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Q/102 ST- MISC REPORTS/DEPORTS/ETC.
Opened May 18, 1945 - Closed Oct. 29, 1945
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SUBJECT: Provisioning - Northwest Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

Ministry of War.

29 Oct 45.

Copy to: MMIA LO ST N.W. ITALY (GENOA).

1. Herewith copy of MMIA ST LO N.W. ITALY letter concerning geographic lay out of area for ration maintenance by respective Italian Army Depots.
2. It is deemed advisable that this subject be given thorough consideration with a view of conservation of road transport.

RMV/gac

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).
Lt. Col. RASC.

INTERNAL:

RAC

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Provisioning N.W. ITALY.

S&T MILIA LO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office,
GENOVA

To:- M.M.I.A., ROME (for S&T).

STQ/8
25 October 1945

Herewith suggested Geographical layout of areas to be maintained from Depots in N.W. ITALY:-

GENOVA - (2 Distribution Depot): EAST of the line including IMPERIA to including ALBA - ASTI - ALESSANDRIA - TORTONA - BOBBIO - to including BERGATO - PONTREMOLI - SARZANA - LA SPEZIA.

PIACENZA - (75 Distribution Depot): Within the northern boundary of GENOVA including ALESSANDRIA to including BERGATO to including PARMA - PIADENA - DESENZANO. - WEST lake GARDA to including GARGANO - VESTONE - BRESCIA to including CREMA - LODI - PAVIA - to including ALESSANDRIA.

MILAN - (3 Distribution Depot): EAST lake MAGGIORE to including NOVARA to including VERCELLI - CASALE - ALESSANDRIA.

TURIN - (1 Distribution Depot): WEST of MILAN - GENOVA boundaries.

/s/

A. COTTON
S/Captain, RASC.,
S&T MILIA LO.,
N.W. ITALY

Copy to:- Major GE (for info)

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CCNY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FROST

111926 A

TO : 12 CORPS

INFO: MMIA

REF : FX 40360

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RESTRICTED

REFERENCE FX 47536 OF 6 OCTOBER (.) PARA 1 (.)

MMIA AGREE GUARDING OF 2 FOOD DEPOTS IN

MESTRE AREA RESPONSIBILITY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.)

PARA 2 (.) SLS ITI GUARD BATTALION AT MESTRE

SHOULD TAKE OVER COMBAT (.) SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE

ACCORDINGLY

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/15

Info: A

2 (Two)
ST (Two)

WE 12 Oct 48

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

Q
Q/102 (27)

FROM: MEIA
TO : AFHQ
INFO: 13 CORPS FOR MEIA LO
REF : SD 102

Date Time
09/6/50 A

DECLASSIFIED

REFERENCE YOUR FA 47596 OF 06 (*)
YOUR PARA 2 A (*) FOOD DEPOSITS ARE ITI-ITI HANDLING
ALL RATIONS FOR ALL ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN NE ITALY (*)
YOUR PARA 2 B (*) NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY 13 CORPS
INTERESTED IN OBTAINING GUARDS FROM TROOPS UNDER 13 CORPS
COMMAND AS 516 ITI-ITI GUARD BATTALION IS NOW AT
WESTRE (*) MEIA LETTER 6/12 DATED 4 OCT ALSO REVEALS

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

INTERNAL: A
Q (Two)
BT
File : SD/13

JV 09 Oct 49

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ LIONED SACRED CITE FROST

061216 A

TO : MMIA

INFO: 13 CORPS

REF : FX 47536

RE RESTRICTED

PARA 1 (.) GUARDS CONFERENCE R O M E, 2 OCTOBER,

REF 13 CORPS REPORTED GUARDS BEING PROVIDED BY THEM

FOR 2 M M I A FOOD DEPOTS IN M E S T R E AREA (.)

PARA 2 (.) PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON (.)

(A) PRESENT FUNCTION OF THESE DEPOTS (.)

(B) IF RETENTION DESIRABLE WHETHER GUARD COMMITMENT

CANNOT BE MADE ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/13

Info: A

4 (Two)
ST (Two)

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SUBJECT:- Movement of Subsistence.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/211

Ministry of War.

4 Oct 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SICILY (your report of inspection
3 Oct 45 refers)
MMIA LO c/o 54 ARMA.

1. MMIA LO SICILY inspected the Bulk Food Depot CATANIA on 25 Sept. It was found that an open rail car of sugar, without any shelter, had been received from BART.
2. As a result of this means of movement in an unprotected rail car, a large amount of sugar became wet.
3. Movement of subsistence in open rail cars is inexcusable and indicates irresponsibility concerning the protection of Allied rations.
4. Instructions should be issued to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

KHE/gac

Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : E M LA

TO : EMIA LG (ST) GENOA
ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY

INFO : EMIA LG TURIN
EMIA LG MILAN
AFIN FOR ST
DISTRO FOR ST
HQ 13 (UNUS)

ST/1046

UNCLASSIFIED (.) SUBJECT MOVEMENT ITALIAN ARMY FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT
ALESSANDRIA (.) PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS MOVEMENT OF NO 75 FOOD DIST
DEPOT ALESSANDRIA TO PIACENZA (.) LAST ISSUE TO UNITS EX ALESSANDRIA TO
BE FOR PERIOD 6 - 20 OCT (.) INITIAL DISTRIBUTION RATINGS PIACENZA PERIOD
21 OCT - 5 NOV (.) ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BY RESPECTIVE COMMISSARIATO
DISTRIBUTION CONSUMPTION REALLOCATION UNITS TO PARTIALLY RELIEVE FEEDING
RESPONSIBILITIES NO 3 FOOD DIST DEPOT MILAN (.) UNITS AT PRESENT MAINTAINED
EX ALESSANDRIA TO DRAW THIRIN - MILAN OR GENOA WHICHEVER MORE CONVENIENT
GEOGRAPHICALLY (.) SURPLUS STOCK ALESSANDRIA TO BE MOVED UNDER YOUR
ARRANGEMENTS (.) INITIAL STOCKING PIACENZA EX NO 2 MILK FOOD DEPOT GENOA

(ST/180)

INTERNAL:

ST/113

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

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SUBJECT:- Distribution of Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/102

3 Sept 45.

ALL MMIA LO'S.

