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CLOTHING, CCRR
MAR. - JULY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 502

ACC/14601/8/2/PS

31 July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Clothing for Carabinieri.

TO : R.P.S.O., Region V.

1. Reference your letter R 5/514/8 dated July 26, 1944.
2. Please be advised that no uniforms are available at this time. Every effort is being made by this Headquarters to obtain clothing.
3. The Commanding General of the CC.RR. has also been informed.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

OGAM/G.

TranslationTerritorial Legion CC.RF. of Ancona
Ascoli Piceno Group.

N. 44/2

Ascoli Piceno July 19, 1944

Subject : Request clothing, belts and footwear.

The major part of the soldiers in the Arma require clothing, underwear, footwear and belts. The last distribution of clothing by CC.RF. Legion of Ancona goes back to September 1943.

In endeavouring to improve the prestige of the Arma which up to now has been the subject of abuses by the Germans and by the Patriots, we are asking your office to forward the attached request to the Allied Command in Bari so that it will be taken for the sending of clothing and materials as requested. Many thanks.

The Commanding Major
- Francesco Manganaro -
(Sgd)

*July 31/44. C. Command of CC.RF. has been informed.
of attached request
Capt. [unclear]*

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI ANCONA
GRUPPO DI ASCOLI PICENO

No. 44/2 di prot. div. 2'

Ascoli Piceno, 11 19 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Richiesta oggetti di corredo, buffetterie e calzature.

AL COMMISSARIATO PROVINCIALE DEL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
(Prefetture) ASCOLI PICENO

La maggior parte dei militari dell'Arma dipendenti necessitano
di oggetti di vestiario, biancheria, calzature e buffetterie.

L'ultima distribuzione di oggetti di corredo fatta dal comando
della Legione Carabinieri Reali di Ancona risale al settembre 1943.

Cio' premesso questo Comando, preoccupato di rialzare, per quanto
e' possibile, il prestigio dei militari dipendenti, finora maltrattati
dalle truppe germaniche e dai Patrioti, prega codesto Ufficio perche'
voglia compiacersi inoltrare l'unita richiesta al Comando Alleato di
Bari perche', a sua volta, si compiacca provocare l'invio degli ogget-
ti di che trattasi.

Si ringrazia sentitamente.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
-Francesco Manganaro-

(Signed)

C O P Y

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI ANCONA
GRUPPO DI ASCOLI PICENO

No. 14/2 di prot. div. II'

Ascoli Piceno, li 19 luglio 1944-

OGGETTO: Elenco degli oggetti di vestiario, calzature, biancheria e
buffetteria occorrenti ai militari del gruppo Carabinieri
Reali di Ascoli Piceno.

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- No. 200 uniformi grigio-verde (giubbe e pantaloni);
- No. 100 paia di scarpe (dal No. 27 al 30);
- No. 200 paia di calze;
- No. 300 camice di grigio verde;
- No. 100 bustine grigio-verde (numeri vari);
- No. 200 fasce gambiere grigio verde;
- No. 100 bandoliere bianche o nere con giberna.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
-Francesco Manganaro-

(Signed)

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Public Safety 7016

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ 3.

FROM : HQ Region V, ASG. *1+60/8/2*

SUBJECT : Clothing for Carabinieri. *JK*

REF : R5/514/8.

DATE : 26 Jul 44. *see 10A*

1. The attached copy letter AF/14/8 dated 21 Jul 44 from Prov. Commissioner, Ascoli-liceno together with copies of two letters from il Maggiore Comandante dated 19 Jul 44 are forwarded for information. *86*

2. May we be informed of the prospects please.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

SP/WEC.

S. Pickering
S. PICKERING,
Lt Col.
R.P.S.O.

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TO : R.P.S.O. HQ Region V, AMG.
FROM : P.C. ASCOLI-PICENO Province.
SUBJECT : Clothing for Carabinieri.
REF : AF/14/6.
DATE : 21 Jul 44.

