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TO I.R.N. IN BULK
FROM U.K.
MAY 45-SEPT. 46

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Supply of Clothing for the crew of Italian Ship BANDIERA	1
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Receipt form 4-199 for clothing returned to the Virginia State Prison, Alexandria

RECEIVED ALBANY 21 SEP 1946
 Navy Sub Commission 210 394.

200/2/58.
 20th September, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, HQ., Allied Commission.
 To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
 (Copy to :- The Victualling Store Officer, Levant.)

Subject : Receipt form F-119 for clothing returned to the Victualling Store Officer, Alexandria.

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter 200/2/58 dated 11th March, 1946, the enclosed receipt form F-119, in respect of items of clothing returned to the Victualling Store Officer, Levant by Lieutenant Tarnate in the Italian ship "Ambrone" on 2nd February, 1946, is forwarded herewith received by the Victualling Store Officer, Levant.

It is requested that it may be forwarded to Minister's Office.

H. W. ZIROLI,
 COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,

FOR HEAD QUARTERS,
 CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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 25 SEP 1946

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NAVAL MESSAGE

For use in
Signal
Department
onlyMemo.VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER
LEVANT

10 JUN 1946

A.L.X. 8482/PMEAL/1-6/44

Originator's Instructions
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

Codress/Plaindress

No. of
GroupsTO: *The Navy Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
APO 394*FROM:
VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER
LEVANT

ACROSS

*Herewith receipt (Form V119) for items
returned to V.S.O. Alexandria per I.S.
Ardimentoso.*

WRITE

*Your Signals 151120/March and
111558/April refer.**Please pass forward to Director,
Regia Marina
Taranto.*

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of
Receipt Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

D.7886 21420 7/44 B.553.333 CB&R Ltd. 45,243

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

STORES OFFICER CANAL AREA (R) C IN C MED NOIC FORT SAID
VSO (L) AYED
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE
FROM.....NAVSUBCOM ROME

Unclassified

Your 27/12/28 March. ARDIMENTOSO reports that the four cases of
clothing were discharged at Alexandria and consigned to a
representative of V.S.O. (L) Alex on 7th March.

-----111553 April-----

Ref....Port of discharge requested.

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MODULO
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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

MESSAGGIO IN CHIARO IN ARRIVO

Mod. 159.

Ordine	Prot. di centrale 39427	Precedenza 1587	Parole 51	TARANTO	Provenienza e via BRINDISI	Ricevuto da MONTESANO
Presentato 08309I	Ricevuto 11323I	Distribuito 08000I	Copiato da: LAGANA			

VSO CANAL ARBA = TRAMITE MARISTAT OPERATIVO ROMA =

ARDIMENTOSI II3 alt Rif. fono gruppo orario data 271427 semialt Porto
diseario quattro casse di vestiario di cui al fono in rif. est Alessandri
et consegnate al L.V.S.O. agenti il 7 marzo 1946 alt

ARDIMENTOSO I53029

31 marzo 1946

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1 - Ministro.
2 - Sottosegretario di Stato.

3 - Capo di Gabinetto.
4 - Sottocapo di Gabinetto.

5 - Capo di Stato Maggiore.
6 - Sottocapo di Stato Maggiore.

7 - Maristat.
23 - Marina Serv. Com.

(3289). Wt. 30147/D.8071. 25,000M. 11/44. P.L.

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

I. S. ARDIMENTOSO (R) NAV SUB COMM CINC MED
NOIG PORT SAID VSO (L) ALEX

FROM S.O. CANAL AREA .

U/C

Please signal Port of discharge of the four cases clothing shipped
by Nav Sub Com in Ardimentosos 22nd Feb consigned to
VSO(L).

.....~~11/44~~ 271428 March.....

T/P

P/L

TOR 1519

FAG.D

28/3

V.S.O. LEVANT (R) NOIC PORT SAID

NAV SUB COM ROME

Unclassified

Your 190920. Items were shipped in I.S. "ARDIENTOSO" first port of call Port Said thence to Bitter lakes to discharge supplies for 7 battleships and calling at Alexandria on return to Italy.

(2) Since it appears that cases were not discharged at Alexandria presume they were unshipped at Port Said or Bitter Lakes for onward routing.

(3) NOIC Port Said is requested to confirm para 2.

-----221501Z March-----

T/P P/L

TOD 655 PAGES
1hr 54mins

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Dist. 0-5 NSC(1) Log.

(3289). Wt. 30147/D. 1171. 25,000M. 11/44. P.L.

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

U/C

NAVSUBCOM

FROM VSO LEVANT.

(R) ENORSCA, C in C MND.

Your 151120. Request signal name carrying ship and discharge port. VZHT.

~~1909200~~ 1909200/March. ✓

T/P

P/L

TOR 1133/21st
50hrs, 13mins.

T.D.

21/3/46

Dist 0-5 MAC log
Rel. Items despatched.

U/O.

V.S.O. LEVANT (R) CINC MED. SNOWSCA.

FROM. NAVSUBCOM.

Reference; CINC MED's letter MED.46/1347/8/4 dated 4th March, 1946.
Ministry of Marine have communicated that the
following items were dispatched to you in 4 cases on 22nd February

Tropical singlets ;	1773 in number.
Stockings blue :	2159 pair.
Belts blue :	72 in number.

2/ Regret cancellation of supply of the above items was impracticable.

===== 151120A/MARCH ...+ U

T/P F/L
Dist. O-5. REC(4).log.

TOD 1130

P.R.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 11th March 1946
Ref.: SM/13324 ✓

Subject: Return of clothing to "Victualling Store Officer Levant"

Further reference is made to my letter No.5818 of 2nd February 1946.

You are informed that on 22nd February 1946 four cases, containing the undermentioned articles, were sent from Taranto to the Victualling Store Officer Levant.

Tropical	
Cotton singlets	1773 No.
Blue woollen socks (thin)	2159 No.
Blue belts	72 No.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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11 MAR. 1946

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M. 2^aNAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 13324 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Restituzione di vestiario al "Victualling Store
Officier Levant".-

Seguito al r. 5818 del 2 febbraio u.s.

Si comunica che a mezzo del R.C.T. "ARDIMENTOSO", il giorno 22.2.46 sono stati inviati da Taranto al Victualling Store Officier Levant n.4 casse di legno contenenti i seguenti effetti:

canottiere di cotone	n.	1773
Calze di lana bleu leggera	paia	2159
Cinghie bleu	n.	72

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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RETURN OF CLOTHING TO "VICTUALLING STORES OFFICER LEVANT".
(The Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission's
NSC/4441 dated 15th January, 1946)

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Med. 46/1347/8/1
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

(Copies to:-
The Victualling Stores Officer, Levant.
The Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area.)

Paragraph 3 of your letter No. NSC/4440 dated 15th January, 1946, addressed to the Victualling Store Officer, Levant, is approved, except that in view of the closing down of Victualling Depots in the Levant, supply from stocks at Taranto of singlets tropical, stockings blue and belts, should be cancelled if practicable, the accounting procedure in A.F.O. 1047/44 being followed in respect of these items.

Peter Cazalek

MEDITERRANEAN,
4th March, 1946.

for ADMIRAL

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 2nd February 1946
Ref.: SM/5818 - Encl. No.1

Subject: Return of clothing to Victualling Store Officer
Levant.

In pursuance of your letter NSC/4439 dated 15th January 1946, forwarded herewith for information is a copy of the instructions given to Maricommi (I.R.N. Supply Dept.,) Taranto for the urgent despatch to the "Victualling Store Officer Levant" of the articles of tropical clothing which the Navy Sub Commission has indicated should be returned.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. POM/2

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 Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
 R O M A

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prote. V. 5818 Allegati 1

 ARGOMENTO: Restituzione di vestiario al "Victualling Store
 Officier Levant" :-

In esito al foglio NSC/4439 del 15.1.946, si trasmette per conoscenza copia delle istruzioni impartite a Maricommi Taranto affinché sia provveduto all'urgente spedizione al "Victualling Store Officier Levant" degli oggetti di vestiario tropicale da restituirsi secondo le indicazioni fornite da codesta Sottocommissione Navale.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of Naval Supplies)
To : MARICOMMI - Taranto - and for Info. to: MARIDIPART - Taranto
Date: 29th January 1946
Ref.: 31041/V

Subject: Return of clothing to Victualling Store Officer Levant,
Alexandria, Egypt

Reference is made to letter No.127367 of 20th December 1945.

1. The Navy Sub Commission has requested this Ministry to arrange with the utmost urgency the preparation for despatch to the "Victualling Store Officer Levant" (Alexandria, Egypt) of the following items of clothing from Allied sources :

- (a) Tropical singlets (of white cloth) 1773 in No.
- (b) Stockings, blue, thin wool 2159 pairs
- (c) Belts, white canvas (blue may be sent
in the absence of white)..... 72 in No.

The said Sub-Commission has informed the Victualling Store Officer Levant of the instructions given for the despatch of these articles in the above manner in order that accounting may be done separately for the articles not returned.

2. It is requested that you will send the above by the first suitable means, making the arrangements for this with Maridipart Taranto.

3. It is requested that you will notify this Ministry as soon as the above have been despatched.

for THE MINISTER
Sgd. : The Director General.

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Roma 10 Gennaio 1946

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Direzione Generale
di Commissariato Mil.Maritt.

Div. 3^a Vest.

Prot.N.31041/V

MARICOMMI = TARANTO
e per conoscenza:
MARIDIPART = TARANTO

ARGOMENTO: Restituzione di vestiario al Victualling Store Officer
"Levant" di Alessandria d'Egitto.-

URGENTISSIMO

Si fa riferimento al foglio n.127357 del 20 dicembre 1945.-

- 1°) - La "Sub Navy Commission" ha interessato questo ministero perchè sia provveduto con la massima urgenza all'approntamento della spedizione al "VICTUALLING STORE OFFICIER LEVANT" di Alessandria di Egitto dei seguenti effetti di provenienza alleata:

a) - canottiere tropicali (di stoffa bianca)	n.1773
b) - calze blu di lana, leggere.....paia	2159
c) - cinture di canapa bianca (possano essere spedite quelle blu in mancanza di quelle bianche).....	n. 72

Il "Victualling Store Officer Levant" è stato, dalla predetta Sotto Commissione informato della disposta spedizione delle robe come sopra indicato in modo da poter tenere, nei confronti degli articoli non ricevuti in restituzione, una separata contabilità.

- 2°) - Si prega provvedere all'inoltro col primo mezzo favorevole e prendere all'uopo opportuni accordi con Maridipart Taranto.
- 3°) - Nell'eseguito invio si prega darne immediata notizia a questo Ministero.

p.IL MINISTRO
IL MAGGIORE GENERALE COMMISSARIO 2680
Direttore Generale
F/to G. CESARANO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AHC 394

NSC/4441.
15th January, 1946.

FOR INFORMATION ON
Navy Sub Commission's letter No.
NSC/4440 dated 15th January, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission,
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
To : (Copies to :- Victualling Stores Officer, Levant.
Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area.)

Subject :- Return of Clothing to Victualling Stores Officer Levant.

Forwarded for covering approval.

E. V. ZIRILL
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
SENIOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION. 2673
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

23 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

HNO/4440.
15th January, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Victualling Store Officer, Levant.
(Copies to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area.)

Subject : Return of Clothing to "Victualling Store Officer Levant".

Further to Navy Sub Commission's letter HNO/3726 dated 3rd October, 1945, after an exchange of correspondence with the Ministry of Marine, it is considered that the only items, which can be recovered from stocks received by the Italian Navy from United Kingdom, are the following :-

<u>Items.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
Singlets tropical (white cloth)	1773 in number
Stockings, blue, thin wool	2159 prs.
Belts, canvas, white (blue may be sent if white are not held.)	72 in number.

2. As regards the remaining items of clothing, bags and shoes have already been dealt with in paragraph 2 of the Navy Sub Commission's letter under reference, the supply of stockings white and khaki shorts was not authorised by paragraph 3 of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.15/0060/27 dated 17th May, 1945 and are not included in the clothing received by the Italian Royal Navy from the United Kingdom. While the issue of tropical shirts and shorts was authorised by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, however, only material for their manufacture and not the finished article made to Admiralty pattern has been received by the Italian Navy. Observing therefore, that Italian tropical clothing have been manufactured in Italy to Italian Navy design, it is not considered that the replacement in kind from Italian stocks of similar articles of clothing issued from Royal Navy stores, would serve a useful purpose. This is confirmed by the Base Supply Officer, Taranto who inspected the clothing together with an Italian Navy representative.

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Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/4440 dated
15th January, 1946.

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3. It is requested therefore, that subject to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's approval, accounting action in accordance with APO.1047/44 be taken in respect of all the clothing issued to the 9th Italian Battleship Group as per your letter No. HQ.7406/45 dated 20th August, 1945, with the exception of the articles mentioned in paragraph 1 above the despatch of which the Ministry of Marine have been requested to expedite.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/4439.
15th January, 1946. ✓

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Return of Clothing to "Victualling Store Officer Levant".

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter SM/1346 dated 9th January 1946, it requested that the following items only, be despatched to the Victualling Store Officer Levant, in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph 2 of Navy Sub Commission letter NSC/5725 dated 3rd October, 1945 :-

<u>Items.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
Singlets tropical (white cloth)	1773 in number
Stockings, blue, thin wool	2159 pzs.
Belts, canvas, white (blue may be sent if white are not held)	72 in number.

2. The Victualling Store Officer Levant is being informed accordingly in order that separate accounting action may be taken in respect of the remaining items.

18 JAN 1946

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. A.C. Rome
Date: 9th January 1946
Ref.: SM/1346

Subject: Return of clothing to "Victualling Store Officer
Levant"

Further reference is made to our letter 27159 of 5th December 1945.

The Directorate of Supply at Taranto has contacted the Base Supply Office at Navy House in order to despatch the clothing which is subject of this letter.

The said office has stated that it is unable to give a decision concerning the possibility of despatch as the articles in question are not identical with those delivered to the Battleship Group, having a degree of similarity to them only.

The said Office considers, however, that it would be preferable not to return these articles of clothing and to request the appropriate Allied Authority to charge them to the Italian Navy in addition to the quantities of clothing already received.

It would be appreciated if it could be made known what decisions ~~which~~ the Navy Sub Commission proposes to adopt in the matter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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*Stato Maggiore della R. Marina**Reg. M. D. S. Uff. P. O. M. 2**Roma* 29 GEN 1946 19*Al* NAVY SUB COMMISSION
A.C. - ROMA

INDIAZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

*Prot. N. 44/1346 Allegati*ARGOMENTO: Restituzione di vestiario al "Victualling Store Office
Levant".

Si fa seguito al foglio 27159 del 5.12.45.

La Direzione di Commissariato di Taranto, per effettuare la spedizione del vestiario in argomento, ha preso contatto con l'Ufficio B.S.O. della locale Navy House.

Detto Ufficio ha dichiarato di non poter decidere sulla opportunità dell'invio trattandosi di effetti che non sono identici a quelli consegnati al Gruppo Navi da Battaglia, ma che hanno con essi soltanto una certa affinità.

L'Ufficio stesso ritiene pertanto preferibile non effettuare la restituzione di tali effetti e richiedere alla competente Autorità Alleata di farne carico alla Marina Italiana in aggiunta agli altri quantitativi di vestiario già ricevuto.

Si gradirebbe conoscere quali decisioni codesta S. Commissione intende in proposito adottare.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE 75

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

N30/4366,
5th January, 1946.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Tropical clothing for personnel on Italian Warships.

With reference to the Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM/27159 dated 5th December, 1945, it is requested that Maricommi Toronto be hastened for a reply to your letter 61013/V dated 28th November, 1945, and that the reply be communicated to the Navy Sub Commission for information.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

7 JAN 1946

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE, (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date : 5th December, 1945.
Ref. : SM/27159. ✓

Subject : Tropical clothing for personnel on Italian Warships.

Further reference is made to my letter 23667 dated 29th October, 1945.

In order to meet the request for the replacement of the above clothing equitably as far as is possible, Maricomi Taranto has been given the instructions of which copy is attached for the information of the Navy Sub Commission.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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Roma 5 dicembre 1945

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Alla NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Rip. M.D.S. 111 P.O.M.2

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Post. 1 Sm 27159 Allegato due

ARGOMENTO Vestiario tropicale per il personale
delle Navi da guerra Italiane.**URGENTISSIMO**

Seguito al foglio 23667 del 29/10/45.-

Nell'intento di soddisfare ugualmente e
nei limiti del possibile la richiesta di resti-
tuzione del vestiario in argomento, è stato prov-
veduto ad impartire a Maricommi Taranto le di-
sposizioni di cui si allega copia per opportuna
conoscenza di codesta Sottocommissione Navale.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Director General of Naval Supply)
To : MARICOMMI TARANTO
Date : 28th November, 1945.
Ref. : 61013/V encl. 1

Subject : Return of clothing to "Victualling Store Office Levant."

Following a request by the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission dated 3rd October, 1945, it is requested that you will arrange for the urgent despatch of the items of clothing indicated in the attached note in English to the Victualling Store Office Levant at Alexandria, Egypt, as replacements for like items made available gratis to the Battleship Group : "VITTORIO VENETO and "ITALIA".

2. This restitution should be made from the corresponding articles received, or now arriving, from the United Kingdom in accordance with my letter 59787 of 24th October, 1945.

3. For the precise translation and definition of the articles indicated in English in the above-mentioned list you can contact the appropriate Department at "Navy House" of whom it may be asked, also, whether :-

- a) in place of the white cloth belts - should it be impossible to send these - blue ones may be sent ~~instead~~.
- b) in place of the white woollen stockings the blue ones may be sent.
- c) for the light weight socks of which the colour is not indicated (Stockings, ~~thin~~) those of blue wool may be sent.

and with whom the exact type may be established of the cotton undervest or singlet, with regard to those received and taken on charge under the following names :

White cotton undervest
Cotton singlet.

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4. We await information of the precise quantities of each item which will be prepared for despatch, and telegraphic advice when they are forwarded.

5. Acknowledgement of receipt of this letter is awaited, as also a statement of the articles which it may be impossible to send as they are not included in Allied supplies.

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for THE MINISTER.

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Direzione Generale
di Commissariato Militare Marittimo
Div. III^a - Sez. Vest.

Roma li 28 novembre 1945.-

A MARI COMMI - TARANTO

Prot. n. 61013/V allegati 1.-

ARGOMENTO: Restituzione di vestiario al "Victualling Store Officer Levant" di Alessandria di Egitto.-

U R G E N T I S S I M O

1. - In seguito a richiesta avanzata dalla Sotto Commissione Navale A.C. in data 3 ottobre c.a. si prega disporre la urgente spedizione dei capi di corredo previsti nell'unito notamento in lingua inglese, da consegnare al "Victualling Store Officer Levant" di Alessandria d'Egitto, in restituzione di altrettanti ceduti gratuitamente al Gruppo Navi di Battaglia "Vittorio Veneto" ed "Italia".
2. - La restituzione dovrà essere eseguita in relazione ai corrispondenti tipi già ricevuti dal Regno Unito od in corso di arrivo, giusta dispaccio n. 59787 del 24 ottobre c.a.-
3. - Per l'esatta traduzione e determinazione degli effetti indicati in lingua inglese nell'elenco sopra indicato codesto Maricommi potrà prendere diretto contatto col competente Ufficio della locale "Navy House" al quale potrà essere altresì richiesto;
 - a) - se in luogo delle cinghie di tela (belts) bianca - ove ne manchi la possibilità - possono essere consegnate quelle turchine;
 - b) - se in luogo dei calzettoni di lana bianca possono essere spediti quelli turchini;
 - c) - se per calze leggere delle quali non è indicato il colore (Stockings Shin) possono essere inviate quelle di lana leggera turchine,e determinato l'esatto tipo del corpetto o farsetto (singlets tropical) di cotone, nei confronti di quelli ricevuti ed assunti in carico sotto le seguenti denominazioni:
 - canottiere di cotone bianco
 - farsetti di cotone.
4. - Si resta in attesa di conoscere gli esatti quantitativi dei singoli effetti che saranno approntati per la spedizione ed avere telegrafica notizia dell'eseguito invio.
5. - Si resta in attesa di un cenno di ricevuta della presente comunicazione e della specifica degli effetti eventualmente non pututi spedire, perché non ricevuti con i rifornimenti Alleati.-

P. IL MINISTRO
IL MAGGIORE GENERALE COMMISS.
Direttore Generale
F/to: (G. CESARANO)

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI COMMISSARIATO M.M.

TROPICAL CLOTHING TO THE 9th BATTLESHIP GROUPA) - Alexandria - 28th July, 1945.-

Officer Clothing :	Shirts tropical.....	145 No.
Seamens Clothing :	Shorts tropical.....	32 prs.
	Singlets tropical.....	385 No.
	Belts Waist White.....	72 No.
	Stockings white.....	142 prs.
	stockings thin	473 prs.
Army Clothing :	Shorts khaki	573 pers.

B) - Alexandria, 31st July, 1945.-

Seamens Clothing :	Shirts tropical.....	212 No.
	Shorts tropical.....	200 prs.

C) - Port Said - 2 nd August, 1945, +

Army Clothing	Shorts K.D.....	1539 prs.
Seamens Clothing	singlets tropical.....	1388 No.
	Shirts Tropical.....	162 No.
	Stockings thin.....	1666 prs.

Roma li, 25 novembre 1945.===

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 29th October 1945
Ref.: SM/23667

Subject: Tropical clothing for crews of Italian warships.

Reply is made to your letter NSC/3725 of 3rd October 1945.

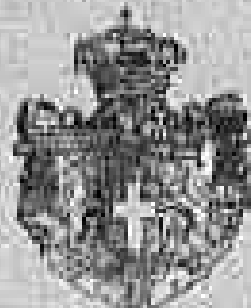
It is regretted that we are unable to comply with the request that the items of tropical clothing listed in the enclosure be returned to the Victualling Store Officer, Levant, it being materially impossible to do this since no supply of like articles has ever been received directly from the United Kingdom.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Roma, 9 OTT 1945

Stato Maggiore della P. Marina

A NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M.2

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 23667 Allegati

ARGOMENTO Vestiario tropicale per il personale delle navi da guerra italiane.-

Risposta al foglio NSC/3725 del 3.10.45.

Si è spiacenti di non poter aderire alla richiesta di restituire al Victualling Store Officer, Levant i capi di vestiario tropicali di cui all'elenco trasmesso stante la materiale impossibilità di farlo perchè non è stato mai ricevuto finora un diretto rifornimento di effetti analoghi dal Regno Unito.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NBC/3726.
3rd October, 1945.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
Navy Sub Commission letter No.
NBC/3726 of the 3rd October, 1945.

FROM : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
TO : Victualling Store Officer, Levant.
(Copy to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
Station.
Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and
Canal Area.)

subject : Tropical clothing for Italian Warship Personnel.

Forwarded for information with reference to your
No.HQ.7403/45 dated 20th August 1945.

2. It is requested that accounting action in
accordance with A.P.O.1047/44 be taken in respect of the
various bags and shoes supplied, observing that the supply
of these items was not authorised by paragraph 3 of Commander-
in-Chief, Mediterranean's Med.45/0060/27 dated 17th May, 1945
and have not been included in any of the consignments of
clothing for the Italian Royal Navy received from the United
Kingdom.

(Sgt G. L. WARDEN)

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 894

WBO/3725.
3rd October, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, HQ., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Tropical Clothing for Italian Warship Personnel

With reference to Navy Sub Commission letter No. 2517 dated 30th May 1945, enclosed is a list of tropical clothing supplied from Royal Navy stocks to the 9th Battleship Group in the Levant.

2. It is requested that an equal number of all the items listed, with the exception of bags and shoes for which separate accounting action will be taken, be recovered from stocks received from the United Kingdom, and shipped to Alexandria consigned to the Victualling Store Officer, Levant as soon as possible informing the Navy Sub Commission of particulars of despatch in good time, in order that the Victualling Store Officer Levant, may be informed.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

SEAN ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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TROPICAL CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN WARSHIP PERSONNEL
(The Victualling Store Officer Levant's No. HQ 7406/45
dated 20th August 1945).

III

Med. 45/0060/27
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

It is requested that you will take necessary
action with the Italian Ministry of Marine.

MEDITERRANEAN
13th September 1945

W. Hames
for ADMIRAL

Enclosures

Minutes I & II and enclosure thereto

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TROPICAL CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN WARSHIPS.
(Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area's Minute II
No. 208/RS.67/23A, dated 25th August, 1945.)

III.

No. F.O.I.L. 1031/12.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded.

ROME,
6th September, 1945.

C. Appleton
for REAR-ADMIRAL.
(Absent on duty.)

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This information is reported in accordance with
 Commander in Chief, Mediterranean's instructions dated
 17th May 1945, Med.45/0060/27, in order that similar
 quantities can be recovered at Taranto from stocks
 received from U.K. specially for the Italian Navy.



VIETNAMINE SECTOR OFFICER,
 LEVANT.

WH/LS

RS 7406/45

No. 208/RS.67/23.

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DUPLICATE

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
 MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to: The Flag Officer, Italy & Liaison)

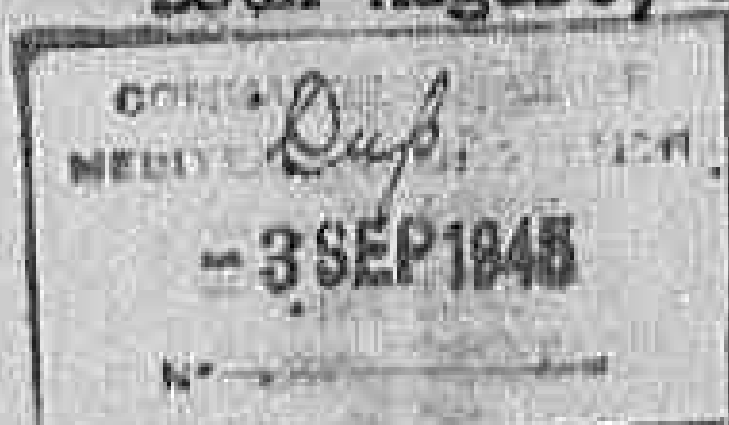
Forwarded, together with copies of
 Commanding Officer, 9th Italian Battleship Group's
 No. 870 of 16th June, 1945 and my No. RS. 67/23A of
 26th June, 1945.

