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With reference to letter AF50/936/Wel dated 12th inst., we hereby acknowledge receipt of publication WD TM 21-398, WD TM C1-221, and Active Games and Sports.

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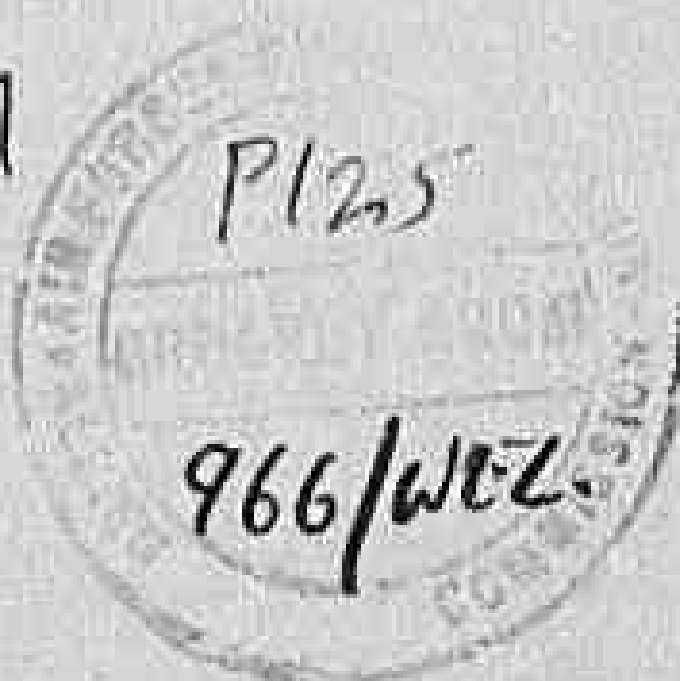
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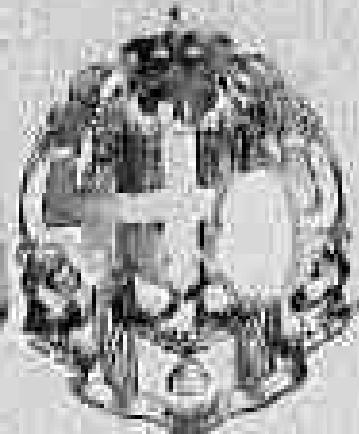
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Caro Maresciallo,

Le rimetto, in allegato, la copia di "Notes for the Guidance of Welfare Staff Officers" che Ella si è compiaciuta inviarmi con la Sua gradita del 12 novembre u.s.-

Il contenuto degli "Appunti" sarà di grande utilità nella riforma dell'organizzazione di assistenza del personale.

La prego gradire, caro Maresciallo, i sensi della mia sincera gratitudine, anche per i preziosi suggerimenti offerti nella Sua alta competenza.

La prego accogliere l'omaggio della mia alta considerazione.

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Mingola

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INTRODUCTION

These notes have been written for the guidance of officers newly posted for welfare staff duties at the Air Ministry and at Command and Group headquarters. They will also be of interest to other officers engaged in whole-time welfare work.

2. Their purpose is -

- (i) To introduce the officer to the staff aspect of welfare in the Royal Air Force;
- (ii) To introduce him to his responsibilities as a staff officer;
- (iii) To indicate what he requires to study to fit him for his duties.

3. The notes are not intended as a short-cut to regulations. For a staff officer there is no substitute for thoroughness, which necessitates an intimate knowledge of all regulations affecting his duties. He must know "the authority" or be able quickly to find it. For this reason relevant orders are not quoted; the staff officer should either know them or be able to find them for himself.

4. There is no alternative to the hard way of learning staff work. Especially is this so of welfare staff work. "Welfare" covers such a wide range of subjects, involving the responsibilities of so many branches, that the staff officer engaged in it must have an unusual ability to work amicably and smoothly with others on whose goodwill he relies. If he is to win their full co-operation it is absolutely essential that he knows his regulations.

5. Part 1 of these notes deals with welfare work, and will be of general interest to all officers filling welfare posts. Part 2 deals with staff work, especially at the Air Ministry, and will interest welfare staff officers only.

PRINCIPLES OF ROYAL AIR FORCE WELFARE

5. The Welfare Staff Officer's first duty is to assimilate the basic principles of R.A.F. welfare, which are stated below.

Definition and Purpose

6. Welfare work is the endeavour to improve the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of officers, airmen and airwomen for the purpose of maintaining their operational efficiency at the highest level.

Effective care for the well-being of subordinates creates loyalty; loyalty and not fear creates self-discipline, which is the basis of Morale. High morale is essential to Air Force efficiency.

Thus, welfare work is concerned with the well-being of all ranks - Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.Os. and Aircraftmen.

Objectives

7. These in order of importance are:

- (a) The elimination of private worry from the minds of individuals so that they can give undivided attention to their duty;
- (b) The improvement of living conditions (accommodation, messing, clothing, duty-travel, etc.) to the highest standard which regulations and prevailing circumstances permit;
- (c) The provision of facilities for the use of leisure time so that not only are monotony and boredom averted, but the mind, spirit and physique stimulated and maintained - "re-created."

Facilities

8. Numerous and varied facilities are available which will assist in the achievement of these objectives. Some are official, some semi-official; others are provided by voluntary organisations

and private individuals. Ability to adapt and improvise is vital, and the use of local facilities essential. Personnel should be encouraged, but not driven, to use the facilities available.

It is important that all welfare services and facilities be made known among the serving personnel and families for whom they are intended.

Personnel should always be encouraged to seek advice from their superior but should not be prevented from obtaining it elsewhere should they so desire.

Duty of Every Officer

9. It is the duty of every officer to take an active interest in welfare. By ignoring this responsibility an officer may forfeit the loyalty of subordinates and the confidence of his superiors.

It is, of course, recognised that the organisation of the R.A.F. in war time is designed to produce maximum operational efficiency and that it does not always present the most suitable form or conditions for the development of the ideal relationship of officer and man. The first step towards attaining the object in view must therefore be to overcome the difficulties of organisation and to arrange opportunities for closer contacts between officers and airmen.

Every airman should know that there is a particular officer to whom he may go for friendly help or advice on any matter, whenever his peace of mind or his efficiency is suffering undue strain. Conversely every officer should appreciate that there are certain individual airmen who look primarily to him for such help and advice, and that it is both his duty and his privilege to encourage their confidence and to study how to maintain and increase it.

ORGANISATION OF WELFARE IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

At the Air Ministry

10. The Director of Air Force Welfare is responsible to the Director-General of Personal Services in the Department of the Air Member for Personnel. The broad policy for welfare is laid down by the Air Council. It is the responsibility of the Director of Air Force Welfare to amplify it into practical details and to implement it. D.A.F.W. then -

- (a) Advises lower formations at Home and Overseas as to their benefits and duties under that policy;
- (b) Recommends for consideration by the Director-General for Personal Services any changes in that policy;
- (c) Effects liaison with the Welfare Departments of the other British and Allied Services, and with the heads of the various British and Allied voluntary welfare organisations;
- (d) Represents the Royal Air Force on any relative committees, with the object of co-ordinating and developing welfare activities.

11. The Directorate of Air Force Welfare, formed in January 1942, is organised into branches and sections the duties of which are outlined in Appendix "B" to these notes.

12. The Welfare Staff Officer will need constantly to bear in mind that many matters closely affecting welfare are not the direct responsibility of D.A.F.W. at Air Ministry level, though he has an advisory and co-ordinating interest in them. For example:

- (a) NAAFI canteens on stations.
- (b) Personal mails and cables services.
- (c) R.A.F. Central Reserve Fund and grants to P.S.I. Funds.

- (d) R.A.F. Sports Board and provision of recreational sports equipment.
- (e) R.A.F. Comforts Committee (Chairman: Director-General of Personal Services, but D.A.F.W. co-ordinates requirements where necessary).
- (f) Miscellaneous general educational scheme activities, such as art, play-reading, music, hobbies, and handicrafts.
- (g) Production of local newspapers for the Services.
- (h) Resettlement and Post-Service employment.
- (i) Morale and Rehabilitation.

At Overseas Command Headquarters

13. In overseas Commands, which are organised on a geographical basis, a welfare staff is established at each Command Headquarters. It is the responsibility of each welfare staff:

- (a) To interpret, and to arrange for the implementation of, welfare policy for its Command area;
- (b) To advise D.A.F.W., as to local conditions in so far as they affect welfare work, and to put forward recommendations for any special policy or modification called for in that Command area;
- (c) To co-ordinate demands from within the Command for welfare equipment and for financial assistance, and to arrange the equitable distribution between units of all welfare equipment, financial grants, etc.;
- (d) To effect adequate liaison with local organisations or local branches, of British and Allied organisations engaged in voluntary welfare work.

At Home Command Headquarters

14. Home Commands are organised on a functional, not geographical, basis. For this reason it is neither practicable

nor convenient to organise the detailed administration of general off-station welfare services on a Command basis, as there would then be eight Command welfare organisations superimposed and overlapping. Therefore, all off-station welfare services, as well as certain on-station services covering more than one station (such as mobile entertainment), are organised on geographical lines.

On-station welfare activities include all collective personal advice, recreational and entertainment activities organised on a station; also static canteens and similar facilities provided on a station.

Off-station welfare activities include voluntary organisations dealing with cases of personal or family hardship, hostels, clubs, canteens and rest-rooms organised in towns and in other leave centres and on railway stations; also local and other hospitality arrangements in private houses, etc.

15. Certain Home Commands have a whole-time, established welfare staff Officer. In others one or more Officers, posted for other administrative duties, are detailed to handle welfare work for the Command as a part-time responsibility. For example, welfare policy is sometimes handled by the Air Officer in charge of Administration, administration of the Muffield Aircrew Leave Scheme by the Senior Personnel Staff Officer, and supply of recreational reading matter by the Command Education Officer.

Unlike Overseas Commands, Home Commands do not usually co-ordinate the supply of sports gear or welfare equipment (other than recreational reading matter) to stations and units, who normally correspond direct with the NAAFI, R.A.F. Comforts Committee, R.A.F. Sports Board, D.A.F.W., etc.

At Group Headquarters

16. In overseas Groups one or more officers have been established for welfare duties. In all Home Groups an officer posted for other administrative duties is detailed to handle, as a part-time responsibility, the administration of welfare for units in that Group; frequently he is the Senior Personnel Staff Officer.

Welfare Staff Work

17. Welfare work at the Air Ministry and Commands is mainly of a policy nature. There is little executive work at these levels, with the exception that in Overseas Commands alone there is a very thorough, efficient and equitable system of co-ordinating finance and welfare equipment requirements through Groups.

18. Welfare work proper, which is aimed at raising and maintaining the standard of Morale, is essentially personal. Its most important form is individual welfare, which is based on the officer/man personal relationship and the knowledge of each man by his immediate superior. This relationship is the basis of all welfare effort.

The second most important form of welfare work is collective welfare within a unit, which includes provision of leisure facilities and the improvement of living conditions.

Where individual welfare is neglected, collective welfare effort cannot succeed. And where an unsatisfactory spirit exists between officer and man, individual welfare cannot thrive. Therefore, it is for the Commanding Officer of a station or unit, by example and precept, to (a) bring about a relationship of confidence as between officer and man; (b) ensure that the welfare of the individual is cared for; and (c) organise collective welfare efficiently.

19. Thus, while policy and co-ordination work is carried out at Air Ministry, Commands and Groups, the executive and detailed welfare work is carried out at station or unit level. The responsibility for station welfare is that of the Commanding Officer, to whom each officer is in turn responsible for the welfare of each of his subordinates. To assist and advise him in organising collective welfare on the station or unit, the C.O. has a Welfare Committee. This is an absolute essential to the efficient organisation of station welfare.

Welfare Committees

20. As it is the function of a Welfare Committee to co-ordinate all forms of welfare activity on the station, it should be fully representative of all personnel on the station. It

should discuss and decide points of station welfare policy, allocate accommodation available for welfare purposes, draw up a programme of recreational events, and consider propositions put forward by sections or by individuals. The Commanding Officer is ex-officio President of the Welfare Committee and as such has the power to withdraw or postpone approval of any recommendation made by the Committee, should he consider such action desirable. The President nominates the Chairman, who is normally the Senior Administrative Officer.

21. The full Welfare Committee should include the organisers of each welfare activity. No one has a vested right by virtue of his station duties to be a member of the Welfare Committee; but there are certain station personnel, obviously qualified by the posts they are filling to be in charge of one or other welfare activity, who would therefore be on the Welfare Committee for that reason. These include the Chaplain, the Physical Fitness Officer, the Education Officer and Officer I/C W.A.A.F. Representation of officers and other ranks should be approximately equal. Any dispersed sections, if not otherwise represented, should be instructed to nominate a representative to attend meetings.

22. It would obviously result in chaos if every officer on a station attempted himself to organise all collective recreational activities for the men under him. Therefore one person, the best available, should be selected to organise each collective activity for the whole station. This includes such diverse interests and pastimes as football, gardens, camera club, concert party, cycling club, voluntary band, rifle club, recreational library, local hospitality, National savings scheme, etc.

23. In practice, the full committee should meet at regular intervals, normally once each month, but detailed organisation should be delegated to small sub-committees nominated from any members of the Committee. These sub-committees should meet as required.

24. The function of the Welfare Committee emphatically cannot be carried out by the P.S.I. Committee, which has limited responsibilities and an essentially restricted representation. There is, however, no objection to members of the P.S.I. Committee

also being appointed members of the Welfare Committee. It will be appreciated that the P.S.I. Committee has the power to curb any extravagance contemplated by the Welfare Committee, although the finances for many of its projects are drawn from mess funds and P.S.I. proportionately, inevitably on a numerical basis the greatest levy will always fall on P.S.I. funds.

Geographical Welfare Organisations at Home

25. At Home there are two official welfare organisations arranged on a geographical basis, which supplement the functional Command-Group-Station organisation outlined above. These are:-

(a) RAF and WAAF Regional Welfare Organisation:- RAF and WAAF Regional Welfare Officers are established for whole-time duties throughout the country. They supervise, improve and report on welfare amenities for all personnel while outside and away from their stations. The welfare of personnel while at a station is the responsibility of the station commander, and through Group to Command H.Q. R.W.O's are, however, available to advise C.O.s. if required. They establish close liaison with appropriate station commanders, civil authorities, voluntary organisations and Army Command and county welfare officers. R.W.O's report direct to D.A.F.W.

(b) County and Local Welfare Organisation:- This is composed of County and Local Welfare Officers who are part-time voluntary workers, organised within the framework of County Territorial Army and Air Force Associations, who assist with the investigation and remedying of personal welfare cases and family troubles of all types. They also are of assistance to units, especially small units and dispersed sections, in various ways in which their local contacts and knowledge help them, such as by arranging local hospitality, etc., and by appropriate expenditure of the County Welfare Treasury Grant.

Other Organisations

26. Other important organisations with which the Welfare Staff Officer must make himself familiar are:-

Services Committee for the Welfare of the Forces
Royal Air Force Central Fund
Royal Air Force Comforts Committee

Royal Air Force Entertainment Unit
 Royal Air Force Sports Board
 WAAF Central Sports Committee
 Services Central Book Depot
 Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes
 ENSA (Department of National Service Entertainment, NAAFI)
 Nuffield Fund for the WAAF
 Red Cross and St. John War Organisation
 Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund
 Royal Air Force Savings Association
 Royal Air Forces Association
 British Legion
 Council of Voluntary War Work (and its members)
 Ex-Services Welfare Society
 Incorporated Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society
 National Council of Social Service (Citizens' Advice Bureaux)
 Officers Association
 Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association

27. The above are only a few of the more important of about 150 organisations, some world-wide in scope, which in one way or another provide welfare services and facilities for Air Force personnel and their dependants.

WELFARE FINANCE

28. Finance for the purchase of welfare amenities is provided from -

- (a) Non - public funds;
- (b) Public funds; and
- (c) Private Sources - e.g., gifts from private individuals.

29. It is a fundamental principle that where sufficient non-public funds are available, public funds shall not be used for purchasing welfare amenities. It is another fundamental principle that neither public nor non-public money for welfare purposes may be spent on amenities finance for the purchase of which is already provided out of another Air Vote. For example, items issuable under equipment scales may not be so purchased.

PART II

AIR MINISTRY ORGANISATION & STAFF PROCEDURE

39. The Staff Officer posted at Air Ministry is required to act not only in accordance with instructions and orders contained in Air Publications but also with those peculiar to the Air Ministry. They are described below, in the order in which they should be studied.

