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March 7, 1944 - April 5, 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref: 69A

Subject: Visit of Representative of Military Secretary

5 Apr 45

Land Forces Sub Commission AG (LFA)

Ref your A/9/1 dated 17 Mar 45.

1. Brigadier Evans D'S War Office (NOT Col Ince as originally stated) will hold interviews in Room 339 HQ RAAG on Monday 9 Apr 45.
2. Please notify Col Pidsley to attend at 0900 hrs.

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B.V. Wood Cpt.

B.V. WOOD,
Staff Capt,
for Lt Col.
AA & QMG.

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G1 (RR) ROME AREA

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INTERVIEWS WITH BRIGADIER EVANS ~~WAR~~ OFFICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON EIGHTH AND
NINTH OF APRIL IN ROOM THREE THREE NINE THIRD FLOOR HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

WP.

G-4 BRITISH

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Maj DAAG (69A)

NOTES ON G.O.C.'s VISIT TO H.Q. FLORENCE REGION
ON 6th MARCH 1945

Met General Cereca (Region Comd), Cortese (210 Div) and Nanne (231 Div).

1. Regional Organization

Gen Cereca said that the Ministry of War had not yet sent him the plan of the new Regions, Districts and Depots, but that he had seen Maj. Van Kirk's copy.

As Delegation "T", the General now had a W.E. of about 75 in the H.Q. but could turn over quite easily to the new increased Regional W.E. as soon as he was told to do so.

M.M.I.A. to find out why Ministry of War have not yet sent out their scheme of reorganization.

M of W letter 300450/C.A. 317-11-24 dated 13 Jan 1945 refers.

The American Air Corps now occupy the building ^{intended} for the Region E.Q. G.O.C. instructed Gen. Cereca to remain in his present location till the proper one becomes vacant. M.M.I.A. to insist, if necessary, that the Region H.Q. be not compelled to make an interim move.

2. Rations

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4. Clothing

Complaints have been received that the green uniform dye runs. Can the type of dye be changed? G.O.C. explained the difficulties but said that, without promising anything, he would look into the matter with his "Q" staff.

5. Over-age and Category Personnel

231 Div have numbers of these personnel, many of whom have their homes in occupied Italy and some in liberated Italy

Gen Nanni would like the category personnel replaced as soon as possible.

G.O.C. stated that all Units would be brought up to strength and that then the category men and those over-age whose homes are in liberated Italy would be replaced by new intake, depending on the clothing situation etc.

6. General

CORTESE and NANNI seemed definitely good men. CERECA adequately and a dignified figure head. The Chief of Staff dis-impressed; he seemed intolerant and highly insolent and wants squashing. The general impression was that this outfit was not "to heel" as much as it should be and has not got the proper picture of being under our control as a defeated nation.

copy to MAF 9/10/45

SIGNAL

FROM MEIA

TO 15 ARMY GROUP

SD 2477

CONFIDENTIAL

LT COL HOWARD SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER MEIA WISHES TO MAKE LIAISON VISITS
TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS AND SERVICE TROOPS SPECIAL REF
SD/C3 ORG AND J/C-1 MATTERS AS FOLLOWS (.)

A (.) ONE (.) 18 MAR (.) LEAVE MONTELEONE (ANGORA) FOR 53 ELT (.)

TWO (.) 19 MAR (.) VISIT POLIGLIE (.)

THREE (.) 20 MAR (.) VISIT 13 CORPS (.) 53 ELT ARRANGE (.) LEAVE FOR 50 ELT (.)

FOUR (.) 21 MAR (.) VISIT FRIULI (.)

FIVE (.) 22 MAR (.) VISIT POLCORPS IF NECESSARY (.) 50 ELT 18

ARRANGE (.) LEAVE FOR 51 ELT (.)

SIX (.) 23 MAR (.) VISIT CREMONA (.)

SEVEN (.) 24 MAR (.) VISIT 5 CORPS IF NECESSARY (.) 51 ELT ARRANGE (.)

VISIT LIGHT ARMY (.) MEIA LO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS BGS, BRIG AG,

01 SD, AUBG (.)

EIGHT (.) 25 MAR (.) VISIT PACA TPT CENTRE FOSSEMBRONNE (.)

NINE (.) 26 MAR (.) LEAVE FOR 52 ELT (.) TEN (.) 27 MAR (.) VISIT LECHANO (.)

ELEVEN (.) 28 MAR (.) VISIT MEIA LO FIFTH ARMY AND II (US) COM'S IF

NECESSARY (.) LEAVE FOR FLORENCE (.)

TWELVE (.) 29 MAR (.) VISIT BR 100 FIFTH ARMY (.) MEIA LO ARRANGE

APPOINTMENTS COL GS, COL AG (.)

THIRTEEN (.) 30 MAR (.) VISIT 15 ARMY GROUP (.)

FOURTEEN (.) 31 MAR (.) RETURN HQ MEIA (.)

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VISIT EIGHTH ARMY (.) 25 MAR (.) ARRIVAL LO ARRIVAL APPOINTMENTS 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000

0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600, 0700, 0800, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000

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B (.) IS THIS APPROVED PLEASE (.) IF SO REQUEST YOUR JUNIOR FIRM GIVE EVERY

FACILITY AND ASSISTANCE

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

INTERNAL:

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(105)

Subject : Visits, representatives of the Military Secretaries.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

A/9/I

17 March 45.

Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
C.M.F.

8017

Ref : Your 69 A, of 12th of March.

1. Col.W.G. PIDSLEY , DSO MC, ex AEO, of this HQ. has requested to be granted an interview with Lt/Col GWG INCE, OHE MC on his visit to Rome.

2. Col. PIDSLEY wishes to raise queries regarding his position as a Colonel ex AEO but not employed on AEO duties, with particular reference to art. 608 to 610 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, Appointments & Promotions. Col. PIDSLEY's position in relation to these articles is most exceptionnel and it is considered that an interview with Col.INCE will help to clarify this case.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA LO
FIVE ARMY (BR INC)

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

18 1619 A

TO(FOR ACTION) MMIA

A/9/11

(104)

REF NO 9945

RESTRICTED

8016

- (1) 510/2 (.) REPUBLISH AQ/7/1 OF 27 JANUARY TO ALL ALLIED AUTHORITIES,
ALSO REPUBLISH TO BLU'S AND BRITISH FORMATIONS COMMANDING THE
AUTHORITY FOR ALL COMBAT GROUPS AND CESSANO TO DRAW EPI RAZOR BLADES ETC ETC.
- (2) FROM NOAKES WHO LEAVES FOR EIGHTH ARMY FRIDAY MORNING.
- (3) HAVE REMAINING 500 MAGAZINES FOR BERRETTAS LEFT YET ?
- (4) SEND 1000 SHELTER HALVES TO 251 DIVISION .

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LROF V MBZX NR 10191
GR 9

TO HQ MMIA (ROME)
FROM MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT

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BT
A.1
RESTRICTED(.) COL NOAKES EXPECTED THIRTEEN MARCH(.)
ACCOMMODATION ARRANGED (.)

BT THI 1815
ET AT 2046 JA B2 K
RD NR 10191 2046

(B AR K

See Folio 101 0015

MMIA
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A *10/3 N86/10*
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10/1630
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FROM MMIA LO BR INCR 5 ARMY 101507A

TO MMIA
GR 38 BT
REF NR9863

RESTRICTED X FIVE LOVE OBOE SLANT ABLE X FOR NOAKES FROM NEWTON X
REFERENCE YOUR ABLE ONE SIX OF NINE MARCH X ACCOMMODATION
ARRANGED FOR ONE FOUR SLANT ONE FIVE AND ONE FIVE SLANT ONE SIX
BT
BT

WJS AR K
IMI W A ABLE ONE LINE 2 PLS K
R-3---1624A---J O E---B1

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: NMIA

TO(FOR ACTION)

DISTONE

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

09 1245 A

7A/9/11

REF NO A 15

RESTRICTED

8013

FOR NMIA LO FROM NOAKES (.) PROPOSE VISIT YOU TUESDAY THIRTEEN MARCH (.)
SIGNAL IF CONVENIENT AND IF ACCOMMODATION NIGHT 13/14 CAN BE PROVIDED

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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See Folio 103

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM: MMIA

09 1225 A

TO(FOR ACTION) 54 AREA

REF NO A 18

RESTRICTED

8012

FOR MMIA LO FROM NOAKES (.) PROPOSE VISIT YOU AND TRANI 18/19 MAR (.)
SIGNAL IF CONVENIENT AND IF ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS 18/19 AND 19/20 CAN BE
PROVIDED

PRIORITY

AUTHENTICATION

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UPK 14 LATE NR 14

FROM MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY 091935A

TO MMIA ROME

GR -- DT

MM386 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR A 17 DATED [REDACTED] 9 MARCH (.)

SHALL EXPECT COL [REDACTED] NOAKES 16 AND 17 MAR (.)

ACCN ARRANGED

BT 091935A

SENT NR 14 1430A UFK AR

R-14--1430A---J O E--AR"



MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM: MMIA

09 1200 A

TO(FOR ACTION) FIFTH ARMY

REF NO A 16

RESTRICTED

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FOR BRITISH INCREMENT FOR MMIA LO FROM HQAKES (.) PROPOSE VISIT YOU 14/15
MAR (.) SIGNAL IF CONVENIENT AND IF ACCOMMODATION FOR NIGHTS 14/15 AND
15/16 MAR CAN BE PROVIDED

8010

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

FM Hq AKF

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM: NMIA

09

1125

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TO (FOR ACTION) REAR EIGHT ARMY

REF NO A 17

RESTRICTED

FOR NMIA LO FROM NGAKES (.) PROPOSE VISIT YOU 16/17 MAR (.) SIGNAL IF
CONVENIENT AND IF ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS 16/17 AND 17/18 MAR CAN BE PROVIDED 9

PRECEDENCEY

AUTHENTICATION

1-11-11

See Folio 98

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Subject: Lt. C.G. NOAKES (292021) R.A.O.C.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/9/1

23 Feb 45.

Commandant, Army School of Education.
O.C. 274 Arm'd Dely. Sqn. R.A.C.

8008

1. This officer's business in Rome could not be completed before pm 23 Feb 45.
2. He has been instructed to proceed on 24 Feb to PERUGIA and to report to Adjutant, Army School of Education, thereafter to return to his unit by the most direct route.
3. Your cooperation in permitting this journey has been much appreciated.

FJH/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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LTJOF V LRAR 7061
FROM NMIA LO REAR NO EIGHTH ARMY 191915A
TO NMIA ROME
BT
NM 359 RESTRICTED . FOR N D A K ES REF YOUR
AQ 2814 OF 18. CONTACTED C C NOAKES
P E R U G I A . PROBABLY LEAVING FOR ROME 20 FEB
BT
1955
SENT 70611/722/ AMH 2230**** BBBDS
RD NR 7061 2230 CDM KK

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*Peruse
curiosity.*

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File

SIGNAL MESSAGE

00/9/11

DATE TIME

18 1245 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: REAR EIGHT ARMY

AQ 2814

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FOR MMIA LO (*) REQUEST YOU ASK UNIT COMD FOR LEAVE FOR
C.G. NOAKES 274 ARMoured DELIVERY SQN TO SEE BROTHER IN ROME
FOR ONE DAY ON VERY URGENT PRIVATE AFFAIR

PRECEDENCE 1

AUTHENTICATED F.J. Noakes.

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SIGNAL

FROM: BELLA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): 56 BLU

14 1145A

TO (FOR INFO): AFHQ FOR QAE

28/9/11

AQ 2875

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ARRANGE YOUR DAQMS VISITS QAE AFHQ WEEKLY TO REPORT PROGRESS ALSO
DADOS WHEN NECESSARY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

P. R. Pash

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

8/9/11

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

141730 A

TO (FOR ACTION): 54 AREA

REF NO: AQ2787

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) REGRET UNABLE ACCOMMODATE LENTZNER AS FULL TO CAPACITY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

L. L. G. Hysen

Wayer

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SIGNAL

AA/9/11

FROM: NMIA
TO : FIVE ARMY
REF NO: AQ2719

DATE TIME
021016 A
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FOR BR INCREMENT FOR BRIG JONES (.) COLONEL ROAKS VISITING NEWTON
1/7 FEB (.) APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ITALIAN POINTS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION IT/Itanus 8003
C.I.

SIGNAL

AA/911.

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FROM: MMIA

DATE

TIME

TO (FOR ACTION) : REAR 5 ARMY
EIGHT ARMY

DISPATCH FIVE ARMY

01 2.30 A

REF NO: AQ2712

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FOR MMIA LO (.) NOAH'S ARRIVING FLORENCE NIGHT 3/4 FEB (.) DESIRE IF
POSSIBLE MEET MEXTER BOHRE MONIANTY VAN KIM AND CAREY HUNT IN
EIGHT
FLORENCE MORNING 4 FEB (.) REQUEST/ARMY PERMISSION TO VISIT DURING WEEK

PRECEDENCE

Important

AUTHENTICATION

FTN/and C1.

8002



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
- Ispettorato -

A. di Post 229 / 1^a Div. Inf.
Allegato

Roma, 20 gennaio 1943

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO *Visita ad organi del servizio di commissariato.*
Verbo di commissario, Servizio Ispettorato
A.C.

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Per notizia, invio copia di mia relazione a S.E. il Ministro per la Guerra circa i risultati di una mia recente visita agli enti del servizio di commissariato della Campania e delle Puglie e Lucania.

In merito a taluni argomenti, specialmente per quanto riguarda il servizio ricuperi, mi propongo di trattarne verbalmente con gli Ufficiali di codesta M.M.I.A. particolarmente interessati agli argomenti medesimi.

Colgo l'occasione per manifestare la mia soddisfazione per l'ausilio che gli Ufficiali Alleati dei distaccamenti M.M.I.A. di Napoli e Bari prestano agli organi commissariato italiani del posto; ausilio che è attuato con cameratesca attività anche dagli elementi alleati di minor grado, come ho personalmente constatato, ad esempio a Bari da parte del

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PEI MINISTRO

Fellign

pl. Venerabile

Roma, 11 16 gennaio 1945

PROMEMORIA PER S.E. IL MINISTRO

Uff. Dir. Gen.

N.143/D.G.

Visita agli organi del servizio di commissariato.

Riferisco a V.E. in merito al sopralluogo da me eseguito nei giorni dal 3 al 12 corrente, presso le Direzioni di Commissariato di Napoli e di Bari e presso il Magazzino v.e. di Chieti, già della disolta Delegazione "A" dello S.M.R.E.

I - SERVIZIO DEI RICUPERI

a) COMANDO TERRITORIALE DELLA CAMPANIA - Il servizio dei ricuperi nella circoscrizione di tale Comando occupa un complesso di:

- ufficiali	n°	13
- sottufficiali e truppa d'inquadramento "	"	22
- operai militari	"	—
- operai civili	"	235
- operai civili	"	625,

che esplicano la loro attività nei seguenti stabilimenti:

gestiti di
rettamente

NAPOLI - Deposito speciale ricuperi n.1750 Magazzini calzature materio prime 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to di Napoli e di Bari e presso il Magazzino v.e. di Chieti, già della discolta Delegazione "A" dello S.M.R.E.

I - SERVIZIO DEI RICUPERI

a) COMANDO TERRITORIALE DELLA CAMPANIA - Il servizio dei recuperi nella circoscrizione di tale Comando occupa un complesso di:

- ufficiali		n°	13
- sottufficiali e truppa d'inquadramento	"	"	22
- operai militari		"	---
- operai civili		"	235
- operaie civili		"	625,

che esplicano la loro attività nei seguenti stabilimenti:

gestiti di rettamente	<u>NAPOLI</u>	- Deposito speciale recuperi n.1750 Magazzi no calzature materie prime n.5998 torio militare vestiario ex Stabilimento Chiurli - Laboratorio militare vestiario Mater Dei - Laboratorio militare calzature Caserma Garibaldi.-
	<u>FRATTAMAGGIORE</u>	- Stabilimento militare ritorcitura filati, lavanderia e tintoria - Deposito vestiario n.8 - Deposito sussidiario ve- stuario n.8 bis.-

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gestiti ad
impresa

CASAPULLA - Lavanderia e tintoria Fratelli Natale.-
SAVIANO - Calzaturificio De Risi.-
FRATTAMINORE - Calzaturificio Schiano.-

con una capacità giornaliera media, riferita ad uniformi e calzature
allegate, di circa:

- capi selezionati.	n.	10.000
- " tinti.	"	3.000
- " riparati	"	1.500
- calzature selezionate	p.	3.000
- " riattate	"	2.250.

Nella circoscrizione considerata, il servizio è nel suo insieme ben funzionante. Risente però ancora del frazionamento iniziale per cui ho dato direttive per l'accentramento di taluni laboratori presso la Caserma Garibaldi ed il Deposito 1750, in modo da ottenere un alleggerimento nel personale direttivo e di sorveglianza ed una riduzione nei servizi generali, con particolare riguardo a quello dei trasporti.

Il recupero del materiale alleato, pur suscettibile di aumento in relazione anche alla possibilità di maggiore impiego di personale con l'ordinato accentramento, è soddisfacente. Ho impartito disposizioni per sviluppare, senza danno per il recupero alleato, il recupero di taluni oggetti di particolari interessi ^{per la} vestizione italiana, come: calze di lana e cotone, bidoni, gavette, boracce, teli da tenda, oggetti di zaineria vari.

Nella circoscrizione considerata, il servizio è nel suo insieme ben funzionante. Risente però ancora del frazionamento iniziale per cui ho dato direttive per l'accentramento di taluni laboratori presso la Caserma Garibaldi ed il Deposito 1750, in modo da ottenere un alleggerimento nel personale direttivo e di sorveglianza ed una riduzione nei servizi generali, con particolare riguardo a quello dei trasporti.