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1. The attached request for additional clothing for the carabinieri in this Province has my strongest support at a time when we are endeavouring to improve their morale and appearance.
2. Rather than instruct the Commandant here to make application in the ordinary way through their HQ where they expect to obtain little satisfaction, I am passing the demand to you in the hope that you might be able to arrange for this clothing to be despatched here from the pool at EARI.
3. If you have supported my application for a further 50 Carabinieri these items, if available, might be despatched in the care of these men.

(sgd) E.C.V. RUTTER,
Lt Col.
Prov Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION

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8 Jul 1944

Ref. IB/T/4

TOAdv. HQ. AGC.
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
APO 394

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Subject : Uniform Material for Carabinieri

1. Your letter AGA/edg 2 Jul 44 refers.

2. Investigations are being made and as yet only the firm "GRAZIA" Via Pietro della Valle 13/3 appears to have stocks, which are very limited, and used for the repair of Italian Military uniform.

3. Captain Powell, Public Safety Sub-Commission AGC., has visited this branch and it has been agreed that the Regional Public Safety Division shall assist this branch by also making an intensive search.

4. Authority for blocking notices has been given and advice of firms with stocks duly blocked will be passed to the respective divisions. In this way, immediate action can be taken.

F. to A.C. Lister, Major R.A.
Industrial Branch
Economic & Supply Division.

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MESSAGE FORM

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ACC REAR from P Safety (signed MacFarlane 031800)

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For Action

OFFICE DATE STAMP.

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No. 2700 . Restricted . Dated 30 April 44 your AQ/I5/II
 refers . Your letter AQ/I5/II of 16 April 44 not repeat not
 received . May copy be forwarded please

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SUBJECT. Strength of CCRR

Public Safety Sub-Commission.
A.C.C.

Reference your letters ACC/14601/8.PS dated 28 Apr 44.
and ACC/14601/8.PS dated 25 Mar 44.

1. This HQ is advised by the SMRE that the present total strength of the CCRR 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 CCRR and GGFF in all Italy, including those with military formations, as

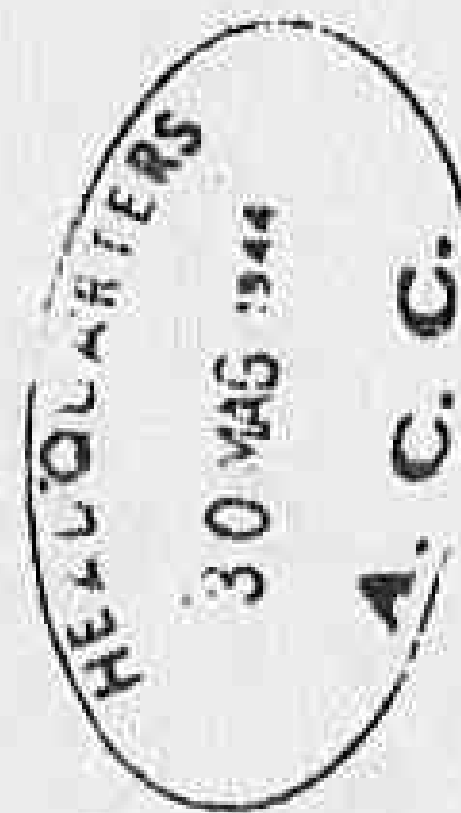
NOT IN MILITARY FORMATIONS	CCRR	GGFF
Mainland	271	14,414
Sardinia	53	3,821
Sicily	121	9,320
For Rome	21	662
Total.	466	28,217

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 CCRR and this HQ be advised.

vtd.



A. B. [Signature]

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

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MHA)
LEQUILLE. (LECC)
AQ/3/1

28 May 44

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Action 14601/8

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

19 May 1944.

ACC/14601/9/PS

SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment for CGRR & CGFF.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, ACC,
Main HQ BHLA.

