

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

ACC

10000/120/1245

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

10000/120/1245

ST/25

Correspondence In Reports

Opened Feb. 17, 1944 - Closed May 2, 1944

Feb - May 1944

785020

Subject:- Inspections of Units.

Army Sub COMM. ACC.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEJULE (LEOCE)
ST/25.

2 May 44.

Major GRAY,
MMIA. "ST" LO. 2 District.

1. With reference to your remarks in para 4 of your report dated 22 April, regarding weekly visits to Supply Depots being a waste of time.
2. Your suggested alternative arrangement is quite agreeable with this HQ.

Inbagg butt
Lt. Col,
ADST, Army Sub COMM. ACC.

BC

8051

MM/BA/0

Subject: - ACCOMMODATION

Port Jackson Overseas H.M.F.A.
c/o Quay Office 1023
Docks Operating Dept, R.I.
Berth 2, Brindisi.

A.D.S.M. H.M.F.A.

Ref: 101.

Maestro Vignati, Brindisi.

1. In company with Capt Vitale, I have today seen Capt Marz, D.S. Comandante, Brindisi, and discussed with them the question of sending over the wine factory mentioned by you for the above depot.
2. Capt Marz pointed out that he has recently had very many suggestions as to reviving the depot, and as a result, approached the Italian Engineers, in order to get certain repairs and improvements carried out to the various stores. These repairs are set forth in a letter (243 of 20 Mar 44) from Ufficio Lavori Genio di Brindisi, to Direzione Lavori Genio del 9 Corso d'Armi, Bari. His request has not yet been approved, but if and when the repairs are finished he intends to work the depot as follows:-

3; Beredetto store,

Improved Distribution Centre
Supply Store (all commodities)

Clothing Store
Ballets

Supplies (except flour)

Reserved for taking in

surplus supplies.

Reserved for goods ex. ship

(if directed there).

Via Indipendenza 17
Via Annunziata 18 **8050**

Prima Anima 10/10

1. With regard to the wine factory: Capt Vitale pointed out that a considerable number of wine stores had already been requisitioned. The making of wine is one of Brindisi's staple industries, and in his opinion, if any more requisitions took place, the civil population might suffer from consequent lack of employment.

S: Benedetti, Mario,

Via Indipendenza 17
Pia Annunziata 12 8050

Piazza Arme 18 12

Improved Distribution Centre
Supply Store (all commodities)
Clothing Store
Shirts

Shirts (except flour)
Reserved for taking in
surplus supplies.
Reserved for goods ex. ship
(if directed there).

3. With regard to the wine factory: Capt Vitale pointed out that a considerable number of wine stores had already been requisitioned. The taking of wine is one of Brindisi's staple industries, and in his opinion, if an more requisitions took place, the civil population might suffer from consequent lack of employment.

4. Capt Macra says he is satisfied that he will be able to run his depot office until he gets out in para 2.

5. Alternative suggested for his Boot repair and tailor's shops has been found by Col, Mergio (instead of the Sovol Rubini premises).

6. Capt Macra asks whether M.L.I.A. can request expedition of work mentioned in para 2, as he does not wish to use the wine factory.

We can do with
the wine factory
but I expect to use it

was. Crawford.

15 APRIL 44

GO TO 2nd BATTAL

MILITARY MINISTRY

W file 52/15.

16 Apr.

ITALIAN ARMY.

785020

REPORT ON INSPECTION OF 235 INFANTRY REGIMENT AS COMPLETING ON THE 14th APRIL.

Called on Col. ROSSI Commander of 235 Infantry Regiment and discussed the following R.F. matters:-

1. Ration Strength of Regiment:- Officers 429
N.C.O.s. and other ranks 1765
2. RATIONS. All rations are drawn in bulk every 40 days from Divisional HQ. There were no complaints and the Italian soldier appreciated the ration scale. They would prefer an increase in the bread ration with a corresponding decrease in the biscuit ration.
3. FORAGE. Haystacks and Barley is drawn in the same way as rations.
- Col. ROSSI complained that they were not receiving the Tibetan (Shant, Stuan) ration. I explained that this was a question of distribution and had been taken up with the Italian War Ministry and U.M.R.A.