(sgd) W. W. Sitwell

Navy House,
 Port Said.
 25th August, 1945.

FOR SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, RED
 SEA & CANAL AREA

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HEADQUARTERS,
R.N. JEWELLING DEPT.,
LEVANT, ALEXANDRIA.

20th August 1945.

SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
RED SEA AND CANAL AREA.

Tropical Clothing for Italian Workshops.

With reference to your communication No. 61/23.A dated 26th June 1945 addressed to the Supg. Naval Store Officer, Levant, I beg to report that the following clothing was supplied to the 9th Italian Battalion Group:

Alexandria - 26 July 1945:

<u>Officers Clothing:</u>	Shoes W.D.	62 prs.
	Shirts tropical	145 No.
	Tags various	5 No.
<u>Sailors Clothing:</u>	Shirts tropical	32 prs.
	Singlets tropical	185 No.
	Tags various	3 No.
	Belts Waist white	72 No.
	Socks white	115 prs.
	Socks thin	473 prs.
	Tags various	3 No.
<u>Army Clothing:</u>	Shirts khaki	573 prs.
	Tags various	3 No.

Alexandria - 31 July 1945:

<u>Sailors Clothing:</u>	Shirts tropical	222 No.
	Shirts tropical	200 prs.
	Tags various	4 No.
<u>Officers Clothing:</u>	Shoes W.D.	11 prs.
	Tags various	1 No.

Port Said - 2 August 1945:

<u>Army Clothing:</u>	Shirts K.D.	1539 prs.
	Tags various	16 No.
<u>Sailors Clothing:</u>	Singlets tropical	1388 No.
	Shirts tropical	182 No.
	Socks thin	1686 prs.
	Tags various	26 No.

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TROPICAL CLOTHING SUPPLIED TO THE 9TH BATTLESHIP GROUP.

<u>Alexandria - 28th July, 1945.</u>	
<u>Officers Clothing</u> : Shoes W.R.	62 prs.
X-shirts tropical	145 No.
Bags various	5 No.
<u>Seaman Clothing</u> : Shorts tropical	32 prs.
Singlets tropical	385 No.
Bags various	3 No.
Belts waist white	72 No.
Stockings white	145 prs.
Stockings thin	473 prs.
Bags various	3 No.
<u>Army Clothing</u> : Shorts khaki	573 prs.
Bags various	3 No.
<u>Alexandria - 1st July, 1945.</u>	
<u>Seaman Clothing</u> : Shirts tropical	212 No.
Shorts tropical	200 prs.
Bags various	4 No.
<u>Officers Clothing</u> : Shoes W.R.	11 prs.
Bags various	1 No.
<u>Port Said - 2nd August 1945.</u>	
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TRANSLATION.

No. 870

S.M.O.R.S.C.A.
Port Said.

COLANDO GRUPPO NAVI DA BATTAGLIA

R. NAVE ITALIA.

16th June 1945Demand for Summer Clothing.

Reference your R.S. 67/23 dated 14.6.45 and modification to my letter No. 646 of 8.6.45.

1) The summer clothing required for the two battle-ships' complements is the following:

FOR 66 OFFICERS.

Shirts, white tropical, (Size 1 No. 32
(Size 2 No. 50
(Size 3 No. 50 total 132

Shorts, white tropical, (Waist 36" no. 25
(" 38" " 40
(" 40" " 40
(" 42" " 27 total 132

FOR 960 PETTY OFFICERS AND RATINGS (170 P.O.'s - 790 RATINGS)

Shirts, white tropical (Size 1 No. 100
(" 2 " 120
(" 3 " 120 total 340

Singlets, white tropical (Size 2 No. 380
(" 3 No. 800
(" 4 No. 400 total 1580

Shorts, white tropical (Waist 36" No. 300
(" 38" " 400
(" 40" " 500
(" 42" " 400
(" 44" " 320 total 1920

Stockings, blue, long (Size 1 no. 600
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(" 3 No. 600 total 1920

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2) Likewise, as the supply of waist belts for Petty Officers and ratings is not anticipated, it is requested that the supply of shorts made may be of the type where no belt is required.

3) It is requested that this demand may be given some form of priority, as the summer conditions are already making themselves felt.

(SGD) SABATO BOTTIGLIERI
IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO
COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO NN.88.

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No. RS. 67/23.A.

The Superintending Victualling Store Officer,
Levant.

(Copies to: Comandante del Gruppo NN.BB.
Comando Gruppo Navi da Battaglia
R.Nave Italia.
The British Naval Liaison Officer,
9th Italian Battleship Group.)

Forwarded in accordance with the Commander-
in Chief, Mediterranean's 45/0060/27 of 17th May,
1945, a copy of which is attached.

2. A reserve supply of 10% should be allowed
in addition for new personnel joining, etc.

Office of
the Senior Naval Officer,
Red Sea & Canal Area.
26th June, 1945.
(SGD) W.W. SITWELL.
for COMMOLORE.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

HSC/2517.
30th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Tropical Rig for Italian Warships.

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM/9717 of 16th May, 1945, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has approved the issue of following items only from stocks in Levant on the basis of two of each article per man :-

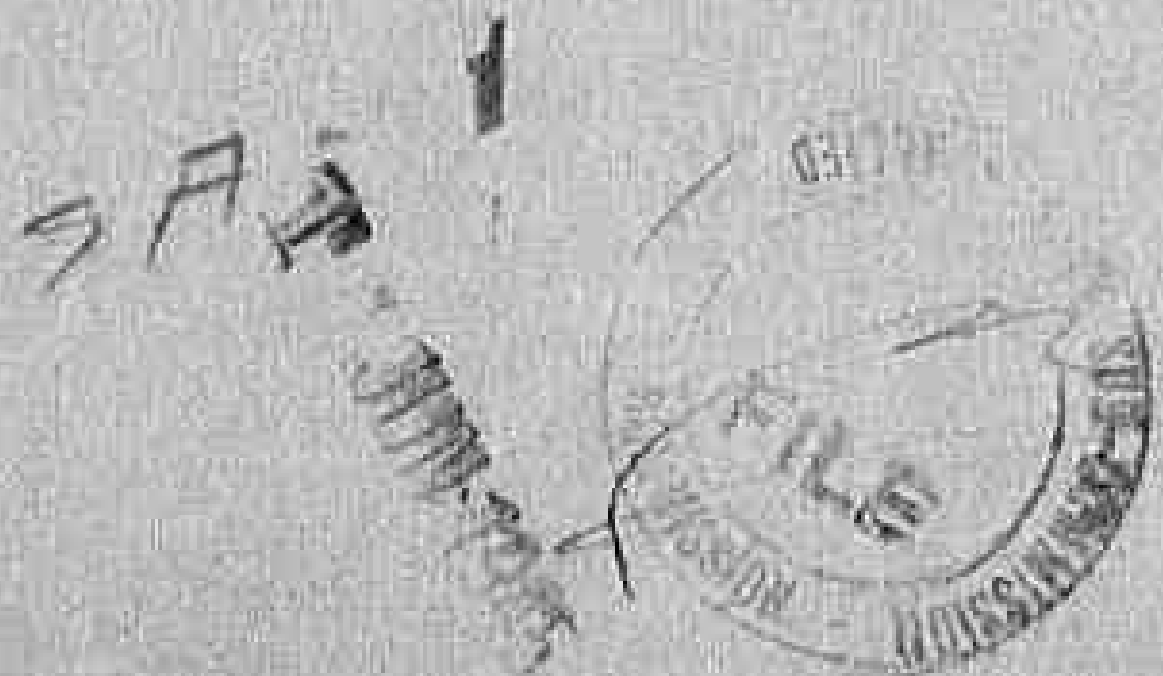
Shirts or singlets;
Tropical shorts;
and Blue stockings.

2. In view of difficulty experienced by the Ministry in providing tropical outfit, arrangements are being made for balance of annual allowance of following materials to be included in Second Maintenance Consignment :-

White Shirting;
White Drill;
Stockings;
White Cotton and Buttons.

3. To obviate the necessity for requesting further supplies from British stocks in the Mediterranean, the Ministry is requested to expedite the manufacture and distribution of tropical clothing from materials supplied in the first maintenance consignment received from the United Kingdom.

H. W. ZROH,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION



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MEDICAL LETTER 45/0050/27 OF 17TH MAY. 1945. FIRST MAINTENANCE
CONSIGNMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED INCLUDED :-
56000 YARDS WHITE SHIRTING T. 557B.
62500 YARDS WHITE DRILL (28" SUBSTITUTE)
12500 PAIRS SOCKINGS THIN.

2. REQUEST BALANCE OF ANNUAL SUPPLY OF THESE ITEMS TOGETHER WITH BUTTONS AND WHITE
COTTON BE INCLUDED IN SECOND MAINTENANCE CONSIGNMENT NOW AWAITING SHIPMENT.

3. ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 IS BEING TAKEN.

27/19 MAY. 1945

DHS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P. TOB 4730/27

28/5/45.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME.

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REQUEST EARLY DECISION ON PROPOSAL IN N.S.C. 2321 OF 3RD MAY. 1945

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P.L.T.P. TD 2015/19

19/5/45.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
17th May, 1945.

Med. 45/0060/27

NAVY SUB COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
(Copies to: The Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy
The Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area)

TROPICAL RIG FOR ITALIAN WARSHIPS

With reference to your letter dated 3rd May, 1945 NSC/2321, in view of the considerable quantities of tropical gear which are presumably now required for Italian sea-going personnel the general position requires clarification. N.A.F. 687 approved the following scale of tropical gear for Italian personnel in sea-going ships:-

Tropical shirts, khaki	2 No.
Tropical shorts, khaki	2 prs.
Stockings, khaki	2 prs.

and the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy's 050925 July 1944 stated that white tropical shirts and shorts and blue stockings could be accepted in lieu of khaki. The estimated requirements of tropical gear for 1945 in the Flag Officer Liaison Italy's L.191/7 dated 16th October, 1944 accordingly included blue stockings and materials for making up white shirts and shorts for Italian sea-going personnel. A proportion of these articles should, therefore, be included in the shipments referred to in Admiralty Messages 130322 March and 101841 April 1945.

2. It is requested that you will report as soon as practicable the quantities of any blue stockings, white drill and material for shirts received in these shipments and whether the balance of tropical gear is required to be sent in the second quarterly consignment instead of being equally divided between the second, third and fourth consignments in accordance with the arrangements in Admiralty Message 250803 December 1944, which were agreed to in the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's 171831 January, 1945.

3. In the meantime it is approved as a special case for the Italian battleships "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO" to be provided with the following items only from stocks in the Levant:

Shirts or singlets, tropical	) on the basis of two of each article
Shorts, tropical	) per man. The actual quantities
Stockings, blue	) supplied should be reported by the
	) Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and
	) Canal Area so that

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	) Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and
	) Canal Area so that similar quantities can be recovered at Taranto
	) from stocks received from the
	) United Kingdom, specially for the
	) Italian Navy.

4. To obviate the necessity for the supply of further quantities of tropical gear to other Italian warships from British

Page 2 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's Med. 45/0060/27
dated 17th May, 1945

stocks, if stockings and materials for manufacture of shirts
and shorts have arrived, the Italian authorities should be
requested to expedite manufacture and distribution.

L. H. K. K. K.

for ADMIRAL

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 16 May '45
Rf.: SM.9717

Subject: Demand for Tropical Clothing for
Italian Battleships.

Further to letter N°8101 of 24 ulto.

The "Vittorio Veneto" Battleship Group Command has notified this Ministry that, as the hot season has commenced, it would be advisable for tropical rig to be made available as soon as possible.

Request N.S.C. to notify S.N.O.R.S.C.A. Ismailia that the supplying of clothing as set out in above-cited N°8101 has been authorised, by signal if possible.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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DG/P.



Roma

16 MAG 1945

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

M CHIEF NAVY
SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

Dep. M.D.S. 14/P.O.M./2^

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. SM/9717 Allegato

ARGOMENTO Richiesta di vestiario estivo per
le Navi da Battaglia italiane.

Prosecuzione foglio n. 8101 del 24 Aprile.

Il Comando Gruppo NN.BB. "Vittorio Veneto" ha fatto presente a questo Ministero che essendo già iniziata la stagione calda, sarebbe necessario che il vestiario estivo richiesto per il personale dipendente fosse fornito al più presto possibile.

Si prega pertanto codesta Navy Sub Commission voler comunicare se S.N.O.R.S.C.A. Ismailia é già stata autorizzata ad effettuare il rifornimento degli effetti di vestiario segnalati nel predetto foglio 8101 ed esaminare in ogni caso la possibilità che siano inviate al riguardo disposizioni telegrafiche.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 280 334.

File
WSC/3322.
3rd May, 1945. **FILE**

From : Navy Sub Commission, Mo.; Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copies to i-Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and
Lisbon, Italy.
Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and
Gaza Area.)

Subject : Demand for Tropical Kit for Italian Battleships.

The Senior Officer of the 9th Italian Battleship Group has requested the supply of tropical uniforms, for Italian personnel serving in "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO" which the Ministry of Marine are unable to provide. Copies of Navy Sub Commission letter No. 1853 of the 24th April, 1945, and a translation of the Ministry's letter No. 38/8101 of 24th April, 1945, in reply are attached.

2. The uniform, or materials for the manufacture of the uniform, requested in this instance were not included in the shipment referred to the Admiralty Message 060143 January, 1945, and no information has yet been received as to the breakdown of the shipments reported in Admiralty Messages 130322 March and 101841 April, 1945, not to Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Gaza Area. In these circumstances, therefore, approval is requested for the issue of the clothing required by the 9th Battleship Group from British stocks in the Levant.

3. On the receipt of particulars of the later shipments from the United Kingdom, the question of directing replacement from materials provided for the Italian Navy will be taken up with the Ministry.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
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CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.
CHIEF, ADMIRALTY.

ALLIED COMMISSION - HQ

Subject: Request for Tropical Kit for Italian Battleships.

The Senior Officer of the 7th Italian Battleship Group has requested the supply of tropical uniforms, for Italian personnel serving in "VITTORIO VENETO" and "VITTORIO VERDI" which the Ministry of Marine are unable to provide. Copies of Navy Sub Commission Letter No. 1845 of the 24th April, 1945, and a translation of the Ministry's letter No. 85/5161 of 24th April, 1945, in reply are attached.

2. The uniforms, or materials for the manufacture of the uniforms, requested in this instance were not included in the shipment referred to the Admiralty Message 066145 January, 1945, and no information has yet been received as to the breakdown of the shipments reported in Admiralty Messages 130122 March and 101241 April, 1945, not to Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area. In these circumstances, therefore, approval is requested for the issue of the clothing required by the 7th Battleship Group from British stocks in the Levant.

3. On the receipt of particulars of the later shipments from the United Kingdom, the question of directing replacement from materials provided for the Italian Navy will be taken up with the Ministry.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

SENIOR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUPPLY COMMISSION.



5 MAY 1945

SUMMER CLOTHING DEMAND - ITALIAN
BATTLESHIPS.

From ... Senior Naval Officer,
Red Sea and Canal Area.

Date ... 30th April, 1945. No.RS.67/23.

To ... Flag Officer, Taranto,
Adriatic and Liaison,
Italy.
(Copy to:- Commanding Officer,
9th Italian Battleship Group.)

With reference to my Minute
II, No.RS.67/23, of the 2nd March, 1945, information is requested whether
the supply of the Italian Battleships' summer clothing requirements has been
satisfactorily arranged through the Italian Ministry of Marine. -NT

W. W. S. S. S.
for COMMODORE.

FLAG OFFICER
TARANTO AND ADRIATIC
DATE 8 JULY 1945
No. F 10 38/1031

DATE: 8/7/45
FROM: FOTALI, ROME.
TO: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION.

FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
NO. AG 18 July 1945
No. 1945
DATE: 1945
ROME.

W. W. S. S. S.
for
REAR ADMIRAL

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 24 Apr.'45
Ref.: SM.8101

Subject: Demand for Tropical Rig for Italian Battleships.

Letter N°.1855 of 15th ulto. refers.

This Ministry has issued instructions for clothing as per list attached to above-cited, available in I.R.N. Stores, to be despatched at once to Battleship Group Command.

The following gear is lacking either because it is not part of an Italian Seaman's rig, or material is not available:-

- Shirts, short-sleeved, white
- Shorts, white
- Stockings, white
- Belts, white
- + Canvas shoes, white
- Shorts, khaki
- Stockings, khaki

As it is necessary to issue the above to "ITALIA" and "V.VENETO", owing to where they are stationed, N.S.C. is requested to examine the possibility of same being supplied by the Local Allied Authorities.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF

DG/P.

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24 APR 1946

Roma,

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. P.M./2^aCHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION
R O M A

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 8101 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta di vestiario estivo per le navi da battaglia italiane.

Riferimento foglio n.1855 del 15 Marzo.-

Questo Ministero ha già impartito disposizioni per l'urgente spedizione al Comando Gruppo NN.BB. degli affetti di vestiario richiesti con la nota allegata al foglio sopracitato, disponibili presso i magazzini della R.Marina.-

Non è stato peraltro possibile disporre la spedizione dei seguenti capi di corredo di cui la R.Marina non possiede scorte sia perché non fanno parte del corredo regolamentare del marinaio italiano, sia perché come i pantaloni corti kaki, manca la disponibilità di tela per la confezione :

Camicie bianche a mezze maniche
Pantaloni bianchi corti
Calzettoni bianchi
Cinture bianche
Scarpe di tela bianche
Pantaloni kaki corti
Calzettoni kaki

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Poiché la distribuzione dei suddetti capi di corredo al personale delle NN.BB. "ITALIA" e "VITTORIO VENETO", in dipendenza della diallocazione di tali unità, è da ritenersi necessaria, si prega codesta Navy Sub Commission voler esaminare la possibilità che siano forniti dalle autorità alleate locali.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

File
MSC/1855

15th March, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: The Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Summer Clothing Demand for Italian Battleships.

The attached demands for clothing for personnel of the Italian Battleships "ITALIA" and "VITTORIO VENETO", received from the Comandante del Gruppo III. BB., are forwarded for necessary action by the Ministry.



18 MAR 1945

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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AMER CLOTHING DEMAND - ITALIAN BATTLESHIPS
 Commanding Officer, 9th Italian Battleship
 Group's No. N.215 dated 17th February 1945).

II.

No. RS.67/23

Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic
 and Liaison, Italy
 (Copy to: Commanding Officer, 9th Italian
 Battleship Group.)

Forwarded.

2. It is requested that this demand may
 be referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine
 in accordance with paragraph 16 of Memorandum
 No. Med.0060/30 of the 6th August 1944 (not
 to Commanding Officer, 9th Italian Battleship
 Group.).

Office of
 Senior Naval Officer,
 Red Sea & Canal Area.
 2nd March, 1945.

W. W. Sitole
 for COMMODORE.



9th March, 1945

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TO: ITALY, ROME
 TO: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ, AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

REAR ADMIRAL



N. 103 di Catal

February 17th, 1942

Regia Marina

Comando Gruppo Navi da Battaglia

Ind. teleg. : Nave V. Veneto per Gruppo

Ufficio Sez.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO:

Prot. N. 215 Allegati uno

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta vestiario estivo.-

Si rimette per l'approvazione e il
successivo inoltrare al V.S.O. Alessandria,
un elenco del vestiario estivo occorren-
te alle Unità dipendenti.-

IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO
Comandante del Gruppo NN.BB.
(Rodolfo DEL MINIO)

TRANSLATIONSummer Clothing Demand

It is requested that you will approve
and forward to V.S.O. Alessandria the
accompanying list of summer clothing
required by the Battleships of this
Group. =

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LIST OF SUMMER CLOTHING REQUIRED BY RR.NN.V.VENEETO AND ITALIA

	V. VENEETO	ITALIA
Shirts, tropical white, { size 1 no. 20 " 2 " 40 " 3 " 40 tot.	100	100
Shorts, tropical white, { size 1 no. 10 " 2 " 20 " 3 " 20 "	50	50
Stockings, white, tropical, { size 1 no. 10 " 2 " 30 " 3 " 20 "	60	60
Belts waist, white	50	50
Shoes, canvas, white, { size 6 no. 10 " 7 " 20 " 8 " 25 " 9 " 5 "	60	60
Seamen's Cotton "Flannels", { size 2 no. " 3 " " 4 " tot.	25 100 75 200	100 200 200 500
Shorts knaki, { waist 30" no. 100 " 40" " 200 " 42" " 100 " 44" " 100 "	500	500
Stockings knaki, { size 1 no. 200 " 2 " 300	500	500

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TO. CINO MED (R) NAVSUB ROME.

FROM. ADMIRALTY.

Your 104626 noted. Supply of following being arranged in accordance with para. 8 of your 31 1106 October BLUE SHIRT - 38,000 yards
BLACK COTTON - 4,000 reels WHITE COTTON 2,500 PAIR OVERALL SUITS -
31,500 NO. COTTON FLANNEL VESTS - 15,500 NO. SHIRTING - 37,300 yards.

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T/P P/L TOR 1720
Ref. Supply of clothing for RMA.
Dist. 0-5, 13, 16, 25, 10g. NSC(4).

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SUBJECT: CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.

FROM: Captain-in-Charge, Taranto.

DATE: 12th December, 1945. No. 7/104

TO: NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ., ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
(Copy to:-Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, Rome.)

With reference to your letter NSC/3750 dated 11th October, 1945 attached herewith is a summary of all clothing received from U.K. by Italian Royal Navy at Taranto.

2. No information is available in Taranto as to what total quantities should have been received and therefore no comparison can be made.

A. Stanley

CAPTAIN, R.N.

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FIGURES OF THE CLOTHING SO FAR RECEIVED FROM THE U.K.

ITEMS.	1 LOT.	2 LOT.	3 LOT.	4 LOT.	5 LOT.	TOTAL.
1 Blankets, white	19.135	12.192	15.298	-	14.896	61.521.
2 Vests, wool	48.619	9.414	-	7.085	490	65.608.
3 Socks, blue thin wool	28.348	38.745	-	53.842	14.947	135.882.
4 Socks, blue thick "	29.368	-	-	-	2.240	31.608.
5 Jerseys, blue wool	24.326	11.861	11.778	-	12.295	60.260.
6 Singlets Tropical, white cloth	31.896	12.311	-	15.191	15.223	74.621.
7 Drawers, wool, summer	19.237	35.137	-	21.227	7.483	83.084.
8 " " winter	19.221	-	-	-	-	19.221.
9 Raincoats	19.831	13.562	-	12.379	5.623	51.395.
10 Spoons	18.015	-	-	-	1.434	19.449.
11 Forks	17.333	-	-	-	-	17.333.
12 Knives	3.498	-	-	-	-	3.498.
13 Plates	19.297	-	-	-	1.900	21.197.
14 Belts, canvas	14.746	12.155	12.370	-	11.686	50.957.
15 Half Soles, leather	27.960	525	1.500	-	960	30.945.
16 Heels, leather	38.199	527	1.406	-	1.164	41.296.
17 Shoes, black	14.471	5.406	-	-	-	19.877.
18 Boots, black	29.174	17.431	8.573	-	-	55.178.
19 Serge, blue	80.330	32.275, 62	-	32.928	15.161, 25	160.694, 87.
20 Cloth, blue	144.835	33.877, 18	-	-	-	178.712, 18.
21 Buttons, black	240.000	45.800	-	376.000	-	661.800.
22 Leather, sheet	1.778, 600	486, 200	-	359, 700	452, 500	3.077, 000.
23 Mugs, enamelled	-	19.248	-	-	1.843	21.091.
24 Jugs, enamelled	1.947	-	-	-	-	1.947.
25 Plates, tin	1.989	-	-	-	-	1.989.
26 Tacks, shoes	198	-	-	246, 200	-	444, 200.
27 Towels	-	34.900	36.787	-	19.906	91.593.
28 Needles.	-	5.000	-	10.000	-	15.000.
29 Needles, for "Singer"	-	5.000	-	5.000	-	10.000.
30 Buttons, white	-	273.480	-	-	-	273.480.

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FIGURES OF THE CLOTHING SO FAR RECEIVED FROM THE U.K.

ITEMS.	1 LOT.	2 LOT.	3 LOT.	4 LOT.	5 LOT.	TOTAL.
31 Stockings, blue wool	-	12.143	-	10.580	17.269	39.992.
32 Vests, cotton, summer	-	10.869	-	7.631	6.667	25.167.
33 Laces, black	-	17.791	18.710	-	-	36.501.
34 Drawers, cotton	-	60	-	7.729	3.745	11.134.
35 Tooth brushes	-	17.423	18.750	-	4.650	40.823.
36 Cotton, black	-	2.961	-	3.621	-	6.582.
37 Cotton, white	-	4.470	-	960	-	5.430.
38 Cloth, white	-	99.717,90	-	102.503,30	-	202.221,20.
39 Overall, blue	-	-	35.626	25.177	30.135	90.938.
40 Singlets, cotton	-	-	-	6.785	9.920	16.705.
41 Handkerchiefs	-	-	-	-	2.880	2.880.
42 Cloth, kaki	-	-	-	-	83.829,45	83.829,45.
43 Vests, cotton, long sleeves	-	-	-	-	971	971.
44 Cord, (string) bundles	60	-	-	-	-	60.
Received from B.S.O. Taranto	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 Needles, for "Singer"	-	-	-	-	-	10.000.
46 Buttons	-	-	-	-	-	9.

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CIGENT FOR THE ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY.

(The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's No. 5333/Med. 45/1347/8/1
dated 10th December, 1945)

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Med. 45/1347/8/1

THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

Forwarded for information with reference to your letter
N10/3281 dated 16th August 1945 and messages timed 211532 September
and 271054 November.

2. With regard to paragraph 4 of the latter message and
the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal timed 311106 October
to Admiralty it was decided to cancel shipment of the 22,305 pairs
of footwear and 2 1/2 tons of shoe-leather outstanding from the United
Kingdom in view of the following:-

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- (a) 120,000 pairs footwear representing two pairs each for an
average strength of 60,000 have already been supplied from
British stocks.
 - (b) According to your message timed 271054 November, the
Italian Ministry of Marine have been able to supplement
these supplies by obtaining from local resources
approximately 28,000 pairs footwear and anticipate being
able to obtain a further 25,000 pairs by the end of
February.
 - (c) An additional quantity of 3,890 pairs shoes was reported
to be available in Northern Italy in N10/3912 dated 3rd
November, 1945 and these will be handed over to the Italian
Navy.
 - (d) No reason is seen why the Italian Government should not
allocate leather to the Ministry of Marine in future to
obviate difficulties experienced by the latter in obtaining
supplies in the open market.