40. "Air Ministry Staff Handbook". This is issued personally to all officers. It consists of three parts:

- Part 1. The Air Ministry and its organisation.
- Part 2. Office procedure.
- Part 3. Staff instructions.

It is of utmost importance that Parts 1 and 2 be studied thoroughly - Part 3 mainly concerns the civil staff but should not, because of that, be ignored; in the Air Ministry smooth working depends considerably on a co-operative spirit between members of the Royal Air Force and members of the Civil Service.

41. "Air Ministry Office Instructions." These are issued to directorates and branches and are the equivalent at Air Ministry level of station routine orders. In seeking information on a particular subject the index should invariably be consulted.

42. "Air Ministry Distribution of Duties." A loose-leaf volume held in all directorates and most branches in which are included:-

- (a) An index to short titles (extremely useful to the newcomer confused by unfamiliar Air Ministry abbreviations);
- (b) Particulars of Members of the Air Council;
- (c) Particulars of the Secretary of State and other high officials;
- (d) Particulars of personnel, functions and organisation of the component parts of -

- Department of the Permanent Under-Secretary of State
- Department of the Chief of Air Staff
- Department of the Air Member for Personnel
- Department of the Air Member for Supply & Organisation
- Department of the Air Member for Training
- Meteorological Office

Department of the Director-General of Civil Aviation
 Accident Investigations Branch
 Judge Advocate General
 Air Forces of the Dominions - H.Q. and liaison officers
 in the U.K.

43. "Air Ministry Telephone Directory." Issued monthly, it contains much more than mere telephone information as the contents demonstrate:-

- (a) Addresses of the various Air Ministry buildings;
- (b) Locations of the various departments and directorates;
- (c) Alphabetical list of Service and civilian personnel employed in the Ministry - name, rank, room number, telephone number and branch;
- (d) List of Government departments, Ministries, etc., with addresses and telephone numbers.

On taking up duties in the Air Ministry, the new Staff Officer should arrange with the head of his branch for an entry to be made in this publication as soon as possible. Full instructions are given in the publication as to its use and that of the telephone in the Air Ministry.

44. Other Publications. There are certain other publications to which the Staff Officer will need to refer frequently in the course of his work and with the existence of which he should be familiar. These are:-

Quarterly: "The Air Force List".

Monthly : "Geographical Index of R.A.F. Units" (C.D.209).
 "Confidential Air Force List" (C.D.200) -
 contains the same information as C.D.209 plus
 the names of Members of the Air Council and
 of staff officers at Commands and Groups at
 home and overseas.

"Location of Units in The Royal Air Force"
 (S.D.161)

Periodically : S.D.155 - issued by the Director of Organisation and containing information concerning the opening and closing of stations, establishment of new formations, changes of address, etc.

At Home

30. The sources of finance for stations at Home are summarised in A.P. 837 (Section 55). The principal source is NAAFI rebate to Service Institute funds of 6% on

- (a) restaurant bar gross receipts; and on
- (b) receipts from the sale of commodities for messing.

31. Non-public funds are supplemented from public funds by annual grants from the Treasury.

Overseas

32. Owing to the different messing system obtaining overseas, as compared with that in the U.K., a welfare grant assessed on a per capita basis is issued to overseas Commands.

Administration

33. Both wastefulness and the hoarding of money intended for expenditure on the welfare of Air Force personnel are to be avoided. Normal service machinery provides for the pooling of surpluses, for efficient yet simple accounting, and for the recording of amenities purchased from welfare funds.

34. It is important that parent stations should provide adequate cash from their non-public funds to detached units whom they administer and for whose welfare they are therefore responsible. With the possible exception of units in their earliest stages of formation, all Air Force formations should have immediately available to them financial facilities for the purchase of welfare amenities.

35. The Welfare Staff Officer should be well acquainted with A.P. 1409, Parts 1, 2 and 3 ("Standard Instructions for Keeping Non-Public Accounts" for officers' and sergeants' messes and Service Institutes), and should also study thoroughly the subsection on Finance in A.P. 837 (Section 55) and the relevant quoted authorities. The officer overseas should be familiar with the financial arrangements for welfare within his own Command. In all cases where doubt exists the appropriate Financial Adviser should be consulted.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Principal Publications

36. The Welfare Staff Officer should have a thorough knowledge of all publications concerned with or affecting welfare. The principal ones which are listed below should be studied, always be easily accessible to him and kept amended to date.

"Kings Regulations & Air Council Instructions" (A.P. 953)

(Especially those chapters dealing with messes, Service Institutes, leave of absence and passes, Music Services, etc.).

Air Ministry Orders, Series "A" from January 1, 1939

(Reference to those affecting welfare is facilitated by (a), the Official Index to Air Ministry Orders; (b) Marginal notes in A.P. 837 (Section 55); and (c) the "R.A.F. Welfare Bulletin" monthly list of orders affecting welfare to which special attention is directed. A complete, amended set of Air Ministry Orders since January 1, 1939, with the relevant indices, should be accessible to every Welfare Staff Officer. The great majority of orders affecting welfare are, of course, originated by Directors other than D.A.F.W., who only originates orders regarding matters for which he is directly responsible. The term "Welfare A.M.O." is therefore a misnomer and should not be used).

"Manual of Administration in the Royal Air Force" (A.P. 357)

(Especially Section 55 ("Welfare and Service Institutes") and other sections of this publication that affect welfare - e.g., education, leave, messes).

"R.A.F. Welfare Bulletin"

(Issued monthly since May, 1943, by Air Ministry (D.A.F.W.) for the guidance of Commanding Officers and members of their welfare committees. Indices appear in issues dated May, 1944, November, 1944 and June, 1945. Only a limited number of back issues are available).

"Welfare Organisations Directory"

(Listing titles, addresses, telephone numbers and sources of information concerning 150 organisations that provide facilities and services for the welfare of Air Force personnel. Issued as a supplement to the "R.A.F. Welfare Bulletin" for February/March, 1945).

"Citizens' Advice Notes"

(The principal source of information on war-time legislation affecting citizens generally. Published by the National Council of Social Service, 26, Bedford Square, W.C.1. at a charge of 2 guineas (including loose-leaf binder) for the first year and renewals of subscription at 1 guinea per annum thereafter. May be subscribed for from non-public funds).

"Standard Instructions for Keeping Non-Public Accounts" (A.P. 1409)

(Part 1 - Officers' Mess Accounts. Part 2 - Sergeants' Mess Accounts. Part 3 - Service Institute Accounts).

"Regulations for the Release of R.A.F. Personnel" (A.P. 3093)

"Release and Resettlement" prepared by the Ministry of Labour for issue to all serving personnel.

"Notes for the Guidance of Airmen and Airwomen about to be Invalided" (A.M.P. 155)

"A.B.C. of Welfare" (R.A.F. Form 2746).

Other Publications

37. There are many other publications with the existence of which the Welfare Staff Officer should be acquainted, but which do not normally require special study, and some of these are as follows:-

"R.A.F. Journal"

"R.A.F. Catering Bulletin"

"Target"

"Free Legal Aid to Members of H.M. Military Forces (War Office pamphlet).

"Going to London?" (Air Ministry booklet giving London leave facilities).

Record Office Memoranda

"List of R.A.F. Forms and Publications" (A.P. 113)

"Manual of R.A.F. Postal Services" (A.P. 1978)

"General Education Scheme - Correspondence Courses" (A.P. 1938).

"R.A.F. Mechanical Transport Regulations" (A.P. 3090)

"List of Army Welfare Officers, Entertainment Officers, Voluntary Bodies & Secretaries of T.A. Associations" (War Office)

"Physical Fitness in the R.A.F." (Air Ministry (IPT)

"Health Hints for Warm Climates" (A.M.P. 160)

"Royal Air Force Guide to Service - Officers"
"Royal Air Force Guide to Service - N.O.s"
"A Guide for Airmen on Joining the R.A.F." (A.M.P.130)
"Injury or Damage from Enemy Action" (A.M.P.126)
"The Next Phase"
"Pamphlet for the Guidance of Persons who are Serving or
Who Have Served in H.M. Forces" on National Health &
Pensions Insurance. (Ministry of Health Insurance
Department)
"Report by the Earl of Munster on the Welfare of Troops in
India and South East Asia Commands" (H.M.S.O. 1944)
"Notes on R.A.F. Rules and Procedure" (Soldiers', Sailors'
& Airmen's Families Association Circular No.2/1944)
"List of Branches" (Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's
Families Association)
"List of Branches" (Incorporated Soldiers', Sailors' and
Airmen's Help Society)
"W.A.A.F. Pamphlets Nos.1 - 6 (Air Ministry)

Registered Files and Folders

38. The Welfare Staff Officer should have readily available a list of all registered files and folders affecting welfare that are in being at the Headquarters at which he is posted; and he should make himself as familiar as possible with the contents of all those that closely concern the duties of his branch or section.

45. Libraries. The above are all available for reference by D.A.F.W. office on application to A.F.W.5 (a), where a large number of Air Publications, books and pamphlets of use in welfare staff work are held.

46. The officer requiring general information unavailable within the Directorate should not overlook the Air Ministry libraries in Whitehall and at Adastral House. Information as well as books are available for official purposes.

Organisation & Staff Procedure in D.A.F.W.

47. The branches, functions and personnel of the Directorate are stated in Appendix "B" which will be re-issued as changes necessitate.

48. In addition, periodic "Directorate Instructions" are issued, with the branch folder of which a newly-posted member of D.A.F.W.'s staff should familiarise himself.

NOTES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF STAFF WORK

49. Dealing with Files. (See A.P.837 Section 3). First check that letters are on the correct files. Deal with files in order of importance. Notes of action or telephone conversations should be recorded in the appropriate files and important matters thus discussed should be confirmed by letter immediately.

50. Clerks. Interest your clerks in your work. Encourage them to make suggestions and to query obscure points. Always hold the individual in charge responsible for his clerks' mistakes; this will ensure proper supervision.

51. Drafts, Minutes and Letters. Use simple English. Be brief and precise. Prepare drafts in detail, where necessary for approval of a senior officer; although you may both be right he is entitled to make alterations to his satisfaction.

Before dictating, ensure that you know what you are going to say. Have your headings, reference, addresses, etc., ready. Prepare the sequence and gist of your composition. In short, think first and dictate afterwards. You must understand all instructions you pass on.

It will help, in drafting letters containing instructions, if you set them out as follows:-

- (a) Information. Give fullest information and references. Put yourself in the recipient's place.
- (b) Intention. Always give the intention behind instructions clearly and in full so that the
- (c) Method of Execution is not unnecessarily detailed. Remember your addressees have the local knowledge and powers of interpretation.

Before signing correspondence (and carbon copies) check for ambiguities and typing errors.

52. Demi-Official letters should generally be avoided unless there are exceptional circumstances. D.O. correspondence is slower, causes filing difficulties and cannot be quoted officially.

53. Staff Conferences. If you are called to a conference, try to anticipate likely queries so that you can produce the correct answers, files, etc. If in doubt about your answers, ask permission to confirm them. If you don't know, say so; don't guess.

54. Dealing with Lower Formations. Be sympathetic, courteous and tactful. Commanding Officers expect and should receive help from higher formations. Proposals should not be rejected without explanations.

55. Visits to Units. First report to the C.O. through the Adjutant. Throughout your visit be discreet and constructive. Don't be heavy-handed and give orders without previous instructions from your chief.

Don't get side-tracked into settling problems which don't concern you. Ask if these cases have been submitted to higher authority. If not, why? If they have, take the references for handing on to the appropriate branches on your return.

You must pay your mess bills before leaving the station.

56. Complete Staff Work. "Complete Staff Work" is the "finished article" submitted to your chief. Don't bother him with questions; he expects answers. It is your duty to work out the details and to consult other staff if in doubt.

Write and re-write until the result would satisfy even you if you were the chief.

APPENDIX "A"

NOTES ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF STAFF OFFICERS WITH UNITS

(Extracted from A.P. 837 Appendix 3)

1684. Definition. - The term 'staff officer' used in these notes includes those officers posted to a headquarters staff as representatives of the ancillary services.

1685. Organisation of a typical R.A.F. headquarters, and the duties of staff officers. - The organisation of a Royal Air Force headquarters, and the duties of officers of the various branches and sections of the staff and services, are defined in Part II of the R.A.F. War Manual (A.P. 1301), which should be carefully studied.

1686. Duties of a staff officer. - The primary functions of a staff officer are:-

(i) To ensure that the orders of his A.O.C.-in-C. or A.O.S. and of higher authority, are carried out promptly and efficiently. To this end written instructions should be clear, complete and concise; but the fact should not be overlooked that these desiderata can be combined with courteous phraseology.

(ii) To assist station and unit commanders in carrying out orders issued by higher authority; to implement policy laid down by higher command; and to give guidance on local problems or difficulties, if so requested by the units under command.

1687. Routine visits. - (i) Staff officers should make frequent visits to stations or units under command, to review the work of the particular branches with which they are concerned and to establish personal liaison with staff and unit officers. The importance of these visits cannot be too greatly stressed, for the smooth and efficient working of the organisation is directly affected by the relationship between staff officers and the units they serve.

(ii) C.O.s., adjutants, etc., should be able to look forward to the visit of a staff officer with pleasure instead of apprehension, and more information can be obtained by a personal visit to a unit than can ever be gleaned from written reports.

(iii) Should staff officers discover any matter which calls for comment, it is their duty to offer their opinion to the station or unit commander in a courteous sympathetic way, and to make any suggestion which may be helpful and appropriate.

(iv) Staff officers should give units notice of an intended visit, and should invariably report to the station commander on arrival.

1688. Special visits. - (i) In addition to routine visits staff officers may frequently be required to make special visits to stations, in order to investigate particular problems on behalf of the commander. Such occasions would include:-

(a) When new C.O.s., station administrative officers, adjutants, equipment or accountant officers have been posted, especially if they have taken over at short notice, or it is thought that they would be glad of advice or assistance.

(b) When any malpractices have occasioned charges of personnel or losses.

(c) When there is continued failure to deal promptly with correspondence.

(ii) When these visits have to be made, staff officers should normally give the stations as much notice of the visits as possible, in order that local arrangements may be made to enable investigation to be carried out as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. If, for any reason, it is not possible to give prior notice, or if it is desirable to pay a surprise visit, the staff officer should, in accordance with the usual practice, invariably report to the station commander on arrival and inform him of the purpose of his visit.

1689. Reports. - Staff officers should invariably prepare written reports of all visits made to stations in the course of their duty. The form which these reports should take must depend largely on the nature of the visit; but in general the subject matter of the report should be set out as far as possible under section headings, with a remarks column against each section to enable staff officers concerned to record their opinions or any action taken. All reports should be signed and dated by the officer making the visit. Whenever advisable, copies of these

reports should be sent to the station concerned for the information and guidance of the station commander.

1690. Department of staff officers. - (i) All staff work carried out by officers of a headquarters is on behalf of the commander, and it is their responsibility to ensure that, as far as possible, they interpret his views and intentions in letters or papers sent to lower formations.

(ii) During visits to stations or units staff officers are the personal representatives of the commander, and will normally be afforded the same facilities for investigating problems as would be afforded to the commander himself. Staff officers should not adopt a dictatorial or condescending attitude towards lower formations. The staff officer who is likely to be most helpful is he who is quickly able to establish a personal liaison, and to make his criticisms in a friendly, constructive way.

1691. Interpretation of regulations. It is the duty of all staff officers to make themselves thoroughly familiar with the regulations affecting the matters of the branch or section in which they serve, and they should be ready and able to interpret or amplify those regulations for the guidance of station commanders, should this be necessary or advisable. To this extent staff officers are personally responsible to their commanders for anything which goes wrong on a station which might have been prevented by timely help or supervision on their part.

APPENDIX "B"

DIRECTORATE OF AIR FORCE WELFARE (D.A.F.W.)

160-180, Ashley Gardens, S.W.1. Victoria 6890.

Welfare policy and organisation for the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F.
at Home and OverseasDirector (D.A.F.W.)

R.A.F. representative on:-

Services Committee for the Welfare of the Forces
Services Committee for the Welfare of the Forces/Far East
National Service Entertainments Board

Member of:-

Air Ministry Committee on Morale & Welfare/South East
Asia

Council of Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes

R.A.F. Comforts Committee

Nuffield Trust

Council of Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families
AssociationExecutive Committee of Incorporated Soldiers', Sailors'
and Airmen's Help Society.Deputy Director (D.D.A.F.W.)

