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Report on Visit by Ord Officer and G II (L).

The Ordnance Officer 5 Terr Comd, was visited, and from him we ascertained the system in use for the supply of stores and replacements in respect of clothing to the Divs under Command.

The scale of clothing is the same as that laid down in the letter from ILFB, and differs very little from our own scale. A snap check was made of soldiers entering the office, and from this it appeared that most first line troops were up to scale, but personnel employed in offices and in other sedentary jobs were on a slightly restricted issue of the scale. It was explained that this was to give full issue to troops on more active duties, such as training.

It was stated that not much reliance could be taken on indents received from Divs as it was certain that in most cases they were grossly over indenting.

All indents are placed in the first instance on Terr Comd. who supply all available stores. Non available items are then extracted and passed to the Ministry to be covered. It is understood that the Ministry then endeavours to supply from existing stocks. If complete stocks are not available, contracts are put out for local supply. It is understood that a series of running contracts are in being at the present time.

The Ministry have stores in each Terr Comd., and from these stores, clothing is passed to Div for issue to subordinate Comds. It was explained that a new system similar to our own is being organised. i.e, Base Ordnance Depot which supply the demands of ADOS or DADOS Dumps who in turn supply the demands made by the individual Units or Formations.

A soldier of the Alpini Regt was interrogated, and although he had certain deficiencies, it would appear that a sensible way of making issues had been employed. One man was issued with a boot brush and another with a clothes brush, and this system enabled two men to use one issue of kit. Many of the toilet articles shown on the scale were not issued, and the man stated that such items were bought at private expense. Under issues were made to men due for early release, and not to the soldier with a long term to serve.

Major,
GS II (L),

Woolen gloves.	1 pair.	-	-	-	-
Water capes.	1.	-	-	-	-
Boot strings.	2.	2	1	8	-
Woolen vests.	2.	1	1	1	-
Badges.	2.	2	9	2	2
K.D. drawers (short)	2.	1	1	1	1
Field dressing.	1.	-	-	-	-
B.D. trousers.	1.	1	1	-	1
K.D. trousers.	1.	1	1	1	1
Shaving brush.	1.	-	-	-	-
Comb.	1.	1	-	-	1
Identification discs.	1.	-	1	-	1
Pullover.	1.	-	-	-	-
Safety razor, blades and soap.	1.	-	-	-	-
P.T. shoes.	1 pair.	-	-	-	-
Food canisters.	1.	-	-	-	-
Brush for clothes.	1.	1	1	1	1
Brush for shoes.	1.	1	1	1	1
Tooth brush.	1.	-	-	-	-
Metal sters.	3 pairs.	-	2	3	3
Boots.	2.	1	1	1	1
Bivouac.	1.	1	1	-	1
Haver-sack.	1.	1	1	1	1
Small pack.	1.	1	1	1	1
Mess tin.	1.	1	1	1	1
Jack knife.	1.	-	-	-	-

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Towels.	2.	2	1	1	2	1	1
B.D. Cap.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
K.D. Cap.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water Bottle with Cup.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Holdall.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Housewife.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Socks.	3.	1	1	1	1	2	2
Hose.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
KD Shorts.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
KD Shirts.	3.	1	1	1	1	1	1
KD Vest.	2.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greatcoat.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Web Anklets.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leather Belt.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Denims for training.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ground Sheet.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Cape.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cotton Tie.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spoon.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stripes.	2.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Specialization badges.	2.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Divisional badges.	2.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Helmet	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Handkerchiefs.	3.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fork.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cap badges.	2.	1	1	1	1	1	1
B.D. Blouse.	1.	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Memorial on the Kit Situation

1) Considering that the ^{Kit} War establishment for A.R. should be

1 K.D. cap.
1 B.D. cap.
3 K.D. shirts
1 Cotton tie

1 ~~Woolen~~ vest 1 B.D. Blouse
1 ~~K. woolen trousers~~ 1 B.D. Trousers.
1 Leather belt

1 K.D. Blouse
1 K.D. Trousers

1 Collyer
1 p. vel anklets
2 towels

1 K.D. cap.
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 3 K.D. shirts
 1 cotton tie
 1 ~~Knicker~~ vest 1 B.D. Blouse
 1 ~~K. underwear~~ 1 B.D. Trousers.
 1 leather belt
 1 K.D. Blouse
 1 K.D. Trousers
 1 calzeottoni
 1 p. web anklets
 2 towels
 2 Handkerchiefs
 1 pullover
 2 K.D. drawers (short)
 2 p. cotton socks
 3 p. stars
 1 water bottle

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- 1 Spoon
 - 1 food canister
 - 1 ~~Hexer~~ Ruckgack
 - 2 p. boots
 - 1 great coat
 - 1 Canvas belt

2/ It is emphasized that in order to complete the allotment of ^{only} the summer kit (deficiencies) in connection with the above table!