3. It is anticipated that further small supplies of
Egyptian footwear will become available on the Station for transfer
to the Italian Navy and details will be communicated later.

MEDITERRANEAN
10th December, 1945.

M. B. Lang
FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

ADMIRALTY (R) NAVSUB ROME

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REQUEST SHIPMENT OF QUANTITIES OF OILSKINS FOOTWEAR AND SHOE LEATHER
OUTSTANDING ON DEMAND FOR ITALIAN NAVY MAY NOW BE CANCELLED.
(2) FURTHER MAINTENANCE DEMAND FOR CLOTHING MATERIALS FORWARDED
UNDER NO 5335/MED 45/1347/8/1 DATED 10th DECEMBER 1945.
(3) MY 311106 OCTOBER REFERS.

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REF. CONTINUATION OF CLOTHING SUPPLIES.

DIST. 0-5,13,16,17,24. LOG. NSC (4).

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
10th December, 1945.

No. 5333/Med. 45/1347/8/1

THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY

(Copy to:- The Navy Sub-Commission Headquarters, Allied Commission)

CLOTHING FOR THE ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY.

... The attached demand for clothing required by the Italian Ministry of Marine is forwarded for the consideration of Their Lordships with reference to paragraph 4 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's message timed 311106 October.

2. The demand is intended to represent six months' maintenance requirements for approximately 5,000 officers, 8,000 Petty Officers and 49,000 ratings of essential items which are not available from local resources. (paragraph 2 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's message timed 311106 October refers).

3. None of the materials demanded can be supplied from British stocks in the Mediterranean but it is estimated that the following quantities of made-up articles are surplus to Fleet requirements on the Station:-

Caps, blue seamen's	30,000 No.
Overcoats "	20,000 No.
Bluetie Combination	
Suits	20,000 No.

4. It is suggested that if these items are not required elsewhere, the possibility of disposal in Italy should be investigated with a view to reducing the Italian Ministry of Marine's requirements of materials for making seamen's uniforms and working clothes.

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for ADMIRAL

LIST OF CLOTHING DEMANDED BY THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF
MARINE.

Blue cloth for officers' and Petty Officers' uniforms and overcoats	30,000 metres
Blue cloth for seamen's uniforms	145,000 "
Smooth white cloth for seamen's uniforms	120,000 "
White cloth for officers' and Petty Officers' summer uniforms	100,000 "
White cloth for officers' and Petty Officers' shirts	31,000 "
Khaki cloth for uniforms	100,000 "
Khaki cloth for officers' and Petty Officers' shirts	30,000 "
Blue cotton cloth for sailors' working clothes	100,000 "
White sewing cotton	40,000,000 "
Black sewing cotton	25,000,000 "
Blue sewing cotton	1,250,000 "

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YOUR 311451 OCTOBER PARA 1 (3) IN ACTUAL PRACTICE MINISTRY OF MARINE WERE ONLY ABLE TO OBTAIN 3,000 PAIRS OF THE 10,000 REPORTED.
 (2) PARA 1 (4). WHILE 50,000 PAIRS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE MINISTRY OF MARINE THEY HAVE TO DATE ONLY RECEIVED 25,000 APPROX. AND ANTICIPATE OBTAINING THE REMAINDER BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.
 (3) PARA 1 (5). LEATHER AND ALL LEATHER ARTICLES WERE DE-CONTROLLED BY APERS IN SEPTEMBER. REQUIREMENTS THEREFORE NO LONGER REQUIRE TO BE REPORTED. MINISTRY OF MARINE NOW HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEATHER ON THE OPEN MARKET WHERE A LITTLE DIFFICULTY ARISES AT PRESENT OBSERVING THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED LEATHER FOR THE PROVISION 7 1/2 MILLION PAIRS OF FOOTWEAR FOR TOTAL POPULATION. ANY LEATHER LEFT OVER IS AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN MARKET.
 (4) RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT OUTSTANDING QUANTITIES OF FOOTWEAR AND SHOE LEATHER BE SENT FROM U.K. AS LAST (R) LAST CONSIGNMENT NO (R) NO FURTHER DEMANDS FROM U.K. OF FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER ARE AT PRESENT ENVISAGED.
 (5) PARA 2 (A). CANCEL OILSKIN COATS AND ALL BUTTONS FROM NSC/3281 OF 16th AUGUST 1945 AS AMENDED BY MY 211532 SEPTEMBER. PARA 1 (B) SINCE THEY ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.
 (6) PARA 2 (B). REQUEST FOR CANVAS FOR CLOTHING DOCKYARD PERSONNEL WAS MADE SINCE THERE APPEARED NO POSSIBILITY WHAT EVER AT THE TIME FOR THE PROVISION OF THIS ITEM IN ITALY. AGREED WITH MINISTRY OF MARINE HOWEVER THAT IT MAY NOW BE CANCELLED.

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REF.....REQUEST POSITION REGARDING FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER FOR ITALIAN NAVY.

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(GV440) W.A. 37007 D. 5115. 12,500 M. 12/45. H. & S. L.A. 11-201.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320c.

(Established—Mar. 1940)
(Revised—November, 1941)

To:

From:

N.S.C. ROME

FROM..... C IN C MED
311451A/OCTOBER.DEFERRED RESTRICTED.

REQUEST POSITION REGRADING POSITION OF FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER FOR ITALIAN NAVY AS REPORTED IN YOUR 230855 MAY BE REVIEWED HAVING TO THE FOLLOWING :--

(1) THE QUANTITIES OF FOOTWEAR IN SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENTS WERE REDUCED BY 20,000 PAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF MED 45/1051/16/1 OF 17.3.45. TO FODALI (ROME).

(2) QUANTITY OUTSTANDING FROM U.K. IS THEREFORE 25,000 PAIRS LESS 2,695 PAIRS MENTIONED IN NSC/3731 OF 6.10.45.

(3) ACCORDING TO MED 45/0060/27 OF 30.7.45. CALZATURIFICIO DI MOGLIANO HAD RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER ACCESSORIES IN STOCK FOR MANUFACTURE OF 10,000 PAIRS BOOTS.

(4) ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS OF LEATHER QUOTED IN NSC.2964 DATED 20.7.45. ARE SMALL COMPARED WITH QUANTITIES REPORTED TO BE AVAILABLE IN NORTHERN ITALY IN A F L R S LETTER LRG/330/162 OF 31.7.45. TO COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION H.Q.M.A.C.

(5) PRESUME THAT ITALIAN NAVAL REQUIREMENTS OF LEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER 1945, WERE REPORTED TO A F L R S UNDER C IN C MED'S 111202 AUGUST, AND THAT FUTURE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SIMILARLY REPORTED IN ORDER THAT NECESSARY LOCAL RELEASES MAY BE OBTAINED.

2... REFERENCE JUNE - DECEMBER 1945 DEMAND, AS AMENDED BY YOUR 241532 SEPTEMBER, REQUEST (A) CONFIRMATION THAT OILSKIN COATS AND BUTTONS ARE STILL REQUIRED SINCE CANCELLATION OF THESE ITEMS FROM LAST QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENT DUE FROM U.K. INDICATE THAT SUPPLIES MAY NOW BE OBTAINED LOCALLY. (B) REASON FOR INCLUSION OF CANVAS FOR CLOTHING DOCKYARD AND HEAVY LABOUR PERSONNEL WHICH DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AN ITALIAN NAVAL COMMITMENT.

3... MY 311106 OCTOBER ALSO REFERS..

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A.M. 311615 AUGUST. NECESSITY FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING TO THE ITALIAN NAVY HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED HAVING REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

1. MATERIALS I.E. COTTON AND WOOL ARE AT PRESENT LACKING IN ITALY.
2. STOCKS HELD BY MANUFACTURERS ARE VERY LIMITED.
3. INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ARE READY TO START WORK IMMEDIATELY BUT LACK RAW MATERIALS.
4. A CERTAIN TIME LAG BETWEEN THE RECEIPT OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE ACTUAL PRODUCTION IS INEVITABLE.

5. CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE THEREFORE NEEDED TO COVER THE INTERIM PERIOD DURING THE RE-ACTIVATION OF THE ITALIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

6. CONTINUATION OF CLOTHING SUPPLIES FROM UNITED KINGDOM ARE CONSEQUENTLY DEPENDENT ON THE ITALIAN RAW MATERIALS IMPORT PROGRAMME.

(2). EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS FROM NATIONAL INDUSTRIES AND PROVIDED THAT THE POLICY REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ITALIAN NAVY REMAINS UNCHANGED, CONSIDER THAT THE ITALIAN NAVY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUPPLIED WITH ESSENTIAL ITEMS REQUIRED WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN RESOURCES.

(3) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND THE PROGRESS OF THE RE-ACTIVATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY RECOMMEND THAT THE OUTSTANDING QUANTITIES IN LIST A OF MEMO (ROME'S) L.191/7 OF 16/10/44, LESS BUTIONS BE DESPATCHED FROM U.K. LAST QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENT OF ITEMS IN LIST B OF THAT LETTER IS NOT (R) NOT NOW REQUIRED WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF OILSKINS, FOOTWEAR AND SHOE LEATHER. AVAILABILITY OF LATTER ITEMS IN ITALY IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED AND A FURTHER SIGNAL STATING WHETHER THEY ARE REQUIRED FROM U.K. WILL BE MADE.

(4) A FURTHER SIX MONTHS MAINTENANCE DEMAND FOR CLOTHING HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE. QUANTITIES ARE BEING DRASTICALLY REDUCED TO THE BARREST POSSIBLE MINIMUM AND DETAILS WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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REF. CONTINUATION OF CLOTHING SUPPLIES.

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YOUR 140901. FOR REASONS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY 211532 SEPTEMBER, AND IN VIEW OF THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE RE-ACTIVATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY, RECOMMEND THAT LAST QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENT BE DESPATCHED AS AGREED IN YOUR 171831 JANUARY, LESS BUTTONS IN LIST ABLE, AND ALL REMAINING ITEMS IN LIST BAKER OF FLAG OFFICER ITALY AND LIATSON'S LETTER L 191/7 OF 16th OCTOBER 1944. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF (A) FOOTWEAR WHICH SHOULD ONLY BE REDUCED BY THE 22,695 PAIRS REFERRED TO IN NAVY SUB COMMISSION LETTER NO. NSC/3731 OF 6th OCTOBER 1945 AND (B) SHOE LEATHER, SINCE IT APPEARS THAT LEATHER IS NOT YET AVAILABLE IN SUCH GREAT QUANTITIES AS WAS PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED, AND THE DELETION OF LEATHER IN THE JUNE-DECEMBER 1945 DEMAND WAS MADE ON THE BASIS THAT THE LEATHER INCLUDED IN THE FOURTH CONSIGNMENT WOULD BE SUPPLIED.

-----230855A OCTOBER-----

REF.....CLOTHING SUPPLIES FOR R.L.N.

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CAN REPLY YET BE GIVEN TO A.M. 311615A AUGUST CONCERNING CLOTHING
FOR ITALIAN NAVY.

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DATE: 19 October, 1945
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON.
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION. HQ. AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

J. H. Thomas
for REAR ADMIRAL

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME

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CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN NAVY. MY 101126 SEPTEMBER REFERRED TO QUANTITIES OUTSTANDING (R) OUTSTANDING FROM U. L. BUT YOUR 211532 SEPTEMBER DEALS ONLY WITH JUNE TO DECEMBER 1945 DEMAND WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FORWARDED TO ADMIRALTY.

(2) REQUEST FURTHER EARLY REMARKS ON THE APPLICATION OF A.M. 311615 ASSESS TO QUANTITIES OF CLOTHING INCLUDING FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER IN L.A. QUANTITIES COMING FROM U.S. UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO IN C IN C MED 471831 JANUARY TO ADMIRALTY (R) ROTALI ROME.

----- 140901A OCTOBER -----

REF.... CLOTHING SUPPLIES FOR R. L. M.
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NAVAL MESSAGE.

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TO:

Director of Victualling Admiralty.
(R) F.O.I.L., Gdre. Taranto.

FROM:

NAVSUBCOM
ALCOM ROME.

ACROSS
WRITE

Your V.13/01286/44 of 29th September, 1945.

Request future consignments of clothing for Italian Navy be
consigned to Commanders Taranto observing that Flag Officer
Taranto Adriatic and Liaison with the Italians hauled down his
flag on 24th July when his duties were taken over by Flag
Officer Italy and Liaison, Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission A-0 39.

1002/5751.
11th October, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, No. 1, Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Shipping for the Italian Royal Navy.

The attached list of items comprising the third quarterly consignment of shipping for the Italian Royal Navy from the United Kingdom which has recently been shipped to Italy consigned to Flag Officer Torpedo Division and Liaison, Italy, with the exception of some stores from the Yorkshire area which will be shipped in October, is forwarded for the information of the Ministry of Marine.

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2. The Commanding Torpedo has been instructed to inform the Italian Royal authorities concerned as soon as the port and time of arrival of the ship carrying this consignment is known.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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15 OCT 1945

NAVY JOINT COMMISSION
Navy JO Commission 200 504

11/10/1950.
11th October, 1950.

NAVY JOINT COMMISSION
Director of Vessels, Admiralty's
Letter No. 1.13/0125/44 of the 29th
September, 1945.

From : Navy JO Commission, No. Allied Commission.
To : Commanders, British.
(Copy to 1- Flag Officers Italy and Italian, Rome.)

Subject : Shipping for the Italian Royal Navy.

Requested for information with the request that the Italian Royal authorities be informed immediately, when the port and time of arrival of this ship is known, in order that they may arrange for the consignment to be properly guarded while it is being off-loaded and transported to the Viceroyalty Legation.

1. It would be appreciated if the Navy JO Commission could be informed in due course, when the Italian Navy have taken custody of the consignment.

NAVY JO COMMISSION,
NAVY JO COMMISSION.

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15 OCT 1950

Director of Victualling
86 Cadogan Square, S.W.1.

Navy Sub Commission Ho
Allied Commission,

Rome.

29th September, 1945

V.13/01286/44

Clothing for the Italian Royal Navy

Further to Admiralty letter dated 10th May, V.13/01286/44, the third quarterly consignment of clothing has now been shipped in 8.189, consigned to F.O.T.A.L.I., with the exception of some stores from Yorkshire Area which will be shipped in October.

2. The items included in the third consignment are shown on the attached list.

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3. The position regarding the last quarterly consignment is dependent on a reply to A.M. 311615/August addressed to C.in C. Mediterranean Info F.O.T.A.L.I. N.A.

Director of Victualling

Clothing for the Italian Royal Navy

THIRD CONSIGNMENT

PART 1 ITEMS

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, South-Western Area, Launceston.

Blumette Combination Suits
Vests Cotton flannel

33,000 No.
15,500 No.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Yorkshire Area, Halifax.

Serge blue No. 4 60"
Drill Khaki dyed
Buttons B.V. 1 1 1/16"
Buttons White Metal large
Cotton Black No. 30
Cotton White No. 40
Sewing needles
Singer sewing machine needles

37,850 yds.
200,000 "
100,000 No.
400,000 No.
4,000 reels
6,500 "
5,000 No.
5,000 No.

PART 2 ITEMS

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Midland Area.

Singlets cotton sleeveless
Drawers cotton elastic tops
Drawers knitted short
Socks Thin
Stockings Thin--
Nails boot and shoe repairing
Towels Seamens
Laces boot
Brushes tooth
Vests winter
Oilskin coats
Laces shoe black

10,000 No.
12,500 prs.
25,000 "
56,250 "
18,750 "
280 lbs.
37,500 No.
18,750 prs.
18,750 No.
7,500 "
11,875 "
6,250 prs.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, South Western Area

Vests summer
Blankets ~~unmarked~~
Mens' cut soles *knitted*
Mens' top pieces *for socks*
Jerseys
Belts waist blue
Leather
Oilskin coats x x

7,900 No.
15,500 No.
1,500 prs.
1,275 "
12,500 No.
12,500 "
1,120 lbs.
625 No.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Lancs. Area

Vests summer

2,100 No.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots Jamestown

Buttons B.V. 1 11/16"
Buttons White Metal large
Cotton Black No.30
Cotton White No.40
Sewing needles
Singer sewing machine needles

100,000 No.
400,000 No.
4,000 reels
6,500 "
5,000 No.
5,000 No.

PART 2 ITEMS

From H.M.Naval Victualling Depots, Midland Area.

Singlets cotton sleeveless	10,000 No.
Drawers cotton elastic tops	12,500 prs.
Drawers knitted short	25,000 "
Socks Thin	56,250 "
Stockings Thin	18,750 "
Nails boot and shoe repairing	280 lbs.
Towels Seamen	37,500 No.
Laces boot	18,750 prs.
Brushes tooth	18,750 No.
Vests winter	7,500 "
Oilskin coats	11,875 "
Laces shoe black	6,250 prs.

From H.M.Naval Victualling Depots, South Western Area

Vests summer	7,900 No.
Blankets unmarked	15,500 No.
Mens' cut soles unmarked	1,500 prs.
Mens' top pieces unmarked	1,275 "
Jerseys	12,500 No.
Belts waist blue	12,500 "
Leather	1,120 lbs.
Oilskin coats x x	625 No.

From H.M.Naval Victualling Depots, Lancs. Area

Vests summer	2,100 No.
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From H.M.Naval Victualling Depots Jamestown

Mens' top pieces, <i>unmarked</i>	153 prs.
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(10)

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 25th September 1945
Ref.: SM.21059 - Encl.No.1

Subject: Request for Allied clothing for the
half-year, July-December 1945.

Reference is made to my letter SM/11983 of 15th
June 1945.

In conformance with the agreements reached with
the Navy Sub Commission Delegate, the final demands for
clothing for the half-year July - December 1945 are forwarded
herewith, observing that the enclosure supersedes that
attached to the abovementioned letter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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MANUFACTURED ARTICLES - VARIOUS

Oilskin cloth trousers	1,500 Nos.
Oilskin hats for Seamen (Sou' Western).....	30,000 "
Oilskin Overcoats for P.O. and Officers.....	10,000 "
Oilskin Overcoats for Seamen.....	26,600 " 20,000
Fur-lined jackets for Submarines' crew.....	1,500 "
Fur-lined helmets for Submarines' crew.....	1,500 "
Fur-lined gloves for Submarines' crew	1,500 Pcs.
Shoe brushes	30,000 Nos.
Gum Boots for Destroyers' and Submarines' crew	3,000 Pcs.

TAILORS' GEAR.

Clips for hatbands	260,000 Nos.
White buttons for white uniforms, 4 holes.....	1,000,000 "
White buttons for underpants and working suits (2-4 holes).....	1,000,000 " 1/2
White buttons for Officers' and P.Os' shirts	260,000 "
Black buttons for Petty Officers' caps.....	30,000 "
Small black buttons for trousers & overcoats	1,000,000 " 1/2
White elastic	NIL
Silver and Gold metal thread for Officers and Petty Officers' badges & stripes	NIL
Canes for caps (70 cm.)	75,000 "
Black chin-straps for Petty Officers'	15,000 "
Water-proof cloth for lining caps	3,000 Mtrs.
Black peaks for Officers' & Petty Officers' caps	15,000 Nos.

CLOTH AND LINING FOR

5000 Officers 9000 Petty Officers 49000 ratings.

- 1) Grey-green cloth for uniforms ("B. Marco" Rgt., Torpedo Craft & Submarines)
- 2) Water-proof cloth for overcoats
- 3) Blue cloth for Seamen's trousers, overcoats and caps
- 4) Blue cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Uniforms and overcoats
- 5) Blue serge for seamen's jumpers
- 6) Cotton cloth for mattresses
- 7) Smooth white cloth for seamen's uniforms
- 8) White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Summer uniforms.....

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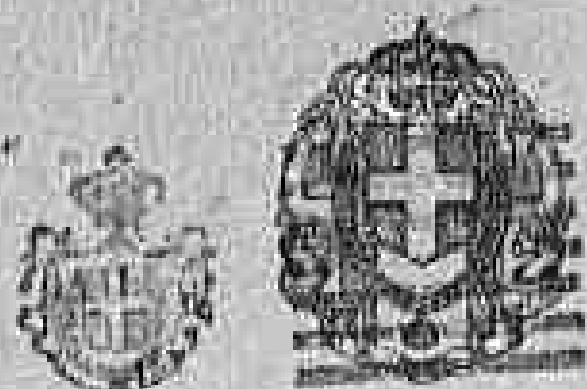
9) White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	62,000 Mts.
10) Smooth blue cloth for sailors' collars.....	40,000 "
11) Khaki cloth for uniforms	200,000 "100,000
12) Khaki cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	60,000 "30,000
13) Blue cotton cloth for Sailors' working clothes.....	200,000 "100,000
14) Canvas for clothing for dockyard and heavy labour personnel	100,000 "50,000
15) Black rayon for sailors' silks	30,000 "
16) Black lining for uniforms	400,000 "
17) "Madapolan" for linings	24,000 "
18) Cloth for pillows	100,000 "
19) "Olona" canvas for hammocks	80,000 "
20) Black canvas (waterproofed) for sailors' kit-bags & cases	270,000 "

VARIOUS ARTICLES.

✓ 1) White sewing cotton	80,000,000 Mts.
✓ 2) Black sewing cotton	50,000,000 "
3) Grey-bluesewing cotton.....	NIL
✓ 4) Cotton for sewing blue	2,500,000 "
5) Leather for repairing shoes	NIL 250 pairs
6) Black boots for sailors	NIL 75,000 Pairs
7) Soft leather for caps	75,000 Nos.

Cotton
Wood
Leather?

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. C.R.A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 21059 Allegati 1-

Roma, 25 SET. 1945 19 A

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION

R-O-M-A

ARGOMENTO. Richiesta vestiario alleato per il semestre luglio-dicembre 1945.-

Riferimento foglio SM/11983 in data 15 giugno 1945.

In armonia a quanto concretato con il Delegato di codesta N.S.C., si rimettono le definitive richieste di vestiario per il semestre Luglio - Dicembre 1945, precisando che il presente allegato sostituisce quello unito al foglio surriferito.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

FABBISOGNO VESTIARIO DA RICHIEDERSI ALLE AUTORITA'
ALLEATE PER IL SEMESTRE 1° LUGLIO - 31 DICEMBRE 1945

Manufatti vari

Cappotti impermeabili per marinai....." 20.000

Accessori per sartoria

Bottoni bianchi a 4 fori per divise bianche....." 500.000
" " 2 e 4 fori per mutande e divise da lavoro...." 500.000
" " per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali....." 130.000
" piccoli neri per calzoni e cappotti....." 1.000.000

Panni e Tele

Panno turchino garzato per divise e cappotti Ufficiali e
Sottufficiali.....metri 30.000
Sargia turchina per divise da marinai....." 145.000
Tela rasata bianca per divise da marinai....." 180.000
Tela bianca per divise estive per Ufficiali e Sottuffi-
ciali....." 100.000
Tela bianca per camicie per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali....." 30.000
Tela kaki per divise....." 100.000
Tela kaki per camicie per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali....." 30.000
Tela azzurra di cotone per divise da lavoro per marinai...
Tela azzurra di cotone e canapa per tute da lavoro per
il personale degli Arsenalì e addetto ai lavori pesanti...
" 50.000

Articoli vari

Filo per cucire bianco....." 40.000.000
" " nero....." 50.000.000
" " azzurro....." 1.250.000

" " per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali....." 130.000
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 il personale degli Arsenali e addetto ai lavori pesanti...." 50.000

Articoli vari

Filo per cucire bianco....." 40.000.000
 " " nero....." 50.000.000
 " " azzurro....." 1.250.000

Roma, 17 settembre 1945

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
211532A SEPT

UNCLASSIFIED

Your 101126. Matter was discussed with Ministry of Marine representatives with the following result:-

(A) The only outstanding demand for clothing was considered to be the June-December 1945 demand forwarded under cover of NSC/3281 of 16th August 1945.

(B) Reductions in this demand can now be made as follows:-

(1) "Under manufactured Articles";

Delete all items except bilakin overcoats for seamen which are reduced to 20,000.

(2) "Tailor's Gear";

Reduce each quantity of white buttons by half and delete all remaining items except small black buttons which remain unchanged.

(3) "Clothing and Lining etc";

Combine items 3 and 5 and amend to read:

"Blue cloth for seamen's uniform: 145,000 yds."

Reduce item 4 to 30,000 yds.

(4) Reduce items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 by half and delete all remaining items.

Under "Various Articles";

Reduce items 1 and 4 by half.

Delete item 7.

2.

This is a drastic and substantial reduction in the original quantities demanded and reduces the requirements to the barest possible minimum. It is noted that footwear and leather have been eliminated.

The following points were taken into consideration:-

(A)

Raw materials i.e. cotton and wool are at present lacking in Italy.

(B)

Stocks held by manufacturers are very limited.

(C)

Industrial plants are ready to start work immediately but lack raw materials.

(D)

There is bound to be a certain time lag between the receipt of raw materials and the actual production.

(E)

The above requirements are therefore required to cover the interim period during the re-activation of the Italian textile industries.

(F)

Continuation of clothing supplies from United Kingdom are therefore dependent on the Italian raw material import programme.

3.

Every possible effort is being made by the Italian Navy to meet their needs from National Industries.

4.

Recommend therefore, that no further half yearly issues of clothing should be made to the Italian Navy from United Kingdom after the

August 1945.

(B) Reductions in this demand can now be made as follows:-

(1) "Under manufactured Articles:

Delete all items except oilskin overcoats for seamen which are reduced to 20,000.

(2) Under "Tailor's Gear":

Reduce each quantity of white buttons by half and delete all remaining items except small black buttons which remain unchanged.

(3) Under "Clothing and Lining etc.":

Combine items 3 and 5 and amend to read:

"Blue cloth for seamen's uniform: 145,000 yds."

Reduce item 4 to 30,000 yds.

Reduce items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 by half and delete all remaining items.

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Reduce items 1 and 4 by half.

Delete item 7.

2. This is a drastic and substantial reduction in the original quantities demanded and reduces the requirements to the barest possible minimum. It is noted that footwear and leather have been eliminated.

The following points were taken into consideration:-

(A) Raw materials i.e. cotton and wool are at present lacking in Italy.

