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13	Ltr Q/1-115 Nelson	24 Jan 46	De Gasperi	Feb. flour requirements, Ital. Army
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31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reference to my letter of 24 January regarding the urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army, I have just now received the following information from AFHQ which has a direct bearing on your answer to my original letter.

AFHQ informs us that any loan which may be granted for consumption by the Italian Army during the month of February represents flour which will be required for British troop use during the month of March inasmuch as no further imports are planned until April. Accordingly, it is absolutely essential that full repayment of such flour loan be made by 28 February and that such repayment be given absolute first priority call on any stocks available to the Italian Government on that date. Until written confirmation and agreement to such terms are obtained from the Italian Government, the Allied offer of assistance cannot be confirmed.

Very truly yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Copy to:
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Col Kerr
Econ Sect

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St. H. H. H.

7 February 1946

Ref. 7/100/1/1

Subject: Food for the Italian Navy

Re: 1. 100, 1-5 Section

1. At his conference on 20 October 45, 1945 directed that he should be informed of the earliest date on which the Italian Government could assume the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy before the target date of 31 March 1946.

2. It is apparent that the Italian Government cannot initiate and put into effect a full procurement program for the entire substitution of the Navy's food (now tentatively set at 60,000) before the target date of 31 March 46. This is based upon the following considerations:

(a) The current world food situation will not allow procurement by private importation from the main producing countries of the basic items of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other items required by the Navy. Attempts by the Italian Technical Mission to purchase separately (1) food maintenance items from those countries for the Italian Navy have been unsuccessful.

(b) Lack of surplus United States military stocks to meet this added requirement for the Navy appears impossible in view of your notification that the U.S. Navy holdings do not permit loans and British Lend Lease Act loans only for very short periods (your 7/100/1 of 11 Jan 46 before).

(c) Lack of indigenous stocks, in view of bad harvests and urgent shortfalls and shipping difficulties in the civilian program of Feb 45, presents a delicate problem of balancing civilian needs with military requirements so as to avoid too great disruption or variance from the established low civilian ration scales. Difficulty of procurement from this source has been illustrated already in the case of the Italian Infantry force of 205,000. It is felt that the Italian Government for the Navy and attempts in accordance with such responsibility to procure the added amounts of basic food items would place an undesirable strain on this source for the period Feb-Mar 46.

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3. The Italian High Commissioner for Food has been consulted on the general problem of resettling the remainder of the Italian desert force and the effect of this commitment (having regard to the desert program - 1946) on the present basic ration scales of the civilian population.

4. I have also contacted the Prime Minister on this question and have asked that he call together representatives of the appropriate Italian Ministries to discuss this matter fully and to prepare a general plan for procurement of subsistence items for all of the forces. (See 7/100/1/1 of 31 Jan 1946, copy attached).

5. Upon the completion of these discussions with the Italian Government and our obtaining the general plan for procurement for these forces, I shall inform you of my final recommendation on the matter.

Walter D. Jones
Major General, USA
Chief, Commission

Incl. 1 - 7/100/1/1 of 31 Jan 46
7/100/1/1 of 31 Jan 46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TO: For action ADVISE FOR CDS FOR CCAC FOR CLAO LITA WARGE (LONDON)
FOR CABINET SECRETARIAL WITH AND PHASE FROM HQ ALCON

Ref. No. 9452 Date: 20 December 1945 Precedence: PRIORITY

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This is HQC 415.

Reference G.M./621 of 29 Sept. 1944.

Subject is Subsistence Requirements Italian Interim Force.

1. Italian Government through Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction has agreed to use of YF Fund for purchase of subsistence requirements for Italian Interim Army and Carabinieri (Total 205,000) for period from December 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946. It is understood that action is being taken to block remainder of YF Fund necessary to cover this.

2. Basic monthly import requirements in metric tons for this Force are as follows:

Flour	2,703
Meat and Fish (Preserved)	340
Wheat (Flour equivalent)	560
Vegetables (Dried)	360
Sugar	180
Coffee	90
Pepper	0.9

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3. It is understood here that equivalent amounts were transmitted by Italian Govt. to the Italian Technical Mission. We suggest that this information (which Italian Government has agreed) be transferred to the Mission for immediate consideration and appropriate action with your help. Recurrence of the earlier inaction is regrettable. It is necessary for the maintenance of this Force as well as repayment in kind against loans made for the month of December and possible future loans.

4. Procurement of these items possible from indigenous stocks and surplus stocks within the theater is being and will be made. Allied Force Headquarters informs following available for US surplus 2930 for payment by YF Fund:

Preserved meat/Fish	1,725 metric tons
Coffee	285 "
Sugar	190 "

Any further availabilities here will be notified you so that procurement

Secret.

This is MSG 415.

Reference FM/521 of 29 Sept. 1945.

Subject is Subsistence Requirements Italian Interim Force.

1. Italian Government through Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction has agreed to use of YF Fund for purchase of subsistence requirements for Italian Interim Army and Carabinieri (Total 205,000) for period from December 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946. It is understood that action is being taken to check for similar of YF Fund necessary to cover this.

2. Basic monthly import requirements in metric tons for this Force are as follows:

Flour	2,703
Meat and Fish (Preserved)	540
Wheat and Flour (Equivalent)	540
Vegetables (Dry)	360
Sugar	180
Coffee	90
Pepper	0.9

3. It is understood here that prospective imports were transmitted by Italian Govt. to the Italian Technical Mission. We suggest that this information (which Italian Government has agreed) be transferred to the Mission for immediate consideration and recommendation action with your help. Procurement of the various mentioned items is necessary for the maintenance of this Force as well as equipment in kind against loans made for the month of December and possible future loans.

4. Procurement of these items possible from indigenous stocks and surplus stocks within the Theater is being sought to be made. Allied Force Headquarters enforces following available from US surplus 2830 for payment by YF Funds:

Preserved meat/Fish	1,725 metric tons
Coffee	285 "
Sugar	190 "

Any further availabilities there will be notified you so that procurement by Mission can be correspondingly reduced.

5. For your further information it is understood that Italian Govt. is planning subsistence requirements for Interim Army as well as for Navy of 40,000 and Air Force of 31,000. Calculations for all three Forces planned on daily ration scale as submitted by Ministries, with a 10 percent increase for eventual losses. The Plan as submitted covers one year period plus a two month reserve.

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6. Italian Govt. has been requested to continue plan as final, when this is decided it will be forwarded to you.

7. Question of financing and procurement for this general subsistence plan for all Forces is quite as yet far from being covered, it and as indigenous stocks cannot meet it without impairment of existing civilian ration and surplus military stocks available are insufficient.

8. Your confirmation of receipt of this message and action taken thereon is requested.

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wise, Supply Group

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C. [unclear]

Subject: Flour Loan - Italian Interior Army

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: ITALIAN INTERIOR ARMY
RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/21/50

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

1. The Italian Government is negotiating with United Nations for an advance loan of flour for the purpose of stabilizing the Italian economy and for the purpose of stabilizing the Italian economy and for the purpose of stabilizing the Italian economy.

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has exhaustively investigated the procurement of their requirements for the 10 listed items, the...

1. The material available, which has been reviewed...

2. Additional information regarding the procurement of...

3. Further information that has been received from Italy to...

4. For the sake of the above it is suggested that...

5. Italian and Italian are requested to...

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6. Summary of outstanding items will be attached...

7. Summary of outstanding items will be attached...

R. L. Chisholm
R. L. Chisholm, Major
for Major General
U. S. A.

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appendix 'B' to
 Ltr 1/1-115
 dated 24 Jan. 46

FIGURE - February Requirements - Italian Interim Army

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ITALIAN ARMY DEPOT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MESSINA (a)	25 Bulk Food Depot	1300 metric tons
ANCONA (a)	76 Food Dist. Depot	650 " "
NAPLES	10 Bulk Food Depot	1150 " "
BARI	59 " " "	<u>300</u> " "
		3400 " "

(a) If not available at Messina, release at Bari.

(b) " " " " Ancona, " " Naples.

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20 November 1945

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PARA ONE TO REFERENCE YOUR FOR XRAY FIVE THREE FIVE ONE ZERO DATED ONE SEVEN NOVEMBER TO
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PARA TWO TO CONSIDERED DESIRABLE FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME ON FIRST FEBRUARY
 ONE NINE FOUR SIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING ALLIED MILITARY RATION OF RATION
 FOR ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE AT PRESENT PROVIDED BY ALLIED FORCES TO
 PARATHREE TO PRACTICABILITY DEPENDENT UPON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEING ABLE TO MAKE
 NECESSARY FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR IMPORTATION OF FOLLOWING ITEMS ONE MONTHLY IN ADDITION
 TO PROPOSED CIVILIAN INCREASE FOR ONE NINE FOUR SIX ALL METRIC TONS ONE WHEAT ONE EIGHT
 EIGHT FIVE ONE HUNDRED MEAT OF FISH TWO SEVEN EIGHT DRIED VEGETABLES ONE FIVE EIGHT ONE
 SUGAR NINE TWO FOUR SIX ONE PEPPER TWO SLANT FOUR SIX ONE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT THREE
 FIVE EIGHT ONE ZERO SIX SIX DOLLARS MONTHLY TO

PARA FOUR TO REQUISITE SUPPLIES OF ALL ABOVE ITEMS COULD NOT BE MET BY FIRST
 FEBRUARY FOUR SIX OUT OF EXISTING STOCKS HELD IN ITALIAN ARMY DEPOSITS earmarked FOR
 ITALIAN NAVY AND AIRFORCE TO EXISTING STOCKS OF IMPORTED CIVIL SUPPLIES NOT SUFFICIENT
 TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN NAVY AND AIRFORCE IN ADDITION TO PART MAINTENANCE OF
 ITALIAN ARMY TO

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JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

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Ref: 8255/176/EE

13 April 1946

SUBJECT: UMRA Priority

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. I wish to invite your attention to two almost identical notes verbatim which were sent to the Italian Government by the United States and British Embassies on procurement by the Italian Government for its Armed Forces. In the notes the subordinate position of the Italian Government vis-a-vis UMRA is clearly defined.

2. I feel some concern about the subordination of the Italian Government procurement because of the previous difficulties which have occurred when the Italian Government has undertaken to provide rations for the Army. In general their ability to provision for their Army has been delayed by difficulties in procurement and transportation, as well as the non-availability of supplies in the countries of source. These difficulties have been further enhanced by the non-availability for Armed Forces of such supplies as those shipped by FEA/UMRA, lacking special arrangements for repayment. You will recall that advances have been made to the Italian Government from Allied Military stocks.

3. The notes, stating the views of the two Governments, stipulate that supply must be accomplished from:

- (a) indigenous sources;
- (b) Allied surpluses;
- (c) Italian Government purchases abroad with that Government's foreign credits.

4. I anticipate no priority difficulty with supply from indigenous sources.

5. With respect to Allied Military surpluses, it is to be noted that while this source is listed prominently as available to the Italian Government, the reliability of the source is reduced by the higher priority assigned to UMRA. It is believed that the Italian Government, in its procurement for the Armed Forces, should have an equal, if not a higher priority position than UMRA in procuring from Army surpluses. This belief is supported by the necessity for an efficient and effective military establishment to maintain peace and order in the country, which are prerequisites to UMRA operations.

6. The assignment of an over-riding priority to UMRA for the procurement of imported supplies might have unfortunate effects. 2925

doubtless a dominant factor in the markets of the supplying countries, as well as in the use of transport facilities. With such a priority there is the possibility that procurement agents of UNRRA, in the supplying countries, might assert their priorities to such an extent that the ability of the Italian Government to procure would be prejudiced.

7. Insofar as the Italian Mission of UNRRA is concerned I do not anticipate any difficulties, because that Mission is fully cognizant of the Italian needs and well aware of the necessity for leaving the Italian Government free to procure for the segments of the population for which its funds are not eligible.

8. In view of the considerations above, I suggest submission of a recommendation to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that they represent to the two Governments the desirability of placing the Italian Government on a higher priority in its procurement of supplies for the Armed Forces.

/s/ M. S. Lush
 Brigadier
 Acting Chief Commissioner

Encls. (2)
 Copies of notes verbatim from
 U.S. and British Embassies

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TELEPHONE: 843040 - 49
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Our Ref Q-7

Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)
Surplus Stores Division
Ministry of Supply
British Embassy
~~ROME~~
AFG-CHE

23rd March 1946

Transfer of Stores in Italy through
Chief Disposals Officer

Reference your V.O.D.I. 443/10 dated 16th March, 1946.

It is correct to say that in general UNRSCA have top priority in all stores offered for transfer through this Mission. Stores required by the Italian Navy should be obtained through A.R.A.R. (Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residui), the Italian agency receiving British surpluses.

A similar enquiry has been made by the MFA (Military Mission to the Italian Army) in relation to the Italian Army, and in this connection an MFA representative has been attached to G.H.Q. to watch for surpluses being passed to A.R.A.R. so that these can be asked for by the Italian Army.

SGD. H.D. FRY, Colonel
CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER (ITALY)

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Office of the Plac Officer,
Liaison, Italy.
Rome.

Copy to: Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.

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Office of the Flag Officer
Liaison, Italy
Rome

16th March 1946

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CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER, ROME.

(Copy to: Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission).

TRANSFER OF STORES IN ITALY THROUGH CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER

It has been brought to my notice that United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration have top priority in all stores offered for transfer through the Disposal Mission, and in view of the fact that it is important, and in some instances essential for the Italian Navy to have first refusal of all stores offered from Royal Naval Bases in Italy, confirmation is requested that arrangements can be made to implement this request.

SIGNED C.L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL

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2/12/46.CD.

British Embassy

Rome

NOTE VERBALE

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour, under instructions, to communicate the views of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on certain points related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:-

- (1). Italian military requirements should, as far as possible, be provided from indigenous Italian resources.
- (2). All imports, including tyres and tubes, should be purchased by the Italian Government through their own resources in accordance with existing arrangements for supplies outside the basic programme.
- (3). UNRRA supplies may not be used by the Italian Army.
- (4). Italian military requirements should be subordinate to UNRRA for the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
- (5). The maximum use should be made of Allied Army surpluses to meet the requirements of the Italian Army.
- (6). Requirements for Italy sponsored by UNRRA must have priority over requirements for the military forces.
- (7). Supplies in Category A. of the civilian import programme should not be used for military purposes except where the Allied Commission believe it impracticable to establish a separate line of supply for specific items outside that programme.
- (8). No specific additional tonnage should be included in the Category A programme for Italian military requirements.
- (9). No assurance can be given as to the flow of military supplies.

8th January, 1946

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The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Palazzo Chigi
ROME

C O P YNOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the State Department at Washington, has the honor to communicate the views of the United States Government with regard to the following questions related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:

- (a) Priority as between Italian Army and UNRRA in obtaining surplus property;
- (b) Priority as between Italian military requirements and civilian requirements in Italian import program;
- (c) Question of assurance to be given concerning furnishing of supplies in the civil import program;
- (d) Whether specific additional tonnage shall be included in civil import program for military purposes;
- (e) Whether live and tube equipment can be supplied through civilian import program.

On these questions, the views of the United States Government are as follows:-

1. We agree that Italian military requirements should, in first instance, be taken from Italian indigenous resources, and secondly, from surplus United States and United Kingdom stocks in Italy.
2. UNRRA should have priority over Italian military requirements in the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
3. Items including live and tube requirements which cannot be supplied locally or from surplus should be purchased by Italian Government through its available foreign resources. Italian Government should determine relative priority of military and civilian requirements in making its purchases.
4. UNRRA supplies cannot be used for military purposes.
5. Supplies in category A, civilian import program, should not (repeat not) be used for military purposes except where Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish separate line of supply for specific items outside that program. No specific additional tonnages should be included in category A program for Italian military requirements.

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ROME, January 4, 1946
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To the
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Ref. : 0255/205/20
 SUBJECT: Fuel for Italian Army.

3 June 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I am informed that although the Italian Army has been allotted adequate supplies of motor fuels and lubricants that there has been a delay in delivering to certain units the quantities which have been allotted to them.

2. The Minister of War has been informed of the need for economy but even so I consider he will be unable to meet his various commitments unless he is assured that his requirements of petroleum products will be punctually and regularly supplied especially during June and July.

3. The difficulty has no doubt been accentuated by the recent strike of C.I.P. employees and this has demonstrated to what extent, in the absence of national reserves, the Italian Army is dependent on a regular and adequate supply being maintained.

4. I understand that it is intended to prolong the present status of C.I.P. to the 31st August and that after this date the distribution of petroleum products will revert to commercial companies whose facilities have been pooled and are now being used by C.I.P. It would appear that this latter course might result in a certain confusion and possible breakdown in the planned and orderly distribution of fuel rendering still more difficult the supply of the Army's needs.

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5. I therefore request you to

(a) insist that provision be made for the immediate needs of the Armed Forces to be met without delay in order to avoid a further deterioration of the necessity for military control to be established over the storage installations.

(b) re-examine in the light of what is truly practicable the intention to hand over to competitive commercial concerns after 31 August the distribution of the limited quantities of petroleum products available for use in Italy.

Yours very truly
 /s/ R.S. LUSH
 Brigadier

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for
 BRIMBY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
 President of the Council of Ministers
 Italian Government
 Rome

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Ref: 9006/ME.

15 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of
to Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

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M. S. DUFF

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner
Land Forces S/C (JCMIA)
Recn Sec (for CMM Branch)
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C

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Ref: 9006/235/90.

16 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied Military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.R.A.R.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.R. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lie with your Government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to compete. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may not against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this might be done by including in the A.R.A.R. organisation a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Minister accordingly.

You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

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M.S. LUSH

Brigadier

Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Land Forces S/C (MMIA)
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THIS IS NAT 1053. REF TAM 228 OF 17 JULY 1944

PARA 1. PURSUANT TO REDUCING COMMITMENTS OF ALLIED SUPPLY
ACCOUNTING AGENCY WITH VIEW TO ULTIMATE CLOSE OUT THIS HQ BY LETTER
DATED 28 OCT 1946 SUBJECT QUOTE ACCOUNTING RETURNS THROUGH 30 JUNE
1946 BY TAM 228 UNQUOTE ADDRESSED TO CCS FOR COMBINED CIVIL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED HAND BACK TO THE PROVIDING ARMY THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF ACCOUNTING FOR SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

TARGET DATE JAN 1st 1947.

REQUEST EARLY REPLY ON THIS SUBJECT BY LETTER.

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6 DEC. 46

ALGERIA SOURCE: HUMANITARIAN.

Subject: DISPOSITION OF FOX FOR ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref your letter 6-5 : 960.5 dated 17 June 46.

1. Owing to the non-arrival of shipping in Italy the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce have been forced to cut the allocation of FOX to the Italian Army for the month of November by 50%. A similar cut is expected for December.
2. As a result the Italian Army has introduced emergency measures to reduce its petrol consumption but has also had to draw on its reserve stocks.
3. It is possible that the shipping situation may improve but falling this by 1 Jan 47 the Italian Army will be faced with having only 1 month's supply of FOX plus whatever is allocated for January.
4. Naturally, this is a cause of concern to the Italian Ministry of War and they have approached this Mission with a request that we examine the possibility of FOX being supplied on loan to the Italian Army from Allied depots as envisaged in para 4 of your above quoted letter, to enable the Army to continue to maintain itself.
5. The Ministry of War estimate their requirements as:-

Petrol M.T.	5,500 tons	for month	2912
Derv.	1,000 "	"	"
Personnel	40 "	"	"
Engine Oil	150 "	"	"
Gear Oil	30 "	"	"
Cyanoac M.T.	10 "	"	"

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7. The Ministry of War request they may be informed if such consideration would be forthcoming should the situation referred to in para 3 above arise.

9 Apr 46

Major-General,
HQ, 201A.

Copy to:- HQ, 201A.
Chief Commissioner AG. (Ref B 55/205/21 of 3 June 45).

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UNCLASSIFIED.

Supply of Italian Troops under Allied Control is subject.

1. MMIA raises question of supply and equipments requirements beyond Italian Army scales needed by Italian Troops on Allied Missions.
2. Example quoted is need for additional signal equipment and POL by Tolmezzo Battalion on frontier control duty in Udine Area.
3. MMIA consider these excess requirements should be met by Allied Forces.
4. Information needed here is :
 - A. Where have such Troops obtained excess requirements in past.
 - B. What is total excess requirements equipment and supply involved.

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Ref: 8252/375/EC27 September 1946

Dear Dr. Cappa,

With reference to my letter No. 8252/333/EC dated 29 July 46 and your acknowledgement No. 772 79/19.5 dated 22 August 46 regarding the Triesteini who enlisted from POW Camps in the British Army in India.

I would appreciate the information promised at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Under-Secretary of State,
The Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.
ROME.

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TRANSLATIONTHE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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Rome, 26 September 1946

Dear Admiral,

The Presidency of the Council begs me to inform you of the receipt of your letter No. 8255/241 and, in thanking you on behalf of the Government for the care which you have taken to ensure that the Armed Forces have precedence in the assignment of Allied materials, I wish to assure you that instructions have been given both to the Ministry of War and to the Air Ministry in order that the practical means of the procedure agreed on for the transfer of all materials to the Italian Administration should be carried out in the most satisfactory manner.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(s) Paolo Cappa.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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ALLIED SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY

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Unresolved subjects of Caserta is subject
Billing for issues to Italian Armed Forces

You should proceed to bill Italian Govt (unilaterally) for
U S supplies issued to Italian Armed Forces under Auth Par
75871688/ SECT 45. Prices furnished will be used in billing
computations Par prices for U S coal and coke

British here advise London furnishing you direct U S
prices on coal and coke Par Sept 45/ Pol deliveries.

British here advise Army Navy Petroleum Board and
British Ministry of Fuel and POWER currently engaged in
discussions deciding Sept 45 POL responsibility as between
U S and U K, but no Rpt no decision has as yet been reached
par adjustments requested LAC Airgram 14 Sig.

Office CH of Finance will furnish A AA with reports,
within 30 days, on diversions to and from Italy based on info
submitted in LAC Airgram 146. Reports will be furnished in
exactly same manner as shipping reports. ED Form/464-465 and
466 show gross data diverted to and from Italy par billing for
supplies furnished Udine Venezia-Giulia will be billed **2907**
Italian Govt under existing accounting procedure pertaining to
billing for civ supplies. Prices previously furnished will be
used in billing computations. Separate accounts should be
established for Udine and Venezia-Giulia as distinct from
regular billing to Italian Govt.

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REF: 001/001/001

28 August 1948

By General T. Price, Minister,

You will be aware that on 11th July 1948, the British Government announced its policy on the subject of supplies for the Italian Armed Forces.

In a report of the Committee on the Italian Question, the Committee stated that the British Government was prepared to supply the Italian Armed Forces with the quantities of supplies which they required, provided that the Italian Government was prepared to supply the British Government with the quantities of supplies which they required.

Minister of the Italian
Government
Ministry of War
Rome

It is requested that you will inform the Italian Government of the above and that you will inform the Italian Government of the above and that you will inform the Italian Government of the above.

Yours faithfully,
General T. Price

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In conformity with this agreement I have instructed the Allied Services Air Commissions concerned to do everything possible to obtain all information necessary to ensure the smooth hand over of this vast quantity of material and hope that this may be achieved, so that the Allied troops may be enabled to leave Italy according to their programme and the Italian Nation may benefit by the receipt of some valuable stores.

I should like to thank you for the ready understanding of your representatives in this matter and would ask you to give appropriate instructions to your staffs so that the implementation of the details may be achieved as expeditiously as the agreement in principle.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

Major General, USA
Allied Services Air Commission

Mr. John A. Rogers,
President of the Council of Masters,
Air Force Council,
RAF.

Copy to Chief Commissioner
Allied Services Air Commission
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22 August 1946

REF: 335/12

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army

TO: U.S. Economic Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Meeting will be held under the Chairmanship of the Executive Commissioner in the Chief Conference Room on Friday 23 August 46 at 10:30 hrs. for the purpose of discussing the provision of equipment for the Italian Army. A memorandum for the basis of the discussion is attached.

2. Addressees are requested to send representatives to this meeting who are fully conversant with the matters to be discussed. Navy and Air Forces Sub-Commission's are also invited to attend if they so wish.

3. Representatives of the Italian Government departments concerned will be present at the meeting.

S. W. HIND SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.Copies to: Navy 3/5
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Mr. Buchanan

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Memorandum on Equipment for the Italian Army for
discussion at Allied Commission Meeting - 23 Aug 46

1. Most of the Armament and Weapons of the Italian Army and much of the transport and mechanical equipment are of British pattern and, except for motor transport, will probably remain so for some time.

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- (c) Overseas import programme.

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No.2 Sub Depot - Clothing and General Stores (Naples. S.Giorgio)

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- No.3 Sub Depot - Armaments & War Instruments (Pontecagnano)

Material in No.2 Sub Depot, although originally for military use has also a civilian use and for this we make no special claim for the Italian Army.

Material in No.1 Sub Depot includes some spare parts for military type vehicles such as armoured cars and tracked weapon carriers which would be of no use to any other makes.

Material in No.3 Sub Depot is of no use in its present form to anyone but the Army, although the quantity of some items may be in excess of the army's needs.

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8. The Supreme Allied Commander has suggested that M.M.I.A. and representatives of the War Ministry should take part in the hand over so as to facilitate identification of stores and to ensure the most economical use of purely warlike equipment in the interest of the Italian nation.

