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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). TARANTO BULK DEPOT

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 & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warrants Expiry dates?	25% (mainly packing date)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually nonu existing goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recease 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?	Small amount - Analysis Commission being held 20 Jul 44. Yes.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
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?	Small amount - Analysis Commission being held 29 Jul 44. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	2 cats, 1 dog. - Have suggested improvised traps.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	No - some remarks apply as Report N° 1.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	As previously reported. Presidio has promised to exchange guards w.e.f. 1 Aug. 44. Addtl. 8 guards necessary now that "A.D.O.S. Dump" premises have been taken over.

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PORT TARANTO WEEK ENDING 29 Jul 44 REPORT No 3

8. 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?	20 days Reserve Rtns for Italian Navy from Brindisi, commencing 29 Jul, at rate of 150 Tons per day; this to be followed by Daily Pack of 75.000 rtns.
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	NIL.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.C.'s report.
5. Have markings of incoming consignments during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	Yes. Supplies received at Taranto B.D. from Brindisi for Navy have been checked at Depot by Italian Port Detachments.
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 my signal TLO/3/1 dated 26 Jul 44. Labour has worked well. (ii) Satisfactory.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period	Yes.

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...ports have been worked during period under report?	See Port L.O.'s report.
5. Have markings of incoming consignments during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	Yes. Supplies received at Taranto B.D. from Brindisi for Navy have been checked at Depot by Italian Port Detachments.
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 my signal TLO/3/1 dated 26 Jul 44. Labour has worked well. (ii) Satisfactory.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating 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?	As far as can be ascertained. - Taranto Commissariato still not received - orders to take control from BARI. Stocks of Meat & Fish at Taranto B.D. getting low.
2. Is POL position ditto?	Unknown - Controlled by BARI.
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See B.I. above. Despatches from Taranto BD. to other Sectors is given at Appendix "B" - completed.

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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?	Fire points of sand & water containers now instituted. Fire Pump arrived, but not the men to work it. Iti Engineers have promised 1 Sgt. & 6 men as Fire Fighters.
17. "Spot check"?	

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:- Insufficient time available.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a) 20 per hr. (with present labour) (b) 20 per hr. (" " ")
19. Any labour problems?	Necessity for Civilian Labour. (my signal TIC/3/1 dated 26 Jul 44).

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Remarks:-	Insufficient time available.	
18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a) 20 per hr. (with present labour) (b) 22 per hr. (" " ")	
19. Any labour problems?	Necessity for Civilian Labour. (my signal TLO/3/1 dated 26 Jul 44).	
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?	Yes.	
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?	No.	

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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 guards 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?

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

10. Are packed stock stacks

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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?

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)
(b)
    a. Comprehensive?
    b. Strictly applied? (c)
    c. Adequate?

12. Is Depot on Telephone?

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6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). BRINDISI 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, except Flour Store - O.C. agreed to rectify.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Sups. in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	50% (mainly packing date).
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None. - disposed of today by Analysis Commission.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None. - disposed of today by Analysis Commission.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None. - suggested improvised trans.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, ~~xxxx

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — No. but C.C. will rectify.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — No fire points - C.C. will rectify. No.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiences found.
SARDINES	800 grms.	—

Remarks:- Adjustment in books considered unnecessary.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) — 3 per hr., but mostly horses and carts used.
(b)
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems. — No.

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SARDINES	800 grms.	—

Remarks:- Adjustment in books considered unnecessary.

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

(a) 3 per hr., but mostly horses and carts used.

(b)

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?

Yes - having to use his own men, unsatisfactory. I suggested he requested men from local Presidio in future.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). S. PANCRAZIO D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes, but not up to date.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Surs. in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	50% (mainly packing date).
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 & recasse broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Approx. 150 kilos Biscuits (Allied). On 24/7/44 on Italian Board destroyed 139 kilos Italian Meat - no MMIA rep. was present - C.C. said he did not know letter was necessary for Italian food. Yes.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: emanating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks 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 & recease broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Approx. 150 kilos Biscuits (Allied). On 24/7/44 on Italian Board destroyed 139 kilos Italian Meat - no MMIA rep. was present - C.C. said he did not know letter was necessary for Italian food. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Rat-traps. - cats have been stolen. I suggested improvised traps.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, ~~[illegible]~~	All lock-up buildings.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Men sleep on premises of some stores. - considered 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?

Yes.

No. (wrongly stated on Report N° 1)

17. "Spot check"?

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Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiences found.
Beans (Sacked)	280 kilos	
Corned Beef	25 "	
Biscuits	52 "	
Cheese (Italian)	---	108 kilos

Remarks:- O.C. states that surpluses have accumulated over a period of 3 years. Deficiency is alleged to be due to shrinkage from climatic conditions - during past 3 years, percentage allowed has not been written off - see special confidential report.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 3 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) Receipts.
(b) Despatched.

2 per hour. - mostly horses and carts used

19. Any labour problems.

7 men recently posted away leaving only 10. A further order now received for posting away of another 4 men. Considered that 10 men are necessary to run Depot.

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Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiences found.
Beans (Sacked)	280 kilos	
Corned Beef	25 "	
Biscuits	52 "	
Cheese (Italian).	---	428 kilos

Remarks:- O.C. states that surpluses have accumulated over a period of 2 years. Deficiency is alleged to be due to shrinkage from climatic conditions - during past 3 years, percentage allowed has not been written off - see special confidential report.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	2 per hour. - mostly horses and cart's used
	(b)	
19. Any labour problems.		7 men recently posted away leaving only 10. A further order now received for posting away of another 4 men. Considered that 10 men are necessary to run Depot.
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		Yes.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		If he has to send his own men away as guards, yes: few trucks loaded.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).	LECCE BULK DEPOT.
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?	Yes
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Sugs in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25% (mainly marked packing date)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	~~Xxxxxxxxxx~~ 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. but recovery is ably handled.
10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	None. except FLOUR awaiting inspection by rep. from M.of W.(as notified Report No.1).
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian	Yes

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5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25% (mainly marked packing date)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7. Are mutually cont: eliminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	~~Sxexxxxxxxx~~ Yes
8. Are outdoor stocks 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, but recovery is ably handled.
10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	None, except FLOUR awaiting inspection by rep. from M.of W.(as notified Report No.1).
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Yes
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None, except that floors are kept well swept.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~xxxxx xxxxxxxx~~, etc?	Yes
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them ~~adequate~~?	All lock-up buildings - men sleep on premises of some stores; also Carabinieri patrol near important bldgs. 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?

Very good

Yes

17. " Spot check "?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:- No time ~~xxi~~ available.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 3 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) 4 per hr. with existing personnel.
(b)
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems?

13 men posted away, leaving 12 on strength. Considered sufficient as Depot is closing down. Considered no more men shd be posted away at present as stock on

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Commodities Checked	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:- No time ~~xxx~~ available.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
(a) 4 per hr. with existing personnel.
(b)
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems? 13 men posted away, leaving 12 on strength. Considered sufficient as Depot is closing down. Considered no more men shd be posted away at present as stock on hand is still approx 900 Tons.

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

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? No(supplied by Presidio).

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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, apart from:
(a) lack of Master Stock Book in some Depots
(b) S.Pancrazio D.D. - see special confidential report.

S.PANCRAZIO D.D.

Beans(sacked)	Surplus	280 kilos	) Taken on
Corned Beef	"	25 "	) charge.
Biscuits	"	53 "	)
Cheese(Italian)	Deficient	428 "	- Def.Issue

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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None

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 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?

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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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 thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf?
(Standard wt = 500 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 meals taken to men away from unit all day on duty?

12. Are food scraps 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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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 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?

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

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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 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?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato. - TARANTO.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
Various	No instns recvd for him to take control of Sector.	Reports Nos 1 & 2 and signal to you	Immediate action by M.of W required.
Various	No driver yet allotted to him	Reports Nos 1 & 2 to you	Request driver from M.of W.
Various	Supplies being recvd at Taranto B.D. from BRINDISI for NAVY	Nil	Nil
27.7.44	Guards at Taranto D.D.	Presidio have arranged to exchange wef 1 Aug.	Nil
25.7.44	"ADOS Dump" premises- taking over by Italians.	Arranging with A/Q 52 area for documentary transfer.	Nil
25.7.44	Labour at Taranto B.D.- employment of civilians	My signal TLO/3/1 dated 26.7.44 to you gives details	Authority from M. of W. required
27.7.44	S.Pancrazio D.D. - stock records etc.	Requested Commissariato inspect Depot with me on 28.7.44, which he did.	See my confidential report.
28.7.44	Commissariato, BARI:	Arranged for Comm. Taranto to ~~xxxx~~ go to Bari with me on 31.7.44	Nil
Various	Numerous minor matters.	Various	Nil

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

1. Closing of Lecce Bulk.Depot.
Previous report refers. On 28 Jul 44 there was still approx. 800 Tons still in the Depot.
2. Sector L.O.'s reports No:1.
May replies please be forwarded to H.3 & H.4.
3. Interpreter.(Port Det.)
It was reported by me on 6 June 44(to MMIA)that 2/Lt LOVERDE was unsuitable as an Interpreter and an exchange was requested. Time has further proved this to be true; orders are often misinterpreted and confusion follows. This Offr realizes the situation and

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25.7.44	"ADOS Dump" premises- taking over by Italians.	Arranging with A/G 52 area for documentary transfer.	Nil
25.7.44	Labour at Taranto B.D.- employment of civilians	My signal TLO/3/1 dated 26.7.44 to you gives details	Authority from M. of W. required
27.7.44	S.Pancrazio D.D. - stock records etc.	Requested Commissariato inspect Depot with me on 28.7.44, which he did.	See my confidential report.
28.7.44	Commissariato, BARI:	Arranged for Comm. Taranto to ~~xxxx~~ go to Bari with me on 31.7.44	Nil
Various	Numerous minor matters.	Various	Nil

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3. Interpreter.(Port Det.)
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H. [signature]
Capt., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.O. Taranto.

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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. Clear?
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

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c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

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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
a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies?
c. Pro German activities or wonderings?
d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause?
e. Leakage of 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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GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 22-28 LUGLIO 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI					
	Corned beef Kg.	Corned beef Hash Kg.	M. e V. Hash Kg.	Chili con carne Kg.	Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.
Deposito Spec.Viveri Catanzaro	12002,688		12027,150	12002,688	29988,600	
Deposito Spec.Viveri Crotone					14994,300	
Deposito Spec.Viveri Napoli	24005,376	11959,200	24025,761	11483,550		
Magazzino Mil.Viveri Catania						36380,43
Deposito Spec.Viveri Bari	23972,760	23918,400	12027,150	12002,688		
TOTALI	59980,824	35877,600	48080,061	35488,926	44982,900	36380,43

Catanzaro, 28 Luglio 1944

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Appendix "B" to Sector L.O's Report No. 3.

ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI SETTORE

S P E D I T I

Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.	Pomodori Pelati Kg.	Fagioli Kg.	Piselli secchi Kg.	Riso Kg.	Formaggio Kg.	Pepe Kg.	
29988,600								
14994,300								
	36380,430	6069,294	25141,500	11241,648	12117,750	12138,588	60,702	
44982,900	36380,430	6069,294	25141,500	11241,648	12117,750	12138,588	60,702	

Deposito Centrale Mista Torino

IL COLONNELLO DI SUSSISTENZA
Consegnatario
(Bernardo Baldini)
B. Baldini

APPENDIX "A"

S & T BRANCH OPERATING OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS RE-PORT.