1. Reference is made to your letter AG/15/1 dated 11 May 1944.

2. It is understood that the only clothing immediately available to the Italian Army is Allied battle-dress. While it is desirable that CGRR and CGFF should wear traditional dress, their needs are so urgent that whatever is available must be accepted. This is the view of the Chief Commissioner. In this connection reference is made to your letter AG/15/1 dated 16 April, 1944, and the reply from this Sub-Commission recommending an immediate issue of Allied battle dress.

3. As regards the issue of boots, 5000 pairs have been received by CGRR, none by CGFF. The immediate requirements as previously reported are 10,000 pairs for CGRR and 4000 pairs for CGFF.

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of your letter, the strength of CGRR and CGFF was supplied by their Commanding Officers, namely:-

CGRR	39901
CGFF	8364

The large discrepancy (12,000) between your figures for CGRR and those given in our letter may largely be accounted for by the fact that the Commanding General, CGRR, included in his total 10,000 CGRR who are serving with the Italian Army ("mobilitati").

5. The statement of the total numbers of uniforms and boots required in order of priority was given in letters dated 28th April and 2nd May 1944, namely

	CGRR	CGFF
Immediate (battle dress and boots)	10,000	4,000
As soon as possible	" " "	4,364
Long term policy (traditional dress)	60,000	15,000

6. Major A.F. Wilcox of this Sub-Commission will be visiting LUGGS early next week when it is hoped that any difficulties may be cleared up on the spot.

Wilder Major
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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As soon as possible	"	4,364
Long term policy (traditional dress)	29,901	15,000

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AFW/c

Bunder Major
A. E. Young, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/402/22/CA

21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri Clothing.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(Att: Col. Young)

In accordance with telephone conversation
(Col. Young - Lt. Col. Shipp) attached hereto is
copy of minute by Secretary General for your in-
formation. 158

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General...

SUBJECT: Replacement of Carabinieri uniforms

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TO : Chief Commissioner

18 May 1944.

Col. Shipp of the C.A. Branch telephoned to say that the Public Safety Sub-Commission is concerned about the replacement of Carabinieri uniforms. The only replacements available are dyed British battle-dress, and Col. Shipp stated that although you had expressed your desire that the Carabinieri continue in their regular uniforms, the prospect of this appears slight, and that the use of dyed British battle-dress is apparently inevitable.

Your concurrence is requested.

I have already agreed.

M.M.A.

C. Cam.

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

Copy to HQ
 SUBJECT: Clothing & Equipment CCRR & GGFF.

Ar. Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 Main HQ (MIA)
 INQUIRY (LECCO)
 AQ/15/1.

11 May 44.

HQ. A.C.C. - Public Safety Sub Commission.
 (3 Copies)

Ref your ACC/14601/8/PS dated 28 Apr and ACC/14012/4/PS dated 2 May on above subject, the policy and procedure is as below: -

1. HQ. A.A.I. in their 1605/50/3/1 (G) S. D.L dated 3 Apr (App. "A" of which is attached for reference) recommended to C.G.S. at WASHINGTON that the total numbers of CCRR and GGFF 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 CCRR and GGFF: -

(a) Rations - are issuable either on "Basic" or Combat Scale, according to circumstances. It is probable that a new small scale will be authorised for all effective Italian Army troops (including CCRR and GGFF) 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. Moreover, I understand that the Chief Commissioner disapproves of CCRR and GGFF being dressed in other than their traditional dress, for obvious political reasons.

The issue of uniform for CCRR and GGFF 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 LUSH recently I went into this matter and pressed M of W to "Get a move on", which they assure me is being done. Incidentally (ref para 5 of your ACC/14601/8/PS dated 17 Mar), there is only enough in stock in SARDINIA for making 1000 uniforms, the rest having already been used up.

(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.

(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 authorised 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 CCRRS

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

3. As regards NUMBERS OF CCRR AND GGFF - Your figures are not understood. Based on M of W returns as at 25 Apr, we understand that these are in:

Sheet 2/

Ex. 3 (Contd)

Locality	CCRR	GGFF.
SARDINIA	4853	968
SICILY	9251	2124
Mainland in rear of Army Boundaries.	11072	4420
With US Formations Fifth Army	1095	483
TOTALS:	26271	7995

4. (a) I hope, from the above, that M.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 :-

- (i) IMMEDIATELY
(ii) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
(iii) 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-emphasise your preoccupation over this difficult matter.

