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Inspection Reports - General

Aug. 1944 - May 1945

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 754 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/121/G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Fire Inspection Report

TO: 'F' BLU RTC ICP

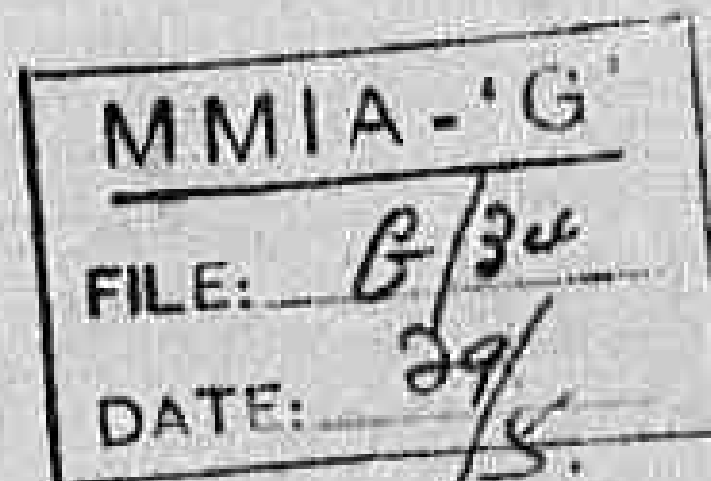
APR 25/10
27 May 1945

1. Ref visit of Fire Adviser 615 Fire Bde to RTC ICP
on 17 May and subsequent report rendered under his reference
615/15/8 of 24 May 45.

2. Action will be taken to implement the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned Report as follows:-

- a. Indent for Extinguishers per para 14 (c) will be passed to G-3 (Br) section this Headquarters for authorisation and onward transmission to Ord.
- b. Fire Alarm System will be installed throughout the Camp.
- c. Fire Orders will be prominently displayed both in English and Italian.

Any assistance required to implement the recommendations of the report in respect of the Italian buildings and stores will be given on request.



GSO 1 _____
GSO 2 (Ops) X REF X
GSO 2 (SD) _____
GSO 2 (WE) _____
GSO 2 (L) _____
GSO 3 (SD) _____
GSO 3 (Orbat) _____
GSO 3 (I) _____

3. A further visit will be made by the Fire Adviser in the near future.

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Copy: Fire Adviser, 615 (First Class) Fire Bde.
MMIA (with copy of Fire Inspection Report).

E. Sedgwick
E. SEDGWICK,
Major GS,
G-3 (British).

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157 Fire Fighting Coy,
Ede Ref: 615/13/3
Cov Ref: 157/15/3.
24 May 45.

FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

1. UNIT VISITED
2. LOCATION
3. DATE OF INSPECTION
4. DATE OF LAST INSPECTION
5. GENERAL (a) FIRE RISK
(b) CONSTRUCTION
(c) OCCUPATION OF UNITS
(d) MEANS OF ESCAPE
6. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
7. FIRE ORDERS (a) British
(b) Italian
8. FIRE NOTICES (a) British
(b) Italian
9. FIRE EQUIPMENT (a) British
(b) Italian
10. WATER SUPPLIES (a) HYDRANTS
(b) IMPROVISED OR CONSTRUCTED
(c) SUPPLIES OTHER THAN (a) or (b)
(d) AFS OF THE SPOT
(e) NEAREST AFS UNIT
(f) UNIT FIRE PICKUP
(g) UNIT FIRE WATCHERS
11. PERSONNEL

SECRET

'E' RLU Italian Reinforcement Training
Centre RIOP.
CESANO

17 May 45.

Nil.

Normal. Buildings & Stores well dispersed over a wide area. Open Area, approx. 2 square miles with various stone & concrete buildings, used as billets, Offices, Stores, Motor and Mechanic Schools, Garages, Cookhouses etc. Italian Army Training Camp and Stores Under British Guidance. Good in all instances.

Nil.

To be amended in accordance with "Regs for Army Fire Service in War" 1942.

Nil.

Insufficient.
Nil.

15 Pumps, Fire Hand, Picks. Filled water and Sand Containers.
Nil.

Nil.

Water Towers supplied from pipe laid to Camp in course of fitting.

Domestic Supply.

Nil.

615 First Class Fire Bde BOMB. approx 20 miles. Tel 478010.
Nil.

Nil. Security Guard.

Italian Army Training Camp and Stores
Under British Guidance.
Good in all instances.

Nil.

To be amended in accordance with "Regs for
Army Fire Service in War" 1942.

Nil.

Insufficient.

Nil.

15 Pumps, Fire Hard. Ficks. Filled Water
and Sand Containers.

Nil.

Nil.

Water Towers supplied from pipe laid to Camp
in course of fitting.

Domestic Supply.

Nil.

615 First Class Fire Bde ROME.
approx 20 miles. Tel 478010.

Nil.

Nil. Security Guard.

Italian Civil Fire Bde through RAAC. PAD.

(c) OCCUPATION OF UNITS

(d) MEANS OF ESCAPE

6. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

7. FIRE ORDERS (a) British
(b) Italian

8. FIRE NOTICES (a) British
(b) Italian

9. FIRE EQUIPMENT (a) British
(b) Italian

10. WATER SUPPLIES (a) HYDRANTS
(b) IMPROVISED OR
CONSTRUCTED

(c) SUPPLIES OTHER THAN
(a) or (b)

11. PERSONNEL (a) AFS ON THE SPOT
(b) NEAREST AFS UNIT
(c) UNIT FIRE PICKET
(d) UNIT FIRE WATCHERS

12. Cooperation with other Fire Services

13. REMARKS (a) This camp is entirely under Italian control and the British
Liaison Unit act in an advisory capacity.
(b) Buildings occupied by BLU have fire points and Equipment
installed, but no fire precautions of any kind exist in Buildings
and Store occupied by Italians.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) Italian ordnance sheds storing Blankets etc. are badly stacked
and need attention, bales should be stacked to allow for easy access and ventilation.
Gils, Paints etc. should be stored separately, and not as at present, with other stores.
(b) Fire Orders in Italian are needed in all Buildings and Fire
Notices should be prominently displayed. Fire Orders in English see para 7(a).
(c) It is considered that an Italian Fire Service Crew if stationed
in the Camp could do much to improve Fire Precautions, and the allocation of Fire
Equipment.

(d) Fire Alarm System to be installed throughout Camp.
(e) Buildings occupied by BLU need the following **7304** lighting
Equipment to complete protection and Unit should in fact forthwith

- 1 -

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3 x 2 Gall Foam Extinguishers
6 x 2 Gall "

refills (for Petrol Store).

