |                  |             | Nearest Allied<br>B.B.D. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| (a)                         |                                                                                                                      |                    | Army<br>(b)                               | Air Force<br>(c) | Navy<br>(d) | (e)                      |
| <b>APULIA &amp; LUCANIA</b> |                                                                                                                      |                    |                                           |                  |             |                          |
| 1                           | Divisional store                                                                                                     | BARI               | 30,000                                    |                  |             |                          |
| 2                           | Garrison store                                                                                                       | MONOPOLI           | 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 3                           | " "                                                                                                                  | MOLFETTA           | 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 4                           | " "                                                                                                                  | BARLETTA           | 5,000                                     |                  |             | BARI                     |
| 5                           | " "                                                                                                                  | TRANI              | 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 6                           | Military store                                                                                                       | GIOIA DEL COLLE    | 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 7                           | " "                                                                                                                  | CANOSA DI PUGLIA   | 1,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 8                           | " "                                                                                                                  | SPINAZZOLA         | 500                                       |                  |             |                          |
| 9                           | Air Force Ration Depot                                                                                               | MURIVAGGA          |                                           | 21,000           |             |                          |
| 10                          | Naval Depot                                                                                                          | BARI               |                                           |                  | 2,000       |                          |
|                             |                                                                                                                      | TOTAL(en BARI)     | 44,500                                    | 21,000           | 2,000       | 67,500                   |
| 11                          | Garrison store                                                                                                       | BRINDISI           | 14,500                                    |                  |             |                          |
| 12                          | " "                                                                                                                  | LECCE              | 53,000                                    |                  |             | BRINDISI                 |
| 13                          | Naval Depot                                                                                                          | BRINDISI           |                                           |                  | 15,000      |                          |
|                             |                                                                                                                      | TOTAL(en BRINDISI) | 67,500                                    |                  | 15,000      | 82,500                   |
| 14                          | Garrison store                                                                                                       | TARANTO            | 21,000                                    |                  |             |                          |
| 15                          | Military store                                                                                                       | S. PANCRAZIO SAL   | 19,000                                    |                  |             | TARANTO                  |
| 16                          | " "                                                                                                                  | LOCOROTONDO        | 1,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 17                          | Naval Depot                                                                                                          | TARANTO            |                                           |                  | 43,000      |                          |
|                             |                                                                                                                      | TOTAL(en TARANTO)  | 41,000                                    |                  | 43,000      | 84,000                   |
| 18                          | <b>CAMPANIA</b><br>Depots dependent upon NAPLES now<br>being organized at CASERTA, AVELLINO<br>SALERNO and BENEVENTO |                    |                                           |                  |             | NAPLES and<br>SALERNO    |
|                             |                                                                                                                      |                    | 16,000                                    |                  |             |                          |
| 19                          | Garrison store                                                                                                       | POTENZA            | 1,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
|                             |                                                                                                                      | TOTAL(en CAMPANIA) | 17,000                                    |                  |             | 17,000                   |
| <b>CALABRIA</b>             |                                                                                                                      |                    |                                           |                  |             |                          |
| 20                          | Divisional store                                                                                                     | CATANZARO          | 23,500                                    |                  |             |                          |
| 21                          | Garrison store                                                                                                       | COSSENZA           | 2,500                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 22                          | " "                                                                                                                  | CASTROVILLARI      | 5,500                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 23                          | " "                                                                                                                  | CROTONE            | 1,000                                     |                  |             | TARANTO                  |
| 24                          | " "                                                                                                                  | BICASTRO           | 6,500                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 25                          | " "                                                                                                                  | VIBO VALENTIA      | 1,500                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 26                          | " "                                                                                                                  | REGGIO CALABRIA    | 3,500                                     |                  |             |                          |
| 27                          | " "                                                                                                                  | PETILIA POLICASTRO | 1,000                                     |                  |             |                          |
|                             |                                                                                                                      | TOTAL(en CALABRIA) | 45,000                                    |                  |             | 45,000                   |

