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CLOTHING

Oct. 2, 1944 - June 25, 1945

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Oct. 2, 1944 - June 25, 1945

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Subject: - Clothing - Civs.

26 JUN 1945

Rear Hq Eighth Army, CIMP.
Tele Extn: 218

R 2648 Q

15 Jun 45.

86 (Army) Area.

Copy to: - MMIA
CEM

Ref your Q 11/3 dated 23 Jun 45.

The est policy is that all eqpt which can be firmly judged to be of Italian mil origin will be frozen pending disposal instra. Material which is of civ origin may be disposed of to the Provincial Commissioner for VENICE for disposal to refugees, etc.

not required for military purposes

[Signature]
Brigadier.

DA & QMG, Eighth Army.

Report

Subject:- Formation of Officer's Shop.

To:- HQ., 228 Div.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
c/o H.Q., I District
Tel : 22602
Ref IO/GI
22 June 45.

1. Under authority AFHQ letter GI (BR)1115/AI of 9 June 45 and with effect from 1 June 45, No. I422 Italian Officers Shop (Static) will be formed in PADOVA - Particulars are as under :-

Category	: 2	1685
AFHQ Serial NO.	: I422	
War Office Mob. Serial NO.	: 93545	
H.E.	: OM/876/I	
Strength	: 1 Officer - 4 O.Rs.	
Supervising Authority	: 1 District and 228 Div.	
Basic Equipment Scale	: 6508/2	
Special Equipment List	: to be issued	

2. Arrangements for personnel will be made between you and the Ministry of War.
3. It has been notified that approx 3 tons of material will arrive early next month.
4. Accommodation should be arranged by you through 210 Sub Area and the Town Major.

[Signature]
Major,
MIA IO., I District.

Copy to: MIA IO., Rear 8 Army -
210 Sub Area
Town Major, Padova.

[Signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator rear EIGHTARMY	Date-Time of Origin 12 JUN 45	Office Date Stamp	
	For Action			Message Instructions
TO	DANGER		GR	
	(W) For Information (INFO)			

13 JUN 1945

AMTQ

Originator's No.

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RESTRICTED (.) your A 3) of 11 agreed

Refers to form ✓
Other Ship to be formed
by DISTONE

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FROM (A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DAILY STAMP

R-14121-A

SIGNALS

For Action

MINIA ROME

TO

(AV) For Information (INFO)

54 Area for MINIA LO

Message Instructions - GR -

36110119

14121674 C 1 of your 2705/259 of 11 June not to 2034 lbs
FIRST O request breakdown of clothing to SECOND O
request ration cards mailed to this office C TRAIN
Request for transport of clothing suggest include
with 35 tons due period 5-14 July from 5001 to
VENICE by 228 via SUB DEPT DELC C TRAIN by 110576 of 11
June to both addresses refer to can you

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FROM (A) *mm64* Originator *second sheet.* Date Time of Origin *///p* CHECK DATE STAMP

TO (W) For Information (INFO) Message Instructions GR

Originator's No.

arrange for from FORTANAGGIRE to GUARDANO
 BARRI and ensure it is included as part of
 the bid of 35 tons @ FOURTH @ This clothing required
 urgently but impractical and transport involving
 portage and distance @ FIFTH @ 1 unit gear

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 SIGNED *[Signature]*
 Rank *Capt*

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SUBJECT: - Clothing - Italian Eng

Hq 61 Inf Gp.
HQ 228 Div.

Missed Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.I.I.A.),
c/o Recr HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/116
21 June 45

COPY TO: ADOS, 86 (Army) Area.

Confirming conversation Lt. Col BLADE - Major GARET-HUNT at
PARMA 10 June.

1. It is agreed that MIA Eighth Army have no objection to the
u/m articles of summer clothing being vouchered to HQ 228 Div as
and when they become available from I.S.D.

Shirts KD
Shorts KD
Trousers KD

Vests
Drawers

each to a value of 5,000.

2. This clothing will be signed for by an Italian officer
representing HQ 228 Div and the quantities so received will pass
through clothing ledgers of the Div Sub Depot. Copies of signed
and priced vouchers will be forwarded to this office for onward
transmission to MIA/ROMA where they will be presented to Italian
Government for payment.

3. It is stressed that this in no way increases the scale of
summer clothing authorized for issue to BR-ITI service tps, but
is to provide wearable clothing more quickly than can be supplied
by other means and to replace u/s clothing sent up from Italian
Base Depot.

4. HQ 228 Div are requested to

(a) Give priority of issue to BR boys engaged in "dirty work"
at Port Installations.

(b) Complete issue to all other BR-ITI Service units under
command, not forgetting outstanding indents from units who have
passed from under command before the arrival of such clothing.

(c) Commence issue at normal scale to ITI-ITI units as soon
as courses in para 1 above allow.

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4. HQ 228 Div are requested to

- (a) Give priority of issue to our boys engaged in "dirty work" at Fort Installations.
- (b) Complete issue to all other BR-III service units under command, not forgetting outstanding infants from units who have passed from under command before the arrival of such clothing.
- (c) Commence issue at normal scale to MFI-III units as soon as source in para 1 above allows.

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Major,
MIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT: - Italian Offrs Shops

HQ 228 Div.
51 B.L.V.

file
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: 4 Rear Eighth Army.
OS 2 Rear Eighth Army.

MM/116
7 June 45

1. In the near future an Italian Offrs Shop is to be located in the neighbourhood of HQ 228 Div, by whom it will be administered.
2. Formed on WE CM/876/1, it consists of 1 offr and 4 ORs and will serve offrs of CREMONA I.C.G. and BR-ITI Service units of 228 Div. Certain articles for Italian Nurses of BR-ITI Hospitals will also be supplied.
3. Authorised scale of clothing for 6 months purchase is shown in Appx A attached.
4. Sales will be made against Ration cards (to be issued later) which will bear the signature of MMIA Rear Eighth Army, that of the I.C.G. or Adm Div and offr concerned.
5. The machinery for cash sales will be notified separately by the Ministry of War and monthly bulk releases of clothing will be made from NAPLES by British Ordnance direct to ~~you~~ *HQ 228 Div.* under special arrangements.

R. G. Lawton

Major,
MMIA IO, Rear Eighth Army.

1581

Appendix "C" to MIAA Rear Eighth
Army letter MIA/116 dated 7 June 45

Male Scale (for six months) Female Scale

- 1 Raincoat
- 1 Pyjamas
- 1 pr Boots
- 2 prs Stockings
- 2 prs Socks
- 2 Vests Cotton
- 2 prs MD Trousers Long
- 2 prs MD Trousers Short
- 2 Shirts MD
- 1 Towel.

- 1 Raincoat A.T.S.
(one only for period of service).
- 2 Shirts A.T.S.
- 1 Pyjamas Light A.T.S.
- 1 pr Shoes Leather A.T.S.
- 2 prs Stockings A.T.S.
- 1 pr Gloves Knitted web A.T.S.
- 2 prs Pants Cellular A.T.S.
- 1 Tie A.T.S.
- 2 Vests Cellular A.T.S.
- 2 Brassieres A.T.S.
- 2 Belts Corset A.T.S.
- 2 Overalls H/S S/sleeve
- 1 Towel

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM 605 (Small)

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Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

FROM (A)

Originator

Date & Time of Origin

MMIA Near Eighth Army 081130B

For Action

HQ 228 New

TO

For Information (INFO)

Distour for MMIA LC

Message Instructions

GR

Vertical stamp on left margin

MMIA 605 Restricted Winter clothing 12 tons per day will be backloaded period 11-17 and essential to BARI For LC Distour please warn RTO if possible

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FROM (A)

Originator

Date Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

MMAA Rear Eighth Army For Action 061015B

TO 51 BLU

(WI For Information (INFO))



3810-119

Originator's No.

M1602 Restricted Ref your A 302 of 3 Inas Formation order has been issued but impossible estimate when shop will be opening

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C. Cox Cabot

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ARMY FORM C 2186 (Small)

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

6 JUN 1945

For Action

TO *MM1A 20 Near Eighth Army*

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No.

H3020

Requested. Could you please say if you have any inform. as to when Italian office shop at the Eighth Army will be opening.

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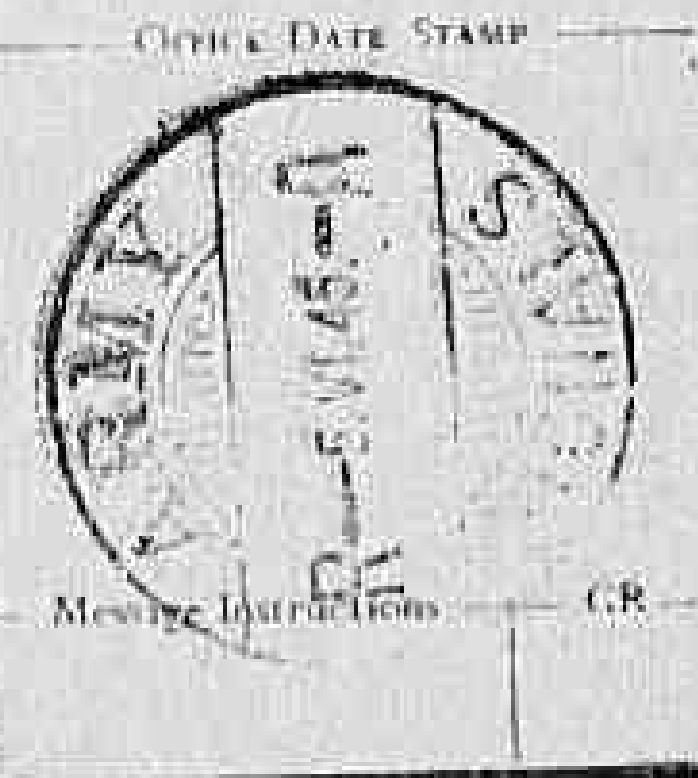
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FROM (A) *MMIA Rear Eighth Army* *050900R*
Date - Time of Origin

TO *PENSOUTH for MMIA LO*
(W) For information (INFO)



1637 G/OP

Originator's No. *MM 578*
RESTRICTED Ref *MMIA* mov *PM/84* of *31 May*
and my *MM 568* of *26 May* Request *resurr*
EIGHTH Army bid *3 tons* *43D* be included with other
EIGHTH Army *ordnance stores* so as to be despatched by
road from *FAENZA* to *MESTRE* Contact *Capt MORCOM*
OS mov *AFHQ* *FREEDOM 807* before despatch

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[Signature]
Box Capt

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FROM (A)

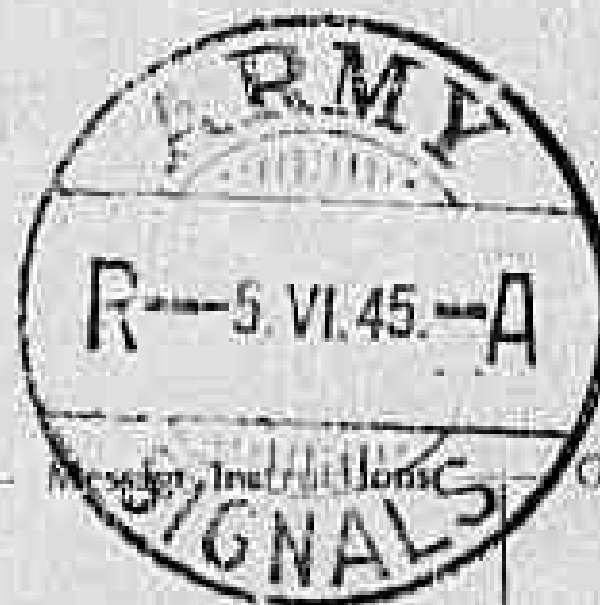
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MMIA Rear Eighth Army

For Action



TO

MMIA Rome

(W) For Information (INFO)

116

Originator's No.

manboe @ RESINOTAD @ Two Italian army boot factories located at STIPA MK 13454 @ material available for manufacture of 2000 prs boots employees available to produce 2000 prs weekly @ work at stand still @ no funds @ am investigating this end

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C. Dix Capt

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SUBJECT:- Clothing - 228 Div

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.

MM/116
28 May 45

Ref your Q/OS/4/1, para 4, dated 11 May.

1. Herewith statement showing present position of bush shirts and KD slacks of 228 Div.
2. It will be noticed that the final requirements are now

KD slacks	8740
Shirts bush	8240.

3. The 4000 shirts and 2000 slacks stated to unserviceable have been inspected by Capt Herbert who confirmed the condition of these items.

G. Rex Capt

Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

1674

COMANDO 228 DIVISIONE

- I. F. A. HQ. -

-Ufficio Commissariato-

n.2333/Go di prot.

P.M.16, li 26 maggio 1945

O G G E T T O: Vestiario estivo.-

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
Rear HQ Eighth Army

27 MAY 1945

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In risposta al foglio MM/116 del 19 maggio c.a. di codesta MMIA trasmetto una situazione dei capi di corredo estivi occorrenti alla Divisione per dotare tutti i militari di due divise con allegato uno specchio indicante la forza organica dei singoli reparti in base alla quale è stato colato il fabbisogno.-

Assicuro che saranno tenute presenti tutte le altre dispo-
date da codesta M.M.I.A. col foglio suscitato circa la distribuzione di magliette, mutande di cotone, cinture per camicie bush, nonché quelle relative alla spedizione degli articoli invernali al 2° BR - ITI Deposito Vestiar
di Giordano - Bari.-

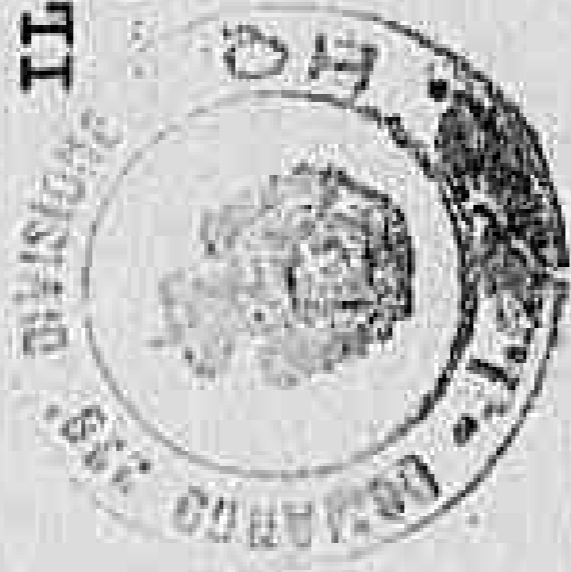


IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Attilio Tomaselli)

Attilio Tomaselli

colato il fabbisogno.-

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di Giordano - Bari.-



IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Attilio Tomasselli)

Tomasselli

1873

25 HARR MAR 623 IMPORTANT
FROM [redacted] 290840E

TO REAR EIGHT ARMY

GR 13 ET

05/236 .

RESTRICTED FOR MIA LO . REF YOUR MM565

OF 23 RECEIVED [redacted] ROME 23 AGREED

ET 290840E

~~REFIN 25 [redacted] 290840E~~

~~1725/318 MIA LO MM565-23 [redacted] 290840E~~

SENT FF

29 MAY 1951

Time 95/29

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R 1215

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G.H.*

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ARMY FORM 62/36 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register 27123

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FROM (A) MPMH. LO Rear Engineering Date - Time of Origin 24/6/30

For Action

MPMA Route

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

PER SOUTH for MPMH LO Ord Rear Engineering

Originator's No.

MPMS65 RESTRICTED (C) ref your O/S 122, dated 23/6

Ord has HQ arranging to include 1200 units Black 150

weight I have on current rail bid MPMH to FAENZA

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3637 (10/32)

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R 819

FOR LRAR NR 5902 T HARR QVR 2



~~LRAR NR 5902~~ ~~NR 6529~~ P P

~~T HARR QVR 2~~

FROM MMIA 231455B

250552

TO CG 5 ARMY FOR BR INCRMENT

REAR 8 ARMY DISTONE DISTHREE 54 AREA

F ELU BR CADRE 802 ITALIAN BRD ORVIETO

PENSOUTH

GR105 BT

O/OS/222 RESTRICTED FOR MMIA LO . BR-ITI PERSONNEL ON DEMOBILISATION WILL NOT WEAR NOW CURRENT UNIFORM UNLESS QUITE ESSENTIAL TO DEMOBILISE BEFORE ARRIVAL BLACK BD WHEN OLDEST GREEN BD MAY BE USED . UNDESIRABLE TO DEMOBILISE IN KD UNLESS ESSENTIAL OWING SHORTAGE KD STOCKS . BLACK BATTLE DRESS IS BEING DESPATCHED AS UNDER .

LAST ADDRESSEE WILL DESPATCH URGENTLY EQUAL QUANTITIES OF BLACK BLOUSES AND TROUSERS AS FOLLOWS 209 DIV FIFTEEN HUNDRED

227 DIV FIFTEEN HUNDRED 228 DIV TWELVE HUNDRED

227 DIV EASTERN DET FIFTEEN HUNDRED 231 DIV TWELVE HUNDRED

F ELU FIVE HUNDRED 802 IERD TWO HUNDRED . FIRST AND SECOND ADDRESSEES WILL THEMSELVES OBTAIN EARLIEST RAIL ACCOMMODATION .

BT 231455B

SENT 6529 0007/24 MYERS BBB K

RECD 6529 0007/24 JEH B1 K

25 MAY 1945

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mmiako

3 dead night TMS.

19 HARR V HAR 535 EVI 2

FROM NHIA 261450B

TO CG 5 ARMY BR INC REAR 3 ARMY DISTONE

INFO FENSOUTH

Q/OS/235 RESTRICTED

FOR NHIA LO (.) HOW IS DISPATCH OF BR IT WINTER CLOTHING

TO BASE PROCEEDING QUERY

BT 261550BT

RPTR 19 535 2 NHIA 261450B CG 5 BR INC

Q/OS/235 NHIA LO BR IT 261450B 261550B

JNK B

S.M.C. 19/27
Rozap
To Daily
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228 covered 20/5
Paper 1689

M.M.Aho

35 HARR V HAR NR024 IMPORTANT

FROM NMIA 251140B

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

QR47

O/OS/227 RESTRICTED

FOR NMIA LG . REF YOUR MM564 OF 23 .

YOUR MM527 OF 13 ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF MY O/OS/193

OF 10 CMA NOW REPEATED . QUOTE . AFHQ ADVISES THAT

THEIR SIG FX 71374 OF 07 REFERS TO COMBAT

TPS BUT NOT RPT NOT TO BR-ITL SERVICE

TPS. UNQUOTE

~~NR 024 R 251140B 47~~

~~O/OS/227 NR564++ NR564 23 MM527~~

~~13 O/OS/193 10 CMA FX 71374 07~~

SENT KS

25 MAY 1945

SMC
Dmc 164/25

12/14/01
Hull

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ref my nm/116 d. 19 May para 4
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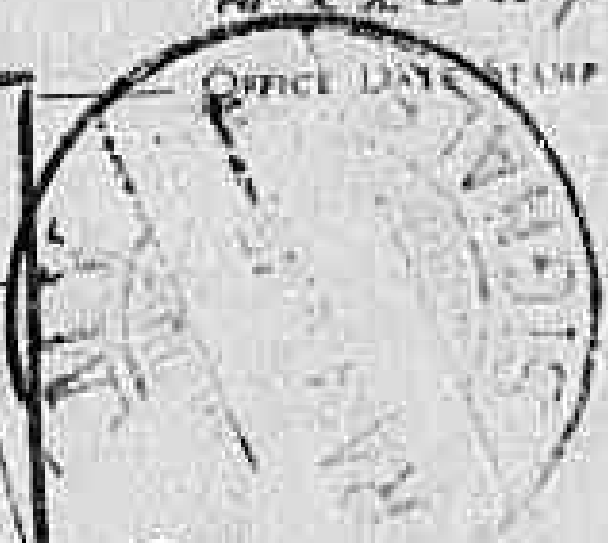
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FROM (A) For Action 231830B

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR



Originator's No. 419365

Restrict to request in they receive this
 message w/s BD ex 228 Div Sub dep't to perform
 PADOVA was being requested as a...

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ARMY FORM 62 (Small)

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FROM (BY)

MMIA

Originator

Rear EIGHTH Army

Date - Time of Origin

231245Z

For Action

MMIA ROME

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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36 (1/1/64)

Originator's No.

MM 364 @ your Q/05/233 of 22 may NOT understood I refer you to your Q/05/112 of 18 may quotes AFHQ signal authorizing that be despatched with both bundles and clothing @ your Q/05/112 of 10 may not by me @ request clarification

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NAME, GRADE, TITLE

MMIA Capt

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23 MAY 1945

SMO 161/22

I V Q. OS. MAIA LO.

TO:- MAIA
INFO 15 ARMY GP DEAR 8 ARMY FIFTH ARMY (BR INOR)

FROM:- AFHQ FX 79244

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Handwritten initials

CONFIDENTIAL .