15. REMARKS OF FIRE OFFICER.

DISTRIBUTION:

G3 (Br) RAAC.
ADAPS. AFHQ
DADAPS HQ 3 District.
ADOS RAAC
Unit.
OC 157 Fire Fighting Coy
File. 615 First Class Fire Bde.

Signed: R.F. BELL WO 1.
Fire Superintendent.

R. WILLEY, Lt for Capt.
OC 157 Fire Fighting Coy.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 204 Eng Depot Co (Eng) 2. Location Sesto Fiorentino
3. Serial _____ 4. Required for _____

ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

5. Strength:	OFFICERS	EM	ANIMALS Horses Mules	CARTS	VEHICLES (by types)
	2	192	0	0	1

6. Name of Commanding Officer Lt. Gramellini Tonino
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.) _____

This is a provisional unit and only recently organized from replacements

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment: _____
Satisfactory and equipped to scale

9. Tentage: _____

Billeted in buildings

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9. Tentage:

Billeted in buildings

10. Cooking Equipment: The Italian Field Ranges issued from stocks in Florence are of no value and not being used. A report under separate cover will be forwarded explaining in detail why these Italian ranges are no good. Italian units are using an improvised field range which burns fuel oil.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

Satisfactory condition

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arm and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

They only have about 40 rifles for the entire unit

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of Training (Indicate quality in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of soldiers)

This unit is in a satisfactory condition and is doing important and essential work in E2-37 depot.

16. Disposition (Size of)

None

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13. Arm and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)
They only have about 40 rifles for the entire unit
14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)
Satisfactory
15. State of Training: (Whether training in regard to job for which required including all elements of job of soldiers)
This unit is in a satisfactory condition and is doing important and essential work in E2-37 depot.
16. Interpositions (Names of)
None
17. Date unit is to move (or did move) to destination:
Unknown
18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, weapons)
See attached report

Date: 11 April 1945
Station: E2 5th Army, APO 164

Signed: R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

This company although a new outfit is in satisfactory condition. The morale is good. They get the regular Italian newspapers, get their cigarette ration and see an American movie about once a week. Complaints are still being received on the quality of the soap. It is a very unsatisfactory soap. I am not a soap expert but something is lacking in it. A person might just as well try to wash with a stone. These men are doing dirty work and need soap if they are to stay clean.

Will take them up
for
1951.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 301 Eng. Maint Co 2. Location Sesto Fiorentino
 3. Serial 4. Required for

ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

5. Strength:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>ANIMALS</u> Horses Mules	<u>CARTS</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u> (by types)
<u>6</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

6. Name of Commanding Officer Lt. Citrini Giannino
 7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Reorganized recently under new T/O and E from an old unit.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very satisfactory. All clothed to scale

9. Tentage:

Living in tents and appeared very comfortable.

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7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

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8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

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9. Tentage:

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10. Cooking Equipment: The Italian Field Ranges issued from stocks in Florence are of no value and not being used. A report under separate cover will be forwarded explaining in detail why these Italian ranges are no good. Italian units are using an improvised field range which burns fuel oil.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

Satisfactory condition.

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

Armed with carbines, 3 rounds of ammunition per man, all in an unsatisfactory condition.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Very satisfactory

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including 457 remarks of lack of specialists)

This unit is in very satisfactory condition and is doing an excellent piece of work and is employed as a heavy engineer maintenance unit loading and unloading cars.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

Armed with carbines, 3 rounds of ammunition per man, all in an unsatisfactory condition.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Very satisfactory

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)

This unit is in very satisfactory condition and is doing an excellent piece of work and is employed as a heavy engineer maintenance unit loading and unloading cars.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

Unknown

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

See attached report

Date: 11 April 1945
Station: HQ 5th Army, APO 164

Signed: R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MMA) L.O.,
5th Army

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18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness and keenness)

This is one of the better Italian units. The morale in the company is good. They get the daily paper "La Patria", the weekly 210 Division paper and get to see an American movie about once a week. There are 130 men in this company who will want to go on leave to visit their families as soon as they reach Northern Italy. Only 5 or 6 are overage and eligible for discharge. Complaints are still being received on the quality of the soap. It is a very unsatisfactory soap. I am not a soap expert but something is lacking in it. A person might just as well try to wash with a stone. These men are doing dirty work and need soap if they are to stay clean.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 302 Eng Maint Co 2. Location Sesto Fiorentino

3. Serial _____ 4. Required for _____

5. Strength: ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

OFFICERS	EM	ANIMALS Horses Mules	CARTS	VEHICLES (by types)
<u>7</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

6. Name of Commanding Officer Capt. Sensi Rado

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Reorganized recently under new T/O and E from an old unit

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Very satisfactory. All clothed to scale.

9. Tentage:
Billeted in buildings

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6. Name of Commanding Officer Capt. Sensi Endo
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Reorganized recently under new T/O and E from an old unit
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Very satisfactory. All clothed to scale.
9. Tentage:
Billeted in buildings
10. Cooking Equipment: The Italian Field Ranges issued from stocks in Florence are of no value and not being used. A report under separate cover will be forwarded explaining in detail why these Italian ranges are no good. Italian units are using an improvised field range which burns fuel oil.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

Satisfactory condition

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

They only have about 40 rifles for the entire unit

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of Training (Whether satisfactory in regard to job for which required including any mention of lack of equipment)

This unit is in a satisfactory condition and is doing important and essential work in E2-27 depot

16. In notes (Notes of)

None

17. Data Unit is to move (or did move) to destination:

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13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

They only have about 40 rifles for the entire unit

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of
(their men))

Satisfactory

15. State of Training (Recommendation in regard to job for which required including
any remarks on lack of specialists)

This unit is in a satisfactory condition and is doing important and
essential work in F2-37 depot

16. In notes (Names of)

None

17. Where Unit is to move (or did move) to destination:

Unknown

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, weapons)

See attached report

Date: 11 April 1945

Station: PO 5th Army, APO 664

Signed: R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness and keenness)

This company is in a satisfactory condition. The morale is good. They get the regular Italian newspapers, get their cigarette ration and see an American movie about once a week. Complaints are still being received on the quality of the soap. It is a very unsatisfactory soap. I am not a soap expert but something is lacking in it. A person might just as well try to wash with a stone. These men are doing dirty work and need soap if they are to stay clean.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 17th Pack Mule Co 2. Location Camoggiano L 778932
 3. Serial _____ 4. Required for _____

ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

5. Strength:	OFFICERS	EM	ANIMALS Horses Mules	CARTS	VEHICLES (by types)
	12	407	8	2	0

6. Name of Commanding Officer Gittardi Piero, Captain
 7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.) _____

Formed on 21 December 1944 from replacements from Greece and Sardinia

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very Satisfactory

9. Tentage:

American Shelter tents

6. Name of Commanding Officer Gittardi Piero, Captain
7. Origin: (Unit formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Formed on 21 December 1944 from replacements from Greece and Sardinia

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very Satisfactory

9. Tentage:

American Shelter tents

10. Cooking Equipment:

American Field Ranges, but I am discouraged beyond words. After complaining for over a year about the Italians having to cook over open fires in pots and pans, I found this outfit still doing it with American field ranges in their store rooms still crated.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

Very satisfactory

12. Condition of Animals:

Excellent

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

Armed with Mochetti rifle and Breda machine gun. Officers armed with Berettas.
Had no ammunition.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EN appeared to have control of their men)

Company was organized into 4 sections with a section HQ. Discipline appeared satisfactory.