| Approx Region Strength<br>as at 20 Nov 43 |                  |             | Nearest Allied<br>B.S.D. | Remarks                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Army<br>(b)                               | Air Force<br>(c) | Navy<br>(d) | (e)                      | (f)                                                                             |
| 30,000                                    |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 5,000                                     |                  |             | BARI                     | Less Garrison store<br>POTENZA. see Serial<br>19 below                          |
| 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 2,000                                     |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 1,000                                     |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 500                                       |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| AVACCA                                    | 21,000           |             |                          |                                                                                 |
|                                           |                  | 2,000       |                          |                                                                                 |
| BARI)                                     | 44,500           | 21,000      | 2,000                    | 67,500                                                                          |
|                                           | 14,500           |             |                          |                                                                                 |
|                                           | 53,000           |             | BRINDISI                 |                                                                                 |
|                                           |                  | 15,000      |                          |                                                                                 |
| BRINDISI)                                 | 67,500           | 15,000      |                          | 82,500                                                                          |
|                                           | 21,000           |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| SAZIO SAL                                 | 19,000           |             | TARANTO                  |                                                                                 |
| DO                                        | 1,000            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
|                                           |                  | 43,000      |                          |                                                                                 |
| TARANTO)                                  | 41,000           | 43,000      |                          | 84,000                                                                          |
|                                           |                  |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| 5 Nov                                     |                  |             | NAPLES and               |                                                                                 |
| AVELLINO                                  | 16,000           |             | SALERNO                  |                                                                                 |
|                                           | 1,000            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| CAMPANIA)                                 | 17,000           |             |                          | + POTENZA, although in<br>LUCANIA, may be more easily<br>supplied from CAMPANIA |
|                                           |                  |             | 17,000                   |                                                                                 |
|                                           | 23,500           |             |                          |                                                                                 |
|                                           | 2,500            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| LIARI                                     | 5,500            |             | TARANTO+                 | + If rations for the Italian<br>Army are not docked at<br>GROTONI direct        |
|                                           | 1,000            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
|                                           | 6,500            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| ENTIA                                     | 1,500            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| ALABRIA                                   | 3,500            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| POLICASTRO                                | 1,000            |             |                          |                                                                                 |
| CALABRIA)                                 | 45,000           |             |                          | 45,000                                                                          |

SUBJECT: Locations for Italian Armed Forces Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

Allied Control Commission for  
Commodore PALMER U.S.  
Air Commodore FOSTER R.A.F.

AQ/2

6 Dec 43

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Further to my letter AQ/2 dated 4 Dec. addressed to  
FIAMBO, copy to you.

1. Below are shown for your information the Depots used by  
the Italian Navy and Air Force with approximate numbers being  
rationed from them on 20 Nov 43.

2. ITALIAN NAVY

|                      |                            |               |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| (a) Magazzino Marina | 210000 (Arsenale)          | 45,000        |
| (b) " Commissariato  | BRINDISI (Castello difesa) | 15,000        |
| (c) Comando Marina   | BARI                       | 2,000         |
|                      |                            | <u>60,000</u> |

3. ITALIAN AIR FORCE

|                     |                       |        |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Magazzino Viveri di | MUSCIVACCA            | 21,000 |
|                     | (5 kms SOUTH of BARI) |        |

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Rgt. Commandant  
for Brig  
Command

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Please give MMIA fullest possible notice when Italian troops providing labour for and now rationed by you will on change of rear bdys be responsibility of Italian army to feed (.)

Request you continue to ration until position of such units clearly defined and other arrangements made

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SUBJECT: Carabinieri etc

Chief of Staff  
S. E. H. E.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

4 Dec 43

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Re 13  
04/12

1. Could you please furnish a state of the CARABINIERI REGALI, REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA, M.V.S.N. in the liberated territories giving nomenclature, strength, location, transport (if any), stating, at the same time, what duties they are performing.
2. The figures for CC RM in the last 'specchie' (15 Nov) sent to us by G(Ops) 7 Army, refer only to CC RM detachments with Army, Corps, Div, Hqs. R.G.F. and M.V.S.N. are not included. General ALIBERTI in his latest ration strength (27 Nov) of the Italian Army includes these units to a total of 27,140.
3. It is now necessary to define exactly
  - (a) which of these are military rather than civil, and therefore fed by the Army.
  - (b) which of these are civil, rather than military, and therefore fed under ration arrangements made by Allied Military Government. May this please be made clear in the states which you submit.
4. In addition to the state asked for in para 1, we would be grateful if you would include in your state on 15 Nov those units which are to be included in the ration strength of the Italian Army.

ABJ

File

*[Signature]*

Brig  
Comd 3395

SUBJECT: Composition of Special AFHQ Ration  
Scale for Italian Armed Forces

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

AQ/2

4 Dec 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

1. As agreed by Brig GOLDIE at Conference at BRINDISI on 29 Nov. the Italian QMG has, after consulting the experts of all three Italian arms of the service put up suggestions with regard to the reconsideration of the rations as now laid down.

2. In principal, he considers that the basic part of the ration to be supplied w.e.f. 16 Dec from Allied Military sources has been cut to a minimum on the assumption that the remainder of the ration (to be procured by local purchase) can supply the quantity and calory value lacking in the basic components. He states that on the new AFHQ scale the daily ration is reduced by almost 2 lbs in weight and by 2,500 calories in food value.

3. His present difficulty in local purchase applies particularly to fresh vegetables, fruit and nuts which are not available in sufficient quantities in APULIA, LUCANIA, CALABRIA and CAMPANIA.

4. He therefore submits the following requests for consideration

(a) An increase of flour to a daily issue per man of 19 1/4 oz. capable of producing 17 1/2 oz of bread and 5 1/4 oz of pasta. Alternatively an increase to 17 1/4 oz of flour to be supplemented by 2 oz of rice.

(b) An increase in the daily issue of sugar to 1 oz to be supplemented by an additional 1 oz of cheese.