REFERENCE Q/OS/219 OF 19 . SIGNED SAME SIDE PHQAE .

SCHEME WILL PROCEED

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MMIA LO 8TH ARMY
Copy

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA
TO (FOR ACTION): ALL MMIA LO'S.
TO (FOR INFO): MINISTRY OF WAR
REFERENCE NO. Q 262
DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN: 22 1540 B
(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION): RESTRICTED

MMIA
MMIA

GREEN DYED BATTLE DRESS OR ID FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN PERSONNEL POSTED FROM GRUPPI OR OTHER BR FMNS TO ITI-ITI UNITS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM NEAREST LOCAL ADM. DIV. SUB DEPOT TO REPLACE BRITISH BATTLE DRESS ETC. HANDED IN ON TRANSFER FROM BR-ITI TO ITI-ITI CATEGORIES

Copy sent to 228 Div. 25th

1564

PRECEDENCE: ELS

AUTHENTICATION: J. A. [Signature]

INTERNAL: Q (AE)

GREEN DYED BATTLE DRESS OR KD FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN PERSONNEL
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BRITISH BATTLE DRESS ETC. HANDED IN ON TRANSFER FROM BR-ITI
TO ITI-ITI CATEGORIES

Copy sent to 228 Div. 25 Aug

1602

PRECEDENCE: ELS

AUTHENTICATION: J. A. [Signature]

INTERNAL: Q (AE)
Q/OS
OPD RECORDS.

Signal sent MMIA pointing out their
 105/212 of 16 May asking for clarification
 mm 564 of 23.

GLF

23 MAY 1945

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12 HARE V HAR NR545 IMPORTANT
 FROM MMIA 221810
 TO BEAR 8 ARMY
 QR46

Q/OS/233

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR MM/116 OF 19 PARA 4 (.)

AFHQ HAS NOT YET RULED THAT BR-ITI ~~BR-ITI~~ SERVICE TPS MOVING

AS REINFORCEMENTS WILL CARRY BOTH SUMMER AND

WINTER CLOTHING (.) PENDING THEIR FINAL DECISION

THE RULING IN MY SIGNAL Q/OS/193 OF 10 MAY STANDS GOOD

not received in this office.

RPTN 12 545 P 221810 46 Q/OS/233

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BR-ITI Q/OS/193 10

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SUBJECT: Italian 7 - Changeover from winter to summer clothing.

HQ 236 Div.

Headquarters Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O H E,
P & L, Rear Eighth Army.

ISM/116
19 May 45

1. Owing to certain alterations in the method of issuing summer and withdrawing winter clothing, I consider it may clarify the situation if the main points are summarised in one letter.

2. General

(a) There is a world shortage of khaki drill and cotton underclothing; therefore the utmost economy must be exercised in issuing from 236 Div Sub Depot.

(b) The scale of issue to BR-ITI Service Tps and ITI-ITI Cd Bns in Eighth Army Area is,

- 20 long trousers 2 pairs
- Bush shirts 2.

You are reminded that all issues to ITI-ITI units must be reported to me as and when they are necessary.

(c) A number of men are already in possession of cotton shirts and underclothing; this will be taken into account when units indent and will be excluded from demands.

(d) There is no general issue of vests cotton; drawers, cotton when available will be sent up from FRATTAMAGGIORE instead of drawers collar.

(e) There is no issue of belts for bush shirts, nor of shorts 3B and it is useless to include them on indents.

3. Withdrawal of winter clothing.

(a) Each soldier may keep the following items :-

- Greatcoat or mackinac.
- Fullover (if in possession).
- 2 blankets or 1 cotton coverlet (M.O.F. 10/12).

(b) The following items will be withdrawn into 236 Div Sub Depot :-

- Battledress.
- Shirts, wool.
- Cap coverlets.
- 2 pairs, wool.
- Gloves.

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Situation in the main points are summarized in the letter.

2. General

(a) There is a world shortage of khaki drill and cotton underclothing; therefore the utmost economy must be exercised in issuing from 228 Div Sub Depot.

(b) The scale of issue to BR-ITI Service Tps and ITI-ITI Gd Bns in Eighth Army Area is,

- 2D long trousers 2 pairs
- Bush shirts 2.

You are reminded that all issues to ITI-ITI units must be reported to me as and when they are necessary.

(c) A number of men are already in possession of cotton shirts and underclothing; this will be taken into account when units indent and will be excluded from demands.

(d) There is no general issue of vests cotton; drawers, cotton when available will be sent up from PRATTAMGICORE instead of drawers cellular.

(e) There is no issue of belts for bush shirts, nor of shorts 2B and it is useless to include them on indents.

3. Withdrawal of winter clothing.

(a) Each soldier may keep the following items :-

- Greatcoat or Mackinac.
- Pullover (if in possession).
- 2 blankets or 1 cotton comforter (w.o.s. 1b/2g).

(b) The following items will be withdrawn into 228 Div Sub Depot :-

- Battledress.
- Shirts, wool.
- Cap comforters.
- All blankets or cotton comforters in excess of 2 or 1 w.o.s. 1 June.
- Pants, wool.
- Gloves.

(c) All such items will be made up into bundles of ten and consigned to No.2 BR-ITI clothing Depot GIOHADO, BARI by rail from GUSIA during week 31 - 27 May.

(d) There will be no further issue of pullovers or woollen underclothing during the summer months.

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4. Clothing of reinforcements

The original intention of sending reinforcements with KD and summer clothing only, v.e.f. 25 Apr. has now been cancelled and until further notice such personnel will arrive with both winter and summer scale.

5. Unit clothing inspections

In view of para 1(a) above, it is requested that Unit Commanders should be instructed to check mens' clothing in Great detail and on a definite programme to ensure that the authorized scale is not exceeded and that any excess is immediately returned to 238 Div Sub Depot for disposal.

6. Outstanding demands

(a) Ref your letter 220/00 dated 12 May: the u/m quantities of clothing stated to be outstanding are NOT understood.

Shirts bush	11,000	
Trousers KD	12,000	
Pants cotton	20,000	see para 2(d) above.
Vests cotton	40,000	

(b) I have asked Capt HERBERT to investigate the position of receipts and issues with your staff at CASMIA before he leaves. In view of the bulk allotment already made, there should be no such large deficiencies. His MIA will take no action on the demand until a balance sheet of receipts and issues is prepared to explain the situation in greater detail.

Robert

Major,
MIA 10, Near Eighth Army.

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SIGNAL IN MESSAGE

SAC. 182/20.

FROM. MMIA

TO. FREEDOM
INFO. 15 ARMY GP 8 ARMY 5 ARMY FOR BR INC

21 MAY 19
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Q/OS/219 19 ---

RESTD. FOR Q/AE. SUBJECT OFFICERS SHOPS ITALIAN. UNDERSTAND 8 ARMY
CONSIDER SHOPS STILL REQUIRED. REQUEST DECISION IF SCHEME IS TO PROCEED

TOO 1515B

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DIST. Q. OS. MMIALO.

GP 1000

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54 AREA

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INFO.... PENSOUTH

GR 86

BT

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IN AMPLIFICATION SIGNAL Q/CS/216 OF 17 (C.)

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WITH Q/CS/01/1 OF 25 [REDACTED] APR AND 7 MAY

AND SIGNAL Q/CS/214 OF 17 MAY

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19 MAY 1945

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MEZX V DACT NR 3362 (P) T HARR
FROM MMIA 151452P
TO REAR ~~ELST~~ EIGHT ARMY
CR 58 BT
2/17

2/05/212 RESTRICTED
FOR MMIA LG (.) REF YOUR MM 527 OF 13 (.) A F N & SIGNAL FC1764 OF
07 REPEATED (.) ~~CHORE~~ (.) OWING PERSISTENT COLD WEATHER NOT PREVALENT
IN ARMY AREA ~~AND~~ AND IN VIEW LOWER TEMPERATURES AS FORMATIONS MOVE
NORTH ALL REINFORCEMENTS ~~BY~~ WILL BE DESPATCHED WITH BOTH WINTER AND
SUMMER SCALE CLOTHING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (.)
THIS SUPERSEDES LETTER AFHQ/9175/0(AE) OF 9 MAR (.) UNROUTED
BT

SET NR 3362 AT 1727B WS AR TKS W
ELST?

YES
OK - RECD AT 1728 CE B3

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For Action

MMALC Rome

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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LRAR V LROF NR4241 IMPORTANT T/HARR QVEZ BY ELS

FROM NMIA 171600 B

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BR CADRE 302 ITALIAN

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TO (FOR INFO) PENSOTH

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Q/CS/216 RESTRICTED

FOR NMIA LG AFHQ SIGNAL FX 760765

OF 15MAY IS APPLICABLE TO ER-ITI ~~COMBAT~~ COMBAT AND SERVICE TPS
AND IS REPEATED FOR YOUR UNFO (.) QUOTE (.) THE SUMMER SCALE
OF 2 BLANKETS PER MAN WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON 1 JUNE (.)
BLANKETS HELD IN EXCESS OF THIS SCALE WILL BE WITHDRAWN AND
RETURNED TO ORDNANCE BY SOON AFTER THAT DATE AS PRACTICABLE (.)
UNQUOTE (.) REFER TO MY Q/CS /11/1 OF 25APL AND 7 MAY AND
SIGNAL Q/CS/214 OF 17MAY



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14 MAY 1945

Subject:- Winter Clothing;

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/11/1

7 May 45.

M.M.I.A. L.O.	to	BR;Inc.	5 Army
"	"	"	8 Army
"	"	"	1 District
"	"	"	3 District
"	"	"	54 Area
O.C. Br.Cadre		802	Italian BRD
"		803	"
"		804	"

Ref. my Q/OS/11/1 of 25 Apl/45.

The instructions for the return of winter clothing to Base for cleaning repair etc. will apply equally to blankets and cotton comforters when withdrawn in accordance with para 5 (d) of M.M.I.A. Administrative Instruction No 25 of 26 Mar/45.

To return after issue all in excess of 2 per man.

P. Greenwood

P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES
" " 2 District

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LRAR V LROF NR4114 IMPORTANT

(BY LHS)

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FROM M.M.I.A. 171110B

TO REAR 8 ARMY

GR31 BT

10 MAY 1945

MMIA LO

Q/OOS/214. RESTRICTED.

FOR M.M.I.A. L.O.'S.

REF MY Q/OS/11/1 OF 25 APL.

WINTER CLOTHING BALANKETS ETC WILL BE CONSIGNED TO
BR-ITI CLOTHING DEPOT NO 1750 NAPLES AND NOT TO NO3 DEPOT
FRATTAMAGGIORE.

ALL INFORMED

BT 171110B

SENT NR4114 MYERS....

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RECD AT LRAR 1532 ALC VA"

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Subject:- KD Deficiencies.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

P O M E

Q/OS/11/1

5 May 5.

M.M.I.A. I.C. to 8 ARMY
" " " 1 DISTRICT
" " " 3 DISTRICT
" " " 54 AREA.

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It has been found that in the bulk issue of KD from Br.Ord. a certain number of bales were incorrectly marked and instead of containing KD bushshirts or slack, actually contained battle dress and other grade III clothing. A deficiency in KD thus arises. In order that it may in total be corrected, please signal to me your individual deficiencies through this cause.

F. Greenwood

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

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Information 22nd Div
if necessary
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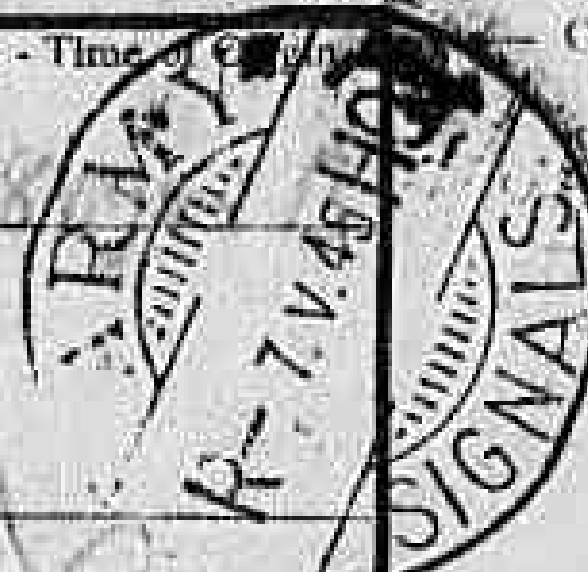
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For Action

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Subject: Clothing of Italian Provision - Combat Gps.

10 MAY 1945

Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/75
7 May 45.

To: Rear H.Q. Eighth Army,
for M.M.I.A. L.O.

Reference your MM 513 dated 6 May 45.

Attached as requested is copy of this H.Q.
letter Q/75 dated 25 Apr 45.

P.P. FardeLL

P.P. FARDELL J/Comdr.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

PPF/fem

Traco *Ally*

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COPY

Subject: MMIA Admin. Instruction No.22.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q/75

25 April 1945.

To: Ministry of War (Dir Gen Serv Comm) (by hand L.O.)

1. This HQ Admin. Instruction No.22 states that it is the responsibility of the appropriate Adm. Divs to supply BR-ITI Tps with all Italian provided items. You will therefore ensure that the Adm Divs hold the necessary stocks of these items so that they are available on demand.

2. A report has been received from 50 BLU that continued demands have been made on 228 Div by the FRIULI Combat Gp. especially as regards badges of rank, stars etc. None of these demands have been met and it is further reported that a letter from the Ministry of War (Dir Gen Serv Comm), ref 15779/VC dated 5 Apr 45, directed the FRIULI ICG to collect their items direct from BARI. It is not understood why this letter which is in direct contravention of the Instruction referred to above was issued. The needs of the fighting troops require the highest priority which can be given. An assurance is required that the prescribed method of supply has been established.

(signed) R.A. CURTIES Lt; Col;

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

RAC/lc

Copy to:

50 BLU (your letter Q/12 /13 and signal Q50 both dated 19 Apr refer)

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Subject:- Clothing of Italian provision - Combat Groups.

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

3 May 45.

M.M.I.A. I.O.
Rear Eighth Army.

Ref. your MM/116 of 26 Apl/45.

My letter Q/15 of 25 Apl/45 to the Ministry of War, with copy to you, answers your letter.

F.S. Greenwood.

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

ESG/ab

*ask MMIA for copy as NOT
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HARR V LAEE NR 134

PROJ MMIA 021705B

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

BT

Q/OS/188 (.) RESTD (.) FOR MMIA LO (.)

NOW IMPROBABLE THAT ITALIAN OFFRS MOB SHOPS

WILL BE FORMED (.)

BT 021705B

REPTNS ~~134 021705 188 021705B~~

SENT NR 134 UFK AR

*From R2150
TS Hawey*

11p. Aug 5/3

MMIA LO

Report

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SUBJECT:- Summer Clothing

Dr Cadre
HQ 252 Italian Pack Group
OP

R/10

D.D.S.T.,
Eighth Army

2 May 45

Copies to:-
MIA LO Eighth Army
Comd 252 Ital Pack Gp

1. Much of the KD clothing recently supplied by 228 Div is in a deplorable condition, and only one pair of slacks and one shirt per man are available. The principal defects are:-
 - (a) Numerous oil patches on both shirts and trousers.
 - (b) Many of the shirts have black patches and the trousers black stripes, i.e. they are old P.O.W. clothing.
 - (c) Many shirts are without collars. Both shirts and Slacks are extremely short of buttons.
2. It is appreciated that the greatest economy is necessary in clothing Italian troops from Allied sources, but the quality and quantity of the clothing issued to this unit makes impossible regular changing and washing, and the achievement of the standard of turn out essential for a unit which is an RASC responsibility.
3. Please may orders be issued for the worst of this consignment to be recalled and sufficient satisfactory clothing issued to complete to authorized scale.

Per 228 Div
RBM

R B Gauntly
1036

Lt Col
Commander

REAR HQ 50 REG

0/12/23

5 May 45

SUBJECT: Delivery of clothing etc of ITALIAN POWs

HQ MILIA

REAR HQ 50 REG - your HQ/116 of 26 Apr refers

VERMI ICG have been informed by the Ministry of War that tpt is being provided by the Ministry to send forward 6000 stars from DAI Direct to the Gp.

On this, two points arise:

- i) should not all cash stores be sent through 223 Div? Your Amn Instruction No 22 refers.
- ii) there are a number of other items which are required by the Gp for which demand has been made, namely:

Bridges for Forage Caps (Med)	qty	200
Georget Patches (Arty)	per	1000
" " (Inf)	"	600
" " (Arty)	"	300
" " (Med)	"	200
Chertrons { sergeant-major (Arty)	"	200
" { sergeant (Arty)	"	200
" { caporale-major (Arty)	"	400
" { caporale (Arty)	"	400
Bridges for forage caps { (Inf)	qty	500
" " { (Arty)	"	600
" " { (Med)	"	100
Georget Patches 'PESILI'	"	300
Braid for tunics (Grenadiers)	per	6000
Identity Discs	qty	1200
		2000

These items it is thought should also be sent, if tpt is in fact being provided by the Ministry to send direct to the Gp.

Recd.

Handwritten signature and stamp: HQ TRUST

GRS GAB/STB

being provided by the Ministry to send forward 6000 stores from RPT direct to the Op.

On this, two points arise :

- 1) should not all such stores be sent through 225 Div? Your AMI Instruction No 22 refers.
- 2) there are a number of other items which are required by the Op for which demand has been made, namely :

Badges for Forage Caps (Med)	qty	200
Gorget Patches (Arty)	qty	1000
" " (Ingen)	"	600
" " (Tpt)	"	300
" " (Med)	"	200
Chevrons (sergente-maggiore)	"	200
" (sergente)	"	200
" (caporale-maggiore)	"	400
" (caporale)	"	400
Badges for forage caps (Engns)	qty	500
" " (Inf)	"	6000
" " (Arty)	"	1800
" " (Tpt)	"	500
Gorget Patches (Inf)	qty	6000
Brads for tunics (Grenadiers)	"	1200
Identity Discs	qty	2000

These ~~stores~~, it is thought should also be sent, if tpt is in fact being provided by the Ministry to send direct to the Op.

Bqctd

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Maj
RMC

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Subject:- Adm - 3 & Italian Engr Coys.

Agct

20 APR 1945

Rear H. Eighth Army, GMP.

Tel Ext : 218

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29 Apr 45.

E Main Army

Ord Rear Army

MEMO LO

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Ref your M 3013 RE of 16 Apr 45.

1. Supply of razor blades from Italian sources is negligible, as it depends on finding stocks in civ shops. No more are being produced in the country. Application was recently made to ASIB for authority to provide razor blades for BR-REI service tps ex MFI sources, but it was subsequently notified that such procedure would not be permissible.

2. Boots are arriving in fairly good quantity, and 380 were issued to the Engr Bn during period 25 Mar to 25 Apr. Instructions have now been given for issue of a second pair to all Engr Coys at the earliest opportunity, in order to obviate hardship while original pair is away being mended.

lll

H. W. ...

Lt-Col
AGMC, Eighth Army

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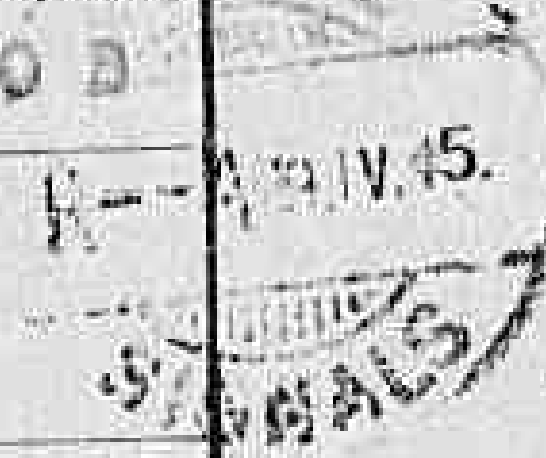
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TO 210 SUB AREA (W) For Information (INFO) REAR 10 CORPS FOR AREA 10			

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RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR O 63 DATED 27 NOV 20 SECOND
 ADDRESSER (.) PROVISIONS OF TD TO COMBAT OF TAIL UNITS IS
 RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL BY AREA (.) UNIT AIN 1058 NO 30
 REPAIR (.) HAVE INFORMED ALL CONCERNED

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HARR V HAR NR 1/1075 QVR 1

FROM REAR 50 BLU 271100B

TO MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO MMIA LO 10 CORPS

GR -

Q43 . RESTRICTED . FRIULI ICG HAVE BEEN

ASKED TO EQUIP WITH ⁴SMMER CLOTHING

58 ITALIAN ~~TRANSIT~~ TRANSIT CAMP

PESARO (120 MEN) AND 230

ITALIAN AUX HOSPITAL CESENA

~~CESENA~~ (65 MEN) ~~TRANSIT~~

~~THESE~~ THESE UNITS HARDLY SEEM THE

RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS GP .