Il ricupero del materiale alleato, pur suscettibile di aumento in relazione anche alla possibilità di maggiore impiego di personale con l'ordinato accentramento, è soddisfacente. Ho impartito disposizioni per sviluppare, senza danno per il ricupero alleato, il ricupero di taluni oggetti di particolari interessi della vestizione italiana, come: calze di lana e cotone, bidoni, gavette, boracce, teli da tenda, oggetti di zaineria vari.

b) COMANDO TERRITORIALE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA - Nella circoscrizione di tale Comando il servizio ricupero occupa, con gli stessi criteri indicati per la Campania:

- ufficiali	16
- sottufficiali e truppa d'inquadramento "	26
- operai militari	112
- operai civili	282
- operai civili	894

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che esplicano la loro attività nei seguenti stabilimenti:

BARI - Magazzino militare recuperi - Laboratorio militare riparazione vestiario e calzature - Laboratorio militare riparazione calzature.-

LECCE - Laboratorio militare recuperi.-

FASANO - Laboratorio militare riparazione vestiario calzature e maglieria.-

BRINDISI - Laboratorio militare riparazione vestiario e calzature.-

ACQUAVIVA - Laboratorio militare riparazione vestiario e calzature ed officina meccanica.-

CONVERSANO - Laboratorio militare riparazione calzature.-

BARI - Tintoria Fratelli Bernard - Ditta Michele Scoppio.-

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Ho inoltre dato ordini diretti ad armonizzare le varie fasi del riattamento delle divise alleate, specie nell'intento di

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eliminare talune deficienze rilevate nelle operazioni di tintoria. In particolare ho disposto per l'approntamento di un impianto di tintura a Lecce; per la requisizione diretta della tintoria Bernard di Bari, completandola di un reparto stireria; per l'esecuzione di esperimenti circa il consumo di coloranti e loro miscele per ottenere risultati più uniformi.

c) QUESTIONI DI CARATTERE COMUNE ALLE DUE CIRCOSCRIZIONI -

Riflettono il personale direttivo, i pasti di turno, le paghe operaie e l'estensione dell'impiego di personale femminile.

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gr.	151 di pane
"	170 di verdura fresca
"	227 di verdura essiccata (soup)
"	14 di sale

con i quali viene approntata una refezione calda da consumare nella sospensione del lavoro a mezzogiorno.

La natura della zuppa non consuetudinaria alla nostra popolazione, il ripetersi continuo dello stesso tipo di pasta, ma specialmente, le diverse condizioni ambientali fanno sì che soltanto una parte delle maestranze consuma o gradisce l'intera refezione, mentre vorrebbe ritirare il solo pane.

Tenuto presente che il pasto di turno è questione di competenza della M.M.I.A., ad essa riferirò per concretare, nei limiti del possibile, le desiderate facilitazioni.

A titolo informativo segnalo intanto che il Centro regionale recuperi di Napoli è riuscito ad ottenere dalla locale Sopral qualche piccola assegnazione di rottami di pasta per confezione di minestroni ed altrettanto si cercherà di ottenere a Bari; inoltre che dagli Uffici locali della M.M.I.A. è stata concessa l'assegnazione alternata di vari tipi di zuppa (piselli, fagioli, ecc.) per consentire una certa varietà del pasto.

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- corresponsione immediata delle 4 giornate di doppia paga (Capodanno, 1° maggio, 15 maggio, 4 novembre) e della gratifica Natalizia, annunziata a suo tempo dal Governo;
- corresponsione dell'annunciata indennità di disagiata residenza in sostituzione dell'indennità di bombardamento;
- revisione delle paghe minime e massime nelle varie provincie;
- perequazione delle categorie specializzate femminili alle analoghe maschili;

semplificazione del conteggio delle paghe orarie per dar modo all'operaio di avere la pronta percezione globale di quanto dovutogli.

Intanto per calmare le latenti agitazioni ed anche per aderire al desiderio espressosi delle Autorità Alleate, ho preso atto, nella circoscrizione di Napoli, della continuazione - quale accoglimento della indennità di disagiata residenza di recente concessione - della soppressa indennità di bombardamento ed ho disposto, presso tutti i laboratori, la revisione delle categorie in modo da consentire, in rapporto alla constatata capacità dei singoli, un aumento di compensi. Infine, ho elargito, a nome di V.E., £.4.500 nella circoscrizione di Napoli e £.5.500 in quella di Bari per la costituzione di premi da £.50 da assegnare al personale più meritevole e maggiormente bisognoso.

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Sia presso la Direzione di Napoli che presso quella di Bari ho avuto maniera di rilevare, nella mia visita, una intensità di lavoro ed una organizzazione di servizio veramente notevoli, il cui merito principale va ai due direttori, ottimi conoscitori del proprio servizio, capaci, onesti e zelanti ufficiali.

Sentito è l'apprezzamento sia dei Comandi italiani come della Autorità Alleata del posto per l'opera delle Direzioni e del personale tutto da esse dipendente.

Piccoli inconvenienti di carattere locale e qualche incertezza sono stati da me chiariti ed appianati con gli interessati.

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Al fine di incrementare meglio il servizio e per sfruttare il personale delle Direzioni in rapporto alle attitudini di ciascuno, sulla base delle informazioni datemi dai direttori responsabili ed in relazione ad accordi intervenuti con le Autorità Alleate, proporrò alla competente Direzione Generale Personale Ufficiali taluni trasferimenti, miranti, nello stesso interesse dell'ufficiale oltre che del servizio, ad una opportuna rotazione ed a un migliore adeguamento delle capacità individuali.

Circa gli stabilimenti, ho visitato: a Napoli il Deposito speciale viveri; a Bari il Deposito speciale viveri, il Deposito speciale vestiario ed il Panificio militare; a Taranto il Deposito centrale viveri; a Barletta il Deposito speciale viveri.

Dappertutto ho riscontrato ordine, serietà, operosità; frutto questo anche della collaborazione e dell'ausilio veramente rimarchevoli offerti dal personale alleato addetto ai vari stabilimenti.

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Tenuto conto di ciò e considerato nell'attuale stagione la difficoltà di continuare i trasporti automobilistici da Chieti a Roma data l'altezza dei valichi via Aquila e via Avezzano, ho impartito disposizioni perchè tutto il materiale residuo venga sgomberato per ferrovia su Bari.

IV - RAPPORTI CON LA S.A. COTONIERE MERIDIONALI DI NAPOLI -
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La detta Società è pratiquement l'unica esistente nell'Italia liberata su cui l'Amministrazione Militare può fare affidamento per ottenere lavorazioni di cotone. Durante la mia permanenza a Napoli ho pertanto indetto, presso la locale Direzione di Commissariato, una riunione con i dirigenti della Società stessa circa i seguenti tre argomenti principali, ottenendo su tutti identità di vedute nell'interesse dell'Amministrazione Militare ed in quello della ditta.

Il primo argomento ha riguardato le forniture ante-armistizio. In merito ho ribadito che l'Amministrazione Militare non poteva derogare dalle norme generali fissate dal Ministero del Tesoro, ma che nei limiti di dette norme intendeva venire incontro alle necessità della Ditta (e poichè l'unico ostacolo era la determinazione dei prezzi dei materiali forniti) (che secondo contratto dovevano essere fissati in sede "corporativa"), ho autorizzato il Direttore di commissariato a concordare i prezzi stessi sulla base degli elementi di costo prebatori da fornirsi dalle Cotoniere, prevedendo un opportuno arbitrato in caso di divergenze. I prezzi stessi saranno poi convalidati dal Ministero sentito, ove occorra, quello dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro.

Secondo argomento è stato quello dei compensi per le lavorazioni di cotone per tele e filati in corso attualmente per conto dell'Amministrazione Militare. In merito ho comunicato che i prezzi richiesti dalla Ditta erano stati segnalati, per il pare-

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Terzo argomento è stata la prosecuzione delle lavorazioni per conto dell'Amministrazione Militare, ricevendo l'assicurazione da parte delle Cotoniere che le stesse provvederanno alla filatura e tessitura, secondo ordini, di kg. 50.000 mensili di cotone sgranato fatto loro assegnato per parte del Ministero.

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Al termine del mio sopralluogo posso assicurare V.E. di aver constatato in tutto il personale addetto al servizio di commissariato delle circoscrizioni di Napoli e Bari una elasticità la cui misura in senso generale è data dall'apprezzamento espresso da gli Alleati e dai Comandi italiani del luogo, ed in senso particolare per il servizio ricupero dalla massa di oggetti selezionati, riattati e passati alla distribuzione.

Certo quanto ho veduto è ancora suscettibile di miglioramento ed a ciò mirano le disposizioni da me date:

- per incrementare le lavorazioni, aumentando gli impianti, eliminando i rallentamenti dovuta a deficienza degli impianti di tintoria a stieria per il vestiario ed estendendo l'impiego di mano d'opera femminile per le calzature;
- per riattare un maggior numero di oggetti italiani di servizio generale o di particolare richiesta;
- per dare un migliore assetto al personale, sia direttivo sia esecutivo, delle Direzioni di commissariato e degli stabilimenti dipendenti.

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Tali questioni vertono essenzialmente:

- con la Direzione Generale Personali Civili - sulle paghe ed indennità da corrispondere alle maestranze impiegate negli stabilimenti ricuperi;
- con Gli Alleati - sul riordinamento del personale dei ricuperi, l'accostamento di taluni stabilimenti, il pasto di turno delle maestranze, lo spostamento di alcuni ufficiali.

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Se la soluzione di tali questioni avrà, come spero, esito positivo, sarà stato ottenuto un sensibile miglioramento in tutto il servizio e si saranno eliminati anche eventuali contrasti, come quello che ha originato l'inchiesta presso la Direzione di Commissariato di Bari di cui al promemoria del Gabinetto n° 304374/C.A. del 13 novembre 1944 e sulla quale riferirò a parte a V.E.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



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TO MMIA ROME

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APO 394
G-1 (B)

REFERENCE : G-1B/78/A

26 December 1944

SUBJECT : Notification of Visits by Officers
of Allied Commission to W.O.
TO : Distribution below.

1. Notification has been received from Allied Force H.Q. that Officers of the Commission have been arriving at the War Office without sufficient warning of their arrival having been given beforehand.
2. This has meant that certain administrative detail - ration cards, clothing coupons, accommodation etc - has not been arranged and has caused considerable inconvenience to all concerned.
3. In future, will the Heads of the Sections, Sub-Commissions and Branches concerned please submit the estimated dates of departure and arrival to G-1 (B) in respect of any such visits contemplated by officers under their control. G-1 (B) will then signal A.F.H.Q. and "Troopers".
4. In the case of air travel the officer concerned must obtain his own ticket from H.Q. Air Transport Services and will report the particulars thereof to G-1 (B), who will take any further necessary action.

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

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Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Dt.
Major,
G-1 (B)

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29 Oct 44

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1. It has now been ruled by AFHQ, in consultation with Q(AE) that the issue of AF G1098 stores to your Gruppis has not yet been approved and the British Military liability at present is restricted to clothing and housing of the personnel of your two groups.
2. Indents may therefore now be submitted by you, on DOS authy, for such items of clothing and blankets as are required, but in view of shortage of supply of these items, DOS has laid down that issues will be restricted to Grade III quality items.
3. Items other than clothing and blankets should be obtained by you *from* **7978**
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Signed: G. B. GREGGATIS
for Col
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Notes on C.C.C.'s Conference with Lt. Col. SUTHERY at BELLVERA on 10 Nov.

ACTUAL

1. DRIVERS

Col. SUTHERY now has 70 instructors from R.A. (M) and hopes to get 280 drivers here or less trained this week and another 280 next week. If this happens the division should be able to move on 18th Nov. Col. SUTHERY expects to have enough track drivers by then.

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2. OFFICERS

2 Bn Commanders have been sacked, about 12 October, but have not gone yet.
S.E.R.A. to be told to produce forthwith replacements for these and other officers immediately.
Lt. Col. SUTHERY gave GOC a list of officers sacked and for whom replacements are urgently needed.

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Notes on C.O.Cs Conference with Lt. Col. WEBB-CARTER at ALTAVILLA on 9 Nov.

1. OFFICERS.

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S.M.P.E. to be told to produce an officer (Major) to command the Workshop in place of the present C.O. who is no good.

Col. SILVERSTRI, C.O. 22 Inf. Regt. is said by Col. WEBB-CARTER to be doubtful. (PRIMIERI defends him - he is new, so ^{spec} Sec as to getting rid of him). SILVERSTRI was bad but a "rocket" shook him so that he is much better now, but still doubtful.

2. MEN.

Staff Capt. REAR (HERVEY) is not up to the job. Lt. Col. WEBB-CARTER would very much like Capt. GRAY at present commanding 65 H.A.A. Workshops (S.M.P.E.) now attached to the HLU, to be exchanged with HERVEY. In view of the maintenance problem, C.O.C. strongly approves.

British key personnel are required for the Italian Workshop to get it going. Once it is put on its feet, it may be able to keep going satisfactorily.

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3. MANUALS, etc

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4. STATIONERY, etc

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6. CROMONA have been issued with twenty 3 tonners instead of ten 6 ton lorries. They therefore need 10 extra drivers. G.O.C. instructed Col. WEBB-CARTER to keep these extra 10 drivers out of his 5% surplus when he goes up to the line.

M.M.I.A. to try and get the 10 - 6 tonners instead of the 20 - 3 tonners.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with General's Committee
and BALOGHA at KALINGA on 5 November 1944.

1. INTERNAL SECURITY IN CALABRIA.

General COMENATI said that after MANTOVA Division leaves, he will not have enough troops for guarding the necessary places (SILA, REGGIO, etc). He will only have one Bn, and even divided up this will not cover commitments. He wants at least one more Bn. G.O.C. to enquire into the position. Gen. COMENATI also said that as he will have less troops, they will all have to be effective and aust, therefore, he clothed properly.

Lt. Col. HENARD to report the necessities required when next he comes to REG.

Gen. COMENATI said he could carry on with his present transport for a few weeks. He uses a lot of animal transport, but this will be difficult when his transporter falls.

G.O.C. promised him some M.T. Transport ex-Sardinia.

2. MANTOVA DIVISION.

Gen BALOGHA reported that the division was now on the new organization.

General BALOGHA especially stressed the necessity of getting the best available officers and of giving proper attention to maintenance.

SPECIALISTS

There are considerable shortages of Specialists and Lt. Col. HENARD is sending Col. VIGNERY a list of them.

G.O.C. instructed Gen BALOGHA that over-age Specialists might have to be retained in the Army. He order to this effect has been received from the Ministry of War. Can we do this?

G.O.C. to take up with Ministry, and also to arrange with them for specialists in the SALUDA and ALTA Divisions to be transferred to MANTOVA, forthwith, being replaced by other non-specialist "bodies".

Gen BALOGHA stated that 112 Regt, formerly part of this Division now works for PPO. He would like to get volunteers from them to be replaced by E.M.I.A. on a body for body basis. G.O.C. promised to take this up with Col. O + X.

Gen BALOGHA asked that if the Division is not to move up North immediately, pilot models of equipment be given them to become familiar with. G.O.C. instructed the Division to take up

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U.C.C. provided his son T. Transport ex-Sardis, 10

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They were not to take their unnecessary Unit Stores forward, but to store them locally near GURFZA.

B.M.R.E. had ordered the Division not to take Beds and Dry Stores and Italian Cooking Utensils. G.O.C. instructed Lt. Col. BEMARD to discuss the position with Col. PIERRE, but the G.O.C. said that they should be taken on loan and returned as soon as British equipment was issued in lieu. He would take this up with B.M.R.E. if necessary. G.O.C. considered it a sheer waste of equipment and had for morale if MARTOVA is uncomfortable in G. CHIMIC area while stores which could ensure comfort were lying idle in GURFZA.

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Notes on C.O. Conference with Gen. MARRIOTTI at Palermo on 7th May

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I TROOPS IN SICILY.

Gen. MARRIOTTI stated that the morale of the troops in the island was very high.

He wants a new C.O. for the Regiment in SYRACUSE urgently. Lt. Col. ALBERT stated that the Regts are well organized but that the Sanitary and Supply arrangements are not as good as they should be.

II PUBLIC SAFETY

Gen. MARRIOTTI said that being short of 2 Bns he had not really enough troops in the island and there might be trouble in places arising out of the harvesting of the harvest. He wanted to have back his 2 Bns in CALABRIA, but the C.O.C. explained the position to him and he said he was satisfied and could carry on.

He is worried that he cannot call out the troops to quell a public disturbance without orders from A.C. and 3 District who might be a long way off and difficult to contact and could not know the local situation exactly. It was explained that Frig. CARR was believed to have asked for the alteration of the relative Order.

Gen. MARRIOTTI asked Gen. BREWING to tell the M of W that everything was quiet in SICILY and the recent disturbances were not serious - in fact, not to "flag"...

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The only likelihood of trouble arises from bands of MAFIA or Sicilian SEPARATISTS who take advantage of the discontent caused by the harvesting of the harvest to cause trouble and discredit the Italian Government. They are well armed, but Gen. MARRIOTTI is satisfied he can deal with any trouble if he gets his mobile C.O.C. unit organised.

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IV PASSING OF ORDERS ETC

G.O.C. instructed Gen. MARIOTTI to expedite the passing of orders and correspondence which Lt. Col. ALBERT reported was very slow in the island.

V CALL-UP

Gen. MARIOTTI stated it would help the morale of the island as a whole if there was a call-up for the Army. He has a shortage of 1,500 troops, but would prefer that this should be made up with other than Sicilians.

VI TRANSPORT

There is rather a shortage of transport and General BRENNING promised to let General MARIOTTI have some vehicles when they arrived from GABINIA.

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VII SPECIALISTS FOR MATRUVA DIVISION

Gen. MARAICOTTI has sent to H of W the names of 100 - 120 volunteers (not necessarily specialists) for Gruppiis. He has not tried to get specialists.

H.M.I.A. to let Gen. MARAICOTTI have a list of the types of Specialists required through Lt. Col. ALBERT.

There are also 2,000 men in SICILY not now in the Army (but about half of them have been in the army and some are rejects from it) who have volunteered for Combat Service. They would not come in to SALAUDA and ALSTIA Dives as they are not Combat Dives.

General BREWING instructed General MARAICOTTI to wait until he received the list of specialists required for MATRUVA Division and then he and Col. ALBERT were to screen these volunteers for specialists and by Trades.

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FOR 'Q' (.) For GOODWIN from NOAKES (.) Delighted to see you

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FROM MMIA

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TO (INFO) C (AR) ARMY.
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For GEORGE FOUR BRITISH INCREMENT (.) NOAKES arrives TUESDAY NIGHT
if convenient (.) Appreciate accommodation.

FREEDOM : IMPORTANT.