(c) Owing to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables due to the present time of year and difficulty in distribution of what is available he requests a daily ration of

(1) 2 oz of tinned meat (Canned 4 oz) or

(2) 3 oz of cheese as a substitute

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5. A comparison of the daily ration of flour, pasta and meat on the various scale that have been operative is shown herewith for information:

|       | Normal ration<br>before occupation | After Allied<br>occupation 8 Sep | Special temporary<br>A F H Q scale |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bread | 24 1/2 oz                          | 12 1/4 oz                        | 12 oz flour                        |
| Pasta | 7 "                                | 5 "                              | or<br>16 oz wheat                  |
| Meat  | 8.75 "                             | 5 "                              | 2 "                                |

6. I realise that the Allied Authorities have not laid down the present ration without due consideration of the question but I am convinced of

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4. He therefore submits the following requests for consideration

- (a) An increase of flour to a daily issue per man of 19 1/4 oz. capable of producing 17 1/2 oz of bread and 5 1/4 oz of pasta. Alternatively an increase to 17 1/4 oz of flour to be supplemented by 2 oz of rice.
- (b) An increase in the daily issue of sugar to 1 oz to be supplemented by an additional 1 oz of cheese.
- (c) Owing to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables due to the present time of year and difficulty in distribution of what is available he requests a daily ration of

(1) 2 oz of tinned meat (*lomb 4 oz*) *n*

(2) 3 oz of cheese as a substitute

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5. A comparison of the daily ration of flour, pasta and meat on the various scales that have been operative is shown herewith for information:

|       | Normal ration<br>before occupation | After Allied<br>occupation 8 Sep | Special temporary<br>A F H Q scale |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bread | 24 1/2 oz                          | 12 1/4 oz                        | 12 oz flour<br>or<br>16 oz wheat   |
| Pasta | 7 "                                | 5 "                              |                                    |
| Meat  | 8.75 "                             | 5 "                              | 2 "                                |

6. I realise that the Allied Authorities have not laid down the present ration without due consideration of the question but I am convinced of the good faith with which the Italian suggestions have been put fwd and recommend a revision of the existing scale.

ABC

*[Signature]*

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(1) Commodore PALMER R.N.  
(2) Air " FOSTER R.A.F.

Subject: RATIONING OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

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3 Dec 43

To War Ministry

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With regard to your request for the release of 300 Tons of grain from Civilian sources in the CALABRIA province to be replaced by 300 Tons of grain from Apulia province (Italian Army Stocks).

It has been reported that there are NO Italian Army stocks of grain in the Apulia Area, and it is understood that the Italian Armed Forces are already drawing on Civilian stocks there.

As soon as your ration demands for the period up to the 15th Dec 43 have been examined by AFHQ, it is anticipated that your requirements will be available within the next few days.

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*Rationing of Italian Armed Forces*  
OGGETTO: Razione viveri per le Forze Armate Italiane.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE

LEQUIE

To M.M.A.

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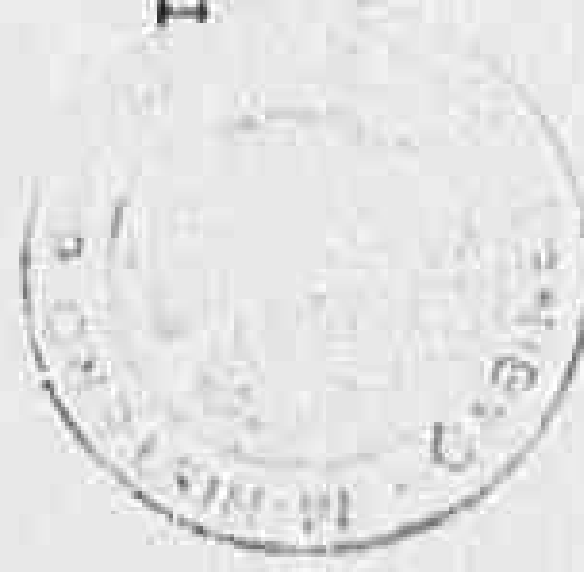
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## MINISTRY OF WAR

Liaison Office to M.E.L.A.

TO : M.E.L.A.

As a result of contacting the technicians of the Army, Navy & Air Force who deal with the administering & distribution of rations, the following points of necessity and difficulty have arisen with regard to the rationing of the Italian Forces as laid down by A.P.B.C.:-

1) Composition of the Rations

- a) The rations apart from not being of the quality that the Italian soldier is used to, is deficient in quantity (weight) i.e. 950 gms including fruit & vegetables and is deficient in energy-giving i.e. 2300 calories approx.

The flour ration should be increased to at least 550 gms, capable of producing about 500 gms of bread and 150 gms of "pasta". In the case of not being able to give such a quantity of flour, the ration could be reduced to 400-425 gms with an addition of 56.7 gms of rice.

The sugar ration should be increased from 14.175 gms to 28.35 gms with an additional daily ration of 14.175 gms of cheese.