(B) Stocks held by manufacturers are very limited.

(C) Industrial plants are ready to start work immediately but lack raw materials.

(D) There is bound to be a certain time lag between the receipts of raw materials and the actual production.

(E) The above requirements are therefore required to cover the interim period during the re-activation of the Italian textile industries.

(F) Continuation of clothing supplies from United Kingdom are therefore dependent on the Italian raw material import programme.

3. Every possible effort is being made by the Italian Navy to meet their needs from National Industries.

4. Recommend therefore, that no further half yearly issues of clothing should be made to the Italian Navy from United Kingdom after the June-December 1945 demand but, providing the policy regarding the continued responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Navy remains unchanged, consider that the Italian Navy should be supplied there after with such essential items as they may require from time to time which are not available from Italian resources.

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-----211532A SEP-----

TO...NAVSUB ROME

FROM...CIVIC MED
101126 B SEPT.

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REQUEST YOUR EARLY REMARKS ON A.M. 31. 1645 AUGUST TO FOIL WITH REFERENCE TO QUANTITIES OF CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN NAVY OUTSTANDING (R) OUTSTANDING FROM U.K. IT IS MOST DESIRABLE THAT THESE QUANTITIES BE REDUCED IF PRACTICABLE HAVING REGARD TO LOCAL SUPPLIES NOW AVAILABLE, E.G. FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER. MED 45/0060/27 OF 30th JULY, 1945 REFERR.

(2) THE QUESTION OF SUBSEQUENT SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING TO THE ITALIAN NAVY RAISED IN NSC / 3284 OF 16th AUGUST 1945, IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

.....101.26 B
REF...SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING TO ITALIAN NAVY.
DIST ..1-5,9,10,13,16,17,2-NSC 4, 10G
T/P E/L FOR 134.2

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C IN G MED (R) FOIL.

ADMTY
311615A AUGUST

RESTRICTED

REQUEST YOU REPORT WHETHER CONTINUATION OF SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING
TO ITALIAN NAVY IS ESSENTIAL AND IF SO MINIMUM QUANTITIES REQUIRED

.....311615A AUGUST.....

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DATE: 1st September, 1948.

FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON

TO : NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, C.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

J. H. Thomas
for REAR ADMIRAL

5/15/23

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 370 394

KNC/3273.

19th August, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Tropical Clothing.

The following information received from the Admiralty, regarding the supply of tropical clothing from the United Kingdom, is forwarded for the information of the Ministry of Marine.

"The third quarterly instalment of clothing for Italian Navy now in course of shipment will include an increased supply of drill buttons, white cotton and blue stockings but as white drill and shirting cannot be supplied without prejudice to Royal Navy requirements, KHAKI drill is being sent for both shirts and shorts. No khaki sewing cottons are available and unless they can be obtained locally suggest white cotton be used instead."

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
Rear Admiral,
Chief, Navy Sub Commission.



21 AUG 1945

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 894

NSC/3281
16th August, 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Demand for Clothing, June - December, 1945.

FILE

The enclosed half-yearly demand for clothing for the Italian Navy for the period June - December, 1945, is forwarded for your consideration and onward transmission to the Admiralty.

2. It is confirmed that this final demand shows a considerable reduction as compared with previous submissions, some items have been completely deleted.

3. While the result of a search for clothing and manufacturing facilities in the main Northern Italian ports proved negligible, Navy Sub-Commission letter No. NSC/3277 of the 16th August, 1945, refers, it is anticipated that by the end of the year the Italian Navy clothing requirements from the United Kingdom will be very considerably reduced, and it is for consideration whether, in view of the sudden cessation of hostilities, the Admiralty could be asked to consider whether it is in fact desirable to make any further large issues of clothing to the Italian Navy.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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24 AUG 1945

D. 7883/21430. T/44. B. 535,335. C. 45,243

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION ROME.

C. IN C. MED,
211802B. JULY.

RESTRICTED.

A.M. 170231 JULY BEING PASSED.
REQUEST YOU INFORM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE OF POSITION REGARDING TROPICAL
CLOTHING.

211802B. JULY.

DIST. 3, 7, 7A, 9, 9A, 10, 11.

T.P. P.L.

T.O.R. 2120/21.

22/7/45.

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IN: 188 21920. 7.44. 8,553,553. CHAS L. 45,245

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

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ADMIRALTY
170231B. JULY.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION.
SECOND QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT OF CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL HAD
ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR 021710 JUNE. ~~THE~~
PARA TWO THIRD INSTALLMENT NOW REPEAT NOW IN COURSE OF SHIPMENT WILL IN-
CLUDE AN INCREASED SUPPLY OF DRILL BUTTON AND WHITE COTTON AND BLUE STOCK-
INGS BUT AS WHITE (R) WHITE DRILL AND SHIRTING CANNOT BE SUPPLIED WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO ROGERMAN REQUIREMENTS KHAKI DRILL IS BEING SENT FOR BOTH SHIRTS
AND SHORTS. PARA THREE NO KHAKI SEWING COTTONS ARE AVAILABLE AND UNLESS THEY
CAN BE OBTAINED LOCALLY SUGGEST WHITE COTTON BE USED INSTEAD.

170231B. JULY.

DIST 3,7,7A,9,9A,10,11.

T.P. P.L.

T.O.R. 2122/21.

22/7/45.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : M.S.C. - Rome
Date: 15 June '45
Ref.: SM/11983

M O S T U R G E N T

Subject: Half-yearly demand for Stores (Clothing) to the Allies.

With ref. to our letters SM/5767 and SM/7757 of 23rd March and 20th April last, respectively, and further to our SM/11607 of 10th inst., you are informed that, following investigations carried out up North in regard to supplies of clothing being available there, it has been possible to reduce quantities on demand as per list attached to our above-cited SM.7757. Said list therefore should be cancelled and substituted by attached demand in which considerable reductions have been made.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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MANUFACTURED ARTICLES - VARIOUS

Oilskin cloth trousers	1,500 Nos.
Oilskin hats for Seamen (Sou'Westers)	30,000 "
Oilskin Overcoats for Petty Officers & Officers	10,000 "
Oilskin Overcoats for Seamen	26,600 "
Fur-lined jackets for Submarines' crew	15,000 "
Fur-lined helmets for Submarines' crew	15,000 "
Fur-lined gloves for Submarines' crew	15,000 Prs.
Shoe brushes	30,000 Nos.
Gum Boots for Destroyers' & Submarines' crew	3,000 Prs.

TAILORS' GEAR

Clips for hatbands	200,000 Nos.
White buttons for white uniforms, 4 holes	1,000,000 "
White buttons for underpants & working suits (2-4 holes)	1,000,000 "
White buttons for Officers' & Petty Officers' shirts	260,000 "
Black buttons for petty officers' caps	30,000 "
Small black buttons for trousers & overcoats	1,000,000 "
White elastic	Nil.
Silver & Gold metal thread for officers' and Petty Officers' badges & stripes.	Nil.
Canes for caps (70 cm)	75,000 "
Black chin-straps for Petty Officers'	15,000 "
Water-proof cloth for lining caps	3,000 Mtrs.
Black peaks for Officers' & Petty Officers' caps	15,000 Nos.

CLOTH AND LINING
for

5000 Officers 9000 Petty Officers 49000 ratings

1)	Grey-green cloth for uniforms ("S. Marco" Rgt., Torpedo Craft & Submarines)	Nil. Mts.	<i>Various request</i> 12, 200
2)	Water-proof cloth for overcoats	Nil. "	4, 375
3)	Blue cloth for Seamen's trousers, overcoats and caps	100,000 "	100, 000
4)	Blue cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Uniforms and overcoats	30,500 "	30, 500
5)	Blue serge for seamen's jumpers	45,750 "	45, 750
6)	Cotton cloth for mattresses	100,000 "	100, 000
7)	Smooth white cloth for seamen's uniforms	240,000 "	300, 000
8)	White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Summer uniforms.	200,000 "	
9)	White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	62,000 "	
10)	Smooth blue cloth for sailors' collars	40,000 "	
11)	Khaki cloth for uniforms	200,000 "	
12)	Khaki cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	60,000 "	
13)	Blue cotton cloth for Sailors' working clothes	200,000 "	
14)	Canvas for clothing for dockyard and heavy labour personnel	100,000 "	
15)	Black rayon for sailors' silks	30,000 "	
16)	Black lining for uniforms	400,000 "	
17)	"Madapolan" for linings	24,000 "	
18)	Cloth for pillows	100,000 "	
19)	"Oklona" canvas for hammocks	80,000 "	
20)	Black canvas (waterproofed) for sailors' kit-bags & cases	270,000 "	

VARIOUS ARTICLES

1)	White sewing cotton	80,000,000 Mts.
2)	Black sewing cotton	50,000,000 "
3)	Grey-blue sewing cotton	Nil.
4)	Cotton for sewing blue	2,500,000 "
5)	Leather for repairing shoes	250 Quintals
6)	Black boots for sailors	75,000 Pairs
7)	Soft leather for caps	75,000 No.

CLOTH AND LINING
for

5000 Officers 9000 P.Os. 49000 Ratings

1) Grey-green cloth for uniforms ("S.Marco" Rgt., Torpedo Craft, and Subs.)	Nil.	12.7000 mts.
2) Water-proof cloth for overcoats	Nil.	4.375 "
3) Blue cloth for Seamen's trousers, overcoats and caps	100,000	100.000 "
4) Blue cloth for Officers' and Petty Officers' uniforms and overcoats	30500	30.500 "
5) Blue Serge for Seamen's jumpers	45750	45.750 "
6) Cotton cloth for mattresses.	100,000	100.000 "
7) Smooth white cloth for Seamen's uniforms	300,000	300.000 "
8) White cloth for Officers' and Petty Officers' Summer uniforms	200,000	200.000 "
9) White cloth for Officers' and Petty Officers' shirts	62,000	62.000 "
10) Smooth blue cloth for Sailors' collars	50,000	50.000 "
11) Khaki cloth for uniforms	200,000	200.000 "
12) Khaki cloth for Officers' and Petty Officers' shirts	60,000	60.000 "
13) Blue cotton cloth for Sailors' working clothes	200,000	200.000 "
14) Canvas for clothing for Dockyard and heavy-labour personnel	100,000	100.000 "
15) Black rayon for Sailors' silks	50,000	50.000 "
16) Black lining for uniforms	400,000	400.000 "
17) "Madapolan" for linings	24,000	24.000 "
18) Cloth for pillows	100,000	100.000 "
19) "Olona" canvas for hammocks	100,000	100.000 "
20) Black canvas (waterproofed) for Sailors' kit-bags and cases.	270,000	270.000 "

VARIOUS ARTICLES

1) White sewing cotton	80,000,000	5) Leather for repairing shoes	Quantities 250
2) Black " " "	50,000,000	6) Black boots for Sailors	MS 75,000
3) Grey-blue sewing cotton	Nil.	7) Soft leather for caps.	MS 75,000
4) Cotton for sewing, blue.	2,500,000		

DG/P.

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MANUFACTURED ARTICLES - VARIOUS.

Oilskin cloth trousers	1500	1500 in No
Oilskin hats for Seamen (Sou'Westers)	30,000	49000 " "
Oilskin overcoats for Petty Officers and Officers	14,000	14000 " "
Oilskin overcoats for Seamen	26,000	49000 " "
Fur-lined helmets for Submarines <i>crew</i>	1500	1500 " "
Fur-lined jackets for " "	1500	1500 " "
Fur-lined gloves for " "	1500	1500 pairs
Shoe brushes	30,000	75000 in No
Gum boots Destroyers and Subs. <i>crew</i>	3,000	3000 pairs

TAILOR'S GEAR.

Clips for hatbands	200,000	200000 in No
White buttons for white uniforms, 4 holes	1,000,000	2500000 " "
" " " underpants and working suits (2-4 holes)	1,000,000	11,000,000 " "
" " " Officers' and Petty Officers' shirts	260,000	260000 " "
Black " " Petty Officers' caps	30,000	40000 " "
Small black buttons for trousers and overcoats	1,000,000	1100000 " "
White elastic	Nil	63000 mts.
Silver and gold metal thread for Officers' and Petty Officers' badges and stripes	Nil	1500000 "
Canes for caps (70 cm.)	75,000	90000 in No
Black chin-straps for Petty Officers and Officers	15,000	30000 " "
Water-proof cloth for lining caps	3,000	3000 mts.
Black peaks for Officers' and Petty Officers' caps	15,000	30000 in No.

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Half yearly demand of clothing 1945 (Quarterly)
 Mr. Decker

UNRECOVERED ARTICLES - VARIOUS		Former request.	
	M.Y.S.		
Oilekin cloth trousers	1,200	1500.	21
Oilekin hats for Seamen (Sea Vests)	30,000	49,000.	19,000
Oilekin Overcoats for Petty Officers & Officers	10,000	14,000.	
Oilekin Overcoats for Seamen	26,600	49,000.	22,400
Par-lined jackets for Submarines' crew	15,000	1500.	
Par-lined helmets for Submarines' crew	15,000	1500.	
Par-lined gloves for Submarines' crew	15,000	1500.	
Shoe brushes	30,000	75000	48,000
Gun Boots for Destroyers' & Submarines' crew	3,000	3,000	
<u>FACTOR'S GEAR</u>			
Clips for bathhubs	200,000	200,000.	
White buttons for white uniforms, 4 holes	1,000,000	2,500,000.	1,800,000
White buttons for undergarments & working suits (2-4 holes)	1,000,000	1,100,000.	1,000,000
White buttons for Officers' & Petty Officers' shirts	260,000	260,000.	
Black buttons for petty officers' caps	30,000	40,000.	10,000
Small black buttons for trousers & overcoats	1,000,000	1,100,000.	100,000
White elastic	NIL.	6,300 meters.	
Silver & Gold metal thread for Officers' and Petty Officers' badges & stripes.	NIL.	1,500,000 "	
Cams for caps (70 cm)	75,000	90,000.	4,000
Black chin straps for Petty Officers'	45,000	30,000.	15,000
Water-proof cloth for lining caps	3,000	3,000.	meters
Black peaks for Officers' & Petty Officers' caps	15,000	30,000.	15,000

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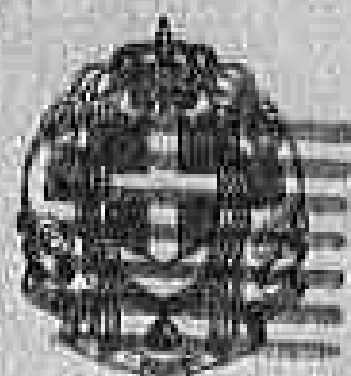
SHIRT AND LINEN2000 Officers 2000 Petty Officers 10000 Sailors

			Previous request.
1) Grey-green cloth for uniforms (“M. Marine” Regt., Torpedo Craft & Submarines)	MLL. Mts.	12,700	✓
2) Water-proof cloth for overcoats	MLL. "	4,375	✓
3) Blue cloth for Seamen's trousers, overcoats and caps	100,000 "	100,000	
4) Blue cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Uniforms and overcoats	30,500 "	30,500	
5) Blue serge for Seamen's jumpers	45,750 "	45,750	
6) Cotton cloth for mattresses	100,000 "	100,000	
7) Smooth white cloth for Seamen's uniforms	300,000 "	300,000	60,000
8) White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Summer uniforms.	200,000 "	200,000	
9) White cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	62,000 "	62,000	
10) Smooth blue cloth for sailors' collars	40,000 "	50,000	10,000
11) Khaki cloth for uniforms	200,000 "	200,000	
12) Khaki cloth for Officers' & Petty Officers' Shirts	60,000 "	60,000	
13) Blue cotton cloth for Sailors' working clothes	200,000 "	200,000	
14) Canvas for clothing for dockyard and heavy labour in summer	100,000 "	100,000	
15) Black rayon for sailors' socks	30,000 "	50,000	20,000
16) Black lining for uniforms	400,000 "	400,000	
17) "Packpolars" for linings	24,000 "	24,000	
18) Cloth for pillows	100,000 "	100,000	
19) "Vaseline" cream for hammocks	80,000 "	100,000	20,000
20) Black canvas (waterproofed) for sailors' kit-bags & cases	270,000 "	270,000	

VARIOUS ARTICLES

1) White sewing cotton	50,000,000 Mts.	
2) Black sewing cotton	50,000,000 "	
3) Grey-blue sewing cotton	MLL.	25,000,000
4) Cotton for sewing blue	2,500,000 "	
5) Leather for repairing shoes	250 Quintals	
6) Black boots for sailors	75,000 Pairs	
7) Soft leather for caps	75,000 Pcs.	

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. C.R.A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° SM/11983 Allegati tre

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta semestrale di materiali (vestiario) agli
Alleati.

URGENTISSIMO

Con riferimento ai fogli SM/5767 del 23.3.1945 e SM/7757 del 20.4.1945 di questo Maristat, in ottemperanza agli impegni presi col foglio SM/11607 del 10.6.1945 si comunica che in seguito ad accertamenti recentemente eseguiti sulle possibilità di rifornimento di vestiario dall'Italia settentrionale è stato possibile ridurre i quantitativi richiesti con l'allegato al foglio SM/7757 surriferito. Tale allegato pertanto deve essere sostituito con il seguente allegato nel quale sono state apportate sensibili riduzioni.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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MANUFATTI - VARI

Calzoni di tessuto gommato	N°	1500	Stime
Cappelli impermeabili per marinaio (S.W.)	"	30000	- 19.000
Cappotti impermeabili per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	14000	Stime
Cappotti impermeabili per marinai	"	26600	- 22.400
Caschi di pelle foderati di agnellino per smg.	"	1500	Stime
Giubbotti di pelle foderati agnellino per smg.	"	1500	Stime
Guanti di pelle foderati di agnellino per smg.	paia	1500	Stime
Spazzole per scarpe	N°	30000	- 45.000
Stivali di gomma per CC.TT. e smg.	paia	3000	Stime

ACCESSORI PER SARTORIA

Automatici per fascie per berretti	N°	200000	Stime
Bottoni bianchi a quattro fori per divise bianche	"	1000000	- 1500.000
Bottoni bianchi per mutande e divise da lavoro (2-4 fori)		1000000	- 1000.000
Bottoni bianchi per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	N°	250000	Stime
Bottoni neri per berretti Sottufficiali	"	30000	- 10.000
Bottoni piccoli neri per calzoni e cappotti	"	1000000	- 100.000
Elastico bianco	Mt.	=====	- 63.000
Filo d'argento e di metallo dorato per trofei e distintivi Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	Mt.	=====	- 1500.000
Molle per berretti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali S.C. e Comuni (cm. 70)	N°	75000	+ 10.000
	"	15000	- 15.000

" 1500
paia 1500
N° 30000 - 45.500
paia 3000

Giubbotti di pelle foderati agnellino per smg.
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Bottoni bianchi per mutande e divise da lavoro (2-4 fori)		1000000	- 1000000
Bottoni bianchi per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	N°	250000	gmm.
Bottoni neri per berretti Sottufficiali	"	30000	- 100000
Bottoni piccoli neri per calzonni e cappotti	"	1000000	- 1000000
Elastico bianco	Mt.	=====	- 65.000
Filo d'argento e di metallo dorato per trofei e distintivi Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	Mt.	=====	- 1500.000
Molle per berretti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali S.C. e Comuni (cm.70)	N°	75000	445.000
Sottogola neri per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	15000	- 15.000
Tessuto gommato per interfodera berretti	Mt.	3000	gmm.
Visiere nere per berretti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	N°	15000	- 15.000

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PANNI - TELE E FODERAMI VARI

1°)	= Panno grigio - verde per divise (Reggimento S. Marco Siluranti e Sommergeibili)	127.000
2°)	= Panno grigio - verde impermeabilizzato per cappotti	127.000
3°)	= Panno turchino garzato per calzoni, cappotti e berretti da marinaio	127.000
4°)	= Panno turchino garzato per divise e cappotti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	100.000
5°)	= Sargia turchina per camicie da marinaio	30.500
6°)	= Tela per fascie da materasso	45.750
7°)	= Tela rasata bianca per divise da marinaio	100.000
8°)	= Tela bianca per divise estive per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	240.000
9°)	= Tela bianca per camicie da Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	200.000
10°)	= Tela rasata turchina per solini da marinaio	62.000
11°)	= Tela kaki per divise	40.000
12°)	= Tela kaki per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	200.000
13°)	= Tela azzurra di cotone per tute da lavoro da marinaio	60.000
14°)	= Tela di canapa per tute da lavoro per il personale Arsenale e lavori pesanti	200.000
15°)	= Tessuto di rayon nero per fazzoletti da marinaio	100.000
16°)	= Fodera nera per divise	30.000
17°)	= Tela Madapolan per fodere	400.000
18°)	= Tela traliccio per gusci da materasso	24.000
19°)	= Tela olona di canapa per brande	100.000
20°)	= Tela di canapa nera impermeabilizzata per zaini e valigie da marinaio	80.000
		270.000

6°)	=	Tela per fascie da materasso	"	45750
7°)	=	Tela rasata bianca per divise da marinaio	"	100000
8°)	=	Tela bianca per divise estive per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	240000
9°)	=	Tela bianca per camicie da Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	200000
10°)	=	Tela rasata turchina per solini da marinaio	"	62000
11°)	=	Tela kaki per divise	"	40000
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17°)	=	Tela Madapolan per fodere	"	400000
18°)	=	Tela traliccio per, gusci da materasso	"	24000
19°)	=	Tela olona di canapa per brande	"	100000
20°)	=	Tela di canapa nera impermeabilizzata per zaini e valigie da marinaio	"	80000
			"	270000
				3803

Articoli vari

1°)	=	Filo per cucire bianco	Mt. 800000000
2°)	=	Filo per cucire nero	" 500000000
3°)	=	Filo per cucire grigio - azzurro	" 2000000
4°)	=	Filo per cucire azzurro	" 25000000

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- 50) = Cuoio suola per riparazioni calzature
 60) = Scarpe alte nere da marinaio
 70) = Allude di pelle per berretti

Q.li	250
paia	75000
N°	75000

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 10 June '45
Ref.: SM.11607

Subject: Clothing Supplies.

Your NSC/2350 of 7th ulto. refers.

1. Clothing so far received from U.K. arrived in two in No lots (see attached lists): the first shipment was unloaded at Bari and Brindisi in various lots and entered the Clothing Stores between 24 Nov. and 28 Dec. 1944; the second shipment to Naples entered 31 Mar. to 30 Apr. of this year.

The second shipment, due to the known difficulties in regard to rail transport between Naples and Taranto, was finally stored on 10th ulto., that is to say, after the date of your above-cited.

Moreover, to be able to distribute the more important articles such as flannels, trousers and overalls, these had to be made up from cloth received and then shipped to the various Bases; a further delay was caused due to lack of sewing cotton, Allied Supplies of which only arrived with the second shipment.

As the articles available (especially from first shipment) formed only a small part of total requirements and newly called-up men had to have priority, it was necessary to effect distribution firstly to those without kit and secondly to re-equip those whose kit was in very bad condition.

Therefore disbanded men and ex-P.O.Ws., young and who consequently had a long period of service before them, were kitted up first; after which personnel under arms with worn-out gear were attended to, particularly those afloat.

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The issue effected up to 30 Apr. last, based on exact particulars so far received from the Stores, is detailed in attached statement No.2.

Personnel still not properly kitted-up are those due for discharge, who for obvious reasons of economy are not receiving new gear.

2. I, personally, am watching the clothing position and I can give the assurance that clothing received has been distributed rationally and with a minimum of delay.

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I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly put through the half-yearly estimated requirements, which correspond to actual needs of I.R.N., confirming that any reductions possible will be made where supplies may be obtainable from local manufacture as soon as it has been possible to ascertain position in Northern recently liberated industrial areas.

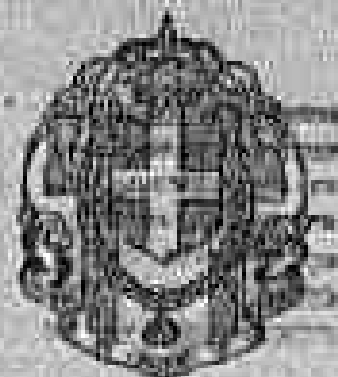
3. I feel sure that the above particulars will shew that I.R.N. has expedited the distribution of clothing and I avail myself of this opportunity to express the deepest gratitude for the great assistance received from the British Navy in this most important connection.

(Sgd) CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. O.M.2

Roma, 10. 6 1945 A

CHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 1160^M Allegati 2

ARGOMENTO. Rifornimenti di vestiario.-

Riferimento al foglio NSC/2350 del 7 maggio u.s.-

- 1.- Il vestiario sinora pervenuto dalla Gran Bretagna è giunto in due tempi, come è specificato nel prospetto allegato: un primo quantitativo, sbarcato a Bari ed a Brindisi in varie partite, venne introdotto nei magazzini dal 24 novembre al 28 dicembre 1944; un secondo quantitativo sbarcato a Napoli, venne introdotto dal 31 marzo al 3 aprile c.a..

Del secondo quantitativo, anche a causa delle note difficoltà di trasporto per ferrovia da Napoli a Taranto, il definitivo accentramento ha potuto essere ultimato soltanto il 10 maggio u.s. e cioè in data posteriore a quella della lettera su riferita.

Inoltre, per poter distribuire i capi di corredo più importanti, come camicie, calzoni di panno e tenute da lavoro, si è dovuto provvedere a confezionarli con il panno e la tela ricevuta ed a spedirli poi alle varie sedi e d'altra parte tale confezione ha richiesto un tempo maggiore del prevedibile per la deficienza di filati cucirini, la cui fornitura da parte alleata è giunta soltanto col secondo quantitativo.

Poichè gli effetti disponibili, specie quelli del primo quantitativo, rappresentavano soltanto una piccola parte dell'intero fabbisogno occorrente e dovendosi assicurare con assoluta priorità la vestizione dei militari di nuova leva in corso di reclutamento, si dovette necessariamente adottare un criterio di distribuzione che consentisse prima di vestire chi era completamente sprovvisto di corredo e poi di riordinare e completare l'equipaggiamento mal ridotto degli altri.

Furono quindi riforniti per primi i provenienti dallo sbandamento e dalla prigionia appartenenti a classi ²⁶⁰⁵ giovani che avevano ancora lungo obbligo di servizio e poi furono gradualmente sostituiti gli effetti logori e mancanti del personale già alle armi, con particolare riguardo a quello imbarcato.

