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AG/88 Reports - (Capt. Pacini)

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TO: AQ
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Col Shipley

Capt Pacini - Report No. 46
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Laboratorio Ricuperi
Location : Via Felice Cavallotti 12, Lecce
Personnel : 3 Officers
44 EM
400 civilians approximately
Comdg. O. : Capt. Cillo

This is one of the largest, most complete and most efficient repair plants I have visited, in addition to being orderly and very clean. The activities consist of making some new uniforms, which is to be discontinued and repairing Italian and Allied clothing, repairing Allied shoes, at the moment all American, a shop for making the little stars worn by Italian military personnel, repairing mess equipment etc. making and repairing woolen articles such as socks and underwear and a dye plant will be soon ready. From scraps of clothing the shop also makes the flashes worn by Combat Groups and other Italian units and weave branch of service insigna to be placed on headgear.

The Co. O. stated that there is a deficiency of needles, bulbs and other necessary electrical equipment which at present must be purchased on the open market at very high prices. If there is a possibility of obtaining this material through Allied sources it would be well worth the effort because these repair programs appear to be the life blood for dressing Italian military personnel.

One of the officers is also the C.O. of the 9th Reparto di Sussistenza, a Headquarters set up to administer 67 EM, 44 who work with the repair plant and 23 who are employed in the Magazzino Viveri and Casermaggio.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this at proper strength?

3. Report by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

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TO: A2
SD

Capt Pacini - Report No.16
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Distretto Militare di Bari
Location: Via San Francesco
Personnel: 8 Officers
2 Marescialli
100 civilians approximately
Comdg. O.: Col. Di Monte Antonio

On the day of the visit, 14 January, the District offices were preparing all that will be necessary for the forthcoming call up. This included barracks, blankets, mess gear and additional temporary personnel for the forming of a unit to handle the inductees.

The District no longer has any storerooms of its own, everything having been turned in a long time ago. Its principal activity at the moment being the preparation and maintenance of records for the payment of subsidies to the families of those who are PWs, are still in occupied areas, in the Balkans etc.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is strength authorized?
3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

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26 January 1945.

NA
29 Jan

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TO: AQ
SD
Col Shipley

Capt Pacini - Report No.15
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Compagnia Presidiaria, Bari.
Personnel: 5 Officers
145 EM
Comdg. O.: Lt. Zerbo

This Company provides for the services of the Bari Presidio. It has no automotive equipment, but instead has 140 horses and mules with carts with which they provide much of the transportation, in addition the men do guard duty, act as waiters, etc.

The Company is located in barracks at the outskirts of the city. They are in good health, work willingly and the C.O. stated that there has been no trouble in the couple of months that he has taken over.

They have the necessary casermaggio equipment but are especially short of shoes and overcoats, and therefore the overcoats are allotted only to those doing guard duty in the open. The mess is good, but the kitchen facilities bad and could be easily remedied with a bit of initiative as brought out.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is such a company authorized?
3. I will write the Minister for War on the condition reported.
4. Why all the horses?
5. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

26 January 1945.

CPK

No action
29 Jan
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File
1/2 Capt Pacini - Report No. 14
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Centro Alloggio Numero 1 (formerly Campo Sosta e Contumacia)

Location: Approximately 1½ kms from Bari.

Personnel: 8 Officers

35 EM

Comdg. O.: A Lt. Col. whose name I didn't get.

This is a reception center for men coming from overseas - the Balkans, Africa, India etc. They are washed, disinfected, examined and disposed of as soon as possible to their ultimate destinations. Men are generally not held for over 5 days.

At the time of the inspection, there were only 30 transients in the camp. It is equipped to handle as many as 850 and have the necessary casermaggio equipment for this purpose. The number in the camp fluctuates strongly but I could not get evidence of very large numbers ever being there except once when they had over 1000 for a period of a few days. This information was made necessary by the fact that the C.O. insisted that he needed more personnel, whereas the situation is precisely the reverse.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit? On which strength return?

3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

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26 January 1945.

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What action
is being taken?