4. TRANSPORT.

Transport strength 9 Trucks 1500t.
Establishment 50 "

All vehicles were in running order, but the number was insufficient to maintain the Regt. requirements and for vehicle maintenance.

5. INSPECTION OF BATTALION TRAINING IN THE FIELD.

PERSONNEL: All ranks looked fit and well. The men's clothing and boots were generally bad. 20% of the personnel were off training due to no boots, a percentage of the men's boots were in need of repair. Col. ROSSI said they had a cobbler on the strength of the Regiment, but they were very short of leather for repairing purposes.

6. RATIONS. Was present when the midday meal was served in the field it consisted of:-

- 1 Tin of American Salmon between 2 men.
- 1 Large Italian biscuit.
- 1 Barrel of abalbed almonds.
- 1 Bag of wine.

All personnel seemed quite satisfied and there were no complaints. Col. ROSSI explained that they all received a hot meal in the evening.

7. ANIMALS. An inspection of Regiment's horses and mules was carried out and there were a number in an excellent condition. It was explained to the O.C. that all animals showing signs of excitation should be segregated and housed in a separate building. The mules together with a Veterinary certificate to be forwarded to Italian War Ministry for onward transmission to Army and Commission. It was explained that

8449

All vehicles were in running order, but the motor was insufficient to maintain the Regt. requirements and for vehicle maintenance.

5. INSPECTION OF RATION TRAINING IN THE DESERT.

PERSONNEL: All men looked fit and well. The men clothing and boots were generally bad. 20% of the personnel were off training due to no boots, a percentage of the men boots were in need of repair. Col. ROSSI said they had a cobbler on the strength of the Regiment, but they were very short of leather for repairing purposes.

6. RATIONS. Was present when the midday meal was served in the field it consisted of:-

- 1 tin of American Salmon between 2 men.
- 1 large Italian biscuit.
- 1 handful of shelled almonds.
- 1 bag of wine.

8/49

All personnel seemed quite satisfied and there were no complaints. Col. ROSSI explained that they all received a hot meal in the evening.

7. ANIMALS. An inspection of Regiment's horses and mules was carried out and there were a number in an excellent condition. It was explained to the O.C. that all animals showing signs of emaciation should be segregated and housed in a separate building. The members together with a Veterinary certificate to be forwarded to Italian War Ministry for onward transmission to Army and Commission. It was explained that additional forage could be obtained for this purpose on application.

8. Inspection with regard to Messing, Ration Stores and Godowns is attached.

6th April 41.

W. H. Brown

Major.
S.A.D.S.D.

785020

INSTRUCTIONS FOR S & T INSPECTING OFFICERS VISITING FOREIGN DISSEMINATION UNITS.

This Questionnaire is to be treated rather as Instructions than Orders. Inspecting Officers should not waste valuable time in attempting to answer any one question at the expense of the others. The intention is that each Officer, as a result of his inspection, should be able to submit a report on a Unit, or Units, which should indicate to what the exact state of administrative efficiency in so far as it concerns S & T.

S T MAJOR CANN D.A.D.S.T. 5 April 44

REPORT ON: UNIT 235 INFANTRY REGT AT LOCROTOMDO

POINTS

REMARKS

(1) HESSING.

- a. How efficiently is Unit being fed? Very well. Ration scale appreciated
- b. Are rations taken to augment the Unit's vegetable purchases locally? No
- c. How do you judge our all day on date fed? Rations taken with them
- d. Is possible for a meal actually distributed to the personnel? Midday meal served in the field (all day)
- e. Is the bottom store clean & tidy? Yes
- f. Is the top on ground in good order? Yes
- g. Is the top on ground in good order? No
- h. Are there any signs of vermin? No
- i. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- j. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- k. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- l. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- m. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- n. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- o. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- p. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- q. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- r. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- s. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- t. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- u. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- v. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- w. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- x. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- y. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes
- z. Are there any signs of vermin? Yes

Wood Purchased locally

(2) $\mathbb{P} \cong \mathbb{A}^1_S$ O.P.T.