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The canvas belts although not included in the Put table, are virtually a part of the uniform and a sensible deficiency is reported around 2500.

As for the winter Put it is not possible to produce ~~the~~ particulars regarding eventual

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 deficiencies before the 20th instant, which
 is the date fixed for reports regarding the
 requirements of the units

3d) In order to improve and complete the list,
 the following proposals are made:

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 of 3 is sufficient for the summer period,
 at least 2 further B.D. (Kaki flannel)
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LONG K.D. TROUSERS. To increase the

individual allotment from 1 to 2 pairs. 5158

Thus giving to each one the possibility
of changing.

PULLOVERS ⁴ To increase the individual allotment to 2 for the above reasons, furthermore, for the summer period it is necessary to allot to each one at least 3 vests. As a matter of fact the summer vests are not used by the soldiers, who prefer to put the K.D. short directly on the body; as a result the sweat not being absorbed soils the shirt.

DENIMS FOR TRAINING. Also during the summer the soldier should have a denim for training or better an overall.

SOCKS It is advisable to increase from 2 to 3 pairs at least the allotment for

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COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FAMERICA

" KANTOVA "

Trices o, li 1/8/1947

PROMEMORIA SULLA SITUAZIONE CORREDO. -

- 1° - Premesso che la tabella corredo prevede per i militari i seguenti oggetti di vestiario :
- 1 berretto a busta di panno kaki
 - 1 berretto a busta di tela kaki
 - 3 camicie di tela kaki
 - 1 cravatta di tela kaki
 - 1 giubbotto di panno kaki
 - 1 pantalone di panno kaki
 - 1 coraggia per pantaloni
 - 1 giubbotto di panno per feticos
 - 1 pantalone di panno per feticos
 - 1 paio calzonetoni
 - 1 paio di cavigliere
 - 2 asciugatoi
 - 2 fazzoletti
 - 1 corpetto a maglia o pullovers
 - 2 mutande di tela corte
 - 2 paia calze di cotone o pezze da piedi
 - 3 paia stiellette
 - 1 boreccia
 - 1 cucchiaino
 - 1 gavetta
 - 1 sacco alpino
 - 2 paia stivaletti
 - 1 cappotto di panno
 - 1 cinturino

2° - Si fa presente che per completare la dotazione dei soli indumenti attivi (deficienze) rispetto alla citata tabella occorrono:

CALCIOE: deficienze n. 14.000 - già richieste al Ministero, ma non ancora assegnate

STIVALETTI: " 6.11.000 - già richiesti al Ministero, ma non ancora assegnati.

I cinturini, pur non facendo parte della tabella corredo, fanno ~~per~~ virtualmente parte dell'uniforme e se ne segnala una sensibile deficienza che si aggira sui 2500.

Per gli indumenti invernali non si è in grado di fornire dati re-

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- 1 cravatta di tela kaki
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- 1 pantalone di panno kaki
- 1 correggia per pantaloni
- 1 giubbotto di panno per fetica
- 1 pantalone di panno per fetica
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- 1 paio di cavigliere
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3° - Per migliorare e completare tale corredo, si fanno le seguenti proposte:

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CAMICIE: Oltre le camicie di tela, che in numero di tre sono sufficienti per il periodo estivo, occorre assegnare almeno due camicie di flanella kaki per il periodo invernale.

IMPERMEABILI: Tale indumento si rende indispensabile per qualsiasi impiego della truppa. Se non sarà possibile assegnare un impermeabile per ogni militare, bisognerebbe assegnare una dotazione di reparto commisurato almeno al 30% della forza del reparto steso.

PANTALONE LUNGO DI TELA KAKI: Aumentare la dotazione individuale da uno a due pezzi. Ciò per dare la possibilità materiale ad ogni militare di poter effettuare il cambio.