- b) Owing to distances from the producing areas to the consumption areas and also the present time of the year, it will not be possible to ensure the producing of the relatively large quantities of vegetables and fruit. In this case it might be possible to substitute these by 56.7 gms of meat or 85.05 gms of cheese.
- c) In order to regulate the preparation of meals the following should be clarified.
- whether the vegetables to be supplied are dried or tinned;
  - whether the tinned meat is minced, mixed with vegetables or in lumps.
  - whether the nuts are a substitute for both vegetables and fruit or whether, as is more likely, one or the other.
  - whether, still keeping to the same daily amount, certain commodities be distributed on different days of the week so that for example coffee in small quantities be held in reserve for special cases and special duty conditions i.e. sentries, units in areas above 1000 metres etc.
- d) whether, in order to increase the weight of bread, grain might be issued instead of flour, so that the flour may not be milled to such an extent. (i.e. coarser flour for bread).

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C o p yb) Distribution procedure

1. There is a certain delay between the day where rations are drawn from the Allied stores and the day when handed to the Italian territorial stores and victualling centres. This is mainly due to the well known difficulties in transport.

This delay is calculated to be of 10 days. When grain is issued instead of flour this delay should be bigger to allow milling.

2. The first Allied supply should not be limited to a 10 days period, in order to ensure a certain reserve to face emergency; such a lack of transport or difference in units strength due to change of locations.

3. Supply of troops in "C" category must be taken into consideration as the Italian stores can only supply troops in "B" category and as per AMG arrangements nothing can be spared from what allotted to civilians.

Soldiers in reorganization camps "military refugees" as called in your draft, are really units military organized with their own administration. The only difference between these and the other units is due to the lack in arms & equipment due to the present shortage in the stores.

c) Special cases

1. The following cases are to be considered :

- Air Force crew in action under Allied Air Force control
- Navy " " " " " Navy "
- Personnel working in Harbours & Area stores.

Personnel in the two first categories do not differ as conditions from units on the front line, even if because of their location these units are south of fighting area as limited by A.F.H.Q. ; personnel working in the 3 category do not differ (working physically perhaps more) from the one on works directly controlled by Allied H.Q.-

If rations as made up by A.F.H.Q. cannot be altered at least the full ration as for the fighting units should be extended to the above personnel.

2. It is necessary to arrange supply of rations. Should these be indented & delivered separately by each unit or gathered together and delivered through one of the War Ministry administration.

Location of Allied supplying stores should be connected with location of Italian stores. These are shown in attached statement.

3. In the most important harbours, biscuits stores and stores for personnel on submarines, special rations for flying personnel should be stored near the airports. The Italian military authorities should have a certain amount of rations in reserve to cover movement of troops, and special ration for men on heavy duties (sentries, night duties) and for men in locations above 3330 feet.

Civil & military supplies being separate it is necessary to consider also separation of bread baking. One or more bakeries will be reserved for the military requirements proportionally with the units strength.

/signed/ Gen. A. ALBERTI

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ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE

REQUISITI

In seguito a comunicati presi con gli organi tecnici dell'Esercito, della Marina e dell'Aeronautica incaricati dell'amministrazione e distribuzione dei viveri, sono emesse le seguenti necessità e difficoltà di ordine pratico circa l'eduzione della razione vivente per le Forze Italiane quale è stata definita dal A.F.S.G.-

a) COMPOSIZIONE DELLA RAZIONE

1) La razione oltre a non rispondere qualitativamente alle abitudini del soldato italiano, è deficiente sia dal lato quantitativo (per  
a) gr. 950 circa, frutta e verdura comprese - sia da quello energetico (calorie 2300 circa).- (1)

Si dovrebbe pertanto aumentare la razione farina formentale ad almeno a gr. 550, sufficienti per ottenere circa gr. 500 di pane e gr. 150 di pasta.- Qualora non fosse possibile dare tale quantitativo di farina, esso potrebbe essere limitato a gr. 400/495 con l'aggiunta di gr. 56,7 di riso.-

Si dovrebbe inoltre aumentare il quantitativo di zucchero portandolo da gr. 14,175 a gr. 25,33 ed aggiungere la distribuzione giornaliera di gr. 14,175 di formaggio.-

2) Data la distanza fra luogo di produzione e luogo di consumo, nonchè l'attuale stagione, non sarà praticamente possibile assicurare l'approvvigionamento del relativamente forte quantitativo di verdure e frutta fresche, per cui sarebbe opportuno prevedere che, in caso di indisponibilità di tali generi, essi possano essere sostituiti con opportuni quantitativi di altri, ad es. gr. 56,7 di carne, oppure gr. 85,05 di formaggio.-

3) Allo scopo di regolare la preparazione dei razioni dovrebbe essere - chiarito se i legumi che saranno forniti sono secchi o in scatola.

in;

- chiarito se la carne in scatola è tritata semplice o mista con

verdura oppure in scatola a pezzi;

se) gr. 350 circa, frutta e verdure comprese - sia da quello per  
 graticco (calorie 2300 circa). - (I)  
 Si dovrebbe pertanto aumentare la razione di farina portandola ad  
 almeno a gr. 550, sufficienti per ottenere circa gr. 500 di pane  
 e gr. 150 di pasta. - Qualora non fosse possibile dare tale quantità  
 di farina, esso potrebbe essere limitato a gr. 490/495 con  
 l'aggiunta di gr. 55,7 di riso.