Copy to:- Ministry of War
Navy Sub Commission HQ AC
Air Forces Sub Commission HQ AC
Public Safety Sub Commission HQ AC.

RAC

Forwarded herewith translation of Ministry of War letter of instruction 15794/S/1 of 24 Aug 45 for information and guidance.

K. Robert Wilson May

Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

KRI/gmc

Internal 'Q'

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Q. 1

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR
Gen. Direct. of Admin. & Comm. Services
SUBSISTENCE DIVISION

PA. 3800 24 August 1945

No. 15794/S/1

SUBJECT:- Distribution of Food Rations.

TO : ALL MILITARY TERR COMANDS
INFO : LAND FORCES SUB COM. AC. (MILIA)
CABINET
S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi
ALL COMMISSARIAT DIRECTORATES
ALL MILITARY COM. SECTIONS

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In order to carry out this procedure with uniformity, and having received communication from MILIA, we lay down the following procedure for the distribution of rations:

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- d) Should it not be possible to supply rations according to the procedure and on the days laid down in the preceding paragraph c), owing to the number of units to whom rations have to be issued, the Territorial HQ's addressed as above are authorized to order that the rationing be made even in fortnightly periods other than those dealt with in paragraph c).

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- e) The depots must always register outgoing vouchers on the same day as that on which distribution is carried out.

We request MILA to make the above instructions known to its own LO's. The said instructions should be attended to promptly.

/s/ Per the Minister
Pelligra

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APPENDIX to ltr 15794/S/1 of 24 Aug 45

Date of first withdrawal of the month	For consumption period	Date of second withdrawal of the month	For consumption period
7th	7th to 21st	22nd	22nd to 6th
8th	8th " 22nd	23rd	23rd " 7th
9th	9th " 23rd	24th	24th " 8th
...		...	
...		...	
...		...	
19th	19th to 3rd	4th	4th to 18th
20th	20th " 4th	5th	5th " 19th
21st	21st " 5th	6th	6th " 20th
22nd	22nd " 6th	7th	7th " 21st
etc	etc		etc

P.S. For the units authorized to draw for a period less than 15 days the roster will be made in the same way as the others.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(N. M. I. A.) ROME.

31 August, 1945.

Dear

Colonel Penrose has shown me your letter of
23rd August, 1945.

I would like to express my appreciation of
all the good work you did for the Mission, both in the
supervision of Italian M.T. repair shops and in playing an
important part in the establishment of Italian Supply Depots
in the North.

Now you are released from Military Duty and I
wish you every success in Civil Life.

Yours

L.B.

Major B.B. Kyle,
R.A.S.C.

Recd. to Lt Col. Cantres for action
8/23

Major B.B. Kyle
c/o M.M.I.A. L.O.
GENOA

23 August, 1945

Dear Colonel Penrose,

On the eve of my departure on release,
I would very much like to thank you and Major Nelson
for your consideration and support since I came over
to Supply Duties.

I would also be indebted to you if you
would express on my behalf to Major-General Browning
my appreciation of the privilege of having served
under his command, and also my good wishes for the
future of the Mission.

My very best wishes to you, sir, and all
the Staff of the Mission.

Yours sincerely

Barry Kyle

Cmdr.

*To see Kyle was one of our Transport Control officers
but being a "Supply" man proved of greater use in
the North than in Transport at Naples. He did
excellent work in establishing the Italian depots.*

*Drop me a letter to LLE
thanking him for his good work*
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RAC

SUBJECT: - Hand-over of Italian Provided Items -
British Depots.

ITALIA LO's:
 EARL
 PENBASE
 GENOA
 TURIN
 13 CORPS
 NAPLES
 FLORENCE
 MILAN
 ST N.E. ITALY
 DISPOSE

Copy to:- DST, AFHQ

DDST 1 District
 DDST 2 District
 DDST 3 District
 DDST 13 Corps

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
 (M.M.I.A.).
 ST/102

23 Aug 45.

1. DST, AFHQ has instructed all supply formations holding Italian Provided Items to handover same to nearest Italian Army Depot after 21 August (or date when British Depots no longer provision Italian Armed Forces).
2. Request that a return be rendered to this HQ by 5 September indicating:
 - a. Commodities and amounts handed over.
 - b. Designation and location British Depot handing over.
 - c. Designation of Italian Depot receiving items.
3. For information of all, Italian Provided Items are the property of the Italian Government and have not been charged (financially) to the British Government. The only accounting necessary is an inter-depot transfer (from British to Italian Depot).

R. E. Henthorn

TURIN ST N.E. ITALY
13 CORPS DISPO

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DDST 2 District
DDST 3 District
DDST 13 Corps

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Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

KRV/gmc

RAQ

INTERNAL:- 'Q' ST/217

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M H I A

22 1805 .B.