CORPETTO A MANICIA O PULIONIERS: Aumentare la dotazione individuale a due per le regioni innanzi esposte. Inoltre per il periodo estivo si rende necessario dare in dotazione ogni militare per almeno n°3 canottiere o magliette estive. Infatti i corpetti a manica di estate non sono adoperati dai militari, i quali preferiscono indossare la camicia di tela direttamente sul corpo; come conseguenza, il sudore, non essendo assorbito, sporca la camicia.

TENUTA DI PANTICA: Anche per il periodo estivo bisogna dotare il soldato di una tenuta di fatica o meglio di una tuta.

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PAZZOLETTI: Sarebbe conveniente aumentare la dotazione individuale da due a quattro.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Ten. Col. F. Pelland)

Subject: Clothing - Italian Army

No 5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele: Uline 1657
Ref: AQ/55/13

29th August 1947

To: LFB
A.F.H.C.
ROME

Further to my AQ/55/11 dated 5th August 1947.

1. Deficiencies in respect of the FOLGORE Div. are now to hand and are appended for your information:-

Woollen vests	8,000
" gloves	10,000
Cotton vests	8,000
Boots M/C Dr.	350
Breeches M/C Dr.	350

Battle dresses, complete	5,000
Greatcoats	3,500
Drawers, woollen	8,500
Shirts, woollen	7,000
Socks, woollen	18,000
Anklets, web	5,000
Overalls	1,000
Denim suits, complete	1,000
Waist Belts 1937	1,500
Towels, hand	10,000

2. These deficiencies represent a Div. of 18,700 men which is now at 80% strength, and are not considered excessive.

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Capt.
for Lt. Col.
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SUBJECT:- Deficiencies - FOLGORE Div.

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These deficiencies represent a Div of 10700 men which is now at 80% strength.

Deficiencies at the moment are not considered to be high for this 80%.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MML)

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Tel: DUPEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/LF

13 Aug 47

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SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Army

Reference your AQ 55/41 dated 5 Aug 47.

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Winter clothing

Vests wool	2
Drawers wool	2
Shirts wool	1
Socks woolen	2
House HD	1
Trousers HD prs	1
Cardigan	1
Gloves woolen prs	1
Great coat	1

Summer clothing

Vests cotton	2
Drawers cotton	2
Shirts KD	3
Shorts KD	1
Trousers KD	1
Socks cotton prs	3

Note: + For issue so far as present stocks permit.

3. With reference to main deficiencies noted by you the position is as follows:

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41,000 prs (Italian pattern for Alpini)

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 Shorts KD 1
 Trousers KD 1
 Socks cotton prs 3

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 Florence 14,000 prs (Italian pattern for Alpini)

(b) Shirts

Cotton In production on civil contract. Stocks adequate.

Wool

All available (Allied surplus stocks) being collected at Udine. Div. stocks not known and demands may exceed supply. Future provision doubtful as Army Budget insufficient.

(c) Socks

Cotton In production. Agreed present position unsatisfactory, but stocks now adequate to meet demands.

Woolen

Adequate stocks (Allied surplus) held in depots for troops North of Florence.

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(d) Denim

In production. Issue approved as stocks permit.

(e) Waterproof Capes

10,000 groundsheets recently obtained ex Austria.
Issue dependant on stocks obtained from Allied surplus.
No provision as Army budget insufficient.

(f) Web equipment

(i) Haversacks, pouches, etc the responsibility of the Artillery Directorate. Considerable quantities released from Austria except Belts waist.

(ii) Anklets web are a "Commissariato" item and provision is being made. Issue approved to save wear to trousers.

(g) PT Shoes

Issues dependant on Allied surplus stocks. No provision being made.

(h) Small kit

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5. The foregoing information is passed to you for communication if necessary to visiting Allied officers. Special attention will continue to be paid by you to the clothing situation and any relevant facts will be included in your periodical report.

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Major General,
Director.

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SUBJECT :- Clothing - ITALIAN ARMY.

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5 British Liaison Unit
Tel : UDINE MIL 1553
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(v) Waterproof

Cases.

There is a large deficiency in both Divs.

(vi) Web

Equipment. There is a deficiency of belts (2,500 in MANTOVA Div) and anklets web.

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Kit.

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(b) As far as can be seen energetic action is being taken by Div Staffs to make good the deficiencies. There did at one time appear to be a tendency to "hit back" - on the grounds that a soldier is supposed to arrive from the U.A.R. fully equipped, and as he is released in nine months time he should not want much clothing anyway. Div Staffs are now thinking otherwise.

