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GGFF CLOTHING, SUMMARY
JAN. 1944 - MAY 1945

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COPYSUBJECT: Strength of CRR*Original
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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILE (LEOCE)
A2/3/1
28 May 44.Public Safety Sub-Commission.
A.C.C.
-----*MA* Reference your letters ACC/14012/PS dated 25 Mar 44
and ACC/14601/8/PS dated 28 Apr 44.

1. This HQ is advised by the SMRE that the present total strength of the CRR in military formations is 20 officers and 1527 other ranks.
2. For your information, the strength returns as of 25 May show the strength of CRR and GCEP in all Italy, including those with military formations, as

NOT IN MILITARY FORMATIONS

		CRR		GCEP
Mainland	271	14,414	99	4,046
Sardinia	53	3,321	28	928
Sicily	121	9,320	23	1,005
For Rome	21	662	19	462
Total.	466	28,217	169	6,441

IN MILITARY FORMATIONS, including
Mainland and Islands

20 Officers, 1527 OR's

3. Since these figures do not closely agree with reports quoted in your letters, it is suggested that action be taken to ascertain the true strength of the CRR and this HQ be advised.

*Action
taken on 14601/8/2*

(Sgd) I. Browning,

Major General,
Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Clothing & Equipment GCHR & GCHP.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (M.I.A.)
LACQUIN (LACCH)
AQ/15/1.
11 May 44.

HQ. A.C.C. - Public Safety Sub Commission.
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Ref your ACC/LACCH/8/PS dated 28 Apr and ACC/LACCH/14/PS dated 1 May on above subject, the policy and procedure is as below: -

1. HQ. A.A.I. in their 1605/50/3/1 (G) D.I dated 3 Apr (App. "A" of which is attached for reference) recommended to C.G.S. at WASHINGTON that the total number of GCHR and GCHP to be "effectively employed" by the Allies should be 60000, of which 37000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies. This figure has NOT been approved yet.

2. As regards maintenance of the above numbers of GCHR and GCHP: -

- (a) Uniforms - are issuable either on "Basic" or Combat Scale, according to circumstances. It is probable that a new small scale will be authorized for all effective Italian Army troops (including GCHR and GCHP) in lieu of the separate combat and Basic scales.
- (b) Uniform - the policy is that only units employed or to be employed by the Allies will be issued with battledress i.e. of the dyed green type and second hand after discard by Allied troops. We have only a limited stock of this, so in any event have not enough to issue to other than the category mentioned. However, I understand that the Chief Commissioner disapproves of GCHR and GCHP being dressed in other than their traditional dress, for obvious political reasons.
The issue of uniforms for GCHR and GCHP is entirely the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War and depends of course thus on needs, stocks available and facilities for repair or making new uniforms. After discussion with Brig. Litch recently I went into this matter and pressed it of W to "Get a move on", which they assure me is being done. Incidentally (ref para 5 of your ACC/LACCH/8/PS dated 17 Mar), there is only enough in stock in SAVONNA for making 1000 uniforms, the rest having already been used up.

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(c) Boots - are issuable by the Allies on a basis of need, as stocks are short and arrivals slow. We have not enough for a complete issue to everybody. You have had more than your relative quota in receiving 5000. **3720**

(d) Underclothing - certain items are issuable by the Allies, but here again, owing to shortage of stocks and slow arrival, we have to issue on a basis of need, i.e. what is authorized and what is available (depending on shipments from U.S.A. and Great Britain and thus out of our hands) are two very different things. It is doubtful whether GCMR will be available without requisitioning and consequent adverse effect on the female part of the civil population.

(e) Repair and Manufacturing Facilities - for clothing and boots is still under discussion with AFM. We are pressing for this.

3. As regards MEMBERS OF GCMR AND GCMF - Your figures are not understood. Based on H of W returns as at 25 Apr, we understand that those are in:

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Locality	OCR	OFF.
SARDINIA	1853	968
SICILY	9251	2124
Inland in rear of Army Boundaries.	11072	4420
With US Forces Fifth Army	1095	483
TOTALS:	26271	7995

4. (a) I hope, from the above, that M.I.A. responsibility and the state of affairs is now clear to you.
- (b) What seems to be required now is : -
- Firstly an adjustment of ideas as to what is possible as regards issue of uniform, boots and underclothing over the next few months.
- Secondly a statement of the total numbers of such articles required : -
- (1) IMMEDIATELY
(11) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
(111) AS A LONG TERM POLICY.
- This will give me and M of W a practical figure to work to, bearing in mind other demands.
- (c) Meanwhile, I am instructing my Liaison Officer with M of W again to discuss the whole matter with them in the light of your letters of 28 Apr and 2 May referred to above and to re-emphasize your preoccupation over this difficult matter.

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L. B. ...

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Major General.
Army Staff Corps, A.C.U.