PORT T A R A N T O WEEK-ENDING 28 Jul 44 REPORT N° 3

BULK DEPOT
A. ~~PORT~~ WORKING

Rail Ships loading.

~~Ship Discharging~~

BY RAIL (also 1 Tpt. Pt. on ~~Name~~ BY RAIL
one day and 1/2 Pt. on another.

See below Tonnage of Cargo. 102

28 B S D Consignor/nee to It Army S.D. CATANIA

// ~~Estimated~~ date of completion 27 Jul 44

Rations for ITI NAVY Nature of Cargo Rations

So far received:-

	lbs.		
Pess dried	46614	(	)
Flour	741088	(	)
Rice	45744	(	)
P. Meat	130635	(	)
Penner	250	(	)
Matches	107184 boxes	(	)

Any difficulties experienced? My Signal 38 of 27 refers

PORT DET. CHECKING

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship NIL

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28 B S D | Consignor/nee | to It Army S.D. CATANIA

// | ~~Estimated~~ date of completion | 27 Jul 44

Rations for ITI NAVY | Nature of Cargo | Rations

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P. Meat	130635	( )	
Pepper	250	( )	
Matches	107184 boxes	( )	

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship NIL

ConvovN° _____

E.T.A. _____

Tonnage of Cargo _____

Manifest

5000

Capt. R.A.S.C.
NMIA Sector L.O. Taranto.

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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C. OPERATION OF POST DETACHMENT.

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

Re-inforcements:

Have arrived, except two men requested by my TAR/6 of 5 Jul.

Clothing :

Has now arrived.

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.

NIL

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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.

NIL

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30 July 44.

W.R.S. Crawford.
Capt. P.A.S.C.
P.D.I.C. TARANTO.

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MINISTRY OF WAR

7711/S

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMISSARIAT

Subject: Protection of the SPECIAL FOOD DEPOT, TARANTO.

(18)/parcel

To: R.E. Department, Ministry of War.

Ref 75/3, 22 June 44

Copy to: MMIA
Commissariat Directorate, BARI.
Commissariat Office, TARANTO.

The Central food Depot at TARANTO is not adequately protected against theft.

Thus we request you to make provision that the whole area occupied by the Depot be surrounded by a strong Barbed Wire fence of two thicknesses and of convenient height so as to prevent the easy entry of evil intentioned persons.

We request also that doors be constructed at the entrance and exit of the central storehouse and of the open space now used as a subsidiary depot for canned food.

The above will permit the closing of the Depot during the night and, while allowing for reduction of guard personnel, would make it possible for the sentries to carry out their night guards within the perimeter of the barbed wire fence.

(Signed) RAFFAELE PELLIGRA, Maj. Gen.

28 Jul. 44. Director of Commissariat.

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 31 Jul

File ST/ 7513

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FILE REF ST 75/3
Date Recd

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

N. 7711/S. di prot. P. M. 107, li 28 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. ____ del ____ Carte annesse ____

OGGETTO: Protezione Deposito Speciale Viveri di Taranto.-

Al MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direzione Generale del Genio -

SEDE

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. - ROMA -
(rif.f.n.ST/75/3 del 22 Luglio 1944)
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE - BARI -
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MIL. - TARANTO -

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Il Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto è risultato non adeguatamente protetto contro i furti.-

Si prega pertanto codesta Direzione Generale voler disporre affinchè l'intera zona attualmente occupata dal Deposito sia recintata da un robusto reticolato a doppia fila e di conveniente altezza e consistenza in modo da evitare il facile ingresso ad estranei malaintenzionati.-

Si prega voler disporre altresì affinchè siano costruite delle porte sia all'ingresso che all'uscita del capannone centrale e dello spazio scoperto attualmente adibito a deposito sussidiario per le derrate scatolate.-

Quanto sopra permetterà di chiudere il Deposito duran-

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e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. - R O M A -
(rif.f.n.ST/75/3 del 22 Luglio 1944)
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE - B A R I -
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MIL. - TARANTO -

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Quanto sopra permetterà di chiudere il Deposito duran_ te la notte e,oltre a consentire una riduzione del personale di sorveglianza,darà modo alle sentinelle di effettuare il lo_ ro servizio notturno all'interno del recinto perimetrale reti_ colato.-

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

'S & T. MMIA.
Recd 30 July
File ST/ 75/3

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Subject:- Weekly Reports - ST.

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A.D.S.T.,
Army Sub Comm. ACC. (MMIA),
Rome

MMIA FILE REF. ST ST 75/3 Date Recd 29/7/44

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Ref this Sector L.O.'s report N° 2, week ending 21 Jul 44.

Please amend as follows :-

Under heading "BRINDISI PETROL DEPOT" (page 1) D.o delete "usually" and substitute "according to quantities authorized".

Capt., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.O. Taranto.

26 Jul 44

Amended

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Date Rec'd 29 7 44

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 7696 di prot. P. M. 107, li 28 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. 72/75/ del 22/7/44 Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto.-
Central Food Depot Taranto

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.

R O M A

(23-27)

Con dispaccio a parte, inviati per conoscenza a codesta Sottocommissione, sono state impartite disposizioni in merito alle esigenze organizzative del Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto, prospettate col foglio in riferimento.-

P. IL MINISTRO

Pelligra

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TELESCRITTO URGENTE

TARANTO

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Date Recd 29/7/43

UFFICOMILES

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N° 16322/V DESTINATARIO UFFICOMILES TARANTO ALT TELEGRAFATE OGGETTI VESTIARIO STRETTAMENTE CONCERNENTI MILITARI DUE DISTACCAMENTI PORTUALI TITOLO RINNOVAZIONE QUELLI CATTIVE CONDIZIONI ALT PROMINISTRO PELLIGRA .....

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

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N. 7693/S di prot. P. M. 107. li 28 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. 7094/S del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Carburanti per automezzi del Dep.Centrale Viveri di Taranto.-

Al MINISTERO GUERRA - Direz.Gen.della Motorizzazione - S E D E

e,per conoscenza:
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. (rif.F. n.SP/75/3 del 22/7/44) ROMA
ALLA DIREZ. DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE BARI
ALL'UFF. DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE TARANTO

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Seguito dispaccio 6994/S. del 6/7/44.-

Il Deposito Centrale Viveri di Taranto ha ora ricevuto i due autoveicoli richiesti da questa Direzione Generale ed assegnati dallo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito.-

Trattasi di un autocarro Isotta Fraschini e di un Ceirano.-

Si prega disporre affinchè detti autoveicoli siano dotati di una congrua riserva di carburante e lubrificante, e voler dare le necessarie istruzioni all'Uff.di Commissariato Militare di Taranto affinchè i rifornimenti di c. e l. siano assicurati, indicando l'ente che dovrà provvedervi.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen.di Div.Raffaele Pellegrini)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
- 2^ Divisione = - 3^ Sezione

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n. 1512 /23/Q/2 — 23

R O M A, li 26 luglio 1944.-

OGGETTO :- Richiesta ed assegnazione c. e l.-

AL DEPOSITO MONTECATINI = TARANTO =
e, per conoscenza :-
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO = R O M A =
(rif.foglio ST/75/3 del 22/7/44)
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - = S E D E =
(rif.attergato 3798/C del 23/7/44 dell'Uff.Collegam.Missioni Alleate)
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO = S E D E =
(rif.attergato 3798/C del 23/7/44 dell'Uff.Collegam.Missioni Alleate)
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA = P.M. 67 =

E' stato segnalato a questa Direzione Generale che presso codesto deposito non vi è alcuna disponibilità di carburante e lubrificante per il funzionamento degli autocarri assegnati al deposito stesso.-

Si prega pertanto comunicare il tipo degli autocarri ed il fabbisogno dei prodotti petroliferi per il mese di agosto al Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania che ne curerà l'assegnazione chiedendo il reintegro alla scrivente.-

Per l'avvenire codesto deposito potrà inoltrare le richieste mensili di c. e l. al Comando Militare sopramenzionato, nei termini ed in conformità alle disposizioni che saranno dallo stesso comunicate.-

IL CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Rampa)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
- 2^ Divisione = - 3^ Sezione

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Date Recd 29/7/44

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n. 1512 C /23/Q/2 R O M A, li 26 luglio 1944.-

OGGETTO :- Richiesta ed assegnazione c. e l.-

AL DEPOSITO MONTECATINI = TARANTO =
e, per conoscenza :-
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO = R O M A =
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Reports & requirements of P.O.L.

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IL CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Raupa)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

FILE RIF ST 75/3
Date Recd 29 7 44

N° 7694/S di prot. P. M. 107, li 28 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. 6/1433 del 18/7/44 Carte annesse

OGGETTO: motocarrozzetta per l'Uff.Comm.to di Taranto.-
Van for Comm Off. of Taranto

AI LO S.M.R.E. - Uff.Serv. - Sez.Automobilismo -

e,per conoscenza: P.M. 151

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.
(rif.f.ST/75/3 del 22/7/1944)

ROMA

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Direz.Gen.della Motorizzazione - SEDE

ALL'UFFICIO COMMISSARIATO MIL. TARANTO

18 (para 4)

La motocarrozzetta Gilera 500 targa R.E./40613, ceduta all'Uff.di Commissariato di Taranto è tuttora priva di conduttore.-

Poichè l'Ente di Commissariato ricevente non ha possibilità di provvedervi, si prega voler disporre perchè detto conduttore venga assegnato al più presto possibile.-

The VAN, Gilera 500
licence NO RE/40613
issued to Com. Office
TARANTO Italy is driven

As the Com Unit concerned, I would please order that said driver be assigned as soon as possible

Cpl [illegible]

P. IL MINISTRO

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Date Recd 29/7/44

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

10/ P. M. 107, li 28 Luglio 194

N. 7695 di prot.

Risposta al foglio N. 4124 del 10/7 Carte annesse

OGGETTO: servizio antincendio per Centr. Riv. Taranto - Montecatini.- anti-incendiary service Cent Rations Depot - Taranto - MONTECATINI

Al COMANDO MILITARE MARITTIMO TARANTO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. (rif. f. ST/75/3 del 22/7/44) ROMA

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MIL. BARI

ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MIL. TARANTO

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Pregasi far conoscere con cortese ur-
genza se il Comando Militare Marittimo di Ta-
ranto ha concesso la motopompa richiesta da
codesto Comando per il Deposito Centrale Viveri

di Taranto.-

Ref ST/75/3 dated 22/7/44

Please let us know urgently if Mil. Maritime Hqrs at TARANTO has conceded the moto pump requested by your Cen. Rations Depot at TARANTO

p. IL MINISTRO

Telegram

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NMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx I.

SECTOR TARANTO . WEEK ENDING 21 July 44 . REPORT N° 2

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? — 1,000 TONS (NET) expected to arrive at Taranto B.D. (for NAVY) from BRINDISI. Approx. 100 TONS per day being loaded, commencing tomorrow 22 Jul 44. (last weeks report refers).