(c) Divs are required to report to Territorial Command by the end of the month their deficiencies in winter clothing.

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2. Ref your para 3.

I have not been able to get a very satisfactory answer regarding the channel of demand. It appears that Divs place all their demands on Territorial Command. If the latter cannot satisfy them in turn demand on the War Ministry. Terr Comd are authorised to make quite considerable local purchases.

3. Recommendations for an increase of scale have been suggested by Divs for the following items.

- (i) Two Khaki flannel shirts for use with Battle Dress
- (ii) K.D. Trousers increase from 1 to 2 pairs.
- (iii) Socks Increase from 2 to 4 pairs.
- (iv) Handkerchieves. Increase from 2 to 4.

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5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT, C.M.F.

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50 TRANSIT CAMP - TREVISO, CMF.

TO

(W) For Information (INF)

Message Instructions



Originator's No.

AQ/55 (.) UNCLASS (.) FOR LLOYD (.)

G.S.O.1 PROPOSES TO VISIT FOLGORE DIV HQ APPROX 11.30 HRS

FRID 1 AUG (.) SUBJECT CLOTHING DEFICIENCIES (.)

SIGNAL IF INCONVENIENT (.)

WILL BRING ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER

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BY ANY MEANS

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Signed for

Lt-Colonel,
G.S.

SIGNED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: DUPEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/LF

24 Jul 47

O.C. 5 BUH

SUBJECT: Clothing - Italian Army

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29 LUG 1947

RAC/jw

SEEN BY	
GSO I	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO II	
DAA & CNG	<i>[Signature]</i>
S. C. REHE	
S. C. S. & I.	
S. C. OPD.	<i>[Signature]</i>
CIFMS	

[Signature]
Colonel A/Q.

Appendix 'A' to ILFB (AFHQ)
 Letter Q.003/LF of 24 Jul 47

INDIVIDUAL SCALE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- Towels	2	- Woollen gloves	1 pair
- B.D. cap	1	- water capes	1
- K.D. cap	1	- boot strings	2
- water bottle with cap	1	- woollen vests	2
- holdall	1	- badges	2
- housewife	1	- K.D. drawers (short)	2
- socks	3 pairs	- field dressing	1
- hose	1	- B.D. trousers	1
- K.D. shorts	1	- K.D. trousers	1
- K.D. shirts	3	- shaving brush	1
- K.D. vest	2	- comb	1
- great-coat	1	- identification discs	1
- web-anklets	1	- pullover	1
- leather belt	1	- safety razor, blades and soap	1
- dentures for training	1	- P.F. shoes	1 pair
- ground sheet	1	- food canisters	1
- special cap	1		
- cotton tie	1	- brush for clothes	1
- spoon	1	- brush for shoes	1
- stripes	2	- tooth brush	1
- specialisation badges	2	- metal stars	3 pairs
- divisional badges	2	- boots	2 "
- helmet	1	- bivouac	1
- handkerchiefs	3	- haversack	1
- fork	1	- small pack	1
- cap badges	2	- mess tin	1
- B.D. blouse	1	- Jack knife	1
- K.D. blouse	1		

Belt 2 pairs

Dentures

OR complete

Socks

Handkerchiefs 2 pairs

Sir,

Ref folio 3 - and Q.003/LF of 24 July 47.

1. I received folio 3 for action on Saturday 12th., and immediately contacted Terr. Comd., since they were the only source of infm at such short notice. The need for urgency of reply was stressed.
2. The infm was received (folio 5) on the 16th., after repeated demands to Terr. Comd, and despatched to I.L.F.B., at once (folio 6) pointing out the ambiguity of Terr. Comd's reply. It is difficult to see how more detailed infm could have been obtained in 48 hours - that given really only represented an interim report.

Visits of GS011 and myself to Div HQ's and units which are now taking place will give more concrete facts. This method is almost foolproof but takes time.

Tact has to be exercised since any suggestion of interference has to be avoided, but from the one visit we have already made I believe that Commanders will cooperate.

3. I feel that I.L.F.B. should have embodied para's 2 and 3 (inc scale of clothing and equipment) in their original letter, we would then have had something upon which to work.

4. I have now studied the scale of C & E and feel that this is adequate, except possibly that Trousers KD and Shorts KD should be increased to 2 per man.