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/0(SD1)
dated 3 Apr 44

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

1.	Combat Division	14,100)	(115,300)
2.	Internal Security Formations	101,200)	)
3.	Units employed or to be employed by the Allies	180,000)	)
4.	Italian Administration,-		) - 341,170
	Central Organisation	4,470)	)
	Static Formations	15,000)	(45,870)
	Services	26,400)	)
5.	Carabinieri etc.	60,000 (a)	
6.	Security Police	20,000 (b)	
7.	Fire Brigades	10,000 (c)	
8.	Navy	75,000 (d)	
9.	Air Force	31,000	
		<u>537,170</u>	

NOTES: (a) only 37,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(b) only 9,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(c) Estimated.

(d) See para 1 (f) of covering letter.

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AUTHENTICATED : ROGER B DERBY
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFS 394

May 2, 1944

ACC/14012/4/PS

SUBJECT : Clothing & Equipment.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Organization. The GG.FF is constituted under Italian Law for the enforcement of Revenue Laws, guarding and patrolling the coast, frontiers, etc., in the revenue interests, and special investigation of revenue offences, smuggling and tax evasion.

The Corps has in addition, squadrons for service afloat, wearing naval uniforms, and a specialist section working in plain clothes.

It is trained in combat duties, and in war time comes under the Minister of War.

2. Supply. The supply of clothing and equipment in peace is made by the Minister of Finance from Rome to the various Legions from civil contractors. In wartime, those Legions which are mobilised for war, are supplied by the Minister of War, while the others continue to be supplied by the Minister of Finance.

In the same way, those of the sea branch who are mobilised, pass to the control of the Minister of Marine.

There are two kinds of uniform, naval type for the sea branch, and a field green service dress for the land forces.

3; a) In a cable dated 16 Jan 44, copy attached, marked "A", from AFHQ, it was ruled that the GG.FF form part of the Italian army, and as such are entitled to equipment and clothing subject to approval of MMIA.

b) On 3 March 1944, this Sub-Commission received a letter, marked "B", from the Colonel i/c, HQ GG.FF, with lists of uniforms and equipment required, by land and sea branches. Copies of these lists were handed personally by Col. Meaney of this S/C to Lt.Col. Quin Smith, Army S/C, who stated he would send this list at once to the Minister of War, for necessary action.

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c) On 23 March 1944, a new list of equipment and clothing consequent on the proposed recruiting of an additional 4000 men for the corps, was received by this Sub-Commission, and this list, which cancelled the former one of the 3 March, 1944, was forwarded to the Army S/C.

Copies of letter and Lists attached, Marked "C".

d) In addition, the matter of clothing and equipment for Police Agencies, including GG.FF, was stressed in a letter dated 17 March 1944, Ref. L4601/S, addressed to the Army S/C (Attn Brig. Duchesne).

4. a) Present strength of the GG.FF up to the Army lines is:-

Mainland	4486
Sicily	2785
Sardinia	1093
	<u>8364</u>

b) In addition recruiting of an additional 4000 is contemplated and a Decree is in course of preparation.

c) The total estimated strength of the Corps if and when the country is occupied up to the Pisa-Rimini Line would be 15,000.

5. No stocks of uniform and equipment have been received from Allied sources or from the Italian Army.

It is not known what stocks of GG.FF uniforms exist, but it is known that there are none at Bari or Naples. Reports are awaited from Sicily and Sardinia. It is unlikely that there are any in Sicily.

6. The condition of the clothing and equipment of the GG.FF, except in the Bari area where an issue was made in Sept. 1943, is very poor. The urgent minimum requirement is a set of uniform (including underwear and boots) for 4000 men.

7. The next step is to meet the requisition shown in "C" which will ensure that the GG.FF now serving are adequately clothed and equipped for a period of 6 to 9 months.

Finally, it is necessary to prepare to refit members of the GG.FF who will join the Force as the occupation of the country northward proceeds, and to maintain the whole Force in the future.

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PAUL G. FINK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety

C O P YALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
QM (C.E.M.E.C.).

16 Jan. 44

SUBJECT : Requests for Equipment and Clothing

TO : CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL SECTION,
(Attn. Major Glasscock),
c/o S-4 I.B.S.
APO # 550 U.S. Army

1. Reference attached requests for equipment and clothing for Italian

- (i) Carabinieri
- (ii) Agents of Public Security
- (iii) R. Guardia di Finanza

2. We have applied to A.C. of S G-3 this headquarters for a ruling who has replied as follows:-

For the purposes of these requests it will be considered that the three services mentioned above, form part of the Italian Army and requested equipment may be issued subject MMIA's approval and availability.

W. E. DOWNER,
Major,
QM (C.E.M.E.C.).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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25 MARCH.
80 April 1944

ACC/14012/PS

SUBJECT : Equipment for GG.FF.

TO : Army Sub-Commission

1. On 6th March 1944 a list of equipment and clothing required by the Royal Finance Guards in liberated Italy was forwarded to you.

2. As an additional 4000 men are now being recruited for this unit a new list of equipment required is attached. This cancels the previous list. 3710

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf. .
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
HQ R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA OF LIBERATED
Administrative Office

List - of items of clothing and equipment needed by personnel of R. Guardia
di Finanza - see branch.