A conferma di quanto sopra stà il fatto che l'ordine di distribuzione fu diramato dal Ministero con circolare del 29 gennaio 1945, ad un solo mese dalla completa introduzione del primo quan-

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titativo, appena cioè fu possibile conoscere l'esatta entità delle scorte e definire il piano più razionale della loro utilizzazione.

Le distribuzioni effettuate a tutto il 30 aprile 1945 in base ai dati esatti finora ricevuti dai depositi distributori sono riportate dettagliatamente nel prospetto allegato 2.-

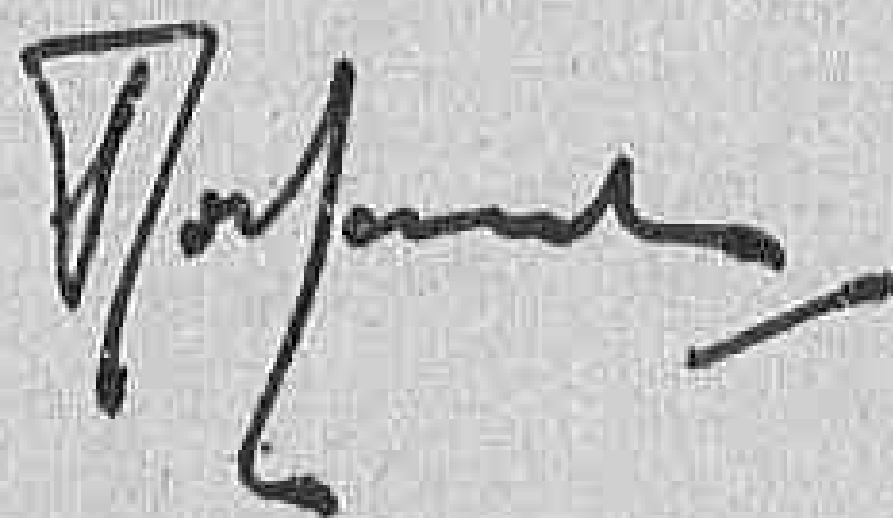
Il personale che si nota tuttora in disordine nella divisa è quello di prossimo congedamento al quale, per ovvi motivi di economia, non vengono distribuiti nuovi capi di corredo.

- 2.- Seguo personalmente la situazione del vestiario e posso perciò assicurare che il vestiario ricevuto viene distribuito in base ad un piano razionale e col minimo ritardo possibile.

Vi sarò grato quindi, se vorrete dar corso al preventivo semestra le trasmessovi, che corrisponde alle effettive necessità attuali della Marina Italiana, confermandovi peraltro l'impegno già preso con le note allegate al medesimo, di segnalarvi in diminuzione quanto risulterà possibile ottenere dalla produzione nazionale, appena saranno espletati gli accertamenti in corso per le regioni industriali del nord recentemente liberate.-

- 3.- Confido che gli elementi da me comunicati varranno a mostrare che non è mancato l'interessamento degli organi competenti della R.Marina per ottenere una sollecita distribuzione del vestiario e nell'occasione desidero esprimere vivissima gratitudine per l'efficace aiuto avuto dalla Marina Inglese in questa questione della più alta importanza.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE



Allegato 1.

VESTIARIO PROVENIENTE DALLA GRAN BRETAGNA RICEVUTO DA
MARICOMMI TARANTO

<u>Denominazione effetti</u>	<u>Quantità introdotte</u>		<u>TOTALE</u>
	<u>Dicembre 944</u>	<u>Maggio 945</u>	
Aghi comuni n.		5.000	5.000
Aghi "Singer" per macchine da cucire n.		5.000	5.000
Asciugamani spugna bianchi . . n.		34.900	34.900
Boccali smaltati n.	1.947		1.947
Bottoni bianchi "		273.480	273.480
Bottoni neri "	240.000	45.800	285.800
Calze bleu pesanti (lana) . . . p.	29.368	14.833	44.201
Calze lana bleu leggere . . . "	28.348	23.912	52.260
Calzettoni lana turchina . . . "		12.143	12.143
Calzoni panno usato per prigionieri		598	598
Cinghie di tela n.	14.746	12.155	26.901
Coltelli "	3.498		3.498
Coperte lana bianca "	19.135	12.167	31.302
Corpetti cotone soprapelle . . . "		10.959	10.959
Cucchiari "	18.015		18.015
Cuoio in foglie Kg.	1.778	486	2.264
Farsetti lana turchina n.	24.326	11.861	36.187
Farsetti tela bianca "	31.896	12.311	44.207
Forchette "	17.333		17.333
Giubbotti panno colorato usati per prigionieri		1.295	1.295
Impermeabili "	19.831	13.562	33.393
Lacci neri per scarpe p.		17.791	17.791
Maglie lana soprapelle n.	48.619	9.023	57.642
Mezze suole p.	27.960	525	28.485
Mutande lana corte n.	19.237	35.137603	54.374
Mutande lana lunghe "	19.221		19.221
Panno sargia m.	80.330	32.275	112.605

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Piatti latte n.	19.297		19.297
Piatti da rancio "	1.989		1.989
Scarpe alte nere p.	29.171	17.403	46.574
Scarpe basse nere "	14.469	5.406	19.875
Semenze Kg.	198		198
Spago in gomitoli "	60		60
Spazzolini da denti n.		17.423	17.423
Spolette di cotone nero (400 Yards)		2.961	2.961
Spolette di cotone bianco (400 Yards)		4.470	4.470
Tacchi cuoio p.	38.199	527	38.726
Tazze smaltate n.	19.248		19.248
Tela turchina m ² .	144.835	37.064	181.899
Tela rasata bianca Yards		108.137	108.137

= I dati relativi alla seconda introduzione non comprendono un piccolo quantitativo, in corso di accertamento, di effetti rubati durante il trasporto Napoli-Taranto, eseguito dalle Autorità Alleate, e successivamente recuperato da Mariconni Napoli.

VESTIARIO ALLEATO RICEVUTO E DISTRIBUITO A TUTTO IL 30 APRILE 1945

		Quantità ricevute	Quantità distribuite	N O T
Calze di lana bleu pesanti	paia	29.368	=	Saranno distr. con la prossima
Calze di lana bleu leggere	"	26.348	14.123	La distribuzione continua.
Cinghie di tela	n.	14.746	3.100	idem c.s.
Coltelli	"	3.498	=	" "
Coperte lana	"	19.135	4.302	Continua la distrib. al pers.
Maglie lana soprapelle	"	48.619	11.918	La distribuzione continua.
Giacconi	"	18.015	9.010	" " "
Cuoio in gropponi	Kg.	1.778	1.778	=
Mezze suole	p.	27.960	27.960	=
Tacchi	"	38.199	38.199	=
Farsetti di lana turchina	n.	24.326	10.139	La distribuzione continua.
Farsetti tela bianca	"	31.896	15.356	" " "
Forchette	"	17.333	7.303	" " "
Impermeabili	"	19.831	1.193	" " "
Mutande lana corte	"	19.237	3.974	" " "
Mutande lana lunghe	"	19.221	9.120	" " "
Sargia	m.	80.330	41.605	Continua la conf. di camicie e
Piatti	n.	19.297	10.320	La distribuzione continua.
Scarpe alte nere	p.	29.171	12.574	" " "
Scarpe nere basse	"	14.469	9.875	" " "
Tela turchina per tenute da lavoro m.		144.035	72.899	Continua la conf. di tenute da

Allegato 2

OGGETTO ALLEATO RICEVUTO E DISTRIBUITO A TUTTO IL 30 APRILE 1945

		Quantita ricevute	Quantita distribuite	N O T E
anti	paia	29.368	=	Saranno distr.con la prossima stag.invernale.
ggere	"	28.348	14.123	La distribuzione continua.
	n.	14.746	3.100	idem c.s.
	"	3.498	=	" "
	"	19.135	4.302	Continua la distrib.al pers.nuova leva.
	"	48.619	11.918	La distribuzione continua.
	"	16.015	9.010	" " "
	Kg.	1.778	1.778	=
	p.	27.960	27.960	=
	"	36.199	36.199	=
lina	n.	24.326	10.139	La distribuzione continua.
	"	31.696	15.356	" " "
	"	17.333	7.303	" " "
	"	19.831	1.193	" " "
	"	19.237	3.974	" " "
	"	19.221	9.120	" " "
	m.	80.330	41.605	Continua la conf.di camicie e calzoni panno.
	n.	19.297	10.320	La distribuzione continua.
	p.	29.171	12.574	" " "
	"	14.469	9.875	" " "
te da lavoro m.		144.835	72.899	Continua la conf.di tenute da lavoro.

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TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF TROPICAL GEAR FOR ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL DURING SUMMER MONTHS REQUEST THAT QUANTITIES OF WHITE SHIRTING, DRILL, BUTTONS AND COTTON AND BLUE STOCKINGS INCLUDED IN SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENTS MAY BE INCREASED AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE. THE LAST QUARTERLY CONSIGNMENT BEING REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. BY 171831 JANUARY REFERS.

=021710B. JUNE.

T.P.

P.L.

T.O.R.2318/2.

C.J.

3/6/45.

DIST. 3,9,10,11.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION H.Q. ROME.

ADMIRALTY.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 231017. REQUEST YOU REFER TO TOTALI'S 050925 JULY 1944 REGARDING IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS AND 12 MONTH MAINTENANCE. THIRD DETAIL OF FIRST AND SECOND CONSIGNMENT GIVEN IN A.M. 060145 JANUARY REFERRING TO PARAGRAPH 2 (A) AND THREE GIVEN IN V 13/1286/41 OF MAY 10TH TO PARAGRAPH 2(B) OF TOTALI'S MESSAGE. PARTICULARS OF ANY FUTURE CONSIGNMENT WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTER C/2436 DATED 18TH MAY 1945.

2701551. MAY.

DIET.3,9,10.

T.P. P.L.

T.O.R.1420/28.

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28/5/45.

ADMIRALTY

NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROMA.

DEFERRED.

FOR DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING, REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT DETAILS IN YOUR LETTER
NO. V15/01286/44 OF 10TH MAY REFER TO FIRST AND SECOND CONSIGNMENTS.
FIRST CONSIGNMENT DIFFERS FROM PARTICULARS GIVEN IN ADMIRALTY'S C60145
JANUARY TO TOTALT ROMA.

231017 B MAY.

DIS. 3.9.10.

E.P. CIPHER

TOD 1145/23

23/5/45.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission, APO 394.

WSC/2436.
18th May, 1945.

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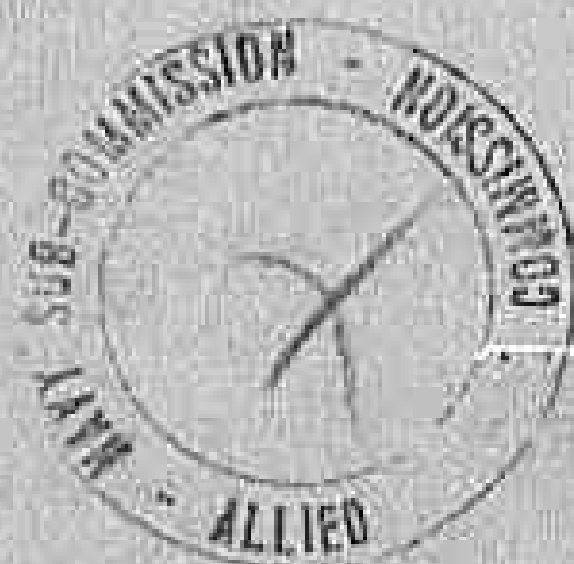
From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Director of Victualling Admiralty.

Subject : Clothing for the Italian Royal Navy.

With reference to your letter No. VI3/01280/44 of the 10th May, 1945, detailed information of the clothing supplied to the Italian Royal Navy is of interest to the Navy Sub Commission and it is requested that particulars of future consignments may be communicated by letter in due course.

2. It is added, by way of explanation that the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission, is the Allied authority charged with the Administration of the Italian Royal Navy.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,



22 MAY 1945

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320e.
(Established - May, 1930.)
(Revised - December, 1931.)

To: FOTALI (R) C. IN G. MED, FOTALI ROME.

FROM: D.O.V.

RESTRICTED.

FOLLOWING VICTUALLING STORES FOR NAVAL COMMAND (ITALIAN) SHIPPED IN LL 178,
INDEX PRINCIPAL CLOTHING 479 PACKAGES 99³/₄ CUBIC TONS. INDEX 29 CLOTHING
1424 PACKAGES 295³/₄ CUBIC TONS.

=160218B. MAY.

DIST. 3,6,9,10.

T.P.

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T.O.R. 1440/16.

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BY AIR MAILREFERENCE SHEET

ADMIRALTY

FROM: Director of Victualling.
Whitehall 9444 Ext. 724.
DATE: 10th May, 1945.

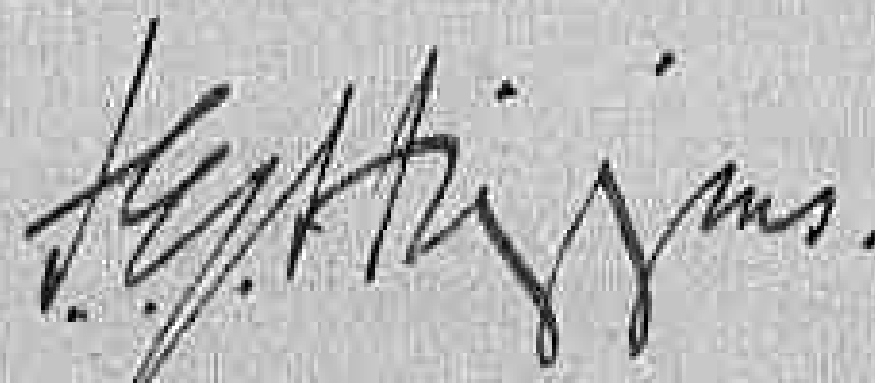
TO: Navy Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
Rome.

V.13/012⁸6/44Clothing for the Italians

With reference to your message 301212/April, details of the clothing to which reference is made in Admiralty messages 130322/March and 101841/April are given on the attached list.

2. These stores were consigned and the invoices sent to FOTALI.

3. The attached list also gives details of the second quarterly consignment for the Italians which is now awaiting shipment.



DIRECTOR OF VICTUALLING.

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JED

SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVYFIRST CONSIGNMENTFrom H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Yorkshire Area, Halifax,

Serge Blue No.4 60"	37,850 Yards
Blueste	36,750 "
Shirting White T.557B	56,000 "
Drill White (28" substitute)	62,500 "
Buttons B.V.I. 11/16"	100,000 No.
Buttons W.M.L. (substitute)	276,000 "
Cotton Black No.30	4,000 Reels
Cotton White No.30/40	4,500 "
Singer Sewing Machine Needles	
Patt.Nos. 3LK 17 & 16K 33Nos. 18/20	5,000 No.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown,

Vests Cotton Flannel	15,500 No.
Vests winter	9,625 "
Drawers knitted short	37,500 Prs.
Stockings thin	12,500 "
Towels seamen's	37,500 No.
Oilskin coats xx unmarked	12,500 "
Belts waist blue	12,500 "
Laces boot	18,750 Prs.
Laces shoe cotton	6,250 "
Leather:	
Bands	10 owt.
Men's out soles	1,500 prs.
" top pieces	1,500 "

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Midland Area, Leicester,

Boots half	18,750 prs.
Shoes black leather	6,250 "
Vests summer	15,000 No.
Vests winter	2,875 "
Socks thin blue	56,250 Prs.
Blankets unmarked	15,500 No.
Brushes tooth	18,750 "

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Lancashire Area, Accrington,

Jerseys seamen's

12,500 No.

SECOND CONSIGNMENTFrom H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Yorkshire Area, Halifax,

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown.

Vests Cotton Flannel
Vests winter
Drawers knitted short
- Stockings thin
Towels seamen's
Oilskin coats xx unmarked
Belts waist blue
Laces boot
Laces shoe cotton
Leather:
Bands
Men's cut soles
" top pieces

15,500 No.
9,625 "
37,500 Prs.
12,500 "
37,500 No.
12,500 "
12,500 "
18,750 Prs.
6,250 "
10 cwt.
1,500 prs.
1,500 "

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Midland Area, Leicester.

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Sewing Needles
Singer Sewing Machine Needles
Patt.Nos.31K 17 & 16K 33 Nos. 18/20

37,850 Yards
56,000 "
62,500 "
100,000 No.
276,000 "
4,000 Reels
4,500 "
10,000 No.
5,000 "

From/.....

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, South-Western Area, Leamington.

Vests Cotton Flannel	15,500 No.
Blueette Combination Suits	33,000 No.
Jerseys seamen's	12,500 "
Towels Seamen's	37,500 "
Belts waist blue	12,500 "
Laces boot	18,750 Prs.
Brushes tooth	18,750 No.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Lancashire Area, Acorington.

Blueette Combination Suits	29,000 No.
✓ Boots half	8,750 Prs.
Blankets unmarked	15,500 No.
Men's cut soles	1,500 Prs.
" top pieces	1,500 "

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depots, Midland Area, Leicester.

✓ Shoes black-leather	6,250 Prs.
Singlets cotton sleeveless	10,000 No.
Vests summer	10,000 "
Drawers E.T.	12,500 Prs.
Drawers knitted short	25,000 "
Socks thin	56,250 "
Stockings thin	12,500 "
Nails boot and shoe repairing	560 lbs.

From H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Jamestown.

Vests winter	7,500 No.
Oilskin coats xx unmarked	12,500 "
Laces shoe black	6,250 Prs.
Leather	1,120 lbs.

✓ Arrangements have been made by C. in C. Mediterranean for transfer of 10,000 prs. Boots and 10,000 prs. Shoes from Mediterranean stations. C. in C. Mediterranean's 262004/Feb. refers.

■ It is estimated that approximately 3,750 yards of this material will be required for making the linings for caps. The balance of 33,000 yards can be used for making approximately 5,500 blueette combination suits.

Two more consignments may be shipped - vide Admiralty message 250803 December addressed to C. in C. Mediterranean and C. in C.'s reply 171831 January.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

RSC/2350. ✓

7th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Minister of Marine, Rome.

FILE

Subject : Demand for Clothing, June - December, 1945. →

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM/7757 of the 20th April, 1945, I have received unsatisfactory reports of the progress made in the issue of clothing, boots and shoes etc., provided from Allied sources and understand that, in the Taranto Area, for example, distribution did not commence until some considerable time after quantities of clothing had been received from the United Kingdom. Furthermore, it appears that issues have been generally restricted to ex-prisoners of war and new recruits.

2. It is observed that the urgency of the Ministry's clothing demand for the second half-year is stressed in your letter under reply but the continued allegations of failure to distribute clothing where it is needed irrespective of the class of ratings concerned do not evince a genuine belief that allied assistance in this direction is so desperately needed as would otherwise be the case.

3. Before forwarding the half-yearly estimate of requirements enclosed with the Ministry's letter No. 5767 of the 23rd March, 1945, I should be glad to have your personal assurance that the clothing already supplied is being distributed where most needed with the minimum of delay. It is, at present, difficult to avoid the inference that materials are being obtained from Allied sources without regard to actual needs.



(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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10 MAY 1945

(GVAAG) WC 37260/D 3315 12,500M. 12/43/11. J. B. 140. 51-9001.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320e.

(Established—May, 1936.)
(Revised—December, 1937.)

To: NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME (R) C.S.TARANTO. From: FOPALI.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 270933 PARA.1 CONFIRMED.

2. PARA. 2. I AM STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT ANY DEMAND FOR CLOTHING
~~FORWARDED BY THE MINISTRY SHOULD BE REDUCED TO THE FANEST POSSIBLE MINIMUM FOR~~
FOLLOWING REASONS :--

(A) FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF CLOTHING WAS INTENDED FOR ISSUE TO SERVING SAILORS
WHOSE FLIGHT, THE MINISTER ASSURED ME, WAS GREIVIOUS. DISTRIBUTION WAS NOT
HOWEVER COMMENCED UNTIL 3 MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT AND THEN ONLY TO EX PRISONERS
OF WAR AND NEW RECRUITS.

(B) THE LIBERATION OF NORTHERN ITALY WILL MAKE AVAILABLE NEW SOURCES OF SUPPLY
TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

(C) AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE WAR IT SEEMS UNDESIRABLE TO MAKE ANY LARGE
SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING TO THE ITALIANS.

(D) THE ITALIAN NAVY HAS MADE LARGE PURCHASES OF SECOND HAND CLOTHING FROM
THE AMERICANS.

3. TO SUM UP IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE ADMIRALTY COULD BE ASKED TO CONSIDER
WHETHER IT IS IN FACT DESIRABLE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER ISSUES OF CLOTHING TO
THE ITALIAN NAVY.

281650 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.F. TOR 0313/29

29/4/45.

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TOTALI (R) C.S. TARANTO.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME.

RESTRICTED DEFERRED.

MINISTRY OF MARINE STATE THAT ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER(SUPPLIES) TARANTO HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HALF YEARLY DEMAND FOR CLOTHING WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH AT TARANTO. IF THIS IS CONFIRMED DEMAND WILL BE EXAMINED IN ROME AND FORWARDED DIRECT TO C IN C MED.

2. YOUR VIEWS ON THE CLOTHING SITUATION GENERALLY WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE APPRECIATED PARTICULARLY AS MINISTRY STRESS THE URGENCY OF THE CLOTHING DEMAND, AN ATTITUDE WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION ON WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED.

270935 13 APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P.

TOD 1100/27

27/4/54

OFFICE OF FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Naval Sub Commission)

STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Subject

Pack No.

Referred to

3. Before forwarding the half-yearly estimate of requirements enclosed with the Ministry's letter No. 5767 of the 23rd March, 1945, I should be glad to have your personal assurance that the clothing already supplied is being distributed where ^{most} needed ~~and that it is and that~~ with the minimum of delay. It is, at present, difficult to avoid the inference that materials are being obtained from allied sources without regard to actual needs. ~~and for~~

After action circulation

Suggest added par that MM
Take into consideration whether
clothing can now be obtained from
within Italy in any quantity. Dept
Letter is strong but appear
necessary B 3/5

Disposal

Concurrence - HWZ.

B. U.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 20 Apr. '45
Ref.: SM.7757

Subject: Demand for Allied Supplies Half-year
Jan. - June 1945.

Ref. our N°5767 of 23rd ulto.

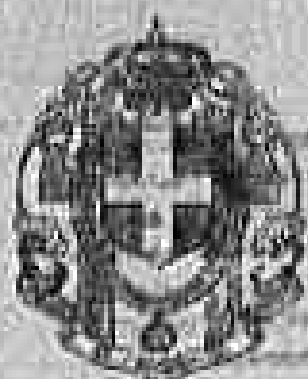
1. Clothing had been included in above.
2. Taranto L/Office informs that Naval Store Officer wants demand to be forwarded to Rome instead of Commodore Superintendent.
3. Request demand for clothing may be given absolute priority.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

DG/P.

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Mod. 39



Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. C.R.A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Dir. N. 7757 Allegati

Roma, 20 MAR 1945 19 A

CHIEF NAVY
SUB COMMISSION
ROMAARGOMENTO: Richiesta di materiali alleati per il semestre
gennaio-giugno 1945. -Riferimento foglio n° 5767 di questo Maristat in data 23
marzo 1945.

1. - Tra le richieste di materiali alleati per il semestre gennaio
giugno 1945 venne compresa anche quella relativa al vestiario e
accessori per sartoria.
2. - Ora viene comunicato dall'Ufficio di Collegamento Rifornimenti
Alleati di Taranto che il Naval Store Officer ha precisato che
le richieste del vestiario debbono essere trattate a parte e
inoltrate alle competenti Autorità Alleate di Roma anzichè al
Comodoro Superintendent.
3. - Nel rimettere quindi a codesta N.S.C. copia delle dette richie
ste di vestiario per ^{il} prescritto corso, si prega di voler inter-
cedere presso le competenti Autorità Alleate perchè a tale ne-
cessità della R. Marina venga dato carattere di assoluta urgen-
za. -

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

2583

FABBISOGNO DI VESTIARIO DA RICHIEDERE ALLE AUTORITA' ALLEATE

Forza Ufficiali 5.000 - Sottufficiali 9.000 - Sergenti S.O. e Comuni 49.000 =

Manufatti - Vari

1) - Capocotti impermeabili per marinaio	n°	49.000
2) - Cappotti impermeabili per Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	14.000
3) - Cappelli impermeabili per marinaio (S.W.)	"	49.000
4) - Spazzole per scarpe	"	75.000
5) - Giubbotti di pelle foderati agnellino per Smgg.	"	1.500
6) - Guanti di pelle	"	1.500
7) - Stivali di gomma per OC.M. e Smgg.	"	3.000
8) - Calzoni di tessuto gommato	"	1.500
9) - Caschi di pelle foderati di agnellino per Smgg.	"	1.500

Prodotti - vari

1) - Naftalina	Kg.	10.000
2) - Tintura azzurra per tingere tessuti e filati di cotone e lana	"	5.000
3) - Tintura grigioverde per tingere tessuti e filati di cotone e lana	"	400
4) - Sali di cromo per concia minerali	"	50.000
5) - Idrosolfito	"	1.000
6) - Nerefumo per tintura del pellame al cromo	"	3.000
7) - Degras per concia vegetale	"	3.000

2585

FABBISOGNO DI VESTIARIO DA RICHIEDERE ALLE AUTORITA' ALLEATE

Forza Ufficiali 5.000 - Sottufficiali 9.000 - Sergenti S.C. e Comuni 61.000
(meno 12.000 leva e volontari)

Accessori per sartoria

1) - Automatici per fasce per berretti	n°	200.000
2) - Bottoni bianchi a quattro fori per divise bianche	"	2.500.000
3) - Bottoni piccoli neri per calzonni e cappotti	"	1.100.000
4) - Bottoni bianchi per mutande e divise da lavoro (2-4 fori)"	1.100.000	
5) - Bottoni bianchi per camicie Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	260.000
6) - Elastico bianco	mt.	63.000
7) - Molle per berretti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali S.C. e Comuni (cm. 70)	n°	90.000
8) - Sottogola neri per Ufficiali	"	30.000
9) - Visiere nere per berretti Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	30.000
10) - Bottoni neri per berretti Sottufficiali	"	40.000
11) - Tessuto gommato per interfodera berretti	mt.	3.000
12) - Filo d'argento e di metallo dorato per trofei e distintivi Ufficiali e Sottufficiali	"	1.500.000

FOTALI:
(R) C IN C MED: FOTALI ROME.