TO : DIRECTOR FOR MIA IO
86 AREA FOR MIA IO
PERQUIN FOR MIA IO
FEBLAK FOR MIA IO
54 AREA FOR MIA IO

INFO : ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY

ST/965

ST-953

ST-963

UNCLASSIFIED (.) GARNER OUR ST/953 OF 11 AUG AND ST/963 OF 21 AUG (.) DUE
ABSENCE MIA IO AT BOLOGNA THEIR HQ SIGNAL OF RAIL DISPATCHES FOR BOLOGNA CMA
PORTA CMA AREA BE. MADE BY RESPECTIVE COMMANDER ITALIAN DEPOTS OR
COMMISSARIATI TO CONSIDER DEPOTS OR COMMISSARIATI THROUGH ITALIAN SIGNALS

(ST/151)

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

INTERNAL

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AUTHENTICITY

1st. Col.

RAB

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SUBJECT:- Medical Supplies and P.O.L.

Q/102
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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/100

MMIA LO GENOA.

15 Aug 45.

Reference Appendix D your Liaison Log No. 7 of 4 Aug 45.

1. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Hospital Diet Items and disinfectants are supplied in bulk from British RASC sources to the Italian Armed Forces. Releases are made monthly on the basis of a demand by ADMS, this HQ. Hospital Diet Items are taken into Italian Army Bulk Food Depots or Food Distribution Depots for eventual distribution to hospitals only.

Disinfectants are taken into Italian Army Medical Supply Depots, under the control of the "Direzione di Sanita'", each Territorial HQ. Detail issue ~~is~~ made from Medical Supply Depots, not Food Depots.

Release of Hospital Diet Items and disinfectants ex 46 BSD for September is being forwarded to you today under separate cover.

Accounting for bulk receipts ex British depots is the same as for rations; i.e., Acceptance Notes MMIA Forms ST/3.

2. P.O.L.

Diesel oil is not allocated for cooking purposes. Supply of fuel oil for cooking for BR-ITI units may be allocated at the discretion of the local Sub-Area, Area, or District Commander. Application should be made to 'Q' of the local British formation for BR-ITI units.

No provision is made for the supply of fuel for cooking for other categories of Italian Armed Forces from Allied sources. Normally, fuel (firewood) is procured from Italian sources under arrangements of the local Territorial Commissariato.

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RAC

Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:-

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ST/104

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

ST BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION NO. 4
(MOVEMENT OF STOCKS)

1. With effect from 1 September 45 provisions of ST Branch Operating Instructions 1 and 2 dated 20 Mar and 8 Apr 45 are cancelled.
2. Respective Commissariati representatives and depots have been instructed by the War Ministry to signal data of despatches and maintain a record of despatches and receipts.
3. It is hoped by the introduction of this system that traffic over Allied signals will be reduced considerably. Italian military and civil signals are adequate for all parts of Italy.

15 Aug 45

K. Robert Helom
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

DISTRIBUTION

ALL MMIA Lcs.
Q MMIA
Sigs MMIA

16 Aug

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SUBJECT:- Provision of Forage - Italian Navy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/234

Ministry of War.

ST/234.

9 AUG 45.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AG.
Air Forces Sub Commission AG.
MELA LO SARDINIA (further to our ST/943 of 8 Aug 45).
DST, AFHQ.

1. Provision of forage for animals utilized by the Italian Armed Forces, and procured from Allied sources, is a responsibility of the Ministry of War.
2. In the future demands made to this HQ for forage will include requirements for all Services; i.e. Army, Navy, and Air Forces.
3. Animal strength returns etc. will include break-down of animals employed by each Service for which forage is demanded.
4. Arrangements for distribution, in bulk, to Navy and Air Forces will be your responsibility.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MELA).

K. Robert Nelson Major
Lt. Col. RASC.

INTERNAL:- '01'
'02'

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SUBJECT:- Location Statement - MMIA LO's.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.H.I.A.).
ST/200

D.E.T., A.F.H.Q.

8 Aug 45.

1. Herewith for your information, copy of Appendix 'A' to MMIA Office Instruction No. 96, showing locations of all MMIA LO's as at 7 Aug 45.
2. Owing to the fluid situation, frequent changes of personnel are likely to occur.

PTC

KRN

HPG/gac

Lt.Col. RASO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:-

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'A'
'Q'

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SIGNAL

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FROM: BELA

DATE TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

18 1540Z

Q 448

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FOR Q MAINT AND ST (.) REFERENCE CONVERSATION WHITTAKER HUGHES (.) ON
REITER PHOENIX NOW CONSIDERS VEHICLE MOST SUITABLE FOR ITALIAN BULK
DEPOT (.) REQUEST 44. BLD BUILDING BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MAINT ST
COMMITMENT TO BE TAKEN OVER EARLIEST

PRECEDENCE

Exempt and

AUTHENTICATION

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Internal:

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SUBJECT:- Report by A.D.S.T. MMIA on Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Com. AC.
(M.H.I.A.).
ST/82

18 July 45.

MMIA LO's:
3 ARMY
2 DISTRICT
GENOVA

1 DISTRICT
TURIN

Further to MMIA signal Q 35 dated 11 July 45 (not to all).