9. This representation would only be effective if the Italian Government instructs A.R.A.R. to give the War Ministry some preference in respect of certain material.

10. The Italian Government is therefore asked to agree to the following three principles :-

(a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and of the Ministry of War should be present at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.

(b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T. spares in No.1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by M.M.I.A.) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.

(c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No.3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

If agreement in principle is reached as above the detailed method could be left to A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry as advised by M.M.I.A.

AUG 17 1946

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PRESIDENZA DEL GOVERNO DEI MINISTRI
Il Sottosegretario di Stato

71775/62350.4/9.1

13 August 1946

My dear General,

Ref. your letter No. 8255/205/10 of the 3 June 46 to the President of the Council. I inform you that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, after investigating the question of the supply of fuel to the Italian Army, has stated that the delay complained of does not take place at the time of consignment, but at the time of its removal. An earnest request has therefore been made to the Ministry of War in order that this inconvenient state of affairs may be remedied.

As regards the charging of private firms with the distribution of the fuel available in Italy, which before was dealt with by the G.I.P., the Ministry of Industry has stated that such a measure is quite indispensable, in view of the deficiency found in the service of the G.I.P. and in order to ensure the necessary care for the normalisation of the petrochemical trade and industry, eliminating for reasons of economic and social order, all monopolies no longer justified by the exigencies of war.

Please accept my sincere good wishes.

(Signature)

Brigadier M.S. LUSH,
Exec. Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref. 9006/300/43

17 July 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to my letter of 9006/300/43 dated 24 May on
the subject of supplies for the Italian naval forces.

I would appreciate the continued assistance in the form
of supplies as requested.

Yours very truly,

1c/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government

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COPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 912

G-5 : 960.51

7 June 1946

SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

Reference G255/204/33, 3 June 1946, (31)

1. It is the responsibility of the Italian Government to provide POL for the Italian Armed Forces.
2. The Italian Military, in conjunction with the Italian Government must decide the size and location of the stocks needed to meet any situation which the Italian Army, in its internal security role, may be called upon to deal. Therefore, the provisioning of the depots listed in your Appendix "A" is the responsibility of the Italian Government and if they consider that these are the most suitable locations to hold reserves of POL action to implement them should be taken forthwith.
3. As the maintenance of internal order is of primary interest to the Allies, you should encourage the Italian Government by every legitimate means to institute adequate and timely procedures for the maintenance of its armed forces by the establishment of reserve depots and other well recognized methods.
4. Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces in any circumstances other than that envisaged above would be a matter for decision when such circumstances arise.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MURRAY

cc Dist - 20 June
Acting - Land Force (2)
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/s/ A.L. HANCOCK
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref: 8255/204/30

3 June 1946.

SUBJECT: P.O.L. for Italian Army.

TO: A.S.H.Q.

1. It is evident that without regional reserves under its control the Italian Army is dependent on C.I.P. for supplying its requirements of petroleum products in a regular and orderly fashion. In times of emergency when the internal security of Italy might be menaced it may be expected the C.I.P.'s ability to carry out its functions will be adversely effected owing to the possibility of its employees being involved in the general unrest.

Already the efficiency of the Army and C.I.P. has been hampered by a lack of mobility due to non-arrival or late receipt of essential supplies. The situation suffered a further deterioration due to the recent strike among the petroleum workers engaged in the civilian distribution of petroleum products. Industrial disputes will undoubtedly be fanned by extremists anxious to embarrass the Government.

2. The War Ministry is being pressed by Land Forces HQ-Commission to assume control of adequate supplies and similarly the attention of the Italian Government is being drawn by us to their responsibility in the matter.

3. Under the terms of para 5 of AFM Directive of 2 November 1945 the A.S.H.Q. reserves the right to re-assume command, at any time, of any part of the Italian Army. Even before such a step was taken the A.S.H.Q. might be deeply concerned as to the ability of the Italian Armed Forces to function under Italian Command. It is therefore felt that A.S.H.Q. may wish to make provision for an adequate supply of P.O.L. in case this emergency does arise.

4. At Appendix "A" is listed the Italian Army depots on which both Army Units and C.I.P. could be based together with the estimated consumption of P.O.L. for one month. If you consider you are requested to forward instructions as to the appropriate method of obtaining emergency supplies with the minimum of delay should the need arise in one or other of the localities mentioned.

/s/ L.S. MANN
Brigadier

For

WILFRED V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: Land Forces HQ
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APPENDIX 2

No.	Point or Bulk Installation		M.F. Control	Dist.	Personnel	Motor Oil	Gear Oil 2,600	Grease	
	From	To							
1.	WHS (Hwy.)	WHS	WHS Epa	10,477 2,277,650	2,716 332,290	190 23,275	573 96,323	190 15,629	6.2
2.	WHS (Hwy. Depot)	WHS	WHS Epa	1,706 442,570	381 121,970	65 2,634	176 30,991	84 2,446	1.4
3.	WHS	WHS	WHS Epa	1,543 507,000	6,496 201,570	31 3,324	193 22,215	31 4,999	2.0
4.	WHS	WHS	WHS Epa	1,103 134,170	6,5 27,170	9 1,210	55 7,495	8 1,118	
5.	WHS (Hwy. In Mail)	WHS	WHS Epa	531 31,000	380 31,130	8 1,435	38 5,151	5 362	
6.	WHS	WHS	WHS Epa	901 107,010	355 67,870	22 2,897	60 9,756	7 4,836	
7.	WHS	WHS	WHS Epa	375 64,690	179 6,600	6 225	16 1,710	4 509	
TOTAL			WHS Epa	31,610 1,612,700	7,000 32,700	90 31,150	1,128 161,434	190 26,895	10.

(4) Estimated amount for other items should be supplied.

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APPENDIX IV

	U.S. Petrol	Deer	Containers	Motor Oil	Gear Oil	Grease	Transport by rail or road	Responsibility for furnishing bulk containers for transport
Ita. Tonn.	15,477 2,277,140	3,714 355,350	190 2,235	673 95,328	190 15,529	34 6,225	RAIL	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	3,726 442,570	933 121,570	45 5,574	466 10,931	24 3,246	8 1,227	RAIL	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	6,443 822,850	1,495 101,370	32 4,024	175 22,210	31 4,959	10,3 2,085	RAIL	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	1,403 191,170	569 82,430	9 1,210	53 3,405	8 3,110	2,3 410	---	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	824 92,980	550 54,130	8 1,085	35 2,451	5 345	1,8 345	---	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	301 107,000	305 67,570	22 2,631	40 5,756	7 1,006	2,3 414	SHIP (12' oval 8310)	Italian Military
Brit. Tonn.	375 146,650	475 64,000	6 823	16 1,710	4 589	1,3 257	SHIP (12' oval 8310)	ITALIAN Military
Brit. Tonn.	34,610 1,615,700	7,000 942,700	300 32,160	1,120 161,430	150 16,895	60 10,857		

See Item 1111 - U.S. should be supplied.

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C O P Y

Ref. : 8255/205/EC
SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army.

3 June 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I am informed that although the Italian Army has been allotted adequate supplies of motor fuels and lubricants that there has been a delay in delivering to certain Units the quantities which have been allotted to them.

2. The Minister of War has been informed of the need for economy but even so I consider he will be unable to meet his various commitments unless he is assured that his requirements of petroleum products will be punctually and regularly supplied especially during June and July.

3. The deficiency has no doubt been accentuated by the recent strike of C.I.P. employees and this has demonstrated to what extent, in the absence of regional reserves, the Italian Army is dependent on a regular and adequate supply being maintained.

4. I understand that it is intended to prolong the present status of C.I.P. to the 31st August and that after this date the distribution of petroleum products will revert to commercial companies whose depleted facilities have been pooled and are now being used by C.I.P. It would appear that this latter course might result in a certain confusion and possible breakdown in the planned and orderly distribution of POL rendering still more difficult the supply of the Army's needs.

5. I therefore request you to

- (a) insist that provision be made for the immediate needs of the Armed Forces to be met without delay in order to avoid a further deterioration of the situation which might result in the necessity for military control to be established over the storage installations.
- (b) re-examine in the light of what is truly practicable the intention to hand over to competitive commercial concerns after 31 August the distribution of the limited quantities of petroleum products available for use in Italy.

Yours very truly,

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Feeding of Italian armed Forces. Reference No. 3290 dated 27 May 46.
It is not considered by AFHQ and agreed telephone conversation Sealey-Cowper even date that action on fan 663 is necessary.

2. Your letter 8255/184 dated 20 April 1946 refers and finalised the arrangement for provisioning Italian Armed Forces by the Italian Government Wef 1 June AM 1946.

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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Ref: 906/X9/II.

31 May 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your 605/12040.441/19.8 of 5 May 46. 25

I fear that I cannot consider the position as satisfactory. From correspondence between A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry dated 19 March 46 (reference 120/12037/46) and 23 April 46 (reference War Ministry 20560/II) it would appear that the War Ministry is not receiving sufficient material aid from this source.

It appears that the War Ministry will obtain nothing from A.R.A.R. without Treasury approval in first instance and further that A.R.A.R. refuse to "finance" material considered by the War Ministry of value to them pending a Treasury decision.

I agree that my suggestion to highlight in the A.R.A.R. organization direct War Ministry representation would not longer appear desirable.

I would ask, however, for an assurance that the needs of the Italian Army will be given the consideration justified by their importance so that the efficiency of the Italian Army may be maintained.

It is a matter of concern to you a deterioration of the Army resulting from lack of maintenance.

I will give one example. On 8 Nov 45 the War Ministry under reference 1912/II requested the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to allocate a proportion of tyres and tyre repair facilities to the Army. In spite of frequent reminders no results have been achieved.

The transport of both Army and G.N.M. is reduced to a dangerously low level and lack of tyres is a serious contributory factor.

The percentage of tyres received by A.R.A.R. from Allied surplus stocks which have been released to the War Ministry are insufficient to remedy the present position.

The War Ministry require:

- (a) adequate repair facilities;
- (b) the release of tyres listed at Appendix "A".

May I have your assurance that this maintenance will be given and a copy of any instructions which may be issued to the Department enclosed. 2592

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery V. Stone
 Chief of Staff,
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
 President of Council of Ministers,
 Italian Government, Rome.

APPENDIX "A" to Ref: 9006/309/10
dated May 1966.

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500 x 12	2500	250	2500	250
550 x 12	1800	180	1800	180
600 x 17/425 x 17/ 450 x 17/120 x 40	1600	160	1600	160
600 x 16/150 x 40	500	50	500	50
140 x 40/165 x 40	500	50	500	50
44 x 45	100	10	100	10
700 x 10	1000	100	1000	100
32 x 6/34 x 7	3600	360	3600	360
240 x 20	8000	800	8000	800
370 x 20/38 x 9/1050 x 20	3500	350	3500	350

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Ref. : 8255/10

14 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Food Supplies.

TO : Land Forces S/C (MSEA)
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C

Attached for your information is copy of HQ AF Signal
No. 2990 dated 10 May 46.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

E. W. HIND-SMITH

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Deputy,
Executive Commissioner.

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FROM: HQ ALCON

10 MAY 1946

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(3) AMEMB WASH

Ref. No. 2990

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Reference COM 425. Requirements of most and fish for Italian Armed Forces for first three months of 1946 were met from loans and surplus allied stocks. 2244 tons needed for April, May, June. April and May requirements have been loaned by Allied Armed Forces but must be repaid as no further surplus stocks are available. Requirement for second six months is 5416 tons. This figure includes provision for increase of 10,000 men in Italian Army/Gendarmerie figure. Strength of forces now as follows: Army/Gendarmerie 245,000, Navy 58,000, Air Force 31,000. Figure quoted of 3650 tons in COM 425 is incorrect. Super requirements were not given in MSG air - gram 149 AS Italian Government were proposing to meet this demand from USRA imported stocks as they did not realize that this was not allowed under USRA charter. Requirements from October onwards will be met from local resources but 1,027 tons required for July, August, September.

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- (3) ATTORNEY GENERAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 212/53

9 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Correspondence.

TO : The Chief of Cabinet,
Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

1. As I am sure you realize, it is the endeavour of this Commission assist your Government in every possible way, but there are occasions, caused, no doubt, through oversight, when we are barred from assisting further by lack of replies to our letters.

2. For your information I am quoting two examples.

- (a) On 16 February 1946, I wrote to the Prime Minister under reference 9006/235/EC on the subject of Equipment for Italian Army (copy enclosed). This letter contained proposals for the inclusion in A.R.A.R. of a small nucleus of Army officers to safeguard the interests of your Minister of War.

As this matter was of some urgency, a further letter, No. 9006/273/EC dated 23 March 1946 was sent to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers requesting a reply to the original letter.

In addition, on 9 April, the Italian Liaison Officer to the Allied Commission, Dott. Bombassei and the Cabinet of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers were asked to expedite a reply, but to date without success.

- (b) The second case to which I should like to draw your attention deals with the question of Espionage.

On 6 October 1945, Admiral Stone wrote to the Prime Minister under reference DE/14/GA (copy attached) asking for information regarding 4 groups of Fascist societies.

A further letter under similar reference was sent on 10 November asking for an early reply.

On April 6, I wrote enclosing a copy of the original letter and asking for a reply with the least possible delay.

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The assistance of Dott. Bombassei was requested in this case on 29 April but to date no reply has been received.

3. There are several other similar cases which I will not specify in detail.

4. I am sure that you will agree, that it is difficult for the Commission to give full assistance under these circumstances and trust that you will look into this matter for me.

For the Chief Commissioner,

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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2017Ref: 9806/235/WT16 February 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied Military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.R.A.R.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.R. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lies with your Government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to cope. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may not against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that that this might be done by including in the A.R.A.R. organisation a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (SLIA) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Ministry accordingly.

You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italian Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ W.S. LUSH
Brigadier,

Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

6 October 1945

Ref DF/1A/GA

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to refer to Sig. Bonomi's letter 10815/1/7 of 7 Oct 44 with regard to the position of certain fascist organizations, some of which were to be abolished, some were to be re-organized, some were to continue but their staff were to be epurated. Particulars of these 27 bodies were contained in a memorandum of the Minister of Justice dated 22 Jan 44 and the proposals are referred to in detail in Sig. Bonomi's letter to which reference is made above and he there promised that further communication would be made to this Commission in due course.

The matter has been left in abeyance because it was recognised that a considerable time could be necessary to complete whatever had to be done whether it was re-organization or epuration. It is felt however that this Commission should now receive particulars as to how these Societies have been dealt with.

Would you be good enough therefore to supply this Commission with a short summary of the position of these 27 organizations dividing them into four groups.

- a) Group I - Bodies to be abolished.
Please supply a list of the bodies and against each a reference to the decree abolishing the same.
- b) Group II - Bodies to be re-organized.
Please supply a list of the bodies and against each a reference to the decree re-organising or re-constituting the same.
- c) Group III - Bodies to be epurated.
Please supply a list showing whether epuration is complete or the date it is expected to be finished.
- d) Group IV - Bodies as to which no action is contemplated.
Please supply a list of these bodies.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL COMANDO DEI MINISTRI

Ref. 68501/12060.101/19.6

Rome, 3 May 1946

Dear General,

I considered it advisable to hear the opinion of the Ministry of War regarding the problem of equipment for the new Italian Army, which point was raised in your letter to me n. 9006/235/83 dtd 16 Feb last.

I am forwarding you a copy of their reply n. 206496 dtd 9 March, as it stands, and as of the opinion that it deserves your kindly consideration, given the clear out practicability of the solutions proposed for an immediate attainment of the object in view.

With kind regards,

(Signature)

Brigadier General M.S. LOMB
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Rome, 9 March 1946

R.205456/11

Ref your R.61443/12060/12060.44.5.19.8, dtd 1 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Assignment of War Material to the F.F.A. (Armed Forces).

TO : Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Palazzo, Rome

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MILA) A.F.
(Ref R.1/003 of dtd 18 Feb 1946)

General Director of A.R.A.R.

1. From the moment the Allies notified their intention of handing over their deposits of material in Italy to the Italian Government, this Ministry has been anxious to obtain all available material for the Army, except which must be distinguished:

- (1) military material which, according to the orders of A.F.A. given during the war, must be handed over to the Army without payment (letter from A.C.C.R.-I.M.G. Section, A.F.A., 324, dtd 10/8/1945 and administrative instructions n. 10 of dtd 10/8/1945);
- (2) material not being military property which it is in the interests of the Army to acquire.

2. In view of the rules for the functioning of A.R.A.R. and that the Territorial Military Commands exercise the custody of all material handed over by the Allies, it was ruled (Circular 225200/11 dtd 20 Nov 1945 and n. 202500/11 dtd 4 Feb 1946, copies of which are attached) (i) that the Territorial Military Commands should come to an agreement with the local representative of A.R.A.R., (ii) that they should arrange as soon as possible to examine all material present in the deposits and (iii) immediately after:

- (a) remove the war material recognized as such without objection from the local representative of A.R.A.R.;
- (b) inform the General Direction of this Ministry what material the representatives of A.R.A.R. claim as being military property;
- (c) propose the purchasing of material not pertaining to the military authorities, which is deemed useful.

The general directions have direct contacts with A.R.A.R. both for discussion over the military ownership of certain materials and for fixing the prices and manner of transferring the materials which the Territorial Military Commands intend to acquire.

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3. An expedition is therefore already in being which, in agreement with A.M.A.E., will ensure that this Ministry is immediately informed regarding the materials handed over by the Allies. Officers of the Territorial Military Commands, who are specialists for each type of material, decide whether it belongs to the military and are able to point out its usefulness. Other officers of the individual general directions are particularly competent for settling possible differences between the Direction of A.M.A.E. and the War Ministry, and to negotiate the purchasing of suitable material.

I consider therefore that no particular improvement could be obtained by the assignment of one or two officers to A.M.A.E.

4. On the other hand a point which I consider essential for ensuring that the Army orders into possession of the war material as quickly as possible, is to obtain the consent of the Allies that their material should be, in accordance with the ruling of A.M.A.E., handed over directly to representatives of the War Ministry before the material has been shipped to A.M.A.E.

5. Combined with the above mentioned point which should be discussed with the Allies, it is proposed to amend article 2, specifying that as soon as the Allies have handed over a quantity of material to A.M.A.E. the latter should draw the list of the material to the competent Territorial Military Command of the district and afterwards forward the list to the Central Direction of A.M.A.E. clearly indicating which materials the Military Command desired to purchase outright or as being accepted as belonging to military administration. Such materials, naturally, should be kept at the disposition of this Ministry.

6. Lastly it is proposed to send an official to give an Indian officer attached to the office of the Chief Financial Officer, in order that he can inform without delay of the Territorial Military Commands direct, what materials are on the point of being handed over. This would avoid the inconveniences which have occurred in the past of the Territorial Military Commands being forced of the handing over of the material of material after the Allied guards had already left and after pilfering and damage to the war material concerned.

I have already given orders to this effect by direct request of A.M.A.E.

DR. BRUNNEN
(M. Brunen)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission SEC 394.

MSC/1933.
23rd April, 1946

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy.
The Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq., Allied Commission.
The Naval Liaison Officer to the Supreme Allied
Commander, Mediterranean.

Subject: D N R R A Priority.

- Enclosure (a) : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission's letter number 255/83 dated 18th March, 1946.
- Enclosure (b) : Acting Chief Commissioner's letter number 255/176/83 dated 13th April, 1946.
- Enclosure (c) : Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy's letter number 2041 443/10 dated 16th March, 1946.
- Enclosure (d) : Chief Disposal Officer, Italy's letter 4-7 dated 23rd March, 1946.

Forwarded for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and for any action that may be deemed desirable.

2. The following remarks are submitted:-

- (a) The Italian Government is provisionally assuming the responsibility for feeding the Italian Navy on 1st June, 1946 and therefore, the supply of sufficient food required to meet this new commitment should be ensured. The British and American Government's policy to be followed, contained in the Embassy's "Notes verbales" to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs would appear to be detrimental to the Italian Government's efforts in maintaining her Armed Forces. Paragraph 2 of enclosure (b) refers.

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Continuation of Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/4959, dated 23rd April 1946.

- (b) In accordance with the Combined Chiefs of Staff policy laid down in C.C.S. 515 dated 19th March, 1944, the United Kingdom is primarily responsible for the repair, maintenance and supply of Italian Navy vessels in the Mediterranean. It is therefore considered essential that the Italian Ministry of Marine should have first refusal of all surplus stores reported to the Chief Disposals Officer, from Royal Navy Bases in Italy, in order that the despatch of Naval Stores from the United Kingdom be curtailed to the minimum. In view of the fact that U.M.R.R.A. have priority over Italian military requirements for the disposal of surplus property however, the Italian Navy is not getting the full benefit from Royal Navy surpluses turned over to the Italian Government through the agency of the Chief Disposals Officer. Paragraph 5 of enclosure (2), and enclosure (3) refer. While the transfer of Royal Navy Stores at Taranto, Naples and Leghorn to the Italian Royal Navy has been satisfactorily accomplished through the Chief Disposals Officer, it is considered that the procedure in respect of any Naval Stores that are hence available for transfer in the future, be already established in favour of the Italian Ministry of Marine. To this end, it is suggested that the procedure outlined in paragraph 4 of enclosure (3) which is considered cumbersome, be amended in order that Royal Navy Stores be turned over direct to the Italian Navy, details of the transfer being reported to the Chief Disposals Officer by the Royal Navy Authority concerned for accounting action; the Italian Ministry of Marine reserving the right however, of obtaining any other British Stores, if required, from the Azienda Militare Alleanziana Residuaria.
- (c) The present procedure for the supply of British coal and petroleum products to the Italian Royal Navy is through the Italian Government Import Commission. As no assurance can be given as to the flow of military supplies, then the registration of Italian Prisoners of War for whose transportation the Italian Ministry of Marine is responsible, and the Italian Royal Navy share in mine-sweeping in the Mediterranean may well be prejudiced. Paragraph 6 of enclosure (3) refers.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF OF ESTIMES.

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NOTICE OF THE ITALIAN CROSS

Ref: 6255/10

18th March, 1946.

Subject: Feeding of the Italian Cross Forces.

To : V/Concordia Section.

1. I enclose copies of two almost identical notes verbatim which were presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January. The copy was sent to Allied Commission.

2. In view of the responsibility now assumed by the Italian Government in respect of the Italian Army and shortly to be assumed in respect of the other armed services, I would ask you to discuss the notes with representatives of the Service Sub-Committee and draft a representation to them if you consider one necessary.

(Sd) H. J. 1946.

Brigadier,
REPRODUCTION OF THE ITALIAN CROSS.

Copy to: Land Forces 1/1 (MIA)
Navy 1/1
Air Forces 1/1

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2/12/46. G.D.

British Embassy
Rome.

MEMORANDUM

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour, under instructions, to communicate the views of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on certain points related to the equipment of the Italian Armed Forces:

1. Italian military requirements should, as far as possible, be provided from Italian industrial resources.
2. All imports, including tyres and tubes, should be purchased by the Italian Government through their own resources in accordance with existing arrangements for supplies outside the basic programme.
3. USMA supplies may not be used by the Italian Army.
4. Italian military requirements should be subordinate to USMA for the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
5. The services and shops of Allied exp. agencies to meet the requirements of the Italian Army.
6. Requirements for Italy sponsored by USMA must have priority over requirements for the military forces.
7. Supplies in Category A of the civilian import programme should not be used for military purposes except where the Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish a separate line of supply for specific items outside that programme.
8. No specific additional languages should be included in the Category A programme for Italian military requirements.
9. No assurance can be given as to the flow of military supplies.

5th January, 1946.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
Rome.

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- (1) The United States is committed to the principle of self-determination of peoples.
- (2) The United States is committed to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.
- (3) The United States is committed to the principle of peaceful coexistence between different social systems.
- (4) The United States is committed to the principle of equality of rights for all peoples.
- (5) The United States is committed to the principle of mutual respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states.
- (6) The United States is committed to the principle of mutual benefit and cooperation between all countries.

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5. The United States is committed to the principle of mutual respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states.
6. The United States is committed to the principle of mutual benefit and cooperation between all countries.

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Ref. : 225/125/23

14th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: USSR Priority

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. I wish to invite your attention to two almost identical notes verbatim which were sent to the Italian Government by the United States and British Embassies on procurement by the Italian Government for its Armed Forces. In the notes the subordinate position of the Italian Government vis-a-vis USSR is clearly defined.

2. I feel some concern about the subordination of the Italian Government procurement program to the previous limitation which have occurred when the Italian Government has undertaken to provide rations for the Army. In general their ability to provision for their Army has been delayed by difficulties in procurement and transportation, as well as the non-availability of supplies in the countries of source. These difficulties have been further enhanced by the non-availability for Armed Forces of such supplies as those supplied by the USSR, lacking special arrangements for payment. You will recall that advances have been made to the Italian Government from Allied military stocks.

3. The notes, stating the views of the two Governments, stipulate that supply must be accomplished from:

- (a) indigenous sources;
- (b) Allied supplies;
- (c) Italian Government purchases abroad with that Government's foreign credits.

4. I anticipate no priority difficulty with supply from indigenous sources.

5. With respect to Allied military supplies, it is to be noted that while this source is listed prominently as available to the Italian Government, the reliability of the source is reduced by the higher priority assigned to USSR. It is believed that the Italian Government, in its procurement for the Armed Forces, should have in equal, if not a higher priority position than USSR in procuring from any supplies. This belief is supported by the necessity for an efficient and effective military establishment to maintain peace and order in the country, which are prerequisites to USSR operations.

