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SUBJECT :- Clothing - Italian Pers

HQ LEGNANO GRUPPO

Copy to :- 'C' BLU ✓

MMIA LO
C/O 'C' BLU
Ref Q 5

27 Sep 44

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Quintiliani
Maj RA

MESSAGE FORM

Substitute A.F.C. 2136

FROM BRIA LO LEGHANO GF

Date/TOD 291032 A

TO action BRIA ROME

info (7) 'C' BLU ✓

Q 257 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

Ref conversation PISSELY - GELARDI (.) LEGHANO have
 indented for following winter clothing from SMRE
 caps qty 4900 jackets qty 8600 trousers qty 9100
 flannel shirts qty 18600 waistbands qty 5500 woollen
 socks qty 19000 woollen pants qty 15450 greatcoats
 qty 8000 (.) appreciate your help in obtaining issue
 soonest from SMRE (.) winter clothing most urgently
 required

If liable to interception
 etc

Degree of
 Priority

IMPORTANT

Maj RA

12/23/44
THI

SUBJECT :- Clothing

9/3/5

MMIA IO
LEGNANO GRUPPO
c/o 'C' BLU CMF

Ref Q 5/22

2 Oct 44

HQ MMIA ROME

copy to 'C' BLU

para 4. Ref your AQ/8 of 27 Sep 44 Appx 'B'

Will you please confirm that this is
not applicable to Gruppi di Combattimento.

[Signature]
Maj RA

Rec'd over phone at 031150 A from 64 GRN
 MESSAGE IN Initials of sender
 D.C.C.

Substitute A.F.C. 2136

From :- MMIA

Date/TMO 030825 A

To 64 GRN for GELARDI pass to 'C' BLU pass to
 'D' BLU

info BPS for MMIA LO DISTWO for MMIA LO
 MINISTRY OF WAR

AQ 1962 (.) PAREN ROME AREA 1258 PAREN (.)

RESTRICTED (.) FOLGORE and LEGNANO may draw
 unrepaired rpt unrepaired ~~unrepaired~~ Italian clothing
 from NAPLES sufficient to provide minimum essential
 needs until British items are provided when all
 Italian items will be withdrawn and returned to
 NAPLES (.) SMITH may draw on BARI if demands
 unduly deplete NAPLES (.) GELARDI and SMITH to
 coordinate arrangements (.) GELARDI will use
 Group tpt

Degree of
 Priority

IMMEDIATE

1221

07/3/7

059/15

IRAC V LROF NR 12 ROUTINE

T CURS

FROM NMIA 021730A

TO WAR MINISTRY

INFO A & B BLU'S (C & D BLU'S VIA SA GARRISON)

E & F BLU

GRX 0825 BT

SS17A// SS 124

SUBJECT IS HEADRESS (.) HEADRESS OTHER THAN STEEL HELMETS FOR COMBAT
GROUPS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ITALIAN ARMY (.)

PAREN ROME AREA 1200 PAREN

BT

SENT 022030A PUB NR KXX

NO NR 12 EJ 022030A 052

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

Register No. 24/5

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Srl. No.
Priority

Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

FROM
(A)

M M 1 A

Originator

Date-Time of Origin.

02 18 10 A

For Action.

C British Liaison Unit.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No

55129 O SECRET O following is signal number 55126
sent today to 3 District O
QUOTE O from General Bionville for General Lamme O
Many thanks for your letter D022 of 29th Sept O you
can help O in two matters O first by ensuring Italian
Army personnel and Italian P.W. known or co-operators
are never brought together if it can be avoided O
the extraordinary circumstances of both parties inevitably
cause trouble and dissatisfaction the remedy for which is
beyond our control O second by immediate and generous
co-operation in providing clothing and bangles for Italian
combat groups particularly in Piedmont area O
their state is deplorable 'healed and mangled' are falling
please arrange immediately and AFMS are about to
make it a British responsibility they need any clothes
they can get until British battle dress is available O
staff action being taken separately O UNQUOTE
please contact and show to L.O. Folke O in our
doing every thing possible and make your position and
you will shortly be instructed to collect all the Italian
clothes you need from UNQUOTE or BARR

Q/38

Originator's No

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 clothing you need from WAREHOUSE 80001

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This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

Originator's Instructions,
Degree of Priority.

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THU or TOR

System On

Time Cleared

SUBJECT :- Winter Clothing

MMIA LO LEGNANO
Ref Q 5

6 Oct 44

HQ LEGNANO GRUPPO

Copy to :- 'C' BLU

1. Maggiore TERRANOVA - Major GELARDI spoke.

2. HQ MMIA have released the following unrepaired Italian winter clothing :-

	<u>NAPLES</u>	<u>BARI</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>SAN GIOVANNI</u>	<u>MATARDEI</u>	
Giacche di Panno	2,600	2,500	2,900
Pantaloni	190		8,910
Fasce Vetriche	350		200
Pastreni/Cappotti	210	100	7,690
			8,000
			9,100
			550
			8,000

3. Please arrange for this clothing to be drawn as soon as possible from NAPLES and BARI according to verbal instructions given.

4. Although the clothing is "unrepaired worn clothing" instructions have been given by HQ MMIA NAPLES that only wearable repeat wearable clothing is to be issued.

Am. Gelardi
Maj RA

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Am. Gelardi
Maj RA

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Subject: Withdrawal of items of Italian clothing
and equipment in Combat Group when replaced
by Br clothing and equipment.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/15/1

5 Oct 44

To: A. B. C. D. E. F. BLU.
MMIA LO NAPLES

1. All items of ITALIAN clothing and equipment which become surplus to scale of the Gruppi consequent to the issue of Br items will be returned to the Italian Army.
2. O's C. BLU will report details of such surplus ITALIAN clothing and equipment to MMIA LO NAPLES, with copy to Q/AE MMIA. Latter will arrange for the appropriate ITALIAN Depot to collect and take on charge.

EJN/hh

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MINISTRY OF WAR
AFHQ (Q/AE)
ORD (MMIA)

SUBJECT: -Polish edition for

Italian Group

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1. Three Italian combat groups are being formed and equipped in accordance with the following program:

- (a) For each group - First Group.
- (b) By and out - Second and Third Groups.

2. It is intended to receive these Italian Groups, as they are formed, with toilet articles from U.S.I., as follows. This authority must not be quoted as a precedent for the issue of U.S.I. supplies to other Italian forces.

3. (a) The scale of issue will be as follows:

Box	Initial Issue	Substitution
Barber.	1 per 2 men.	1 per 1 man.
Barber-Brush.	1	1 per 4 men.
Shaving brush.	1 per 2 men.	1 per 1 man.

(b) The maintenance scale is subject to availability.

(c) The first maintenance issue of repair blades may be made at the rate of one initial issue, subject to availability.

4. U.S.I. attached each group will be responsible for submitting a consolidated demand to U.S.I., in respect of their Group and for the economy of such demand. U.S.I. will give a bill receipt to U.S.I. for goods received and this receipt will form U.S.I.'s certificate of issue. U.S.I. will obtain a receipt for the articles from the responsible Italian officer and forward such receipt to U.S.I. U.S.I. will submit their account for articles supplied to U.S.I. who will arrange payment.

5. Headquarters, Allied Axis in Italy will lay down the method of issue and payment to be followed when Group enter the operational area.

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3. (a) The scale of issue will be as follows:

Issue	Initial Issue	Subsequent Issue
Tobacco.	1 per 2 men.	Nil.
Menstrual pads.	-	2 per 1 month.
Toothbrush.	1	1 per 4 months.
Shaving brush.	1 per 2 men.	Nil.

(b) The replacement scale is subject to availability.

(c) The first replacement issue of these articles may be made at the same time as initial issue, subject to availability.

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U. S. Army, A.I.B.,
for the A.F.I. (General)
A.F.I. (A.I.B.)

copies to - Headquarters, Allied Forces in Italy.
A.F.I.

*Not particularly until they are
in the zone of the A.I.B.*

SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for
ITALIAN GRUPE

Q/S/11

MINISTRE MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R. D. E.
3/10/44
6 Oct 44

TO : A.F.H.Q. RUA

1. The attached copy letter A.F.H.Q./2554/Q(waint) dated 27 Sept 44 is forwarded for information and/or necessary action.
2. It has been pointed out to A.F.H.Q. that supplies for 4 Gruppi will be required by end October and for a further 2 Gruppi by end of November.
3. Arrangements for bulk payment are being made with Ministry of War.

[Signature]
Major
R. D. E.

*Forwarded by A.F.H. letter
of 5/10/44 2049/12/42*



INFO V. INFO NH 8 INFORMATION
 FROM NH 8 001200
 (FOR ACTION) NH 8 001200 - 001200
 INFO NH 8 001200 - 001200
 IS FOR RESTRICTED FOLLOWING ACTION URGENTLY NECESSARY COORDINATION OF
 ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE PROCEEDING IN BRITISH FORMATION
 IN VIEW OF IT I RESPONSIBILITY AT SHORT NOTICE PARIN FORM AREA R 332
 PARIN, 001200 PROVISION AT P 3 7 REINFORCEMENT REPORT A L, I 001200 2404)
 OF CLOTHING GOODS PLANNED AND ESSENTIAL PERSONAL EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN
 ARMY CLOTHING AND REINFORCEMENT ESTIMATED AT 1500 A WEEK FOR FIVE WEEKS
 AND THEREAFTER REPLACEMENT AS, 001200 001200 001200 001200 001200
 OF TRANSPORT AREA 001200 STORES TO ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT REPORT
 ALONG WITH SUBMITTED BY AREA R 24 SEPT. 001200 001200 001200 001200 001200
 NECESSARY INTERIM ISSUES OF CLOTHING AND ESSENTIAL GOODS INCLUDING
 FULL SCALE ISSUE OF CLOTHING AND ESSENTIAL GOODS INCLUDING TO

RELEASE AND ISSUE AL ABOVE THROUGH BLU CONCERNED DELPY OR INQUIRY
 TO MEET INTERIM DEMANDS LIKELY TO LEAD TO IRREGULARITIES OF DESERTIONS
 NO PRESENT CLOTHING IS MOSTLY WORN OUT ITALIAN COTTON AND TROOPS ARE LIVE
 IN LIVING IN OPEN WITHOUT ADEQUATE TENTAGE

SENT NH 8 001200 001200 X
 NH 8 001200 001200

1214

TO: V. LEGAT
FROM: M. H. AIA
TO: (FOR ACTION) Y 64 GARRISON FORT U. S. M.
NR 3 IMPORTANT CUP 142
001200

67/3/13



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INFO
OR ---
BT
64 GARRISON FORT U. S. M.
3 DISTRICT

SS 151, RESISTED, SS 152, CLOTHING AND TENTAGE SITUATION FULLY REALIZED
HERE, A AND CE AT ATING. PAPER, BONE, AREA K 325 PAPER. THIS IS NOW A BRITISH
ORDINARY COMMITMENT AND CONSOLIDATED DEMANDS FROM YOU TO GARRISON OF GARY
DISTRICT IN DIRECT SHOULD BE MET. AREA AND DISTRICT HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF
PRZY PROBABLE REQUIREMENTS. ISSUE OF GRADE 3 BRITISH ENTIRE DRESS WILL
STAND AGAINST FULL SCALE ISSUE ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME

SAC SENT NR 5 D LOM 0140 J
RD NR 5 EJ 0140

1213

7
 SUBJECT: Clothing Regulations.

MILITARY MISSION
 ITALIAN ARMY
 R O M E
 9/29/44
 8 Oct 44

Q/3/14

TO : A, B, C, D, E and F ELUs.

1. In order that uniformity be achieved in the wearing of clothing, badges of rank, etc by personnel of the Italian Combat Force, the following will apply.
2. Headress (other than steel helmets), rank badges, gorget patches, distinguishing marks, medal ribbons, and service markings are to be supplied, issued and worn under Italian arrangements.
3. There are no restrictions on types of markings etc, but it is stressed that complete uniformity must be achieved.

6th Gen
with
main
 Maj Gen
 M M I A

"D" ELU - Your Q-8 undated refers.

Copy of Maj General's for action
Ref.

Copy Sent
11/10/44
(initials)

1212

AFHO

MMIA

DISTWO DISTHREE MAIN AAI 64GRN FOR CBLU

FX 36312

RESTRICTED

64 GARRISON
Q/3/15

YOUR SS160 OF 8 OCT REFERS(.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHOAE (.)
ONE (.) CLOTHING BOOTS BLANKETS AND ITEMS PERSONAL EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN
ARMY CALL UPS AND REINFORCEMENTS REFERRED TO IN YOUR PARA 1 WILL BE PROVIDED
BY MMIA FROM STOCKS BEING TRANSFERRED TO BRITISH (.) ONLY ESSENTIAL ITEMS
WILL BE ISSUED (.) ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO BRITISH ORDNANCE DEPOTS WHEN
REPLACED BY EQUIVALENT ITEMS AS COMBAT GROUP IS EQUIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PHASED PROGRAMME (.) CERTAIN ITEMS WILL BE RETAINED AND NOT REPLACED (.)
TWO (.) ISSUE OF TRANSPORT AND G 1098 STORES TO ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT
DEPOT SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE

32(AE)
1 G-4 (B)
ORD (B)
G-3 ORG

PRIORITY

OCT 9 1944 1427

Q(AE)6442

J.C. COWLEY BRIG.
FREEDOM 296

1211

4/3/16

SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for Italian Group

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. 3/3/29/1
Oct 44

TO : A. E. C. D. E. F. SUs

1. Further to this office letter of even date, copy of AAI letter 2049/12/02 date 5/10/44 is forwarded for information and for action.

Maj Gen
M M I A

See Q/3/11

1219

SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for Italian Gruppi

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tele:- FILPOT 209 .

2049/12/Q2 .

5 Oct 44 .

MMIA

Reference AFHQ letter 2554/Q (Maint) dated 27 Sep 44.

1. When Italian Gruppi enter the operational zone, the procedure laid down in para 4 of the above quoted letter will apply, demands being submitted to the DC EFI at this HQ.

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- AFHQ

DC EFI - with copy of letter under reference. Please note that no action should be taken until Gruppi enter the operational zone.

1209

Q/3/17

96

87

NR3

LRLC V LROF NR9 IMPORTANT

QVR3/4

FROM MMIA 10/1220A

TO 50 BLU - 51 BLU - 52 BLU - 53 BLU

GR77 BT

AQ2001 RESTRICTED

PAREN ROME AREA R793 PAREN .

FREEDOM DIRECTIVES APPLY TO ALL RPT ALL TPS OF ITALIAN ARMY . THE
 DIRECTIVE HOWEVER ALLOWS FREEDOM TO VARY AT THEIR DESCRETION FOR CERTAIN
 PURPOSES . NO CHANGE IN PRESENT ~~EQUIPMENT~~ ~~///~~ EQUIPING PROGRAM IS
 CONTEMPLATED AT PRESENT METHOD OF EQUIPING GROUPE NOR IN TYPE OF
 ITEMS BEING ISSUED . FOR 50 BLU YOUR QUEEN 5 OF ~~5~~ 4 OCT
 AND QUEEN 95 OF 8 OCT REFERS . FOR 52 BLU YOUR AQ/5/22 OF 2 OCT REFERS

BT 10/1227A

SENT NR9 10/2330A CP B1

LOCTN PLSE K

Reviewed

1208

In Lieu: ARMY FORM C. 2-35

Call

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MESSAGE FORM
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Transmission Instructions

Office DateSta.

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date- T.O.O.

For Action

To-

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Signed

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LRM V LROF ~~NRGTF/~~ 5

FROM MMIA 131540

TO 52 ~~BLU~~ BLU

QQX GR32 BT

AQ/2019 RESTRICTEE • PAREN ROME AREA 2858 PAREN •

IN REPLY TO RG/3 • MY MESSAGE AQ 2001 OF 2 IS FOR THE INFO OF ALL

RPT ALL BLU'S • QUEEN 5/22 REFERS TO LEGNANO GRUPPO'S

LETTER OF 5 OCT

SENT 5 0948 REB BB

RD 5 0948 KWJP K



1206

MADE V LILC NR 51 I M M E D I A T E
(TO REACH ADDRESSEE BY 1800 HRS.)

FROM D A D O S 52 BLU 201505
TO 52 B L G
QGX CR 31 BT

SEND 12 LORRIES LOADED WITH GRADE 3 CLOTHING TO "C"
CLOTHING FACTORY BAFLES SATURDAY ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR
ITS ACCEPTANCE. ORDNANCE REPRESENTATIVE WILL MEET CONVOY
AT CLOTHING DEPOT AND GIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

BT 201515A

SENT 51 1557 JWA. B. K.
PD NR 51 1557 AT

*Leprano informed
RWC*

M24

9/3/20

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

52 BLU

21 1830 A

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

RB/S O

Please send 12 boxes packed with Grade 3 clothing to "C" Clothing Factory, HABLES, Mexico. O. Perasampala have been made for acceptance of the returned clothing.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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[Signature]

SIGNED

Immediate

1205

ARMY FORM C1136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MMIA LO LEONARD

230930G

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

52 BLU (By Hand) ✓

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

Q/266

is restricted to the following information
available to the personnel mentioned in the above
is not intended to provide a complete and accurate
release of information and should not be used

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BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

SIGNED

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGRAND"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione I^a b. - Servizi

963/23.

N^o. 82/02/353 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 21 ottobre 1944

SUBJECT :- Blankets.

To: 52 B.L.U.

500 blankets are urgently needed, as a great number of soldiers have at present only one blanket. Please examine if it would be possible to issue a 3rd blanket to all personnel of the Combat Group.



Lombardi
L. Lombardi
Chief of Staff

Trasmissione 1000 g.
-Blankets-
Rdy

N° 88/03/353 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 22 ottobre 1944

SUBJECT :- Blankets.

TO: 52 B.I.U.

500 blankets are urgently needed, as a great number of soldiers have at present only one blanket. Please examine if it would be possible to issue a 3rd blanket to all personnel of the Combat Group.



Lombardi
L. Lombardi
Chief of Staff

*Trasmissione 15/10/44
Blankets*

1203

MESSAGE FORM				Register No.
ARMY FORM 21-10 (Small)		Transmission Instructions		
Call	Set No.	Priority		
ABC USE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator	Date - Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP	
MMIA	LO LEGNANO	26 200 A	9/3/24	
For Action				
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions		
① MMIA	Rome	GR		
② MMIA LO SHOR	③ LEGNANO GRUPPO			
④ 52 BLU				
Originator's No.	Q269 0 restricted 0 your AQ 2082 of 250			
	Thanks 0 am collecting 28 out			
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
SIGNED AM C. G. [Signature]		SIGNED		① ② by Sig ③ ④ by hand
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				Time cleared

1012-101-44

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
L E G N A N O

N° 2 C / 03/519 file

ABO 155 31 Oct. 44

To : MAJ. GELARDI MMIA LO (Action)
52 B. L. U. C.M.P. (info)

Maj. MANSON informed me that two blankets will not be issued to Italian personnel .

News is alarming

Italian soldiers, who are under canvas feel very cold and consequently a great many suffer from colds through the damp weather.

The two Italian blankets (not yet completely distributed) are quite insufficient.

For health reasons it is absolutely and urgently necessary that an issue of a third blanket is made; if possible from Allied sources.

10.000 blankets are required, because reinforcements coming to Legnano Group have either one or no blanket.

sgd U. Utili
General Comdg

COMANDO GRUPPO DI CONTRATTAMENTO "LEGNANO",
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione I. b. - Servizi

Nº 20/03/519. di prot.

P.M.155, li 31 ottobre 1944

Oggetto: Coperte da campo.--

AL MAGGIORE GELARDI
Ufficiere Collegamento M.M.I.A.
e, per conoscenza:
AL 52º E. L. U.

Il Maggiore MANSON ha comunicato che con la serie di corredo in corso di distribuzione non verranno date le 2 coperte previste.

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GERALE COMANDANTE
Alberto Utili -

Utili

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AL MAGGIORE GELIARDI
Ufficiale Collegamento M.M.I.A.
e, per conoscenza:
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1200

Subject: Clothing.52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.

ORD/5/28.

7 NOV. 1944.Sezione 1^a B - Ufficio Servizi,
GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO,
LEGNANO

1. On the matter of issue of clothing, no notice appears to be taken of what personnel already hold of British (or similar origin) .

2. Clothing lists are being interpreted too literally, e.g. men are entitled to 2 pairs of socks, so that no matter how many others he may possess, he still is given two from present stocks.

Deficiencies.

3. I am advised; though not officially, that deficiencies exist in respect of some articles of clothing. This is not understood, in view of the fact that several bales of clothing are still in the D.A.D.O.S. Dump unopened. Although these may be held for an expected intake, there is no reason why they should not be issued to units in need of them.

James M. Ranson
major.

(J.M.C. RANSON)

D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

JMCM/LED.

Copy to 52 B.L.U. for information

C O P Y.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO LEGNANO
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

Ref. 06/396.

PM 155
10 Nov. '44.

Subject: Provision of soap, grease for boots, candles etc.

To: 52 B.L.U.

The Minister of War, to whom requests for the above mentioned provisions for the current month have been presented, brings to our notice that allotments supplying needs of Italian Combat Groups and auxiliary units must be provided for by Am.

It is therefore requested that the matter be taken up by you, as the following have been allotted:-

Shaving Soap.

For Units of Gruppo Legnano.	9,500
" Auxiliary Units.	2,000
" Supplementary rations to drivers, motorcyclists mechanics, mess cooks etc.	3,000

Grease for Footwear (Dubbin)

For Legnano Units.	9,500
" Auxiliary Units.	2,000

Toilet Articles. (Toilet soap, shaving soap, toothpaste, razor blades etc.)

Forces of the Gruppo.	9,500
Auxiliaries.	2,000

We should be pleased to know if any of the following articles might also be allotted - and in what quantities:

Wax candles for tent illumination.

Materials for the effecting of minor repairs to footwear (leather, nails, shoemakers wax, Twine etc.)

Materials for minor repairs to clothing (needles, thread etc.)

Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sgd. Col. Lombardi.

Subject: Provision of Soap, Dubbin etc.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
GRD/12/38.
15 Nov. 1944.

DNA & QMG.,
52 B.L.U.

1. Ref. attached copy of letter from Comando, Gruppo DI Combattimento "Legnano".
2. It is considered that the supply of washing soap and Dubbin is an ordnance responsibility, and the Gruppo have been asked to submit indents to this branch.
3. May a ruling please be obtained as to the responsibility of supply of other items asked for.

WHY/WW.

Gordon Major. 1197
(G. I. GORDON)
D.A.D.U.C. 52 B.L.U.

SUBJECT:- Equipment, ^{and} Necessaries

5th Brit Liaison Unit

Cdr.

15 Nov 44.

HQ LERNANO

Gruppo di Combattimento.

5/4/44

Ref your 06/306 of 10 Nov 44 and your 30/03/600 of 7 Nov.

1. Working Soap and Lubin.

It is understood DADOS has asked you to submit detailed indents for this.

2. Toilet Articles.

enclosed are copies of AFHQ letter AFHQ/2024/Q (Airtel) of 27 Sept and AAI letter 2049/12/Q2 of 3 Oct which explain the position. Indents should be prepared immediately on entry into an operational zone.

3. Steel Helmets.

These will be issued from British sources when available. In the meantime Italian helmets should be obtained.

4. Respirators.

Respirators and anti-gas equipment will NOT be issued from British sources - at any rate at present. It is proposed that the Lennano Gruppo receive its present holding of Italian equipment.

5. Other Items.

- (a) Materials for clothing repairs are contained in the housewife which is part of the clothing scale to be issued from British sources.
- (b) Boot repairs should be an Ordnance responsibility. Will DADOS 52 BLU please take this point up with Ord and obtain confirmation that boots for repair can be handed in in the normal manner.
- (c) Candles, if it is reversed, are not available from British sources. Normal issue of hurricane lamps and illuminants will be made when 1 10/8 equipment is issued.

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enclosed are copies of AFHQ letters ARHQ/2334/0 (main) of 27 Sept and AAI letter 2049/12/Q2 of 3 Oct which explain the position. Incidents should be prepared immediately on entry into an operational zone.

3. Steel Helmets.

These will be issued from British sources when available. In the meantime Italian helmets should be retained.

4. Reception.

Reception and anti-air equipment will NOT be issued from British sources - at present. It is proposed that the 1000th Company retain its present holding of Italian equipment.

5. Other Items.

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(c) Candles, if it is recalled, are not available from British sources. Normal issue of hurricane lamps and illuminance will be made when 3 1000 equipment is issued.

Major,
D.A.S.G.

Copy to: D.A.S.G. (Your ORD/12/36 and ORD/12/38 52 BLU of 15 Nov 44 refer).

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C O P Y.

Subject : Toilet Articles for Italian Gruppi

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY
Tele: - FILROT 209
2049/12/02
5 Oct 44

AMIA

Reference AFHQ letter 2554/Q (maint) dated 27 Sep 44.

1. When Italian Gruppi enter the operational zone, the procedure laid down in para 4 of the above quoted letter will appl., demands being submitted to the DS CFI at this HQ.

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to :- AFHQ
DS CFI - with copy of letter under reference. Please
note that no action should be taken until Gruppi enter
the operational zone.

1195

C O P Y

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT:- Toilet Articles for
ITALIAN GRUPE

AFHQ/2924/C(Maint)

27 Sep 44

TO:- M.M.L.S.

1. Three Italian Combat Groups are being formed and equipped in accordance with the following programme :-

- (a) By end of Sep. - First Gruppo
- (b) By end Oct. - Second and Third Gruppo.

2. It is intended to provide these Italian groups, as they are formed, with toilet articles from M.F.I. as follows. This authority must not be quoted as a precedent for the issue of M.F.I. supplies to other Italian forces.

3. (a) The scale of issue will be as follows:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Initial Issue</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
Razors.	2 per 2 men	Nil
Razor Blades.	-	2 per 1 month.
Toothbrush.	1	1 per 4 months.
Shaving Brush.	1 per 2 men.	Nil.

(b) The maintenance scale is subject to availability.

(c) The first maintenance issue of razor blades may be made at the same time as initial issue, subject to availability.

4. B.L.U. attached each Gruppo will be responsible for submitting a consolidated demand to M.F.I. in respect of their Gruppo and for the recovery of such demand. C.O., B.L.U. will give a bulk receipt to M.F.I. for goods received and this receipt will form M.F.I.'s certificate of issue. C.O., B.L.U. will obtain a receipt for the articles from the responsible Italian Officer and forward such receipt to M.M.L.S. M.F.I. will credit their account for articles supplied to M.M.L.S. who will arrange payment.

5. Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy will lay down the method of issue and payment to be followed when Gruppo enter the Operational Zone.