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

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? — NIL.

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

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

S & T. NMIA.
Recd 26 July
File ST 25/3

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

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

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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) NIL

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

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating 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? — As far as can be ascertained - Taranto Commissariato still not received orders to take control from BARI. - visits to the latter impossible if schedule of inspections to be adhered to .

2. Is POL position ditto? — Unknown - controlled by BARI.

3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed? — See B.1. above. Despatches from Taranto to B.D. to other Sectors is given at appendix "B" - despatched as planned.

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

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	In the majority, yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority, yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes, but incomplete as regards details.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	All Sups in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	30%. (mainly packing date only)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Not always, but I explained Warranty markings. Depot Cmdr. has received no instns. on how to ascertain W/E from packing dates.
7. Are mutually cont: emirating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stack 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 - sent to Bulk Depot every week.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Main store, yes; issuing rooms, no.

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Main store, yes; issuing rooms, no.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft. ~~[illegible]~~	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	4 men from Depot Staff on the roof at night. Consider these should not have to be provided by Depot with existing no. of personnel.

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C. (continued)

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

No - O.C. agreed to rectify.

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

Adequate Fire Points, but no Fire Orders exist - O.C. agreed to rectify.

Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
COFFEE (ALLIED)	60 kilos	
BISCUITS "	32 "	

Remarks:- It was stated that surpluses had accumulated over a period of time. It was said that contents of some tins of Coffee weighed more than marked on the tin. Offrs. of the Depot were alleged to have not drawn their rations of Biscuits which would account for some of the ~~surpluses~~ surplus.

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

(a) Unknown.

(b) Horses and carts of various sizes always used

19. Any labour problems?

(a) Has only 1 Senior N.C.O. - requires another Sgt. on Depot Staff.

(b) Cannot spare 4 men for guard duties (see C.14)

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	(b)	
19. Any labour problems?	(a)	Has only 1 Senior N.C.O. - requires another Sgt. on Depot Staff.
	(b)	Cannot spare 4 men for guard duties (see C.14)
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		Yes.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		No.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (P.O.)

BRINDISI PETROL DEPOT.

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, ~~night lighting, &c~~?	Yes.
2. Is there a guard on during the night?	Yes.
Is it adequate?	Yes.
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?	Permanent sentries.
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?	No pumps.
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	No tanks.
6. Are packed stocks (ie. 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 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?	All sound barrels.
Is it a daily check?	Daily check.

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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?

Permanent sentries.

Yes.

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

No pumps.

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

No tanks.

6. Are packed stocks (ie. 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 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?

All sound barrels.

Daily check.

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

~~Usually~~. According to quantities authorised (Amended See (7))

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

Yes.

11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment:
a. Comprehensive? (a) Yes.
b. Strictly applied? (b) Unknown - ~~a~~i/c. was away.
(c) Yes.

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protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?		Permanent sentries. Yes.
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?		No pumps.
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?		No tanks.
6. Are packed stocks (ie. 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 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?		All sound barrels. Daily check.
9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?		~~Usually~~. According to quantities authorised (Amended see (2))
10. Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?		Yes.
11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: a. Comprehensive? b. Strictly applied? c. Adequate?	(a) (b) (c)	Yes. Unknown - ~~C~~i/c. was away. Yes.
12. Is Depot on telephone?		No.

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Accounting Position (Food & POL inclusive)

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)?

FRANCAVILLA was the only Depot who kept a master stock book. In some Depots receipts and issues were recorded on loose sheets of paper and in one instance it took 40 minutes to ascertain stock on hand of one commodity.

TARANTO D.D.

Coffee (Allied)	69 kilos	Taken on charge.
Biscuits (Allied)	32 kilos	

MAGLIE D.D.

Baked Beans	53 kilos	

OTHER DEPOTS. - No Discrepancies.

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, except a visit to Francavilla to investigate the situation reported last week. Unit is not drawing from 2 D.Ds., but a D.D was discovered of which there had been no previous record. (see separate report) Tho/8. dated 22 Jul44.

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?

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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ration strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	None, except a visit to investigate the situation reported last week. Unit is not drawing from 2 D.Ds., but a D.D. was discovered of which there had been no previous record. (see separate report) Tho/8. dated 22 Jul44.
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?	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 kitchen & 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 off?

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 = 700 grammes)

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

11. 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?

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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 = 700 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 [illegible] who are away from unit on duty?

12. Are food scraps 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 make 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

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room thoroughly clear?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf?
(Standard wt = 700 grammes)

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

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

12. Are food scraps 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?

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

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

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes, excellent.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes, but not all up to date.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Suns in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25% (mainly packing date only).
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes, as far as W.E. is known.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	107 kilos Salted Sardines. In my opinion, possibly fit for human consumption - I took a sample to LECCE B.D. for further analysis. Yes.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes, as far as W.E. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	107 kilos Salted Sardines. In my opinion, possibly fit for human consum=ption - I took a sample to LECC" B.D. for further analysis. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes, excellent.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Improvised traps which are very effe=ctive.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night lighting~~	Yes.
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 men (of Depot) sleep on premises of main store. Forage, Fuel, & wine stores securely locked up. Considered 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?

Yes, apart from adequate Fire Orders: O.C. agreed to rectify.

Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
BAKED BEANS	52 kilos	NIL
CORNED BEEF	NIL	NIL

Remarks:- It was stated that surplus was mainly due to the fact that issued were made to the nearest tin below and that this had accumulated over several months. I pointed out that corresponding over-issues should be made from time to time to adjust.

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 always used.

19. Any labour problems?

Orders received that: All personnel of Depot are to be gradually exchanged for Inf. Considered that at least 1 of 2 of Sussistenza shd. remain to ensure efficient control.

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		found.
BAKED BEANS	52 kilos	NIL
CORNED BEEF	NIL	NIL

Remarks:- It was stated that surplus was mainly due to the fact that issues were made to the nearest tin below and that this had accumulated over several months. I pointed out that corresponding over-issues should be made from time to time to adjust.

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 always used.

19. Any labour problems?

Orders received that:
All personnel of Depot are to be gradually exchanged for Inf. Considered that at least 1 of 2 of Sussistenza shd. remain to ensure efficient control.

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

Correctly documented, but not sealed because men from Depot travel as escorts. Very few rail cars despatched. Considered satisfactory.

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

No.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). GALATINA 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?	Yes, but not all up to date.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Suns in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	20% (mainly packing date only).
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes - as far as W.E. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.

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by issuing from oldest stocks first?	
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks 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 - traps have been ordered.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~xxxxxx lighting, xxxxx~~	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 men on guard day and night (Inf. - not from Depot Staff). Considered adequate.

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — No. C.C. agreed to rectify.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — No - suggested addtl. Fire Points and Fire Orders.

Not on telephone.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
CORNED BEEF	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.

Unknown - (a) & (b) usually by horses and carts of various sizes.

19. Any labour problems? — No. (1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 4 O.R.s. being posted away)

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Remarks:- NIL

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	Unknown - (a) & (b) usually by horses and carts of various sizes.
	(b)	
19. Any labour problems?		No. (1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 4 O.R.s. being posted away)
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		Despatches by road.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		No.

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

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	25%
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	No.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	No. (a few in existence but incorrect)
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Sups in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warrsnty Expiry dates?	20%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old st stocks first?	No. - O.C. does not understand W.E. markings.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	As far as can be ascertained.
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.
10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Impossible to estimate - I discovered some bad food which was alleged to have been there for 3 months! Doubtful.

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dates?

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

No. - O.C. does not understand W.E. markings.

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

As far as can be ascertained.

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.

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

Impossible to estimate - I discovered some bad food which was alleged to have been there for 3 months!

Doubtful.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

No.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

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4 cats recently obtained.

13. Is Depot adquately protected against theft, ~~by sheet iron, wire, night watching, attack~~

Yes.

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

4 guards on duty day and night (provided by local Presidio).
Considered adequate.

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

16. Are fire precautions as quote to depot on their telephone? — No - all equipment in one room; no Fire Orders exist.

17. "Spot check"? — Yes.

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:- Almost impossible - would take too long.

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

Unknown - horses and carts invariably used.

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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Remarks:- Almost impossible - would take too long.

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 invariably used.
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.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). FRANCAVILLA FONTANA

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	No, but fairly orderly.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	No.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes, but not up to date.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Suns in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25% (mainly packing date only)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	As far as W.E. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian	None.

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Warranty Expiry dates?	25 (mainly packing date only)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	As far as W.E. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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 stocks 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?	Fair.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, ~~by bombs, mines, night lighting, etc~~?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Depot Staff sleep on premises. Considered adequate.

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

No - no appliances, no orders.
Suggested institution of Fire Points.

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

Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
SUGAR	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) Unknown
(b) Horses and carts used for Despatches.

19. Any labour problems?

No.

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Commodities Checked	found.	found.
SUGAR	NIL	NIL

Remarks:- NIL

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

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato. — TARANTO

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
21.7.44. 1.	No instns for him to take control of Sector from BARI.	NIL DONE	Immediate action by M.of W. essential.
2.	No driver yet alloted to him(Report No.1 refers).	NIL DONE	Request driver from M. of W.
3.	No auth.received for fuel for 2 lorries on strength of Taranto BD. (Report No.1 refers).	DONE Temporary supply arranged with Presidio.	Immediate action by M. of W.
4.	Arranged for Analysis Commission to be held BRINDISI DD.24 Jul. (Report No.1 refers).	NIL	NIL
5.	Informed him that 1000 Tons NET were being despatched from BRINDISI to TARANTO BD. for NAVY at rate of 100 Tons per day.	Informed Capt Crawford to arrange for Port Det to check at Depot (Taranto) and prepare Acceptance Notes.	NIL ✓
6.	2 gates required for field at Taranto BD. -awaiting auth. from Engineers.	NIL	NIL
~~XXX General XXX~~	~~Points included any points of general interest during the week.~~		
7.	Fire precautions at Taranto BD.- Fire Pump has arrived.	NIL ✓	NIL
8.	Guards & pilferage at Taranto BD.- Presidio has been requested by Depot to exchange guards	Will take matter up with Presidio	NIL
		Will refer matter	

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	strength of Taranto BD. (Report No.1 refers).		arranged with Presidio.	
4.	Arranged for Analysis Commission to be held BRINDISI DD.24 Jul. (Report No.1 refers).	NIL		NIL
5.	Informed him that 1000 Tons NET were being despatched from BRINDISI to TARANTO BD. for NAVY at rate of 100 Tons per day.		Informed Capt Crawford to arrange for Port Det to check at Depot (Taranto) and prepare Acceptance Notes.	NIL ✓
6.	2 gates required for field at Taranto BD. -awaiting auth. from Engineers.	NIL		NIL
	~~General. (To include any points of general interest during the week).~~			
7.	Fire precautions at Taranto BD.- Fire Pump has arrived.	NIL ✓		NIL
8.	Guards & pilferage at Taranto BD.- Presidio has been requested by Depot to exchange guards		Will take matter up with Presidio	NIL
9.	Employment of NAVAL labour at Taranto BD. - still unsatisfactory. (Report No.1 refers).		Will refer matter to 18 Pioneer Gp.	NIL
10.	ADOS Dump premises- shd be clear 22 Jul.		Capt Crawford is watching progress.	Reply to H2 of my report No.[illegible]
11.	Addtl.Sgt required for Taranto DD.- he will forward request to BARI.	NIL		NIL
12.	Necessity for Fire Precautions in ALL Depots:	NIL		NIL

H. General

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H. General.