6. The assignment of an over-riding priority to USSR for the procurement of needed supplies might have unfortunate effects. USSR is

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indicates a dominant factor in the markets of the supplying countries as well as in the use of transport facilities. With such a priority there is the possibility that procurement agents of USA, in the supplying countries, might assert their priorities to such an extent that the ability of the Italian Government to procure would be prejudiced.

7. Insofar as the Italian Mission of USA is concerned I do not anticipate any difficulties, because that Mission is fully cognizant of the Italian needs and well aware of the necessity for having the Italian Government first to procure for the segments of the population for which its funds are not eligible.

8. In view of the consideration above, I suggest submission of a recommendation to the Joint Chiefs of Staff that they recommend to the two Governments the desirability of placing the Italian Government on a higher priority in its procurement of supplies for the Armed Forces.

(Sgt). R.A. 1394.

Brigadier

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Encls. (3)

Copies of notes verbatim from
U. S. and British Missions

cc: Land Forces ✓
Air Forces ✓
Navy ✓
V/O Supply Comd. Branch
U. S. Embassy
Attch: to Naval Attache
British Embassy
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Chief of Base Officer (Italy)
Major General Division,
Ministry of Supply,
Rome, Italy.
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2nd March, 1946.

Transfer of Stores in Italy through
British Military Administration

Reference your A.I.C. 1/3/46 dated 10th March, 1946.

It is desired to say that in general all items have top priority in all stores offered for transfer through this Mission. Stores required by the Italian Army should be obtained through A.I.C. (Italian Military Administration Central), the Italian agency receiving British supplies.

Working orders have been issued by the A.I.C. (Military Section to the Italian Army) in relation to the Italian Army, and in this connection an A.I.C. representative has been attached to A.I.C. to watch for material which passed to A.I.C. so that stores can be issued for by the Italian Army.

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Office of the Chief Officer,
Mission, Italy.
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Copy to - Army Sub-Commission, Allied Commission E.O. 12356.

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13 April 1945

Ref. : 8255/176/EC

SUBJECT: URGENT priority

TO : G-2, USA

1. I wish to invite your attention to two almost identical notes verbale which were sent to the Italian Government by the United States and British Ambassadors on procurement by the Italian Government for its Armed Forces. In the notes the subordinate position of the Italian Government vis-a-vis USA is clearly defined.

2. I feel some concern about the subordination of the Italian Government government because of the previous difficulties which have occurred when the Italian Government has undertaken to provide rations for the Army. In general their ability to provision for their Army has been delayed by difficulties in procurement and transportation, as well as the non-availability of supplies in the countries of source. These difficulties have been further enhanced by the non-availability for Armed Forces of such supplies as those shipped by USA/USMA, lacking special arrangements for shipment. You will recall that advances have been made to the Italian Government from Allied military stocks.

3. The notes, stating the views of the two Governments, stipulate that supply must be accomplished from:

- (a) indigenous sources;
- (b) Allied surpluses;
- (c) Italian Government purchases abroad with that Government's foreign credits.

4. I anticipate no priority difficulty with supply from indigenous sources.

5. With respect to Allied military surpluses, it is to be noted that while this source is listed prominently as available to the Italian Government, the reliability of the source is reduced by the higher priority assigned to USMA. It is believed that the Italian Government, in its procurement for the Armed Forces, should have an equal, if not a higher priority position than USMA in securing from Army surpluses. This belief is supported by the necessity for an efficient and effective military establishment to maintain peace and order in the country, which are prerequisites to USMA operations.

6. The assignment of an over-riding priority to USMA for procurement of imported supplies might have unfortunate effects. USMA is

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constitutes a dominant factor in the markets of the supplying countries, as well as in the use of transport facilities. With such a priority there is the possibility that procurement agents of COMSEC, in the supplying countries, might assert their priorities to such an extent that the ability of the Italian Government to procure would be prejudiced.

7. Insofar as the Italian Mission of COMSEC is concerned I do not anticipate any difficulties, because that Mission is fully cognizant of the Italian needs and will aware of the necessity for leaving the Italian Government free to procure for the segments of the population for which its funds are not eligible.

8. In view of the considerations above, I suggest submission of a recommendation to the Central Chiefs of Staff that they recommend to the Government the desirability of placing the Italian Government on a higher priority in its procurement of supplies for the Armed Forces.

W. J. ...
Acting Chief, Commission

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1. Copy of letter to COMSEC from
W. J. and Acting Commission

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British Embassy

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2/12/46. (3).NOTE VERBALE

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour, under instructions, to communicate the views of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on certain points related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:-

- (1). Italian military requirements should, as far as possible, be provided from indigenous Italian resources.
- (2). All imports, including tyres and tubes, should be purchased by the Italian Government through their own resources in accordance with existing arrangements for supplies outside the basic programme.
- (3). USRA supplies may not be used by the Italian Army.
- (4). Italian military requirements should be subordinate to USRA for the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
- (5). The maximum use should be made of Allied Army surpluses to meet the requirements of the Italian Army.
- (6). Requirements for Italy sponsored by USRA must have priority over requirements for the military forces.
- (7). Supplies in Category A. of the civilian import programme should not be used for military purposes except where the Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish a separate line of supply for specific items outside that programme.
- (8). No specific additional tonnages should be included in the Category A programme for Italian military requirements.
- (9). No assurance can be given as to the flow of military supplies.

8th January, 1946.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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(Note Verbal sent by American Embassy).

V.O. No. 358.

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the State Department at Washington, has the honor to communicate the views of the United States Government with regard to the following questions related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:

- (a) priority as between Italian Army and USRA in obtaining surplus property;
- (b) priority as between Italian military requirements and civilian requirements in Italian import program;
- (c) question of assurances to be given concerning furnishing of supplies in the civil import program;
- (d) whether specific additional tonnage shall be included in civil import program for military purposes;
- (e) whether tire and tube equipment can be supplied through civilian import program.

On these questions, the views of the United States Government are as follows:-

1. We agree that Italian military requirements should, in first instance, be taken from Italian indigenous resources, and secondly, from surplus United States and United Kingdom stocks in Italy.
2. USRA should have priority over Italian military requirements in the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
3. Items including tires and tube requirements which cannot be supplied locally or from surplus should be purchased by Italian Government through its available foreign resources. Italian Government should determine relative priority of military and civilian requirements in making its purchases.
4. USRA supplies cannot be used for military purposes.
5. Supplies in category A, civilian import program, should not (repeat not) be used for military purposes except where Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish separate line of supply for specific items outside that program. No specific additional tonnage should be included in category A program for Italian military requirements.

WMD. January 4, 1946

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To the
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
UNIT
HOUSING SECTION

Ref: ES/7.28

9 April 1946

SUBJECT: Subsistence loans to the Italian Army from allied Military Sources.

TO : High Commissioner for Food, Rome

Recommended for your information and guidance.

CHARLES W. WILSON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

Distribution:

Air Forces Sub Commission, AC (2)
Army " " (2)
Ministry of the Treasury
Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari, Rome

Internal:

Food and Agriculture Branch, AC
Finance Branch, AC

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Ref: ES/7.08

9 April 1940

SUBJECT: Substantive issues to the Italian Army from allied military sources.

TO : High Command for Rome, Rome.

Forwarded for your information and guidance.

CHARLES W. WILSON
Colonel, AG
Acting Vice President

Distribution:

Mr. Forster, the Commission, AG (ed)
Ministry of the Treasury
Pulitzer Prize for Conservation, Rome

Reference:

Secret and Agriculture Branch, AG
Finance Branch, AG

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SUBJECT: Subsistence Loans to the Italian Army from
Allied Military Sources.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.M. (U.S. I. A.) R.O.H.E.
9/12/27
8 April 1946

TO : Economic Section, Allied Commission

1. The object of this communication is to clarify the whole position in regard to loans of subsistence made to the Italian Army from Allied Military Sources.

2. As it is known, on 15 November 45 the Italian Army was turned to the control of the Italian Government, and responsibility for procurement of subsistence became that of the Italian Government.

3. As an interim policy in order to assist the Italian Government while it was preparing provisioning action, the Allied Military made certain loans to the Italian Government for the Italian Army. In most cases these loans were subject to repayment in kind at a stated time. Request for these loans was initiated by MILIA after the Food Sub Commission, Allied Commission confirmed that commodities requested on loan from Allied Military stocks could not be found in Italy. It was confirmed by the Food Sub-Commission, Allied Commission that loans made would be repaid in kind by the Italian Government by the stated time.

4. Certain foodstuffs originally made on loan from U.S. sources subject to repayment in kind were declared surplus to U.S. Military requirements and adjustment of sale has been negotiated through the U.S. Office of Foreign Liquidation (OFL) and Italian Government MILIA. Items in this category are as follows:

COMMODITY	AMOUNT	REPAID FOR MAINTENANCE
Fres. Meat/Fish	617,000 lbs	Dec 45
"	3,802,475 "	Jan, Feb and Mar 46
Sugar	412,950 "	Jan 46
Coffee	610,500 "	Jan, Feb and Mar 46

5. A quantity of flour (4,100,000 lbs) was loaned by the U.S. Army to the Italian Army in December subject to repayment in kind. This repayment is being effected at present through the Commissioner for Food to the U.S. Quartermaster, D.E.S., Lagnon.

6. Statement of loans of foodstuffs made by the British Army to the Italian Army appears in Appendix 'A' hereto. Indicated are the receipts by the Italian Army and expenditures effected through the High Commissioner for Food.

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1. The object of this communication is to clarify the whole position in regard to loans of subsistence made to the Italian Army from Allied Military Sources.

2. As it is known, on 15 November 45 the Italian Army was returned to the control of the Italian Government, and responsibility for procurement of subsistence became that of the Italian Government.

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4. Certain foodstuffs originally made on loan from U.S. sources subject to repayment in kind were declared surplus to U.S. Military requirements and adjustment of sale has been negotiated through the U.S. Office of Economic Stabilization (OES) and Italian Government A.E.A.I. Items in this category are as follows:

COMMODITY	AMOUNT	REPAID FOR MAINTENANCE
Bread, Meat/Fish	617,000 lbs	Dec 45
"	3,692,475 "	Jan, Feb and Mar 46
Sugar	419,950 "	Jan 46
Coffee	610,500 "	Jan, Feb and Mar 46

5. A quantity of flour (4,100,000 lbs) was loaned by the U.S. Army to the Italian Army in December subject to repayment in kind. This repayment is being effected at present through the Commissioner for Food to the U.S. Quartermaster, P.B.S. Leghorn. 2500

6. Statement of loans of foodstuffs made by the British Army to the Italian Army appears as Appendix 'A' hereto. Indicated are the receipts by the Italian Army and repayments effected through the High Commissioner for Food.

7. The Italian Air Force and Navy will be provisioned by the British Army until 31 May 46. In order to conserve transportation and avoid double handling, certain items which were due to the British Army on the basis of previous loans to the Italian Army have been issued directly to the Italian Air Force and Navy, to be considered as part repayment to the British Army. Commodities by amounts repaid to the British Army by issue to the Italian Air Force and Navy by the High Commissioner for Food are indicated in Appendix 'A'.

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3. Concerning the accounting section remarks below made with reference to diverse transactions are in accordance with understandings reached in a meeting, ALCOM/Italian Government representative this date:

a. Items loaned in accordance with procedure, para 2 above, have been debited to the Italian Government (Ministry of War) through the Chief Accountant, Allied Supply Accounting Agency (Allied Committee 884). A special account has been maintained indicating expenditures to be repaid in kind.

b. Items delivered, as para 4 above, have been debited by normal means as outlined in the same paragraph.

c. For funds being repaid to U.S., Gen. PBS, Daghena (and No.) of the High Commissioner for Food, para 5 above, the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food on inter-ministerial accounting section. When complete repayment in kind has been effected, the temporary debit against the Ministry of War will be cancelled on our accounts.

d. For repayments made directly to the British Army by the High Commissioner for Food (para 6 above); i.e., ex ship "I ara" and ex tank repairs due for repayment, (see appendix A), the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food on an inter-ministerial accounting basis. The original debit made against the Ministry of War will be cancelled on our special accounts, following payment in kind.

e. For repayments made, as in para 7 above, to the Italian Navy and Air Force, the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food, as if repayment in kind were made similar to para 8a above. The Italian Air Force and Navy will be debited, by ALCOM through the Allied Supply Accounting Agency, as if an issue directly from the British Army.

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K. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General 2585
M. H. I. A.

have been debited to the Italian Government (Ministry of War) through the Chief Accountant, Allied Supply Accounting Agency (Allied Committee). A special account has been maintained indicating disbursements to be repaid in kind.

b. Items referred to in the above paragraph are set out in the summary means as outlined in the same paragraph.

c. For elgar being repaid to U.S. M. 153, Lushmore (and others) on the High Commissioner for Food, para 5 above, the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food on interest on material accounting action. When complete repayment in kind has been effected, the temporary debit against the Ministry of War will be cancelled on our accounts.

d. For repayments made directly to the British Army by the High Commissioner for Food (para 6 above): i.e. ex ship "Lushmore" and "Lushmore" for repayment. (See Appendix A), the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food on an interest on material accounting action. The original debit made against the Ministry of War will be cancelled on our special accounts, following repayment in kind.

e. For repayments made, as in para 7 above, to the Italian Navy and Air Force, the Ministry of War should be debited by the High Commissioner for Food, as if repayment in kind were made similar to para 8 above. The Italian Air Force and Navy will be debited, by the Allied Supply Accounting Agency, as if an issue directly from the British Army.

Robert Nelson

R. ROBERT NELSON, Major
for Major General 2565
M. H. I. A.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to letter O/1-127 dated
8 April 1946

STATEMENT OF DEBTS TO ITALIAN ARMY REG. BRITISH
ARMY AND SUBSEQUENT REPAYMENT IN RESPECT OF THESE DEBTS

<u>U. S. A.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>REPAID</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Dec. 45	ex 14 CRASC (HAPLES)	535,134	ex Ship "LAURA KENNEDY"	6,720,000
ex 22 CRASC (HAPLES)	2,400,096			
ex 13 CRASC (ANCONA)	112,056	3,047,286	NAVY & AIR FORCE	
Jan. 46	ex 14 CRASC (HAPLES)	3,308,521	April	2,970,000
ex 22 CRASC (HAPLES)	3,311,877	6,620,398	May	2,929,499
Feb	ex 14 CRASC (HAPLES)	1,052,800		
ex 22 CRASC (HAPLES)	268,812			
ex 13 CRASC (ANCONA)	1,702,523	3,024,115		
Remains due for repayment		12,694,827		12,619,499
				75,328
				12,694,827

<u>P. B. L.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>REPAID</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Dec. 45	ex 22 CRASC (HAPLES)	516,033	NAVY & AIR FORCE	495,000
ex 13 CRASC (ANCONA)	57,956	574,029	April	79,029
			May	574,029

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<u>P. B. L.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>REPAID</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Jan. 46	ex 14 CRASC (HAPLES)	374,080	NAVY & AIR FORCE	167,593
ex 22 CRASC (HAPLES)	179,370	553,450	March	330,000
			April	

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
Dec. 15	BY 22 CRASC (HART)	535.134		6,720.000
	BY 12 CRASC (HART)	2,400.096		
	BY 12 CRASC (HART)	112.056		
Jan. 10	BY 14 CRASC (HART)	2,208.524		2,970.000
	BY 22 CRASC (HART)	3,314.977		2,929.199
Feb.	BY 14 CRASC (HART)	1,052.800		
	BY 22 CRASC (HART)	268.812		
	BY F.S.D. (HART)	1,702.528		
				12,619.199
				75,328
				12,694,827

<u>PAYEE'S NAME</u>	<u>RECEIPT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dec. 45	516,033	516,033	1,032,066
ex. 22	574,029	574,029	1,606,095
ex. 23	574,029	574,029	2,180,124
ex. 24	574,029	574,029	2,754,153
ex. 25	574,029	574,029	3,328,182
ex. 26	574,029	574,029	3,902,211
ex. 27	574,029	574,029	4,476,240
ex. 28	574,029	574,029	5,050,269
ex. 29	574,029	574,029	5,624,298
ex. 30	574,029	574,029	6,198,327
ex. 31	574,029	574,029	6,772,356
ex. 32	574,029	574,029	7,346,385
ex. 33	574,029	574,029	7,920,414
ex. 34	574,029	574,029	8,494,443
ex. 35	574,029	574,029	9,068,472
ex. 36	574,029	574,029	9,642,501
ex. 37	574,029	574,029	10,216,530
ex. 38	574,029	574,029	10,790,559
ex. 39	574,029	574,029	11,364,588
ex. 40	574,029	574,029	11,938,617
ex. 41	574,029	574,029	12,512,646
ex. 42	574,029	574,029	13,086,675
ex. 43	574,029	574,029	13,660,704
ex. 44	574,029	574,029	14,234,733
ex. 45	574,029	574,029	14,808,762
ex. 46	574,029	574,029	15,382,791
ex. 47	574,029	574,029	15,956,820
ex. 48	574,029	574,029	16,530,849
ex. 49	574,029	574,029	17,104,878
ex. 50	574,029	574,029	17,678,907
ex. 51	574,029	574,029	18,252,936
ex. 52	574,029	574,029	18,826,965
ex. 53	574,029	574,029	19,400,994
ex. 54	574,029	574,029	19,975,023
ex. 55	574,029	574,029	20,549,052
ex. 56	574,029	574,029	21,123,081
ex. 57	574,029	574,029	21,697,110
ex. 58	574,029	574,029	22,271,139
ex. 59	574,029	574,029	22,845,168
ex. 60	574,029	574,029	23,419,197
ex. 61	574,029	574,029	23,993,226
ex. 62	574,029	574,029	24,567,255
ex. 63	574,029	574,029	25,141,284
ex. 64	574,029	574,029	25,715,313
ex. 65	574,029	574,029	26,289,342
ex. 66	574,029	574,029	26,863,371
ex. 67	574,029	574,029	27,437,400
ex. 68	574,029	574,029	28,011,429
ex. 69	574,029	574,029	28,585,458
ex. 70	574,029	574,029	29,159,487
ex. 71	574,029	574,029	29,733,516
ex. 72	574,029	574,029	30,307,545
ex. 73	574,029	574,029	30,881,574
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ex. 75	574,029	574,029	32,029,632
ex. 76	574,029	574,029	32,603,661
ex. 77	574,029	574,029	33,177,690
ex. 78	574,029	574,029	33,751,719
ex. 79	574,029	574,029	34,325,748
ex. 80	574,029	574,029	34,899,777
ex. 81	574,029	574,029	35,473,806
ex. 82	574,029	574,029	36,047,835
ex. 83	574,029	574,029	36,621,864
ex. 84	574,029	574,029	37,195,893
ex. 85	574,029	574,029	37,769,922
ex. 86	574,029	574,029	38,343,951
ex. 87	574,029	574,029	38,917,980
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Jan. 16	14 CLASS (CARPETS)	374.030	
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Rome, 30 March 1946

The President of the
Council of Ministers

Dear Admiral,

I am very much concerned with the problems you and
Brigadier Tassi raised as to the supplying of the Italian Armed
Forces, and the need for the Ministry of War to refund the loans
received from the Allies, to secure the normal provisions for the
Army.

These problems have been faced, and are now being studied by
the Food Commission of the Interministerial Committee for the
Construction. We hope they will soon be solved in a satisfactory
manner. In view of the scarcity of our national resources, Cacciari
has been asked to intensify the action of the mission he is heading
in America, in order to obtain necessary help for Italy.

I will send you further information on the matter.

With my greetings,

/s/ Benito Mussolini

To Admiral Wilfred F. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

- ROME -

EC. JWH, 20/4/46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

43-4/FA

19 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The responsibility for feeding the Royal Italian Navy and Air Force is at present being undertaken by S & T Branch, G.H.Q. The responsibility will cease as from June 1st 1946 when it will fall to your Government to undertake this task. The needs of the Army have already been undertaken by your Government.

Attached is a table showing the requirements of the three Services, the Navy and Air Force for seven months from June 1st and the Army from 1st April to 31st December 1946. All requirements include an increment of 10% for wastage plus a two months reserve.

May I be informed, please, that you are satisfied that sufficient indigenous resources are earmarked to meet the needs of the Armed Forces and that necessary provision action has been taken to ensure that imported supplies purchased out of Italian credits will be forthcoming to satisfy their demands not obtainable locally.

Very truly yours

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME

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MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES TO 31 DECEMBER 1946

{ Based on monthly maintenance plus 10% for wastage and two months reserve)
(In Metric Tons)

COMMODITY (B)	Italian ARMY (205,000 men)	Italian AIR FORCE (31,000 men)	Italian NAVY (55,000 men)	TOTAL
Flour for Bread	31,552	3,994	7,483	42,944
Paste or Flour for Pasta	6,424	773	1,497	8,744
Rice or Flour in lieu of rice	2,158	258	499	2,915
Sugar	1,894	258	499	2,651
Pulses	3,789	516	997	5,302
Coffee	1,224	161	290	1,635
Preserved Meat & Fish	5,683	838	1,497	8,018
Pepper	10.4	1.3	2.5	14.2
Olive Oil/Lard	2,079	258	499	2,819

(A) From 1 June 1946 for Air Force and Navy and 1 April 1946 for the Army except for those items already supplied to a later date as follows:

Sugar	- already provided to 1 May	61
Pulses	" " " "	"
Meat & Fish	" " " "	"
Coffee	" " " "	"
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(B) Commodities that can be provided from local resources (such as wine, salt, nuts, fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese and tomato paste) are excluded. In these foods Italy is either self sufficient or has a

Pasta or Flour for Pasta	6.424	773	1.497	8.744
Rice or Flour in lieu of rice	2.158	258	499	2.915
Sugar	1.804	258	499	2.651
Pulses	3.789	516	997	5.302
Coffee	1.224	161	250	1.635
Preserved Meat & Fish	5.683	838	1.407	2.918
Pepper	13.4	1.3	2.5	14.2
Olive Oil/Lard	2.979	258	482	2.819

(A) From 1 June 1946 for Air Force and Navy and 1 April 1946 for the Army except for those items already supplied to a later date as follows:

Sugar	-	already provided to 1 May
Pulses	-	" " " "
Meat & Fish	-	" " " "
Coffee	-	" " " "

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(B) Commodities that can be provided from local resources (such as wine, salt, nuts, fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese and tomato paste) are excluded. In these foods Italy is either self sufficient or has a surplus.

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ALL SIGNED SIGNED

ACTION AGREE WASHINGTON FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF - CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL
FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

TOP SECRET.

THIS IS REF 1123. SUBJECT IS SUBSISTANCE OF ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

1. UNDER PAR 365 THE SUBSISTANCE OF THE ITALIAN NAVY WAS MADE A BRITISH COMMITMENT. PRESENT STRENGTH IS APPROXIMATELY 58 THOUSAND.
2. UNDER PAR 391 THE SUBSISTANCE OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE WAS MADE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRITISH UNDER whose COMMAND ITALIAN AIR FORCE WAS WORKING. PRESENT STRENGTH UNDER BRITISH COMMAND IS APPROXIMATELY 28,500. PRESENT STRENGTH UNDER UNITED STATES COMMAND IS APPROX 4,000.
3. COMMITMENTS IN PARA 1 AND 2 ABOVE ARE THEREFORE PRIMARILY BRITISH. DUE TO REDUCTIONS IN BRITISH MANPOWER AND POLICY OF CLOSING OUT OF SOUTHERN ITALY IT HAS BECOME IMPRACTICABLE FOR BRITISH TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RATIONS FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE.
4. THEREFORE IN DECEMBER 1945 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY APPROVED FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY IN PAR 621 I DIRECTED THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO STATE THE EARLIEST DATE BEFORE 21 MARCH 46 ON WHICH THEY COULD ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY.
5. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOW STATE THAT THEY CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SECURE FOOD FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN VIEW OF THE VERY SERIOUS FOOD SITUATION IN ITALY AND THE FAILURE OF UNRRA TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT IMPORTS FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE AND I AM BEING REQUESTED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSISTANCE.

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6. AS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT I AM ARGUING FOR THE BULK TRANSFER FROM BRITISH DEPOTS TO ITALIAN DEPOTS OF RATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBSISTANCE OF THE ITALIAN NAVY AND THE BRITISH SHARE OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE UNTIL 31 MAY 46. MAINTENANCE OF THE UNITED STATES SHARE OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE WILL CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT.
7. MANY BRITISH SUPPLY DEPOTS WILL HAVE CLOSED BY 31 MAY AND SUBSISTANCE OF THE ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE AFTER THIS DATE WILL ON THE BRITISH SIDE BECOME IMPRATICABLE.
8. I THEREFORE REQUESTED
- A. YOUR EARLY APPROVAL TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUBSISTANCE OF THE ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JUNE 46.
- B. THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE FORWARDED REGARDING THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S CHARGE L FOR PROVISIONING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN IN THE SUPPLY PROGRAMME FOR THEIR ARMED FORCES.

THIS MESSAGE IS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION FOR ALGOM BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF IT IN THE MESSAGE.

