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10000/120/1312 ST/75/2 Returns - Bari Sector

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SUBJECT:- Stolen Supplies from PARI DD.

Land Forces Sub Zone, AG.
(L. .F.A.).
AG/53/17
13 Jan 44

Dires.Gen.Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- [illegible] LO PARI (Your report No. 19 refers).
AG.

1. In reply to your [illegible]/1 dated 28 Dec 43, will you please arrange for a Court of Enquiry to be held as soon as possible, to investigate the circumstances of the theft.

2. The Court will consist of two senior Italian officers, and the [illegible] LO at PARI.

3. It will ascertain the following information, together with such other information as may be considered relevant:-

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(2) Was the warehouse guarded and how?

(3) Were all windows and entrances properly secured and protected by bars or other means?

(4) Have the thieves been apprehended?

(5) If so, what was the result of their trial if concluded?

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for R.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC.
AD/ST, Land Forces sub Comds. AG.(SMA4).

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Ltr to Force Cmd No (19)

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

FORTNIGHT

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 29 Dec. 44. REPORT NO 19

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	NIL.
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	Ex. 22 CRASC, DISINFECTANTS for DEC. (your ST/17/1 dated 18 Dec. 44 refers).
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	NIL.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	Ex. 22 CRASC (a) OLIVE OIL - see this office signal ST/493 dated 28 Dec. 44. (b) ER-ITI RATIONS - as advised daily by signal.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to MUs have been adopted?	Ex. ADRIATIC DEPOT, BARI. See Port L.O's report attached. NIL.
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Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Pool Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Yes.
2.	Is POL position ditto?	As far as is known, yes.
3.	What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix "A" to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?

4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

6. Is turnover secured by issuing from oldest stocks first?

7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recondition broken stocks?

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

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12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

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13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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C. (continued)

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

15. Are arrows for controls posted up where controls can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on fire telephone?

17. "Spot check"?

CONDITIONS OBSERVED	:	SUGGESTIONS FOUND	:	DIFFICULTIES FOUND
	:		:	
	:		:	
	:		:	
	:		:	

Remarks:-

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19. Any labour problems?

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COMMODITIES CHECKED	SHORTAGES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND

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b.Despatches (b)

19. Any Labour problems?

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaited & sealed?

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

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D. Physical Handicaps, Position (PHL).

VII.

1. Is the Depot
adequately protected
against thefts by barbed wire,
night lighting etc?

2. Is there a guard on during
the night?
Is it effective? Do soldiers
guard orders well?

3. During Depot closed periods
is the entire depot area
fenced in? Is there a
protection against theft?
If so, how is soldiers
orders what to do?

4. If there are guns, what
happens to the gun locks
at night and during ...
Depot closed periods?

5. If ground locks are in
use, have any steps been
taken to prevent
theft by adjusting?

6. Are guard stocks
(ammunition, barrels)
properly stacked?

7. Is there a daily
board on unit stock? Are
their bodies used correctly?

8. What correspondence exist
for checking 'locations' and
inventory both serial
numbers? Is it a
daily check?

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5. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there or a portable system check? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are guns, what happens to the gun keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground bonds are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by shielding?

6. Are packed stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stock? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and locating left-hand containers? Is it a daily check?

9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks arranged round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
(a) Adequate? (a)
(b) Strictly applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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1. BARI D.D.
Comm. BARI reported on the morning of 18 Dec 44 that a robbery had occurred at a/m during the previous night.
I inspected the Depot in company of COL. LA ZARA and verified the quantities stolen as against Tally Cards which were recorded up to date. It appeared to be an outside job. No sentry patrolled the side of the building where an entry was made through a window. As all windows on this side have iron bars, thick metal netting and building is on the main FOGGIA road, it had been thought un-necessary to post a sentry there. Being at a point where the road widens considerably, it is thought that a lorry was backed up to the window and the forced entry made under the noise of heavy traffic.
Translation of report from Comm. No. 1/24079 dated 18 Dec 44. is attached at Appendix "C". It has been since understood that some arrests have been made by CCRR.

2. FOGGIA D.D.
Inspected this on 22 Dec 44.
Report No.18., paras (a) & (c) still apply. It appears that nobody in FOGGIA will insist on the eviction of the civilians due to difficult housing problem in that area.
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INSPECTION OF VASTO & ORTONA D.D.'s on 20 DEC 44
by Capt. K. FREELAND, RASC

1. VASTO D.D.

Observations:

(a) Personnel - Strength: 1 Officer, 1 Sgt., 6 ORS. These are part of 209 SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA - remainder of SEZIONE divided between ORTONA and ANCONA. The O.C. SEZIONE is located at the latter location and comes under command 209 Division.

(b) Depot Organisation
Located in one small building. Supplies were not pillar-stacked. There were no Tally Cards or any form of MMIA Accounting System in existence. Ration Issue Notes (ST/8) were not being used by units. Old Italian system was still in use. Officer i/c had received no instructions concerning MMIA system.

(c) Stocks
Total holding approx. 45 Tons. Allied Matches were being issued; there were no Italian Matches in stock.

(d) Closing of Depot
Officer i/c had received instructions only from Commissariato BARI in this respect.

2. ORTONA D.D.

Observations

Remarks as for VASTO D.D. apply except as u/m:

(a) Has more personnel.

(b) Forms ST/8 had been in use since 9 Dec 44. All other accounting was on Italian system.

(c) Total holding approx. 70 Tons.

K. Freeland, Capt.
Senior MMIA S.T. L.O.

24 Dec 44.

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G. Visits to Dept of Section Overseas etc.

Date of visit.	Matter to Accd.	Information by you.	Action required by H.Q.A.A.
Various	OATS received in lieu of HOMINY (your ST/88/S dated 22 Dec refers)	Clarified position with Comm. Full report will follow.	Await this office report.
	Burglery at BARI D.D.	Requested written report.	See Report attached hereto.
	OLIVE OIL ex CONSORZI	Arranged despatches to NAPLES as priority	NIL.
	ORTONA & VASTO D.D's.	Informed Comm. result of my visit.	See Report attached hereto.
	Numerous sundry points	VARIOUS	NIL.- unless written report received by you.

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It is requested that 1 Senior N.C.O. (British) for outside supervision and 1 Pte. or Cpl. Clerk (British) be transferred to this Detachment as part of personnel specified in MMIA Admin. Instn No.3,Appendix B. Such personnel are urgently required. 1939

3. INSPECTION OF DEPOTS.
Few inspections have been carried out during period due to tpt. being in W/Shops. The latter position has now been rectified. Time spent on local routine matters is not reflected in fortnightly reports.

K. Freeland

K.Freeland Capt.
MMIA S.T. Sector L.O.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

3 Jan. 45.

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.C.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or DUMP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

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31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies?
d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

33. Any further remarks?

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Appendix "B"

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT BARI FORTNIGHT ENDING..... REPORT NO. 19

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging. None

Ships loading. None

Name.

Tonnage of Cargo

Consignor/nee

Estimated date of completion.

Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship. None

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest. Received. Not Received.

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Consignor/nee

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Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

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Name of Ship; None

Convey No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest. Received. [ ] Not Received. [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

Allied Port Det. now nas exactly one man and he is in the hospital. If this office is expected to have a Port Det there must be some replacements sent here.

D. GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

During this period we have accomplished the following transactions: Received from ABD 10496 lbs "C" Ration Biscuits; completed receipts of releases authorized by ST/88 of 4 Aug 44 on rations from ABD; exchanged Ground Coffee for Coffee Beans with ABD. Amounts Coffee Beans 128322 lbs, Coffee 102672 lbs; We are obtaining Acceptance Notes on a weekly issue of BRITI Rations. There has been some delay in obtaining these but in the future the delay will be held to a minimum.

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giving priority to all shipments to Naples. The difficulty is in obtaining Railway Cars.

Geo. C. Guthrie Capt.

Geo.C.Guthrie.Capt.
Port Liaison Officer
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

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Appendix "C".

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO
1^ SEZIONE

N° 1/24079 di prot

Bari, 18 December 1944

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
P.M. 3800

e, Per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA — BARI
Officia Servizi

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
Ufficio del Generale Addetto — BARI

AL DISTACCAMENTO M.M.I.A. L.O. — BARI

SUBJECT: Theft of Foodstuff at Magazzino Militare Viveri - BARI

During the night of the 18th instant in one building of the local Magazzino Viveri, a robbery was committed by unknown thieves, who broke the iron bars and the metallic net of the window on the road.

After investigation by an Officer of Commissariato with the Officer i/c of the Magazzino, 42 sacks of sugar at 60 lbs each, a sack of rice at 100 lbs, and 2000 boxes of matches were found to have been stolen.

The Italian and American Police were quickly informed.

A further communication will follow.

S/ ANGELO LA ZARA

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MAGAZZINO MILITARE PRESIDIARIO VIVERI
FOGGIA

N. 531 di prot. 31 ottobre 1944

Oggetto: locali pel magazzino viveri.

AL SINDACO DI
FOGGIA

Riferendomi al colloquio avuto ieri con Lei presente il Signor Capitano Freeland della M.M.I.A. mi permetto comunicarle che i locali dell'ex magazzino viveri presso Porta S.Severo, sono attualmente inadattabili per installarvi il magazzino viveri presidiario sia perchè si dovrebbero eseguire forti e numerosi lavori di sistemazione sia perchè si dovrebbero effettuare anche colà vari sfratti di famiglie poverissime e sinistrate.

Prego pertanto V.S.Ill. a voler disporre perchè così come è stato ordinato dal suddetto Capitano Freeland siano sgomberati dai civili tutti i locali del piano terreno del Padiglione S.Pasquale nonchè quello sito al 2° piano occupato dalla famiglia della signora Caldiera Assunta.

Lo sgombero dovrà avvenire entro il giorno 2/11 p.v.

IL MAGGIORE CONSEGNATARIO
F/to Arturo Bordoni

P.C.C.
IL MAGGIORE COMMISSARIO CAPOSEZIONE
(Domenico De Toma)

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MAGAZZINO MILITARE VIVERI PRESIDIARIO
FOGGIA

N.541 di Prot.

Foggia 2 Novembre 1944

Oggetto: sgombero piano terreno Padiglione S.Pasquale.

AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE di
FOGGIA

Oggi doveva aver luogo lo sgombero dei civili da tutti i locali al piano terreno del Padiglione S.Pasquale nonchè di quello sito al 2° piano occupato dalla famiglia della signora Caldiera Assunta ma per quanto ai detti sia stata fatta ieri la relativa intimazione, nessun civile si è mosso e nessun agente è venuto a fare eseguire la intimazione di sfratto.

Lo scrivente peraltro, in base alle istruzioni avute dal Capitano Freeland della M.M.I.A. nella sua visita ispettiva del 30/IO u.s., devo entro domattina informare telegraficamente la Direzione di Commissariato dell'andamento della pratica.

Epperò si prega voler comunicare allo scrivente quando potrà essere eseguito lo sgombero di che trattasi.

IL MAGGIORE CONSEGNATARIO
F/to Arturo Bordoni

P.C.C.
IL MAGGIORE COMMISSARIO CAPOSEZIONE
(Domenico De Toma)

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I° Sezione

Appendice "D"

n.I/24706 di prot. Bari, 26 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Sgombero di civili dal Padiglione S.Pasquale per Magazzino Viveri Foggia.

AL DISTACCAMENTO M.M.I.A. L.O.
B A R I

Il Consegnatario del Magazzino Viveri di Foggia interessato da questa Direzione a riferire in merito allo sgombero del Padiglione in oggetto, ha comunicato con foglio N° 801 di Prot. del 20 dicembre le dovute chiarificazioni specificando in ordine cronologico quanto appresso:

a)- Il 4 novembre si reco' a Bari, conferendo sull'argomento col Maggiore De Toma, al quale fece presente che lo sgombero dei civili dal Padiglione S.Pasquale non si era ancora iniziato;

b)- il 9 novembre, dopo avere interessato le autorità del luogo (lettera alligata in copia), riesce a fare sgomberare un ampio locale sito al piano terreno di detto Padiglione, e lo stesso 9 Novembre telegrafa alla scrivente che lo sgombero era stato iniziato - telegramma consegnato poi al sig. Capitano Freeland.

Dopo ciò nessuna altra comunicazione fu fatta alla scrivente per cui è da concludere che le affermazioni del consegnatario circa la di lui visita e relazione a questa Direzione e al Maggiore De Toma siano state soltanto quelle del 4 Novembre, e cioè relative, non già allo arresto dello sgombro, successivo al 9 novembre, ma alle difficoltà per l'inizio stesso dello sgombero.=

IL COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE
(Angelo La Mara)

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In questa Direzione a riferire in merito allo sgombero del Padiglione in oggetto, ha comunicato con foglio N° 80I di Prot. del 20 dicembre le dovute chiarificazioni specificando in ordine cronologico quanto appresso:

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MEDA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

FORTNIGHT

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 15 Dec 44 REPORT NO 18

4. Handover of Supplies (Ex Shipping or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	NIL.
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	Ex. ADRIATIC DEPOT, BARI 400 cases "C" Ration Biscuits (your AQ 2323 dated 5 Dec 44 refers)
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O."s report.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	" " " "
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what army agency for sorting and/or allocation to MLOs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or release from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) " " " " (ii)
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.

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3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
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5.	Have meetings of Receiving Cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what security checks for sorting ashore allocation to ZBLs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) " " " " (ii)
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official records been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Yes, except for shortage of MATCHES.
2.	Is POL position ditto?	As far as is known, Yes.
3.	What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix "A" to this report.

"S & T" MMHA.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). BARLETTA BULK SUB-DEPOT

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Neatly stacked, pillar-piled but not all dunnaged and not well laid out.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Only one tally board per COMMODITY which covers many stacks.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	All sups. in buildings.
5. Are goods received with Warranty Expiry dates?	Sorting into warranties NOT carried out.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	No issues yet made.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti-vermin measures are taken?	None. There are many mice in

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6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	No issues yet made.
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rescue broken stocks?	Yes.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	None. There are many mice in existence.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night-lighting~~, etc?	Yes.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 guards at night - adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — No.

16. Are fire precautions adequate à la depot on the telehone? — No fire precautions.

17. "Spot check"? — Yes.

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
NIL.		

Remarks:- No time available.

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a. Receipts (b) b. Despatches — Unknown.

19. Any labour problems? — O.C. complained of shortage of labor.

20. Any mail sent — None despatched.

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17. "Spot check"?

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19. Any labour problems? — O.C. complained of shortage of labor.

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed? — None despatched.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? — No.

Remarks: (a) Depot has been open for 14 days.
(b) In my opinion a/m points should have received attention by now but O.C. Depot is not entirely to blame. He is the only Officer and has worked under difficulties. On my return to BARI I delivered a rocket to COMM. as it is considered they should have taken more interest. I believe this has had the desired effect.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (PCL).

SEE PAGE ATTACHED.

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?

2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?

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9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks breached round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
(a) Comprehensive? (a)
(b) Strictly applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (FOOD)

1. BARI B.D.
Inspected tnis on 7 Dec 44.
Previous reports apply except u/m:
(a) Present stocks are being re-stacked (pillar-pile) and Depot layout re-organized. This was inpossible previously due to lack of space.
(b) W/E dates still not marked on Tally Cards.
(c) Some outside stacks had been moved inside. Some still require dunnaging. O.C. will rectify.
(d) Quantity of bad food was awaiting Commission (since held on 9 Dec 44.).
(e) Books of a/c were in order.

2; LOCOROTONDO D.D.
Inspected this on 10 Dec 44
Improvements suggested in Report 16 have been carried out. Depot now in order.

3. MONOPOLI D.D.
Inspected this on 11 Dec 44.
New O.C. has taken over Depot otherwise as Report 16 - in order.

4. CANOSA D.D.
Inspected this on 12 Dec 44.
(a) Although this has been closed for some time (your ST/53 dated 16 Nov 44 refers) there is still a quantity of stock to be cleared. Reason given was lack of transport.
(b) MMIA Form ST/9 had not been checked with Stock Movements Return. There was a large difference. O.C. agreed to check up.

5. BARI D.D.
Inspected this on 13 Dec 44.
Previous reports still apply - Depot in good order.
Books of a/c however were not being entered daily but every few days. O.C. agreed to put in order and enter daily.

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6. FOGGIA D.D.
Inspected this on 14 Dec 44.
Observations were:
(a) Civilians had moved out of one room only. Position otherwise as Report 17.
(b) DEH HOMINY was being issued at scale equivalent to HOMINY;- referred matter to Comm.
(c) Depot in as good an order as possible under circumstances - see previous reports.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. LOCOROTONDO PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 11 Dec 44.
Exactly as Report 14 - in order.

2. PUTIGNANO PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 11 Dec 44.
As Report 16 except question 5 - tank now sealed. All in order.

3. MONOPOLI PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 10 Dec 44.
As Report 17. Salvage requires tidying, otherwise in order.

4. ANDRIA PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 12 Dec 44.
As Report 16 except question 5 - tanks now sealed. No issues, no receipts - see Report 14.

5. BARLETTA PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 14 Dec 44.
As Report 15 - in order.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1.	Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground sheets - daily cards - depot stock records - procedure for ascertaining adjustment of discrepancies)?	See page 4.
2.	What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL.
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	NIL.
4.	Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL.

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F. Units' Interior Economy.

See page 8.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an excessive amount of left over & mess room wastage?

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served?

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14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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H. General (Cont'd)

VISIT TO CENTRO ORTOPEDICO (Cont'd)

(c) There was approx. 300 lbs of P. MEAT in the store held as a "reserve". This had been authorized by DIREZIONE SANITA di BARI last JUNE on instructions of War Ministry. Is this in order?

(d) No summarized record was kept of number of rations drawn as against entitlement for any period. Only record kept was by commodities. O.C. Hospital agreed to rectify.

(e) Patients complained of insufficient food, although one patient is allowed to check the rations daily. On investigation it appeared that they were receiving the full single scale but no extras, apart from a few tins of MILK of Italian origin. O.C. Hospital had received instructions to draw a few days later the items for hospitals authorized by MMIA (from Allied sources).

(f) NO MARMALADE had been received. (this office letter ST/4 dated 10 Dec 44 to you refers).

(g) Some patients (who are allowed out on crutches etc) complained of lack of clothes. Copy of items already demanded by Hospital has been passed to CAPT. FORDYCE).

3. INSPECTION OF ORTONA & VASTO D.D.'s

Ref. your ST/33/13 dated 10 Dec 44. Inspection of a/m has not yet taken place due to (a) pressure of local work and (b) no transport (3 vehicles being off the road at present). It is hoped to carry out this duty early next week.

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT BARI WEEK-ENDING 15 Dec 44 REPORT NO. 18

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging.		Discharging Ships ~~discharging~~.
S.S. JOSEPH E. BROWN	Name.	S.S. ROBERT T. PAINE
36.21	Tonnage of Cargo	192.46
Italian Military	Consignor/nee	Italian Military
Completed 27 Nov 44	Estimated date of completion.	Completed 8 Dec 44
Rations and Box Material	Nature of Cargo	Rations
	Any difficulties experienced?	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship; None

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest. Received. Not Received.

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

This sector would like to know if the Port Detachment is still to function. If there is to be any additional ships discharging at this port as UGS 60 has completed offloading. We should be informed so that our plans can be made accordingly.

D. *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

During this period we have exchanged 102672 lbs of Coffee for 128324 lbs Coffee Beans, with Adriatic Depot. We are now trading Corn, Cream Style for Dried Peas on the basis of 2 lbs Corn for 1 lb Dried Peas, with Adriatic Depot.

Also receiving 400 cases Biscuits "C" Style from Adriatic Depot.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ.MMIA.

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Port Liaison Officer
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Read 10 Dec.

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ITEM S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

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SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 1 DEC 44 REPORT NO 17

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port L.O.'s report
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	HOSPITAL ITEMS (your ST/9 dated 21 Nov 44)
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	(a) BALING WIRE (this office ST/10 dated 24 Nov 44 refers) (b) DISINFECTANTS - NCV (this office ST/10 dated 1 Dec 44 refers) (c) Ex Q.M. Depot, BARI; Separate report showing details to follow.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) " " " (ii)
7.	Has documentation of handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes

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under report?

4. What reclamation at Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

(a) BALING WIRE (this office ST/10 dated 24 Nov 44 refers)
(b) DISINFECTANTS - NCV (this office ST/10 dated 1 Dec 44 refers)
(c) Ex Q.M. Depot, BARI; Separate report showing details to follow.

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See Port L.O.'s report

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or reclamation from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?

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7. Has documentation of Handover & condition of cargoes been satisfactory in period under report?

Yes

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Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

Yes, apart from small stock of BISCUITS and OLIVE OIL stock getting low;

2. Is POL position ditto?

As far as is known, yes.

3. What Requisitions to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

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SEE SHEET 3

C. Physical Environment Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?

4. Are certain packed & canned goods under cover?

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

6. Is turnover assured by Issuing Off. oldest stocks first?

7. Are naturally perishable goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Receiving & Salvage Section to sort & receive broken stocks?