1. FOOD DEPOTS.
It is obvious from inspections that no instns have been given to Depot Cmdrs by Italian authorities as regards:
(a) institution of Master Stock Book
(b) correct compilation of Tally Cards
(c) warranty dates and packing dates of commodities- the latter ~~----~~ is causing much difficulty.

2. SECTOR STOCK STATES.
Stocks as stated by L.O. Distwo in his signals dated 19 Jul 44 (for Taranto Sector) do not appear to be in accordance with S.& T.Operating Instn No.1 which states that Allied Stocks will be shewn separately from Italian Stocks. For example, it is known that large stocks of ITALIAN SUGAR exist in Depots, but these are not shewn in the Residual Stocks signal. Also, other known Residual Stocks are not shewn at all. This has been referred to L.O. Distwo on phone who states that Commissariato BARI infers that this information would take too long to compile.

3. SUPPLIES TO BE RECEIVED AT TARANTO BULK DEPOT FROM ALLIED DEPOT BRINDISI
It appears that approx one quarter of this will have to be re-despatched back to BRINDISI again(to the NAVAL DEPOT), according to strength figures ascertained in Taranto. Is it not possible to devise a system to save this waste of transport?

4. CLOSING OF LECCE BULK DEPOT.
Although orders have been given for this to be closed by 26 Jul 44, on 19 Jul 44 there was still 800 Tons on hand and no orders had been received for its despatch. L.O.Distwo was contacted by phone- he promised to take matter up with Commissariato,BARI.

5. LECCE D.D.
Although Capt Cervinara has taken command of this Depot, Major Alfarano is still handing over some of the stocks: it is stated that he will be there for 3 months! The former is an Inf Offr and ~~it~~ he cannot be held responsible for the faults of the Depot. Admitted there are slight improvements, but drastic action by ~~the~~ M.of W: is essential. Inspections of this Depot are merely a waste of time. Attention is drawn to my reports dated as follows:

23 Mar 44		30 Apr 44	
29 " "		27 May "	
5 Apr "		25 Jun "	
16 " "		5 Jul "	
21 " "			

6. TRANSPORT.
The position of the [illegible]

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5. LECCE D.D.

Although Capt-Cervinara has taken command of this Depot, Major Alfarano is still handing over some of the stocks: it is stated that he will be there for 3 months! The former is an Inf Offr and ~~xx~~ he cannot be held responsible for the faults of the Depot. Admitted there are slight improvements, but drastic action by ~~thm~~ M.of W; is essential. Inspections of this Depot are merely a waste of time. Attention is drawn to my reports dated as follows:

23 Mar 44	30 Apr 44
29 " "	27 May "
5 Apr "	25 Jun "
16 " "	5 Jul "
21 " "	

6. TRANSPORT.

The question of pooling MMIA vehicles has been impossible — P.L.O's vehicle has been in W/Shops most of the week and mine has been used for necessary inspections etc.

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H. [illegible] Capt. R.A.S.C.,
MMIA Sector L.O. Taranto.

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D: POSITO C NTRALE MILITARE VIVERI
T A R A N T C

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 15 21 LUGLIO 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI SPEDITI				
	Corned beef Kg.	Corned beef Hash. Kg.	M.&V. Hash Kg.	Chili con carne Kg.	Sausage Kg.
FF.AA.Ital.Sardegna (Corcrest)	22700,736	14949,000	54966;114	8659,548	129762,756
Deposito Spec.Viveri Catanzaro	15720,912		24360,075		
Deposito Spec.Viveri Crotone					
Totale	38421,648	14949,000	79326,189	8659,548	129762,756

Taranto, 22 Luglio 1944

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE MILITARE VIVERI
TARANTO

Appendix "B" to
Sector L.O's. report No. 2.

NTE IL PERIODO 15 21 LUGLIO 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI.

GENERI SPEDITI								
.	Corned beef Hash. Kg.	M.&V. Hash Kg.	Chili con carne Kg.	Sausage Kg.	Salmon Kg.	Farina Kg.	Rutabaga Kg.	Pepe Kg.
,736	14949,000	54966;114	8659,548	129762,756	20004,480			
,912		24360,075				29988,600	4290,816	97,848
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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N°. 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT - TARANTO WEEK-ENDING 21 July 44 REPORT N°. 2.

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships loading. loaded

Ships Discharging.

Name. CORCORAN

Tonnage of Cargo 247 net

NIL Consignee/nee. It. Army Supply Depot CAGLIARI

Estimated date of completion. 15 July 44

Nature of Cargo. Cased Guns.

Any difficulties experienced? Finished

Since last report; all went well on last day.

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Estimated date of completion. 15 July 44

Nature of Cargo. Cased Guns.

Any difficulties experienced? Finished

Since last report; all went well on last day.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship

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Convoy N°. NIL

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).

Lt. POLITO is now being relieved of his command of the local SUSSISTENZA Det., and the hand-over will be complete by Aug 1. He will then be able to devote all his attention to the Port. Det. His successor is a Lt. PUPINO.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

Tnt. I signalled Camp. Commandant on 20 July (my N° 32) requesting purchase of 2 exhaust valves for my car. I have already bought 4 here for £. 3. 10.0 but there are no more in the Town. Can ST. please expedite action.

ADOS DUMP: At request of Sector L.O. I have watched progress of clearance. Chief difficulty of ADOS has been lack of tnt, though I have been able to expedite slightly by providing two ITI lorries on two days.

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

G. An early reply, please, to my TAR/6 of 19 July, as I have

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

G. An early reply, please, to my TAP/6 of 19 July, as I have numerous applications.

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Lonshawford

Capt. R.A.S.C.

21 July 44

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M.M.I.A. ST
FILE REF
Date Recd 8 / 7 / 44

TELESCRITTO URGENTE

DIRECOMMILES BARI
ARMY SUB COMMISSION (rif.ST/75/3 del 22 corr.) ROMA
DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO N° 16146/V DESTINATARIO DIRECOMMILES BARI PER CONOSCENZA DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO ALT AUTORIZZASI URGENTE CESSIONE AT DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO QUARANTA PAIA STIVALETTI ET QUARANTA PAIA MUTANDE TRAENDOLE DAL RECUPERO CON PRECEDENZA ASSOLUTA SU ALTRE ASSEGNAZIONI AIT PROMINISTRO PELLIGRA .....

Per Copia Conforme
Il Direttore Capo Divisione f.
Aldo Habland
T. Col.

2 LUG 1944

Ref ST/75/3 of July 22
16146/V

We authorise urgent cession to Central Rations Depot of 40 pr boots & 40 pr drawers taken from salvage with subsequent priority over other assignments

"S & T. MMIA"
Docd
Title ST/ 7513

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Subject:- Clothing c Port Dets.

"S & T., MMIA.

Port L.O.
TARANTO

Feed

File ST/ 7573 MM/TAR/6

To: ADST MMIA

Since my report No 1, boots and clothing have now arrived for the above.

24 July 44

Capt. P.A.S.C.

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Subject: Posting of Officers.

ST/75/3

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA.
R O M E.
AG/11.

21 Jul 44.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is considered that the appointment of COL. BALDINI Commanding the Montecatini TARANTO depot should be reviewed. This officer is most honest, co-operative and hard working, but is too old for this particular work. He is unable to control the depot or supervise efficiently the staff attached to it.

2. The dominant personality in area is Captain GRECO, he is most suitable to command in the rank of Major.

3. It is therefore desired to -

(a) Post Col. BALDINI to a more suitable appointment.

(b) Promote Captain GRECO to the rank of Major to command the depot.

(c) Post a suitable Captain as 2 i/c.

for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

FJN/hh

Copy to: ST.

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Subject:- TARANTO SECTOR - CONTROL OF.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), ROME.
SI/75/3.

22 July 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

MMIA Sector LO, c/o HQ, 52 Area.

1. The MMIA Sector Liaison Officer for Taranto Sector reports that Taranto Commissariato has not yet received instructions to take over control of the Taranto Sector from the Bari Commissariato.
Since this situation may be causing some confusion it is requested you will cause the necessary instructions to be issued.

2. The Taranto (Montecatini) Bulk Depot is not considered to be adequately protected against theft.
Will you please issue instructions to ensure that the whole area of the Depot is surrounded by adequate barbed wire fencing and that proper gates are erected at entrances and exits.
This will enable the depot to be completely enclosed at night and sentries to patrol outside the perimeter wire.

3. Fire precautions at Taranto (Montecatini) Depot are not considered adequate.
Fire Points, consisting of alarms, buckets, beaters etc, will be established by arrangement between the Depot Commander and the Sector Liaison Officer, but the size of the Depot justifies the provision of a fire pump.
Please say if you can provide the equipment.

4. Taranto Sector Commissariato has recently been allotted a motorcycle with sidecar, but no driver.
Please arrange for a driver to report at an early date, if the Commissariato cannot obtain one otherwise, as appears to be the case.

5. It is reported that no petrol and oil is available at Montecatini Depot for the 7 trucks permanently allotted to the Depot.
Please make available to the Officer Commanding Depot a small stock of petrol, AGO and lubricating oil for his vehicles and instruct him how to procure further supplies.

6. It is reported that the clothing of the two Port Detachments at Taranto is in a very bad state. Boots particularly, are in a deplorable

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Please arrange for a driver to report at an early date, if the Commissariato cannot obtain one otherwise, as appears to be the case.

5. It is reported that no petrol and oil is available at Montecatini Depot for the 2 trucks permanently allotted to the Depot.

Please make available to the Officer Commanding Depot a small stock of petrol, AGO and lubricating oil for his vehicles and instruct him how to procure further supplies.

6. It is reported that the clothing of the two Port Detachments at Taranto is in a very bad state. Boots particularly, are in a deplorable condition.

Difficulties are realized but the men are constantly on their feet and have to walk considerable distance in the course of their days work and bad boots are causing undue fatigue and lowering of morale.

Similar remarks apply to clothing in general.

You are requested to take urgent action in this matter and to inform this HQ accordingly.

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

BP/BC

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Subject:- Weekly Reports - ST.

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A.D.S.T.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.,
Main H.Q. MMIA.

ST

1. Reports in respect of Taranto Sector for period ending 14 Jul 44 are enclosed herewith.

2. Incompletion in certain instances is due to the fact that S. & T. Branch Ortg. Instn. N° 2 was not received until 13 Jul 44, also because Depots in this Sector still come under 3 Commissarietos i.e. LECCE, TARANTO or BARI.

3. Two days during the period have been occupied by Analysis Commissions and a third day was spent in BARI (my signal LLO/10/1 dated 14 Jul refers).

ST/75/3

Capt. R.A.S.C.
MMIA. Sector L.O. Taranto.

16 Jul 44.

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L'AMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx I.