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R. McLENNAN, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
D.O.M.S.

Copies to:- Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.
A.F.I.

1197

RESTRICTED.

Subject:- Toilet Articles for Italian Groups

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

C. M. F. 31

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

Tel:- FILED 207.

2049/12/02.

26 Nov 44.

CG, Fifth Army (For attention Br Iner)
Rear HQ Eighth Army
1 District
2 District.

Copy to:- AFHQ (2)

MMIA

CSC, 50 HLU att Friuli Group
51 HLU att Cremona Group
52 HLU att Legnano Group
53 HLU att Foligno Group
54 HLU att Mantova Group

G(AF)

Ord

APA

ETI.

Attached is copy of letter received from AFHQ addressed to MMIA, reference AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Sep, 44, outlining the policy regarding the issue of toilet articles to Italian Groups.

The method of issue and payment within the AAI Operational Zone will be as laid down in the letter under reference, except that in para.4 where the consolidated demands and bulk receipts for goods received will be submitted instead to DC NFI this HQ.

for *Lat. Id. used*
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

P.T.O.

COPY.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.AFHQ/2554/3(Maint).27 Sep 44.Subject:- Toilet Articles for ITALIAN GRUPPI.To:- MMIA.

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(Sgd.) HUGH McLEAN, Lt.Col.,
For Major-General,
I.C.M.C.

Copies to:- Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy
EPI.

~~SECRET~~

COMANDO SUPPLEMENTO DI COLTAMENTO "LEONARDO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

A. 06/432 di prot.

R.M. 153, 17 novembre 1944

O s s e t t o: Sapone.=

AL D.D.A. S. C.U.S.

52 B.D.U.

S E D E

Il D.D.O.S. (Messa. Gorden) ha fatto sapere che la spettanza individuale di sapone è di 3 once per quindicina (pari a gr. 170 circa al mese), mentre la razione normale italiana è di gr. 250 al mese oltre la razione addizionale per meccanici, infermieri, cuochieri, addetti ai laboratori ecc.=-

Con il quantitativo di sapone ora assegnato si può provvedere alle lavature della biancheria, ma non è sufficiente anche per la pulizia personale.=

Vi perciò necessario:

- o risolvere la questione della cessione e pagamento della saponette (tramite MAXX M.A.A.T.I.) -
- o aumentare l'assegnazione del sapone comune per far fronte ai bisogni della pulizia personale dei soldati.=

La risoluzione della questione ha carattere d'urgenza.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAIORI
(Col. L. Lombardi)

Lombardi

O g g e t t o: Sapone.-

AL D.D.A. & C.M.C.

52 B.L.U.

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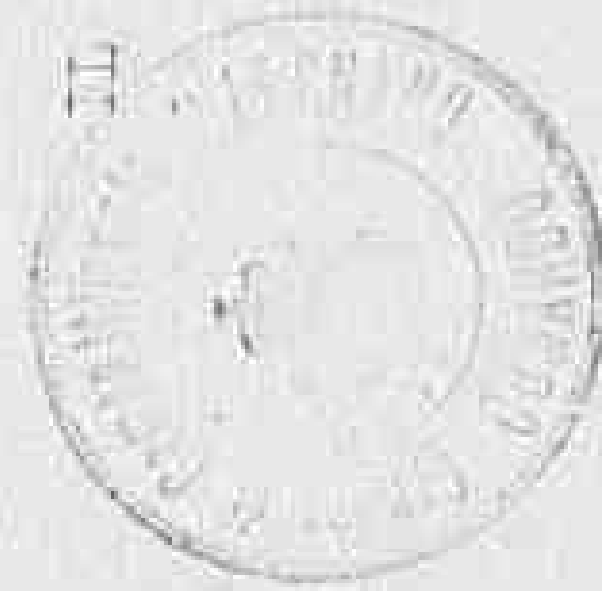
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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. Ig. Lombardi)

Lombardi

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEONARDI"
UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO

Subject: Soap.=
Ref. 06/483.
DAA & ONG.

P.M. 155/11/1944

52 B.L.U.

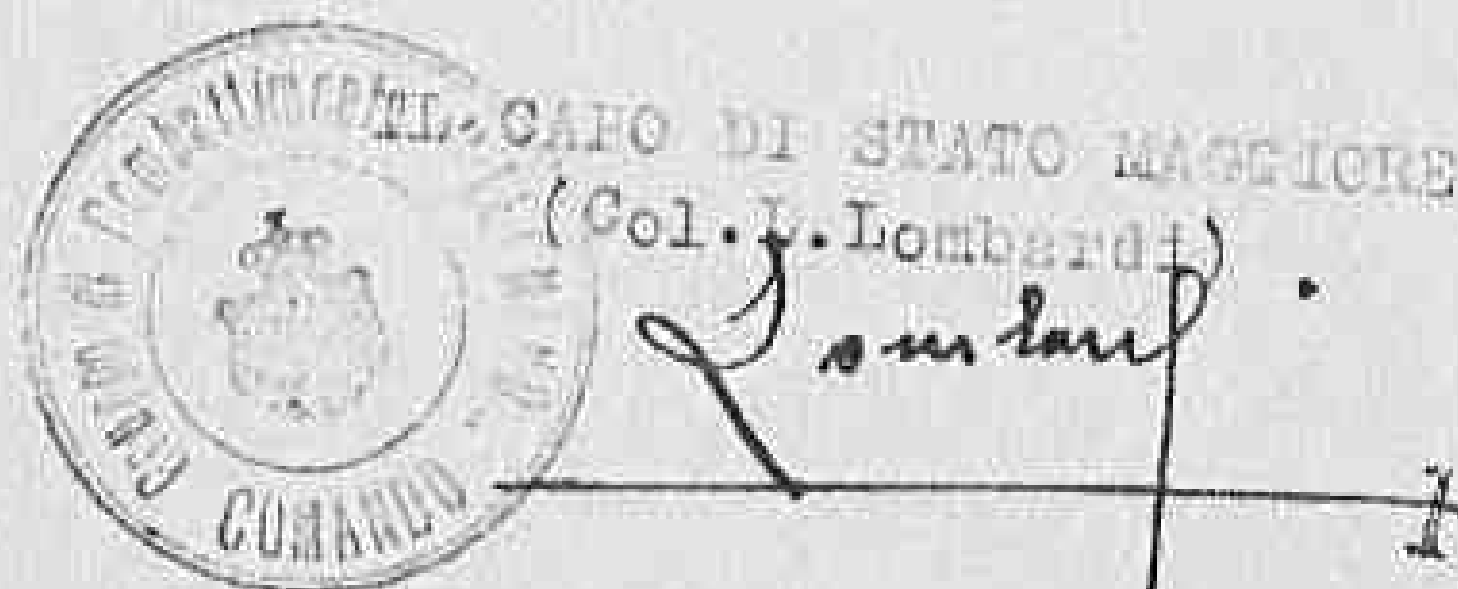
The scale of soap yellow per fortnight per man is of 3 ozs (approx 170 grams per mont, while the normal issue from Italian Army sources was of 250 grams, plus a supplement of one ration for drivers, fitters, cooks, etc.)-

The present issue of soap is only made for the purpose of washing laundry and it is not sufficient for toilet purposes.-

It is therefore necessary:

- a) either to entitle the personnel of the Combat Group to the NAAFI issue of toilet soap;
- b) or to authorize a supplementary issue of soap yellow for the a/m purpose.

This question should, for obvious reasons, be decided as soon as possible.=



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n. 06/626 di prot.

P.M. 155, 29 nov. 1944

Subject: Soap. =

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

52 B.L.U.

The Italian War Department has issued a new instruction regarding the scale of soap yellow.- The scale has now been increased to 350 grams (approx. 12 1/2 ozs per month) per man monthly.-

It is requested that the Allied Authorities are informed of this increase and a decision made by them for the scale of yellow soap to be issued to the units, as stated in nov. 17 letter of this H.Q.=

CHIEF OF STAFF

- Col. Luigi Lombardi -



Luigi Lombardi

Luigi 30

Subject: Soap.-

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Lombardi

COMANDO CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

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n. 06/ 626 di prot.

P.M. 155, 29 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Sapone.=

AL D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

52 B.L.U.

S E D E
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Il Ministero della Guerra, con recente disposizione, ha disposto che la razione individuale mensile di sapone per i militari del Gruppo di Combattimento è aumentata a grammi 350 pari a once 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. =

Si informa codesto B.L.U. perchè possa tenerne conto nel proporre alle autorità alleate la razione da distribuire alle dipendenti unità, a seguito di quanto già prospettata con nostro foglio del 17 corrente. =

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. L. Lombardi)



Lombardi

Subject: Soap.

52 British Liaison Unit,
GAF.

6 Dec 44.

2/3/32.

Land Forces Sub-Comm AG (MIA)

1. The scale of soap issued to Italian Combat Units through British Ordnance channels is 3 ozs per fortnight. No issue of toilet soap is made nor are NAAFI facilities available for its purchase.
2. HQ Lignano report that the Italian War Depot has recently issued a new instruction increasing the issue of yellow soap to 350 grams (approx 12 ozs) per month. The Combat groups being supplied from British Ordnance sources presumably receive no benefit from this increase.
3. It is requested that one of the following courses be adopted and the necessary instructions be issued:-
 - (a) An increase in the monthly issue
 - (b) A monthly Italian issue to supplement the British issue
 - (c) The affording of NAAFI facilities.

RTG/NO

Major,
DA&QMG.

Copy to: Lignano Gruppo di Combattimento.

CCH- D.H. 2008

Subject: Clothing, personal equipment and rations for CCHR
in Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AG/3

4 Dec 44.

1. AFHQ have ruled that the CCHR Sections within the organization of the Combat Group will be treated as M-ITI for the purposes of rations, and when necessary, for clothing.
2. CCHR outer garments may be worn but remaining garments may be supplied in the manner as the rest of the Group.
3. For rations, DFI supplies etc, the CCHR Section in the Combat Group will be treated in exactly the same way as the remainder of the Group.

FJB/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

G.C. 59-51-52-53-54 BEM
Major Gelardi (ICMIA LG 1st Depot TBRGO)
Ministry of War
Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.
MMA S.S.
MMA Q/AE
MMA ST

SUBJECT : Clothing, Equipment, Rations CCRB
Combat Groups.

52 Brit Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

8 Dec 44

Q/3

D.A.D.O.S.
52 BLU

Herewith copy of letter received from Land Forces
Sub Comm AC (MMIA), for information and action where necessary.

AA.

ML
Major
DAA&QMG

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Distribution of EPI goods to Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 File No. S/C/29/1
18 Dec 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 MLU's

1. It is suggested that a cash transaction between each Combat Group and EPI would be a better means of distributing EPI goods to Combat Groups than the present system whereby the account is presented afterwards to the Ministry of War. Each Group would then be entirely responsible for accounting for such goods and the Ministry of War would not be involved in something over which it has no direct control.
2. The Ministry of War states that the Groups' Canteen organisation (Spaccio) has the necessary cash resources to do this.
3. It would, however, be necessary for the money to be paid to EPI through a British Officer who would be responsible for each account being settled. Provided the transaction were left on a strictly cash for goods basis there would seem to be no difficulty about this.
4. You are requested to inform MMIA if you agree with the above proposal, and if the MLU can undertake the task of being the necessary link between the Combat Group and EPI on the question of handing over the cash.

[Signature]
 Major General
 M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/2

Not considered practicable, would mean 1 officer trying to run a div P.P.T. acct. account.

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Subject: Soap.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I.A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

20 Dec 1944

To: 52 B.L.U.

Reference your Q/3/32 dated 6 Dec 1944.

1. Your first paragraph is incorrect. The scale of issue of soap for Combat Groups is the same as for British troops i.e. 5 ozs per fortnight. In addition there is allowed an extra 3 ozs per fortnight for men engaged on work of a dirty nature e.g. M.T. personnel, fitters, smoke companies etc.
2. Your indents should therefore be based on these scales.

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D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Colonel, DA&MG
M. M. I. A.

Subject:- Soap

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
22 Dec 44

To: HQ
LEGNANO

Q/3/36

Ref this office letter Q/3/32 dated 6 Dec 44 (copy to you).

We have been informed that para 1 is incorrect, and that the scale of issue of soap for Combat Groups is the same as for British troops i.e. 5 ozs per fortnight.

In addition there is allowed an extra 3 ozs per fortnight for men engaged on work of a dirty nature e.g. M.T. personnel, fitters, smoke companies etc.

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WN/hjj

for Major.
DAA&QMG. 1184

(37)

Subject: EPI Supplies to GRUPPI

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

22 Dec 44.

50, 51, 52, 53 & 56 DLUs

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter received from 15 Army Group.
2. In order that this information may be forwarded to 15 Army Group, will you please forward to this HQ
 - (a) The total value of EPI goods supplied to your group up to 30 Nov 1944.
 - (b) Thereafter monthly.

Nil returns are required.

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Major General,
U. M. I. A.

DSLS/wk

Copy 15 Army Group (your GM/52/AFA dated 13 Dec refers)
Spec. Sec.

BRITISH MILITARY
C. M. I. A.

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Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to GRUPPIs.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/2/328 Dec 1944To: 52 B.L.U.

Ref your Q/3/38 of 24 Dec 1944.

1. Some confusion appears to exist over your reading of the two letters AAI 2049/12/Q2 dated 5 Oct 44 and AFHQ 2554/Q Maint dated 27 Sept 44. They should be read in conjunction.
2. The AAI letter referred to does not state that para 4 of AFHQ 2554/Q Maint does not apply until the Gruppi enter the operational Zone. It merely states that para 4 will apply when the Gruppi enter such Zone.
3. Para 2 of AFHQ letter 2554/Q Maint states that "It is intended to provide these Italian Gruppi, as they are formed, with toilet articles from E.F.I. as follows. This authority must not be quoted as a precedent for the issue of E.F.I. supplies to other Italian forces."

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Colonel, DAAQMG
M. M. I. A.

DSL/G/1e

Copy to: Spec Sec MIA

(42)

Subject: M.P.I. Supplies for Italian Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Coms. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O N R
HQ/2/3
28 Dec 1944

To: Ministry of War

Ref your 22942/V dated 26 November 1944.

1. The question of payment for M.P.I. goods supplied to the Combat Groups has been investigated.
2. It is regretted that the proposal in your a/m letter cannot be agreed to.
3. The method of payment for M.P.I. goods will continue as heretofore.

W. G. L. GREGG
W. G. L. GREGG, Major,
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DSIS/1e

Copies to: 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BIIA
(This HQ letter 8/12/44 of 18 Dec 44 refers)
Spec Sec MIA

BRITISH LIAISON
C. M. F.

1181

Subject : R.F.I. Supplies for Alien Combat Group.

50 British Liaison Unit.

HQ
R.M.I.A.

(41)
Ref 9/5/11.

21 Dec. 44.

A change in the procedure for paying for R.F.I. supplies does not appear to be warranted for the following reasons :-

- (a) The accounting procedure in use at the moment is perfectly simple, and is in line with the accounting procedure for other supplies. The suggested change would merely increase the paper transactions hitherto avoided.
- (b) It is considered that the B.L.U.s have more than sufficient other work without being involved in financial transactions involving cash payments.

C.M.F.
P.G.M./LGB.

↓
Lt Col.
G.S.

Copy to : 51, 52, 53 & 56 B.L.U.s.

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C.M.F.

1189

SUBJECT:- E. I. supplies to the
Italian Army

52 British Liaison Unit.

OMF

27 Dec 44

9/3/40

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

1. MMIA have requested that the following
information may be supplied:-

- (a) The total value of EPI goods supplied to the
UTILE and NEMBO units of the G.I.L. prior to
their absorption into the present GRUPPI.

2. It is understood that arrangements were made
for the supply of EPI goods to the above-named units, and if
you will forward the total value of goods supplied to this
office as soon as possible we will forward it to MMIA.

WN.

dl Major, 1174
pc DAA&QMG

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
C. M. F. (39)

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to the Italian Army.

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

24. Dec 1944

To: 52 B.L.U.

1. Information has been received from 15 Army Group that arrangements for the supply of EFI goods, similar to those now in force for the GRUPPI, were made for the supply of these goods to UTILE and NEMBO units of the C.I.L.
2. 15 Army Group wish to know the total value of EFI goods supplied to these two units prior to their absorption into the present GRUPPIS.
3. Will you please forward this information.

DSL/G/1e

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
for Col. DA & QMG
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:
Spec. Sec. MMIA

"H. Q. Legnano".

(46)

Ref NO. 06/888

A.P.O. 155 29/12/44

Sub: Distribution of I.F.I. Goods to Italian Army.

To: D.A.A. G.M.G.

For Ref. Q./3/40. 27th.

We wish to state that goods amounting to the value of Lire 1,206,328 was distributed to the Italian Units "UTILI" and "NEMBO". Over and above stated amount, 10,000 Tooth brushes were distributed without payment.

Il Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Col L Lombardi)



1177

RESTRICTEDSubject: - Distribution of EPI Goods to Combat Groups

To:

51 British Liaison Unit

HQ MAIA.

C 5/4

50 EBU
 52 EBU
 53 EBU
 56 EBU
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BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
 C.M.F.

Ref your S/O/29/1 dated 18 Dec 44 received 24 Dec 44.

1. I consider that the present system of settling for EPI goods supplied to Gruyppi is satisfactory inasmuch that the process of accounting is the responsibility of base HQ and NOT fwd units.
2. The amount of EPI supplies involved is so limited and their nature is such (razor blades, toothbrushes) that to talk of them as something over which the Ministry of War has no control seems irrelevant.
3. To my mind it is undesirable for a Dr officer to become involved in the handling of Italian money, and in any case, I do NOT consider I have the staff to detail an officer to collect EPI for the ITALIANS which, in fact, is what your suggestion would involve.

4. I therefore recommend the continuance of the present system.

Field,
 Dec 44.
 RM/KS,

Lt Col,
 General Staff.

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Field,

Dec 44.

RWH/KS,

Lt Col,
General Staff.

W. H. Kelly

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
C. M. F.

Subject: Toilet Articles for Grappi.

51 British Liaison Unit.

To:

Q 5/4

HQ MUDA

10 Corps
50 RIJ
52 RIJ
53 RIJ
56 RIJ

Ref your S/O/29/1 of 6 Oct 44. please note that the EPI supplies referred to therein ie razors, razor blades, toothbrushes and shaving brushes, have now been drawn.

1. CREMONA GRUPPO now point out that the personnel of the Grappi have no issue of shaving soap. Besides the fact that Black Market prices for soap are prohibitive the article is also in very short supply in civilian shops.
2. In order, therefore, that the personnel of the Grappi may use their shaving eqpt will you please consider the question of enabling supplies of shaving soap to be on sale to them at EPI prices.
3. This seems to me a reasonable proposition and one in line with FM Alexander's declaration to the Generale Commandante of this Gruppo that the Grappi should be treated in a similar manner to Allied troops.

Field.
28 Dec 44.
DMC/KS.

Lt Col.
General Staff.

BW Webb

MR. [REDACTED]

32 British Liaison Unit, 65
 [REDACTED]
 100/4/45
 21 [REDACTED]

100/4/45
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 100/4/45

1. Complaint has been made that of 63 pairs of boots sent to [REDACTED] 55 Area for repair, 53 were so badly worn that they were beyond repair.

2. Will you make a point in dealing with your units, of ensuring that the repair facilities are fully known, and ensure that it is fully appreciated that boots must not be worn until the sole breaks.

Ch. Clark
 Capt.

([REDACTED])
 for D.A.B. [REDACTED] 52 B.L.U.

100/4/45

Copy to D.A.B. & C.A.B. 52 B.L.U. (Your memo of 20 Feb. refers)
 Office of [REDACTED]

(Please ensure that steps are taken to prevent a repetition. Close watch will be kept on wastage of boots, and disciplinary action should be taken in cases where boots are worn too long, and fall beyond repair because of lack of oversight and inspection by Company and Platoon Officers and N.C.O's. By D.A.B.C. Circular No. 2. (Para 2) dated 5 Feb '45) Refer

1174

Ref

MEMORANDUM

To:--DADOS
52 BLU

2 British Liaison Unit
CoF
20 Feb 45

64

1 District A/Q told me that of last 83 pairs of boots sent for repair. 53 were beyond repair as they had been worn too long before being handed in. I gather they all have 2 pairs now (either British or Italian) so this is just inefficiency by platoon and company officers and N.C.Os. Can you send a rocket round and get your staff also to chase Units on this.

RWG/AN.

W. L. ...

Major.
DAA&MG.

1173

SUBJECT:- NAAFI Supplies 'LEGNANO' Gruppo

52 British Liaison Unit.

CMF

20 Feb 45

To:- DC., EFL.
A.F.H.Q.

AQ/3/63

Reference AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/Q/(asint) of
27.9.44.

Herewith consolidated demand for EFL toilet supplies
for the Legnano Gruppo based on the present strength of the
Gruppo.

May arrangements please be made for these supplies
to be available in bulk at EFL AREZZO.

RWO/NN.

Robert H. ...
1172
Major.
DAA&CMG.

*Appdx B*TOILET SUPPLIES FOR LEGNANO GRUPPO

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Razors	4878
Blades	19512 (being 1st month maint issue)
Toothbrushes	9756
Shaving Brushes	4878

Certified that items required represent the Strength of
the Legnano Gruppo as at 11 Feb 45.

Major.
D.A. & QMG.
52 British Liaison Unit.

1171

DATE 19 62

SUBJECT:- EFI Supply for Italian Forces

HQ 55 Area

55A/5/Q

15 Feb 45

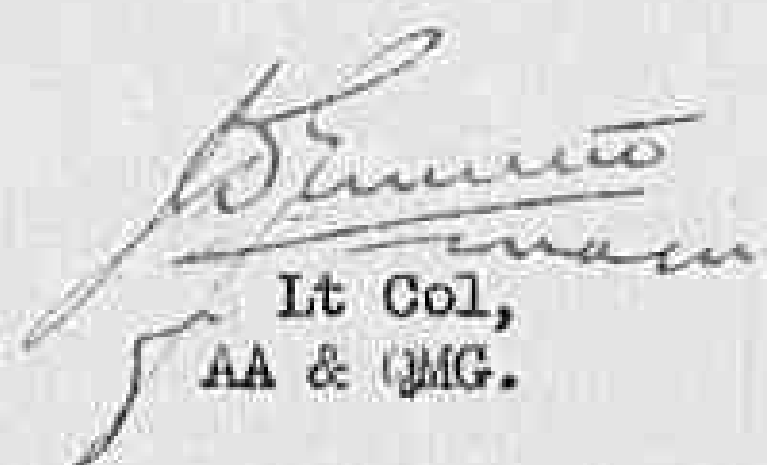
52 BLU

Ref your HQ/3/60 of 11 Feb.

Consolidated demand is returned
to be signed and certified.

Please forward direct to DC EFI
AFHQ who will make the necessary arrange-
ment for these items to be available.

SGM/PG


Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

C. M. F.

19 Feb. HQ/3/62

TOILET SUPPLIES FOR LEGNANO GRUPPO

349

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Razors	4878
Blades	19512 (being 1st months maintenance issue)
Toothbrushes	9756
Shaving Brushes	4878

1179

Q

(61)

Subject: Issue of Tooth Brushes to UTILE and NEMBO Gps.

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

9 Feb 1945

To: AFHQ (for Financial Advisor Br)

Reference your D/52/FA dated 16 Jan 45.

A report has been received from the LEGNANO Gruppo that the 10,000 tooth brushes that were distributed free among the UTILE and NEMBO Gps during May 44, were obtained from the British CG at VAIRANO.

PFF/1a

P. P. Fardell
P. P. FARDSELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 52 B.L.U. - your 3/3/55 or 3 Feb 45 refers.

RB

60A

SUBJECT: MAAFI Supplies 'LEGNANO' Gruppo

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.

11 Feb 45

To: HQ
SS Area.

AQ/3/60

Reference AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/Q/(Maint) of
27.9.44.

Herewith consolidated demand for EFI toilet
supplies for the Legnano Gruppo based on the present strength
of the Gruppo.

May arrangements please be made for these
supplies to be available in bulk at EFI AREZZO.

RWG/BN.

Rwd
Major.
DAA&QMG.

TOILET SUPPLIES FOR LEGNANO GRUPPO

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Razors	4878
Blades	19512 (being 1st month maintenance issue)
Toothbrushes	9756
Shaving Brushes	4878

1168

Subject: R.P.I. Supplies to Group.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R G M S
12/2/3

2 Feb 1945

To: HQ 15 Army Group

Reference your CM/52/ABA dated 13 Dec 1944.

The total value of R.P.I. goods supplied to the Group during December is as follows:-

	£	s	d
(a) PMILL GP.....	375	0	2
(b) CREMUNA GP.....			NIL
(c) LEXHANO GP.....			NIL
(d) PILLAGRE GP.....			NIL
(e) MATHONA GP.....			NIL

P. P. C. D. H.

P. E. FARRER, J/Comd.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to: 50 BLM
51 BLM
52 BLM
53 BLM
56 BLM
Spec. Sec. BLM

R. H.

7448649 (59)

The total value of B.P.I. goods supplied to the Groupi during December is as follows:-

	2	3	4
(a) PHILLI GP.....	578	0	2
(b) CHUMANA GP.....			NIL
(c) LOMMANO GP.....			NIL
(d) POLICORE GP.....			NIL
(e) MANTOVA GP.....			NIL

1000/10

P. P. Randall

P. P. RANDALL, J/Comd.
for Major General,
N. M. I. A.

Copy to: 50 HMA
51 HMA
52 HMA
53 HMA
56 HMA
Spec. Sec. HMA

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(57)

SUBJECT: FFI Sums - PRIULI ICC

62 (1) 100

50 Unit Liaison Unit

6/5/11

REAR 5 Corps

29 JAN 45

- 1) In AFHQ letter 2551/Q(1st) dated 27 Dec 44 addressed to HQ MIA, the aforementioned scale of issue to Italian Combat was authorized.

Item	Initial Issue	Limit
Razors	1 per 2 men	Nil
Razor Blades	-	2 per month
Toothbrushes	1	1 per 4 persons
Shaving Brush	1 per 2 men	Nil

- 2) It will be noted that the scale is extremely limited and allows no allowance for either toothpaste or shaving soap. The normal monthly issue of 300 rations of soap is designed to cover all purposes, but in fact is totally unsuitable in quality and quantity to deal with both personal hygiene and individual laundry.

- 3) In the terms of AAI letter 2049/12/42 dated 26 Nov addressed to Allies and Districts, bulk demands for items in accordance with the scale quoted in para 1 above are to be despatched by EITA direct to DG FFI AAI.