MAY THE POSITION PLEASE BE CLARIFIED

THI -

RPTN 1/1075 QVR 1 50 271100 LO 10

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120 APR 1951
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MMIA

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Subject: - Winter Clothing - BR-ITI.

M.M.I.A. L.O. to Br.Inc. 5 Army
 " " " 8 Army
 " " " 1 District
 " " " 3 District
 " " " 54 Area
 O.C. Br. Cadre 802 Italian BRD
 " " 803
 " " 804

Reference Administrative Instruction N°25 of 26 Mar/45.
 and in particular to para 5.

1. When instructions have been received by M.M.I.A. L.O.'s, from the Allied formation concerned for the withdrawal of winter clothing, such clothing will be disposed of for cleaning, repair etc. by being despatched:-

by 227 Division) to N°8 Italian Clothing Depot *As-171 clothing depot*
 (PRATTINAGGIORRE, NAPLES.
 " 231 ")
 by 228 " ") to N°2 BR-ITI Clothing Depot.
 (GIORDANO, BARI

M.M.I.A. L.O. to 1 District will arrange that clothing withdrawn by 209 Div from units near Ancona is despatched to the Bari depot and that the balance is despatched to the Naples Depot.

2. All clothing will - before despatch - be tied in bundles of ten.

3. Please advise the respective consignees of dates of despatches of clothing. *Done Signed - 1945*

4. Your attention is drawn to para 6 of the administrative instruction under reference.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. G.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 R O M E
 Q/OS/11/1

April 45.

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*Traduzione
 ← Winter*

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" " 803 " " 804 "

Reference Administrative Instruction No 25 of 26 Mar/45 and in particular to para 5.

1. When instructions have been received by M.M.I.A. L.O.'s, from the Allied formation concerned for the withdrawal of winter clothing, such clothing will be disposed of for cleaning, repair etc. by being despatched:-

by 227 Division)	Nº8 Italian Clothing Depot	<i>Scilla Clothing Dept</i>
" 231	"	FRATTI-MAGGIORE, NAPLES.	
by 228)	Nº2 BR-ITI Clothing Depot.	
" 230	"	GIORDANO, BARI	

M.M.I.A. L.O. to 1 District will arrange that clothing withdrawn by 209 Div from units near Ancona is despatched to the Bari depot and that the balance is despatched to the Naples Depot.

- All clothing will - before despatch - be tied in bundles of ten.
- Please advise the respective consignees of dates of despatches of clothing. *Done Bygd - MS*
- Your attention is drawn to para 6 of the administrative instruction under reference.

RF

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O. NAPLES " 2 District

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228 Div infund
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0385037: - Am - Italian Units

W. Rear Eighth Army.

Copy to: 32 Main Eighth Army.

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Liaison Officer,
Lead Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

ML/115
28 Apr 45

3 and 10 Italian War Coys.

Ref Main Army R 3013 RA of 16 Apr.

1. The supply of razor blades from Italian sources is negligible as it depends on finding stocks in civilian shops. No more are being produced in the country.
2. Razors are arriving in fairly good quantity; 380 were issued to the War Co during period 25 Mar to 25 Apr though I cannot tell the breakdown to Coys.
3. I have instructed Hq 328 Div to issue a second air to all War Coys as soon as possible.

Bgcw

Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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Subject: - Adm Italian Units.

Rear HQ Eighth Army, COM.
Tele Etn: 218

R 2011/2 Q

17 Apr 45.

18 APR 1945
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ADIA LO.

Ref Main Army M 3013 RB of 16 Apr 45, copy to you.

May your comments please be fwd at the earliest opportunity.

H. A. ...

A Lt Col.
AGC, Eighth Army.

*No razor blades for 4 weeks
Boots have 4 weeks to repair
Spoke 228 Div.*

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SUBJECT: - Clothing of Italian Provision - Combat Groups

Land Forces Sub Comm. A3,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M B.

Copy to: 50 B.L.U.
51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U.
G Rear Eighth Army.
228 Div.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A3,
(M.M.I.A.),
C/O Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

MM/116
26 Apr 45

Ref Rear 50 BIU letter 012/13 dated 19 Apr (not to all).

1. I have investigated the provision of Italian items of clothing and equipment with 228 Div.
2. It is clear that the Italian Military authorities at ROME and BARI are making releases of hats, stars, badges, etc. direct to Combat Gps and expecting vans to go back to collect at BARI.
3. Two relevant letters to FRIULI I.C.G. are SURE 2/1145 SERV dated 22 Mar and BARI Direzione di Commissariato 2 803 2/3169/1572/VE dated 5 Apr.
4. Will you please confirm to all concerned,
 - (a) that such indents should be made upon Adm Divc, and
 - (b) that indents should be only for those items of Italian provision NOT already covered by the coils of issue from British courses to Combat Gps.
5. 228 Div are in fact including ORSANA and FRIULI demands in their consolidation and issuing from 228 Div Sub Depot in proportion to receipts.

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R. J. Lawrence

Major,
MIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

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Q Rear Eighth Army,
228 Div.

Re: Rear 50 BUJ letter 012/13 dated 19 Apr (not to bill).

1. I have investigated the provision of Italian items of clothing and equipment with 228 Div.

2. It is clear that the Italian Military authorities at ROMA and BARI are making releases of hats, stars, badges, etc. direct to Combat Gps and expecting vets to go back to collect at BARI.

3. Two relevant letters to PRIULI I.C.G. are MARS 3/1145 SERV dated 22 Mar and BARI Direzione di Commissariato 2 SEC 2/3189/1572/VE dated 5 Apr.

4. Will you please confirm to all concerned,

(a) that such indents should be made upon Adm Divs, and

(b) that indents should be only for those items of Italian provision NOT already covered by the scale of issue from British sources to Combat Gps.

5. 228 Div are in fact including CREMONA and PRIULI demands in their consolidation and issuing from 228 Div Sub Depot in proportion to receipts.

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R. G. Lawrence

Major,
MEMA LG, Rear Eighth Army.

SUBJECT : Subs FRIULI ICG

REAR HQ 50 BLU

HQ MIA
Lptd : MIA LO EIGHTH Army
51 BLU

~~11/3/12~~
8/12/13
19 Apr 45

1. It is laid down in para 9b of your S/AQ/5 dated 20 Feb (Adm Instr No 22) that all ITALIAN provided items of stores and eqpt should be demanded through the appropriate Adm Div, which in the case of FRIULI ICG is 228 Div.
2. Continued demands have been made on 228 Div by FRIULI ICG but, to date, no stores have been received.
3. Items such as badges of rank, stars etc are now badly needed and the Gp has asked for permission to send tpt to BARI to collect such items: this permission has been refused.
4. By letter ref 15779/VC dated 5 Apr the ITALIAN War Ministry (Direzione Generale Serv Com) has ordered FRIULI ICG to collect such items direct from BARI, which order would appear to be completely at variance with your Adm Instruction No 22.
5. The supply and delivery of ITALIAN provided items of all kinds for ICGs has at all times been a source of difficulty.
6. My tpm 05 of even date refers.

GIF
GAB/SYB

[Signature]
Maj
DADST
Gen DAANDIG

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Subject:- Flashes for Italian Gruppi.

Rear HQ Eighth Army, GMP.
Tele Extn: 218

R 2011/1 @

25 Apr 45.

Rear 5 Corps

Copy to:- MMIA IO.

26 APR 1945
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Further to my signal @ 4627 of 15 Apr 45.

1. Additional infm, received from G-4 Section, HQ Fifth Army, follows:-

"1. The Army Exchange Officer states that the firm Picchiani and Barlocchi will be under contract to the Army Exchange Service for an indefinite period. Items being manufactured are expendables and demand is constant.

2. Firm will continue to produce for the Army Exchange Officer even after the Army has moved forward. Contracts will be terminated only when distances separating the firm and the Army Exchange Depots render such contracts impractical."

2. In view of the above it is regretted that no further action can be taken as regards provision of flashes from this source.

Agced

H. P. ...

Brigadier.
DA & QMG, Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Summer Clothing -- ITI-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/15/1
EO April 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO 54 Area
MMIA LO 8 Army
MMIA LO 1 Dist
MMIA LO 2 Dist
MMIA LO 3 Dist.

1. Ref. this HQ letter of even ref dated 19 April 1945.
2. An issue of trousers cotton for summer wear is now made available to Gd. Bns. u/c Br. Fms., scale 1 pair per man.
3. 10,440 prs. trousers cotton will be transferred by LO Naples to No. 8 BR-ITI Depot to count against issues to No. 1 Regtl. Gd. HQs and all Gd. Bns. u/c Br. Fms. except as in para 4 below.
4. 2,400 trousers cotton will be transferred by LO 54 Area to BR-ITI Depot Giordano to count against issues to No. 501, 510 and 514 Gd. Bns.

F.A. COLE, Major
for Col. DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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228 Div input

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SUBJECT : Re-equipment of discharged ITALIAN personnel from Brit Gen Hosps

50 Brit Liaison Unit

Q/7/10

HQ MMIA
rotd : HQ 10 CORPS

9 Apr 45

1. It appears from reports rendered by FRIULI ICG that when ITALIAN wounded personnel are discharged from Brit Gen Hosps they are equipped with green ED.
2. Personnel in ITALIAN Combat Gps are allowed to wear khaki ED and this privilege in the eyes of their countrymen marks them as fighting tps. They therefore dislike the inference that they are non-combatants, which is caused by their appearing in green ED.
3. It is therefore requested that ITALIAN combatant tps be issued with khaki ED on discharge from Brit Mil Hosps. May this matter please be investigated and implemented if practicable.

*Spec R ✓
RD. w/ef. St. Area date*

J.S. Luttrell
MAJ
DAA and QMG

CAF
JDM/SYB

Subject:- KD for BR-ITIS.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/CS/11/1

17 April 45.

MMIA LO with Br.Incr. 5 Army

" Rear 8 Army

" 1 District

" 2 District

" 3 District

" NAPLES

" 54 Area

O.C. Br.Cadre 802 IERD.(P.M.185)

" 803 IERD.(P.M.3400)

" 804 IERD TRANI

A copy of letter AFHQ/9187/Q(AE) of 12 Apl/45 is attached hereto.

The bulk allocation by AFHQ of KD from Br.Crd. is barely sufficient for the original issue to BR-ITIS service tps and there is consequently no reserve that might otherwise be used for the exchange of KD that you may upon inspection deem to be not up to standard.

F.S. Greenwood

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

PSG/ab

*This means that 2000 pps KD that we
returned to NAPLES are lost.
all material
has been replaced.
Rgced*

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TEL. NO. FREEDOM 518

AFHQ/9187/Q(AE)

12 Apr 45

SUBJECT:- KD for Br-Itis
(Service Troops)CG, Fifth Army for G-4 Br. Incr.
Rear HQ Eight Army
1 District
2 District
3 District
Rome Area Allied Command.

In explanation of AFHQ Adm Instr N°9 the following is put forward for your information:-

- a) Owing to the acute global shortage of all types of clothing it is necessary to issue Grade III KD to Italian Service Troops, under British Command.
- b) This clothing is all in serviceable condition though it must be realised that some will be patched and some may require washing before it is worn.
- c) Bush Shirts may not be of a uniform pattern or material and they and trousers KD are in many cases short of buttons. Buttons are being provided separately by NMIA for this purpose.

J.J. SLOAN, Lieut. Col.,
For Major General, G-4(D)Copy to:- NMIA - Your Q/03/6 dated
9 Apr 45 refers.

G-1 (B)

G-3

G-4 (B)

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Ord (B)

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Engrs (B)

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TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO REAR 3 ARMY
MMIA LO REAR 5 CORPS

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MMIA LO*

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NR 785/3
OF 21 MAR TO MINISTRY OF WAR DEMANDED

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CAPS FS. LATTER REPLIED IN THEIR 35354/VC OF 31 MAR TO
NR

EFFECT THESE CAPS CONTROLLED BY YOU AND INDENT
ON SPECIAL FROM ~~NSASA~~ NECESSARY. INDENT FORMS NOT
HELD AND CAPS REQUIRED URGENTLY IN ORDER TO ~~BE~~ PERMIT ENFORCEMENT
DRESS DISCIPLINE. GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS
DEMAND AND SIGNAL RELEASE THIS HQ

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SUBJECT: Issue of Summer Underclothing -- ITI-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/15/1
18 April 1945.

TO : C.G. Mtouss (2)
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO 54 Area
MMIA LO 5 Army
MMIA LO 8 Army
MMIA LO 1 Dist.
MMIA LO 2 Dist.
MMIA LO 3 Dist.

1. Limited supplies of drawers cotton and undershirts cotton of U.S. and Italian Origin are available for issue to ITI-ITI Units and will be allotted in the following priorities.

- ✓ a. All Gd. Bns. & Regtl. Hqs.
- ✓ b. Mine Clearance Coys.
- ✓ c. 1 Truck Bn. 2675 Regt., A.C.

2. Scale of issue will be drawers cotton 2 prs., and undershirts cotton 2 per man.

3. Gd. Bns. & Regtl. Hqs. w/c U.S. Fms.

Drawers cotton and undershirts cotton quantity 9,840 each will be made available at Naples for issue to Gd. Bns. & Regtl. Hqs. w/c 5 Army & PBS. CG Mtouss is requested to order collection of this allotment as soon as convenient.

4. Gd. Bns. Mine Clearance Coys. & No. 1 Truck Bn. 2675 Regt. AC.

a. LO Naples will transfer to 8 BR-ITI Depot to count against issues to Gd. Bns., Mine Clearance Coys. & No. 1 Truck Bn., 2675 Regt. AC (except 3 Gd. Bns. as para (b & c) below). Drawers cotton and undershirts cotton, quantity each 24,266.

b. LO Naples will despatch to BR-ITI Depot Giordano 4,800 Undershirts cotton to count against issues to 501, 510 and 514 Gd. Bns.

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Page Two.

- 4. LO 54 Area will transfer to MW-ITI Depot Giordano, Drawers cotton quantity 4,800 to count against issues to 501, 510 and 514 Gd. Sns. *230 bio Bon*
- 5. All winter underclothing (woolens) will be withdrawn in exchange for cotton items issued and will remain in the sub depots pending further instructions.
- 6. LOs will report to this Hqs. when issues have been completed.

F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

VAC/ag

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Ministry of War
C/CS
ORD Records.

SUBJECT:- Clothing Indents for Co-operators

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

O.O.,
49 Coy CMP (TC).

MM/116
19 Apr 45

Clothing indents in respect of 4 Coy CMP (TC) Italian are returned herewith.

As these personnel are Co-operators the responsibility for clothing etc devolves upon the unit under whose comd they are. It is regretted but this demand cannot be met from Italian Army stocks.

Bqut.

Major,
MMIA HQ, Rear Eighth Army.

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ARMY FORM C21 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Originator

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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AHQ/9197/4(AS)

12 Apr, 45.

SUBJECT: MD FOR BRITISH
(Service Troops)

OG, Ninth Army for C-4 Br Inco.
Near HQ Eighth Army
1 District
2 District
3 District
Some Area Allied Command

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In explanation of AHQ Adm Order No. 9 the following is put forward for your information:-

- (a) Owing to the acute global shortage of all types of clothing it is necessary to issue Grade III MD to Italian Service Troops, under British Command.
- (b) This clothing is all in serviceable condition though it must be realised that some will be patched and some may require washing before it is worn.
- (c) Bush Shirts may not be of a uniform pattern or material and they and trousers MD are in many cases short of buttons. Buttons are being provided separately by MIA for this purpose.

(SGT) J.V. SLON, Lieut Col,
For Major General C-4 (E)

Copy to: MIA - Your VOS/G dated 9 Apr, 45 refers.

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Ord (E)
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Engine (E)
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"Q" Dist: MIA 10

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12 Apr, 45.

CO, Fifth Army for G-4 Br Iner.
 Rear HQ Eighth Army
 1 District
 2 District
 3 District
 Rome Area Allied Command

In explanation of ARHQ LHM Instr No. 2 the following is put
 forward for your information:

- (a) Owing to the acute global shortage of all types of clothing it is necessary to issue Grade III KD to Italian Service Troops, under British Command.
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 for Major General G-4 (B)

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 G-2 JHE
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FROM MMIA 181645B
TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY
INFO CG FIFTH ARMY BR INC
GR 41 BT

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18 APR 1945

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Q/OS/168 RESTRICTED (.)

FOR MMIA LO . REF YOUR MM473 OF 16 .

ITALIAN OFFRS SHOPS AUTHORISED BY AFHQ LETTER OF 14 APP.

WILL ADVISE DATE ARRIVAL OF CLOTHING AS SOON AS KNOWN.

FFREEDOM ASKED TO INCLUDE WOMEN'S

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CLOTHING FOR NURSES ON AUTHORISED
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Subject: Adm ITALIAN Units

Main HQ Eighth Army
M 3013 HQ

16 APR 45

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Subject: ER-ITI Service Tps - Summer Clothing.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/OS/11/1

13 April 1945

Reference MIA Administrative Instruction No. 25 dated 26 Mar 45.

1. It is considered undesirable that ER-ITI Service Tps should be in possession of both KD and winter clothing when moving as rfts. All such tps being moved as rfts on or after 25 April 45 will therefore move equipped to Summer Scale, having handed in the appropriate items of the winter scale before departure.

2. The relevant items of Summer Scale are

- 2 pairs KD Slacks
- 2 bush shirts

per man. A number of men are however already in possession of cotton shirts. Such men will not be issued with bush shirts but will retain their cotton shirts in lieu. This is of particular importance by reason of the shortage of summer clothing. The KD that has been now allotted to you represents in the aggregate the total that is forthcoming from Br Ord for the whole season with the exception of a very small maintenance quantity. No further large bulk allotment will be possible. The extent therefore to which tps under your administration possess cotton shirts will represent in the main your reserve of bush shirts for maintenance through the summer.

3. Vests have never been an item of summer clothing for the Italian Army and will not normally be so this summer. All available quantities will be issued as may become available. Certain quantities of pullovers will become available and should be used where tps may be on night work.

The appropriate items of winter clothing that will be handed in before the departure of rfts, vide para 1, are set out in para 5 (c) MIA Admin. Instruction No. 25.

FSG/1c

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

10 APR 1945

MIA LO to CG Fifth Army (2nd Increment)
MIA LO to Rear HQ 8 Army
MIA LO to 1 District
MIA LO to 2 District
MIA LO to 3 District
MIA LO to 54 Area

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- MMIA LO Naples
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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

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MIA OFFICE INSTRUCTION NO. 76

1. All clothing and individual equipment, and all other stores such as palliases, tents, blankets, bedding and other items which have previously been placed on allotments to national commitments, will be issued to US-ITI and BR-ITI Units only on allotment basis. No issues of such stores will be made direct from ITI-ITI Depots to US-ITI or BR-ITI Units. Q/AE will handle such stores only on allotment basis and not to individual Units, except ITI-ITI Units. Issues of such stores to US-ITI and BR-ITI Units will be as follows:

(a) US-ITI - Allotment to MTOUSA and to individual US-ITI Units by MTOUSA.

(b) BR-ITI - Allotment to BR-ITI Bulk Depot and to individual Units from BR-ITI Bulk Depot by Q/OS.

2. Requisitions for all other Italian Stores or equipment will be handled as follows:

(a) Requisitions from US-ITI and ITI-ITI Units will be handled initially by Q/AE.

(b) Requisitions from BR-ITI Units will be handled by Q/OS, who will pass to Q/AE for authorization of items required for issue from ITI-ITI stocks.

(c) Q/AE and Q/OS will screen requisition and recommend issue not in excess of the normal Italian issue.

(d) In all cases the following information must be shown on requisition:-

- (i) Total authorised.
- (ii) On Hand.
- (iii) Balance Required.

(e) Issues will be authorised by Q/AE only after it is determined that a surplus exists to the needs of the ITI-ITI Category Units which exist or which are proposed.

(f) Disapproved requisitions will be submitted by Q/AE to 2 i/c through 'Q' for confirmation.

(g) All requisitions for ITI-ITI Stores for BR-ITI Combat Units, incl. MTC, will be referred by Q/AE to 2 i/c, thru 'Q', before issue is authorised.

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3 Apr 1945

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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. K. I. A. 1623

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 - (b) Requisitions from BR-ITI Units will be handled by Q/OS, who will pass to Q/AE for authorization of items required for issue from ITI-ITI stocks.
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 - (d) In all cases the following information must be shown on requisition:-
 - (i) Total authorized.
 - (ii) On Hand.
 - (iii) Balance Required.
 - (e) Issues will be authorized by Q/AE only after it is determined that a surplus exists to the needs of the ITI-ITI Category Units which exist or which are proposed.
 - (f) Disapproved requisitions will be submitted by Q/AE to 2 i/c through 'Q' for confirmation.
 - (g) All requisitions for ITI-ITI Stores for BR-ITI Combat Units, incl. MTC, will be referred by Q/AE to 2 i/c, thru 'Q', before issue is authorized.

such stores only on allotment basis and not to individual units. Issues of such stores to US-III and BR-III Units will be as follows:

- (a) US-III - Allotment to MFOUSA and to individual US-III Units by MFOUSA.
- (b) BR-III - Allotment to BR-III Bulk Depot and to individual Units from BR-III Bulk Depot by C/OS.