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GOODWIN AQMG 3 DIST AS FOLLOWS BARI 13TH SANVITO 14TH
FOLIGNO 15TH 16TH ROME 17TH .

FOR MMIA FOR NOAKES WILL VISIT YOU PM 17TH . FOR ROME AREA
WOULD LIKE VISIT C SUB AREA AM 18TH IF AGREED

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TO 54 Area BARI

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FOR THOMAS LAGG from GREER (.) Arrive BARI MATS
aircraft 12 NOV approx 1300 hrs (.) Please send car
to meet and fix accommodation (.) Also book place on
aircraft for BUCHANAN 13 NOV

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TO AFHQ

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Ref your FX 48753 of 5 Nov (.) Col Greer of BMM
Roumania has arrived and is being accorded every
assistance by AC and MMIA (.) He is very satisfied
and proposes return Roumania 12 Nov (.) Please
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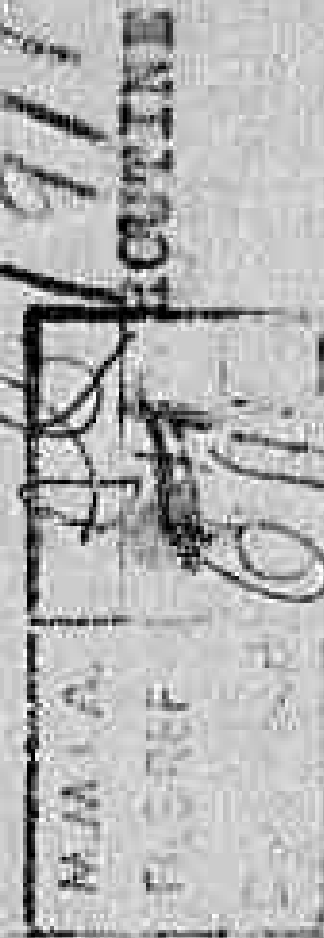
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Personal Col HULLIS ACC ITALY FROM COL GREER ACC BUCHAREST. Expect to arrive you within next few days for short liaison visit. Can you fix accommodation.

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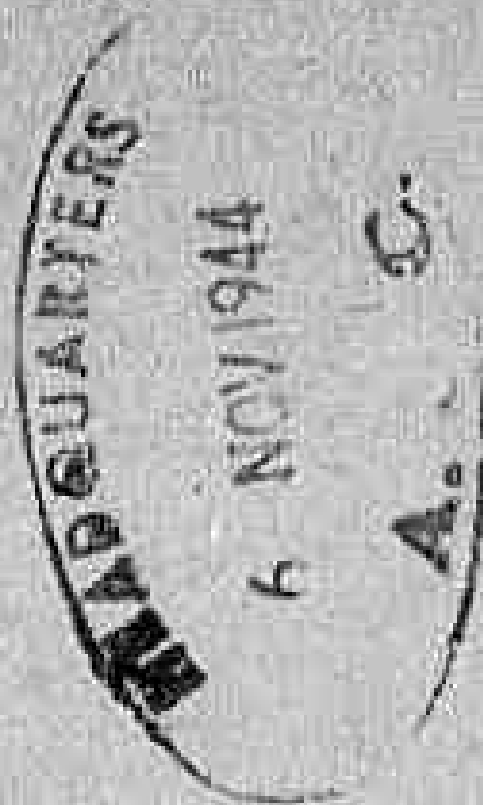
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Chief Staff Officer,
1st the Chief of Staff.

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Notes on visit of Col. P. P. P. and Lt. Col. Ingledew
to "50" BLU and the 7th Team (Italian
Forces) 15 to 17 Oct 44.

SERIALREMARKSACTION

1. Cremona Gp (51 BLU) would like to move to new tug area unless Gp is required by AAI in 2 or 3 weeks. Present area in ALTAVILLA is NOT large enough to do more than a pl exercise at a time.
Spec Sec
2. *already in operation*
Cremona Gp (51 BLU) would like to draw rations every 2 or 3 days instead of every day. This would enable them to vary their meals.
Spec Sec with 3 Dist.
3. "51" BLU would like early advice of proposed increase in tug to BLU W.E. and will be recommending addition of CREME to Gruppo W.E.
Spec Sec.
4. Friuli Gp (50 BLU) has had 41 Veh accidents within last three weeks due principally to bad veh discipline. It is hoped new Gp Comd will improve this. Col. P. P. P. advised that AFHQ had promised transfer of 500 Gvts from 100's MT Coy to Friuli Gp.
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5. All Gruppi would like to know as exactly as possible the units which make up Adm Tail and which precisely each Gruppo is responsible for adm in addition to Gruppo units.
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G. (with Spec Sec.)
6. Friuli Gp proposes that 25 Oct be the date on which Prince Umberto should visit the Gp. Will MIA please confirm to "50" BLU.
Spec Sec
7. All BLUs would like it confirmed that Gruppi are on AFHQ order of battle in order that petrol may be drawn through BRI - ITI channels.
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8. SCORE MMIA and senior Italian Eng Staff Offrs from M of W are required to visit "50" BLU as soon as possible and also hold a meeting of BLU SCREs to discuss WE Eng units within Gruppi. It is not considered that present scales of tpt allow sufficient forward Eng rocco.

9. "50" BLU would like to know result of Spec Sec conference at MMIA on 5 Oct re WEs.

10. "50" BLU and MMIA LO att "50" BLU would like to know what tpt accompanies the 4d units of Mantova and Piceno due shortly in S. Giorgio area. Local ovens are working to capacity therefore extra bread for above units will have to come from Naples area unless additional Rd Bk is made available.

11. "50" BLU proposed alterations to WEs vide their A/2/11 of 8 Oct. As this matter is urgent with MMIA please state what action has been taken.

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12. "53" BLU is short of officers and CJs on WE but will contact CZE. Sig Sec was NOT considered necessary at present by "53" BLU but BLU was instructed to demand personnel as soon as possible.
SOR Sigs
13. Considered advisable to call meeting of all SCL Sigs as soon as practicable.
SOR Sigs
14. San Marco Bn has still not moved from Taranto - presumably on account of tpt difficulties. Will MMLA hasten.
G.
15. Sigs communication to "53" BLU and "52" BLU is definitely bad. Signals take three days and phone is extremely poor. Will MMLA please take up with Dist L of C Signals.
SOR Sigs
16. Will MMLA please support GOC Fulgoro's recommendations to Minister of War re comd of Marine Regt.
Col Pidsley
17. RA Trg Team (Italian Forces) is anxious to be kept fully informed of any "Gruppo" policy as it affects RA trg.
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Spec Sec
18. RA Trg Team points out difference between BRITISH and ITALIAN scales of rations vide Appx A and suggests that in winter Italians will require an addition to their scale if they are to accomplish the tasks allotted to them.
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20. Italian Arty are asked to provide max up-to-date survey instruments (GONIOMETRI)
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21. TENENTE GIACOMO PIRELLI-BIOLI is a volunteer Italian L.O. for SHAEP and is recommended as being thoroughly suitable.
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23. "52" BLU was instructed to contact Ord direct re recent unsuitable consignment of part worn British battle-dress.
Spec Sec

24. In spite of previous requests, "52" BLU has NOT received copies of WEs of individual units within Gruppo. Would also like WEs of units of Adn Tail.
Spec Sec

25. "52" BLU recommends move of LEGNANO Gp to more suitable trg area between CERRETO and NAPLES. Col Pidsley is investigating with 3 Dist.
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COMPARISON SCALES

ENGLISH	ITALIAN			Def IT Sc
Bread	12	12	Flour	-
Meat	7½	3 3	Meat Pasta (Macaroni)	1½
Rice or Oatmeal	1	1	Rice	-
Sugar	2½	1	Sugar	1½
Coffee	1½	½	Coffee	1
Cheese	1	1	Cheese	-
Dried Veg Peas etc	1	3	Dried Veg	
Fresh Veg	20	8	Fresh Veg	12
Fruit	4	4	Fruit	-
Cooking fat	½	½	Oil	-
Jan	1½			
Bacon	3		+ 5 Lire Cash	
Dried Fruit	4/7		+ ½ litre vino	

Rice or Oatmeal	1	1	1	Rice	-
Sugar	2½	1	1	Sugar	1½
Coffee	1½	½	½	Coffee	1
Cheese	1	1	1	Cheese	-
Dried Veg Peas etc	1	3		Dried Veg	
Fresh Veg	20	8		Fresh Veg	12
Fruit	4	4		Fruit	-
Cooking fat	½	½		Oil	-
Jan	1½				
Bacon	3			+ 5 Liro Cash	
Dried Fruit	4/7			+ ½ litre wine	
Supper element	1½				
Milk	2				
Margarine	1½				
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TO (FOR ACTION): DISTANCE

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REF. NO. 2091

FOR QUEEN (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.) IF CONVENIENT

BOARDS CALLS YOUR HQ 1000 HRS SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

PRECEDENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

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TO (FOR ACTION): PER pass MMIA

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FOR SMITH FROM NOAKES (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.)
BOOK ACCOMMODATION SIENA SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER (.) PLAN SPEND
SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH YOU AND MOVING DISTRESS 29 OCTOBER

PREFERENCE: _____

AUTHENTICATION: _____

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Ref No. 5/2

Notes on visit of Col. Piggley and Lt. Col. Ingledew to "50" ELU incl and the Team (Italian Forces) 15 to 17 Oct 44.

SERIAL

REMARKS

ACTION

1. Cremona Gp (51 ELU) would like to move to new trg area unless Gp is required by AAI in 2 or 3 weeks. Present area in ALTAVILLA is NOT large enough to do more than a pl exercise at a time.
Spec Sec
2. Cremona Gp (51 ELU) would like to have rations every 2 or 3 days instead of every day. This would enable them to vary their meals.
Spec Sec with 3 Dist.

3. "51" ELU would like early advice of proposed increase in rpt to ELU W.E. and will be recommending addition of CREME to Gruppo W.E.
Spec Sec.

4. Friuli Gp (50 ELU) has had 41 Veh accidents within last three weeks due principally to bad veh discipline. It is hoped new Gp Comd will improve this. Col. Piggley advised that AFHQ had promised transfer of 300 cars from 1006 LT Coy to Friuli Gp.
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G.

5. All Gruppi would like to know as exactly as possible the units which make up Adm Trail and which precisely each Gruppo is responsible for adr in addition to Gruppo units.
7859
(With Spec Sec.)

6. Friuli Gp proposes that 25 Oct be the date on which Prince Umberto should visit the Gp. Will AFHQ please confirm to "50" ELU.
Spec Sec

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8. Some MATA and senior Italian Eng Staff Officers from M of W are required to visit "50" ELU as soon as possible and also held a meeting of ELU Staff to discuss LT Eng units within Gruppi. It is not considered that present scales of tpt allow sufficient forward Eng force.

Spec

9. "50" ELU would like to know result of Spec Sec conference at MATA on 5 Oct re WCs.

Spec Sec

10. "50" ELU and MATA LG att "50" ELU would like to know what tpt accompanies the gd units of Mantova and Piacenza due shortly in S. Giorgio area. Local events are working to capacity therefore some ground for above units will have to come from Naples area unless additional Rd Bdy is made available.

G

Q

11. "50" ELU proposed alterations to the vide their 2/2/11 of 8 Oct. As this matter is urgent will MATA please state what action has been taken.

Spec Sec

12. "53" ELU is short of officers and ORs on WE but will contact OZE. Sig Soc was NOT completed necessary at present by "53" ELU but ELU was instructed to demand personnel as soon as possible.

SOR Sigs

13. Considered advisable to call meeting of all SOR Sigs as soon as practicable.

SOR Sigs

14. San Marco Bn has still not moved from Taranto - presumably on account of upst difficulties. Will EMIA handle.

G.

15. Sigs communication to "53" ELU and "52" ELU is definitely bad. Sigs take three days and phone is extremely poor. Will EMIA please take up with Dist L of C Signals.

SOR Sigs

16. Will EMIA please support GCO Fulgore's recommendations to Minister of War re cond of Marine Regt.

Col Pidaloy

17. RA Trg Team (Italian Forces) is anxious to be kept fully informed of any "Crippled" policy as it effects RA Trg.

G.
Spec Soc

18. RA Trg Team points out difference between BRITISH and ITALIAN scales of rations vide Appx A and suggests that in winter Italians will require an addition to their scale if they are to accomplish the tasks allotted to them.

Q.

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Col Pidaloy

20. Italian Arty are asked to provide max up-to-date survey instruments (CONICOMETRI)

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Col Pidaloy

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Spec Sec

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Lt. Col. AS

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Spec Sec (2)

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Dists:

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22. "52" BLU states that in spite of MMIA's request to M of W 3 weeks ago for removal of 2500 surplus personnel from LEGHANO Gp, 1800 still remain.

23. "52" BLU was instructed to contact Ord direct re recent unsuitable consignment of pure worn British battle-dress.

24. In spite of previous requests, "52" BLU has NOT received copies of WEs of individual units within Gruppo. Would also like WEs of units of 4th Tail.

25. "52" BLU recommends move of LEGHANO Gp to more suitable trg area between GEMUNTO and MARIS. Col Pidaloy is investigating with 3 Dist.

Appendix A to G/2

COMPARATION SCALES

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	Def IT Sc
Bread	12 Flour	-
Meat	7½ Meat 3 Pasta (Macaroni)	1½
Rice or Oatmeal	1 Rice	-
Sugar	2½ Sugar	1½
Coffee	1½ Coffee	1
Chocoso	1 Chocoso	-
Dried Veg Peas etc	1 Dried Veg	
Fresh Veg	20 Fresh Veg	12
Fruit	4 Fruit	-
Cooking fat	½ Oil	-
Jan	1½	
Bacon	3 + 5 Liro Cash	

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Coffee	1½	½	Coffee	1
Cheese	1	1	Cheese	-
Dried Veg Peas etc	1	3	Dried Veg	
Fresh Veg	20	8	Fresh Veg	12
Fruit	4	4	Fruit	-
Cooking fat	½	½	Oil	-
Jan	1½			
Bacon	3		+ 5 Lira Cash	
Dried Fruit	4/7		+ ½ litre wine	
Supper element	1½			
Milk	2			
Margarine	1½			
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REF NO: AQ 1970

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.) REQUEST

SHIPLEY SEES CHADWYCK HEALEY DURING VISIT

PRECEDENCE: Immediate

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: PTT/AMUS H

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

011730 A

From: MMIA

To: AFHQ

AQ 1958

RESTRICTED

CITE PHGOT (.) PERSONAL FOR BRIG NICHOLSON FROM
GENERAL BROWNING (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN(.)
EXPECT YOU SOMETIME AFTERNOON 2 OCT (.) WILL PUT
YOU UP IN MY MESS

PRECEDENCE

Immediate

AUTHENTICATED

SP4 John C. ...
for G.O.C. MMIA 56

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

F32745 (.) PERSONAL FOR GENERAL BROWNING FROM BRIG NICHOLSON (.) REFERENCE MY LETTER
OF 25 SEP (.) ARRIVE ROME BY ROAD AFTERNOON 2 OCTOBER (.) GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD
ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS 2 AND 3 OCTOBER PREFERABLY IN GRAND HOTEL

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Subject. Inspection of 140 Regt Depot.

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Senior Liaison Officer.
Military Mission to the
Italian Army.
HQ No 2 Dist.C.M.F.
Ref:M.F. 87
22 Sep 44.

Military Mission to the Italian Army

1. Following instructions received from MMIA?ROME 140 Inf. Regt. Depot was visited on 20 Sep 44 with a view to finding out whether or no large quantities of grey-green cloth were still held in the Regimental clothong depot.

2. The Regt is no longer at TREPUIZZI, but moved to LECCE to the CASERMA MASSA on 17 Jul 44.

3. When questioned about the quantities of cloth they werereputed to have had at TREPUIZZI it was affirmed that at no time had any grey-green cloth been held in stock as the Regt had no means of manufacturing clothing.

4. Stocks as at the end of last month were as shown below:-

Mess tins small	130
Drawers long	56
Trousers grey drill	11
Ground sheets	474
Tunics grey drill	58
Shirts flannel	115
Vests	21
Trousers wool	202
Overcoats	1068
Shirts K.D.	33
Blouses wool	599
Haversacks medium	191
Haversacks small	1527
Bush shirts K.D.	45
Pantaloons K.D.	258
Shorts K.D.	713
Glasses sun	630

Cass F S (Italian)

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Glasses sun	630
Caps F.S. (Italian)	99
Belts.	40

It was pointed out that since this state was made out some small issues had been made.

5. In the new barracks at LECCE one room was set aside for cutting out patterns of trousers now being manufactured by the LECCE Salvage and Repair Establishment.

CFM/vtd

W. P. Murcell
 for C. P. MURCELL, Maj G.S.
 Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
 AOD, H.Q. No. 2 District.

*Letter sent to N. P. W. spot 591.
 to transfer stocks to 24/9. 11.
 on AG 15/11.*

A/S - Rome DVR1.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: rear EIGHTARMY

12 2340 B

TO: MMIA DISTONE

INFO: AAI main army 86 area 3 beach gp

MMIA	AQ
FILE REF	9/1
Date Recd	15/9/1

Originator's No. Q 341

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref MMIA AQ 1886 of 12 sep not to all (.)

italian transit camp consisting of 332 all ranks approx 45 tons

stores 15 animals 10 carts will move from CIVITA CASTELLANA to

JESI S 388358 on 16 sep under arrangements MMIA and DISTONE (.)

tpt provided by EIGHTARMY will report CIVITA CASTELLANA pm

15 sep for loading (.) MMIALO EIGHTARMY will meet convoy at new

site (.) on arrival transit camp will be under 3 beach gp for

local adm

If liable to be intercepted or to
fall into enemy hands, this message
must be sent in CIPHER

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Signed.....*R. H. L. Capt*.....