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)

Have been training for about 30 days. Unit looked well but have never been under fire.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Salmerista Margherito Tito

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)
Armed with Mchettli rifle and Breda machine gun. Officers armed with Berettas.
Had no ammunition.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)
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15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)
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under fire.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Salmerista Margherito Tito

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:
Unknown

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keeness)
This inspection of mine was in conjunction with a ceremony preparatory to
the unit moving forward. General Sullivan, 5th Army CG, and General Cortese,
CG, 210 Division were present. The unit looked well, and morale of troops
appeared satisfactory.

Date: 11 Feb 45

Station Hq 5th Army, APO 464

Signed: R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
5th Army

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 16th Pack Mule Co 2. Location Barberino 9 785942
 3. Serial _____ 4. Required for _____

ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

5. Strength: OFFICERS EX ANIMALS CARTS VEHICLES
 Horses Mules (by types)

10 398 9 260 1 0

6. Name of Commanding Officer Captain, Balestrieri, Fedele
 7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organiza-
 tion camps, etc.)

Formed on 21 December 1944, from replacements from Greece and Sardinia

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very Satisfactory

9. Tentage:

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6. Name of Commanding Officer Captain. Balestrieri, Fedele
7. Origin: (Unit) formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Formed on 21 December 1944 from replacements from Greece and Sardinia

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very Satisfactory

9. Tentage:

American Shelter tents

10. Cooking Equipment:

5 American stoves

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

Very satisfactory

12. Condition of Animals:

Good

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

Armed with Machelletti rifle. Only 6 rounds per man. Officers armed with Berettas.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Company was organized into 4 sections with a section HQ. Discipline appeared satisfactory and supply administration was good.

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)

Have been training for about 20 days. Unit looked well and are ready.

16. Intereters (Names of)

Basona, Indri

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)
Armed with M1 Garand rifle. Only 6 rounds per man. Officers armed with Berettas.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)
Company was organized into 4 sections with a section HQ. Discipline appeared satisfactory and supply administration was good.

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)
Have been training for about 20 days. Unit looked well and are ready.

16. Inter-relationships (Names of)
Bassora, Luigi

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:
Now

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keeness)
This inspection of mine was in conjunction with a ceremony preparatory to the unit moving forward. General Sullivan, 5th Army G.M., and General Cortese, CG 210 Division were present. The unit looked well, and morale of troops appeared satisfactory.

Date: 11 Feb 45
 Station HQ 5th Army, APO 464

Signed: R.C. Van Kirk

R.C. VAN KIRK,
 Major, Infantry,
 Sr. (MIA) L.O.,
 5th Army

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 5th Pack Mule Co 2. Location Pontepetri - Q504995

3. Serial _____ 4. Required for _____

Assigned
Strength:

ASSIGNED TO FIFTH ARMY

OFFICERS	EM	ANIMALS Horses Mules	CARTS	VEHICLES (by types)
<u>10</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1 Truck 2 1/2 Ton</u> <u>Spa</u>

6. Name of Commanding Officer Capt. Galli CORRADO, Art.
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.) _____

Arrived from Sardinia last December, formerly 35th Art. Regt.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Each man has 2 blankets, 1 comforter, mackinaw, raincoat, 2 pairs of shoes,
1 ED Jacket, 2 ED trousers, 2 undershirts wool, 2 underdrawers wool, 2 shirts,
leather gloves. Equipped to scale but should have in addition, wool socks and
wool caps.

9. Tentage:

Billeted in houses but have shelter tents if obliged to use them.

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wool caps.
9. Tentage:
Billeted in houses but have shelter tents if obliged to use them.
10. Cooking Equipment:
Italian Field Cooking Equipment, which means cooking over open fire and is
not satisfactory based upon our standards.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles: Pack saddles and equipment were under cover and arranged neatly. Since the snow is about ten inches deep where this unit is located, they were experimenting with American sleds for transporting supplies. These sleds were originally intended to haul casualties. Each sled will haul 500 pounds at present, no shafts are now available for the sleds. The present cart harness is satisfactory. The veterinary and medical equipment were in a satisfactory condition.

12. Condition of Animals:

The weather was cold, snow deep and it was raining but the mules were under cover and reasonably dry. The average age of the mules was 5 years old and appeared in good condition. The forage consisted of straw and oats.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

Each man was armed with a Metchetti rifle with 18 rounds of ammunition. Each officer has his own Beretta pistol.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EN appeared to have control of their men,

The discipline of the unit appeared to be excellent and the command responsibility well divided. The company was organized into four sections, each section commanded by an officer. Each section was divided into 4 squads, and each squad commanded by an NCO. The Captain listed above commanded the company, he had in addition to his section leaders, a second in command, a medico, a veterinarian, a chaplain, a supply officer and a finance officer.

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)

Excellent for their mission. This is the best pack mule unit I have ever inspected.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Capt. Galli

1st Lt. Serpieri

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

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Capt. Galli

1st Lt. Serpieri

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

Unit moved to present location January 14, 1945.

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keeness)

The morale of this unit is excellent. Every man questioned appeared to be contented. Italian magazines, books, and newspapers are getting to the men. The postal services is bad in these forward areas. The soap ration is inadequate and should be increased if unit is to keep clean. The quality of the soap was inferior.

Date: 26 Jan 45

Station

Signed:

R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry
Sr. (MIA) L.O. 7289
5th Army

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Inter Office Memo

CWAP/hgd

25 Jan. 1945

AC/R/9/TN.5

SUBJECT : Inspection of Truck Companies.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission. (Att: Col.Kerr MMIA)

1. The attached report is passed to you for information.
2. Can you suggest any improvement in the living conditions of these men?
3. Please return this report when dealt with.

Chabotter, Maj.
MAJOR R.A.S.C.
Admin. Officer
Roads Section.

Encl:

Report by Col. Bordass on his
visit and inspection of Truck Coys.