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F. J. HOMES
 F. J. HOMES, Col.
 D.A. & Q.M.G.
 M. K. I. A.

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3 Apr 1945

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ORIGINATOR'S NO.

REF 473 CONFIDENTIAL (S) RE: WEST EARLIEST RE: ITALIAN OFFERS
 MODERN GOLF IN ARMY AREA AND JUSTIFICATION THAT BLASING
 OF WOMEN'S CLOTHING IS NECESSARY TO GAIN FOR BIGHTY
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FROM :: MAIN EIGHTH ARMY : 061301

TO :: 5 CORPS

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U666C.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

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SIGNAL IN MESSAGE

S/C.5/6.

FROM AFHQ

TO. REAR 8 ARMY REAR 5 ARMY FOR BR INCR
INFO. MMIA

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CONFIDENTIAL. SUBJECT IS SUMMER CLOTHING FOR BRITIS. ~~SIGNED-SIGNED~~
~~CITE FHQA#~~ ONE. CONSIDERED HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE THAT BRITIS SHOULD BE
 IN POSSESSION BOTH WINTER AND SUMMER SCALE CLOTHING AT SAME TIME. OUR
 AFHQ/9176/Q(AE) OF 9 MAR 45 NOT INTENDED TO INCLUDE BRITIS BUT BELIEVE YOU
 UNDERSTAND BRITIS INCLUDED. TWO. REQUEST YOU STATE DATED ON WHICH YOU
 DESIRE BRITIS MOVING TO ARMY AREA TO BE IN KD. WE RECOMMEND ALL LEAVING
 FOR YOU ON OR AFTER 25 APRIL BE CLOTHED TO SUMMER SCALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 Q(AE) ADMIN INSTR NO 9

TOO 1907B

DIST. Q. OS. MEIALO. A. M.

*Army agree + 228 Drw
 informed Agent
 12/4*

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: - Clothing for Br-Itis.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. NO. WEEEDCH: 427

APR/9187/Q(AE)

10 Apr 45.

CG Fifth Army for G-4 Br Iner.

Near HQ Eighth Army

1 District

2 District

3 District

Rome Area Allied Command

19 APR 1945

116.

1. It is considered undesirable that Br-Iti Service Troops should be in possession of both KD and winter clothing when moving as Rfts.

2. All Br-Iti Service Troops being moved as Rfts on or after 25 Apr will therefore move equipped to Summer Scale, having handed in the appropriate items of the winter scale to their Unit before departure.

(Sgd) R. W. REASLEY, Major
for Major General G-4 (Br).

RHH/NDP

Copy to: - MIA - your w/CS/11/1 dated 3 Apr 45 refers.

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			—GR—

Originator's No. *4624*

CONFIDENTIAL (.) your *1509* of *09* (.) *ONE* (.) understand metal flashes proved unsatisfactory in the past owing tendency damage fabric of shirts or tunics (.) TWO (.) local resources see FIVE ARMY state contract cannot be arranged in *PLACEMENT* (.) THREE (.) if you wish to pursue matter it is possible contract might be placed in *ROME* but believe time factor would be unfavourable

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	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions -GR-

Originator's No. 4551 CONFIDENTIAL (.)

subject is combined arm of service and divisional flashes for italian combat ops (.)

ONE (.) GOC CERRONA anxious to arrange for metal flashes to be manufactured for use with RD as existing cloth flashes impracticable (.)

TWO (.) understand that S A FIOCHILANI and BARRACONE 15 VIA CERRONA FIORENZE able to carry out work but your sanction required (.)

THREE (.) cost will be met by CERRONA (.)

FOUR (.) my permission please be granted for contract to be placed for 12000 pairs of flashes

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Subject:- Summer Clothing.

8 APR 1945

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Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
R G M B
Q/02/6

6 April 45.

M.F.I.A. L.O. Br. Inc.
Rear H.Q. 8th Army.

Ref. your 510/2/Q dated 21st Mar/45. *NR*

Cotton vests are available only in extremely small quantities and there will be no general issue as an item of summer clothing. Cotton vests have never been an Italian Army summer issue.

A proportionate issue of cotton pants will be made to divisions etc out of existing stocks prior to the date for the taking into use of summer clothing. These stocks are not yet adequate to permit an issue to the full scale of two pairs per man. All available plants are at present being fully employed on the production of cotton pants from salvaged and other material. The programme aims at producing a sufficient number by 31st May 45 to complete to scale. Bulk allotments will be made as the programme progresses.

J. Greenwood

F.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.F.I.A.

- Copy to:- MFLA LO 8th Army. ✓
- MMIA LO 1 District.
- MMIA LO 3 "
- MMIA LO 54 Area.
- MMIA LO NAPLES.
- O.C. Br. Cadre 802 IRD.
- " " " 803 IRD.
- " " " 804 IRD.

Inform 228 + Q

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Subjects:- Summer Clothing.

28 APR 1945

Lead Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
R O S E
6/03/1

~~M.F.I.A. L.O. NAMES
for D.F.I.C.S.~~

///

6 April 45.

Ref. telephone conversations 5th and 6th Apl/45 -
AIRSY-GREENWOOD spoke.

As it is suspected that a number of the KE slacks
and bush shirts that have been issued in bulk to divisional
Sub Depots may be deficient of some buttons, it is agreed
that you despatch immediately 5,000 bone buttons for each of
the following:-

- 809 Div.
- 827 Div.
- 828 Div.
- 831 Div.
- 802 IHD.

J. Greenwood

D.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA S OSG,
M.F.I.A.

- Copy to:-
- MMIA LO Br.Incr.5th Army
 - MMIA LO 8th Army ✓
 - MMIA LO 1 District
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 - C.S. Br. Cadre 802 IHD.

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions _____
WORTH INFO FOR BRIT INFO			
AMIA INFO			

Originator's No. 111111

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your 215555G-07 05 (.) agreed BR-1111 info coming fwd on or after 25 Apr be clothed to summer scale only

228 Div info

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To:- MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

From:- MAIN 5 CORPS

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RESTRICTED. FOR C (OPS). REQUEST URGENTLY AUTHY ISSUE 28 GARIBALDI
 BGM. TROUSERS BD 250. SHIRTS 400. VESTS 150. DRAWERS LONG OR
 SHORT 250. HANKER-SCIEFS 1000. CAPES ANTI GAS 350. TOWELS 500.
 HOUSEWIVES 60. BOOTS 400 PAIRS. BOOTLACES 500 PAIRS. VESTS
 DRAWERS BOOTS TO BE IN EXCHANGE FOR PRESENT HOLDINGS OUTWORN.
 THIS SUPERSEDES RECENT REQUEST FOR KD. ALSO REQUIRED TWO GALL. WATER 5

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-7 APR 1945

JMC 148/6

HARR V LAKE NR76

QVR-1

FROM MBTA 0513408

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO FREEDOM FOR 0/45

GR34 BT

V/03 136 RESTRICTED

FOR MBTA LOC.) SUBJECT IS WITHDRAWAL WINTER CLOTHING
FROM GRUPPI (.) BRITISH WINTER CLOTHING ISSUED GRUPPI HAS NOT
EPT NOT YET BEEN CHARGED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.)
BR ITEMS WILL BE WITHDRAWN INTO BR ORD ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS
ISSUED BY ALLIED FORMATIONS COMMANDING GRUPPI

BT

~~MBTA 76 1 0513408~~

~~SENT CDP~~

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MBTA 10

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Q informed
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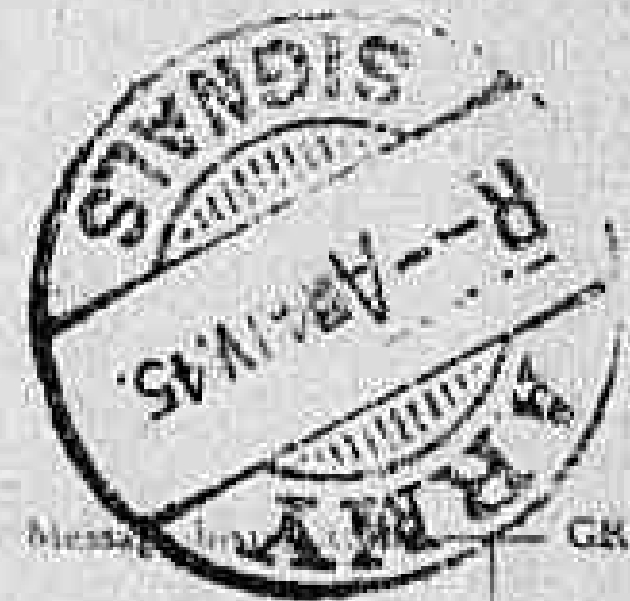
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MMIA ROME

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

REAR EIGHTH ARMY (BY HAND)

Originator's No.

MM 436 RESTRICTED (.) ONE (.) SHOULD WINTER CLOTHING BE RETURNED BY GRUPPI TO BRITISH ORD WHEN ITS GOVERNMENT APPEAR TO HAVE BOUGHT IT QUERY (.) TWO (.) REQUEST DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

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93 HARR V HAR 229 QVR2
 FROM MAIN EIGHTARMY 311820A
 TO MAIN 5 CORPS
 INFO REAR EIGHTARMY
 U608 (.) RESTRICTED (.) CANCEL MY U584 OF 29 (.)
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SUBJECT- Issue of Green M.D. to Groups

50 S.I.D.
01 S.I.D.

Copy to : "A" Rear Eighth Army.
228 Div.

Division Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AG,
(M.A.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq, Eighth Army.

MM/116
30 Mar 65.

1. Pending a general decision by AFHQ, the MILA have communicated the following interim policy.
2. Soldiers transferred from Combat Groups to Service units, or sent home on demobilization will not take M.D. with them.
3. Such personnel will be clothed in Green M.D. which will be obtained from the 228 Div on demand.
4. Will MILA please ensure that such demands are kept to a minimum and that Combat Groups do not hold an excessive quantity which may prejudice issue to those Italian units whose basic uniform is IS.

Requet.

Major,
MILA HQ, Rear Eighth Army.

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Handwritten initials and signatures, including "2035" and a large signature.

129 MAR 1945

HARR V LAEE NR60
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FROM MMIA 281515A
TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO FIFTH ARMY BR INCREMENT :: FREEDOM Q/AE
50 BLU :: 51 BLU :: 52 BLU :: 53 BLU

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MMIA LO

Q123 RESTRICTED (.)

FOR MMIA LO (.) AGREE 228 DIV /231 DIV ISSUE GREEN BD TO COMBAT
GROUP PERSONNEL DUE FOR TRANSFER TO OTHER BR-ITI SERVICE UNITS (.)
MOST UNDESIRABLE THAT BD BE LEFT WITH ANY PERSONNEL FOR DEMOBILIZATION

ITALIAN

[REDACTED] BUT AGREE USE [REDACTED] OF GREEN BD IF ADM DIV CAN NOT PROVIDE [REDACTED]
PATTERN UNIFORM (.) FOR FREEDOM Q/AE (.) ABOVE IS INTERIM PLAN
PENDING YOUR GENERAL POLICY DECISION ON MY Q15 OF 26 MARCH

BT 281515A

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15.9 MAR 11/10

FROM NMIA 281515A

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

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M.M.I.A. ? Near HQ Gangway

Land Forces Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
S/9/5

26 Mar 1945

M.M.I.A. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 25

1. OBJECT.

The object of this instruction is to set out the plan for

- (a) the equipment of BR-ITI Service Tps with summer clothing
- (b) the withdrawal and repair etc of winter clothing.

2. KD SCALE.

(a) AFHQ has directed that KD will be issued to BR-ITI Service Tps up to the scale of

- 2 pairs KD long trousers
- 2 Bush Shirts

per man.

(b) Certain stocks of cotton underpants and cotton vests will become available and will be issued as rapidly as possible.

3. ISSUE OF KD.

(a) Stocks are being moved under M.M.I.A. arrangements to Adm Divs by whom issue will be made in the normal manner.

(b) KD will be taken in use at the date decided by the Allied Army or District under whose command the Adm Div is placed. Armies and Districts are asked to give the M.M.I.A. IO as early warning as possible of this date.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF BR-ITI TPS.

KD is NOT dyed green. Under NO circumstances will KD shirts be worn unless the green/white/red ribbon is worn on the left shoulder strap. This ribbon will be worn in addition to any Divisional or Arm of Service insignia which may be authorised. The ribbon is being made available through Ministry of War sources and will be issued with the KD through the Adm Divs.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF WINTER GARMENTS AND BLANKETS.

(a) In order to prepare for next winter, certain winter garments will be withdrawn into M.M.I.A. controlled depots for washing, repairing, resorting into sizes, etc.

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(d) Blankets and cotton comforters will be withdrawn to bring all tps to the scale of two blankets or one cotton comforter.

(e) The date by which withdrawal in (c) and (d) above will be completed will be notified by the MIA IO to each Adm Div after consultation with Allied Formation.

(f) Separate instructions are being issued to MIA IO's covering movement out of Adm Div Depots.

6. GUARD BNS UNDER BR COMD.

Gd Bns under Br Comd will be issued with KD and items withdrawn by Adm Divs in the same manner as BR-ITI Service Tps. MMIA LO's will report separately the details of items withdrawn from Gd Bns in order that the ITI-ITI stocks may be correctly credited.

7. ECONOMY OF ISSUE.

Certain tps are already in possession of cotton shirts and trousers, owing to the short supply of KD it is essential that ALL cotton clothing is taken into account when issuing up to the scale.

8. APPLICATION.

(a) Reference is made to the ITALIAN Army Order of Battle No. 2/7 issued under MIA reference SD/92/1 of 9 Mar 45.

(b) This instruction is applicable to

- BR-ITI Service Tps - Category 3.
- BR-ITI Service Tps Rfts - Category 6B page 58.
- ITI-ITI Guard Bns - Category 5 (only if under Br Comd).

(c) This instruction is NOT applicable to any other tps of the ITALIAN Army.

9. MINISTRY OF WAR ORDER.

The relevant Ministry of War Order is number 15318 of 27 Mar 1945.

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F. J. Noakes

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

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Ministry of War (General PELLIGRA)

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FROM MAIN EIGHT ARMY 291145A
TO 5 CORPS
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25 March 1953
31 March 1953

U584 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING RELEASES AUTHORIZED FOR ~~SECRET~~

FOR PARTISANS (.) KD TROUSERS 700 (.) KD SHIRTS 1400 (.) DRAWERS
700 (.) BOOTLACES 700 PPS (.) NEEDLES AND
COTTON FOR 700 MEN (.) WATERBOTTLES 700

THI 1220

RPTNS 40 01 QVR2 291145A 9 U584 KD 700 KD 1400 700

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SENT WAC

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Subject:- Summer & Winter Clothing & Eqpt

Rear HQ Eighth Army, COMF.

Tel: Ext: 218

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G(O)	Main Army	
RA	"	"
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Att copy of our R 2011 Q of 22 Mar, 45 is fwd for infm.

H. Carter Capt

Lt. Col.,
ACMG, Eighth Army.

Encl.

*Duplicate to
228 Div
Reg Cpt
30/5*

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Rear HQ Eighth Army, CMF.
Tele Extn: 218

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17 Mar 45

Rear 5 Corps
Rear 10 Corps
Rear 2 Polish Corps
9 Armd Bde Gp
66 Area

Copy to:- CG 5(US) Army for Ex Incr

Rear 13 ~~Corps~~
6 Brit Armd Div
12 AA Bde
25 TR Bde
26 ILL att Rear 2 Polish Corps
Ord rear army
No.1 Inspectorate of Army Eqpt.
Camp Main Army
Camp Rear Army

1. Change-over from Winter to Summer clothing will be effected as follows:-
2. Summer clothing (GRG 185/45 refers).
 - (a) Scale of issue is at appx 'A', para 1.
 - (b) Puttees short are not available. Anklets web will be retained in lieu for use with denim trousers and slacks KD.
 - (c) Shorts KD will only be used for organised recreational purposes. Hose tops will not therefore be issued.
 - (d) KD trousers, retained during the Winter for use in lieu of denims, will, if still serviceable, be utilised towards the 2 prs authorised on Summer scale. Unserviceable KD trousers will be returned forthwith through Ord channels to RSD 35 4.OD JESI.
 - (e) Summer clothing will be adopted at the discretion of Corps or Area Comds, but not before 1 May, or after 21 May.
3. Normal Winter Clothing
 - (a) List of items is at appx 'A', para 2.
 - (b) Normal Winter clothing will be withdrawn as Summer scale is adopted.

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35 Area

Copy to:- CG 5(US) Army for Br Inor
 Rear 13 ~~35~~
 6 Brit Arm'd Div
 12 AA Bde
 25 Tk Bde
 26 MIJ att Rear 2 Polish Corps
 Ord Rear Army
 No. 1 Inspectorate of Army Hq't.
 Camp Main Army
 Camp Rear Army

1. Change-over from Winter to Summer clothing will be effected as follows:-
2. Summer clothing (GRO 185/4.5 refers).
 - (a) Scale of issue is at Appx 'A', para 1.
 - (b) Puttees short are not available. Anklets web will be retained in lieu for use with denim trousers and slacks KD.
 - (c) Shorts KD will only be used for organised recreational purposes. Hose tops will not therefore be issued.
 - (d) KD trousers, retained during the Winter for use in lieu of denims, will, if still serviceable, be utilised towards the 2 prs authorised on Summer scale. Unserviceable KD trousers will be returned forthwith through Ord channels to RSD 35 AOD JESI.
 - (e) Summer clothing will be adopted at the discretion of Corps or Area Comds, but not before 1 May, or after 21 May.
3. Normal Winter Clothing 1605
 - (a) List of items is at Appx 'A', para 2.
 - (b) Normal Winter clothing will be withdrawn on Summer scale is adopted.
 - (c) New clothing will be returned through Ord channels to 2 Sub-Depot 35 AOD JESI. Used socks worsted and shirts singola/anti-louse will be returned to RSD 35 AOD JESI. Remainder of used clothing to 557 BOD NAFLS.
4. Blankets and Comforters Cotton.
 - (a) Details are at Appx 'A', para 3.
 - (b) 4th blanket will be withdrawn at discretion of Corps or Area Comds, but not later than 25 Apr; 3rd blanket, and comforters cotton, not later than 10 May.
 - (c) Blankets will be returned to RSD 557 BOD NAFLS; comforters cotton to RSD 35 AOD JESI.

5. Special Winter Clothing and Stoves Oil Heating.

- (a) List of items is at Appx 'A', para 4.
- (b) All holdings surplus to G.1098 entitlement will be withdrawn at discretion of Corps or Area Comds, but not later than 15 Apr.
- (c) New clothing will be returned to 2 Sub-Depot 35 AOD JESI. Used clothing will be returned to RSD 557 30D NAPLES; Stoves oil heating to RSD 35 AOD JESI. Attention is drawn to GRO 229/1945.

6. Mountain and Snow Warfare Clothing and Eqpt.

- (a) List of items has been circulated departmentally in DOS AFHQ Circular No.182 dated 25 Jan 45.
- (b) Smocks and trousers twill groundrill, held in lieu of denim overalls, may be retained.
- (c) All other holdings will be withdrawn as by conditions permit, but not later than 1 May.
- (d) New clothing and eqpt will be returned to 2 Sub-Depot, Ord Depot, BARI; used clothing and eqpt to RSD 557 30D NAPLES, less bags sleeping, inner and outer, and mattresses tropical, which will be returned to RSD 35 AOD JESI.

Attention is drawn to GRO 228/1945 for detailed packing instrs.

- 7. Units will be responsible for sorting and bundling all returnable clothing and eqpt as required in appropriate para of Appx 'A'. New clothing will not be mixed with used clothing.
- 8. It is appreciated that cases will arise where units operating in high altitudes etc, desire to retain Winter clothing and eqpt after stated date for withdrawal. Such cases will be referred to this HQ through normal channels for requisite authority.

Henry Thomas Col
 Brigadier.
 Lt. & Col, Eighth Army.

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- (c) All other holdings will be withdrawn as of conditions permit, but not later than 1 May.
- (d) New clothing and eqpt will be returned to 2 Sub-Depot, Ord Depot, BARI; used clothing and eqpt to RSD 557 BOD MAPLES, less bags sleeping, inner and outer, and mattresses tropical, which will be returned to RSD 35 AOD JESI.

Attention is drawn to GRC 223/1945 for detailed packing instrs.

7. Units will be responsible for sorting and bundling all returnable clothing and eqpt as required in appropriate para of Appx 'A'. New clothing will not be mixed with used clothing.
8. It is appreciated that cases will arise where units operating in high altitudes etc, desire to retain Winter clothing and eqpt after stated date for withdrawal. Such cases will be referred to this HQ through normal channels for requisite authority.