2350

Distribution: Mov ST Lab MMIALO Signaster 2526 2522/2 Float

Phoned D/Q T Div.
Confusion/Move all tier up
J.H.C. 13 Sep

(.) Last item of 34 OR's be removed tomorrow (.) Balance for your disposal 30 officers and 302 OR's with animals and stores as listed

MMIA

REAR EIGHTH ARMY rpt DISTONE

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AQ 1886

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FOR QUEEN (.) Inspecting Officer today found in Italian Transit Camp Civita Castellana 30 officers and 336 OR's (.) Paren ROME Area _____ Paren (.) Detail follows (.) Camp Staff 8 Officers 54 OR's with 2 animals, 1 cart and 10 tons stores (.) HQ 2 Bn 514 Regt 10 Officers 54 OR's with 4 animals, 3 carts and 15 tons stores (.) HQ and deta of 1, 2, and 3 Corp 505 3d Bn 12 officers, 190 OR's with 9 animals, 6 carts and 15 tons stores (.) Rita for 409 Lab Regt 34 OR's (.) Last item of 34 OR's being removed tomorrow (.) Balance for your disposal 30 officers and 302 OR's with animals and stores as listed

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F.T. Noam! H.H.

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FROM G R E G S O N 64 GARRISON 071040

TO M M I A R O M E

INFO 64 GARRISON

Q0X GR 46

MMIA/6478 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FIRST (.)

TWELVE WATMUB TRUCKS EACH 350 GALS ~~RECEIVED~~ TO ME AM COLLECTING TODAY

AND TOMORROW (.) SECOND (.) B A X T E R ARRIVED AND TAKEN OVER

FROM T E M P L E (.) THIRD (.) YOUR AQ1872 OF 6 SEP REFERS (.)

PRESUME MY RETURN 9 SEP DEPENDANT ON ARRIVAL P H I L I P OR

Q/Z/Z/K/R/K/Z/ 12/Z/Z/Z/R/1/ GELARDI (.)

ALL GOING WELL

BT 071040

SENT NR 39 1055 .. C P M .. BB K

WA GALS SECOND LINE PS

RELEASED IMI RELEASED K

RD NR 39 1055 JWR AR KKKK

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For Action

64 GARRISON

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

1842

**RESTRICTED (.) For OREGSON (.) desirable you return HOME
Saturday nine September**

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Subject: Corrections AQ/9/1 -27 August 1944

AQ/9/1 50
[Signature]
HQ.M.M.I.A.
Naples Sector
29 August 1944
49

To : Lt.Col.G.A.Shipley(A-E)
Copies : Col. Kerr
Col. Noakes
Ord.

Reference your report AQ/9/1, dated 27 August 1944.

1. Par.4, states new depot will be known as Depot No.582, which is not correct. This depot will be known as No.1750.
2. Par.6, states salvage would be delivered, starting 25 August. FBS will not deliver the salvage clothing, until ordered to do so, by written directive from SCS NATOUSA. The direction had not been received as of 1700 hours 29 August 1944.
3. Par.9 - change C to Depot 1750.

This has been done now have directive to
GDS/ap
This is the second letter from Naples and action was taken on the first one
George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Major Inf.
Senior L.O.

SUBJECT: Notes on visit to Naples
Lt. Col. Geo. A. Shipley

R U S I A G T E E

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (WHIA)
HQ., A.C.C.
ROME

AG/9/1

27 August 1944

1. Arrived at Naples at 2030 hrs on 18 August 1944.
2. Made a further check of samples of US needles for boot repair by having them tried out on Italian machines. Visited QM Branch (Lt Col Finck) AFHQ and checked samples of needles selected by Italians against US QM catalog and nomenclature. An AFHQ draft cable was prepared requesting that needed quantities of each needle be supplied from US sources and confirming that small initial supply could be furnished from SOS stocks provided replacement was assured. Draft cable also included request for composition soles, heels and cement; initial stock 100,000 sets and 50,000 sets per month thereafter.
This work was done on 19 August 1944.
3. Learned that AFHQ had been informed by SOS MATOUSA that Italian Army lacked facilities to receive and process US clothing, and could not accept accumulated stocks from PBS. Upon investigation it was found that:

- (a) Neither WHIA LC Naples or Italian Depot Naples have ever refused to accept any clothing offered by any US agency.
- (b) CASARMA GARIBOLDI (Depot 599) which was originally taken over to supplement clothing Depot 591, and specifically to provide facilities for handling stocks of used boots and clothing was now used for storing flour and tires. The space remaining for storage of clothing is inadequate.
- (c) No provision for additional space for clothing had been made.
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4. Real Estate Officer, PES Engineers, was contacted regarding additional space and a very suitable building, ample to meet all requirements for receiving and sorting used clothing, was located at Via PONTE DEL FRANCES 31 (Rear). This property was requisitioned and turned over to the Italians on 22 Aug, and will be known as Depot No. 582.

5. The unsatisfactory situation at Depot 591 caused by US Forces occupancy of the ground floor, and controlling main entrance was also taken up with Real Estate Officer, PES Engineers. His records disclosed that US occupancy had never been authorized except they had been given a permit to use the court yard as a parking lot. The assistance of Col Loef (in charge of PES Italian Forces) was solicited in this matter. He immediately informed the US Truck Group that the entire building was to be released to the Italian Army, and they agreed to this action on or before 1 Sept (Note: Our Naples office reports that building was actually released to Italians on 24 Aug).

6. It was arranged with PES Salvage Section to start delivery of more than 200 truck loads of repairable US clothing to new Depot at Via PONTE DEL FRANCES 31 on 26 Aug. Rate of delivery will be up to 20 truck loads per day. Captain Martone has agreed to provide personnel sufficient to off load at that rate.

See Index 50

7. All clothing in the lot reported in Par. 6 has been laundered, and is ready to be repaired. Some items may have already been repaired and can be placed direct in issue stocks after sorting. The entire lot will be itemized on US shipping tickets.

8. Incidental to our search for additional warehouse space the Italian Magazine RECUPENI CORSA S. GIOVANNI 251 S. GIOVANNI was inspected by Major Jones and Captain Bennatti. They reported a very large stock of Italian unsorted used clothing on hand, and very little unoccupied storage space. No estimate of the quantity of repairable uniforms could be obtained. Approximately 75 civilian and military personnel are at present employed, but the actual repair of uniforms is at a relatively low rate.

They also learned that the 10,000 Italian Blouses earmarked for repair by GCHR were still on hand.

9. Italian Clothing and Equipment Depots now operating in Naples are:

- (a) Depot 591, Via MANINA NUOVA
Main storage and issue depot.
- (b) CASERMA GARIBALDI (Depot 599) Via FONIA.
Used for storage and sorting of US shoes, ^{7 Aug 47}
storage of tires and US rations.
- (c) Depot 592, Via PONTE DEL FRANCES 31.
Used for storage and sorting of Allied Clothing.
Some repair work may also be done here.
- (d) MAGAZINE RECUPENI - CORSA S. GIOVANNI 251 S. GIOVANNI (Ted)
This is an old established salvage and repair
depot of the Italian Army, and holds large stocks
of worn clothing as well as other items.

10. (Departed Naples for Rome on morning of 23 August 44.

George A. Shipley
GEORGE A. SHIPLEY
Lt. Col. Q(A+E)
ARMY SUP. COMMISSION MTA

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Col. Moskos ✓
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Col. Shipley

George A. Shipley
GEORGE A. SHIPLEY
Lt. Col. Q(A&E)
ARMY SUB COMMISSION MMIA

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LRAR V MBZX NR 499 M

FROM MMIA LO DISTONE

P ZO MMIA

QQX GR 9

LO17 FOR NOAKES FROM HOWARD.

ARRIVING ROME 27

BT 251850

REPTN NR 499 ~~MMIA LO LO 17 AND 9 NOAKES HOWARD~~

ROME 27 251850 T H KING

~~REAR 1000000000~~ (5709/500/504) **IMPORTANT**

~~ONE COME VIA DISTONE~~

FROM NMIA REAR 6 ARMY 191940B

TO ADV AAI

INFO 55 AREA & HQ NMIA ROME

QQA NGC BT

RE/199. RESTRICTED. FOR DOWLING. REF NMIA SIGNAL AC/802.

SEND ITALIAN OFFR OF RADIO PLATOON TO EXPLAIN PROBLEMS

TO CAPT CLARK NMIA LO AT 1 F A H Q TO BE

CONTACTED THROUGH 55 AREA

BT 191940B +

REF 61/19499/500/504 CIN 2 NMIA 55

RE/199 IN RE/199 AC/802 NMIA LO

IF HQ 55 + 65 B +

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M.M.I.A.	Ad
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MMIA L3 CATANZARO

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A ~~MMIA~~ (.) Captain GENTILE to report HQ MMIA earliest
for interview concerning future employment

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REAR RIGHT ARMY Rpt Adv AAI

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AQ/9/4

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

**AQ (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) For Moriarty MMIA LO (.) Arrange
urgent visit Clark or Herbert to SIO Platoon Radio Control to
settle all adm problems (.) Major DOWLING of Sigs Adv AAI
has full information**

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Report on visit to ITALIAN LINE TRAINING SCHOOL at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA
31 July 1944 by Major Flemming and Major Murrell.

1. TRAINING.

Programme is working satisfactorily and students are been on doing their job.

Specimens of P.L. carried out were inspected and were satisfactory.

Training squads were seen at work, they have made excellent progress since the last time I saw them.

Training is being hampered by lack of transport. The field training area being 3 miles from the School buildings and much time is being wasted by carrying stores to and fro. Also required is a motor tricycle for rations and a motor cycle for the School Commandant to get round visiting his squads. IX Italian Corps have been asked to supply these.

3 mm Copper wire has been supplied to the School, this is good for advanced training but for initial training smaller gages wire is needed. Wire that students can work easily with their fingers.

Also required is some U/G type cable for training in U/G work or for making deviations from P.L. routes where overhead wires are undesirable.

Various other items of stores are required which are listed in the Summary.

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With the school becoming an autonomous organisation an Administrative NCO is required. II Corps asked to provide.

No mobilisation order for the school has yet been published by SARE and in consequence the Officers and men are being put on "half pay" until this order is published. SARE being asked to expedite.

4. CLOTHING

Clothing mainly was good but some of the boots are very poor.

Indents for clothing are to be submitted for the trainees passing out immediately.

Small reserve of clothing required.

5. GENERAL

The school was generally clean and tidy and cooking arrangements adequate. NB. 5 cigarettes per day for purchase.

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6. DISCIPLINE.

Discipline on parade of the men still leaves much to be desired, but much progress has been made from the "untidy rubble" I first saw.

Extra Stores Required.

Trucks 3 ton for stores etc	1	
Motor triquels for rations	1	
Motor cycle for O.C.	1	
Copper wire 100 lb	5	miles
Chisels Wood	5	
Nails 2"	3	lbs
Spun Yarn	10	reels
Tape insulating	500	lbs
Runners Claw 1 lb 8 oz	10	
Large screens (for lower arm of iron bracket supporting).	5	lbs

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Nails 2"

Spin Yarn

Flaps Insulating

Paints Oil 1 lb 8 oz

Large screws (for lower arm of iron
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US CIPHER MESSAGE

FOLIO 11236
31 JULY 44

FROM : AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS BGS Y1102.
TO : MMIA INFORMATION AGC REGION 1 FOR ALBERT.

T00:09 52B/31
TOR: ----

ORIG NO : 4 AQ 1750 30 JUL:

4 BALL ARRIVED SARDINIA 29 JULY LONG OVERDUE. URGENTLY REQUIRED
HERE AT LEAST TEN DAYS TO COMPLETE CLASSIFICATION ITALIAN VEHICLES
CMA MOTOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. ETD SARDINIA FOR SICILY 8 AUGUST.

40 MMIA 1 BY ELS

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ad SMC.1450B/31
T.T.1512B/31 WRB.

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Do we have to play on R.S.?

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

Ref/309/102/CA

29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Visits of Members of ACC into Army Areas.

TO : Admin. Economic and Political Sections
Army, Navy and Air Sub-Commissions
Italian Refugee, Establishment and Patriots Branches
Secretary General
Public Relations Officer
Information Division

1. Cases are still occurring of members of this Commission visiting the Army Areas without first obtaining the permission of the Army concerned through the S.C.A.O.

2. I shall be grateful if you will draw the attention of your officers once more to the instructions on the subject which are clearly laid down in para 2 of Daily Bulletin No. 20 of 9 July 44.

3. Whenever possible officers should call in at the Headquarters of the A.M.G. of the Army concerned.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
S.C.A.O's 5 & 8 Armies.

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Copy to ST - ORD.

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AQ 7150 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR SIMONS (.) IF HALL STILL WITH YOU
REQUEST YOU INSTRUCT HIM TO REPORT TO ALBERT IN PALMBO (.) NEW SUBJECT
FOR ALBERT (.) INSTRUCT HALL TO MAKE REPORT OF CAP-ORI FACTORY

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AQ 1674

(.) RESTRICTED (.) For KILK of Public Safety from BROWNING (.) Will see you in LEQUIL (.) signal your MTA (.) refer 7174 of 6 July

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. SICILY
C/O LES, APO 550

No. 248

13 June 1944

SUBJECT: Troops (Inspection Report)

TO : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclose herewith:

- a. Inspection report on Sabauda Div (less 43 Inf Regt). (Dup).
- b. receipt for MMIA Administrative Instruction No. 3.

with 1/1/44
L.H.

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Col. INF.,
L.O. Sicily.

Copy for A/P for info. & retention.

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Note. Wrong forwarding letter
seems to have been
attached to the report.

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Report on the morale of the CATANIA Div.

36/MALLO/1.
12 Jun 44.

Lt-Col L. R. Albert,
MALLO C/o 133.

This report deals principally with 43 Inf Regt and 3 Bn in particular. Other units upon which it is more difficult to report owing to their distances from Catania may be taken as possessing a slightly lower standard of morale.

1. OFFICERS.

Morale is definitely low for the following reasons, most of them common to officers throughout the Italian Army and not peculiar to Sicily:-

i) Pay. For junior officers the rate of pay is so low that they are quite unable to compete with the prevailing cost of living; the more so as most of the essentials are only obtainable on the black market at extortionate prices. Purchase of clothing is the principal bugbear. It has been suggested to me that officers be allowed to draw (if necessary on repayment to the Italian Government as on the mainland) articles of Allied clothing as issued to Other Ranks. Although a few troops in Sicily are entitled to this clothing, some solution along these lines might be considered.

ii) Promotion not being on merit or in any way competitive does not furnish officers with an incentive to exert themselves nor does the present position of the Catania Div induce much feeling of duty or loyalty amongst the officers towards the Italian Army. If anything, the reverse is the case.

iii) Command. over the men is poor principally (to my mind) owing to a basically wrong conception of discipline and management. Junior officers are often not upheld in their decisions by their seniors. Though this is a common fault in the Italian Army, it is lessened, to a certain extent, by the supervision of British officers now with the Division.

2. OTHER RANKS.

Morale amongst the men of 43 Inf Regt is slightly above average. This is due to the better clothing supplied them, interest in their welfare and their proper training by 1 district officers.

Lack of news from home, distrust of their officers and the incompetence of most of the NCOs helps to undo a lot of the good done by the points mentioned in the previous paragraph.

If supervision is relaxed, all ranks tend to relapse rapidly into their former state of ineffectualness. With constant help and hammering, however, a fairly reasonable standard of morale can be maintained.

I) Feeding, though I have done little in the way of personal supervision as yet, is generally reported to be adequate if not plentiful. As far as I know, no categorical complaints have been made.

II) Cleanliness is not of a high order, largely due to a serious shortage of soap.

C. GENERAL.

Officers and, particularly, men will answer favourably to attention, kindness and fair treatment if and when these virtues are lavished upon them.

Major,
MMIALO,
30 Area.

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ACC SARDINIA

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rptd: ACC Main for OFFENHAUER. Message Instructions. GR

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from tour and heard of visit General WILSON (+) regret cannot spare MEIA
officers from Mainland to accompany (+) hope Col KEHR is attending from SICILY
(+) whole question of allocation of troops from SARDINIA very complicated
please ensure no rptd no decisions on spot during visit (+) instead willing
to consider any proposals which do not conflict with Allied programs laid down
by AAI and which is my responsibility to implement

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ACC Main for Pidsley and Offenbauer					
40C Sardinia for Simmons					
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RECEIVED. Ref GAO 205 of 10 May. Subject visit to Sardinia. Reference Bruno letter to Leehy refers. Bruno stated by email as not available for assignment to PHS.					
COL Pidsley will accompany General Wilson and will arrange for appropriate Italian representative. Advise Simmons ETA.					
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To - AAI

ED900 (.) Confidential (.) SENSE state that Gen WILSON has notified Gen BASSO that he Gen WILSON is going to SARDINIA and CORSICA on 11 June to select Italian troops for PBS (.) Suggest visit would serve no useful purpose as all available troops already earmarked for your programme

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AQ 1311 (.) RESTRICTED (.) cite IBS AG 1210 (.) will advise ETA
by phone from CATANIA on Monday

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RECALLED BY AIR SURVIVAL IS FOR ONE NIGHT (S) RECALLED
RECALLED Tuesday (S) RECALLED IF convenient

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AC 1293(*) RESTRICTED () For Curties () Colonel KERR second in command
WIA and ROAKES expect to arrive OTANIA by air Monday twelve June on liaison
visit (*) Kerr proceeds IBS on Tuesday (*) appreciate accommodation night
12/13 June(*) ask if convenient.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 530

No. 162

6 June 1944

Subject: Troops (Inspection)

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. On 5 June Major Fossett, Captain Craig, Lt. Adami (Interpreter) and I made a hasty inspection of 2d Group 16 Arty Regt at TRAPANI, and report as follows:

a EMPLOYMENT. The group (less 1 Btry) is in the city of Trapani and are collecting ammunition and guns, storing and guarding same. One Btry is at CASTELVETRANO on a similar mission.

b CHILLER, FOOD AND CLOTHING. At Trapani the troops are quartered in a barracks in the center of the city. The food for the entire group is drawn every 10 days from Palermo and reshipped to the Btry at Castelvetro. The Italian Government supplies oil, wine and green vegetables and allow 10 lire per man per day for extras. When moving to this area they had over arawn some rations, which is now being corrected. They had not yet received the dyed green battle dress. All men had shorts and cotton shirts and their footwear was in good condition. They have cobblers to repair shoes and limited repair material.

2. AMMUNITION DUMPS

a We also inspected the ammunition dump at Trapani 7927. It was in a large covered warehouse in the outskirts of the city. It consisted of principally Italian Mortar shells, 105 mm and 155 mm. Arty. The ammunition was neatly piled, tabulated and no fire hazards. The unserviceable ammunition had not as yet been sorted out.

b The ammunition at NAPOLA (just east of Trapani) is being

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b. The ammunition at MAROLA (just east of Trapani) is being moved to LEOANA. However some ammunition and guns from this dump were previously moved to Trapani.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject: - Visits of Staff Officers.