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Please see memorandum
see 29 Jan 45 D30/1

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TO: AQ
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Capt Pacini - Report No.12
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: 147th Autoreparto Pesante
Location: Dante Alighieri
Strength: 6 Officers
147 E M including the detachment at Brindisi

As of 12 Jan., the day of the inspection, this unit had the following cars:

Efficient trucks - 58
Not efficient - 6
Need only tires and batteries - 14

This unit provides the bulk of the transportation for the Direzione Automobilistica. It is organized in the form of a Company, the C. O. being a Captain. The majority of repairs are taken care of by their own small shop, some performed by the 9th Autieri.

In addition to the difficulties found in obtaining tires and batteries, this unit has a number of Citroen trucks, some not efficient and that cannot be repaired unless parts are found.

The situation of this unit is the same as that of the 9th Autieri, namely a fair percentage of cars could be put on the road by the mere issue of tires and batteries and on the basis of this it is suggested that details be obtained with the purpose in mind of meeting this deficiency.

The unit is efficiently organized, the officers and men know their business. Practically all from Milano and surrounding towns and have been in the automotive industry all their life.

The unit storeroom had no excess clothing, only the necessary casermaggio equipment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit in our W/R?
3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

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TO: AQ
Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No.10
dated 14 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Military Medical Installations in Bari

Locations: Ispettorato di Sanità
Direzione Sanità
Ospedale Principale Militare
" Balilla
" Del Prete
9th Compagnia di Sanità
84th Reparto Autoambulanze

Personnel: See attached report for entire Territorial Command, which shows the T/O, the strength and the difference. The records of the units in Bari correspond, the rest will be checked as inspections are made.

Commanding O.: Col. Felsani, Director of Sanità
Col. in charge of Ospedale Principale
Lt. Col. in charge of Balilla and Del Prete
Capt. in charge of 9th Compagnia

There are 20 ambulances, distributed as follows:

8 in Bari
6 in Bari being repaired
1 at Bisceglie
1 at Molfetta
1 at Gioia del Colle
1 at Mesagne
1 at Lecce
1 at Palo del Colle

The ambulances are under control of the 84th Reparto Autoambulanze.

The Balilla and Del Prete hospitals have over 60 day patients, all of which will be moved within the next few days to the two locations assigned by the authorities.

The store rooms of these units contained a sufficient quantity of Casermaggio equipment but no excess clothing.

Recommendations: The Director of Sanità requested that I recommend that train cases be sent directly to the hospital in Lecce instead of Bari as at present. This would facilitate operations in Bari and avoid further removals from Bari to Lecce.

Henry J. Pacini

2. Strength state on copy for Surgeon.

Capt Pacini - Report No.10
dated 14 January 1945

3. Does this agree with the W/E?
4. Report action by 1 February 1945.

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Capt Pacini - Report No. 1
dated 9 January 1945TO: AQ
Col Shipley
Ord Records

1. Report follows:

Subject: Deposito Speciale CasermaggioLocation: Via Casale Figorosa 10 and 20Warehouses: Via Crisanzio 218

Via Estramurale Capruzzi 240

Via Cardassi & Via de Giosa

Distributes to units in: Bari, Foggia, Potenza, Campobasso,
Lecce, Taranto, Brindisi, Molfetta, Monopoli, and BarlettaPersonnel: 2 Officers

15 E M

17 Civilians, of which 2 are office employees, remainder
work in repair shopsCommanding O.: Lt. Col. Calderazzi Filippo

Attached is an inventory of the material that is located
in all of the Casermaggio warehouses.

The more important material such as blankets, sheets, pillow
cases and mattress covers is in excellent condition. The majority
of the rest is only fair and in rather small quantities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This activity is very poorly managed. The items
checked had discrepancies. The CO is being retired. It is strongly
recommended that an inventory of the entire stock be taken, that
a good set of records be opened, replacing or supplementing the
present ones that are inadequate. It is further recommended that
the entire Casermaggio activity pass under the control of the
La Rocca Issue Depot placing in charge a Junior Officer dependent
on the centralized activity at La Rocca. There is no need for a
Lt. Col. in charge of this comparatively minor activity.

An alternate recommendation would be to move out all the
blankets that total 21,117 into the La Rocca Depot so that at least
this important item may be centralized.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory is attached to copy to *Adm Rec*
3. Take action to make this a subsidiary of La Rocca. Retire the
CO - let's see that he is.
4. Have complete inventory made by Bari office. *045*
5. Eliminate useless people.
6. Report action by 1 Feb 1945.

CPK

26 January 1945.

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