785020

REPORT ON VISIT TO HQ PERCINO DIVISION AT MATTINA FRANKA AND
INSPECTION OF 152 ARTILLERY REGIMENT ON 2nd APRIL.

Called on General Guadagno, Commander of the Percino Division, and discussed the following S & T matters:-

1. Strength of Div. = 430 Officers.
559 H.C.Os.
9005 Other ranks.

2. RATIONS. All rations are drawn from the BARI DEPOT in bulk every 10 days, and distributed to the various units in accordance with their 10 daily strength requirements. There were no complaints with regard to the rations, the soldiers were very pleased with what they received.

3. FORAGE. Strength of Animals = 504 Horses.
1101 Mules.

Oats or Mangione scale, as issued, is 4.2 kilos per animal per day. The General thought that this was insufficient to keep the animals in a satisfactory condition, especially in view of the fact that they were not receiving the wheat straw. I pointed out that the forage requirements for the total animal strength of the Italian Army, as submitted by Italian War Ministry, was released by AFHQ every 10 days:-

The forage (wheat straw) is at present being released from the COMANDO AGRARIO Western Province.

The Oats, (or Mangione) (or Barley) is being released by PMS, and mailed to BARI. I explained that transporting the wheat straw from MATTEA and the Barley or Mangione from station to its final destination was the responsibility of the S.M.A.A. The General said they had not received any wheat straw for some considerable time, and when they did, it arrived very irregularly. I said I would check up with War Ministry and S.M.A.A. when I returned.

4. TRANSPORT AND POL.

Transport Strength = 8 x 3 ton lorries.
18 Trucks 15 cart.

There were no complaints with regard to transport, all vehicles were in running order. POL requirements were being supplied.

5. INSPECTED 152 ARTILLERY REGT. Commanded by Col. Pasquale MATA. Report attached.

785020

3. FORAGE Strength of Animals = 564 Horses. 1101 mules.

Oats or Mangione scale, as issued, is 4.2 kilos per animal per day. The General thought that this was insufficient to keep the animals in a satisfactory condition, especially in view of the fact that they were not receiving the finest straw. I pointed out that the forage requirements for the total animal strength of the Italian Army, as submitted by Italian War Ministry, was released by AFHQ every 10 days:-

The forage (Wheat Straw) is at present being released from the COMANDO AGRARIO Matern Province.

The Oats, (or Mangione) (or Barley) is being released by HQ, and railed to Bari. I explained that transporting the Wheat Straw from MATERN and the Barley or Mangione from station to its final destination was the responsibility of the S.M.A.S. The General said they had not received any Wheat Straw for some considerable time, and when they did, it arrived very irregularly. I said I would check up with War Ministry and S.M.A.S. when I returned.

4. TRANSPORT and POL

Transport Strength = 6 x 3 Ton Lorries.
18 Trucks 15 cart.

There were no complaints with regard to transport, all vehicles were in running order. POL requirements were being supplied.

5. INSPECTED 152 ARTILLERY REGT. Commanded by Col. Pasquale NASCA. Report attached.

4th April 44.

80/17
S. W. Bann
Major.
D. A. D. S. T.

785020

INSTRUCTIONS FOR S & T INSPECTING OFFICERS

This Questionnaire is to be treated rather as instructions than Orders. Inspecting Officers should not waste valuable time in attempting to answer any one question at the expense of the others. The intention is that each Officer, as a result of his inspection, should be able to submit a report on a Unit, or Units, which should indicate to MGDA the exact state of administrative efficiency in so far as it concerns S & T.

S T MAJOR CANV. DADST

3 April 44

REPORT ON: UNIT 152 ARTY REGT.