H.Q. 71 Sub-Area.
10/A.
7 June 44.

1. The Sub Area Comd, accompanied by Comd 65 Garrison (Colonel N.D. McCORQUADALE, MC), will be visiting the following places on Friday 9 June 44 at the times stated.

2. A detailed itinerary is given in para 3 below. Lt-Col E. OLDFIELD, RA is requested to arrange for officers under his command or their reps to be available.

3.

Time	Place	R.V.	Officers to be present & remarks.
0915 hrs dep	BRINDISI		
1000 hrs arr	LECCE	T.M. 34 office	Maj MORRISON. Visit Canteen and Officers' Club.
1030 hrs arr		HQ No.1 Sub Sec. (I & DPSC)	Lt-Col OLDFIELD.
1045 hrs dep	LECCE		
1120 hrs arr	CENATE	RAF Rest House	
1150 hrs dep	CENATE		
1200 hrs arr	S. MARIA di BAGNI	Camp H.Q.	Camp Comd.
1300 hrs - 1400 hrs	- HAVERSACK LUNCH		P.M.C. "A" Mess to arrange.
1400 hrs dep	S. MARIA di BAGNI		
1415 hrs arr	GALLIPOLI		See harbour. 7926
1430 hrs dep	GALLIPOLI		
1500 hrs arr	MAGLIE	HQ det 38 D.I.D.	O.C., D.I.D.
1515 hrs arr		Refugee Hospital	O.C. Hospital. Sister in charge.

1120 hrs arr CENATE RAF Rest House

1150 hrs dep CENATE

1200 hrs arr S. MARIA di Camp H.Q.
BAGNI

1300 hrs - 1400 hrs - HAVERSACK LUNCH

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PAGNI

1415 hrs arr GALLIPOLI

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1545 hrs dep MAGLIE

1615 hrs arr LEQUILLE

A.C.C. (Army Sub
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O.C., D.I.D.

O.C. Hospital.
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Arrangements made by
'phone with Lt-Col
NOAKES.

4. D.A.P.M. will provide C.M.P. motor cycle orderly to accompany
Sub Area Comd throughout the day.

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A.C.C. (Army Sub Commission

for Lt-Col NOAKES)

OC No.1 Sub Section (I & DPSC) (3)

T.M. 34.

OC det 38 D.I.D. MAGLIE.

Internal

Area Comd.

Col N.D. MCCORQUADALE, MC.

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Ord (Ord Dump may be
visited time permitting)

Med. D.A.P.M. P.M.C. "A" Mess.

War Diary. File (2)

REPORT ON NO 1003 ITALIAN CT COY VISIT BY LT. COL H.B. FINCH, C.
AUST. MILIA, ON 51st MAY, 1944.

1. NO 1003 Italian CT Coy located at PALO DEL COLLE.

Comdr Italian Coy Capt TORTORELLI.
Comdr British Cadre Capt BLAKEMELL,
W/shop Officer Capt MORGAN.

2. Italian Cadre --(Company is to be a Zipper Company.)
395 Other Ranks 9 Officers at present
of which 60 are in Det Pln near NAPLES under 3 Dist.
34 are undergoing a course at POLIGNANO Driver
Training School.

Pln near NAPLES is equipped completely with and is
operating.
Company lacks 99 Vehicles but it is hoped that these will
be issued shortly.

3. Indents for clothing and equipment to complete (No 295²/F
dated 30 May 44) have been submitted through Italian channels.

4. Capt Tortorelli asked if it would be possible to change
1 Electrician who is not efficient and generally
unsatisfactory.

1 Carpenter who is perpetually in Hospital.
He was told that this would be represented, but that it was
exceedingly unlikely that anything would be done.

5. Capt Tortorelli stated that his men had received issues
of clothing and boots three months previously. Both were getting
into a state of wanting repair and replacements. He had put in
his demands (3 above) but nothing yet as yet had been done.
9th Regt from whom he had demanded stated that they had no
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7. Capt Tortorelli asked if a special request might be made on his behalf to the Italian War Ministry that he be provided with a Typewriter.

8. Ablution Benches and Latrines were being constructed. Inspection of Italian sleeping accommodation showed that they were very crowded. Italian Troops had been urinating in the passages, rooms were dirty. Capt Tortorelli was advised to obtain more and better accommodation and to see that it was kept clean.

9. Inspection of the Cookhouse showed it to be exceedingly dirty, everything was covered with masses of flies. The whole Cookhouse appeared neglected and unsanitary.

10. Bread inspected was of good quality and up to weight. The stew that was being prepared appeared very thin and watery. Vegetables purchased on the cash increment had excessive uneatable stalks and were proving wasteful. The Olive Oil issue was 14 gms per day per man instead of 28 gms as laid down by the approved Ration Scales. Capt Tortorelli stated that he had been forced to buy more oil out of the Cash Increment, with the inevitable reaction in the amount of Vegetables he could buy. The fact that Capt Tortorelli could buy Olive Oil would go to show that the Ministry of War could also buy it, and that this reduction in the ration of olive oil is neither PPO

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neither/ inevitable nor avoidable.

11. British Cadre Comdr asked that copies of 412's and 406's printed in Italian should be supplied to Italian GI Coys. This would greatly assist in the compilation. It is considered that these and also Work Tickets should be a normal stationery issue to all Italian GI Coys.

12. I was not impressed with either the personality, knowledge or drive of Capt Tortorelli. He did not know where the Cookhouse was situated. He did not appear to know his way about the Italian sleeping quarters accommodation. The Italians in his Unit appeared slovenly and frequently neglected to salute him, a very serious matter in the Italian Army. The Brit Cadre Comdr appeared satisfied with him and I therefore do not recommend a change.

2 June 44.

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John W. ...
Lt. Col, RASC...
ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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REPORT ON THE ITALIAN COY VISITED BY LT COL H.B. FITCH, MC,
ADJUTANT, ON 1st JUNE, 1944.

1. The 101st Italian Coy is located at CONVERSANO.
Comdr Italian Coy - Capt CARROLL - This officer was not present. A Major, who will command, is expected.
Capt CORNELIUS (formerly of 1000 It Coy Trento, who came into conflict with Gen Lombardi, who was later the subject of an inquiry and removed from 1000 It Coy) noted as of Italian Coy.
So far no British or British cadre has reported.

2. Italian Cadre.
No other ranks and 10 officers at present. Remainder are expected to arrive before 3rd June.
Of these 105 had just arrived from GALLI, FALUNO, POLIGNANO, 1st Regt.

3. I was shown one small room which was used as a store both for foodstuffs and clothing and equipment. Dirty blankets and clothing being in close proximity to exposed rations. I requested Capt PERLINO to obtain more and better storage space. He stated that it was not easy and that it is impossible to find. The loaves of bread were found to be up to weight and well made. Olive oil was being issued at the rate of 14 grams per man per day and the same applied as found in PAIO DEL COLE. There were no fresh fruit or vegetables in the stores but these were later seen in the Cookhouse, both of which were very good.

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b. Stated that he had not seen his family for 5 years, that he was not allowed to go on leave and that he would be punished by his officers for complaining.

I made non committal replies to both soldiers and instructed Capt. Potensieri to investigate both cases very thoroughly. I then gave the Company a short pep talk. My speech appeared to have the desired and favorable effect.

8. No vehicles or G.I. equipment have been issued as yet.

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9. The men appeared to be a very good type both physically and mentally. They were very mixed in their clothing, some being entirely in civilian clothes. About 43 of men were in boots completely beyond repair or wearing improvised slugs.

10. It is considered that if this Unit is handled properly and given reasonable treatment it should become very satisfactory.

2 June 44.

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Subject:- General Browning's Visit to Sicily, 23 May 44.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LECULE. (LECCE)
AQ/9/1
31 May 44.

MMIA. LO. SICILY. (attention Lt.Col. Albert.)
c/o I.B.S. APO. 550.

1. Attached is copy of notes covering Gen. Browning's visit to Sicily on 23 May 44.
2. A letter has been written to Ministry of War in regard to Para.1. They have been requested to requisition towels or materials from any available Italian sources.
2. The situation with regard to NCOs course should be followed by a representative from your office. Steps should be taken to correct and report any non-compliance with respect to wearing of shorts and conservation of Battle Dress. The only Socks at present available are cotton (US style)
If these are suitable a requisition for quantity needed should be made through proper Italian channels with copy to MMIA.
4. Copy of proposed "charter for control" will be furnished you upon approval.

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Scott Shepley
Major General.
Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

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Notes on Comd. MMIA Visit to SICILY 23 May 44.

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*Copy with sgd
letter sent Col Albert*

C.W.D. CHAYTOR. Capt.

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INSPECTION OF No. 1000 ITALIAN G.T. COY. PARADO CARRIED OUT
BY LIEUT. L. H.B. FINCH. NO. ADST. MILIA. 30 MAY 44.

1. STRENGTH

	BRITISH CADRE	ITALIAN
Present	Officers O.R.'S 4 24	Officers O.R.'S 9 328
Hospital	-	21
Leave	-	24
Absentees	-	20
Totals	4 24	11 393

2. Clothing and Equipment:-
- (a) 400 pairs Socks required (Y/33/2 of 19 Apr 44 refers).
400 maulkerenies, 50 pairs of boots for reserve, are required.
O.C. 1000 Coy. has demanded these several times from the "Direzione di Commissariato" but no allocation has yet been received. Since these items are considered essential the O.C., Coy requests that MILIA will authorize them.
- (b) A Boot-Repairer's outfit and Leather for repairing approx 170 pairs of u/s Boots is required to keep boots in a state of repair. It is requested that this also may be expedited by MILIA.

3. Personnel:-
- (a) Absentees
It is understood these are shortly being replaced by 9th Driver Regt. PARL.
- (b) Technicians
As a result of the new Italian W.E. of the Company, the u/m a/Shop personnel are needed:-
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| 5 Fitters | 1 TBT Storeman |
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- (d) The Italian Unit is still being commanded by a Lieutenant. Capt. Potenzieri has not been replaced by a Major as required by Establishment. Morale however is good.
- (e) Major Taylor O.C. British Cadre expressed himself satisfied with Unit's progress in general.

31 May 1944.

H.B. PINCH.

Lt. Col,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, MIA.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(AMIA) L.O. Sicily
O/O I.B.S. APO 530

No. 94

27 May 1944

Subject: Troops

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq (AMIA)

1. Accompanied by Major Hall, LO IBS, to 46 Regt and 1st Bn 51st Inf. I made a hasty inspection of the 50th Mortar Bn (Italian) 26 May and report as follows:

a Employment. The 50th Italian Mortar Bn strength, 25 Orfns 575 ORs, is stationed at Palermo and vicinity. They are employed to care for and guard warehouses and dumps containing captured enemy war material turned back to the Italians. Approximately 500 are stationed at the following Ammunition Dumps: Villagrazia (Navy) (B4240), Altomonte (B4909), S. Scatilli (B4020) and Lerera (B5503). The remainder are stationed in Palermo, they care for and guard an Engineer Dump, an Ordnance Dump (American term) and an (clothing) warehouse. Also from this latter group the XII Corps may call on as first shock troops to quell disturbances. They were called out once so far to quell a minor disturbance between the Carabinieri and civilians in a nearby town. They have 13 trucks but some are on the dead line.

b Shelter and Food. The troops in Palermo are quartered in a large barracks, the men have wire spring cots to sleep on. They were in the process of rearranging the barracks, installing new cooking ovens, toilets, mess hall for men etc, so conditions were in a turmoil, but all indications point to a great improvement and the Bn Cmdr seems to be on his toes. They receive the regular ration supplemented by oil, fruit, wine and cigarettes from the Italian Government. In addition they are allowed 10 lire per day per man to purchase extras.

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d Medical. They have an infirmary with few medical supplies. The MC stated they now had 150 cases of malaria, contracted in the interior of Sicily before they came to Palermo. Also 9 V.D. cases.

e Dumps. The dumps and warehouses as a whole were not in very good condition. The C.O. claimed they were now rearranging the stock and cleaning up the equipment.

(1) The Eng Dump was fairly well stocked with entrenching tools, wire, fire extinguishers etc.

(2) The Ordnance warehouse had 700 rifles, AA guns, MG mounts etc.

(3) The clothing warehouse had a great quantity of candles, many shorts and blankets, a few shirts and various other items.

(4) The Ammunition Dumps we did not visit but will in the near future. However I have cautioned XII Corps regard to proper

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stacking and dispersing of ammunition before the hotter and drier season approaches. Also to dispose of unsafe ammunition and avoid fire hazards.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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 RECD I ON (C) AIR TO NAPLES, CASTELLAMARE, FARI, DURING
 FORD TO 27th MAY 1944. BY LT COL. H.B. FINCH, MC. ADSE. MILIA.

I. Reported in at MILIA Office, Naples, Wed 24th, saw Lt. Col. Offenbauer and staff; ST/PA affairs appeared to be going smoothly.

a. There was a little difficulty regarding feeding of Congedati who were arriving from Sardinia at the rate of approx 2000 a day. They were due for discharge and were to be put to work in Foggia area. When Mov had transportation available they required two days hard rations for the journey. ST MILIA were instructed to arrange that early information regarding numbers should be obtained at the arrival at the Port by the Italian Port Det and communicated to Italian Distribution Supply Depot who should be instructed to issue hard rations accordingly.

b. It was reported that after urgent telegrams had been sent to MILIA Lequile, some 546 tons of P. Meat (gross) had been discovered in the Depot 249. All that could be spared in the South, 16 tons of P. Meat, had been sent to Naples in response to the telegram. This means that there is an acute shortage now in the South and large stocks in Naples as a result.

c. Large quantities of salted Sardines are arriving in Naples. Estimated as sufficient to feed all troops in that area for over two months. It is doubtful whether these sardines would keep two months. A ruling regarding early issues and consumption is required.

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g. MIA Office, Naples, is still suffering from difficulties of transport. There are eleven Officers and at present only three vehicles available for their use. Col Offenbauer asked that the old part of the Humber wireless Utility Truck be sent to Naples for exchange.

h. Lt. Torke reported that the markings on goods arriving are becoming worse and worse. One whole consignment of Coffee arrived ex CONRAD WELSH with no IMI markings on at all. This increases their difficulties immeasurably.

i. Col Offenbauer stated that a Villa where all the officers would live was in the process of being obtained.

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1. Col Offenhamer asked that in future when letters are sent to the MIA IO at an Outstation and marked "for Information", where the MIA IO is required to check up on the Italians, that they are taking action, would write Mr. MIA please say so, i.e. write "for Information, please follow up." He also asked that the name of the signing officer be typed in under the signature.

2. Saw Major Smith, Advisor of PM, Naples.

a. He stated that he was very pleased the way MIA was working with PM. That Sardines had been wrongly despatched and also Meat had been wrongly manifested. Both matters had been mutually and satisfactorily settled.

b. He agreed that Depot PM would accept list of items such as Pork Greasy, Orange Juice etc which had been wrongly despatched to the Italians and which could not be used in the Italian Ration Scale or as an equivalent. He asked that MIA should take the matter of exchanging these items for commodities included in the Italian Ration Scale up with NATOUSA. On receiving orders from NATOUSA they would be prepared to hand over any commodities as instructed.

3. Reported into Col Lawley and Lt. Col Gaw, Adv Adm Ech.

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e. He asked that the Macaroni now in British Depots be exchanged as quickly as possible for Biscuits by the Italians. War Ministry requires to be asked to expedite this. Biscuits pound for pound Alex British stocks should be returned to the nearest British BDD (Major Orell)

f. British Troops are requiring Tibben, and asked that Italians be asked to accept Tibben instead of Tibben. This was agreed to. May is to be released in Calabria. A part of Tibben will be released at Potenza (Major Smyth Tyrrell).

g. Saw Lt. Col Bain, ADSE Transport, who stated that the Cadre for 1304 It W Coy was in the process of being formed.

5. Saw Col Riso, Head of Direz. Commissariato, Naples.

a. Instructed Direzione that in future, R. Meat etc would be issued in lieu of Fish only when Fish stocks had been exhausted. This order must be implemented immediately. *12*

6. Reported into DUT. Three District.

a. There were no complaints, difficulties or troubles.

3. 7. Reported into DIST. Two District.

a. Saw Capt Burcell who stated that about 1000 barrels of salted cartridges had been landed for Italians. Of these, so far 6 barrels had been found bad. Instructions regarding disposal of bad stocks and rapid consumption of remainder is required.

b. He reported that stocks off JAMES HILL were being off loaded without difficulty.

c. Lt. Col Burrell, ADST Transport, stated he was arranging that the Amb Pn just being formed should be attached for all purposes to 1002 It GI Coy Brindisi. 17 new Amb were to be drawn from 14 Veh Park Naples, on 15th May. These Amb will operate from Taranto, Brindisi, Lecce, Bari, Barletta perhaps to Foggia.

d. Col Burrell stated that Cadre of 1004 It GI Coy was assembling. One Pn of 1003 It GI Coy had been sent to Naples. Remainder were at Palo del Colle and were being equipped with tripers. 1001 It GI Coy had gone forward and were now working with AMG Eight Army. 1002 It GI Coy Brindisi had improved considerably and was to receive a Pn of new Vehicles.

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 d. Capt Izat asked that Min of War be approached to provide immediately 500 Instruction Booklets "Ispessione, Mantenimento e Cura dei Veicoli dell'Esercito". These were required urgently for the next Course.

9. Called into 1002 It Gr Coy, Brindisi.

There were no complaints of any sort.
 a. Major Milne had taken over from Major Christmas.
 b. The accidents have been reduced to negligible. Now average eight a month.
 c. Availability of Transport to strength has increased considerably.
 f. There are fewer daily Vehicles being sent to Workshops.
 g. VOM figures are falling.
 h. Inspected Cookhouse and found large quantities of Veal, Sheep and Ham all being prepared for a special feast to be held on 28th May. These items had been bought out of the cash increment which had been saved over a period.

ADMG
 1002 It Gr Coy, Brindisi

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REPORT ON VISIT TO SICILY.

I. OBJECT:

- a. To investigate report concerning shortage of Fish and to amend same if possible.
- b. To notify L.O. in Sicily of arrival of 30 tons of supplies from Taranto, to be used as repayment for rations issued to Italian Navy.