- 4) In accordance with these instructions the HQ demanded 1600 razors, and 19643 blades (1 cca typed on 31 Dec. This demand has not yet been met and therefore still represents the current need.

- 5) During past months considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining even the limited scale which represents the full entitlement of the Group.

- 6) The PRIULI ICC is not in an operational area and about to undertake responsibilities identical to those of the Allies. It is considered essential that every step should be taken not only to fulfill the undertaking recently given by Field Marshal ALEXANDER that "they would be treated exactly the same as all other Allied Armies under his command", but also to ensure that hygiene is not jeopardized and morale lowered by the absence of those items at present available to the Allies but denied to co-belligerents.

By Lawrence

Mey

for Lt col
CS

CIT

Razors

Razor Blades

Toothbrushes

Shaving Brush

1 per 2 men

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1 per 2 men

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CAF

BCH/SLE

Copy to :

HQ MDA

51 BLU

52 BLU

53 BLU

56 BLU

B. G. L. A. H. H. H.

1767

1767 Lt col
CS

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 33

Call

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NR57

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

52 B L U

Message Instructions

GR

Q Q X12

Originator's No.

A Q/2722 Re our letter A Q/2/3 dated 20 Jan
Please expedite reply

1105

Sir
This was
answered
3 Feb.

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11. 06/1093

P.M. 1255 25-1-45.

Suspect. Tooth Brushes.

52 B.L.U.

(Ref to F. Q/3/31 of 23 inst)

For Information. 10,000 Tooth Brushes have been issued in the month of January by the British R.O.C. Varna.

by order.

il Ceyce di Statchagg.
(Ad F. Garofoli)

GG/pd.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"

- Ufficio di Commissariato -

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n. 06/1093 di prot.

P.M. 155, 25 gennaio 1946.-

OGGETTO: spazzolini da denti.=

AL 52 B. L. U.

-Rif.f.Q/3/31 del 23 corr.-

S E D E

Si comunica che i 10.000 spazzolini da denti vennero prelevati nel mese di maggio presso il R.O.O. Britannico di VAIRANO.=

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Col. F. Garofoli)



1163

SUBJECT:- Issue of Toothbrushes to UMLE and MEMO Gps

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

23 Jan 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

9/3/51

Reference your 06/888 of 29 December 44.

In your last paragraph you stated that 10,000 toothbrushes were distributed without payment. Please state whether these were from E.F.I. or British Army stocks. Please treat this as urgent.

WH.

ll Major,
For, DAAZMG.

1162

● Subject: Issue of Toothbrushes to UTILE and NEMBO Gps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/2/3

20 Jan 1945

To: 52 B.L.U.

Reference your Q/3/47 dated 4 Jan 45.

In your last para you stated that 10,000 toothbrushes were distributed without payment. Please state whether these were from E.F.I. or British Army stocks.

PPF/1e

P. P. Farrell
P. P. FARRELL, J/Comd.
for Colonel, DA&QMG
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ - your D/52/FA dated 16 Jan 45 refers.

*Walter Legume
folio 51*

(48)

Subject: S.F.I. Supplies to Gruppi.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R O M E
A3/2/5

11 Jan 1945

To: Hq 15 Army Group.

Reference your O3/62/ATA dated 13 Dec 1944.

The total value of S.F.I. goods supplied to the Gruppi up to
30 Nov 1944 is as follows:-

	+	x.	g.
(a) VIGILI Sp.	1104	- 13	- 0
(b) GEMMA Sp.	1142	- 14	- 3
(c) LONARD Sp.		NIL	
(d) PISCARE		NIL	
(e) SAPPVA		NIL	

P. P. Padell

P. P. PADDELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

P3V/10

Copy to: 50 518)
51 512) Please forward return
52 513) for Dec 44 as requested
53 514) in our letter A3/2/5 dated
54 515) 22 Dec 44.

Spec. Sec. AMFA

→ Sir
H. L. A.
43
36
37
31

Rife

Last issue of PFI goods
was last August.
(C)

1160

TOILET SUPPLIES FOR MEDNANO GRUPPO

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Razors	4878 1
Blades	19512 2
Toothbrushes	9756 3
Shaving Brushes	4878 4

Certified that items required represent the Strength of the
MEDNANO Gruppo as at 11 Feb 45.

CMP
LAP/BB

Major,
DAA & CMC.

1159

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55 ACD.														
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48 BIS please arrange to demand and additinal														
1/4 sticks shaving soap & 1 tube tooth paste														
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RCM DISTONE 02---A

TO 52 BLU

INFO 55 AREA

COPY TO : RFI

OR 39 BT

Q-47. RESTRICTED.

C R W P P I ENTITLED WEF 1 MARCH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CANTEEN
 SUPPLIES OR REPAYMENT. SHAVING SOAP 1/4 STICK PER MAN PER MONTH
 TOOTH PASTE 1 TUBE PER MAN PER MONTH. SUBMIT BULK DEMAND FOR GRUPPO
 IN NORMAL MANNER 47 B I S

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RD NR 352 0222 C R W

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 TO 52 BLU
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 IN NORMAL MANNER 47 B I S

BT THI 2645
 SENT NR 350 CM 0022 B 1
 RD NR 350 0022 C R U

1156

DANP 70

Subject: Toilet Articles for Combat Groups

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/2/3/1

28 Feb 45.

SO, SI, S2, S3, S4 & F BLU

Not read

Ref SO BLU 9/5/11 of 18 Feb 45

1. Payment for EPI supplies to combat groups for resale to troops is made in bulk by Ministry of War through M.M.I.A.
2. The method by which Ministry of War recovers these amounts from groups is entirely an Italian affair.
3. If the Ministry decides that the amounts are to be recovered from the men individually, it is considered that the present rates of pay are adequate to stand this.

WGP/vk

W.P. Pidsley Colonel
W. G. PIDSELY, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

ARMY FORM 62126 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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For Action

56 BLU ARMTIC ARU RTE ICF CESANO

TO

50 BLU 51 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

Q20. @ Restricted @ Items purchasable from EEF
may include toothpaste on scale of one tube per month
and shaving soap on scale of one stick per month per four
months @ Quilty FREEDOM SIGNAL FX 34091 of 26
As @ Subject is EEF Supplies for combat group and
CESANO

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Subject: EPI Sups to Gruppi.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) R O M B
✓2/3/1

28 Feb 1945

To: Hq 15 Army Group.

Reference your 034/52/AFM dated 13 Dec 44.

The total value of EPI goods supplied to the Gruppi during the month of Jan 45 is as follows:-

(a)	Friuli Gp	N41
(b)	Cremna Gp.	2745-15-2
(c)	Legnano Gp.	N41
(d)	Folgore Gp.	N41
(e)	Mantova Gp.	N41

VFP/lc

P. P. Faddl
P. P. FARDELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. N. I. A.

Copies to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
Spec Sec NMIA

RR

Subject: Soap - ALL BR-TOIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(H. M. I. A.) R O M E
1/22/45

14 Feb 1945

Admin Let No 22 of 20 Feb 45

1. The soap ration provided by the ITALIAN Government is set out in ~~Admin Let No 22 of 20 Feb 45~~. Continual pressure is being and will continue to be put on the ITALIAN Government to produce the required quantity.
2. The total quantities available will only just meet the requirements if there is no unforeseen circumstance such as a shortage of fats or caustic soda needed for the manufacture. Moreover, the ration scale is so low that it provides no margin for "dirty workers" etc.
3. AFHQ has therefore authorized, under Signal FMSDQ 121955 of 6 Feb, that low scale issues for dirty work conditions may be made at the discretion of Br Comds.
4. In order to charge such issues to the Italian Government, the voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and show the following information:-

- | | |
|-----|---|
| (a) | Date of issue. |
| (b) | Authority for issue. |
| (c) | Depot making issue. |
| (d) | Unit to which issue was made. |
| (e) | Item. |
| (f) | Unit. |
| (g) | Quantity. |
| (h) | Price. |
| (i) | Total amount. |
| (j) | Signature of receiving Italian Officer and name typed or printed. |
| (k) | Counter-signature of the Issuing Agency. |

The original signed voucher to be sent to HQ AFHQ, as soon as possible after issue is made. Issuing Agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to receiving unit at time of issue.

1 AF/14

P. J. N. N. N.
P. J. N. N. N., C.I.
For Major General,
H. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Five Army for Q Br Iner.
HQ Eight Army for Q.

53 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.

2. The total quantities available will only just meet the requirements if there is no unforeseen circumstance such as a shortage of fats or caustic soda needed for the manufacture. Moreover, the ration scale is so low that it provides no margin for "dirty workers" etc.

3. AFHQ has therefore authorized, under signal FWDQ 121955 of 6 Feb, that low scale issues for dirty work conditions may be made at the discretion of Br Comds.

4. In order to charge such issues to the Italian Government, the voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and show the following information:-

- (a) Date of Issue.
- (b) Authority for issue.
- (c) Depot making issue.
- (d) Unit to which issue was made.
- (e) Item.
- (f) Unit.
- (g) Quantity.
- (h) Price.
- (i) Total Amount.
- (j) Signature of receiving Italian Officer and name typed or printed.
- (k) Counter-signature of the Issuing Agency.

The original signed voucher to be sent to HQ AFHQ, as soon as possible after issue is made. Issuing Agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to receiving unit at time of issue.

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P. J. Noam
P. J. Noam, Col.
for Junior General,
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Five Army for 2 Br Incr.
HQ Eight Army for 2.
HQ No. 1 District for 2.
HQ No. 2 District for 2.
HQ No. 3 District for 2.
50 D.L.U.
54 D.L.U.
52 D.L.U.

Copy to:

AFHQ 9 Maint.

53 D.L.U.
56 D.L.U.
HCO, ICS (GSSAMS)
CC 7th Cadre ONVIERO 10th Depot
CC 8th Cadre 22nd 10th Depot
CC 9th Cadre AFHQCOLL 10th Depot
ALL AFHQ 10s
HCO 3 Maint.

Copy sent Dadre for action

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Subject: Dubbin for Boots for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comp. A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) 1015 E
3/35/1

11/ Feb 1945

1. Owing to the shortage of oils and fats an adequate supply of dubbin or substitute will NOT in all cases be available from ITALIAN Army sources.
2. In order that the Br boots now being issued to BR-ITIS may be adequately maintained AFHQ have authorized under reference FHEC/P24955 of 6 Feb 45 that dubbin may be issued on normal scale at the discretion of Br Unit Comd.

3. In order to charge such issues to the Italian Government the voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and show the following information:-

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|-----|---|
| (a) | Date of Issue. |
| (b) | Authority for Issue. |
| (c) | Depot making Issue. |
| (d) | Unit to which issue was made. |
| (e) | Item. |
| (f) | Unit. |
| (g) | Quantity. |
| (h) | Price (if known). |
| (i) | Total amount. |
| (j) | Signature of receiving Italian Officer and name typed or printed. |
| (k) | Counter-signature of the Issuing Agency. |

The original signed voucher to be sent to HQ MIA as soon as possible after issue is made. Issuing Agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to receiving unit at time of issue.

RM/10

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Five Army for G Br Invt.
HQ Eight Army for G.
HQ No. 1 District for G.
HQ No. 2 District for G.
HQ No. 3 District for G.
50 B.L.U.

53 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.
HQC, ICT (CHESANO)
OC Br Cadre CHIVERO Rpts Depot
OC Br Cadre MILANI Rpts Depot
OC Br Cadre ARONA Rpts Depot

E. J. MORGAN, Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Handwritten: 66

in order that one of copies may be issued to the Italian Government the voucher adequately maintained. All HQ have authorized under reference BUEBQ/221055 of 6 Feb 45 that duplicate may be issued on normal scale at the discretion of the Unit (Cont).

3. In order to charge such issues to the Italian Government the voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and show the following information:-

- (a) Date of issue.
- (b) Authority for issue.
- (c) Depot making issue.
- (d) Unit to which issue was made.
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- (f) Unit.
- (g) Quantity.
- (h) Price (if known).
- (i) Total amount.
- (j) Signature of receiving Italian Officer and name typed or printed.
- (k) Counter-signature of the issuing agency.

The original signed voucher to be sent to HQ MIA as soon as possible after issue is made. Issuing agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to receiving unit at time of issue.

BJM/10

F. J. Morris
F. J. MORRIS, Col.
For Major General,
N. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Five Army for Q Br. Inver.
HQ Eight Army for Q.
Hq. No. 1 District for Q.
HQ No. 2 District for Q.
HQ No. 3 District for Q.
50 B.L.U.
51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.

Copy to:

AMHQ Q Maint.

53 B.L.U.
54 B.L.U.
HQC, IAF (CESARIO)
OC Br Cadre CIVILITO Rete Depot
OC Br Cadre CIVILI Rete Depot
OC Br Cadre AFMAGSOLA Rete Depot
AMHQ Q Maint.

Logis and Address for action
Sub.

SUBJECT:- Denim Overalls

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMP.
8 Mar 45

To:- DADOS
52 BLU

AQ/3/77

Herewith translation of letter from Legnano on the above subject. Will you please investigate into the matter and supply the Gruppe with an answer.

W.N.

[Signature]
Major.
for, DAA&CMG.

TRANSLATION of Legnano letter 06/1320 dated 2 Mar 45.

Subject:- Suggestion for amendment to "Normal Equipment List."

To:- 52 BLU
DAA&CMG.

(FATIGUE) DENIM OVERALLS FOR DVRS, MECHS, D.Rs.
Cooks etc;

The "Normal Equipment List" for Combat Groups does not include denims for Dvrs, DRS, MechS, Cooks, etc.

Several times already have requests been made, but so far without any success.

The a/m specialists are, due to their specific duties, in need of denims. The only suit, they have, becomes after a few days inevitably U/S.

This of course, causes a considerable waste of Battle dress suits and the a/m personnel are always dirtily clad.

Will you, therefore, please contact AFHQ requesting

.....them 5/1.../

them to include in the "N.E.L." for Italian Combat Groups
the assignment of DENIM OVERALLS for the above mentioned
categories.

Col. F. Garofoli
Chief of Staff.

SG/pd.

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

*Please
Translate 76*

n. 06/1320 di prot.

P.M. 155, 2 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Proposta di variazioni al "NORMAL EQUIPMENT LIST".-

AL 52 B. L. U.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

S E D E

= COMBINAZIONI PER AUTISTI, MOTOCICLISTI, MECCANICI, CUCINIERI ECC.-

Il "Normal Equipment List" per i Gruppi di Combattimento non prevede l'assegnazione della combinazione per gli autisti, motociclisti, meccanici, cucinieri ecc.-

Varie volte sono state inoltrate richieste di tute ma sono sempre rimaste invase.-

I militari di cui sopra, per i particolari lavori ai quali sono addetti, hanno assoluta necessità della tuta. L'unica divisa che hanno in distribuzione, dopo pochi giorni, si rende inevitabilmente inservibile.-

Ciò causa uno sciupio di divise e tali militari sono sempre con l'uniforme sporca.-

Pregasi voler rappresentare quanto sopra all'A.F.H.Q. affinché includa nel "N.E.L." per i Gruppi italiani di combattimento la distribuzione di una combinazione da lavoro per le categorie succitate.=



d'ordine
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. F. Garofoli)

[Signature]

SUBJ 1:-BFI Supplies - Legnano ruppe

52 British Liaison Unit.

GIF.

7 Mar 45

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

AQ/3/75

Arrangements have now been made for the under-mentioned items to be drawn from 47 BIS. AREZZO. as soon as possible, and not later than Friday 9 March 45.

<u>For February:</u>	Razor Blades	19512
	Toothbrushes	9756
	Shaving Brushes	4878
<u>For March:</u>	Toothpaste	9415 tubes
	Shaving Sticks	2354.

It is regretted that Razors are not available at the moment but as soon as they are you will be notified.

No payment will be made for these items at time of collection, but a signature will be given for them to the BIS and an invoice will be collected and forwarded to this office.

WN.

[Signature]
Major.
for, DAA&MG.

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>
Razors	4878	nil	nil	nil
Blades	19512	?	?	?
Toothbrushes	9756	nil	nil	nil
Shav Brushes	4878	nil	nil	nil
Toothpaste	nil	9415	?	?
Shav. Sticks	nil	2354	?	?

SUBJECT :- Supplies - LEGNANO Group

52 BIU,
AQ/3/73,
5 Mar 45

OO 48 BIU

Ref DISTONE Signal C/47 of 2 MAR 45 and 55 Area's letter 55A/3/2 of the same date, please make the following supplies available on 9th March :-

25 Toothpaste - 9415 tubes
10 Shaving Sticks- 2354 sticks (1/4 stick per man per month)

In addition, the following supplies demanded on 20/3/53 of 20 FEB 45 addressed to DC, EPI, AFHQ, have not yet been collected :-

20 Razors - 4878
2 Blades - 19512
25 Toothbrushes - 9756
50 Shaving Brushes 4878

It would be appreciated if these could be made available at the same time.

Certificates are attached to this letter.

CMF
LAF/BB

Copy to :- HQ 55 Area ('Q' Branch)
HQ LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

NOTE: 55 Area please confirm that these
are to be drawn from 481315
and NOT 47815

Major,
DAA & CNG.

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TOILET SUPPLIES FOR LEGNANO GRUPPO

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ITEM

QUANTITY

Tooth Paste
Shaving Soap

5415
2354

Certified that items required represent the Strength of the
Legnano Gruppo as at 2nd Mar 43.

S. Mar

Major,
DAA & QAD.

Subject : Maintenance - BR-IIIIS

BRIIS Increment (a Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Tele No : LIGHTNING FLAR 129

167 Q

15 Mar 45

Rear 13 Corps (5)

Rear 6 SA Armd Div

(3)

32 PLU

16 APR

Flourance Comd

21 Beach Gr

Engine (Brit)

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MAIL 10

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1. This letter is issued to clarify the post with regard to certain guns concerning BR-IIIIS.

EXHIBIT

2. Under MAILA letter 46/2-53 dated 15 Feb the previous ration scale for BR-IIIIS was cancelled and the following introduced wef 20 Feb :-

(a) From DRI's Army stocks

Per man per day

Flour	15 cgs
Dried Vegetables	2 "
Meat Canned or	"
Fish Preserved	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Margarine	5 "
Rice	1 "
Vegetables Dehydrated	1 "
Onions or Tomato Paste	1 "
Coffee	1 "
Pepper	1/200 "

From Italian War Ministry stocks

Fruit Fresh	4 "
Vegetables Fresh	8 "

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1. This letter is issued to clarify the plan with regard to certain cases concerning ROLLIS.

RATIONS

2. Under MIA letter AG/2-93 dated 18 Feb the previous ration scale for ROLLIS was cancelled and the following introduced wif 20 Feb :-

(a) From Belg Army stores

Per man per day

Wheat	15 cgs
Dried Vegetables	2 "
Meat Canned or	"
Fish Preserved	"
Cheese	"
Sugar	"
Macaroni	"
Rice	"
Vegetables Dehydrated	"
Onions or Tomato Paste	"
Coffee	"
Pepper	1/200 "

From Italian War Ministry stocks

Fruit Fresh	4 "
Vegetables Fresh	8 "
Olive Oil	1 1/2 "
Beans Shelled, or	1 "
Beans Unshelled	2 "
Salt	1 1/2 "
Wine	1 litre
Matchbox	1 box or 2 books weekly.

- (b) Wef 1 Apr 45 units drawing the first portion of the ration from DIDA are instructed to draw the 4 cgs fruit and 8 cgs fresh Vegetables also from DIDA under MIA form STC.

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3. The above ration scale is now effective except where there is any variance with insets issued by SF this HQ in Departmental Instr Serial 10 dated 14 Mar.

CIGARETTES

4. (a) Basic Issue

The scale is 5 cigarettes per man per day for all types of all categories and is issued through DIs.

- (b) Additional Free Issue

An additional free issue of 5 cigarettes per man per day was authorized w/e 7 May 1941 in applicable to all Combat Orgs wherever located and all IR-ITIS and of Army rear bdy. This issue is held by arrangements HQ 251 Div.

- (c) Regimental Organization

The Italian Government has certain limitation of cigarettes for issue through HQ 251 Div on payment. The scale of provision is 5 per man per day as far as supply permit. Responsibility for obtaining payment from the type rests with the Italian military authority.

SHAVE

5. The scale of issue to IR-ITIS in Combat Orgs is as under :-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Initial Issue</u>	<u>Maintenance Issue</u>
Razors	1 per 2 men	Nil
Razor blades	-	2 per 1 month
Toothbrushes	1	1 per 4 months
Shaving Brushes	1 per 2 men	Nil
Toothpaste	-	1 tube per month
Shaving Soap	-	1 stick per 4 months

6. Insets in the case of the ISSUING OFFICER have already been issued in this HQ Adm Instr No 10 dated 15 Mar and 13 Corps are responsible for the ISSUING OFFICER.
7. 52 and 53 HQ will submit consolidated demands to BIS as when built receipts will be given for goods received, these receipts constituting the EIT certificate of issue.
8. 52 and 53 HQ will obtain receipts for all articles which are issued on credit - from the responsible Italian officer and then send such receipts to HQ 10 this HQ.
9. The BIS will transfer accounts to CTR i/o Accounts EIT Adm for

(b) Administrative Information

An additional free issue of 3 cigarettes per man per day was authorized until 7 April and is applicable to all Combat Gps wherever located and all BR-THS fwd of Army rear bdy. This issue is made by arrangements HQ 234 Div.

(a) Government Obligations

The Italian Government has certain obligations of cigarettes for issue through HQ 234 Div on requirement. The scale of provision is 5 per man per day as far as supply will permit. Responsibility for obtaining payment from the Axis rests with the Italian military authorities.

API5. API scale of issue to BR-THS in Combat Gps is as under :-

Item	Initial Issue	Minimum Issue
Razors	1 per 2 men	Nil
Razor blades	-	2 per 1 month
Toothbrushes	1	1 per 4 months
Shaving Brush	1 per 2 men	Nil
Toothpaste	-	1 stick per month
Shaving Soap	-	1 stick per 4 months

6. Issues in the case of the FIDELIO GRUPO have already been issued in this HQ MIA letter No. 12 dated 13 Apr and 17 Corps are responsible for the FIDELIO GRUPO.7. 52 and 53 DIV will submit consolidated demands to BIS to whom bulk receipts will be given for goods received, these receipts constituting the API certificate of issue.8. 52 and 53 DIV will obtain receipts for all articles - which are issued on credit - from the responsible Italian officer and then send such receipts to MIA IO file HQ.9. The BIS will transfer accounts to GPR i/o accounts MIA AMIQ for financial adjustment.10. No other API facilities exist for BR-THS.SOAP11. (c) The scale of issue through Italian sources is 300 grammes per month for all BR-THS fwd of Army rear bdy and 200 grammes per mile or horse per month ; the scale varies with the fat content of the soap.(b) Issues are made through PASC channels.

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12. It is recognised that in some cases the scale in insufficient and does not cover a category known as "dirty workers" and authority is given for low scale issues from Brit sources at the discretion of Brit coms.
13. (a) Owing to the shortage of soap in this theatre, difficulty is being experienced in meeting the demands of Brit troops and consequently issues from Brit sources for BR-THIS will be kept to a minimum.
- (b) Authorisation for such issues will be as follows :-

ISSUE GROUP	-	"Q" Fifth Army
FOURTH CORPS	-	"Q" Rear 13 Corps
POW 1st Coy	-	"Q" Fifth Army
POW 2nd Coy	-	"Q" Fifth Army
14. In order to debit the Italian Government, vouchers covering issues will be serially numbered and will show the following info :-

(a)	Date of Issue
(b)	Authority for Issue
(c)	Dept or Installation making issue
(d)	Unit to which issue was made
(e)	Quantity
(f)	Ref no
(g)	Signature of receiving Italian offr (with name typed or printed)
(h)	Counter signature of the issuing unit
15. The original signed voucher will be sent to MHA LO this HQ, one copy being retained by the issuing and receiving units.
16. There is a special scale for troops and Italian red units which will be notified as soon as received.

NOTE

16. Due to the shortage of Italian from Italian sources, authority is given for issues from Brit stocks on the normal scale; authority for issues and system of debiting will be the same as for soap at para 13(a) and 14.

14. In order to debit the Italian Government, vouchers covering issues will be serially numbered and will show the following data :-

(a)	Date of issue	LEONARDI CHIEFO	-	"Q" Fifth Army
(b)	Authority for issue	FORCONE CHIEFO	-	"Q" Rear 13 Corps
(c)	Depot or installation making issue	Back 2nd Coy	-	3rd Fifth Army
(d)	Unit to which issue was made	For 2 (ab) Coy	-	"Q" Fifth Army
(e)	Quantity			
(f)	Ratio			
(g)	Signature of receiving Italian officer (with name typed or printed)			
(h)	Counter signature of the issuing unit			

The original signed voucher will be sent to HQA to this HQ, one copy being retained by the issuing and receiving units.

15. There is a special scale for hours and Italian and units which will be notified as soon as received.

DURBY

15.

Due to the shortage of Durrin from Italian sources, authority is given for issue from Durrin stocks on the normal scale ; authority for issues and system of debiting will be the same as for Camp at Paris 15(b) and 14.

R. A. MILLARD
has

R. A. MILLARD, Major
for Col
DA 3 CMB

RAM/7.

LOXL V HCO NR 251 QVM1
FROM REAR 13 CORPS 202220A

TO 52 BLU

INFO 41 BIS

QGX GR19

Q407 . CONFIRMATION .

52 BLU WILL DRAW ETI ENTITLEMENTS

IN WEEK BEGINNING 13 MAR FROM 41 BIS ON 23 MAR

SENT SS 0032 AR TKS

R AT LOXL 210035A OMB AR K

Recd

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*Sgt of Belvoir Camp
was querying this
and had informed him
its O.K.
Maybe someone is
concerned?*

*No 1 p.m. Camp at
Present. Rudy*

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SUBJECT:- Soap - BR-THIR

British Increment (Q-Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMT

Tele No: LIGHTWIRE REAR 129

167 Q

18 Mar 45

Rear 13 Corps (5)
Rear 6 SA Armd Div
52 BLU (3)
16 AGRE
Florence Comd
21 Beach Gp
Engr (Brit)
'A'
ST
Med
Ord
Lab (1)
EPI
META LO

Ref this HQ letter 167 Q of 15 Mar, para 15.

1. Scale of soap for med purposes additional to the normal ration of 300 grammes per month is as follows:-

Gen Hosps	300 grammes per month per bed occupied
Evac Hosps	60 kilos per month per hosp
Med Secs	4 " " " " sec
MBUs	2 " " " " unit
Unit Med Offrs	600 grammes per month per med Offr

2. This scale is intended to be implemented only after the normal scale requirements have been met.

3. For that reason, 'Q' this HQ will authorise issues from British stores on application when necessary.

*Copies sent to DAGOS Med. for
R.A. Millard*

RAM/DD.