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*I suggested a meeting - spoke to the
writer on 26 Jan and he said he would
arrange - no action until then*

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Report on visit to and inspection of
Truck Companies and 1000 G.T. Company
in conjunction with Lt. Col. Oliszewski
and Major Marmon

Saturday 6 January. Arrived at Livorno and made contact with 5th Truck Coy who accommodated us for the night.

Sunday 7 January. Inspected No 5 Truck Coy. The conditions under which the Italian military personnel are living are far from satisfactory. This is due to the fact that billets are very difficult to obtain in Livorno and they are occupying billets which have been very badly blitzed. There have been numerous cases of Italian military drivers being carried out from the billets suffering from pneumonia and almost blue with cold. They are admitted to an Italian civilian hospital where conditions are no better than the mens' own billets. The blanket issue to the Italian military personnel is two blankets or one American comforter and it would be appreciated that, at this time of the year and in billets such as are mentioned above, this arrangement is hardly adequate.

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The vehicles have done a considerable amount of mileage and in many cases were hardly up to the work required of them. Until quite recently most of the vehicles were only equipped with side lamps and on numerous occasions the military police refused to allow these vehicles to be on the road during the hours of darkness as they contended they were dangerous owing to lack of lights.

This meant that vehicles coming back at night were held up by the police until the following day and therefore were not available for their details. I was given to understand that this has now been remedied and a certain number of head lamps have been made available.

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The 931 General Transport Coy (which at one time I used to command) is also stationed in Livorno and I took Col. Oliszewski and Major Marmon along to this Company and introduced them to the C.O. and the Workshop officer. This was done in order that the truck companies and the Detachment of the G.T. Coy in Livorno will be able to obtain assistance from the 931 General Transport Coy, who have very extensive workshops.

We then left for Novacchio.

Monday 8 January. Inspected No 3 Truck Coy at Novacchio. This Company has by far the best billets and is very well run. The Italian Captain seems to be one of the few Italian officers who has any initiative and also looks after his men. The efficiency of this particular Company can be appreciated from the fact that they had 42 trucks out of a total of 52 on detail the day of ~~our~~ inspection.

We proceeded to Florence and made immediate contact with Lt.Col. Toscani, Economics and Supplies, A.M.G., 5th Army. The whole matter of the control of the truck Company was discussed and Lt.Col. Toscani assured Col. Oliszewski, Major Marmon and myself that he had no desire or intention of altering our present arrangements, namely, that all demands for transport should be channelled through the advance HQ. of No 1 Truck Battalion. Col. Toscani, however, did mention that it would probably be necessary to publish an order stating that the various Truck Companies were attached to 5th Army in order that Ordnance would be prepared to service the vehicles and that rations would be more easily available for the personnel. This is fully appreciated because, unless there is some such order definitely attaching units to the Army, the Army will not be prepared to cater for them.

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This G.T. Coy is under the C.R.A.S.C., 51 Tpt. column for administration and maintenance.

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* The scale of clothing for Italian military personnel working in our Truck Companies and G.T. Companies is one suit of battle dress. No overalls are made available.

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Thursday 11 January. I visited No 6 Truck Coy, Lucca. This Company is quite well housed and working reasonably efficiently.

I also saw Col. Kirkwood of Toscana Region and he informed me that he was not at all happy about this central control for requests for transport. He contended that it caused too long a delay. This matter was referred to Col. Oleszewski who was arranging for Major Marmon to investigate the whole system. It is our opinion that the breakdown is not because of the central control of transport but is due to lack of understanding and co-operation on the part of Toscana Region.

Friday, 12 January. I visited AMG, 15 Army Group and made contact with the Civil Affairs Section. I had a short interview with Col. Montford and saw Lt. Col. Thompson and Capt. Ainsworth (our own representative). It was somewhat difficult to get the exact position of this C.A. Section due to the fact that many changes are taking place at the present time owing to the abolition of AAI and the formation of 15 Army Group. I was informed however that it was considered that we were not making sufficient use of this Section and any real problem should be forwarded straight to them for action. This is only reasonable and I have already put it into effect by calling upon Captain Ainsworth to obtain through A.M.G., 15 Army Group, a location for 1000 G.T. Coy on the east side, as it is our desire to move this Company from Florence and Livorno over to the east coast, so that all G.T. Companies attached to A.C. will be on the east side of the country and all Truck Companies on the west.

Saturday, 13 January. Left Florence for Rome via Livorno. On arrival at Livorno the car in which we were travelling broke down and we were obliged to stay the night with No 5 Truck Coy.

Sunday, 14 January. Having loaded the civilian car into a 2½ ton G.M.C., we proceeded to Rome.

General Conclusions.

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I quite realize that these matters are on a very high policy level but I do feel that there should be some clarification of just what the Italian military personnel of the Truck Companies and G.T. Companies can be given. The work which

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we are detailing to them is of the very highest importance and in the future may even become of greater importance still. If men are badly clothed and under-fed they cannot be expected to carry food supplies without the danger of them appropriating some of these supplies for themselves and the Allied personnel available for supervision is not large enough to enable every truck to be guarded.

Furthermore, the lack of control vehicles for these Truck Companies is proving a tremendous handicap for proper supervision. There has been an increase in the W.E. of the British Cadres with the G.I. Companies. They have now had 1 British Sgt and 1 British Cpl added to their strength for each Platoon but this personnel has been increased for maintenance reasons and not operational.

I would suggest that if at all possible this Sub-Commission should meet with the Land Forces Sub-Commission (MLIA) in order to discuss and, if possible, improve the situation as above.

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(cont.) In order to improve the situation as above.

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SUBJECT: Inspection Report of Italian Unit

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. G/24
30 Oct 44

TO : HQ 1 DISTRICT

1. Herewith copy of inspection report of 499
Roadsign Maint Unit.

REP
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

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1. Unit: 499 Redesign Maint Unit
2. Location: ROME
3. Serial: REA/54/1
4. Required for: HQ 1 Dist
5. Strength:

Offrs	0.38		
1	37	Animals	
		Horses	X
		Mules	X
		Carts	X
		Vehicles (by types)	X
6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lieut. CIRRIANI Giovanni
7. Origin: Unit formed from the call-up in ROME
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment: Good. Green dyed B.D. Boots in good condition. Shirts and socks new.
9. Tentage: None
10. Cooking Equipment: None
11. Technical Equipment and vehicles: NONE
12. Condition of Animals: X
13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm) 1 rifle and 72 rds per man.
14. Command and Discipline: Great improvement since last inspection on 13 Oct. O I/c knew his men. Had complete nominal role (bi-lingual) and had formed his unit into the six sections as per W.A.
15. State of Training: Most of the painters and carpenters fully qualified. Drivers had had experience on army lorries and/or private cars. Cooks qualified.
16. Interpreters: O I/c speaks French well and a little English. L/Cgt Mugitane Cellegere - A little English - French. Pte Diverati Cevaldo - a little English and French.
17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to destination: 30 Oct

9. Tentage: None
10. Cooking equipment: None
11. Technical equipment and vehicles: NONE
12. Condition of Animals: X
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Pte Biverati Caveldi - a little English and French.
17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination: 30 Oct 44 to FOLLIGNO
18. General remarks: O I/c had made good effort to know his men. NCOs seemed keen. Men looked fit and seemed keen to go.