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INFO JOHN: SEC COM 2
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 18 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 19 January, 1946, n. 33/5.13, dealing with the difficulties which the Agency for the Recovery and Sale of War Materials (A.R.A.R.) is undergoing in taking over of enemy material released by the Captured Enemy Materials Section.

Since, from information received it seems that the difficulty in investigating the various deposits, and in carrying out other activities is due, above all, to insufficiency of fuel, necessary for the vehicles of the Officers of the A.R.A.R., we have obtained from the competent Ministry of Industry and Trade, an assignment of fuel indispensable for the requirements of the A.R.A.R. for next month.

In the meantime I think that the release of enemy material will soon reach normality, and I assure you that the Italian Government will do everything possible to facilitate this transaction.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commander
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Ref: 8255/31.

18 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Feeding of the Italian Armed Forces.

TO : VP Economic Section.

1. I enclose copies of two almost identical notes verbale which were presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January. No copy was sent to Allied Commission.

2. In view of the responsibility now assumed by the Italian Government in respect of the Italian Army and shortly to be assumed in respect of the other Armed Services, I would ask you to discuss the notes with representatives of the Service Sub-Commissions and draft a representation to AFHQ if you consider one necessary.

M. S. Lusk
 Brigadier,
 Executive Commission.

Copy to: Land Forces 3/3 (AFHQ)
 Navy 3/3
 Air Forces 3/3

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NOTE: (Mora Vocabularies sent by American Embassy)

MORA Vocabularies

The Summary of the United States of America presents the following to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the State Department at Washington, has the honor to communicate the views of the United States Government with regard to the following questions related to the relationship of the Italian Armed Forces:

- (A) Priority as between Italian Army and U.S. in obtaining supplies property;
- (B) Priority as between Italian military requirements and civilian requirements in Italian import program;
- (C) Question of assistance to be given concerning furnishing of supplies in the civil import program;
- (D) Whether specific additional warships shall be included in civil import program for military purposes;
- (E) Whether time and tube equipment can be supplied through civilian import program.

On these questions, the views of the United States Government are as follows:

- 1. We agree that Italian military requirements should, in first instance, be taken from Italian indigenous resources, and secondly, from surplus United States and United Kingdom stocks in Italy.
- 2. U.S.A. should have priority over Italian military requirements in the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
- 3. Items including tires and tube requirements which cannot be supplied locally or from surplus should be purchased by Italian Government through its available foreign resources. Italian Government should determine relative priority of military and civilian requirements in making the purchases.
- 4. U.S.A. supplies cannot be used for military purposes.
- 5. Supplies in category A, civilian import program, should not (import not) be used for military purposes except where American believes it is impracticable to establish separate line of supply for specific items outside that program. The specific civilian resources should be included in category A program for Italian military requirements.

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the views of the United States Government with regard to the following questions related to the maintenance of the Italian armed forces:

- (a) Priority as between Italian army and militia in obtaining surplus property;
- (b) Priority as between Italian military requirements and civilian requirements in Italian import program;
- (c) Question of measures to be taken concerning funding of supplies in the civil import program;
- (d) Whether specific additional measures shall be included in civil import program for military purposes;
- (e) Whether there and take equipment can be supplied through civilian import program.

In these questions, the views of the United States Government are as follows:

1. We agree that Italian military requirements should, in first instance, be taken from Italian indigenous resources, and secondly, from surplus United States and United Kingdom stocks in Italy.

2. USMA should have priority over Italian military requirements in the disposal of surplus property in Italy.

3. Items including tires and tank requirements which cannot be supplied locally or from surplus should be purchased by Italian Government through the available foreign resources. Italian Government should determine relative priority of military and civilian requirements in meeting its purchases.

4. USMA supplies cannot be used for military purposes.

5. Supplies in category 4, civilian import program should not (except now) be used for military purposes except where civilian resources are insufficient to establish separate line of supply for specific items from outside that program. No specific additional measures should be included in category 4 program for Italian military requirements.

Notes, summary by 1945.
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To the
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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Qing (China) Institute for Applied Ecology, Shenyang, China

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The history of the United States of America provides the only basis for the legal history of modern America and, after interpretation from the United States Constitution, from the laws to amend them the United States Government which requires the following:

On these questions, the views of the United Nations Commission
are as follows:-

4. Funds required ought be made for military purposes.
5. Expenses in carrying out civilian support program should not be used for military purposes except where it is necessary to involve it in order to establish operations that are necessary to ensure that program. No specific national program for medical items outside that program. No specific national program should be included in category A program for civilian support.
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on these questions, the view of the United States Government is as follows:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C.I.O. OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief of Staff.

SUBJECT : Subsistence of the Italian Navy and
Italian Air Force

1. Reference JMC's direction on Item 4 of the Minutes of JMC's Meeting held on 14 Feb 46. Allied Commission's reply is at Appendix 'A'.

2. As a temporary expedient I am prepared to transfer immediately two months supply in bulk from British depots to Italian depots. This will provide for the subsistence of the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force except for a very small U.S. commitment which I understand JMCSS will have no difficulty in making until 31 May 46.

3. By this date we hope on the British side to have closed most of our supply depots in Southern ITALY, and it will not be possible to provide the Italian Government with further assistance in meeting this commitment. The subsistence of the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force is primarily a British commitment in accordance with Q23 Directive. I consider that we should inform JMC that we can no longer meet this commitment and ask them for their approval to the transfer of responsibility for this commitment to the Italian Government p.w.f. 1 Jun 46.

4. If you agree to the above, I attach for your approval at Appendix 'B' a draft MFR cable requesting:-

a. JMC approval to the Italian Government assuming responsibility for the subsistence for the Italian Navy and Air Force p.w.f. 1 Jun 46.

b. JMC instructions regarding the Italian Government's personnel for provisioning to ensure that there is no breakdown in the supply program for the **2834** Armed Forces.

5. JMC with SACRED has seen this Staff Study and has stated that, while he considers that the proposals could probably be likely to receive the concurrence of C-in-C, he is unable to give this concurrence without reference to him in view of the

Italian Air Force

reference S/C's direction on 14 Jan 46 of the Minutes of S/C's meeting held on 14 Feb 46, Allied Commission's reply is at Appendix 1.

2. As a temporary expedient I am prepared to transfer immediately the monthly supply in bulk from British depots to Italian depots. This will provide for the subsistence of the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force except for a very small U.S. quantity at which I understand KNUSS will have no difficulty in making out 31 Mar 46.

3. At this date we hope on the British side to have closed most of our supply depots in Southern Italy, and it will not be possible to provide the Italian Government with further assistance in making this commitment. The subsistence of the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force is primarily a British commitment in accordance with COS Directive. I consider that we should inform S/C that we can no longer meet this commitment and ask them for their approval to the transfer of responsibility for this commitment to the Italian Government W.E.P. 1 Jan 46.

4. If you agree to the above, I attach for your approval at Appendix 1B a draft cable requesting:-

A. The approval to the Italian Government assuming responsibility for the subsistence for the Italian Navy and Air Force W.E.P. 1 Jan 46.

B. COS instructions regarding the Italian Government's personnel for provisioning to ensure that there is no breakdown in the supply programme for the 2854 armed forces.

5. HEO with SACRED has seen this Staff Study and has stated that, while he considers that the proposal could probably be likely to receive the concurrence of S-in-C and, he is unable to give this concurrence without reference to him in view of the close personal interest which S-in-C has in this matter. Further, he states that he understands that S-in-C had is likely to raise this matter at the SACRED Conference on 16 Mar 46.

CONCURRENCE:

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ACTION Ex.C.
INFO. C.COMM.

ECON SEC.
NAVY S/C.
AIR FORCES Administrative Officer.

A. D. DUFF,
Major-General,
Administrative Officer.

14 Mar 46.

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C U L IAppendix "A".

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 394

Ref: TS/100/E/ES.

28 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Feeding of the Italian Navy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. I refer to my letter TS/100/E/ES dated 7 February 1946 and to the decision made at SACMID's Conference that as from 1 April 1946 the responsibility for feeding the Italian Navy must be assumed by the Italian Government.

2. In view of the very serious food situation in this country and the failure of UNRRA to provide sufficient imports for the country as a whole, I must point out that it is extremely unlikely that the Italian Government will be able to procure to feed the Navy.

3. It, as was expressed at SACMID's Conference, the difficulty of continuing supply from British sources is due to lack of manpower, then I would suggest that consideration be given to the substitution of British PACS staff by Italian naval maintenance staff who, I am advised, would be capable of assisting if not taking over entirely, the work of distribution.

4. If, on the other hand, shortage of British rations is the underlying reason for the decision, then I would suggest that consideration be given to rationing the Italian Navy, at any rate for two or three months, from the surplus stocks of U.S. rations which I understand are now available in this country.

5. A further suggestion has been made that bulk commodities should be issued to the Italian Government from British sources, a proposal which I should be glad to explore.

6. I feel bound to ask for consideration to be given to these points in view of the responsibility for maintenance of the Italian Services which has been assumed and, I submit, must continue to be assumed, by SACMID.

SIGNED, HILARY W. STONE
Secy Adm 2858
Chief Commissioner.

C. V. D. C.Appendix "A"

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A.P.O. 394

Ref: IG/100/B/123.

28 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Feeding of the Italian Navy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. I refer to my letter IG/100/B/123 dated 7 February 1946 and to the decision made at SACMID's Conference that as from 1 April 1946 the responsibility for feeding the Italian Navy must be assumed by the Italian Government.

2. In view of the very serious food situation in this country and the failure of AFHQ to provide sufficient ingots for the country as a whole, I must point out that it is extremely unlikely that the Italian Government will be able to procure to feed the Navy.

3. If, as was expressed at SACMID's Conference, the difficulty of continuing supply from British sources is due to lack of manpower, then I would suggest that consideration be given to the substitution of British RASO staff by Italian naval maintenance staff who, I am advised, would be capable of assisting if not taking over entirely, the work of distribution.

4. If, on the other hand, shortage of British rations is the underlying reason for the decision, then I would suggest that consideration be given to rationing the Italian Navy, at any rate for two or three months, from the surplus stocks of U.S. rations which I understand are now available in this country.

5. A further suggestion has been made that bulk commodities should be issued to the Italian Government from British sources, a proposal which I should be glad to explore.

6. I feel bound to ask for consideration to be given to these points in view of the responsibility for maintenance of the Italian Services which has been assumed and, I submit, must continue to be assumed, by AFHQ.

SIGNED. MILITARY SECRETARY
Rear Admiral
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Chief Commissioner.

APPENDIX "B".

D R A T T

TO : AGENT FOR COS
Chief of Officer Whitehall

INFO : Also.

THIS IS RAE

Subject is maintenance of Italian Navy and Italian Air Force.

Under PAN 365 the maintenance of the Italian Navy was made a British commitment. Present strength is approximately 58,000.

Under PAN 391 the maintenance of the Italian Air Force was made the responsibility of the nation under whose command Italian Air Force was working. Present strength under British command is approximately 28,500 and present strength under US command is approximately 4,000.

Commitments in PAN 011 and TWO above are therefore primarily British. Delay to random in British manpower and policy of closing out of Southern ITALY is has become impracticable for British to continue to provide rations for the Italian Navy and Air Force.

Therefore in December 1945 in accordance with the policy approved for the Italian Army in PAN 621 I directed that the Italian Government should be asked to state the earliest date before 31 March 46 on which they could assume this responsibility.

The Italian Government now state that they consider it extremely unlikely that they will be able to procure food for the Italian Navy and Air Force in view of the very serious food situation in ITALY and the failure of UNRRA to provide sufficient food for the country as a whole and I am being pressed to continue to provide maintenance.

As a temporary expedient I am arranging for the bulk transfer

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British commitment. Present strength is approximately 50,000. Under PIN 551 the subsistence of the Italian Air Force was made the responsibility of the nation under whose command Italian Air Force was working. Present strength under British command is approximately 22,500 and present strength under US command is approximately 1,000.

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Commitments in eastern GREECE and the above are therefore primarily British. Owing to confusion in British manpower and policy of closing out of Southern ITALY it has become impracticable for British to continue to provide nations for the Italian Navy and Air Force.

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Therefore in December 1945 in accordance with the policy approved for the Italian Army in PIN 621 I directed that the Italian Government should be asked to state the earliest date before 31 March 46 on which they could assume this responsibility.

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The Italian Government now state that they consider it extremely unlikely that they will be able to procure food for the Italian Army and Air Force in view of the very serious food situation in ITALY and the failure of UNRRA to provide sufficient food for the country as a whole and I am being pressed to continue to provide subsistence.

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As a temporary expedient I am arranging for the bulk transfer from British depots to Italian depots of rations to provide for the subsistence of the Italian Army and the British share of the Italian Air Force until 31 May 46. Maintenance of the US share of the Italian Air Force will continue as at present.

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SECRET Many British supply depots will have closed by 31 May and subsistence of the Italian Navy and Air Force after this date will on the British side become impracticable.

SECRET I therefore request

- (1) Your early approval to the Italian Government assuming responsibility for the subsistence of the Italian Navy and Air Force with effect from 31 May 46.

1 Jan 46

- (2) That instructions be forwarded regarding the Italian Government's channel for provisioning to ensure that there is no breakdown in the supply program for their Armed Forces.

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Ref: 8259/150/EG.

14 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

TO: Mr. Sidney Johnston,
 Translator (Ex-ordie),
 British Embassy,
 WDC.

1. Thank you for your memo 2/65/15.03 of 7 March 46.
2. I think an early meeting is very desirable, in order to achieve an arrangement by which the Allied Governments' views on the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces, which is a very close concern of the various sub-committees of the Allied Commission, are communicated to the Italian Government as soon as possible, simultaneously with notification to the Italian Government.
3. Can you discuss on Friday, 15 March, at 1530 hrs?

R. S. LUSH

R. S. Lush
 Executive Commissioner.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
Central Mediterranean Forces

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Tel No. Freedom 254

12 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of to
ITALIAN Army.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref your letter 9006/EC of 15 Feb 46.

1. Your recommendation at para 5 (a) is agreed. An amendment to AEMQ Directive AG-386.3/Q(AE)-0 of 2 Oct 45 has been issued under reference AG.386.3 Q (GEMQ)-0 dated 8 Mar 46.

2. Regarding your recommendation in para 5(c). We should welcome such a conference, which must of course be an integrated one. An interim conference on a grade one/two level was held at this HQ on 27 Feb. This has produced the relevant data required for the high-level conference.

It is understood that Land Forces Sub Commission is submitting an agenda. Arrangements will be made for the conference to take place as soon as convenient to all concerned.

3. The delay in replying your letter, due to an oversight, is much regretted.

E.C. DIST. - 16 Mar 46

ACTION - Ex. Com.
BFC - C. Com. ✓
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air Forces S/C
Econ. Sec. (GEM Branch)

H.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: TS/100/1/23.

18 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Feeding of the Italian Navy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFM.

1. I refer to my letter TS/100/1/23 dated 7 February 1946 and to the decision made at SACM's Conference that as from 1 April 1946 the responsibility for feeding the Italian Navy must be assumed by the Italian Government.

2. In view of the very serious food situation in this country and the failure of UNRRA to provide sufficient imports for the country as a whole, I must point out that it is extremely unlikely that the Italian Government will be able to procure to feed the Navy.

3. If, as was expressed at SACM's Conference, the difficulty of continuing supply from British sources is due to lack of manpower, then I would suggest that consideration be given to the substitution of British NAC staff by Italian naval or maritime staff who, I am advised, would be capable of assisting, if not taking over entirely, the work of distribution.

4. If, on the other hand, shortage of British rations is the underlying reason for the decision, then I would suggest that consideration be given to rationing the Italian Navy, at any rate for two or three months, from the surplus stocks of U.S. rations which I understand are now available in this country.

5. A further suggestion has been made that bulk commodities should be issued to the Italian Government from British sources, a proposal which I should be glad to explore.

6. I feel bound to ask for consideration to be given to these points in view of the responsibility for maintenance of the Italian Services which has been assumed and, I submit, must continue to be assumed, by SACM.

W. STONE
KIMBERLY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc:

Economic Section, AC. (2)

Navy Subcommission, AC.

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Ref: 9006/232/23.

16 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.S.A.S.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.S.A.S. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lies with your Government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to compete. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may act against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this might be done by including in the A.S.A.S. organisation a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSC) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Ministry accordingly.

You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

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W. L. L.
 Brigadier,
 Acting Chief Commissioner.

20 Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
 Land Forces S/C (MHIA)
 Navy S/C. Air Forces S/C.

Econ Sec (for CEM Branch).

HQ ALCOM

16 February 1946

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PRIORITY

Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2006/100.

15 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Captured enemy material - Disposal of
to Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Reference is made to AFHQ Directive AG. 386.3/1(12)-0
dated 2 October 1945.

This directive cancelled AG. 386.3/163.104-0 dated 22 June 45
and deals with the disposal of captured enemy material in the Mediterranean
Theatre. The important difference between these two documents is the
wording of the paragraph 8(c), from which the following extract is quoted:

"Recaptured material of Italian origin which is not required
for military purposes, including maintenance of PC, will be turned
over immediately to the Italian military authorities for maintenance
of the Italian forces, within the authorized ceilings."

In the original Directive (para 9(c)), the wording was as
follows:

"Recaptured material of Italian military origin which is not
required for military purposes, including maintenance of PC will
be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for
Italian maintenance."

2. I am informed by GOC, Land Forces Sub-Commission that this Directive
as it stands at present is being construed as limiting the right of the Italian
Army to re-possess material of Italian military origin that proven
necessary for "maintenance". In certain cases, the release of equipment of
patterns not now current in the Italian Army has been refused on these grounds
even though by adoption of the use of component parts, a considerable amount
of needed material could have been obtained. For example, in letter
AFHQ/50672/1(12) dated 24 Jan 46, general release of arms and ammunition
of Italian origin has been refused. Furthermore, the control of weapons
newly manufactured in arms factories in the North is still exercised by HQ,
2 District.

It is submitted that AG, which is the instrument (under SACHPD)
responsible for ensuring that such material is not used for purposes contrary
to the Armistice terms should be the sole arbiter in such cases.

3. Full details as to the holding of arms and ammunition have been
submitted to your HQ by Land Forces Sub-Commission. It is understood that
the Allied intention is to equip the Italian Army, less CC.RA, with British

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weapons. The re-organization of the CO. AL, however, requires the allocation of the most modern Italian weapons, and it is therefore most undesirable that the Italian Government should be deprived of the right (controlled by AG) to possess themselves of Italian arms of recent manufacture.

4. I am informed that a further amendment to the Directive dated 8 Feb 46, not yet received, gives title to the Italian Government as far as acquisition of Italian manufacture is concerned, but this will not entirely remedy the present situation. There are no satisfactory signs that the Italian Government is making adequate arrangements for the maintenance of the Army, which in any event is still dependent on the supply of equipment and spare parts from Allied sources. I feel the time has come when this subject should be discussed at a conference to be held at your HQ. I suggest that Land Forces Sub-Commission should produce the agenda for such a meeting, indicating the points on which AG assistance is sought.

5. I accordingly recommend:

(a) A further amendment to the AG Directive of 2 Oct 45, as under, be approved forthwith:

"AGN 46.386.5/3(45)-0 of 2 Oct 45 paragraph 6(c), delete in line 4 'for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorized ceiling'."

(b) As in the case of the Navy and the Air Force, the appropriate sub-Commission of AG should be charged with the interpretation of the Armistice Terms and dependent directives in matters of the allocation of material to the Italian Army.

(c) A conference at AGN to examine progress made in equipping the Interim Army in accordance with the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and the measures needed to ensure the maintenance of this Interim Army during 1946.

M. E. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Land Forces S/C (AGN)
Rear Sec (For L.F. Branch).
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AIR FORCE

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Ref: 78/100/8/57.

17 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Price Minister:

In further reference to my letters of 31 January 1946 and in reference to your letter of 1 February 1946, all dealing with the question of subsistence for the mobil forces, I wish to pass the following information to you.

We have now heard from Washington that of the total 17,000 tons of flour 12,500 tons have been set aside for the Italian Army. I attach for your information the message (OW 379 of 1 February 1946) confirming this.

I assume that your Government will take appropriate steps to insure that this quantity is made available, immediately upon arrival of the flour, to the Ministry of War, so that the Minister of War will be able:

- (a) to repay Allied loans;
- (b) to have in his depots sufficient flour to feed the Army for the month-end-of-war period.

You will, of course, also be interested in the information contained in OW 379 concerning the current request of the combined liberated areas Committee for allocation of six months' basic requirements of sugar and dried vegetables for the Army.

Lastly, I would refer you to the last paragraph of my 78/100/8/57 dated 31 January 1946 and would be glad to know what action is being taken, as I am informed that the supply from indigenous resources is not satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Doctor Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Ex. Commissioner
Land Forces S/C (R&L).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. TS/100/B/33

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: Food for the Italian Navy

TO : AFM, C-5 Section

1. At his conference on 20 December 45, SACM directed that he should be informed of the earliest date on which the Italian Government could assume the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy before the target date of 31 March 1946.

2. It is apparent that the Italian Government cannot initiate and put into effect a full procurement program for the added subsistence maintenance of this force (now tentatively set at 60,000) before the target date of 31 March 46. This is based upon the following considerations:-

(a) The current world food situation will not allow procurement by separate importation from the main producing countries of the basic items of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other items required by the Navy. Attempts by the Italian Technical Mission to purchase separately (YF funds) subsistence items from these countries for the Italian Army have been unsuccessful.

(b) Use of surplus Allied military stocks to meet this added requirement for the Navy appears impossible in view of your confirmation that US Army flour holdings do not permit loans and British holdings allow loans only for very short periods (your FX 59771 of 31 Jan 46 refers). 900/100

(c) Use of indigenous stocks, in view of bad harvests and current shortfalls and shipping difficulties in the civilian programs of FFA and UNRRA, presents a delicate problem of balancing civilian needs with military requirements so as to avoid too great disruption or variance from the established low civilian ration scales. Difficulty of procurement from this source has been illustrated already in the case of the Italian Interim force of 205,000. It is felt that assumption, before March 31, 46, of subsistence maintenance responsibility by the Italian Government for the Navy and attempts in accordance with such responsibility to procure the added amounts of basic food items would place an undesirable strain on this source for the period 1 April 46. 2843

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3. The Italian High Commissioner for Food has been consulted on the general problems of reconciling the requirements of the Italian Armed Forces and the effect of this commitment (having regard to the import program - 1946) on the present basic ration scales of the civilian population.

4. I have also contacted the Prime Minister on this question and have asked that he call together representatives of the appropriate Italian Ministries to discuss this matter fully and to prepare a general plan for procurement of subsistence items for all of the Forces. (See TS/100/B/ES of 31 Jan 1946, copy attached).

5. Upon the completion of these discussions with the Italian Government and our obtaining the general plan for procurement for these forces, I shall inform you of my final recommendation on the matter.

/s/ Elery V. Stone
ELERY V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl.: - WZ 59771 of 31 Jan 46
TS/100/B/ES of 31 Jan 46

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Ref. 35/150/3/ER

21 January 1946

My dear Mr. Ples Minister:-

In reference to my letter to you of January 24th, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss further the problem of subsistence for the Italian Armed Forces.

As you are aware, the responsibility for subsistence of the Italian Army has rested with your Government since November 1943.

It is not necessary for me to reiterate to the Supreme Allied Commander's staff on which the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Navy and the Italian Air Force should revert to the Italian Government.

In connection with this question, it must be pointed out that it is not possible to use LRA or USMRA supplies for military purposes. For this reason, in the case of food for the Italian Army, your Government is directed its Technical Mission in Washington to procure, from IT credits, certain items on a separate import basis. That commitment, at the time, provided a satisfactory solution and seemed to insure basic procurement for future requirements as well as to insure return of certain advances from Allied military stocks.

However, in view of the current world market situation, it is clear that procurement by separate importation from the main producing countries of wheat/flour, fats and possibly other basic items, is not a currently feasible method for the discharge of the Italian Government's increasing responsibility for the subsistence of the Navy and Air Forces nor for the fulfillment of its present responsibility for maintenance of the Army.

Provision, therefore, for these Armed Forces will have to be met, at least for the present, from indigenous sources, from stocks already purchased with Italian funds (IT), and procurement from countries not under the jurisdiction of the Combined Food Board under arrangements like the recent Spanish agreement.

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I, therefore, request that through your appropriate authorities you consider the procurement of the subsistence items needed by the maintenance of troops and the maintenance of your general staff for this movement as well as the costs your Government will be able to assume the same subsistence responsibility for the Navy and the Air Force. This plan, I believe, would cover a period of a year, at least and in amounts already referred to the Allied Commission as representing the total requirements of these forces.

Upon receipt of this information I shall be able to take my recommendations to the Supreme Allied Commander.

The details of your plan might well be worked out through inter-ministerial contact with several sections or agencies of the Allied Commission. If you desire, I shall call together, at an early date, those sections of the Allied Commission that are directly interested in this problem for a meeting with representatives of the appropriate ministries of your Government.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry A. Stone

(Signed)

HENRY A. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Coordinator

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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INFO: ALCOM

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Your letter C/1-115 of 24 January 46 and subsequent conversation Nelson-Clare.