10. How much stock in there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. That anti-vermin

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6. Is ammunition received by Standing Army direct stocks first?

7. Are naturally combustible goods kept well away? (e.g. Cotton & Wool).

8. Are outdoor stacks on flat ground which will stand up to fresh traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & reuse broken stocks?

10. How much stock is there available (Imperial as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black markets?

11. Is Depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (FOOD)

1. FOGGIA D.D.
Inspected this on 19 Nov 44.
As report No. 15.
Although orders have been given for the civilians to move out, they are still there; The Town Major, however, is arranging to have a roof put on a nearby small garage which can then be used by the D.D. This will give the Depot the necessary additional space required but will not prevent the possibility of theft by the many civilians who are living in rooms adjacent to the existing Depot. There appears no alternative in view of the difficult housing problem in FOGGIA.

2. BARI B.D.
Inspected this on 23 Nov. 44.
Previous reports apply except u/m:
(a) Improvised rat-traps now in use.
(b) Fire precautions improved.
(c) NO W/E Dates were marked on Tally Cards. - O.C. will rectify.
(d) Some outside stacks required dunnaging. - O.C. will rectify.
(e) BR-ITI Food received form 22 CRASC was badly packed and some items were warranty expired. (I phoned 22 CRASC who stated that the food was the same as that being given to British tps);

3. BARI BAKERY
Inspected the FLOUR DEPOT under control of a/m on 24 Nov 44.
Following observations were made:
(a) Tally Cards not initialed and W/E date not shown. O.C. will rectify.
(b) I inspected some newly-made biscuits made locally for trvlg rations; Have sent a sample to 22 CRASC for analysis.
(c) Depot otherwise in order.

4; BARI D.D.
Inspected this on 24 Nov 44:

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alternative in view of the difficult housing problem in FOGGIA.

2. BARI B.D.
Inspected this on 23 Nov. 44.
Previous reports apply except u/m:
(a) Improvised rat-traps now in use.
(b) Fire precautions improved.
(c) NO W/E Dates were marked on Tally Cards. - O.C. will rectify.
(d) Some outside stacks required dunnaging. - O.C. will rectify.
(e) BR-ITI Food received form 22 CRASC was badly packed and some items were warranty expired. (I phoned 22 CRASC who stated that the food was the same as that being given to British tps);

3. BARI BAKERY
Inspected the FLOUR DEPOT under control of a/m on 24 Nov 44.
Following observations were made:
(a) Tally Cards not initialed and W/E date not shown. O.C. will rectify.
(b) I inspected some newly-made biscuits made locally for trvlg rations; Have sent a sample to 22 CRASC for analysis.
(c) Depot otherwise in order.

4; BARI D.D.
Inspected this on 24 Nov 44;
Following observations are made:
(a) There was no bad food on hand.
(b) Sufficient rat-traps now provided.
(c) Coffee Beans were being roasted.
(d) Took some samples of RICE for analysis which were doubtful as to condition.

5, BARLETTA D.D.
Inspected this on 25 Nov 44.
Report No 14 still applies. In order except that salvage was untidy. O.C. will rectify. Question of guards being taken up with PRESIDIO.

6. MONOPOLI D.D.
Inspected this on 28 Nov 44.
As report No 16. In order.

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B. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

1. TRIGGIANO PETROL DEPOT.
Inspected this on 24 Nov 44.
As report No 15.

2. BARLETTA PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 25 Nov 44.
As report No 15; - in order.

3. MONOPOLI PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 28 Nov 44.
As report No 16. - satisfactory, except that some salvage required tidying. O.C. will rectify.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are FOod depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	Yes - Those visited See page 3 to this report
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL.
3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	NIL.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to accounting units concerned?	NIL.

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as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited? NIL.

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report? Yes.

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned? NIL.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean and well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weight of a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of rations to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 ~~grammes~~)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of months to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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Appendix "B".

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT BARI PERIOD WEEK-ENDING 4 Dec 194- REPORT NO 17

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging.		Ships loading.
[illegible]	Name.	[illegible]
2219.44	Tonnage of Cargo	1227.71
Italian Military	Consignor/nee	Italian Military
Finished 13 Nov 44	Estimated date of completion.	Finished 29 Nov 44
Italian Rations and Cardboard Boxes	Nature of Cargo	Italian Rations'
	Any difficulties experienced?	

Ships Discharging

S.S. ROBERT T. PAINE

191.46	Tonnage of Cargo	
Italian Military	Consignee	
27 Nov 44	Est time of Comp	
Italian Rations	Nature of Cargo	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship; S.S. JOSEPH E. BROWN

Convoy No. UGS 60 (UK-54)

E.T.A. 4 Dec 44

Tonnage of Cargo 60.61

Manifest. Received. [illegible] Net Received.

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Received.

Not Received.

Damage or Casualties

Manifest.

Convoy No.

Name of Ship.

Tonnage of Cargo

Date of Departure from Last Port

Date of Arrival

Total Number of Days Occupied on Voyage

Ports of Call

Number of Days in Each Port

Total Number of Days in Port

Number of Days at Sea

Total Number of Days Lost

Reasons for Delay

Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

Estimated date of completion.

Total number of Days Lost

Number of Days at Sea

Number of Days in Port

Ports of Call

Number of Days in Each Port

Total Number of Days Occupied on Voyage

Date of Arrival

Date of Departure from Last Port

Tonnage of Cargo

Name of Ship.

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

S.S. Langdon Chevas off loaded at Brindisi. All supplies were despatched to Taranto except 1,000,000 lbs Flour despatched to Adriatic Base Depot for which Shipping Tickets have been sent to your office

D. *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at Hq.MMIA.

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

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D- *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ.MMIA.

G[illegible] Guthrie.Capt.
P[illegible] Liaison Officer
[illegible]enior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H[illegible] No. 2 District.

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"S & T., MMA.

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MMA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI FORTNIGHT ENDING 17 NOV 44 REPORT NO 16

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — See Port L.O's. report.

2. What supplies notified for releases from Allied Depots since last report? — Disinfectants (your ST/17/1 dated 11 Nov 44 refers)

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — See Port L.O's report.

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report? — Ex C.M. Depot
Corned Beef Hash 131,000 lbs
Morning, Deh 5,000 lbs
Ex 88 CRASC
Hospital Items (this office ST/9 dated 16 Nov 44 confirms)

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs have been adopted? — See Port L.O's report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) " " " " (ii) "

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — Yes.

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE

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reason Report?

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

Ex C.M. Depot
Corned Beef Mash 131,000 lbs
Hominy, Deh 5,000 lbs
Ex 25 CRASC
Hospital Items (this office ST/3 dated 16 Nov 44 confirms)

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to MUs have been adopted?

See Port L.O's report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) Labour (ii) transport?

(i) " " " " "
(ii)

7. Has documentation of handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

Yes.

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

Yes.

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2. Is POL position ditto?

As far as is known, yes.

3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

See Appendix "A" to this report.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). LOCOROTONDO D.D.

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes, except small stock of FORCES - O.C. will rectify.
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable bunge?	Yes.
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	In use, but some were incorrect - O.C. will rectify.
4.	Are carton packed & canned goods under cover?	All sups. in building
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	No.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rescue broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	[illegible]	[illegible]

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	dates?	No.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing Mess oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are actually contamination goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night lighting, etc~~?	Yes.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	As previously reported - satisfactory.

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c. (continued) LOCCROTONDO D.D.(cont.)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? —

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? Yes. Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
DEHY. POTATOES.	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- Tally Card shewed 11 kilos less than the quantity actually on the stack, but latter agreed (approx) with Stock a/c. Tally Card amended accordingly.

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour (a) (b) for: a.Receipts b.Despatches As previously reported.

19. Any Labour problems? No.

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Remarks:- Tally Card shewed 11 kilos less than the quantity actually on the stack, but latter agreed (approx) with Stock a/c. Tally Card amended accordingly.

18 18. What is the handling capacity ex Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a.Receipts b.Despatches (a) (b) As previously reported.

19. Any Labour problems? No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed? None despatched.

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21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? No.

22. Remarks. Suggested a Daily Issues Sheet be kept in the Issuing Store in order to maintain Tally Cards accurately.

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D.	Physical Warehousing Position (POL).		
	1. Is the Depot generally protected against theft by barbed wire, ~~night lighting etc~~	Yes.	
	2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	Yes. Yes.	
	3. During Depot closed periods is the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	Yes. Yes.	
	4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Under-Offr. retains them.	
	5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	2 Tanks - 1 requires sealing.	Still not sealed. Marshall f/c said "tomorrow".
	6. Are pushel stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly shaded?	Yes.	
	7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	No.	
	8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and locating int. and container? Is it a daily check?	Daily check.	
	9. How are pushel stocks issued? (Empty	According to accounts	

guard orders exist?	Yes.	
3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	Yes. Yes.	
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Under-Offr.retains them.	
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	2 Tanks - 1 requires sealing.	Still not sealed. Marshall i/c said "tomorrow".
6. Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?	Yes.	
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	No.	
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'Returns' and decanting into canal containers? Is it a daily check?	Daily check.	
9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?	According to amounts authorized.	
10. Are packed stock stacks breached round to prevent fire spread?	No.- on sandy soil in a building.	
11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a) Comprehensive? (a) (b) Suitably applied? (b) (c) Adequate? (c)	Yes.	Sand has been provided. Yes. Yes.
12. Remarks.	One tank contains A.G.O. and the other Paraffin.	Questions 1-4, 6-10 as report No.14.- in order.
	7/11/44	10/11/44

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (FOOD) - Continued from Page 3.

1. MONOPOLI D.D.
Inspected this on 6 Nov.44.
Items mentioned in Report No.15, page 6, have been rectified.
No further comments.

2. BARI D.D.
Inspected this on 8 Nov.44.
Following observations were made:-
(a) Almost all of the old stock of GERMAN IND VEG. had been issued.
(b) EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES received from 22 CRASC were being sorted out. Some of these are unfit for issue being mouldy, and 22 CRASC have agreed to accept these back. Final result will be advised you on completion.
(c) Insufficient rat-traps. O.C. has agreed to make some more.
(d) Some PASTA had been stacked too close to FLOUR. This was due to lack of space. O.C. will later rectify.

3. CANOSA D.D.
Inspected this on 10 Nov.44.
As Report No.15 except as u/m:-
(a) The alternative accommodation previously reported has been found to be requisitioned by the Allies.
(b) Feeding strength now reduced to 800 tps., labour units having moved away. It is suggested that this Depot be closed forthwith; remaining tps can draw from BARLETTA. Comm. is in full agreement. MINERVINO CAMP was to have drawn from this Depot but MAJOR MURRELL confirms that this has been closed. An alternative camp will be located at TRANI. These tps. can also draw from BARLETTA; Depot accommodation there should be ample.
(c) Depot has a large stock of PASTA. Comm. will transfer some of this immediately if Depot is to remain open.

4. POTENZA D.D.
Inspected this on 12 Nov 44 on the way to ROME. Depot in good order. Large stocks of RICE and PASTA previously reported have been reduced. Books of a/c were not up to date. O.C. will rectify.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).-continued from page 4.

MONOPOLI PETROL DEPOT.

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3. CANOSA D.D.
Inspected this on 10 Nov.44.
As Report No.15 except as u/m:-
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(c) Depot has a large stock of PASTA. Comm. will transfer some of this immediately if Depot is to remain open.

4. POTENZA D.D.
Inspected this on 13 Nov 44 on the way to ROME. Depot in good order. Large stocks of RICE and PASTA previously reported have been reduced. Books of s/c were not up to date. C.C. will rectify.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).-continued from page 4.

1. LOCCROTONDO PETROL DEPOT.
Inspected this on 6 Nov.44.
Exactly as report No.14.- satisfactory.

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2. MONOPOLI PETROL DEPOT.
Inspected this on 7 Nov.44.
(a) Fire precautions have been improved otherwise as Report No.14 - satisfactory.
(b) There are a number of derelict vehicles belonging to 9 AUTIERI REGT. stationed in the Depot yard. These have been there for many months.

3. NOICATTARO PETROL DEPOT.
Inspected this on 9 Nov.44.
As Report No.15 except as u/m:-
(a) One tank was found to be insufficiently sealed - will be (rectified.
(b) Roof of mens billets was leaking. C.C. has requested Engineers to carry out necessary repairs.

4. TRIGGIANO PETROL DEPOT.
Inspected this on 9 Nov.44.
As Report No.15.

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B. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	Yes, except Form ST/9 (Ration Demands) in CANOSA D.D. See page 5 ref: POTENZA D.D. See individual reports.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL.
3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	NIL.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL.

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by visits to units concerned?

3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited? NIL.

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report? Yes.

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned? NIL.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an excessive amount of kit when a base room wastage?

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

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18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Carabinieriato.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Actiontaken by you.	Action required by H.Q.I.A.
7.11.44	Condemnation of SALTED FISH & sundry matters.	This office ST/3 dated 11 Nov.44 refers	NIL.
12.11.44.	Tally Cards & use of Daily Issues Sheet in LOCOROTONDO D.D.	Arranged with Comm.'	NIL
	CANOSA D.D.-	see page 5 to this report.	NIL.
	Food for Italian Civilian labour	Taken up by MAJ.ROSE whilst in BARI	as agreed.
	Local made biscuits for trvlg rations—how to pack.	Taken up by me whilst in ROME	as agreed.

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

1. ADELPHIA SALVAGE DEPOT.
Visited this on 9 Nov 44. This office letter ST/1 dated 10 Nov.44 addressed to H.Q. P & L. & 9 AUTIERI REGT., copy to you, refers.

2. RELEASES FROM ITALIAN DEPOTS TO Q.M. DEPOT, BARI.
100,000 lbs. SUGAR authorized in signal (by MAJOR ROSE) 8356 dated 8 Nov.44.

3. INSPECTIONS MADE IN COMPANY WITH MAJOR ROSE (U.S.A.)—BARI R.D. BARI D.D. & BARI BAKERY
These were inspected on 11 Nov 44.
All depots were clean and in pretty good order. Flour received since my last visit to BARI D.D. had not been dunnaged due to (a) lack of time (b) shortage of dunnage (c) because floor and roof were sound. Q.C. has agreed to rectify.

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100,000 lbs. SUGAR authorized in signal (by MAJOR ROSE) 8356 dated 8 Nov.44.

3. INSPECTIONS MADE IN COMPANY WITH MAJOR ROSE (ITIA)—BARI B.D. BARI D.D. & BARI BAKERY
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4. CLOTHING
Clothing of men doing guard duties at all PETROL DEPOTS is appalling. Separate report has been submitted to ITIA.

5. COFFEE BEANS
BARI D.D. are roasting approx. 3 Tons per day.

K. Freeland, Capt.
ITIA S.T. Sector L.O.
C/o 54 Area

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.C.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or DERP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip Units (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal

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28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

33. Any further remarks?

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Appendix B.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT BARI WEEK-ENDING 17 Nov 1944 REPORT NO 16

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging.		Discharging Ships loading.
BETA CORVELL	Name.	S.S. LANGDON CHEVES
2319.44	Tonnage of Cargo	1827.71
Italian Military	Consignor/nee	Italian Military
Nov 19, 1944	Estimated date of completion.	Nov. 28, 1944
Italian Rations and Cardboard boxes.	Nature of Cargo. Any difficulties experienced?	Italian Rations

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship: S.S. ROBERT T. PAINE (HR 808)

Convoy No. UGS 52

E.T.A. 22 November 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 192.46

Manifest. Received. XXXXXXX Not Received.

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Ships discharging.

	Discharging Ships loading.
EZRA CORTELL	S.S. LANGDON CHEVRS
Name.	
2319.44	1827.71
Tonnage of Cargo	
Italian Military	Italian Military
Consignor/nee	
Nov 18, 1944	Nov. 28, 1944
Estimated date of completion.	
Italian Rations and Cardboard boxes.	Italian Rations
Nature of Cargo.	
Any difficulties experienced?	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship: S.S. ROBERT T. PAINE (HR 808)

Convoy No. UGS 53

E.T.A. 24 November 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 199.45

Manifest. Received. [redacted] Not Received. [redacted]

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Italian Military	Consignor/nee	Italian Military
Nov 19, 1944	Estimated date of completion.	Nov. 28, 1944
Italian Rations and Cardboard boxes	Nature of Cargo	Italian Rations
	Any difficulties experienced?	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship; S.S. ROBERT T. PAINE (MR 808)

Convoy No. UGS 59

E.T.A. 24 November 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 192.46

Manifest. Received. [XXXXXXX] Not Received. [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

D. *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

1. The commissario to Bari was notified for Major Rose that no more coffee was to be issued until the present stock of tea was exhausted in Lecce.

2. To eliminate further misunderstanding in regards to supplies sent by rail from ship side of from other depots I have obtained in writing the instructions of the commissario that cover the handling of supplies Ex L. CHEVRE off-loading at Brindisi.

3. Our newly acquired Flour Depot at the La Rocca Plant is not being cleared at present as instructed by Major Rose. As yet we have no warehouse to which the present stock of flour can be moved.

4. S.S. LAWRENCHEVES is off loading at Brindisi. A detachment

(ii) ~~Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ. MMIA~~.

of both the Allied and Italian Port Det. has been sent down to handle the movements of supplies. I went to Brindisi and made the necessary arrangements for the supplies to be dispatched as following: 700,000 lbs of flour to be sent Adriatic Depot, Foggia, 300,000 lbs of flour to be sent Adriatic Depot, Bari and the remainder to be shipped by rail to Italian Military Warehouse in Taranto.

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Geo. L. Guthrie

G. L. Guthrie. Capt.
Liaison Officer
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
No. 2 District.

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NAAF 3 & 7 SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

FORTNIGHT
SECTOR BARI ~~WEEK~~ ENDING 3 NOV 44 REPORT NO "15"

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — See Port L.O's. report.

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report? — (a) Egyptian Cigarettes - your ST/60 dated 27 Oct refers.
(b) Hospital Supplies - your ST/9 dated 21 Oct refers.

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — See Port L.O's. report.

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report? — ex Q.M. Depot, BARI
See this office letter ST/10 dated 3 Nov. for full particulars.

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to HQs have been adopted? — See Port L.O's. report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? — (i)) (ii)) See Port L.O's report.

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — Yes.

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4.	What releases or Allied Depots have been tackled during period under report?	ex Q.M. Depot, BARI See this office letter ST/10 dated 3 Nov. for full particulars.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs have been adopted?	See Port L.O's. report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) (ii) See Port L.O's report.
7.	Has documentation of handover & condition of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Pool Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Yes.
2.	Is POL position ditto?	Unknown. - Reply awaited to this office ST/264 dated 2 Nov.
3.	What Redeployment to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix "A" to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). CANOSA D.D.

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and of suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4.	Are certain packed & canned goods under cover?	All sups. in buildings.
5.	Are goods marked with Warehouse Keepers duties?	No.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing first stored stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & repack broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin	

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	with Warranty Expiry dates?	No.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing first oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are inflammable contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Cotton & Wool).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is Depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	None - see report No. 11. Again requested Comm. BARI to take action.

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sanitation posted up where sanitation can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? Yes.

17. "Spot check"? No.

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
TOMATO CATSUP	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books.

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour (a) (b) for: a.Receipts b.Despatches Unknown.

19. Any labour problems? No.

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the telephone? No.

17. "Spot check"?

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TOMATO CATSUP	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books.

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19. Any labour problems? No.

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20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaited & sealed? None despatched.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? None.

22. Remarks.
O.C. has found suitable alternative accommodation - unused gymnasium at present locked-up. Referred matter to Comm. on my return for action.

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BARLETTA PETROL DEPOT
Inspected this on 1 Nov.44.
In order - as Report No. 14.

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D.	Physical Warehousing Position (PCL).		
1.	Is the Depot centrally protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?		No. - dump surrounded by empty barrels.
2.	Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?		
3.	During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	Orders now revised.	Orders now posted.
4.	If there are guns, what happens to the gun keys at night and during Depot closed periods?		
5.	If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?		
6.	Are sealed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?		
7.	Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?		
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and dealing with usual condition? Is it a daily check?		
9.	How are sealed stocks		

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3.	During Depot closed periods is the system in there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	Orders now revised.	Orders now posted.
4.	If there are guns, what happens to the gun keys at night and during Depot closed periods?		
5.	If petrol tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?		
6.	Are petrol stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly stacked?		
7.	Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?		
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?		
9.	How are petrol stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?		
10.	Are petrol stack stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?		No.
11.	Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a) Adequate? (b) Suitably applied? (c) Adequate?	(a) (b) (c)	Could do with 2 or 3 large fire extinquishers.
		Questions 1 - 2, 4 - 11 as report No.12 - in order.	Questions 2,4 - 9, as report No.12 - in order.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) - continued from page 3.

1. MONOPOLI D.D.
Inspected this on 24 Oct 44.
Depot as previously reported (No.13) except as u/m:
(a) Tally cards were incomplete as regards No. of containers; seales were dirty; salvage was untidy.-O.C. will rectify.
(b) O.C. has had 1 Sgt. and 2 OR's posted to him to replace civilians. Presidio immediately sent these three men on leave on reporting without consulting O.C.Depot. I visited Presidio who arranged to recall them.