Date: 27 Oct 44

Station: M.M.I.A.

Signed: F.R. HUBBY Capt

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 1st Bn 322nd Labor Regiment 2. Location Cagliari

3. Serial: 65
4. Required for:
Animals Carts Vehicles
Horses Mules (by type)
N O N E

5. Strength: offrs QRs
24 784

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Major Raimondo Velasco
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-
organization camps, etc.)
2 companies formed here and 2 companies at Sassari. Part from
Calabria Div and the rest from various units all over the island.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Clothing poor. 50% of the shoes poor. All men have 1 blanket, mess kit,
and canteen apiece.

9. Tentage:
Shelter half apiece.

10. Cooking Equipment:

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from derots, re-
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9. Tentage:

Shelter half apiece.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Complete equipment.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None. 6 tons of equipment.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

24 pistols - 14 rounds each.

184 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Sufficient for labor battalions.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Ten Franchini Pedele - French; Can. Kase. Bagnotti Emilio - French & Spanish; Sgt Miliardo Giacomo - English; Santa Carla Francesco - French;

Pante Morini Alfonso - French.

17. Name Unit, 13 12 1944 (see also page 16 for destination)

784 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

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17. Remarks: In 12 days (or did more) to destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Comparatively good appearance.

Date: 25 September 1944

Station: Sorlinia

Signed: *S. D. Martin*

S. D. MARTIN

Major, C.M.P.

Army Sub Commission

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

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1. Unit Battalion Carabinieri
(autonomous)

2. Location Capliari

3. Serial: 308

4. Required for:

5. strength: offers 038

<u>Animals</u>	Carts	Vehicles (by type)
Horses Mules		

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6. Name of Commanding Officer:

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from dejets, re-organization camps, etc.)

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Men appeared to be well clothed.

9. Tentage:

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10. Cooking Equipment:

Notes:

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Men appeared to be well clothed.

9. Tentage:

None.

10. Cooking Equipment:

None.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

2 pistols - 14 rounds each332 rifles - 18 rounds each

14. Command & Discipline: (whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Adequate.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Adequate.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Good appearance.

Date: 23 Sept 44

Station: Sardinia

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Signed: S. D. Martin

S. D. MARTIN

Major, C.M.P.

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit: 2nd Bn 359th Inf Regt
2. Location: Pirri
3. Serial: 65
4. Required for:

	<u>Animals</u>	<u>Carts</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
5. Strength:	Horses	Mules	(by type)
offrs	21	833	
6. Name of Commanding Officer: Capt Giuseppe Loredan
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Formed at Sassari 15 Sept from the 140th Arty Regiment.
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
250 men lack shoes. 50% of the shoes are poor. Each man has 1 blanket, mess kit, and canteen.
9. Tentage:
Each man has a shelter half.
10. Cooking Equipment:

1. Origin: (whether former
organization camps, etc.)

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9. Tentage:

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10. Cooking Equipment:

Sufficient.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

833 rifles - 18 rounds each.

21 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Excellent discipline.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Battalion to be used as labor bn.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Capt. Loredan Giuseppe - French, Ten. Bazzoli Mario - French & German.

Art. Bazzocchi Giuseppe - French, Ten. Bran

833 rifles - 18 rounds each.

21 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

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15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

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16. Interpreters (Names of)

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Art. Bagliocchi Giuseppe - French. Ten. Bran

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keeness)

This is the best all-round Italian unit I have seen in all my inspections. They are well disciplined, intelligent, and of fine physic. In my opinion this battalion could be far better employed than as laborers.

Date: 26 September 44

Station: Sardinia

Signed:

S. D. Martin

S. D. MARTIN

Major, C.M.P.

Army Sub Commission

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

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1. Unit: 515 Guard Battalion

2. Location: Cagliari

3. Serial: 315

4. Required for: 5 Army

5. Strength: 21 879

Animals
Horses Mules

Carts Vehicles
(by type)

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col Barberis Inigi

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Formed at Sanluri 1 Sept 44 from men taken from units all over the island.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

200 men have no shoes. Men have blankets, mess kits, canteen, helmets, gas masks, etc. Clothing in poor shape.

9. Tentage:

Each man has shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:

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10. Cooking Equipment:

Satisfactory.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
Each enlisted man has a rifle and 18 rounds of ammo.

Each officer has a pistol and 14 rounds of ammo.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Sufficient for proposed duties.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

Each officer has a pistol and 14 rounds of ammo.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Sufficient for proposed duties.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Fair appearance.

Date: 1 October 44

Station: Sardinia

Signed:

S. D. MARTIN

Major, C.M.I.

Army Sub Commission

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1. Unit: 514th Guard Battalion 2. Location: Cagliari
3. Serial: 315
4. Required for: 5 Army
5. Strength: offrs CRs Animals Carts Vehicles (by type)
Horses Mules 25 775
6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col de Chiara Creste
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Formed at Senluri 1 Sept from many different units.
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
300 men have no shoes. Each man has 2 blankets, 1 mess kit and canteen.
9. Tentage:
Each man has shelter half.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col da Chiara Creste

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

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8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

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9. Tentage:

Each man has shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Satisfactory.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None. 4 tons of organization equipment.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

25 pistols - 14 rounds each.

775 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Men to be used as laborers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

775 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Men to be used as laborers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Fair appearance.

Date: 12 October 44

Station: Sardinia

Signed:

S. D. Martin

S. D. MARTIN

Major, C.M.P.

Army Sub Commission

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit: <u>2nd En 352th Labor Regt</u>	2. Location: <u>Caserna Selargius</u>		
3. Serial: <u>65</u>	4. Required for:		
5. Strength: offrs ORs	Animals	Carts	Vehicles
23 792	Horses Mules		(by type)
Regimental C.O. - Col Tamone Giuseppe			
6. Name of Commanding Officer: <u>It Col Zuschi, Guido - En C.O.</u>			
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re- organization camps, etc.)			
<u>Formed at Sassari 20 Sept 44</u>			
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:			
<u>100 men have no shoes. 50% of the shoes are falling to pieces.</u>			
<u>Clothing in poor shape.</u>			
9. Tentage:			
<u>Each man has shelter half.</u>			

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6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col Zucchi, Guido - En C.O.
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-
organization camps, etc.)
Formed at Sassari 20 Sept 44
8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
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10. Cooking Equipment:
Sufficient.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

23 pistols - 14 rounds each.