D.OW V.

FOLLOWING VICTUALLING STORES FOR ITALIAN NAVAL COMMANDER SHIPPED
IN L.L. 173.

INDEX 6: CLOTHING 55 PACKAGES 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ CUBIC TONS.

101841 B APRIL

DIST: 3.9.10.

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T O R 14/ 0910

11/4/45

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D. OW V.

WL 57286/DSY:1 1/11 10000M C & L 51-7501

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320c.
(Established—May, 1900)
(Revised—December, 1921)

FROM:

ADMIRALTY (D OF V)

TO:

FOYALI:
(R) O IN O MED: FOYALI ROME:

RESTRICTED.

MY 130322, GIVES DETAILS OF VICTUALING STORES FOR ITALIAN NAVAL
COMMANDER SHIPPED IN L.L. 167. UNDER FOLLOWING HEADINGS :-

(1) INDEX	(2) STORES	(3) NO. OF PACKAGES	(4) CUBIC TONNAGE.
			130408A.
11	CLOTHING	880	27 1/2
12	MATERIALS	371	119 1/2
14	CLOTHING	1307	323
		2,558.	
		= 130322A.	

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DIST: 3.6.9.10.

P/L T/P

T O R 1535/17

18/3/45

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SECRET (R) FOTALI ROME

C. IN O. RED.

TOP SECRET.

CONCERN IN ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED FOR QUARTERLY SUPPLIES OF CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN NAVY. REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT REPEITION NOT BE REDUCED BY DISBANMENT OF COASTAL ARTILLERY. REQUEST SUPPLY OF MESS TINS AND IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES ALL REPEAT ALL MESS GEAR SHOWN IN FOTALI ROME'S L 191/7 OF 16TH OCTOBER BE CANCELLED SINCE FACILITIES NOW EXIST FOR MANUFACTURE OF THESE ITEMS IN ITALY. REFERENCE A.M. 250205 DECEMBER AND 060147 JANUARY REFERS.

250803 RE SUPPLYING ONE QUARTER OF REQUIREMENTS SHOWN IN FOTALI ROME'S L 191/7 OF 16TH OCT.
060147 RE DETAILS OF 1ST SHIPMENT.
DIST. 3,9,10,12.
CIPHER T.P.

T.O.R. 0010

DATE 19-1-45.

2583

COPY.

ADMTY (R) FOTALI FOTALI (POME)

..... from C IN C MED

T O P S E C.

Concur in arrangement proposed for quarterly supplies of clothing for Italian Navy.
Requirement will not (P) NOT be reduced by disbandment of coastal artillery.

(2) Request supply of mess tins and all (P) ALL mess gear shown in FOTALI (POME) L 191/7 of 16th Oct be cancelled since facilities now exist for manufacture of these items in Italy.
Ref. A.M. 250803 Dec and 060147 Jan refer.

T.O.O. 171831 JAN 44 ✓
T.O.R. 181130

DISTN SEC A/SECS OSO SCO NOIC SOI BSO
USNLO NSO

T/P JJ SW GP90 , Ref. Clothing etc. for Italian Navy

C IN C MED (R) FOTALI, FOTALI (POME)

ADMTY

SECRET

Clothing for Italian Navy.

It is proposed to arrange supply from U.K. during early part of 1945 of one quarter of the requirements shown in FOTALI (POME)'s L 191/7 of 16th October as amended by your 251102 October and 161719 November and the balance in 3 equal instalments at quarterly intervals thereafter
(2) These supplies will be subject to (3 groups) position on (termination?) of war in Europe
(3) Request your concurrence in these arrangements and (?) whether requirements will be (reduced?) by disbandment of coastal (artillery?)

T.O.O. 250803 DEC 44 ✓
T.O.R. 251657

MX M GP115
SEC A/SECS OSO SCO NOIC BSO USNLI SOI

C IN C MED (R) FOTALI FOTALI (POME)

ADMTY

Clothing for Italian Navy. First quarterly maintenance supply is being prepared for shipment and early reply to my 250803 Dec. would be appreciated.
Requirements of 50 thousand mess tins shown in

exist for manufacture of these items in Italy.
Ref. A.M. 250803 Dec and 060147 Jan refer.

T.O.O. 171831 JAN 41
T.O.P. 181130
DISTN SEC A/SECS OSO SCO NOIC SOI BSO
USNLO NSO
T/P JJ SW GP90 , Ref. Clothing etc. for Italian Navy

C IN C MED (P) FOTALI, FOTALI (POME)

ADMTY

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T.O.O. 250803 DEC 40
T.O.P. 251657

MX M GP115
SEC A/SECS CSO SCO NOIC BSO USNLI SOI

C IN C MED (P) FOTALI FOTALI POME

RESTRICTED

ADMTY

Clothing for Italian Navy. First quarterly maintenance supply is being prepared for shipment and early reply to my 250803 Dec. would be appreciated. Request reply may confirm requirements of 50 thousand mess tins shown in FOTALI POME's L 191/7 of 16th Oct, and indicate whether these can be obtained from local Army sources. (3) When mess tins were previously demanded it was assumed that meat dishes were intended and 2 thousand meat dishes No 2 were supplied.

.....060147A

REF. Clothing for Italian Navy

DIST. 108 11 13 15 22 26 27 30 LOG.
T/P M TOP 0628 VC

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C O P Y.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

16th October, 1944.

No.L 191/7.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to:- Secretary to the Admiralty.
Vice Admiral, Malta.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.)

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF CLOTHING FOR THE
ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.

With reference to Admiralty message timed 241309
June, the estimated requirements of clothing for the Italian
Navy for the next 12 months, are shown on the attached
schedules. Requirements are based on the authorised strength
of 5,000 officers, 8,000 chief and petty officers and
62,000 other ratings.

2. List "A" contains items which can be manufactured
in Italy, from materials supplied from the United Kingdom.
The quantities of materials required have been estimated as
nearly as possible but may have to be modified in the light
of expert opinion.

3. List "B" contains ready made items required.

(Sgd.) S.N. BLACKBURN.
for REAR ADMIRAL.

12 2 6 8
COMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to:- Secretary to the Admiralty.
Vice Admiral, Malta.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.)

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2. List "A" contains items which can be manufactured in Italy, from materials supplied from the United Kingdom. The quantities of materials required have been estimated as nearly as possible but may have to be modified in the light of expert opinion.

3. List "B" contains ready made items required.

(Sgd.) S.W. BLACKBURN.
for REAR ADMIRAL.

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List "A".
Materials.

Item.	No.	Blue serge yards	Blue Jean yards	Flannel yards	White Drill yards	Material for shirts etc: yards	Buttons black medium No.	Buttons black small No.	Buttons white small No.	Buttons white medium No.
Suits, Blue serge.	40,000	270,000						400,000		
Overcoats, Blue.	30,000	106,000		60,000			300,000			
Overalls.	132,000		720,000					1,200,000		
Caps.	62,000	33,000	30,000							
Cotton Flannels.	124,000					372,000				
Shirts.	26,000					91,000			104,000	
Shorts.	150,000				375,000					1,500,000
Total		409,000	750,000	60,000	375,000	463,000	300,000	1,600,000	104,000	1,500,000

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C O P Y.List "A".
Materials.

Blue serge yards	Blue Jean yards	Flannel yards	White Drill yards	Material for shirts etc: yards	Buttons black medium No.	Buttons black small No.	Buttons white small No.	Buttons white medium No.	Cotton black reels.	Cotton White reels.
270,000						400,000			10,000	
106,000		60,000			300,000				5,500	
	720,000					200,000			30,000	
33,000	30,000								6,000	
				372,000						10,000
				91,000			104,000			3,000
			375,000					1,500,000		10,000
409,000	750,000	60,000	375,000	463,000	300,000	1,600,000	104,000	1,500,000	51,500	23,000

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List "B".

Boots or shoes	150,000 prs.
Seaman's Jerseys	50,000 No.
Undervests	110,000 No.
Underpants.	150,000 prs.
Cotton Socks. (blue)	225,000 prs.
Stockings (blue)	50,000 prs.
Towels.	150,000 No.
Oilskins.	50,000 No.
Blankets.	62,000 No.
Belts.	50,000 No.
Shoe leather	20 Tons.
Shoe nails	2 Tons.
Shoe laces.	200,000 prs.
Needles.	20,000 No.
Singer needles (Patt. 19, 19, 20,)	20,000 No.
Emamel mugs.	50,000 No.
Spoons.	50,000 No.
Forks.	50,000 No.
Mess tins.	50,000 No.
Tooth brushes.	75,000 No.

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AOS NAVAL SUB COMMISSION

ADMIRALTY

SECRET.

Your 300853 and FMH 365 from ACWAR to Algiers request further details of articles of clothing and messgear included in scale given for Italian Navy in Algiers message HAF 687 and state which items of existing R N pattern can be taken in lieu.

(2) Request also quantities required (a) immediately, and (b) afterwards for maintenance over the next twelve months.

(3) In view of production difficulties in U.K. can battle dress or equivalent naval uniform, caps, tropical shirts and shorts, and cotton flannel vests (if required) be made up in Italy if materials are supplied from U.K.

(4) Can white tropical shirts and shorts and blue stockings be accepted in lieu of khaki.

(5) Following can be supplied from U.K. at earliest opportunity of shipment 300,000 yards blue serge, 450,000 yards white drill 75000 made up cotton flannels.

(6) Can blue serge be accepted for making up caps, as cap cloth is in short supply.

(7) Request your proposals as to procedure for rendering and screening demands and arrangements for delivery of stores.

T.O.O. 241309 B June. 44

T.O.R. 250901

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	VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER LEVANT	115
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	ALEXANDRIA	125
		130
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FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON Date 28 FEB 1946 No. 12/1852/1070 ROME	DATE: For VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON TO: NAVY SUBCOMMISSIONER	150

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for REAR ADMIRAL

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Book CA/

Entry No. 19

U. S. N. VICTUALLING DEPOT
ALEXANDRIA

STORE RECEIPT NOTE AND REPORT OF SURVEY

29 DEC 1945

Authority of:

Received from

Register No.

Delivered per

N° 150920 B50

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ARTICLE	Pattern of dates and other Marks	Denomination of Quantity	Invited	Received	Received				REMARKS
					Serviceable	Serviceable, Worn, Use, To be washed	Worn, Use, To be repaired	Worn out, Use, To be destroyed	
Dark Blue, Yc.									
Beige Blue 60"		1/2		3/5					12-11-10-11
Cases 4 1/2 in		N°		1					13-9-6-11
" " " " N° 2		"		2					13-12-24

Signature of Officer
receiving the StoresG. P. G. [Signature]
Victualling Store OfficerI } do declare that }
We } have taken this Survey with strict care and accuracy,

Signature

Rank

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Book C B L Entry No. 17

29 DEC 1945

STORE RECEIPT NOTE AND REPORT OF SURVEY

Received from

Register No.

Delivered per

Ref Authority of

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ARTICLE

Pattern or
dates
and other
marks

Denomination
of Quants

Principles

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out, the

Worn out
and
valueless.
Use. To be
discarded

REPORT OF SURVEY BY YARD OFFICERS

REMARKS

Officers 60%

✓ Towels Bath

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Case 4/5 n°1

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Fig. 2. 8-8-82

Signature of Officer
receiving the Stores

S. P. S. S.
Specialist
Valualling Store Officer

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do declare that

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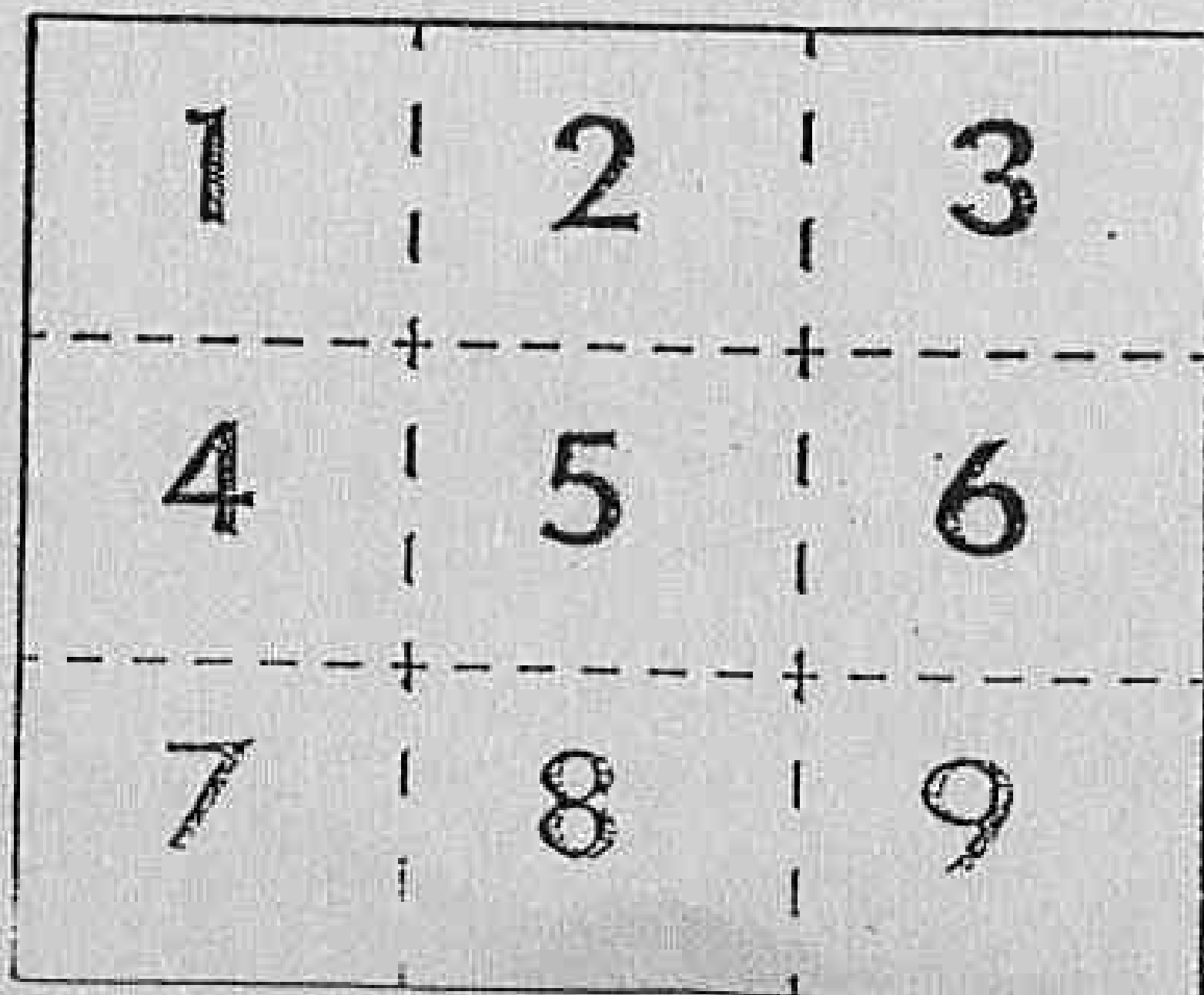
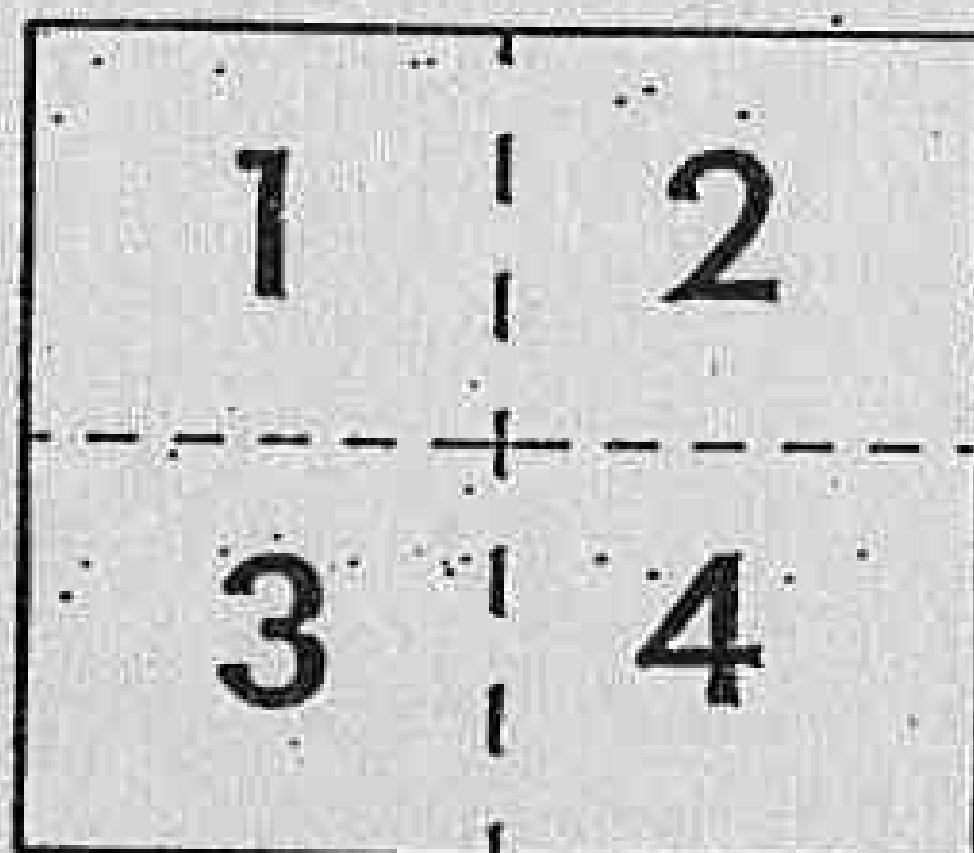
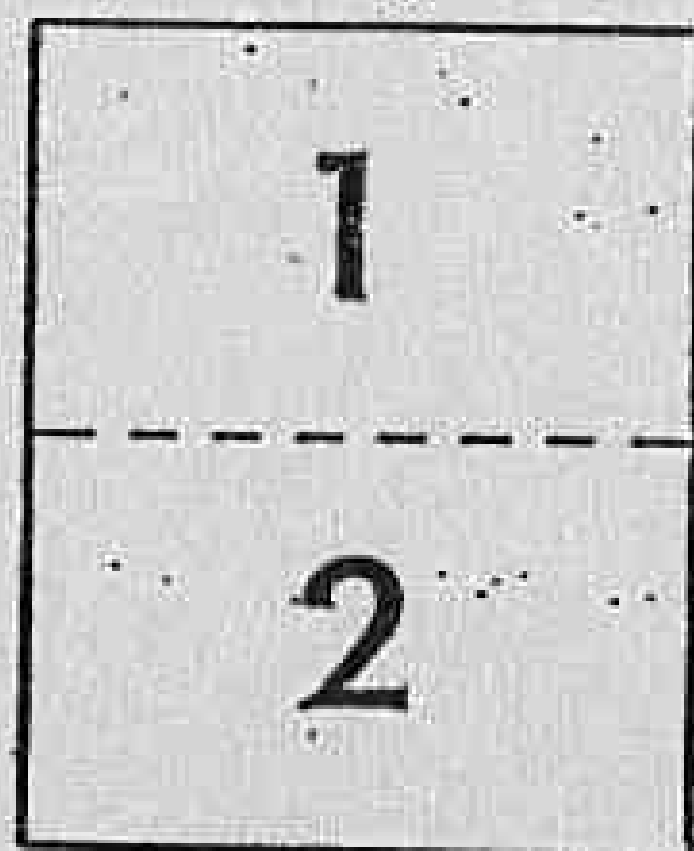
have taken this Survey with strict care and accuracy.

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ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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R. N. VICTUALLING DEPOT
ALEXANDRIA

29 DEC 1945

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STORE RECEIPT NOTE AND REPORT OF SURVEY.

Per Authority of

Received from

Register No.

Delivered per

SONE N° 150920 1330 Toronto

The Italian Ministry of Marine

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ARTICLE

Pattern

Denomination of
Quantity

Invoiced

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Serviceable

Serviceable,
To be SoldServiceable.
Dirty. Use
To be washedWorn
Use.
To be
repaired.

Unserviceable

Worn
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Use.
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Seamens (bark) 1/10 %

1/2 hours black leather

6 7 8 9 10 11
69 40 48 61 34 14

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1/2 Boots 24 all

6 7 8 9 10 11
139 160 164 135 81 20

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20

1/2 Overall Comb. Suits

1 2 3 4
180 250 40 530

N°

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1/2 Tanker's White sm +

Vests Cotton 3/4 Karnach

N°

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1 2 3 4 5
40 125 339 50 45

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1/2 Jerseys sm 1 2 3 4
310 330 150 10

N°

800

1/2 Drawers Kld Long 1 2 3 4
140 300 430 230

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1/2 Socks Thin 1 2 3 4
240 520 1050 100

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1/2 Socks 4/4 N° 1

N°

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Book 612 Entry No. 2

Received from	the Italian Ministry of Marine Taranto
Register No.	696
Delivered per	% H. Mueller

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Terrys Smo	1	2	3	4	N'	800
	310	330	150	10		
Drawers Kid Long	1	2	3	4	100	1100
	140	300	430	230		
Socks Thin	1	2	3	4	100	2000
	270	520	1050	100		
Boxes 4/8 N'	1					6
" " N'	2					17
" " N'	3					18
(Case Var 3 no)						13

Signature of Officer
receiving the Stores

G. P. E. [Signature]
Superintendent
Victualling Store Officer.

We } do declare that { 1 } we } have taken this Survey with

ALX/B 3726-4 5144

Rank.

E. P. Eifurman
Superintendent
Actualling Store Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AGO 194

WBC/134,
22nd August, 1945.

FILE

FIRST REPORT ON
Ministry of Marine's letter No.
SM/16157 of the 10th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hqs., Allied Commission.
To : 2 Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to 1- Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and
Canal Area,
Victualling Store Officer, Levant.)

Subject : Clothing for Italian War Ships.

Forwarded for information with references to Navy Sub
Commission letters WBC/2996 of the 19th July, 1945, and WBC/1058
of the 26th July, 1945.

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H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAN ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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23 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 334

REC/5334
22nd August, 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Clothing for Italian War Ships.

With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Ministry of Marine's letter No. 24, 12483 of the 22nd June, 1945, and subsequent letters, no further action need now be taken to return the remaining items to the Victualing Store Officers, Legation, since they are being treated as an issue to the Italian Navy and separate accounting action is being taken.

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H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



23 AUG 1945

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 10 August '45
Ref.: SM/16457

Subject: Clothing for I.R.N. Warships.

Further to my SM/14499 of 20 July 1945.

You are informed that on 17 July 1945 Maricommi Taranto arranged for the loading on the British Ship "HERCULES" of 59 cases containing the clothing from Allied sources which is to be returned to the Naval Store Officer, Alexandria, Egypt.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Reg. M.D.S. 111 P.O.M.2

ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT-ROMA

Bot. A. 101657 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Vestiario per navi da guerra italiane

Seguito al foglio n. SM/14499 in data
20 luglio 1945.-

Si comunica che in data 17.7.45 Mari-
commi Taranto ha provveduto ad imbarcare
sul piroscafo britannico Hercules, n.59
casse contenenti il vestiario di prove-
nienza Alleata da restituire al Victual-
ling Store Officer di Alessandria d'Egit-
to.-

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CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN WAR SHIPS

(The Navy Sub. Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commissions'
No.NSC/2996, dated 19th July, 1945.)

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THE NAVY SUB. COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.
(Copies to:- The Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area.
The Victualling Store Officer, Levant).

The proposal in paragraph 3 of Minute I is approved, the items supplied by the Victualling Store Officer, Levant, and not replaced by the Italian Ministry of Marine being reported to Admiralty in accordance with A.F.O.1047/44.

2. It is observed, however, that socks thin, vests winter and serge for making up caps, trousers and jumpers, have been included in consignments of clothing sent to Taranto for the Italian Navy from the United Kingdom, and the Minister of Marine's statement is, therefore, not understood.

3. The contents of the Navy Sub. Commission's letter, NSC/3058, dated 26th July, 1945, have been noted.

MEDITERRANEAN.
9th August, 1945.

Raynham

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AFD 394.

WAC/1038.
26th July, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copies to :- Senior Naval Officer Red Sea
and Canal Area,
Victualling Store Officer, Levant.)

Subject : Clothing for Italian War Ships.

With reference to WSC/2596 dated 19th July, 1945,
it is requested that the first item listed in paragraph 2 may
be deleted since the Ministry of Marine now state that they are
able to return 1,000 overalls to the Victualling Store Officer,
Levant.

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Mr.
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H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAN AUSTIN,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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27 JUL 1945

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 20 July '45
Ref.: SM.14499

Subject: Clothing for Italian War Ships.

In reply to letter No.2665 of 16th June and further to letter No.12485 of 22nd June, it is confirmed that clothing for return to Victualling Store Officer, is ready at Taranto, to be despatched to Alexandria by the first naval means available.

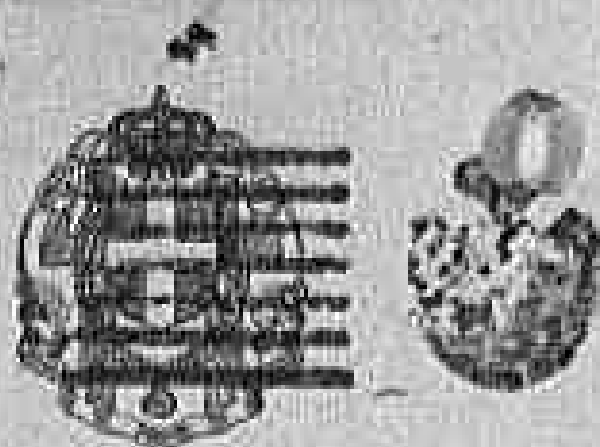
We take this opportunity to point out amending our No.12485, that with the same shipment, 1000overall suits will be returned, having in the meantime obtained the corresponding supply from Allied Sources.