Harold J. ...
 Lt Colonel,
 D. & QM, Eighth Army.

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APPX 'A' to R 2011 Q
dated 22 Mar 45.

(1) Summer Clothing

<u>Item</u>	<u>Scale of Issue</u>
Shorts MD	prs 1 per man
Trousers MD	" 2 " "
Shirts Bush	2 " " "
Belts for Shirts Bush	1 " " "
Drawers Cellular	prs 2 " " "
Vests Cotton or Tropical	2 " " "

(2) Normal Winter Clothing

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
Blouse Battle Dress	20
Trousers Battle Dress	20
Shirts Woolen anti-louse	50
Vests Woolen	50
Drawers Woolen (Longs and shorts separately)	50
Gloves Knitted drab	50
Stocks Worsted prs 1 (authorised under GPO 957/19/44)	20
Cap Comforters	50

(3) Blankets & Comforters Cotton

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
2 blankets per man	10
Comforters Cotton (issued to Italian troops in lieu of 3rd and 4th blanket)	10

(4) Special Winter Clothing

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
Boots Rubber Knee } in prs left	10
Boots Rubber Thigh } & right tied together	
Coats Duffle	5
Coats Kayak	5
Coats Sheepskin lined	5

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prs 2 " " " "

Drawers Cellular
Vests Cotton or Tropical

(2) Normal Winter Clothing

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
Blouse Battle Dress	20
Trousers Battle Dress	20
Shirts Angora Anti-lice	50
Vests Woolen	50
Drawers Woolen (Lungs and shorts separately)	50
Gloves Knitted drab	50
Socks Worsted prs 1 (authorized under GRO 957/1944)	20
Cap Comforters	50

(3) Blankets & Comforters Cotton

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
2 Blankets per man	10
Comforters Cotton (issued to Italian cps in lieu of 3rd and 4th blanket)	10

(4) Special Winter Clothing

<u>Item</u>	<u>To be returned in bundles of</u>
Boots Rubber Knee } in prs left	10
Boots Rubber Thigh } & right tied together	5
Coats Muffie	5
Coats Kayok	10
Coats Sheepskin lined	20
Jackets Leather	20
Jackets Oilskin Simplex	50
Trousers Oilskin Simplex	20
Sou'westers Oilskin Simplex	50
Jackets anti-gas light	20

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SUBJECT:- Boot Repair

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.H.I.A.),
c/o Rear Hq., Eighth Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.H.I.A.), R O M E.

MM/116
27 Mar 45.

Ref your 2/03/29 dated 24 Mar.

228 Div inform me that officers boots and shoes are already
being repaired on replacement at the Divisional Boot Repair
Factory, GERMANY.

Robert

Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

1602

Subject:- Boot repairs.

26 MAR 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/29

24 March 45.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
Rear HQ 8th Army.

From the Ministry of War it is learned that Italian officers in ER-ITI service units are unable to have boots and shoes, which are their personal belongings, repaired. Will you please make enquiries as to what arrangements might be made to have necessary repairs carried out in Army Area.

Greenwood.

P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
(for Col. NABISSI)

FSC/ab

*System exists - repayment for material only
works at CESENA.*

550 lire for a pair of soles in civilian cobbler's

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ARMY FORM 62116 (Rev. 1-55)

MESSAGE FORM

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MMIA ROME

For Action

TO

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51 BLU
53 BLU

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA IO 5 ARMY BR INOR

3633 GHQP

Originator's No.

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RESTRICTED (.) IOGS REQUESTING GREEN BD FROM 238 DIV TO 300 THE BND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FMIS OR DEMOBILIZED (.) DO YOU AGREE ISSUE LIMITED QUANTITIES QUARTY

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COMANDO 228^a DIVISIONE
- I. F. A. HQ. -
-Ufficio Commissariato-

n.1225/Co di Prot.

P.M.16, li 22 marzo 1945

O G G E T T O : Richiesta divise di panno tinte verdi da parte del Gruppo
di Combattimento " CREMONA " .-

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
Rear HQ Eighth Army

Il Gruppo di Combattimento " CREMONA " ha richiesto n. 150
divise in oggetto per distribuirle ai militari trasferiti ad Unità ve-
stite in panno verde ed a quelli che vengono posti in congedo..-

Prego la S.V. di comunicare se questo Comando può aderire
alla richiesta predetta, traendo le divise di cui sopra da quelle dispo-
nibili presso il dipendente magazzino Divisionale..-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Attilio Tomasselli)

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Yes

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SIGNAL MESSAGE IN

SMC 193/25

STR:- Q OS WIALO H

TO: REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO: 15 ARMY GP 5 ARMY (G-4 BR INCR)

FROM: AFHQ FX 49765

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CONFIDENTIAL.

SITE FHQAE

YOUR Q 4219 OF 20 MAR.

ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND FOR ISSUE TO MIA

SUFFICIENT BUSH OR MOSQUITO NETS FOR ALL BR-ITIS. ISSUE WILL BE MADE THRU
ITI CHANNELS. FOR MIA LETTER WITH DETAILS FOLLOWS

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SIGNAL IN MESSAGE

SJC. 14/5.

FROM. AFHQ

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TO. REAR 8 ARMY
INFO. 15 ARMY GP 5 ARMY (G-4 BR INCR) MMIA

FX 49307 24 ---

RESTD. YOUR Q 4223 OF 21. SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE.
AGREE THAT GD BNS BE CLOTHED KD SIMILAR SCALE BRI-ITIS.
FOR MMIA WE SPOKE NOAKES/BEASLEY

TOO 1957A

Bycut

DIST. Q. OS. ~~MMIALO.~~

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SUBJECT: - Italian Tps - Issue of Dugger Clothing

File

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces 305 Comd, AC.
(M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

86 (Army) Area.

MM/116
24 Mar 45

The attached indents for 429 and 519 Italian 3d Escape are forwarded for necessary action.

Eighth Army adm instr No. 38 dated 18 Mar, paras 3 and 16 refer.

Bg Col

Major,
MMIA HQ, Rear Eighth Army.

Copy to : 12 (Br) C.C.S. ref w/OLO.ITM dated 21 Mar 45.

12 JUN 1985

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: rear EIGHTH
TO: FREEDOM for Q(AE)
INFO: 15 army gp FIVEARMY (Br Inor) MMIA ROME

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Originator's No. Q 4223 RESTRICTED (.)

understand provision summer scale KD ex ME sources for ITI - ITI
gd bns NOT now possible (.) in view of fact that gd bns are
responsible for army installations consider it op essential
provide adequate scale (.) grateful you confirm earliest
arrangements being made to cover existing requirements (.) MMIA
signal Q/OS/85 of 07 copy to you refers

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means except wireless

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H. A. [Signature]

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Signed.....

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

16 JUL 45

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

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15 MAR 1945

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TO:- FIFTH ARMY REAR HQ EIGHTH ARMY

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FROM:- AFHQ

FX 44192

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RESTRICTED. ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS (GRUPPI) WILL BE ISSUED WITH KD AND ANTI MALARIAL EQPT TO SAME SCALE AS BRITISH TROOPS.

SIGNED SACMED SITE FHQAE

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COMANDO 228^a DIVISIONE
- I. P. 4. H. -
- Ufficio Commissariato -

n.1162/Co di prot.

P.M.16, li 15 marzo 1945

O C C E T T O : Fabbisogno teli da tenda.-

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
Rear HQ Eighth Army

Mi è stato segnalato che quanto prima alcune compagnie si accamperanno.-

Poichè gran parte dei teli da tenda in distribuzione ai reparti è logora ed ha perduto la propria impermeabilità, sarei grato a V.S. se venisse sollecitata l'assegnazione dei teli da tenda già richiesti con le situazioni sottoidicate e precisamente :

- 3000 teli da tenda (richieste straordinarie di vestiario inviata con foglio n. 469/Co in data 30 gennaio 1945)
- 2000 teli da tenda (richiesta per la 1^a quindicina di marzo inviata con foglio n.915/Co del 3 marzo 1945)
- 1000 teli da tenda (richiesta per la 2^a quindicina di marzo inviata con foglio n. 915/Co del 3 marzo 1945).-

Totale del fabbisogno : 6000 teli da tenda.-



IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Attilio Tomasselli)

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Rear HQ Eighth Army

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(Attilio Tomasselli)

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FROM LAEE 122104A

TO : MOVCENT - MOVWIT

INFO : REAR 8 ARMY - ~~MOVWIT~~ - DRMS ROME -

MIA - AAFSC/MTO

GR 75 BT

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POM ACCEPTANCES PERIOD 12-18 MARCH IS SUBJECT (.)

~~SIGNED SACMED CITE FNGDM FX42490~~

~~INFO DRMS ROME FOR MOV LO, MMIA FOR MOV LO (.)~~

ST PET ADD ANCONA TO FORLI P POL 80 TPD 15-18 MAR

~~ANCONA~~ ANCONA TO AREZZO P POL ⁷⁰ TONS LOADING 13 MAR (.)

MMIA ADD FRATTAMAGGIORE TO AREZZO CLOTHING 40 TONS .)

AAFSC ADD NAPLES TO FRANCAVILLA TYRES 90 TONS (.)

MTOUSA ADD SAN MARCO TO BARI FUEL 40 TONS

BT

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SMC. 27/13.

TO. 50 BLU REAR 8 ARMY HQ FOR MIAIO MIA
FROM. MIAIO 54 AREA AQ 166 12 ---

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TO		Message Instructions.	
(W) For Information (INFO)		GR	
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M.M.I.A. - L.O.
HQ 8th Army.

HQ 252 Italian Pack Grp
CMT.
81/HQ.

11 8 MAR 1945

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10 Mar 45.

Herewith indents in respect of Coys under
command this Group.

D. I. Maton Capt.
✓ Lt Col,
Commander

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N° di p. 853/3
 Data 9 marzo 1945

ALLO S.M.R.E.

OGGETTO: Vestiario equipaggiamento.

- I - Per la distribuzione al CC 611 Gruppo Salinetta
- 2 - Forza presente: Uff/11 53 Truppa 1852 Forza autorizzata 8081
- 3 - Attuale dislocazione area Urbino
- 4 - Data di movimento 18 marzo 1945
- 5 - Nuova dislocazione
- 6 - Attualmente in servizio presso
- 7 - Destinato a prestar servizio presso
- 8 - Giorno in cui gli oggetti dovrebbero essere distribuiti
- 9 - Data dell'ultima richiesta
- 10 - Numero e data di richieste precedenti per le quali é stata concessa l'autorizzazione, ma che la distribuzione non é a venuta o é avvenuta in parte e per alcuni capi di corredo soltanto

-II - Osservazioni particolari che mettano in chiaro la necessità del reparto

Descrizione	Quantità richiesta		Disponibilità nel magazzino italiano	Richiesta da provenienza alleata
	Per mancanza assoluta	Per sostituzione in parte		
Stellette	4000			
Fodere pagliericci	2000			
Farsetti a maglia	1200	300		
Asciugatoi	2000	2000		
Calze	2000	600		
Fasce ventriere				
Scarpe	2000			
Borse per pulizia	17			
Colli Calzolaio	17			
Colli Sarto	1000			
Spazzole per scarpe	2000			
Borracce		500		
Berretti a busta	500			
Canicie		500		
Giubbotti		250		
Giubboni				
Mutande	500			
Pantaloni				

- 2 - Forza presente: Uff/11 53 Truppa / 452 Forza autorizzata 200
- 3 - Attuale dislocazione area Urbino
- 4 - Data di movimento 12 marzo / 545
- 5 - Nuova dislocazione
- 6 - Attualmente in servizio presso
- 7 - Destinato a prestar servizio presso
- 8 - Giorno in cui gli oggetti dovrebbero essere distribuiti
- 9 - Data dell'ultima richiesta
- 10 - Numero e data di richieste precedenti per le quali é stata concessa l'autorizzazione, ma che la distribuzione non é avvenuta o é avvenuta in parte e per alcuni capi di corredo soltanto

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quantit  richiesta disponibile nel magazzino italiano. Rinite da Per man- per sostit la cui distribu- provenienza alleata canza as- oggetti in zione   autoriz- zione dallo S.M.R.E. soluta distribu- zione.

Descrizione

Stellette	4000		
Fodere pagliericci	2000	300	
Farsetti a maglia	1200	2000	
Asciugatoi	2000	600	
Calze ventriere	2000		
Scarpe	2000		
Borse per pulizia	17		
Colli Calzolaio	17		
Colli Sarto	1000		
Spazzole per scarpe	2000		
Borracce	500	500	
Berretti a busta		500	
Canicie		250	
Giubbotti		250	
Giubboni		250	
Mutande	500		
Pantaloni (Cama)		250	
Cappelli alpini	4000		
Lacci per scarpe	150		
Sacchi alpini	125		
Borse tattiche			

Gavette		80
Tazze alluminio		50
Cucchiai		80
Cinture		60
Capiccie Cotone KD	4000	
Pantaloni corti KD	2000	
Pantaloni lunghi KD	4000	
Calzettoni	2000	
Mutante (cellular)	4000	
Maglie (cellular)	4000	

Si certifica che le uniformi e le scarpe sono richieste per sostituire il vestiario e le calzature necessarie per portare il reparto alla dotazione normale (una uniforme ed un paio di scarpe per uomo). Inoltre non si tratteranno in magazzino scorte di vestiario e calzature e che tutti gli altri oggetti richiesti fanno parte dell'equipaggiamento prescritto per il Reparto interessato. =

L'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO
-IL COMANDANTE ALLEATO-



IL TEN. COLONNELLO
Comandante del Gruppo
(Dott. Federico)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Servizi di Comm/to Militare
- Divisione Vestiario -

La richiesta é pervenuta allo S.M.R.E. con foglio n. _____ del _____.
Si richiede l'autorizzazione per la distribuzione da fonte alleata degli oggetti elencati nella colonna 4 Paragr. I° di cui sopra ed anche di qualsiasi altro oggetto controllato elencato nella colonna 3 dello stesso paragrafo.

Si certifica che tutti gli oggetti richiesti da fonte alleata non sono disponibili da fonte italiana ad eccezione di quelli che sono già stati autorizzati dalla MMIA per essere riservate ad altre unità Italiane.

Data _____

p. EL MINISTRO

DAL COLLI GRUPPO SALMERIE

N° di prot. 859/3RM. 185 Data 2 aprile 1945

ALLO S.M.R.E.

OGGETTO: Vestiario equipaggiamento.

- I - Per la distribuzione al CC LII Gruppo Salmerie
- 2 - Forza presente: Uff/li 53 Truppa 1852 Forza autorizzata 2021
- 3 - Attuale dislocazione area Urbino
- 4 - Data di movimento 12 marzo 1945
- 5 - Nuova dislocazione _____
- 6 - Attualmente in servizio presso _____
- 7 - Destinato a prestar servizio presso _____
- 8 - Giorno in cui gli oggetti dovrebbero essere distribuiti _____
- 9 - Data dell'ultima richiesta _____
- IO - Numero e data di richieste precedenti per le quali è stata concessa l'autorizzazione, ma che la distribuzione non è avvenuta o è avvenuta in parte e per alcuni capi di corredo soltanto _____

- II - Osservazioni particolari che mettano in chiaro la necessità del reparto _____

Descrizione	quantità richiesta		Disponibili nei magazzini italiani la cui distribuzione è autorizzata dallo S.M.R.E.	Richieste da provenienza alleata
	Per mancanza assoluta	Per sostituzione oggetti in distribuzione.		
Stellette	4000			
Fodere pagliericci	2000			
Farsetti a maglia	1200	300		
Asciugatoi	2000			
Calze		2000		
Fasce ventriere	2000			
Scarpe		600		
Borse per pulizia	2000			
Colli Calzolaio	17			
Colli Sarto	17			
Spazzole per scarpe	1000			
Borracce	2000			
Berretti a busta		500		
Camicie	500			
Giubbetti		500		
Giubboni		250		
Mutande	500			
Pantaloni (lana)		250		
Appelli alpini		100		
Lacci per scarpe	4000			
Sacchi alpini	150			
Borse tattiche	120			

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Si certifica che le uniformi e le scarpe sono richieste per sostituire il vestiario e le calzature necessarie per portare il reparto alla dotazione normale (una uniforme ed un paio di scarpe per uomo). Inoltre non si tratteranno in magazzino scorte di vestiario e calzature e che tutti gli altri oggetti richiesti fanno parte dell'equipaggiamento prescritto per il Reparto interessato.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO
Comandante del Gruppo
(Dolini Federico)
Fedeli



L'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO
-IL COMANDANTE ALLEATO-

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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Army Form C2135 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Reg. No.

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FROM (A)	Originator near EIGHTH	Date-Time of Origin 05 2030	Office Date Stamp Regat.
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TO	(W) For Information (INFO) 8 ACRES main army (FOR B)	Message Instructions 114	GR

Originator's No. 3955 REGISTERED (.)

release is authorized to 8 ACRES of following stores for use of 3 and 10 italian engr
 coys (.) capes 4/6 qty 254 socks woollen pra qty 300 (.) 8 ACRES to contact ADOS
 86 area ref collection instra

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Subject : Adm - ITAM, DM Units

Main HQ Eighth Army
M 3013 REE

6 MAR 45

3 Army Gp HQ

Copy to : 100
MILA

Ref attached copy of Rear Army letter E 2011/2 Q dated 4 MAR 45, ¹¹⁶

1. It will be seen that efforts are being made to improve the conditions disclosed by your AGED 130/1 dated 11 JAN 45.

2. In order that these efforts can be sustained please send a report at the end of each week giving the following information :-

- (a) Is the rate of repair of boots satisfactory.
- (b) Are razor blades being provided.

3. With regard to the other points raised in the a/m letter, please state whether :-

- (a) Capes A/G have been collected.
- (b) 300 pairs of socks have been collected.
- (c) It is agreed that boots rubber knee are not now essential.
- (d) It is agreed that items listed should be taken on charge by you.

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Boots

SUBJECT:- Adm - Italian Units

Rear HQ Eighth Army, CEF.

Tel Ext:- 218

R 2011/2 Q

4 Mar 45

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Copy to:- Ord Rear Army
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Ref your letter M 2011 HQ dated 27 Feb 45, copy to this branch concerning clothing and eqpt required by 6 ADIA for Italian Ingr units.

The following comments are made:-

BOOTS

- (i) Steps have been taken by ISIA to obtain and issue further boots.
- (ii) The present policy is to repair the boots of Italian Service tps in 228 Italian Div. Stocks of grindery have recently been made available to 228 Italian Div for this purpose but these stocks are insufficient to allow of issue to individual units.

GUMBOOTS

The recommendation that Boots, rubber knee should be issued on 100% scale to Italian units is not agreed with. No stocks of Boots rubber knee are at present available for issue on even a limited scale. Stocks will become available when winter soles are withdrawn from British units; should these boots rubber knee be required at that time consideration will be given to issuing a small number to HQ 8 ADIA for loan to 3 and 10 Italian Ingr Coys.

CAES A/G

Arrangements have been made for the release of 254 Capes A/G from Army stocks.

SOCKS

The proposal to issue woollen socks to VRI-III Service units has already been considered and turned down by AFHQ in view of the shortage of wool. Arrangements have however been made for the release of 100 pairs to HQ 8 ADIA from Army stocks. 150 pairs will be issued

Ref your letter M 3013 dated 27 Feb 45, copy to this branch concerning clothing and eqpt required by 8 AGRs for Italian Engg units.

The following comments are made:-

BOOTS

- (i) Steps have been taken by MILA to obtain and issue further boots.
- (ii) The present policy is to repair the boots of Italian Service tps in 220 Italian Div. Stocks of grinding have recently been made available to 200 Italian Div for this purpose but these stocks are insufficient to allow of issue to individual units.

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CAPE 4/C

Arrangements have been made for the release of 254 Capes 4/G from ARV stocks.

SOCKS

The proposal to issue woollen socks to BRL-III Service ^{units} has already been considered and turned down by ARV in view of the shortage of wool. Arrangements have however been made for the release of 500 pairs to HQ 8 AGRs from Army stocks. HQ 8 AGRs will arrange for the loan of these socks to the Coys concerned.

SUITS, VESTS, GLOVES

In view of the present shortage of clothing the recommendation that vests woollen and shirts magla dreb be issued to Italian Engg Coys cannot be agreed to.

RAZOR BLADES

MIA are investigating to see whether the supply from Italian sources can be improved. Issue on replacement from MFI cannot be permitted as stocks are insufficient.

GENERAL.

The good work done by Italian Mgr units is appreciated. It is however not possible to reward these units for their efforts by issuing British clothing and equipment as, in the first place, stocks of all items of clothing are not at present large enough to meet even the normal maintenance requirements of British fighting units and, secondly, it is not possible to make a distinction between Italian Mgr units and other Italian Service troops. In this connection attention is drawn to ARO 54/45.