R.A. MILLARD, Maj,
for Col,
DA & JMC.

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SUBJECT:- Summer Clothing

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

19 Mar 45

AG/3/PA

To:- DADOS
52 BLU

Your ORD/7/1 of 16 March. The "G" staff consider that forward infantry troops should retain shirts angola drab in lieu of bush shirts. This will apply only to troops of the two infantry regiments.

Arrangements should be made through BOWOs that all troops are issued with American pattern shirts (with collars).

SWC/WM.

[Signature]
Major.
DAASONG.

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Subject:- Summer Clothing.

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52 B.L.U.,
C.M.F.
ORD/7/1.
16 Mar. 45.

'Q',
52 B.L.U.

May this office be informed of the action taken
on para 3 of H.Q. , Fifth Army letter dated 8 Mar. 45.
(copy attached).

Reviewed
Sub C. C. Gordon Major,
(G.W. Gordon)
D.A.D.O.S.

COPY.

Subject:- Withdrawal of Winter Clothing
and Issue of KD.

Brit. Increment (A Branch),
HQ Fifth Army,
CMF.

Tele No. Lightning Rear 129.

188/4 Q.

8 Mar. 45.

A. ISSUE OF SUMMER CLOTHING.

1. Summer clothing will be in possession of units by 1 Apr. No deviations from the authorised scale will be permitted without the authority of Q this HQ. Detailed instrs will be issued departmentally.

DATE TAKEN INTO USE.

2. Summer clothing will be taken into use at a date to be decided later but not before 1 May.

B. WITHDRAWAL OF WINTER CLOTHING.

3. All items of winter scale will be withdrawn less:

(a) Two shirts angola drab will be retained by fwd units for cam purposes. Units entitled to retain shirts will be decided by Fms. The guiding principle will be that shirts are retained by units where the lives of the are endangered by the use of normal bush shirts. Fms will inform this HQ earliest the number of shirts they desire to retain.

(b) Blouses and Trousers ED which may be retained for up to one month after KD is taken into use. It is emphasised that earliest possible withdrawal should be made to allow backtrailing to base for subsequent re-issue.

4. DATE BY WHICH WITHDRAWN.

7 days after KD taken into use (except items detailed in para 3(b) above).

5. RETURN TO OLD DEPS.

Stocks surplus to present requirements will be returned now to 5 CED ANTIGNANO. Items withdrawn will be returned at the rate of approx one third total per week. Detailed instrs will be issued departmentally.

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3. All items of winter scale will be withdrawn less:

(a) Two shirts angola drab will be retained by IWD units for cam purposes. Units entitled to retain shirts will be decided by FMns. The guiding principle will be that shirts are retained by units where the lives of troops are endangered by the use of normal bush shirts. FMns will inform this HQ earliest the number of shirts they desire to retain.

(b) Flouses and Trousers BD which may be retained for up to one month after KD is taken into use. It is emphasized that earliest possible withdrawal should be made to allow backrailing to base for subsequent re-issue.

4. DATE BY WHICH WITHDRAWN.

7 days after KD taken into use (except items detailed in para 3(b) above).

5. RETURN TO ORD DEPS.

Stocks surplus to present requirements will be returned now to 5 ORD ANTIGNANO. Items withdrawn will be returned at the rate of approx one third total per week. Detailed instrs will be issued departmentally.

(Sgt.) J.S. MACFIE, Major
for Col.
DA & QMG.

SUBJECT:- Denim Overalls

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
13 Mar 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di C ombattimento

AQ/3/82

Ref your 06/1320 of 2 Mar 45., regarding
the issue of denim overalls.

This matter has been taken up with AFHQ
and a decision is expected shortly.

It is pointed out, however, that 1500 pairs
trousers K.D. have been issued to you in lieu of denim
overalls.

WN.


Major.
DAA&CMG.

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Subj: Modification of blotting & Necessity list for
Italian combat groups.

H.Q. Legnano
Ufficio Comandante.
06/1418
11 March. 45

To: 52 BLU

The blotting & Necessities list for combat groups allow for
the issue of one towel per man.

We draw attention to the necessity for issuing a second
towel for use when the other one is being washed.

This would stop the men using dirty towels owing
to the fact that they have not a second one to use
in its place.

It is requested that you put forward the above proposal to
AFHQ, in order that they can examine it & take
any possible action in this respect.

By order.

Chief of Staff

signed. - Col. F. Garofali -

See R/AE - letter No 2. dated
14 March. There is now stock supply

[Signature]

Subject:- Denim Overalls.

52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.

ORD/4

Mar 45.

D.A.D. & Q.M.G. ✓
52 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/77 dated 8th Mar 45.

1. The inclusion of overalls combination in the N.E.L. of Legnano Gruppo has been represented to AFHQ and a decision is expected shortly.
2. It is pointed out that 1500 trousers K.D. have been issued to Gruppi in lieu of overalls.

G.W. Gordon Major.
(G.W. GORDON.)
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

Written Legnano
(*h*)

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SUBJECT:-

EPI Sups

55A/5/Q

8 Mar 45List 'A'
Camp

1. Units will draw EPI Sups for week commencing 11 Mar 45 as follows :-

<u>Date of Drawing</u>	<u>Units</u>
Sun 11 Mar 45	RE. R Sigs. HQ 55 Area. AMG.
Mon 12 Mar 45	RASC.
Tue 13 Mar 45	RASC. RAOC. RELE. CRUs.
Wed 14 Mar 45	Pr. Pro. 2 Levels. ALL Indian Units.
Thu 15 Mar 45	Closed for Stock Refills.
Fri 16 Mar 45	LEGNAO Combat Gp. 9 Arm'd Bde and ALL units NOT included above.
Sat 17 Mar 45	6 SA Arm'd Div Res Gp. 4 WOLYNSKA Bde and ALL Polish Tps.

2. Attention is drawn to M.I NO 298 of 3 Nov 44.

3. Alterations to Schedule for week commencing 11 Mar 45 :

1 Bottle Beer	ALL ranks
1/2 Bottle Spirits	Per Officer, WO and Sjt.

CMF.
SGM/PGLt Col,
HQ 55 Area.

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Sun 11 Mar 45	RE. R Sigs. HQ 55 Area. AMG.
Mon 12 Mar 45	RASO.
Tue 13 Mar 45	RAC. RAOO. RELE. CRUS.
Wed 14 Mar 45	Pnr. Pro. 2 Loyals. <u>ALL</u> Indian Units.
Thu 15 Mar 45	Closed for Stock Refills.
Fri 16 Mar 45	LEGNAO Combat Gp. 9 Armd Bde and <u>ALL</u> units NOT included above.
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$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle Spirits	Per Officer, WO and Sjt.

CAT.
SGS/PG

Copy to: HQ No 1 District (Q)
Lt Gray, c/o 47 BIS.

[Signature]
Lt Col, 55 Area.
Lt Col, 55 Area.

1135

SUBJECT :- Clothing for Congedati

HQ REGGIMNO Gruppo di Combattimento

The appended copy of Liaison Officer AMIA's letter 310/2/Q dated 25th Mar 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.

IN THE FIELD
RWC/BB

COPY

SUBJECT :- Clothing for Congedati

Liaison Officer (AMIA),
c/o British Increment,
Near HQ Eighth Army,
CMB

Phone MORTIMINI REAR 35X
310/2/Q
25 Mar 45

To: 231 Div

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Com AC (AMIA) Rome.

32 BLU,

33 BLU.

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Similarly, combat troops due for discharge should have their khaki uniform replaced with Italian pattern uniform; if available or by dyed battledress.

AMN/gb

(Signed) A.M. NELSON, Capt.

AMIA IO,

British Increment,
Fifth Army.

32 BLU,
AC/3/92,
31 Mar 45.

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COPY
SUBJECT :- Clothing for Congenital

To: 231 Div

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Com AC (MALIA) ROMS.

52 EIU,

53 EIU.

Malson Officer (MALIA),
C/o British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
CAF

Phone LIGHTNING REAR 35C
510/2/2

29 Mar 45

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AMN/gb

(Signed) A.M. HUTTON Capt.

MIA IO,

British Increment,

Fifth Army.

32

Subject: Clothing for Congedati. *Rear 91*

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o British Increment,
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

510/2/2.

29th. March, 45.

To: 231 Div.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
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Nadine
Send copy to [unclear] a m. Newton
AMB/gb

Capt.
M.M.I.A. LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

ack

Send 31/3 @

SUBJECT: REI Sups

SECRET

Rear HQ 13 Corps
1011/9

20 Mar 45

+ Q Main 10 Ind Inf Div
52 BLU
23 BLU
+ 6 ARMA
+ 2 AA Bde
+ 16 AGRE
CRE 13 C Tps
12 Mech Bpt Pl
15 Mech Bpt Pl
13 Corps Sigs (Main)
106 S7 Sec
35 Signal Park
412 P8 Sec
Phantom J
Camp 127 EMC
23 CC FMA
F Recce Sqn
+ HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps
187 (UK) Coy Pnr Corps
1208 Coy Ind Pnr Corps
1254 Coy Ind Pnr Corps
1259 Coy Ind Pnr Corps
1913 (Bas) Coy APC
1920 (Bas) Coy APC
1966 (Dech) Coy APC
1969 (Dech) Coy APC
1983 (Dech) Coy APC
159 IPL Coy
+ HQ 55 Gp Pnr Corps
1 Cav Mob Vet Sec
4 Cav Mob Vet Sec
6 Cav Mob Vet Sec
2 Vet & Remt Cond Sec
274 Armd Del Sqn
4 Ord Beach Det
200 Transit Camp
2 Odn GRU
53 Army Broadcasting Unit

+ RA
+ ST
+ Med
+ Ord
+ PRA
+ Pro
Postel
UdL
Camp (Main)
Civil Labour Unit BORGO S LORENZO
Town Major BORGO S LORENZO
12 Mob Staty Sec
78 Div Trg School
78 Div Rest Camp
41 Mob Stores Repair Unit

Copy to:

Q Brit Iner Rear Fifth Army
REI Brit Iner Rear Fifth Army
CSI (b)
RE
CSO
A/Q
A
AMG LO
Welfare
13 Corps Sigs (Rear)
795 Coy RASC (Corps Car)
Camp (Rear)
55 ACD
DO REI 40 BIS
40 BIS
41 BIS
"A" Mess
"B" Mess
"C" Mess
"D" Mess
"E" Mess

1. REI sups for week beginning 25 Mar 45 will be drawn from 40 BIS VICCHIO, Q 9786 and 41 BIS BORGO S LORENZO Q 9189.

2. Times of drawing are given at Appx "A". Addressees marked + will sub-allot times of drawing down to individual units and will advise this REI and BIS concerned of their sub-allotment.

3. Scale of issue is as given at Appx "B" attached.

4. Attention is drawn to General Instructions attached at Appx "C".

15 Mech Btpt Pl
13 Corps Sigs (Main)
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2 Vet & Rent Cond Sec
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4 Ord Beach Det
200 Transit Camp
2 Cdn GRU
B3 Army Broadcasting Unit

Copy to:
Q Brit Iner Rear Fifth Army
EFI Brit Iner Rear Fifth Army
GSI (b)
RE
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MT LO
Welfare
15 Corps Sigs (Rear)
795 Coy RASC (Corps Car)
Camp (Rear)
55 ASD
DO EFI 40 BIS
40 BIS
41 BIS
"A" Mess
"B" Mess
"C" Mess
"D" Mess
"E" Mess

Camp (Main)
Civil Labour Unit BORGO S LORENZO
Farm Major BORGO S LORENZO
12 Mob Staty Sec
78 Div Trg School
78 Div Rest Camp
41 Mob Stores Repair Unit

1. EFI sups for week beginning 23 Mar 45 will be drawn from 40 BIS VICCHIO, Q 9786 and 41 BIS BORGO S LORENZO Q 9489.
2. Times of drawing are given at Appx "A". Addressees marked + will sub-allot times of drawing down to individual units and will advise this IM and BIS concerned of their sub-allotment.
3. Scale of issue is as given at Appx "B" attached.
4. Attention is drawn to General Instructions attached at Appx "C".
5. 52 BLU and 53 BLU will draw EFI sups for Brit personnel attached as for normal units. Legnano Gruppo and Folgore Gruppo however, will draw EFI maint issue scale for ER-ITIS in bulk weekly from BIS. Breakdown of unit entitlement of these items will be made under Gruppo arrangements.

Charles Acemy
Brigadier. C. Acemy
DA & QMG.

1132

SECRET

Appx "A" to 13 Corps 011/Q
dated 20 Mar 45

PROGRAMME OF DRAWING

NOTES : (a) no drawing allowed outside undermentioned times without authority this HQ

(b) hours of business : am 0800 - 1200 hrs
pm 1300 - 1700 hrs

Date	Time	40 BIS VIOCHIO Q 9786	41 BIS BORGIO S LORENZO Q 9189
SUNDAY 25 Mar		Closed for stocktaking and replenishment	Closed for stocktaking and replenishment
MONDAY 26 Mar	am pm	EME units RA C Tps	10 Ind Inf Div (incl Lovats, 2 HILL, 2 Loyals)
TUESDAY 27 Mar	0800 - 1200 hrs 1300 - 1700 hrs	Med units Ord units	10 Ind Inf Div
WEDNESDAY 28 Mar	am pm	HQ 13 Corps, ORU 13 C Tps, 12 Mech Egt Pl, 15 Mech Bgt Pl, 13 Corps Sigs, 35 Sig Tk, 106 Sd Sec, 53 Army Broadcasting Unit, 412 FS Sec, 13 Corps RIP, Phantom J, 23 CC FMA, 127 HMC, 112 Pro Coy, 10 Coy CEF (TC), 7 Ind Sd Unit	Closed
THURSDAY 29 Mar		4 Cav Mob Vet Sec, 6 Cav Mob Vet Sec, 2 Vet & Rent Cond Sec, 200 Transit Camp, 78 Div Trg School, 78 Div Rest Camp, 80 Rest Camp, F Recce Sqn, 1 Cav Mob Vet Sec HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps and pnr coys under comd	0800 - 0830 hrs 11 LAA Regt 0830 - 1200 hrs 6 AGRA
FRIDAY 30 Mar		Closed	RASC C Tps
SATURDAY 31 Mar	am pm	HQ 55 Gp Pnr Corps and pnr coys under comd 274 Armd Del Sqn, 4 Ord Beach Det, 2 Can GRU, Civil Labour Unit BORGIO S LORENZO, 12 Mob Staty Sec, 41 Mob Stores Rep Unit, Army tps in area	0800 - 0900 hrs: 52 ELU and LEGNANO Gruppo 0900 - 1000 hrs: 53 ELU and FOLGORE Gruppo 1000 - 1200 hrs) 16 AGRE 1300 - 1500 hrs) 1500 - 1700 hrs: Reserved.

	am	pm	RMS units RA C Tps	10 Ind Inf Div (incl) Lovats, 2 HLI, 2 Loyals)
TUESDAY	0800 - 1200 hrs		Med units	
27 Mar	1300 - 1700 hrs		Ord units	10 Ind Inf Div
WEDNESDAY				
28 Mar	am		HQ 13 Corps, GRG 13 C Tps, 12 Mech Ept Pl, 15 Mech Ept Pl, 13 Corps Sigs, 35 Sig Bk, 106 SW Sec, B3 Army Broadcasting Unit. 4-12 FS Sec, 13 Corps RHP, Phantom J, 23 CC FIA, 127 FAC, 112 Pro Coy, 10 Coy GMP (TC), 7 Ind Sal Unit	Closed
THURSDAY				
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FRIDAY				
30 Mar	pm		Closed	2 AA Bde (less 11 LAA Regt)
SATURDAY				
31 Mar	am		Hq 55 Gp Pnr Corps and pnr coys under comd 274 Arm Del Squ, 4 Ord Beach Det, 2 Can GRU, Civil Labour Unit BORGO S LORENZO, 42 Mob Staty Sec, 41 Mob Stores Rep Unit, Army tps in area	0800 - 0900 hrs: 52 MLU and LEGNANO Gruppo 0900 - 1000 hrs: 53 ELU and FOLOGONE Gruppo 1000 - 1200 hrs} 16 AGRE 1300 - 1500 hrs} 1500 - 1700 hrs: Reserved.

Appx "B" to 13 Corps 1011/2
dated 20 Mar 45

SOME OF ISSUES

Cigarettes	100	Per head	Per 100
Tobacco	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz	all ranks	all ranks
Matches imported	$\frac{1}{2}$ box		
Foot polish	$\frac{1}{2}$ tin		
Soap toilet	$\frac{1}{2}$ tin		
Razor blades	$\frac{1}{2}$ tin		
Tooth brushes	$\frac{1}{2}$ blades		
Shaving brushes	$\frac{1}{2}$ 24th		
Chocolate nominal 2-oz bars	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1.8th		
or	$\frac{1}{2}$ bars		
Confectionery	3 ozs		
Handkerchiefs	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Beer	3 reputed pints		
	Per Offr, WO & Sgt		
Spirits	1 bott		

and normal derestricted items.

Appx "C" to 13 Corps 1011/2
dated 20 Mar 45

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. A certificate signed by commanding officer and confirming that no EPI sups have been drawn from any other source during current week will be produced by units at the time of drawing. The certificate will show unit ration strength on day of issue or date of indent. Offrs, WOs and Sgts and R & P will be shown separately.
2. Indents for ST sups in accordance with GPO 717 of 44 will be supported by production of 13 Corps authorities to run a unit canteen. NCO i/c BISS will NOT issue ST sups without sight of these authorities and then only for the strengths shown on 13 Corps authority.
3. Cash submitted in payment of EPI sups will be sorted by types (e.g. Italian Lire, ANC and EML) and denominations.
4. Sops, btys and offrs messes with RMQ under comd 13 Corps will NOT draw separately; the regt will draw for the whole unit. Fd coys RE and AA btys RA, may, however, draw as individual units.
5. Containers for EPI goods and unit canteen sups will be provided by purchasing unit.

2 reels
2 skins

Cotton fabric
Cotton white
Mending wool

Box
tin
tab
1 1/2 blades
1/24th
1/48th
1 1/2 bars

Matches imported
Shoe polish
Soap toilet
Razor blades
Tooth brushes
Shaving brushes
Chocolate nominal 2-oz bars

or

Confectionery
Handkerchiefs
Beer

3 oas

1/8

3 reputed pints

Per Offr, WO & Sgt

1 bott

Spirits

and normal derestricted items.

Appx "G" to 13 Corps 1011/2
dated 20 Mar 45

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3. Cash submitted in payment of EPI sups will be sorted by types (e.g. Italian Lire, AMG and ELK) and denominations.
4. Sgts, btys and offrs messes with RMJ under comd 13 Corps will NOT draw separately; the regt will draw for the whole unit. Fd coys RM and 44 btys RA, may, however, draw as individual units.
5. Containers for EPI goods and unit canteen sups will be provided by purchasing unit.
6. Regulations laid down in GPO 1059 of 44 regarding return of empty beer bottles will be strictly observed. Ringed stoppers on all bottles will be left open on handing in to RICE.

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Subj: Toilet Art. (EFI)

TO: 52 BLU

H.O. Legnano
Sg. Sarrigi
03/850
24/3/45.

89T

[Signature]

The articles listed in your AQ/3/75
of 7th March 45 have already been
drawn from 47BIS, & have been issued
out to units.

Safety razors have NOT been drawn.

Razors
release Dec (through 504)
Plenty of stocks by end
of Month at 47BIS
except Razors.
1 between 5
probably

By order
Chief of Staff
Signed: Col. F. Karofli.

1139

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Subject: EPI Sups for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(L. M. I. A.) ROME
2/2/3

19 Mar 1945

AFHQ	50 BLU
15 Army Group	51 BLU
HQ Fifth Army	52 BLU
HQ Fifth Army Br Incr	53 BLU
Rear HQ Eighth Army	56 BLU
HQ 1 District	"F" BLU, RTC ICF CESANO
HQ 2 District	
HQ 3 District	
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command	

1. All previous authorisations by AFHQ for the supply of EPI items are consolidated as under.

2. The five Italian Combat Groups, FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE, MANTOVA and the RTC ICF at CESANO may obtain toilet articles from EPI on the following scale:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Initial Issue</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
AFHQ/2554/1(Maint) dated 27 Sep 44 and T26665 dated 14 Feb 1945.	Razors	1 per 2 men	NIL
	Razor Blades	-	2 per 1 month
	Tooth Brushes	1 per man	1 per 4 months
	Shaving Brushes	1 per 2 men	NIL
EX34091 dated 26 Feb 1945	Toothpaste	-	1 tube per month
	Shaving Soap	-	1 stick per 4 months

3. The system for accounting for these supplies is at present under discussion at AFHQ but pending a ruling the original system as laid down in AFHQ letter AFHQ/2554/1(Maint) dated 27 Sep 44 will continue to operate.

PFF/10

R. A. CURTIS
R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Ministry of War.

SUBJECT:- EPI Supplies

52 BLU,
AG/3/96,
1 Apr 45.

96

"C" Branch,
80th Army (British Increment)

Ref conversation GYTHOR/MILLARD today.

It is confirmed that initial issues of all permitted EPI supplies have been drawn except razors. On the posted strength of the Group as at 31 Mar the entitlement of razors is 4,866. May provisioning action for these please be taken.

IN THE FIELD
WIS/BBZ

[Signature]
Major,
DAA & QM.

1128

SUBJECT:- EFI S. plies

95
Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
1 April 45

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

AQ/3/95

Reference your 03/850 of 24 March., in which you stated that all the items listed in our AQ/3/75 had been drawn from 47 BIS AREZZO (less Razors).

Will you please have the attached receipt signed and returned to this office as soon as possible.

RWG/WN.

[Signature]
Major.
DAA&QMG. 1127

RECEIPT FOR EFI GOODS SUPPLIED TO LEGNANO GRUPPO
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Drawn from 47 BIS, AREZZO.

Razor Blades.....	19512
Toothbrushes.....	9756
Shaving Brushes.....	4878
Toothpaste.....	9415 tubes
Shaving soap.....	2354 sticks

Certified that the above items were drawn by the Legnano Gruppo during the month of March 45.

1 April 45.

Signed.....

1128

SUBJECT:- 20 lire Ration Increment

94

52 31U,
AG/3/94,
31 Mar 45

HC IESNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

1. Herewith copy Fifth Army directive on the 20 lire Ration Cash Allowance based on the conversations with Col RICH at this HQ this week.
2. Para 5 of 5th Army letter 167 Q of 6 Mar officially limits purchases made in the Army Area to wine, chestnuts, fruit and vegetables.

1125

IN THE FIELD
REG/BB

[Signature]
Major,
DAA & CIG.

SUBJECT :- Ration Scale - Italian Forces.

British Increment (N Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CAZ

Tel No: DECHINING REAR 129

167 Q

30 Mar 45.

Rear 15 Corps	Engr (Brit)
Rear 6 SA Arm Div	" "
52 Btu	32
16 AGPZ	Med
Florence Comd	Ord
21 Beach Gp	Lab
	MTL
	MTL IO

Copy to :- D C/S (Brit)

C-4 Rear

Rear Eighth Army

Further to this HQ Letter 167 Q dated 15 Mar 45.

1. The following arrangements for Ration Scale - Italian Forces will operate wef 1 Apr 45.

2. All ER-ITIS under comd will be subsisted on Army Ration Scale as advised in this HQ letter under ref. It is notified however that owing to short sup, the scale of olive oil will be 1 oz per man and not 1½ oz as shown in the scale.

3. Disinfectants and miscellaneous items will be issued at ER scale 18.

4. In the present circumstances and until the 20 lire per day cash allowance can be spent upon suitable items of local produce, an additional 3 ozs flour and 1 oz preserved meat may be drawn for ER-ITIS. These items will be on repayment out of the 20 lire at prices to be published by HQ Fifth Army: the current cost is approximately a total of 3 lire per head. ER-ITIS units will be permitted to spend the balance of the 20 lire per man per day on the conditions given in para 5 of this HQ letter 167 Q dated 3 Mar 45 as varied from time to time by HQ Fifth Army.

5. It is envisaged that it is the intention that the sup of items from Brit stocks will be discontinued as soon as it is possible to supplement the basic ration scale with suitable items from local resources.

John 87

1124

16 APR 45
 Florence Comd
 21 March 45

Med
 Ord
 Lab
 XPT
 JUNE 10

Copy to :- D G/S (Med)
 C-4 Rear
 Rear Eighth Army

- Further to this letter 167 & dated 15 Mar 45.
1. The following arrangements for Ration Scale - Italian Forces will operate w.e.f. 1 Apr 45.
 2. All IR-III units will be subsisted on IR-III Ration Scale as advised in this HQ letter under ref. It is advised however that owing to short sup, the scale of olive oil will be 1 oz per man and not 1 1/2 oz as shown in the scale.
 3. Disinfectants and miscellaneous items will be issued at IR-III Scale 13.
 4. In the present circumstances and until the 20 lire per day cash allowance can be spent upon suitable items of local produce, an additional 3 oz flour and 1 oz preserved meat may be given for IR-III. These items will be on repayment out of the 20 lire at prices to be published by WEST Fifth Army: the current cost is approximately a total of 3 lire per head. IR-III units will be permitted to spend the balance of the 20 lire per man per day on the conditions given in para 5 of this HQ letter 167 & dated 6 Mar 45 as varied from time to time by WEST Fifth Army.
 5. It is emphasized that it is the intention that the sup of items from Brit stocks will be discontinued as soon as it is possible to supplement the basic ration scale with suitable items from local resources.

GAR/III.

G. A. RICH, Col
 DA & QMG

1124

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PERSONAL*93 Tanks
Cpl Barber*Colonel C A Rich
DA & QMG
British Inurement
HQ Fifth Army CEF

DO 10

29 Mar 45
-----Dear *Brayden*,

I am enclosing a copy of the instruction that we are putting out about the BR-ITI ration scale.

I would be grateful if you would tell Maj TERRANOVA that we intend issuing two eggs per man to all BR-ITIS for Easter and the Gruppo will be authorised to draw the following extra items for patients in their fd hosp (strength I understand to be approx 100) :

Fish	- 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs (approx)
Chocolate	- 1 bar
Biscuits	- 4 ozs
Jam	- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs

I have been very thoroughly into the question of whether we can do any more for our Italian tps for Easter and have consulted higher authority but I am afraid that it will not be possible.

I feel that the arrangements outlined above will prove acceptable to the Gruppi and I hope that they understand that we are doing our very best for them.