R.A.F. representative on:-

British Broadcasting Corporation Services Advisory
Committee

Member of:-

Services Committee for the Welfare of the Forces

Services Committee for the Welfare of the Forces/Far East

A.F.W.1.

Welfare organisation and administration

Representative on:-

Creedy Paper Committee

Services Book Committee

Services Newspaper Committee

Colonial Comforts Committee

American Gift Committee

Education Co-ordinating Committee

A.F.W.1(a)

Co-ordination of welfare services at H. and Overseas, Examination of reports and minutes of meetings. Liaison with Nuffield Trust, also U.S.A., Dominion and Allied Services, represented in Great Britain, Administration of leave hospitality schemes. Arrangements for and supervision of welfare lectures to R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. officers' schools, other courses, civilians and other Services.

A.F.W.1(b)

Leisure time activities on stations. Provision of welfare equipment and comforts for stations. Administration of the Nuffield Fund for the W.A.A.F.

A.F.W.2.

Personal welfare, including hardship cases and hostels, club and canteen amenities. Advice on welfare of repatriated prisoners-of-war.

A.F.W.2(a)

Representative on:-
Council of Social Hygiene (V.D. Sub-Committee)
Representative on:-
Prisoners of War Repatriation Convention
Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association Council
Incorporated Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society Executive Committee

Personal hardship cases and domestic problems.
Liaison with R.A.F. Benevolent Fund Grants Committee.
Welfare of repatriated families of R.A.F. personnel.
Reception of repatriated and escaped prisoners-of-war.
Liaison with Red Cross on welfare of P.O.W. camps.
Welfare aspect of personal mail and cable services at Home and Overseas. Gift parcels and duty and coupon-free parcels. Liaison with Officers' Kit Replacement. Hire of civilian clothing for personnel on leave. Liaison with Free Legal Aid Scheme and Administration thereof within R.A.F.

A.F.W.2(b)

Representative on:-

Council of Voluntary War Work

Leave arrangements. Hostels, clubs and canteens at Home and Overseas. Liaison with voluntary organisations and N.A.A.F.I. for off-station amenities for British, Dominion and Colonial personnel. Supervision of conditions of travel. Liaison with R.T.Os. Rest rooms and kit storage.

A.F.W.3.

Entertainment, excepting cinemas.

Representative on:-

British Broadcasting Corporation Inter-Services Advisory Committee

E.N.S.A. Advisory International Council

Overseas Recorded Broadcast Service Management Committee.

A.F.W.3(a)

Supplying 'live' entertainment at Home and Overseas, liaison with E.N.S.A. Advice on adaptation of buildings on stations for staging entertainments. Policy and routing of Gang Shows. Station self-entertainment schemes. Advice on stage design and all matters connected thereto. Provision of play scripts, musical scores for station theatrical undertakings. Allocation of Service five-piece bands.

A.F.W.3(b)

Broadcasting to the R.A.F. at Home and Overseas. Liaison with the B.B.C. on R.A.F. requirements in Service programme.

A.F.W.4.

Policy and Planning

D.G.P.S. representative on W.A.A.F. Advisory Council.

Chairman Nuffield Fund for W.A.A.F.

Home and Overseas welfare planning and policy, new projects, improvement and extension of existing welfare services, special requirements during the interim period, periods of occupation of enemy territories, and for peace-time service. Special planning for expeditionary forces, specialist and detached units, etc. Organisation planning with D.O.Est., Allies, Dominions, etc. Advice on W.A.A.F. welfare, and liaison with welfare branches of Admiralty (W.R.N.S.) and War Office (A.T.S.).

A.F.W.5.

Finance, Publications and Civilian Staff

A.F.W.5(a)

Preparation, issue and revision of all R.A.F. welfare publications. Editing of "R.A.F. Welfare Bulletin". Provision of welfare material for station information rooms. Publicity for welfare services and facilities.

A.F.W.5(b)

Integration of the policy of the Directorate within the Department. Financial problems affecting the allocation of public funds and the grants from non-public funds in conjunction with F.7. Control of civilian staff in the Directorate.

AIR MINISTRY (A.F.W.5(a))
16.3.45

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTER
DATE: 12TH DECEMBER, 1946
REF : AFSC/986/WEL

WELFARE

With further reference to A.C.C.'s letter, AFSC/986/WEL., dated 12th November, 1946, inclosed are several books pertaining to welfare activities which you may find useful in organizing your Welfare Section.

2. You may keep the books for permanent reference.

F. E. M.
FRANK E. MARSH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Deputy Director.

3 Incls: Incl. #1 WD TM 21-206
Incl. #2 WD TM 21-221
Incl. #3 Active Games and Sports

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TRANSLATION.CIA
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Dear A.V.M.,

I am answering your letter of 12th November in which you were good enough to enclose the "Notes for the Guidance of Welfare Staff Officers" and I am certain that it will be of the utmost help in the organisation of the morale and physical well-being of the personnel.

I am particularly touched by the spirit of benevolence always shown by you towards every request from my Ministry and I assure you, A.V.M., that our relations and those between you and the Italian Air Force personnel will always be influenced by our gratitude and heartfelt sentiment.

Assuring you that the Notes will be returned to you as soon as they have been translated, I remain, etc.

(SGD) DR. CINGOLANI.

J.D. f2m 30/11
S.S.O. my 2/12
Org. f2m 3/12
S.I.O. f2m 3/12



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IL MINISTRO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Roma, 21 NOV. 1946

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Caro Maresciallo,

Rispondo alla Sua gradita del 12 novembre con la quale Ella si è compiaciuta inviarmi una copia di "Notes for the Guidance of Welfare Staff Officers" e La ringrazio di tutto cuore perchè il volume mi sarà di sicura guida nel disporre la riforma dell'organizzazione della assistenza morale e fisica del personale.

Mi è soprattutto gradito lo spirito di benevolento accoglimento dimostrato verso le richieste del mio Ministero e Le assicuro, Maresciallo, che non verrà mai meno, da parte mia e del personale tutto, quel sentimento di cordiale e viva gratitudine che anima i nostri rapporti.

Assicurandola che, a traduzione effettuata, il volume Le sarà subito rimesso. La prego gradire, Caro Maresciallo, i sensi della mia alta considerazione.

A.V. Maresciallo A.I.E. BRODIE
Direttore Air Forces Sub Commission
ROMA

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From:- Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

To :- Italian Air Minister.

Date:- 12th November, 1946.

Ref :- AFSC/966/WEL.

CONFIDENTIAL.

WELFARE.

With reference to our recent conversation concerning welfare, I have much pleasure in enclosing a copy of the R.A.F. publication "Notes for the guidance of Welfare Staff Officers", which you will note is a 'Restricted' (or in other words a semi-secret) publication and therefore I would be grateful if the publication itself does not pass outside the Senior Officers directly concerned in the Italian Air Ministry.

2. I have read the Notes and am certain that you will find them a great help in organising the welfare section which you have in mind and which would initially be under your personal direction - no doubt at a later date you will consider it advisable to transfer the section which you propose to the Director of Military Personnel.
3. When you have the Notes translated may I suggest that you have several copies done but only sufficient for circulation amongst the Senior Officers (in the Air Ministry), some of the information contained in the Notes cannot be adapted to your organisation and therefore I suggest that after you have studied the complete work, a selection of the paragraphs which are applicable be sent down to Z.A.T. level and also possibly to the level of Officers Commanding big stations, such as Lecce and Taranto, also to the Officers Commanding the Cadet Academy and the Administration Courses. It may be of help to you in formulating your own Italian Air Force plan, if a conference of Z.A.T. and Senior Commanders be convened under your direction in order to determine how far the Italian Air Force administration and finance will permit of a similar or better scheme.
4. In the Notes you will observe some advice on subjects kindred to Welfare which are, however, of wider application, for example the duties of a physical training instructor are mentioned, also P.S.I. Funds and educational schemes; likewise in Part II, paragraph 42 mention is made of the loose leaf volume "Air Ministry Distribution of Duties" of which I hope to obtain a copy so that you may see what the functions and duties of the component parts of the British Air Ministry are. Similarly in paragraphs 49 to 56 and Appendix "A" (in the Notes) is a helpful summary of the principles of Staff Work and the duties of Staff Officers which I think may be of help to you not only within the Air Ministry but also at the Cadet Academy and in the curriculum of the of the Administration Courses.
5. No doubt there will be quite a number of terms used in the Notes which may puzzle you and your advisors and, therefore, I suggest that when you have appointed your Senior Welfare Advisor he should come to the A.F.S.C. bringing the enclosed copy of the Notes (it is the only one available here) to Squadron Leader Salter who will be glad to explain and amplify any matters in doubt.
6. I would be glad if you will let me know of progress made in developing welfare in the Italian Air Force, from time to time, because I am very interested in this aspect of life in general and no doubt I will learn from you and your advisors. I would like to take this opportunity of saying how pleased I am that

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I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

J.E.M.
12/11

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Dal : Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
 Al : Ministro dell'Aeronautica.
 Data : 12 Novembre, 1946.
 Ref : AFSC/966/WEL.

CONFIDENTIAL

"WELFARE"

(Opere pertinenti al benessere morale e fisico del personale, ossia "assistenza").

Con riferimento alla nostra conversazione di pochi giorni fa sulla "assistenza" del personale dell'Aeronautica Italiana, ho piacere di mandarle in allegato una copia di "Notes for the Guidance of Welfare Staff Officers". Sio- come questa pubblicazione e' classificata "restricted" (cioe' "riservata Personale"), La pregherei d'inoltarla solo agli ufficiali superiori del Ministero che se ne interessano direttamente.

2. Ho letto gli "Appunti" e mi pare che Le potrebbero essere utili per l'organizzazione del reparto di "Assistenza" da Lei progettato e che Lei avrebbe intenzione di dirigere personalmente. Credo, tuttavia, che piu' tardi trovarei piu' opportuno di trasferirne la direzione al Capo del Personale Militare.

3. Si capisce che tutto il contenuto degli "Appunti" non potrebbe applicarsi alla Sua organizzazione, pero' lo suggerirei di far fare parerrebbe come della traduzione e di farle circolare tra gli ufficiali superiori del Ministero, e, sottoposti gli "Appunti" al Suo studio personale, di sceglierne ed estrarne i saggi rilevanti da mandare alle Z.A.T., agli ufficiali comandanti grandi basi aeree come Lecce e Taranto, l'Accademia Aeronautica ed i Corsi Amministrativi. Le sarebbe forse anche utile, per l'ideazione del piano organizzativo di una propria forza aerea, di indire una conferenza dei Comandanti di Zona o di enti superiori, sotto la Sua presidenza, per stabilire in qual misura l'amministrazione ed i mezzi a disposizione dell'Aeronautica Italiana permetterebbero l'attuazione di un siffatto o migliore piano.

4. Negli "Appunti" trovarei anche qualche consiglio in merito a soggetti relativi ad "Assistenza", ma con un'applicazione piu' vasta; ad esempio, sul compito degli istruttori di cultura fisica, sui fondi "PSI" (cioe' fondi non pubblici raccolti attraverso guadagni sulla vendita di generi vari ecc.) e su provvedimenti per l'istruzione del personale. Similmente nella seconda parte (paragrafo 4.2) si fa riferimento al volume "Air Ministry Distribution of Duties" di cui spero ottenere una copia per lei, cosi' potra' vedere quali sono il funzionamento ed i compiti dei vari reparti del Ministero dell'Aeronautica Britannica. C'e' anche negli "Appunti" (paragrafi 4.9-5.6 ed Appendice 'A') un riassunto dei principi del lavoro dello Stato Maggiore e dei compiti dei ufficiali che lo compiono che Le potrebbe forse essere utile nel Ministero stesso ed anche nell'Accademia Aeronautica e nei Curricula dei Corsi Amministrativi.

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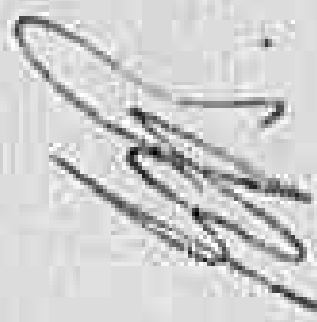
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5. Potrebbe darsi che qualche punto o nominativo negli "Appunti" non riuscisse del tutto chiaro a Lei ed ai Suoi consiglieri. Le proporrei pero' che, il Capo di Assistenza che Lei nominera' sia invitato a venire a questa SottoCommissione con l'acclusa copia degli "Appunti" (non ne abbiamo un'altra disponibile), e S/Lm. Salter sara' lieto di dare spiegazioni in proposito e chiarimenti, ove necessario.

6. Le sarei grato se volesse farmi la cortesia di tenermi al corrente dello sviluppo dell'Assistenza nell'Aeronautica Italiana. Questo aspetto del nostro lavoro e della vita in generale mi interessa vivamente e posso, senza dubbio, imparare qualcosa da Lei e dai Suoi consiglieri.

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A questo proposito si permette di esprimere il mio compiacimento circa
il suo interesse personale per il "Welfare".



I.E. HODGE,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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59A

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Stato Maggiore Regia Aeronautica
III Reparto-Servizi
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 10th August, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/966/Wel.

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E.F.I. ITEMS.

Reference your SERV/303403/L.9/B/2808 Coll. August 8th.

2. Some four months ago Captain Anselmi of your Commissariato stated that due to the high prices of the E.F.I. commodities available to the I.A.F. no further issues would be required.

3. As previously your Ministry had furnished a monthly list of your requirements of E.F.I. commodities and this ceased with your letter V/16/4843/Com dated February 25th it was assumed that you had no further desire to purchase E.F.I. articles.

4. It is requested therefore that you clarify the position. If you do in fact desire to continue purchase of such commodities a breakdown of your requirements as previously supplied should be forwarded.

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D. C. WALKER,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica
III Reparto-Servizi
Sezione Logistica.

To: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 8th August, 1946.

Ref: SERV/303403/L.9./B/2808 Coll.

E.F.I. ITEMS.

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1. Your Sub-Commission, with letter AFSC/966/Wel. dated 20th November 1945, authorised the Italian Air Force to withdraw some quantities of E.F.I. items.

2. The 9 Bis Depot's consignee pointed out to the II 2.A.T. Commissariat Directorate that he had to suspend from the month of June the E.F.I. rations issue which were being withdrawn from that depot.

3. Your A.F.S.C. is requested to authorise the above 9 Bis Depot to carry on with the E.F.I. items issue to the I.A.F. as agreed.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
COL. ALDO REMONDINO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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Roma, 11.1.8 AGO. 1946...

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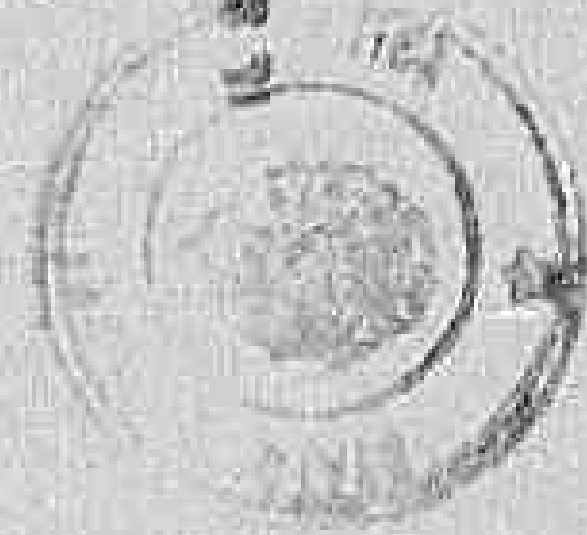
STATO MAGGIORE R AERONAUTICA
QUARTIERE - SERVIZIO

Sezione Logistica

ALL'A.C. - A.F.S.C.
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)= R O M A =
= S E D E =Prot. n° SERV 303403 / L.E/B / 2808 coll.

OGGETTO: Articoli E.F.I.

- 1) - Con foglio A.F.S.C./966/Mel, datato 20 Nov. 945, Codesta Sottocommissione autorizzava il prelevamento da parte dell'A.M. di aliquote di articoli E.F.I. -
- 2) - Il Consegnatario del Deposito 9 Bis ha fatto presente alla Direzione di Commissariato della II^a Z.A.T. di dover sospendere a partire dal mese di Giugno la fornitura dei generi E.F.I. che presso tale Deposito veniva no prelevati. -
- 3) - Si richiede a codesta A.F.S.C. di autorizzare il predetto Deposito 9 Bis a continuare la cessione alla A.M. degli articoli E.F.I. concordati. -

IL SOFFUGGIA IL SOFFUGGIA
Colonnello A.A. M. Piliotti
Alde Remondini

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Stato Maggiore Regia Aeronautica
III Reparto-Servizi
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 19th July, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/966/Wel.