5. The answers to para 2 (a) (b) and (c) of current I.L.F.B. letter can only be ~~xx~~ given by Div Commanders, and I respectfully suggest that the GS011 and myself should pay a personal visit to Div HQ's to request this infm.

Yes. This should be treated as V URGENT. Jurell 80 & Mant Div 14a on THURS

Autm

16/ Aug 47

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26 1800 B

For Action

I.L.F.B. A.P.H. (Formerly M.M.I. .)

RMS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)



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Originator's No.

A3 53/8 (.) unclass (.) ref your signal 1162 dated 23 Jul (.) reply sent under cover

A3 56/6 of 16 Jul 47 (.) two divisions largely deficient in kit and boots (.) demands cannot be met by 5 comdtr due to non arrival of these stores ex IFA (.) position improving (.) general informed on recent visit (.) further copy of this letter follows

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Capt
For Lt Col

SIGNED

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SBHF V LROF NR 2741

FROM I.. L.F.B. (AFHQ) 231000 B

TO 5 B L U " " " " " "

BT

Q. 162 UNCLASS . REF YOUR SIGNAL AQ 53/4 OF 14 JULY (.)

YOUR REPORT NOT YET RECEIVED

BT 231000 B

SENT "LEE" 1433

A BEE K

NO NR 2741 1433 J.. B 2

Disputed 16 Jul.
Re AQ 55/6.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	<i>Curran</i>
GSO II	
DAA & QMG	<i>Lee</i>
S. C. FEME	
S. C. S & T.	
S. C. ORD.	<i>2</i>
CIEFYS.	

CC - Signal HQ
Quartermaster's Dept.
filed 20/7

SUBJECT:- Clothing - Italian Army.

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5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel: UDINE 1657
AQ/55/6

16 Jul 47

I.L.F.B. AFHQ.

Reference your Q.003/LF dated 7 July 47 and further to my signal AQ.53/4 of 14 July 47.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the reply received from Italian Territorial Command in response to our request for information.
2. This reply is somewhat ambiguous, but from the general gist of the letter it would appear that all necessary action has been or is being taken.

Fd
ALP/fm


Capt,
for: Lt-Col,
GS.

Copy to: 5 Terr Command.

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Diary

C O P Y.TRANSLATION.

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - UDINE
Service Office.

File N°. 9373/4/2

Udine 14 Jul 47.

SUBJECT :- Italian Army - Clothing stuff.

TO :- 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

The dependant divisions have really come in this zone with large deficiencies in respect of summer-clothings and boots.

This Command has made it possible to restore said deficiencies.

Particular difficulties have been found in respect to summer-clothing stuff. In fact a large lot of said clothing stuff had to come from Austria but it did not arrive.

At the present moment the situation is improving.

The necessities have been notified to Capo Uffici Servizi of the Army Staff during his visit in this zone.

CWG/pdd

By Order,
A. ICARDI, Col.
Chief of Staff.

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TRANSLATION

15 LUG 1947

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - UDINE
Service Office

File No, 9378/4/2

Udine 14

SUBJECT : - Italian Army - Clothing stuff.

TO : - 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

sp. h. per 7.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	GSM
GSO II	
PA & C	are.
S. C. FINE	
S. C. S. & I.	
S. C. OFD.	S. action taken
CLEVER	2

The dependent divisions have really come in this zone with sensible deficiencies in respect of summer-clothings and boots. *large*

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The War Ministry has given orders so that a second pair of boots is supplied to the men of "Mantova" and "Folgore" Divisions and to ' Alpini Regiment.

CAG/1dd

By order,
A. ICARDI, Col.
Chief of Staff.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
- Ufficio Servizi -

N. 9378/4/2
di prot.

Udine, lì 14 Luglio 1947

OGGETTO: Vestiario esercito italiano.-

AL 5° B. L.U.

S E D E

Le divisioni dipendenti sono effettivamente giunte in zona con sensibili deficienze in divise estive e in calzature.

Da parte di questo Comiliter è stato fatto - in misuratura non indifferente - quanto era nelle sue possibilità per ripianare tali deficienze.-

Difficoltà particolari sono state incontrate per il vestiario estivo anche in relazione alla mancata affluenza dall'Austria di un forte quantitativo di divise di tela nuove.-

Attualmente però la situazione si avvia ad essere soddisfacente.