Si dovrebbe inoltre aumentare il quantitativo di zucchero portan-  
 dolo da gr. 14,175 a gr. 25,35 ed assegnare la distribuzione per  
 persona di gr. 14,175 di formaggio.

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 sostituiti con opportuni quantitativi di altri, ad es. gr. 55,7 di  
 carne, oppure gr. 55,05 di formaggio.

3) Allo scopo di regolare la preparazione dei rami dovrebbe essere:

- chiarito se i legumi che saranno forniti sono secchi o in scatola;  
 le;
- chiarito se la carne in scatola è tritata sminolta o mietata con  
 verdura oppure in scatola a pezzi;
- chiarito se la razione costituisce verdura e frutta fresche  
 insieme oppure - come sembra debba essere - uno o l'altro di  
 detta prodotti;

(1) E' da tener presente che la razione normale dei soldati italiani  
 è composta dalla gr. 900 di pane, gr. 220 di pasta e gr. 250 di car-  
 ne fresca, ridotta poi, per le evidenti restrizioni conseguenti  
 ai rotti avvenimenti dopo l'1 settembre, a gr. 350 di pane, gr. 150  
 di pasta e gr. 150 di carne, oltre all'intero i generi complementari  
 e condimenti.

1) - consentire che - ferme restando la quantità media giornaliera da consumare - i vari generi vengano diversamente raggruppati nei giorni della settimana, in modo da permettere, ad es. per il caffè, di far serbare una parte per distribuzione straordinaria al personale in particolare condizione di servizio (sentinelle, reparti distaccati sopra i 1000 metri, ecc).--

4) Allo scopo di aumentare il <sup>grado</sup> di pane confezionato si gradirebbe che, sempre che, possibile, si attribuisca grano in luogo di farina, per approfittare di un minore abbattimento.

#### b) MOBILITA' DELLE DISMISURE

1) Occorre un minimo di tempo fra il giorno in cui avviene il ritiro delle derrate dai magazzini alleati e quello in cui le stesse derrate devono essere distribuite alle truppe dei magazzini italiani territoriali o negli uomini di sussistenza. -- Già decisamente per le ben note difficoltà di trasporto.

Tale periodo di prelievo viene stabilito in almeno giorni 10 da aumentarsi quando anche farina, vanga - come richiesto - fornito grano, per il tempo necessario alla cottura.

2) Occorre, per il primo rifornimento, non limitare a soli 10 giorni il quantitativo di generi forniti agli alleati. -- Già per consentire, che presso ciascuna caserma possano essere accantonati i generi di riserva destinati ad assicurare una piccola scorta per far fronte al servizio nel caso di improvvisa variazione di forza per cambi di dist. o anche oppure in caso di minori rifornimenti per bolle, ragione dei trasporti.

3) Occorre chiarire caso praticamente possono trovarsi le riserve in caso per reprovaglie la truppe eventualmente in classificazione nella categoria "C", dato che tutte le riserve esistenti nei magazzini italiani sono già state impegnate per il vittovagliamento delle truppe della categoria "B", e, che nulla può trarsi dalle riserve

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sopportare di un misuro abbastanza.

#### b) MODALITA' DELLA DISTRIBUZIONE

1) Occorre un minimo di tempo fra il giorno in cui avv. che il ritiro delle derrate dai magazzini alleati e quello in cui le stesse derrate devono essere distribuite alle truppe dei paesi alleati italiani, per le ben note difficoltà di sussistenza. - Va da sé, naturalmente, per le ben note difficoltà di trasporto.

Tale ritardo si propone venga stabilito in almeno giorni 10 da quando si quando entrano farina, vettov. - come richiesto - fornito grano, per il tempo necessario alla cottura.

2) Occorre, per il primo rifornimento, un ritardo a soli 10 giorni il quantitativo di generi forniti agli alleati. - Ciò per consentire, che, che preso ciascun un minimo periodo accostumarsi quantitativo di generi destinati ad assicurare una piccola scorta per far fronte al servizio nel caso di impreviste variazioni di forza per causa di distacco oppure in caso di mancato rifornimento per interruzione dei trasporti.

3) Occorre definire una praticamente possibile trovare le risorse necessarie per vettovagliare la truppa eventualmente da classificare nella categoria "G", dato che tutte le risorse esistenti nei magazzini italiani sono già state impegnate per il vettovagliamento delle truppe della categoria "B", e, che nulla può trarsi dalle riserve destinate ai civili, per le necessarie disposizioni dell'AMM. -

Si da tener presente tuttavia che, anche i militari rimasti nei campi di ordinamento, ai quali evidentemente allude il draft con la dizione "military readiness", sono raggruppati in vettov. e provviste unità militarmente organizzate, con amministrazione autonoma e che esse non differiscono dalle rimanenti unità se non nelle condizioni di armamento ed equipaggiamento dovute alla ben nota mancanza di materiali.