E.F.I. ITEMS.

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Reference your SERV/302973/L.9/B/2499 Coll. July 12.

2. It is regretted that it is not possible for authority to be granted for further items to be issued to the personnel of the Italian Air Force.

DL

D. C. WALKER,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

3009

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica
III Reparto-Servizi
Sezione Logistica.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 12th July, 1946.

Ref: SERV/302973/L.9/B/2499 Coll.

E.F.I. ITEMS.

1. Your A.F.S.C. informed us with letter ref. AFSC/966/Wel. dated 20th November, 1945 that the Allied Command had decided to permit the Italian Air Force troops to benefit from the issue on payment of some items available at the E.F.I. (shaving-brushes, shaving-sticks, hair-preparation, health salts A and B types, tooth-pastes.)

2. As the 2nd Z.A.T. Command reports the availability at the British Army Store No.9 B.T.S., located at Padua of various items not on the ration (biscuits, sweets, tobacco, cigarettes, papers) will you kindly examine the possibility of authorising issue of E.F.I. items not on the ration on payment to all Italian Air Force personnel, fixing yourselves the kind and quantity of the E.F.I. items not on the ration, the periodic amount, the locality for withdrawal and all other details of procedure.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
Colonel Aldo Remondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)



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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
III REPARTO - SERVIZI
Sezione Logistica

Roma, li 12 LUG 1946

ALL' A.C. - A. F. S. C.

(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

R O M A

Prot.n°. SERV/202943 L.9/B

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OGGETTO : Articoli E.F.I.-

1° Con nota AFSC/966/WEL in data 20 novembre 1945 code-
sta A.F.S.C. comunicò come il Comando Alleato avesse deciso di
ammettere le truppe dell'Aeronautica Militare a beneficiare del
la cessione a pagamento di alcuni articoli giacenti presso l'E.F.
I. (pennelli da barba, sapone da barba in tubetti, lozione per
capelli, sali igienici dei tipi A e B, dentifrici).-

2° Poiché il Comando della 2ª Zona Aerea Territoriale
segnala l'esistenza, presso il Magazzino dell'Esercito Inglese
n° 9 B.T.S., dislocato in Padova, di vari prodotti E.F.I. non
soggetti a razionamento (biscotti, caramelle, tabacco, cartine
eccet.) vogliate cortesemente esaminare la possibilità di auto-
rizzare la cessione a pagamento a favore di tutto il personale
dell'Aeronautica Militare dei materiali E.F.I. non soggetti a
razionamento, determinando voi stessi: specie e quantità dei
prodotti E.F.I. ammessi alla cessione, ricorrenza periodica,
località di prelievo ed ogni altra modalità.=



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello A.A. m. Pilota

Ad. Remondino

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From : Italian Air Ministry.
To : All the Central Units and offices under the I.A.M. command.
A.F.S.C., A.C., Rome.
Date : 1st June, 1946.
Ref : 164/S/2063/Coll.

ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENT

It is requested that all units under our command be informed of the contents of the following signal arrived to the writer on to day's date:

"VERY URGENT - ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, DIRECTORATE OF SERVICES - CASERMA MACAO, ROME - URGENT AIRFIELD COMMAND - C.A.V. C. CELLE - THIRD AERODROME UE/0172 (.) ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE REPORTED PERSONALLY TO THE PALAZZO OF ESPOSIZIONE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE ELECTORAL VOTING FORMS, AND WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED A RECEIPT NOTE MUST GO TO THE PALAZZO OF ESPOSIZIONE AND ASK FOR MR. GARIGLIO WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE DELIVERY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DOCUMENTS (.)

COL. MOSCONI.

translated by J. Bevacqua.

Handwritten signature



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as/DG

Roma, 11 giugno 1946

A TUTTI GLI ENTI CENTRALI ED UFFICI DIPENDENTI DAL MINISTERO R.A.

Allied Commission

Prot. 164/8. / 2093 Coll.

Oggetto: Elezioni per la Costituente.-

Si prega far conoscere ai propri dipendenti il contenuto del seguente telegramma giunto in data odierna allo scrivente:

" DD 4 DEST DA ROMA ZAT 275 49TF 30 1245
URGENTISSIMO - REPARTO SERVIZI MINISTERO R.A. CASERMA MACAO ROMA -
COMANDO AEROPORTO COELLE - COMANDO AEROPORTO URBE - CAV COELLE -
AREAZONA TERZA UL/GI72 PUNTO TUTTI I MILITATI CHE A SUO TEMPO SI SONO
PRESENTATI PERSONALMENTE AL PALAZZO DELL'ESPOSIZIONE PER OTTENERE IL
CERTIFICATO ELETTORALE ED AI QUALI EST STATO RILASCIATO UN TAGLIANDO
COMPROVANTE L'AVVENUTA RICHIESTA DEBBONO RECARSI AL PALAZZO DELL'ESPO-
SIZIONE E CHIEDERE DEL SIGNOR GARIGLIO CHE E' INCARICATO DELLA CONSE-
GNA PUNTO - COLONNELLO MOSCONE "

IL COMANDANTE DEL REPARTO SERVIZI
(Col. A.A.F.N.Fil. - G. PADUA)

Per. Col. *[Signature]*
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(E)

From : Italian Air Ministry.
To : I.A.F. Stato Maggiore
All Ministry Departments.
Date : 482/R.S./1873/Coll.
Ref : 13th May, 1946.

POLLING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

In order that it be brought to the notice of all military personnel, we are forwarding to you the contents of supplements to the routine order of the day, No 133 dated 13th May, 1946, of the Department of personnel at the Caserma Macao:

"Military personnel (officers, N.C.O.'s and troops) who are in possession of the electoral voting form - also of another commune - must poll in the city where they are serving at the electoral booths (on production of a military document) which will be notified to them by radio and press.

Military personnel wearing uniform will have priority of vote.

"When requesting the electoral voting forms of military personnel belonging to communes where they were domiciled on 31/12/44, it transpired that some of the certificates had already been delivered to their families.

In consideration of the above, all those who have not yet received their voting forms are requested to contact their own families, direct by the quickest means, and then notify this Command.

Col. P.L. G. PADUA.

translated by J. Bevacqua.

[Signature]



MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Gabinetto del Ministro
Comando Reparto Servizi

13 maggio 1946

Prot. n. 482/R.S. / 1873 del
AL GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO = S E D E
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.A. = S E D E
A TUTTI GLI ENTI DEL MINISTERO

OCCETTO : Votazione militari -

Perchè sia portato a conoscenza di tutto il personale dipendente si trascrive il contenuto dei supplementi all'ordine del giorno del Reparto Personale della Caserma Macao n. 133 in data 13 maggio 1946 :

" I militari (Ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppa) che sono in possesso del certificato elettorale - anche di altro Comune - devono votare nella città in cui prestano servizio presso la Sezione elettorale (previa presentazione di un documento militare) che verrà loro comunicata a mezzo radio e stampa.

I militari che andranno in divisa avranno la precedenza per il voto"

"Nel richiedere i certificati elettorali, dei militari dipendenti ai Comuni che avevano eletto domicilio alla data del 31/12/1944, è risultato, che per alcuni i certificati stessi sono già stati consegnati alle famiglie.

Per quanto sopra si invitano tutti coloro che non ancora hanno ricevuto il certificato di richiederlo direttamente ai pro-

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AL CABINETTO DEL MINISTERO = S E D E
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.M. = S E D E
A TUTTI GLI UFFICI DEL MINISTERO

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Per quanto sopra si invitano tutti coloro che non ancora hanno ricevuto il certificato di richiederlo direttamente ai propri familiari, con i mezzi più celeri possibili, dandone poi notizia a questo Comando".

IL COMANDANTE DEL REPARTO SERVIZI
(Colonnello R. Filippi - G. PADUA)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM: A. F. SUB COM, ALCOM, ROME.
 TO: E.F.I. G.H.Q., G.M.F.

Q. 290 26/FEB. 52A

Unclassified (.) Following figures rendered as required your letter 2554/Q(Maint)
 dated 14/11/45 (.) 35A

(A)	MILAN	1710 (R)	1710
(B)	PADUA	1880 (R)	1880
(C)	ROME	7150 (R)	7150
(D)	BARI	7300 (R)	7300
(E)	NAPLES	1140 (R)	1140
(F)	CAGLIARI	1500 (R)	1500
(G)	PALERMO	1320 (R)	1320

File: AFSC/966/Wel.

Priority: ROUTINE

J. E.
 J. E. EVANS,
 Flying Officer,
 for Air Vice Marshal,
 Director,
 Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
- Sezione Materiali -

Divisione *Sec.*
Int. V. V. 16/4843/6m *Allegati*

25 FEB 1946

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Al L.A.P.S.C. - A.C.
tramite Ufficio di Collegamento
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Risposta al foglio del
Dir. *Sec.* *N.º*

OGGETTO Cessione generi vari dell'E.F.I. al personale della
R. Aeronautica.

Con riferimento al foglio n. A.F.S.C./966 del 30 agosto, qui trasmesso con allegato n. 4939/Coll. del 5 settembre 1945, si trasmette un elenco in duplice copia del personale in servizio da ammettere al prelevamento dei generi di cui all'oggetto.

IL DIRETTORE

MASSIMO GEMELLI COMMISSARIO
(A. GEMELLI)

Issue of different E.F.I. items to the I.R.F. personnel.

With reference to your letter AFSC/966/WEL. dated 30th August 1945, forwarded to this Directorate under covering letter N.4939/Coll. of the 5th September, 45, enclosed please find a list in duplicate of personnel employed who is entitled to withdraw the above-mentioned items.

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Si prega di inviare per ogni lettera un solo esemplare originale e un esemplare in triplice copia alla Direzione e la Direzione a cui si risponde.

52 B

PROGETTO RIDIPLOMATIVO DELLA RIPARTIZIONE DELLE TRUCCHE
 BR-ITI DELLA REGIA AERONAUTICA, AI FINI DELL'ASSEGNAZIO
 NE DELLE FORNITURE E.F.I. PER IL MESE DI FEBBRAIO 1946.

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| S E T T O R I | B R - I T I |                                |                            | RAGIONI E.F.I. |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|               | TOTALI      | IN SERV.<br>CON GLI<br>ALLEATI | IN SERV.<br>CON LA<br>R.A. |                |
| MILANO        | 1.999       | -                              | 1.999                      | 1.710          |
| PADOVA        | 2.349       | 158                            | 2.191                      | 1.880          |
| ROMA          | 8.416       | 100                            | 8.316                      | 7.150          |
| PARI          | 9.654       | 1.112                          | 8.542                      | 7.300          |
| CAGLIARI      | 1.756       | -                              | 1.756                      | 1.500          |
| NAPOLI        | 3.130       | 1.805                          | 1.325                      | 1.140          |
| PALERMO       | 1.803       | 264                            | 1.539                      | 1.320          |
|               | 29.107      | 3.439                          | 25.668                     | 22.000         |

NE DELLA FORNITURE E.T.I. PER IL MESE DI FEBBRAIO 1961

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S E T T O R I	P R - I T I			RAZIONI E.T.I.
	TOTALI	IN SERV. CON GLI ALIENATI	IN SERV. CON LA R.A.	
MILANO	1.999	-	1.999	1.710
PADOVA	2.349	158	2.191	1.880
ROMA	8.416	100	8.316	7.150
FIRENZE	9.654	1.112	8.542	7.300
CAGLIARI	1.756	-	1.756	1.500
NAPOLI	3.130	1.805	1.325	1.140
PALERMO	1.803	264	1.539	1.320
	29.107	3.439	25.668	22.000

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

51A

FROM: A. F. SUB COM, ALCOM, ROME.
TO: E.F.I., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

Q. 215 28/JAN.

Unclassified (.) Following figures rendered as required your letter 2554/Q(Maint)
dated 14/11/45 (.)

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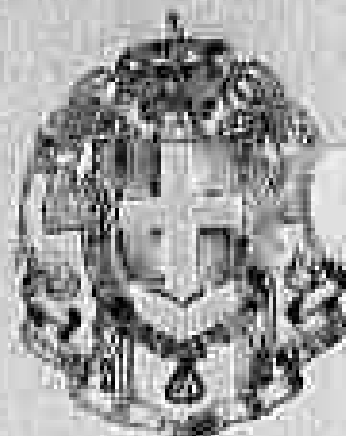
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Priority: ROUTINE

J. M. EVANS,
Flying Officer.
Tel. 489081 ext. 265

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Direzione di Commissariato Militare

- Sezione Materiali

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All. 1. A.P.S.C. - A.C.
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Risposta al f. N.º del
OGGETTO Cessione generi vari dell'E.F.I. al personale della
 R. Aeronautica.

Con riferimento al foglio n. A.P.S.C./966 del 30 agosto, qui trasmesso con attergato n. 4939/Coll. del 5 settembre 1945, si trasmette un elenco in duplice copia del personale in servizio da ammettere al prelevamento dei generi di cui all'oggetto.

IL DIRETTORE
 MAGGIORE GENERALE COMMISSARIO
 (A. GIAGHEDDU)

23 A *apaghi*
RELEASE OF VARIOUS E.F.I. ITEMS TO THE I.A.F. PERSONNEL.

With reference to letter A.P.S.C./966/Well. of the 30th August, enclosed herewith is a list in duplicate ref. 4939/Coll. of the 5th September, 1945, of the personnel intitled to draw the above-mentioned items.

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51A.

PROSPETTO RIEPILOGATIVO DELLA RIPARTIZIONE DELLE GRUPPE BR-111
DELLA REGIA AERONAUTICA, AI FINI DELL'ASSEGNAZIONE DELLE FORME-
TURE E.F.I. PER IL MESE DI GENNAIO 1946.

S E T T O R I	BR-111				R A Z I O N I E. F. I.
	TOTALI	in serv. con gli Alleati	in serv; con la R.A.		
MILANO	1.999	-	1.999	1.710	✓
PADOVA	2.349	156	2.191	1.880	✓
ROMA	6.416	100	6.316	7.150	✓
BARI	9.654	1.112	8.542	7.300	✓
CAGLIARI	1.756	-	1.756	1.500	✓
NAPOLI	3.130	1.005	1.325	1.140	✓
PALERMO	1.803	264	1.539	1.320	✓
	29.107	3.439	25.668	22.000	



SE T T O R I		B R E T T I			R A Z I O N I	
		TOTALI	in serv. con gli Alleati	in serv; con la R.A.	E. F. I.	
MILANO		1.999	-	1.999	1.710 ✓	
PADOVA		2.349	158	2.191	1.880 ✓	
ROMA		8.416	100	8.316	7.150 ✓	
BARI		9.854	1.112	8.742	7.300 ✓	
CAGLIARI		1.756	-	1.756	1.500 ✓	
NAPOLI		3.130	1.005	1.325	1.140 ✓	
PALERMO		1.803	204	1.599	1.320 ✓	
		29.101	3.439	25.668	22.000	



44A.

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

To: A.H.Q. Italy.

Date: 31st December, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/671/eq.

E.F.I. SUPPLIES FOR R. AERONAUTICA.

1. Italian Air Force personnel within the authorized ceiling are now entitled to certain E.F.I. supplies in accordance with G.H.Q. letter 2534/(Maint).
2. Under paragraph 3 of that letter Italian Air Force personnel working with R.A.F. units, ceiling 2,500, will draw E.F.I. supplies through parent R.A.F. Unit.
3. It is requested your H.Q. inform all R.A.F. units employing I.A.F. personnel of the scale and method of drawing E.F.I. supplies.

D. C. Walker.

D. C. WALKER,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

COPY to: AFSC/966/wel.

48A

From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.
To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Date : 27th December, 1945.
Ref : MAAC/4201/3/AIS.

E.F.I. Supplies for R.Aeronautica.

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Reference is made to your letter AFSC/966/WEL dated 20th November, 1945 to Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica Ufficio Servizi e Trasporti. copy to this Headquarters.

2. With regard to paragraph 5 thereof this section is only concerned with Policy etc and matters requiring co-ordination with or through SACMED or Allied Forces and not concerned with purely routine administrative matters.

3. No action has, therefore been taken on your paragraph 5 thereof and you are requested to ensure that any necessary action is taken forthwith. In this connection this Section has not any records of Royal Air Force Unit employing BR-ITIS but it is known a monthly strength is rendered by such Units to you.