1. Owing to difficulty in air connections and a car break down we did not arrive at 1 District until 1700 hrs Thursday 12 July.
NOTE: It is possible to catch the Stars & Stripes plane from MILAN at 0745 hrs and travel via VERONA & UDINE to the Lido at VENICE, arriving at VENICE at approx. 1200 hrs.
2. Met A.D.S.T. Supplies Lt.Col. HERGENAVES and Capt. BOURNE and arranged meeting with D.A.Q.M.G. Lt.Col. GONDI for 1045 hrs, 13 July. Was informed by Capt. BOURNE that BOLZANO and VERONA would be a 1 District responsibility but that VENICE and UDINE came in Army Area. No depots had been found. Heard that all accommodation in VENICE & MESTRE area had been frozen for possible back stacking TRIESTE maintenance.
3. Attended conference with A.D.S.T. and D.A.Q.M.G. 13 July, explained necessity of putting scheme into immediate operation and found everyone most co-operative. Suggestion put forward that Bulk Depot might be in Area ANCONA and it was stated that Adriatic Base Depot near SENIGALLIA would soon be vacated by U.S.A. troops. In this way, ANCONA would be a very suitable focal point for assembling local purchase items and making up packs for onward transmission to Distribution Depots by rail.
From local feeding strength figures received it would appear advisable to open a Distribution Depot at FORLI where there is now 16,626 feeding strength. This would have to be in addition to the ANCONA Distribution Depot.
The D.A.Q.M.G. promised to ensure that Depots were made available at BOLZANO, VERONA, ANCONA & FORLI. He also promised to contact A.F.H.Q. re the release of premises in either MESTRE or ANCONA for Bulk Depot.
Major KYLE attended the conference and stated that 8 Army and 86 Area were unable to offer any accommodation in VENICE or UDINE for Distribution Depots. We remained at 1 District until 1600 hrs in case I could obtain further information re Bulk Depot; this was not forthcoming so we proceeded to VENICE.

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4. Visited S & T Area morning of 14 July and was given great assistance by D.A.D.S. Major **MILLARD** and D.A.Q.M.G. Major **COOPER**, who eventually offered a Depot previously reserved as a F.I.S. Transit shed. We did a recon of this in the afternoon in company of Capt. **GRISCO** of **UDINE** Commissariato. It turned out to be an excellent Depot and is rail served, approx. 1 mile from the end of the Causeway on the **PADUA** Road.

5. Left **VENICE** by Whizzer at 1000 hrs 15 July for Rear 3 Army and met Major **CAREW-HUNT** and Capt. **HERBERT**. In company with Capt. **HERBERT** we visited the acting D.A.Q.M.G. (Accommodation) Capt. **MILES** who co-operated by ringing D.A.Q.M.G. 204 Sub-Area and asked that priority be given to the locating of Distribution Depot at **UDINE**. Followed this up with 204 Sub-Area D.A.Q.M.G. Major **BRETT** and arranged conference for 0900 hrs 16 July.

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6. Conference 0900 hrs at 204 Sub-Area present D.A.Q.M.G., Colonel from Commissariato, Town-Major and ourselves.

7. Offered bombed buildings near station rail served or accommodation north of town now occupied by 3005 U.S. Field Bakery. Colonel from Commissariato also suggested that Distribution Depot might fitted in at the Distretto. We then proceeded to reece all three locations.

- (1) The accommodation at the Distretto appeared very limited but good.
- (2) The bombed site would need considerable work being carried out, but a quite good location.
- (3) The U.S. Bakery not likely to be vacated due to the arrival of U.S. Rail Head at UDINE.

However we then visited Territorial Command and the ITI C.R.E. was asked to inspect No. 2 above and report.

Colonel of Commissariato prepared in any case to receive rations on or after 1 August.

Again contacted 1 District for further news of Bulk Depot but nothing settled except that in principle it is preferred to be at ANCONA.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

It is anticipated that XIII Corps will take over commitments for 8 Army in N. Italy within approx. 14 - 21 days.

Departed UDINE 1140 hrs, 17 July, arrived ROE 1345 hrs.

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UDINE	5,000
VENICE	9,000

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(3) The U.S. Bakery not likely to be vacated due to the arrival of U.S. Rail Head at UDINE.

However we then visited Territorial Command and the ITI C.R.E. was asked to inspect No. 2 above and report.

Colonel of Commissariato prepared in any case to receive rations on or after 1 August.

Again contacted 1 District for further news of Bulk Depot but nothing settled except that in principle it is preferred to be at ANCONA.

Handwritten:
Ancona
25 August 44

GENERAL INFORMATION.

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JMR/gac

Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MSTIA).

INTERNAL - ST/208

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SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Food Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/209

Navy Sub Commission AG.

16 July 45.

Copy to:- MMIA IO NAPLES.

Reference our letter ST/179 of 2 July 45.

1. Herewith copy of General Inspection Report made by MMIA IO NAPLES of the Naples Navy Food Depot on 12 July 45 for your information.

KRM/gmc

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MMIA).
Lt. Col. RASC.

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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" APPENDIX 1 "

NAVIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.I. or Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
NAPLES	11/7/45	Naval Victualling Depot	Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Area position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Gravely handicapped by lack of space. Former depots are all being used by Royal Navy. Proper spacing and stacking impossible. No proper tally boards. Damage is insufficient.

Anti-fly }
Fire } Precautions not adequate.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of coffee, which corresponded substantially with amount shown in books of account.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W.H.D. CRAWFORD

DATE: 12 July 45

Rank Capt.

SUBJECT:- Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.F.I.A.).
ST/182

Ministry of War.

10
16 July 45.

Further to our ST/182 of 28 June and 8 July 45.