Yours *Rich*
Charles Rich

PS : The patients in the hosps will receive their two eggs gratis. The general issue of eggs to all tps will of course have to be on repayment out of the 20 lire per day but I don't think there will be any query about that.

*Rich
Rich*Maj RWG Gwyther
DAA & QMG
52 BLU

1123

SUBJECT:- M.A.A.V.I.

To:- HQ I. 3002
(Sezione Servizi.)

102
Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
C.A.F. AQ/3/102;
4th April, 1945.

Herewith copy instruction from MMIA reference future NAAFI demands together with proforma attached. Please adopt this procedure for demands for May and thereafter. The demand for maintenance rates for April together with the initial issue of razors has already been lodged with this H.Q.

RWG/JHB.

Al. Bonds Major. 1122
-i DAA&QMG.

Subject: Accounting for NAJFI Supplies for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/2/3/4

3 Mar 1945

To: CC 50 BLU
CC 54 BLU
CC 52 BLU
CC 55 BLU
CC 56 BLU
CC AFM BLU, RTC IOT CASANO

1. Reference this Hq letter 2/2/3 dated 19 Mar 45, para 3.

2. In order to simplify the present system of supplying and accounting for NAJFI goods available to Combat Groups and also to avoid causing unnecessary work for the BLUs, AFHQ have agreed that the following procedure will be adopted forthwith. Authority is AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 24 Mar 45.

(a) Each Gp (or its equivalent) makes a consolidated demand in quintuplicate on the appropriate BIS 14 days in advance on the proforma attached. This demand to be signed by CC Gp and countersigned by the BLU, as a guarantee that it is within authorised scales.

(b) When the Gp draws its monthly quota the BIS will fill in columns (c) and (d), according to availability, and issue the goods to the representative of the Gp and the proforma will be completed with the necessary signatures. The copies will then be disposed of as follows:-

- No. 1 copy retained by BIS.
- No. 2 copy forwarded by BIS to Hq AFM.
- No. 3 copy passed by Gp to CC BLU for onward transmission to MIA.
- No. 4 copy passed by Gp to Ministry of War.
- No. 5 copy retained by Gp.

(c) Hq AFM collates acceptance notes monthly and makes a demand for payment on the Ministry of War through MIA, quoting relevant voucher numbers.

(d) Ministry of War pays AFM by cheque through MIA.

(e) Hq AFM send receipt through MIA to Ministry of War.

3. It will therefore be seen from the above that the only action required on the part of the BLUs is

(a) for them to certify that the indent is within authorised scales and
(b) to ensure that the indent is within authorised scales and

1121

1. Reference this HQ letter 3/2/3 dated 19 Mar 45, para 5.
2. In order to simplify the present system of supplying and accounting for MATRI goods available to Combat Groups and also to avoid causing unnecessary work for the BLUs, AMHQ have agreed that the following procedure will be adopted forthwith. Authority is AMHQ/2554/3(Maint) dated 21 Mar 45.
 - (a) Each Gp (or its equivalent) makes a consolidated demand in quintuplicate on the appropriate BIS-44 days in advance on the proforma attached. This demand to be signed by OC Gp and countersigned by the BLU, as a guarantee that it is within authorised scales.
 - (b) When the Gp draws its monthly quota the BIS will fill in columns (c) and (d), according to availability, and issue the goods to the representative of the Gp and the proforma will be completed with the necessary signatures. The copies will then be disposed of as follows:-

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No. 2	copy forwarded by BIS to HQ MFI.
No. 3	copy passed by Gp to OC BLU for onward transmission to MIIA.
No. 4	copy passed by Gp to Ministry of War.
No. 5	copy retained by Gp.
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 - (d) Ministry of War pays MFI by cheque through MIIA.
 - (e) HQ MFI send receipt through MIIA to Ministry of War.
3. It will therefore be seen from the above that the only action required on the part of the BLUs is
 - (a) For them to certify that the indent is within authorised scales and
 - (b) to ensure that the third copy is returned to them by the Gp and is forwarded to this HQ without delay.

DPT/1e

Copy to:
(see over)

F. J. N. N. N.
 F. J. N. N. N., Col.
 for Major General,
 M. N. I. A.

1121

Copy to:

AMHQ for Q(Maint)

AMHQ for VII

-HQ for F.A.

HQ 15 Army Group

OC Fifth Army

CC Fifth Army for Dr Inor.

HQ Rear Eighth Army

HQ 1 District

HQ 2 District

HQ 3 District

Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command.

Ministry of War

AMIA LO 5 Army

AMIA LO Dr Inor 5 Army

AMIA LO 6 Army

AMIA LO 52 EIU

AMIA LO 53 EIU

Sr AMIA LO

With copy of 2/2/3 of 19 Mar 45.

*Run 9 100*Subject: EFI Supplies to Gruppi.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/3/431 Mar 1945To: Financial Advisor, AFHQ.

Reference your CO/52/FA dated 2 Mar 45.

The total value of EFI goods supplied to the Gruppi during the month of Feb 45 is as follows:-

	£	s.	d.
(a) FRIULI Gp	132	10	0
(b) CREMONA Gp.....		NIL	
(c) LEGHANO Gp.....		NIL	
(d) POLGORE Gp.....		NIL	
(e) MANTOVA Gp.....	1277	2	0
(f) ETC ICF		NIL	
TOTAL	£ 1709	- 12	- 0

PFT/1c

P. P. Fardell
P. P. FARDSELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

P. P. Fardell

Copy to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
"P" BLU

Welfare IMIA

4120

SUBJECT: RFI Sups for Combat Gps.

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Tele No LIGHTNING REAR 129

170/1 Q

1 Apr 45

ATTN: (Q BR)

Copy to:- Rear 15 Corps (Conversation Lt Col Morley - Millard refers)
52 BLU
ISMA IO

Ref ISMA letter 1/2/3 dated 19 Mar, summarising RFI items authorised for issue to Italian Combat Gps.

1. Deficiencies given by phone this morning to Lt Col Molean are confirmed as:-

	<u>ISSUED QUANTITY</u>	<u>FOURTEEN DUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Razors	4856	4653	9519
Toothbrushes	-	936	936
Shaving			
Brushes	-	4695	4695

2. It is urgently requested that the deficiencies be made good as quickly as possible.

[Signature]
100/1

R A MILLARD, Maj
Per Brigadier
Deputy Chief of Staff (British)
Fifth Army

RAM/EB

SUBJECT :- IFI Supplies LEGNANO Gruppo

97

52 BID,
AO/3/97,
1 Apr 45.OFFICER COMMANDING,
41 BID

The monthly maintenance demand for April for the LEGNANO Group in accordance with AFHQ letter G AFHQ/2554/3(Maint) of 27 Sep 1944, as amended by FFEBCOM signal PX 34091 of 26 Feb 45, is as follows :-

Razor Blades	19,462
Toothpaste	2,731 tubes
Shaving Soap	2,433 sticks

It is certified that this demand is based on the posted strength of the Gruppo as at 31 Mar 45.

Please state when these quantities can be made available for drawing and arrangements will be made accordingly.

IN THE FIELD

R. 1118
Major
DAA & QMG.

Subject: - Handkerchiefs.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O N E
Q/OS/1

52 Br. Liaison Unit.

13 April 45.

Ref. your AQ/3/107 of 9 Apr/45.

I attach hereto copy of my letter Q/OS/20 of 19 Feb/45 on this subject. The position has not materially changed since that letter was written but certain quantities of handkerchiefs are being manufactured in Italian military plants. It may be possible in the not very distant future to make you an allotment.

Greenwood.

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
For Col. DA & RMC,
M.M.I.A.

FSC/ab

*Copy sent
Kernan
17 Apr 45*

1117

Subject: Handkerchiefs - BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/OS/20

ALL MMIA LOB

19 Feb 45.

1. Continual requests are received for the issue of handkerchiefs to BR-ITIS.
2. No general issue is foreseen. Supply will NOT come from BR Ord as handkerchiefs are NOT on the clothing scale for BR tps. Supply to BR tps by purchase from EPI is very small and no assistance will be given from this source.
3. Certain small stocks may be recovered from Italian depots as we advance and a small quantity of substitutes is made from old sacking etc.. Such small textile industry as exists will have higher priorities of clothing with which to compete.

FJN/wk

A. J. Head
A. J. HEAD, Major,
for Col DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

*Copy sent
Regno
17 apr (h)*

1116

SUBJECT:- EPI Supplies

110
Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
CMP.
15 April 45

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

AC/3/110

Notification has been received that EPI maintenance issue for month of April must be drawn by Legnano in the afternoon of 16 April, from 41 BIS, VICCHIO (09786).

Please make the necessary arrangements. It is laid down by the BIS that a responsible English speaking officer must be present.

The maintenance supplies indented for are as follows:-

Razor Blades	19,462
Toothpaste	9,731 tubes
Shaving Soap	2,433 sticks

It is not known if the initial supply of razors will be ready for collection at the same time.

RWG/AN.


Major.
DAA&C&G.

1115

SUBJECT EFI Sups

109
Rear HQ 13 Corps
1001/4/Q

12 Apr 45

52 BLU

Copy to : DO EFI 41 BIS
41 BIS

Reference AQ/3/106 dated 9 Apr 45.

1. LEGNANO Gp will draw maint issue of EFI sups for month of Apr from 41 BIS VICCHIO (Q 9786) during pm 16 Apr 45.
2. Please ensure that a responsible English speaking offr supervises withdrawal.

1114

Robert Baker
Bob

Charles Henry
Cop
Brigadier.
DA & QMG.

Subject: EFI sups for Italian
PW Co-operators.

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Tele No LIGHTNING REAR 129

170/1 Q

13 Apr 45

Rear 13 Corps
Rear 6 Sd Armd Div
52 BUI
7 AG24
Florence Comd
215 Sub Area
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MILA LO

1. Wef 23 Apr 45 the scale of EFI sups on repayment to Italian PW Co-operators will be as follows:-

Commodity	Per head - per week
Cigarettes	60
Tobacco	1 oz
Matches	1/2 box
Boot-polish	1/2 tin
Household soap	2 ozs
Toilet soap	1/2 tablet
Chocolate (normally 2 oz. bars)	1 bar
Blanco	1/2 block
Brushes, Shaving	1/40
Brushes, Tooth	1/12
Combs	1/24
Cotton, white	1 reel
Cotton, khaki	1 reel
Dubbin	1 tin
Envelopes	1 packet
Hair preparation	1 bottle, tin or tube
Handkerchiefs	1/12
Footlaces	1 prs
Shaving Mirrors	1/24
Pencils	1
Razor Blades	1 skin
Shaving soap	1 pad
Wool, khaki	1 tube
Writing Pads	1
Toothpaste	1
Mat-1 Polish	1

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7 AG24
Florence Comd
215 Sub Area
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1. Wef 23 Apr 45 the scale of EMI sups on repayment to Italian FW Co-operators will be as follows:-

Commodity	Per head - per week
Cigarettes	60
Tobacco	1 oz
Matches	1/4 box
Boot-polish	1/8 tin
Household soap	2 ozs
Toilet soap	1/2 tablet
Chocolate (normally 2 oz. bars)	1 bar
Blanco	1/2 block
Brushes, Shaving	1/48
Brushes, Tooth	1/12
Combs	1/24
Cotton, white	1/8 reel
Cotton, khaki	1/8 reel
Dubbin	1/8 tin
Envelopes	1 packet
Hair preparation	1/4 bottle, tin or tube
Handkerchiefs	1/12
Footlaces	4 prs
Shaving Mirrors	1/24
Pencils	1/24
Razor Blades	1/24
Shaving soap	1/24
Wool, khaki	1/24
Writing Pads	1/24
Toothpaste	1/24
Metal Polish	1/24

1113

2. An amendment to para 74 of the booklet "Administration of Italian FW Co-operators in British hands" will be published in due course

Millard
R.A. MILLARD, Maj
for Col
DA & GME

PAM/RE

SUBJECT:- EPI Supplies

106
Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.

9 April 45

To:- Rear HQ.,
13 Corps.

AQ/3/106

Ref your 1011/Q2 of 3 April.

Monthly maintenance demand for the Legnano Group
for April has been lodged with 41 BIS.

May a date for drawing please be allocated.

G/RS.

Push
Major.
D AA&CMF.

1112

SUBJECT :- EFI Sups

Rear P 105
Rear HQ 13 Corps
1011/Q2

3 Apr 45

52 BLU
53 BLU

Copy to: "Q" Brit Incr Rear HQ
Fifth Army
DO EFI 40 BIS
40 BIS
41 BIS

Reference this HQ letter 1011/Q dated 20 Mar 45, para 5.

1. LEGNANO Gp and POLGORE Gp will now draw EFI maint issue scale for ER-ITIS monthly, and not weekly as stated in letter under reference.
2. Issues will be made in bulk under arrangements of this HQ normally during the first week of each calendar month.
3. Brit personnel of 52 BLU and 53 BLU will continue to draw EFI sups weekly.

Charles Henry
Brigadier. *Capt*
DA & QMG.
1111

Subj: Request for handkerchiefs

MM L.O. MMIA. 52 BL4.

H.Q. Legation
Ufficio Commissariato 103
3 Aprile '45
06/1530

Issues of British clothing for Combat Group do not include handkerchiefs

British troops buy them at their own expense from the E.F.I. but no provision has yet been made for Gruppi.

The Troops of this Gruppo have not, therefore, received any handkerchiefs since their formation.

Please put the matter before the MMIA in order that they may investigate the possibility of obtaining 20,000 handkerchiefs from Italian sources if it is not possible to supply them from Allied sources.

Winston Churchill
Italy

Chief of Staff
signed: Col. F. Garofoli

DEM.

1110

Q & Answer

116

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Blankets

Brit Increment (4 Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
GME

Info No: REUPTING REAR 129

188/3 Q

16 APR 45

Rear 6 SA Armd Div (3)
7.2.45
Florence Court
215 Sub Area
52 BTL
Ord

Copy to:	AFHQ	A	Int
	15 Army Gp	Gov	Recon
	D C/S (Brit)	39	Star
	AFV (Brit)	Med	V & R
	Arty (Brit)	REAR	Welfare
	Eng (Brit)	Pro	Camp
	'Z' (Brit)	Sci	

Further to this HQ letter 188/3 Q dated 8 Apr 45.

1. Fourth blanket will be withdrawn at discretion of Am comd but NOT later than 30 Apr; third blanket NOT later than 10 May.
2. Detailed instr on return to GPs have already been issued departmentally.

[Signature]
18 APR 45

JS WRIGHT, Maj,
for Col,
HQ 52 BTL.

JS/EF

SUBJECT:- Rations

Rear 115,
52 British Liaison Unit.

F.
17 Apr 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

AQ/3/115

A further directive has been received from Fifth Army on the subject of rations and particularly the 20 lire Cash element. This directive states:-

RATIONS

1. Ref this HQ letter 167 Q dated 15 Mar, the daily scale of rations as introduced by MMIA under ref AQ/2-53 of 18 Feb holds good; at present however only 1 oz Olive Oil is being issued against the daily scale of 1 1/2 ozs per man.
2. In addition to the scale under ref, authority is given for the issue of 3 ozs Flour and 1 oz Canned Meat per man per day - to be known as the "combat increment": this increment will NOT be on repayment.

20 LIRE CASH ELEMENT

3. This HQ letter 167 Q dated 6 Mar under the heading "Cash Allowance for Italian Personnel" is cancelled.
4. (a) Effective forthwith, all units may spend the 20 lire per man per day as required by unit comds.
(b) Purchases made by this grant will be limited - in the case of the Army Area - to those items approved by AMG Fifth Army and will be made through the PCA office of the area in question.

RWG/WN.

[Signature]
Major.
DAA&CMG.

Copy to:- DADST., 52 BLU.

1108

SUBJECT:- EF Supplies

To:- O.C.,
41 BIS

Dear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit 114
OMF.
17 Apr 45

AQ/3/114

Herewith demand for EMI supplies for the Legnano Group for the month of May, in quintuplicate as per MMIA letter Q/2/3/1 of 31 March.

Please inform us of the date drawings should be made and arrange that on that date copies 3, 4, and 5 duly completed are returned to the Legnano drawing officer.

RWG/NN.


Major.
DAA&MG.

Copy to:- HQ Legnano (Sezione Servizi)

1107

SUBJECT: -- Italian Combat Units and
IR-ITI Service The

British Increment (Q Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
CAF

Tele No: LIGHTNING REAR 129

167 C

15 or 45.

Rear 15 Corps
Rear 6 S. Arm Div
50 LCU
Florence Comd
215 Sub Area
Eng. (Brit)

CHI
Med
Ord
Lab
ETI
Wellfare
M. L. O

Copy to :- D C/S (Brit)
C-4 Rear
Rear Eighth Army

NOTES

1. Ref this HQ letter 167 Q dated 15 Mar, the daily scale of rations as introduced by MIA under ref 10/2-55 of 13 Feb holds good; at present however only 1 oz Olive Oil is being issued against the daily scale of 1 1/2 ozs per man.
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3. This HQ letter 167 Q dated 3 Mar under the heading "Cash Allowance for Italian Personnel" is cancelled.
 4. (a) Effective forthwith, all units may spend the 20 lire per man per day as required by unit comms,
(b) Purchases made by this grant will be limited - in the case of the Army Area - to those items approved by AAG Fifth Army and will be made through the CA offer of the area in question.
 5. This cash element is NOT applicable to PF co-operators.

113

50/one copy has been sent to DADST

1105

Copy to :- D C/S (MIA)

G-4 Rear

Rear Eighth Army

RATIONS

1. Ref this HQ letter 167 dated 15 Mar, the daily scale of rations as introduced by MIA under ref 10/2-53 of 1 lb holds good; at present however only 1 oz Olive Oil is being issued against the daily scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs per man.
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(b) Purchases made by this grant will be limited - in the case of the Army Area - to those items approved by the Fifth Army and will be made through the CA office of the area in question.
5. This cash element is NOT applicable to PW co-operators.

DISINFECTANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous items will be issued at the scale given at appx "A".

MEDICAL COMFORTS

7. Initial issues for regt med comforts carriers of Combat Gas will be arranged by HQ and ST this HQ for items considered necessary.
8. Replenishments in the case of the POLIGONE GP will be made by any Brit med unit after approval of the next higher command; in the case of the LEXINGTON GP application will be made by 52 AUU to this HQ.

REFI

1106

50/one copy sent to

HR9. Combat Gps.

- (a) The scale of issues to Combat Gps given in this HQ Am Instr No 19 dated 13 Mar and letter 167 of 15 Mar remains current.
- (b) Revised instrs for accounting have been already issued direct to BLUs by HIIA under letter ref 2/2/3/1 dated 31 Mar.

10. Service Tps

- (a) The undermentioned scale is applicable to HR-III Service tps when emp in public on TC and other duties in relief of GMP : these issues will be kept to a minimum :-

Per Man

Razor blades
Toothbrushes
Toilet Soap
Boot Polish

2 per month
1 per 4 months
2 bars per month
1 tin per month

- (b) The need for a similar scale for all HR-III Service tps is realized but existing theatre stocks do NOT yet allow this concession.

SOAP

11. The scale of soap laid down in this HQ letter 167 dated 15 Mar is applicable to all HR-III incl Combat Gps.
12. The scale for Italian med purposes is given in this HQ letter 167 dated 18 Mar.
13. Issues under paras 11 and 12 above are made through normal RASC channels.
14. Any additional issues will be supplied through Ord channels, authorities for which have already been notified in this HQ letter 167 dated 15 Mar.

GEN

15. Further details in respect of the foregoing and certain other commodities such as cigarettes and cognac have already been issued under this HQ ST Departmental Instr Serial 23 dated 11 Apr.

Handwritten signature
MA JILLARD, Maj
for Col
DA & QMG

RAM/TEB.

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RMV/ISB.

Handwritten signature
R. WILLIARD, Maj
for Col
DA & JAG

ADPZ "A" to 167 Q
dated 15 Apr 45

For 1000 men
per month

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs
Anti Mosquito Coils	375 "
Taste Remover Tablets	250 "
Fly Catchers	480
Prepared Rat Bait	1 lb
Blocks fumigating	4
Anti Mosquito Spray	100 gals
AL 63 }	Up to full brit scale
Cresol }	at discretion of ADPZ Army
Methylated Spirits	5 gals
Malarial	165 "
Paris Green	112 "

1105

SUBJECT:- ndkerchiefs

Rear HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
OMF.

16 Apr 45

To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento

AC/3/112

Reference your 06/1530 of 3 April.

As requested this matter was referred to MMIA and
a copy of their reply is attached hereto.

RWG/NN.

Major. 1104
DAA&QMG.

120

ARMY FORM C 2136 (L)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No. <u>20</u>
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	
ABOVE THIS LINE CIPHER ONLY				
FROM <u>MINIA LO BAIT INER</u> (A) <u>REAR 5 ARMY</u>		Date-Time of Origin <u>24/530A</u>	Office Data Stamp	
TO <u>52 BLU 53 BLU</u>		Message Instructions GR		
(W) For Information (INFO)				

Originator's No. 520/20 Restricted

First 0 Please conform RD for
470 522 576 866 Station
Evac. Hospitals will be moved
by you 0
 Second 0 What arrangements have
 been made for distribution NHAFI
 to these units

THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED
 OUTSIDE OFFICE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT
 DEPARTMENT OF HEADQUARTERS OR
 REPRODUCED EVEN IN CIPHER WITHOUT

Originator's No.

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except

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Signed

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions.
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1103

Comando Gruppo Combattimento "Legnano."
"Azione Livorno."

1191

No 1157.

17 April, 1945.

Subject: Toilet articles (E.F.1)

To 52 British Liaison Unit

Please note that the undermentioned goods:-

Razor blades 19,471.

Shaving soap 2,418.

Tooth paste 9,731.

have been already collected from (47 B.15) and distributed
to the units.

By order.

Chf of Staff.

Sgt. (Col) F. Garofali.

April. mant

fot. 110

1102

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO,"
- Sezione Servizi -

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N° 03/...~~1157~~...di prot.-

P.M.155,11 17 aprile 1945

Oggetto: Generi da toeletta.- (E. F. I.)

AL 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Si comunica che il sottoelencato materiale :

- lamette n. 19.471
- sapone da barba " 2.418
- pasta dentifricio " 9.731

è già stato prelevato presso il 47° B.I.S. e
~~41~~ distribuito ai reparti.-



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col. F. Garofoli -

[Handwritten signature]

1101

SECRET

- (1) Issue and use of Summer Clothing } BR-ITI
 (2) Withdrawal of Blankets } Service
 (3) Withdrawal of Winter Clothing } Tps

Br. Increment (Q Branch)
 HQ Fifth Army
 CMF

Tele No: LIGHTING REAR 129
 100/6 Q

17 Apr 45

MTPA LO (2)

Copy to: Rear 6 SA Arm'd Div (2)
 52 ELG (2)
 55 ELU
 MacGroup
 Florence Comd
 215 Sub Area

Camp
 File 100/1 Q

Ref this HQ letter 100/6 Q dated 2 Apr.

1. Instrs have now been issued by this HQ to Brit Divs and Combat Gps concerning the above mentioned items.

2. These instrs are summarised below:-

(a) Issue and use of Summer Clothing

Summer clothing will be taken into use at the discretion of the commander before 1 May and not after 21 May.

(b) Withdrawal of Blankets

Fourth blanket will be withdrawn at discretion of the commander not later than 30 Apr and the third blanket not later than 1 May.

(c) Withdrawal of Winter Clothing

All items of winter scale will be withdrawn 7 days after use of Summer clothing with the exception of Blouses and Trousers BD which may be retained for up to one month after WD is taken into use: it is emphasised however that withdrawal should take place as early as possible.

3. You will please arrange with the Divs concerned and 251 Italian Div that the issues and withdrawal of items listed in this HQ letter 100/6 Q dated 2 Apr take place under the same conditions as for Brit Divs given at para 2 above.

Revised

Q - Copy sent to Park. 118

MacGroup
Florence Comd
215 Sub Area

Ord
Pro
Lab

Ref this HQ letter 158/6 Q dated 2 Apr.

1. Instrs have now been issued by this HQ to Brit Units and Combat Gps concerning the above mentioned items.
2. These instrs are summarised below:-
 - (a) Issue and use of Summer Clothing
Summer clothing will be taken into use at the discretion of the coms HQ before 1 May and HQ after 21 May.
 - (b) Withdrawal of Blankets
Fourth blanket will be withdrawn at discretion of the coms HQ not later than 30 Apr and the third blanket not later than 1 May.
 - (c) Withdrawal of Winter Clothing
All items of winter socks will be withdrawn 7 days after use of Summer clothing with the exception of Blouses and Trousers 5D which may be retained for up to one month after KD is taken into use. It is emphasised however that withdrawn items should take place as early as possible.
3. You will please arrange with the units concerned and 231 Italian Div that the issues and withdrawal of items listed in this HQ letter 158/6 Q dated 2 Apr take place under the same conditions as for Brit Gps given at para 2 above.

RAM/JET

Summers

RA HILLARD, Maj
for Col
DA & QMC

1100

11:FO

To: Camp Cnelt.

Please initial
& pass to DADOS

DADOS please
return to Rear HQ

 
W. H. H. H.

DADOS 11:FO

91 Camp
 SUBJECT: Number of Clothing

117
 Brit Macmont (G. Br. 51)
 HQ 1st Army
 GMP

File No: LIGHTING RMR 129 *Ph.*

100/h

16 Apr 45

Rear 6 SA Army Div (5)
 7 AGFA
 Florence Court
 215 Sub Area
 52 HLA
 CTD

Copy to:-	AGFA	F (Brit)	Pro	Welfare
	1st Army Div	A	Mal	Camp
	2nd (Brit)	Gov	Lab	
	3rd (Brit)	CP	Postal	
	Army (Brit)	Red	St. Ctr	
	Engt (Brit)	WAVE	W. R	

Further to our 100/h of dated 3 May.

1. Shirts clothing will be taken into use at the discretion of formation commander before 1 May 45 after 24 May.
2. Formation commanders will ensure that shorts (U) are not taken into use, for other than organised recreation purposes, in military areas.
3. Puttees short are NOT available. Ankle web will be retained in 100 for use with denim trousers and slacks (U).

NADEN.

*Camp & AGFA & see both
 these initials
 hwh:*

W. J. H. H. H.
 W. J. H. H. H., Maj,
 for Col,
 HQ 6th Div.

JSM/HF

18 APR 1945

1094

Rea B/26

Subject: WFI Supplies to Gruppi.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M S
3/2/3/126 April 1945To: Financial Advisor, AFHQ.

Reference your CR/52/PA dated 2 Mar 45.