M. B. Wardsh

(MAXWELL FISHER)

Secretary to The

Mediterranean Allied Air Committee.



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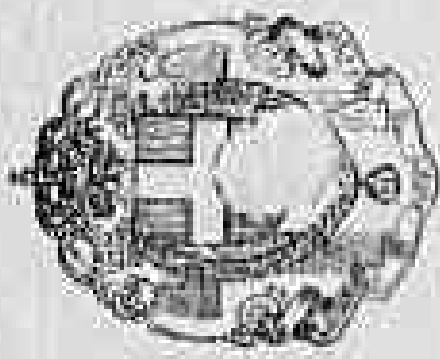
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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
To: G.H.Q. C.M.F. (E.F.I.)
Date: 20th December, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/966/Well.

E.F.I. - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

1. As requested in your letter ref. 2554/Q(Maint) dated 14/11/45, enclosed is a list giving the information requested in respect of the month of January 1946.

Hj
B. C. DENNIS,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.



Ministero dell'Aeronautica
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Direzione Materiali

Prot. N. 24941/104 Allegato 6709 Coll.

OGGETTO Cessione generi vari dell'E.F.I. al personale della
R. Aeronautica.

M.A.T.S.C./AC.

Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento

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Risposta all'Ed. N. 2

Con riferimento al foglio n. A.F.S.C./966/Wel del
30 agosto, qui trasmesso con attergato n. 4939/Coll. del 5 settembre
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zio da ammettere al prelevamento dei generi di cui all'oggetto.

IL DIRETTORE
MAGGIORE GENERALE COMMISSARIO
(A. GIACHEDDU)

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PROSPETTO RIEPILOGATIVO DELLA RIPARTIZIONE DELLE TRUPPE BR - ITI
DELLA REGIA AERONAUTICA, AI FINI DELL'ASSEGNAZIONE DELLE FORNITU
RE E.F.I. PER IL MESE DI DICEMBRE 1945.

S E T T O R I	B R - I T I			R A Z I O N I E. F. I.
	TOTALI	in serv. con gli Alleati	in serv. con la R.A.	
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	29.107	3.439	25.668	22.000



2384

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Brigadier M.P. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.
Date : 15th December 1945
Ref : AFSC/966/Wel.

CAFETERIA - Linate AIRFIELD

Further to A.V.M. Brodie's letter AFSC/966/Wel. dated the 3rd December, and in reply to your letter 8504/71/EC of the 28th November, a reply has been received from our Milan office, who have investigated the whole position.

2. A copy of this reply is attached, and it would appear that the arrangements in force are reasonably satisfactory.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.
(attention S/Ldr Bradshaw).

DATE :- 12th December 1945.

REF :- AFSC/M/24/1/AIR.

CAFETERIA - LINATE AIRFIELD

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 30th November 1945, ref. AFSC/966/WEL, with enclosures on the above subject.

2. On Linate Airfield there exists an Italian Mess at which Capt. Lombardo and his four assistants are able to obtain completely satisfactory meals. For their own reasons however they prefer not to avail themselves of this facility but elect to eat in Milan. This information is corroborated in every particular by Lt. Gmeiner, Italian Liaison Officer on Linate Airfield.

3. The situation as regards Italian civilians has been clearly indicated by the letter of Brigadier Lush, ref. C504/70/EC, which states that as the British restaurant is stocked by Allied rations no meals can be provided for them.

4. For these reasons it is suggested that no need exists for the emendation of present arrangements.



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SUB-CO

DATE :- 12th December 1945.

REF :- AFSC/M/24/1/AIR.

CAFETERIA - LINATE AIRFIELD

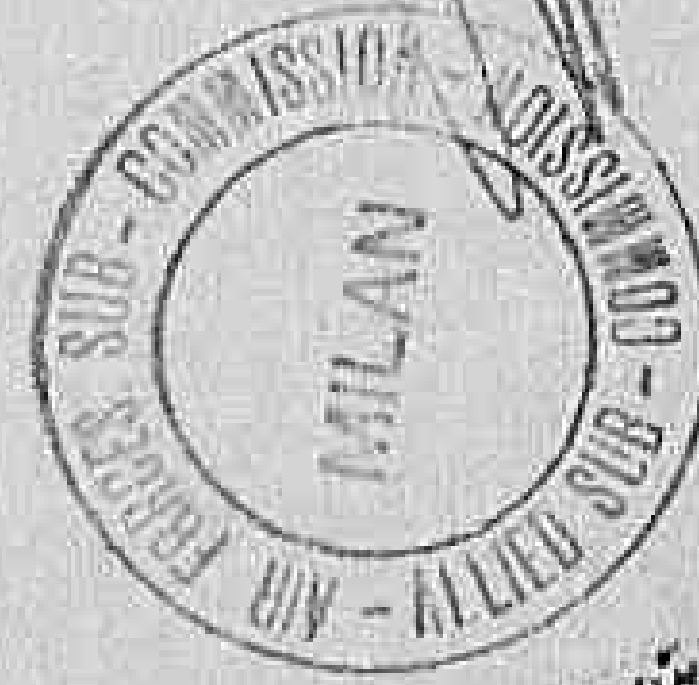
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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 30th November 1945, ref.AFSC/966/WEL, with enclosures on the above subject.

2. On Linate Airfield there exists an Italian Mess at which Capt.Lombardo and his four assistants are able to obtain completely satisfactory meals. For their own reasons however they prefer not to avail themselves of this facility but elect to eat in Milan. This information is corroborated in every particular by Lt.Gmeimer, Italian Liaison Officer on Linate Airfield.

3. The situation as regards Italian civilians has been clearly indicated by the letter of Brigadier Lush, ref.8504/70/EC, which states that as the British restaurant is stocked by Allied rations no meals can be provided for them.

4. For these reasons it is suggested that no need exists for the emendation of present arrangements.



L.E. JARMAN C/O
Commanding
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

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Can we get the Italian to provide for Italian prisoners at Linate - as at Centra (when they have food, if no food!)

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

3rd December, 1945.

AFSC/966/WEL.

Dear

Many thanks for your letter 8504/71/EC, and enclosures regarding the feeding troubles at the Linate Airfield.

2. Although this matter has arisen ^{before} and has previously been amicably settled, I am writing our Milan Office to investigate and, if possible, arrange a solution on the spot, and I will write you again when I get their report.

3. I expect there has been a change of R.A.F. Commanding Officers because every time that happens, we seem to have a spot of bother.

Yours

[Signature]

[Handwritten notes:]
J.D. 11/12/45
Su 41A/22A
Org 1 - 8504/71/EC
SSO WNR

BFAC 13/12

Brigadier H.F. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission, Rome.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Milan
Date : 30th November 1945
Ref : AFSC/966/Wel.

CAFETERIA - LINATE AIRFIELD

The above subject has again been re-opened, and enclosed are copy letters giving recent action and experiences.

2. In order that this H.Q. can base their reply on the latest information, it is requested that the position might be looked into, and findings and recommendations made as soon as possible, with especial regard to Capt. Lombaro and his needs.

6/12

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8504/71/EC.28 November 1945.*Dear Brodie,*

Attached from Cecil Sprigge, and my reply, merits
attention I think. Can you get the R.A.F. to help your chap?
I am sure Hancock would help also.

*Cousinarily**Pauline*

Air Vice Marshal I. Brodie,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

10/16/12

MSL/JG.

Su 43A

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REUTERS
85, FLEET STREET LONDON.

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Rome Office
Via Ludovisi 16,
ROME.

Nov 27, 1945.

Brigadier Maurice Lush,
Allied Commission.

Dear Brigadier Lush:

I know that you do not mind outsiders occasionally bringing to your attention small or very small Italian grievances which sometimes cause a totally disproportionate bitterness. Here is one which I feel moved to report to you.

On the Milan (Linati) Airfield, the arrival and departure of A.C. passengers is looked after by an Italian Aviation officer, Captain Lombardo, and four other ranks.

They draw Allied rations in Milan, but are not allowed to eat a bite at the spacious mess on the Airfield where Allied personnel (but not Italian) passengers, civil and military, and Italian pilots are given excellent meals and snacks. They are not even allowed to bring their rations from Milan and have them cooked at Linati.

During two days which I spent in forced waiting on the airfield, Captain Lombardo was on duty there till 3 pm. owing to late arrival and departure of planes, and his nerves were obviously on edge. He told me that he found it very trying to have no midday meal.

I found it, personally, unpleasant enough that I was approached, spontaneously, by stewards who invited me to go to the bar and lunch table, while the Italian passengers, including a group of people from the Prime Ministers office, were told "nothing doing". I did manage ultimately to extract a lunch for one high official. But the reason for this is fairly obvious. What struck me as monstrous was that men working permanently on the field in A.C. service should be debarred even from the use of a kitchen and a table.

Captain Lombardia only revealed this to me as a result of my probings. He seems to be a very helpful sort of fellow.

Porgive me for adding to your worries.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Cecil Sprigge 2975

Cecil 6/12

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 8504/70/EC.

28 November 1945.

Thank you so much for drawing my attention to the state of affairs at MILAN airfield. I will take the matter up and try to ensure that the Italian Officer in charge of Allied Commission air transport obtains his meals. As for Italian civilian passengers, I fear that we cannot give them meals at the restaurant which is stocked by Allied rations. Some enterprising Italian restaurateur might arrange something.

Cecil Sprigge, Esq.,
Reuter's Rome Office,
Via Ludovico, 16,
R O M E.

6/12 wtz

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MSL/JG.

OUTGOING MESSAGE.

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FROM: A. F. SUB COM, ALCOM, ROME.
 TO: E.F.I., G.H.Q., C.M.F.

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Q. 973 29/Nov

Unclassified (.) Following figures rendered as required your letter 2554/Q(maint)
 dated 14/11 (.)

(A)	MILAN	1710 (R)	1710
(B)	PADUA	1880 (R)	1880
(C)	ROME	7150 (R)	7150
(D)	BARI	7300 (R)	7300
(E)	NAPLES	1140 (R)	1140
(F)	CAGLIARI	1500 (R)	1500
(G)	PALERMO	1320 (R)	1320

File: AFSC/966/Wel

Priority: ROUTINE

WAZ/10/12
 B. G. DENNIS,
 Flight Lieutenant.
 Tel. 489081 ext. 265

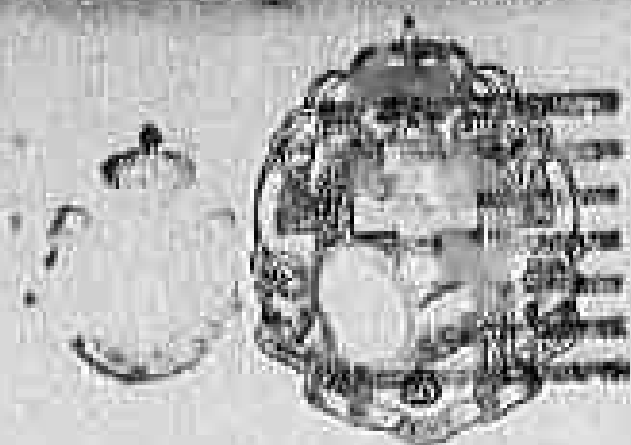
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Roma

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica
DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Al L'A.F.S.C. - A.C.
Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento
= S E D E =

Divisione Materiali
6384 Clf.
Prot. N. 23309 *Allegati*

Rispostata del N. 2

OGGETTO Cessione generi vari dell'E.F.I. al Personale della
Aeronautica.

Con riferimento al foglio n. A.F.S.C./966/Wel
del 30 agosto, qui trasmesso con attergato n. 4939/Coli. del
5 settembre 1945, si trasmette un elenco in ~~una~~ ^{due} copie
del personale in servizio da ammettere al prelevamento dei ge-
neri di cui all'oggetto.

IL DIRETTORE
MAGGIORE GENERALE COMMISSARIO
(A. GIAGHEDDU)

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See 40A

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*Si prega trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento e indicare nella risposta
il n. di protocollo - da trasmettere al n. di risposta*

Roma, 28 Novembre 1945
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ALL' A. M. S. C. - A. C.

Proq/n° 688. All.

PROSPETTO RIEPILOGATIVO DELLA RIPARTIZIONE DELLE TROPPE BR - ITI DELLA REGIA AERONAUTICA, AI FINI DELL'ASSEGNAZIONE DELLE FORNITURE RE EFI PER IL MESE DI NOVEMBRE 1945 .-

SETTORI	BR - ITI		RAZIONI	
	TOTALI	in servizio con gli Alleati	in serv. con la R.A.	EFI
MILANO	1.999	=	1.999	1.710
PADOVA	2.349	158	2.191	1.880
ROMA	8.416	100	8.316	7.150
BARI	9.654	1.112	8.542	7.300
CAGLIARI	1.756	=	1.756	1.500
NAPOLI	3.130	1.805	1.325	1.140
PALERMO	1.803	264	1.539	1.320
	29.107	3.439	25.668	22.000



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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

14 November 1945

AG 400(S90) EPSPS

SUBJECT: Special Service Equipment for the Italian Air Force

TO : Commanding Officer, Air Force Sub Commission, Rome, Italy.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 27 October 1945 requesting welfare equipment for the Italian Air Force, file AFSC/966/Wel to Commanding General, AAFSC/MTO. The letter was forwarded to this Headquarters for necessary action.

2. This request cannot be filled as all Special Service supplies are procured under a special Congressional monetary allotment which prohibits the sale or issue to all troops except "U. S. Army" and by current War Department directives. (WD Memo W35-44 dtd 6 May 1944).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. Goldford
A. GOLDFORD,
2nd Lt FA,
Actg Asst Adj Gen

*Balls - what did they
do with all the surplus
equipment when our troops
went back to the States?
29/11*



*Further action not with which
1/12/45*

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 528

SS-1-5

5 NOV 1945

AG 418.

SUBJECT: Special Service Supplies

TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782, U. S. Army

The attached letter is forwarded for your desired action. Items requested are not available at this Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Ltr, AF Sub Com., Rome,
dtd 27 Oct 45

B. H. Rowden
B. H. ROWDEN
Lt Colonel, AC
Actg Adjutant General

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R20738

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Commanding General, Army Air Forces SC/MTO
A.P.O. 528
Attn. Special Services Officer
Ref : AFSC/966/Wel.
Date : 27th October 1945

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SPECIAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT

An effort is being made by this Headquarters to assist the Italian Air Force effort to provide a small welfare program for its enlisted personnel.

2. There are no funds available for this program, and a search is being made of U.S. units, leaving for the mainland and being deactivated, for such used special service equipment as they might be willing to donate for this use.
3. Of particular assistance would be small checker and chess sets and similar indoor games. However, any sort of material would be extremely useful.
4. Any assistance which your office might give or any information as to what measures we might pursue would be greatly appreciated.

B.M. Sansing
B.M. SANSING,
Major, Air Corps,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

AAFSC/MTO

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

14 November 1945

AG 400(859) BPSPS

SUBJECT: Special Service Equipment for the Italian Air Force
TO : Commanding Officer, Air Force Sub Commission, Rome, Italy.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. GOLDFORD,
2nd Lt FA,
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 528

SS-1-5

5 NOV 1945

AG 413.

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TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782, U. S. Army

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Ltr, AF Sub Com., Rome,
dtd 27 Oct 45

B. H. ROWDEN
Lt Colonel, AG
Actg Adjutant General

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,
Ufficio Servizi e Trasporti.

Date: 20th November, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/966/Wel.

E.F.I. Supplies for R. Aeronautica.

1. The procedure for issue of NAAFI/EFI supplies to entitled members of the Italian Air Force has now been laid down by A.F.H.Q. in letter reference 2554/Q(Maint) dated 14 Nov 45 a copy of which is attached for your information.
2. It should be noted, however, that the authorised ceiling for the British feeding commitment in the R.A., excluding personnel working with R.A.F. units, is 22,000 and E.F.I. supplies will only be issued for that no. of personnel.
3. In these circumstances, it is requested that area strength figures, as required by para. 2 of the attached letter, may be forwarded to this Sub-Commission immediately, ensuring that the total of these strength figures does not exceed 22,000. Thereafter strength figures are to be forwarded to this Sub-Commission by not later than the 24th of each month.
4. Under para 3 of the attached, personnel working with R.A.F. units, of which the ceiling is 2,500, will draw E.F.I. supplies through the parent R.A.F. unit. They will not, therefore, be included in your strength figures.
5. A.H.Q. Italy, Allied Liaison Section, is requested to inform all R.A.F. units employing I.A.F. personnel of the scale of and method of drawing E.F.I. supplies.