1. Information given to this HQ concerning approximate feeding strengths as at 10 July 45 in the areas of North Italy appears below:-

Milan	18000	Forli	6500
Turin	6000	Ferrara	2800
Alessandria	13500	Rimini	10122
Genoa	12500	Foligno	1500
Udine	5000	Ancona	8200
Venice	9500	Arezzo	6400
Trieste	4000	Verona	not determined
Bologna	12000	Bolzano	" "

2. The figures above include all categories of Italian Armed Forces.

See 18/7
KRN/gmc

KRN
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(M.F.I.A.).

INTERNAL:- 'q'

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM ADST MMIA (MILAN)

DATE TIME

11 1700

TO MMIA ROME

INFO MMIA LO TURIN - MMIA LO GENOA - 2 DISTRICT

Q 35

CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) ALL DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS NOW FOUND AT MILAN TURIN ALESSANDRIA ~~AND~~
GENOA (.)

TWO (.) 45 DAYS ITALIAN PORTION SHOULD NOW PROCEED DIRECT BY RAIL AND
ARRANGED WITH NELSON (.)

THREE (.) HAVE ARRANGED WITH ADST (MAINT) AFHQ FOR 30 DAYS ALLIED PORTION
OF RATION TO BE AVAILABLE FROM BSD GENOA ON 17 JULY TO BE COMPLETED
BY 10 AUGUST (.) ALL BASED ON RATION STRENGTH 50,000 (.)

FOUR (.) BALANCED RATIONS FOR 30 DAYS TO BE MOVED TO DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AS
FOLLOWS :-

MILAN	18,000
TURIN	6,000
ALESSANDRIA	13,500
GENOA	12,500

FIVE (.) NOTE DISTWO HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING RATIONS FOR 2,940 IN AREA LETHORN
MOSTLY PIONEER. SUGGEST THEY WILL HAVE TO BE FED BY 212 DIV OR
OPEN DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AT LETHORN (.)

SIX (.) BALANCE OF 33 DAYS WINE CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY (.)

SEVEN (.) ONE DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN MAKING CONTACT FOR DRIED FRUIT
LOCALLY PRICES QUOTED 200 LIRE PER KILO FOR DRIED PEACH PULP (.)

EIGHT (.) TERRITORIAL COMMANDS PREFER TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRACT FOR
MANUFACTURE OF MACARONI (.)

NINE (.) APPROX BREAKDOWN OF STRENGTHS IN DISTWO - 3 COMBAT GROUPS 30,000
ONE INDEPENDENT GUARDS REGIMENT 2,500 BRIT ITI SERVICE TROOPS 7,000
ITI ITI SERVICE TROOPS 3,000, OCCR 5,000 - TOTAL 47,500.

TEN (.) BIDS FOR MOVEMENT FROM GENOA TO DIST DEPOTS WILL BE MADE BY NO.2

(Copy Signal contd)

TERR HQ ~~ONE~~ MOVES N.W. ITALY (.)
ELEVEN (.) SUGGEST NO.6 E.V.P. SHOULD MOVE TO VERONA AND BE REDESIGNATED
NO.4 TO WORK UNDER NO.4 TERR HQ (.)
TWELVE (.) NO.2 S AND T COY IS UNDER COMMAND 1 DIST AND LOCATED AT BOLOGNA (.)
REPORT OF CONFERENCE AT 5 ARMY 13 JUNE STATED COMPANY IN COMPLETE
SHAMBLES (.) 80 VEHICLES V O R OF WHICH 45 WERE B L R (.)
BEING REFITTED BY 105 BRIDGE COY BUT LITTLE HOPE OF GENERAL RECOVERY (.)
NO.1 S AND T COY LOCATED AT FORLI IN 217 AREA IN FAIRLY GOOD
CONDITION APPROX 20 VEHICLES V O R AVERAGE (.)
THIRTEEN (.) IF ALL THESE COYS PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL SUGGEST NO.2 MOVES TO
CESANO NO.3 MOVES TO DISTWO AND NO.1 REMAINS WITH DISTONE (.)
FOURTEEN (.) PRESENT STRENGTH OF VEHICLES APPROX AS FOLLOWS BUT DETAILED REPORT
WILL BE SENT LATER (.) STAFF CARS LIGHT LOAD CARRIERS HEAVY LOAD
CARRIERS MILAN 10 3 AND 12 TURIN 13 2 AND SIX GENOA
4 NIL AND SIX (.) HOPE THAT 6 LOAD CARRIERS CAN BE ADDED TO
STRENGTHS OF EACH TERR HQ WITHIN NEXT 7 DAYS (.)
FIFTEEN (.) S AND T COYS WILL ~~REQUIRE~~ BE REQUIRED IN ADDITION TEMPORARILY
TO MOVE SUPPLIES AND THE VERY LARGE QUANTITIES OF ITALIAN ARMY
EQUIPMENT NOW FOUND IN THIS AREA (E.G. 12,000 TONS M T SPARES) .
SIXTEEN (.) SUGGEST MAJOR KYLE SHOULD MOVE TO GENOA (.)
SEVENTEEN (.) I AM MOVING TO DISTONE THURSDAY 12 JULY WITH MAJOR MONICO

Q Act: 2/5/7

2/10/2

6/1/74

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SUBJECT:- Reorganisation Italian Army Depots -
N.W. Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.),
ST/182

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA LO's:

FLORENCE	1 DISTRICT
NAPLES	EARI
DST, AFHQ	
Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.	
Navy Sub Commission, AC.	