ITEMS	Number to Each	Number of Men	Total Number of Items
Face towels	3	630	1890
Towels	1	630	630
Cap - Gray-blue, wool	2	630	1260
Canteen - aluminum	1	630	630
Cleansing kit	1	630	630
Socks (cotton)	3	630	1890
Gloves - wool	3	630	1890
Pants - gray blue - wool	2	630	1260
Pants - " - cotton	2	630	1260
Pants - white - cotton	2	630	1260
Shirts - blue serge	2	630	1260
Shirts - blue gray - cotton	2	630	1260
Shirts - white satin - ee	2	630	1260
Hat - gray blue - cotton	1	630	630
Box - Heavy cardboard - for hat	1	630	630
Hat - Waterproof	1	630	630
Overcoat, blue-gray - wool	1	630	630
Belt - leather	1	630	630
Knife - Marine type	1	630	630
Braid - white cotton	1	630	630
Doublet - gray blue - wool	1	630	630
Coat - white - for cap	1	630	630
Belly band - flannel	1	630	630
Handkerchiefs - black - silk	2	630	1260
Braid - cotton - white	4	630	2520
Cleansing kit, R.M.	2	630	1260
Envelope - for towels	1	630	630
Leggins (pair)	1	630	630
Wool kit - Aluminum	1	630	630
Sweaters	1	630	630
Drawers - Heavy - wool	1	630	630
Drawers - cotton	2	630	1260
Shorts	2	630	1260
Plate - Aluminum	1	630	630
Eating utensils - set	1	630	630
Laundry bag	1	630	630
Mapkin	3	630	1890

Shirts - white satin - 66	2	630	1260
Hat - grey blue - cotton	1	630	630
Box - heavy cardboard - for hat	1	630	630
Hat - waterproof	1	630	630
Overcoat, blue-grey - wool	1	630	630
Belt - leather	1	630	630
Knife - marine type	1	630	630
Braid - white cotton	1	630	630
Doublet - grey blue - wool	1	630	630
Cover - white - for cap	1	630	630
Belly band - flannel	2	630	1260
Handkerchiefs - black - silk	4	630	2520
Braid - cotton - white	2	630	1260
Cleaning kit, R.M.	1	630	630
Envelope - for towels	2	630	1260
Leggings (pair)	1	630	630
Mess Kit - aluminum	1	630	630
Sweaters	1	630	630
Drawers - heavy - wool	2	630	1260
Drawers - cotton	2	630	1260
Shorts	1	630	630
Plate - aluminum	1	630	630
Eating utensils - set	1	630	630
Laundry Bag	1	630	630
Hopkins	3	630	1890
Shoes - black dress	1	630	630
Shoes - R.M. type	1	630	630
Shoes - Gym	1	630	630
Collar - grey blue	1	630	630
Brush - clothes	1	630	630
Brush - hair	1	630	630
Brush - shoes	1	630	630
Shave - cotton	2	630	1260
Cup - aluminum	3	630	1890
Suitcase - heavy cardboard	1	630	630

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Salerno, 21 March 1944.

by order of
Lt. Col. Chief of Staff,
Francesco Scirea,

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
HQ F. GUARDIA DI FINANZA OF LIBERATION ITALY
Administrative Office.

LIST - Item of Clothing and Equipment needed by the R. Guerra di Finanza,
for its personnel (land section).

Items	Number per Man	Number of Men	Total No. Needed.
1000 towels	3	10745	32235
Tent poles	2	5000	10000
Caps - stiff	1	10745	10745
Caps - Envelope type	1	10745	10745
Canteens - Aluminum	1	10745	10745
Service Bags	1	5000	5000
Socks - cotton	3	10745	32235
Socks - wool	3	10745	32235
Pouch - Cleansing Equipment	1	10745	10745
Shirts - cotton	2	10745	21490
Shirts - wool	2	10745	21490
Hat - Alpine	1	10745	10745
Coat - wool	1	10745	10745
Belt - for trousers	1	10745	10745
Neckties - wool	2	10745	21490
Insignia - cap	1	10745	10745
Insignia - Alpine hat	1	10745	10745
Undershirts - wool	2	10745	21490
Leggings - wool (pair)	1	10745	10745
Handkerchiefs	4	10745	42980
Canteen cup (aluminum)	1	10745	10745
Jackets - wool	2	10745	21490
Jackets - cotton	2	10745	21490
Gloves - wool	1	10745	10745
Undershirts	1	10745	10745
Drawers - cotton	2	10745	21490
Drawers - wool	2	10745	21490
Shorts	1	10745	10745
Trousers - wool	2	10745	21490
Trousers - cotton	2	10745	21490
Emblems - unit	1	10745	10745
Mess set	1	5000	5000
Stakes for tents	2	5000	10000
Bag - laundry	1	10745	10745
Shoes - mountain	1	10745	10745
Shoes - dress	1	10745	10745
Slippers (rest)	1	10745	10745
Hairbrush	1	10745	10745
Clothes Brush	1	5000	5000
Shoe Brush	1	5000	5000

Salerno, 21 March 1944.

By order of
Lt. Col., Chief of Staff.
(Francisco Ruiz).

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