2. LOCOROTONDO D.D.
Inspected this on 24 Oct.44.
Depot as Report No.13. No further comments.

3. BARI D.D.
Inspected this on 25 Oct 44.
Following observations were made:-
(a) ITI TND MEAT was being issued at the rate of 2 men per tin (stated to be on W.M.instructions). This is 25 gms in excess of the ration scale of 85 gms per man.
(b) SALT, WINE & MARMALADE were being issued for ex P.O.W's on repayment. Remainder of the ration is obtained from civilian sources. Comm. say this is authorized. Please confirm.
(c) Old stock of GERMAN TND VEG. had not been issued. O.C. agreed to issue forthwith.

4. FOGGIA D.D.
Inspected this on 30 Oct 44.
Report No.13 still applies. Civilians had not been moved out of Depot building. I visited the Comune and informed him that the families downstairs must be found other accdm.by 2 Nov. O.C. Depot will advise Comm. by signal of progress.
Checked stock of BEANS - surplus negligible.

5. BARI B.D.
Inspected this on 31 Oct 44.
Previous reports still apply. No rat-traps are in existence - O.C. again agreed to rectify. Fire precautions are inadequate now that additional buildings are in use. There is insufficient space available to permit pillar-stacking of supplies.

6. BARLETTA D.D.
Inspected this on 1 Nov 44.
Report No.14 still applies. In order except for lack of guards which Comm. say Presidio cannot provide.
Checked stock of SALMON - surplus negligible.

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Depot as Report No.13. No further comments.

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Inspected this on 25 Oct 44.
Following observations were made:-
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(c) Old stock of GERMAN TND VEG. had not been issued. O.C. agreed to issue forthwith.

Done ST/5 refers dated 6 Nov.

Capt Freeland informed verbally

4. FOGGIA D.D.
Inspected this on 30 Oct 44.
Report No.13 still applies. Civilians had not been moved out of Depot building. I visited the Comune and informed him that the families downstairs must be found other accdm.by 2 Nov. O.C. Depot will advise Comm. by signal of progress.
Checked stock of BEANS - surplus negligible.

Capt Freeland visited Civilians moving out 15th

5. BARI B.D.
Inspected this on 31 Oct 44.
Previous reports still apply. No rat-traps are in existence - O.C. again agreed to rectify. Fire precautions are inadequate now that additional buildings are in use. There is insufficient space available to permit pillar-stacking of supplies.

Done ST/53/17 dated 16 Nov. refers

6. BARLETTA D.D.
Inspected this on 1 Nov 44.
Report No.14 still applies. In order except for lack of guards which Comm. say Presidio cannot provide.
Checked stock of SALMON - surplus negligible.

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E. Accounting Position (Mech. & POL Depots).

1. Are Mech depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in regard under report? (GR, ground checks - daily cards - depot check checks - procedure for accounting adjustments or discrepancies)?

Those visited, yes.

See individual reports.

2. What checks have you made as to whether Motor Transport as recorded Mech depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

Visited the u/m:

(a) REPARTO COMANDO 20 RAGGRUP. C.A.
Records in order.

(b) 922 REPARTO PORTUALI.
Records in order.

(c) 406 REGG. PIONIERI.
Records in order.

(d) CAMPO DI SOSTA E CONTUMACIA (BARI)
Records NOT up to date - a check was impossible.
Being a camp for ex P.O.W's., Ration Issue Notes should be marked "P.S" - O.C. said he knew nothing about this distinction.

3. Have Daily Ration Books been introduced & operated to be in order in case of units visited?

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?

Yes.

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

None.

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F. United Nations Personnel.

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...ation Strengths as recorded in Form 1000 accounts and confirmed by visits to units concerned?

(a) [illegible]
Records in order.

(b) 922 REPARTO PORTUALI.
Records in order.

(c) 406 REGG. PIONIERI.
Records in order.

(d) CAMPO DI SOSTA E CONTUMACIA (BARI)
Records NOT up to date - a check was impossible.
Being a camp for ex P.O.W's., Ration Issue Notes should be marked "P.S." - O.C. said he knew nothing about this distinction.

3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in use out of units visited?

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4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be invariably in order on inspections in period under report?

Yes.

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to corresponding units concerned?

None.

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F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an excessive amount of left over & mess room wastage?

3. Are unit ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean and well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.F.I.A.
Various	BARI B.D.- Fire precautions still unsatisfactory. Comm. has promised to rectify.	Requested immediate action.	Pressure on W.M.
31 Oct	DRIED SOUP BLOCKS (this office letter ST/6 dated refers)	Requested remainder be issued to hospitals	NIL
	RATIONS ISSUED ON REPAYMENT to Lunatic Asylum.	Report No.14 page 3(a) refers.	Clarification.
	RATIONS ISSUED ON REPAYMENT to ex P.O.W's.	See page 5 to this report.- Comm. say this is in order.	Clarification.
	CANOSA D.D.- No guards	Requested immediate action	Action requested in Report No.14, page 8.
	[illegible]		
	MONOPOLI D.D. exchanging present civilians for soldiers.	NIL	NIL
	FOGGIA D.D. - Question of removing civilians living in depot building	See page 5 to this report.	NIL.
	FLOUR being issued) for travelling rtns due to lack of biscuits.	Suggested Comm. arranges for BAKERY to make small supply of BISCUITS-he agrees	

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31-Oct refers)

RATIONS ISSUED ON REPAYMENT to Lunatic Asylum.	Report No.14 page 3(a) refers.	Clarification.
RATIONS ISSUED ON REPAYMENT to ex P.O.W's.	See page 5 to this report.- Comm. say this is in order.	Clarification.
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FOGGIA D.D. - Question of removing civilians living in depot building	See page 5 to this report.	NIL.
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H. General.

1. MOLFETTA D.D. & TRANI D.D.
Visited a/m on 1 Nov 44 and confirmed both Depots closed and stocks now cleared.

2. RELEASES FROM ITALIAN DEPOTS. TO Q.M. DEPOT, BARI.
(a) 830,550 lbs of FLOUR released out of 2,200,000 lbs authorized (ref. MMIA AQ 2079 dated 25 Oct).
(b) 200,000 lbs. of SUGAR released (ref MMIA AQ2211 dated 1 Nov).

3. As reported by phone to CAPT CRAIG my vehicle has been off the road for the want of 2 new INNER TUBES. Have again recently obtained 2 from SALVAGE DUMP which will see short service. As 1 tube was requested from MMIA last AUGUST, may this matter be hastened please.

K. Freeland.

K.Freeland. Capt.
MMIA S.T. Sector L.O.
C/o 54 Area.

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or DUP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

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29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

33. Any further remarks?

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Appendix "B".

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PORT BARI Fortnight WEEK-ENDING Nov 3, 1944 REPORT NO "15"

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.		Ships loading. DISCHARGING
SS "CHARLES C.JONES"	Name.	SS "CALEB STRONG"
1209.80	Tonnage of Cargo	407.25
ITI	Consignor/nee	ITI
Finished 21 Oct 44	Estimated date of completion.	Finished Nov 1 1944
Rations - Wax Paper	Nature of Cargo.	
	Any difficulties experienced?	

NONE

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship SS "EZRA CORNELL"

Convoy No. ER 744 UGS-57

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Consignor/nos

Finished 21 Oct 44	Estimated date of completion.	Finished Nov 1 1944
Rations - Wax Paper	Nature of Cargo.	
	Any difficulties experienced?	

NONE

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship SS "EZRA CORNELL"

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Convoy No. ER 744 UGS-67

E.T.A. 7 Nov 44

Tonnage of Cargo 2319.44

Manifest Received ***** ***** Not Received ☐

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MBA).

The off loading of the SS "STRONG" and"JONES" , and "LEE" was accomplished without a hitch. The docks have now sufficient covering that we should not have any more great difficulties with wet FLOUR.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

Flour was sent directly from shipside of SS "CALEB STRONG" to ADRIATIC Depot in keeping with your signal AQ2079. 830,550 los was turned over to them in this manner.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ. MBA.

NONE

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NONE

Geo C. Guthrie
GEO.C.GUTHRIE. Capt.
Port Liaison Officer
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
C/o 54 Area.

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NAVAL S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI FORTNIGHT ENDED 20 Oct 44 REPORT NO "14"

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port L.O's. Report.
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	NIL
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O's. Report.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	(a) See this office signals ST/152 dated 12 OCT & ST/191 dated 19 OCT 44.-Q.M. Depot FOGGIA (b) Remainder of sups under same ref.as (a) above being received at BARI DEPOTS from Q.M. Depot, BARI. (c) OLIVE OIL from 22 CRASC-full details following in separate letter.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ZIPs have been adopted?	See Port L.O's. Report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) See Port L.O's. Report. (ii)
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	YES

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3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?

See Port L.O's. Report.

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

(a) See this office signals ST/182 dated 12 OCT & ST/191 dated 19 OCT 44.-Q.M. Depot FOGGIA
(b) Remainder of sups under same ref.as (a) above being received at BARI DEPOTS from Q.M. Depot, BARI.
(c) OLIVE OIL from 22 CRASC-full details following in separate letter.

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs have been adopted?

See Port L.O's. Report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?

(i)

See Port L.O's. Report.

(ii)

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

YES

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

Too satisfactory - Depots are over-crowded

2. Is POL position ditto?

Unknown

3. What Barges/boats to other Sectors have been progressed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

See Appendix "A" to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	NO) O.C. has again promised to rectify.
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	NO)
3.	Are Stack tally boards in attendance and in use?	YES
4.	Are certain packed & sacked goods under cover?	ALL sups in buildings.
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	NO
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing first stocks first?	As far as could be ascertained, yes.
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recare broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES

	dates?	
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	As far as could be ascertained, yes.
7.1	Are naturally combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Cotton & Flour).	YES
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recond broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected units for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	None - O.C. has again promised to rectify.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, [redacted]	YES
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	None - see report No.11.

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CANOSA D.D. (cont).

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — N.A.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — YES. / NO.

17. "Spot check"?

OF INSECTS FOUND	SHELTERS FOUND	RODENTS FOUND
CHEESE (ALLIED)	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books.

16 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatches (a) (b) — Unknown

19. Any labour problems? — NO.

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COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
CHEESE (ALLIED)	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books.

16 16. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts (a) (b) Unknown
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? NO.

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20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed? None despatched.

21. Any difficultion regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? None

22. Remarks.
No effort had been made by O.C. to find alternative accommodation - see Report No. 11.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

	LOCOROTONDO PET. DEPOT	MONOPOLI PET. DEPOT.
1. Is the Depot security protected against theft by [redacted]?	YES.	As Report No. 10.
2. Is there a guard on during the night?	YES	" " " "
Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	YES	" " " "
3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft?	YES	" " " "
If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES	" " " "
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Sgt.Major i/c retains them.	" " " "
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	Sealed.	" " " "
6. Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?	None.	" " " "
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	" " " "
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'loadsare' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a	N.A.	" " " "

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	In the Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES YES	"	"	"	"
4.	If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Sgt.Major i/c retains them.	"	"	"	"
5.	If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	Sealed.	"	"	"	"
6.	Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?	None.	"	"	"	"
7.	Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	"	"	"	"
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?	N.A.	"	"	"	"
9.	How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?	N.A.	"	"	"	"
10.	Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?	N.A.	"	"	"	"
11.	Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a) Conservancies? (b) Strictly applied? (c) Adequate?	(a) YES (b) YES (c) Require large extinguishers.	Being revised by new O.C.			

Stock: 888,447 kilos A.G.O. (in 2 tanks). No issues made since July 44.

Remarks:- same as Report No. 10.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

BARLETTA D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	All sups. in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	No.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 Above.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti-vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps.

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	by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.1	Are naturally combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 Above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, ~~by [illegible]~~	Yes.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	None.- Comm. say impossible to provide.

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SECTOR_____ WEEK ENDING_____ REPORT NO_____

A. Handover of Supplies (fr Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) (ii)

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

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worked during period under report?

4. What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) (ii)

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 5)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

2. Is POL position ditto?

3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? Yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
NIL.		

Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a.Receipts (b) b.Despatches Unknown.

19. Any Labour problems? No.

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CHECKED	DEFECTS FOUND	FOUND
NIL.		

Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a. Receipts (b) b. Despatches — Unknown.

19. Any labour problems? — No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed? — None despatched.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? — None.

REMARKS. At time of my visit Depot was issuing OLIVE OIL, SALT, TOMATO CATSUP & CIGARETTES on repayment for 850 patients of an "ITALIAN MILITARY LUNATIC ASYLUM" located at BISCEGLIE. This appears to be unauthorised. Please confirm.

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		ANDRIA PET. DEPOT.	BARLETTA PET. DEPOT.
1.	Is the Depot Commanding Officer's quarters adjacent to the Depot?	YES.	YES.
2.	Is there a guard on duty the night? Is it adequate? Is written guard orders out?	YES YES.	YES. YES.
3.	Does Depot always provide for the keeping in force a duty man there as a protection against fire? If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES. YES.	YES. YES.
4.	If there are guns, what happens to the gun keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Marshall i/c retains keys.	Retained by Sgt.i/c.
5.	If ground locks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by pilfering?	No - Not sealed.	Sealed.
6.	Are pistol stocks (Lebeau, Brownie) properly sheeted?	None	YES.
7.	Is there a tally board on each stock? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	No.
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'locking' and locating keys and containers? Is it a daily check	N.A.	Daily check.

	Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	YES.	YES.
3.	During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES. YES.	YES. YES.
4.	If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Marshall i/c retains keys.	Retained by Sgt.i/c.
5.	If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	No - Not sealed.	Sealed.
6.	Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?	None	YES.
7.	Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	No.
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?	N.A.	Daily check.
9.	How are packed stocks issued? (Normal for barrel stock)?	N.A.	According to amounts authorised.
10.	Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?	N.A.	No.
11.	Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a) Comprehensive? (b) Strictly applied? (c) Adequate?	(a) Shovels available but no sand!-will be rectified. (b) Yes. (c) Yes, apart from a/m.	YES. YES. YES.
	Stock:	1,062,600 kilos A.G.O. (in 1 tank). No issues or receipts for over 1 year! 7 men employed as guards.	Stock: 336,416 kilos AGO. 28,880 kilos Lubs. 3,000 kilos Paraffin

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1.	Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	Those visited, in order. See individual reports.
2.	What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	None.
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in use out of units visited?	N.A.
4.	Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	None.

F. Unit Ration Packs.

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	receivable food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	N.A.
4.	Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	None.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1.	In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	
2.	Is there an excessive amount of kit than a mess room wastage?	
3.	Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?	

2. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or DEP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

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25. Has Unit a P[illegible]
or DEP?
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c. Properly safeguarded?
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29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies?
d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

33. Any further remarks?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by H.Q.I.A.
Various	CANOSA D.D.- see pages 2 & 3	See pages 2 & 3	Suggest pressure from W.L.
	New accomdn for BARI B.D.	Requisitioned new warehouse through Town Major.	Stop further allocation of sups. to BARI DEPOTS-new accdn now full.
	Stock State Returns - inaccuracy of.	See this office letter ST/6 dated 20 Oct 44.	
	Release of CLIVE OIL from 22 C.R.A.S.C.	separate report following.	
	Supplies released from Q.M. Depot FOGGIA.	See this office letter ST/10 dated 19 Oct 44.	

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

1. ACCOMMODATION FOR BARI B.D.

Ex paper Depot, reported last week as being disused was found to be requisitioned by P.W.B. and now in use.

2. POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

In view of report No. 13, visited this again on 9 Oct 44. (a) P.O.L. had not been received but this has been since rectified. (b) Billets & cookhouse were tidier. (c) Food had improved and men appeared more satisfied. (d) An answer is awaited from you to my query re 400 lire charged for lost overalls.
(e) Later visited the civilian bakery supplying bread to the school. Loaves were well made, up to standard weight, but were being issued immediately after baking. Arranged that these be issued one day old in future.

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Supplies released from Q.M. Depot FOGGIA.	See this office letter ST/10 dated 13 Oct 44.	

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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3. MARTINA FRANCA PETROL DEPOT.
Visited this on 9 Oct 44. Found that stocks of P.O.L. had been cleared last March. Only 2,000 empty barrels, 9 fire extinquishers; 3 Picks and 3 shovels remain. There was a Sgt. Major i/c these items plus guards!

4. TRANI D.D. & MOLFETTA D.D.
Inspected these on 10 Oct 44. Depots are now closed, but remaining stocks had not been transferred. Tpt. was awaited. Comm. informed.

5. ADELPHIA SALVAGE DEPOT.
Inspected M.T. Spares, Equipment etc. in a/m Depot on 13 Oct 44. Separate report being forwarded.

6. UNLOADING OF SS. "CHARLES C. JONES".
The Docks and Italian Warehouses in BARI concerned with a/m have been visited by me on several occasions during the absence in ROME of Capt. GUTHRIE. Work proceeded smoothly, but warehouses are over-crowded. Pillar stacking is impossible. Separate report by Sgt TRIGG who was i/c is attached at Appendix "C".

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7. LIEUT. CIPPALUNI.

A/m Officer is 2 i/c to LT.COL. SCARPA at BARI B.D. He appears to have more control of the Depot than anyone else and results achieved are due to his hard work and efficiency. He has been a Lieut. for 4 years. Can W.M. hasten promotion of this deserving Officer as he is beginning to become disgruntled.

8. RELEASES FROM ITALIAN DEPOTS.

The u/m items have been released to 22 CRASC for fwd Italian tps on authority of this office. Please regularise.

19.10.44	Cigarettes	1,000 lbs
20.10.44	(in barrels) Wine	10,000 litres.

22 CRASC require a further 20,000 litres of WINE but stock of barrels is exhausted. Many sent forward are not being returned.

9. ROUTINE.

The amount of correspondence and local matters requiring attention during the period 14 - 20 Oct.(incl) prevented me from making inspections outside BARI.

K. Freeland

K.Freeland. Capt.
MMIA. S.T. Sector.L.C.
C/o 54 Area.

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Appendix "B".

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PORT BARI PERIOD 7th 15 OCT 44 REPORT NO 14.

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.		Ships Discharging
S.S. HAYM SOLOMON	Name.	S.S. FRANCIS LEE
3650	Tonnage of Cargo	1850
Italian Military	Consignee/nos	Italian Military
Finished 9 Oct 44	Estimated date of completion.	Finished 14 Oct 44
Rations	Nature of Cargo.	Rations and 20,000 lbs Dye
	Any difficulties experienced?	

NONE

B. ARRIVALS REPORTED.

Name of Ship CHARLES C JONES

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S.S. HAYM SOLOMON	Name.	S.S. FRANCIS LEE
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Italian Military	Consignee/nos	Italian Military
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Rations	Nature of Cargo.	Rations and 20,000 lbs Dye
	Any difficulties experienced?	

NONE

B. ARRIVALS REPORTED.

Name of Ship CHARLES C JONES

Convoy No. HR 662 UGS 55

E.T.A. 16 OCT 1944

Tonnage of Cargo ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 1209.80

Manifest Received [X] Not Received [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MTA).

Italian Port Detachment is working rather smoothly. The ship S.S. FRANCIS LEE was offloaded better than any ship consigned us at this Port.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

Offloading is rather difficult in that we have to offload into one depot at a time due to the fact that all our depots are full. When we are able to offload into two or more depots the work is accomplished in less than half the time.

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C/o 54 Area. C.M.F.

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Appendix "C".

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PORT BARI FOR PERIOD 16 OCT - 20 Oct 4 REPORT NO 14a

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.		Ships Loading.
S.S. CHARLES C JONES	Name.	
1209.80	Tonnage of Cargo	
ITI	Consignee/nee	
21 OCT 44	Estimated date of completion.	
Rations	Nature of Cargo.	

Any difficulties experienced?

NONE

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. CALEB STRONG.

Convoy No. HR-698, UGS-56

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21 OCT 44 — Estimated date of completion.

Rations — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced?

NONE

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. CALEB STRONG.

Convoy No. HR-698, UGS-36

E.T.A. 25 OCT 44.

Tonnage of Cargo 407.25

Manifest Received [J] Not Received [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MTA).

NONE

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(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

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MTOA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 6 ~~SEP~~ Oct 44. REPORT NO 13

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port LO's report
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	Only Disinfectants (your ST/17/1 dated 26 Sep. refers
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s Report
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	(1) Disinfectants (this office letter ST/17 dated 5 Oct refers (2) 7 wagons from Q.M. Depot, FOGGIA - to NAPLES - details will be advised later.
5.	Have meetings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs have been adopted?	See Port LO's report
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) Labour (ii) transport?	(i) See Port LO's report (ii)
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	See Port LO's report

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	YES
2.	Is POL position ditto?	Unknown
3.	What Reinforcements to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix 'A' to this report

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G. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). MONOPOLI D.D.