A. H. Knowles
A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Air Headquarters, Italy.
(Attention Allied Liaison Section.)

"	"	A.F.S.C., A.C.,	MILAN.
"	"	"	NAPLES.
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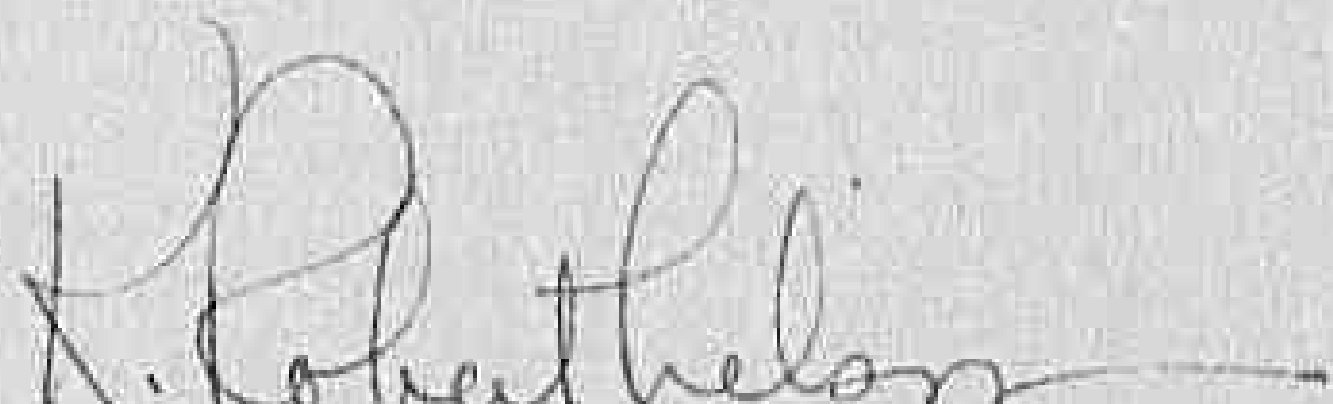
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SUBJECT: Cigarettes - Italian Armed Forces

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/4-11
16 November 1945

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
for - Industry Sub-Commission,

1. The Italian War Ministry has advised that the Administration of State Monopolies have not allocated sufficient quantities of cigarettes to meet the established ration for Italian Armed Forces.
2. The ration established for cigarettes has been 7 cigarettes per man per day for all Italian Armed Forces, which amounts to approximately 690 quintals per month.
3. The allocation of cigarettes to the Italian Armed Forces for the months of October and November has been 560 qls monthly. On the basis of this quantity allocated, a ration of no more than 5 cigarettes per man per day can be issued.
4. It is strongly recommended that the Administration of State Monopolies allocate sufficient cigarettes to meet the requirements of the Italian Armed Forces on the basis of the established ration of 7 cigarettes per man per day or approximately 690 qls a month.
5. Please advise as to what action can be taken to meet these requirements.


K. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

KRM/ri

Copy to: Air Forces Sub-Commission
Navy Sub-Commission

Internal: ST MMIA



CHQ CMF

SUBJECT: EPI Supplies to
Italian Air Forces.

2554/0(Maint)

14 Nov 45

Headquarters 13 Corps
2 District
3 District
ROME Area Allied Command

E.F.I.

Reference our letter AFM/2554/0(Maint) dated 26 Aug 45 (not to all). The following method of drawing EPI supplies for Italian Air Forces so entitled to them under the above quoted letter will be adopted forthwith.

1. All EPI supplies will be drawn monthly to one of the following Italian Air Force Ration Depots and from EPI IIS as shown :-

1 205	(a)	MILAN	-	No 49 BIS	MILAN
2	(b)	PAJUA	-	29 BIS	PAJUA
3	(c)	ROME	-	37 BIS	ROME
	(d)	BARI	-	14 BIS	BARI
	(e)	NAPLES	-	33 BIS	CASORIA
	(f)	CAGLIARI	-	15 BIS	C. ELARI
	(g)	PAJERMO	-	22 BIS	C. ENLA

1603 4/11/45
1604 1/11/45
1605 1/11/45

2. Air Forces Sub Commission Allied Commission will forward to EPI CHQ CMF by the first of each month certified strength figures for the area supplied by each of the above IAF ration depots. These figures can then be circulated to BIS concerned.

3. EPI supplies for IAF personnel serving with RAF units will be drawn on their behalf by the parent EPI unit on a separate incient suitably endorsed.

4. All transactions will be on a strictly cash basis.

JHDS/VML

J.H.D. SIERRE, Major,
for Major General,
M.G.A.

Copies to: Allied Liaison Sec., HQ RAF ITALY (your letter AFM/4201/3/115)

3 District

ROE Area Allied Command

E.F.I.

Reference our letter AFM/2554/2 (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45 (not to all). The following method of drawing EPI supplies for Italian Air Forces so entitled to them under the above quoted letter will be adopted forthwith.

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1	205	(a)	MILAN	-	No 49 BIS	MILAN
2	-	(b)	PARMA	-	29 BIS	PARMA
3	-	(c)	ROME	-	37 BIS	ROME
4	-	(d)	VERI	-	14 BIS	VERI
5	-	(e)	NAPLES	-	33 BIS	CASORIA
6	-	(f)	CAGLIARI	-	15 BIS	CAGLIARI
7	-	(g)	PERMO	-	22 BIS	CANTINA

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JHDS/VML.

J.H.D. SURREY, Major,
for Major General,
M.G.A.

Copies to: Allied Liaison Sec., HQ RAF ITALY (your letter MEDME/4201/3/IIS 10 Nov ref.)

AC for Air Forces Sub Commission.



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File 966/wel

LOOSE MINUTE

VISIT TO CENTOCELLE

In accordance with paras 11, 12, 13, 14 of the Report of the visit of the A.O.C. to Centocelle, the following facts are submitted :

Para (11) SHEETS AND BLANKETS

The cleaning of these items is organized by 3rd Z.A.T. who have refused a suggestion that private contract should be called in.

The subject is being re-opened by O.C. Centocelle with 3rd Z.A.T., and if no progress is made, our help will be called upon.

Para (12)

The canteen, on N.A.A.F.I. presents a difficult problem, owing chiefly to the lack of commodities, and the small ability to purchase on the part of the Italian airmen. Certain goods are bought at advantageous rates, and the benefit is passed on to the men and their families.

Para (13) WATER HEATING FOR ABLUTIONS

The possibility of turning over the heating from wood to oil was discussed with S.E.O. but it appears that no fuel could possibly be made available.

The boiler is made to consume, wood or charcoal, and would not lend itself to an easy conversion.

Para (14) SLEEPING OUT PASSES

These will be given to the airmen on merit. All married personnel and some others will be affected.

Org! Thanks. Suggest you consult
IA 17 on principles involved & of general
application in report of 11, 12 & 14. And
plan a note on Wellesley Policy File.

F. L. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding 2952

DD to all.

The whole question of
welfare is being considered
by IA 17. Especially paras
11, 12 & 14. Org!

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From :- Air Forces Sub Commission,
c/o A.M.G. Venezia Region, PADOVA.

To :- Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, Lombardia Region, MILAN.

Date :- 5th November 1945

Ref :- AFSC/6/LNT

SPORT & RECREATION FOR I.A.F.

1. The A.O.C. in a letter to the Milan Detachment copy of which is not available, mentioned that in conversation with General A. Ont the desirability of sport in the building up of morale had been discussed and their mutual anxiety to foster more games among the I.A.F.
2. With the discovery of some 2000 pairs of skis in Milan it is suggested that some of these surplus to Allied requirements might be dispatched to Padova where it is believed there is quite a following for this sport among the airmen.
3. General Raffaele would be prepared to allow lorries to take parties to the adjacent mountains over the week ends and welcomed the idea of getting his men in the open air.

Copy to Rome



R. G. Diamant
S/Ldr R.G. DIAMANT
Liaison Officer,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Stato Maggiore Aeronautica
To : A.F.S.C., A.C.
Date : 30th October 1945
Ref : 43999/112/3/5896/Coli.

2611

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES

We acknowledge receipt of your letter AFSC/966/Wel. dated 15th September inst. and we confirm that, actually, during the last month of September the ration of tobacco for the R.A. increased from q.l.s 64.20 to q.l.s 66.

2. The extra monthly allotments authorized from January to April inclusive by the Monopoli Administration have been allowed to the R.A. only during the months of January and February, and then were given to the War Ministry, as the same Ministry pointed out that the R.A. was withdrawing a monthly ration of tobacco (140 q.l.s) very much above the quantity allotted to the other Armed Forces.

3. From the 1st March 1945 the War Ministry was put in charge by the Allied Authorities for the tobacco supplies. They kept up to the month of May the monthly rations of 140 q.l.s to the R.A. But such allotment was then stopped, when the M.M.I.A. decided that the allotment had to be the same as the strength rations.

4. The above confirmation is passed on to you for further explanation.

Col. A. Remondino.

translated by J. Bevaqua.



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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
III REPARTO - SERVIZI
Sezione Logistica

Roma li, 30 ottobre 1945

ALL' A.C. - A.F.S.C. = ROMA =
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento -SEDE)

Prot. n° 43999 / L. 12/E / 5896 bull

OGGETTO : Distribuzione mensile di sigarette. =

1. Si è preso atto di quanto segnalato da codesta A.F.S.C. con nota 966/WEL del 15 settembre c.a. e si conferma che, in effetti, per il decorso mese di settembre la aliquota di assegnazione tabacchi per la R.A. fu portata da q.li 64,20 a q.li 66.-
2. Le assegnazioni mensili integrative autorizzate per i mesi da gennaio ad aprile dall'Amministrazione dei Monopoli furono disposte per l'Aeronautica soltanto per i mesi di gennaio e febbraio e furono devolute a favore del Ministero della Guerra avendo lo stesso Ministero rilevato che i prelevamenti di tabacchi che la R.Aeronautica effettuava mensilmente (q.li 140) erano proporzionalmente di gran lunga superiori a quelli delle altre Forze Armate.
3. A decorrere dall'1° marzo 1945 il servizio di rifornimento tabacchi fu affidato dalle Autorità Alleate al Ministero della Guerra che, nel disporre le assegnazioni, conservò fino al mese di maggio, l'assegnazione alla R.A. sulla base di q.li 140 mensili.- Tale assegnazione fu, però, successivamente sospesa, quando la M.M.I.A. stabilì che le assegnazioni dovessero essere corrispondenti alla forza vettovagliata.-
4. Le comunicazioni che precedono vengono date a titolo di precisazione. =



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Colonnello AA. rn. Pilota
(Aldo Remondino)

[Handwritten signature]

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, NAF.

To: Air Headquarters, Italy,
(Attention Allied Liaison Section) (2 copies)

Date: 30th October, 1945.

Ref: AFAC/366/AF.

A.F.L. Supplies for Italian Air Force.

1. A.F.L.Q. by letter AFAC/27A/4 (NAIME) dated 26th August, 1945, authorized the issue of certain A.F.L. supplies to certain categories of the Italian Armed Forces. One of these categories was "that part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which is a British feeding commitment. This, in effect, authorizes issue of A.F.L. supplies to 24,500 men of the Italian Air Force.
2. The method of accounting for these A.F.L. issues was not, however, clearly laid down and in at present the subject of correspondence between A.F.L. and A.F.L.Q. Army District Commanders have meanwhile issued their own instructions on the subject and issues to Italian Air Forces, now being made. As the issue of A.F.L. supplies to the Italian Air Force on the other hand, has now been held up for over two months awaiting A.F.L.Q.'s decision on the method of accounting it is desired to avoid further delay by putting up the following proposed system of issue to A.F.L. units for A.F.L.Q.'s approval.

As a result of changes in the system of issuing ration to the Italian Armed Forces, Italian Air Force ration depots are being opened up at Milan, Rome, Bari, Naples, Cagliari and Palermo and will then ration in bulk from Italian Army depots. It is suggested that these depots should issue A.F.L. supplies in bulk from their RAAF/AFI stores in accordance with the scale laid down in A.F.L.Q.'s letter of 27th August. This has been agreed in the Italian Air Force monthly order of battle. The same principles would be followed, each month, certified strength figures for the units supplied by each of the above A.F.L. ration depots to A.F.L.Q. These figures would then be circulated to AFAC/27A/4 (NAIME) for approval.

3. A.F.L.Q. supplies for A.F.L. personnel serving with A.F.L. units would be drawn on their behalf by the parent A.F.L. unit on a separate instant monthly order.
4. It is considered that this system would be the simplest both for ease of accounting and distribution and it is requested that a copy of their letter may be forwarded to A.F.L.Q. for agreement and issue of the necessary instructions.

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R.P.I. Supplies for Italian Air Force.

1. A.P.I.L. by letter AMW/2571/(MAIN) dated 26th August, 1945, authorized the issue of certain R.P.I. supplies to certain categories of the Italian Armed Forces. One of these categories was "that part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which is a British feeding constituent. This, in effect, authorizes issue of R.P.I. supplies to 2,500 men of the Italian Air Force.
2. The method of accounting for these R.P.I. issues was not, however, clearly laid down and in so prevent the subject of correspondence between R.P.I.A. and A.P.I.L. Any District Commanders have meanwhile issued their own instructions on the subject and issue to Italian Air Personnel are now being made. As the issue of R.P.I. supplies to the Italian Air Force, on the other hand, has now been held up for over two months pending A.P.I.L.Q.'s decision on the method of accounting it is desired to avoid further delay by putting up the following proposed system of issue to I.A.F. units for A.P.I.L.Q.'s approval.
3. As a result of changes in the system of issuing rations to the Italian Armed Forces, Italian Air Force ration depots are being opened up at Milan, Padua, Rome, Bari, Naples, Cagliari and Palermo and will then ration in bulk from Italian Army depots. It is suggested that these depots should draw R.P.I. supplies in bulk from these Army depots in accordance with the scale laid down in A.P.I.L.Q.'s letter of June 1 for rations of personnel as shown in the Italian Air Force monthly order of battle. This order of battle would be forwarded, each month, certified strength figures for the area supplied by each of the above I.A.F. ration depots to A.P.I.L.Q. These figures would then be circulated to all R.A.A.F.I. depots concerned.
4. R.P.I. supplies for I.A.F. personnel serving with R.A.F. units would be drawn on their behalf by the parent R.A.F. unit on a separate indent suitably endorsed.

5. It is considered that this system would be the simplest both for ease of accounting and distribution and it is requested that a copy of their letter may be forwarded to A.P.I.L.Q. for agreement and issue of the necessary instructions.

APC. 1/11/10 25/10/45

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A. H. KIRKLAND,
Chief Controller,
For Air Force Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Land Forces A/C.
" " Navy A/C.

30A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Commanding General, Army Air Forces SC/MTO
A.P.O. 528
Attn. Special Services Officer
Ref : AFSC/966/Wel.
Date : 27th October 1945

SPECIAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT

An effort is being made by this Headquarters to assist the Italian Air Force effort to provide a small welfare program for its enlisted personnel.

2. There are no funds available for this program, and a search is being made of U.S. units, leaving for the mainland and being deactivated, for such used special service equipment as they might be willing to donate for this use.
3. Of particular assistance would be small checker and chess sets and similar indoor games. However, any sort of material would be extremely useful.
4. Any assistance which your office might give or any information as to what measures we might pursue would be greatly appreciated.

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B.M. DANCING,
Major, Air Corps,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

2944

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies to Italian Forces.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
H.C.E.
I. A.)

26 October, 1945.

To:--

G.H.Q. C.I.F. for C.D.F.I.

H.1020
26/10/45

Not to be used

Reference is made to your C.M.I./3/17.15 dated 23 Sep 45.

966/448

1. Under reference C/2/3 dated 31 July, all concerned were notified by this H.C. that the procedure then in use for the supply of E.F.I. goods to Italian soldiers, authorised under AMQ/2554/Q (Maint) dated 21 Mar 45 would cease with effect from 1 Sep 45. No issues on credit should, therefore, have been permitted after that date.

It is, however, observed that in some cases vouchers are being received, and every endeavour will be made to clear these and to collect payment from the War Ministry.

You are, therefore, requested to issue instructions which will avoid a further issue of E.F.I. goods on credit to Italian Soldiers.