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### c) SITUAZIONI PARTICOLARI

#### 1) E' da esaminare la situazione dei seguenti militari:

- equipaggi della N.Aeronautica che partecipano a vere e proprie azioni di guerra agli ordini dei Comandi dell'aviazione alleata;
- equipaggi dei bastimenti che partecipano ad azioni navali;
- personale dei reparti di manutenzione addetti ai lavori di servizio e di vigilanza nei porti e nei magazzini delle Aeree;
- sempre che il personale delle due prime categorie non si differenzia sostanzialmente da quello dei reparti che operano sulle linee di combattimento anche se per le caratteristiche della loro armata alle quale appartiene, esso è materialmente distaccato e sulla linea della zona di combattimento stabilita dal A.E.H.Q.; quello della terza categoria non differenzia sostanzialmente (anzi come fatica fisica, forse, è più gravato) da quello addetto a lavori alla diretta dipendenza dei comandi operativi alleati.

Sembra perciò necessario che qualora non potesse essere assolutamente variabile la composizione della riserva stabilita da A.E.H.Q., la riserva stessa prevista per le unità combattenti venga estesa a tutto il personale sopra elencato.

- 2) Occorre stabilire se, data la unità delle riserve, i fabbisogni di ciascuna forza armata dovranno essere rappresentati, e conseguentemente soddisfatti, separatamente oppure misti in un unico sistema facente capo alla organizzazione del Ministero della Guerra.

- 3) Occorre determinare presso quali magazzini alleati devono essere effettuati i prelievi tenuto conto della situazione dei magazzini italiani, quale sia la abilità dello spediente allegato.

- 4) Occorre stabilire presso i porti più importanti della costa del Mediterraneo della dotazioni per sommergibili.

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renai sostanzialmente da quello dei reparti che operano sulle linee di combattimento anche se per le caratteristiche delle forze armate alla quale appartiene, esso è materialmente stabilito dal tutto e per tutto della linea zona di combattimento stabilita dal A.F.H.Q.; quello della terza categoria non differenzia sostanzialmente (anzi come l'azione fisica, forse, è più gravata) da quello esposto e lavori alla diretta dipendenza dei comandi operativi alleati.

Sembra perciò necessario che qualora non potesse essere assolutamente evitata la concentrazione delle truppe stabilite da A.F.H.Q., la riunione prima prevista per la metà combattenti venga estesa a tutto il personale sopra elencato.

2) Coccore stabilire se, data la unità della nazione, i Coccore  
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tra di ciascuna forma armata dovranno essere raggruppati in un conseguentemente solidificati, separatamente oppure misti in un unico sistema facente capo alla organizzazione del Ministero della Guerra.

3) Coccore determinare presso quali magazzini alleati devono essere effettuati i rifornimenti tenuto conto della situazione dei magazzini italiani, quale risulta dalla specchio allegato.

4) Coccore stabilire presso il posto più conveniente della base di deposito e della fornitura per ammagliamento. Coccore stabilire in che modo e per mezzo di quali mezzi si debba effettuare il rifornimento delle truppe alleate per il personale di volo. Coccore infine mettere a disposizione delle Autorità Militari Italiane un congruo numero di razioni viveri di riserva (coccorenti specialmente negli appostamenti) e di viveri di conforto per le truppe agenti in particolari disagiate condizioni sia per il servizio in sé stesso (sentinelle, servizi notturni, ecc), sia per la dislocazione

(truppe al disopra dei 1000 metri).-

f) Tenuto conto della detta separazione fra rifornimenti civili e rifornimenti militari, occorrerà separare anche il servizio della pacificazione per chi sarà talvolta necessario riservare agli usi militari uno o più forni privati in relazione alla forza interessata.-

IL GENERALE CAPO UFFICIO  
(A. Aliberti)

*Gen. Aliberti*

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REGIO ESERCITOBIANCO DEI MAGAZZINI VIVIERI DELLE CALABRIE*Station of Aragon in Calabria*

|      |                                       |               |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1) - | Magazz. Divisionale Vivieri Catanzaro | 21.500        |
| 2) - | " " Presidiario Vivieri Cosenza       | 2.500         |
| 3) - | " " " " Castrovillari                 | 5.500         |
| 4) - | " " " " Crotone                       | 1.000         |
| 5) - | " " " " Nicastro                      | 6.500         |
| 6) - | " " " " Vibo Valentia                 | 1.500         |
| 7) - | " " " " Reggio Calabria               | 3.500         |
| 8) - | " " " " Petilia Policastro            | 1.000         |
|      |                                       | <u>45.000</u> |