The total value of goods supplied to the Gruppi during the month of March 45 is as follows:-

	£	s.	d.
(a) PRIME Gp	1,363	19	8
(b) CRISTINA Gp	1,695	12	10
(c) LUCIANO Gp	1,962	5	9
(d) PERSONE Gp		NIL	
(e) MARTOVA Gp		NIL	
(f) RTO ICF		NIL	
TOTAL	£ 5,021	16	3

PFS/ls

P. P. Fardell

P. P. FARDSELL, J/Comd.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.Copy to: 50 RM
51 RM
52 RM
53 RM
56 RM
7th RM, RTO ICF
Milfare, RMIANA
ack.

(m)

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies.

To: Units Concerned.

SECRET

HQ 215 Sub-Area,
CMT.

21/230 Q.

27 Apr 45.

1. 32 BIS will open at 1921404 for issues on 29 Apr 45.

2. Dates of drawing are given below. Units have been grouped as far as possible according to their arm of the service. Issues will NOT be made to any unit not listed unless prior application has been made to this Branch.

3. Issues for the week commencing 29 Apr include 4 reputed pairs of beer per head.

4. Indents will, so far as is possible be placed 72 hours in advance, and will be accompanied by certified strength states and certificates as to non-drawal elsewhere. Credit can NOT be given.

5. Mon 30 Apr

(R.A.
&
Pro.)

Tues 1 May

(Command Gps
&
R.E.)

7 AGRA
2, 17 & 178 Med Regts., RA.
111 P1 Regt RA
76 HAA Regt RA
8 Svy Regt RA
498 Arty Coy RASC.
1529, 1543, 1550 & 1552 Arty P1s RASC
10 Coy QP (TC)
Brit Inor, Fifth Army Fwd & CP
(Sups for week commencing 22 Apr
will also be drawn at this time)
Brit Inc, DOLOMIA City Comd.
HQ 215 Sub-Area.
15 Beach Drick Sig Sec
287 Wls Sec RE.
64 Art Wls Coy RE.
12 Stores P1 RE.
1. PD P1 RE.
100 Constr Sec
'X' Sig Park Sec.
15 Med Bpt P1 RE
'B' L of 3 Postal Unit.
Logans Gruppe.
HQ 8 Gen Tpt Coln, RASC.
12 RA Bakery
13 RA Butchery
69 DD

Wed 2 May
Thurs 3 May

Ream 1360
125

2. Dates of drawing are given below. Units have been grouped as far as possible according to their arm of the service. Issues will NOT be made to any unit not listed unless prior application has been made to this Branch.

3. Issues for the week commencing 29 Apr include 4 reputed pints of beer per head.

4. Indents will, so far as is possible be placed 72 hours in advance, and will be accompanied by certified strength states and certificates as to non-drawal elsewhere. Credit can NOT be given.

5. Mon 30 Apr

(R.A.
&
Pro.)

7 ACRA
2, 17 & 178 Med Regts., RA.
111 Pd Regt RA
76 HAA Regt RA
8 Svy Regt RA
498 Arty Coy RASC.
1529, 1543, 1550 & 1552 Arty Pls RASC
10 Coy CIP (TC)

Tues 1 May

(Command Gps
&
R.E.)

Brit Incr, Fifth Army Twd & OP
(Sups for week commencing 22 Apr
will also be drawn at this time)
Brit Inc, BOLOTHA City Comd.
HQ 215 Sub-Area.
15 Beach Brick Sig Sec
287 Wls Sec RE.
604 Art Wls Coy RE.
12 Stores Pl RE.
A. WD Pl RE.
100 Constr Sec
X1 Sig Park Sec.
15 Mech Bde Pl RE
131 L of O Postal Unit.
Legation Group.
HQ 8 Gen Tpt Coln, RASC.
12 Pz Bakery
13 Pz Butchery
69 DID
93 DID
15 MFGC
19 Pet Dep.
650 Coy RASC (GT)
Fifth Army Tps OMP.
5 OED
19 Veh Park
206 MIN
21 MSHU
46 Co Enr Corps and Coys.
2, 11 Fire Bde

Wed 2 May
Thurs 3 May

Fri 4 May

(RACC
&
P.O.)

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(RADC

&

P.O. Contd.)

Sat 5 May

(REME

&

RAMC)

11 Fire Bde.
6 Ind Sal Unit.
2900 CUM.

Fifth Army Tps 1stps.
87 A/Tk Regt LAD
679 Lt Ro. Sec
13 Pk Hvy Sec
63 FDS.

HJ/LPB

At Johnson

Capt
for Maj DAA & QMG

At-~~Yok~~

Capt
for Maj DAA & QMG

HJ/LPB

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 163

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

52 BLU291600G

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

4 MINA LO Row 5 Army53 BLU

Originator's No.

AQ/1 O Restricted OTrans 520/20 of 27 O first passed PAGE O
second no action being taken this unitTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT
WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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1095

SIGNED

SIGNED

3637/CINCPAC/44

122

SUBJECT:- EF Supplies

near HQ.,
52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.
29 April 45

To:- HQ Legnano
(Sezione Servizi)

AQ/3/122

1. Instructions have been issued by MMIA that all personnel on arrival at the RTC., ICF are to be issued with a stick of shaving soap on arrival.
2. Will you please ensure that men posted from RTC in future do not receive a maintenance issue until 4 months after the date of their reporting at the RTC.

WN.

Al. Honda Major. 1094
+ DA&QMG.

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C
Q
121
Subject: MPI Supplies.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M B
4/23

26 April 1945

To: "P" RMU, RMG IGP

Reference your letter AG/4/2/310 dated 13 Apr 45.

1. Authority is given by AFHQ under their reference AFHQ/25/A/3(Maint) dated 21 Apr 45 for an initial issue or repayment of 15,000 sticks of shaving soap and a maintenance issue thereafter of 3,000 sticks per month. These will be obtained in the usual manner through MPI on MPI Form MIA 23.

2. This will ensure that each man is provided with a stick of shaving soap before he is posted to a Combat Group. On arrival at the Combat Group he will be eligible for the authorized issue of one stick every four months. BLUs will instruct Groups to ensure that men posted to them from the RMG do not obtain a maintenance issue until 4 months after the date of their reporting at the RMG.

RMG/10

P. P. Farwell

P. P. FARWELL, J/Comd.
for Colonel, RMG
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for 3(Maint)

50 RMU }

51 RMU }

52 RMU }

53 RMU }

54 RMU }

Welfare, RMIA.

— Please instruct IGP in accordance para 2.

HEGNANO GR Pbs () To 52 BLU
LOOC V LOAO NR 5 "P"
QVR 3

R 14/23

FROM MMIA 231125B
TO 50 BLU - 51 BLU - 52 BLU - 53 BLU - 56 BLU
INFO FIFTH ARMY BR INCR - EIGHT ARMY - DISTONE

GR 51 BT

Q/OS/286 RESTRICTED INFO ADDRESSEES FOR MMIA LO (.) REF MMIA
ADM INSTR NUMBER 27 (.) BLACK BD NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE FOR BRIT
PERSONNEL ON DISCHARGE (.) AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR BRIT TPS TO BE
DEMobilISED IN OLDEST GREEN PART BD (.) TO BE DRAWN THROUGH ADM
DIVS (.) MMIA LOS MY Q/OS/283 OF 22 JUNE

REFERS

BT 231125B

VJV K
R 23:1455B RIP AR TNX

Copy passed
DADOS

Subject: Accounting for MAFI Supplies to Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. H.I. A.) R O M S

2/2/3/1

14 June 1945

To: OC 50 BLU
OC 51 BLU
OC 52 BLU
OC 53 BLU
OC 54 BLU
OC "B" BLU, ETC ICF CEMANO

1. Further to this HQ letter 2/2/3/1 dated 31 March 1945.

2. A consolidated return has to be submitted to the Financial Advisor, AFHQ, stating the total monthly purchases from MAFI made by the Combat Gps and Rgt Centre. It is requested therefore that you submit a NIL return to this HQ if no goods are bought during any one month.

PPS/le

F. J. NICANED
F. J. NICANED, Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:

AFHQ for Q(Maint)
AFHQ for INT
AFHQ for E.A.
HQ 15 Army Group
Ct Fifth Army
Ct Fifth Army for Br Incr.
HQ Rear Eighth Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command
Ministry of War
MIA LO 5 Army
MIA LO Br Increment 5 Army
MIA LO 8 Army
MIA LO 52 BLU
MIA LO 53 BLU
Sr MIA LO

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OC 56 BUN
OC "T" BUN, RUC ICE GMSHNO

1. Further to this HQ letter Q/2/5/1 dated 31 March 1945.
2. A consolidated return has to be submitted to the Financial Advisor, ARHQ, stating the total monthly purchases from NAAPF made by the Combat Gps and Rgt Centre. It is requested therefore that you submit a MIL return to this HQ if no goods are bought during any one month.

PFI/le

F. J. N. N. N.
F. J. N. N. N., Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:

ARHQ for Q(Maint)
ARHQ for PFI
ARHQ for P.A.
HQ 15 Army Group
OC Fifth Army
OC Fifth Army for Br Inor.
HQ Rear Eighth Army
HQ 1 District
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command
Ministry of War
MILA LO 5 Army
MILA LO Br Increment 5 Army
MILA LO 6 Army
MILA LO 52 BDU
MILA LO 53 BDU
Sr MILA LO

1092

SUBJECT: Cigarette ration -
Italian Armed Forces

British Increment (C Branch)
HQ Fifth Army
C.I.F.

Telo No: LIGHTNING REAR 129

167 ~~Q~~ Q

31 MAY 45

Rear 6 S. and Div
2 Dist (CP)
215 Sub Area
216 Sub Area
50 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
'A'
ST
Lab
Welfare
MIA LO

Ref 507
Ref this letter 167 Q, dated 15 Apr (para 4).

1. JMA letter 4/75 dated 23 May announces that owing to a temporary shortage of cigarette production, the monthly allocation to the Italian Armed Forces has been reduced as from 1 Jun.
2. In consequence, the issue of 5 cigarettes per day on repayment mentioned in this H. letter 167 Q, dated 15 Apr and ST Departmental Instra Serial No 23 dated 11 Apr will cease until further notice.

W. Miller
W. MILLER, Maj
for Lt Col
SAG

Copy to file 285/1

RAE/JET

*Copy of this
passed to Legation*

Copy passed to S+T.

SUBJECT: Cigarette Ration - Italian Armed Forces

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R C M E
9/75
28 May 1945

1. Reference MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 of 20 Feb. 45.

2. Owing to temporary inadequacy of cigarette production the monthly allocation to the Italian Armed Forces has been reduced as from 1 June 45 in terms of AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) of 24 May.

3. As from 1 June 45 the issue of 5 cigarettes per day on repayment will cease until further notice. Paragraphs 6(a) (iii), 6(b) and 6(c) of MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 22 are therefore suspended.

4. The ration scale will be as laid down in Para. 6(a) (i) and 6(a) (ii) of Administrative Instruction No. 22 i.e.:-

- a. Free issue - 5 per man per day for all tps.
 - b. Additional Free Issue - 5 per man per day for operational tps as detailed.
5. Cigarettes on hand for issue on repayment during June will be counted against the free issue allotment.

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

RTMw/ri

DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ for Q Maint.	803 AFHQ CENTRE for OC Br Cadre
AFHQ for ST	804 " " " "
MTUSA for QM	802 " " " "
HQ Eighth Army for Q	Naval Sub Comm. AC
CG Fifth Army for G-4	Air Forces Sub Comm. AC
CG Fifth Army for Q Br Incr.	Public Safety Sub Comm. AC
15 Army Gp.	Food Sub Comm. AC
CG USAAFSC/MTQ	MMIA C.O.S.
HQ No. 1 District for Q	" " " "
HQ No. 2 District for Q	" " " "
HQ No. 3 District for Q	" " " "
HQ PBS	" " " "
PENSOUTH	" " " "

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RTMw/pi

CLAYTON P. KILBY, Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

ATHQ for 2 Maint.	803 RTIS CENTRE for 80 Br Cadre
ATHQ for ST	804 " " " " "
MTOSA for QM	802 " " " " "
HQ Eighth Army for Q	Naval Sub Comm. AC
CG Fifth Army for G-4	Air Forces Sub Comm. AC
CG Fifth Army for Q Br Iner.	Public Safety Sub Comm. AC
15 Army Gp.	Food Sub Comm. AC
CG USAATSC/MTC	MMIA C.O.S.
HQ No. 1 District for Q	" " " " "
HQ No. 2 District for Q	" " " " "
HQ No. 3 District for Q	" " " " "
HQ TBS	" " " " "
PENSOUTH	" " " " "
All MMIA LO's	" " " " "
52 BLU	War Diary
56 BLU	File
	Copy: Ministry of War
	(General PELLIGRA)

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For a copy to h g m m

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RECEIPT FOR EPI GOODS SUPPLIED TO LEGNANO GRUPPO
DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.

Drawn from 41 BIS VICCHIO

Razor Blades.....	19,471
Shaving Soap.....	2,418
Toothpaste.....	9,731

Certified that the above items were drawn by the Legnano
Gruppo during the month of April 1945.

Signed..... *Mary Penning* 1089

1 June 45.

SUBJECT:- EFI Supplies

133
Near HQ.,
British Liaison Unit
CMF
22 May 45

AQ/3/133

To:- O.C.,
49 BIS

Herewith demand for EFI supplies for the Legnano Group for the month of June, in quintuplicate as per MMIA letter Q/2/3/1 of 31 March.

Please inform us of the date drawings should be made and arrange that on that date copies 3,4, and 5 duly completed are returned to the Legnano drawing officer.

WJL
Major.
DAA&CMG.

/WN.

1008

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

1150

04-145

Part IV

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

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215 Sub Area

Data-Time of Origin.

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For Action

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4	Steward	Supper	Fire Information (INFO)
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(F) For Information INFO

Message	Instructions	GR
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GR

Originator's No.

AR 43 0

5 Every 111Q of 7 May O Programme
for drawing EPI supplies 6 SA for
Friday O 7 H1A LEBMANO CIPPO Saturday
O All unknown

Received too late
to be filed
Received too late
to be filed
Received too late
to be filed

Originator's No

AK 45 0

2 Army HQ of 7 May 0 Programme
 for drawing FBI supplies 6 SA for
 Friday 0 7 AM - Lasharo Guss Saturday
 0 All informed

Not received too late
 Received too late
 Received too late
 Received too late

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except WIRELESS.

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions.
 Degree of Priority

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271 ISSUE NOTE
(BUONO DI RILASCIAMENTO IRI)

Voucher No. of Legnano Combat Group
Unit Demanding COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO
(Numero di buono del
reparto perlevante)

Unit Legnano Combat Group
(Reparto)

Demand for Month of May
(Richiesta per il mese di)

Action Strength 9535
(Forza da rettoaggiare)

SIS 49

Copy No. 1
(Copia numero 1)
Voucher No. of
Issuing Depot
(Numero del buono
del magazzino cedente)

(a) Items (Voci)	(b) Original Quantity Demanded (Quantita' Richiesta)	(c) Quantity Issued (Quantita' ceduta)	(d) Price in Lire (Prezzo in Lire)
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Razors (Rasoi)	4767		
Razor Blades (Lamette di rasoio)	18070		
Tooth Brushes (Spazzolini da denti)	2884		
Shaving Brushes (Pennelli per barba)	NIL		
Shaving Soap (Sapone da barba)	2384		
Tooth Paste (Dentifricio)	9535		

Gross Total (Totale generale)	
Less 10% Discount (Meno il 10% di sconto)	
Net Total (Totale Netto)	

Signature of OC Group (Firma del comandante del gruppo)	Certifying Demand within Authorized Scale. (Si certifica che la domanda e' entro le limiti della
Signature of OC BU	

Station Strength 9535
(Forza da vettovagliare)

ZIB 49

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Signature of OC Group
(Firma del comandante del gruppo)

Signature of OC BLU
(Firma del comandante del BLU)

Signature of Issuer at DIS
(Firma del cedente al DIS)

Signature of Receiving Officer
(Firma dell'ufficiale ricevente)

Date of Issue
(Data della cessione)

Certifying Demand within
Authorized Scale.
(Si certifica che la domanda
e' entro le limiti della
spettanza autorizzata)

As having issued goods stated.
(avendo ceduto la merce)
dittagliata)

As having received goods stated.
(avendo ricevuto la merce
dittagliata)

This copy to be retained by DIS.
(Questa copia sara' ritenuta dal DIS)

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COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO,"
- Sezione Servizi -
-----oOo-----

N° 03/1264 di prot.

7 Maggio 1945

Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies - Drawing of.

52 B.L.U.

Ref. your ST/1/164 dated 6 May 45.
Acknowledged.-



Col. Garofoli
Chief of Staff.

1085

SECRET - CONFIDENTIAL

File

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SECRET - CONFIDENTIAL

It is requested that you advise the Army
of the results of your investigation of the
allegation that the Army Signal Corps
has been receiving information from the
Army Signal Corps.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly,
Yours,

WHL
/

Copy to be made of this letter.

1634

Subject: 1st Squadron - 1st Regt. Ar.

FM 16 52 Hrs;
31/1/55;
5 May 55.

Camp Commandant,
1st Regt.

Supplies will be sent from 1st Regt. Ar. to 1st Squadron
located at 1st Regt. Ar. at 1000 hrs Friday 11 May.
Activity in Rear 1st Regt. Ar. signal 1000 hrs 11 May 55.

1st Regt. Ar.
CD

Major,
1st Regt.

Copy to: 1st Regt. Ar.

ARMY FORM 2186 (Large)
Call ☒ Spt. No. ☐ Priority

MESSAGE FORM
Transmission Instructions

Register No. 1624

101

Office Date Stamp

ABOVE THIS LINE DO NOT WRITE

ORIGINATOR'S NO. 101

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM
A) GH BRIT MCR REAR 5 ARMY 052330Z
REAR 6 SA ARMD DIV 7116RA 521314
215 Sub Area

FOR INFORMATION / INFO

MISSION INSTRUCTIONS

OR

Q453 Restricted

Ref my Q433 dated 3rd May 0

HQ BIS will open Army Headquarters

SS PIACENZA for issues 8th May 0

Tuesday Thursday Saturday 6 SA

Armd Div 0 Wednesday and 4th Friday

7 HERA 0 PM Friday 521314

and LEGNANO 0 Formations will

arrange time tables for drawing

accordingly

THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE REPRODUCED
OUTSIDE BRITISH OR U.S. ARMY
DEPARTMENT OR HEADQUARTERS
RETRANSMITTED EVEN IN CODE
BEING PARAPHRASED.

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Q 127

Subject:- P.F.I. Supplies for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
H O M E
Q/5/11

50 P.L.U.

28 April 45.

Reference your Q/5/11 dated 23 Apr/45.

The return called for in our letter AQ/2/3 dated 22 Dec/44 is cancelled. Under the new accounting procedure all necessary information is consolidated on P.F.I. Form M.M.I.A. 23.

P. P. Padell
P.P. PADSELL, J. Comd.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
"F" BLU

PPF/ab

[Handwritten signature]

Subject :- E.F.I. Supplies

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

13 July 45

AQ/3/150

O.C. 49 B.I.S.

1. Ref this office letter AQ/3/133 dated 22 May 45, enclosing demands for E.F.I. supplies for Legnano Gruppo for month of JUNE.
2. These have not yet been met, and it is understood from the officer of Legnano Gruppo whose duty it is to draw E.F.I. Sups that you have no knowledge of this demand.
3. I am therefore sending duplicate demands in quintuplicate as for MMIA letter Q/2/3/1 of 31 March, and would ask you to inform us of the date drawings should be made. When drawing is completed copies 3, 4, & 5, duly completed, should be handed to the Legnano drawing officer.
4. Your early attention to this would be much appreciated.

HDL/aa



Major
DAA&QMG

SUBJECT :- Mantova Gruppo - NAAFI

52 British Liaison Unit,
AQ/3/148,
11 Jul 45.

HQ 2 DISTRICT ('Q' Branch).

1. Ref conversation of 10 July HARTNEIL - LESLIE.
2. As LEGNANO Gruppo, and therefore, presumably MANTOVA Gruppo have already indented for JULY NAAFI Issue, (in point of fact their JUNE Indent has not yet been met), it is suggested that for JULY the Rest of MANTOVA under command LEGNANO draw their NAAFI through MANTOVA channels, and that; thereafter, they are included in LEGNANO Indent.
3. Can you obtain their agreement to this please ?

FIELD
HDL/BB

1081
WHL Major,
DAA & CMG.

ARMY FORM C-2136 (Large)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No. 958
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	
52 BLU	NR		AF 3/147	
V MAAZ	535	ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY		
FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp	
8. DISTWO		101645B		
TO	For Action		Message Instructions	GR
52 B.L.U.				29



20 AFHQ message: FX 19594 of 9
 authorizes issue also of matches on scale
 of twenty per man per week from captured
 stocks only.

52 B.L.U.
 147

Originator's No.

OS 320 0 restricted 0 my OS 265 of
 2 0 AFHQ message FX 19597 of 9
 authorizes issue also of matches on scale
 of twenty per man per week from captured
 stocks only.

WJH
 6/10/50
 1421
 1421

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This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except

WIRELESS

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority.

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Subject: Uniforms for Discharged Personnel.

146
5. British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/7/1
9 July 1945.

DAA & QMG.,
52 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/144 dated 6 July and further to my
even reference of 8 July.

1. I have since been informed by Ufficio Commissariato,
that 400 suits of Battle Dress have been released by 231 Admin.
Division, and collection will be made by this office as soon as
possible.

*Sir In view of this
I've held up the letter you
wrote to HQIA yesterday*
(m)

W.P.J. Smith
Capt.
(W.P.J. SMITH)
for D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

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Subject: Uniforms for Discharged personnel.

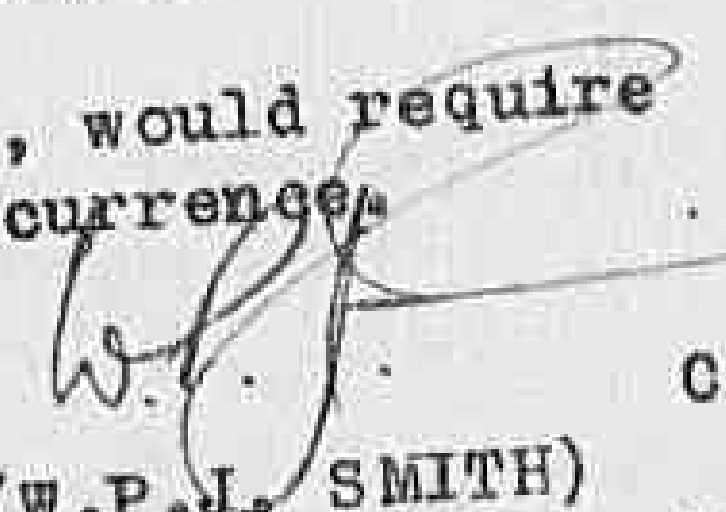
MA/3 145
52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/7/1
8 July 1945.

DAA & QMG.,
52 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/144 dated 6 July 1945.

1. It is regretted that no action can be taken by this office, since dyed Battle Dress is supplied solely by M.M.I.A. from their own sources. None is held within this formation.

2. Any action by this office, therefore, would require A.F.H.Q. approval together with M.M.I.A. concurrence.


(W.P.J. SMITH) Capt.
for D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

1078

SUBJECT : Uniforms for Discharged Personnel

144

52 BLU,
AG/5/144,
6 July 45.

DADOS 52 BLU

The attached letter 06/2100 dated 23 Jun 45 from the Grupos
is forwarded for information and any help you may be able to offer.

Please inform this Office of any action you propose to take.

NAH

1077

FIELD
N/BB

Major,
DIA 2 050

COPY OF TRANSLATION

SUBJECT : Uniforms for Discharged Personnel

144D
Ufficio Commissar.
MORGANO.
06/2100.
23 Jun 45

S2 33U MIALO

Reference to MIA's telegram 22.1540B we report that it has not been possible to draw green or black uniforms for issue to men getting discharged owing to non availability.

The indent was sent to 231 Supply Division, which is the Admin Div of the MORGANO Gruppo.

By Order

Chief of Staff

Col F. CAROSOLI

1075

Subj: Uniforms for Discharge Personnel

To: 52 BLU - MMIALO.

HQ Legation
Ufficio Commissariato
06/2100
23 June 45

143T

In Reference to MMIA's telegram 22.1540 B - we report that it has not been possible to draw green or black uniforms for issue to men getting discharged owing to non-availability.

The incident was sent to # 231 Supply Division - which is the Admin Division of the Gruppo Legation.

Send copy to JAGOS

and ask if they can help.

By Order

Chief of Staff

- Col. F. Gasparoli -

WOK
6/7

1075

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

Deu
5/7/45
143

n.06/2100 di prot.

P.M. 155, 23 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Divise per congedanti.

AL 52° B.L.U. - Ufficio di Collegamento
della M.M.I.A.

In riferimento al fonogramma 22.1540.B della M.M.I.A. si comunica, per opportuna conoscenza, che non è stato possibile ottenere il prelevamento delle divise verdi o nere da distribuire ai militari congedanti, per indisponibilità di magazzino.-

La richiesta era stata inoltrata alla 231^a Divisione Logistica quale Divisione Amministrativa del Gruppo Combattimento "Legnano".-



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.F.Garofoli)

[Signature]

MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

Register No.

Priority

Vol. No.

Call

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Transmission Instructions

QVR8

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(A)

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Originator

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For Action

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66 AA BDE 60 SUB AREA 215 SUB AREA

TO REAR 650 AREA DIV 151 SUB AREA 520000

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No.

Message Instructions

GB

QAX

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Office Date Stamp



Q52650 Restricted 9-11-42 message EX 15-314 of
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infantry personnel engaged at hard labor for allied services on
following scale: One ounce tobacco for twenty cigarettes
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QAR 74

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100 (1/17)

Rec'd 2 July
 58/1/2/42.

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Signed

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Signed

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SUBJECT:- EPI Supplies

52 British Liaison Unit

Ch.

1 July 45

To:- O.C.,
49 BIS.

AQ/3/141

Herewith demand for EPI supplies for the Legnano Gruppo for the month of July, in quintuplicate as per MMIA letter Q/2/3/1/ of 31 March.

Please inform this office of the date drawings can be made and arrange that on that date copies 3,4, and 5 are returned to the Legnano drawing officer, duly completed.

/WN.

ASH

Major.
DAA&QMG.

Copy to :- HQ Legnano (Sazione Servizi)

1072

Subject: CLOTHING SCALE ON DISCHARGE -
ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS.