SECTOR TARANTO PERIOD ~~ENDING~~ ENDING 14 Jul 44 ; 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?	NIL
2.	What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	1,500 TONS to be received at Taranto Bulk Depot for Italian Navy.
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	NIL
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 alloc: ation to ITIs have been adopted?	NIL
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) NIL
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	NIL

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF [illegible] BORROWING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating

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

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)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	As far as can be ascertained - Taranto Commissariato has not yet received orders to take over control of Sector from BARI
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 B.1. Despatches from Taranto Bulk Depot to other Sectors is given at Appendix "B". - despatched as planned.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). LECCE BULK DEPOT.

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?	YES
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	All suns in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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, but recovery is ably handled
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, except that inspected by Boards on 3 rd and 10th Jul 44 and considered fit for animals, also 10,375 lbs FLOUR awaiting inspection by M. of W. (see analysis reports) YES

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dates?

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	YES
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. 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, but recovery is ably handled
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, except that inspected by Boards on 3 rd and 10 ~~June~~ Jul 44 and considered fit for animals, also 10,375 lbs FLOUR awaiting inspection by M. of W. (see analysis reports) YES
11. Is depot clean & tidy?	YES
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None, excent that floors are kept well swept
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	YES
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	All lock-up buildings - men sleep on premises. Considered adequate.

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6. (continued)

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

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

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:- N. Y. A.

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

19. Any labour problems? No

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Remarks:- N. Y. A.

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

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

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL). GALLIPOLI PETROL DEPOT.

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, &c?	Yes
2. Is there a guard on during the night?	Yes
Is it adequate?	Yes
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?	No pumps
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	No Tanks
6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?	Yes
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?	Yes
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?	Small stock, all sound barrels
Is it daily check?	Periodical

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4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?		No pumps
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6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?		Yes
7. Is there a tally board on each stack? Are they being used correctly?		Yes
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers? Is it a daily check?		Small stock, all sound barrels Periodical.
9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?		Usually
10. Are packed stock stacks trenched round to prevent fire spread?		No, but stacked on sandy soil - 68 barrels in all.
11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: a. Comprehensive? b. Strictly applied? c. Adequate?	(a) (b) (c)	Yes Yes Yes
12. Is Depot on telephone?		N. Y. A.

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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 - yes No checks - not previously requested
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	Visited a few units fed from S.PANCRAZIO D.D. Parade States and Ration Counterfoils were inspected. A report that 51 st Btn. BERSAGLIERI D'ISTRUZIONE (situated at FRANCA=VILLA) is drawing from 2 D.D.'s is being investigated by me. [redacted].
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 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 – Not previously requested

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accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

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Yes

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 —
Not previously requested

F. Units' Interior Economy.

No units visited for this purpose during period.

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, 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 thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used cooking?

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

10. Are issues from Ration Store so arranged properly controlled & 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 [illegible] 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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8. What fuel is used cooking?

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

10. Are issues from Ration Store on which properly controlled 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 dumps 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?

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

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

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). TARANTO BULK DEPOT.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	In the majority.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes
4. Are carton packed packed goods under cover?	Yes
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25% (remainder mainly marked with packing date only).
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7. Are mutually cont: animating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes(An Offr is i/c).
10. How much stock is	That already inspected and consider-

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9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes(An Offr is i/c).
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	That already inspected and considered fit for animals(see Analysis Reports)
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Yes 5030
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	None
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	No: have suggested 2 gates be built at entrance & exit of field in order that guards can patrol outside barbed wire instead of around the stacks.

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NAVIA SAT SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEK_. REPORTS. Appx 1.

SECTOR ---------- WEEK ENDING _____ REPORT N° _____

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex 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 ex 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 alloc: ation 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

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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?

2. Is POL position ditto?

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). S.PANCRAZIO D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority
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?	50%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes
7. Are mutually cont: eminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes
8. Are outdoor stac[illegible] 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?	Unknown - instns have been given to send it to LECCE D.D.as the B.D. is closing down Yes
11. Is depot clean and	Yes

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Rat-traps and 2 cats.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against the [illegible]	Yes - all lock-up buildings.
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Men sleep on premises - considered adequate.

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx I.

SECTOR _____. WEEK ENDING _____. REPORT No _____

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex 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 ex 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-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN ONE 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?

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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B. 3.

DEPOSITO CENTRALE MILITARE VIVERI DI = TARANTO =

Distinta delle derrate spedite ad Enti di altri settori nel periodo dall'8 luglio compreso al 14 lu

LOCALITA'	Corned.Beef	Meat Vegetable	Chili con carne	Salmone	Carne farcita	Fa
Catania	24005,376	24054,300	22013,082	==	24815,340	332
Crotone	==	==	==	==	==	29
Cosenza	==	==	==	==	==	14
Castrovillari	==	==	==	==	==	14
Catanzaro Sala	9980,496	9988,650	9981,855	10002,240	9941,085	
Napoli	12002,688	24054,300	==	==	23918,400	
Bari	36008,064	36081,450	24027,120	10002,240	23918,400	
Totale Kilos.	81996,624	94178,700	56022,057	20004,480	82593,225	39

SARDINIA (ship under load — see Port L.O's report.)

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE MILITARE VIVERI DI - TARANTO -

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ble	Chili con carne	Salmone	Carne farcita	Farina	Rutabaga
0	22013,082	--	24815,340	332320,800	--
	--	--	--	29988,600	--
	--	--	--	14994,300	--
	--	--	--	14994,300	--
0	9981,855	10002,240	9941,085	--	9741,312
0	--	--	23918,400	--	--
0	24027,120	10002,240	23918,400	--	--
0	56022,057	20004,480	82593,225	392298,000	9741,312

ch — see Port L.O's report.)

Appendix B.

APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION No. 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT TARANTO WEEK-ENDING 14 July 44 REPORT No. 1

A. PORT WORKING.

Ships Discharging.

Ships loading.

Name. CORCREST

Tonnage of Cargo. 250 tons net bid for; 170 ~~tons loaded so far.~~ Space probably available for all.

Consignee. ITI Army Supply Depot CAGLIARI

Estimated date of completion. 15 July 44

Nature of Cargo. Cased Sups (Sausage Salmon Meats Various)

Any difficulties experienced ?

~~Nil~~

Only one difficulty arose: At midday on 13 July, I saw Gen. LOMBARDI, and (inter alia) handed him a written message giving instns for the next day's work to the various units concerned. I requested this message to be translated and transmitted. One sentence was "Work expected to continue till midnight". This was omitted in the translation, and the Depot asked for labour only till 2100 hrs. After much difficulty, I managed to get 50 men fm Gen LOMBARDI to work till 0030 hrs on the night in question.

The Port Det (including 2/Lts NASCIMBENI and PISTONE) worked well.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship _____

Convoy No. _____

E.T.A. _____

Tonnage of Cargo _____

Manifest Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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NIL.

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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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Postings: Refce HQ letter ST/30 dtd 10 July: As additional men are needed in the Port Det (see para 2 of my report dtd 4 July) it is requested that the/men applied for in this letter are not in substitution for two to be posted away. The men have not arrived yet. OC Port Det has also asked through the usual channels for the substitution of 4 men because of illiteracy, and for 1 Cpl Magg. and 3 soldiers who have deserted to their homes in the North. Can MMIA please help to expedite the posting of men of fairly high educational standard?

Pay: The attached annexure shews a large discrepancy between the pay of personnel of the Port Det and the B.D. The reason for this is said to be because the Depot is"mobilised", tho' I would have said it was very static. (To back)

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

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C. (continued)

Clothing of both Port Dets, especially boots, is deplorable. I spoke about the clothing of BRINDISI Port Det to Lt. Col. SHIPLEY in April, and he promised to try and get W.M. to act; which they have not. O.C. Commissariatto here has sent a letter (refce 1453 dtd 7 July) to Direzione Commissariatto BARI to hasten the matter. Can MMIA please help, as the men often have far to walk, and their morale and self-respect is being lost.

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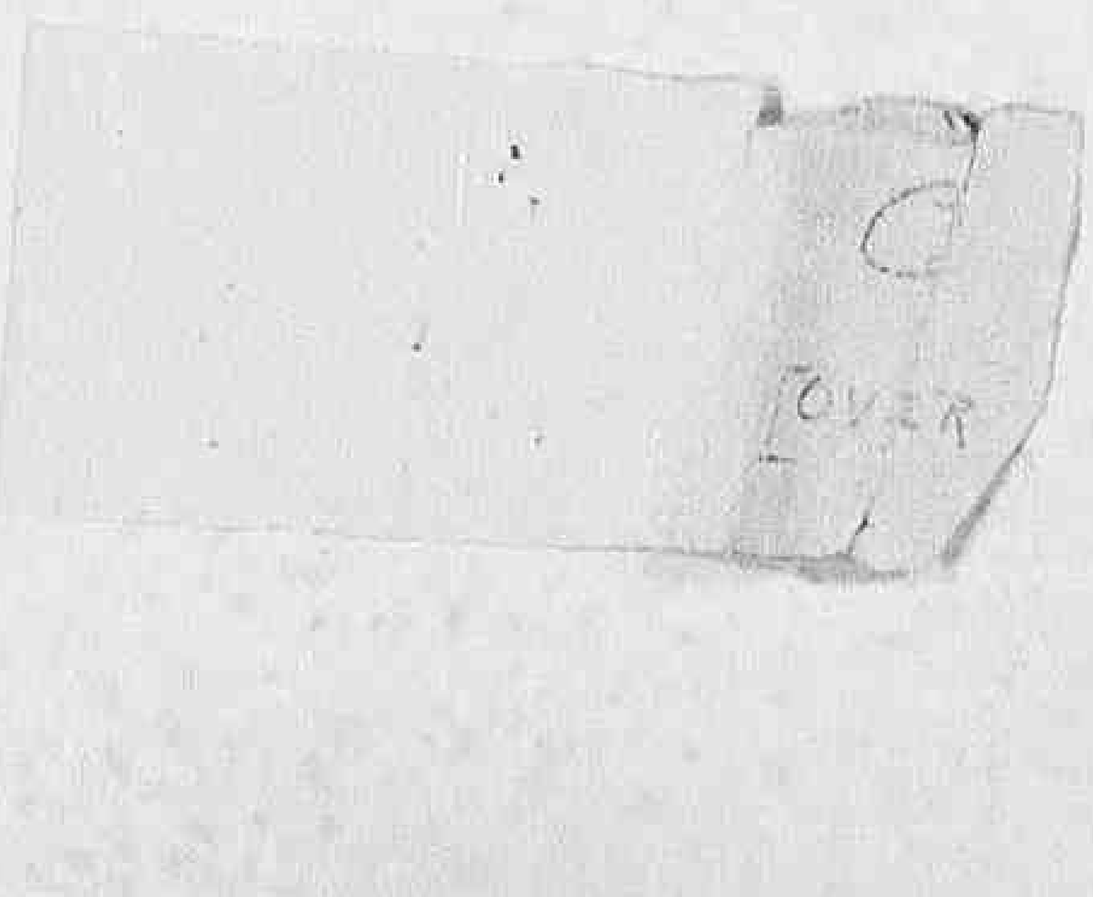

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Annesso Appendix to PLO Taranto's repot dated 15 July 44.