Hitherto an additional difficulty has been the high rate of wastage of material by Italian units. To prevent avoidable loss it is suggested that items of equipment of British Ordnance origin, such as Gages, Socks and Socks lent to the Italian user units. Releases of such items have therefore been made to HQ 8 ACRE and not to Italian units nominated.

Stanley Johnson

W Lieut-Col.
ACRE, Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT:- Adm - Italian Units

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/116
2 Mar 45

CE
Main HQ, Eighth Army.

1. Ref your letter M 3013 RE dated 27 Feb 45 and HQ 1210 GHQ Tps RE A/12/2 of 24 Feb 45. 228 Div have been instructed to tell 3 Coy and 10 Coy Italian RE to collect the following items of clothing from 228 Dib stores GEFENA.

Boots	3 Coy	143 plus 10% reserve
	10 Coy	144 " " "
Gloves	3 Coy	194
	10 Coy	180
Shirts	3 Coy	33
	10 Coy	35
Pullovers	3 Coy	9
	10 Coy	25

2. Q are looking into the question of gas capes and have spoken to you about gum boots.
3. We are expecting shirts within the next few days and may still have a small number in stock to meet the above numbers.
4. Vests are not available though may it be noted that one pullover equals 2 vests.
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5. Socks will be available for 10 days through 228 Div. It is doubtful if Q will authorise a special issue of thick socks.
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MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.
Major,

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Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Copy to : CRE 1210 GHQ Tps, RE.

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*NOT sent to CRE - 228 Div
to purchase gloves in para 1
on 13 Jan. Shirts still outstanding.*

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Subject : Adm - Italian Units

Main HQ Eighth Army
M 3013 RE

27 FEB 45

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Copy 'Q' Rear Army

1. The following letter has been received from Comd 8 ACRE :-

" I have recently gone into the question of supply and replacement of clothing and necessaries for ITALIAN units under my comd and am not at all satisfied with the posn as it stands at present.

The posn is worse in 3 and 10 Ingr Coys than in 162 Pnr Coy, as they have to rely entirely on supply through ITALIAN channels and have no BRITISH cadre to 'Father' them as is the case with 162 Pnr Coy.

The tps are doing good work, but they cannot be expected to maintain their present standard of work unless certain improvements are made to ensure the maint of their health and morale.

The position as regards the more important items and my recommendations are as follows :-

BOOTS

(a) 162 Pnr Coy have recently obtained supplies through 61 Pnr Gp and the position is satisfactory. Personnel in the Ingr Coys were each issued some months ago (the last issue was made in SEP 44) with one pair of second hand Brit Army Boots. These boots were adequate during dry weather but snow and rain have deteriorated them to such an extent that many men have been unable to turn out on works during the recent bad weather.

The present state in these Coys is as follows :-

	<u>3 Coy</u>	<u>10 Coy</u>
Strength -ORs	194	180
Boots requiring replacement -prs	95	84
" " repairs -prs	50	60

Both Coys have two shoemakers but boots cannot be repaired because

- (i) The necessary materials are not available.
- (ii) There are no spare boots for the men to wear while their own are being repaired.

Both Coys have applied to 223 Div for the necessary replacements and have been informed that none are available.

Copy "Q" Rear Army

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Recommendations

- (i) That steps be taken to improve the supply of replacement boots.
- (ii) That a regular supply of repairing materials be made available.
- (iii) That units be authorised to hold 10% spare to allow necessary repairs to be carried out.

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(b) GUIDE

Par Coys are authorized to draw these from Allied sources and 162 Par Coy now hold one pair per man.

Although they are doing similar work under equally bad conditions, Par Coys are not entitled to an issue of Gun boots.

As any boots issued to these units will inevitably be of a poor quality, it is considered essential that they should have Gun boots for wear during wet weather.

Recommendations

Issue of Gun boots on 100% scale to Italian Par Coys.

(c) GAS CAPES

An issue of U/S capes is authorized but 3 Par Coy have been unable to obtain any from 228 Div and at present hold none.

Of 150 capes recently received by 10 Par Coy 60 were useless and need replacing.

Recommendations

Immediate issue of serviceable capes required by 3 and 10 Par Coys i.e. 254 capes.

(a) SOCKS

The present authorized scale is one pair of socks and one foot cloth per man.

The socks so far issued have been of the thin American type which are unsatisfactory for hard wear in Army boots and which will be useless for wear in Gun boots.

The foot cloths are what are normally issued by the Italian Army for wear on route marches and are not satisfactory for normal wear.

Recommendations

- (i) That the scale be increased to two pairs per man.
- (ii) That woollen socks be issued.

(e) SHIRTS and VESTS

The scale of issue is one of each per man, which is hardly adequate but is probably the best that can be expected.

In many cases, however, thin shirts and in nearly all cases thin PT vests have been issued.

Many of the men in these units come from SOUTHERN ITALY and feel the cold badly and even for the others these issues are not satisfactory if the men's health is to be preserved during the present very cold weather which is likely to continue until MAR.

Recommendations

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(f) GLOVES

No issue is at present authorized.

Recommendation

100% scale of issue.

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(C) RAZOR BLADES

This question has been raised before and MIA in their letter MM/103 dated 20 DEC stated that issues were made to units by HQ 228 Div as and when supplies became available.

None of the units under my command has received an issue for at least 3 months and, although every Coy has a Barber, the men are unable to get a shave regularly which I consider is essential.

Recommendation

That steps be taken to improve the supply of razor blades. "

2. The recommendations made are entirely endorsed.
3. May such steps as are possible be taken to bring these recommendations into effect.

Lubman-Hoy

Brig
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Subject: Adm - Italian Units

Rear HQ Eighth Army, CME.

Tel: 735 218

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13 Mar, 45.

CE Main Army

Copy to: CEA
MAIA LO

Ref your M 3013 IS of 12 Mar 45 enclosing 3 AME letter
AGSB 217/1 of 9 Mar, 45.

Following points are noted for your info:

- (a) Capes A/C are temporarily in short supply, but it is hoped that within a short time the posn will improve and allow of fulfillment of outstanding demands.
- (b) It is still not possible to issue boots rubber lined, as holdings have not yet been withdrawn from stocks. It is expected, however, that a second pair of boots will be provided in lieu, through Italian channels, in the near future.
- (c) Arrangements are in hand at this moment to provide an additional 60 shirts through Italian channels.

H. Pulley Capt

LT Lt. Col.,
8th Army.

*Spoke GI RE + told him the shirts
aren't here yet.*

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R 3011/20

13 Mar, 45.

OE Main Army

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H. P. King

LT Lt. Col.,
AGRA, Eighth Army.

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Subject : Adm - ITALIAN Units

Bogett

MAIN HQ Eighth Army
H 3013 RS

12 MAR 45

12 MAR 1945

1Q Rear Army

Copy to : 171A Rear Army

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Ref your R 2011/2 G dated 4 MAR, and further to this
HQ H 3013 RS dated 6 MAR 45.

Copy of 8 AGCE letter is finded herewith for such action
as you consider necessary.

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H. L. Howard
Lt Col RC

Brig
CE

COPY

Subject : AMM - ITALIAN Units

HQ 8 Army Cp RE
Tel : FOULI Hook

ACRE 217/1
9 MAR 45

CE Main Eighth Army

Copy to : 1210 CHU Tye HS (GRS)

1. Ref your H 3013 RB of 6 MAR and att Letter from Rear Eighth Army.

Capes A/G 150 Have been collected. AOS 86 (Army) Area states that no more are available at present.

Socks 500 prs have been collected.

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GUMBOOTS It is not agreed that these are not now essential. 3 and 10 Bn Coy are working in hilly country where some more snow and a considerable amount of rain may be expected. The issue, at an early date, of Gumboots for these units is therefore requested. A second pair of boots could be accepted in lieu and might be better as long term policy.

Vests and Shirts

Although the letter from Rear Army states that Woollic vests and shirts cannot be issued to Italian Sig Coys, some have in fact been issued, as stated in my ACR 217/1 of 4 MAR. In view of the high altitude at which these units are employed the issue of 68 more Woollic shirts to complete them to scale of one per man is requested.

2. It is agreed that, if it will facilitate the supply of these items, they should be taken on charge by this HQ and issued on loan to the Italian Coys.

1. Ref your M 3013 RB of 6 MAR and att letter from Rear British Army.

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Socks 300 pairs have been collected.

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2. It is agreed that, if it will facilitate the supply of these items, they should be taken on charge by this HQ and issued or loan to the Italian Coys.

(SGD) ???
Col
Command Army (p. 11)

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MMIA ROME

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Originator's No.

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3 TON CRUISE REPORTING FOR IO MAR TO COLLECT CAPS (.)
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Message GR

Originator **mm 345** Restricted C of Commissariat personnel sent for clothing laundry from area 12 days destination **MMIA LO** will have 7 days more

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TO MMIA

INFO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

FIFTH ARMY (BRIT INCR)

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RESTRICTED (.) SUBJECT IS BOOTS (.)

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YOUR Q/OS/87 OF 7 MAR (.)

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MMIA LO Rear HQ 8 Army.

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TO (FOR INFO): FREEDOM FOR Q/AE
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FOR MMIA LO (.) SUBJECT IS SUMMER CLOTHING FOR BRITISH SERVICE TROOPS (.) SCALE
WILL BE TWO PAIRS KD SLACKS AND ONE BUSH SHIRT ISSUED SHORTLY FOLLOWED LATER
BY SECOND BUSH SHIRT (.) DISTRIBUTION WILL BE THROUGH ADM DIV'S ON DATE
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CTIONS FOR ITI-ITI GD BNS UNDER BR COMD WILL FOLLOW (.) INSTRUCTION RE
DISPOSAL OF GREEN BATTLE DRESS LATER (.) COMBAT FORCE EQUIPPED BY ORD BR
THROUGH BR CHANNELS (.) ALL INFORMED

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COPY BY POST ALL MMIA LOS
Q/AE

Copy to 'Q' ✓

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HARVEY LAEE NR89 I MORTANT
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FROM MMIA 071455A

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions	—GR—
MMIA ROME FIVEARMY br inor				

Originator's No.

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RESTRICTED (.) ref MMIA ROME sig 0/08/87 of 7 copy to this HQ (.) request all possible action taken hasten availability new boots for BR-ITI service tps (.) already necessary issue on loan 2000 prs from brit ord stocks to meet urgent needs 252 italian pack tpt go for march fwd from 1 dist to army area

Bqcat.

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HARRYLAE AR62 QVR2

FROM MMIA ~~██████████~~ 071415A
TO FREEDOM

ET-100-1000

June 109/7

INFO REAR EIGHT ARMY : : : FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
GR60 BT

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/05/67 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR Q/AE (.) REQUEST OUTSTANDING
FIFTEEN THOUSAND NEW BOOTS FOR BR-ITI SERVICE TPS IN FIFTH AND EIGHT
ARMY AREAS BE MADE AVAILABLE ~~██████████~~ EARLIEST (.)
FOR MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY BR INCREMENT AND EIGHT ARMY (.)
~~██████████~~ OWING SHORTAGE BEHIND ARMY BOUNDARY AM NOT RPT NOT
SENDING FWD REPAIRED SECOND HAND ~~██████████~~ BOOTS IN VIEW ABOVE
OUTSTANDING QUANTITIES NEW BOOTS DUE TO YOU
BT 071415A

RPTN 02 2 ~~071415A 02 0/05/67 Q/AE BR-ITI~~
SENT RJ B

[Signature]
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Q-03-MMIA LO

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Subjects:- Rail Bids.

Report
10/15

EX-100-1046

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)
R O M S
6/08/15

M.N.I.A. L.O. Br. Inor. 5 Army
" " 8 Army.

7 March 45.

By reason of the existing rules whereby bid for rail traffic entering Army Areas must be made through Movements at Army, it will be your responsibility to bid for necessary rail transport for any clothing etc released to you ex Depot No 8 Prattmaggiore.

In your bids it is essential that you specify the loading station, not as Naples, but as PRATT MAGGIORE.

J. Greenwood.

P.S. GREENWOOD, Major
for Col. D & QMG,
M.N.I.A.

Copy:- Movement HQ M.N.I.A.
M.N.I.A. HQ Naples for DARS

FSG/ab

SUBJECT:- 514 Italian Line Sec.

3DIO/18

5 Mar 45

MMIA LO
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

116.
27 MAR 1945

Further to this office letter of even reference dated 16 Feb 45 and to MMIA LO 1 District letter LO/Q4 dated 19 Feb 45.

Herewith copy of a letter received at this office from CSO's branch, 3 District.

May this office please be informed of what action has been taken?

HEPT/rpw

[Signature]
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

C O P YSUBJECT:- 514 Italian Line Sec.3 District
Tel. Ext. 39.

4061 X132

24 Feb 45MMIA LO 3 District
CSO 1 District.

Ref 1 District IO/Q4 of 19 Feb 45.

1. Attached is a copy of a certificate from OC 173 Italian Sig Coy that 514 Italian Line Sec moved complete with clothing and eqpt, and that second-hand boots and uniforms issued were not so badly worn as to require replacement (see para iv).
2. The OC Line Sec required from OC 173 Italian Sig Coy only one battle-dress blouse and four pairs of boots as a final demand before movement.
3. The demand by OC 514 Line Sec on 1 District for items enumerated in 1 District letter is not understood, therefore. It would appear that either this officer is thoroughly incompetent or else dishonest.
4. Could this office be informed if the question concerning rations was investigated. My 4061 X122 of 13 Feb 45 refers.

Signed. A. D. CROCKER Major.
for Col.
Chief Signal Officer.ASC/FJD

TRANSLATION

No. 763 di Frot.

173 Italian Sig. Coy.

PM 3400 13 Feb 45.
-----SUBJECT:- 514 Italian Line Sec. - Clothing.To:- CSO 3 District.

Reference Lt. NICOLAI'S questions concerning 514 Line Sec., I have to inform you :-

- (i) The section, as ordered, moved complete in personnel.
- (ii) They carried with them five days' rations.
- (iii) The section moved complete in clothing as the deficiencies had been made up by an issue on the day before the move.
- (iv) It should be pointed out that, in the case of boots and uniforms, which were second hand material issued some months ago, were already partly worn, but not so badly as to authorise replacement.

The following is the scale of clothing issued to personnel.

Uniform, dyed, complete.	1	Drawers, wool	2
Boots, prs	1	Socks, wool	2
Cap, wool, dyed	1	Shirts, cotton	2
Mackinaw	1	Comforter	1
Undershirts, wool	2	Blankets, wool	2

In many cases, the following items of summer clothing previously issued, should be added :- Drawers, cotton, Undershirts, cotton, Socks, cotton.

In many cases, however, such items (from Italian sources) as, for instance, ground sheets, towels and handkerchiefs, were deficient.

Signed. ARDUINO DE MARTIN,
Lt-Col? Comdg.

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ABT Personnel; ClsMg

FROM: LAKE 052221A

TO: (1) NOBIS (2) MOVIE (3) NOV HOME (4) MOVIE (5) PANSOUTH

INFO: (6) RELAR & ABEZ (7) PMS ROSE (8) 701 RAILWAY GRAND DIV (9) ALCOM (10) MILA

GR 159 BT

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RESTRICTED. FOR ACCOUNTANCES PERIOD 5 - 11 MARCH IS SUBJECT. PG7287 SIGNED

SACRED CITE MILAN. INFO MILA FOR NOV LO. RE DELIVER MOLINIA TO ANCONA

25 TPD BOCCASERUA TO CANCELLO 40 TPD S & E PER DELIVER APOCHA TO FOLLI

15 TPD MILA AND PRATTIACAGNANO TO CESSIA GIGGING 5 TPD NFI ADD ANCONA

TO RIMINI 12 TPD IN ADD NAPLES DOES TO ANCONA 20 TONS TOTAL AG ADD

CIVITAVECCHIA TO ANZICO COAL 100 TONS TOTAL NAPLES TO LEGGA SEND POTATOES

26 TPD DELERE NAPLES TO ROME CASERD VEHICLES 75 TPD PPS ADD MARCIANNE TO PARI

DEL 100 TONS S & T SUPS DELERE CASORIA TO ~~VERDE~~ 7 TPD REDUCE NAPLES TO

TO ROME BY 7 TPD DELER RAGGIO TO BARI GRAPES 70 TONS ADD CASORIA TO

BARI 500 TONS DAF DELERE RIMANO TO CASERTA 20 TONS DELERE CASTANIA TO

CASTELLAMARE 170 TONS APPENDIX E INCREASE REGGIO BY 500 TONS

CIVITAVECCHIA BY 1000 TONS DECREASE NAPLES BY 1000 TONS.

"Q" Dist:

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MILA LO
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QVR 1
FROM ~~LAEE~~ 032015A
TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY
INFO MMIA ROME
GR 32 BT

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RESTRICTED (.) REFERENCE YOUR 03910 DATED 2 MARCH 45
PARA 2 (.) ~~STONED~~ SACRED (.) SITE FHGDQ FX37171 (.) 3 TPD
MMIA CLOTHING FROM NAPLES
TO CESENA BEING DESPATCHED PERIOD 5 - 11 MAR (.)
BT 032015A

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STAN. DISTRICT P.O.S. NAMES
FROM ~~MIA~~ 021926A

TO ~~MIA~~ MMIA LO 8 ARMY REAR
INFO MMIA
GR188 BT

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3 MAR 1945

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SUBJECT:- Clothing and Equipment.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC.
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

"A" Rear Eighth Army.

MM/116
2 Mar 45

Ref ~~your~~ letter R 2522/20 dated 26 Feb 45.

The undermentioned items of clothing have been priced in the "Black Market" in this area. These items would fetch a much higher price in the Rome area.

Boots Rubber Knee	9,000	lire
Jerkins Leather	10,000	"
Coats Duffle	7,500	"
Suits, Simplex clothing		
Jackets	5,500	"
Trousers	3,500	"
Stoves, Oil, Heating	4,500	"

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Major,
MMIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

Copy to A Rear Army

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DIS/ MWIA LO .

TO:- MWIA LO REAR 8 ARMY MMIA
FROM/- PENSOUTH MWIA LO 9129

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FROM THRUPP . FIRST . 64 PATRIOTS CONSIGNED . SECOND AIREY ALREADY
HAS 2 WAGONS LOADED CLOTHING . AM ARRANGING TO HAVE THESE DESPATCHED
RIGHT AWAY IN PLACE OF TONNAGE BID FOR PERIOD 5 - 11 MAR . 5 TRUCKS
LOADING TODAY WITH REMAINDER OF CLOTHING . RELEASES 303 18 AND 303 26
BOTH OF 31 JAN STILL HERE . WILL SIGNAL DETAILS ETAS AND WAGON NUMBERS
TONIGHT

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FOR. USE

THE HERR Y MAR NR 90 QVR 1

REAR. 10 CORPS 271820A

TO REAR 8 ARMY

INFO REAR 13 CORPS

EX GR 19

225 RESTRICTED. FINAL DEFICIENCIES

F O L G O R E G R U P P O A S F O L L O W S .

GREAT ~~COATS~~ COATS 2075 INCL

5 PER CENT RES HUGS DRINKING 10000

REAR 100 944 QVR 1 10 271820A 8 13 GR 19

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M. M. A. No

1558

SUBJECT: Clothing A Dept - Italian Units

Dear HQ Eighth Army CTR.

Tel Ref: 216

R 2522/2 Q

26 Feb 45

A Rear Army
ORD " "
MILLO " "

Copy to: 1st Rear Army

Copy of Lab letter R 252 IA dated 25 Feb 45 is forwarded herewith.

It is requested that the following action be taken:

Ord to obtain and forward to Rear A the current Yeob prices of

Boots Rubber Shoe	9000	Yob
Jerkins Leather	12000	"
Coats Duffel	7500	"
Suits Simpler Clothing		Trainers 3500
Stores Oil Heating	1500	Jackets 5500

MILLO to obtain and forward to Rear A the current 'black-market' values of the above articles so far as these can be estimated.

It is suggested that the higher range of prices be taken as a basis for fines and that the money recovered be paid into British Trust accounts.

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Raymond Johnson

Lieut-Col.
ACMG, Eighth Army.

26 Feb 45

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MAILC " "

Copy to: - 1st Rear Army

Copy of Lab letter R 252 LA dated 25 Feb 45 is forwarded herewith.

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Boots Rubber Shoes	9000	Less	
Jenkins Leather	10000	"	
Coats Dufile	7500	"	
Suits Simpler Clothing			Thomas 8500
Stoves Oil Heating	4500		Trickett 5500

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Robert Johnson

Lieut-Col.
AGPS, Eighth Army.

Encl:

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C O P YSUBJECT:- Clothing & Eqp - Italian Units

MEMO HQ BRITISH ARMY ONLY
 Tel Nrt: 272
 R 252 IA

25 Feb 45

Ref HQ MIA letter A/Q 6 dated 16 Feb 45.