792 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Men to be used as laborers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Ten Rause Armando - French & Spanish; Ten. Perutti Carlo - French;
S. Ten. Zenelini Marcello - French; S. Ten. Mero Giuseppe - French & German.
S. Ten. Bersete Rugiero - French; Cap. Mag. Ogutti Carlo - French;
Fante Lisci Angelo - French; Fante Leonini Livio - French;

Fante Vannini Pietro - French & German

23 pistols - 14 rounds each.
792 rifles - 18 rounds each.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)
Men to be used as laborers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Ten. Rausa Armando - French & Spanish; Ten. Berrutti Carlo - French;
S. Ten. Zanellini Marcello - French; S. Ten. Moro Giuseppe - French & German.
S. Ten. Berzeta Ruggero - French; Cap. Mag. Cerutti Carlo - French;
Pante Lisci Angelo - French; Pante Leonini Livio - French;
Pante Vannini Pietro - French & German

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Date: 27 September 1944

Station: Sardinia

Signed: S. D. Martin
S. D. MARTIN
Major, G.M.P.
Army Sub Commission

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit: Concedanti 2. Location: Cagliari

3. Serial: _____

4. Required for: _____

5. Strength: offrs ORs Animals Carts Vehicles
620 Horses Mules (by type)
None None None None None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: _____

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-
organization camps, etc.)
Gathered from various units on the island.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Very poor. Shoes falling apart and about half the men have no shoes
fit to wear.

9. Tentage:
None.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: _____

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Gathered from various units on the island.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Very poor. Shoes falling apart and about half the men have no shoes fit to wear.

9. Tentage:

None.

10. Cooking Equipment:

None.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

None.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

No comment.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

All men to be discharged.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

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13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
None.

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)
No comment.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)
All men to be discharged.

16. Interpreters (Names of)
None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:
21 September 1944 (On Ponteo Negro).

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)
Poor.

Date: 21 September 44
Station: Sardinia
Signed: S. D. Martin
Major, C.M.P.
Army Sub Commission

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit: Gruppo Lavoratori Cagliari and 2. Regt Hq (ARBOREA) Oristano

Part of 402nd Pioneer Regt

3. Serial: 65 4. Required for:

5. Strength:	offrs	CRs	Animals		Carts	Vehicles (by type)
			Horses	Mules		
Gruppo	16	808				
Regt Hq	9	31	None	None	None	None
	25	839				

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Gruppo C.O. - Romani, Feruccio

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Personnel taken from various anti-aircraft units. Formed Sept 10, 1944.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Uniforms poor, underwear none. Shoes - poor. 50% need replacement.

200 tents required. Each man has mess kit, canteen, spoon or fork.

Gas mask, helmet and blanket.

9. Tentage:

No organizational tentage.

Regt C.O. - Col Castania, Lelio
6. Name of Commanding Officer: Gruppo C.O. - Romani, Ferruccio

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Personnel taken from various anti-aircraft units. Formed Sept 10, 1944.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Uniforms poor, underwear none. Shoes - poor, 50% need replacement.
200 tents required. Each man has mess kit, canteen, spoon or fork,
gas mask, helmet and blanket.

9. Tentage:
No organizational tentage.

10. Cooking Equipment:
Equipment to be drawn prior to departure.
4 days reserve rations will be received prior to departure.

Gruppo	Off	EM	
Hq Platoon	4	20	Lieut Marchetti
1st Btry	3	195	Capt Mucitelli
2nd Btry	3	196	Capt Tarditi
3rd Btry	3	199	Capt Zoni
4th Btry	3	198	Capt Martano
	16	808	

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

889 rifles - 12 rounds each.

15 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & WCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for labor.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

No English interpreters.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

200 rifles - 18 rounds each.

26 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for labor.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

No English interpreters.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

List of specialties with Commanding Officer.

Date: 15 September 1944

Station: Sardinia

Signed: James Keener

JEROME KESSNER

Lieut Col, Inf

Arty Sub Commission

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT
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1. Unit 28th Mobile Pigeon Loft 2. Location Calamusa
3. SERIAL: _____
4. Required for: _____
5. Strength: Offrs 0 O.R.s 4
Animals
Horses None Mules None
Carts None Vehicles None
(by types)
75 pigeons

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Sgt Maj MANCA

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Satisfactory.

9. Tentage:
1 large tent.

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7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Satisfactory.

9. Tentage:

1 large tent.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Field Stove.

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1 track; 1 polygon track;

Recallout.

Base.

Card.

Wall track.

Base.

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Recd.

Cash

Well trained.

Recd.

Recd.

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12 August 44

LOUIS A. CROFT
Captain, Cavalry

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3. SYMBOL: _____

4. Required for: _____

5. Strength:	Offrs	Q.R.s	Animals	Carts	Vehicles
	1	50	Horses Mules	(by types)	
			None	None	None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 1st Lieut BRACCI

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.) _____

Activated Feb 1944. All men trained bakers in Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment: _____

Good.

9. Tentage: _____

5 large tents. Each man has shelter half.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 1st Lt. James H. Hagan

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

Activated Feb 1944. All men trained bakers in Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:

Good.

9. Tentage:

5 large tents. Each man has shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Field Kitchen.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

5 ovens, horse drawn; 3 in operation; 2 repairable.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
50 rifles, M 91; each man 18 rounds cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control
of their men)
Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required
incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)
Good.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
50 rifles, M 91; each man 18 rounds cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control
Good. of their men)

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required
Good. incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

16. Interpreters (Names of)
None

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination;
11 August 1944

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness).
Appearance very satisfactory.

Date: 11 August 1944
Station: SARREBRUE

Signed: Louis A. Cerutti
Army Sub-Commission
LOUIS A. CERUTTI
Captain, Cavalry

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 317th Bakery Squad 2. Location Cagliari

3. SERIAL: _____

4. Required for: _____

5. Strength:	Offrs	O.P.s	Animals	Carts	Vehicles
	1	50	Horses Mules	(by types)	
			None	None	None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Scaravelli, Giovanni.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.) _____

Activated 1 Aug 44 from bakers in Italian Suseistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Excellent.

9. Tentage:

5 large tents; each man has a shelter half.

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6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Scaravelli, Giovanni.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

Activated 1 Aug 44 from bakery in Italian Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:

Excellent.

9. Tentage:

5 large tents; each man has a shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Field Stove.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

5 ovens, horse drawn.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

50 rifles, M,91 cal 6.5; each man 18 rounds.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Good; all trained bakers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
50 rifles, M,91 cal 6.5; each man 18 rounds.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control
of their men)
Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required
incl any remarks of lack of tradesman)
Good; all trained bakers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)
None

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:
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18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)
Appearance, fitness, keenness good.