GRADO RANK	PAY of It. Port. Detach. SOPRASSOLDO INTERO	PAY of Depot. SOPRASSOLDO RIDOTTO A 1/3
LT	3282	2789
2° LT	2789	2309
Maresciallo	2000	1718
Serg.Magg.	1200,20	1059,70
Serg.	875,20	776,20
Can.Magg.	10,70	8,70
Can.	9,70	7,70
Soldato	9,00	7,00

(per day) (per month)

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ST/75/2.

A/Q, MMIA.

We discussed the question of Col. Baldini, O.C., TARANTO Depot (Montecatini).

This Officer is considered most honest and hard working, but he is unquestionably too old for the job and lacks grip over his staff and labour assigned to work in the Depot.

The Ministry of War will agree I believe to:-

(a) Posting Col. Baldini away.

(b) Promoting Capt.Grico to Major as O.C., Depot.

(c) Posting in a good Captain as 2 i/c, if put to them by us as a direction.

There is no reflection of Col. Baldini, merely a matter of age and consequent lack of vigor.

Will you please take appropriate action ?

B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

30 July 44.
BP/BC

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Subject:- Guards for lorries ex Taranto

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ST/ 975/3
19 July 44.

LLO/9
14 July 44

Presidio, Taranto

Further reference this office letter LLO/9 dated 29 June 44 and your reply 6343/0 dated 5 Jul 44.

1. It is pointed out that the Italian Officer in charge of the unloading is not responsible for the behaviour of the guards, neither is it his place to have to search the quay for missing men.

2. As previously stated, it is the responsibility of the Presidio to ensure that a reliable under-Officer is placed in charge of guards detailed for a quay. It is his duty to report to the Italian Port Detachment Officer i/c on arrival, stating numbers present. This under-Officer is responsible for the disposition of these guards and he must constantly liaise with the Italian Port Det. Officer throughout his tour of duty.

3. Will you kindly ensure that such arrangements exist in the future.

Capt. R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.C. TARANTO

Copy to : A.D.S.T., MMIA Main HQ
MMIA Port L.C. TARANTO

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REPORT BY LT. K. REELAND RASC., ST. L.O. LEGGE SECTOR
PERIOD = 25 JUNE to 4 JULY 44

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GENERAL ST/75/3 Duplicate on AG 080

Loading and unloading of ships coupled with other work in connection with Montecatini Depot has necessitated me spending the major part of the period in TARANTO.

ITALIAN PORT DETACHMENTS

1. Lt. Crawford's report gives full details in respect of ships loaded and unloaded.

2. His opinion, that additional personnel [redacted] are required (Italian) [redacted] to fulfil commitments, is endorsed by me.

3. The conduct of 2/Lts. NASCIMBENI and PISTONE has been referred (verbally) by me to CAPT. VENTRELLA.

4. Provision of adequate guards for lorries ex Docks has also been referred to CAPT. VENTRELLA who states that the Presidio, TARANTO must provide.

MONTECATINI (TARANTO) BULK DEPOT.

1. RECEPTION OF SUPPLIES EX SS. "TORE JARL".

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(c) Additional notice boards e.g. " EXIT ONLY "
(d) " Levelling " of some of the ground.
(e) Controlling of lorries.
(f) Disposal of broken cases.
(g) Appointment by GEN. LOMBARDI of reliable Offr. to be i/c of labour.
(h) Times of shifts.

On 27 June 44 and during the following days I visited the Depot many times and was pleased with the way the situation was being handled. Capt. GRECO maintained excellent control and worked very hard throughout.

There was no night work due to shortage of labour in TARANTO.

2. LABOUR

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3. DEPOT PERSONNEL.

M. of W. have agreed to an exchange of some of the men for others well known to CAPT. GRECO as it is essential that this Depot be ably staffed.

4. OFFICERS QUARTERS

GEN. PELLIGRA has instructed that the kitchen for the Offrs. Mess be requisitioned from the civilian (my last report refers). Copy of letter dated 27 June 44, addressed to GEN. LOMBARDI, was received by me from M. of W. on the 28 June. I visited GEN. LOMBARDI on 1 July 44 as nothing had been done about it. He promised immediate action. On 3 July 44 I informed CAPT. VENTRELLA at the M. of W. that the Depot was still without the kitchen. He gave me authority to force the door and take possession. On 4 July 44 at 1000 hrs the position remained unchanged. I telephoned

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GEN. LOMBARDI and delivered an ultimatum --- 1200 hrs or else ! At 1130 hrs the civilian started moving out.

The Commissariato, Taranto has been instructed to purchase necessary requirements for the mess.

5. HUTS FOR PERSONNEL

M. of W. have given authority for 3 huts to be moved from MANDURIA to TARANTO. 2 are for the Depot and the other for 923 REPARTO PORTUALE (in order that the latter may move their office out of the Depot premises.) I have promised to assist with tnt (am liaising with 52 Area).

6. WHEEL-BARROWS & SCALES

15 wheel-barrows and 2 weighing machines have been received this week, through M. of W., on request of CAPT. GRECO.

7. CLOTHING

A supply of clothing for Depot Personnel also received in similar way.

8. TRANSPORT

M. of W. have agreed to allocate 2 light lorries to the Depot permanently, for internal work. At the moment they are still in workshops.

Depot Cmdr. has experienced much difficulty in obtaining lorries for loading rlwy. trucks. Several times we have diverted lorries (unofficially) allocated to the Docks, otherwise trucks would not have been loaded. This is considered to be entirely an Italian responsibility but assistance has been given to ensure necessary distribution of MEAT to other Depots. Matter has been referred to CAPT. VENTRELLA who states that the Italian Navy must provide 3 lorries daily: failing this they will not be issued with their rations from the Depot. This may work until the end of July. Most of Italian Army lorries appear to have gone to ROME!

9. HYGIENE

CAPT. HOSNY, S.M.O. 22 GENERAL HOSP. contacted me on 27 June 44 re drainage into the sea of latrines at Depot, also bad food awating inspection. He is responsible for Anti-Malarial precautions in the Area.

I later visited him and after a refreshing tea at the hospital we went to the Depot and arranged his requirements with COL. BALDINI.

10. MEDICAL STORES

Have arranged for Depot to receive Medical Stores should they arrive prior to proper store being ready to accept. (Major Heggie's request).

11. DIROS DUMP

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A supply of clothing for depot personnel also received in similar way.

8. TRANSPORT

M. of S. have agreed to allocate 2 light lorries to the depot permanently, for internal work. At the moment they are still in workshops.

Depot QMG. has experienced much difficulty in obtaining lorries for loading ship, trucks. Several times we have allotted lorries (unofficially) attached to the docks, otherwise trucks would not have been loaded. This is considered to be entirely an Italian responsibility but assistance has been given to ensure economic distribution of NFAI to other depots. Letter has been returned to CAPT. VENTRIS who thinks that the Italian Navy must provide 2 lorries daily: failing this they will not be issued with their rations from the depot. This may work until the end of July. Most of Italian Army lorries appear to have gone to ROME.

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CAPT. DRURY, S.M.O. of GENERAL HOSP. MONTECATINI on or June 12 to be replaced with the end of internees at depot, also had food sampling inspection. He is responsible for anti-malarial measures in the Area.

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11. PADRE DUNN

At last commenced to move out, but only slowly: a few lorries per day.

12. DEPOT HOLDING

Total Tonnage in depot is now across 7000 tons (including the field and material stocks).

13. ANALYSIS COMPLETION

1. A board of officers was held on 2 July 44 and was continued on 4 July. Proceedings will be forwarded in due course.

2. On 3 July there was complete lack of organisation for this inspection. It took 2 hrs to estimate quantities condemned.

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12. DEPOT HOLDING

Total Tonnage in Depot is now approx 7000 tons (including the field and outside stacks).

13. ANALYSIS COMMISSION

1. A Board of Officers was held on 2 July 44 and was continued on 4 July. Proceedings will be forwarded in due course.

2. On 2 July there was complete lack of organisation for this inspection. It took 7 hrs to estimate quantities condemned. At one time some of the labour (Naval) refused to handle the bad supplies and walked off. COL. BALDINI remonstrated with them, but they won and were allowed to have their way! I reported the names of three of them to the Presidio.

3. On 4 July many sacks of flour were examined. The majority of them contained "lumps" caused by dampness whilst the remainder of the contents of the sacks were perfectly good. It was considered that the major part of these should be issued immedia=

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tely to the Naval Bakery who have the facilities for sifting the flour. It was agreed that afterwards the lumps be returned to the Depot and an equivalent amount of good flour be issued in ex= change. The "lumps" will then be boarded.

14. COL. BALDINI

It is considered that this Offr is too old as Comd of this Depot, which requires an Offr of much agility to be able to maintain efficient control. It is only fair to say, however, that Col.BALDINI is a most honest and hard-working man.

This question has been discussed privately with Capt. VENTRELLA and he agrees that the following suggestion is practicable, if put to the M. of W. in the form of an order by MMIA:

(a) Col. BALDINI to be posted away
(b) Capt. GRECO to be promoted to Major as O.C. Depot (he has already been recommended for his Majority)
(c) 1. efficient Capt to be posted to the Depot as 2i/C

SS CONTARINI: Loading of this ship has now been cancelled.

LECCE D.D.

1. Saw O.C. - Capt CERVINARA and Capt CILO (Commissariato LECCE). Major ALFARANO was leaving the Depot that day (29 June).

2. Location as reported last week. I suggest that when LECCE B.D. move out, the D.D. move into some of their buildings.

3. Some efforts had been made to tidy up the Depot and clean out the issuing room. The new O.C. so far has been busy taking over.

4. Both Officers of this Depot are Infantry and it is considered that at least one of them should be of Sussistenza. Only two NCO's out of seven are of Sussistenza. This is said to be insufficient.

5. Besides feeding approx 10,000 tps and 400 horses, the Depot supplies the D.D.'s of MAGLIE, S.PANCRAZIO, GALATINA, and BRINDISI. The first three are Sub-Depots of LECCE, but it is not understood why LECCE should supply BRINDISI.

LECCE BULK DEPOT

1. Saw Capt DIMEO; depot as previously reported-in good order and very clean.

2. Approx holding on 29 Jun 44 was 1,000 Tons.

3. An Analysis Commission was held on 3 Jul 44 to in= spect bad foods. It was well organised. Findings will be for= warded in due course. Another Commission has been arranged for

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2. Location as reported last week. I suggest that when LECCE B.D. move out, the D.D. move into some of their buildings.

3. Some efforts had been made to tidy up the Depot and clean out the issuing room. The new O.C. so far has been busy taking over.

4. Both Officers of this Depot are Infantry and it is considered that at least one of them should be of Sussistenza. Only two NCO's out of seven are of Sussistenza. This is said to be insufficient.

5. Besides feeding approx 10,000 tps and 400 horses, the Depot supplies the D.D.'s of MAGLIE, S.PANCRAZIO, GALATINA, and BRINDISI. The first three are Sub-Depots of LECCE, but it is not understood why LECCE should supply BRINDISI.

LECCE BULK DEPOT

1. Saw Capt DIMEO; depot as previously reported-in good order and very clean.

2. Approx holding on 29 Jun 44 was 1,000 Tons.

3. An Analysis Commission was held on 3 Jul 44 to inspect bad foods. It was well organised. Findings will be forwarded in due course. Another Commission has been arranged for 10 Jul 44 to inspect a quantity of FLOUR & DRIED PEAS.