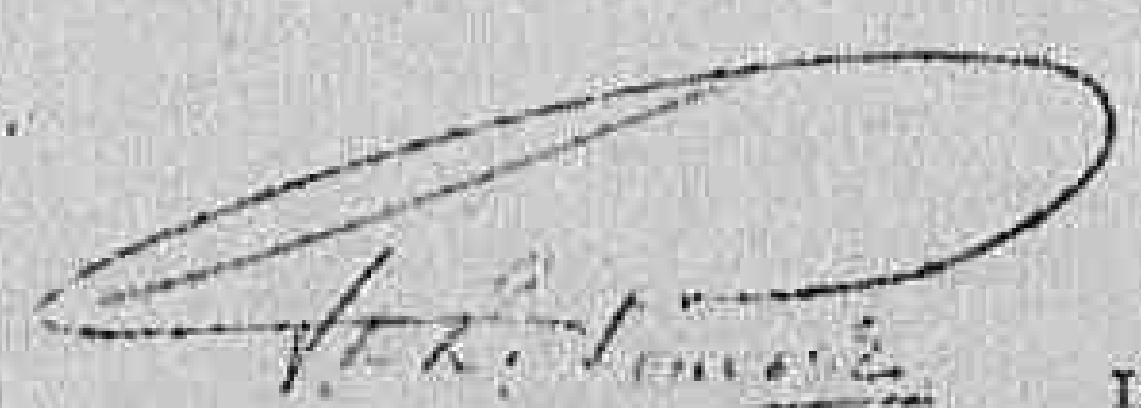
8 Jun 45

Further to this HQ ST/182 dated 28 June 45.

1. Ref para 2(c), add Food Distribution Depot at ANCONA.

SEE 12

HFC/gnc


Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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Mov MMIA

Q102.

SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

07 1005 B

FROM MMIA
TO MMIA LO MILAN
INFO DISTONE DISTRO FREDCH Q MAINT

Q 419

RESTRICTED

MEET DASHO AND ADST ARRIVING MILAN MONDAY NINE JULY 1200 HRS
BY AIR (.) OBJECT PLANNING REFERENCE ST/182 OF 28 JUNE AND
— Q1 OF 6 JULY (.) ARRANGE MEETING STAFF AND SERVICES TO
CONSIDER ACCOMMODATION OCEMA TPT OCEMA DATE OF CHANGEOVER OCEMA
MAINTENANCE OF IYL-ITY TPS WHICH FIFTH ARMY WILL NOT MAINTAIN AFTER
FIRST AUG (.) FOR MMIA LO DISTONE (.) BIRD WILL ADVISE WHEN PARTY
DUE ARRIVES DISTONE

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. LO GENOA
c/o 60 Sub Area

8/1
6 July 1945

0/102
Subject: Food Depots.

To : Hq Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Attention: ADST

- 8
1. Reference MMIA signal Q414.
 2. Special Food Depot - Warehouses of the Society "Macinazione Molini Certosa", located at Genoa-Rivarolo, No.16, Via Pallavicini, Capacity about 7,000 cubic meters, warehouse 2,000 tons.
 3. There is a railway junction with Railroad Station of Rivarolo and with the Port.
 4. The above mentioned premises will be ready to receive and warehouse foodstuffs on or about the 15th July 1945.

C. P. Benatti
C.P. Benatti,
Captain, Q.M.C.

CPB/80

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extracted

10/2nd KRN 10/7
DADS

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : N.A.I.A. DATE/TIME
TO : DISTONE DISTO 05/7-8
(Action) EIGHT ARMY HEADQUARTERS
60 SUB AREA 151 SUB AREA
INFO : FENSOUTH FOR AREA 10
54 AREA FOR AREA 10 RESTRICTED
REF : Q.444

FOR AREA 10(.) SUBJECT SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS NORTH ITALY (.)
ST/182 28 JUNE OUTLINES APPROVED POLICY TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS
SOON AS ACCOMMODATION CAN BE FOUND AND CHANGE OVER FROM PRESENT
SYSTEM BECOMES PRACTICABLE(.) REPORT URGENTLY AVAILABILITY BULK
FOOD SUPPLY REPORTS AND DATE SUPPLIES CAN BE ACCEPTED(.) REPORTS
ALSO REQUESTED SOONEST AVAILABILITY OTHER INSTALLATIONS(.) FOR
8 ARMY AREA 10 UNDERSTOOD VEHICLE NOT AVAILABLE FOR ANY IMMEDIATE
CHANGE OVER PRACTICABLE

see 8/1.

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE
AUTHENTIC WITH *R.R. Pentecost*

Pentecost Region 163 Piazza 11 Maggio - 10000 m.p.

Internal : S & T.

RAC/rom

SUBJECT:- Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MIA LO's:

N.W. ITALY (3) For Milan, Turin and Genoa
FLORENCE (2)

5 ARMY

3 ARMY

1 DISTRICT

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NAPLES

BARI

DST, AFHQ.

CG MTOUSA FOR CM

CG, PES FOR CM

Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.

Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. It is planned that the Italian Army assume responsibility for the ration maintenance of Italian troops in North Italy w.e.f. 1 August 45.
2. You are therefore instructed to establish the following supply installations, ready for operation by 1 August 45:-

- a. Bulk Food Supply Depots located at LEGHORN, GENOA and VENICE.
- b. Military Bakeries - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE and BOLOGNA.
- c. Supply Companies - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE and BOLOGNA.
- d. Port Detachments - located at LEGHORN, GENOA and VENICE.
- e. Food Distribution Depots - located at TURIN, GENOA, MILAN, ALESSANDRIA, BOLZANO, VERONA, UDINE, VENICE and BOLOGNA.