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2. A.J.H.C. under their 2554/Q (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45, authorised the purchase of E.F.I. commodities by Italian soldiers belonging to one of the following categories:-

- (a) Combat Troops.
- (b) R.I.I. Service Troops.
- (c) Personnel of the Italian Navy and Air Force who are a British feeding commitment.

3. The effective date of this decision was left to the discretion of District etc. Commanders, who subsequently issued their own instructions on the matter.

All such purchases should be on a cash basis, which, as you state, can be the only substitute for the procedure described above, whereby S.I.A. were responsible for collecting payment. This H.C. 2442 agreed to accepting this responsibility for Categories 2 (b) and (c) above.

4. It is assumed the issue of E.F.I. goods to Combat troops will cease in the near future when these are absorbed into the III-III category. Meanwhile, they should continue on a cash basis only.

To:-

C.H.Q. C.I.F. for C.I.F.I.

H. 1029
26/10/45

Not to

Reference is made to your C.I.F.I. dated 23 Sep 45.

966/452

Under reference 9/2/5 dated 21 July, all concerned were notified by this H.Q. that the procedure then in use for the supply of E.F.I. goods to Italian soldiers, authorized under AMO/2554/3(Maint) dated 21 Mar 45 would cease with effect from 1 Sep 45. No issues on credit should, therefore, have been permitted after that date.

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2. A.P.H. 1, under their 2554/2(Maint) dated 26 Aug 45, authorized the purchase of E.F.I. commodities by Italian soldiers belonging to one of the following categories:-

- (a) Combat Troops.
- (b) IR-IMI Service Troops.
- (c) Personnel of the Italian Navy and Air Force who are a British fighting commitment.

3. The effective date of this decision was left to the discretion of District etc. Commanders, who subsequently issued their own instructions on the matter.

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The procedure whereby indentors of Italian units are endorsed by a British officer should be as directed by the District etc. H.Q. concerned.

It is therefore suggested that your instruction to Bulk Issue Stores should leave the details of this safeguard to be arranged by the local British Staff. H.Q. who will be governed by the procedure laid down in each case by their District.

20/10/45
R.A. CUNTERIE Lt. Col.
for Major General.
H. V. I. A.

Distribution: See reverse.

From : Italian Air Ministry
To : A.F.S.C., Rome
Date : 11th September 1945
Ref : 27434/5054/Coll

MEALS FOR I.A.F. AIRCREWS -
MILAN

With reference to your letter AFSC/966/Wel dated 27th August inst, same subject.

2. The I.A.F. Stato Maggiore will issue the necessary instructions in order to avoid the pre-informed inconveniences.

3. As far as the appreciation of para 4 (d) and para 5 of the above mentioned letter is concerned, it must be pointed out that these inconveniences could arise in any other Organisation and furthermore they are not important enough to be reported in a strict form of language, although individual cases could be deplored, it cannot spoil the prestige of a whole Armed Force, which, like the R.A., has proved to have a record of very high standards.

The Minister

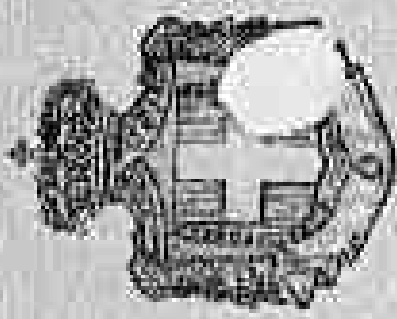
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Ministro dell'Aeronautica

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
SEGRETARIA

Roma, 11 SET. 1945

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA A.C. - tramite Uff. Collegam.

ROMA

Prot. N.º 27434 Allegato 4

Resposta al f. del

Dire. Sec. N.º

Oggetto: Pasti per gli equipaggi della R.A. - Milano.

Mi riferisco al foglio ARSU/966/Wel in data 21 agosto u.s. sull'oggetto sopra indicato.

2. Lo Stato Maggiore della R.A. emanerà le disposizioni di dettaglio per l'eliminazione degli inconvenienti segnalati.

3. Per quanto riguarda gli apprezzamenti di cui al numero 4 lettera d) e al numero 5 del sopra citato foglio, non posso non rilevare come l'entità degli inconvenienti, che possono sempre verificarsi in qualsiasi organizzazione, non giustificano la durezza della forma usata nel renderli noti, tanto più che casi singoli, anche se da deplorare vivamente, non possono ripercuotersi nell'apprezzamento sul complesso di una intera Forza Armata che, come la R.A., ha dato prova di possedere anche qualità positive ampiamente riconosciutele. =

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IL MINISTRO

[Signature]

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Subject:- E.F.I. Supplies - Italian Forces.

land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

Q/2/3

17 September, 1945.

To:-

Naval Sub Commission A.C.
Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.

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1. Reference this H.Q. letter Q/2/3 dated 11 Sep 45, addressed to A.F.H.Q. copy to you.
2. Copy of letter from 'Q' (Mint) to C.E.F.I. dated 14 September is forwarded for your information.
3. As soon as instructions on accounting procedure are received from A.F.H.Q. these will be communicated to you.

P.P. Paudel
P. P. PAUDELL J/Comd.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q' MAINT. BRANCH.

Subject: E.F.I. Supplies for Italian Forces.

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)

To : C.E.F.I.

Date: 14 Sep 45.

Reference attached copy of M.F.I.A. Letter Q/2/3 dated 11 Sep.

1. The original method of accounting cannot be made applicable to Italian formations and unit which have no British Liaison Unit and it is obviously undesirable to have two different methods of accounting.
2. In view of this, it is suggested that the M.F.I.A. proposals be adopted and your agreement is requested.

(signed) E.C. Colville.

E.C. COLVILLE, Major.
for Brigadier.
Q(Maint).

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,
III Reparto - Servizi, Servizi Logistica.

Date: 15th September, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/966/Wel.

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Monthly Cigarette Issue.

1. Reference is made to your letter 43119/L.12/W/504 Coll. dated 11th September, and it is notified that the matter was referred to MMIA who have made the following observations:-

- a) The requirements of the three Italian Services are met by the State Monopoly which has laid down a maximum of 1,000 qtls. per month to meet their needs.
- b) MMIA has recently been approached by the Italian War Ministry to authorise a reduction in this quantity in response to a request from the State Monopoly to effect greater economy in the Services' consumption. MMIA indicated that they were agreeable but that it was primarily a matter for arrangement with the State Monopoly direct.
- c) As a result of the War Ministry's action the allocation has been reduced from 1,000 to 790 qtls, but, on the other hand, the Air Force allocation for September was raised to 660 qtls. The whole of the reduction has, therefore, been borne by the Italian Army and Navy.
- d) For the months of February - May inclusive all three Services were authorised to draw 10% reserve over and above their full entitlement.
- e) All three services have been drawing their allocation based on the authorised ceiling and not on the actual strength. Only recently has the actual strength of the R.A. exceeded its ceiling.

2. In view of the above this Sub Commission does not feel that action to obtain an increase in your allocation would be justified. It is pointed out however, that it is always open to your Ministry to approach the State Monopoly through the War Ministry for an increase in your allocation.

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A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From: Stato Maggiore R. A.
III Reparto Servizi
Sezione Logistica.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 11th September, 1945.

Ref: 43119/L.12/E/5044 Coll.

MONTHLY ISSUE OF CIGARETTES.

1. The Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) by its letter LFSC/Q/1/4-7 dated 28th May, 1945, addressed to the War Ministry specified that 1000 quintals per month of cigarettes had been reserved for the Italian Armed Forces and they had to be distributed as follows:-

to the R. Army	77,27%	equal to 772,70 quintals
to the R. Navy	16,31%	" " 163,10 "
to the R. A.	6,42%	" " 64,20 "

Total 1000 quintals

2. It is pointed out that ~~while~~ the daily ration of cigarettes ~~was~~ ^{was} 5 gr. for ~~the~~ territorial troops and 10 gr. for the Operational Units, the quantity issued, as above, to the R.A. has resulted sufficient, instead this quantity was not any more enough ~~to cover all the monthly requirements since when the ration has been consolidated for all troops without distinction~~ and this with effect from the 1st August, 1945.

3. In effect as can be seen from the following calculations $31.000 \times 7 = 217.000$ equal to 217 kg. per day - $217 \times 30 = 6510$ kg. per month, even estimating on basis of minimum figures it is evident that requirements are not satisfied by the allocation, in addition it is necessary to take into account the fact that the total strength in which should be included the cooperators now exceeds 31.0000 men and account should also be taken of 31 day month.

4. In order to be able to face the monthly requirement of cigarettes for the R.A. troops, it would be appreciated if your A.F.S.C. would kindly ask as soon as possible the Office concerned of M.M.I.A., in order that the monthly allocation of cigarettes for the R.A. be raised from 64,20 quintals to 70x75 quintals, so that an adequate margin of safety may be allowed.

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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COLONEL ALDO RIMONDINO

PI/CA

Roma, li 14 Settembre 1945.-

STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA
III° REPARTO SERVIZI
Sezione Logistica

→ ALL' A.C. - A.F.S.C.
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

Prot.n° 431191 L. 12/E/5044 CM.R O M A

OGGETTO : Assegnazione mensile tabacchi.-

1°) - La Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) con sua nota LFSC/Q/I/4-7 del 28 Maggio 1945 diretta al Ministero della Guerra precisò che alla FF.AA.italiane erano stati riservati q/li 1000 di sigarette mensili da ripartirsi secondo le seguenti percentuali:

- al R.Esercito:	77,27%	pari a q/li	772,70
- alla R.Marina	16,31%	" " "	163,10
- alla R.Aeronautica	6,42%	" " "	64,20

Totale q/li 1000,==

2°) - Si fa notare che fino a quando la razione giornaliera di tabacchi è stata di gr.5 per le truppe territoriali e di gr.10 per i Reparti Operanti, il quantitativo assegnato come sopra alla R.Aeronautica è risultato sufficiente, mentre tale quantitativo non è più bastato a coprire tutte le esigenze del mese da quando la razione è stata unificata in gr. 7 per tutte le truppe indistintamente e cioè dal 1° Agosto u.s.

3°) - Infatti come può riscontrarsi dal calcolo seguente:

- n° 31.000 x 7 = N° 217.000 pari a Kg. 217 giornalieri -
- Kg. 217 x 30 = Kg. 6510 mensili, anche prendendo come base i dati minimi, è evidente che il fabbisogno non trova capienza nell'assegnazione; per di più c'è da considerare che la forza effettiva, nella quale bisogna includere i cooperatori, supera ora i 31.000 uomini e che bisogna tener conto dei mesi di 31 giorni.-

4°) - Ciò premesso ed al fine di evitare l'inconveniente notevole di non potere fronteggiare il fabbisogno mensile dei tabacchi per le truppe della R.A., si prega codesta A.F.S.C. di volere, con cortese urgenza, svolgere azione, presso il competente Ufficio della M.M.I.A., perchè l'assegnazione mensile dei tabacchi per la R.A. venga elevata da q.li 64,20 a q.li 70 + 75, così che in tale settore possa realizzarsi un sufficiente margine di sicurezza.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello AA. rn. Pilota

Aldo Remondino

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Subject: I. Supplies for Italian Forces.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. R. I. A.)
9/2/5

11 September, 1945.

To:-

A.F.M.O. for 'Q' (Maint).

Reference your AFHQ/2554/Q (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45.

As no mention was made in this letter regarding any special accounting procedure to be adopted, it is presumed that action addressees will make necessary arrangements with their local A.F.M.O. as to the method of payment for the goods purchased by the Italian Forces from the U.S. and will notify them accordingly.

It is presumed, therefore, that the original procedure by which Combat groups had a special method of accounting through H.M.I.A. and the Ministry of War as outlined in this H.M.I.A. letter 9/2/5/1 dated 31 Mar 45, and confirmed by your letter AFHQ/2554/Q (Maint) dated 21 Mar 45, was cancelled by your letter AFHQ/2554/Q (Maint) dated 26 Aug 45.

It is requested that you confirm that the above supposition is correct.

P. P. PARDOLL

P. P. PARDOLL J/Comd.
for Major General.
M. R. I. A.

Copy to:-

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H.Q. 2 District

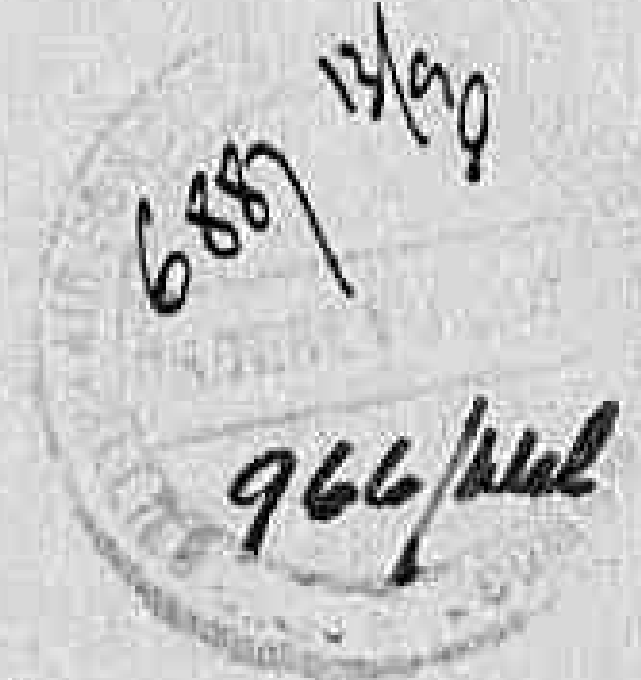
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Naval Sub Commission A.C.

Air Forces Sub Commission A.C.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 30th August 1945
Ref : AFSC/966/Wel

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Enclosed herewith is copy of a directive issued by Allied Force Headquarters on the 26th August 1945, for your information.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)26 August 1945.

SUBJECT:- EMI supplies for the
ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

DISTRIBUTION:- See below.

1. It has been decided to permit certain categories of the Italian Armed Forces to make limited purchases of EMI commodities.

2. These categories are :-

(a) Combat troops

(b) BRI-MI service troops

(c) that part of the Italian Navy and Air Forces which are a British feeding commitment.

3. The scale of items which may be purchased is as follows :-

Toothpaste	1 tube per officer or man per month.
Shaving Brushes	1 per 2 officers or men (initial issue only, no continued maintenance)
Shaving Soap	1/4 stick per officer or man per month
Hair preparation	1 bottle per officer or man
Health salts	per month.

4. The effective date of this decision will be decided by action addressees in conjunction with their EMI representatives.

5. The following AFHQ letters are cancelled :-

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Jul addressed EMI only. ^x

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 27 Jul addressed to 13 Corps and Districts. ^x

6. The following AFHQ authority is not affected :-

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) dated 1 Jan 45.

T.P. WHITAKER, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

28 AUG 1945

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T.P. Whitaker

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for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

ECC/NR.

cc: NAVY & LAND FORCES &c

See 36A

28 AUG 1945

Not to us.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 To : Italian Air Ministry
 Date : 27th August 1945
 Ref : AFSC/566/Wol

MEALS FOR I.A.F. CREWS - MILAN

Recently, the arrangement for I.A.F. crews to have a meal at the Milan Airport was re-instated, by special request.

2. A letter from the Milan Office informs us that this was originally a privilege and not a right, and became abused, and consequently was withdrawn.

3. In order to protect bona-fide crews the following points were stated, and it is the desire of this H.Q. that they be transmitted to the crews, and others that it may concern.

4. a) The definition of the crew of an A/C is limited to the crew flying the machine, and does not include another couple of crews up on leave.
- b) The definition of transit crew is limited to a crew about to take off on one that has only shortly landed, hence one meal only is supplied except in cases where crews are waiting for the weather to clear. Crews stranded over night by weather or engine trouble do not classify as transit.
- c) A count will be kept of meals which will be submitted to the Italian Air Ministry at the end of the month who will supply 146 staging post with the equivalent rations.
- d) In view of the fact that the crews are guests, a proper deportment and limited growth of beard should be attempted.
5. It is regrettable that it should be necessary to mention these points, but in the past since they have been operating here, these transport crews have only brought discredit to the I.A.F., while on the ground.

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P.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to : A.F.S.C., Milan.

FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Milan.
Allied Commission, Rome.

DATE :- 24th August 1945.

REF :- A/c 24/10/45.

1) Ref your signal C.596 the question of meals for transit Italian Air Crews had been arranged satisfactorily here prior to the despatch of your signal.