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority, yes
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes, but see Sec.H to this report
4.	Are carton packed & marked goods under cover?	As previously reported (No 10)
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	" " "
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	" " "
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	" " "
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	" " "
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & repack broken stocks?	" " "
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes
12.	What anti-vermin	Improvised traps

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11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	As previously reported
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	" " "

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C. (continued) MONOPOLI D.D.

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — N.A.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — Now being rectified / NO

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
Tomato paste (Allied)	NEGLIGIBLE	

Remarks:- No adjustment in books considered necessary

18 16. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a. Receipts (b) b. Despatches — As previously reported

19. Any labour problems? — " " "

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	19.	Any labour problems?		" " "
	20.	Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		" " "
	21.	Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		" " "

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (PCL).

1. Is the Depot generally protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?

2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?

3. Within Depot closed perimeter is there a direct wire to a protection agency? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'Receipts' and Accounting for Central containers? Is it a daily check?

9. How are packed stocks

3. Building Depot closed portions in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If petrol tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are petrol stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'receipts' and 'issuing' both petrol containers? Is it a daily check?

9. How are petrol stocks issued? (Hand pump. Via bowser hose)?

10. Are petrol stock stacks barricaded round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
(a) Adequate? (a)
(b) Suitably applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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C. Physical Warehousing position (Food)

FOGGIA D.D.

Inspected this on 3 Oct 44.

1. Suggestions incorporated in Report No. 10 are being carried out.
2. No alternative Depot accomodation has been found; the Town Major has accompanied the O.C. on several occasions in search of premises.
3. W.M. have instructed that all the civilians be ejected from the building. O.C. had informed the Comune but he has not yet found other billets.
4. The Comune was out when I called. I instructed the O.C. to inform him that the rooms down-stairs must be vacated within 7 days, and the remainder within 14 days. This may have some effect.
5. The Town Major had helped the O.C. in the installation of electric lighting in the Depot building. I called and thanked him for his assistance.

LOCOROTONDO D.D.

Inspected this on 4 Oct 44.

1. Suggestions incorporated in report No. 10 are being carried out.
2. Surpluses found on stock-taking are reported on page 5.
3. Tally cards were incorrect - see Section H.

BARI D.D.

Inspected this on 5 Oct 44.

1. Some tinned Vegetables have been discovered amongst the stock of German CRAUTI (previously reported). I have sent a tin for Analysis.
2. "COMPRESSED VEGETABLES" previously reported have proved to be COMPRESSED SOUP BLOCKS. Analysis report from 22 CRASC states:

" SOUP The block actually weighed 141.5 grams but was probably 150 grams and had to be made up to 1 litre. (The composition was:-

Crude Fibre	1.7%
Moisture	9.7%
Ash	7.1%
Fat	8.1%
Protein	11.3%
Carbohydrate	62.1%

This item was fit for human consumption."

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This item was fit for human consumption."

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3. Inspected 9,250 sacks of FLOUR received wet from Docks. This figure is in addition to 3,500 sacks already dispatched to the BARI BAKERY and a further quantity which were received wet by the latter direct from Docks.

I arranged with MAJ LO NAPIER to accept approx. 2,500 of the 9,250 for immediate use as the number of damaged sacks involved cannot be used here within a reasonable time.

4. Although 31 rail cars had been authorised (for this Depot) during period 2-8 Oct 44. none had been allocated by the evening of 5 Oct 44. This has caused much congestion as the Depot has been receiving supplies direct ex Docks.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. granti stocks + tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?

Those visited, yes.

MONOPOLI D.D.

TOMATO PASTE -No adjustment necessary.

FOGGIA D.D.

SAUSAGES - " " "

LOCOROTONDO D.D.

POTATOES DEH. 42 kilos Surplus) Taken
BEANS DRIED. 46 " ") on charge

2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as ascertained Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

None

3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?

NIL

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?

None visited

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

NIL

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POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

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2. What checks have you made as to whether Italian Stamps on parcels are cancelled. Food Depot parcels are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

None

3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & approved to be in order in use out or units visited?

NIL

4. Have POL Depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?

None visited

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NIL

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POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

(Inspection made in company with DDST 2 Dist)
(Questions crossed out were not asked due to lack of time)

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

NO

2. Is there an excessive amount of bilge down & mess room wastage?

None seen

3. Are units ration stores arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?

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F. (continued)

4.	Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	
5.	Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	(Pigs had been kept in ration store but (now removed. Messroom has been turned (into a Clothing Store
6.	How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	
7.	Is ~~kitchen & mess room~~ throughly clean?	No
8.	What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood
9.	Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)	(Well made;insufficient weights available (to check correctness. Men complained that (loaves had been much smaller in past 6 days (Will inspect local civilian bakery at futum (date.
10.	Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	As far as could be ascertained,yes.
11.	How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	None
12.	Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Burnt
13.	Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	Yes
14.	Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	
15.	Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	(Yes. Very poor- M&V was served out (cold,no attempt had been made to heat

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room was to disposed of?

7. Is kitchen ~~floor~~ throughly clean? — No

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16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals? — No left-overs

17. Has unit any Vehicles? — Yes.

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained? — (Facially,yes.No time for thorough (inspection.

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road? — 8 for repairs. 24 for lack of OIL SAE 30.(for past 4 days)British Sgt Major i/c said ITALIAN OIL had been allocated which was of no use unless all sumps were drained off. Matter investigated on return to BARI.-H.Q. 9 CORPS say when Italian Offr(Lt) from POLIGNANO drew PETROL from them a few days ago,he was requested to notify them of OIL requirements.Nothing further had been heard, so they presumed matter satisfactory.Maj MURCELL arranged with HQ 9 Corps (on my return) for immediate supply of SAE 30.

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20.	What is being done to obtain spare parts?	
21.	Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?	See 19 above
22.	Is unit training any drivers?	Yes
23.	If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?	
24.	Are vehicles properly on charge to d nominated driver?	N.A.
25.	Has unit a POL Store or DUMP? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	
26.	Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)? If not, what is the system?	Yes
27.	Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	Complained of insufficient food. I have promised Br Sgt Major copy of ration scale and he will make a check.
28.	What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	Undefined
29.	What is the standard of discipline?	" "
30.	Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal	" "

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31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security — No

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit? — O.C. was away

33. Any further remarks? (a) Billets were not clean
(b) Students are reporting late(sometimes a week late)
(c) Br Sgt Major stated that an Italian soldier has been charged 400 lire for overalls lost in the wash. Is this price correct?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of Visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
6.9.44	Compressed Soup Blocks in BARI. DD	Requested Comm. to await further instrs.	See page 2(a) to this report
"	Proper use of Tally Cards	Requested Comm. to issue instrs to all Depots	See Sec. H below
"	Lack of rlwy wagons during period 2-8 Oct	visited MOVEIT on several occasions	" " " "
"	No info received from W.M. or MMIA of FORAGE releases altho' FORAGE being received.	This office letter ST/I8 dated 1 Oct to you.	Rectification
"	BARI B.D.- new accommodation	Arranged to view an ex paper Depot. - now disused	NIL

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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(a) Supplies have been received by 22 CRASC ex SS " BACON" and SS"SOLOMON." Details will be furnished on completion.

(b) The u/m have been released to 22 CRASC on authority of this office. Will you please confirm. WINE 12,000 Litres TOBACCO 5,000 lbs

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3. BARI B.D. - ACCOMMODATION.

Since 15 Sep 44 four new stores have been found for this Depot, the last having been aquired this week by Major Murcell after great difficulty.

For information it is stressed that there is a large demand for accommedation in BARI, being an ever increasing American area. Further expansion at the present time, is therefore impossible.

Cartoned supplies are already stacked out in the open; this acute situation has been increased by lack of rail tpt to move supplies to NAPLES. (see below)

4. RAIL TPT- LACK OF.

Although over 700 TONS rail tpt were authorised for ITALIAN MILITARY BARI during period 2-8 Oct 44. only 300 TONS approx has been allocated up to 7 Oct 44. MOVEIT say they have other priorities.

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5. UNIT INSPECTIONS

On 6 Oct 44 in company with and at the request of DDST 2 District I visited the u/m:-

(a) POLIGNANO SCHOOL
Report given on previous pages. DDST requested that I convey his compliments to ADST, MMIA and to state his disatisfaction with the school.

(b) 1006 G.T. Coy.
In fairly good order. Cookhouse, Latrines etc. were clean. Billets are being improved.
Difficulty was being experienced with a Capt ARIOLC. Major MURCELL has requested 9 Corps to take immediate action.
Outstanding items of clothing deficiences will have to be furnished through British channels, but DDST maintains this is a MMIA responsible as unit is not mobilised.

(c) 1007 G.T. Coy.
Billets were dirty and civilians were living in the same building.
Cookhouse was filthy and untidy.
Clothing store contained suits of green B.D. whilst men were in rags, some of them being in civilians clothes.
The work-shops had no tools. DDST said he would rectify this,
Major MURCELL has reported the situation to H.Q. 9 Corps.

K. Freeland

K.Freeland Capt.
ST SECTOR MMIA LO

8 Oct 44.

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT. BARI ..... WEEK-ENDING. Oct. 6. 1944 ..... REPORT NO. 11 .....

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging.	Ships ~~XXXXXXX~~ Discharging
S.S. H SOLOMON ------- Name.	S.S. HENRY BACON
3650 ------- Tonnage of Cargo	3483
Italian Military ---- Consignor/nee	Italian Military
OCT 9th 44 ------- Estimated date of completion.	30 SEP 44 Finished
Rations ------- Nature of Cargo	Rations

Any difficulties experienced?

On the S.S. HENRY BACON all rations were loaded mixed which made assorting very difficult especially at night. We had heavy rain during the week. There was not sufficient covering to keep all supplies dry. This is being corrected.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship. NONE - Not already reported.

Convoy No. ----------

E.T.A. ----------

Tonnage of Cargo ----------

Manifest. Received. [ ] Not Received. [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

D. *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

Warehouse space is rather precious. This caused us to offload into only one warehouse at a time which slowed up the clearing of the docks. We cannot do satisfactory work as long as we are burdened with over supplied Depots.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at Hq.MMIA.

The Port Detachment is moving into the Port Commandant's building as of 10 Oct 44. This will ensure a closer Liaison between the Detachment and the Port Authorities.

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Good!

Geo. C. Guthrie

Geo.C.Guthrie.Capt.
Port Liaison Officer
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

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NEW A & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 29 SEP 44 REPORT NO 12

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — See Port L.O.'s report.

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report? —

From Q.M. Depot BARI.

Cnd Meat	1,400,000 lbs	Deh.Hominy	
Coffee	99,000 "		10,000 lbs
Macaroni	99,000 "	Deh.Beans	
Veg.Dehy.	114,000 "		37,000 "
Catsup.	46,000 "		

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — See Port L.O.'s report.

4. What releases ex Allied Depots have been worked during period under report? — NIL

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to IPIs have been adopted? — See Port L.O.'s report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) (ii) — See Port L.O.'s report

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7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — See Port L.O.'s report

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 5)

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4.	What releases ex Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	NIL
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) (ii)	See Port L.O.'s report
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	YES
2.	Is POL position ditto?	Unknown
3.	What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Apendix 'A' to this report

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c. Physical Serviceability Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?

4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?

7. Are particularly combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on flat ground which will stand up to trade traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recondition broken stocks?

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

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6. ... by issuing from oldest stocks first?

7. Are materials combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

17. "Spot check"?

CONDITIONS CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND

Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour (a)
For: a.Receipts (b)
b.Despatches

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19. Any labour problems?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND

Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a.Receipts (a)
b.Despatches (b)

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19. Any labour problems?

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed?

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

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D. Physical Environment Section (PCH).	NOICATTARO	TRIGGIANO
1. Is the Depot security perimeter adequately check by barbed wire, night lighting etc?	YES	No- Dump surrounded by empty barrels.
2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	YES YES	YES YES
3. During Depot closed periods is the Depot duty officer there or is perimeter checked? If so, how is written before what to do?	YES Orders need revising	YES No- will be rectified.
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the fuel kept in night and during Depot closed periods?	Retained by Sgt Maj. i/c	No pumps
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	All tanks are sealed.	No tanks
6. Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?	None	YES
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	NO
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'Returns' and locating into send containers? Is it a daily check?	N.A.	Daily check

...they can be ... protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	Orders need revising	No- will be rectified
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the fuel lines at night and during Depot closed periods?	Retained by Sgt Maj. i/c	No pumps
5. If petrol tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	All tanks are sealed.	No tanks
6. Are packed stocks (i.e. oil, bitumen) properly stacked?	None	YES
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	N.A.	NO
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'Incoming' and Leaving' fuel, oil & containers? Is it a daily check?	N.A.	Daily check
9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?	N.A.	By barrel
10. Are packed stock stacks provided equal to prevent fire spread?	N.A.	NO
11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment adequate? (a) Comprehensive? (b) Readily applied? (c) Adequate?	(a)) As far as could (b)) be ascertained, (c)) Yes.	Only a few hand extinquishers exist. Have suggested 2 or 3 large Extrs(on wheels) be applied for.
STOCK ON HAND.	A.G.O. 1,501,440 kilos	Petrol: 46,536 kilos A.G.O: 22,800 " Lubs: 24,100

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E. Accounting Position: (Food & POL Depots).

1.	Are POL depot accounts normally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (GR, ground checks - bulk records - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustments or discrepancies)?	NIL
2.	What checks have you made on a Whether Indian Stores as regards Food depot accounts are confined by you to units concerned?	NIL
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & agreed to be in order in respect of units visited?	NIL
4.	Have POL depot accounts proved to be invariably in order on inspections in period under report?	Those visited, yes.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL

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F. Petrol Tokens & Permits.

accounts are examined by visits to units concerned?

3. Have Unit Pension Books been produced & agreement to be in order in case of visits by Pay Inspectors?

NIL

4. Have PAY Book accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in person under report?

Those visited, yes.

5. What checks have you been able to apply of PAY Books as rendered by PAY depots by means of visits to ascertain units concerned?

NIL

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F. Unit's Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an adequate amount of kit & mess tins per soldier?

3. Are units rations stored under satisfactory conditions? Clean cool & well ventilated?

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F. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Actiontaken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
29.9.44.	Diverting sups ex "Francis Lee" to NAPLES (due 5 Oct 44)	Phoned Major Cann.	Auth. for allocation of rlwy wagons.
"	Uncovered lorries arriving at depot in rain.	Taken up with Port Authorities.	NIL
"	Disposal of wet sacked sups.	Advised transfer to new sacks and immediate issue.	NIL
"	Printing of Ration issue Notes.	NIL - matter in hand.	NIL

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

1. REPAYMENT OF RATIONS BY ITALIANS.

The u/m supplies have been received by 22 CRASC 4890

(a) ex S.S. "MALLORY"

FLOUR	901,816 lbs.	CHEESE	59,694 lbs
SUGAR	87,170 "	RICE	155,300 lbs
PEPPER	456 lbs	ONIONS D.	5,600 lbs
COFFEE	2,920 "		

(b) ex BARLETTI D.D.

CIGARETTES 9,000 lbs.

These were issued on my authority (ref conversation Major. CANN - Capt PEEPLAND). Will you please rectify with W.M.

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2. DEPOT INSPECTIONS

Practically NIL this week due to V.O.R. (phone conversation Major CANN refers).

Much time has been spent searching Dumps etc. for two 600 X 16 inner tubes . Have now obtained two used tubes which may last until new ones are available.

K.Freeland Capt.
for Semior MMIA LO
H.Q. No. 2 District,

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any discrimination over getting P.O.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a mechanical driver?

25. Has unit a POL Stock or DEC?
If no, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Worked with view to lighting regulations?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal

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25. Has unit a POL Store or DUMP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Guard?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Dealt with like other buildings?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

33. Any further remarks?

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

PORT. BARI WEEK-ENDING. 29 SEP 44 REPORT NO. 12

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships discharging.		Ships loading.
S.S.H BACON	Name.	S.S. HAYM SOLOMON
3483	Tonnage of Cargo	3650
Italian Military	Consignor/nee	Italian Military
Sep 3.44.	Estimated date of completion.	Sept 10. 44
RATIONS	Nature of Cargo.	RATIONS

Any difficulties experienced?

S.S.BACON Berthed at a quay where she had to off load into Barges. These Barges off loaded five different quays making checking and control rather difficult. But a complete check is being made.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship; S.S. FRANCES R LEE

Convoy No. UGS 53

E.T.A. 5 Oct. 44.

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Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest. Received. [X] Not Received. [ ]

Sep 2.44. | Estimated date of completion. | Sept 10. 44

RATIONS | Nature of Cargo | RATIONS

Any difficulties experienced?

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E.T.A. 5 Oct. 44.

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Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest. Received. [X] Not Received. [ ]

Capt C
Master
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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

The Port Det.(Italian) is doing rather a good job considering that we have supplies on six different quays. We have been using 125 men as checkers and escorts and still we are short of men. This number would be reduced by over half if the check were made at the Depots instead of at the Docks. We could have some at the quays helping sort rations.There would not be any required at the Depots because there is a check already being made. There would be an Allied checker,which under present set-up should be at the Depot,checking for the Allies.

D. *GENERAL (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ.MMIA.

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Geo. C. Guthrie

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Port Liaison Officer
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

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Appendix B

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PORT BARI WEEK-ENDING 22 SEP 44 REPORT NO "10"

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.		Ships Loading.
S.S. CLIFFORD MALLORY	Name.	
1607.59	Tonnage of Cargo	
Italian Military	Consignee/ee	
Completed 22 SEP 44	Estimated date of completion.	
Rations	Nature of Cargo.	
	Any difficulties experienced?	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. HAYM SOLOMON

Convoy No. UGS 53 HR607

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Completed 22 SEP 44 — Estimated date of completion.

Rations — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced?

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. HAYM SOLOMON

Convoy No. UGS 53 HR607

E.T.A. 26 Sep 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 3650

Manifest — Received [X] Not Received [ ]

Capt Carmichael Noted Ble

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MAIA).

NONE

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

The warehouses of this sector in BARI will be completly filled with the 7,000 tons of supplies arriving on the S.S. HENRY BACON and S.S. HAYM SOLOMON. Would suggest any near future shipments be diverted to some other sector.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ, MAIA.

Sgt.George HALE left BARI Office for NAPLES to rejoin Southern Region A.C.C.. Replacement for Sgt. HALE is essential to the smooth operation of this Port.

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for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
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MMA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 22 SEP 44. REPORT NO 11

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port L.O.'s report
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	NIL
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	107010 lbs SUGAR has been received by Italians from ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT, BARI.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) (ii) See Port L.O.'s report
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	YES

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ANY [illegible] MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THIS

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4. What releases ex Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

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See Port L.O.'s report.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?

(i) (ii) See Port L.O.'s report

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7. Has documentation of handover & creation of official records been satisfactory in period under report?

YES

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

YES.

2. Is POL position ditto?

Unknown

3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

See appendix 'A' to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). BARLETTA D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	YES
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	All Sups in buildings
5. Are goods vended with Warranty Expiry dates?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recondition broken stocks?	No,not necessary
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	YES
12. What anti-vermin measures are used?	None-suggested improvised traps

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6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7.	Are naturally combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Cotton & Wool).	YES
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to trade traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None
11.	Is Depot clean and tidy?	YES
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	None-suggested improvised traps
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night lighting, etc~~?	YES
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	None-informed O.C. that he must request sentries from local PRESIDIO and also informed Comm.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are the precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? -NO- will be rectified -YES

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
BISCUITS(ALLIED)	291 Kilos 821 gms	

Remarks:- (a) 576 kilos.216 gms, of Biscuits were discovered in a dark room amongst empty containers;Commodity a/c(ST/11) and Stock Movement Return as at 9 Sep 44. shewed a NIL balance;receipts and issues since last March were checked in the old books of a/c and revealed a balance of 284,395 - this amount was entered on ST/11 by O.C. and the a/m surplus was agreed and also taken on charge.

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a.Receipts (b) b.Issues — Unknown

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19. Any labour problem? NO

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18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a.Receipts (b) b.Despatches — Unknown

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19. Any Labour problem? — NO

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed? — None despatched

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? — None

REMARKS.(continued from 17 above)

(b) O.C. stated that CANOSA D.D. at one time came under BARLETTA control and he thought the Biscuits may belong to CANOSA;he knew they were in the salvage store(but why????)

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D. Flammable Hazardous Facilities (HFF).

1. Is the Depot assembly plant (and ammunition filled by hazard area, night lighting used?

2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?

3. During Depot closed periods is the building in these areas kept locked or in a particular guarded area? If no, has be written orders what to do?

4. If fires are going, what happens to the guards as night and Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are posted checks (i.e.cards, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'inclosure' and locating into actual containers? Is it a daily check?

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there to a particular ammunition stock? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If keys are kept, what happens to the post keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground holes are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by shooting?

6. Are packed stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'broken' and damaged ammunition? Is it a daily check?