TARANTO D.D.

1. Saw Lt. DI PALO. The main store was very clean and orderly; stacks were tallied. The issuing room was untidy and the floor dirty. Issues had just been completed and the O.C. agreed to clean it up. The Depot has no scrubbing brushes for cleaning the issuing table.

2. Depot has just taken over 2 Forage stores and 2 Fuel=wood stores. The latter is well stacked and the former was in process of being restacked. Some of the forage was being moved to the site of the D.D. and I suggested that this would attract vermin and might not be a good policy.

3. No personnel are of Sussistenza.

4. Feeds 6,000/7,000 tons.

5. Inspected the mens billets. They were clean and tidy-a great improvement than previously. A supply of Disinfectant

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for latrines would be beneficial.

GALATINA D.D.

1. Saw O.C. Depot very clean and supplies were tallied.
2. Feeding strength risen to 1,730 tps.
3. O.C. agrees that he has too many personnel (my last weeks report refers). He wishes to retain Sgt Major CONVERSANO DAMIANO and have the other two WO's posted.
4. Has approx 1,100 litres of ANICE in stock. No issues have been made for some months.

ITALIAN ARMY AMM. DEPOT - SERRO

Copy of my report to Q. MMIA is attached hereto for your information.

5 Jul. 44.

Lieut., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.O. Taranto.

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Subject:- Report on Italian Ammunition Depot - SERRO

SECRET

LLC/S
3 July 44

Army Sub. Comm. (ACC),
MMIA. MAIN H.Q.

1. Ref telephone conversation (Capt. BIRD - Lt. FREELAND) of 28 June 44.

2. On inspection of the a/m Depot on 1 July 44 it was found that 372 P.O.W. Camp had been built on rocky ground in close proximity to the Depot boundary. The Depot itself is comprised of several dispersed buildings within an enclosure.

3. I interviewed W.O. i/c (D'AMORE GIUSEPPE) who complained that prisoners who were allowed on parole frequently smoked cigarettes close to the railings and that it would be easy for them to commit acts of sabotage.

4. I saw the Adjutant of 372 P.O.W. Camp Who stated:

(a) That prisoners were not allowed near the Depot boundary.

(b) That no cigarettes were given to prisoners, but sometimes prisoners arrived at the Camp with a very few cigarettes and these they were allowed to retain.

(c) That the Camp was used for "transit" purposes only and was frequently cleared of all P.O.W's.

(d) That stoves used for cooking (40) were oil burning and located well away from the Depot boundary.

(e) That in his opinion, possibility of danger was small.

(f) That the Area Cmdr. had chosen the site.

5. I called at the office of COL. BUSCO UGO in TARANTO who is the offr. responsible for the Depot. I saw MAJOR SILVA VITTORIO who turned up the equivalent of "Kings Regulations" which stated that installations would not be built in close proximity to Amm. Dumps and he added that the P.O.W. Camp had been built nearer the Depot than previously agreed upon. He had informed the M.of W. as a matter of form and admitted that there was little danger in view of the way the Camp had been organised.

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Subject:- Pilferage - Supplies despatched from MONTECATINI DEPOT

9 Piazza S.Eligio,
OLD TARANTO

LLC/3
6.July 44

PRESIDIO, TARANTO
COMMISSARIATO, TARANTO

1. Ref this office letter LLØ/7 dated 18 June 44, subject as above.

2. Will you please report action taken.

STL 76/3

Lieut., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.C.Taranto.

A.D.S.T.
Copy to: MMIA. MAIN H.Q.

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Subject:- Guards for barries ex Taranto Docks

9 Piazza S.Eligio;
OLD TARANTO

LLO/9
6 July 44

Presidio, Taranto

1. Ref this office letter LLO/9 dated 29 June 44, subject as above.

2. It is requested please, that your report in respect of paragraphs 3 and 4 be hastened.

ST/ 7513
Lt. Tully

Lieut., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.O.Taranto.

Copy to: Commissariato Taranto
ADST, MMIA, Main HQ.

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MMIA PORT LIAISON OFFICER TARANTO

Report for Period 25 June - 2 July

ST/75/3

1. Loading of schooner CATTANI G : This ship was loaded on 25 and 26 June. Signals of her departure have been sent to MMIA LO DISTONE. On 25 June many mistakes were made by the Italians:
(a) TPT. I had arranged 6 lorries with Praesidio: only 4 arrived at Depot. The other two had apparently been sent to Gioia del Colle in error.
(b) Loading. Unknown to Lt. POLITO and myself, CAPT. ALMERIGOTTI, representing Italian Army Movts, had interviewed the master of the ship and agreed theorders of loading. He sent a copy of this, unsigned, to Col. BALBINI. Unfortunately, this captain saw fit to order loading of all sacked commodities (flour, sugar; rice) first, with cases on top of them, and col. BALDINI accepted this unsigned order without question, in spite of the fact that he had been advised some times before never to load flour, ett., first. Added to this a violent rainstorm broke out when sacked commodities were being loaded at the Depot, and they got very wet in transit and on the quay. STO wd not accept loading in this order, and as there was nowhere to put the flour on the quay, 3 lorry-loads had to be sent back to the depot. Very little cased sups were loaded that day; much wastage of time and tpt was caused.
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The loading was completed smoothly and efficiently on the 26 June. The Port Dets worked well throughout, in spite of being so handicapped by the Depot.

2. Discharge of Coaster TORE JARL:

General: This was a difficult discharge, as the cargo consisted of old stock much of which broke up on landing on the quay. The Rec Sec of the Docks Opg Coy did a very good job.

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Guards: The Praesidio do not seem to appreciate that each lorry must have a guard, and that the guards must be on the quay punctually. On 27 June there were 9 guards missing, and on the 28, seven until 0945. There were several cases of guards riding with the dvr instead of on the back of the lorry.

Guards were also arranged for looking after 150 tons sups remaining on the quay to be loaded into the CONTARINI: they were 1/2 hr late on ~~2 July~~ 30 June and 20 mins on 2 July.

Labour: On the whole, labour at the depot was satisfactory, and I understand from Lt FREELAND that there was little pilfering. Labour for second shift on 27 June was 1 hr late, and I am awaiting an explanation as to this from 18 Pnr Gp. Port Labour is still guilty of a great deal of pilfering.

CONTARINI: 7964 cases sausage and 933 cases salmon lie on berth 3 awaiting re-shipment. These have been signed for by MONTECATINI Depot.

Personnel: In spite of my having suggested to Lt POLITO several weeks ago that he organise training for his men on a programme basis,

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no trainigg has taken place to date. As a result, the men are neither fit nor experienced, and have not achieved sufficient confidence. I have spoken to Lt Col ABRUZZI (i/c Commissariatto) in order that instn can take place between discharge of ships. Much valuable work can be done at the depot, but although there are 3 2/Lts of the Port Dets who seem to do no work at all (except when there are ships in) Lt POLITO does not appear to have sufficient hold over them to make proper use of them. 2/Lts NASCIMBENI and PISTONE are two very unsatisfactory officers: they were disinterested and sleepy on the quay; they wd not ensure that each lorry had a checker with it, and did not properly supervise the checkers' work. When remonstrated with, they became argumentative and resentful: the situation got so bad that I took both of them before Lt Col ABRUZZI. Both these officers shd leave the Port Det as soon as possible. Lt DANIONI's work has also deteriorated; I understand that all three are worrying over their families in the North, and that this is the standard excuse for inefficiency.

2/Lt LOVERDE, although not a very experienced interpreter, worked very well indeed on the quay, and would make a very good Port Det Officer. He seemed the only one who got a grip on the situation, but his better knowledge of English is of course a great help with case markings.

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I am still of opinion that the numbers of the Port Dets are too small. Working the two on a 3 shift day can only produce 8 checkers per shift: Sometimes as many as 13 lorries are loading at the same time, and untrained men always have to be borrowed from other units.

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Lt. R. A. S. C.

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Subject:- Guards for Lorries ex Taranto Docks

9 Piazza S.Eligio,
OLD TARANTO

LLC/9
29 June 44

Presidio, Taranto

1. On 26 June 44 Lt.Crawford requested 35 guards as escorts for lorries from Berth 3 to Montecatini Depot during the discharge of SS. "TORE JARL", commencing 27 June 44.

2. On 27 June 44, insufficient guards were provided and in view of your statement that no more could be found the matter was referred to the Italian War Ministry. Capt Ventrella instructed that a sufficient number must be provided by the Presidio and it was understood from Col Acanfora that this would be rectified on the following day.

3. On 28 June 44, however, there were 7 guards short.

4. During the discharge of SS. "Daniel Townsdale" it was reported to you that guards were riding beside the drivers instead of on the back of the lorries. This was rectified by you. On 27 June 44 between 0900 and 1000 hrs, escorts were again observed riding beside the drivers. 2 names taken were:-

a) Serg. Cogo 2° Btg. 406
b) Serg. Cristiano Antonio 923 Ren. portuale
c) Serg.Magg. Di Pierro Giovanni 2° Btg. 406

5. Will you kindly forward a report in respect of paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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Lieut., R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector L.C.Taranto

Copy to:- Commissariato Taranto
ADST, MMIA, Main HQ.

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Port Liaison Office TARANTO.
Report for w/E 24th June 44.

1. TORE JARL: The cargo from this ship was sorted and stacked at the depot under my supervision. The results of the final stock taking are set out in the acceptance note.

2. MARIETTA: A signal reporting the loading and despatch of this schooner has already been sent to M.M.I.A. I arranged with Gen. Lombardi that he should provide Gpt. for the depot, but this was 2 hrs. late. A written explanation has been called for.

W.R. Macdonald.
Lt. R.A.S.C.

25 June 44.

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REPORT BY LT. K. REELAND RASC., ST. L.O. LI[illegible]E SECTOR.
PERIOD = 14 to 24 JUNE 44.

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ST/75/3
2-21 June

MONTECATINI(TARANTO) SUPPLY DEPOT.

Frequent inspections of this Depot have been made since my last report. Incidents of note are summarized as follows:

1. Personnel.

Situation much improved. Capt. GRECO arrived 20 June 44. Strength of Depot on 23 June 44 was 7 Offrs. 14 NCO's & 40 OR's(includes 2 Offrs. 6 NCO's 10 OR's ~~xxx~~ temporarily attd).

2. Lighting.

Electric lighting has at last been installed in the field adjacent to ADOS Dump also in the Factory Building. A dress rehearsal of part of field lighting was held on 19 June 44 at 2200hrs. GEN. LOMBARDI was also present. Slight amendments have since been carried out and the work is now complete. The lights are effective.

3. Reorganisation.

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4. Guards.

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COMMISSARIATO, TARANTO.

LT.COL. D'ABRUZZO has been appointed Chief of the Commissariato, TARANTO. and he arrived this week.

ITALIAN PORT DETACHMENTS = BRINDISI & TARANTO.

1. 5 OR's have now been replaced. Replacement for 1 Sgt is being taken up by Capt;VENTRELLA.

2. Personnel have been engaged on checking Sups at MONTECATINI ex "TORE JARL" and also checking a small consignment loaded at TARANTO for SICILY(see Lt. CRAWFORD's report).