Date: 11 August 44
Station: SAKMA

Signed: Louis A. Geretti
Army Sub-Commission

LOUIS A. GERETTI
Captain, Cavalry

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 318th Bakery Squad. 2. Location Cagliari

3. SERIAL: _____ 4. Required for: _____

5. Strength: Offrs Q.R.s Animals Carts Vehicles
 1 50 Horses Mules (by types)
 None None None None None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Borini, Ulisse.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

Formed 1 August 44 from bakers in Italian Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Very Good.

9. Tentage:
5 large tents; each man has a shelter half.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Borini, Ulisse.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

Formed 1 August 44 from bakers in Italian Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Very Good.

9. Tentage:

5 large tents; each man has a shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:
Field Stove.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

5 ovens, horse drawn (1 in use), others repairable.

12. Condition of Animals:

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

20 rifles, M.91; 18 rounds per man cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

All men trained bakers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
50 rifles, M.91; 18 rounds per man cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control
of their men)
Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required
incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

All men trained bakers.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keeness)

Shoes in excellent condition; uniforms good.

Date: 11 August 44
Station: SARAJEVO

Signed: Louis A. Cerutti
Army Sub-Commissioner
LOUIS A. CERUTTI
Captain, Cavalry

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit 319th Bakery Squad. 2. Location Cagliari

3. SERIAL: _____ 4. Required for: _____
5. Strength: Offrs 1 O.R.s 50 Animals Carts Vehicles (by types)
Horses Mules None None None None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Rabarbari, Mario.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)
Activated 1 Aug 44; all bakers from Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Excellent

9. Tentage:
2 large tents. Each man has a shelter half.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 2nd Lieut Rabarbari, Mario.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

Activated 1 Aug 44; all bakers from Sussistenza.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:

Excellent.

9. Tentage:

3 large tents. Each man has a shelter half.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Field Kitchen.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

5 ovens, horse drawn, 2 operating, others repairable.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

20 rifles, M. 91; each man 18 rounds cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesman)

Good.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
20 rifles, M. 91; each man 18 rounds cal 6.5.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)
Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)
Good.

16. Interpreters (Names of)
None.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination;

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)
Appearance good.

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Date: 11 Aug 44
Station: ALPINA

Signed: Louis A. Cerutti
Army Sub-Commission
LOUIS A. CERUTTI
Captain, Cavalry

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit: Sassari Group
(Unit for Labor)

2. Location: Oristano - Porto Torres

3. Serial: 55

4. Required for:

Strength:	offrs	ORs	Animals		Carts	Vehicles (by type)
			Horses	Mules		
16	820		None	None	None	None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Major Inghirami, Jacobi

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Unit formed with personnel from various anti-aircraft organizations

9. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Uniforms cotton and wool mixed, underwear negligible, shoes - poor

40% replacements required

1 blanket, 1 mess kit, 1 canteen, 1 gas mask, 1 helmet each

9. Tentage:

1 shelter half each enlisted man

no large tents

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3. Name of Commanding Officer: Major Innocent, Jacob

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from deroute, re-organization camps, etc.)

Unit formed with personnel from various anti-aircraft organizations

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Uniforms cotton and wool mixed, underwear negligible, shoes - poor

40% replacements required

1 blanket, 1 mess kit, 1 canteen, 1 gas mask, 1 helmet each

9. Tentage:

1 shelter half each enlisted man

no large tents

10. Cooking Equipment:

satisfactory

4 days rations

Hq pl 4 20 Lieut Bomino, Giovanni
1st Co. 3 200 Lieut Garbella, Enrico
2nd Co. 3 200 Lieut Luiselli, Rocco
3rd Co. 3 200 Lieut Vecchio, Angelo
4th Co. 3 200 Lieut Bongiorno, Giano

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

820 Rifles - 18 rounds each

16 pistols - 14 rounds each

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for labor

16. Interpreters (Names of)

No English Interpreters

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

820 Rifles - 18 rounds each

16 pistols - 14 rounds each

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for Labor

16. Interpreters (Names of)

No English Interpreters

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Good. Has list of specialties

Date: 2 September 1944

Station: _____

Signed: _____

James Keenan
President

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT CONFIDENTIAL

Part of 402 Pioneer Regiment
1. Unit Autonomous
Bicyclist Battalion of Sardinia

2. Location Carbonia

3. Serial: _____

4. Required for: _____

5. Strength: offrs ORs

Carbonia 14 533
St. Helena 5

Animals Carts Vehicles
Horses Mules (by type)

None None None 6 bicycles

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Major Sanna, Angelo

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-
organization camps, etc.)
Autonomous unit since 1940 with Granatier Division. Recently augmented
with territorials

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Uniform cotton and wool mixed some in poor condition. Shoes poor
60% replacements required. Shelter halves poor require 50%
1 blanket, mess kit, canteen, helmet, gas mask each

9. Tents:
none

1 2 5 9

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Major Serra, Angelo

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)
Autonomous unit since 1940 with Granatier Division. Recently augmented with territorials

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:
Uniform cotton and wool mixed some in poor condition. Shoes - poor
60% replacements required. Shelter halves - poor require 50%
1 blanket, mess kit, canteen, helmet, gas mask, each

9. Tentage:
none

10. Cooking Equipment:
Satisfactory
4 days reserve ration

	Hq Pl	1st Co.	2nd Co.	3rd Co.	4th Co.	Total
	4 - 36	5 - 185	5 - 185	5 - 185	5 - 185	24 776

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

776 rifle or moschetti - 18 rounds each

24 pistols - 14 rounds each

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for labor

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Corrado, Carlo - Romanian

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

776 fusile or moschetti - 18 rounds each

24 pistols - 14 rounds each

14. Command & discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Suitable for labor

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Gonardo, Carlo - Roumanian

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

List of Specialities with C.O.

37 St. Helena Detachment inspected 8 September

Date: 7 September 1944

Station: _____

Signed: _____

James K. ...
Handwritten signature

Army Sub Commission

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1. Unit Autonomous Co (Osilo) 2. Location Cagliari

3. SERIAL: _____

5. Strength: Offrs 3 O.R.s 210 Animals None Horses None Mules None Carts None Vehicles (by types) None

4. Required for: _____

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lieut ZANETTI, Giuseppe

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.) _____

Part of 3rd Bn of 526th Regt 203rd Coastal Division, composed of various personnel returning from sick leave, furlough, ports, etc. Organized 15 August 44.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment: _____
Uniform mixed cotton and wool Shoes very poor, 60% require new shoes. 1 blanket, mess kit, spoon, canteen, shelter half, gas mask, helmet per man.