Le necessità di cui sopra sono state rappresentate al Capo dell'Ufficio Servizi dello Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito in una sua recente visita in zona.-

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. A. Idardi)

Idardi

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Icardi

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(W) For Information (INFO)



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Signed

Major
 for Lt Col

Signed

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PLEASE RETURN

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch
(Formerly MMIA)

Tel: DUPLEX
Ext: 415

Q. 003/IF
7 Jul 47

5 British Liaison Unit

File
adw

Subject: Clothing - Italian Army

1. It has been reported that the clothing and boots of troops belonging to "Folgore" and "Mantova" Divisions are unsatisfactory.
2. This is a matter for Italian administration and there is no reason to doubt that adequate stocks are or can be made available.
3. If however you are in a position to verify this report and can furnish evidence that 5 Territorial Command are unable to meet demands that matter will be taken up with the Defence Ministry.
4. Request report for information of GOC not later than 15th July. If relevant, quote correspondence between Territorial HQ and the Defence Ministry.

Deficiencies.

What action Terr Com

RAC/jw

has taken.

R. Alington
Colonel A/Q.

SEEN BY	
GSO I	<i>adw</i>
GSO II	
DAA & CPO	<i>adw</i>
S. C. FEIS	
S. C. S. & I.	
S. C. CPO	
CPO	

10 LUG 1947

Answer from 5335 by
Monday 9pm. He must
then signal Rome. - Dec 14/47.
CC Bld Monday 19th Dec

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Herewith results of control of material withdrawn by 5 B.L.U., done by Committee appointed in routine order No 80 of 21 Mar. 47 composed by the W/m Officers.

Maj. ZOLO - Lt. CAMPBELL - 2Lt. TARDIE

1. - Sixing gloves approximate quantity reported by 5 B.L.U. No, 10.000

Controlled:
New 3330
In good condition 1700
" " " 1559
Total: 11649

2. - Belts approximate quantity reported by 5 B.L.U. No, 10.730

Controlled: No, 10.730

3. - Leathers approximate quantity reported by 5 B.L.U. No, 5.270

Controlled:
S.V. new 4825
" " good 63
" " bad 137
Khaki good 100
" bad 40
black good 25
Khaki new 10
different colours 50
Total 5320

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4. - Aluminium Ours approximate quantity reported by 5 B.L.U. No, 4.850

Controlled:
new 4.500
good 350
Total 4.850

Sgd: A. GALLONE, Lt. Col.
Commissioner.

WCC/t.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE (V)
Direzione di Commissariato

n.° 2908/2/4 di prot. Udine, li 2 maggio 1947

OGGETTO: Esito accertamento materiali.

AL 5° B.I.U. presso il V Comiliter

S E D E

Si notifica, qui di seguito, l'esito degli accertamenti dei materiali ritirati dal 5° B.I.U., eseguiti dalla Commissione nominata con ordine del giorno n.° 80 in data 21.3.47 composta dai sottotenenti ufficiali:

Maggiore Zolo - Tenente Cappellini - Sottotenente Tabone

1) - quantoni per sci: n.° 10.000 p.
quantità approssimativa indicata dal 5° B.I.U.

accertati:

quantoni per sci nuovi	8330 p.
" " buoni	1760 p.
" " mediocri e spaiati	1559 p.
Totale	11649 p.

2) - fasce ventriere: n.° 10730 p.
quantità approssimativa indicata dal 5° B.I.U.

Accertati: n.° 10530 p.
3) - fasce gambiere: n.° 5270 p.
quantità approssimativa indicata dal 5° B.I.U.

Accertati:

fasce gambiere G.V. nuove	4895
" " buone	63
" " f.u.	137
fasce gambiere kaki italiane buone	100
fasce gambiere kaki italiane f.u.	40
fasce gambiere nere buone	25
" " kaki e maglia nuove	10
fasce gambiere di colori diversi	50
Totale	5320

4) - pezze di alluminio:
quantità approssimativa indicata dal 5° B.I.U.

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S. C. S. & I.	RD
S. C. C.I.	5133

n.° 4850

AL 5° B.L.U. presso il V Comiliter

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" " kaki a maglia nuove	10
fasce gambiere di colori diversi	50
Totale	5320

4) - Tazze di alluminio:
quantità approssimativa indicata dal 5° B.L.U.

Accertate:

tazze di alluminio nuove	n.° 4500
tazze di alluminio e di latte buone	350
Totale	4850



PER. COLONNELLO COMM. RIC. DIREZIONE INT.