2. CONTACTS:

Commanding Officer, I.B.S.
 Chief of Staff, I.B.S.
 G.3. I.B.S.
 Q.M. I.B.S.
 Q.M. A.C.C.
 MMIA L.O. (and his staff).
 Commanding Officer Bulk Depot (Italian).

3. Lt.Col Albert has a very nice office established in IBS HQ (4th Floor, phone IO580). Quarters are located in Grand Hotel (telephone No: IBS Officers Quarters).

4. Arranged with IBS to hand over to Italian Army 40,000 lbs canned fish. MMIA, thru' AAI, to request SOS Watousa to authorize additional issue of fish by IBS which would cover this 40,000 lbs or to repay IBS from Italian stock on mainland, or from stock which may arrive in Sicily from the Allies. Major Fossett to handle the details of this 40,000 lbs of fish with IBS and Italian Army.

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7. Means of transporting supplies from depots to units was discussed, but Col Albert did not know the answer as yet. I, therefore, requested a report be sent to this office (MMIA "Q") showing:

No of vehicles on hand, by type, and unit to which assigned.

8. Requested detailed information be obtained from ACC regarding canning of fish in Sicily, and what disposition was made of same after it was canned.

9. Local purchase:

- Shortage of Olive Oil, due to excessive price.
- Allowance of 10 lire per day, per soldier, is given to unit for purpose of local purchase to supplement ration issued.

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10. Major Fossett and Capt Craig are making detailed inspections of depots, and sending in reports as inspections are made.

11. Informed Col Albert he would be given a copy of new accounting procedure as soon as it was published. To carry on with system now in force until notified to change.

12. Visited Bulk Depot in Palermo with Major Fossett, pointed out some deficiencies, and requested he inform this office (MMIA ST) in his report when these deficiencies are corrected.

13. The Italian Army does not have any P.O.L. depots, but draws direct from Allied depots on charge account against allowance established by A.A.I.

14. The Direzione Commissariato is reported by Major Fossett as being a very efficient officer.

25 May 44.

Jimmy T Rose

Tommy T Rose.
Major, MMIA.

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AQ 1213

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AAQNG reporting

approximately Thursday 25 May reference outstanding points

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INTEL NOTES ON VISIT TO SARDINIA.

OBJECT.

- (1) To obtain tradesmen for two W/Shop Coy's, and arrange formation of same.
- (2) To obtain 15 Light Mobile Workshop units for the Italians.
- (3) To organise W/Shop facilities on island to produce serviceable Vehicles for shipment to mainland, and maintenance services for the island.

I visited the island and made a tour with General Aleberti showing him the exact position and suggested reorganisation to meet the present circumstances. Co-operation of Italian Staff has been good and on leaving the island, there were already approx 500 men at Abbasanta being checked and sorted in their trades for the W/Shopp Coy's, and Italian W/Shops. - Approx half of the thirty odd small W/Shops on island were already in at Abbasanta and being refitted. Production of Vehicles for shipment at a later date was commencing.

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AQ 1185 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Major T. ROSE from QM Section this
HQ visits you Sunday 21 May by air arriving 1100 hours to discuss
supplies

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SUBJECT: - VISIT OF STAFF OFFICERS.

URGENT.

Headquarters,
71 Sub Area,
10/A
16th May 1944.

1. The Sub Area Comd accompanied by Col. G.P.R. Johnston Col 1/o Admin 2 District will be visiting the "heel" of Italy on Thursday 18 May 1944.
2. It is requested that Lieut. Col. Oldfield, O.C. No. 1 Sub Section I & D.P. Co. will make it convenient to meet the Sub Area Comd and Col. Johnston at S. MARIA DI BAGNI and that he will arrange for officers under his Comd to be available as indicated in para 3.
3. Detailed Programme is as follows :-

TIME	PLACE VISITED	OFFICERS TO BE PRESENT.	REMARKS
0800 dep	BRINDISI		
0900 arr	LEQUILE	Arrangements with M.M. I.A. made by telephone with Lt. Col. NOAKES.	
0915 dep	- do -		
0945 arr	S. MARIA DI BAGNI	Camp Comdt.	
1015 dep	- do -		
1045 arr	M. GLIE (T.I.D.)	Town Major 34 O.C. D.I.D.	
1100 arr	REFUGEE HOSP.	O.C. Hospital. Sister in Charge.	
1115 dep	M. GLIE		Motor through.
1135 arr	STRANCO		Visit Thermal Baths.
1205 arr	S. CESAREA	Camp Comdt.	
1225 dep	"		
1245 arr	CASTRO	Camp Comdt.	
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1430 arr	TRICASE	Capt. Stonestreet. Asst Camp Comdt.
1530 dep	"	
1550 arr	S. MARIA DI LEUCA	
1715 arr	LEUCA	

1915 arr BRINDISI

W. K. Anderson
Major.,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

WKA/DHP

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Area Commander
Col i/o Admin.
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1. Camp Comdt. CASTRO.
A.C.C. (Army Sub Commission
for attention Lt. Col. NOAKES
please).
O.C. I & DFSC -5 copies
Capt. Stonestreet.

T.M. 34
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Report on visit by Lt. Col H.B. Finch, MC, DSO, DMI, to Naples, Castellammare, Caserta and Bari, during period 5th to 9th May, 1944.
(Fortnightly tour).

I. Reported into Senior LO DMI, Naples, Col Offenbauer.

Find that ST/CO staff at Naples is still considered inadequate. Could do little as Capt Benatti is used on general duties as Interpreter, and Cpl Goodwin as a driver of Jeep. I recommended that civilian resources should be tried. Col Offenbauer stated that for security reasons a civilian could not be employed as Interpreter. He was prepared to try civilian clerks, but stated that they had to be English speaking, and these were practically unattainable.

I saw Col Risq's office, Head of the local Direzione Commissariato and told them to find and make available two English speaking Italian Clerks. I also told them to detail an English speaking Italian Officer to report for instructions at the DMI Offices every day.

2. I investigated difficulties and congestion which LUTHER MARTIN was being offloaded. Trouble was caused by Italians. --

- a. Italians are untrained and not accustomed to handling big consignments in and out of their Depots. At the same time as these receipts were taking place, there was a big issue of Rations to Combat Troops.
- b. The Italian Depots are mostly unsuitable as Supply Depots, having no traffic system and only one entrance which is also the Exit. No other Depot accommodation being available in Italy.
- c. The Demands on civil labour by the Allies reduces the availability for the Italians to such a low margin that they are incapable of dealing with big transactions unless given a great deal of warning.
- d. The Italians had been warned during my last visit to alert three Port Dets each of 2 Officers, 3 Sergeants, and 12 to 16 ORs. This they had failed to do. I find that they are still short of one Officer.
- e. This state caused a large No of Vehicles to remain unloaded in the vicinity of the Italian Supply Depot for an unnecessarily long period with resulting complaints from the Highways Div of the Port.
- f. In order to offset this and not delay shipping, Rations had to be cleared from the Quay and Back piled back in the Port Area involving double handling, pilferage and was complained of by the Water Div of the Port.
- g. The Italians due to the control exercised by Gen Wilson were unable to find the extra guards to compete with this situation so that pilferage ensued.
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- j. Where Depots in Naples due to lack of accommodation or excessive pressure of work cannot handle goods discharged then, to save congestion or back piling, commodities of which there are already ample stocks locally will be railed back to Taranto.
3. Lt Tonks reported that ACC appear to get advanced information in detail of when ships will berth and also what they carry. It would appear that this information is cabled ahead while ships are still in Atlantic. Col Offenbauer stated that two G4 Officers from Algiers stated that a special pink copy of Manifest was sent ahead and contained detailed information of cargoes. (Major Whitcomb and Lt. Col Macfarland). It would be of great assistance if WHIA could also obtain this information. Mov Shipping FIBROT has been asked frequently but without result.
4. Col Offenbauer complained of transportation situation.
- a. The Dodge PU had been stolen.
- b. Humber with DVM Brown was being returned to Col Morkes.
- c. Two Jeeps had been borrowed from ACC, both being driven by British Dvrs.

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d. Two Racee Cars were available with American Drivers. He also stated that:

Cpl Morris, the British Clerk, was away sick.

e. One girl English speaking Italian clerk was all that was available. f. He also complained visiting MIA Officers were experiencing difficulties when parking their cars which were mostly civilian requisitioned cars and prevented from entering AGC car parks.

5. In company with Lt Tonks visited the Port.

Met Capt Orsini, Officer in charge of the three Port Dets. Capt Orsini had just telephoned the MIA and reported the arrival of the GILKIN MILLER. We went on board and were able to see the Master of the Ship who showed his "Plan of Stowage". From this Capt Orsini was shown where he should expect stores for Italian Army to be discharged. He was also instructed to detail off his Port Det and stand by on the way. I saw Lt Tonks arrange Rly waggons for the despatch of Flour ex GILKIN MILLER to Taranto. Arrangements were also made whereby Major MORRIS (AMG) agreed with Lt Tonks that quantities of Flour wrongly despatched to AMG warehouse should be compensated to the Italian Army by an equivalent quantity of the next ship load consigned to AMG. The whole showed a satisfactory cooperation spirit existing in the docks.

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a. I asked that reports upon Italian Units working with the RASC should be submitted to MIA periodically, so that we should know how they are progressing.
b. I tried to submit a new M2 and obtain a few more personnel but failed. Col DEIST agreed that it was essential that all empty sacks from Allied origin foodstuffs should be returned to Allied Depots.
c. Saw Lt Col Smith ADOT (Supplies) who asked for a breakdown distribution of Disinfectants as released to be submitted to AAI.
d. He also asked what arrangements we wanted with regard to shipping to SARDINIA. I said I would let him know after consultation with " ".
e. He stated that Forage released at Potenza for the Italian Army was still waiting not being collected by them. would we hurry them up.

9. Saw DA & WIG FILLOT, Col Logan Gray, and asked that immediate steps be taken to make available the whole of Montecatini Depot. He stated that he would signal accordingly immediately.

10. I went to see Lieut Col Gaw G4/Q4 (old PLABO). He discussed the over:issue of Italian Rations to the Combat Zone. He admitted that 8th Army had over:drawn some 4000 a day and stated that this was being held as a Reserve. He stated that 5th Army had actually underdrawn. Taking the Italian signalled figures as correct. I pointed out that our G(SD) figure was correct and that the Italian figure was most likely unlikely to be correct.

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11. Saw Lt Col Dennis, QM 243. He had no matters for discussion and was completely satisfied.

12. Called into No 3 District, Castellamare.

Saw Major Chalkham who had no complaints. He stated that the Italians have 3 Ambulances now and not 8 as previously he had told me. He asked to be told where the remaining Ambulances should be sent. He stated that 3 District would like to know to make arrangements.

13. Called into No 2 Dist. Bari, and saw Liaison Detach.

Saw Lt Col Zeake, AMST (Supplies) who had nothing to discuss and had no complaints.

14. Called in at Polignano School.

Saw Capt Picara, G.I/c. He has as permanent staff now:-

- 1 It Officer i/c Messing.
- 1 It Officer i/c Administration.
- 3 It Officers General Duties.
- 50 Instructors.

At present there are 160 Pupils of which 75 are ex-Inf.
 20 ex 1001 Ital GI Coy.
 60 ex 1003 Ital GI Coy.
 5 unattached.

He also has 30 General Duty men.

He complained that he needed Petty Cash in order to pay for small items needed in repairs etc. Could ILLIA ask the Main to produce it for him. Brig Duchesne had promised he would do his best.

He also said he would like to be supplied with Italian Pattern Camp beds so that they should not sleep on stone floors.

Saw Capt Izat. Cadre Comdr of School loaned by 2 Dist. He appeared very satisfied, but had three difficulties:

- a. He complained that Italian Pay was most unjust.
 A Sgt at Polignano received 36 lire a day while in Unit 67 17908^{day}
 A Private " " 5.70 " " 25
- b. He asked also to be supplied with AL63 and Cresoli stating that they had been unable to obtain it from Italian sources.
- c. He asked to be provided with:

Razor Blades

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Report by Lt. Col. Geo. A. Shipley. "Q" Branch, covering trip to Taranto and Bari in company with Major Hubbard and Major Head on 1 May - 2 May.

TARANTO.

I. S & T Base Depot.

The physical lay-out and space is adequate for present stock and can accommodate considerable additional stock.

The warehouse and area were clean and orderly.

An adequate number of guards were posted in the warehouse and area.

All stocks were sorted and neatly piled.

All stocks were under cover and protected from weather even though there are no side walls on a large portion of the warehouse.

2. British Salvage Dump. (adjacent to Italian S & T Base Depot.

A quantity of equipment critically needed by Italian Forces was present.

Major Head and Major Hubbard said they would investigate the possibility of having some items made available for Italian use.

3. Italian Equipment at British Ordnance Depot near Taranto.

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The floor space and cubic capacity are both inadequate to properly store present stocks.

The lay-out is very poor and indicated very little advanced preparation or planning.

Fire precautions are nil.

Stocks are not properly sorted or stacked.

Items from Allied sources are intermingled between themselves and also with items of Italian stores.

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It is understood that effort is now being made to acquire additional space sufficient to correct present bad conditions and to permit storing of Allied items and Italian items separately.

Italian items of especial interest included :-

- a) A limited stock of cotton and wool cloth suitable for making uniforms and for repair purposes.
- b) A fairly sizable stock of web equipment.
- c) A small stock of leather other than sole leather.
- d) An appreciable stock of clothing especially Greatcoats and some Uniforms.
- e) A few accommodation stores including cookers and utensils.

Major Head and Major Hubbard checked the accounting procedure and will submit recommendations. They consider the system to be reasonably good.

2. Italian Army Salvage Depot at Bari.

The salvage operation appeared to be reasonably well organised and well directed.

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Salvaged uniforms are being sorted. Those suitable for repairs are baled or placed in sacks and stored. The accumulation of sorted clothing is substantial but no estimate could be made. A small quantity are regularly despatched to a tailoring and repair shop which is operating in Bari, but the present capacity of which is limited due largely to shortage of repair materials and facilities.

Salvaged boots are sorted and those repairable are stored. A substantial stock has accumulated. Some are regularly despatched to a repair shop, the present capacity of which is 50 pairs per day.

The Salvage Depot now has on hand approximately 100,000 burlap sacks of I quintal capacity. These have been sorted, cleaned and repaired. They were instructed by me to hold present stock of sacks for instruction as to disposition. I propose to take the matter up with the Minister of War. If they are not needed for Military use, they will undoubtedly be needed by ACC for moving the season's grain harvest.

The Salvage Depot also has on hand a stock of empty bottles, the majority of which are crated.

Estimated stocks are:-

50,000		2 litre size.
25,000		1 litre size.
15,000		3/4 litre size.
10,000		1/2 litre size, and Misl.

The Ministry of War advise that these bottles are not needed for Military use, They can be offered to ACC and later sold if ACC does not need them.

4. Contact with HQ. Adriatic Base Depot.

In company with Col. Pidsley and Major Moeglein a visit was paid to HQ. Adriatic Base Depot. Various matters of common interest were discussed, the most important being matters of accounting which were of special interest to Col. Pidsley.

REPORT OF VISIT TO BARI AND NAPLES - MAJOR HUBBARD AND MAJOR HEAD.
ROCCA DEPOT, BARI.

1. Accommodation is quite inadequate. The lack of storage space is a definite handicap and must lead to unnecessary work and loss of time in issues.
2. Stores are not stored by items and even Italian and Allied stores are hopelessly mixed. An accurate physical stock check will not be possible until stores are sorted and restacked. The evacuation of artillery stores which is progressing will give a little extra space for clothing.
3. There are no fire points, and in view of the fact that stores are stacked solidly to the roof there exists an enormous fire risk.
4. The accounting at La Rocca, though clumsy, is reasonably accurate. A complete check of one item (Boots, ankle, part worn) was made, both at the Italian and British depot, and an agreed figure has been posted as at 30th April. Figures given for other stores which have not been fast moving items may be taken as correct. 500 A.O.D. have promised to move in future all A.B. 108's will be numbered consecutively and La Rocca will in future post them separately. This will facilitate checking in the event of future discrepancies. In addition tally sheets have been introduced and these are being into use immediately.

N.B. It is understood that Lt. Col. Shipley is approaching Ministry of War regarding 1. and 2. above.

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in hand. The position will be watched.
3. Accounting is good, but a similar system to that at La Rocca (tally
sheets etc.) will be introduced.
4. A contract exists for the dyeing of 4000 suits of battle dress only.
557 A.O.D. have a further 11000 suits to be dyed. The Local Resources
Officer is being asked to contract for the immediate dyeing of this clothing.
5. The Port Ordnance Officer considers that an Ordnance representative is
essential at Naples. It is further that an Ordnance Clerk be posted
to the Naples office. The question of transport will be discussed by
Major Hubbard on his return.
6. The return required by A.F.H.Q. letter is in course of consolidation,
necessary data for U.S. and British Equipment has been obtained, stocks
of Italians equipment will be ready in a few days.

REPORT ON VI TO DISTWO, BARI AND 52 AREA T MYO BY
Lt. Col. H. B. FINE, ADST. MILA.