3. Method of supply of Allied Components of the ration will be advised shortly. Every effort should be made to procure items of the Italian portion of the ration in sectors of North Italy, thereby reducing transport problems.

4. The exact feeding strength for which provision will be made has not been confirmed. You are requested to contact respective Territorial HQ, Air and Navy Ministries to secure information on expected feeding strength in the various areas for all services of the Italian Armed Forces.

5. Authorization of personnel for installations enumerated in para 2 above have been provided for in this HQ letter SD/94/1 of 3 June 45. Supply installations located with respective Territorial HQ have gone forward at the same time as the Territorial HQ.

SUBJECT: Closure of No. 13 Bulk Food Depot.

22/102

Ministry of War.

Copy to: MMIA LO 54 AREA (Your letter SE/2 of 1 June 45 refers).

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Air Forces Sub Commission AC.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/53/20

6 June 45.

Further to our letter SE/53/20 of 24 May 45.

1. Certain difficulties have arisen in connection with the disposition of stock caused by the closure of No. 13 Bulk Food Depot, TARANTO. In order to meet these contingencies the measures appearing below will be followed.
2. Italian Navy will draw requirements including allowable reserve for maintenance to and including 20 June from No. 13 Bulk Food Depot, TARANTO.
3. Balance of stock in No. 13 Bulk Food Depot will be transferred to the No. 13 Food Distribution Depot, TARANTO. Any excesses over a 30 day holding for this Depot will be moved to No. 9 Bulk Food Depot, BARI, under arrangements of MMIA LO BARI.
4. Italian Navy Pack ex 22 CRASC of 32,000 rations daily commencing on 6 June, will be taken into No. 9 Bulk Food Depot until 21 June. Subsequent to 20 June Italian Navy Pack will be despatched by No. 9 Bulk Food Depot with adjustments to make up for unbalanced holdings of Italian Navy at TARANTO. When Italian Navy holdings at TARANTO are balanced, a balanced pack will be resumed from 22 CRASC through the Bari Bulk Food Depot.
5. MMIA LO BARI has already made arrangements with Direzione Comandariato Bari, Italian Navy (Bari and Taranto) and 22 CRASC to implement the above.
6. To MMIA LO BARI, this confirms telephonic agreement your letter SE/2 of 1 June 45.

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KRM/gac

INTERNAL:-

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Navy Maint. File
SZ/102

ADUT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIA).

Lt. Col. RASC.

SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian Forces

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MILIA)

ST/102

24

May 45

D.S.F.,
A.F.H.C.

Copy to: Ministry of War
Naval Sub Commission, AG
MILIA LO BARI

1. Further to this office minute dated 17th May 1945 No ST/102 owing to a decision to close the TARANTO Bulk Italian Depot as from and including 6th June 1945, the following amendments of "packs" ex 22 GRASO will be necessary: -

Despatching Agency	To	Pack	W.o.f.	Remarks
22 GRASO	BARI	Increase from 38,000 to 43,000	20/6/45	The note in this column of previous minute is, therefore, cancelled.
22 GRASO	BARI	Additional pack of 32,000	6/6/45	This is for feeding the Italian Navy at TARANTO. Please arrange for 22 GRASO to send a <u>weekly</u> pack based on 32,000 daily. This pack will be taken over by BARI Bulk Depot and consigned direct to Italian Navy
22 GRASO	TARANTO	NIL	20/5/45	This cancels the renewal of pack as from 26/5/45 requested in previous minute.

2. The first weekly pack for Italian Navy should be laid on to arrive at TARANTO by 7th June 1945 and weekly thereafter.

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Internal: copy to 'Q'

Lt.Col. R-30.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MILIA).

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SUBJECT:- Operation of No. 7 Food Distribution Depot,
FLORENCE.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/21

Ministry of War.

12 May 45.

Copy to:- DST, AMHQ.
DST 1 DISTRICT.
OC, RASC FLORENCE.
MMA IO's:-
FLORENCE 1 DISTRICT.

1. Further to this office minute of 18 May 1945 - No. ST/53/21 - , I inspected the proposed depot accommodation on 20 May 1945 and found it to be quite suitable.
2. The arrangements set out in minute ST/53/21 were confirmed between the Direzione Commissariato and O.C., R.A.S.C. at FLORENCE. Pending provision of transport to Territorial Command the British will deliver supplies in their transport.
3. O.C., R.A.S.C. FLORENCE is handing over to Commissariato a list of Italian units to be fed by the Distribution Depot. At the commencement the feeding strength will be about 11000 and not 18000 as originally estimated.
4. Commencing first week in June all component parts of the Italian Ration Scale will be handed over by 105 D.I.D. but subsequently it may be possible for Naples Bulk Depot to send a 'pack' monthly of Italian provided items only.

KFC/gmc

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMA).

Internal:- DGL (2)

COL. Q.