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

tps:LB.

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Appendix A to 1605/50/3/1/G(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	

		537,170	
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NOTES: (a) Only 37,000 employed at present and remainder only 7425 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.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

P. Safety 13A

14601/8/2

Ref/402/20/CA.

12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Clothing for Carabinieri.

TO : Admin Section - for Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Lt.Col.N.L.Offenhauer, M.M.I.A.

The attached copy of letter from Army Sub-Commission, No.DO/15/11
of 7 May 1944, is forwarded for your information.

ESM/RAC.

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M. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/15/11
7 May 1944.

My Dear Lush,

You spoke to me when I saw you last about clothing for Carabinieri which you wanted as a minimum 4000 suits for ROME.

I have been into all this and checked up with SARDINIA. There is only enough material in stock at SARDINIA to make about 1000 suits, the rest having been used up already for other suits.

My H.Q. have represented your views urgently to the Ministry of War here and they have assured us that they are making every endeavour to produce all the suits possible at an early date.

Yours ever,

(Signed) L. Browning.

Brigadier M. Lush, O.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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FROM : ~~XXXXXXXX~~ MMIA

TO : ACC REAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



M/C NO: 146018/2 12H

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In reply to your message 2743 dated 11 May. Reply forwarded under cover of my letter Ref AQ/15/1 dated 11 May.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

11 May 1944.

ACC/14601/8/2/PS

SUBJECT: Clothing - CCHR.

TO : Army Sub-Commission ACC, Main HQ (MMA), Leghite (Lecce).

1. With reference to your AQ/15/11 of 16 April 1944, the urgent needs of CCHR are set out in our letter ACC/14601/8/PS dated 28 April 44, addressed to you.
2. It is not considered that any important reaction would arise by placing the CCHR in Allied dyed uniforms. The existing state of the CCHR clothing and boots is having an adverse effect on their morale which can only be improved by the issue of any kind of uniform.
3. While it would be desirable to have Italian uniforms if they were procurable, it is essential that the CCHR be issued with uniforms of whatever style is readily available. It is suggested, if no delay would be caused, that the uniforms supplied should be khaki coloured, so that the distinction between CCHR and other Italian troops will be more obvious. In this connection it is pointed out that Colonial CCHR have a khaki uniform.
4. The policy of the Commanding General CCHR would be to issue the Allied dyed uniforms in the first instance to CCHR in small centres, villages and forward areas but in the course of time it is inevitable, owing to transfers etc., that in certain places members of the CCHR would be found wearing both types of clothing.
5. In brief, the situation is so critical that the colour, style or material is of secondary importance. Any kind of uniform and boots immediately available will be accepted.

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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RISERVATO PERSONALE

COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
UFFICIO SERVIZIO E SITUAZIONE

N. 101/R.P. di prot.

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11.4.44

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OGGETTO: Uniforms for CC.RR.

Al HQ ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission

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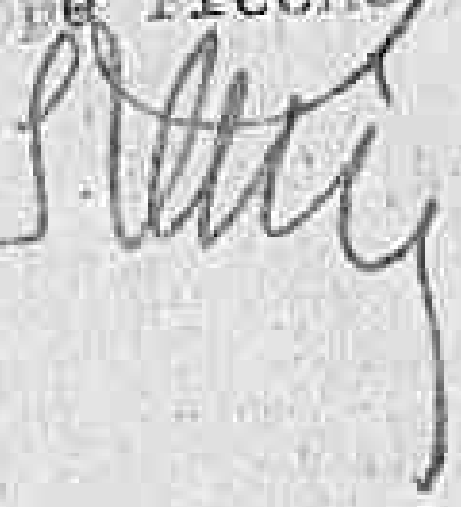
I refer to your letter dated 9.4.44