9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel and bagged basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks burnished round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment adequate:
(a) Comprehensive? (a)
(b) Strictly applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) TRANI D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	Not all-will be rectified
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use ?	YES
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	All Sups in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	None
11. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
12. What anti vermin measures are used ?	Several traps

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary
IO. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for humen consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	None
II. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
I2. What anti vermin measures are used ?	Several traps
I3. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire,~~night lighting etc~~ ?	YES
I4. What guard arrangements exist,and do you consider them adequate ?	1 sentry always on duty and men of Depot sleep nearby-adequate

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — YES

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — YES / YES

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities	Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
TOMATO PASTE (ALLIED)		Negligible	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts
b. Despatches
(a) (b) — Unknown - very small Depot

19. Any labour problems? — NO

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot

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(ALLIED)	Negligible	

Remarks:- No adjustment made in books

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

(a) (b) Unknown - very small Depot

19. Any labour problems? NO

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed? YES

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? NO

REMARKS.

(a) Feeds only 1,300 tps and 20 animals-suggest this be closed down and tps draw from BARLETTA which is only 8 miles away.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) — CANOSA D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Not all) will be rectified
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	NO)
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use ?	YES
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	All Sups in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 Above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Few tins of P.Meat.
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	YES
11. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
12. What anti vermin measures are used ?	None - suggested improvised traps

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[illegible] expiry dates ?	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 Above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary
IO. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Few tins of P.Meat.
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	YES
II. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
I2. What anti vermin measures are used ?	None - suggested improvised traps
I3. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire,night lighting etc ?	YES
I4. What guard arrangements exist,and do you consider them adequate ?	None - have reported matter to Comm. BARI to rectify(no PRESIDIO at CANASO)

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	N.A.
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?	YES NO
17. "Spot check"?	

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
COFFEE (ALLIED)	53 kilos	

Remarks:- (a) Taken on charge.
(b) New O.C. (2/Lt.FRATINI)-has not yet reported to Comm. differences found on stocktaking when taking over.Will rectify.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a.Receipts b. Despatches	(a) (b)	Unknown - horses and carts used.
19. Any labour problems?		O.C. wishes to exchange Sgt who is uneducated - arranged with Comm. on return.

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19. Any labour problems?		O.C. wishes to exchange Sgt who is uneducated - arranged with Comm. on return.
20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?		None despatched
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		None.

22. REMARKS.
(a) Feeding strength 2,500 tps.
(b) Depot located in 4 buildings spread around the town.Have suggested larger central accommodation be sought.
(c) Whilst inspecting the Depot with O.C., 17,164 lire were stolen from O.C.'s office located in another part of the town.Carabinieri and Comm. were informed.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) **POTENZA D.D.**

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	**Neat, but not pillar-stacked. -- will be rectified.**
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	**Well dunnaged.**
3. Are stack telly boards in existence and in use ?	**YES**
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	**All sups in buildings.**
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	**NO**
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	**YES**
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	**YES**
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	**See 4 above.**
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	**No, not necessary.**
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	**NONE**
11. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	**YES**
12. What anti vermin	

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	NONE
11. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
12. What anti vermin measures are used ?	None - suggested improvised traps.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire XXXXX XXXXXXXXX etc ?	YES
14. What guard arrangements exist, and do you consider them adequate ?	1 civilian. Visited Presidio, Potenza and requested Military guards - informed no soldiers available, so suggested arrangement with Carabinieri. Comm. BARI agree.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

NO - will be rectified.
YES

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities	Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
SALMON		NIL	NIL

Remarks:- NIL

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

(a) (b) Unknown.

19. Any labour problems?

Strength : 1 Offr, 1 WO, and 3 civilian labour. (No soldiers)
Comm. BARI have agreed to supply 3 soldiers of Sussistenza.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot

None dispatched.

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Remarks:- NIL

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
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20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?

None dispatched.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

NONE

REMARKS. (a) Depot has moved into new accdn. (CASERMA LUCANA - bombed blg). Premises are airy and suitable.
(b) Have suggested to Comm. that stocks of Marmalade, Jam etc. in Depot be transferred to BARI.
(c) Noted 15,770 kilos PASTA and 6,000 kilos of Italian RICE- same remarks as (b) apply

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are Food depot accounts intrinsically in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (GP, ground sheets - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for amendment adjustment of discrepancies)?	See reports on BARLETTA DD., TRANI DD., CANOSA DD., POTENZA DD., (attached). New accounting system in force and satisfactory. Books of BARLETTA most unsatisfactory. Comm. BARI has taken disciplinary action
2. What checks have you made as to whether Unit's Strength as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	11 Bn. Presidiario, BARI, visited. Inspected Parade States etc.
3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	YES
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be intrinsically in order on inspections in period under report?	None inspected.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consulting units concerned?	NIL.

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	possible? Food issue accounts now examined by visits to units concerned?	
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order for use at of units visited?	YES
4.	Have Bill Depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	None inspected.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of Bill issues as recorded by Bill depots by means of visits to coinciding with ours?	NIL.

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F. Unit' Intention Keeping.

		11 Bn PRESIDIARIO, BARI.
1.	In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	Yes, but Dehy Carrots and Beets not liked by soldiers and usually not used.
2.	Is there an excessive amount of Hdt when a mess pear wastage?	None apparent.
3.	Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?	YES.

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4.	Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	Yes, by Bn.M.O. NO
5.	Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	YES
6.	How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	Usually none.
7.	~~Are~~ IS kitchen ~~&~~ ~~mess~~ ~~room~~ throughly clean?	Fair. No mess room.
8.	What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood
9.	Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = ~~300~~ grammes)	No-too damp, therefore heavy (Report No 10 refers) Yes-correct
10.	Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	Yes
11.	How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	Meal is sent out to them
12.	Are food cans buried ~~or~~ burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Burnt
13.	Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	YES
14.	Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	Yes- has grown tomatoes
15.	Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	Yes- Pasta Soup, which appeared very good. Men were satisfied.

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8.	What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood
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16.	Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?	ALL eaten
17.	Has unit any Vehicles?	NO
18.	Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?	-------
19.	How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?	--------

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets? Walk

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or DEP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic? Fairly cheerful; some worried about families in the North.

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men? As far as could be judged, good.

29. What is the standard of discipline? As far as could be judged, good.

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal [illegible] and general YES

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or DUMP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

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30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

YES

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

NO

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?

20% of men are <u>without</u> boots
(Strength of Bn is approx. 500 OR's)

33. Any further remarks?

NO

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visits	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by H.Q.I.A.
20.9.44	Issuing of ALL Italian Meat	NIL	NIL
20.9.44	Collection of all bad food from D.D.s for Analysis Comms. at BARI B.D.	Will arrange Commissions	NIL
23.9.44	Despatch of food surplus to requirements from POTENZA DD.	NIL	Assistance in allocation of 2 Rlwy wagons for POTENZA to BARI
Various	Various matters affecting individual Depots- action taken is stated on reports attached hereto.	As stated on inspection reports	NIL

H. General (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

1. BARI B.D. & BARI D.D.
Inspected these on 18 Sep 44. Points raised in Report No 9 are receiving attention. No further comments.

2. MOLFETTA D.D.
Inspected this on 20 Sep 44 - all was in order. Detailed report not submitted as Comm. BARI say this Depot will be closed end of this month.

3. TRANI D.D.
Informed by Comm. BARI that a/m Depot will be closed at the end of this month.

4. REPAYMENT OF RATIONS BY ITALIANS.
The u/m supplies have been despatched to 22 CRASC ex"HOUSTON

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	at BARI B.D.		
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4. REPAYMENT OF RATIONS BY ITALIANS.
The u/m supplies have been despatched to 22 CRASC ex"HOUSTON VOLUNTEERS". (this office letter ST/7 dated 17 Sep refers)

Macaroni	8426 c/s	=	253,820 lbs
Cheese Tinned	332c/s	=	13,944 "
Coffee	1090 "	=	40,912 "
Sausage Tinned	1 "	=	36 "

5. DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES.
It has been reported that Deh. CARROTS & Deh. BEETS are not liked by Italian Military. It has been observed that in many instances these commodities are either not drawn from D.D.s by units or are returned in units rations stores.
In my opinion, the fault may lie in the cooking and it is suggested that Italian W.M. be furnished with the special cooking recipes for these items in order that they may be distributed to units.

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K.FREELAND Capt. for
SENIOR M.M.I.A. L.O.
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SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 15 Sep 44. REPORT NO LO

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	NIL
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to HQs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) (ii) See Port L.O.'s report.
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	YES

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	worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
4.	What reliefs or Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITLs have been adopted?	See Port L.O.'s report.
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or reliefs from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) (ii) See Port L.O.'s report.
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	YES

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Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Yes, apart from FORAGE - will be further investigated when Forage Stock State due 9th is available.
2.	Is POL position ditto?	Unknown
3.	What Reliefs to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix "B" to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). LOCOROTONDO D.D.
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1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	YES
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Incomplete- will be rectified.
4.	Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	All Sups ;in buildings.
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	NO
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES
7.	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rotate broken stocks?	No, not necessary
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	36 Kilos SALTED FISH YES
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES
12.	What anti-vermin...	

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6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES
7.	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	36 Kilos SALTED FISH YES
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	None - suggested improvised traps.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night-lighting~~, etc?	YES
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	One man sleeps in each store(2) Adequate.

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C. (continued) LOCOROTONDO (cont'd)

15. Are arrangements for sentries posted up where sentries are not seen? ~~Are~~

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on fire telephone? No - will be rectified.
No.

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
SALMON	84 Kilos	

Remarks:- (a) Salmon taken on charge.
(b) Inspection of Stock Movements Return for 9 Sep 44 was checked against Depot Stock Book. Flour showed a deficiency of 18,762 Kgs Further investigation resulted in the revealing of a Sub Depot of this Depot at MASSAFRA. It was alleged that the discrepancy was due to FLOUR at MASSAFRA having been sent to the Bakery and not having been struck off charge. There were no records at LOCOROTONDO to prove this. Comm. BARI informed by me- See Section G.

16 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour (a) for: a. Receipts b. Despatches (b) 4 per hr.

19. Any labour problems? No, but personnel considered excessive.
Strength (incl MASSAFRA)
3 Offrs 4 Senior NCO's. 39 OR's.
see REMARKS below

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19. Any labour problems? — No, but personnel considered excessive.
Strength (incl MASSAFRA)
3 Offrs 4 Senior NCO's. 39 OR's.
see REMARKS below

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed? — YES

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? — NO

22. REMARKS
Ref 19 above: Comm BARI say these personnel under PICENO Command Div/ W/E of SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA is 4 Offrs. 46 OR's., capable of being split into 3 Sub- Depots.

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D. Physical Safeguards Position (PCL). MONOPOLI PETROL DEPOT

1.	Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?	YES
2.	Is there a guard on during the night?	YES
	Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	YES
3.	During Depot closed periods is the Depot in the charge of a duty man there as a protection against theft?	YES
	If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES
4.	If there are pipes, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Locked in glass case in O.C.'s office.
5.	If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	Impossible without keys for operation
6.	Are packed stocks (i.e. drum, barrels) properly stacked?	YES
7.	Is there a daily board on each stock? Are they being used correctly?	No- for security reasons (empty and full drums)
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'Ullages' and recording into card containers? Is it a daily check?	Daily check and record kept.
		According to quantities

	protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	YES
4.	If there are petrol, what happens to the petrol keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	Locked in glass case in O.C.'s office.
5.	If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	Impossible without keys for operation
6.	Are packed stocks (i.e. cans, barrels) properly stacked?	YES
7.	Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	No- for security reasons (empty and full drums)
8.	What arrangements exist for checking 'tankers' and recording bulk petrol receipts? Is it a daily check?	Daily check and record kept.
9.	How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel per barrel basis)?	According to quantities authorised.
10.	Are packed stock stacks guarded round to prevent fire spread?	No- on sandy soil.
11.	Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a) Adequate? (b) Suitably applied? (c) Adequate?	(a) Fair (b) Doubtful- saw a man smoking in Depot area. (c) To be further investigated by me when more time available.

12. REMARKS

(a)Depot covers a wide area.There are 19 Tanks-4full A.G.O. 1 full water,14 empty,besides packed stocks.

(b)Empties on hand are:17,000 barrels (c) This Depot also controls Depots at: ANDRIA, BARLETTA, PUTIGNANO, LOCOROTONDO, NOICATTARO.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) — FOGGIA D.D.

I. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	As far as room will allow.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	Dunnaged, but insufficient space for pillar-stacking.
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use ?	YES
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	All Sups in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 Above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No, not necessary.
IO. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	P. Meat 10 Kilos Pasta 498 "
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	YES
II. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
I2. What anti vermin	None- suggested improvised traps.

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7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?

YES

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?

See 4 Above.

9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?

No,not necessary.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for humen consumption?

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Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?

YES

11. Is d pot clean and tidy ?

YES

12. What anti vermin measures are used ?

None- suggested improvised traps.

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night~~ ~~sentries~~ etc ?

Yes,but many civilians adjacent to one store which would permit soldiers of the depot disposing of food easily.

14. What guard arrangements exist,and do you consider them adequate ?

6 men sleep on premises (2 buildings) - adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

No- will be rectified.

No

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities	Checked :	Surpluses found :	Deficiencies found.
NIL			

Remarks:-

No time available.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) a. Receipts
(b) b. Despatches

4 per hr

19. Any labour problems?

NO

20. Are rail cars

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Remarks:-

No time available.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatches	(a) (b)	4 per hr
19. Any labour problems?		NO
20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?		None despatched.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		NO

22. REMARKS.

(a) Feeds approx 4,000 tps
(b) See section H. to this report.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) MONOPOLI D.D.

I. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Neatly stacked - see 2 below
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	Suitably dunnaged but not pillar-stacked - will be rectified.
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use ?	Incomplete - will be rectified.
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	All Sups in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	As far as can be ascertained
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary.
IO. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Biscuits-approx 50 lbs P.Meat - " 300 lbs
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	YES
II. Is d.pot clean and tidy ?	YES
I2. What anti-vermin	1 trap - suggested more.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	As far as can be ascertained
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	No,not necessary.
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II. Is d pot clean and tidy ?	YES
I2. What anti vermin measures are used ?	1 trap - suggested more.
I3. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~flood lighting~~ etc ?	YES
I4. What guard arrangements exist,and do you consider them adequate ?	2 men sleep on premises - adequate.

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

No - will be rectified.

No

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities	Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
Coffee	17 Kilos		———

Remarks:-

Taken on charge.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) a. Receipts
(b) b. Despatches

2 per hr.

19. Any labour problems?

No, but strength is 1 offr. 2 sgts, 1 OR plus 6 civilians - consider latter should be soldiers - informed Comm. accordingly.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot

YES

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Remarks:-

Taken on charge.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) (b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

2 per hr.

19. Any labour problems?

No, but strength is 1 offr. 2 sgts, 1 OR plus 6 civilians - consider latter should be soldiers - informed Comm. accordingly.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?

YES

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

NO

22. REMARKS.

Feeding strength reduced to approx 700. Suggest closing down - tps can draw from LOCOROTONDO D.D.

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B. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are Food depot accounts technically in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (GF, ground checks - bulge cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	See reports on MONOPOLI D.D. LOCOROTONDO D.D.(pages 3(b) &3) Some depots records were not up to date but COMM. BARI is giving them a"rocket".
2. What checks have you made as to whether ration strengths as reported Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL
3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	NIL
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be technically in order on inspections in period under report?	Facially yes- a more thorough inspection will be made on next visit.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL

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2.	What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food Depot accounts are confirmed by visits to Units concerned?	NIL
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in respect of Units visited?	NIL
4.	Have FOL Depot accounts proved to be fundamentally in order on inspections in period under report?	Facially yes- a more thorough inspection will be made on next visit.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of FOL issues as recorded by FOL depots by means of visits to constituent Units concerned?	NIL

F. Units' Internal Economy.

1. In your opinion are methods being used to best advantage?

2. Is there an excessive stock of Mk 1 when a less rich variety?

3. Are Unit ration stores arrangements satisfactory? Clean cool & well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
14.9.44 and 15.9.44	Shortage of FORAGE in Sector.	Demanded Forage Stock State as at 9 Sep from COMM - not yet recvd.	NIL
15.9.44	Comm say only 700 qls FORAGE recvd instead of 1,500qls for last release. Also say they recvd forage few days ago but unable to say where from!	Phoned Maj Cann & saw DADST 2 Dist. Both state full amt dspchd. Latter will ascertain truck numbers.	NIL
15.9.44	FOGGIA D.D. - expansion of.	See H. below	NIL
15.9.44	MASSAFRA Sub-Depot - alleged closed w.e.f. 10 Sep-stocks to be cleared to LOCOROTONDO D.D. Comm. will investigate FLOUR records.	Have asked L.O. TARANTO to check up as Depot is near TARANTO.	NIL
15.9.44	German supplies (reported last week) Comm. has asked W.M. for auth to issue.	Obtained Analysis report from, 22 CRASC.	Auth for immediate issue of items considered fit for consumption - see Analyst's Report attached.
15.9.44	Bad food for analysis.	Suggested all be sent to BARI B.D. where practicable.	NIL
15.9.44	Keeping accounting records at Depots up to date. An Offr from Comm. will accompany me next week	NIL	NIL

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15.9.44	Suggested closing of MONOPOLI D.D.- Comm. say they are waiting for PICENO DIV. to move. LOCOROTONDO D.D. may then be closed and MONOPOLI D.D. retained.	Agree - better accommodation at MONOPOLI	NIL

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H. GENERAL.

1. BARI B.D.
A new building has been taken over by BARI B.D.(adjacent to present site).it is being cleared of nuts etc. by owner.

2. S.SEVERO D.D. (Report 9 refers).
Confirmed that all stocks have been cleared to FOGGIA D.D.

3. GIOIA DEL COLLE D.D.(Report 9 refers).
Confirmed that all stocks have been cleared to BARI.

4. LOCOROTONDO D.D. (Report 9 refers).
Confirmed that Depot of Presidio was closed on 10 Sep 44.Stocks will be cleared to SUSSISTANZA DEPOT in same town.One building of the former is being retained.

5. BARI BAKERY(Military).
Inspected this on 10 Sep 44. Following observations are made:-
(a) It was clean and tidy.
(b) New Tally Cards and Accountancy was in force.
(c) All flour is sifted through a machine before use.
(d) Empty sacks are passed through a brushing machine which removes any flour clinging to sacks.
(e) Two types of oven were being used.One produces a slightly lighter loaf than the other.
(f) Two loaves baked on the previous day in different ovens were taken by me as samples.They were very doughy and heavy. The weight appeared to be correct. O.C. Depot stated that they were instructed by W.M. to produce 135% bread from 100% flour which necessitated adding at least 30% water.
I had the loaves tested by Analyst 13 CRASC and copy of his report is attached.(the expression'dirty sample' mentioned therein was used to differentiate between the two types)
The opinion of the Analyst and myself was that the loaves in question were unsatisfactory.

6. TOBACCO SHIPMENT FOR CORSICA(via SARDINIA).
Informed by Mov. BARLETTA that 6 Tons was to be loaded on 13 Sep44. This was despatched from BARI and handed over to Allied authorities at BARLETTA DOCKS.As a result of conversation with A.D.S.T. Rome I visited Docks Supt.BARLETTA on 13 Sep 44. and arranged that only 1 Ton be loaded and the remainder be removed temporarily to BARLETTA D.D. by Allied tpt:Comm; BARI informed accordingly.

7. FOGGIA D.D.
Report on this Depot's location and accommodation difficulties is as follows:-
(a) Located in part of small convent or barracks between two churches.Comprised of small rooms with

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which removes any flour clinging to sacks.

(e) Two types of oven were being used.One produces a slightly lighter loaf than the other.

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7. FOGGIA D.D.

Report on this Depot's location and accommodation difficulties is as follows:-

(a) Located in part of small convent or barracks between two churches.Comprised of small rooms with low ceilings.One room is damp.

(b) In the other rooms of the building(upstairs and down) 10 families are herded together(each has about 9 children).Although they have no direct access to the Depot, there is a very small courtyard in the centre which is a necessary passage for personnel of the Depot. This was thronged with children,women cooking food and bedecked at all angles with American soldiers washing.

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7. FOGGIA(cont'd)

(c) I spent 2 hrs with the TOWN MAJOR(British) looking for alternative Depot accommodation without success. It has been agreed by O.C. Depot and Comm. BARI that the search will continue(latter will also send an Offr to FOGGIA to help. The Town Major was helpful and has promised to notify O.C. Depot of any "finds".

(d) If alternative premises are not found within 14 days, some of the civilians will have to be evicted. I have pointed out that this order will have to be issued by the Italian authorities as such eviction is not under the control of the TOWN MAJOR, FOGGIA.

(e) Capt VENTRELLA was in BARI on 15 Sep 44 and concurs.

8. PERSONNEL.
Dvr WINTON (my driver) has been in hospital all the week and was discharged 15 Sep 44.

9. ARMY MANUALS FOR CAMP CMDNT- MMIA.
Have obtained those available from Publications Depot BARI and they will be collected by Maj Fleming.

K. Freeland

K.FREELAND Capt.
For Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No 2 . District.

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Italian Supplies.