CMD BY COL PASQUONE, NASTA

POINTS.

REMARKS.

(1) MESSINS.

- a. How efficiently is Unit being fed? *Very well. Soldiers appreciate the ration deals.*
 What steps are taken to augment *Thin & vegetable soup & a little dried fruit*
 b. Rations, ie, do they run a canteen? *Purchased locally. No.*
 How are Men going out all day on *Rations taken with them including cooks*
 c. duty fed?
 If possible see a meal actually
 d. distributed to the personnel.
 e. In the Ration Store clean & tidy? *Yes*
 Are the Ration leaves of bread well
 f. kept & up to standards? *Yes*
 Have the Vegetables in Store
 g. excessive quantities of unmarketable
 stale and leaves. *No*
 Are there signs of rotting food in
 h. the Store contaminating the rest? *No*
 Is there a system in the
 i. Ration Store? *Yes very efficient*
 Is the 10 day feeding programme
 j. being kept up? *Yes*
 Is the Cookhouse clean and
 k. tidy? *Yes*
 l. Are the Cooks clean?
 Have the Cooks been recently
 m. medically inspected for
 Venereal Disease? *Yes Q 11 B*
 What fuel is being used, and from
 n. where is it obtained?
 Is any food left over from each *Wood from the woods near by & purchased locally*
Poland that it was purchased

785020

- g. Is the Ration Store clean & tidy? Yes
- h. Are the Ration Leaves of Fruit well made & up to standard? Yes
- i. Have the Vegetables in Store excessive quantities of unmarketable stalk and leaves? No
- j. Are there signs of putrid food in the Store contaminating the rest? No
- k. Is there a system in the Ration Store? Yes very efficient
- l. Is the 10 day feeding programme being kept up? Yes
- m. Is the Cookhouse clean and tidy? Yes
- n. Are the Cooks clean? Yes
- o. Have the Cooks been recently medically inspected for Venereal Disease? Yes
- p. What Fuel is being used, and from where is it obtained? Wood from the woods near by & purchased locally
- q. Is any food left over from each day's ration? No Col said that it was very seldom any was left over
- r. Inspect to see if Vegetable trimmings that could reasonably be made into stew is not thrown away.
- s. Is any check kept of the No. of Men being fed each day? Yes

(2) TRANSPORT.

- a. Has Unit any Vehicles? Yes Tot. 100 Vehicles 45 Light 55 Heavy
- b. Do the Vehs look well maintained? Yes Difficult to maintain. Vehicles with the worst they have
- c. How many Vehs are runners, & how many are off the road? 19 runners 6 motor cycles running 19 off the road 15 off road
- d. Why are the Vehicles off the road? Due to lack of spare parts & tyres
- e. What have they done about obtaining spare parts? Indents have been forwarded to SMKE
- f. Has Unit been able to obtain sufficient Petrol, Oil, etc? Yes drawn from Base
- g. Do Officers all live on the spot? Yes
- h. If Officers live in other villages, how do they travel to and from?

785020

3

C D 4

VISIT TO RARI 21/22 March, 1944.

Checked Clothing Return 25th Jan. to 15th March at 2 Sub Depot, 500 A.O.D. and found both accounts agreed.

Pullovers, American.

From LARAGO.....76,721.
From 2 Sub Depots, 500 A.O.D.....18,223. (A)
(C) These came from No. 4 R.O.D., HISSIN RARI.
Packed in boxes & supposed to contain 19,560.

There are no more Pullovers in 2 S/D, 500 A.O.D.

The Italian Stores in A.O.D., 500 A.O.D. have been collected by the Italian IX Corps. Arranged that should any more Italian Stores be handed in to R.S.D., the Ordnance Officer to contact the Local M.I.A. I/C stating amount of Transport required.

Guards are not being posted on stores in Trucks on the Railway. N.T.O. had contacted GROUP who had asked IX Corps for Guards on three consecutive days. 25 Trucks for Italian Army were on a siding at time of visit. I contacted MAJOR GRAY, U.S. Army, who has taken the matter in hand. Trucks contained Food & Powder.