1. Confirm verbal explanation that US Army flour holdings do not permit loan and British holdings only allow loan for very short period.
2. Any loan now granted for consumption by Italian Army during Feb represents flour required for consumption by British troops during March since no further imports planned until April. Repayment/ will be required by 28 Feb 46 such repayment to have first priority call on any stocks available to Italian Govt at that date. Request confirmation obtained from Italian Govt in writing that these terms acceptable before offer of assistance confirmed.
3. Subject to para 2 above can loan 2000 tons flour up to 50 per cent of which may be available now at Naples. Regret cannot consider any further loan unless replacement flour known to be available in Italy within 14 days E F ship advised as sailed from country of origin.
4. For information other loans flour to Italian Govt from British Army are (A) Outlay against Mid shift meal 5000 tons. (B) 3000 tons for Italian army consumption Jan for which replacement was required by 30 April 46. (signal C 47119 of 15 Dec refers.)
5. For ALCOM and MMIA loans at para 4 above also require urgent repayment.

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SUBJECT : RATIONS For Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/1-117

4 February 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. In continuation of your letter to DE CASPERI dated 31 Jan. and his letter to you dated 1 Feb., with reference to the securing of rations for the Interim Army, I feel that the following points should be brought urgently to the attention of the Italian Government for necessary action, in order to insure the necessary subsistence for the Interim Army.

2. On the handover of the Army to the Government, the Combined Chiefs of Staff specified that the Italian Government would be responsible for the supply of subsistence from indigenous resources. It was well known that certain items would have to come from imports (or be taken from stocks in the country available to civilians requirements and the civilian requirements replenished from imports.) The Italian Government stated that the responsibility would be met by it.

3. a. It is our understanding that the Italian Purchasing Commission in the United States was authorized to purchase from Y.T. Funds a six months supply of flour (19500 tons) for the Army, which would be in addition to the civil import program. Cable No COM 374 from COMCOM Rome, dated 24 Jan. 1946, confirms that this has been done and the flour has been shipped. This 19500 tons will fill the Army needs only until 1 June 1946; so, on arrival, the entire 19500 tons should be given by the Government to the War Ministry so that the War Ministry can pay back to the Allied Armies what has been loaned for December, January and February, and then have on hand in Army depots the necessary amount for the balance of the period i.e. up to 1 June.

b. However, the president of the Council of Ministers in the third paragraph of his letter of 1 February, addressed to you, seems to be of the opinion that the 19500 tons of flour was purchased for civilian use and not especially for the Army. If this is what the Italian Government is going to act on when the flour arrives in the country, the flour will not go to the Army, and the requirements for the Army for March, April and May will not be in Army depots as they should be, and on 1 March the feeding of the Army will continue to be in the dangerous and unsettled condition as it was on 1 February.

c. It appears that the Italian Government is either (1) not concerned with assuring food in sufficient quantity for the Army, or (2) convinced that when the time comes the Allies will step in and loan or give the necessary food from Allied military stocks to the Italians. If the Government is not willing to assure food for the Army, then the Allies must not allow the Government to do so even at the expense

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 either demand that the Government do so even at the expense
 of the civilian population or reconcile themselves to the fact

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that the Italians do not want the Army authorized by the Allies and will not support it, in which case the retention of Allied troops in Italy is indicated. The Italian Government is wrong if it believes that the Allied Armies will furnish more food from Allied military stocks, for we have been advised that the United States will not do so and the War Office has taken a very dim view of the loans already made by the British Army.

4. a. The supply of other items of the ration from indigenous resources, which was assured by the Italian Government, and which must be secured from indigenous resources, as there is no import program set up for them, is far from satisfactory. For instance, the supply of cheese, one of the basic items, for the month of December, had not been completed on 29 January.

b. It appears that the Italian Food Ministry makes the allocation to the Army without any regard to availability, and the Army has been unable to actually collect. The result is that the ration is being reduced and the morale of the troops is likewise being reduced. The Italian soldier does not understand all of this business and he feels that his officers are stealing from him or at any rate that he is being penalized by inefficiency in high places, just the same as under the Fascist regime. Maybe this is the feeling that certain elements of the Government desire to foster in the soldiers. It is certain that such a feeling can and would do immeasurable harm to Army morale and might well reduce the units to a dissatisfied, unstable, and mutinous rabble.

5. In order to clarify the matter it is urged that the Italian Government, on the highest level, should be forced to issue necessary instructions, categorically ordering that :-

a. 19500 tons of flour be turned over to the Army immediately on arrival - (the Army to pay back the loans from the Allies from this amount).

b. Subsistence which must come from indigenous resources actually be made physically available to the Army, at the required time as a matter of first priority.

/s/ C.P. KERR
Colonel

for Major General 2837
M.M.I.A.

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CITE RPSUP. INFO: Reference XT008A cable G 18996 of 1 February 1946. Repayment of subsistence released to Italian army is subject.

Delivery point desired is LEBENHORN. XT008A will be advised when repayment is completed.

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Message Centre No: G/8557

Date Time Rec'd 2 Feb 1964

Precedence: ROUTINE

Originator's Reference: RCL 42964

Date/Time of Original: 1 Feb 1964

FROM: War COS OITE COAC

TO: AC for CLAO INFO: AFHQ for JHCEC and London area office for War Office for

SLAO Secretariat.

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This is COM 379.

Refer MOC 415. Food requirements for Interim Army and Carabinieri.

1. CLAO (S) requesting allocations for following foodstuffs in M/T: dried vegetables 2160 and 8 870. Amounts arrived at by deducting from stated 6 months requirements quantities procured from US. Surplus stock available in the theater (Refer COM 224) PAA TWT. Against MOC 426 CLAO (S) has requested allocation 3000 tons canned fish which Italy expects to procure from Spain under italo/spanish agreement. Can you use the fish when procured to cover those Italian army requirements not satisfied out of United States Army surplus query no additional allocation will be requested of combined food board unless advised by you to the contrary.

3. Pepper not RCL nor is it available or United States. Suggest Italian Government do direct procurement on this I. Therefore no action by CLAO (S) is required. Italian Government is free to buy moreover it wants to or to instruct the Italian technical delegation to purchase in bond here for trans /shipment **2880**

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SLAO Secretariat.

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6. Due to termination of procurement in United States by Department of State (FMA)

under Y T requisitions of February 1 (Refer COM 368), Italian Government should

make direct purchase against allocations if and when received for S and pulses.

7. Italian technical Delegation here being advised of contents of this cable.

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Subsistence for Italian army is subject. Anticipate repayment on or about 28 February 1946 of 4,100,000 pounds flour and 617,000 pounds preserved meat and fish loaned from U S Military stocks to Italian army. See MTCUSA letter 29 November 1945, subject as above. PBS to notify Alcom point of delivery desired. Request this Headquarters be advised when repayment completed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Note for records:

To clear up the ambiguity of CC's letter of the 31st Jan. '46
 File 900/cc - 15 to the Prime Minister, Dr. Bottanari informed by telephone
 that the amount of flour required to be repaid by 28th Feb. '46 is 2,000 tons.

Dr. Bottanari also informed that according ^{to} report from
 Washington, Italian Mission has purchased and already shipped (on the way)
 to Italy 12,500 tons flour for Italian Army.

The above information secured from Col. Kerr, USA.

9900 hrs 1st Feb. '46

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Ref. TS/100/B/ES

31 January 1946

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I, therefore, request that through your appropriate ministries you consider the procurement of the subsistence items necessary for the maintenance of these forces and inform me of your general plan for this procurement as well as the date your Government will be able to assume the added subsistence responsibility for the Navy and the Air Force. This plan, I assume, would cover a period of a year, at scales and in amounts already forwarded to the Allied Commission as representing the total requirements of these forces.

Upon receipt of this information I shall be able to make my recommendations to the Supreme Allied Commander.

The details of your plan might well be worked out through inter-ministerial contact with parallel sections or agencies of the Allied Commission. If you desire, I shall call together, at an early date, those sections of the Allied Commission that are directly interested in this problem for a meeting with representatives of the appropriate ministries of your Government.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner 2531

Dottor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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Subject is loan of 3400 metric tons flour to Italian Government,
reference your C space 17310. (Pentase 11917, Cite BMSUP, BPCBS, Pentase to
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Subject loan cannot be made at this time without serious detriment to Army
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31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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In reference to my letter of 24 January regarding the urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army, I have just now received the following information from AFHQ which has a direct bearing on your answer to my original letter.

AFHQ informs us that any loan which may be granted for consumption by the Italian Army during the month of February represents flour which will be required for British troop use during the month of March inasmuch as no further imports are planned until April. Accordingly, it is absolutely essential that full repayment of such flour loan be made by 28 February and that such repayment be given absolute first priority call on any stocks available to the Italian Government on that date. Until written confirmation and agreement to such terms are obtained from the Italian Government, the Allied offer of assistance cannot be confirmed.

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Very truly yours,

J. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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Your letter Q/1-115 of 24 January 46 and subsequent conversation Nelson-Chare.

1. Confirms verbal explanation that US Army flour holdings do not permit loan and British holdings only allow loan for very short periods.

2. Any loan now granted for consumption by Italian Army during February represents flour required for consumption by British troops during March since no further imports planned until April. Repayment will be required by 28 February 46 such repayment to have first priority call on any stocks available to Italian Govt at that date. Request confirmation obtained from Italian Govt in writing that these terms acceptable before offer of assistance confirmed.

3. Subject to para 2 above can loan 2000 tons flour to 50 per cent of which may be atta available now at Naples. Regret cannot consider any further loan unless replacement flour known to be available in Italy within 14 days I B ship advised as sailed from country of origin.

4. For information other loans flour to Italian Govt from British Army are (A) Outlay against Mid shift meal 5000 tons. (B) 3000 tons for Italian army consumption January for which replacement was required by 30 April 46. (Signal G 47119 of 15 December 45)

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REFERS.

5. For ALCON and MHA loans at para 4 above also require urgent repayment.

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SUBJECT: Flour loan - Italian Interim Army
-----LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. P. I. A.) R O M E
S/1-115
24 January 1946
-----TO : G, GHQ, GMP,

1. The Italian Government in conjunction with Allied Commission has exhaustively investigated the procurement of flour requirements for the Italian Interim Army for February.

2. From sources available, flour can not be procured from :

a. Indigenous resources: Exceedingly poor harvest of Italian grown wheat has made crop lowest harvest yield in 25 years.

b. Import program: Flour being imported into Italy to supplement deficiencies of wheat crop (para 2-a) has been financed by UNRRA and PCA (US) appropriations. Each of these appropriations categorically exclude the provisioning of any national Armed Forces. At present, the imports are behind schedule and existing stocks in Italian warehouses are at a minimum level to meet civilian requirements. A loan from these sources, requisitions for which have not included amounts for the Italian Interim Army, would seriously impair the civil supply resulting in a reduction of the civil ration.

3. Advice has been received that approximately 14,000 tons of flour/wheat, procured under Italian Government Import Program (exclusive of UNRRA and PCA financed import programs) will arrive in early February. Attention is invited to Appendix 'A', letter from Chief Commissioner Allied Commission to the Prime Minister (Italian Government), that from this imported stock replacement will be made of outstanding loans.

4. On the basis of the above it is requested that 3400 metric tons of flour be loaned to the Italian Government for the Interim Army subject to repayment by 31 March 46.

5. Italian War Ministry has requested amounts released at locations indicated Appendix 'B'.

6. Repayment of outstanding loans will be effected from February wheat/flour arrivals.

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

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Copy to: GHI for DST
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" " Chief of QM
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Ministry of War (for General PALLISORA)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref. TO/100/3/1

31 January 1946

My dear Mr. Police Minister:

The urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army has had my attention.

I understand this situation is affected by these major factors:

First, prominent information is understood that attempts to procure wheat/flour for the Italian Armed Forces by your technical Mission in Washington are now understandably meeting with difficulty because of UNRRA domination of the market.

Second, I am informed that Allied military authorities in Italy are unwilling to extend further loans of wheat or flour for the Italian Army, unless firm assurance is given that early repayment in kind can be made.

In view of the current inability of the Mission to procure subsistence items for the Army from abroad, and in view of the urgency of the situation, insofar as procurement of immediate flour requirements for the Italian Army is concerned, I urge that your Government take the steps necessary to ensure early repayments to the Allied military authorities of both the February requirements and those amounts previously loaned to the Italian Army.

Although the basic responsibility for the feeding of this force rests with your Government, I should like to suggest that these steps will require one or both of the following immediate commitments:

- (a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both ²³²current and future military requirements.
- (b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat arrivals purchased with Italian funds (YF) to cover both an immediate loan for February and past loans to the Army from Allied military sources.

I have been informed that some 49,000 tons of bulk wheat have arrived under the YF program up to January 22. For arrival at the end of this month under the same program, an additional 14,000 tons are

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The urgency for meeting February wheat requirements for the Italian Army has not my attention.

I understand this situation is created by these major factors:

First, present information is understood that attempts to procure wheat/flour for the Italian Armed Forces by your technical mission in Washington are now understandably meeting with difficulty because of USSR domination of the market.

Second, I am informed that Allied military authorities in Italy are unwilling to extend further loans of wheat or flour for the Italian Army, unless firm assurance is given that early repayment in kind can be made.

In view of the current timidity of the mission to procure subsistence items for the Army from abroad, and in view of the urgency of the situation, insofar as procurement of immediate flour requirements for the Italian Army is concerned, I urge that your Government take the steps necessary to assure early repayment to the Allied military authorities of both the February requirements and those amounts previously loaned to the Italian Army.

Although the sole responsibility for the feeding of this force rests with your Government, I should like to suggest that these steps will require one or both of the following immediate commitments:

(a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both ²⁵²potential repayment purposes and for the meeting of future military requirements.

(b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat arrivals purchased with Italian funds (VF) to cover both an immediate loan for February and past loans to the Army from Allied military sources.

I have been informed that some 49,000 tons of bulk wheat have arrived under the VF program up to January 22, for arrival at the end of this month under the same program. An additional 14,000 tons are scheduled. Additionally I am informed that the Italian Government procured 90,000 tons of flour from its own (VF) funds. The date of arrival for this is uncertain.

These amounts are sufficient, of course, to cover an immediate commitment for repayment purposes, and to form the bases for the assurances necessary for the granting of a loan from military stocks to meet February requirements.

The greater problem of meeting future requirements for this force, as well as for the Navy and Air Force, will be the subject of a subsequent letter. I take this opportunity, however, to urge upon you the necessity for action upon the question of meeting this current need of the Army, and I shall be very grateful if you will advise me in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elliott M. Stone

ELLIOT M. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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Appendix 'B' to
 ltr Q/1/-115
 dated 24 Jan 46.

FLOUR - February Requirements - Italian Interim Army

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ITALIAN ARMY DEPOT</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MESTRE (a)	#5 Bulk Food Depot	1300 metric tons
ANCONA (b)	#76 Food Dist. Depot	650 " "
NAPLES	#10 Bulk Food Depot	1150 " "
BARI	#9 " " "	300 " "
		3400 metric tons

(a) If not available at Mestre, release at Bari.

(b) " " " " Ancona, " " Naples.

Ref. TS/100 B/ES

24 January 1946

My dear Mr. Pileo Minister:

The urgency for procuring February flour requirements for the Italian Army has had my attention.

I understand this situation is affected by these major factors:

First, from recent information it is understood that attempts to procure wheat/flour for the Italian Armed Forces by your Technical Mission in Washington are now unacceptably meeting with difficulty because of USSR domination of the market.

Second, I am informed that Allied military authorities in Italy are unwilling to extend further loans of wheat or flour for the Italian Army, unless firm assurance is given that early repayment in kind can be made.

In view of the current inability of the Mission to procure subsistence items for the Army from abroad, and in view of the urgency of the situation, insofar as procurement of immediate flour requirements for the Italian Army is concerned, I urge that your Government take the steps necessary to assure early repayment to the Allied military authorities of both the February requirements and those amounts previously loaned to the Italian Army.

Although the basic responsibility for the feeding of this force rests with your Government, I should like to suggest that these steps will require one or both of the following immediate commitments:

(a) Procurement from indigenous sources, both for eventual repayment purposes and for the meeting of future military requirements.

(b) The setting aside of sufficient amounts from current wheat arrivals purchased with Italian funds (YT) to cover both an immediate loan for February and past loans to the Army from Allied Military sources.

I have been informed that some 49,000 tons of bulk wheat have arrived under the YT program up to January 22. For arrival at the end of this month under the same program, an additional 14,000 tons are scheduled. Additionally I am informed that the Italian Government procured 90,000 tons of flour from its own (YT) funds. The date of arrival for this is uncertain.

These amounts are sufficient, of course, to cover an immediate commitment for repayment purposes, and to form the bases for the assurances necessary for the granting of a loan from Military stocks to meet February requirements.

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The greater problem of meeting future requirements for this force, as well as for the Navy and Air Force, will be the subject of a subsequent letter. I take this opportunity, however, to urge upon you the necessity for action upon the question of meeting this current need of the Army, and I shall be very grateful if you will advise me in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
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SUBJECT: Subsistence - Italian Interim Army

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R C M E
3/1-112
27 December 1945

TO : Minister for War

Reference letter 2/1-111 of 18 Dec. 45.

1. Please make following amendments to Appendix 'A' of letter referred to above:

a. Serial a - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex British Army Depots Mestre 1000, Naples 900, Ancona 600, Bari 500, All M/tons"

Substitute:

"Available Ex British Army Depots Naples 1500 M/tons, Bari 1500 M/tons"

b. Serial b - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex British Army Depots Mestre 130, Naples 110, Ancona 70, Bari 70, All M/tons"

Substitute:

"Available Ex British Army Depots Naples 170 M/tons, Bari 218 M/tons"

c. Serial c - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex U.S. Depot, Leghorn 575 M/tons, Balance Available Later Date"

Substitute:

"Available Ex U.S. Depots, Leghorn 505 M/tons, Naples 70 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

d. Serial d - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex U.S. Depot, Leghorn 95 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

Substitute:

"Available Ex U.S. Depots, Naples 14 M/tons, Leghorn 81 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

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Reference letter 3/1-111 of 13 Dec. 45.

1. Please make following amendments to Appendix 'A' of letter referred to above:

a. Serial a - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex British Army Depots Mestre 1000, Naples 900, Ancona 600, Bari 500, All M/tons"

Substitute:

"Available Ex British Army Depots Naples 1500 M/tons, Bari 1500 M/tons"

b. Serial b - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex British Army Depots Mestre 120, Naples 110, Ancona 70, Bari 70, All M/tons"

Substitute:

"Available Ex British Army Depots Naples 170 M/tons, Bari 212 M/tons"

c. Serial c - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex U.S. Depot, Leghorn 575 M/tons, Balance Available Later Date"

Substitute:

"Available Ex U.S. Depots, Leghorn 505 M/tons, Naples 70 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

d. Serial d - column (h)

Delete

: "Available Ex U.S. Depot, Leghorn 95 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

Substitute:

"Available Ex U.S. Depots, Naples 14 M/tons, Leghorn 81 M/tons, Bal. Avail. later date."

e. Serial e - column (h)

Delete

: "Avail. Ex U.S. Depot, Naples 190 M/tons"

Substitute:

"Avail. Ex U.S. Depots, Naples 127.5 M/tons, Leghorn 1.5 M/tons"

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TO: For action AFTER FOR CDS FOR CQAS FOR CQAS (LONDON)
FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT DATA (LONDON) FROM HQ ALLIED

Ref. No. 9452 Date: 20 December 1945 Precedence: PRIORITY

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This is 100 415.

Reference: RAY/621 of 29 Sept. 1945.

Subject is Subsistence Requirements Italian Interior Force.

1. Italian Government through Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction has agreed to use of IT Fund for purchase of subsistence requirements for Italian Infantry Army and Carabinieri (Total 205,000) for period from December 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946. It is understood that action is being taken to block remainder of IT Fund necessary to cover this.

2. Basic monthly import requirements in metric tons for this Force are as follows:

Flour	2,703
Meat and Fish (Preserved)	510
Macaroni (Flour equivalent)	560
Vegetables (Dried)	360
Sugar	180
Coffee	90
Pepper	0.9

3. It is understood here that erroneous amounts were transmitted by Italian Govt. to the Italian Technical Mission. We suggest that this information (which Italian Government has agreed) be transferred to the Mission for immediate consideration and procurement action with your help. Procurement of the earlier mentioned amount is necessary for the maintenance of this Force as well as repayment in kind against loans made for the month of December and possible future loans.

4. Procurement of those items possible from indigenous stocks and surplus stocks within the Theater is being and will be made. All 2817 Force Headquarters informs following available from US surplus stock, for payment by IT Funds:

Preserved meat/Fish	1,725 metric tons
Coffee	285 "
Sugar	190 "

Any further availabilities here will be notified you so that procurement of Mission can be correspondingly reduced.

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Reference FMV/521 of 29 Sept. 1946

Subject is Submarine Requirements Italian Inter-Force.

1. Italian Government (Inter-Force) Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction has agreed to use of IT Fund for purchase of subsistence requirements for Italian Inter-Force Army and Carabinieri (Total 205,000) for period from December 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946. It is understood that action is being taken to block remainder of IT Fund necessary to carry this.

2. Basic monthly import requirement in metric tons for this Force are as follows:

Flour	2,703
Wheat and fish (preserved)	540
Vegetables (flour equivalent)	540
Vegetables (fresh)	360
Sugar	180
Coffee	90
Tea	0.9

3. It is understood that various amounts were transmitted by Italian Govt. to the Italian Technical Mission. We suggest that this information (which Italian Government has agreed) be transferred to the Mission for immediate consideration and procurement action with your help. Procurement of this material, particularly meat is necessary for the maintenance of this Force as well as repayment in kind against loans made for the month of December and possible future loans.

4. Procurement of those items possible from indigenous stock and surplus stocks within the Theater is being and will be made. All 2817 Force Headquarters follows following available from US surplus stock, for payment by IC Funds:

Preserved meat/fish	1,725 metric tons
Coffee	285 "
Sugar	180 "

Any further availabilities here will be notified you so that procurement by Mission can be correspondingly reduced.

5. For your further information it is understood that Italian Govt. is planning subsistence requirements for Inter-Force Army as well as for Navy of 40,000 and Air Force of 31,000. Calculations for all three Forces planned on daily ration scale as submitted by Ministries, with a 10 percent increase for eventual losses. The plan as submitted covers one year period plus a two month reserve.

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6. Italian Govt. has been requested to confirm Plan as final. When this is received it will be forwarded to you.

7. Question of financing and procurement for this general subsistence plan for all Forces is acute as VI Funds are insufficient to cover it and as indigenous stocks cannot meet it without impairment of existing civilian ration and surplus military stocks available are insufficient.

8. Your confirmation of receipt of this message and action taken thereon is requested.

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Tel. No. 460

Originator's Signature: (CHARLES W. MARTIN, COL)
Chief, Supply Group

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1	Flour (including bagging)	100,000 lbs.	Received from the Government of India	3.00	Jan. 1946	6-1-46	Available for sale to the public
2	Vegetables, dried	"	"	3.00	"	"	Available for sale to the public
3	Preserved meat (canned)	10,000 lbs.	Received from the Government of India	17.00	Jan. 1946	6-1-46	Available for sale to the public
4	Coffee	"	"	2.00	"	"	Available for sale to the public
5	Sugar	"	"	1.00	Jan. 1946	"	Available for sale to the public
6	"	100,000 lbs.	Received from the Government of India	3.00	Dec. 1945	Dec. 1945	Available for sale to the public
7	Vegetables, dried	"	"	3.00	"	"	Available for sale to the public
8	Flour	100,000 lbs.	Received from the Government of India	3.00	Jan. 1946	6-1-46	Available for sale to the public

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ACTION: PBS INFO: PENNSOUTH, ALCOM

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See letter, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Q/1-108, 12 December 1945.

Authorized for release from U S surplus military stocks to cover one month requirements for Italian (Interim) Army are following items, all quantities expressed net pounds: Mash, meat and vegetables 1,167,875. Preserved fish 100,000. Coffee (green bean) 261,844. Sugar 18,950.

Point of delivery for sugar, Quartermaster Depot, Pensouth, all other items at Quartermaster Depot, Leghorn. Transfer to be made on priced shipping tickets forwarded to Allied Commission and monetary reimbursement effected from dollar credits from the troops pay account as indicated by Ministry of Reconstruction. AMIA is responsible for accounting for all amounts handed over.

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INFO: (FINT) BR. 100.

INFO: TENDERS - PLYMOUTH - ALCON.

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1). FROM LETTER 11-108 OF 12 DEC 43 REQUESTED CERTAIN ITEMS WERE AVAILABLE FROM SURPLUS ALLIED MILITARY STOCKS TO MAINTAIN ITALIAN ARMY.

2). EVIDENT PARTICULARLY IN CASE OF FLOUR AND RICE ONLY THAT FROM LITTLE CONTRIBUTION MADE FROM CIVIL INLET PROGRAMME.

3). COMBINED SITUATION HAS RESULTED IN CANCELLATION MANY SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY ACCOUNT CONSEQUENTLY NEGLIGIBLE SURPLUS OF SUPPLY TO THE SOURCE AND MILITARY RELYING ON STOCKS FOR CONTINUED MAINTENANCE.

4). PARA 11(C) OF AG 091, 711 (SD)-0 OF 3 NOVEMBER 43 ALLOWS LOANS GOOD UP TO 1 JANUARY 45 ONLY PARA 11(C) ALLOWS ONLY FOR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS STOCKS.