*Goods supplied to the*

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*Station of Aragon in Puglia*BIANCO DEI MAGAZZINI VIVIERI DELLE PUGLIE*div*

|       |                                  |                |
|-------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1) -  | Magazz. Divisionale Vivieri Bari | 30.000         |
| 2) -  | " " Presidiario Vivieri Brindisi | 14.500         |
| 3) -  | " " " " Lecce                    | 53.000         |
| 4) -  | " " " " Taranto                  | 21.000         |
| 5) -  | " " " " Monopoli                 | 2.000          |
| 6) -  | " " " " Molfetta                 | 2.000          |
| 7) -  | " " " " Gioia del Colle          | 2.000          |
| 8) -  | " " Presidiario Vivieri Barletta | 5.000          |
| 9) -  | " " " " Trani                    | 2.000          |
| 10) - | " " " " Potenza                  | 1.000          |
| 11) - | " " " " S. Pancrazio Salentino   | 19.000         |
| 12) - | " " " " Locorotondo              | 1.000          |
| 13) - | " " " " Canosa di Puglia         | 1.000          |
| 14) - | " " " " Spinazzola               | 500            |
|       |                                  | <u>134.500</u> |

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BIANCO DEI MAGAZZINI VIVIERI DELLA CAMPANIA

1) - Magazzino Vivieri di Napoli con distacamenti a: Caserta, Avellino, Salerno, Benevento. (in costituzione)

*R. Mag.*REGIA MARINABIANCO MAGAZZINI VIVIERI E DEPOSITI DISTRIBUTORI

|      |                                                       |        |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1) - | Magazzino Marina - di Taranto (Arsenale)              | 43.000 |
| 2) - | Magazzino Commissariato di Brindisi (Castello Difesa) | 15.000 |
| 3) - | Comando Marina - di Bari                              | 2.000  |

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REGIO CASERTA  
Petilia Policastro

*Stazione di Napoli in Puglia*

ELenco DEI MAGAZZINI VIVERI DELLA PUGLIA

|     |                                   |               |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1)  | Magazzino Divisionale Viveri Bari | 30.000        |
| 2)  | Trasidario Viveri Brindisi        | 14.500        |
| 3)  | " " Lecce                         | 53.000        |
| 4)  | " " Taranto                       | 21.000        |
| 5)  | " " Monopoli Bari                 | 2.000         |
| 6)  | " " Molfetta Bari                 | 2.000         |
| 7)  | " " Gioia del Colle Bari          | 2.000         |
| 8)  | Presidario Viveri Bari            | 5.000         |
| 9)  | " " Trani Bari                    | 2.000         |
| 10) | " " Potenza Salento               | 1.000         |
| 11) | " " S. Pasquale Salentino Taranto | 19.000        |
| 12) | " " Lecorotondo Taranto           | 1.000         |
| 13) | " " Canosa di Puglia Bari         | 1.000         |
| 14) | " " Spinazzola Bari               | 500           |
|     |                                   | <u>51.500</u> |

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ELenco DEI MAGAZZINI VIVERI DELLA CAMPANIA

- 1) - Magazzino Viveri di Napoli con distaccamenti a: Caserta, Avellino, Salerno, Benevento. -- (in costituzione)

16.000  
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REGIA MARINA

ELenco MAGAZZINI VIVERI E DEPOSITI DISTINTORI

- 1) - Magazzino Marina - di Taranto (Arsenale)  
2) - Magazzino Commissariato di Brindisi (Casello Difesa)  
3) - Comando Marina - di Bari

43.000  
15.000  
2.000  
60.000

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REGIA AERONAUTICA

- 1) - Magazzino Viveri di Mungivacca

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NOV THIS MORNING WHEN THE NEWS NOW TO TO THE ADV PLANNED WITH MEDIA FROM FARMER  
FROM WISCONSIN REPORTED TO BE STRUCK BY STORMS DETOUR TO PROPOSED PRODUCE TO NO ITALIAN  
MILITARY STOCKS APPEAL TO ITALIAN ARMY AT PRESENT DRAWING ON CIVILIAN STOCKS WHICH  
ARE WEARING SHORTAGE AND IMPOSING SEVERE PROBLEMS RE FEEDING OF CIVILIAN  
POPULATION HERE.

AUTHENTICATION:

ROBERT E. DODD,  
Major, AGO  
Secretary of Commission

3306

AUTHENTICATION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - diary
- 1 - Col Comfort
- 1 - media

Phoned Allied Commission 1.12.47.

They said there are no stocks of grain (Italian corn) in position for replacement.

Grain can be released from American stocks providing they are released by American stocks - awaiting

urgent from AFHQ

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

Subject:- Rationing of Italian Armed Forces

S.M.R.E.

Copy to:- Adv Adm Ech AFHQ  
15 Army Group (for Admin Rep)  
General ALLBARTI  
Ministry of War

Ref your letter 739/3V/Comm dated 21 Nov 43.

1. It was hoped that after a comparison of the English and Italian versions of MILA letter A2/2 dated 15 Nov and subsequent clarification of details, no doubt would remain as to the procedure for obtaining rations for the Italian Armed Forces.