1. It happens with some frequency that items such as Leather Jerkins, Boots Rubber Innes, Stoves oil heating etc., are lost by Italian personnel either through accident, carelessness, going absent or selling to civilians.
2. It is considered that disciplinary action should be taken in such cases in a similar manner as for the items listed in the a/q letter.
3. However, it is not considered in the event of the value of the missing articles being recovered that the monies should accrue to Italian funds, but rather that they should be paid into British funds.
4. Will you please take the matter up with 'A' with a view to :-

- (i) Ascertaining if disciplinary action can be taken to recover the value of items of special winter eqpt as enumerated above
- (ii) Having the values fixed.
- (iii) Confirming that the money so recovered will be paid into British funds.

(sgd) ? ? ? ? ? Major.
 for Col.
 D D L.
 British Army.

Ref Ext: 272
R 252 IA

25 Feb 45

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(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? Major,
for Col.
D D L.
Eighth Army.

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Subject : Clothing for Italian Artieri Coys.

HQ 1210 GHQ Tps RE
O M F

Ref : A/12/2
24 Feb 45

8 HQ AGNE

Ref this HQ letter A/12/1 of 8 Jan, to 8 AGNE, and MILIA 8th Army letter A/12/1 dated 10 Jan, copy attached at appendix 'C'.

1. No extra issue clothing has been received from British sources. Appendix 'D' is a list of clothing received by these companies from Italian sources since Jan 15th. The condition of some of this clothing when received was extremely bad, for example the tunics were extremely worn, boots have all been resoled, the quality of the work is poor and the boots rapidly wear out. Shirts, either cotton or woollen, are very thin and all part worn. Socks have all been repaired by sewing up the holes, not by darning. The woollen vests were practically worn out. Handkerchiefs are bits of flour sacking, with makers name still showing.
2. In view of new commitments 3 and 10 Artieri companies will be working in hilly country in snow and heavy rain. These companies are inadequately clothed for this task.
3. Appendix 'A' shows the present deficiencies of clothing on the authorised scale provided through Italian sources. This appendix makes no allowance for the fact that both companies are under strength and that the reinforcements that arrive have frequently to be re-equipped.
4. Appendix 'B' shows a list of extra clothing which is authorised for pioneer labour companies working in the same conditions. This clothing is provided for pioneer companies from British sources.
5. The maintenance of Route 67 depends on the ability of these companies to work in bad weather. This will not be possible unless the extra issue items shown in Appendix 'B' are made available forthwith, and the companies are brought up to scale on their present authorised schedule of clothing. It is requested that provision of the clothing listed in appendices 'A' and 'B' be made as early as possible as these companies move to their new locations on 26 Feb.

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M. M. M.

Lt. Col. RE.
ORE 1210 GHQ Tps RE.

*Share material - he'll do the
them, request. 26/2*

ADJW/ACAB

Copy to : *✓*
MILA near HQ Eighth Army
228 (Admin) Italian Div
3 Italian Eng Coy
10 Italian Eng Coy

Appendix 'A'

24 Feb. Items of clothing deficient from standard scale of clothing on

	<u>3 Coy.</u>	<u>10 Coy.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Working overalls, coat	65	18	83
Working overalls, trousers	142	27	169
Shirts	33	55	68
Socks, woollen, pairs	154	142	296
Pullovers	9	23	32
Present strength of (W.E. 236) :-	186 men	171 men	357 men.

Appendix 'B'

List of extra issue clothing now given to Italian Pioneer Companies, which is essential for work :-

	<u>3 Coy.</u>	<u>10 Coy.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Gumboots, pairs	186	171	357
Leather jerkins	186	171	357
Scarf	186	171	357
Extra pair socks	350	250	500

Based on present company strength.

Pullovers

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Extra pair socks	350	350	500

Based on present company strength.

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APPENDIX 'C'

Subject - Boots, Rubber, Knee.

Liaison Officer
Tend Forces Sub Comm. AC (MVA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/121

10 Jan 45

1210 GHO Tps R.E.

1. Further to my MM/121 dated 29 Dec 44 and your A/12/11 dated 27 Dec 44., I enclose "Q" Rear ENGINEER ARMY Letter R 2011 Q dated 3 Jan 45., which speaks for itself.
2. If you want me to pursue the matter further please let me have the necessary material.

(sig) ? ? ?

Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

Subject - Boots Rubber Knee

Rear HQ Eighth Army,
CAF.
R 2011 Q
3 Jan 45.

MMIA LO

Copy to:- E Main Army.

Ref your MM/121 of 29 Dec 44.

1. The ARO dated 25 Oct 44 to which ref is made in para 2 of your letter cannot be traced. It is requested that you confirm

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1210 GPO: 1955 R.S.

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 Lt-Col. C.S.
 MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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Subject-- Boots Rubber Knee

Rear HQ Eighth Army,
 CMF.
 R 2011 Q
 3 Jan 45.

MMIA LO

Copy to:- E Main Army.

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Ref your MM/121 of 29 Dec 44.

- 1. The ARO dated 25 Oct 44 to which ref is made in para 2 of your letter cannot be traced. It is requested that you confirm the number of this Order and date of publication.
- 2. It is regretted that stocks of boots rubber knee do not at present permit issue to Italian Eng Coys.
- 3. It is understood that issues on loan of boots rubber knee to Italian Eng Coys is being made by the RE HQ under whose comd the coys are working.

(sgd) ? ? ?
 Lt-Col.,
 AQMG, Eighth Army.

Appendix 'D'

List of clothing received through Italian sources since 15 Jan :

	<u>3 Coy.</u>	<u>10 Coy.</u>
Tunics	30	51
Trousers	30	35
Repaired boots	135	170
Pullovers	13	29
Cotton shirts	20	15
Woollen shirts	99	50
Cotton socks	138	120
Overcoats	50	60
Gloves	191	131
Foot bandage	90	100
Wrist bands	-	30
Handkerchiefs	248	200
Caps	40	-
Towels	18	20
Woollen Vests	148	142
Woollen pants	-	5
Mess tins	-	5

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO) FIVEBASE (dist incr) rear 10 corps	Message Instructions	GR

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SECRET (.) your Q 125 of 20 (.) majority of deficiencies
POLCOM already made up (.) theatre shortage several
items as eg greatcoats make it impossible guarantee
100 percent completion (.) all possible action to hasten
provision has already been taken

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TO:- REAR 8 ARMY REAR 10 CORPS
INFO ORD

FROM:- REAR 13 CORPS

Q 125

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SECRET .

UNDERSTAND POLCORE GP SHORT OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF WARM CLOTHING PARTICULARLY
GREAT COATS . REQUEST ASSURANCE THAT THESE DEFICIENCIES AND ANY OTHERS OF
ESSENTIAL NATURES WILL BE MADE UP BEFORE MOVE

TOO 1225

IMPORTANT

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Subject:- 514 Italian Line Section.

27 FEB 1945

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref IO/Q4.

19 Feb 45

To:- MMIA IO., Rear 8 Army.

1. 514 Italian Line Section have left for 8 Army Area.
I cannot therefore follow this case up.
2. I had issued to them at the urgent request of Sigs.,
I District:-

Boots	59 prs.
B/D Trousers	47
B/D Flouses	14
Mackinaws	10

3. It is suggested by Sigs, I District, that they were
issued with clothing when despatched but that this was
of such poor quality that it needed replacement.
4. Will you please inform MMIA IO., 3 District of action
taken by you and 228 Division.

W. B. Bower

Capt.
MMIA IO., I District.

Copy to:- MMIA IO., 3 District (Your 3 DIO/18 of 16 Feb.,
copy to MMIA IO., 8 Army)

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Stationed at VERRUCCHIO

Already indented.

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Subject: Handkerchiefs - BR-ITIS.

22 FEB 1945
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/OS/20

19 Feb 45.

ALL MMIA LOs

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.

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

FJN/wk

Copy given to 228 DAU
Request
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127 HARR V HAR NR282 QVR2
FROM MAIN EIGHTARMY 161755A
TO MAIN 13 CORPS
INFO REAR EIGHTARMY
QY

17 FEB 1945
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U301 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)
REF CONVERSATION SOUTAR-HASELGROVE (.)
ISSUE FOLLOWING EQPT FOR PARTISANS AUTHORISED AS REQUESTED (.)
BOOTS 40 PRS (.) SOCKS 80 PRS (.) PULLOVERS 40 (.)
CAPES ANTIGAS 40 (.) MESS TINS 40 (.)
BATTLE DRESS 20 SUITS

BT
~~RPTN 127.282-2-161755A-13 U301~~
~~30++ SOUTAR-HASELGROVE~~
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~~VA TKS~~

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: rear EIGHTH
TO: rear 10 corps

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9 FEB 1953 08 2355A

1st
Bgd

Originator's No. 3573

SECRET (.) ref 53 BLU letter Q 11 - 13 of 5 subject deficiencies clothing
and capt FOLEGNE (.) cannot reconcile deficiencies shown with your sig
Q 952 of 27 Jan (.) request report by immediate sig whether provision
action already taken meet these deficiencies and what if any you are
unable supply (.) essential all possible action taken complete GRUPO by
i.e. basic
15 Feb to up scale/iti scale plus items demanded your Q 952 (.) in view
priority now allotted FOLEGNE this HQ requesting urgent provision of base
towels cap Comforters discs identity knives clasp laces leather to scale
for 9000

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into enemy hands, this message must be
sent in CIPHER

Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Signed: [Signature]

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FROM: REAR EIGHTH ARMY
TO: FREEDOM (FOR QAF)
INFO: 15 ARMY GP REAR 10 CORPS

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Originator's No. Q 3572

SECRET (.) ref 53 HLU progress report - Q on POLICONE CHUIFO as at
4. feb under ref Q 11 - 13 of 5 feb not to 15 ARMY GP (.) in view of
role now allotted POLICONE necessary complete CHUIFO to op scale by
15 feb (.) request highest priority given issue from dep to make
up present basic deficiencies shown paras 2 and 3 progress report (.)
details deficiencies to follow (.) further request urgent provision
following additional to basic scale towels cap comforters discs
identity sets knives clasp shoes leather pns all qty 9000 (.)
provision already made Ed dressings gloves pns qty 9000 vests
woolens qty 18000

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to fall into enemy hands, this
message must be sent IN CLEAR

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Signed *Wendell Johnson*

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For Action <i>sent to corps</i>			Message Instructions
TO	(W) For Information (INFO) <i>11/6</i>		

Originator's No. *1385*

REMARKS (.) and communication center - SECURITY (.) only given release following addition to encryption PROGRAM to code 7000 (.) Field Advantage gloves are used (.) 1000 units problem (.) 1000

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Originator rear HIGHWAY

Date/Time of Origin 31 2250 A

Office Date Stamp

For Action

rear 10 corps

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No. 3445

RECEIVED (.) your 952 of 27 (.) release authorized to POLICERS following only (.) fd dressing qty 900 gloves per qty 9000 vests qty 10000 (.) towels agreed and release will follow when availability permits (.) other items not auth orised pending publication. increment to basic MIA scale

NA. Request

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SUBJECT: ITI-ITI Guard Battalions - Maintenance.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/1
29 January 1945.

TO : Fifth Army (British Increment))
Rear Eighth Army -----) - For MMIA LO
1 District)
3 District)
MMIA LO Naples)
MMIA LO Bari)

R/F.

1. In confirmation of this HQ Signal AQ 2675 dated 27 Jan., it has been decided that ITI-ITI Guard Battalions working for British formations will be maintained in the future for clothing and equipment by the Div. Sub Depots for the areas in which they are stationed, exactly as if they were BR-ITIS.
2. All indents will be screened by MMIA LOs, to ensure that demands are reasonable and within the authorized scale.
3. Each time an issue is made to an ITI-ITI Guard Battalion, the Div. Sub Depot will signal full particulars to HQ MMIA, with copy to MMIA LO at NAPLES or BARI, according to which Bulk Depot serves the Div. Sub Depot concerned.
4. MMIA will then issue instructions regarding adjustment of base stocks by transfers from ITI-ITI Depots to BR-ITI Depots.

M.H. Barton Major
M.H. BARTON, Major
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

MHB/ag

Copy to: Ministry of War.

ANYWAY HERE'S ANOTHER MINUTE

36 HARR V HAR NR 483 QVR 1
FROM REAR 10 CORPS 271025A
TO REAR & ARMY
INFO 53 BLU ORD
QOX GR 44

(Handwritten circled initials)

*116 M L 72/27
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Q 952 (.) RESTRICTED(.) REF YOUR Q 3330 OF 24 (.) ADD REQUIREMENTS
COMPLETE F O L G O R E G P AS FOLLOWS(.) CAP COMFORTERS 10000
DISCS IDENTITY 30000 DRESSINGS FIELD 10000
GLOVES KNITTED PRS 10000 KNIVES CLASP 10000 LACES LEATHER
SPARE PRS 10000 SHOES CANVAS 10000 TOWELS HAND 10000 VESTS
WOOLEN 20000

BT

THI 1030

RPTN 36 483 QVR 1 10 271025A 8 53

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Originator's No. 3365

SECRET (.) REF FURNISHING AIRMAIL DELIVER 500 DIV DEFS ON MEXICO (.)

THIS (.) FOLLOWING RELEASED AS ANY OTHER TO ONLY TO AMOUNT STATION

SCALE (.) BEYOND THREE STAGE (BY 500 AIRMAIL ANGLE (BY 1000 NOT OUT

COMPLETE NOTE (BY 500 CHANGING WAGON (BY 1000 FOLLOWING (BY 500 TOTAL

BY 500 GROUNDWATER (BY 500 BENTON (BY 1000 SUCHAS PAN (BY 1500 AIRMAIL PAN

BY 500 WATER BOTTLES (BY 500 BOTTLES (BY 1000 (.) SECRET (.) FOLLOWING

ADDITIONAL TO BULK SCALE RELEASED AS ANY OTHER (.) WATER (BY 1000

GLASS PAN (BY 500 TOTAL (BY 500 BOTTLES (BY 1000 MAKES TOTAL TOTAL

1000 TOTAL BOTTLES 2000 (.) COLLECTION FUTURE ALL ABOVE THROUGH AND (.)

THIS (.) FOLLOWING NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ANY OTHER BUT ASSUMED

OR BENS (.) AREA THIS TOTAL (BY 500 BOTTLES FOUR AGAIN WITH (BY 500 SIGN

BY 500 (.) AS OTHER BY NOT AVAILABLE ASKING YOU WILLING COLLECT (.)

FOUR (.) WATER DEPLETION ANY OTHER AREA ALSO BOTTLES BEING PROVIDED

NOTE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ASKING (WAGON) WILLING ABOUT RECEIPT

BASE AND REPORT WITHIN UNIT

[Handwritten Signature]

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main entry (Box A)

Originator's No. 3365

50000 (.) not including earliest arrival 500 only after as indicated (.)
 10000 (.) following released as any stocks to supply to current Italian
 needs (.) bottle (case) needs qty 500 unless specified qty 1000 was cap
 complete sets qty 500 trousers w/socks qty 1000 following qty 500 towels
 qty 500 treatments qty 500 boots/qty 1000 socks per qty 1000 articles per
 qty 500 water bottles qty 500 blankets qty 1000 (.) socks (.) following
 additional to boots socks released as any stocks (.) yards qty 1000
 gloves per qty 500 towels qty 500 blankets qty 1000 socks total towels
 1000 total blankets 2000 (.) collection include all above through end (.)
 10000 (.) following not immediately available any stocks but confirmed
 on hand (.) main this sets qty 500 extra socks qty 500 extra
 qty 500 (.) if other qty not available assume you willing collect (.)
 10000 (.) owing depletion any stocks zero unless indicated otherwise
 boots not immediately available assume 1000000 willing exchange reserves
 10000 and readjust within unit

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	For Action near 5 corps near 1 ocn corps		<i>Return to file</i> <i>1235 as well</i>	
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)			
			Message Instructions	GR

Originator's No. 3355

RESTRICTED (.) ref impending arrival rfts ex base 400 for MURRI
 200 for CHEMICA (.) authority given release following from any stocks (.)
 for MURRI blankets qty 800 greatcoats qty 400 for CHEMICA blankets qty 400
 greatcoats qty 200 (.) in view recent issues gloves vests both CHEMICA
 considered present stocks should be adequate equip above drafts (.)
 collection instrs through ord (.) separate instrs being issued ref 500
 civilian rfts ex MURUCIA for CHEMICA

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	For Action FOOT 5 GROUP		
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	116	Message Instructions
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Originator's No.

3356

RESTRICTED (.) Following released to you on any stocks for WWII (.)

above per qty 200 (.) additional releases (.)

transmits for 100 rts at base by separate sig

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Originator

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No. 3334

RESTRICTED (.) name agreed with coalition by 15000 for NORTH GUYANA an
requested (.) collection system through ord

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FROM (A)	Originator REAR REGIMENT	Date-Time of Origin 24 JUL 50	Office Date Stamp	
	For Action REAR 5 CORPS		Message Instructions	-GIC-
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)			

Originator's No. 3329

REAR REGIMENT (.) BY 5092 OF 241230A (.) allocation supplies clothing should
road route qty 500 NOT report BUT 5000

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BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT)
() WIRELESS
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FROM (A)	Originator near 5 deeps	Date-Time of Origin 24 1 35 A	Office Date Stamp	
	For Action		Message Instructions	GR
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)			

Originator's No. 3323

RECEIVED (.) further by 3323 of 25 (.) 5000 blankets were available by issue sleeping bags will not be returned to and depot but disposed to meet immediate needs. 3323 (.) duly given and issue from my stocks but 5000 blankets required by 3323 (.) confirm these arrangements satisfactory

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FROM (A)	Originator rear SYPHASY	Date-Time of Origin 26 1730 A	Office Date Stamp
For Action rear cdr corps			Message Instructions — — GR —
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		

Originator's No. 93322

RESTRICTED (.) following issues authorized for 553 rfts arrived GARRISON
 GROUP 23 Jan (.) boots per qty 553 shirts qty 365 greatcoats qty 253 socks per
 qty 553 towels qty 405 (.) shoes will complete to scale (.) following issues
 in excess italian scale authorized vests 1106 gloves per qty 553 (.) collection
 insure through ord (.) every effort being made prevent recurrence these
 deficiencies future drafts

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FROM (A)	Originator FOR SUPPLIES	Date-Time of Origin 26	Office Date Stamp	
	For Action near 10 corps		Message Instructions	GR
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)			

Originator's No. 3330

UNRECORDED (.) UNIT 2 512/13 of 13 (.) limitation stocks prevents
 issues to scale requested (.) in order conform to scale issues made
 DISSEMIN and SUPPLY following released (.) boots rubber knee qty 1000
 genuine leather qty 8000 complete clothing suits qty 500 stoves all heating
 qty 250 (.) boots rubber thigh all (.) consideration being given items
 ductile costs (.) collection instrs through and (.) inform earliest
 additional requirements clothing to complete SUPPLIES to scale 3 clothing

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MM/100 Rem HQ 8 Army. 116
 11 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing for Troops in Hospitals.

LAND FORCES SUE COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
 R O M E
 AQ/15/1
 8 February 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference your Div. V/E 6201/V of 2 Feb. 1945.
2. It is agreed that it is desirable to make some provision of clothing stocks to hospitals for the equipping, on a minimum scale, of patients due for discharge.
3. It is considered, however, that the amount of clothing required will vary slightly from hospital to hospital depending on location and function.
4. Appendix "A" lists the hospitals considered in need of such stocks, and the number of sets of clothing for which authority for issue is given. Figures are based on 5% of the bed strength, and issue may be made forthwith.
5. A set of clothing will consist of items shown in Appendix "B".
6. Clothing to ensure that outgoing patients are in possession of ONE only of each essential item, may be issued at the discretion of the OC hospital. No attempt will be made to complete individuals to the full clothing scale.
7. These stocks will not be replenished automatically but hospitals will indent in the normal manner to maintain them at the authorized level. Indents should state clearly that the items are required to maintain authorized stocks, quoting the reference of this letter, and should be submitted as at the 10th of each month.
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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
 for Major General

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission. 1834

RTW/ag

Copy to: All MMIA LOs.
Med.

*Duplicate to Med
Regd.*

APPENDIX "A" to letter
AG/15/1 dated 8/2/45.