5). ON THIS BASIS CAN MAKE AVAILABLE NOW (A) ON LOAN SUBJECT TO REPAYMENT IN KIND BEFORE 30 APRIL 46 FLOUR

3000 TONS VEGETABLES DRIED 366 TONS FROM BRITISH STOCKS.

(B) AGAINST THERE PAY ACCOUNT PRESERVED MEAT-FISH 2812 TONS COFFEE 265 TONS SUGAR 190 TONS FROM US STOCKS.

(C) ALL ABOVE IN METRIC TONS.

(6). DETAILS OF HANDOVER WILL BE SIGNALLING SEPARATELY BY DET GH, AND DET MTOUSA. ALL COMMODITIES AVAILABLE HEREIN EXCEPT MEAT FISH AND COFFEE WHICH AVAILABLE THROUGH.

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7). COULD HAVE FLOUR AVAILABLE. WOULD BE INCOME BMT AND
 WOULD BE IF DESIRED. SIGNAL BE TAKEN BY SOMEONE NOT CH. CMT.
 8). FURTHER QUANTITIES FLOUR CANNOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT
 AGREEMENT TO ALLIED POSITION AND COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
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 AVAILABILITY. CANNOT PROVIDE FLOUR ON MORGONI.
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M.M.A.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 874
Subsistence Section

Ref. 708

23 November 1945

My Dear Professor:

I am informed that with the return of the Italian Army to the Italian Government the furnishing of food for the army became the responsibility of the Italian Government. As you are doubtless aware, a large portion of that responsibility has been borne by the Allied Military Organization. The provisioning for the Army (140,000) and the Carabinieri (45,000) will require furnishing both indigenous and imported foods.

For the indigenous foods it is assumed that your Government will make its own arrangements. For the imported foods the Allied Commission has prepared a table of requirements and will be glad to transmit a requisition for the supplies upon receipt of appropriate concurrence from you, coupled with instructions from the Italian Technical Service, Washington.

The following table shows the monthly requirements for imported supplies:

MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED FOODS
FOR THE
ARMY AND THE CARABINIERI

Item	Quantity (daily)	Quantities (m. tons)	Estimated landed costs (\$)
FLOUR	15 oz	2703	538,217
MEAT & BIR preserved	5 oz	540	297,941
WHEAT (flour equivalent)	5 oz	550	49,358
VEGETABLES dried	2 oz	360	55,338
EGGS	1 oz	190	22,841
SUGAR	1 oz	90	33,339
PEPPER	1/200	.90	-

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Total by
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For policy reasons, related to the basis on which appropriations were made, it is not possible to use either YB funds (PMA \$100,000,000) or UNRRA funds for the purchase of supplies for the Italian Army. Therefore, it is necessary for the Italian Government to make appropriate provision for imports from funds available to that Government, i.e. the Troop Pay Account, or post liberation accounts in the supplying countries.

I suggest that the Italian Government make this provision from 1 December 1945, and extend the period over such number of months in 1946 as may be decided by you. Provisioning from 1 December 1945 will permit the repayment of certain loans of food from Allied sources which were authorized for the period 1 December - 31 December. Such provision will obviate the necessity for subsequent curtailment of Italian Army rations to meet the demands for repayment.

It will be appreciated if you will confirm to this Headquarters that suitable instructions have been given to the Italian Technical Mission in Washington, directing the expenditures from the Troop Pay Account or other available funds for the purchase of the commodities to provide for such period as you may decide upon.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. BROWN
Acting Vice President

Professoro Maurizio Rinaldi
Minister of Reconstruction
The Italian Government
cc: Chief Commissioner (Food Executive Commissioner)
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Rm, Washington, D.C.
Italian Technical Delegation, Washington, D.C.
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(Incl. #1 to ltr. ^{50244/SEC} to G-5 AFHQ dated 12 Nov. 45, Subject: Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equipping of Italian Armed Forces)

GENERAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ITALIAN ARMAMENT INDUSTRY
PERIOD 1939 to 1942

SOURCE: Records of Italian Ministry of War Production

1. wartime expansion of Italian industry.

	1940	1941	1 April 43
	732	1094	1918
Auxiliary plants existing			
Labor employment	805,239	1,082,954	1,200,050

New installations of 773 plants required the augmentation of labor by 394,811 men.

2. Increment of Production Capacity from 1939 to 1942

Item	Quantity Produced	Augmented Capacity
Pistols and Revolvers	264,455	85.7%
Rifles cal. 6.5 and 9	286,550	32.3%
Automatic arms cal. 6, 12, 20	130,000	107.6%
Artillery light	3434	244 %
Artillery medium	666	600 %
Artillery heavy	32	266 %
Tanks	3156	200 %
amm. cal. 6.5 to 15	164,568,292	?
Artillery charges	29,000,000	163%
Artillery projectiles	34,000,000	320%
Naval constructions	8758 Tons	85.7%
Cast iron	354,6664 Tons	61.9%
Steel	7719783 Tons	40 %
Aluminum	156137 Tons	82.9%
Lead	116527 Tons	52.2%
Castiron		
Artillery		
Metallic Magnesium	10000 Tons	65%
Tin		

3. General Index of Production

Industry	1928	1939	1942
Textile	100	88.6	52.9
Metallurgical	100	122.3	106.3
Building	100	121.2	24.8
Mechanical	100	150.4	202
Power and heat production	100	176.2	199.9
Mining	100	14.2	96
Chemical	100	162.5	87
Other industries	100	123.1	79.3

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diminished production was in part by Allied bombing and mainly from lack of raw materials.

4. Control of Factories that supplied the Italian Armed Forces during period 1940-1943

Production	Controlled by	
	State	Private Ownership
Pistols	-	100%
Rifles	74.5%	25.5%
Automatic Arms	-	1.2%
Mortar for inf.	2%	98%
Artillery	7.5%	31.5%
Tanks and armored cars	-	37.5%
Ammunition	36.8%	63.2%
Projectiles for artillery	10%	90%
Torpedoes	-	71%
Air Forces Bombs	14.7%	47.7%
Fuses and Caps	2%	98%
Aeroplanes	-	95%
Motors for aeroplanes	-	47.7%
Motor vehicles	-	89.5%
Explosives	7.2%	92.8%

5. List of firms that produced armaments for Italy during the period 1940-43

Name of Firm	Control	Location	% of Total Production
<u>Pistols</u>			
G. A. Serratto	Private	Gardone Val Trompia (Brescia)	100%
<u>Rifles</u>			
Fabbrica d'armi S.R.	State	Torino	49.7%
Fabbrica d'armi S.R.	"	Brescia	24.8%
Fabbrica Nazionale d'armi	Priv. Owned	"	12.5%
G. A. Serratto	"	"	10.5%
G. A. Amiguesse	"	Cresona	3.2%
			100.0%
<u>Automatic Arms</u>			
Soc. Italiana S. Freda	IRI	Brescia	72.5%
"	"	"	21.5%
"	"	"	1.8%
S.R. S.R.	"	"	2.2%
Fabbrica Nazionale d'armi	Priv. Owned	"	2505
Isotta Fraschini	IRI	Milano	100.0%
<u>Mortars for Infantry</u>			
Metallurgia Bresciana (cal. 45mm)	Priv. Owned	Brescia	52.4%
Cassa Caproni (Lettrossa, cal. 81mm)	"	Sarzano	45.2%
Arsenale S.R.	State	Napoli	2.0%
			100.0%

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Artillery	Priv. Armed	Braccia	91,15
Cor. Ippolito P. Sorda	IMI	Pozzuoli	26,45
C. A. Ansaldo	"	Genova	24,97
" " "	"	la Spezia	9,76
Giuseppe Torri Orlando G.F.O.	"	Imola	3,95
G.A. Nazionale Vogna	State	Piacenza	2,5
Arsenale N. B.	"	Napoli	2,5
Arsenale N. B.	"		100,00

Torino, Arrondamento Corso, Half Privatized House		Genova	62,5%
A.S. Cassale	181		
SA Politecnicamente Auton.(FINX)		Torino	37,5%
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Company	City	Production
Acc. Metallurgica Italiana	Pistoia	30,1%
Pirotecnico R.O.	Capea	22,9%
Pirotecnico R.O.	Bologna	14,5%
Ciello Vecchi R.O.	Lecco	14,5%
Industria Parodi Bolzano	Collaferro	7,8%
	Genova	

the balance was produced by other since firms

Product	Unit	Price	Quantity	Total
Innocenti S.p.A.	Priv. Owned	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cartieri Metallurgici Italiani	" "	100,000	100,000	100,000
S.A. Nazionale Tognoli	State	100,000	100,000	100,000
S.A. Tognoli	IRA	100,000	100,000	100,000
Soc. Italiana S. Paolo	Priv. Owned	100,000	100,000	100,000

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Company	Ownership	Port	Value
Clurificio Mitchell	Priv. Owned	Fiesso	20,200%
Clurificio Italiano	IRI	Napoli	
"	"	Baia degli	29,45
"	"	Torregrada	
"	"	Livorno	19,75
Titifondos	Priv. Owned		100,--%

Isotta Fraschini	IMI	Ilva	Ilva
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(Aircraft Plants - Contd)

A.R.C.M.	Priv. Owned	Roma	18.1%
A. S. Aeron	" "	Milano	16.3%
Innocenti S.A.	{ State owned but managed by the Soc. An. Innocenti }	Roma	{ 14.7%
" "		Milano	
" "		Milano	
Stabilimento Balbino	IRI	Brescia	14.7%

Other minor firms produced the balance.

Engines and Parts

Arturo Dughera S.A.	Priv. Owned	Venezia	27.4%
S. S. Imetti	" "	Brescia	11.9%
S. A. Metallurgiche Langhini	" "	Verona	9.3%
S. M. Borletti	" "	Milano	9.2%
SAI (Sairol)	" "	Milano	{ 6.4%
" "	" "	Perth	
Industriale S.A.	State	Roma	2.8%

Other minor firms provided the balance.

Aeroplane

Soc. Italiana S. Breda	Priv. Owned	State S. Giovanni	14.9%
Aeromobili d'Italia	" "	Torino	{ 14.5%
" "	" "	Firenze	
Bocchi	" "	Verona	13.4%
Avio S. Marchetti (Fiat)	" "	Verona	{ 10.4%
" "	" "	Novara	
" "	" "	Incona	{ 9.8%
Officine Reggiane	" "	Reggio Emilia	
S. A. Caproni	" "	Milano	6.7%
Fabbricazioni Riuniti dell'Adriatico IRI	" "	Trieste	4.3%
Societa Aeromobili Italiani Priv. Owned	" "	Bergamo	3.8%
S. A. Caproni Bergamasca	" "	Bergamo	3.4%

The balance was produced by other minor firms

Engines for Aeroplanes

Alfa Romeo	IRI	Milano	24.2%
S. A. Piaggio	Priv. Owned	Pontedera	19.4%
Isotta Fraschini	IRI	Milano	{ 18.4%
" "	" "	Verona	
FIAT	Priv. Owned	Torino	14.1%
Reggiane	" "	Reggio Emilia	10.2%
Alfa Romeo	IRI	Piedigiano	10.1%

Motor Vehicles

FIAT	Priv. Owned	Torino	25.7%
SAI (Fiat)	" "	"	25.0%
IRI	IRI	Brescia	7.3%
Bianchi	Priv. Owned	Milano	7.4%
Lancia	" "	Torino	6.4%
Alfa Romeo	IRI	Milano	1.5%
Breda	" "	Genoa S. Giovanni	1.4%
Isotta Fraschini	" "	Milano	0.6%
QMI Fiat	Priv. Owned	Modena	0.1%
S. A. Motomeccanica	IRI	Milano	0.1%

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Explosives	Priv. Owned	Location	Percentage
S. A. Ansaldo Nobel		Firenze	24,6%
Industriale Farodi Belfino		Colloferro	18,5%
S. A. Ansaldo Nobel		Torino	15,4%
IMI (Montecatini)		Aperti	
"		Grassano	14,3%
Polverificio S. P.	State	Prosinone	7,2%
S. A. Ansaldo Nobel	Priv. Owned	Aquila	8,8%
"	"	Avigliano	5,3%
"	"	Barzi	4,4%
IMI (Montecatini)	"	Aviano	3,5%

5. General statements

- The coordinating agency within the Italian Government during the war was the Ministry of War Production (Ministero dell'Industria di Guerra).
- Clothing, shoes, tents, haversacks, blankets and other items of personal equipment for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces were provided by private-owned industries. The only limiting factor as to the capacity of these industries to furnish the full requirements of the above items was the availability of raw materials.
- Armaments such as portable and heavy arms, ammunition, vehicles, planes, ships and tanks were produced partly by private owned plants, part by plants controlled by the State through IRI, and part in army and navy arsenals under the direct management of the respective ministers.
- Under Italian law all production of arms was made on a license basis. Each factory received an order for a definite number of specified items and the control of production was carried out through the allocation of raw materials, and the presence of inspectors at the plant. All manufacture of arms outside the license was illegal.

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 ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE AT PRESENT PROVIDED BY ALLIED FORCES FD

PARA THREE FD PRACTICABILITY DEPENDS UPON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEING ABLE TO MAKE
 NECESSARY FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR IMPORTATION OF FOLLOWING ITEMS MONTHLY IN ADDITION
 TO EXISTING CIVILIAN PROGRAMS FOR ONE NINE FOUR SIX ALL METRIC TONS ONE WHEAT
 ONE EIGHT EIGHT FIVE CMA PRESERVED MEAT OR FISH TWO SEVEN EIGHT DRIED VEGETABLES
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 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT THREE FIVE EIGHT CMA ZERO SIX SIX DOLLARS MONTHLY FD

PARA FOUR FD ACQUISITION SUPPLIES OF ALL ABOVE ITEMS COULD NOT BE MET AFTER FIRST
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Reference Q 688 of 17 November. Release of ammunition requested agreed. Release note to Distwo follows.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference : FX 53515
Date/Time of Origin : 171435Z

Message Centre No. G 3073
Date/Time Rec'd : 181030Z
Precedence: Important

FROM : AFHQ, SACRED c/o FHQEG

TO : Alloc for Economic Section, Naval SC and Air Force SC ALCOM NMIA

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Request you examine, in conjunction with MSEA, practicability and desirability of making Italian Government responsible for providing Allied Military element of ration for Italian Navy and Air Force at present being provided by British and US Forces. Maximum commitment under Jan 365 and OCSM 231 would be Navy 75000, Air Force 31800. Present strengths rationed by Allies are Navy 53000, Air Force 31800.

2. Request you inform this Hq by 1200 hrs Tuesday 20 November whether in the event of the responsibility being transferred to the Italian Government they could provide the necessary supplies either according to existing ration scales or by substitution, and what effect this would have on the Italian Economy.

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FROM : MMIA

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TO : AFHQ

COPY TO : HQ 2 DISTRICT
ALLIED COMMISSION (P.S. SUB-COMMISSION)

REF : Q.688

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ESD/81/3 OF 6 NOVEMBER (.) DECIMAL POINT
9 AMMUNITION VERY SHORT SUPPLY (.) REQUEST RELEASE OF 250,000
ROUNDS DECIMAL POINT 9 CALIBRE TO THE ITALIAN ARMY (.)

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AG 400/105 D-0

27 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air).

TO : All Concerned.

AFHQ letter, subject and file as above, dated 22 September 1944, is amended as follows:

- a. Delete the word "CARABINIERI" in paragraph 3b. ✓ *En*
- b. Change the word "FROM" in paragraph 2 of Annex "A" to "FOR". ✓ *En*

By command of General WILSON:

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TO : All Concerned

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1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec. I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

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|----------|---|---|
| AR - ITI | - | Italian armed forces under British command. |
| US - ITI | - | Italian armed forces under United States command. |
| ITI-ITI | - | Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry. |
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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, Carabinieri, Fire Brigades, *etc.* and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

h. The Italian army will provide sufficient organizations ^{if they} proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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1. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

2. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

- (1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.
- (2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

- (1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":
 - (a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.
 - (b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".
 - (c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

- (1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or GOC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.

- (2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

- (1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.
- (2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.
- (3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

- (1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.
- (2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorized to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and all armed forces patients will be maintained as under:

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(1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.

(2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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Annex "A" to Annex "E"

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

- a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources
- b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources
- c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Coffee	$\frac{1}{3}$ oz.
Pepper	1/200
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 oz.
book, commercial type, ea	2

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army ~~from~~ ^{for} all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	$\frac{1}{3}$ oz.
Salt	$\frac{1}{3}$ oz.
Wine, litre	$\frac{1}{2}$

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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ANNEX "B"

CLOTHING SCALE, ITALIAN ARMY

1. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale for all categories of the Italian Army is as follows:

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battledress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirt, wool or pullover	ea	2
(1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	1
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes	pr	1
(2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)		
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggings (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

3. Addition to the scale will be as approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, KMACUSA for US-ITI. Addition to the scale for ITI-ITI will be as approved by MACA and dependent upon the available supply received in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

4. Field Jackets, wool shirts, wool caps, wool trousers, overcoats, mackinaws, wool, and battle dress will be dyed green prior to issue to the Italian Army and Italian Air Force.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied armies.
2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTD, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.
 - a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.
 - b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:
 - (1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
 - (2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.
 - c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.
 - d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.
3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.
4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposed Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

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3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces1. Scalesa. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	)	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	)	
Serolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	)	
Butter or margarine	10,400 lbs	)	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	)	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	)	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	)	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	)	
Izal	1 gal	)	
Fly catchers	480	)	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	)	
Al 63	20 lbs	)	
Blocks fumigating	4	)	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	)	
Cresol	10 gal	)	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	)	
Malariaol	30 gal	)	
Paris Green	1/4 lbs	)	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

a. 30 days reserve calculated on the above-mentioned scales will be held under arrangements of agencies having a supply responsibility.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

- a. civilian users
- b. the three categories of the Italian army
- c. Italian navy
- d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

G. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
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APO 400

ALH/rjs
5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.

1. Instructions have been issued, with your concurrence, that the supervision and control of rations, medical supplies, shoes and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces shall rest with the Army Sub-Commission ACC. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have issued very definite instructions that these supplies and stores shall be issued only to those who are in fact effective in aiding the Allied efforts. They may be issued only to actual members of the Armed Forces who are commissioned officers, warrant officers, or other ranks, who are borne on the official strengths of the respective Armed Forces' administrations as duly constituted organizations or units.

2. In order that the Army Sub-Commission may carry out its directive with reference to the receipt, storage, issue and accounting for rations furnished the Italian Armed Forces, it is requested that you require the Navy Sub-Commission and the Air Force Sub-Commission to inform the Army Sub-Commission as follows:

a. Initially on 25 May 1944 an Order of Battle of their respective forces as of 15 May 1944 together with a statement that only bona fide air or naval personnel who are in fact effective are included. The report to show strengths, locations, and type of employment, and type of ration (combat or basic) applicable.

b. A similar report to be submitted on the 5th, 15th and 25th day of each month as to the condition on the preceding 25th, 5th and 15th respectively. The report clearly to indicate any new formation, unit or establishment which is included for the first time. Any formation, unit or establishment which has been dropped or disbanded should likewise be reported.

3. The Army Sub-Commission is being held strictly responsible that rations are issued only to proper personnel and in the proper amounts. It will be fully justified in refusing to issue rations to units of any of the Italian Armed Forces which it cannot identify as

being properly authorized, and in refusing to replace over issues or unauthorized issues and in adjusting by withholding subsequent issues in order properly to adjust any over or unauthorized issues. This fact indicates the necessity for close liaison between the Naval and Air Sub-Commissions and the Army Sub-Commission (ISMA).


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Section I
THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

1. Composition.

The Italian Armed Forces covered by these instructions include:-

- (a) The Italian Army (R.A.)
- (b) The Italian Navy (R.M.)
- (c) The Italian Air Force (R.A.)
- (d) The Carabinieri (C.C.R.)
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- (a) The Army Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission (A.C.C.) short title, Military Mission to the Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) is the channel of communication between Allied and Italian headquarters and is responsible for giving effect to Allied policy as far as it affects the Italian Army. It is also the authorised supervisory and accounting agency for handling all questions of common supplies to the Italian Armed Forces, as directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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- (c) The Italian armed forces are to be administered to the fullest possible extent by their own headquarters within the following principles:-

3. Administration (Contd)

- (i) Italian Formation HQs are responsible for their own internal supply organization after receiving supplies in bulk from Allied sources.
- (ii) Italian units serving in Allied formations, districts or base sections where no major Italian HQ exists may be administered by the appropriate Allied HQ.
- (iii) Italian troops serving in or with predominantly British or U.S. units will receive supplies from the unit in which they are serving.
- (iv) The H.Q. Supervisory organization and system of liaison officers is laid down in detail in para 14 and in annex 'B'.

Section III PROVISION POLICY

4. Nature and Sources of Supply.

- (a) The term "Supplies" will be taken to include any or all of the following essential items which are being provided from the sources shown:-

- (i) Subsistence on approved daily scales from the United States.
- (ii) Clothing in approved quantities from the United States, and United Kingdom sources; in addition to recommended articles from Allied locally recommended stocks.
- (iii) Medical stores (including veterinary) on British scales from United Kingdom or Middle East.
- (iv) Petrol, oil and lubricants, issuable from Allied stocks under the provisions of A.P.O. 4. Administrative Memorandum No. 11.

- (b) Vehicles and technical equipment may, from time to time, be supplied by U.S. and special purposes, under instructions issued separately.
- (c) Arms, ammunition and engineer or ordnance equipment are not being provided except as follows:-

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Units under command of Allied formations through H.Q. of those formations.

Units not under command of Allied formations through S.E.E. to

H.Q.I.A.

4. Nature and Sources of Supply (Contd.)

- (ii) Requests for major issues involving questions of principle will be similarly made to H.Q. AAI either through or with copies to M.M.I.A.
- (d) Certain supplementary items of subsistence such as fruit, wine and oil are being provided from local produce by the Italian authorities and are an essential component of the proper ration scale. It is intended the amounts of these should increase as production permits, in replacement of imported goods. The procurement, storage and distribution of these items is primarily an Italian responsibility. Wherever adequate provision cannot be made from local resources such central control and redistribution as is required will be organized by the Ministry of War on the recommendation and with the help of M.M.I.A., co-ordinated where necessary with AAI Local Resources Board and the Economic Section of A.C.C.

5. Forecasts, Demands and Quotas.

- (a) M.M.I.A. is responsible in conjunction with the Ministry of War for making the necessary forecasts to H.Q. AAI for supplies and shipping for imported supplies.
- (b) M.M.I.A. is responsible for making bulk demands (except for P.O.L.) for shipping tonnage to H.Q. AAI and sends a representative to the AAI tonnage meetings for this purpose.
- (c) Ministry of War will provide as required by M.M.I.A. such statistics, returns and certificates as are needed to enable demands to be made and stocks to be checked. (See Appx. 'D').

6. Consignment and Delivery.

- (a) It is the present policy that the effective Italian Forces will normally be maintained by supplies, demanded, procured and shipped specifically for that purpose. It is the intention that such supplies should be

ment of imported goods. Wherever adequate these items is primarily an Italian responsibility. Wherever adequate provision cannot be made from local resources such central control and redistribution as is required will be organized by the Ministry of War on the recommendation and with the help of M.M.I.A., co-ordinated where necessary with M.I. Local Resources Board and the Economic Section of

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5. Forecasts, Demands and Stocks.

- (a) M.M.I.A. is responsible in conjunction with the Ministry of War for making the necessary forecasts to H.Q. M.I. for supplies and shipping for imported supplies.
- (b) M.M.I.A. is responsible for making bulk demands (except for P.O.I.) for shipping tonnage to H.Q. M.I. and sends a representative to the M.I. tonnage meetings for this purpose.
- (c) Ministry of War will provide as required by M.M.I.A. such stores, returns and certification as are needed to enable demands to be made and stocks to be checked. (See Appx. 'D').

6. Consignment and Delivery.

- (a) It is the present policy that the effective Italian Forces will normally be maintained by supplies, armaments, procured and assigned specifically for that purpose. It is the intention that such supplies should be marked with the identifying letters "I.T.I." before shipment. Exceptional circumstances (in which supplies are issued to the Italian Forces from Allied stocks), are dealt with in para. 10.
- (b) Delivery of consignments consigned specifically to the Italian Forces (and of any others allotted in exceptional circumstances from Allied stocks in this theatre) will be accepted by Italian authorities as described in Section III.

7. Stores and Supplies.

Supplies will be issued in accordance with the quantities and types authorized in the following Appendices:-

Recon, Forage & Fuel	 App. 'E'.
Blanking, Boots and Minor Equipment	 " 'F'.
Medical Supplies	 " 'G'.

8. General Use of Supplies.

- (a) Stores are to be used only for such purposes within the approved maximum limits as are in fact deemed to be effectively employed in aiding the Allied war effort.
- (b) Full use is to be made of all available Italian stocks and labour in order to conserve Allied supplies, shipping and war-power.
- (c) Economy in domestic, handling and utilizing all supplies in repair and re-issue of war-serviceable equipment and in salvaging and conserving containers and by-products is to be exercised by all concerned.
- (d) Inventory and accounting agencies (Allied - Italian) are being established (as detailed in Sections IV & V) to ensure that issues do not exceed the approved scales and that supplies are used only for the purpose intended and not diverted, sold or otherwise illegally disposed of.
- (e) The signed receipts given by the Italian authorities will imply a positive assurance that the above conditions are understood.