Delay in making issues after authorization has been given is due to lack of Transport. The Officer in charge of the Clothing Depot distrusts the Railway and would prefer that issues be made by Lorry, and under Guard. It was also stated that the doors of trucks are wired only and not sealed. Also that there is no statement from Depot of what is in the Trucks and it is therefore impossible to tell whether the Trucks have been interfered with, or not, between the Port or Depot and the destination.

In 2 Sub Depot, 500 A.O.D. is a Stock of 1908 ('08) pattern Web Equipment, which is not likely to be issued to British Troops. This Web Equipment might be issued to Italian Army, if so desired. It consists of the following items:-

Haversacks, w/Shoulder Straps.....	54,216.
Frogs, Bayonet.....	1,400.
Carriers Water Bottle.....	5,418.
Carriers Cartridge.....	3,180.
Braces, Web.....	64,245.

Dyed Battle Dress Suits (ex BERNARDI) which are dark, or have not taken the Dye well, are being issued to men in Mechanical Units, and are being marked "M".

Had DUPLICATION repaired and brought it back this evening.

23 Trucks for Italian Army were on a bridge at end of bridge. Trucks contained Pool & Polder.

Delay in making issues after authorization has been given is due to lack of transport. The Officer in charge of the Clothing Depot directs the Railway and would prefer that issues be made by lorry, and under guard. It was also stated that the doors of trucks are closed only and not sealed. Also that there is no statement from books of what is in the Trucks and it is therefore impossible to tell whether the Trucks have been interfered with, or not, between the Port or Depot and the destination.

In 2 Sub Depot, 500 A.O.D. is a Stock of 1908 ('03) pattern Web Equipment, which is not likely to be issued to British Troops. This Web Equipment might be issued to Italian Army, if so desired. It consists of the following items:-

Boots, w/Shoulder Straps..... 24,216.
 Frogs, Bayonet..... 1,400.
 Carriers Water Bottle..... 5,448.
 Carriers Cartridge..... 3,180.
 Braces, Web..... 24,215.

Dyed Battle Dress Suits (ex HERNARDI) which are dark, or have not taken the Dye well, are being issued to men in Mechanical Units, and are being marked "M".

Had DUPLICATOR repaired and brought it back this evening.

Called upon MAJOR HEADLEY-HELE (Local Resources Officer, 6 B.S.A.) who informed me that there were 240,000 lbs of Macaroni at a Factory in B.M.I awaiting issue to the Italian Army. The Contract had had to be stopped and it was feared that if the Macaroni was not speedily removed the Factory would be lost to us. B.S.D. had made no decision for Macaroni of late.

In the Field.
 22 March, 1945

Major.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 Army and Comm. A.O.C.
 (L. CHOW)

File: ST/25
 Recd: 23/MAR

785020

Subject:- Maintenance of Italian Forces.War Ministry.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Rear HQ (MILA)
LEONILE (LEONE)
ST/25

17 Feb 44.

On visiting various Italian Supply Depots the following points have come to our notice and we pass these on to you for your information, and any action you might think necessary:-