Copy to PABOS

and Goughet

1881

Land Forces Sub Comm. I.C.O.
(I.C.I.I.I.I.)
R.O.M.B.
0/08/11/3

To: HQ 1 DISTRICT (2)
HQ 2 DISTRICT (2)
HQ 3 DISTRICT (2)

ALL MIA LOS
OC BR CALRE 802 ITALIAN BRD
MINISTRY OF WAR.

13 July 45.

50 B.L.V.
51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.
"7" B.L.U.

Ref. para 2 MIA Adm. Instrs No 27.

1. On authority AMHQ F 27287 of 24 July - Italian Combat troops may retain on discharge (subject to limitations in para 2 below) the following items of personal kit if in possession:-

Brushes, hair	Comb
" tooth	Razor
" shaving	Housewife
" shoe	

2. (a) Issues of the above items will not be made to complete to scale on discharge.
(b) Exchanges of the above items will not be made within 3 months prior to discharge.

Approved

W.L. BUDGE, Major
for Major General,
M.I.A.

Copies to: AMHQ for Q(AE) (2)
C
A
Q1
Q(AE)

157

ALL MAIL LOGS
 CC DE CIDER 802 ITALIAN ERD
 MINISTRY OF W.R.

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W. L. B. DOCK, Major

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 for Major General,
 M.H.I.D.

Copies to:- AFHQ for G(NE) (2)
 G
 A
 Q
 Q(42)
 WAR DEPT (2)

WLB/ab

1071

156
Subject : Economy of Clothing

52 British Liaison Unit

CLT

26 Jul 45

13/3/156

HQ Legnano Gruppo

Extracts from GRO 849/45 are repeated for information and necessary action :

849. ECONOMY OF CLOTHING

1. There is a world wide shortage of all types of clothing which has now become so acute that the quantities required to meet the needs of the armed forces cannot be met in full unless the rate of wastage is drastically reduced.
2. Commanding Officers, QMs and others will have already noticed the shortage of certain items of clothing. In particular, battle dress, greatcoats and blankets were in short supply last winter. There is no prospect of improvement, and it must be realised that the shortage is likely to extend to any other items of clothing.
3. The situation has assumed serious proportions. In order to ensure the best possible use of the limited quantities available, it is imperative that the instructions detailed below be followed.
4. (a) Clothing will not be condemned solely on the grounds of appearance, nor will new clothing be issued for uniformity of turnout on parade. Serviceability will be the governing factor in considering the necessity for replacement. Every garment withdrawn from use will be returned to Ord for reconditioning.
5. It is the duty of unit commanders to ensure this order is carried out and to take appropriate action against all personnel who fail to do so, or who are guilty of extravagance and waste of clothing by any means. Failure on the part of unit commanders to enforce this order will be specially reported by Inspectors of Army Equipment or Ordnance Officers concerned with the supply of clothing.

Major
D.A.G.M.G.

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Major
D.A.&QMG

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 993

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FROM Q DISTWO

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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59 AREA

For Action

52 BLU

56 SHA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

GO SUB AREA

Message Instructions

GR

QQY 83

Originator's No.

Q5333 @ Confidential @ Tuj 20/3430
 at 8 Jan 2 @ On arrival this
 list. inf. negt. instant groups
 smaller comd. legions groups will
 be in contact. as follows @ info will
 be shown in both day legions
 groups from midday and negt. will
 show from GMA AT REVIGL10
 H 5768 @ POL will be shown
 by negt. from 207 PET DEP MILAN
 up to maximum 1500 hrs PER
 day @ ORD stores through
 LEGNANO CRVPPQ @ EF1
 info for info will be shown
 through maintenance groups and there-
 after through legions groups

Set by ST and action taken accordingly.

LH

copy sent to PAGES



Originator's No.

QS 3333 @ Confidential @ Aug 60/3430
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 under control. Legation groups will
 be advised as follows @ info will
 be shown in both day legation
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Signed

Originator's Instructions.
Degree of Priority.

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Subject: IFT Office.

179 154
 1st Force Sub Com. A.O.
 (M. E. I. A.) R O M B
 1/2/5/1

14 July 1945

To: AFHQ for Financial Advisor (D.)

1. Reference your D/52/42/PA dated 9 Jul 45 requesting information of IFT supplies purchased by the Group.
2. The position is as follows:
 - (a) April. Details are awaited from IFT regarding GRUCCA and LEPANO accounts.
 - (b) May. No reports received from 54 or 55 BHL. 55 BHL signalled on 29 Jun that they had not yet drawn their May maintenance supply.
 - (c) Aug. No reports yet received from 50, 52 and 77 BHL. NA
3. As soon as the above reports have been received you will be notified.

FFP/10

F. J. Nraus.
 F. J. NORDEN, Col.
 for Major General,
 M. E. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for (Main).
 30 BHL
 54 BHL
 52 BHL ✓
 55 BHL
 77 BHL RTO IF

SUBJECT :-

Maintenance of Regimental Group - 100th VA

153

52 British Liaison Unit,
 30/1/263,
 14 Jul 45.

RE REGIMENTAL Gruppo di Combattimento

Regarding the supply maintenance of the Regimental Group of 100th VA Gruppo, a proposal was put forward to 2 District from this office, that they should draw direct from the GID in LNW in their own transport. Unfortunately this has not been approved, therefore they will have to be included in the REGIMENTAL Gruppo's ration strength.

An extra approximate amount of 2,000 rations will have to be drawn and issued to them in bulk from the SR at T EVIDENCE, which they will collect in their own transport, and they will be responsible for breaking down into detail.

Definite figures and date of first drawing will be notified you as soon as received by this office,

RECEIVED
 12.11.45

D. R. Smith
 Major,

1067

Copy to :- DIA & MG 52 JMW.

SUBJECT :- Toilet Articles for Enemy POW

HQ No 2 District, CMF.

1047/Q1

Jul 45.

Rear 6 SA Area Div
59 Area
60 Sub Area
151 Sub Area
215 Sub Area
66 AA Bde.
51 BLU
52 BLU.

Handwritten: 1047 Nb.

1. Pending a decision from the War Office, the following temporary scale of toilet articles, considered the minimum essential for health and hygiene, has been authorised by AMR signal EX 20370 dated 10 Jul for Prisoners of War and Surrendered Enemy Personnel held on British account:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Source of Supply</u>	<u>Allowance per thousand men per month.</u>
Razor Blades	EMI	2000
Tooth Brushes	EMI	84
Shaving sticks	EMI	500
Shaving Brushes	EMI	84
Tooth paste	EMI	1000 tubes
Soap Washing	ORD	2700 czs

2. Issues are on replacement only, and on initial issue of the above items is to be made. Before British stocks, based on these allowances, are made, all captured enemy stocks should be utilised to the fullest extent. Razor blades, tooth brushes and shaving brushes will not be purchased from EMI, unless it is clear that no surplus Ord stocks exist.

3. The following accountance instructions for supplies purchased from EMI are to be observed:-

- (a) POW. See Am Instructions for Prisoners of War paras 154-162.
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Copy to: A
Med
ST
Ord
WEI

Colonel,
DA & QMG.

2008

164

Subject: Enemy Captured Clothing.

52 Brit Liaison Unit,
CMF.

4 Aug 45.

DAGCS, 52 BLU.

10/3/164

The following signal from 2 District is forwarded
for information and action as necessary.

From: DTPWO.

To:

6 SA Armd Div.	59 Area.
56 AA Bde.	60 Sub Area.
161 Sub Area.	21 Sub Area.
51 BLU.	52 BLU.
56 BLU.	

031530B

Q23 (.) Restricted (.) All applications for issue of
captured enemy clothing and accn stores will be made
through ORD channels to this HQ (.) If material is held
in US controlled dumps application will be made by ORD
this HQ to ORD AFHQ

HAR

Major,
DAAQMG.

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ARMY FORM 72130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

M E C H

Sgt. No.

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Transmission Instructions

Register No. 175

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FROM

(A)

Q DISTWO

Originator

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Message Index

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TO

6 SA Amol Dw. 59 Amol 66 AA Bole.
 60 sub amol 151 sub amol 21 sub amol
 51 BLU 52 BLU 56 BLU

(A) For Information (IAR)

Originator's No.

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162

Subject: EPI Supplies - Italian Combat Groups.

52 British Liaison Unit,
COT.

1 Aug 45.

AM/3/162

HQ LIGNANO Gruppo.
(Serioso Servizi).

With effect from 1 Sep 45, Italian Combat Tps will no longer
be permitted to make purchases from EPI.

Authority AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 July 45.

HS

ASH.

Major,
DAA-ENG.

1063

160

SUBJECT:- EFI Supplies

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.
31 July 45

To:- O.C.,
49 BIS

AQ/3/160

Herewith demand for EFI supplies for the
Legnano Gruppo for the month of August, (in quintu-
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Please inform this office of the date drawings
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5 are returned to the Legnano drawing officer, duly
completed.

A. Borne
Major.
for, DAA&CMG.

/WN.

Copy to:- HQ Legnano (Sezione Servizi)

1062

159

Subject: EPI Supplies to Gruppi.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/2/3/325 July 1945To: Financial Advisor, AFHQ.

Reference your CA/52/FA dated 2 Mar 45.

The total value of goods supplied to the Gruppi during the month of June 45 is as follows:

	a.	b.	c.
(a) PRIULI GP	364	- 3	- 4
(b) CREMONA GP.	723	- 19	- 3
(c) LEGNANO GP.	99	- 3	- 4
(d) VERGORE GP.		H I L	
(e) MANTOVA GP.	944	- 14	- 5 1/2
(f) REC ICF	1000	- 9	- 3
TOTAL	3132	- 9	- 7 1/2

Sub
We haven't
informed
them of
June yet. ???

When Ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise!
No

P. P. Farrell
P. P. FARRELL, J/Comd.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU ✓
53 BLU
56 BLU
"F" BLU REC ICF
Welfare MMIA

1061

158

Subject: RPI Supplies to Gruppi.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
2/3/425 July 1945To: Financial Advisor, AFHQ.

Reference your CD/52/P. dated 2 Mar 45.

The total value of goods supplied to the Gruppi during the month of April is as follows:

	e	a.	d.
(a) TRIUNFI GP	487	- 3	- 4
(b) CREMONA GP.	952	- 10	- 2
(c) LEGNANO GP.	557	- 6	- 4
(d) POLOGNE GP.	2325	- 14	- 7
(e) MANTOVA GP.	425	- 14	- 0
(f) RTO IGP			
		<u>M I L</u>	
TOTAL	4748	- 8	- 5

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P. P. Farwell
P. P. FARWELL, J/Comm.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.Copy to: 50 BLS
51 BLS
52 BLS
53 BLS
56 BLS
77 BLS RTO IGP
Welfare, M.I.A.

1069

Subject: I.M.I. Supply for Combat Gas.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
2/2/3

34 July 45

To: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

T. BL & TU

Reference this HQ letter 2/2/3 dated 19 Mar 45 authorizing the supply on repayment from IMI of certain toilet articles to Combat troops.

It has been decided that, with the end of hostilities in ITALY, it is no longer necessary to maintain the distinction between Combat and Service troops of the Italian Army, and that the responsibility for the provision of toilet articles should revert to the Italian Government.

The Authorities quoted in our letter under reference, therefore, will be considered as cancelled wef 1 SEP 45.

You are requested to ensure that issues for August are drawn before the end of the month and the IMI Forms MIA 23 are completed and forwarded to this HQ.

Indented for Not Drawn

Copy back given

P. J. Roares

P. J. ROARES Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

PRT/hh

Copy to: AMHQ - your AMHQ/170/2/2(Maint) dated 26 Jul 45 refers.

HQ X111 Corps - copy of letter under ref att.

HQ 1 District.

HQ 2 District

HQ 3 District

171
02 BLU

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Copy back from HQ

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Col. C.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

PPH/wh

Copy to: AFHQ - your AFHQ/170/2/2(Maint) dated 26 Jul 45 refers.
HQ XI11 Corps - copy of letter under ref att.

HQ 1 District.

HQ 2 District

HQ 3 District

Commanding General RAAC.

Ministry of War.

ALL MIA LO's.

1054

HR/3

169

Subject:- Handkerchiefs - Italian
Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
H O M E
D/OS/1

52 B.L.U.

17 Aug/45.

Ref. your HQ/3/166 of 6 Aug/45.

1. The Combat Force is equipped from Br Sources.
2. The present stock of handkerchiefs for the whole Italian Army represents about $\frac{1}{2}$ handkerchief per man. There is therefore no immediate prospect of a large issue to the Combat Force unless made by Br Ord.
3. As soon as the prospect improves you will be advised. We have not yet obtained release from AFHQ of any captured stock which will help. There is also the snag that as handkerchiefs are not on the scale I have no basis to demand from Br Army. We will do what we can.

FJN/ab

P.J. Noakes
P.J. NOAKES, Colonel
DQMG,
M.M.I.A.

Inform Groups

1058

ARMY FORM 12130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 222

Call MT-40H Set No. 501 Priority A Transmission Instructions 167

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

MMIA

101640B

For Action

TO

52 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)



Message Instructions

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26

Originator's No.

Q517 unclassified Please forward MMIA
form 23 in respect of EFI sups for
legnano gruppi for month of June
our letter Q/2/3/1 dated 14 July refers

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SIGNED

510500

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEOMANO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

n.06/2404 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 31 Luglio 1945

OGGETTO: Richiesta fazzoletti.

AL 52 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Ufficio di Collegamento con la M.M.I.A.

S E D E

A seguito foglio n.06/1530 del 3 Aprile, stante l'avvenuta occupazione dei magazzini militari italiani delle regioni del Nord, si rinnova la richiesta, affinché sia prospettata alla M.M.I.A. di assegnare, sulle nuove disponibilità creatisi, n.21.000 fazzoletti per essere distribuiti ai militari dipendenti che, dalla data di costituzione del Gruppo, non ~~ne~~ hanno mai avuto tale oggetto.-



d'ordine
p. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.l.
IL MAGGIORE CAPO SEZ. SERVIZI
(G.Terranova)

Terranova

1055

SUBJECT :- EFI Sups - Italian Combat Groups

52 British Liaison Unit,
AQ/3/176,
30 Aug 45.

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

The attached copy letter 1072/Q1 dated 29 Aug 45 from HQ 2 DISTRICT is forwarded for information. Our letter AQ/3/162 dated 1 Aug 45 is cancelled, and September indent will be forwarded in the usual way using EFI form MMIA 23.

FIELD
WN/BB

HAL.

Major,
DAA & CMG.

1054

COPYSUBJECT :- EFI Sups - Italian Combat

HQ No 2 District, OMF.

1072/Q1

29 Aug 45.

52 BLU

1. AFHQ have authorized under ref AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 26 Aug 45 certain categories of Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of EFI commodities.

2. These categories are :-

- (a) Combat troops
- (b) BR-III Service tps
- (c) That part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment.

3. The scale of items which may be purchased is as follows :-

Toothpaste	1 tube per officer or man per month.
Shaving brushes	1 per 2 officers or men (initial issue only, no continued maintenance)
Shaving soap	1/4 stick per officer or man per month
Hair preparation)	1 bottle per officer or man
Health Salts)	per month

4. Purchases may be made in the normal way wef 1 Sep 45.

5. This HQ 1120/Q1 dated 30 Jul 45 is cancelled.

C. F. Hughes J. Comd
for Colonel,
DA & IAG.

Copy to :- 59 AREA: 217 Sub Area; 60 Sub Area: 214 Sub Area: 7 AGRA
G: A: MMIA 10: EFI - attached copy of AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)
dated 26 Aug 45 is forwarded;
File 1120/Q1

SUBJECT: EMI Supd - Italian Combat Tps

Hq No 2 District, CSE.

1072/31 39 Aug 45.

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
10 1 Italian Guard Regt.

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W. J. J. J.
Colonel,
DA & MG.

Copy to:

59 Area
217 Area
60 Sub Area

1052

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11/3

56 BUJ

101 Italian Guard Regt.

1. AFHQ have authorized under ref AFHQ/2554/2 (Paint) dated 26 Aug 45 certain categories of Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of IPI commodities.

2. These categories are:-

- (a) Combat troops
- (b) ER-III Service troops
- (c) That part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment.

3. The scale of items which may be purchased is as follows:

Toothpaste	1 tube per officer or man per month.
Shaving brushes	1 per 2 officers or men (initial issue only, no continued maintenance)
Shaving soap	1/4 stick per officer or man per month
Hair preparation	1 bottle per officer or man per month
Health salts	per month.

4. Purchases may be made in the normal way ref 1 Sep 45.

5. This HQ 1120/41 dated 30 Jul 45 is cancelled.

W. L. L. L.
Lt. Colonel,
HQ 4. HQ.

Copy to:

59 Area
217 Area
60 Sub Area
214 Sub Area
7 AGRA
C
A

MAIA LO

EPI - att copy to AFHQ/2554/2 (Paint)
dated 26 Aug is faded.

File 1120/41

1052

174

SUBJECT: Clothing Ration Cards - 114 Inf Regt

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

30 Aug 45

AS/3/174

To: HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento
(Sezione Servizi)

1. The British Liaison Officer of the 114 Inf Regt (56 BLU) has stated that Officers of the 114 Regt have not yet obtained issue of Clothing Ration Cards.
2. Can you assist in this matter, please.

EDL/WR.

[Handwritten signature]

Major.
D. A. S. QMG.

1051

SUBJECT : EFI Supplies - Legnano Gruppo.

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

29 Aug 45

AG/3/173

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
R O M E

Ref your Q/2/3/1 of 31 Mar 45.

Herewith copy 3 of EFI form MMIA 23 in respect
of items drawn by Legnano Gruppo for month of AUGUST 1945.

/aa

Major
DAA&QMG

1050

SUBJECT : EFI Sups for Combat Groups

COPY

Land Forces Sub Comm A. C.
(MMIA) P O M E;
2/2/3,
31 Jul 45

52 BLM

Reference this HQ letter 2/2/3 dated 19 Mar 45 authorizing the supply on repayment from EFI of certain toilet articles to Combat troops.

It has been decided that, with the end of hostilities in ITALY, it is no longer necessary to maintain the distinction between Combat and Service troops of the Italian Army, and that the responsibility for the provision of toilet articles should revert to the Italian Government.

The authorities quoted in our letter under references, therefore will be considered as cancelled ref 1 Sept 45.

You are requested to ensure that issues for August are drawn before the end of the month and EFI Forms MMIA 23 are completed and forwarded to this HQ.

(Sgd) F.J. NOAKES COL
for Major General,
MMIA.

Copy to : AFHQ - your AFHQ/1170/2/Q(Maint) dated 26 Jul 45 refers.
HQ XIII Corps - copy of letter under ref at v.
HQ 1 DISTRICT: HQ 2 DISTRICT: HQ 3 DISTRICT.
Commanding General RAAC
Ministry of War
All MMIA LOS

52 British Liaison Unit;
20/3/172,
23 Aug 45. 1049

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It has been decided that, with the end of hostilities in Italy, it is no longer necessary to maintain the distinction between Combat and Service troops of the Italian Army, and that the responsibility for the provision of toilet articles should revert to the Italian Government.

The Authorities quoted in our letter under references, therefore will be considered as cancelled wef 1 Sept 45.

You are requested to ensure that issues for August are drawn before the end of the month and DTI Forms MMIA 23 are completed and forwarded to this HQ.

(Sgd) F.J. NOAKES COL
for Major General,
MMIA.

Copy to : AFHQ - your AFHQ/1170/2/Q(Maint) dated 25 Jul 45 refers.
HQ XIII Corps - copy of letter under ref at t.
HQ 1 DISTRICT: HQ 2 DISTRICT: HQ 3 DISTRICT.
Commanding General RAAC
Ministry of War
All MMIA IOs

52 British Liaison Unit;
HQ/3/172,
23 Aug 45. 10/9

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

The above copy of MMIA letter is forwarded for information and for future action.

FIELD
HOL/B
Major,
DAA & QMG.

Subject: Palliasses and Blankets.AQ/321652 British Liaison Unit.
B.M.F.

ORD 7/1(277)

18 October 1945.D.A.A. & A.M.C.
52 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/214 of 17th. October '45.

1. Palliasses are not shown on any scale of N.E.L. for an Italian Infantry Division. It is regretted therefore that authority for excess issue will have to be obtained, through 'Q' channels, from A.F.H.Q., before an indent for these items can be passed for supply.

2. Scale of blankets authorised by G.R.C. 967/45 is 4 per man. It is suggested that medical recommendation for excess issue be passed to 'Q' Branch Distwo, since blankets can be considered as a seasonal item, and accordingly may possibly be authorised on a temporary loan basis.

3. A strict directive has been received through Ord. channels that excess issues of stores to Italian Units will only be made on authority of A.F.H.Q. D.O.S. Circular No 224 refers.

C.O. Shall we put this up? W.P.J.Yes. with copy of order to
Regiment for their information W.P.J.W.P.J. 10/18

Capt.

(W.P.J. Smith.)

Ordnance Officer 52 B.L.U.

ARMY FORM C-2136 Large			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
	24		11/13-17		215
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (A) 59 AREA		Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office	
52 BLU		For Action	171245G	B-17 X05LU SIGNALS	
TO			Message Instructions GR 15		
(W) For Information INFO					

Original's No.

Q209/1 0

Declassed 0 Request collect
 EF1 sups from 49 BGS BIS
 forthwith for LEGNANO COMBAT
 GRUPO

Wagner
 Wagon

1047

Originator's No.

8209/1 0

MacLachlan 0 Request collect
 EFL supe from 49 BIS
 forthwith for LEGNANO COMBAT
 GRUPPO

Response
 [Signature]

1029

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except

WIRELESS

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority.Time
THU or TOR
1822

System

Op

Time cleared

214

Subject : Pillboxes and Blankets.

52 British Liaison Unit,

CMF.

17 Oct 45.

AO/3/214.

Ord,
52 LIU.

Attached copy of Legnano letter (translation) 06/6162 of 10 Oct 45
is forwarded for your remarks.

HE/hj

(H. FERRO) Major,
DAA3JMG.

1048

LEGNANO DIVISION

no 05/6162

Bergamo 10 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : cover for ^{stow} mattresses (Palliasse)

To BLU
Q Branch

Only a part of the personnel within the Division is furnished with covers for stow mattresses, because they have salvaged them during the operations.

This Hq. requested A/M stores to Ministero della Guerra, but MMIA did not permit the issue because they were not available from Italian sources.

During the winter season the weather will be very cold in the zone in which the Division is located, so that, in order to protect health of the soldiers will you ask for the issue of 7000 Palliasses (from British sources) and the outfit ~~will~~ be increased to 5 blankets, because only 4 blankets will not be sufficient ~~to~~ in the night to be protected from the winter cold.

Col Garofoli.

Copy to DADOS

for remarks.

1045

213

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Ufficio di Commissariato -

n.06/6162 di prot.

Bergamo, P.M. 155 li 10 Ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: Fodere per pagliericcio.

AL 52 B.L.U.
Q Branch

S E D E

Soltanto una parte dei soldati del Gruppo sono provvisti di fodere da pagliericci perchè recuperati durante l'avanzata. =

Questo Comando ebbe a suo tempo ad interessare il Ministero della Guerra, ma la M.M.I.A. non concesse l'autorizzazione al prelevamento dei pagliericci occorrenti per completamente perchè indisponibili da fonte italiana.

Poichè durante la stagione invernale si avrà una temperatura molto bassa nella zona ove è dislocato il gruppo, è necessario intervenire per tutelare la salute dei soldati. Si prega pertanto volersi interessare affinchè vengano concessi da fonte britannica n. 7000 fodere da pagliericci (Palliasse) e venga aumentata a 5 coperte di lana la dotazione individuale - dato che quattro coperte non saranno sufficienti per ripararsi durante la notte dei rigori dell'inverno. =



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. F. Garofoli)

1044

212

Subject : Issues of Brushes - Shaving and Tooth.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.

14 Oct 45.

AG/3/212.

HQ Mexican Inf Div.

Ref this HQ letter AG/3/207 and HQ 2 District
letter 1876/Q2 of 10 Oct.

You are requested to draw the attention of all
Prisoner of War Camps, Hospitals employing or treat-
ing prisoners of war and Surrendered Enemy Personnel,
German Service Units and Units employing Prisoners of
War labour, to the contents of the above-quoted letter.

HF/hj


(H. FERRO) Major,
DAA&CMG.

104

211

Subject : Issue of Brushes.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.

13 Oct 45.

AQ/3/211.

HQ 2 District.

203

Ref 1876/Q2 dated 10 Oct 45.

See also 209

The LEGNANO Combat Group was included in CMF Order of Battle and therefore, although the troops are Italian, para 2 of the above-mentioned letter is understood not to apply to them.

Will you please confirm that this interpretation is correct.

HE/hj

H.F.
(H. FERRO) Major,
for Lieut-Col,
GS.

10/2

40/3

210

SUBJECT: Issues of Brushes - Shaving and Tooth

HQ No 2 District, CMR

1876/Q2

11 Oct 45.

59 Area
217 Area
218 (Special) area
60 Sub Area
7 ACRA
50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU

44/3/312

Regan

Ref this HQ letter HQ/3/207 and HQ 2 District letter

~~Ref this HQ~~ 1876/Q2 of 19 Oct.

1. You are requested to draw the attention of all Prisoners of War Camps, Hospitals employing or treating prisoners of War and Surrendered Enemy Personnel, German Service Units and Units employing Prisoners of War, Labour, to the contents of the above-quoted letter.

PP
Colonel,
DA & QMG.

J. J. J.

Copy to:

A
C
Q3
CE
ST
Mod
Ord
L&G
MMIA Northern Italy

10/1

Subject: Issues of Brushes.

209

52 British Liaison Unit.

J.M.F.

ORD/7/1(269)

12 October 1945.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
52 B.L.U.

Reference your letter AQ/3/207 of 11th. October, and H.Q.
2 District letter 1876/42 dated 10th. October '45.

1. May a ruling please be given whether or not the a/m instruction applies to this formation.
2. This Division is included in the C.M.F. Order of Battle, and although the troops are Italian, it is presumed that Para 2 of the a/m letter does not apply, in view of the clear definition between BRI-ITI Combat troops and BRI-ITI Service troops contained in your letter AQ/3/199 dated 10th. October '45.
3. Therefore, unless a ruling to the contrary is received, issues of tooth brushes and shaving brushes will continue to be made by this office, in response to demands from within the formation.

W.F.J. *K*
Capt.
(W.F.J. Smith.)
Ordnance Officer 10th B.L.U.

208

Subject : EPI Supplies.

52 British Liaison Unit,
QMF.
12 Oct 45.

AG/3/208.

Officer Commanding,
49 BIS.