2. MILA are not in a position to alter in any way a ration scale that has been laid down by Combined Chiefs of Staff, nor to change the date of its implementation.

3. Will you therefore please amend the table showing your requirements until 15 Dec when bulk rationing is due to begin. The amended version is required most urgently for onward transmission.

4. The source of rations to complete AFHQ scale during the interim period present time to 15 Dec incl will be Allied Military Depots according to availability.

5. It is stressed that your requirements to complete the special temporary ration scale will be calculated after taking in account your present stocks and, in agreement with AFHQ, the available of supply from local resources i.e. the surrounding countryside.

6. It is noted that you confirm that COMA and AGF at BARI are on whole time military service, and that the MVSN is in process of being disbanded.

7. A copy of this letter is addressed also to General ALLBARTI so that during your present reorganization no time may be lost in taking action.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

12/2  
24 Nov 43

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7. A copy of this letter is addressed also to General ALIBEN so that during your present reorganization no time may be lost in taking action.

EJC

By Handwritten

for  
Brig  
Comm

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CLASSIFICATION

Subject: Prisoners

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Commanding General  
C. I. R. E.  
7/1/57/Comm.  
21 Nov 41

Ref your AQ/2 of 18 Nov 41.

The intent for rations as at Appx I of my letter 690/37/Comm of 17 Nov 41, is held out in accordance with what I thought to have been agreed upon by Maj. Carrawant and Maj. Gann when they visited me on 19 Nov. I understood that the food ration, temporarily held down by Allied Gun Staff was to come into effect as from 15 Dec 41 upon which date the complete supply of the Italian Armed Forces was to start.

I imagined that up to 15 Dec 41 the present scale of rations was to hold good on account of the difficulties that would have been met had the new scale been immediately brought into force having regard to the poor state of some of the *detached* branches. There is no doubt that I found it impossible immediately to read in the complicated return necessitated by a complete modification of the existing ration scale.

For this reason I assumed that it was agreed that the modifications (flour for bread and pasta, meat and table cheese) required up to 15 Dec 41 on the present scale of rations were to be supplied by AISCOT or drawn from local resources on authority from MILA. The intent at Appx I was submitted on this assumption.

I am extremely sorry that I did not manage to make myself clearly understood to Major Carrawant and Gann when they visited me and thereby to have *caused* an incorrect interpretation of their wishes.

As a result of what I have said above I would be extremely obliged if you could see your way to getting back to 15 Dec 41 the date upon which the new ration scale will come into force. I am therefore awaiting your decision upon this matter before I alter the intent for supplies as submitted at Appx I of my letter 690/37/Comm. 3303

I take this opportunity of mentioning that the two groups to GDSI GUARDIA DI FINANZA on the ration distribution state are all on permanent military service whilst those belonging to the LVSH though also on permanent service and actually engaged upon coast defense. All and VR guards will no longer be shown in future states since the LVSH is in process of being disbanded. *and* A. ALBERTI

Subject: Ration of Italian Armed Forces

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*Jul* Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/2  
21 Nov 43

RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> REPORT

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech  
N° 2 District

Peninsular Base Section

} for information

Further to my AQ/2 dated 13 Nov.

1. I enclose as Appendix 'A' a trace showing the present and proposed rear boundaries of the Combat Zone, FIFTH ARMY front.
2. Beginning on 16 Dec 43, it will be your responsibility to ration Italian Armed Forces south of this boundary wherever it may then be.
3. In appendix 'A' the present boundary is shown in red, while its possible position in the future is marked in blue.
4. You will be kept informed of future changes of the boundary.

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SJC

*Chetese*  
Brig  
and

ARMY FORM 2136 (Rev. 4-64)

## MESSAGE FORM

Transmit by Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY.  
For Action

Date/Time of Origin

19 1700 A

OFFICE DATE NAME

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

FLAMBO

2 DISTRICT

Message Instructions

ED

Originator's No.

Q 87 am instructing ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF that as  
from 15 DEC they will be responsible for feeding of  
all ITALIAN troops in ~~XXXXXXXX~~ CAMPANIA south of COMBAT  
ZONE rear boundary and outside PBS area (.) confirm  
correct

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LEADER TO BE INTERPRETED OR TO  
FALL INTO CERTAIN HANDS, THIS MESSAGE  
SHOULD BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S DETERMINATION  
DANGER OF DISCLOSURE

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SIGNALS

Gen BASSO, Comdr Italian Forces CAMBODIA.

SUBJECT:- Rations.

12 Nov 48

1. In confirmation of our conversation of Nov 11, I forward herewith copy of AFHQ Adv Adm Ech signal of 6 Nov.
2. Would you please inform Gen ALIBERTI with copy to me  
(a) the total stocks of food at present held in Italian Military Depots by commodities; giving the locations of all food depots.  
(b) Order of Battle by formations with strengths and details of present employment; this should embrace all three services, Army, Navy, Air Force.

*[Signature]*  
Brig  
Comdr USIA.

From Brig Buchanan.

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