(Adalberto Gallone)

Adalberto Gallone

TRANSLATION

26 APR 1947

5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - UDINE
Direzione di Commissariato

File No.: 2714/2/4

SUBJECT: - Clothing stuff coming from Austria → *Action*

TO : - 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

for info: - 5 Terr. Cond. - UDINE
Service Office

Magazzino Vestiario Equi/to

67 Mag. Mil. Suss. Viv. Por. Comb.

SECRET	
COI	aw
CO II	/
CAA & CAG	aw
S. C. REAME	/
S. C. S. & T.	/
S. C. CRO.	<i>S. C. S. & T.</i>
CIRCA	

UDINE

LA CANTIA

We inform that with the 3rd convoy coming from Austria a truck (No. 2013) has arrived loaded with clothing stuff. The truck is addressed like the others which contain tents - to LA CANTIA station and the material has been put in the Depot.

Here are the results of the examination of the bags (part of them has been broached-no removal could be ascertained as there were no lists of material) :

No. 140	big bags	are addressed to	3 AGRA	C/O	RTO	UDINE
" 2	" cases	" " " " " " " "				
" 3	boxes	are addressed	to	1 C/O Workshops	27 Coy	RASC
				C/O 3 AGRA	RTO	UDINE
" 1	small box	addressed to	242 Coy	3 AGRA	- RASC	C/O RTO
						UDINE

The a/g material (it is considered that it is pajamas & shoes) is at the disposition of 5 B.L.U. unless the material has to be assigned to the Italian Army.

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cc/t.

Sgd: G. GALLONE, Lt. Col.
Commissioner.

26 APR '47 Udine, li 24 aprile 1947

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO

DEL
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
DI UDINE

UDINE

Prot. N. 2714/2/4 Allegati

Risposta al foglio del N.

OGGETTO: Vestiario proveniente dall'Austria.=

a per conoscenza :

AL V COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE	= UDINE
Ufficio Servizi	
AL MAGAZZINO VESTIARIO EQUIP/TO	= UDINE
AL 67° MAG. MIL. SUSS. VIV. FOR. COMB.	= LA CARNIA

Si comunica che col terzo convoglio, proveniente dall'Austria, è giunto anche un vagone (n.° 2013) contenente materiali di vestiario. Il vagone, indirizzato - come quelli contenenti tende - a Stazione per la Carnia, è stato scaricato e il materiale introdotto in magazzino.

Dall'esame dei colli - di cui un certo numero è risultato manomesso (nonni si è potuto accertare se mancano oggetti perché non esiste la distin- ta relativa al contenuto di ciascun collo) - è risultato che :

- n.° 140 colli sono destinati a "3 Agre C/O R.T.O. Udine";
- " 2 casse grandi sono destinate a "C/O Agre R.T.O. Udine";
- " 3 cassette medie destinate a "1 C/O Wora shops - 27 Cey R.A.S.C. - C/O 3 Agre R.T.O. Udine";
- " 1 cassetta piccola destinata a "242 dey 3 agre - R.A.S.C. C/O - R.T.O. - Udine

Il materiale di cui sopra (si presume sia costituito da pigiama e scar- pe) è a disposizione di codesto 5° BLU., a meno che detto materiale non debba essere ceduto all'Esercito Italiano.=

IL TEN. COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE INT. a. p. A.
(Adalberto Gallone)

5171

Prot. N. 2714/2/4 Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

N.

OGGETTO: Vestiario proveniente dall'Austria.=

e per conoscenza :

AL V COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE = UDINE
Ufficio Servizi
AL MAGAZZINO VESTIARIO EQUIP/FO = UDINE
AL 67° MAG. MIL. SUSS. VIV. FOR. COMB. = LA CARNIA

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- " 2 casse grandi sono destinate a "C/O Agre R.T.C. Udine";
- " 3 cassette medie destinate a "1 C/O Wora shops - 27 Cey R.A.S.C. - C/O 3 Agre R.T.C. Udine";
- " 1 cassetta piccola destinata a "242 Gey 3 agre - R.A.S.C. C/O - R.T.C. - Udine

Il materiale di cui sopra (si presume sia costituito da pigiama e scar- pe) è a disposizione di codesto 5° BIU., a meno che detto materiale non debba essere ceduto all'Esercito Italiano.=



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