2) Owing to constant abuse of what is not a right but a privilege granted by 216 Group, it would be appreciated if the following points could be brought tacitly to the notice of these Air Crews.

3) A. The definition of the crew of an a/c is limited to the crew flying the machine, and does not include another couple of crews up on leave.

B. The definition of transit crew is limited to a crew about to take off on one that has only shortly landed, hence ~~one~~ meal only is supplied except in cases where crews are waiting for the weather to clear. Crews stranded over night by weather or engine trouble do not classify as transit.

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D. In view of the fact that the crews are guests, ~~2423~~ ²⁴²³ ~~department~~ and limited growth of beard should be attended.

4) It is regrettable that it should be necessary to mention these points, but in the past since they have been operating here, these transported crews have only brought discredit to the I.A.F. while on the ground.

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1) Ref your signal 0.596 the question of meals for transit Italian Air Crews had been arranged satisfactorily here prior to the despatch of your signal.

2) Owing to constant abuse of what is not a right but a privilege granted by 216 Group, it would be appreciated if the following points could be brought facily to the notice of these Air Crews.

- 3) A. The definition of the crew of an a/c is limited to the crew flying the machine, and does not include another couple of crews up on leave.
- B. The definition of transit crew is limited to a crew about to take off on one that has only shortly landed, hence ~~one~~ meal only is supplied except in cases where crews are waiting for the weather to clear. Crews stranded overnight by weather or engine trouble do not classify as transit.
- C. A ~~count~~ will be kept of meals which will be submitted to the Italian Air Ministry at the end of the month who will supply 146 staging post with the equivalent rations.
- D. In view of the fact that the crews are guests, ²⁹²² ~~Department~~ and limited growth of beard should be attended.

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R. G. E. DIAMANT
R.G.E. DIAMANT S/L
Commanding
A.F.S.O. Milan.

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Albany

to: - Atsc Rome

Per ELD

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~~10/10/78 HQ 100/20 F-R~~OVE-2

FROM HQ 249 WING 231447B

TO 146 SP MILAN

INFO AF SUB COMMISSION POME ✓ AF SUB COMMISSION MILAN

UNCLASS BT

0740 AUGUST 23RD UNCLASSIFIED

ITALIAN AIR FORCE COURIER AIRCREWS MAY USE YOUR CAFETERIA

UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED PROVIDED CREWS

ARE NOT PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN MILAN.

SEPARATE RECORDS TO BE KEPT

BT 231447B

EAD B K ED HEG LGJP 1620 K

Per to ALWD
in Courier filePhoned to T Col Reiners
at Centocelli 2/25/8.

B. Bradshaw

Good 1/25/8

966/Wel.
OUTGOING MESSAGE.
17A

FROM: A.F. SUB COMM (ROME).

TO: H.Q. 249 WING, R.A.F. C.M.F.
(P) A.F. SUB COMM (MILAN) C/O ALCON LOMBARDIA REGION.

FOR HOME FROM A/V/M BRODIE (.)

UNCLASSIFIED 0.596 T.O.O 2211453 AUGUST 1945 (.)

REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE STAGING POST MILAN TO PERMIT
ITALIAN AIR FORCE COUNTER AIRCREWS BE ALLOWED USE OF
CAMBERIA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE
ISSUED (.)

PRIORITY: ROUTINE

F. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.2020
JK ml

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, MILAN.

DATE: 23RD AUGUST, 1945.

REF: AFSC/966/WEL.

PHYSICAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE I.A.F.

It is the intention of the A.F.S.C. to encourage the Italian Air Force to take more interest in Physical Fitness Training in its widest sense. Already the germ has been sown through a visit of an Italian Colonel to the R.A.F. General Service and Training School at SULMONA.

2. I spoke to the Chief of Italian Air Staff concerning this matter on the 20th August and we agreed that the first step to be taken is to investigate sources of supply of gymnastic and sports equipment. As, however, there is practically nothing in the South it is requested that you will investigate possibilities in the North, and it is suggested that GENERAL RUFFI's assistance in this matter be co-opted.

3. If it is found that there are no sources of supply in the North (as well as the South), it is intended to ask CASENTA for their assistance, but I do not hold much hope of getting the quantities we require from R.A.F. sources nor probably from USAAF sources.

4. You may show this letter to GENERAL RUFFI and I suggest that he might be able to find an enthusiastic Italian Officer under his Command who would do some of the chasing for you.

[Signature]
I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

2918

15A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 16th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/966/WEL

GIANNETTI GREGORIO

We forward to you for necessary action, a letter from
the above-named, received by the A.F.S.C. via M.M.I.A.

FB
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

2917

To : Air Force Sub Comm.A.C. /

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
H O M E.
A 255.

14 June 45

B7C
Attached is a letter from GIANNETTI Gregorio which
we are passing to you for action.

SP Archibald
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

/WSI

9127 18/6/45

966/Wel

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GIANNETTI GREGORIO - from Fortuna Liri I. ordine
(Frosinone Province) Land

The above requests this Commission's intercession on his behalf with the Ministry of War in order that he may undergo a physical examination by which it could be proved that the infirmity with which he is affected has been caused by service in the Army (Air Forces), and therefore he may be granted a pension.

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13 A

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Italian Air Ministry,
Directorate of Personnel

Date: 20th May, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/966/WELL

RELEASE FROM SERVICE See 12 A

The attached request has been forwarded to us from
A.F.H.Q. via H.Q. M.A.A.F. for your action.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR
AIR VICEMARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

12A

From: Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. A.A.F. C.M.F.
To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Date: 18th. May, 1945.
Ref: MAAF/4206/ALS.

Release on Compassionate Grounds.
Ventimiglia Antonino, Giuseppe.

1. Attached herewith is a letter and one copy of translation thereof, passed on to this Headquarters by Allied Force Headquarters, and you are requested to bring this matter to the attention of the correct department for their consideration and action.



W. Ward
(W. WARD),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF. Med. E.

Encl: 2.

*Correspondence
forwarded.*

2913

11A
(4)

From : Italian Air Ministry, Cabinet of the Minister
To : AFSC (Through Liaison Office)
Date : 16th May 1945
Ref. : 14442/3029 Coll.

RADIO MESSAGES TO FAMILIES OF I.A.F. PILOTS.

BA

Further to our letter No. 14083 dated 12th May 1945.

2. We would like to inform you that the Allied Censorship Office attached to the "R.A.I. (Radio Audizioni Italiane)" in order to comply with the requests made by the Ministry, has authorised to include in the "Radio Naia" programmes messages of a standard form, from military personnel in Central and Southern Italy to their relatives in the North.

3. The contents in our above mentioned letter can now be considered cancelled.



(Chief of Cabinet)

translated by Cpl. Cumbo.

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INC



Roma, 16 MAG. 1945

1945.

11A

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Alla SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.O.

(tramite Ufficio Collogamento)

- Roma -

Prot. N.

14442

/3029 Fall.

OGGETTO: Radiomessaggi alle famiglie degli aviatori
italiani.

Si fa seguito al foglio n.14083 in data
12 maggio c.e.

2.- Si comunica che l'Ufficio Censura alleata
presso la R.A.I., aderendo alla richiesta dei
Ministeri Militari, ha autorizzato l'inclusio-
ne nei programmi di "Radio Naia" di messaggi
a testo fisso da parte di militari che si tro-
vano nell'Italia centro-meridionale ai loro con-
giunti nell'Italia del Nord.

3.- Si ritiene con ciò esaurito quanto richiesto
col citato foglio.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

2911

10A

MEMO

See 9A

TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Broadcast programmes are not a matter for this Sub-Commission. They are an R.A.I./Italian Government concerns subject to Allied censorship from a military security aspect only. The censorship is exercised by Public Relations AFHQ, see p.28 of RAAC Telephone Directory for May. It appears a little surprising that a ban should be placed now on the proposed broadcast and it is suggested you might clear with LT.Col.Hayden. 478163.



16th May 1945.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.
Communications Sub-Commission.



Capt Guza was phoned by me
to send an officer to Radio Roma
to see either Gph Romano or Coscetti
who will give him the message
that can be sent & then authorisation
11256m 17th May.

2919
J. Bradshaw

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
 To: Communications Sub-Commission
 Date: 15th May, 1945
 Ref.: AFSC/966/Well

We attach a request received from the Italian Air Ministry. Is there anything that can be done to authorise such a transmission? It would be of great service to the serving personnel.

F. L. Bradshaw
 F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR
 AIR VICE MARSHAL
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Director	
U/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Censorship	
Chief Clerk	
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Date 16 MAY 1945

TRANSLATION

From: Italian Air Ministry
To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome
Date: 12th May, 1945
Ref.: 14023/2275/Coll

RADIO MESSAGES FOR FAMILIES OF I.A.F. AIRMEN

Many I.A.F. servicemen, whose families are in Northern Italy, have asked to send Radio messages to their homes.

2. We approached the Allied Censor attached to "Radio Audizioni Italiane" on this matter, but he stated that he was not authorised to grant this request.

3. The Radio messages could be broadcast weekly from Rome, during the Armed Forces 1 hour, which is known as "Radio Maja" (every day except Sundays from 11.45 to 12.15).

4. Would you please consider this request, bearing in mind that the greater part of Italian airmen are without news of their families since 8th September 1943.

Signed: Chief of the Cabinet.

*Capt Romano
Cossatti*

8A
(E)

(From : Italian Air Ministry
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
Date : 12th May 1945
Ref : 14083/2975/COLL

RADIO MESSAGES FOR FAMILIES OF I.A.F. AIRMEN

Many I.A.F. servicemen, whose families are in Northern Italy, have requested to send Radio Messages to their homes.

2. We made enquiries to the Allied Censor attached to "Radio Audizioni Italiane" on this matter, but he replied that he was not authorised to grant this request.

3. The Radio Messages could be broadcasted weekly from Rome during the Armed Forces 1/2 hour, which is known as "Radio Naja" (every day except Sundays from 11,45 to 12,45)

4. We beg you to examine this request considering that the greatest part of the families of our airmen are without news of their beloved ones since the 8th September 1943.



by order,
The Chief of the Cabinet

translated by E. Gasparini

2907

BEST COPY POSSIBLE



MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
G. NETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Roma, 12 MAG. 1945

1945.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A. C.
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

R O M A

Prot. N.

14083 / 2975 bell.

(OGGETTO: Radio-messaggi alle famiglie degli aviatori italiani.)

Molti militari della R.A. le cui famiglie risiedono nell'Italia Settentrionale hanno ripetutamente chiesto di poter comunicare notizie a casa.-

Il censore Alleato presso la R.A.I. interpellato in proposito ha risposto di non essere autorizzato a concedere quanto richiesto.-

I radio-messaggi potrebbero essere trasmessi settimanalmente da radio Roma nella mezz'ora già dedicata alle Forze Armate che è intitolata "Radio Naja" (tutti i giorni esclusa la domenica dalle ore 11,45 alle ore 12,15).-

Si prega voler benevolmente esaminare tale proposta anche nella considerazione che la maggior parte delle famiglie dei nostri aviatori sono rimaste prive di notizie dei loro cari dall'8 settembre 1943.=-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Luigi Nauton

7A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

11 May 45

SUBJECT: Inspection of Carabinieri.
TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission

Herewith 2 tickets for the Carabinieri Parade, to be held
on 12 May 45, which will be inspected by Field Marshal Alexander.

These tickets may not be used by men or women out of uniform.
Spectators must arrive half an hour before the inspection.

for *LeHarvey*
A.D. BROWN-CARTER, Lt. Col.,
C.S.G. Civil Affairs Section

g. L. Luman
W. L. Luman



2905

6A

FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Le. 1.
TO : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
(Attention W/Cmdr De Haan).
REF : AFSC/L/6/Misc.
DATE : 6th. March 1945.

Captain Pilot Ernesto Albano - I.A.F.

4A

With reference to our letter of even reference dated 13th December 1944, for attention of S/L WALTON, we have been asked again by Lt. Col. ELVIRI if any particulars have been obtained concerning Capt. ALBANO.

2. It would be appreciated if you could get any information on the fate of the Italian officer in question.

W. Dawson Jr.
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub Commission



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5A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry, Directorate of Personnel.
Date : 25th March 1945
Ref. : AFSC/966/WEL.

CAP. FIL. ERNESTO ALBANO I.A.F.

4A

The attached request has reached this Sub Commission from Air Forces Sub Commission, Lecce, and any information will be of assistance that you can give.


F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

2963

4A.

FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission,
L e c c e.
T O : Air Forces Sub Commission,
R o m e.
(Att. S/Ldr. Walton).
DATE : 13th December 1945.
REF. : AFSC/L/C/MISC.

CAPTAIN PILOT ERNESTO ALBANO - I.A.F.

The brother in law of the abovementioned Italian Officer, Lt. Col. ELVIRI, Administration Officer, Lecce A/D, has asked to enquire into the fate of his relative.

It appears that Capt. ALBANO was stationed at CORFU aerodrome in September 1943, and he is believed to have been killed when the car he was travelling in was machine gunned by German aircraft on about the 23rd or 24th of the same month.

It would be much appreciated if you could institute enquiries with the authorities concerned in order to ascertain the facts of the case.



W. Quason 2902
OFFICER COMMANDING
Air Forces Sub-Commission

3A

FROM: ALLIED SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO.

DATE: 2ND MARCH, 1945.

REF: AFSC/966/WEL.

1A.

With reference to your letter 2755/om/1955. Cell dated 22nd February 1945. It is regretted that I have received a categorical refusal from A.F.H.Q. to supply N.A.A.F.I. stores of the kind which you mention. This is the third refusal in the space of three months, and although I shall continue to press them, I have little hope of any success.

2. The Allied Commission has interested itself considerably in this matter, and have been to great lengths to find whether the articles could be manufactured locally. It has been found impossible to do this, and I am afraid that the only solution is for you to purchase the articles by local procurement at the best prices you can find, and either resell them to I.A.F. personnel or issue them free.

WB

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING. +

2901

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 451.

27 February 1945.

Ref: 8504/18/EC.

SUBJECT: Supply of Toilet Requisites to Italian Air Force.
TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. References AFSC/R/600/EQ dated 7 December 1944 and 5002/7/COS dated 2 February 1945. AFSC/R/600/EQ dated 19 Jan. 1945 also refers.

2. This Office received an interim reply on this matter stating that no sources of availability are known other than through the appropriate Italian Ministry. Commerce Sub-Commission further state they have personally discussed with Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet and have received his agreement that local procurement by the Air Ministry is the only recourse.

Joseph C. Rively, Major
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.



2300

FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO
TO : A.F.S.C. through Liaison Office
DATE : 22nd FEBR. 1945
REF. : 2755/com/1955 Coll

TOILET SUPPLIES FOR THE UNITA' AEREA PERSONNEL.

This Ministry would like to supply the Unità Aerea personnel located in places far from cities, with various and good quality articles (blade, toilet soap, dentifrice) available upon payment.

As it is very difficult to find such thing, your Sub Commission is requested to examine the possibility of granting the purchase of these article at the N.A.A.P.I. Stores, limiting the quantities assigned to the personnel of the Unità Aerea.

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

PER IL MINISTRO
IL DIRETTORE COL.COMMISSARIO
(F. Ruccia)

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This is the old Bogen.
I feel it should be dealt with
at your level with the Chief of
Staff I.A.M.

Translated by E. Gasparini

26/2/45



2898

I will speak for
Arrive Car.
W 26/2



MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Direzione di Commissariato

Sezione Materiali

Prot. N.

2455 *can* / 1955 *coll.*

Alleg.

Risp. al foglio N.

Roma, li

22 FEB. 1945

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Alla Sottocommissio-

ne Alleata presso il Mini-
stero dell'Aeronautica

S E D E

Tramite l'Ufficio di Colle-
gamento presso il Ministe-
ro R.A. S E D E

OGGETTO: Materiali di toilette per i militari del-
l'Unità Aerea.-

Per il personale militare dell'Unità Aerea, dislocato in località lontane dai centri abitati, questo Ministero desidera approvvigionare materiali vari di toilette di buona qualità (lamette per barba, saponette, dentifricio) da cedere a pagamento agli interessati.

Dato che non riesce agevole acquistare dal commercio detti materiali, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler esaminare la possibilità di consentire il loro acquisto presso gli spacci N.A.A.F.I. limitatamente ai quantitativi destinati ai militari dei Reparti dell'Unità Aerea.

Si gradirà ricevere un cortese riscontro.

PEL MINISTRO
IL DIRETTORE COMMISSARIO
(F. Ruccia)

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