HQ 22 CRASC (Sup Units). CMF.
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MMIA LO.
HQ 2 District.

W.D. Analyst's report is forwarded for information.

W. M. E. White
Lieut.Col.,
22 C.R.A.S.C. (Sup Units).

Italian Supplies.

HQ 22 CRASC (Sup Units). CMF.
8/73. 16 Sept 44.

22 CRASC (Sup Units).

Conversation Capt Freeland - Major James refers.

1. The samples of bread have been examined with the following results.

Dirty sample 34.2% moisture.
Clean sample 33.7% moisture.

This figure is on the high side for a loaf but is not outside the limits of moisture in English bread which are usually 30 - 35%.

2. The sample of Bran gives the following results on examination.

Moisture	11.5%	Ash	7.1%
Protein	20.2%	Carbohydrate	32.6%
Fat	4.2%	Crude Fibre	1.7%
Pentosans	22.6%		

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The bran is a wheaten type and is heavily infested. It is un-suitable for human consumption but suitable for animal fodder. Immediate turn-over is recommended.

3. "Cranti". This was packed in a can size approx A 2½ and weighing 144 g. It consisted of the following.

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Potatoes	156 grams;	Beans	421 grams.
Pork	114 grams.	Gravy & Spices	150 grams.

The Pork was in one piece and was very fat. It was fit for consumption but the vegetables were not of the same good quality used for W.D. Supplies.

C.N. James

Major., R.A.S.C.,
W.D. Analyst.

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BARI WEEK-ENDING SEP 15 1944.

A. MOVEMENT.

Ships Discharging.		Ships Loading.
S.S. C. Mallory	Name.	NONE
1608 Tons	Tonnage of Ships	
Italian Military	Country/ies	
SEP 18, 1944	Estimated date of completion.	
Food Supplies	Nature of Cargo.	
	Any difficulties experienced?	

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. Henry Bacon

Convoy No. 52

E.T.A. Unknown

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SEP 18, 1944 — Estimated date of completion.

Food Supplies — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced?

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Tonnage of Cargo 3483 Tons

Manifest — Received [✓] Not Received [ ]

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

The operations with the new Allied Detachment has been working very smoothly. We have three 8 hour shifts divided among three Privates. The Corporal and Sgt. divide the time between themselves in supervising the operations.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

The 107000 Pounds sugar being released by Adriatic Base Depot began to arrive today. They are delivering this to our depots.

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MAAF S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 8 Sep 44 REPORT NO 9

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1.	What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port LO's report
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied Depots since last report?	107,000 lbs SUGAR to be released from ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT, BARI
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port LO's report.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	NIL
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	See Port LO's report
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? (i) (ii)	See Port LO's report
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	See Port LO's report

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Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE

	were cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See Port LO's report.
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	NIL
5.	Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITLs have been adopted?	See Port LO's report
6.	What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i)) (ii)) See Port LO's report
7.	Has documentation of Handover & checking of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	See Port LO's report

Note:- WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Unknown - Comm. Bari have been asked 3 times but no answer has yet been given.
2.	Is POL position ditto?	Unknown
3.	What Detachments to other Sectors have been progressed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See Appendix 'B' to this report

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

BARI BULK DEPOT

		General Sups Depot	Flour Depot
1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES	YES
2.	Are stacks internally ventillated and on suitable dunnage?	Insufficient space available for much pillar-stacking but on good dunnage	S ame as general Depot
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	YES	In process of converting to new system.
4.	Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	YES	All in blgs
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	No, majority packing dates-will receive attention.	Same as General Depot
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES	YES
7.	Are naturally combustible goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES	N.A.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	YES	See 4 Above
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & prepare broken stocks?	YES	YES
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Very small amt- can wait until more accumulates.	NONE
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES	YES
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	NONE-suggested	

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5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	No, majority packing dates-will receive attention.	Same as General Depot
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES	YES
7.	Are normally contamination stock kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	YES	N.A.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	YES	See 4 Above
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rescue broken stocks?	YES	YES
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Very small amt- can wait until more accumulates	NONE
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	YES	YES
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	NONE-suggested improvised traps.	Traps
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	YES	YES
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	4 men always on duty at night- Adequate.	1 man outside Depot and men sleep inside- Adequate.

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BARI BULK DEPOT

C. (continued)

	General Sups Depot	FLOUR Depot
15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	YES	YES
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?	NO- 6 Fire Exting. in one spot only. Have arranged distribution, fire ppints of sand and water and Fire Orders.	NO- 2 Fire Exting only. Same remarks apply.
~~17. "Spot check"?~~		

CONTRAVENTIONS CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
NIL		

Remarks:- Concentrated on thorough inspection of Depots.

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour (a) for: a.Receipts (b) b.Despatches — 8 per hr with present labour.

19. Any Labour problems? — I5 civilians employed are not the same each day. Am rectifying this. — NO

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NIL		

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	20.	Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed?	YES YES
	21.	Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?	NO NO

REMARKS

Italian Tnd Meat is stored in the FLOUR Depot. A quantity was being off-loaded at time of my visit. 36,000 Tins have been recvd. from COMMANDO CAMPO APPOGGIO LAVORATORI, FOGGIA- 6,000 more are to come. These were stated to be unused trvlg rtns brought from SARDINIA.
(See Sec G this report)

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?

2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (i.e.cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?

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9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks breached round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
(a) Comprehensive? (a)
(b) Strictly applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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8. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) BARI D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ?	YES
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use ?	In process of being converted to new system.
4. Are carton packed and sacked goods under cover ?	ALL sups in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ?	NO
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ?	As far as could be ascertained- YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to traffic in wet weather ?	See 4 above.
9. Is there a recovery and Salvage Section to sort and recase broken stocks ?	YES
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Difficult to ascertain- in several places in Depots. Requested it be sent to BARI BULK DEPOT for Analysis Commission.
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ?	YES
11. Is depot clean and tidy ?	Fairly clean, but several oddments need straightening.
12. What anti vermin	

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12. What anti vermin measures are used ?	Cats.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting etc ?	YES
14. What guard arrangements exist, and do you consider them adequate ?	2 men always on duty- Adequate.

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — YES

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — YES

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
NIL		

Remarks:- Concentrated on thorough inspection.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts
b. Despatches
(a) (b) — IO per hr with present labour.

19. Any labour problems? — NO

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot

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(b) b. Despatches

IO per hr with present labour.

19. Any labour problems?

NO

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?

YES

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

NO

22. REMARKS

-- See H.4 of this report

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1.	Are Mod depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Gr. ground stocks - bills cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	Those visited were in process of conversion to new system. They appeared to be in order.
2.	What checks have you made as to whether Initial Stocks as recorded Fwd. depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL
3.	Have Unit Ration Books been produced & appeared to be in order in run out of units visited?	NIL
4.	Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	None visited.
5.	What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL

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3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced? If so, are they to be in order in use out of units visited?

NIL

None visited.

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be invariably in order on inspections in period under report?

NIL

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

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F. Unit POL Records

1. In your opinion are present Unit POL records adequate?

2. Is there an excessive amount of POL work in connection with them?

3. Are unit petrol store arrangements satisfactory? Clean and well ventilated?

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariate - BARI

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
5/9/44	Requested report promised on S.Panerazio DD	Obtained on 6/9/44 and forwarded to HQ.MMIA by L.O. Bari.	???
"	Obtained up to: date list of Depots and feeding strengths)	-	-
6/9/44	Requisitioning of new blg for Bari bulk depot.	Asked Comm to expedite. Maj Murcell also taking up with Prefectura	-
"	New accounting system-no problems at present except supply of forms-will last 2 weeks only.	Asked if system would be effective 10 SEP 44-Answer : YES.	Hasten forms from W.E. Requirements are:- ST/4 - 1000 ST/8 - 100 (blocks) ST/11 - 500 (Comm signal 1/16843 d/d 5/9 refers).
8/9/44	36,000 tins of Iti meat at Bari B.D. Comm confirmed these came from SARDINIA	See page 3 this report	Comm states these will be used as travel rations. I suggest some are given immediate issue owing to age.

H. General.

Since reporting to this sector, I have spent some time in aquanting myself with ST files, Depot locations, feeding strengths etc. Have also met 2/Lt URBANO.-Offr Instr for new accounting system.

Personal observations and information gained from Comm Bari are as follows:-

1. CORRESPONDENCE.
Many policy letters received in this office from AQ. HQ MMIA have not been received by TARANTO Sector (e.g.AQ/2/5 dated 6 Jul., subject "Travel Rations".

2. ALLIED ST PERSONNEL.
In view of shortage of Port Det. personnel it is necessary to employ on the docks 3 of the American E.Ms recently posted to this Sector for Depot supervision. The other E.M. was

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3. FOOD DEPOTS.- LOCATION.
(a) S.SEVERO D.D.
Stated to be closed recently and stocks transferred to FOGGIA D.D. - will check up.
(b) GIOIA DEL COLLE.D.D.
Stated to be closed in Aug 44 - will check up.
(c) LOCOROTONDO D.D.
Originally 2 Depots located in this town. 1 is to be closed on 11 Sep 44 which will leave 152 SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA in control. Will report later on situation.
(d) BERNALDA D.D.
Stated to have been closed in Aug 44 - will check up.

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H. General(cont.)

3. (e) CAMPOBASSA D.D.

Present feeding strength 575. This Depot is located approx 165 miles from BARI and 85 miles from NAPLES. As far as MMIA Depot inspections are concerned, could this be supervised by NAPLES SECTOR thus saving time,petrol etc.?

4. BARI DISTRIBUTION DEPOT.

Whilst inspecting this Depot on 8 Sep 44 the u/m were noted:-

(a) Large stocks of Italian Coffee Beans - approx. 93,000 lbs; stated to have been there since **before** the war. Approx. ½ of these are subject to tax - are issued on orders of W.M.

(b) German supplies:
5,331 lbs Compressed Veg(in blocks)*;
5,775 lbs Crauti(Stewed M & V)* - on further examination I found some tins contained Green Beans only;
7,808 lbs Cereals(resemblance to Oatmeal)*;
150 boxes(approx) Powdered Idriz.

NOTE : Have taken samples of items marked * for analysis.

(c) Sundry Italian supplies:
403 lbs Tnd Beef Tongues$;
973 lbs Tunny Fish $;
4,900 tins Sardines $;
300 bots(approx) Amaro Lucano(wine) $;
60 tins Pasta Soup(alleged to be given to men on escort duty);
6 boxes(unmarked) were sealed and alleged to be Tunny Fish ready for despatch to ROME.

NOTE : $ Are stated to be at disposal of W.M. for issue to Offrs Messes on repayment.

(d) Allied supplies:
1c/s Tnd Peaches;
1c/s Tnd Apricots;
1c/s Tnd Turkey.

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K.FREELAND Capt.,R.A.S.C.,
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.

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PORT DEPLOYMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PORT BARI WEEK ENDING 8 Sep 44 REPORT NO. 8

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging. Ships Loading.

HOUSTON VOLUNTEERS — Name.

870.42 — Tonnage or Cargo

ITI — Consignor/Agent

Sep 7 44 — Estimated date of completion.

RATIONS — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced?

This ship was unloaded at four different positions. This made it very difficult to keep a steady flow of rations to our depots.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED. 4865

Name of Ship S.S. HENRY BACON.

Convoy No. UGS- 52

E.T.A. 15 Sep 44

111 Consignee/mss

Sep. 7 44 — Estimated date of completion.

RATIONS — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced?

This ship was unloaded at four different positions. This made it very difficult to keep a steady flow of rations to our depots.

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5. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship S.S. HENRY BACON.

Convoy No. UGS- 52

E.T.A. 15 Sep 44

Tonnage of Cargo 3483.14

Manifest Received (YES) Not Received ( )

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MTA).

On this ship we used the replacements for the first time. They were instructed and set about their work but we did not have the required personnel to do the supervision required.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

This ship had Red ITI markings.The Port Det, is using six men at the Port. There are two N.C.O.'s in charge 12 hrs each and two men on the quays eight hour shift.This is necessary because in order to account for rations at shipside we must have the supplies sorted. The Dock Operating Companies will not do this if not supervised by one of our men. The amount of Americans in the detachment is more than is set up by our T.O. but we do not have the authorised British personnel.

(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ, MTA.

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H.Q. No 2 District.

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M.M.I.A. I.C.
HQ 2 District
C.M.E.
Ref: ME 32 5/7
3/ Nov 44

To : A D S T Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C. B C M E

(Duplicate copy to Q - 4 Sep 44).

Mail Room 752
Dispatched 49

A. 1. Have received about one half the manifested amounts from the S.S. Houston Volunteers.
2. None.
3. Cargoes from S.S. Houston Volunteers.
4. Ships off to Naples. One ship only, more to be loaded 2 Sept.
5. One shipment ex Houston Volunteers carryied new 5 inch Markings. The Preserved meat was not marked.
6. The rail transportation has been very short have found it very difficult to obtain rail transportation.
7. Yes.

B. 1. Food stocks have been satisfactory. The shipment of Preserved meat from Adriatic QM Depot helped a lot. Rations for Sicily
2. Yes.
3. Rations mentioned in Signal 32/306 taken care of.
C.M.E.F. No depots visited during this period.

C. Log of the weeks activities.

Aug 26. S.S. Houston Volunteers arrived at Bari port 1600 hours.

Aug 27. Made arrangements with 22 QMASC for them to accept from S.S. Houston Volunteers 27,935 lbs Macaroni which will repay portions of amounts listed in 32/52/10 dated 24 Aug 44. 460900 Cheese, Coffee 47696.

Aug 28. Made final adjustments on Preserved Meat received from Adriatic QM Depot in the following amounts. 19052 lbs Shell Corned Beef, 166374 Meat & Vegetable Hash, 6435 Meat & Vegetable Stew, 150000 lbs Salmon., 146232 lbs Sausage Vienna Style. 1864

Aug 29. Received notice that we are to receive goods ex S.S. Clifford J Holloway on or about Sept 5.
Held meeting at Commissariats for all depots Commanders on new procedure.
Made arrangements for remainder of supplies listed in 32/52/10 dated 24 Aug 44 not given from S.S. Houston Volunteers,

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to be turned over from shipside of S.S. Clifford D Mallory to 22 CRASC.
Made arrangements for 22 CRASC to pick up 20000 litres of Wine from San Pietro Vernotico by 29 P & O Brindisi. This was part of Wine listed in ST/28/10 of 24 Aug.

Aug 30. Made arrangements to ship 10 tons scrap to Naples by rail.

Aug 31. Gave Cabelled report on distributions of S.S. Mallory Also made arrangements with 2? CRASC Port Det. to pick up supplies from port owed by the Italians to 22 CRASC.

George C. Buttrick
Pvt U.S.A. A.C.
George C. Buttrick,
Captain, Infantry.

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M.M.I.A. A.P.O.
HQ 2 District
S.F.E.
Ref: MI 322/13/7
2 Sept 44

Subject : Weekly Port Det. Report

Week ending 1 Sept 44.

To : A C of S Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ S.F.E. A P O

Duplicate Report

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies.

a. Ship due to arrive: S.S. Clifford J Mallory on about 5 Sept 1944.
b. Ship off-loading S.S. Houston Volunteers almost completed.

2. Receipts submitted during this period.
Receipt for 1800 lbs of Preserved Meat from Adriatic QM Depot.

3. Marking of 2 inch red TNT as a great improvement but all case goods were not marked in this manner. About one half of the shipment was marked.

George L Guthrie
for M.M.I.A. A.P.O.
George L. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 Sqdn Det
C.M.F.
Ref: MM Sm/5/6
26 Aug 44

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FILE REF 7572
Date Recd 30 8 1

Subject: Weekly Port Det. of
Week ending 25 Aug 44

To : ADST Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C. R O M E

(Dupl passed to Q - 30/8 Sqn).

1. The following is the status of Ships carrying Italian supplies as of the end of this period.

a) Ship due to arrive: S.S. Houston Volunteers due on about Aug 27 1944.

b) Ships off-loading: None.

2. Receipts submitted during this period.

S.S. Hartnett
S.S. Teal

Driver Ray was posted to this HQ from TARANTO and Driver FRIEST was posted from this HQ to TARANTO.

Adjt
Sqn Sgt

George C. Guthrie
for M.M.I.A. L.O.
George C. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.P.
Ref: MM ST/5
26 Aug 44

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M M I A.
FILE REF 757 2
Date Recd 30/8/44

Subject: ST Seaboe District Officers
Weekly Reports

Week ending 25 Aug 44.

To : ADST, Army Pay Commission (MMIA)
A.C.T. R O M E

(Dupl passed to 'Q' - 30/8 Cmp)

A. 1. Have received since last report the remainder of Preserved Meat from Atlantic Depot. Received for MARMS 7500 Litres of Wine from 22 DRASC.

2.a) Am to receive from CIVITO 15 tons Canned Spread.

B. 1. Shipped to MARMS Area 64 tons Preserved Meat and also shipped to MARMS 7500 Litres of Wine.

C. Distribution Depots at TRANI, BARLETTA and CANOSA were visited.

1. Stocks were stocked properly.
2. Yes.
3. There were no stock Cards but this has been corrected.
4. Yes. That Not.
5. There are no goods there a complete turnover every twenty days.
6. Yes.
7. The goods are kept will apart as far as possible. At TRANI the Warehouse is entirely too small adjoining Warehouse could be made useable with a little work. Am contacting 8-th Corps Commissariats to see if anything can be done to relieve this situation. Also AT CANOSA I found that the Warehouse was divided into two buildings some 800 Yards apart. This is unsatisfactory. Am seeing what can be done about it.

8. No out door stocks.
9. No.

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10. There is a lot of unfit food at BARLETTA. This food has been awaiting an inspection since the 14-th of January. Have checked up to see if this will not happen again. I am taking it on myself to dispose of food supplies unfit for consumption.
11. The Depot at TRANI was exceptionally clean, the two others could stand a little cleaning. This matter has been corrected.
12. None other than este.

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13. Yes.
14. Yes.
15 & 16. The handling capacity of this Depots is very small because of the help. Each Depot is very short of labour. They are cut down of Military personnel and are not able to get secure civilian labour because the wage scale does not come up to the wage scale of the village.
21. Satisfactory.

D. No F.S.S. Depots visited.

E. 1. The Food Depot accounts are in accord. I checked at the Bulk Depots on amount of supplies sent to each one of the Depots that I have visited. The figures have tallied out in every case. The new system is easier and is considered by all a very good move.

F. Have visited no units to inspect the use of food supplies.

G. The log of the week.

Aug 18. Called NAPLES and gave the numbers of cans on fourth shipment of Olive Oil.

Aug 21. Received Instructions on the new accounting system. The Instruction sheets have been sent the depot Commanders so that they might be ready to start on this system Sept 5-th.

Aug 21. 46 S.S.O. picked up from Italian Bulk Depot 265000 pounds of Flour for repayment for Flour loaned them in March. Arrangement with the Adriatic Depot has been made to furnish the Army Hospital (Italian) at Bitonto with 200 pounds of Ice per day beginning Aug 26. - Mailed receipts on Hartnett and Neal.

Aug 22. Visited Depots in VENICE, CASCA and TARI. Made arrangements to transfer 2½ tons of Meat to NAPLES Area. Received a letter from ADSC MBA requesting 150 lbs of Preserved Meat be sent NAPLES sector. Called Maj. CANN and was informed to disregard the letter.

Aug 23. Sent 7 Wagons of Preserved Meat to NAPLES consisting of 1775 Cases Salmon or 39960 pounds, 1740 Cases Viena Sausage or 69752 lbs, 700 Cases Meat and Vegetable Stew or 2775 lbs.

Aug 24. Sick in Quarters no activity.

Aug 25. Have never been furnished with a complete list of accounts due Allied Depots from Italian Military. Contacted Maj CANN and was assured I would receive a complete list of commodities to be returned to Allied Depots.

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For M.M.I.A. I.O.
George J. GUTHRIE, Captain, Infantry.

Geo. J. Guthrie

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"S. & T.; MMIA.

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Subject: G and T sector Liaison Officers report BARI Sector.
Week ending 12 Aug 44
Report No 5

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.P.
Ref: MX ST/5
12 Aug 44

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Date rec'd 21 8 44

To : ADST Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
A.C.C. R O M E

Noted

A. 1. a) Have received since last report from Adriatic Depot: Preserved Meat 455298 lbs. Have yet to receive 33762 lbs.

2. a) Am to receive from 22 CRASC 7500 litres of Wine to be shipped to BARLETTA

b) Am to receive 15 tons Canned Spread from TARANTO sector.

B. Food stocks of this sector are at the present satisfactory.

C. The Italian Distribution Depot at MOLFETTA was visited during this weeks activities.

1. There was only a small amount of food in this Warehouse. The turnover assures that no foods stuff will remain too long in the depot. This depot feeds 950 men. The depot was clean and tidy. Lt. MOLFETTA seems to have the depot well in hand though having only three men to help with issuing of all Italian supplies in his district. They have no guards other than those that sleep there. But I consider them adequate.