1. Saw Capt. MILLERS Port Det. LO. BARI, who had no complaints. He stated that he had seen the Pink copies of Broken Down Ships Manifest, which he described as Shipping slips. He stated that in his experience they were inaccurate and that the Real Manifest had in fact proved more accurate. He stated that the work of the Italian Port Det. had improved greatly and the accounting at ships side was now good and could be relied upon. He stated that in his opinion it was not difficult to smuggle goods out of the Dock Area even with all the present safe-guards.
2. Visited DISTWO but Col. WARREN was on leave. Saw Lt. Col. FRANK and BANEL, ADST Sups & Tpt respectively. Apologised for not having asked Col. WARREN permission before asking officers of 71 Area ST to lecture on Supply Accounting. Explained that only one lecture from each officer would be asked for. Asked how Italian G.T. Coy. TARANTO was getting on. Was told:-
 1009 It. G.T. Coy. TARANTO was getting on quite well.
 1001 " " " PAOLO DEL COLLE was an "Excellent Company". This is the one that experienced so many difficulties at first.
 1002 " " " BRUNO DEL COLLE was not good but improving.
 1003 " " " CONSERVATO were waiting for their British Cairo to assemble. As soon as British Cairo had reported it was intended that they would take the place of 1001 at PAOLO DEL COLLE after the latter move.
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4. Visited MONTICATTI Main Supply Depot. Saw Col. BALDINI and Lt. CRAMPON. Found Depot neat and tidy. The large open shed is about $\frac{2}{3}$ full well stacked and methodically done. Found that Factory Building had been closed in and prepared for stores. Satisfactory except that rain will beat in through high windows and the roof leaks. Building was locked and is still occupied by the Polish Guard. I asked Officer i/c Polish Guard if he could move. He said that he would consult his Superiors. His personnel were guarding the British Ordnance shed and not the Italian Depot. Col. BALDINI complained of their presence in his depot stating that it was impossible to check pilfering. I discovered that British Ordnance were still retaining large lock up wooden shed.
5. Saw Lt. Col. ROBINSON, AA & QMG 52 Area. Requested that he vacate MONTICATTI Depot in view of some 4000 tons Flour from NAPLES being on rail down and a further 5700 tons P. Meat expected to arrive shortly. He would not concede to request so I asked to see Area Comdr, but was told that he was absent at a meal at 6 p.m. Finally Lt. Col. ROBINSON flatly refused to move from MONTICATTI till ordered to do so by DISTWO.
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7. Lt. CRANFORD asked that the Italian Port Det. and the Port Det LO. personnel from BRINDISI should be transferred over to TARANTO, because BRINDISI is having no work, where as TARANTO is likely to be very busy.

Handwritten signature
Lieut. Col., RASC,
A.D.S.T., Army Sub Comm. AGC.

13 May 44.

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VISIT TO SARDINIA

5/6 May 44

Gen MAGLI

1. During the course of informal conversation, the following pts were discussed:-

- a) Personnel in SARDINIA due for demobilization:-
The total number of men entitled to be demobilized on reaching the mainland is only about 4000. These are included in the present strength returns of the island, and will be shipped in penny numbers as and when there is space on the ships.
- b) The following men of 1913 and more recent classes are at the moment on indefinite agricultural leave in the island:
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| - XIII Corps | 24747. |
| - VII Corps | <u>11032</u> (of these, 7000 of CALABRIA Div) |
| | 35779 |
- c) Gd and lab bns (serials 1098A et seq):-
The four gd bns and equivalent of first sixteen lab bns are well in hand and will be ready by 15 May. Requested him about possibility of forming further eight lab bns in the island, and he replied that there should be no difficulty over this.
- d) Trial of Gen MARTINI:- the investigations are still proceeding and should be completed this month.

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2. Col SIMMONDS

Mentioned subject of para b) above, and was infd by Col SIMMONDS that ACC Economic Sub-Commission and Gen Macfarlane particularly interested in retaining these men on the land so as to make the island as self-supporting as possible. Any plans to re-employ these man in the army would have to be first discussed with ACC, according to Col SIMMONDS.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO SICILY
(26-30 April 44)

1. Object: to investigate conditions regarding issue, accounting and use of supplies to Italian Armed Forces.

2. Contacts:

HQ I District GOC; AQMG, AMG, S & T, Ord, Med, Lab.
HQ 56 Area Comd, AQ, 03 Troops (PALERMO)
I.E.S. G4, G3, QM.

Liaison Officer Lt Col RODJENKO
ACC. Region I C.A.C.

Italian Units in PALERMO and CATANIA, Club, Hospital
and Supply Depot and Xil Corps HQ. GOC. C.S.I.

3. Italian Strength States:- (by 3. of S. Xil Corps (Col CAROTTI))

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CATANISMITA	883	-	-	2,036	49	2,968
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TOTAL	13,757	10,000	290	8,330	2,206	34,583

Above is 7,000 more than was anticipated;

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Army includes 1,000 Red Cross personnel - to ~~2,900~~ ^{2,900} reported.

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Manifests show rations of 34,000 x 30 days (1,032,000) up to scale in Flour, Coffee and Dried Veg, deficient in Sugar and complete absence of Meat, Fish and Pulses. Consider I.E.S. should issue complete ration from U.S. stock and replace with receipts from I.T.I. ships when it comes.

(Note : I.D.S. in favour of abolishing I.T.I. markings altogether.)

(c) Locally produced elements generally satisfactory and supplies adequate, except olive oil which is being hoarded owing to AOC control of price at 77 (Italian army is actually buying at about (Point 3) 120.) Consider I.D.S. or XII Corps should investigate advisability of local requisition in bulk.

(d) Ration scale considered barely adequate, although local produce is available, but units get a cavitation grant from Ministry of War of ten lire a day and buy fresh meat, and extra pasta, tomato sauce etc.

(Note: Revised general saale universally welcomed.)

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(Point 4.) ✓ Importation of so much vegetable element in form of tinned veg, dehydrated and dried veg and veg in M & V stew is open to question in view of abundance of local produce.

(e) Messing and storage arrangements seen were comparatively good and improving on right lines under Allied supervision.

(f) Accounting and supervision plans discussed and generally agreed. Full records have been kept to date of bulk issues.

5. Clothing

(a) Receipts and issues satisfactory; good stocks held except socks, issue of 10,000 of which urgently needed.

(b) Retention of old Italian uniforms on replacement by Battle dress again urged by Comd 1 Dist on grounds of necessity and ultimate economy - consider this should be taken up again. Issue of 2,000 extra Battle dress wanted.

(Point 5) ✓

(c) Issue of I.D. or denim for summer also recommended for reason as in (a) above.

(Point 6) ✓

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(Point 7) ✓

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- Mefacrine, 5 million tablets for the season;
 - Quinine 5 thousand phials for patients;
 - Gamutlets and veils, for 2,000 sentries;
 - Nets, 500 for patients.
- Antimalarial policy by no means understood.
- (c) Italian medical service does not appear to be organized, officers need training and treatment revised to suit the drugs etc., being issued from British sources.
- (Point 9) ✓ Consider DDMS AAI should be notified of this.

7. General Administration

- (Point 10) (a) Comd 1 District will welcome the supervisory detachment which should be based on PIRYMC and be given precise instructions on their duties and responsibility.
- (Point 11) (b) Position of present Liaison officer to be considered.
- (Point 12) (c) Comd 1 District requires directive regards his power to remove and appoint Italian officers (see AFHQ HSD 424 of 15 Feb) about some of whom he has decided views.
- (Point 12) (c) Comd 1 District requires policy re M.T. issues. He is taking captured vehicles from Allied units and forming a pool to supply Italians.

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- (Point 13) (d) Comd 1 District is anxious that formations from SARDINIA should be properly organized and equipped before embarking and would like permission to visit SARDINIA regarding this matter and also the welfare (families) question of the SABAUDA Division. Suggest he takes Lt Col RODJIMKO with him.
- (e) The system whereby Italian Army. Prisoners of War are working side by side with the new army on different status and whereby effective officers and men are still held as POW needs revision. I have certain views on this which I would like to submit.
- (f) There is a tendency to rely too much on Allied sources and staff for reequipment and reorganization; the Italian higher command should be compelled to do more and exercise its rights and duties particularly in regard to requisition and provision from local resources and "A" matters including pay, promotion and interior economy. This is possibly due to faulty information and directive at a time when our chain of command was changed. Our new standing orders will cover this point, but meanwhile I consider Ministry of War and Corps HQ etc., should be invited to improve their methods and take a larger share of the burden.
- (Point 14) ✓
- (Point 15) ✓

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W.P. Bailey
Colonel,
attached M.A.I.A.,

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Subject: Visit to the MANTOVA Division.

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L.O., Army Sub-Commission, (ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.-----

29 Apr 44.

Ref: G-7/MS/8

To: G.O.C.,
XXXI Corps.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission, (ACC).,
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Leguille.-(Lecce).-----

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H. AC. Howard
Lt. Col.,
L.O. XXXI Corps,
M.M.I.A.

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This information is Not official and was obtained while inspecting the division.
HEADQUARTERS 184th INFANTRY DIVISION "NEMBO"
- Office Chief of Staff -

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: General Conditions of the Division

1. The division, in the process of reorganization, has its strength divided part in Sardinia and part in the continent as follows:

In Sardinia -

Headquarters
2 rgt. Inf. (4 Bn.)
1 Co. 81 m/m mortars
1 btry. AA 20 m/m
1 pioneer Co.
1 Co. miners (Engineers)
1 wire Co.
1 motor section
1 medical section
2 field hospitals
1 surgery section
1 section quartermaster

In Continent -

1 rgt. artillery (2 groups)

2. The materiel of one of the artillery groups organizing in the continent, is in Sardinia. According to the latest orders from the Chief of Staff the division has been assigned the task of organizing in Sardinia a horse-drawn artillery group of 75/13.

3. The preparing of the resident units in Sardinia can be considered done, since it is impossible to fulfill the residual deficiencies with the materiel available on the island. It is not possible to report on the state of readiness of the units on the continent.

4. The residual deficiencies mentioned in the above paragraph refer essentially to materiel. However, they affect the morale, discipline, and management of the men.

In the paragraphs which follow, there are enumerated the deficiencies which result in comparing their actual or existing equipment with their organic allotment and, their organic allotment with their prime actual needs. 7894

The deficiencies in comparison to the allotment are small; instead they are considerable when comparing the organic allotment to the actual needs.

5. Sanitary Service -

We cannot stabilize the residual deficiencies in regards to the basic allotments because they are in the process of being

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General conditions of the "Nembo" Division (cont'd)

replenished. It can be presumed that they will be small. However, the need for medicinals and sanitary materials are great and it is impossible to procure them on the island. These deficiencies are listed in Appendix 1.

6. Quartermaster Service -

- Clothing - require about 2,500 complete outfits.
- Shoes - 3,000 pair
- Soap - the monthly ration of 150 grams is insufficient and affects the welfare of the troops.

Food rations -

The allotted ration beginning 1 March consists of:

- 350 grams carbohydrates
 - 5 grams fats
 - 106 grams proteins
- which represents 2,000 calories

The price of vegetables and fruits is considerably higher than the amounts allotted for their purchase and therefore, it is difficult to provide them with vitamins.

The estimated needs of a soldier in normal activity is composed of at least 4,500 calories as follows:

- 770 grams carbohydrates
- 15 grams fats
- 150 grams proteins

A comparison of the above figures will give the resulting deficiencies.

It is all the more noticeable when one observes that the men are already in bad stages of malnutrition, that a considerable number of them are affected by malaria and that it is necessary to intensify their training schedule.

Any supplementary issues for the eventual improvement of the existing rations should necessarily be made immediately independent of supplementary issues planned for other troops

7. Ordnance Service -

If the Italian automatic carbine is to be substituted by similar American arms, it should be done as soon as possible for training reasons.

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General conditions of the "Nembo" Division (cont'd)

8. Engineer Service -

There are large deficiencies of batteries for radio-signal and telephonic apparatus. The available materiel is not even sufficient for the normal needs of actual service in the territory.

It has not been possible to have a mobile field workshop because there are none available.

It would be desirable to issue freely to the units, mine locating apparatus.

The radio sets have been impounded by the American authorities; it would be wise to return them so that they can be serviced and used for training purposes.

9. Transport services -

The vehicles organically assigned to the units correspond roughly to those now in possession of the units. The small difference will be made up shortly.

However, the original allotment of vehicles is insufficient to take care of the transportation needs of the division. In fact taking into consideration the criteria required to give the division sufficient vehicles to transport all its allotted materiel there is:

Weight of materiel to be transported	4,500 quintals
Weight which can be transported with available vehicles	<u>3,200 quintals</u>
Difference	1,300 quintals

The difference must be transported by successive trips with evident inconvenience aggravated by the fact that the materiel is distributed among the units.

- The weapons and the ammunition of the cannon companies are actually pulled by men. It would be advisable to provide vehicles for this work. 12 trucks would be needed.
- The radio sets are actually carried on the men's shoulders. 12 motortricycles are needed for this.
- 7 trucks are needed to transport the pioneer equipment.
- Also needed are some small trucks for transporting light materiel. 5 would do.

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General conditions of the "Nembo" Division (cont'd)

- In proportion to the number of vehicles assigned to the units, it is necessary to provide adequate vehicles for the transport of fuel and spare parts.
- Actually the Division Headquarters utilized for necessary repairs, a workshop belonging to an Ordnance group. When this is returned to the group it will be necessary to have another assigned to this division.
- The Division Headquarters is trying to organize a technical auto-works organization.

10. Lastly, we report that the morale conditions of the troop are good. It is necessary, however, that the division be used as soon as possible or at least be shipped to the mainland soon. This to avoid eventual contact of the division with malaria and in order not to have a feeling of distrust spread throughout the units which will be detrimental under any aspect.

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MEDICINAL DEFICIENCIES

- Arsenic benzol	phial
- bismuth	phial
- bismuth	tablets
- sulfanilamide	phial
- sulfanilamide	tablets
- camphor	phial
- caffeine	phial
- sparteina	phial
- adrenaline	phial
- iodine tincture	
- arsenic liquor of Fowler	
- vitamins	
- castor oil	
- weverolene oil	
- tincture di belladonna	
- digitalis tincture	
- strophanthus tincture	
- valerian tincture	
- glycerine	
- camphorated soap	
- medicinal soap	
- hydrogen peroxide water	
- iudaurum	tablets
- morphine	phial
- collyrium	
- quinine	
- adhesive	

DEFICIENCIES IN SANITARY MATERIALS

- thermometers
- syringes of 10, 5, 2 cubic centimeters
- needles for syringes
- bandages - gauze
- bandages - starched

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Left in Corsica:

- 12 Mobile workshops (type 3 1/2 + 38)
- 12 men on each shop
- 7 specialist officers
- 75 staff cars
- 16 three wheelers
- 120 lorries SPA L 39 (7-8 qls)
- 312 light lorries (25 qls.)
- 111 middle lorries (40 qls)
- 340 heavy lorries (70 qls.)
- 73 tractors
- 13 trailers
- 60 ambulances (half 4 seats, half 6 seats)
- 300 motorcycles
- 400 three wheelers open
- 12 refrigerators
- 5 recovery vehicles
- 10 watercar
- 1 cattletruck (carry 8)
- 3 autobuses
- 1 tanker
- 1 cookhouse
- 3 xray wagon
- 2 operating theatres
- 5 selfpropelled 75 mm. guns 14 tons
- 47 selfpropelled 6.5 tons (believed 6.5 mm.)
- 17 armored cars 7 tons (type Ansaldo)
- 2761 mules
- 600 horses

Condition half and half
100/110 tons spareparts
400/500 drivers
1000 tires (100 new, 900 used)

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*Needs investigation.
A lot of this material we need*

2.

Personnel attached.....71 skilled trades
 203 semi-skilled trades
 10 officers (including 1 Lt. Col.)
 Mobile machinery vehicles.....six
 Breakdown vehicles, light.....three
 Breakdown vehicles, heavy.....two

6. Mobile Workshops. These are small and dotted about on various units. Their makeup is 1 machinery wagon, 1 recovery vehicle, all in charge of a sergeant with about 10 or 12 men. Vehicles are either heavy or light according to circumstances. On these services are:

58 Mobile shop units
 58 Non-commissioned officers-sergeants
 633 ORs-tradesmen
 Vehicles--41 light machinery vehicles
 21 heavy machinery vehicles
 12 light breakdown vehicles
 21 heavy breakdown vehicles
 4 recovery trailers

7. Personnel. Totals as follows:
 Technical officers

	Skilled and Semi-skilled ORs
13 Parco.....10.....	274
Mobile Services.....	691
At H.Q. of M.T.....4.....	
Total officers 14	965

About 20 civilian tradesmen are also employed. Each regiment has two or three regimental fitters of doubtful ability.

8. General Remarks. The director of motorization, Maj. Bochari, was most obstructive and did not know anything of his department and did not seem as all worried when it was pointed out, during the inspection of workshops with him, that no work was being done and there was no organization. It is suggested that this man should be removed and replaced with someone with energy and organizing ability.

9. General Impression of Vehicle Maintenance--none.
 General Impression of Workshops...Completely organized dis-
 organization!

10. Outline of task system and organization of workshops to centralize at Abbasanta given, pending confirmation through Italian Ministry of War.

11. Having studied the mainland and Sardinia, it is felt that the situation in Sardinia is considerably better; vehicles and spares are better and production of 1800 or 1900 serviceable vehicles could be obtained in a fairly reasonable time with the services available on the island.

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Major D.A.D.M.E.

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Subject: Report on M.T. Vehicles, M.T. Workshops, & Tradesmen
Personnel. Italian Army in Sardinia.

To : Commander Army Sub-Commission, Army Sub-Commission (A.C.C.)

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1. I have studied the state of vehicles and workshops in Sardinia and have paid particular attention to the Nembo Division which is believed to be the best equipped on the island. From information obtained and general observation it appears that all the better vehicles of other units have been handed to Nembo Division, and this fact has been taken into consideration in assessing the whole state of the M.T. in the island.

2. From the examination of about 300 vehicles, the following is the approximate position.

<u>Total vehicles on island.....3786</u>		
Vehicles fit for 8/10,000 miles after 1st line attention	No. 1100,	% 30.
Vehicles fit for 8/10,000 miles after 2nd line attention	No. 793,	% 20.
Vehicles for scrap and cannabilisation	No. 1893,	% 50.
	<u>Total</u>	<u>3786 %100</u>
Total Motor cycles..1943	No.	%
Good and repairable	1140	60
For scrapping and cannabilisation	803	40
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1943 100%</u>

Of the vehicles, most are load carriers, and staff cars are very short (mainly due to tire shortage) and it is suggested that small SPA forward drive truck might be used in place.