1. Meanwhile, I should ask to get the 40%
2. No reactions would arise : everybody knows our lack of uniforms and it would be easy to understand that if the CC.RR. wear battle-dresses which are different from the traditional CC.RR. uniforms, it is because of the complete shortage of them. Of course it would be better to get our traditional CC.RR. uniforms and I made a request since November 43 in order to obtain from Allied sources blue-black cloth. This request was first almost accepted and then turned down.
3. My personal opinion would be to have Italian uniforms but, if it is not possible, it would be necessary to accept Allied uniforms, kaki coloured, so that the distinction between CC.RR. and other Italian Troops will be easier. Kaki uniforms for CC.RR. will also help the service which is performed mostly in strict connection with Allied Troops. With regard to this last suggestion, it may be pointed out that Colonial CC.RR. uniforms were kaki. If this is not possible, we should take uniforms of any colour owing to the necessity of the moment. I ask kindly to consider this serious problem ⁷⁴¹ because the majority of CC.RR. are not in a position to take off their overcoats for fear of showing torn shirts and trousers.
4. I shall try to give Allied dyed uniforms in smaller centres, villages and forward areas, but after a certain amount of time, owing to the necessary movements and transfers, it would not be possible to avoid the mixture.

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5. I should be very grateful to the Public Safety Sub-Commission if this problem could be examined urgently.

The Commanding General
-Giuseppe Pièche-



SUBJECT: Uniforms for GCR

Army Sub-Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUIE, (LECCO)
AQ/15/11

16 April 1944

Public Safety Sub-Commission ACC.

1. Demands have been received for uniforms from Allied sources for the GCR. The Italian Ministry of War estimates that not more than 40% of the essential requirements can be met with Italian uniforms available to the GCR and the Italian Army.
2. To place a substantial part of the Carabinieri in dyed Allied uniforms may produce important reactions. It could materially affect their moral and effectiveness and at the same time create considerable political and physiological reaction.
3. In view of the above your recommendations and your approval of the proposal to supply Allied uniform to the Carabinieri are requested.
4. The Italian Ministry of War have tentatively recommended that Carabinieri in centres like NAPLES, NARI and PARANZO be kept in Italian uniforms and that Allied Uniforms be furnished to units serving in smaller centres, villages and forward areas.

L. BROWNING
Major Gen.
Army Sub-Commission ACC

1st IND

May 9, 1944

ACC/14601/8/2/30

TO : Commanding General CC.RR

from: HQ ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Byron C. Caffery
C. A. E. YOUNG, Colonel

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Major Gen.
Army Sub-Commission AGC

1st IND

May 2, 1944

AGC/14601/E/2/SC

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From: HQ AGC., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Arthur Capps
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

sample clothing gear 14601/8/2
Subject:- Uniforms for CCRR.

CCRR.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILLE. (LECCE)
AQ/15/II
16 April 44.

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Public Safety Sub Commission AEC

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See 6*

1. Reference our letter AQ/15/II dated 16 April 1944.
2. Repeated requests are coming to this Headquarters asking authority to issue Uniforms to meet critical needs of the Carabinieri.
An immediate decision on policy to be adapted is indicated.
3. A reply to the above reference letter addressed to you by General Browning is urgently requested.

Per *Genl. Shipley* *7410*
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject:- Uniforms for CRR

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INQUIRY. (INCCD)
AQ/IS/II

16 April 44

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF AQ/15/II. dated 16 April 44.

*Godfrey W. Col
gsl*

for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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7 March

ACC. REAR. ATT. DCPS

1. This will confirm our telephone conversation of 7 May.

2. Enclosed is a copy of Gen Brown's letter of 16 April regarding the issue of allied dyed uniforms to Carabinieri.

Leo Hyster

USCJ

MMIA

Forwarded by entering Region 4841

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TRANSLATION

Attached to Letter 5079.
DA

ABSTRACT from Letter No. 2077/02 of the XIIth Corpo d'Armata.
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2) FOOD RATIONS

Though granted quite some time ago, it was not till recently, April 4th, that the CCRR were actually allotted military rations.

3) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The deficiency in clothing and equipment is strongly felt. The CCRR, especially those in country stations, are often reduced to pitiful conditions. Stores of shoes, uniforms, underclothing for renewal or repairs are all exhausted.

In an Arm where correctness and propriety of uniform is of substantial importance, such deficiency is especially degrading.

I propose that - though I realize it is inadvisable in the tactical field - all the troops on the Island, including the CCRR, be equipped with khaki uniforms dyed green. Naturally, insignias and headgear will serve to distinguish the Carabinieri and serve to regain him his traditional and normal bearing.

4) NEW RECRUITMENTS

The deficiency in clothing and equipment (which has already hampered the preparation and training of the first group of 250 new members so much so that some are still obliged to dress in civilian garb) is impeding the enrollment of the second group which should have started on the 15th of April.

Therefore, it is urgent that the clothing problem be solved, and - if I may voice my proposal - that a supply of green uniforms be made available (about 10,000 in all), with relative supply of footgear and underclothing.

5) REINFORCEMENT OF CCRR ON THE ISLAND

His Excellency, the Chief of Government - in a recent visit - informed me that a recent contingent of 200 CCRR, taken from those readied for security service in the Capital, would soon be sent.

Their ~~urgent~~ arrival is urgently awaited, to the essential end of strengthening those CCRR stations where performance has not been very satisfactory.

The personnel of the stations, substituted by such CCRR, and placed in central provincial stations, might give new form and substance to them that environment and circumstances have minimized.

The Commanding General,
Signed A. Mariotti.

N.B. Report on CCRR in Sicily made by Gen. Mariotti, Commander of XII Army Corps in Sicily.

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Sintesi del foglio n. 2077/92 del comando
XII corpo d'armata

Allegato al F. 5072

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2°)- RAZIONE VIVIERI.

Per quanto da molto tempo fosse stata al centro decretata la somministrazione ai cc.rr. della razione militare, il provve-
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e nella capitale.

E' urgente il loro arrivo, allo scopo essenziale di risanare
elenche delle stazioni cc.rr. dove il servizio si dimostra per-
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Il personale delle stazioni, sostituito da tali cc.rr., potrà
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P.C.C.

P.M. 15174, 11 30 aprile 1944

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

GIUSEPPE VERDI

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
S/to A. Mariotti

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TRANSLATION

25 April 1944.

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Memo to CPS.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Clothing to CCRR.

FROM : Army Sub-Commission ACC *14 April 1944*

TO : Chief of Staff, R.E.

1. Reference your 3/2857/Serv. of 27 March and your 3/3240/Serv. of 5 April. Authorisation is granted for the distribution to the CCRR of occupied Italy and Sardinia to meet the more urgent needs.

2. We request that these boots be placed at the disposal of the Commanding General CCRR and that he be entrusted with provisions for their distribution.

CHIEF OF STAFF R. ARMY
SERVICE OFFICE - QUARTERMASTER SECTION

P.M. 151, 18 April 1944.

N. 3/3780/Serv.

P.M. 107

TO MINISTRY OF WAR - Dir. Gen. Serv. Comm. Mil.

..... with appropriate approval thereto as per Letters 3/2857/Serv. of 5/4/44. this Chief of Staff had requested 15,000 pairs of boots and 15,000 uniforms, including the caps of the Army Sub-Commission.

The Asst Chief of Staff,
Signed Div. Gen G.B. Oxilia

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i 25 aprile 1944

MEMORIA per il sig. Colonnello KIRK

Capo della Sottocommissione per la P.S.

COMMISSIONE ALLAETA DI CONTROLLO

S A L E R N O

OGGETTO: Distribuzione di vestiario ai CC.RR.

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
AQ/15/10
14 aprile 1944

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E.