The depot is supplied from BARI by rail which has proven satisfactory. The only unsatisfactory things I noted, were that within their Warehouse with food supplies, Piles of old sacks [illegible] has been corrected.

Aug 11. Contacted TARANTO LO by phone to obtain for Transportation 15-th Air Force the amount of food stuff ex Torre Jarl on second trip in late June. -

Contacted Movements BRINDISI and receive No's of Wagons and amount of goods that has been sent BARI ex S.S. Martnett and S.S. Teal.

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Aug 12. 22 CRASC called and informed us that they had for issue 7600 litres of Wine. Contacted ADSP and was informed that we could accept if any Italian Organisation wanted it. Asked Commissariato if any Corps and was informed that they did not care for it. Had further contacted MARINES office and they are accepting.

Aug 13. 3 -rd shipment of Olive Oil in Care Nos 64142 - 5928 - 1206310 left RAM on train No 8432 at 132120 for MARINES.

Aug 14 Completed reception of all but 22762 lbs of rations from Adriatic Depot.

Aug 15. Completed off loading S.S. Bennett and S.S. Toal in ANZIO BEST.

Aug 16. Brought Fort Detachment back from PRIVERNO.

Aug 17. Have unloaded 14 of the 20 Cars from BRINDISI.
360,000 Cigarettes were sent forward on the 14 Aug and 637 lbs on 17 Aug, by 45 DSD by authority of SX/6/12 AAI dated 9 Aug 44.
Contacted 46 DSD and received wagon No's on 4-th shipment of Clive Oil to MARINES.

Aug 18 A visit was made Italian Distribution Depot at MOLFETTA
Report is given.
Sent in Stock stakes report of 9 Aug. We have no cooperation. From the Commissariato in this matter. We have given him four days in the future. A definate Order from the ADSP would aid in this matter.

George C Guthrie
for M.G.I.A. T.O.
George C. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

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Bring this to Gen Pettigrew attention for
usual story, in diplomatic language. Have Commissariat
is to be held to contents - or else!

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: MF ST/5
18 Aug 44

Subject: Weekly report of activities
BARI Port Det.
Week ending Aug 18 1944

To : ADST Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
A.C.S. F O R L

M.M.I.A. ST
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Date Recd 21/8/44

1. The following is the Status of ships carrying Italian supplies as of end of the period:

a) Ship due to arrive. None.
b) Ships off loading. None.

2. The S.S. Hartnett and S.S. Teal completed off loading at BRINDISI 16 Aug 44. We are still recieving rations by rail from these two boats.

3. Receipt submitted during the period: S.S. Jonathan Trumbull.

George B. Guthrie
For M.M.I.A. L.O.
George B. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

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FILE REF
Date Rec'd 14/8/44

2961 M M I A COMPANY (Ovhd)
BARI DET. APO 394 U.S. ARMY

"S & T, MMIA.

Ref: MF ST 5
11 Aug. 1944

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File ST/ 75/2

Subject: Weekly report of Activities,
Week ending 11 Aug 44

Report No 5

To : A D S T Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies as of the and of the period:

a) Ship due to arrive. None due before Aug 21.
b) Ships off loading in Brindisi by Bari Port Det:
S.S. C HAMMETT
S.S. J TEAL

2. Arrangements have made for complete movement of supplies from Brindisi to Bari by rail.

3. S.S. J TRUMBULL completed off loading during this period.

4. Receipts submitted during the period.
S.S. MARYAND
S.S. HUNT

Louie (NMI) TRICE Tec. 5, 33526745, reported to this office and has been assigned with the Port Detachment.

George C. Guthrie

George C. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.
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2691 M M I A COMPANY (Cyhd)
BARI DET. APO 394 U.S. ARMY

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FILE NO
Date Rec 13 8 44

Ref. MMIA ST 5
11 Aug 1944

Subject: S and T sector Liaison Officers report, Bari sector. - Week ending 11 Aug 1944. Report No 5

To : S and T MMIA/ACC Army Sub Commission.

1. Have received supplies SS Trumbull amounts as follows: Cheese 4138 Cases Total of 173796 pounds. Off the SS Hartnett that is off loading at Brindisi 473 Cases of Matches 1728 Cases Macaroni. This ship has not completly off loaded. SS Teal in Brindisi off loading. 70 drums dye for Italian Army. As yet not off loaded. All goods from Brindisi being sent Bari by rail.

2. Am to receive the following from Adriatic Depot: 150000 lbs. Canned Salmone, 150000 pounds Vienna Sausage, 20000 pounds Chili con Carne, 169000 Pounds Meat and Vegetable Iten. DUKW & T No Checks of depots have been made during week.

3. Aug 4. Received Instructions to receive 439000 lbs of canned Meats from Adriatic Quartermaster depot. Arrangements were made with both Italian and American depots for the handing over of these supplies.

Aug 5. Italian Port Detachment have been informed they were not to drew the extra 20 lire a day for their works on the docks. Sent in report of Chemical Analysis on 168.969 Kg Salmon 300.339 Kg Chili con Carne, 24.462 Kg English Meat, 39.378 Kg Meat and Vegetable Iten, 329.0275 Kg Tomato Catsup and 4.030 Kg Sausage, Canned. This Inspection was made by Capt. Sellers. The goods were by [illegible] receipts on the SS Harverd and SS Hunt were sent in.

Aug 6. a) The Port Detachment was taken to Brindisi to off load the SS Hartnett and SS Teal.

b) Arrangemets were made with Movements Brindisi for transportation of goods to Bari.

c) Train No PT left Bari 12,10 hours with 25 Tons

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Olive oil on Wagons Nºs 714565 - 1006245 - 1007896.

Aug 7. a) Sent in receipt on 33 drums Caustic Soda received from AMC/AGO.

b) Received from 6 BSA 1 Fiat 1100 4 door sedan motor Nº 10Ge 239635 and Chassis Nº 50Ge 231311. This vehicle is the property of 6 BSA assigned to this office. But must not leave for permanete change out of 2 Dist. On Loan

Aug 8. a) 33 Trumbull completed off loading.

b) Made visit to Adriatic Qm Depot. Made further arrangements to receive Meat from Foggia and received 1 truck load Cheese that had strayed into Qm Depot.

Aug 9. a) Contacted 46 BSD and received Wagon numbers on second shipment of Olive oil to Naples. Car Nº 164062 - 164264 - 154018, Train Nº 7114 left at 0915Oc.

Aug 10. Supervised the recieving of retions supplies from ASD.

George C. Guthrie

George C. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

O/C Det.

S & T. M.G.A. MMIA PORT DEPARTMENT
BARI

Ref: MP ST/5
4 Aug. 44.

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Subject: Sand T Sector Liaison Officers Weekly report, Bari sector week ending 4 August 1944
Report No 4

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DATED 5th

To : MMIA/AGO ST
Army Sub Commission

A. Hand over of supplies.
1. Receipts on sent in by Major ROSE 30 July 44.
2. None.
3. See Port Lo report.
4. 25 tons Olive Oil to Bari sector and 25 tons Olive Oil to NAPLES sector.
5. The markings have not been adequate. We have been receiving supplies with AMG Markings and no Markings at all. There has been no red hour glass Markings.
6. i. No change.
ii No change.
7. Satisfactory.

B. Maintenance of sector position.
1. Satisfactory
2. Unknown.
3. 25 tons Olive Oil to NAPLES Sector, 175 Pounds of pepper sent TARANTO Sector.

C. Physical Warehouse position of Bari Warehouse.
1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. Not all.
6. Yes.
7. Yes.
8. Yes.
9. Yes.
10. 100 2 Cans of meat & Vegetables stew. This cannot be used on Black Market. Will be condemned.
11. Yes.
12. None.
13. Yes.
14. Personnel reside at the Warehouse and they are always

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all. There has been no Red Sour Glass Markings.

6. i No change.
   ii No change.
7. Satisfactory.

D. Maintenance of sector position.

1. Satisfactory
2. Unknown.
3. 25 tons Olive Oil to BARLETTA Sector, 175 Pounds of pepper sent TARANTO Sector.

C. Physical Warehouse position of Bari Warehouse.

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. Not all.
6. Yes.
7. Yes.
8. Yes.
9. Yes.
10. 100 2 Cans of meat & Vegetables stew. This cannot be used on Black Market. Will be condemned.
11. Yes.
12. None.
13. Yes.
14. Personnel reside at the Warehouse and they are always locked.
15. Yes.
16. Yes.

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Spot Check

See previous Reports.

C. Physical Warehousing position POL.

1, none inspected.

D. Accounting Position.

No Checks have been made to date.

F. Units Interior Economy.

No inspection.

G. Visits to Head Sector Commissariato

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30 July - Made arrangements for 25 tons Olive Oil to be recieved in this sector.

2 Aug. - Made arrangement for 10 tons of caustic soda to be picked up from AMG/ACC.

3 Aug. - Made arrangements for 175 lbs pepper to be sent TARANTO sector.

4 Aug. - Have made arrangements that Stock reports are to be sent in at an earlier date.

H. Would appreciate disposition on Goods that are of unusual nature. If we are informed in time it saves considerable handling. It is easier for arrangements to be made from the Docksxx rather than from our deports, with Movements.

George C. Guthrie

George C. GUTHRIE
Captain, Infantry
Sector I/C

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Bari

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Ref: MP ST/5
4 Aug 44

Subject: Weekly Report of Activities, Week Ending 4 August 1944, Report No 4

To : ADST, Army Sub Commission, AUC, RAFF

1. The following is the status of ships carring Italian rations and supplies as of the end of the period:

a) Ships due to arrive and off-load at BRINDISI:
S. S. CARSELIUS HARTSETT - 5 August
S.S. JOSEPH N. TEAL - 5 August

b) Ships off-loading in this port:
S. S. HAND HUNT
S. S. JONATHAN TRUMBULL
S. S. JOHN HOWARD

2. It is requested that WINTON J. T/6523301 MASO be Posted to Headquarters. He is of NO use of this part Detachment because of lack of interest. The lack of Interest is due to the fact that Pvt WINTON is dissatified with this location. He was sent here against his wished with a promise that he would only be here three weeks. That was 1-st of April. He is a driver and we have NO vehicle for him. He is now used as General duty man. If he be posted we will require a replacement for him. It is also requested we be furnished with two additional men to carry out the Port Detachment Work properly.

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Dors

George C. Guthrie
GEORGE C. GUTHRIE
Captain, Infantry
Sector LnO

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S. S. WARD HUNT
S. S. JONATHAN TRUMBULL
S. S. JOHN HOVARD

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George C. GUTHRIE
Captain, Infantry
Sector I/C

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR BARI . WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 1944. REPORT N° 3

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — See Port LO report. ~~25 tons olive oil due for delivery by 22 CRASC on Monday.~~

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report? — NONE

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — See Port LO report

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? — 25 tons of olive oil due for delivery by 22 CRASC on Monday

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs have been adopted? — No change

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? — (i) No change (ii) No change

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — Satisfactory

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating

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4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	25 tons of olive oil due for delivery by 22 CRASC on Monday
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	No change
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) No change (ii) No change
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Satisfactory

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	No change
2. Is POL position ditto?	Unknown
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	Normal distribution

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?

4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?

7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

No formal inspection of food depots this week

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10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

No formal inspection of food depots during the period

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts. (a)
b. Despatches. (b)

See previous reports

19. Any labour problems?

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Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

(a) See previous reports

(b)

19. Any labour problems?

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20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?

21 Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

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B. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, &c?

There was no inspection of conditions at the drivers school at Polignano and at Monopoli. Letter relative to same subject was turned over to Major Murcell for action with IX Corps who handles POL

2. Is there a guard on during the night?
Is it adequate?
Do written guard orders exist?

No inspection of POL depots because transport was not available

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft?
If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?

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7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?

9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
a. Comprehensive? (a)
b. Strictly applied? (b)
c. Adequate? (c)

12. Is Depot on teleph[illegible]?

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B. Accounting Position (Food & Po[illegible])

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order,& what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks – tally cards – depot stock records – procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?

Stock State Reports of individual depots would seem to indicate so. However, I have been unable to visit a depot to compare running balances of stocks with actual count.

2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

None

3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?

4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?

5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

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F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?

No inspections

2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?

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F. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

No inspection of units

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf?
(Standard wt = 300 grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are meat and bones disposed of?

12. Are tool cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Sanitary Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served?

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11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are tins cans burned or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the rations by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?

17. Has unit any vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?

E. (continued)

22. Is unit training any drivers?

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect:

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a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
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33. Any further remarks?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
Monday	Containers for 200 tons of olive oil	Informed MOVIT Iti's here will provide steel barrels to receive oil	None
Tuesday	Single ration scale and adjustment of supplies	Suggested examination of stock states with a view of possible shifting of stock and personnel	None
Wednesday	Reduction of personnel and adjustment of depot strengths	Suggested that immediate study be made to reorganize depots accomplishing reduction as ordered by IX Corps, and I would signal info to MMIA for approval.	None
Thursday	Same as above	Because of rapid changes in situation, claimed unable to determine depot strength needs. Sent signal to MMIA	Immediate action in order that IX Corps orders and ST/52/3 dated 18 May can be complied with

H. General. (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Activities, Week Ending July 28, 1944
Report No. 3

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Rome

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian ration supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

S. S. JONATHAN TRUMBULL - July 30
S. S. JOHN HARVARD - July 30
S. S. CORNELIUS HARTNETT - August 6
S. S. JOSEPH N. TEAL - August 6

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

S. S. WARD HUNT

c. Receipts submitted during week:

ROALD AMUNDSEN

2. Information has been received that Captain Bettinardi and Lieut Cola, both of the Italian Port Detachment her, are being transferred to Ancona. From reports of the needs of this new port, it is doubtful if better personnel could be selected. However, only time will reveal whether this Port Detachment can spare them.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Transport

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Rome

1. Reference your ST/75/2 dated 22 July 1944, the following information is submitted relative to the use to which the three vehicles here are put:

a. Weapons carrier, ¾-ton (A), is in constant daytime use by the Port Detachment personnel in liaison, investigations, and as transport to and from their billets. Experience has shown that Port liaison is seriously handicapped if the vehicle is borrowed for a short period during the day, and that the vehicle is not capable of making long trips except at a slow rate of speed.

b. Chevrolet, 8 wt truck, on temporary loan from 38th Vehicle Company by personal agreement and not on strength of MMIA (Captain Hyde will confirm), is used by Major Hubbard. He may not make the vehicle available because it is a borrowed vehicle and because there would be a conflict in its use if both of us attempted to use it.

c. British pick-up is assigned to Major Murcell who requires a vehicle in constant attendance because of his crippled condition.

2. Because our individual requirements and places which we visit are in such variance, none of the three vehicles can be used by me without unduly restricting the work of other liaison officers.

3. As my visits to Italian depots are limited to walking distances, to hitch-hiking, and to those rare occasions when a vehicle is idle, I should therefore advise you that my S & T duties are not only unduly restricted but impossible of proper performance without immediate additional transport.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

24/7 ST/752 22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Sector Liaison Officers' Weekly Reports

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Rome

1. It is requested that the forms Appendix I, S & T Branch Operating Instructions No. 2 and Appendix A, S & T Branch Instructions No. 3 be discontinued, except as guides in the preparation of weekly reports, for the following reasons:

a. Make the weekly report of ten (10) pages too bulky.

b. In spite of present bulk more sheets are necessary to explain entries.

c. Take too long to prepare, give an inaccurate picture, and leave tempers short.

d. Mimeographed on the oblique making it difficult to adjust sheets in a typewriter and in preparing extra copies.

e. Many questions do not apply for every report, thus leaving much unused space, a waste of valuable paper.

f. Form is incomplete in spite of its tremendous bulk.

g. Many questions have little meaning, for example, tonnage of cargo. (What is desired is a breakdown of the tonnage into the components of the ration. This information is mailed to your office in an extract of the manifest.)

h. Many questions are embarrassing because they presume too much as to the facilities at hand, and are constant reminders of a poorly performed job.

2. It is fully realized that a tremendous amount of thought and work was necessary in preparing these two forms. That they are very effective tickler reminders in the preparation of weekly reports more than prove their worth and the effort in preparing them.

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx I.

SECTOR BARI WEEK ENDING 21 July 1944. REPORT No 2

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships of Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — JONATHAN TRUMBULL and JOHN HARVARD

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report? — NONE

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — ROALD AMUNDSEN and JOSEPH HOLT

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? — Normal Distribution

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITI have been adopted? — Normal QMC markings of ITI Hourglass has not appeared as yet

See previous reports

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? — (i) Italian Port Detachment hard pressed for personnel because of malaria. Have managed because of the shortage of lorries (ii)

Shortage of transport has been acute. Although supplies piled up on the quays transport available at odd intervals. Italians complain of wastage of labor.

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — No. Receipts of AMUNDSEN do not agree with acceptance notes. Matter under investigation.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERS TO THE FORECOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT - Reporting Instruction No. 3).

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Particular attention is invited to the tremendous amount of dehy potatoes accumulating in Italian depots.
2. Is POL position ditto?	
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	

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6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?

4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?

7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & release broken packages.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

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9. Is there a Theory & Salvage Section to sort & reprocess broken stock?

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts. (a)
b. Despatches. (b)

19. Any labour problems?

Wastage of labor-- Civilian labor kept on duty during day and night during off-loading of ships, lorries appear at irregular intervals day and night. Docks Clearance work lorries as they are made available to them. When it was known that lorries would not appear, depot was warned & labor released. Can rarely determine the lorrie situation.

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20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?

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21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

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Physical Warehousing Position (POI).

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, &c?

2. Is there a guard on during the night?
Is it adequate?
Do written guard orders exist?

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft?
If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally boom on each stack?
Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?
Is it a daily check?

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9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a)
a. Comprehensive? (b)
b. Strictly applied? (c)
c. Adequate?

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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E. Accounting Position (Food & PC.

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2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?

4. Have PCL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?

5. What checks have you been able to apply of PCL issues as recorded by PCL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

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12. Are refuse cans burned or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
20/7/44	Allocation of Depot Personnel	Point previously taken up. Rehash of of progress made.	None as yet until data (yours and mine) is collected and reported
	Closing of Lecce Depot	NONE	None. Depot to be cleared as transpot becomes available
	Shortage of Personnel Port Det.	Suggested pool of supply personnel to draw upon. Agreed.	None
	Report of Changes in Depot location and personnel	Requested and received assurrance of report	None
	Whether creation of Taranto Sector meant loss of IX Corps Commissariato control.	Requested information and was told that control would remain.	Confirm or correct impression of IX Corps Commissariato here

H. General. (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No. 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT BARI WEEK-ENDING 21 July 1944 REPORT No. 2

Ships loading.

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.

JOSEPH HOLT — Name.

946 — Tonnage of Cargo.

ITI- Italian Military — Consignee/nee.

25 July 1944 — Estimated date of completion.

Subsistence — Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced ?
NONE

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ITI- Italian Military — Consignee/nee. ———

26 July 1944 — Estimated date of completion. ———

Subsistence — Nature of Cargo. ———

Any difficulties experienced ?
NONE

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship ~~JONATHAN TRUMBULL~~ and ~~JOHN~~ HARVARD

Convoy No. UGS-47

E.T.A. 27 July 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 96.26 ; 8.8

Manifest Received [X] Not Received [ ]

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Subject:- Transport.

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Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), RCME.
ST/75/2.

MMIA Sector LO, c/o HQ, 2 District. 22 July 44.

Reference your requirement of a passenger vehicle to meet which you were trying to requisition locally.

I am informed by Colonel Clayton B KERR. (Infantry) that at the present there are 3 vehicles at Bari for 4 officers; that requisition by you should not be made at this time, and that a vehicle will be provided for you at a later date.

Please advise if your S & T duties will be unduly restricted without immediate additional transport or whether you can secure the use of one of the other vehicles for inspections etc.

BZ 3 Sqdn Reply a-M(13)

HP/BC

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H.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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MAIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. ADI 5.

SECTOR BARI . WEEK ENDING 14 July 1944 . REPORT N° 1

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? — JOSEPH HOLT

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report? — NONE

3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? — ROALD AMUNDSEN

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? — NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted? — 186 bags of dried beans were erroneously delivered to the Adriatic Base Depot. Rather than tie up transportation for the return of the item, by agreement with ABD 186 bags of the item ex JOSEPH HOLT, ABD property, to be dispatched direct to the Italian depot.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport? — (i) Consistently inefficient placing a great deal of responsibility upon Italian Port Detachment checkers.

(ii) Shortage of lorries during the day has limited deliveries to depots to the night-time.

7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? — Highly satisfactory

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE CROSS REFERENCE MAY BE MADE TO THE ANSWERING OF

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operati.. Instruction N° 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

Shortage of meat and tinned fish

2. Is POL position ditto?

Unknown

3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

NONE

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

	BARI BULK	BARI DIST
1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	YES	YES
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	YES	YES
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	YES	YES
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	YES	YES
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	YES	YES
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	YES	YES
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	YES	YES
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	YES	YES
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	2 bbls Sardines (chemist report already submitted) and other small amounts awaiting Italian authority. Are secure. ✓	
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	YES	YES

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	YES	YES
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	not a problem	cats (not satisfactory)
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes	YES
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	ALL ENTRANCES LIGHTED AND PATROLING SENTRIES. CONSIDER ADEQUATE AS NO PILFERING HAS OCCURRED.	