Section III

METHOD OF HANDLING

1. Responsibility for Handling.

While Allied Port Commanders are responsible for unloading all supplies, it is essential that the Italian Army should accept the fullest possible responsibility for transportation, storage and accounting for supplies allotted to them as soon as possible after their arrival in the country. It is equally

- (4) There shall be taken into account only for such Forces within the approved maximum tonnage in fact accepted to be effectively employed in aiding the Allied war effort.
- (5) It shall be the duty of all available Italian stocks and labour in order to conserve Allied supplies, shipping and man-power.
- (6) Economy in demeriting, handling and utilizing all supplies in repair and replacement of unserviceable equipment and in salvaging and conserving materials and by-products is to be exercised by all concerned.
- (7) Supervisory and accounting agencies (Allied - Italian) are being established (as detailed in Sections IV & V) to ensure that issues do not exceed the approved scales and that supplies are used only for the purposes intended and not bartered, sold or otherwise illegally disposed of.
- (8) The signed receipts given by the Italian authorities will imply a positive assurance that the above conditions are understood.

METHOD OF HANDLING

Section III

3. Responsibility for Handling.

While Allied Port Commissioners are responsible for unloading all supplies, it is essential that the Italian Army should accept the fullest possible responsibility for transportation, storage and accounting for supplies allotted to them as soon as possible after their arrival in the country. It is equally necessary that all items are accepted by Allied and Italian representatives at the point of acceptance; exact amounts received and any differences between them and signed manifests (or issue vouchers) being noted as prescribed in Section V.

The Ministry of War will provide and maintain an adequate organization of the proper type and with proper equipment to handle efficiently and expeditiously supplies accepted by them from the time they are received until they are transferred to use.

1C. Point of Acceptance.

- (a) Wherever supplies are handed over to the Italian Forces a definite acceptance point will be fixed at which all responsibility will pass to the receiving agents. It is the intention that this point should be at, or as near as is practicable to, the shipside, dependent on circumstances as follows :-
- (i) If the consignment arrives with distinguishable case markings and port working conditions permit sorting at shipside, acceptance point will be at shipside.
- (ii) If the consignment arrives with adequate case markings but port working conditions preclude sorting at shipside, the port authorities may decide to clear the cargo to a transit sorting depot for identification and acceptance there.
- (iii) If the consignment arrives with inadequate case markings or if port working conditions preclude sorting at shipside the Allied supply and port authorities may agree either to hand over the consignment as on ships manifest without regard to markings, or to take the consignment into Allied stock and issue in lieu to the Italians from Allied stock quantities shown as I.A.I. on ships manifest.
- (b) In any event supplies will be handed over in the presence of Allied and Italian representatives. Delivery will be accepted by Italian Port detachments on behalf of the Italian Army. It will be the responsibility of M.A.I.A. Services Supervisory Officers concerned to ensure that an efficient check is carried out, that the actual quantities of supplies are handed over and that local receipts (acceptance notes) are obtained and disposed of as laid down in para 19.
- (c) Supplies issued in exceptional circumstances from Allied stocks already in the country will be checked and accepted at the depot from which they are issued in the presence of Allied and Italian representatives.

port working conditions permit working at shipside, acceptance point will be at shipside.

(ii) If the consignment arrives with adequate case markings but port working conditions preclude sorting at shipside, the port authorities may decide to clear the cargo to a transit sorting depot for identification and acceptance there.

(iii) If the consignment arrives with inadequate case markings or if port working conditions preclude sorting at shipside the Allied supply and port authorities may agree either to hand over the consignment as on ships manifest without regard to markings, or to take the consignment into Allied stock and issue in lieu to the Italians from Allied stock quantities shown as I.A.I. on ships manifest.

(c) In any event supplies will be handed over in the presence of Allied and Italian representatives. Delivery will be accepted by Italian Port detachments on behalf of the Italian Army. It will be the responsibility of M.A.I.A. Services Supervisory Officers concerned to ensure that an efficient check is carried out, that the actual quantities of supplies are handed over and that local receipts (acceptance notes) are obtained and disposed of as laid down in para 19.

(c) Supplies issued in exceptional circumstances from Allied stocks already in the country will be checked and accepted at the depot from which they are issued in the presence of Allied and Italian representatives.

11. Transportation.

Allied port commanders are responsible for unloading supplies and for ensuring their speedy movement to Italian base depots. Italian transport and labour will be used wherever possible. When suitable Italian transport cannot be provided, Allied transport may be used.

12. Storage

Proper storage will be provided by the Italian authorities who will report the location and function of each warehouse to the local Allied commander and M.M.I.A. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure to ensure safety from theft, fire, weather, insects or vermin and permit of checking and distribution with ease and efficiency. Such warehouses and stocks will be open to inspection by M.M.I.A., and the warehouses themselves to representatives of local Allied commanders for local administrative purposes.

13. Distribution

Italian military authorities will be responsible, and will issue regulations (approved by M.M.I.A.) for the efficient distribution and issue of supplies to the troops for whom they are intended, on the appropriate scales and under the detailed procedure given in Appendices 'B', 'W' and 'C'.

The Italian Ministry of War (under M.M.I.A. supervision) will keep up-to-date particulars of stocks in various localities on which to base such redistribution as may be necessary, and will make demands for any rail and sea transport required to M.M.I.A. Subsequent detailed distribution will be made by Italian services concerned, based on the following principles:-

- (a) Supplies (other than medical stores) to Italian formations and units in combat areas, or where Italian depots are too distant to permit of economical use, will be issued from Allied depots, and a corresponding readjustment (based on signed receipts and not exceeding the proper amounts for the authorized number of troops rationed) made between bulk depots in rear.
- (b) Supplies to Italian units operating with Allied Forces in back areas will be moved to suitable ^{supply} points under Italian arrangements by agreement with local Allied commanders concerned.
- (c) Supplies for small parties of Italian troops or individuals serving in or with Allied units will be issued through Allied channels.
- (d) Supplies for other Italian troops (including Navy and Air Force) will

13. Distribution

Italian military authorities will be responsible, and will issue regulations (approved by M.H.I.A.) for the efficient distribution and issue of supplies to the troops for whom they are intended, on the appropriate scales and under the detailed procedure given in Annexes 'S', 'T' and 'U'.

The Italian Ministry of War (under M.H.I.A. supervision) will keep up-to-date particulars of stocks in various localities on which to base such re-distribution as may be necessary, and will make demands for any rail and sea transport required to M.H.I.A. Subsequent detailed distribution will be made by Italian services concerned, based on the following principles:-

- (a) Supplies (other than medical stores) to Italian formations and units in combat areas, or where Italian depots are too distant to permit of economical use, will be issued from Allied depots, and a corresponding readjustment (based on signed receipts and not exceeding the proper amounts for the authorized number of troops rationed) made between bulk depots in rear.
- (b) Supplies to Italian units operating with Allied forces in back areas will be moved to suitable ^{supply} points under Italian arrangements by agreement with local Allied commanders concerned.
- (c) Supplies for small parties of Italian troops or individuals serving in or with Allied units will be issued through Allied channels.
- (d) Supplies for other Italian troops (including Navy and Air Forces) will be distributed under arrangements to be made between the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force authorities.

Section IVSUPERVISORY AGENCY14. Allied Supervision.

Allied supervision to the maximum extent requisite for the issue and distribution of supplies to the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force is provided by M.M.I.A. (see para 3 c), being controlled by Officers (British or American) of the country of origin of the supplies concerned.

This is effected by means of:-

- (a) Central control and supervision of issues by HQ M.M.I.A. involving direct communication with the Italian Ministry of War or with Allied commanders concerned.
- (b) M.M.I.A. Staff Liaison Officers at HQ of certain Allied commanders and Italian Formations (as detailed in Appendix 'B') who assist in furthering this object in addition to their other duties.
- (c) M.M.I.A. Services Supervisory Detachments forming part of the staff of M.M.I.A. and allotted to various sectors (as detailed in Appendix 'B') to hand over supplies.

15. Italian Supervision.

The Ministry of War will organise a flexible and adequate agency to accept and supervise the transfer, storage and distribution of all supplies provided for their use; they will in particular detail Port and Depot Supply Control Detachments under command of specially selected and trained officers and of such strength in M.C.Os. and men as may be decided by M.M.I.A.

16. Supervisory Duties.

- (a) M.M.I.A. Services Supervisory Detachments will be responsible for:-
 - (i) Identification, checking and transfer of 'I.T.I.' stores to Italian Depots. Checking (with Italian Detachments) links of and receipts for all stores received by Italian Forces from Allied sources.
 - (ii) Inspecting stocks and inventories in Italian Depots and otherwise satisfying themselves that all stores are handled, stored,

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- (i) Identification, checking and transfer of 'I.T.I.' stores to Italian Depots. Checking (with Italian Detachments) links of and receipts for all stores received by Italian Forces from Allied sources.
 - (ii) Inspecting stocks and inventories in Italian Depots and otherwise satisfying themselves that all stores are handled, stored, safeguarded, turned over, issued and used in accordance with the terms of this instruction and in the best interests of the Allied cause.
 - (iii) Propering and submitting to M.M.I.A. such returns, receipts and reports as are required by this instruction or otherwise found necessary (see para 19).

16. Supervision of Log (Contd)

(iv) maintaining constant contact with Italian detachments and assisting in every way possible to ensure efficiency and economy.

(v) Italian Detachments will be responsible for:-

(i) Checking, receipting (with M.I.A. Detachments) and giving receipts for all stores handed over to them. (See para 19).

(ii) Handling and transporting to Italian Detachments as required by M.I.A. enclosed initial documents.

(iii) Supplying such advance information as they require regarding movements, combat reports and locations from the Allied Detachments.

(iv) Providing such information regarding stocks, transport and movements, facilities and locations as is required by the M.I.A.

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(v) Assistance in every possible way to ensure prompt and efficient handling of stores, to prevent their loss or misuse, and to provide accurate returns of all transactions with which they are concerned.

Above Italian documentation will be provided with written orders by Italian commanders concerned. Where orders will give the proper procedure to be adopted and the correct form of receipts, returns and reports required.

Section V
ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

17. Object

This instruction is intended to provide the simplest and most efficient means by which all supplies (except P.M.L.) received by Italian Armed Forces can be accounted for and subsequently priced.

18. Basic Principles

- (a) An agreed Allied and Italian check of all supplies actually and physically handed over at the point of acceptance.
- (b) Adequate facilities for inspection by Allied representatives of in-

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- (iii) of the above information they require regarding supplies, equipment and location from the Allied Forces.
- (iv) Providing such information regarding stocks, transport and munition facilities and locations as is required by the U.S.I.A.

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- (v) Assisting in every possible way to ensure prompt and efficient handling of cases to prevent their loss or misuse, and to provide accurate records of all transactions which they are concerned.

Above Italian documents will be provided with written orders by Italian command personnel. These orders will give the necessary procedure to be adopted and the correct form of receipts, returns and reports required.

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17. Object:

This instruction is intended to provide the simplest and most efficient means by which all supplies (except R.I.B.) received by Italian Armed Forces can be accounted for and subsequently stocked.

18. Basic Defined Class:

- (a) An agreed Allied and Italian stock of all supplies actually and physically handed over at the point of acceptance.
- (b) Adequate facilities for inspection by Allied representatives of inventory and stocks held in Italian depots.
- (c) The rendering to Chief Accountant 100 of monthly statements, supported by signed receipts, showing the actual amounts of the various commodities handed over, the state of stocks in hand and the number of effective troops, stocks from US and British sources being received separately.

19. Accounting Method.

(a) The following documents will be used in the case of supplies specifically provided for the Italian Forces:-

(i) As each ship is cleared, or as each bulk issue (including reconditioned clothing) is made from an Allied bulk depot to an Italian bulk depot, a complete check of all commodities handed over will be made at the point of acceptance. Amounts will be checked by Allied and Italian representatives and Acceptance Notes (Daily Date or Issue Vouchers) showing quantities, units and net quantities (in Allied measures) will be completed (in quadruplicate) by the M.M.I.A. detachment; they will be signed by the senior Allied and Italian representative present. Acceptance Notes will be serially numbered at each port or depot; first copy will be sent to M.M.I.A., original by Italian Detachment to Ministry of War, one retained as a record by M.M.I.A. detachment, and one retained by Italian Depot.

(ii) On receiving Acceptance Notes H.Q., M.M.I.A. will prepare appropriate Shipping Tickets (US Form QAO No. 434) in triplicate and obtain thereon the signature of a responsible officer of the Ministry of War. Shipping tickets will then be counter-signed by the senior M.M.I.A. Officer (US or British) of the Country of origin of the supplies. Shipping tickets will be numbered serially by M.M.I.A., one copy of each will be furnished monthly (by the 15th of each month to include supplies handed over up to 25th of the previous month) to the Chief Accountant H.Q.O., one returned to the Ministry of War and one retained as a record by M.M.I.A. (see Annex 'D'.)

(iii) A Monthly Summary of receipts, issues and stocks on hand will be prepared by Ministry of War to show the consolidated position on 25th of each month. Summaries will be furnished (in triplicate) to H.Q. M.M.I.A. by the 10th of the following month; they will be

classified according to major categories (as required by the Allied

Vouchers) showing commodities, units and net quantities (in Allied measures) will be completed (in quadruplicate) by the M.M.I.A. detachment; they will be signed by the senior Allied and Italian representative present. Acceptance Notes will be serially numbered at each port or depot; first copy will be sent to M.M.I.A., original by Italian detachment to Ministry of War, one retained as a record by M.M.I.A. detachment, and one retained by Italian Depot.

(ii) On receiving Acceptance Notes No. 1, M.M.I.A. will prepare appropriate Shipping Tickets (US Form QCS No. 434) in triplicate and attach thereon the signature of responsible officer of the Ministry of War. Shipping tickets will then be counter-signed by the senior M.M.I.A. Officer (US or British) of the Country of origin of the supplies. Shipping tickets will be numbered serially by M.M.I.A., one copy of each will be furnished monthly (by the 15th of each month to include supplies handed over up to 25th of the previous month) to the Chief Accountant A.C.C., and returned to the Ministry of War and one retained as a record by M.M.I.A. (see Annex IV.)

(iii) Monthly Summary of receipts, issues and stocks on hand will be prepared by Ministry of War to show the consolidated position on 25th of each month. Summaries will be furnished (in triplicate) to H.Q. M.M.I.A. by the 10th of the following month; they will be classified according to major categories (as required by the Allied service concerned) and will include all supplies (except Medical Stores) received from whatever Allied Sources. Summaries will be scrutinized by H.Q. M.M.I.A. with special reference to rates of consumption and one copy sent (with appropriate observations) to Chief Accountant A.C.C. (with supporting Shipping Tickets) by the

12. Accounting Methods (Contd.)

(a) (iii) Contd.

15th of each month. One copy of Summary of Supplies from U.S. sources will be sent to C.G. S.C.I. CATCHER and one copy of Summary of supplies from British sources to U.S. A.I. by M.M.I.A.

(iv) In addition to the summary in (iii) above, M.M.I.A. may require interim reports to cover ten or fifteen daily periods, giving such information as is needed to ensure proper control and provision action. Such requirements will be notified by U.S. A.I. to M.M.I.A. direct to Ministry of War.

(b) Stores and equipment (other than reconditioned clothing) issued from national stocks in this country to meet special needs or to make good minor deficiencies (mentioned in Para 4c) are not the responsibility of M.M.I.A. and will not be dealt with by the above method; they will be accounted for as may be required by the national authority concerned.

20. Ships Manifests.

Ships Manifests, (copies of which are furnished to M.M.I.A. Supervisory Detachments by port authorities) will be used as a basis for planning transport and storage spaces but, as in practice they are found to vary considerably from the lists of supplies actually received, required or handled over, they will not be used as receipts. They will be sent to Chief Accountant, A.C.C. with monthly summaries so that in the event of a comparison being required between them and the actual amounts undertaken the information can be obtained.

21. Disposal of Records.

From the above records the Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be able to make appropriate accounting entries and insert prices, as required by higher authority.

interim reports to develop information as is needed to ensure proper control and provision of aid. Such requirements will be notified by U.S. M.I.A. Direct to Ministry of War.

(b) Stores and equipment (other than reconstructions clothing) issued from national stocks in this country to meet special needs or to make good minor deficiencies (mentioned in Para 4e) are not the responsibility of U.S. I.A. and will not be dealt with by the above method; they will be accounted for as may be required by the national authority concerned.

20. Ships Manifests.

Ships Manifests, (copies of which are furnished to U.S. I.A. Supervisory Detachments by port authorities) will be used as a basis for planning transport and storage space but, in practice they are found to vary considerably from the lists of supplies actually received, required or handed over, they will not be used as receipts. They will be sent to Chief Accountant, A.C.C. with monthly summaries so that in the event of a comparison being required between them and the actual amounts unloaded the information can be obtained.

21. Disposal of Records.

From the above records the Chief Accountant A.C.C. will be able to make appropriate accounting entries and insert prices, as required by higher authority.

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REGTS	Ministry of War	1	2	2	1	1	2	10	4	(a) One P.E.
NALES	S.M.R.E. L.C.C.	1								
	5 District Italian		2	2	1	1	2	10	4	
BERI	Forces 2 District Ad. Base 9 Italian Comps	1		2	1					
CATANZARO	31 Italian Corps	1	2(a)	6	3					
CATANZARO	1 District Island Base	1		1	1	1		5	1	
CATANZARO	12 Italian Corps									
CATANZARO	10 Sardinia 8 Army 5 Corps 60 Sub /ron E.I.L.(e)	1 1 2	2 1 1 1	4 1 1 5	4 1 1 3	1(b)	1	8	4	(a) One Colonel
										(c) Pro-posed.

2. Services Supervisory Liaison Detachment

Sector	BRITISH				UNITED STATES				Notes	
	Lt-Col	Major	Capt	Non Veh	Lt-Col	Major	Capt	Non Veh		
a. NAPLES		1	1	4(a)		1	2	8	2	(a) One Ordnance
b. BARI			1	4(b)			2	6	1	(b) One Ordnance
c. LECCE (incl'dg TARANTO and BRINDISI)			2	8(c)						(c) Two Ordnance
d. CATANZARO (Crotona)			1	3						
e. SICILY (Palermo)			1		1	2	2	8	2	
f. SARDINIA (and CORSICA)			1		1	2	2	8	2	
g. TARANTO (Med Stores)			2	4						Tr. Med. Personnel

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S.O.P. ANNEX 'D'STATES AND RESOURCES

(Required by CIA from Italian Ministry of War.)

Serial No.	NATURE OF RETURN (b)	DATE(S) END OF PERIOD (c)	REMARKS (d)
1.	MONTHLY STRENGTH STATE OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES	5th of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month. (See Profumo No. 1)
2.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STOCKS ON HAND	10th of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month. Reference S.O.P. para. 19c (iii).
3.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STOCKS ON HAND	25th of each month.	as at 10th of preceding month. Reference S.O.P. para. 19c (iv)
4.	MONTHLY SUMMARY (MEDICAL STORES)	5th of each month.	For the following month showing also existing stocks of items demanded. (see Annex 'G' para. 5).
5.	10 - DAILY FORAGE ITALIAN	5th, 15th, 25th of each month.	10 days in advance of Decade.
6.	MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS FROM LOCAL RESOURCES. (SUSPENSIVE)	Last day of the month.	For the following month.
7.	MONTHLY RETURN OF DISPERSED.	5th of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month. (see Annex 'G' para 6)
8.	QUARTERLY STOCK RETURN OF MEDICAL STORES	5th of January, April, July, October.	see Annex 'G' para 4.

1.	MONTHLY STRENGTH OF ON ITALIAN ARMED FORCES	1st of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month. (See appendix No. 1)
2.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STOCKS ON HAND	10th of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month. Reference S.C.P. para. 19a (44).
3.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STOCKS ON HAND	25th of each month.	as at 10th of preceding month. Reference S.C.P. para. 19a (44).
4.	MONTHLY SUMMARY (MEDICAL STOCKS)	5th of each month.	For the following month showing also existing stocks of items demanded. (see para. 10 para. 5).
5.	10 - DAILY FORCES ON HAND	5th, 15th, 25th of each month	10 days in advance of Decade.
6.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STOCKS ON HAND (SUGARSTOCK)	Last day of the month.	For the following month.
7.	MONTHLY SUMMARY OF DISINTEGRATION	5th of each month.	as at 25th of preceding month (see appx 'G' para 6)
8.	QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF MEDICAL STOCKS	5th of January April, July, October.	see appx 'G' para 4.

STRENGTH STATE OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

S E R I A L	L O C A T I O N	ITALIAN ARMY		ITALIAN NAVY		ITALIAN AIR FORCE		CARABINIERI		REGIA GUARDIA FINANZA	
		On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale
		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
	1. With British Formations with Eighth Army										
	2. With British Formations with Ninth Army										
	3. With US formations with Fifth Army										
	4. <u>INFORM OF ARMY</u> <u>Reorganization</u> <u>MAINLAND</u>										
	5. SARDINIA										
	6. SICILY										
	7. CORSICA										
	8. TOTAL										

(a) TOTAL RATINGS.

Combat Scale

Basic Scale

Total Armed F

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APPENDIX 'D'
Schedule 1.

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TERMS.	Combat Scale	Basic Scale	Total Armed Forces
1940	100	100	100
1941	100	100	100
1942	100	100	100
1943	100	100	100
1944	100	100	100
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1946	100	100	100
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2007	100	100	100
2008	100	100	100
2009	100	100	100
2010	100	100	100
2011	100	100	100
2012	100	100	100
2013	100	100	100
2014	100	100	100
2015	100	100	100
2016	100	100	100
2017	100	100	100
2018	100	100	100
2019	100	100	100
2020	100	100	100
2021	100	100	100
2022	100	100	100
2023	100	100	100
2024	100	100	100
2025	100	100	100
2026	100	100	100
2027	100	100	100
2028	100	100	100
2029	100	100	100
2030	100	100	100
2031	100	100	100</

SUBSISTENCE.DETAILED PROCEDURES

AND

SCALES OF ISSUE.

1. Detailed procedure is given fully in the MIA document entitled:-

Supply Organisation and Accounting Instructions for the Provision of Food to Italian Armed Forces

which has been issued (in Italian and English) to the Italian Supply Services and to MIA Supervisory Officers, for whose instruction and guidance it is mainly intended. Additional copies may be obtained from HQ. MIA by other interested authorities.

2. The general intention of the above document is to establish and teach a standard practice to be operated in conformity with both Allied and Italian systems in the field. Its contents are summarised as follows:-

a) Method by which the maximum executive responsibility for handling imported supplies and for obtaining and distributing indigenous supplies can be efficiently undertaken by Italian agencies.

b) Method by which supervision can be exercised and Allied interests safeguarded by MIA.

c) Division of the area into six sectors as follows:-

Naples.

Catanzaro.

Bari.

Sicily.

Lecce.

Sardinia.

each having its own Italian supply service under Allied supervision as follows:-

Commissariat Direction.

Distribution Depots.

Port Detachments.

Bakeries.

Bulk Depots

Pastry Factories.

a) System of distribution and accounting involving use of the following

documentation:-

Despatch Notes

Despatches Register

and to MIA Supervisory
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|---------|------------|
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| Bari. | Sicily. |
| Legno. | Gerardia. |

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Commissariat Direction.

- Port Detachments.
- Bulk Depots
- Bakeries.
- Food Factories.

a) System of distribution and accounting involving use of the following

- documentation:-
- Despatch Notes
 - Despatches Register
 - Receipt Register
 - Rations Issue Note.
 - Register of Ration Demands
 - Register of Ration Issues (by Commodities).
 - Commodity Stock Accounts.

Specimen portions of them are provided with the document itself.

3. Series of Issue and equivalents it present authorized are as shown on the attached schedule I to Appendix 'I'.

This scale is constantly under review and may be changed from time to time to suit current conditions and make full use of all procurable local supplies.

4. Disposal of Unfit Food.

a) Substances issued from Allied sources will be presumed to be fit for human consumption at the time of issue. Commodities considered unfit will NOT in any case be released in kind to the Italian Government.

b) Items found to be unfit will NOT in any case be sold, exchanged, bartered or disposed of in any way other than by destruction (except as noted in sub-part "c").

c) The value of items destroyed may (if approved by IMA) be reported to the Chief Accountant ACC and credited to the Italian Government under the following procedure:-

(i) An analysis Commission composed of a commissioned food chemist, a commissioned subsistence officer and a commissioned officer in the holding depot (supervised by an IMA Liaison Officer) will normally be appointed by the Depot Commander to report on unfit items before they are disposed of. If destruction is so urgently necessary that previous analysis is impracticable, immediate destruction may be ordered by the Depot Commander personally, and a full report of the circumstances made immediately to IMA for investigation and confirmation.

(ii) Analysis Reports will be prepared in triplicate (in accordance with attached schedule No. 2), four copies being sent to IMA. On approval by IMA, one copy will be sent to Ministry of War, one returned to IMA Liaison Officer concerned (as authority for destruction) and one to Chief Accountant ACC (as authority for credit note).