AUTHORIZED STOCKS

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sets of clothing Authorized.</u>
Osp. Mil.	Princ. Virgilio	40
Osp. Mil.	Baldi	15
Osp. Mil.	Gorradini	30
Osp. Mil.	Arpino	25
Osp. Mil.	Chieti	15
Osp. Mil.	Perugia	25
Osp. Mil.	Cagliari	15
Osp. Mil.	Sassari	8
Osp. Mil.	Napoli	40
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	40
Osp. Mil.	Caserta	30
Osp. Mil.	Pagani	10
Osp. Mil.	Aversa	5
Osp. Mil.	Pozzuoli	40
Osp. Mil.	"Belle Arti"	16
Osp. Mil.	SOM Princ. Piemonte	16
Osp. Mil.		8
Inferm. Pres.		25
Osp. Mil.	Princ. Oliveto	10
Osp. Mil.	Monte Natalia	5
Osp. Mil.	Villa Natalia	30
Osp. Mil.	Lucca	20
Osp. Mil.	Riserva (Mil. Wing)	8
Osp. Mil.	G.R.I. Ardenza	15
Osp. Mil.	Ancona	30
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	25
Osp. Mil.	Balilla	15
Osp. Mil.	Del Prate	15
Osp. Mil.	Bitonto	15
Osp. Mil.		15
Osp. Mil.	"Trizio"	25
Osp. Mil.		10
Osp. Mil.	Palo del Colle	15
Osp. Mil.	Convalescent Mil.	15
Centro Ortopedico		10
Osp. Mil. Princ.		50
Osp. Mil. Messina		10
	Rome	
	Roma	
	Rome	
	Arpino	
	Chieti	
	Perugia	
	Cagliari	
	Sassari	
	Napoli	
	Medialoni	
	Pagani	
	Aversa	
	Pozzuoli	
	Napoli	
	Napoli	
	Catanzaro	
	REGG. Calabria	
	Florence	
	Florence	
	Florence	
	Lucca	
	Livorno	
	Livorno	
	Ancona	
	Bari	
	Bari	
	Bari	
	Bitonto	
	Barletta	
	Bisceglie	
	Lecce	
	Foggia	
	Palo del Colle	
	Noce	
	Bari	
	Palermo	
	Messina	

Osp. Mil.	Princ. Virgilio	Rome	15
Osp. Mil.	Baldi	Rome	30
Osp. Mil.	Corradini	Rome	25
Osp. Mil.	Arpino	Arpino	15
Osp. Mil.	Chieti	Chieti	25
Osp. Mil.	Perugia	Perugia	15
Osp. Mil.	Gagliari	Gagliari	8
Osp. Mil.	Sassari	Sassari	40
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	Napoli	40
Osp. Mil.	Caserta	Maddaloni	30
Osp. Mil.	Pagani	Pagani	10
Osp. Mil.	Aversa	Aversa	5
Osp. Mil.	Pozzuoli	Pozzuoli	40
Osp. Mil.	"Belle Arti"	Napoli	16
Osp. Mil.	SOM Princ. Piemonte	Napoli	16
Osp. Mil.		Catanzaro	8
Inferm. Pres.		Regg. Calabria	25
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	Florence	10
Osp. Mil.	Monte Oliveto	Florence	5
Osp. Mil.	Villa Natalia	Florence	30
Osp. Mil.	Lucca	Lucca	20
Osp. Mil.	Riserva (Mil. Wing)	Livorno	8
Osp. Mil.	C.R.I. Ardenza	Livorno	15
Osp. Mil.	Ancona	Ancona	30
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	Bari	25
Osp. Mil.	Balilla	Bari	15
Osp. Mil.	Del Prete	Bari	15
Osp. Mil.	Bitonto	Bitonto	15
Osp. Mil.		Barlotta	15
Osp. Mil.	"Trizio"	Disceglie	25
Osp. Mil.		Lecce	10
Osp. Mil.		Foggia	15
Osp. Mil.	Palo del Colle	Palo del Colle	15
Osp. Mil.	Convalescenz Mil.	Noci	10
Osp. Mil.	Centro Ortopedico	Bari	30
Osp. Mil.	Princ.	Palermo	10
Osp. Mil.	Messina	Messina	10

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APPENDIX "B" to letter
AG/15/1 dated 8/2/45.

SET OF CLOTHING

One each of:-

Blouse
Trousers
Shirt, Cotton
Belt, Web Waist
Drawers, Wool
Undershirt, Wool or Pullover
Towel
Cap, Field
Overcoat or Mackinaw
(if essential on account of weather)
Boots
Socks
Anklets or leggings
Blankets - (If necessary for travel)
Mess Kit

Source

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Trousers	Itti
Shirt, Cotton	Itti
Belt, Web Waist	Allied or Itti
Drawers, Wool	Allied or Itti
Undershirt, Wool or Pullover	Allied or Itti
Towel	Itti
Cap, Field	Itti
Overcoat or Mackinaw	Allied
(if essential on account of weather)	Allied or Itti
Boots	Itti
Socks	Itti
Anklets or leggings	Itti
Blankets - (If necessary for travel)	Itti
Mess Kit	Itti

1709 IA NO Rear HQ 8th Army.

Subject: Equipment of ITI-ITI Units

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A2/15/1

31 Jan 1945

To: ALL MHA IOs.

1. Our authorised ITI-ITI units, including guard battalions, are not being as well taken care of as our resources permit. For instance, we are, and have been making strenuous efforts to equip the BR-ITI and US-ITI Categories to scale plus other items which we know will be useful to them in their work, and as a result, we have our ITI soldiers without barracks stores and personal equipment and clothing which would make them more comfortable and increase their efficiency.
2. There are a large number of items available in Italian warehouses which are not shown on the authorised scale of issue, such as additional blankets, gloves, mattresses, paillasses, barrack stores, field packs, goggles, hoods for sentries, raincoats, and fatigue clothing. All of these items are controlled by this Headquarters.
3. It is desired that a survey be made of ITI-ITI units (except Guard Bns serving under British Command which are now drawing from Div Sub-Depots) and that requisitions be submitted direct to this Headquarters for such stores, clothing and equipment as are desired and which may be available. The controlling factor will be that ITI-ITI troops serving in Army areas will be generally clothed and equipped the same as BR-ITI or US-ITI troops in the same area. We must eliminate the complaint that ITI-ITI troops do not have sufficient shoes and clothing in order to function properly. In each case the liaison officer concerned will assure that the requisition does not contain articles which are already on hand in the unit or which would be increasing the scale of those items which are limited by the authorised scale.
4. Requisitions should be in this Headquarters not later than 15 February and must, in all cases, show the exact designation of the unit and the strength authorised and actually present.

/lc


 CLAYTON P. KERRY, Colonel,
 for Major General,
 M. M. I. A.
Copy to: AM MIA
 OS MIA
 OFD MIA

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78 HARR V LRAR NR 9401 IMPORTANT
FROM MMIA 291035A
TO REAR EIGHT ARMY
QQY GR 37 BT

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MMIA LO

QOS/5 CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO (.) WAR MINISTRY HAVE ASKED FOR 327 GREEN
RPT GREEN GREATCOATS FOR 87 AND 88 INFANTRY REGTS
OF ~~FR~~ FRIULI (.) DOES ~~ARMY~~ ARMY
WISH THIS TO BE DONE QUERY (.)

Copy given Q.

CONSIDER PROBABLE BRITISH GREATCOATS ALREADY ISSUED
BT

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~~REPTNS 78 9401 IMPORTANT MMIA 291035A 37~~

~~QOS/5 MMIA LO~~

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MM 19 Rome

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P.S.S. 64- M-144 100,000 pairs 106 4-61.

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FROM BASE 302139A

TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO TO 15 ARMY GROUP

OR 158 BT

FX 18057

CONFIDENTIAL (C.)

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~~SUBJECT~~ SUBJECT IS CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GRUPPI REINFORCEMENTS (C.)
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OF ~~26~~ 26 (C.)

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ONE (C.) HAVE INVESTIGATED FURTHER STATE OF 553 REINFORCEMENTS FOR ~~REINFORCEMENTS~~

ON DEPARTURE REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE (C.)

~~TWO~~ TWO (C.) ONE PAIR ONLY BOOTS AND ~~SOCKS~~ SOCKS

ISSUED ON INSTRUCTIONS ITALIAN COMMANDANT

ON OWN ~~INITIATIVE~~ (C.) EXPLANATION GIVEN HE CONSIDERED REINFORCEMENTS
WOULD BE DEFICIENT OF SECONE

PAIR IN ANY EVENT ON ARRIVAL IF ISSUED (C.)

(CORRECT)

THREE (C.) NO GREATCOATS ~~REINFORCEMENTS~~ SITES AVAILABLE ON

DEPARTURE REINFORCEMENTS (C.)

BELIEVE YOU ARE AWARE PRESENT SHORTAGE GREATCOATS (C.)

OR TAKING ALL POSSIBLE

ACTION THIS ~~6~~ ITEM (C.)

FOUR (C.) SHIRTS AND TOWELS (C.) SO FAR AS CAN ~~REINFORCEMENTS~~ ASSESS (C.)

THESE SUPPLIED TO PROPER SCALE

(C.) FIVE (C.) LT COL SLOAN WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU

DESIRABILITY OF SENDING

!!! REINFORCEMENTS FORWARD WITH MINIMUM REQUISITEMENTS ONLY

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IN ~~ORDER~~ ORDER REDUCE CHANCES OF SALE OF KIT

EN ROUTE (.) BALANCE OF ITEMS TO BE

SUPPLIED IN FORWARD AREA (.)

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161 HARR V LRAR NR 849 IMMEDIATE

FROM MMIA 292130A

TO EIGHT ARMY REAR

QQX GR 15

REF AQ2699

RESTRICTED (.) FOR MMIA LO (.) YOUR MM316

OF 291140 (.) COMFORTERS

AVAILABLE AT ORVIETO

BT

~~(RPTN 16T 9749 IMMEDIATE 292130A~~

~~(15 AQ2699 MMIA LO~~

~~MM316 291140 ORVIETO~~

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Am 208/29 2300
MMIA LO
Rice

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Subject: - Clothing - Italian Personnel.

86 Area
32 FMA
HQ 15 Army Tpt

Hq CRASC 15 Army Tpt Coln. CMT

1/3/468

28 Jan 45.

Contract

M.M.I.A.,
Rear HQ Eighth Army

Reference attached copies of letters received from B2 Cadre
1001 Italian CT Coy.

1. May this HQ be informed whether any of the commodities referred to are available from Italian sources.

R. H. Huber

Lt-Col
CRASC.

CMT.

3CF.

Replied to verbally. *Rep.*

1946

COPY.

Subject:- Leather Repair of Boots.

8/58/45

CRASC,
15 Army Tpt Coln.

1. In order that boots in possession of Italian personnel, and recently issued by M.I.A. may be kept in good state of repair, may a quantity of soles and heels be issued to the Italian Coy.
2. The Italian has shoemakers on its establishment, and are capable of effecting the repairs and generally maintaining the boots, if materials are made available.
3. May this matter receive your consideration please.

No.

Coy

(354) H.L. JONES,

Major, RASC
Comds British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army CI Coy

C.M.P.
26 Jan 45.

COPY

Subject:- Conservation of Leather.

8/59/45

CRASC,
15 Army Tpt Coln.

1. Recently M.I.A. issued 200 pairs of boots to 1001 Italian Coy; these were repaired boots and had become very dry, and the leather hard.
2. Application is made for an issue of dubbin to the Italian Coy, since neither dubbin or polish is available from Italian military sources.

Consider

(354) H.L. JONES,

Major, RASC
Comds British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army CI Coy

C.M.P.
26 Jan 45.

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(SGT) H.L. JONES,

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Comdg British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army GI Coy

CMT.
26 Jan 45.

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Major, RASC
Comdg British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army GI Coy

CMT.
26 Jan 45.

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COPYSubject:- Clothing - Italian Personnel.

8/60/45

CRASS,
15 Army Tpt Coln.

No

1. The battle dress clothing (dyed) previously issued through Italian sources to personnel of 1001 Italian CT Coy does not appear to have the wearing qualities of the khaki battle dress. It is possible that the dye is responsible for this.
2. The Italian CC has requested that khaki battle dress be issued to his personnel, and that the Italian tricolour be worn on the epaulettes and the metal star worn by Italian troops be affixed to the collar, and suitable formation sign on the sleeve.
3. The Italian CC considers that the effect of this change of clothing, and by bringing his troops in line with the Italian Divisions etc would be advantageous to their morale.
4. It is asked that consideration be given to his request.

(Sgd) H.L. JONES,

Major, RASC
Comdg British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army CT CoyCMF.
26 Jan 45.

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103 HARR V HAR NR 2 QVR 2

GR 34

FROM MMIA 12 1845 A

TO ORVIETO RFT CAMP C/O 26 FPC FOR TUNGATE

INFO EIGHT ~~ARMY~~ ARMY FOR MMIA LO

FIVE ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO

Q/OS/56 RESTRICTED

PENDING ARRIVAL FURTHER STOCKS CLOTHING PERSONNEL

WILL BE EQUIPPED AT ORVEITO WITH ONE RPT ONE

ITEM EACH GARMENT ONLY C.O. BALANCE WILL BE

MADE UP BY RECEIVING ADM DIV FROM STOCK HELD FWD

RPTNS ~~821 2 54 12 QIRT 26 Q/OS/56~~

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FROM (A) *Adjutant to 228th AVN* Originator Date/Time of Origin

11/1000 For Action

TO *228th AVN* (W) For information (INFO)

- Message Instructions - GR -

P.S.S. 4-A M-144 100,000 pads 100 4-42

Originator's No. *228 DIV CONFIRM ALL TBS UNDER COMD HAVE FORMS*
228 DIV CONFIRM ALL TBS UNDER COMD HAVE FORMS
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RAYNETS

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SUBJECT: Blankets.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15
24 January 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Eighth Army.

1. Reference your MM/121 dated 12 January 1945.
2. The provisions of letter AQ/15 of 8 Jan. as to blankets for BR-ITIS does not apply to ITI-ITI Units, such as Guard Bns.
3. An exception has been granted, however, to issue blankets beyond the authorized scale of 2 per man to ITI-ITIS operating in forward Army areas, provided; the additional issues are determined to be an operational necessity, and provided; the total blankets supplied to such ITI-ITI Units do not exceed the blankets supplied to BR-ITI Units or US-ITI Units in the same areas.
4. Issues necessary to meet minimum essential needs will be authorized from ITI-ITI Stocks.
5. Blankets should be moved forward from ITI-ITI Depots to your Sub Depots, and issued by your Sub Depots to ITI-ITI Units concerned.
6. Will you please check situation with each Guard Bn. working for British Formations in 8th Army Area, and advise this Hq. the quantity of additional blankets required for each Unit, and cause indents to be submitted as required.

Geo A Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAS/ag

*Have all. qts. b.?
Tomasetti have been asked to check -*

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TO	(W) For information (INFO)	

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Message Instructions - GR -

P.S.S. 4-5 M-144 100,000 pads 109 4-55

Originator's No.

MM 316
 at 7 AM left base of AQUILA must surrender when
 mountain sleeping dogs on leaving for ORVIE TO
 between 1 and 4 Feb 59 have no blankets &
 can you send blankets & comforters at ORVIE TO
 or shall I send to AQUILA O

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18 HARR V LRAR NR 8703
FROM MMIA 271210A
TO PENSOUTH 54 AREA DISTONE +
+ REAR EIGHTH ARMY +
DISTHREE + FIVE ARMY BR INCREMENT
QQX GR 36

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AQ2675 RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) WHEN IN 209/227/228/230/231

~~REAR~~ DIVISIONAL AREAS ALL ITI-ITI

GUARD BNS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN CLOTHING ETC DIRECT

FROM DIV SUB DEPOTS (.) ISSUES

WILL BE SEPARATELY REPORTED AND STOCKS

ADJUSTED AT BASE (.)

CONFIRMATION DETAILS FOLLOW

BT

RPTN 18 8703 271210A 54 36 A02675

~~209/227/228/230/231~~

~~ITI-ITI BN++ BNS~~

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20 ARR V LEAR NR 8709 IMPORTANT

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FROM MMIA 271112A

TO 54 AREA DISTHREE

INFO PENSOUTH DISTONE REAR EIGHTH ARMY

FIVE ARMY BR INCREMENT FREEDOM Q/AE

QOX GR 98 BT

AQ2674 RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) SUBJECT IS CLOTHING OF BRITIS
IN AFRAGOLA AND TRANI (.) WITH IMMEDIATE

EFFECT BRITIS WILL BE ISSUED FROM

227 AND 230 DIV SUB DEPOTS WITH

ONE RPT ONE PAIR ~~BOOTS~~ AND SOCKS ONE

SET UNDERCLOTHES ON SHIRT ONE

BATTLEDRESS ON ARRIVAL AT

CAMP (.) BALANCE OF SCALE WILL

BE ISSUED BY RECEIVING DIVS (.)

ALL PERSONNEL WHILE IN CAMPS MUST

HAVE ONE COMFORTER ~~OR~~ OR TWO BLANKETS (.)

ONE BLANKET ACCOMPANIES MAN ON JOURNEYS

OVER 100 MILES (.) ENSURE RECEIVING

FORMATIONS ARE TOLD

EXACT DETAILS OF CAMP CLOTHING ISSUES

BT

RPTN 20 8709 IMPORTANT QVR5

271112A 54 Q/AE GR 98

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~~271112A 54 Q/AE GR 98~~

~~A02674 AFRAGOLA TRAI++~~

~~TRANI 227 230~~

~~BTTR MAKE IT BOOTS PSE NOT BPPTS~~

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: REAR EIGHTH ARMY
TO: FREEDOM
INFO: 15 ARMY GP

25 0930

Originator's No. Q 3536

RESTRICTED (.) authority previously given by LII to issue sleeping bags or mtn clothing to supplement blankets (.) LII sig Q(AE) 7116 of 1816051 has refers (.) trials have proved sleeping bags excellent static type and equivalent two blankets but unsuitable majority fwd type swing bulk (.) in order form army pool blankets which considered essential on med grounds request covering approval following distribution sleeping bags (.)

ONE (.) corps retain for use semi static type total qty 7000 (.)

TWO (.) corps held div res against possibility snow ops total qty 3000 (.)

THREE (.) army retain op per qty 2000 (.)

FOUR (.) issue balance 7000 sleeping bags to static type in exposed

conditions army save withdrawing two blankets per bag (.)

28000 blankets obtained as above to be disposed (a) to army res

10000 (b) to complete GHEFI to hit winter scale 18000

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Distribution: HQD QND INFO/LOG/ANSTON 2001/6 2011 FRONT 1317

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 Distribution: Mod CMI MILREGSINMETOR 2001/6 2011 Fleet
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SUBJECT - Attached Italian Personnel.

1 NZ Mob CCS
 2 NZEF, ~~3~~
 Ref: Q/10/1090
 17 Jan 45.

Officer i/c,
 L.M.I.A.,
 Rear H.Q.,
 8th Army.

1. Several numbers of attached Italian Personnel are deficient in Clothing and others have unserviceable footwear etc.

2. Can arrangements please be made to have this matter rectified as soon as possible as in several instances it is resulting in continual sickness.

Spoke 222 HLT
 + NZ CCS

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(A.G. CLARK)
 Lt-Col, NZLC
 Commanding Officer
 1 NZ Mob CCS

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Subject:- Clothing and Equipment - Ital. Rly. Personnel

RCE1/111/681.

M.M.I.A.,
Rear H.Q., 8th Army.

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1. H.Q. 13th Bn. Italian Railway Engineers, has been advised that 150 reinforcements are being despatched from TRANI.
2. Col. Dutto, Italian Liason Officer to D.M.R.S., states that these men are a new intake and will not be equipped.
3. C.O., 13th Bn., has asked me to inform you of this and to enquire if 228 Division will be able to supply articles on the scale attached for 150 men should it prove that they are entirely without uniform and equipment.

In the Field.
14.1.45.
AEHP/MKW.

*Note: Barracks
don't have equip.*

M. Barnard
Lieut.Col., R.E.
C.O. No.1 Railway C.& M. Grp., R.E. 1515

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Subject: Clothing of non-British Personnel.

To: G.S.I.(b),
Main H.Q., Eighth Army

RIP/GEN/16.

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M.M.I. Rear H.Q., Eighth Army .

It is desired to bring to your notice the very unsatisfactory state of clothing particularly boots, for the a/m. personnel.

Up to now everything they are wearing has either been 'scrunged' or given personally by me and other British members of R.I.P.

This procedure cannot continue any longer and as far as boots are concerned no amount of scrunging can produce these.

I feel that I have now put my hand in my pocket quite long enough and must ask that something be done to remedy this state of affairs.

Can you assist please?

Spoke Beckingham - will send rep. to 228 Gen.

Chapman Beckingham Capt. C.C. VIII ARMY R.I.P. 1944



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Subject:- Clothing - Italian Military Personnel

Rear HQ Eighth Army CMF
R 218 LB

2 Oct 44

All OsC Brit Cadres IFL Coys

Copy to:- OS Rear Army
✓ MMIA " "
All Fnr Groups

1. The following extract from AFHQ letter AFHQ/9184/Q(AE) of 22 Sep 44 is fwded for info and necessary action :-

"It is agreed that Capes, Anti - Gas be issued to IFL Coys from British Stocks. They are authorized for wear throughout wet weather".

2. Please ensure that indents are submitted forthwith, quoting the above-mentioned letter as authority.

McKee
/ CCL
DDIS 13
Eighth Army

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