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C. (continued)

	BARI BULK	BARI DIST
15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	YES	YES
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?	YES & YES	YES& YES

17. "Spot check":

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found
SUGAR (BULK)	NONE	NONE
FLOUR (DIST)	NONE	NONE

Remarks:-

NONE

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	FIVE	FIVE ✓
	(b)	FIVE	FIVE

19. Any labour problems?

NOT DURING PERIOD

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FLOOR (DIST.)

Remarks:-

NONE

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	(b)	FIVE	FIVE
19. Any labour problems?		NOT DURING PERIOD	
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		YES	
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		NOT DURING PERIOD	

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D. Physical Warehousing Positio[illegible].

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, &c?

2. Is there a guard on during the night?
Is it adequate?
Do written guard orders exist?

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft?
If so, has he written orders what to do?

4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?

5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?

6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?

7. Is there a tally board on each stack?
Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?
Is it a daily check?

I have not visited the POL Distribution Depots during the period because the sole vehicle assigned to S&T here was working the port. Problem taken up verbally with Major Papinau this date.

If so, has he written orders what to do?

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9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?

10. Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: (a)
a. Comprehensive? (b)
b. Strictly applied? (c)
c. Adequate?

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in ord[illegible] & what checks have you made in period under report. (Cf. ground stocks – tally cards – depot stock records – procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	RATION DEPOTS ONLY IN BARI YES
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NONE
3. Have unit Ration Returns been processed & [illegible] to be in order in respect of units visited.	INSPECTED RATION STRENGTHS TO COMPARE WITH ISSUES ONLY NO CHECKS OF REPORTED STRENGTHS AGAINST STRENGTH AT FORMATION
4. Have POL accounts found to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	NO INSPECTION
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NO INSPECTION

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recorded in food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

4. Have unit ration [illegible] procedure to be in order in respect of units visited?

INSPECTED RATION STRENGTHS TO COMPARE WITH ISSUES ONLY
NO CHECKS OF REPORTED STRENGTHS AGAINST STRENGTH AT FORMATION

5. [illegible] to be [illegible] in order on inspections in [illegible] report?

NO INSPECTION

6. What checks have you been able to apply of POL [illegible] as recorded by [illegible] depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?

NO INSPECTION

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F. Unit Interior Economy.

1. In your [illegible] and [illegible] being used to best advantage?

NO INSPECTION

2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?

NO INSPECTION

3. Are units ration stores arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?

NO INSPECTION

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F. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?

NO INSPECTION OF UNITS

5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?

6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf?
(Standard wt = 30? grammes)

10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?

11. How are men who are away from unit fed on duty?

12. Are food scraps buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Mess Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?

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13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?

15. Did you see a meal [illegible]? What were your impressions of it?

16. Is any attempt made to use up left:overs from [illegible]

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles [illegible] and well maintained?

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?

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F. (continued)

22. Is unit training any drivers?

NO INSPECTIONS

23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?

25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?

28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?

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29. What is the standard of discipline?

30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?

Food Depots in Bari- yes

31. Did you hear or note

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27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	Little change in situation as previously reported. No further action necessary.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	NO
29. What is the standard of discipline?	NO
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	NO
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect: a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security?	UNKNOWN
32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?	COMPLAINT OF LOW WAGE SCALE OF PORT DETACHMENT PERSONNEL. MATTER TAKEN UP IN SEPARATE LETTER
33. Any further remarks?	NO

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A
	Stock State Reports	Stated requirements	None
	Shortage of food items	Promised a report to MMIA, but assured Col LaZara and Major DeToma MMIA was aware of situation.	Await Stock State Reports, and order accordingly
	Destruction of sardines	Awaiting approval from MMIA	Indorsement authorizing destruction

H. General. (To include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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Attached hereto Port Detachment weekly report.

RAYMOND M. SELLERS
Captain, Infantry
Sector LnO

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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No. 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT BARI WEEK-ENDING 14 July 1944 REPORT No. 1

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Loading.

Ships Discharging.

ROALD AMUNDSEN Name.

2276.01 Tonnage of Cargo.

ITI- Italian Army Consignor/nee.

17 July 1944 Estimated date of completion.

Subsistance Nature of Cargo.

Any difficulties experienced ?

NONE

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

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[illegible]- Italian Army

17 July 1944 — Estimated date of completion.

Subsistence — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced ?

NONE

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship JOSEPH HOLT HR-369

Convoy No. UGS-46

E.T.A. 17 July 1944

Tonnage of Cargo 946

Manifest Received [x] Not Received [ ]

C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

(Brief notes to indicate any difficulties experienced or action required to be taken by HQ, MMIA).

NONE

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

(i) Information of interest to S & T Branch.

NONE

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(ii) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ, MMIA.

NONE

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For Col. [illegible] (Thru G/S.

EXTRACT OF MMLA FORT DETACHMENT BARI WEEKLY REPORT 2 - 8 July 44.

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B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col., HASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

11 July 44.
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"Q" MMIA. ST/75/2

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Can approval for requisition be obtained please?

Action by Col Kerr as no British PT Officer concerned 19/6.

11 July 44.

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

ST/75/7 9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Activities, Week of July 2-8, incl.

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian ration supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

NONE

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

ROALD AMUNDSEN

c. Receipts submitted during the week:

THEODORIC BLAND

d. Receipts outstanding:

MOSES AUSTIN

2. To correct par 2 of last week's report, the ROALD AMUNDSEN was in fact dispatched to this port and arrived at the time previously announced. Copy of manifest mailed to MMIA LO, 52 Area, has been returned.

3. Acknowledge receipt of S&T Branch Operating Instructions relative to Ground Stock States. Have contacted Major De-Toma, 1st Section, Commissariato (Bari). He and I have arranged for a priority copy of Ground Stock States to be submitted without delay to the Italian Port Detachment for translation and conversion of weights from metric to the English system, after which I shall prepare the necessary immediate signal.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

2 July 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of Activities, Week of June 25-July 1

TO : Quartermaster, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

MOSES AUSTIN

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

THEODORIC BLAND

c. Receipts submitted during week:

NONE

d. Receipts outstanding

NONE

2. S. S. ROALD AMUNDESEN previously reported as due here on or about July 7, now reported by MOVEIT as due at TARANTO on or about July 6. Copies of manifest are being mailed to MMIA LO 52 Area.

3. Inspection of the Italian Military Bulk Depot, Bari, revealed that a large quantity of tomato juice was still not distributed. Contacting Major DeToma, 1st Section (Rations), IX Corps Commissariato, I learned from him that Italian units in submitting their ration requirements for a ten-day period omit tomato juice and that 22 CRASC will not or has refused to handle supplies not listed as part of the ration requirements submitted. Under these conditions the Commissariato has been helpless as they believe requiring the units to list tomato juice on their indents to the depots to be a command channel function. As I believed at the time that the ROALD AMUNDESEN would off-load here and the supplies received would require the space used by the tomato juice, I directed that a forced issue be made to the proper distribution depots to comply with the intent in your ST/5/1 dated 18 May 44 to the Direzione Generale Commissariato,

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THEODORIC BLAND

c. Receipts submitted during week:

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4. Captain Guthrie will enter the hospital this afternoon to be under observation for the next two or three days. He did not volunteer the reason.

Raymond W. Sellers
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LnO

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

25 June 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of Activities, Week of June 18 - 24, incl

TO : Quartermaster, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian ration supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

THEODORIC BLAND, 372 cartons matches only

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

NONE

c. Receipts submitted during the week:

NONE

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d. Receipts outstanding:

NONE

2. Although no ration supplies were processed through the port during the past week, the MMIA Port Detachment has been busy processing clothing supplies.

3. On Tuesday, 20 June, transport was available for inspection of depots and units in their immediate vicinity. It was hoped to inspect the distribution depots at Barletta and Conosa, and units nearby. However, a delay in securing an interpreter after prior arrangements had been made limited my inspection to Barletta. During the inspection I was accompanied by a representative from the 1st Section (Rations), IX Corps Commissariato. The following comments are submitted:

a. Distribution Depot, Barletta 4826

(1) Supplies were stacked very carelessly making inspection and accurate inventory most difficult.

(2) Flour was just piled. No attempt was made to pile in standard square piles to permit proper ventilation. Officer in Charge, Lieut. DeCoreto, claimed that the turnover was rapid enough to prevent spoilage.

(3) All records such as tally-ins, tally-outs, and stock receipts were kept in an office at a distance from the

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(1) Supplies were stacked very carelessly making inspection and accurate inventory most difficult.

(2) Flour was just piled. No attempt was made to pile in standard square piles to permit proper ventilation. Officer in Charge, Lieut. DeCorato, claimed that the turnover was rapid enough to prevent spoilage.

(3) All records such as tally-ins, tally-outs, and stock records were kept in an office at a distance from the storage rooms. No records of supplies, dates of receipt, etc were kept at the storage room.

(4) Inventory of stocks are made on 10th, 20th, and last day of month.

(5) Unlike our own supply agencies, depot does not compute the quantity of each ration item to be issued to a unit but bases its issues upon the quantities of each item demanded by the unit to be supplied. I was assured that over-demands were the result of over estimates of strength only, that wrongful over-demands would be discovered every ten-day cross check at the Barletta Area Headquarters.

(6) The Officer in Charge, Lieut. DeCorato, very courtously escorted our party through the Barletta Area installations. He was of great assistance during the several inspections. I was very disappointed that he should appear unshaven in the presence of his men, who were cleanly shaven.

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b. Barletta Area Headquarters

(1) Met Colonel Quaranta, Officer in Charge, and his staff.

(2) Explained the purpose of my visit to the area.

(3) Colonel Quaranta detailed a member of his staff to accompany me in my inspection of local units and its installations.

c. Unit inspections

(1) Purpose of inspection to study moral, preparation of food, troops in mess formation, to observe the eating of the prepared food, and to observe if there was wastage.

(2) Meal consisted of a stew of dehydrated potatoes, macaroni, tomato sauce, and boiled peas. It certainly was not a meal to suit my taste, but the soldiers devoured the mixture with considerable relish.

(3) Meal was prepared on a coal range using very inferior Italian coal. It was remarkable that the cooks were able to properly cook the food.

(4) Kitchen personnel protested the reduction in the oil ration from 28 grams to 14 grams by their War Ministry. As I was unfamiliar with the circumstances offered no solution.

(5) Individual soldiers were clean shaven, neat, and displayed considerable snap while being inspected.

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d. Accompanying me from Bari and during all inspections was Lieut. Spaziante, P, of the 1st Section (Rations) IX Corps Commissariato. He presented a very poor appearance for an inspector, was unshaven, and apparently had no interest in his job. He contributed little during the inspection and issued no corrective instructions although he had plenty of opportunity. If he noted errors, omissions, or neglects in the handling of supplies, one would not have detected it from his manner. When asked to describe in Italian and show the depot personnel how the Bari depots stack certain items, he was unable to do so because he was unfamiliar with how it was done.

4. Captain Guthrie took advantage of the slack period at the port to visit Naples. He will return Sunday night. Sergeant Hale has assumed his duties.

5. A passenger vehicle was line up for requistion but ran into difficulties. Major Rose was informed of the difficulties in order that he could secure the proper authority. This vehicle is to be used for inspection tours.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

18 June 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of Activities, Week of June 11 - 17.

TO : Quartermaster, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

NONE

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

NONE

c. Receipts submitted during the week:

DALLAS
PHILANDER C. KNOX

2. In par 2 and 3, Weekly Report of June 4-10, mention was made of unsatisfactory relations between the Italians and the Adriatic Base Depot. This week there was a very definite improvement. Our detachment learned much in the way of neutralizing tempers, and if our lessons have been learned well should be able to restore the friendly relationships and smoothness of operation which existed about a month ago.

3. In par 3b, Weekly Port of June 4-10, mention was made of the loss of a lorry load of beans and a lorry load of sugar, and of the investigation thereof by the British CIB. The circumstances of the loss were that the Port Security had delayed at the entrance gate a relief of Italian guards long enough so that two lorries loaded with Italian supplies left without guards. These two trucks off-loaded at a civilian depot (AMG) on the same street as the Italian Bulk Depot. The mistake was a natural one and the items were easily recovered.

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5. Because the activities of the Port Detachment are at a minimum, this coming week will be used to inspect distribution depots outside Bari using the weapons carrier which to date has been kept very busy. It is hoped that the inspection will include the inspection of a particular depot, the dumps it supplies, the unit store rooms, the messes, and the personnel served. During the inspection ration strengths, morale, personal appearance and military needs will be noted. Lieut. Papi (interpreter) and Major DeToma (1st Section, IX Corps Commissariato) are to accompany me.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

11 June 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of Activities, Week of June 4 - 10.

TO : Quartermaster, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies as of the end of the period:

a. Ships due to arrive and off-load at this port:

NONE

b. Ships off-loading in the port:

PHILANDER C. KNOX

c. Receipts submitted during the week:

STEPHAN A. DOUGLAS
JOSEPH N. TEAL
~~DALLAS~~

2. In keeping with directives requesting information concerning Italian Army morale, the attitude of Italians in their relations with Allied representatives, unusual occurrences, unused resources, etc., the following information is reported:

a. From casual conversations with Italian officers, there is great satisfaction among them and the rank and file over the retirement of a large number of general officers at LECCE recently. It was hoped that the retirements were the beginning of the scrapping of the old army and the creation of of a new one.

b. There is a desire on the part of most Italian military personnel to desert the service upon the withdrawal of Allied forces; that they would resist any attempt of the government to return them to service in an army with the set-up the present army had. The opinion was expressed that the present generation probably would not see an efficient new army because those in power know only the present system.

c. The Criminal Investigations Division reports that in ANDRIA (0-99) and vicinity there are several private passenger cars in superior condition which are being denied to Allied use. Essential parts are concealed to discourage the requisition of the vehicles, and only when the owners find they are to be prosecuted do the essential parts come out of hiding. A favorite explanation for a missing part is

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d. (1) Relations between the Adriatic Base Depot and the Italian Military is anything but satisfactory. This was brought about by a combination of incidents:

(a) Before the rations drawn by the Italian units as a loan prior to the operation of their own depots would be repaid, the War Ministry demanded through MMIA that the Adriatic Base Depot break down its requisition into the three military components of army, navy, and air force. This entailed a tremendous amount of correspondance and investigation for so few rations, and when after a week of futile investigation, the Adriatic Base Depot submitted the names of the Italian units with the shipping tickets for the War Ministry to identify and classify. For three weeks after numerous

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prods the War Ministry ordered the release of the necessary rations. During this same time the Adriatic Base Depot was being hard pressed by SOS NATOUSA to complete the transaction.

(b) The quibbling of the Italian Military here during the acceptance of the salted sardines shipped to the Italian Military through the Adriatic Depot was such as to cause extreme annoyance to, and extra work for, the Adriatic Base Depot.

(2) As a result of the above, the Adriatic Base Depot have stated "if the Italians want to get snotty we can get snotty too", and are now getting tough:

(a) The Adriatic Base Depot has detailed officers to contest items off-loaded and to require positive identification of items before allowing them to be loaded onto a lorry to be dispatched to an Italian depot. Sometimes this identification is difficult if not impossible.

(b) In cases where items have been wrongly dispatched to the American depot, the Italians must submit their evidence and request for recovery in triplicate.

(c) When a return of rations is necessary after (b) above has been complied with, the Italians have to furnish their own transportation even if it be ox-carts.

(3) It is evident that all the groundwork of Major GRAY, Sgt HALE, and myself to work out a smooth-operating procedure has gone to pot. All the evidence of tie-ups here seem to point to Captain Bettinardi, Detachment Commander, and Major De Toma, assistant to Colonel LaZara, Commissariato, IX Corps. Captain Bettinardi possesses an abundance of energy and initiative but unfortunately he sometimes becomes a nuisance as well as bull-headed. Major De Toma is a desk soldier so busy with paper work that he acts as a short stop to prompt action here.

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3. There is a definite attitude here of disobedience to directives from MMIA and their representatives on duty here. It may be summed up in that they refuse to change their methods or ideas until they receive orders in writing from their War Ministry. Some recent examples are as follows:

a. Major Rose and I have both told them that the net weight of flour as agreed to by the War Ministry would be considered as 100 lbs, that broken sacks weighing more than 50 lbs would be counted as 100 lbs, and that broken sacks weighing less than 50 lbs would be taken up but not tallied

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b. On Thursday, 8 June, it was necessary to check the exact amount of sugar dispatched to the Italian depot. The Italian dispatcher was unable to give the information, although our port procedure required him to keep running balances on all items dispatched. It is undetermined at this time whether this laxity in procedure resulted in the disappearance of one lorry-load of beans and one lorry-load of sugar presumably dispatched to the Italian depot. The British CIB is now investigating.

c. Saturday, 10 June, the MMIA Port Detachment

received a letter from Captain Bettinardi complaining that we had not informed them that there would be no off-loading of Italian supplies during the previous night, and that as a result approximately 30 civilian workers and a like number of soldiers were kept on duty all night but remained idle at useless expense. Captain Bettinardi's lack of supervision and instruction of members of his detachment is responsible. If his representative and observer had been properly instructed in his duties, observation, enquiry, and action on the part of the observer would have prevented the affair. This procedure is not new at all and has been in force ever since I assumed my duties. Captain Bettinardi has only tried to shift blame from the his observer to MMIA representatives.

4. In regard to the salted sardines shipped to the Italian Military ex DALLAS through the Adriatic Base Depot, it is not known here whether the monetary value of the item will be charged against the Italians through SOS NATOUSA or through the Accounting Branch, ACC. There is a possibility of a double charge if acceptance receipts are processed as normal to the Accounting Branch, ACC, and the signed shipping tickets forwarded to SOS NATOUSA by the Adriatic Base Depot are used as a basis for charge.

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MAIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

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1 June 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of Activities, Week of May 21 - 27 incl

TO : Quartermaster, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile

1. The following is the status of ships carrying Italian supplies at the end of the period:

a. Ships off-loaded and receipts for supplies are pending awaiting exchange of overages for shortages:

STEPHAN A. DOUGLAS

b. Ships due to arrive at BARI during coming week:

NONE

c. Receipts were submitted during the past week for the supplies received for the following ship:

JONATHAN EDWARDS

d. The following ships are off-loading at the Port:

JOSEPH N. TEAL
DALLAS

2. In par 3, Weekly Report for week May 14 -20 incl., this detachment, mention was made of spoilt flour ex STEPHAN A DOUGLAS. I personally witnessed the opening of several sacks of this flour at the bakery, witnessed the weighing, and tasted the flour. The damp flour tasted moldy but did not taste salty or possess ship or sea-water odors. The dry center possessed a slight taste and odor of mold. By mixing this flour with undamaged flour in equal parts the taste and odor of mold could not be detected. These tests revealed in addition that although the flour had absorbed water the net weight did not equal 100 lbs per sack, in fact their net weight while damp was 91.3 lbs per sack. It was also observed that the stamped net weight was 100 lbs and gross weight 100.5 lbs. On previous shipments the gross weight was stamped as 103 lbs. In view of these facts, it was agreed that 91.3 lbs would be the net weight for acceptance of the damaged bags. The Italians, by this arrangement, would still be paying the standard price per unit weight of flour for moldy

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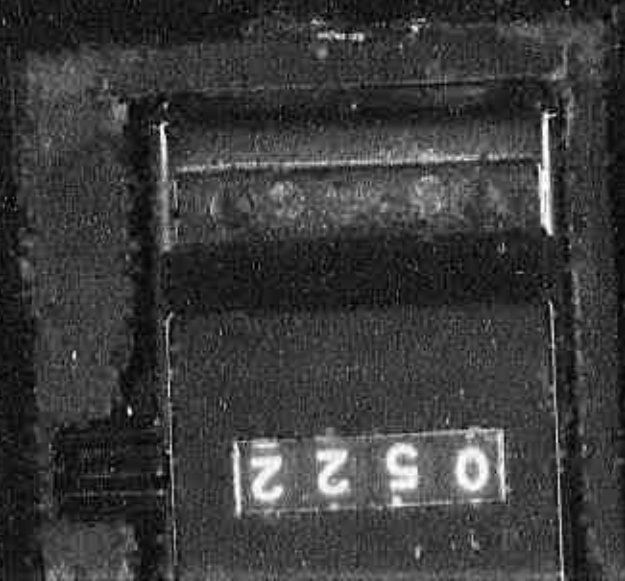
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3. Left BARI for NAPLES at noon 26 May for recreation, to observe the Naples Detachment in action, and to pick up a ¼-ton CAR (jeep) which was believed to be available. The recreation was satisfactory; the Naples Detachment was inactive because there were no ships off-loading Italian supplies; and the jeep was not available. Found the Transient Officers' Hotel in Avellino a very satisfactory place to spend the night should one find himself short of Naples with darkness coming on.

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