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1945 SERIES

S & T OPERATING INSTRUCTION NO. 3

1. As from and including date of receipt of this instruction, the Operating Instruction No. 2 of 1944 will be cancelled and the following will operate.
2. Sector Liaison Officer will carry out the following Inspections of Depots each month.
 - (a) Bulk Depots twice.
 - (b) Distribution Depots once but if found unsatisfactory follow-up visits will be made to check that instructions previously given have been carried out.
 - (c) Petrol Depots once.
 - (d) Forage Depots once.
3. Visit Head of Commissariato at least once weekly. Other visits will mutually be made as and when necessary but the weekly routine visit is essential.
4. Visit at least three Italian Army Units during a month. Different units will be selected each month as far as possible.
5. When inspecting depots 'spot' checks of selected items will be made.
 - (i) For this purpose two or more commodities will be selected at random. The physical stock will be checked against the respective tally board and any discrepancies noted.
 - (ii) The actual stock counted will then be compared with the stock entry figure in the Depot Accounts.
 - (iii) Any surpluses thus revealed will be taken on charge in the Depot Accounts as a "Surplus Receipt", the entry being made in the presence and with the agreement of the responsible Italian officer. Such entries will be initialled by both the Allied L.O. and responsible Italian officer, and dated.
 - (iv) Any deficiencies revealed will be the subject of a cross check and if this check confirms the deficiency, the Depot Accounts will be reconciled by entering the deficiency as a "Deficiency Issue" under the same conditions of (iii) above. A full report of the circumstances surrounding any such deficiencies will be made by the Sector L.O. to this HQ without delay. Subsequent action will lie between this HQ and the Ministry of War.
 - (v) Finally, respective tally boards will be reconciled as necessary to bring them into line with the Depot Accounts. Adjusting entries on Tally Boards will be made by Sector L.O.'s, dated and SIGNED. NOT initialled.

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6. Reports on inspections of depots and visits to units will be prepared and sent to this HQ within three days following date of inspections or visits on the lines laid down in Appendices 1 and 2. The intention is to cut out lengthy reports and only to report irregularities, deficiencies or any unsatisfactory feature discovered, or items of general interest. If a Depot or Unit is running smoothly and satisfactory in all respects then the report should contain the word "satisfactory" under each heading.
7. The Appendix 1 to the original instruction No. 2 should still be used as a "Memory Ticker" but not as a form of report.

25 May 1945

Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

*Dist: L.O.s: Ben. Kaples. Linty. Sardinia. Rome.
Int: 1 Q. Munst A.*

K. Hunter.

"APPENDIX 1"

MAIA SET LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot : i.e. Bulk, D.D. : P.O.L. OR Forage:	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer:

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

(c) Accounting Position.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer _____

DATE: _____

Rank _____

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No. 785020

ON VISIT TO UNIT'S

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(a) Units Interior Economy.

(b) Condition of Unit Transport (if any)

(c) Any General Remarks.

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(c) Any General Remarks.

Signature of Visiting
Officer

Rank

DATE:

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TO SEE

~~COX~~

~~Q.1~~ Rose

~~Q.2~~ Mac

SUBJECT:- Closure of Taranto Bulk Depot.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA IO BARI
Navy Sub Commission AC.
Airforce Sub Commission AC.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/10.

24 May 45.

1. As the need for a Bulk Depot at Taranto no longer exists, will you please issue the necessary instructions for it to be closed by 15 June 45.
2. To assist in the disposal of the present stocks, the Italian Navy and Italian Airforce will continue to be fed by the ~~Bari~~ Bulk Depot for the period up to and including 5 June 1945. The depot's existing holdings can easily meet their requirements. At present no 'pack' is being sent to Taranto ex 22 CRASC but it was intended to renew the 'pack' at 45000 rations daily as from 26 May 1945, but in view of the above no further packs will be sent to the Taranto Bulk Depot.
3. As from and including 6 June 1945 arrangements will be made with 22 CRASC to send a pack based on a daily feeding strength of 32000 once weekly. The O/C Bulk Depot at Bari will check and take over this pack from 22 CRASC, and consign to the Navy at Taranto and include all transactions in his accounts. Point of acceptance will be at 22 CRASC.
4. Stocks remaining at the Taranto Bulk Depot as at close of business on 5 June 1945 will be transferred to the Taranto Distribution Depot. You should, therefore, experience no difficulty in effecting complete closure by 15 June 1945 including completion of all accounts.
5. Bari Commissariato will continue to be responsible for the replenishment of supplies to:-

Sicily Depots
Bari Distribution Depot
Foggia Distribution Depot
Ortona Distribution Depot
Brindisi Distribution Depot
Taranto Distribution Depot
Catanzaro Distribution Depot
Cosenza Distribution Depot

from the Bari Bulk Depot. To do this, arrangements are being made for the daily pack to Bari Bulk Depot ex 22 CRASC to be increased to 45000 as from and including 20 June 1945 and not to be reduced to 30000 as was laid down

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Catanzaro Distribution Depot
Cosenza Distribution Depot
- from the Bari Bulk Depot. To do this, arrangements are being made for the daily pack to Bari Bulk Depot ex 22 CRASC to be increased to 43000 as from and including 20 June 1945 and not to be reduced to 30000 as was laid down in this office minute to you dated 17 May 1945 No. ST/102.
6. The Italian Airforce at Taranto will draw rations from the Taranto Distribution Depot from and including 6 June 1945.
 7. Please send to this office a copy of the instructions issued by you to the Bari Territorial Command.

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SUBJECT: Operation of No. 7 Food Distribution Depot,
FLORENCE.

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18 May 45.

Copy to:- DST, AFHQ (conversation Curtis - White refers)
DST 1 District (conversation Curtis - O'Dell refers)
OC RASC Florence (your ST/109 of 6 May refers)
MIA LO's
FLORANCE (conversation Nelson - Costner refers)
1 DISTRICT (your LO/02 of 10 May refers).

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3. At present it is believed that the feeding strength of this depot will be approximately 15000.
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