We will advise you when despatch take place.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Roma 20 LUG. 1945 19 A

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M.2

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 111/99 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Vestiario per navi da guerra italiane.-

Risposta al foglio n.2665 del 16 Giugno u.s.-

A seguito delle comunicazioni già fatte al riguardo col foglio n.12485 del 22 Giugno u.s., si conferma che il vestiario da restituire al Victualling Store Officer é pronto a Taranto per essere spedito ad Alessandria col primo mezzo navale disponibile.-

Con l'occasione si comunica, a parziale modifica del citato foglio n.12485, che con la stessa spedizione saranno restituite 1000 tute da lavoro essendosi nel frattempo ottenuto il corrispondente rifornimento Alleato.-

Si riserva di dare conferma dell'avvenuta spedizione.-

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

WSC/2996.
19th July, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copies to :- Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and
Canal Area.
Vice-Admiral, Levant.)

FILE

Subject : Clothing coded to Vittorio Veneto Group from
Vice-Admiral, Levant, Alexandria.

The clothing shown on the attached lists was supplied by Vice-Admiral, Levant to the 9th Italian Battleship Group in March, 1945, on the understanding that an equal quantity was to be returned by the Ministry of Marine when further stocks were received from the United Kingdom.

2. In reply to a recent letter from the Navy Sub Commission on this matter, the Ministry of Marine state that the clothing will be returned by Maricani, Taranto except for the following items, which they allege, have not yet been received from Allied sources :-

✓ Overalls - 1,000	Seaman's Caps - 200
✓ Cotton Socks - 2,000	Officer's Caps - 70
P.O.'s Caps - 200	Seaman's Sarge
Vests, heavy - 1,100	Trousers - 200
Seaman's Jumpers 200.	

3. In view of the fact that further supplies of clothing to the Royal Italian Navy is likely to be severely restricted, if not curtailed altogether, it is submitted that should a sufficient quantity of the above articles be available to meet all station requirements, that the Ministry of Marine may be informed that no further action need be taken by them to return these items as separate accounting action is now being taken.



23 JUL 1945

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Navy Sub Commission letter HSC/2596 of 19th July, 1945. Page 2.

4. The current Italian clothing requirements will be the subject of a further letter (Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's message dated 041806 3 July not to all refers.)

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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STYRENE POLYMER INC. REPORTED BY MRS. T. V. HAYES AND TEAM

				V. V. H. H. I. ITALIA	
✓ Socks.....tot.				300	300
✓ Also Overall Socks (size 1 no. 100					
{ " 2 " 100					
{ " 3 " 100					
{ " 4 " 100.....tot.				300	300
✓ Blankets.....tot.				50	50
✓ Half-socks, black (size 6 no. 50					
{ " 7 " 50					
{ " 8 " 50					
{ " 9 " 50					
{ " 10 " 50					
{ " 11 " 50.....tot.				300	300
✓ Socks, black (size 6 no. 35					
{ " 7 " 35					
{ " 8 " 35					
{ " 9 " 35					
{ " 10 " 35					
{ " 11 " 35.....tot.				150	150
Under-pants, heavy-weight (size 1 no. 50					
{ " 2 " 150					
{ " 3 " 150					
{ " 4 " 150.....tot.				300	300
✓ Women's Vln. Socks (size 1 no. 100					
{ " 2 " 100.....tot.				300	300
✓ Socks, heavy-weight (size 1 no. 50					
{ " 2 " 100					
{ " 3 " 150					
{ " 4 " 150.....tot.				350	350
✓ Socks, black, woolen (size 1 no. 300					
{ " 2 " 100					
{ " 3 " 300.....tot.				1000	1000
✓ Socks, black, cotton (size 2 no. 300					
{ " 3 " 400					
{ " 4 " 300.....tot.				1000	1000
✓ Women's Jerseys (size 1 no. 100				256	
{ " 2 " 100					
{ " 3 " 100					
{ " 4 " 100.....tot.				400	400

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Sergeant's caps	(Size 21 no. 10		
	(" 21 1/2 " 20		
	(" 22 " 30		
	(" 22.5 " 20.....tot.	100	100
Peaked caps	(Size 21 no. 20		
	(" 21 " 20		
	(" 22 " 30		
	(" 22.5 " 20		
	(" 23 " 10.....tot.	100	100
Peaked caps, Officers	(Size 21 no. 5		
	(" 21.5 " 10		
	(" 22 " 15		
	(" 22.5 " 1.....tot.	35	35
Butt-on etc.....tot.		300	300
Pillow-pressed.....tot.		100	100
Sergeant's trousers, blue (Size 1 no. 15			
	(" 2 " 20		
	(" 3 " 20		
	(" 4 " 30		
	(" 5 " 15.....tot.	100	100
Sergeant's Suspenders, blue (Size 1 " 15			
	(" 2 " 20		
	(" 3 " 20		
	(" 4 " 30		
	(" 5 " 15.....tot.	100	100
Serge, blue, superfine.....1 yds.	(lining for 1/3		
" " ordinary.....16 "	(uniform.		

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 22 June '45
Ref.: SM.12485

Subject: Clothing ceded to V.VENETO Group from V.S.O.
Alexandria.

Replying to letter N°2083 of 10 Apr. last.

1. You are informed that Maricommi Taranto will restore above clothing by first available means.

2. It is not possible to return the following articles as supplies of same have not been received from Allied sources :-

- Overalls	1,000	- Seamen's caps	200
- Cotton socks	2,000	- Officers' caps	70
- Petty Officers' caps	200	- Seamen's serge trousers	200
- Thick body belts	1,100	- Seamen's jumpers	200

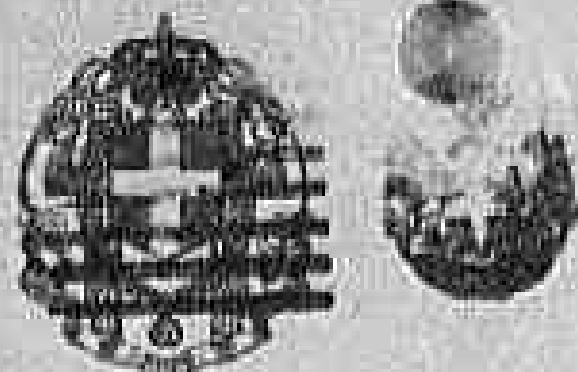
3. If above kit is received later on from the Allies, Maricommi Taranto will immediately return balance due.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

T's Note :- Ministry informed later that "Thick body belts" are listed as "Vests, heavy".

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M.2

Roma, 22 GIU. 1945 19 A

Al CHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. SM/1248 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Vestiario ceduto al Gruppo Vittorio Veneto dal Victual-
ling Store Officer di Alessandria.-

Risposta al foglio n.2083 del 10 aprile 1945.-

1.- Si comunica che Maricommi Taranto provvederà alla restituzione del vestiario in argomento con il primo mezzo in partenza per il levante.

2.- Non è possibile per ora procedere alla restituzione dei seguenti effetti di vestiario dato che non si sono verificati corrispondenti rifornimenti da parte Alleata:

Tenute da lavoro	1.000	- Berretti per Uff.li	70
Calze di cotone	2.000	- Pantaloni di panno	
Berretti per Sottufficiale	200	per marinaio	200
Panciotti pesanti	1.100	- Camisacci di panno	
Berretti da marinaio	200	per marinaio	200

3.- Qualora in successive distribuzioni di vestiario da parte Alleata si introducessero nei nostri magazzini detti capi di corredo, Maricommi Taranto provvederà alla immediata restituzione di ciò che ancora è dovuto.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

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NSC/2865. *Y*

16th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Clothing for Italian Warships.

With reference to Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/2083 dated 10th April, 1945, information is requested whether replacement of clothing supplied by Victualling Store Officer, Alexandria has yet been effected.

H. W. ZIRGLE,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2083 ✓
10th April, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Clothing for Italian Warships.

The clothing shown on the attached list has been supplied to the 9th Italian Battleship Group by the Victualling Store Officer, Levant, Alexandria. It is requested that an equal quantity of these articles may be sent direct to the Victualling Store Officer, Alexandria, from stocks received from the United Kingdom.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2083
10th April, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Clothing for Italian Warships.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN WARSHIPS.

From Senior Naval Officer, Red Sea and Canal Area.

Date 20th March, 1945.

Ref: RS.67/23.

To Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison,
Italy.

(Copies to :- Victualling Store Officer, Levant.
Commanding Officer,
9th Italian Battleship Group.)

..... In accordance with your signal timed 071830
December, 1944, (not to Commanding Officer, 9th Italian
Battleship Group) attached is a list of items of clothing
which have been supplied by the Victualling Store Officer,
Levant, to the Italian Battleships at Fanara.

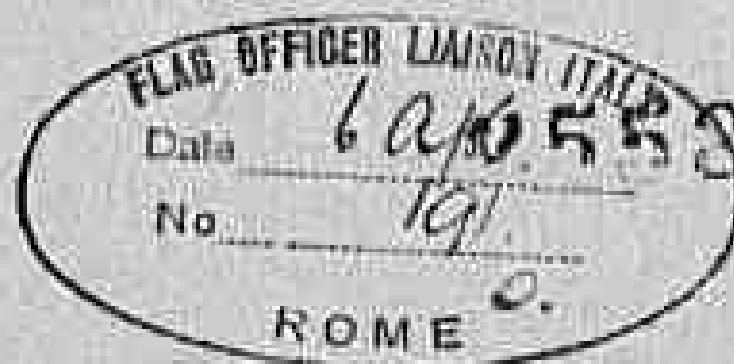
2. It is requested, therefore, that you will now
arrange the necessary re-imbursements, consignment of the
appropriate quantities being made direct to the Victualling
Store Officer, Levant.



W. W. Suterde

For COMMODORE.

DATE: 7th April, 1945
FROM: ITALY
TO: FANARA



FORWARDED FOR ACTION

De REAR ADMIRAL.

List of items and quantities of Clothing supplied to Italian Warships.

Boots, half	700 prs.
Shoes black leather.	300 prs.
Caps Peak blue cloth.	200 No
Caps white duck	160 No
Jumpers, serge	200 No
Trousers, serge, Fall F.	200 prs.
Blankets brown	100 No
Towels U.S.	1,000 No.
Blouette Comb. Suits.	1,000 No.
Drawers K.L.	1,100 No.
Singlets C.S.	600 No.
Vests summer.	1,100 No.
Vests cotton flannel.	600 No.
Socks thin B.W.	2,000 prs.
Pullovers khaki.	800 No.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 4320d.
(Total Supply—Ship, 1958)
Revised—January, 1959

To

FROM

ENVOISCA

FOTALLI Rome.

~~Revised.~~

(9)

Your Letter RS 67/23 of 2nd October. Supplies of clothing for the Italian Navy are arriving, but it will be some time before they are distributed. Request therefore, demands for clothing for Italian Battleships may be met as far as practicable, actual quantities supplied being reported to FOTALLI Rome in order that reimbursement may be arranged from stocks supplied to Italians.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 30/11/44
Ref.: 1049/FO.

Subject: Clothing for "VITTORIO VENETO" Group
Personnel.

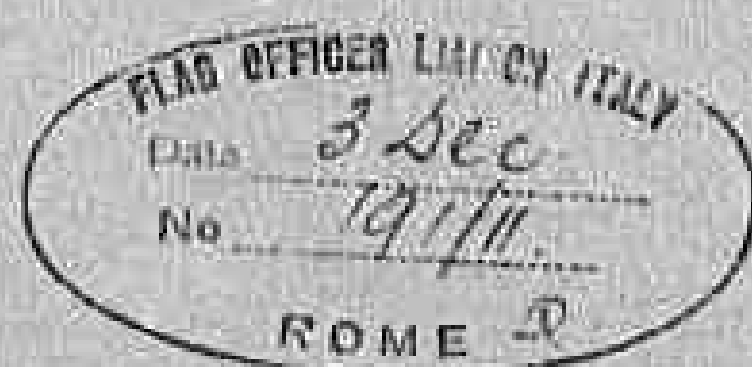
Ref. letter N°191/11 of 28th ulto.

1. I.R.N.'s critical situation in regard to clothing, put forward to you on various occasions, leads one to presume that Allied Supplies- the first of which have recently arrived at Brindisi - will barely cover the most urgent requirements of personnel stationed in Italy.

2. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that some time will elapse before kit can be made up with the materials arriving (and distributed to Crews), and that in regard to Italian Ships stationed abroad there are considerable difficulties in connection with making deliveries of clothing.

3. Therefore, as suggested in our letter N°39689/S of 27th Aug. last, it is considered advisable that local British Authorities be approached to continue to supply the strictly necessary quantities of clothing during the Winter season to Crews of Ships stationed abroad, particularly "Vittorio Veneto" Group and Levant Naval Command, in accordance with the demands which will be forwarded by the respective Commands.

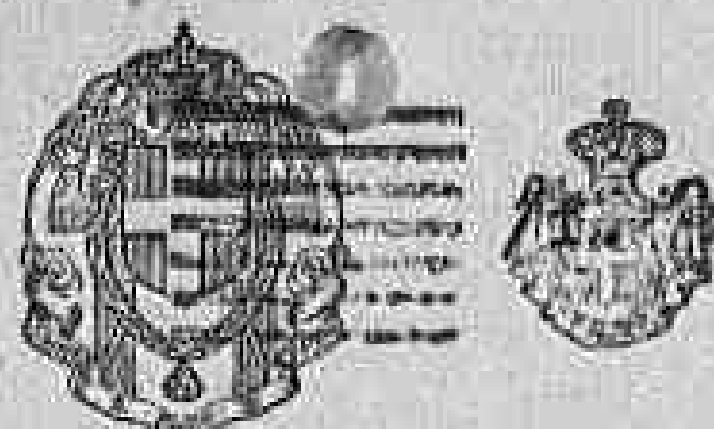
4. It is confirmed that these latter have been given instructions in the above sense and asked to refer their demands made direct to local Allied Authorities to this Ministry for checking.



(Sgd) THE MINISTER

DG/P.

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Mod. 39

Roma, 30 Novembre 1944.

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

M F.O.L.I.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

ROMA

Prot. N° 1069/fo Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Vestiario per il personale del Gruppo "Vittorio Veneto".

Riferimento foglio No.191/11 del 28 ottobre c.a.

- 1°.- La critica situazione nella quale versa da tempo la R. Marina per quanto riguarda il vestiario, prospettata in diverse occasioni a codesto F.O.L.I., fa giustamente presumere che i rifornimenti alleati di cui sono giunti in questi giorni a Brindisi i primi quantitativi, saranno appena sufficienti a soddisfare i più urgenti bisogni del personale in Italia.
- 2°.- D'altra parte è da tener presente che occorrerà un certo tempo prima di ultimare, con i materiali in arrivo, la confezione dei capi di corredo da distribuire agli equipaggi, e che, per quanto riguarda le unità italiane dislocate all'estero, vi sono forti difficoltà per effettuare alle stesse delle spedizioni di vestiario.
- 3°.- Pertanto, come già prospettato nel foglio di questo Ministero No.39689/S del 27 agosto u.s., si riterrebbe opportuno che fossero interessate le Autorità britanniche locali affinché agli equipaggi delle unità italiane all'estero e particolarmente a quelli del Gruppo "Vittorio Veneto" e del "Comando Superiore Navale del Levante", fossero continuati per la stagione invernale, da parte alleata, i rifornimenti di vestiario nei limiti strettamente indispensabili, secondo le richieste che saranno effettuate dai rispettivi Comandanti.
- 4°.- Si conferma al riguardo, che a questi ultimi sono già state impartite disposizioni in tal senso, con invito ad effettuare le relative comunicazioni a questo Ministero per il successivo controllo sull'entità delle richieste di vestiario avanzate direttamente alle locali autorità alleate.

IL MINISTRO, 551

OFFICE COPY

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

28th October, 1944.

No. L.191/11.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

(Copy to :- Senior Naval Officer,
Red Sea and Canal Area.)

CLOTHING FOR PERSONNEL OF "VITTORIO VENETO" GROUP.

The attached demand for clothing has been received by Senior Naval Officer Red Sea and Canal Area from the Commanding Officer of the 9th Battleship Group. It is requested that you will take the necessary action to meet this demand from stocks of clothing shortly expected from the United Kingdom.

(Sd.) I. M. PALMER.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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Comando Gruppo Navi da Battaglia

R. Nave VITTORIO VENETO

Ind. telegr.: Nave VITTORIO VENETO per Gruppo

Prot. N. 1283 Allegati 1

19/11. addi 30 settembre 1944

JUNIOR NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
Red Sea and Canal Area

ITALIA

a per conoscenza:

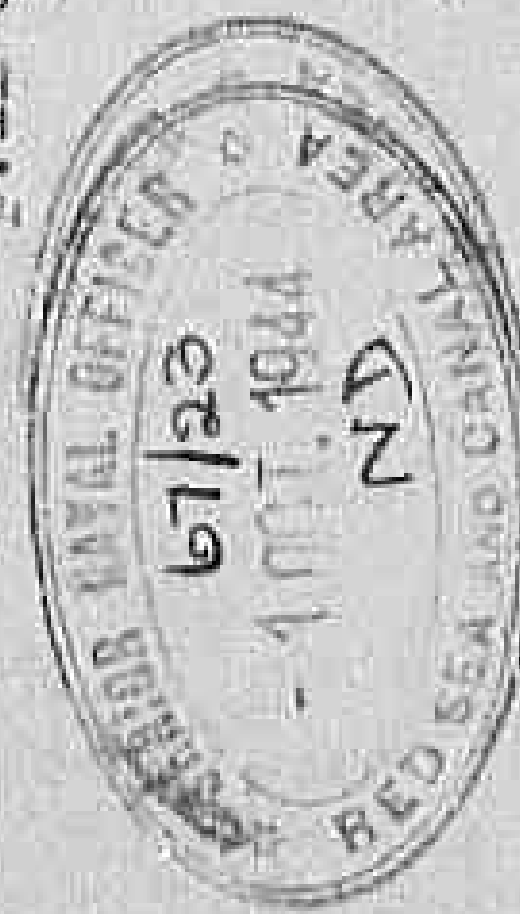
NAVE V. VENETO - NAVE ITALIA

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta vestiario invernale.

1°) - Approssimandosi la stagione invernale ed essendo il personale dipendente fornito di indumenti adatti, che non sono disponibili in Italia, si prega codesto S.M.C.R. S.C.A. voler intervenire il Victualling Store Officer di Alessandria perchè voglia fornire i capi di corredo di cui all'elenco allegato, comunicando i prezzi relativi.

2°) - La richiesta è stata compilata sulla base degli equipaggi ridotti a 500 persone e contenuta nei limiti strettamente indispensabili. Si fa inoltre presente che durante la passata stagione le Unità dipendenti non ricevettero alcun capo di vestiario personale invernale.

P. IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO N. N. (ass.)
IL CAPITANO DI VASCILLO
(segreto VOTICELIBRI)



TRANSMISSION

Winter Clothing Demand

Since the winter season is approaching and the Ships' personnel is not provided with suitable clothing, which is not available in Italy, it is requested that Articles of Clothing as from the accompanying list may be supplied to this Group and that I may be informed of their

10) - Approssimandosi la stagione invernale ed essendo il personale dipendente sfornito di indumenti adatti, che non sono disponibili in Italia, si prega codesto S.N.O.R. S.O.A. voler interessare il Viotelling Store Officer di Alessandria perchè voglia fornire i capi di corredo ai cui all'elenco allegato, comunicando i prezzi relativi.

20) - La richiesta è stata compilata sulla base degli equipaggi ridotti a 500 persone e contenuta nei limiti strettamente indispensabili. Si fa inoltre presente che durante la passata stagione la Unità dipendenti non ricevette alcun capo di vestiario personale invernale.=

P. IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO M.M. (ass.)

IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO

(Sott. VOTICILIERI)



TRANSLATION

Winter Clothing Demand

Since the winter season is approaching and the Ships' personnel is not provided with suitable clothing, which is not available in Italy, it is requested that Articles of Clothing be from the accompanying List may be supplied to this Group and that I may be informed of their value.

2) - This demand has been composed on the basis of reduced crews of 500 per Ship and maintained within strictly indispensable limits.

It is moreover pointed out that during the past season no articles of Winter clothing have been supplied to the Ships.=

II.

No. R.S. 67/23.

R.O.T.A.L.I.
 (Copy to: Commanding Officer,
 9th Italian Battleship Group)

Forwarded.

2. It is requested that this demand may be referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine in accordance with paragraph 16 of Memorandum No. Med. 0060/30 of 6th August, 1944, not to Commanding Officer, 9th Italian Battleship Group.

Office of
 Senior Naval Officer,
 Red Sea & Canal Area.
 2nd October, 1944.

W. W. Schell
 for COMMODORE.

FLAG OFFICER	
TARANTO AREA	
DATE	17 OCT
No.	2364/1031

(F) in Rome.

ITALY OFFICER LIAISON ITALY	
Date	25 Oct
No.	191
ROME	

WINTER CLOTHING DEMANDS BY R.A. V. VILMOTO AND ITALIA

			V. VILMOTO	ITALIA
Towels			tot.	500
Blue Overall Suits	(size 1 no. 100			
	(" 2 " 100			
	(" 3 " 150			
	(" 4 " 150		tot.	500
Blankets			tot.	50
Half-boots, black	(size 6 no. 30			
	(" 7 " 30			
	(" 8 " 30			
	(" 9 " 60			
	(" 10 " 40			
	(" 11 " 10		tot.	350
Shoes, black	(size 6 no. 35			
	(" 7 " 35			
	(" 8 " 35			
	(" 9 " 20			
	(" 10 " 20			
	(" 11 " 5		tot.	150
Under-pants, heavy-weight	(size 1 no. 50			
	(" 2 " 100			
	(" 3 " 150			
	(" 4 " 250		tot.	550
Seamen's flannels	(size 3 no. 150			
	(" 4 " 150		tot.	300
Vests, Heavy-weight	(size 1 no. 50			
	(" 2 " 100			
	(" 3 " 150			
	(" 4 " 250		tot.	550
Socks, black, woollen	(size 1 no. 300			
	(" 2 " 400			
	(" 3 " 300		tot.	1000
Socks, black cotton	(size 1 no. 300			
	(" 2 " 400			
	(" 3 " 300		tot.	1000
Seamen's jerseys	(size 1 no. 100			
	(" 2 " 100			
	(" 3 " 100			
			tot.	950

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APC 394HSC/4306.
22nd December, 1945.From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.Subject : Supply of Footwear to the Italian Royal Navy.

The Ministry of Marine is informed that in view of the 24,210 pairs of footwear which have been supplied to the Italian Royal Navy at Taranto from Royal Navy sources and, that it is anticipated that further quantities of footwear will become available on the Mediterranean Station for transfer to the Italian Navy, the outstanding supplies of footwear from the United Kingdom for the Italian Royal Navy have been cancelled.

2. The Ministry of Marine will be kept informed of any quantities of footwear that may become available from Royal Navy stocks for supply to the Italian Navy.

28 DEC 1945

(Sgt) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.(Copy to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station,
Captain in Charge, Taranto.)

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR.

FROM: Captain-in-Charge, Taranto.

DATE: 14th December, 1945. No. 7.104

TO: CHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
Station.)

With reference to your letter No.NSC/3731 dated 6th October, 1945, all Egyptian footwear held at Taranto has now been transferred to the Italian Royal Navy in accordance with Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's 45/1051/16/1 dated 16th September 1945 and receipts are held for 24, 210 pairs. The difference of 1515 pairs over the original total of 22695 is accounted for by the fact that this quantity was discovered during the muster of surplus clothing ex Ancona.

A. Stanley

CAPTAIN, R.N.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
15th October, 1945.

Med.45/1051/16/1.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

TRANSFER OF EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR TO THE ITALIANS

It is requested that a reply may now be
forwarded to paragraph 2 of Med.45/1051/16/1 dated 16th
September 1945 regarding transfer of footwear to the
Italians.

Peter Cazale

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

HSC/3731.
6th October, 1943.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to :- The Commodore in Charge, Taranto.)

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

With reference to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Minute III No. Med.45/1061/16/1 of 15th September, 1943, it is confirmed that the actual quantity of Egyptian footwear available for transfer to the Italian Royal Navy at Taranto, in excess of 20,000 pairs, is 22,695 pairs.

2. In view of the approval given in paragraph 1 of Minute III therefore, it is requested that the Commodore in Charge, Taranto inform the Navy Sub Commission when delivery has been completed in order that the Ministry of Marine may be informed that outstanding supplies of footwear from the United Kingdom will correspondingly be reduced by 22,695.

(Sd) G. L. Wootton

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR - TRANSFER TO ITALIANS.
 (The Naval Officer in Charge, Taranto's No. 1/161 of
 23rd August 1945.)

III

Med. 45/1051/16/1
 THE NAVY SUB.COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ARMED COMMISSION
 (Copy to:-
 The Commodore in Charge, Taranto.)

It is approved for all the Egyptian footwear now remaining at Taranto to be transferred to the Italian Navy. In this connection it is noted that the quantity of 4,443 pairs mentioned in paragraph 3 of Minute II includes 1,308 pairs shown in Minute I as lost in transit, presumably after arrival at Taranto.

2. Confirmation is requested, therefore, that the actual quantity in excess of 20,000 pairs is 2,695 pairs (i.e. 3055 pairs less 360 pairs) before the quantity of footwear outstanding from the United Kingdom is correspondingly reduced. My 101126 of September to Navy Sub.Commission only refers.

RECEIVED
 16th September 1945

J.M. Hancey.
 for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

ESC/3487.
8th September, 1945.

FIRST MEMORANDUM ON
Naval Officer in Charge
Taranto's letter No. T/161
of the 23rd August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to:- The Consolore, Taranto.)

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

Forwarded in accordance with Med.45/1051/16/1 dated 28th
July, 1945.

2. It is observed that of the 24,083 pairs received, 19,640
were issued to the Italian Royal Navy, and that 360 are still required
to be issued in order to bring the figure to 20,000 as requested by
paragraph 3. of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter
under reference, and in order to inform the Ministry of Marine in
accordance with paragraph 3 of Med.45/1051/16/1 of the 17th March, 1945.

3. The quantity at present available for transfer to the
Italian Royal Navy is 4443 which will be reduced to 4083 when the 360
pairs are issued and the 20,000 figure is attained.

4. The Ministry of Marine will therefore, be informed that
supplies from the United Kingdom will be correspondingly reduced by
20,000 pairs, when information is received that 360 pairs have been
issued to the Italian Royal Navy at Taranto.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAN ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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Subject.. EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR.