1. Supply Depot, BRINDISI - Comd by Major POLI.
Not suitable accommodation. A number of small lock-up stores - makes stock-taking and issuing difficult. This matter has been taken up with Sub Area Comdr, Col. WOODHOUSE, who stated he recommended that some of the wine warehouses should be taken over and the wine should either be sold or disposed of to warehouses in the country.
2. Supply Depot, POTENZA - Comd by Capt MERO.
Very bad accommodation. Supplies damaged by weather. Local British Comdr, Major NICHOLS, of AMG, endeavouring to find better accommodation. If something better is not forthcoming, a report to that effect to this office would be appreciated.
3. Supply Depot, MOLINELLA - Comd by Capt MORRIS ACQUARO.
It was thought that a general improvement could be made here as supplies appeared poorly kept and in a dirty and untidy condition.
4. Supply Depot, "GENERALO GIACCO SARD", NAPLES - Comd by HUMANNES GRIMARD.
It was noticed with regard to the Fresh Vegetable Contract, that Cauliflowers were being delivered, weighed and accepted with Ungit outside leaves and unnecessarily long stalks. A later visit showed that general trimming of vegetables was being carried out in the Depot. This should not be permitted as it occupies space wanted for other purposes.
5. The supplies in many Depots are not balanced and some Depots hold a big reserve and others are just living from hand to mouth. In this instance it might be found more convenient to hold the reserves in Depots at TARANTO, NAPLES, BARI, LECCE and CATANZARO. Suitable Superior Officers with a sound knowledge being placed in these Depots would ensure proper care of stocks and correct turnover.
6. Italian Bakery, BARI. - Comd by Lt. Col. GIAPPACIO.
The stores contained Italian F. Meat which presumably should have been in the Italian Supply Depot. This Bakery was not working very efficiently. A British baker has been loaned to this Depot. There was a fair size stock of Weevil infested biscuits seen in one store which could only indicate

785020

appreciated.

3. Supply Depot, TARANTO - Comd by Capt. MONTANO LOWERY.
It was thought that a general improvement could be made here as supplies appeared poorly kept and in a dirty and untidy condition.
4. Supply Depot, "CARPINO GIUGIO SUD", NAPLES - Comd by HUMANE GRIMARD.
It was noticed with regard to the Fresh Vegetable Contract, that Cauliflowers were being delivered, weighed and accepted with unfit outside leaves and unseasonably long stalks. A later visit showed that general trimming of vegetables was being carried out in the Depot. This should not be permitted as it occupies space wanted for other purposes.
5. The supplies in many Depots are not balanced and some Depots hold a big reserve and others are just living from hand to mouth. In this instance it might be found more convenient to hold the reserves in Depots at TARANTO, NAPLES, BARI, REGGIO and CATANZARO. Suitable Superior Officers with a sound knowledge being placed in these Depots would ensure proper care of stocks and correct turnover.
6. Italian Bakery, BARI - Comd by Lt. Col. ALPAGNO.
The stores contained Italian E. Meat which presumably should be in the Italian Supply Depot. This Bakery was not working very efficiently. A British baker has been loaned to this Depot. There was a fair size stock of weevil infested biscuits seen in one store which could only indicate that supervision had not been very efficient.
7. Supply Depot, COSENZA - Comd by Major JULIO MONTANO.
The Commander made the complaint that Military Regime arrived at the Depot completely un-documented and sometimes pilfered, also the Supplies in the Depot were being pilfered by Civilians, and asked that a guard might be provided. He was instructed to apply to his Italian Superiors.
8. Italian Military Bakery, COSENZA.
It was noticed that the loaves made from British Issue Flour were small and heavy. Suggest that a Master Baker be sent to this Bakery for a period who is accustomed to using British Flour. Civilian Bakeries appear to have no difficulty with British Issue Flour.
9. Supply Depot, CATANZARO - Comd by Lt. Col. APICINELLI.
The Flour Store was infested by Rats and Lice. The Commander explained that he could not keep Cats because they were killed and eaten by the Civilians. Rat Poison and traps might help to clear this up. There appeared to be quite a number of Cats still roaming about at CATANZARO.

/2....

785020

-2-

21

10. Supply Depot, VISO VALENTIA - Comd by Lt. Col. CARMAROLI ANTONIO.
It was noticed that a number of tins of Biscuits had been put to one side as unfit for human consumption. Inspection showed that only some were unfit for human consumption. It was pointed out to the Comdr that supplies should be sorted before being put on one side and condemned. Once again it would appear that not sufficient attention is paid to thorough inspections by Superior Officers.

11. Supply Depot, RAGGIO - Comd by Lt. VERDUCCI.
(a) Although accommodation was good, this Depot was generally untidy and dirty. Supplies were badly stacked, and in some cases it would be impossible to take stock.