- 1- Riferimento vostro 3/2857/Serv. del 27 marzo e vostro 3/3240/
Serv. del 5 aprile.
E' concessa l'autorizzazione per la distribuzione ai CC.RR.
dell'Italia occupata, in Sicilia e Sardegna per far fronte ai
bisogni più urgenti.
- 2- Si desidera che questi stivaletti siano messi a disposizione
del Generale Comandante dei CC.RR. e che l'incarico per la di
stribuzione venga a lui affidato.

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE COMMISSARIATO

N.3/3720/Serv. di prot.

P.M.151,11 18 aprile 1944

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-Dir.Gen.Serv.Comm.Mil. P.M.107 **740**
e, per conoscenza;AL COMANDO ARMA CC.RR. DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA P.M.151-A
(rif.F/gli 58/12 del 18/3/u.s. e 58/12 del 26/3/u.s.)

.....per le disposizioni di competenza significando che con i fo
gli 3/2857/Serv. del 27/3/u.s. e 3/3240/Serv. del 5/4/944, questo
Stato Maggiore aveva richiesto all'Army Sub Commission 15.000
paia di stivaletti e 15.000 uniformi compresi i berretti.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Fº Gen.di Div.G.B. Oxilia

14601/3/2. 2A
REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AGC/14601/3/PS
28 April 1944

SUBJECT : Clothing for CC.RR.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, AGC.

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- (ii) Ordinary " (blue-black, wool)
- (iii) Field uniform (green, cotton)

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Mainland	24381
	<u>39901</u>

6. Reported requests for clothing and equipment have been made by the CC.RR to the Direzione Commissariato Italiano Army. Copy A attached gives details of the items requested. Briefly 25,000 Field uniforms (green) and 50,000 service shoes have been requested. These items have not been supplied.

7. Accordingly, the question of obtaining uniforms and boots was taken up by this Sub-Commission. On 17th March 1944 a letter (Copy "D" attached) was written to the Army Sub-Commission pointing out the position and asking for the release of clothing.

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13. It is requested that the attention of the proper authorities be called to the urgency of fulfilling immediate needs and arranging to meet future requirements.

PAW/hgd

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

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TRANSLATION

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LNDUM

On November 1943 verbal request was made to Allies for goods for making of 20,000 Uniforms as follows:

Blue superfine cloth	m.l. 114,780)	<u>All these were not delivered</u>
Inner lining	" " 176,980)	
Buttons	No. 1,540,000)	
Black thread	Kg. 1,850)	

Reference to letter No. 299/16 Dec. 1943 to the Minister of War, request was made for 25,000 Uniforms and shoes.

The Minister of War, by letter No. 126/V dated 18 Jan. 1944, answered that it could not fulfill the request at the moment.

On the 14 Jan. 1944 a similar letter was written, ref. 299/4, to the Supreme Command, Minister of War and S.M.R.E. (It.HQ) and until the present no answer has been received.

The following requests for green cloth were made.

N. 1 Jacket (green)	25,000
N. 1 Trousers (green)	25,000
Pr 1 Legging	25,000
N. 1 Overset cap	25,000
N. 2 Ties (black)	50,000
Pr 2 Service Shoes	50,000
N. 1 Overcoat	25,000
N. 2 Undershirts	50,000
N. 2 Woolen Shirts	50,000
N. 2 Drawers (long Cotton)	50,000
N. 2 Corsets	50,000
Pr 3 Socks (Cotton)	75,000
N. 1 Identification tags	25,000
N. 1 Branch Insignia (for Caps)	25,000
N. 1 Regimental lapel insignia	25,000
Pr 2 Star (metal)	50,000
N. 2 Towels-face	50,000
N. 1 Toilette-Kit	25,000
N. 1 Suspenders	25,000
N. 1 Belt	25,000
N. 1 Barracks bag	25,000
N. 1 Canteen-Cup	25,000
N. 1 Canteen	25,000
N. 1 Cup (aluminum)	25,000
N. 1 Spoon	25,000
N. 1 Fork	25,000
N. 1 Laundry-bag	25,000