From..... THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, TARANTO.

Date..... 23rd August, 1945. No. T/161.

To..... CHIEF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

The following report is forwarded in accordance with Commander in Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.45/1051/16/1 of 28th July, 1945.

2. The following procedure regarding the disposal of Egyptian footwear in the Mediterranean was authorised in Commander in Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.45/1051/16/1 of 17th March, 1945:-

8692 pairs in the Levant.
10952 " in the Central Mediterranean.
356 " in Italy.

20000 pairs to be consigned to Base Supply Officer, Taranto for transfer to the Italian Royal Navy.

3. The following quantities have arrived:-

Ex Levant 10076 pairs (5042 pairs boots; 5034 pairs shoes)
Ex Malta 10952 pairs (5476 pairs boots; 5476 pairs shoes)
3055 pairs shoes in excess of quantity originally authorised (vide Med.45/1051/16/1 of 8th June, 1945)

14007

Ex Italy. None. The 356 pairs footwear were disposed of on repayment to R.N. personnel during a period of general shortage.

4. The following action regarding disposal has been taken:

(a) 10076 pairs ex Levant.

Transferred to the Italian Royal Navy = 1533 pairs boots
4100 pairs shoes

Lost in transit (vide report by the Commanding Officer, Blandamura Camp, Taranto, forwarded to Flag Officer Italy, Liaison in my T/160 of 23rd July, 1945)

= 4247 pairs boots
934 pairs shoes

Commander in Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.45/1051/15/1 at 28th July, 1945.

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4. The following action regarding disposal has been taken:

(a) 10076 pairs ex Levant.
Transferred to the Italian Royal Navy = 1533 pairs boots
4400 pairs shoes

Lost in transit (vide report by the Commanding Officer, Blandamura Camp, Taranto, forwarded to Flag Officer Italy, Liaison in my T/160 of 23rd July, 1945)

= 4542 pairs boots
934 pairs shoes

Retained by Base Supply Officer, Taranto (vide paragraph 3 of Med.45/1051/16/1 of 8th June, 1945)

= 3055 pairs boots
10076 pairs.

(b) 14007 pairs ex Malta.

Transferred to the Italian Royal Navy = 5476 pairs boots
5476 pairs shoes
3055 pairs shoes

14007 pairs.

MASSBY

CHIEF OF STAFF
NAVY OFFICE IN CHARGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/3121.
1st August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Taranto.

FILE

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

It is requested that the report referred to in paragraph 3 of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter No. Med.45/1051/16/1 dated 25th July, 1945, may be forwarded to the Navy Sub Commission, in due course, for onward transmission to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



2542
15 AUG 1945

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
28th July, 1945.

Med.45/1051/16/1.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to: The Naval Officer in Charge, Taranto).

EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR

With reference to your letter NSC/2982 dated 21st July 1945, not to the Naval Officer in Charge, Taranto, arrangements have been made for the supply to Taranto of the following quantities of Egyptian footwear in excess of the 20,000 pairs previously authorised:-

From Malta - 3,055 pairs (paragraph 3 of Med.45/1051/16/1 dated 3th June 1945 to the Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy, only, refers).

From Haifa - 1,800 pairs.

2. A corresponding further reduction in the quantity being supplied from the United Kingdom will be arranged when the quantity of Egyptian footwear actually received at Taranto is known.

3. It is accordingly requested that when the delivery of 20,000 pairs of Egyptian boots and shoes to the Italian Naval authorities at Taranto has been completed, a report may be furnished showing the quantity still available for transfer to the Italian Navy.

M. Hamel
for ADMIRAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 194

YSC/2582.
21st July, 1945.

REPLY REQUESTED ON
Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters
Allied Commission's letter No.
YSC/2512 of the 2nd July, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

Forwarded with reference to paragraph 3 of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.45/1051/16/1 of the 17th March, 1945.

2. On receipt at Toronto of the remaining 5,993 pairs of boots and shoes, the Ministry of Marine will be informed that supplies from the United Kingdom will be correspondingly reduced by 10,000 pairs.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAN ADRIAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



23 JUL 1945

EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR.

(Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission's letter
No. NSC/2812 dated 2nd July, 1945.)

II.

No. T.A. 520/41.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

Up to date, 14,007 pairs of boots and shoes have
been received and transferred to the Italian Royal Navy.
The remainder are expected shortly.

TARANTO.
11th July, 1945.

G. S. Morgan.
VICE-ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

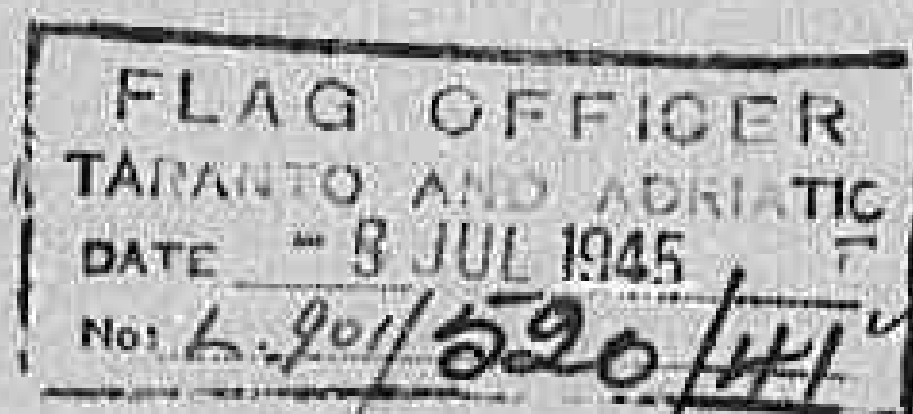
NSC/2812.
2nd July, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy,
Taranto.

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

With reference to paragraph 3 of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.45/1051/16/1 dated 17th
March, 1945, and Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/1982 dated
29th March, 1945, information is requested whether the transfer of
20,000 ^{pairs} of Boots and Shoes has now been effected.

H. St. John Butler
H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
By Direction,
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

HSC/ 1982
29th March, 1945.

From : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject : Egyptian Footwear.

It is requested that I may be informed, in due course, when the transfer of 20,000 pairs of Boots and shoes referred to in paragraph 3 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. 45/1051/16/1 of 17th March, 1945, has been effected.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



2 APR 1945

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
17th March 1945.

Med.45/1051/16/1
THE VICE ADMIRAL MAIR AND CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN.
THE FLAG OFFICER LEVANT AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO. ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO. ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY (Rome)
THE FLAG OFFICER, NORTHERN AREA, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copies to each.)

EGYPTIAN FOOTWEAR.

With reference to Med.45/1051/16/1 of 20th December 1944, particulars of Egyptian footwear which have been reported to be unfit for issue to Royal Naval personnel are shown in enclosure A. The 20,000 pairs of boots and shoes in stock are to be transferred to the Italian Navy and replaced at Malta and Alexandria by supplies from the United Kingdom, in accordance with Admiralty Message of 1090226 March (copy attached for the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy, the Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean - enclosure B.) The remaining items of footwear are to be transferred to the Allied Commission for Italian civilians.

2. To enable these transfers to be effected in Italy it is requested that the following arrangements may be made:-

Levant and Eastern Mediterranean. The footwear in question to be forwarded to H.M. Victualling Depot, Alexandria from the various bases etc., and Victualling Stores Officer Levant to arrange shipment of 8692 pairs boots and shoes to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto, and other items of footwear to the Base Supply Officer, Naples.

Malta. It is noted from the Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean's signal dated 240902 of February 1945, that stocks at Augusta, Messina and Bizerta are being returned to Malta. The Superintending Victualling Stores Officer, Malta, is to arrange shipment of 10,952 pairs boots and shoes to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto.

Italy. 344 pairs of boots and shoes at various bases to be forwarded to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto, and 96 pairs U.R.N.S. shoes to be retained by the Base Supply Officer, Naples.

3. On receipt at Taranto, the 20,000 pairs boots and shoes should be transferred to the Italian authorities who should be informed by the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Rome) that supplies from the United Kingdom will be correspondingly reduced.

With reference to Med.45/1051/16/1 of 20th December 1944, particulars of Egyptian footwear which have been reported to be unfit for issue to Royal Naval personnel are shown in enclosure A. The 20,000 pairs of boots and shoes in stock are to be transferred to the Italian Navy and replaced at Malta and Alexandria by supplies from the United Kingdom, in accordance with Admiralty Message of 1090226 March (copy attached for the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy, the Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean - (Enclosure B). The remaining items of footwear are to be transferred to the Allied Commission for Italian civilians.

2. To enable these transfers to be effected in Italy it is requested that the following arrangements may be made:-

Levant and Eastern Mediterranean. The footwear in question to be forwarded to H.M. Victualling Depot, Alexandria from the various bases etc., and Victualling Stores Officer Levant to arrange shipment of 8692 pairs boots and shoes to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto, and other items of footwear to the Base Supply Officer, Naples.

Malta. It is noted from the Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean's signal dated 240902 of February 1945, that stocks at Augusta, Messina and Bizerte are being returned to Malta. The Superintending Victualling Stores Officer, Malta, is to arrange shipment of 10,952 pairs boots and shoes to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto.

Italy. 344 pairs of boots and shoes at various bases to be forwarded to the Base Supply Officer, Taranto, and 96 pairs U.R.N.S. shoes to be retained by the Base Supply Officer, Naples.

3. On receipt at Taranto, the 20,000 pairs boots and shoes should be transferred to the Italian authorities who should be informed by the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Rome) that supplies from the United Kingdom will be correspondingly reduced, - the second quarterly consignment by 16,250 pairs and the third quarterly consignment by 3,750 pairs boots and shoes.

24th March, 1945.

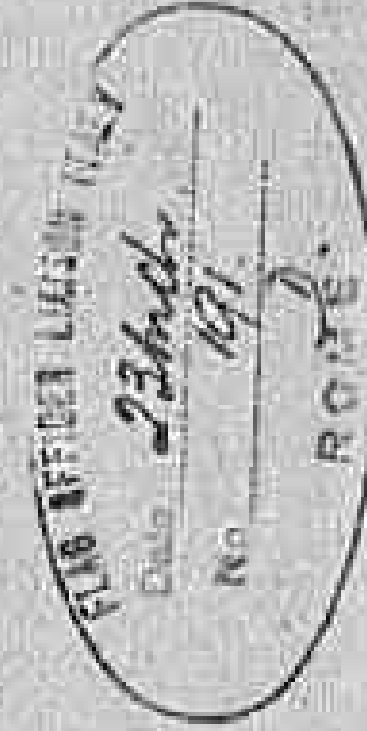
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Enclosures A and B.



<u>Mediterranean.</u>	630	60	690
Levant Area.	20	32	52
H.M.S. "Stag" (Susa)			1
H.M.S. "Phoenix"	138	155	293
H.M.S. "Saunders"	541	456	157
H.M.S. "Stag"			997
H.M.S. "Nile"			4,513
H.M. Victualling Depot	1,234	3,279	669
Alexandria			1,320
H.M. Victualling Depot	512	808	8,698
Port Said			
Total (Levant and Eastern Mediterranean)			

Malta and Central Mediterranean

Bizerta	26	4	30
Messina	3		3
Augusta	35		35
H.M. Victualling Yard,			
Malta			10884
Total (Malta and Central Mediterranean)			10952

(to be selected from approx. 14,600 British Egyptian footwear reported available.)

Italy	12	300	12
Taranto			300
Manfredonia			31
Ancona	2	11	13
Leghorn			356
Total (Italy)			20,000
Grand Total			

2. Other Footwear.

Base Victualling Depot, etc.	185	62	28	37
Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.				
Levant Area				
H.M.S. "Nile"				
H.M. Victualling Depot, Alexandria	984	23	28	
H.M. Victualling Depot, Port Said				

Italy
Naples

COPYENCLOSURE B.C IN C MED.(R) V.A.M.
FOLEEMFROM ADMIRALTY.
-090226 March.RESTRICTED.

Your 262004 February. Concur in proposal to transfer 20,000 pairs Egyptian footwear to TARANTO for Italian Navy. Second quarters Italian supply now being prepared includes Shoes 6250 pairs Boots 18750 pairs arrangements being made to divert to MALTA and ALEXANDRIA. Shoes 3125 pairs boots 5,000 pairs each and to ship additional 1875 pairs shoes to each making necessary adjustment on third Italian supply.

090226 March.

Ref. Boots and shoes not up to standard required for R.N. personnel.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

YOUR 060934. MINISTRY OF MARINE AGREE THAT SHOE AND CLOTHES BRUSHES ARE
NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THE ITALIAN NAVY OBSERVING THAT IT IS NOT A VERY
ESSENTIAL ITEM AND IS AT PRESENT IN VERY SLOW PRODUCTION IN THE NORTH.

.....181650A OCTOBER.....

DIST...O 2-5 13 14 16 24 NSC (4) LOG.

REF...LOCAL RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE.

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MALTA C.O.O.

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FOLLOWING REPORTS A.M. 290013Z (C IN C MED'S 060914 REPORTS)
 BEING... IN C MED FROM ADMIRALTY REFERENCE 11.05/MED
 15/0060/56 OF 1st APRIL. PLEASE REPORT WHETHER SHOE BRUSHES
 AND CLOTHES BRUSHES ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR ITALIAN NAVY. ENDS..

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REQUEST YOUR REMARKS ON A.M. 290013 SEPTEMBER BEING PASSED
HAVING REGARD TO LOCAL RESOURCES WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

-----060934A OCTOBER-----

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YOUR 301759 APRIL. I HAVE NOW ASCERTAINED THAT ACTUAL POSITION IS THAT
50 PAIRS OF BOOTS AND OVERALLS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ITALIAN A.H.M. FOR
TUGS BUT ONLY 145 PAIRS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO DRY DOCK WORKERS.

011118 B MAY.

DATE: 17 May, 1945.
FROM: DIS. 3.9.10.
TO : NAVY

FORWARD: P.I.T.F. TOR 1525/1 ACTION.

1/5/45.

REAR ADMIRAL

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TOTALI (R) C.S. TARANTO.

TOTALI ROME.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 281952. I SAW THE MINISTER THIS FORENOON AND POINTED OUT THE CONTINUED DELAY IN GIVING EFFECT TO HIS PROMISE OF OVERALLS AND BOOTS FOR THE DOCKYARD I IMPRESSED UPON HIM YOUR REMARK THAT NOT A SINGLE PAIR OF BOOTS OR OVERALLS HAD BEEN SUPPLIED, WAS NOT MADE WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINISTER GAVE ORDERS BY SIGNAL IN MARCH AND BY LETTER ON 4TH APRIL FOR THE ISSUE OF 450 OVERALLS AND PAIRS OF BOOTS FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS. HE IS TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS CARRIED OUT.

3. I GATHERED THAT THIS CLOTHING IS SPECIALLY FOR DRY DOCK WORKMEN BUT I HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PRECISE TERMS OF THE MINISTERS PROMISE OF JANUARY.

301759 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

1/5/45.

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Please make sure this is laid up with your 281952
and any other correspondence of

FOTALI ROME (B) C.S. TARANTO.

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RESTRICTED.

ON 12TH JANUARY MINISTER OF MARINE PROMISED ME HE WOULD SUPPLY A QUANTITY OF BOOTS AND OVERALLS TO TARANTO DOCKYARD. NONE HAD ARRIVED ON 5TH MARCH WHEN I NEXT SAW HIM AND HE AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD TAKE VERY EARLY ACTION.

2. NOT A SINGLE PAIR OF BOOTS OR OVERALLS HAS YET BEEN SUPPLIED AND SITUATION IS NOW CRITICAL THAT IF NOTHING IS DONE I FORESEE SERIOUS TROUBLE IN THE DOCKYARD.

3. REQUEST YOU WILL REPRESENT THIS TO THE MINISTER IN PERSON AND INFORM ME OF RESULT.

281952 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P. TOR 0307/29

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CLOTHING SUPPLIED TO THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.
(The Commodore Administration's Med.45/
905/2/11 dated 10th July 1945.)

II
Med.45/905/2/11 A.
THE NAVY SUB.COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:-
The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic &
Liaison Italy.)

Forwarded for information.

MEDITERRANEAN
10th July 1945

JM. Holmes
for ADMIRAL

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
10th July 1945.

Med.45/905/2/11

G-1 (BRITISH) ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

(Cop. to:-

The Provost Marshal (British).)

CLOTHING SUPPLIED TO THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY

.... With reference to the attached copy of a letter dated 27th June 1945 reference MEC/2764 from the Navy Sub.Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, it is requested that the fact that Italian Naval personnel are at present supplied with uniform and footwear from British sources may be promulgated as necessary with a view to preventing such personnel being apprehended unnecessarily. It is also requested that similar action by the appropriate American authorities may be arranged.

(Sgd.) J. R. S. HAINES

COMMOLOGE ADMINISTRATION.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APR 1945.

NSC/27A.
27th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Re: Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and
Ionian, Italy.)

Subject : Clothing Supplied to the Italian Royal Navy.

The Ministry of Marine have recently reported a few incidents in which it appears that Italian Naval Personnel have been apprehended by Allied Military authorities for having in their possession uniform and footwear with markings of British origin.

2. This difficulty has been experienced previously and it seems evident that lower military formations are unaware that clothing and footwear are supplied from the United Kingdom by the Royal Navy for the use of the Italian Royal Navy. In view of the desirability of avoiding the unnecessary loss of materials supplied from Allied sources, however small, as well as the administrative work arising from investigations of such cases individually, it is requested that the matter may be represented to Allied Force Headquarters, with a view to the promulgation of a brief notification of the facts to military formations.

SIR G. B. WARREN
Rear Admiral,
Chief, Navy Sub Commission,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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30 JUN 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AGO 394

File
HAG/2456.
22nd May, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission,
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Supply of clothing to the Italian Royal Navy.

The undermentioned clothing has been issued to Italian ships "ROMEO MAGRO" and "BENTON" from British stocks at Alexandria :-

		<u>ROMEO MAGRO</u>	<u>BENTON</u>
Shorts tropical	Prs.	160	523
Shirts tropical	No.	100	128
Vests Cotton Flannel	"	510	400
Stockings thin blue	Prs.	500	400
Shorts Khaki	"	500	523
Cape Covers macramine	No.		123
Stockings white	Prs.		128
Shoes black leather	"		240
Caps white Quak	No.		200
Shirts Khaki bush	"		400



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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

22 MAY 1945

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STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Pack No.

Subject

Supplies of clothing to I.R.A.

Origin

Referred to

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Rome

TYPE. NSC.

Please inform M of M that the items listed in the enclosure have been supplied to "Pompeo Magno" & "Eritrea" from British stocks at Alexandria.

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The clothing shown in the attached list has been issued to Italian ships "Pompeo Magno" and "Eritrea" from British stocks at Alexandria.

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Continue, if necessary, on a FRESH minute sheet.

Enclosure to B.O. Levant's NO. /45
of 23rd April 1945.

Supplies of Clothing.

		<u>POMPEO MAGNO</u>	<u>ERITREA</u>
Shorts tropical	Prs.	160	528
Shirts tropical	No.	100	128
Vests Cotton Flannel	"	510	400
Stockings Thin Blue	Prs.	500	400
Shorts khaki	"	500	528
Cap Covers marcelline	No.	-	128
Stockings white	Prs.	-	128
Shoes black leather	"	-	249
Caps white duck	No.	-	200
Shirts khaki bush	"	-	400

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

HSC/2609.
11th June, 1945.

FIRST INTERVIEW ON
Governor Sub Commission,
Allied Commission's letter
No. 40/512/Comm-ec of the
5th June, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Pp., Allied Commission.
To: The Consular Superintendent, Toronto,
The Naval Officer in Charge, Toronto.
(Copy to each).

Subject: Allocation of Received Army Clothing
Forwarded for information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

LVRW/PZ

Ref.AC/5134/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

5 June 1945

SUBJECT : Allocation of Repaired Army Clothing

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
attn.Lt.Cmdr.Thomas

1. As of this date the following quantities of repaired army clothing were released to Royal Navy Base Supply Officer in Taranto. These are in addition to any quantity previously made available to Navy Sub-Commission:

3 Blouses
16 Trousers
13 Field Jackets

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

W.P. Evans
Maj. Gen.

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CST
N.O. Taranto
for information.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN RECRUITS.
(Naval Officer-in-Charge, Taranto's Minute II No. T/160 of
27th July, 1945.)

III.

No. F.O.I.L. 1034/1.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copies to:- Naval Officer-in-Charge, Taranto.
Officer-in-Charge, Blandamura Camp.
Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission.)

Forwarded for consideration.

ROME,
13th August, 1945.

[Signature]
for REAR ADMIRAL.
(Absent on duty.)

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COPY.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN RECRUITS.
(Officer in Charge, Blandamura Camp's No.Q.C.1/6/45
of 26th July, 1945.)

II.

No.T/160.
THE FLAG OFFICER ITALY.
LIAISON.
(Copy to:- Officer in Charge,
Blandamura Camp.)

Referred.

TAPANTO,
27th July, 1945

(Signed. R.D.HOBSON.)

COMMANDER R.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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From: Officer-in-Charge, Elkhart County
 Date: 20th July, 1945
 To: H. G. J. G., Bureau

Ref. No. 9.01/445

Being to the prolonged delay in movement of requisition for the Indian supplies to be ordered at this establishment, it has become necessary to consider the provision of winter clothing for items to requisition during the colder weather.

2. To meet this contingency, it is proposed that:-

(a) The following items be issued to requisition accumulated at Elkhart during the months of October - March inclusive:-

Blankets, bedclothes, } In addition to articles authorized
 Trousers, } by A.O. 7.2/2508/45 of 7th May, 1945.
 Jerseys, pullovers.

(b) Bedclothes suit and jersey pullover be withdrawn from requisition on arrival at their destinations.

3. Assuming that the target figure of entering and leaving one unit of 1500 a month is achieved, assumption of these proposals would involve a monthly supply for six months of 1500 sets of winter clothing, but in order to provide a margin for stock it is suggested that the critical supply should consist of two months requirements, the supply programme thus being:-

Required by	20 - 9 - 45
"	20 - 11 - 45
"	20 - 12 - 45
"	20 - 1 - 46
"	20 - 2 - 46

Required by	20 - 9 - 45	20 - 11 - 45	20 - 12 - 45	20 - 1 - 46	20 - 2 - 46
Blankets	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Bedclothes	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Trousers	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Jerseys	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Pullovers	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Total	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000

4. In view of the extent of these additional requirements and the limited time available for arranging the supply, it is requested that this submission be regarded as urgent.

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G. E. P. Critchley

(G. E. P. Critchley)

CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN PERSONNEL.
(Senior Naval Officer, Levant Area's Minute
I No. LA. 27/28/6/3519 of 25th August, 1945).

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FOLE. 905/9/1.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

(Copy to:-

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
(FOLE. 2221/905/9/1).

Senior Naval Officer,
Levant Area.)

Forwarded.

Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean.
1st September, 1945.

C. R. Wright
for COMMORE.

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SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
LEVANT AREA.

LA. 27/28/6/3519.

25th. August, 1945.

Flag Officer,
Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.

Subject: CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN
PERSONNEL.

Reference: Commander-in-Chief
Mediterranean's 45/
0060/27 dated 11th.
August 1945. (Min. III).

It is submitted that the
clothing requested in my LA. 27/28/6/
2705 is no longer required, observing
that the Italian personnel have now
left the Levant Area.

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W. H. Corbett
CAPTAIN.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

WBC/3339.
23rd August, 1945.

FILE

THIRD REPLY ON
The Senior Naval Officer, Levant
Area's No. L427/23/6/2705, dated
23rd June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hqs., Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
(Copies to 1- Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean,
Senior Naval Officer, Levant Area.)

Subject : Clothing for Italian personnel.

In view of the imminent return of the Senior Italian
Naval Officer, Levant Area, and other Italian Naval personnel
from Haifa to Italy, submit that this requirement for clothing
would no longer appear to be required at Haifa, since the
personnel concerned, will automatically be issued with those
items of clothing required which are peculiar to the Italian
Navy uniforms in Italy on arrival.

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RED C. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN PERSONNEL

(The Senior Naval Officer, Levant Area's No. LA 27/28/6/2705, dated 23rd June, 1945).

III.

Med. 45/0060/27.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.

(Reference Minute II, FOLEM. 1672/905/9, dated 2nd July, 1945).

The Senior Naval Officer, Levant Area).

Forwarded. It is requested that supply may be arranged through the Italian Ministry of Marine.

MEDITERRANEAN.
11th August, 1945.

W. B. Laving

for ADMIRAL

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COPY.

LA 27/28/6/2705.

23rd June 1945.

FLAG OFFICER,
LEVANT AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

CLOTHING FOR ITALIAN PERSONNEL.

It is requested that favourable consideration may be given to supply the undermentioned clothing for the Italian Naval personnel in Haifa.

2. These articles have been requested by the Senior Italian Naval Officer, Levant Area, who states that supplies from Italian sources are not available:-

Shirts (Khaki or White)	10 pairs.
Shirts (Khaki)	10
Flannels white,	6
Shirts white tropical	4
Stockings (blue)	6 pairs
Stockings (white)	4 pairs
Overalls.	5

(Signed) M.M.F. CORBETT.

CAPTAIN.

SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, LEVANT AREA.

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to:-

Senior Naval Officer,
Levant Area.

Referred for instructions with reference
to paragraph 16 of page two dated 28th August, 1944,
to memorandum No.Med.0060/30 of 6th August, 1944.

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Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean.
2nd July, 1945.

(Sgd.) L.A.H. WRIGHT

For VICE ADMIRAL.

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SUPPLY OF CLOTHING FOR THE CREW OF ITALIAN SHIP
"BANDIERA"

(The Senior Naval Officer, Levant Area's No. LA 27/28/6/
2709 dated 24th June, 1945 and the Flag Officer
Levant and Eastern Mediterranean's Minute II No.
FOLEW 1673/905/9 dated 2nd July, 1945)

III

Med. 45/0060/27

THE FLAG OFFICER LEVANT AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
(Copies to: The Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission
The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto
The Senior Naval Officer Levant Area)

Approved to issue the clothing to the Italian
submarine "BANDIERA" as requested in Minute I.

2. The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto, is
requested to make the necessary adjustment in the next
consignment of clothing for the Italian Navy.

MEDITERRANEAN
16th July 1945

① Enclosure

Minutes I and II to the
Commodore Superintendent Taranto only

for ADMIRAL

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