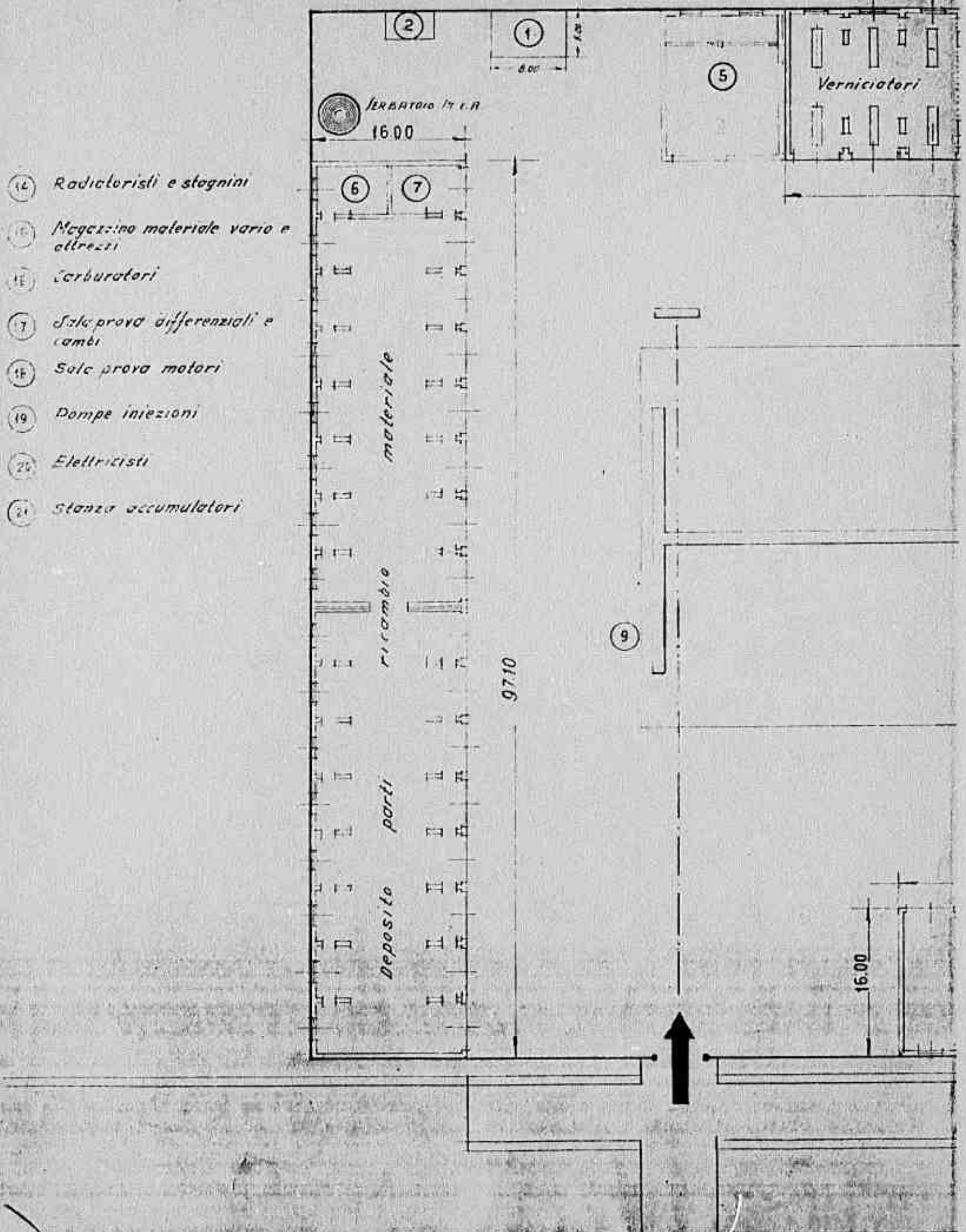
3. Spare Parts. There are about 80 or 90 tons of new parts of a fairly general nature, but many quick moving items are short.

4. Tyres. Only a hundred or two of these are in stores, but most vehicles are very well shod and from the vehicles it is suggested to scrap, there should be a sufficient supply to fit up vehicles for mileages as estimated.

5. Workshops. There is only one proper workshop, 13 Parco Automobilistico, equal to our 3rd line in size but not mobile. It is at Abbasanta, just over half way up the main west road of the island, map ref. Sassari 1/1000000.5982. Plan of workshop is attached showing layout and plant. It is not fully completed but could be worked as a good 2nd-3rd line shop in its present state.

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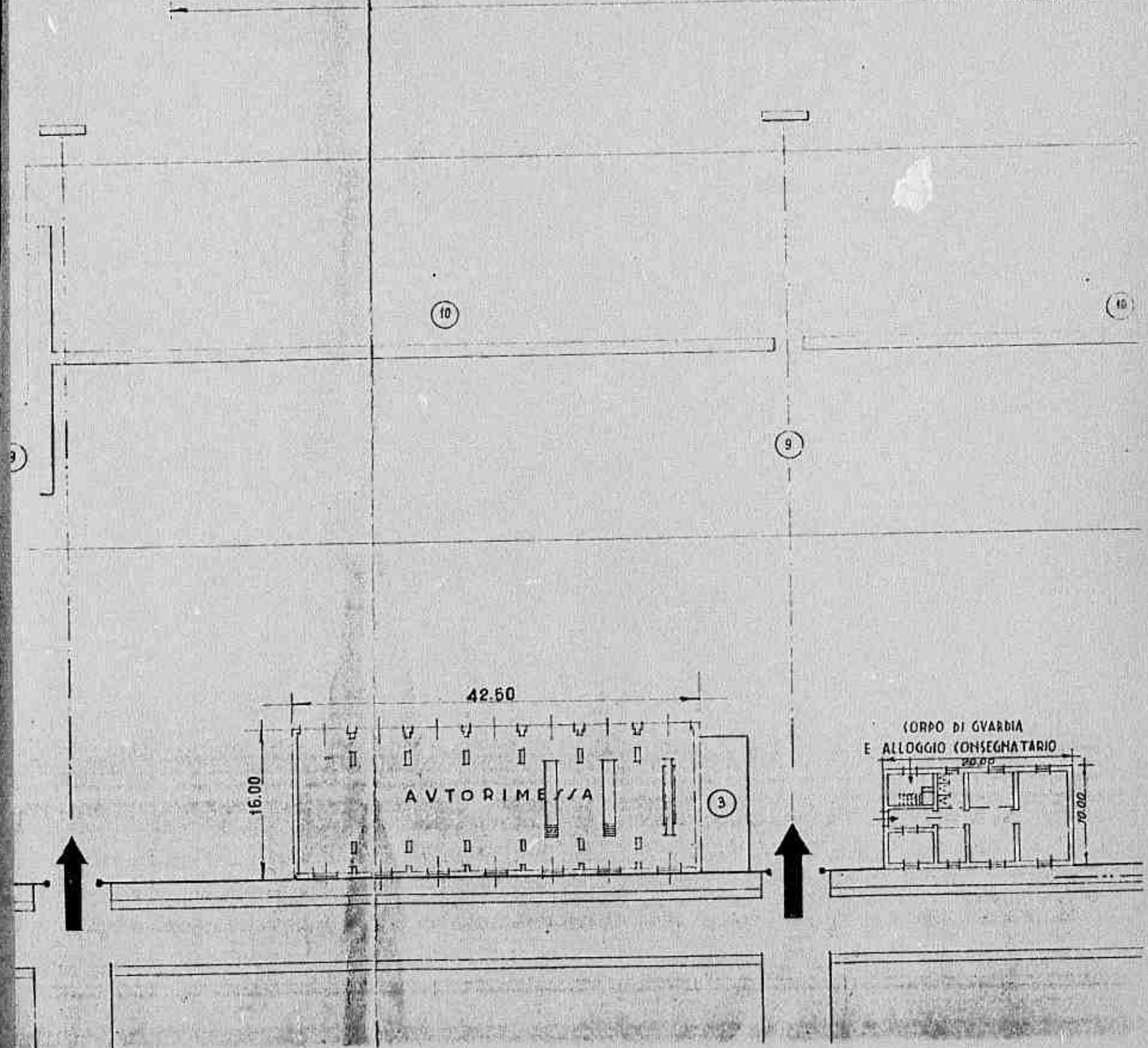
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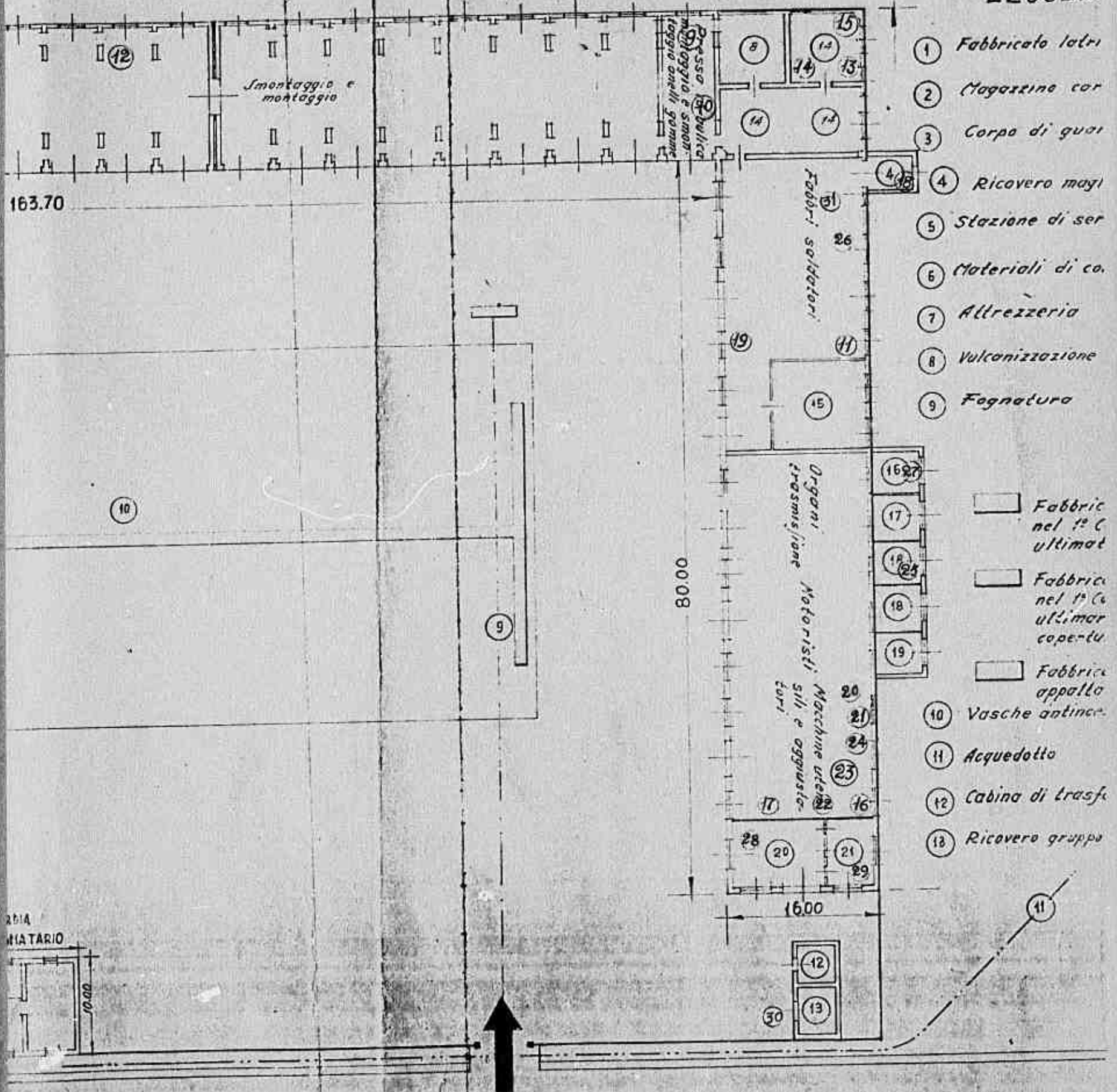
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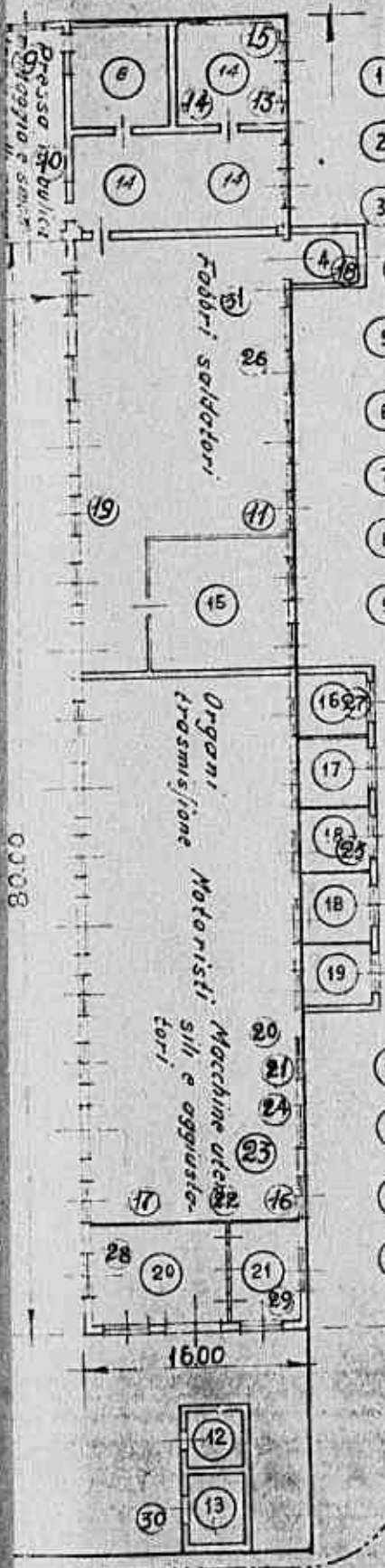


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LEGGENDA

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- ① Fabbrica latrine
 - ② Magazzino carburante
 - ③ Corpo di guardia
 - ④ Ricovero maglio pesante
 - ⑤ Stazione di servizio fissa
 - ⑥ Materiali di consumo
 - ⑦ Attrezzatura
 - ⑧ Vulcanizzazione
 - ⑨ Fagnatura

- ☐ Fabbricati compresi nel 1° Contratto e ultimati
- ☐ Fabbricati compresi nel 1° Contratto e ultimare (250 mq di copertura)
- ☐ Fabbricati attualmente appaltati

- ⑩ Vasche antincendio
- ⑪ Acquedotto
- ⑫ Cabina di trasformazione
- ⑬ Ricovero gruppo elettrogeno

- n°. 1-) Maglio veloce per lamieristi
- n°. 2-) Smerigliatrice elettrica a piedist
- n°. 3-) Tagliano a colonna con morsa e mand
- n°. 4-) Freiatrica elettrica verticale da
- n°. 5-) Bialatrice combinata a filo ed a
- n°. 6-) Sega a nastro mezzano
- n°. 7-) Sega circolare combinata con incav
- n°. 8-) Affilatrice per lame da pialla da
- n°. 9-) Pressa idraulica da 30 T. per mont
- n°. 10-) Pressa idraulica da 250 ATN per mo
- n°. 11-) Pressa idraulica da 80 T. con pom
- n°. 12-) Smerigliatrice elettrica a piedist
- n°. 13-) Bialatrice a rulli grande
- n°. 14-) Cesola dritta a leva con tavolo e
- n°. 15-) Saldatrice elettrica statica
- n°. 16-) Sega alternativa per metalli a fr
- n°. 17-) Laminatrice a coltello scorrevole
- n°. 18-) Maglio pesante
- n°. 19-) Cascia punzonatrice
- n°. 20-) Rettificatrice elettrica Universa
- n°. 21-) Affilatrice Universale per utens
- n°. 22-) Tagliano a colonna con morsa e mand
- n°. 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanz
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- n°. 24-) Alesatrice e levigatrice vertica
- n°. 25-) Banco prova motori "RANZI" per m
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- n°. 26-) Eurgia con ventilatore elettrico
- n°. 27-) Banco "RABOTTI" per pompe iniezi
- n°. 28-) Banco "RABOTTI" per prova equipe
- n°. 29-) Gruppo convertitore per carica b
- n°. 30-) Gruppo elettrogeno di soccorso d
- n°. 31-) N°. 3 impianti mobili per saldatu

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- n° 1-) Taglio veloce per lamieristi
- n° 2-) Smerigliatrice elettrica a piedistallo con due mole da $\varnothing$ mm. 200
- n° 3-) Trapano a colonna con morsa e mandrino per punte fino a $\varnothing$ mm. 25
- n° 4-) Pressatrice elettrica verticale da legno
- n° 5-) Piallatrice combinata a filo ed a spessore
- n° 6-) Sega a nastro mezzano
- n° 7-) Sega circolare combinata con incavatrice
- n° 8-) Affilatrice per lame da pialla da mm. 600
- n° 9-) Pressa idraulica da 50 T. per montaggio anelli di gomma rulli carri armati
- n° 10-) Pressa idraulica da 250 ATN per montaggio anelli gomma trattori pesanti
- n° 11-) Pressa idraulica da 80 T. con pompa differenziale
- n° 12-) Smerigliatrice elettrica a piedistallo con due mole da mm. 300
- n° 13-) Bordatrice a rulli grande
- n° 14-) Cesovia dritta a leva con tavolo e registro
- n° 15-) Saldatrice elettrica statica
- n° 16-) Sega alternativa per metalli a freddo
- n° 17-) Idratrice a coltello scorrevole
- n° 18-) Maglia pesante
- n° 19-) Cesovia punzonatrice
- n° 20-) Rettificatrice elettrica Universale per tornio
- n° 21-) Affilatrice Universale per utensili
- n° 22-) Trapano a colonna con morsa e mandrino per punte fino a $\varnothing$ mm. 50
- n° 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanza punte mm. 3000 altezza mm. 350
- n° 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanza punte mm. 1500 altezza mm. 500
- n° 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanza punte mm. 1500 altezza mm. 300 (n. 2 torni)
- n° 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanza punte mm. 1000 altezza mm. 300
- n° 23-) Tornio parallelo a banco distanza punte mm. 1250 altezza mm. 250 (n. 2 torni)
- n° 24-) Alisatrice e levigatrice verticale portatile "BERCO" (tipo VAN Norman)
- n° 25-) Banco prova motori "RANZI" per motori veloci
- n° 25-) Banco prova motori "RANZI" per motori diesel
- n° 26-) Targa con ventilatore elettrico (n. 2)
- n° 27-) Banco "RABOTTI" per pompe iniezione
- n° 28-) Banco "RABOTTI" per prova equipaggiamenti elettrici
- n° 29-) Gruppo convertitore per carica batterie da 6-12-, Volt
- n° 30-) Gruppo elettrogeno di soccorso da 30 KVA
- n° 31-) N° 3 impianti mobili per saldatura ossiacetilenica

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