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MMIA FROM DUCHESNE

FATIMA REAR for KIRK AND QUIN SMITH, RPTD FATIMA FOR LUSH

Ref. Your ACC/14601/8/PS of 17 March. First. Carabinieri accepted as an integral part of the Italian army entitled to share of Italian clothing resources existing which are mainly underclothing controlled by Ministry of War. In addition entitled rations and darkgreen battle dress and boots all of Allied origin controlled by MMIA through Ministry of War. These demands for boot and battle dresses should go through Ministry of War and can be met in reasonable quantities. Advise me what quantities are genuinely required separating mainland, Sicily and Sardinia. Second. Guardia Finanza at present accepted for rations as integral part of Italian army but this may be nonconstitutional. I have asked for policy decision from Chief Commissioner in my 0303 to today copy to you. Third. Agents of Public Security have not previously been claimed to be integral part of Italian army and copy of AFHQ letter dated 16 January forwarded refers only to stated request for captured Stocks. Their duties not understood but claim does not appear strong. Submit to Chief Commissioner for policy decision. Fourth. The strength of all those entitled to rations boots and clothing of Allied origin must be included in strength states such as that forwarded to Quin Smith under my G/11/28 of 16 March. These figures are shortly to be forwarded to Allied Chiefs of Staff on their demand for authorization of future totals allowable. Question is therefore of urgent policy importance. Policy for supply organization Italian military is laid down in Freedom letter AG400-1 (ITALY GDS-ACM of 9 January addressed to Allied Control Commission.

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RESTRICTED ROUTINE

23
MAJ. WILCOX PUBLIC SAFETY

29 March 1944.

TO MMIA FOR DUCHENNE

YOUR AQ NIGHT ONE FIVE PD FIRST REQUIREMENTS OF CARABINIERI FOR EDOTS AND BATTLE
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 EIGHT FIVE ZERO ZERO TO STRENGTH RETURN.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

13 April 1944.

ACC/14601/8/PS

SUBJECT: Additional Personnel and Equipment for CORR.

TO : Vice-President ACC, Administrative Section.

1. Herewith is a translation of a SECRET communication from Gen. pieche, Commanding General of the Carabinieri Reali to the Minister of War and the Minister of the Interior.
2. It is submitted that Gen. pieche properly states the problem, accurately portrays the existing conditions, and pointedly indicates the feasible remedy.
3. The Chief Commissioner has from the beginning evinced his interest in the repatriation of Carabinieri who are prisoners of war. Pursuant to a request from the Executive Commissioner a list of 56 officers whose services were especially desired, was furnished, supplementing a shorter list submitted on Feb. 7th. Included in the March list was Gen. TADDEI, reported to be a prisoner of war in India, whose qualifications were set forth in particular. The bulk of the personnel, both commissioned and enlisted men are said to be in East Africa. Thus far as of March 31 AFHQ have been able to assure us that two majors will be released.
4. Insofar as uniforms and equipment are concerned, all that this Sub-Commission can do has already been done. The Army Sub-Commission has been so advised, since the source of supplies is Italian Military Stores. As of March 28th, information was received that 3000 sets of re-dyed British type clothing had been allocated. This however, has not as yet been received, and when received will meet only part of the immediate urgent needs. This office is not aware of what plans there may be for the tactical employment of the units of the Italian Army, or upon what basis priorities have been determined by the War Ministry for the issuance of clothing and equipment. It does seem, however, that recognition must be given to the fact that the Carabinieri will have an important and continuing mission of operational significance to perform in any event, and recognition should be given to the fact that the Carabinieri are the first Arm of the Italian Army.
5. It is recommended that the Chief Commissioner be informed of the classified letter sent by Gen. pieche and that the Italian War Ministry be again impressed with the urgent need for clothing and equipment, and renewed efforts be made to bring about the repatriation of CORR who are prisoners of war as soon as possible.

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

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