(b) There were considerable stocks of British Supplies.

Campo Rations

Intrine Paper,

Porrige Cats.

Big stock of Sweet Biscuits, big stock of Tinned Milk.
Small stocks of Candles, Baking Powder and Pickles.

It must have been due to some misunderstanding that the above supplies came to be in this Depot, as they have never been on the Italian Ration Scale. Instructions should be given that these supplies are to be handed over to the local British Supply Unit.

12. Supply Depot, CROTONA - Comd by Capt. BARNILL.

(a) It was first noticed that an Officer and Men were smoking in the Forage Store which was filled with bales of straw. No Fire Appliances of any sort were seen anywhere.

(b) No attempt had been made to stack supplies properly in the various warehouses used, and it would be quite impossible to take stock.

(c) Turnover of stocks was quite impossible under these conditions, and from appearances the stocks at the back were never issued or counted.

(d) There was an entire lack of system regarding issues. Detail and Bulk issues were mixed up together.

(e) Different commodities were mixed together such as sacks of Soap, which had a distinct odour, stacked up against Flour, and would undoubtedly contaminate it making it unpleasant, if not unfit for human consumption.

(f) This Depot being of the first importance on account of its Port and Bulk Distributive Duties, should be under the command of a most efficient officer.

It is understood that a change of command has already been made.

13. Supply Depot, CASTROVILLARI - Comd by Capt. MUCCI RAPINALLI.

Considerable stocks of German Supplies were found in this Depot, including Salt, Tea, Dried Vegetables, Flour, Marmalade and Canned.

Amusements are being made to have these imported by an allied force.

12. Supply Depot, CROTONA - Comd by Capt. MARVILLE.

(a) It was first noticed that an Officer and Men were working in the forage store which was filled with bales of straw. No fire appliances of any sort were seen anywhere.

(b) No attempt had been made to stack supplies properly in the various warehouses used, and it would be quite impossible to take stock.

(c) Turnover of stocks was quite impossible under these conditions, and from appearances the stocks at the back were never issued or counted.

(d) There was an entire lack of system regarding issues. Detail and Bulk issues were mixed up together.

(e) Different commodities were mixed together such as sacks of Soap, which had a distinct odour, stacked up against Flour, and would undoubtedly contaminate it making it unpleasant, if not unfit for human consumption.

(f) This Depot being of the first importance on account of its Port and Bulk Distributive Duties, should be under the command of a most efficient Officer. It is understood that a change of command has already been made.

13. Supply Depot, CASTROVILLARI. - Comd by Capt. TUCCI RAFFAELI.

Considerable stocks of German Supplies were found in this Depot, including Salt, Tea, Dried Vegetables, Flour, Marmalade and Canned.

Arrangements are being made to have these inspected by an Allied Army Supply Officer, and items not on the Italian Nation Scale if of any use to Allied forces should be handed to nearest British Supply Unit.

EC

8. *[Signature]*
Lt. Col,
ADPT,
Army Sub Com. ACC.

785020

SUBJECT:- Accommodation for Italian Army.

Ho. No. 2 District G. M. P.
1927/5/12.

14 Feb 44.

52 Area.

(30 Para (4)
of Police file)

1. Lt. Col. FIBEN (ST MHA) recently visited PORTSEA and inspected the Italian Army Station Store, which is stated to be in a very dilapidated state and unfit for the storage of food supplies.
2. He called on the Town Major with a view to having a portion of the Italian Officer Cadet Army Trg School made available, as this would afford suitable covered storage, but the Town Major would not commit himself to giving up the building required.
3. Please investigate and find out what suitable covered storage can be made available to the Italian Army.

R. D. L. L.
Colonel.
C. I. C. A. M.

Copy to:- MHA (2)
MHA L. L. with Italian Ministry of War letter
1454/2 dated 29 Jan.
ST.

ABST. & COM

Q. 12

0 4 1 0