(iii) Destruction (when authorized by IMA) will be witnessed by an IMA

for human consumption at the time of issue. Commodities considered unfit will NOT in any case be replaced in kind to the Italian Government.

b) Items found to be unfit will NOT in any case be sold, exchanged, bartered or disposed of in any way other than by destruction (except as noted in sub-para "c").

c) The value of items destroyed may (if approved by MILIA) be reported to the Chief Accountant ACC and credited to the Italian Government under the following procedure:-

(i) An Analysis Commission composed of a commissioned food chemist, a commissioned substance officer and a commissioned officer in the holding depot (approved by MILIA Liaison Officer) will normally be appointed by the Depot Commander to report on unfit items before they are disposed of. If destruction is so urgently necessary that previous analysis is impracticable, immediate destruction may be ordered by the depot Commander personally, and a full report of the circumstances made immediately to MILIA for investigation and confirmation.

(ii) Analysis Reports will be prepared in quadruplicate (in accordance with attached schedule No. 2), four copies being sent to MILIA. On approval by MILIA, one copy will be sent to Ministry of War, one returned to MILIA Liaison Officer concerned (as authority for destruction) and one to Chief Accountant ACC (as authority for credit note).

(iii) Destruction (when authorized by MILIA) will be witnessed by an MILIA Liaison Officer (or ACC if the value is under one hundred dollars) and two Italian Officers, who will certify the amounts, place, time and method of destruction. Such certificates (in duplicate) will be attached to the analysis report or other order for the destruction and sent to MILIA for scrutiny and record.

- d) Supplies for unit for consumption within units will normally be returned to issuing depots for replacement in kind. Substances destroyed in units will not be replaced without a full report and approval of MILI.
- e) No credit will be given to the Italian Government for items found suitable for animal consumption or containing recoverable fats or other recoverable components. Recommendations by the analysis commission for disposal of such items as to retain maximum benefit to the Italian Armed Forces and the Allies should be stated on the certificate. Necessary action must be taken to ensure that such feedstuffs are not diverted illegally to black market, etc.
- f) Similar procedure will be carried out in the case of forage, except that forage, after condemnation by analysis commission, will be destroyed at its existing location and not returned to Depots.

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known to ensure that such foodstuffs are not diverted illegally to other areas.

etc.

2) Similar procedure will be carried out in the case of foreign, except that foreign, after condemnation by analysis commission, will be destroyed at its existing location and not returned to depot.

RATION SCALES AND EQUIVALENTS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (AS AT MAY 1944)

GENERAL, i.e., "A" Scale.		BASIC, i.e., "B" Scale.		
Per Man Per Day		As laid down by the Allied authorities	Per Man Per Day	As actually administered authorities
Item	OZS.	Item	OZS.	
<u>Items</u> <u>From Allied Sources:</u>		<u>Items</u> <u>From Allied Sources:</u>		
<u>Flour</u>	18	<u>Flour</u>	12	<u>Pasta 165 grams per</u> <u>(for manufacture of</u> <u>required)</u>
<u>Pasta</u>	3	(or Wheat at one-third extra weight in lieu of Flour)		
<u>Rice</u>	2			
		<u>Biscuits - Rice (if available -</u> <u>- macaroni may be issued in</u> <u>equivalent weights in lieu of</u> <u>Flour</u>		<u>TOGETHER WITH</u> <u>Biscuits 240 grams</u> <u>(but not more than</u> <u>times every ten days)</u>
				<u>OR</u> <u>Bread 300 grams per</u> <u>(for manufacture of</u> <u>Flour required)</u>
<u>Canned Meat</u> <u>and/or</u> <u>Canned Fish</u> <u>(Same remarks as to</u> <u>substitutes for these</u> <u>items apply as under</u> <u>Basic Scale)</u>	4	<u>Canned Meat</u> <u>(any type of Canned Meat and Meat</u> <u>& Vegetable preparation may be</u> <u>issued under this heading.</u> <u>OR</u> <u>Dehydrated Meat may be issued at</u> <u>one-third the weight in lieu of</u> <u>Canned Meat)</u> <u>2 ozs extra of Canned Meat per day</u> <u>may be issued to heavy manual</u> <u>workers.</u>	2	<u>Carne Seccolata 50</u>

RATION SCALES AND EQUIVALENTS FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES (AS AT MAY 1944)

APPENDIX 'E'
Schedule 1

Per Man Per Day ozs.	BASIS, i.e. "R" Scale.		As actually administered by the Italian authorities.
	As laid down by the Allied authorities	Per Man Per Day Ozs	
	Item	Ozs	
	<u>Item</u> <u>From Allied Sources:</u>		
18 3 2	<u>Flour</u> (or Wheat at one-third extra weight in lieu of Flour)	12	<u>Facts 105 grams per day</u> (for manufacture of which 109 gms Flour required)
	<u>Biscuits - Rice (if available -</u> <u>- Macaroni may be issued in</u> <u>equivalent weights in lieu of</u> <u>Flour</u>		TOGETHER WITH <u>Biscuits 240 grams per day</u> (but not more frequently than three times every ten days) OR <u>Bread 300 gms per day</u> (for manufacture of which 231 gms Flour required)
4	<u>Canned Meat</u> (any type of Canned Meat and Meat & Vegetable preparation may be issued under this heading. OR Dehydrated Meat may be issued at one-third the weight in lieu of Canned Meat) 2 ozs extra of Canned Meat per day may be issued to heavy manual workers.	2	<u>Carna Scatolata 56 gms per day</u>

Pulses(same remarks apply
as under Basic Scale)

3 1/2

Sugar

1

Coffee

1/2

Pepper

1/200

Choclate

1

Tomato Catsup(may be substituted
by Potted Meat or
Canned Tomatoes at
equivalent weights,
or by Tomato Juice
at twice the weight.)

1/2

Canned Fish(any type of Canned Fish may be
issued under this heading, and
also Tinned Sausages may be
issued in lieu weight for weight)

4

Pesce Scatoluto 113.4Pulses(Pulses are dried Peas, Beans or
lentils. Tinned Vegetables may be
issued in lieu of Pulses at twice
the weight, or Dehydrated
Vegetables may be issued in lieu
at one half the weight).

2

Pisellini 56 grms perSugar

1/2

Succharo 14 grms perCoffee (Ground)(Custogata may be issued in lieu of
Coffee at equivalent weight. Cocoa
may be issued in lieu at one half
of the weight. Tea may be issued in
lieu at one-third of the weight).

1/2

Caffè at 10 grms per
(Officers and Under-
14.175 grms per day)Pepper

1/200

Pere at 0.14 grms per

	<u>Canned Fish</u> (any type of Canned Fish may be issued under this heading, and also Tinned Sausages may be issued in lieu weight for weight)	1	<u>Pence Scatolato 113.4 grams per day.</u>
3 1/2	<u>Pulses</u> (Pulses are dried Beans, Peas or lentils. Tinned Vegetables may be issued in lieu of Pulses at twice the weight, or <u>Dehydrated Vegetables</u> may be issued in lieu at one half the weight).	2	<u>Pinellini 56 grams per day</u>
1	<u>Sugar</u>	1/2	<u>Zucchero 14 grams per day</u>
1/2	<u>Coffee (Ground)</u> (Surrogata may be issued in lieu of Coffee at equivalent weight. Cocoa may be issued in lieu at one half of the weight. Tea may be issued in lieu at one-third of the weight).	1/2	<u>Caffè at 10 grams per day</u> (Officers and Under-Officers receive 14.175 grams per day).
1/200	<u>Pepper</u>	1/200	<u>Pepe at 0.14 grams per day.</u>
1			
1/2			

Items from
Italian Sources:Fresh Fruit

4

Fresh Vegetables

8

Olive Oil

1

Nuts

1

Salt

1/2

Wine

1/2 Litre

Onions

2

(Onion Powder or
Garlic may be issued
in lieu of Onions at
one-twelfth the weight)

Items from
Italian Sources:Fresh Fruit

4

Fresh Vegetables

8

Olive Oil

1

Nuts

1

Salt

1/2

Wine

1/2 Litre

Frutta Fresca 113 gr
(may be substituted by
of Dried Fruit Pulp
nett of Dried Fruit)

Verdura Fresca 226 gr
(may be substituted by
cases by 22 grms net
of Italian manufacture)

Olio 25 grms per day

Frutta Secca a Mandorla
25 grms per day

Sale 25 grms per day

Vino 1/2 Litro

Conserva 8 grms per

Tabacchi 5 grms per

Formaggio Raspo 6.5

To be purchased by
individual arrangement

<u>Items from</u> <u>Italian Sources:</u>		
4	<u>Fresh Fruit</u>	4
		Ø <u>Frutta Fresca 143 grams per day.</u> (may be substituted by 50 grams of Dried Fruit Pulp or 15 grams nett of Dried Fruit with Almonds).
8	<u>Fresh Vegetables</u>	8
		Ø <u>Verdura Fresca 286 grams per day</u> (may be substituted in exception all cases by 22 grams Dehydrated Vegetables of Italian manufacture if available.)
1	<u>Olive Oil</u>	1
		<u>Olio 28 grams per day</u>
1	<u>Nuts</u>	1
		Ø <u>Frutta Secca a Mandorla Sgusciata</u> <u>28 grams per day</u>
1/2	<u>Salt</u>	1/2
		<u>Sale 25 grams per day</u>
1/2 Litre	<u>Wine</u>	1/2 Litro
		<u>Vino 1/2 Litro</u>
2		<u>Conserva 8 grams per day</u>
		<u>Tabacchi 5 grams per day</u>
		<u>Panaggio Respa 6.5 grams per day</u>

Ø To be purchased by units under
individual arrangements.

FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Additional Items for Hospital
patients to be provided from
Allied Sources (x)
 (additional to normal
 entitlement on Scale "B")

Per Day
 Per Man
Grams

Tinned Milk

21.593

Rice

40.77

Seroline (or equivalent product)

10.57

Margarine

36.24

Ment. Extract

1.812

(x) As of 20 May 44, not yet officially
 approved.

APPENDIX 'B'
Schedule 2

ANALYSIS REPORT

- A.
1. Name of Depot or Unit _____
 2. Date of Investigation _____
 3. Commodity _____ Quantity _____
 4. Warranty expiry date _____ Receiving Date _____
 5. Cause of Damage _____
 6. Condition _____
 7. Recommendations (and remarks regarding animal feed or fat contents) _____

8. Signature of MIA representatives and Commission _____

NO SIGN. APPROVAL

M.M.I.A.

DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Destruction of above commodities was witnessed by me/us at:-

Time _____

Date _____

Place _____

Signatures. _____

NAME TO BE CREDITED

6. Condition

7. Recommendations (and remarks regarding animal feed or test contents)

8. Signature of MHA representatives and Commission

MHA APPROVAL

M.H.I.A.

DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Destruction of above commodities was witnessed by us at:-

Time

Date

Place

Signatures.

VALUE TO BE OBSERVED

Chief Accountant A.C.C.

APPENDIX 'B'

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Detailed Procedure

1. Depots of Allied Clothing specifically assigned to the Italian

Armed Forces are located as follows :-

<u>a) Main Depots.</u>		<u>b) Sub Depots.</u>	
NAPLES.		LEGGI.	
BARI.		Taranto.	
BRIENNO.		BARI - vicinity of.	
CASERTA.		NAPLES - Area adjacent to	
		NAPLES.	

2. Clothing Scales.

The authorized scale of issue per man from available stocks will not

exceed:-

Jackets, Battle Dress, Dyed (or Coats wool)	1.
Trousers, Battle Dress, Dyed (or Trousers wool)	1.
Boots, pairs	1.
Shirts, wool or cotton	2.
Caps, wool	1.
Pajamas, wool or cotton	2.
= Vests, wool or cotton	2.
Socks, wool or cotton, pairs	3.
Belts, waist web	1.
// Greatcoat, or Mackinac	1.
// Pullovers	1.
Comforters (in lieu of 2 blankets)	1.

= One Pullover may be issued in lieu of two winter vests.

// Issuable only during Winter and to certain approved units.

3. Method of Demand.

BARI.

TIRANNO.

PALERMO.

BARI - vicinity of.

CANTIERI.

MARINO - Area adjacent to
MARINE.2. Clothing Scales.

The authorized scale of issue per man from available stocks will not

exceed:-

Jackets, Battle Dress, Dyed (or Coats wool)	1.
Trousers, Battle Dress, Dyed (or Trousers wool)	1.
Boots, Pairs	1.
Shirts, wool or cotton	2.
Caps, wool	1.
Drawers, wool or cotton	2.
* Vests, wool or cotton	2.
Socks, wool or cotton, pairs	3.
Belts, waist web	1.
// Greatcoat, or Mackinaw	1.
// Pullovers	1.
Comforters (in lieu of 2 blankets)	1.

* One Pullover may be issued in lieu of two winter vests.

// Issuable only during Winter and to certain approved units.

3. Method of Demand.

a) Italian Units will demand through normal Italian channels for items to complete authorized scale.

b) Italian authorities will supply all items to the maximum extent possible from Italian sources. They will request MILA for authority to issue from available Allied Stocks any authorized items which they are unable to supply from Italian sources.

c) Each demand for issue of items from Allied stocks must be accompanied by a certificate from GME or the Italian Ministry of War that the needs cannot be furnished from available stocks from Italian sources.

4. Distribution and Issue.

a) Issues will be made as provided in Para 13 MILA. Min. Inst No. 3.
 b) When items of uniform, boots, or other garments are issued to troops the corresponding items are to be withdrawn from troops and returned to Italian Depots. This is to be done regardless of whether items are of Allied or Italian origin.

5. Renovation and Repair.

a) Sorting, renovating and repair of clothing withdrawn from Troops is the responsibility of the Italian Military.

b) A Board of Officers authorised by MILA and set up by the Italian Command will inspect and classify withdrawn items as follows:-

- i) Fit for Immediate Issue; These items are taken into stocks at Depots for re-issues.
- ii) Fit for use after renovation and repair; these items are re-conditioned under Italian arrangements and taken into stocks in the same manner as receipts from other sources.
- iii) Fit for use as repair material only. These items are used by Italian repair shops for repair purposes. No further accounting is required.

c) A report of each inspection by a Board of Officers will be sent to MILA showing quantity and disposition of each item inspected.

d) Italian Military and Civilian repair facilities must be employed and increased to the maximum extent necessary to ensure prompt and proper repair of clothing and boots.

e) Repairing materials, tools and equipment available from local resources must be employed up to the maximum requirement. Requests for re-

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iii) Fit for use as repair material only. These items are used by Italian repair shops for repair purposes. No further accounting is required.

c) A report of each inspection by a Board of Officers will be sent to MIA showing quantity and disposition of each item inspected.

d) Italian Military and Civilian repair facilities must be employed and increased to the maximum extent necessary to ensure prompt and proper repair of clothing and boots.

e) Repairing materials, tools and equipment available from local resources must be employed up to the maximum requirement. Requests for release of items controlled by ACC are to be made by Italian Authorities to MIA.

f) Repairing materials not available from local resources are met:
 (i) Minor deficiencies - as provided in para. 4(c) MIA Inst No. 3.
 (ii) Major requirements - as provided in para. 4(d) MIA Inst No. 3.

6. STOCK REPORTS

a) In addition to Monthly Summary required by Para 19a(111) MILIA Adm Inst No. 3, an interim report showing stocks in each Depot or Sub Depot as at 10th of each month is required showing:-

(i) Quantities on hand at start of period and receipts during period.

(ii) Details of issues including names of Units and Formations to which issues were made.

(iii) Stocks in Depots or Sub-Depots at close of period.

b) Reports to Ministry of War to MILIA will show status of principal items of Italian clothing and equipment as at 25th of each month, and of issues made during the preceding monthly period.

7. ACCEPTANCE NOTES.

Acceptance notes are prepared and forwarded as required by Para 19(a) MILIA Adm Inst No. 3. All acceptance notes must indicate source of origin as being either British or U.S., and place of origin as being outside this theatre (imported specifically for Italian Armed Forces) or within this theatre (from reconditioned or re-appropriated stocks).

8. FORECASTS - DEMANDS

No periodic Forecast or Request for clothing is at present required. Such Forecast and Request based upon existing stocks of Italian and Allied items in comparison with requirements and rate of wastage will be submitted to HQ, AII when requested or as may be indicated.

9. SUPERVISION.

a) Ordnance Branch MILIA maintains General Supervision of Italian clothing and equipment Depots and sub Depots. For this purpose Ordnance Officer Representatives and Detachments are stationed at Main Depots.

These Ordnance Officer Representatives, for their respective depots and sub-depots, direct the "supervisory duties" required by para. 16 MILIA Adm Inst No. 3, and conduct any additional supervision as directed by Ordnance

(iii) Stocks in Depots of Sub-depots at close of period.

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8. FORECASTS - DEMANDS

No periodic forecast or request for clothing is at present required.

Such forecast and request based upon existing stocks of Italian and Allied items in comparison with requirements and rate of wastage will be submitted to HQ, MIA when requested or as may be indicated.

9. SUPERVISION.

a) Ordnance Branch MIA maintains General Supervision of Italian clothing and equipment Depots and sub Depots. For this purpose Ordnance Officer Representatives and Detachments are stationed at Main Depots.

These Ordnance Officer Representatives, for their respective depots and sub-depots, direct the "supervisory duties" required by para. 16 MIA Am Inst No. 3, and conduct any additional supervision as directed by Ordnance Branch.

b) Transfers of Stocks between depots necessary to maintain balanced stocks and meet immediate or anticipated demands must be carefully supervised, and care taken that such inter-depot transactions are not confused with bulk issues or receipts.

c) Compliance by Italian Depots and Italian Form Units with para's 4 and 5 of this Appendix must be thoroughly supervised by Ordnance Officer Representatives at Depots, by MIL Liaison Officers and other Representatives in the field.

(i) It must be ensured that all clothing and boots withdrawn from units in exchange for items issued are returned to Depots, and not retained by troops.

(ii) Activities of the Board of Officers who classify withdrawn items must be supervised and expeditious.

(iii) Repair materials and critical tools must be kept available to fullest extent possible. Requests for items must be placed and expedited.

(iv) Operation of repair shops must be closely followed and any lag or avoidable inactivity promptly corrected.

- (iii) Repair materials and critical tools must be kept available to fullest extent possible. Requests for items must be placed and expedited.
- (iv) Completion of repair shops must be closely followed and any lag or avoidable inactivity promptly corrected.

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APPENDIX 'C'

MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SUPPLIES TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCESDETAILED PROCEDURE1. DEMANDS

The Main Depot for the reception of medical (including veterinary) supplies provided from British sources will be at TARANTO. Supplies will be delivered and handed over for redistribution by Italian agencies under MIL control to the following Sub Depots :-

Spina	for Puglia	Catania	for Sicily
Naples	for Campania	Sassari	for Sardinia
Catanzaro	for Calabria	Taranto (Navy)	for Navy

2. SCALE AND STOCKS

(a) Supplies are being provided on a scale of 40 tons per month per 100,000 troops. expendable items will be provided in accordance with the equivalent scale for British units (A.F. I. 1243). Non-expendable items will be provided as needed on the recommendation of MIL.

(b) Holdings at Main Depot, Taranto.

One months supply at Main Depot for issue

One months supply at Main Depot in complete reserve

One months supply in transit from U.K.

One months demand on indent to U.K.

(c) Holdings in Italian Sub Depots and other medical units will be in accordance with the A.F. I. 1243 scale for the equivalent British unit.

3. DEMANDS

(a) Demands for supplies from U.K. will be prepared by the British Liaison Staff at the Main Depot in consultation with the Italian Staff.

Seven copies will be prepared using the British A.F. I. 1209 and six forwarded to MIL. Separate sheets will be used for each section, items will be arranged in alphabetical order, numbered serially and include only those

be delivered and handed over for redistribution by Italian agencies under Main control to the following Sub Depots :-

Bari	For Apulia	Catania	For Sicily
Naples	For Campania	Sassari	For Sardinia
Catanzaro	For Calabria	Taranto (Navy)	For Navy

2. REQUIS AND STOCKS

(a) Supplies are being provided on a scale of 40 tons per month per 100,000 troops. expendable items will be provided in accordance with the equivalent scale for British units (A.F. I. 1248). Non-expendable items will be provided as needed on the recommendation of MHA.

(b) Holdings at Main Depot, Taranto.

One month's supply at Main Depot for issue

One month's supply at Main Depot in complete reserve

One month's supply in transit from U.K.

One month's demand on infant to U.K.

(c) Holdings in Italian Sub Depots and other medical units will be in accordance with the A.F. I. 1248 scale for the equivalent British unit.

3. REQUIS

(a) Demands for supplies from U.K. will be prepared by the British Liaison Staff at the Main Depot in consultation with the Italian Staff. Seven copies will be prepared using the British A.F. I. 1209 and six forwarded to MHA. Separate sheets will be used for each Section, items will be arranged in alphabetical order, numbered serially and include only those given in the official Priced List of Medical Equipment. Existing stocks will include "dues-in" and average monthly consumption will be given. Demands will be forwarded to MHA by the 5th of each month.

(b) Demands Main Depot by Sub Depots (as in para 1) will be made through the Ministry of War to MIL. by the 5th of each month in the same manner as laid down in para 5(a) above (invoices are not required). 5 copies of A.F. I.1202 will be made out, 4 being forwarded to MIL.

4. STOCK RETURNS

(a) A quarterly stock-taking including Italian stocks of all expendable medical and veterinary supplies in Sub Depots will be made on the 25th March, June, September and December and sent through Ministry of War to MIL. (See Appendix "D", item 8.)

(b) Monthly summaries are not required (see para 19(a) of Standard Operating Procedure) other than as in the demand indent (see para 5 (b) above).

5. CAPTURED STOCKS.

Medical supplies and equipment from captured stocks will be dealt with in the same way as those from British sources, separate acceptance notes and shipping tickets will be used and marked "Captured Equipment".

6. DISBURSEMENTS AND SUPPLIES R.A.S.C. SUPPLIES.

(a) These supplies will be provided from British sources on the scale as given below.

(b) The supplies will not pass through the Main Medical Depot at Taranto, but will be drawn by Italian Medical Sub Depots (as in para 1) direct from RASC Base Depots as directed by MIL.

(c) Scales of Supply. The maximum scales of provision and the basis on which 30 days reserve to be held in Italian Sub Depots will be calculated as shown below.

Water Sterilising Powder	15 lbs
Anti-Mosquito Cream	375 "
Taste Remover Tablets	250 No.
	Scale for 1,000 men

the 25th March, June, September and December and sent through Ministry of War to 3031A. (See Appendix "D", item 8.)

(b) Monthly surpluses are not required (see para 19(a) of Standard Operating Procedure) other than as on the demand indent (see para 3 (b) (c) (d)).

5. CAPTURED STOCKS.

Medical supplies and equipment from captured stocks will be dealt with in the same way as those from British sources, separate acceptance notes and shipping tickets will be used and marked "Captured Equipment".

6. DISBURSEMENTS FOR SUPPLIES R.A.S.C. SUBSIDIES.

(a) These supplies will be provided from British sources on the scale as given below.

(b) The supplies will not pass through the Main Medical Depot at Toronto, but will be drawn by Italian Medical Sub Depots (as in para 1) direct from R.A.S.C. Base Depots as directed by 3031A.

(c) Series of Supply. The maximum scales of provision will be based on which 30 days reserve to be held in Italian Sub Depots will be calculated as shown below.

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	
Anti-Mosquitoes Cream	375 "	
Taste Remover Tablets	250 No.	Scale for 1,000 men
Fly Containers	420 "	for 30 days subject
L.I. 63	20 lbs	to seasonal and local
Prepared Rat Bait	1 lb	conditions.
Blocks Emulating	4 No	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 Gals	
Cresol	10 "	

Methylated Spirit 5 Gall
 Malarial 30 "
 Paris Green 14 lbs.

6. (d) Stock Returns. A return on which issues will be based showing existing stocks in the Italian Sub Depots as at 25th of each month will be prepared and passed through Medical Directorate, Ministry of War to MMIA by the 5th of the following month (see Appendix 'D', item 7). MMIA will notify Ministry of War of the amounts released and where collection will be made.

7. HOSPITAL DIETS

(a) Special foods for hospital patients will be provided from U.S. sources in addition to the normal ration.

(b) The following total amounts are available for hospital patients and are calculated for 30 days on an average daily expectation of 13,000 patients.

	Total Amounts	or	100 men for 30 days
Tinned Milk	18600 lbs		143 lbs
Rice	35100 lbs		270 lbs
Sardines or equivalent	9000 lbs		70 lbs
Margarine	31200 lbs		240 lbs
Meat extract	1560 lbs		12 lbs

(c) Maximum holding in any medical unit will not exceed a 30 day supply based on the average daily number of patients in hospital during the preceding month. Issues will be made on the signature of the C.O. medical unit or an officer deputy.

(d) Further reference is made to these supplies in Appendix 'E'.

will notify Ministry of War of the amounts released and where consumption will be made.

7. HOSPITAL RATIONS

(a) Special rations for hospital patients will be provided from U.S. stores in addition to the normal ration.

(b) The following total amounts are available for hospital patients and are calculated for 30 days on an average daily expectation of 13,000 patients.

	<u>Total amounts</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>100 men for 30 days</u>
Tinned milk	18600 lbs		443 lbs
Rice	35100 lbs		270 lbs
Beans or equivalent	9000 lbs		70 lbs
Margarine	31200 lbs		240 lbs
Meat extract	1560 lbs		42 lbs

(c) Maximum holding in any medical unit will not exceed a 30 day supply based on the average daily number of patients in hospital during the preceding month. Issues will be made on the signature of the O.C. medical unit or an officer deputy.

(d) Further reference is made to these supplies in Appendix 'E'.