Herewith demand for EPI supplies for the LEGNANO Gruppo for the month of October, (in quintuplicate) as per MMIA letter 2/2/3/1 of 31 March.

Please inform this office of the date drawings can be made and arrange that on that date copies 3, 4, and 5 are returned to the LEGNANO drawing officer, duly completed.


(H. PERRO) Major,
DAA&CMG.

HT/hj

Copy to : HQ LEGNANO Inf Div,
(Sezione Servizi).

1039

Subject: Issues of Brushes - Shaving & Tooth.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C/O.

11 Oct 45

12/3/47

1st LIAISON GROUP.

Attached is copy of HQ 2 Liaison Letter 1876/42 dated 10 Oct
for your information.

MS

Copy to: Ctd 52 LHM.

(M. P. 1876) Major,
For Liaison-Gen.

ONE.

Subject: Issues of Brushes - Shaving & Tooth.

HQ No 2 Liaison, C/O
1876/42

10 Oct 45.

To: 52 LHM.

1. Instructions have been received that the supply situation of
shaving brushes and tooth brushes precludes any further issues from
Ordinance Stocks to liberated manpower or to any troops not included
in C/O order of Battle.

2. For the future therefore, no issues will be made by Ordinance
of the articles concerned to Italian troops, Greek National Army,
Germanic de Police, Yugoslavs, Venetian Guardia Police, or to
surrendered enemy personnel and prisoners of war. Published issues
on which these items appear will be considered unissued for future use.

(signed) M. P. 1876 C/O.

For Liaison-Gen.

207

(C. 17212) Major,
John Liberty-Gale

Copy to: Orl 52 1131.

2

Subj: Leaves of Brushes - Western & North.

10 Oct 15.

1055

1. Instructions have been received that the supply situation of surviving inmates and tooth brushes precludes any further issues from Ordnance Stores to liberated Hingoway or to any inmates not included in the order of cattle.
2. For the future therefore, no issues will be made by Ordnance of the articles concerned to Italian troops, Greek National Army, Germanistic or Police, Yugoslavs, Venetian Militia Police, or to Surrendered Army Personnel and Prisoners of War. Issued under sealed on which these items appear will be considered unissued for further distribution.

(Enclosed) For
Hon. J. H. Clegg,
Colonel,
Adj. Gen.

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206

Subject : Toilet Items - EFI.

52 British Liaison Unit,
OMF.

AQ/3/206.

11 Oct 45.

HQ 56 BLU.

Ref your 8 ST dated 8 Oct 45. *206*

A misunderstanding which occurred when the
LEGNANO A&MG returned from leave, has now been
cleared. EFI Toilet Items for October are now
being drawn by LEGNANO for 114 Inf Regt MANTOVA.

Any inconvenience caused, is regretted.

HF/hj

[Signature]
(H. FERRO) Major,
DAA&MG.

1037

205

Subject : EFI Supplies.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.

11 Oct 45.

AQ/3/205.

HQ 59 Area.

The attached MMIA EFI issue notes in respect of items underdrawn or not available between March - September are forwarded for authorisation of issue please.

BIS have informed Legnano that goods are now available and could be issued on your authority.

May the forms please be returned to this HQ.

H.F.
(H.FERRO) Major,
for Lieut-Col,
GS.

HF/hj

1035

SUBJECT :- Toilet ms - EPI.

AQ/3

204

56 BLU
8 ST8 Oct 4552 BLU
(For the attention of DADST)

1. 114 Inf Regt of this Italian Group, at present under command of 'LEGNANO', state that 'LEGNANO' are unable to draw EPI toilet items for them for the October period.
2. No reason is given, and it is thought that 'LEGNANO' are being unreasonable in this matter.
3. Before a supplementary indent is submitted by 'MANTOVA' to cover 114 Inf Regt, it would be appreciated if this BLU could hear your views on the matter.

In The Field
RCN/ajw
Lt Col
J. GS

Copy to:- HQ Combat Group MANTOVA



1035

AQ/3

203

SUBJECT: Issues of Brushes - Shaving and Tooth

HQ No 2 District, GMR

1876/Q2

16 Oct 45.

59 Area
 217 Area
 218(Special) Area
 60 Sub Area
 7 AGRA
 50 BLU
 51 "
 52 "
 53 "
 56 "

1. Instructions have been received that the supply situation of shaving brushes and tooth brushes precludes any further issues from Ordnance Stocks to Liberated Manpower or to any troops not included in GMR order of Battle.

2. For the future therefore, no issues will be made by Ordnance of the articles concerned to Italian troops, Greek National Army, Gendarmerie or Police, Yugoslavs, Venezia Giulia Police, or to Surrendered Enemy Personnel and Prisoners of War. Published scales on which these items appear will be considered amended forthwith.

T. P. L. Capt
 for Colonel,
 DA & GMR.

Copy to:

G

A

Q3

CE

ST

Med

Ord

Lab

MMA Northern Italy.

*Copy to Legation
 & Ord 52640*

1034

LEGNANO INF. DIVISION

1A/3

2021

03/2669 file

Bergamo 9 Oct. 1947

Herewith attached EFI issue notes ^{for stores goods.} NOT yet received from
March to September included.

B.I.S. informs that these stores are available and could
be issued by authority of 59 Area Hq.

Will you please ask said Hq. for the necessary authority
in order to have those stores allotted.

by order

Col. Garofoli
C. of S.

*Sir
This is what we told
them to do yesterday
More or less
[Signature]*

1033

202

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "IEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -

N° 03/2669 di prot. Bergamo - P.M. 155, li 9 ottobre 1945

O G G E T T O:Generi E.F.I.-

AL 52 B. L. U. S E D E

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Si invierà i buoni di prelevamento per i generi E.F.I. non ricevuti dal mese di marzo al mese di settembre incluso.-

Il B.I.S. comunica di avere disponibilità di tali generi, che potrebbero essere distribuiti con autorizzazione del Comando 59 Area.-

Pregasi interessare il predetto comando in modo da poter ottenere l'assegnazione di tali generi.-

d'ordine



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. F. Garofoli-

[Handwritten signature]

1032

AQ/3

201

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
- Sezione Servizi -
-----oOo-----

N° 03/2653 di prot. Bergamo-P.M. 155, li 8 ottobre 1945

O G G E T T O: generi E. F. I.-

Allegati : n° 5.-

AL 52 B. L. U.

S e d e

Si invia la richiesta dei generi E.F.I.
per il mese di ottobre nel caso tali generi do-
vessero ancora essere distribuiti.-

*Returned to Service
for inclusion of Month.*



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

- Col. F. Garofoli -

[Signature]

Herewith the FFI issue note for Month of October,
if those stores should have to be again issued.

1031

199

Subject : AMIA Adm Instr No. 28.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMP.

10 Oct 45.

AG/3/199.

S.O. 52 BLU.

Ref Jrd/4(99) dated 25 Sep 45.

The Legnano Inf Div is in the category of BR-
ITI COMBAT troops, and as such will continue to be
clothed on the original scale under Table 72.

AMIA Adm Instr No. 28 refers only to BR-ITI
SERVICE troops and certain ITI-ITI units.

Hf
(H. FERRO.) Major,
DAL&CMO.

HF/hj

Copy to : 'G' Branch,
NEME,
Camp Comd.

1030

AQ/36

198

Subject:- MMIA Adm. Instr.
No.28.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/CS/11/1

52 BLU.

6 Oct 45.

Ref. your AQ/3/194 of 26 Sept.

Para 7 of Adm. Instr 26 states specifically that the provisions of the Instruction apply only to BRITI SERVICE troops and certain ITI-ITI Units.

BRITI COMBAT troops will, therefore, continue to be clothed on the original scale.

a.m. Acitry

Major,
DAQMC,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 50 BLU
51 "
~~52~~ "
53 "
56 "
"6" BLTU
9/75

AMN/ab

(W)

1029

AQ/35

197

Subject:- E.F.I. Issues.

Land Forced Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q/2/3/6

5 October, 1945.

To:-

52 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/195 of 27 Sep 45.

It is suggested that the balance of toothpaste and shaving sticks underdrawn in the month of September, be added to the entitlement for the month of October.


Major General,
M. M. I. A.

To *baguena*
for information & necessary action

JL/fem



SUBJECT :- Inter Clothing

196
52 British Liaison Unit,
A2/3/196,
29 Sept 45.

HQ LEGNANO Gruppo

ARO 655/45 is repeated below for information :-

"Ref GEO 995 of 1945.

Winter clothing will be taken into use by all units in this
Area on 30 Sept 45."

FIELD
WN/BB

[Signature]
Major,
DAA & CMG.

1027

SUBJECT EMI Issues.

52 British Liaison Unit
C&F

27 Sep 45

AQ/3/195

HQ Lend Forces Sub Comm AC (R&IA)

Further to my AQ/3/191 dated 24 Sep 45, the following items were underissued to Legnano Gruppo by 49 BIR, for Sep 45.

6814 Tubes of Tooth paste.

2748 Sticks of Shaving Soap.

It appears that the stores were not available for issue: similarly no ~~stores~~ ^{toiletries} were issued for the month of June.

I shall be glad for any information you may have with regard to the possibility of the stores being made available.

W.F.
Lieut Col
GS

HARE/ea

Copy to :- HQ Legnano Gruppo (ref 33/2516 dated 24 Sep)

1026

194

SUBJECT : AMIA Admin Instr No 28

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

26 sep 45

12/3/194

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (AMIA)

- 1/ Troops of the Italian Combat Forces are issued with clothing according to Table 72 of normal EQPT LIST for an Italian Combat Group.
- 2/ AMIA Admin Instr No 28 authorises a scale of clothing for BRI ITI Service Troops 1945/46, which is considerably less than that in Table 72.
- 3/ As Combat Groups come under the heading of BRI ITI troops confirmation is kindly requested as to whether the scale in Admin Instr No 28 is ^{now} meant to apply to them.

HARP/aa

W.F.
Lieut Col
GS

1025

200

Subject : EFI Issues.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.

10 Oct 45.

AQ/3/200.

HQ Legnano Inf Div.

Ref your G3/2516 of 24 Sep 45.

1. It is suggested that the balance of toothpaste and shaving sticks underdrawn in the month of Sep be added to the entitlement for the month of Oct.
2. Please submit your October indent to this HQ earliest.

HF/hj


(H. FERRO) Major,
DAA&MG.

1024

PL/zf.

A/3

193

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO",
 - Sezione Servizi -
 -----OOO-----

N°03/2516 di prot.

Bergamo, P.M. 155, li 24 Settembre 1945

OGGETTO: generi EFI per il mese di settembre 1945.-

AL 52 B.L.U.

S e d e

Si comunica, per i provvedimenti del caso, che il 49 BIS ha distribuito in meno, per il mese di settembre, i generi sottosegnati:

- N. 6814 tubi di pasta dentifricia
- N. 2748 pezzi di sapone da barba

Con l'occasione si rappresenta che non sono stati ancora distribuiti i generi per il mese di giugno.

Si prega esaminare la possibilità di assegnare quanto non è stato distribuito per indisponibilità di magazzino.-



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Col. F. Garofoli -

Efr

We report - for appropriate action - that 49 BIS - even the following items were sufficient from the 49 BIS's issue for Sept. 1945

69 6814 Tubes of Tooth Paste
 2748 Sticks of shaving soap.

1023

We wish to point out that as yet the items for the month of June have not yet been issued. Please examine the possibility of obtaining the supplies which have not been issued due to non-availabilities in the Stores.

Subject: - Administration.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,
52 B.L.U.

52 British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/4 (99)
25 September 1945.

Reference M.M.I.A. letter S/Q/5 dated 21st
September 1945.

1/. May a ruling please be given as to whether
or not Italian Combat Groups are classed as BR-ITI in the e/m letter.

WL/WL .

Sir
This refers to the
Admin list opposite

[Signature]
(W. Lyon)

1022
S/Cdr RAOC.

for Ordnance Officer 53 B.L.U.

S. Cdr. Lyon

Pl. give me ref. of scale of clothing used by clothing groups

TABLE 72 of Normal Eq. List for AN Italian Combat Group

SUBJECT :- EPI Supplies - LEGNANO Gruppo 191

52 British Liaison Unit,
A2/3/191,
24 Sept 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
P O M E

Ref your Q/2/3/1 of 31 Mar 45.

Herewith copy 3 of EPI form MMIA 23 in respect of
issue of items to LEGNANO Gruppo for month of SEPTEMBER 1945.

FIELD
NN/BB

Wf. Major,
DAA & QMG.

190

SUBJECT:- Blanket Census

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

21 Sep 45

To:- HQ 59 Area

AQ/3/190

Ref your Q 221/2 of 8 Sep 45, para 3(c).

Medical Units of the Legnano Gruppo hold blankets for patients as follows:-

51 Sezione Sanità.....	480	Eng/Amer Blankets
14 Nucleo Chirurgico.....	80	" "
244 Ospedale da Campo.....	150	" "
332 Ospedale da Campo.....	70	" "

780

MAR/NN.

H. J. W.

Lieut-Col.
G.S.

Copy to:- HQ 2 District (ref 1012/Q1 of 7 Sep)

1021

SUBJECT:- Blanket Census52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
21 Sep 45To:- HQ 59 Area
-----AQ/3/189

-178

Ref your Q 221/2 dated 8 Sep 45, herewith return
of blankets held in excess of entitlement of 2 per man,
as at 15 Sep 45:-

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EXCESS</u>
52 B.L.U.	4
'Legnano' Combat Group	5,244

Figures have been included for Legnano Gruppo;
as it is not clear whether they should be included under
para 1(c) of your letter, or not.

HAF/WR

H.F. Lieut-Col.
G.94 U20

Copy to:- HQ 2 District (ref 1012/01 of 7 Sep)

SUBJECT: Blank Census.52 British Liaison Unit ¹⁸⁸
C.M.F.

(20th September 1945.)

D.A.A./Q.M.C.,
22 B.L.U.

Reference your AQ/3/181 dated 10th September 1945.

Blankets for patients are held by the following
medical Units of the Legnano Gruppo in the quantities stated:

51 Sezione Sanità	480	English/American blankets.
34 Nucleo Chirurgico	80	" " "
244 Ospedale da Campo	150	" " "
		(Plus 80 Italian blankets.)
332 Ospedale da Campo	70	English/American blankets.
		(Plus 140 Italian blankets.)

These quantities do not, of course, include blankets for the use of the hospital etc. staffs which are subject to a separate return to be furnished by the Gruppo direct.

As a large amount of the equipment of the hospitals is of Italian origin, only sufficient English/American blankets as were necessary to complete the G1098 were supplied when these units were being equipped.

JHE/B.


Lieut R.A.M.C.

1019

Subject:- Blanket Census.

D.A.A. & W.M.G.
52 B.L.U.

181
British Liaison Unit,
C.M.F.
ORD/7/1 (244)
16 September 1945.

see folio 178

1945.

Reference your letter A2/3/180 dated 10 Sept.

1/. Stocks of blankets held by this Formation as
at 15 September 1945 are as follows :-

Blankets Brown Single -	Qty 17370
Blankets American Patt.	Qty 6540
Blankets Hospital	Qty 400

Field. WL/WL.

Whole Group

W. Lyon
(W. LYON) 1018 S/Cdr. R.A.O.C
for Ordnance Officer 52 B.L.U.

SUBJECT :-

EFI Supplies

186
52 British Liaison Unit,
AQ/3/186,
14 Sept 45.

HQ REGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento

Ref AQ/3/184 dated 12 Sept 45.

EFI Supplies for REGNANO Gruppo di Combattimento
will be available at AQ BIC on 19 Sept 45. Please arrange
to collect on that date without fail.

FIELD
NR/DB

Wf. Major,
for DAA & CMC.

ARMY FORM 2150 (Small)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No. 390
Call HEMH V	Srl No. 130127	Priority 11Q/3	Transmission Instructions	
2200Z ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator	Date/Time of Origin	Ordn.	
59 ARCA		131630 B		
TO	For Action		Message Instructions	
52 BLU			GR	
(A) For Information (INFO)				
49 BIS			00X 17	
Register's No.				

SUBJECT :- EPI Supplies

1.

52 British Liaison Unit,
45/3/484,
12 Sept 45.

OFFICER COMMANDING,
45 BIS

Herewith demand for EPI supplies for the ICHANO Gruppo
for the month of September, (in quintuplicate) as per AMIA
letter 2/2/3/1 of 11 March.

Please inform this office of the date drawings can be
made and arrange that on that date copies 1, 4, and 5 are
returned to the ICHANO drawing officer, duly completed.

FIELD
EN/RD

af
Refer,
for 04A & 04B.

COPY TO :- HQ ICHANO Gruppo di Combattimento
(Sezione Servizi)

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Subject:- Jerkins Leather.

52, British Liaison Unit, **183**
C.M.P.
ORD/15
10th September 1945.

Regg. Panteria Speciale. "Legnano"
11th Artillery Regt. "
51 Coy Teleradio. "
3 Coy Artieri. "
Quartier Generale "
250 S. & T. Coy. "
51 Sanita. "
39 C.C.R.R. "
51 C.C.R.R. "
Officine Meccaniche "
1st Field Bakery "
183 Tech. Maint. Sec. "

copies to DAA & QMG. 52 BLU.
" " Ufficio Commissariato.

Reference D.A.D.O.S. Circular No. 5 Para 38.

1. It is pointed out that there is a total deficiency of 288 Jerkins Leather and no reports have been received from units in respect of deficiencies.

2. As less than 50% of the Jerkins issued have been returned it is necessary to report this to higher authority.

3. A full explanation of deficiencies will therefore be forwarded by the units concerned to this office by 15th Sept 45.

Details of deficiencies are as follows:-

<u>ISSUED.</u>	<u>RETURNED.</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>
Panteria Speciale. 101	Nil	101
11th Artillery Reg. 115	95	20
51 Coy. Teleradio. 84	Nil	84
3 Coy. Artieri 12	11	1
Quartier Generale. 15	Nil	15
250 S. & T. Coy. 28	23	5
51 Sanita. 5	Nil	5
39 C.C.R.R. 16	Nil	16
51 C.C.R.R. 20	Nil	20
Officine Mecc. 19	Nil	19
1st Field Bakery. 1	Nil	1
183 Tech. Maint. Sec. 1	Nil	1
<u>417</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>288</u>

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51 Coy. Teleradio.	84	Nil	84
3 Coy. Artillery	12	11	1
Quartier Generale.	15	Nil	15
250 S. & T. Coy.	28	23	5
51 Sanita.	5	Nil	5
39 C.C.K.R.	16	Nil	16
51 C.C.R.H.	20	Nil	20
Officine Mecc.	19	Nil	19
1st Field Bakery.	1	Nil	1
183 Tech. Maint. Sec.	1	Nil	1
	<u>417</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>288</u>

1015
Greenwood Major.
 (G.W. Gordon)
 DADOS. 52 BLU.

copies to DAA & QMG. 52 BLU.
 " " Office Commissariato.

SUBJECT :- Blanket Census.

182

52 British Liaison Unit

CMF

10 Sep 45

AQ/3/182

Camp Commandant

52 B.L.U.

1. War Office have called for a special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45, of blankets brown, single KCO576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American, Canadian etc.
2. Please forward by 19 Sep 45 the number of blankets held in excess of two per man on the strength of BLU as at 15 Sep 45.

HAF/aa

W.F.
Major
DAA&QMG

H in camp

1014

SUBJECT :- Blanket Census.

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

10 Sep 45

AQ/3/181

Lt J.H. Breakspear
M.L.O. 52 B.L.U.

War Office have called for a return of all blankets held
in hospitals for patients.

Please forward by the 19 Sep 45, Figures for 332 Fd Hospital.

HAF/aa

ref
Major
for DAA&QMG

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SUBJECT:- Special Blanket Census

52 British Liaison Unit *180*
10 Sep 45

To:- DADOS
52 BLU

AQ/3/180

1. War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45, of blankets brown, single KCO 576 and blankets issued in lieu, e.g. American and Canadian etc.

Hospital blankets will be shown separately.

2. Please forward, by the 19 Sep 45 a return, showing the stocks of blankets held, as at 15 September.

HAF/WN.

*120 blankets.
No hospital.*

W.F. Major.
for DAA&QMG.

1012

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SUBJECT:- Special Blanket CensusBritish Liaison Unit
CMF.10 Sep 45To:- HQ Legnano
Gruppo di Combattimento
-----AQ/3/179

1. War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45, of blankets brown, single KCO 576 and blankets issued in lieu, e.g. American, Canadian etc.
Hospital blankets will NOT be included.

2. Please forward, by the 19 September, return as follows:-

Number of men in Gruppo... ~~10000~~ ²⁵⁰⁰ ~~2500~~ ^{Hanton}

Number of blankets (as above) held.....

463 offcr.
7436 a.R.
1899 all ranks
15798 entitlement

Brown single - 17370
American - 6540
Hospital - 409 ²³⁹¹⁰
 15798
 8122
less 600 DADOS ¹²⁰
 8002

1011

HAF/RN

Major.
DAA&QMG.

SUBJECT:- Special Blanket Census.

ALL UNITS

"G"

ORD

MED

1. (a) War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45 of blankets brown - single KCO 576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American and Canadian etc.
- (b) The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KCO 7162 and quilts cotton ATS known as USA Cotton Comforters.
- (c) The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Gruppi but will exclude Greek Armies and BR-ITI Troops.
2. AFHQ have agreed to calculate the entitlement based on 2 blankets per theatre personnel strength.
3. (a) Units therefore will return to this HQ total number of blankets (Seepara 1) held as at 15 Sep by Unit etc Quartermasters in excess of the entitlement of 2 per man.
- (b) This return will reach this HQ by 21 Sep 45.
- (c) Hospitals will render in this return all blankets held for patients.
4. For ORD. Please render a consolidated return of stocks of blankets held in ADOS Dump as at 15 Sep 45 to "Q" Branch this HQ by 26 Sep 45.

TWEHP/EJ.

Lt Col
AM & QMG

59 Area
Q 221/2
8 Sep 45

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As/3

1010

Lt Col
M. A. QMG

TWEEP/RJ.

1. War Office have called for a detailed blanket census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45 of blankets brown - single KOO 576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American and Canadian etc.

(b) The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KG 7462 and quilts cotton AFB known as USA Cotton Comforters.

(c) The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Gruppi but will exclude Greek Armies and BR-III Troops.

2. AFHQ have agreed to calculate the entitlement based on 2 blankets per theatre personnel strength.

3. (a) Units therefore will return to this HQ total number of blankets (Scopara 1) held as at 15 Sep by Unit etc Quartermasters in excess of the entitlement of 2 per man.

(b) This return will reach this HQ by 21 Sep 45.

(c) Hospitals will render in this return all blankets held for patients.

4. For ORD. Please render a consolidated return of stocks of blankets held in ADOS Dump as at 15 Sep 45 to "Q" Branch this HQ by 26 Sep 45.

SUBJECT:- Special Blanket Census.

59 Area
Q 221/2
8 Sep 45

ALL UNITS

"G"

ORD

AFD

1. (a) War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45 of blankets brown - single KCO 576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American and Canadian etc.
 (b) The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KC 7162 and quilts cotton JES known as USA Cotton Comforters.
 (c) The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Gruppi but will exclude Greek Armies and BR-ITI Troops.
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 (b) This return will reach this HQ by 21 Sep 45.
 (c) Hospitals will render in this return all blankets held for patients.
4. For ORD. Please render a consolidated return of stocks of blankets held in ADOS Dump as at 15 Sep 45 to "Q" Branch this HQ by 26 Sep 45.

ALL UNITS

"G"

ORD

MED

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 (b) The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KC 7162 and quilts cotton ATB known as USA Cotton Comforters.
 (c) The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Groups but will exclude Greek Armies and BR-ITI Troops.
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4. For ORD. Please render a consolidated return of stocks of blankets held in ADOS Dump as at 15 Sep 45 to "Q" Branch this HQ by 26 Sep 45.

TWERP/RJ.

Lt Col
M. & J.G.

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SUBJECT: Special Blanket Census

HQ No 2 District, C.F.

1012/21

7 Sep 45.

6 Br Arm'd Div 50 BLU
 6 SA Arm'd Div 51 BLU
 10 Ind Inf Div 52 BLU
 59 Area 53 BLU
 217 Area 56 BLU
 218 Special Area
 7 AGRA
 60 Sub Area

1. War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45 of blankets brown - single K00576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American and Canadian etc. The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KC 7162 and quilts cotton ATS known as USA cotton comforters.

The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Gruppi, but will exclude Greek Armies and Br-Iti Troops.

2. It has been agreed by War Office that unit holdings should be assessed as entitlements rather than obtained by a physical census. AFHQ will calculate this entitlement based on 2 Blankets: per theatre personnel strength.

3. You are requested to obtain from units under command the total number of blankets (see Para 1) held as at 15 Sep by unit etc. Quarter-masters in excess of the entitlement of 2 per man. These returns will be consolidated by you and signalled to this HQ by 3 Oct.

Instructions must be given to Hospitals under command to render in this return all blankets held for patients.

4. Further, a consolidated return of stocks of Blankets held by ADOS etc in OAD dumps as Area Pools etc, will be required as at 15 Sep. This figure to be signalled to this HQ by 27 Sep 45.

5. Stocks of Blankets held by BOD, AODs, Laundries and RSDs will be obtained through Ordnance channels and will be subject of a separate instruction to be issued by ORD(Dr) AFHQ.

6. It is requested that 6 Brit Arm'd Div and 10 Ind Inf Div will include ALL troops who are moving to No. 2 Dist.

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1. War Office have called for a Special Blanket Census to be taken as at 15 Sep 45 of blankets brown - single KC0576 and blankets issued in lieu e.g. American and Canadian etc. The Census will exclude Hospital Blankets i.e. Blankets red or blue KC 7162 and quilts cotton ATS known as USA cotton comforters.

The Census will cover all Dominion and Allied Troops including Polish Forces and Gruppi, but will exclude Greek Armies and Br-Iti Troops.

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Instructions must be given to Hospitals under command to render in this return all blankets held for patients.

4. Further, a consolidated return of stocks of Blankets held by ADOS etc in Ordnance Pools etc, will be required as at 15 Sep. This figure to be signalled to this HQ by 27 Sep 45.

5. Stocks of Blankets held by BOD, AODs, Laundries and RSDs will be obtained through Ordnance channels and will be subject of a separate instruction to be issued by ORD(Dr) AFHQ.

6. It is requested that 6 Brit Arm Div and 10 Ind Inf Div will include ALL those who are moving to No. 2 Dist.

W. D. Smith Colonel,
DA & QMG.

Copy to: HQ PMA } Ref para 6.
HQ 13 Corps } This will avoid duplication.
Ord

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