9. Tentage: _____

No organization tents.

1 2 8 3

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lieut ZANETTI, Giuseppe

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)
Part of 3rd Bn of 526th Regt 203rd Coastal Division, composed of various personnel returning from sick leave, furlough, ports, etc. Organized 15 August 44.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Uniform - mixed cotton and wool. Shoes very poor. 60% require new shoes. 1 blanket, mess kit, spoon, canteen, shelter half, gas mask, helmet per man.

9. Tentage:
No organization tents.

10. Cooking Equipment:
Satisfactory and sufficient.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

213 rifles - cal. 6.5 - 18 rounds each,

2 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Varied types of military training, predominantly infantry.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Sgt CASAGHERA, Angelo - French.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

213 rifles - cal. 6,5 - 18 rounds each,

3 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Varied types of military training, predominantly infantry.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Sgt CASAGRERA, Angelo - French.

Pvt REGGIANI, Giovanni - French.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (appearance, fitness, keenness)

Specialty list with unit.

Date: 18 August 1944
Station: _____

Signed: James Keenan
Army Subj. James Keenan
Lieut Col, Inf

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT
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1. Unit 1st Bn 340th Regt ex Bari Div. Location Bonacardo

3. SERIAL: _____

5. Strength: _____ 4. Required for: _____
 Offrs 24 C.R.s 640
 Animals
 Horses Mules
 Carts Vehicles
 (by types)
 None None None None

50 arrive tonight. Unknown when balance will be received. Expect total of 776 EM by time of departure

6. Memo of Commanding Officer: Major TOLOMEI, Ugo

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)
From Bari as a unit.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:
 Uniforms cotton and wool mixed and in poor condition. Shoes poor. 75% require new shoes. All have mess kits and 1 spoon, gas mask, helmet, 1 blanket. Require 100 canteens. Tents in poor condition.

9. Tentage: _____

No organizational tents.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Major TOLOMEI, Ugo

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

From Bari as a unit.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment:

Uniforms cotton and wool mixed and in poor condition. Shoes poor - 75%

require new shoes. All have mess kits and 1 spoon, gas mask, helmet.

1 blanket. Require 100 canteens. Tents in poor condition.

9. Tentage:

No organizational tents.

10. Cooking Equipment:

Satisfactory.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

716 rifles - 18 rounds each,

60 autorifles - 531, 9 - 56 rounds each.

24 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Infantry trained.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Pvt GUARD, GUILLO - French

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

716 rifles - 18 rounds each.

60 autorifles - gal. 9 - 56 rounds each.

24 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & WCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Infantry trained.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Pvt GIUDARD, Giulio - French

Pvt MAZZON, Ruggiero - French

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

List of specialties with Co.

Date: 14 Aug 44

Station: _____

Signed: Jerome Kessner
Army Sub-Commissioner

JEROME KESSNER
Lieut Col, Inf

INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

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1. Unit 1st Bn 140th Regt ex Bari Div, Location Cristano

3. SERIAL: _____

4. Required for: _____

5. Strength: _____

Offrs: 24

C.R.s: 757

Animals:

Horses: _____

Mules: _____

Carts: _____

Vehicles: _____

(by types)

Note: 19 EM on leave to join unit on mainland. I estimate that not over 500 men were present for inspection. The C.O. stated that about 300 were engaged in working but could not explain what of necessity.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col MARZO, Salvatore.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.) _____

All from Bari Division.

8. State of clothing and Personal Equipment: _____

Uniform cotton and wool mixed in poor condition. Shoes poor - 50% require new shoes. Mess kits, canteen, gas masks, helmets, 1 blanket each.

9. Tentage: _____

Shelter halves all in bad condition.

6. Name of Commanding Officer: Lt Col MARZO, Salvatore.

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)

All from Bari Division.

8. State-of clothing and Personal Equipment:
Uniform cotton and wool mixed in poor condition. Shoes poor - 50% require new shoes. Mess kits, canteen, gas masks, helmets, 1 blanket each.

9. Tentage:
Shelter halves all in bad condition.

10. Cooking Equipment:
Satisfactory and sufficient.
4 days rations.

10. a. Battalion Breakdown:

	OFF	NCO	E1
Hq Platoon	4	8	29
1st Co	5	16	166
2nd Co	5	11	156
3rd Co	5	14	170
4th Co	5	11	176
	24	60	697

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

No animals.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Incl number of rounds per arm)

776 rifles - 18 rounds each.

24 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Infantry trained.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Lieut Cerati, Luigi - English

Pvt Mongi, Giuseppe - French

Pvt Concarli, Ingo - French

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

776 rifles - 18 rounds each.

24 pistols - 14 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Satisfactory.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

Infantry trained.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Lieut Cerati, Luigi - English.

Pvt Mongi, Giuseppe - French

Pvt Concari, Ingo - French

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

List of specialists with organization.

Date: 14 August 44

Station: _____

Signed: Jerome Kessner
Army Sub. Commission

JEROME KESSNER
Lieut Colonel, Infantry

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INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

1. Unit Muletear Battalion 2. Location S. Bartolomeo

3. STRENGTH: 4. Required for:

	Offrs	C.R.s	Animals Horses Mules	Carts	Vehicles (by types)
5. Strength:	6	500	None	None	None

6. Name of Commanding Officer: 1st Co.: Lieut Costa
2nd Co.: Lieut Fornario

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.)

Gathered from various units.

8. Status of clothing and Personal Equipment:

Fair

9. Tentage:

None

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6. Name of Commanding Officer: 1st Co.: Lieut Costa
2nd Co.: Lieut Fornario

7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps etc.)
Gathered from various units.

8. Stated clothing and Personal Equipment:
Pair

9. Tentage:
None

10. Cooking Equipment:
None

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles:

None.

12. Condition of Animals:

None.

13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)
500 rifles, M 21, cal 6.5, 18 rounds each.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether officers & NCOs appeared to have control
of their men)

Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required
incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

No opportunity to observe.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Sgt SUOZZO, Michele - Albanian.

Fante, Ivo

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13. Arms and Ammunition: (incl number of rounds per arm)

500 rifles, M 91, cal 6.5, 18 rounds each,

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether offrs & NCOs appeared to have control of their men)

Good.

15. State of training (Particularly in regard to job for which required incl any remarks of lack of tradesmen)

No opportunity to observe.

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Sgt SUOZZO, Michele - Albanian.

Fante. LINO, Ferrara - French.

Fante. ALFONSO, Nola - French.

17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

15 August 1944

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

Fair appearance.

Date: 12 Aug 44

Station: _____

Signed: _____

Army Sub-Commissioner

LOUIS A. CERRITI

Captain, Cavalry

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