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TARANTO D.D.

1. Saw O.C.= Lt;DEPALO.
2. Depot was much cleaner than on my last visit. The main issuing room was in process of being whitewashed. The surrounding yard had been genera lly tidied and salvage was neatly stacked.
3. I suggested barrels of Fish be kept in an alternative room to avoid the smell contaminating other Sups and attracting flies.
4. 3 tins of Curry Pdr are on hand. These were received some months ago from a British Depot in error for Coffee and have just come to light. What action please?
Stocks of ITI Biscuits and ITI Meat are almost negligible.
5. Sacked Sups have now been pillar=stacked.
6. Feeding strength now 6000/7000 tps.

LECCE D.D.

1. Saw Major ~~Major~~ ALFARANO who was still in command on 16 June 44.(alleged to have been leaving on 1 June 44).
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3. Following points requiring attention were noted:
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(b) Bad food kept in many places(uncovered) instead of one central"dump".
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(d) Many Ta lly Cards missing.
(e) Still mountains of empty boxes, tins etc. surrounding Church Building.
(f) Latrines blocked and deplorable= exactly as a month ago.
(g) Forage Store just as bad as ever.
4. Referred matter to Ca pt. VENTRELLA. (Suggested he applied for ration scale for rats and mice!) I understand M;of W. then paid a visit and Major ALFARANO has been removed.

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SAN PANCRAZIO D.D.

1. Saw O.C. = Capt CALEMBRUN. Location now reduced to 9 small buildings, 3 of which are empty.

2. Depot in excellent order. Although clean, infested with flies due partly to bad area. Have asked Capt. VENTRELLA for supply of FLYSOL.

3. On June 17 there was 126,950 lbs of ITALIAN SUGAR on ha nd which has been in stock for over 6 months. Most of this is damp and in my opinion should have been issued by M.of W. prior to that received from Allied sources. This is also attracting many flies.

4. C.C. has purchased some rat traps and now has two cats in the Depot.

5. Forage on hand was:

BARLEY	4,436	lbs
OATS	55,720	"
MANGINE	3,467	"
CARCBS	134,503	"

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NO ~~xxxx~~ animals are now being fed from this Depot, units having moved awa y.

6. Feeding strength of tps reduced to 1,600.

7. O.C. has to send his own men away guarding rly wagons(similar case to MONTECATINI DEPOT reported last week).

GALATINA D.D.

1. Met new O.C.= 2/Lt GIGIOSO who took over from Capt GRECO two days previously.

2. Depot in good order ; stock quite small.

3. Feeding strength reduced to 1,100 tps.

4. Present strength of Depot personnel appears excessive i.e. 3 WO's 8 NCO's 16 OR's. It is considered that 1WO 4 NCO's 12 OR's would be ample.

TRICASE D.D.

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2. Very small Depot but untidy.

3. NO Tally Cards in existence(it is over 2 months since my last visit when I suggested they be introduced).

4. I inspected some British Biscuits which had been returned by Carabinieri as being unfit. There was nothing wrong with them whatsoever and I instructed the Sgt to reissue.

5. Feeding strength now reduced to less than 100 tps. I have suggested to Capt VENTRELLA that this be closed. Tps can draw from MAGLIE every 10 days. M.of W. agree. GEN. PELLIGRA states this will be done approx. end of month.

MAGLIE D.D.

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TRICASE D.D.

1. O.C. away in LECCE. Saw Sgt i/c.
2. Very small Depot but untidy.
3. NO Tally Cards in existence(it is over 2 months since my last visit when I suggested they be introduced).
4. I inspected some British Biscuits which had been returned by Carabinieri as being unfit. There was nothing wrong with them whatsoever and I instructed the Sgt to reissue.
5. Feeding strength now reduced to less than 100 tps. I have suggested to Capt VENTRELLA that this be closed. Tps can draw from MAGLIE every 10 days. M.of W. agree. GEN. PELLIGRA states this will be done approx. end of month.

MAGLIE D.D.

1. Depot clean and tidy as previously reported. Met O.C. Lt; MICELI.
2. Suggested barrels of Fish be moved to another store. Bad food on hand: ITI Biscuits 200 kilos, Brit.Biscuits 35 kilos, Flour(Canadian) 300 kilos. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I arranged for this to be sent to LECCE B.D. for analysis.
3. Stock of forage on hand: Oats 1,000 kilos
Barley 600 "
Mangime 900 "
Carobs 5,000 "

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BRINDISI D.D.

1. Saw Capt MAZZA and Lt.ANDRO(O.C.)
2. San Benedetto Building and flour store (Via Indipendenza) are now only buildings being used for Sups. Depot was fairly clean and tidy. Courtyard was very clean and clear of salvage. Salvage dump was untidy.
3. Bad food had been sent to LECCE.
4. Several Tally Cards were missing and others were not up to date. O.C. agreed to put in order.
5. Latrines are in poor state and are attracting flies. Capt MAZZA agreed to ask Engineers to put in order immediately. Shortage of water appears the trouble.
6. Majority of stacks were neat and well done. Stock is now low.
7. Capt. MAZZA(Commissariato) asks if MMIA can help him obtain some more necessary tools for boot repairing in BRINDISI. He has small supply of leather and nails. 24 men are allocated for this work.

Ask Ord

K. Peden

25 June 44.

Lieut.,RASC.,
MMIA Sector L.O. TARANTO.

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Subject: Pilfer s= Supplies despatched fr MONTECATINI DEPOT. 5/

6 Piazza St. Eligio,
OLD TARANTO.

LLO/3
18 June 44.

ST/75/3

PRESIDIO, TARANTO.
COMMISSARIATO, TARANTO.

1. Copy of report received from O.C. "B" Coy. 30 Som. L.I., subject as above, is forwarded for necessary action.

2. Although there is no definite proof that pilferage occurred, it is suggested that at busy times it might be possible for an extra sack of flour to be put onto a lorry unnoticed by Depot personnel, after completion of loading.

3. Will second addressee please arrange to check existing stock of flour in Montecatini Depot and report findings to this office.

Lieut., R.A.S.C.,
MMIA Sector L.C. Taranto.

Copy to: SI. MMIA., Tequile(LECCE).
O.C. "B" Coy., 30 Som. L.I.
67 S.I.B.

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Subject : Pilfering II/B/8

To The O.I. 30 Som. L.I.
67 S.I.B.
M.M.I.A.L.C. Lt W.H. Crawford

The following report is forwarded for your information:-

Sir,

Last Saturday IO June 44 I was informed by Sgt. Priddey i/c Static Guard San Nicola, that lorries were seen being driven from Italian Flour Depot at San Nicola slowing up at a certain spot a little distance from the hospital, and a sack of flour (presumably) thrown overboard into a convenient clump of long grass.

I contacted S.I.B. who asked me to find out some information, I therefore interviewed an Italian Colonel at the Depot concerned via an interpreter.

The Colonel seemed very little interested and asked what could he do?; The Italian sergeant checker who was loading trucks was an honest man, and the whole thing was impossible. There were no complaints of short loads from consignees Italian Navy Taranto Base.

I suggest it might be quite easy to load more than the consignment note states, a very old dodge.

The Depot is too big To have a complete and accurate stock check made.

Whilst this may, perhaps, be strictly outside our particular duties nevertheless the flour comes from Allied sources and it may be diverted into the Black Market where I believe it has a high value.

I Kept the area under supervision yesterday and today, but saw no incidents; I Searched the long grass previously mentioned but saw nothing.

It is possible that the racket is now carried on in a new area further on the journey.

Signed L.G. Sloman Pte.
Intelligence Section
So Som. L.I.

I4 June 44
Field

Major,
(T.W.C.Berles)
O.C. "B" Coy. 30 Som. L.I.

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REPORT BY LT. K. FREELAND RASC.,ST. L.O. LECCE SECTOR
PERIOD 7 to 13 JUNE 44.

J.I.R. - 3

GENERAL.

1. Due to difficulties experienced at MONTECATINI SUPPLY DEPOT in connection with Supplies received ex S.S."TORE JARL" it has been necessary for me to remain in TARANTO.

2. Lt. Crawford's report gives much information in connection with the discharge of the a/m ship and this is confirmed. Additional observations made by me are summarized as under.

ITALIAN PORT DETACHMENTS = BRINDISI & TARANTO.

1. 1 Sgt & 5 O.R.'s(as reported by me last week as being unsuitable) have not yet been replaced. This matter is urgent; particularly as a further Sgt is in hospital with Malaria.

2. It is early days to form an opinion of the 2 new Offrs recently joined.

3. Insufficient attention was paid by the ITI Port Det; to broken cases of Supplies on the quay(presumably because they had not taken delivery). Rounding up of these was usually left to MMIA personnel.

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(on orders of Presidio,Taranto)	1
On leave	1
In hospital	2
Cookhouse	2
Batmen	1
Offrs Mess	1
Office Clerk	1
Runner	1
Telephone excharge	3
Sentries for Offices, Billets etc	3
General duty men	33
TOTAL	

(c) It is ludicrous to expect the Depot Cmdr to control Issues & Receipts(the latter for 24 hrs per day) unless he

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is given the necessary men and is not forced to send them away guarding trucks. In my opinion, he requires at least 2 additional Sgts on his permanent establishment(from Sussistenza).

This situation was discovered on the afternoon of 9 June 44 when I complained to COL BALDINI of the lack of control for unloading lorries, sorting & stacking commodities etc. I immediately phoned GEN. LOMBARDI and requested him to visit the Depot in order that he should investigate and see the chaotic conditions himself. As a result, 1 Offr 5 Sgts & 10 men arrived on the following morning on temporary loan from Sussistenza,BARI.

2. Labour.
In the early stages the labour was slow and badly controlled. I complained to GEN. LOMBARDI. THis resulted in 1 Capt & 2 2/Lts being placed i/c the Labour. It was a great improvement; the Capt(Infantry) worked exceptionally hard and assisted in reorganising the stacks.

3. Pilferage:-
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5. Recovery.

Broken cases, inviting pilfering, were left all over the field until we suggested they be gathered together in one spot. These were later removed to a lockup.

5. Summary.

(a) We were informed that the ship had to be off=loaded in record time, in order to catch a convoy. At the beginning of discharge of the ship it became necessary for MMIA L.O's to "take over' the Depot as far as receipts were concerned(see Lt Crawford's report). COL. BALDINI dea lt with Issues. Had we not taken this ection,

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serious repercussions would inevitiably have resulted. As it was, the Docks authorities complained of delays to tpt and by rallying the Depot we accomplished the necessary object with only 2 hours to spare.

(b) Much reorganisation is now in progress, it being necessary to restack many of the Sups received. I have spent ~~xxxxxx~~ many hours there giving advice. Lt Crawford has informed the C.C. Depot that all must be finished by ~~xx~~ 15 June 44(rather optimistically!) in order to take stock and agree his figures. COL. BALDINI today received a request from the Italian War Ministry as to amounts received ex the ship just off-loaded. He has no idea, but this may hasten matters.

(c) It is imperative immediate action be taken by the Ministry of War to put"their house in order" as although running a Depot is a hea lthy occupation, it is not ~~xxxxxxxx~~ considered to be one of the duties of MMIA L.O.'s;...and incidentally has prevented me from ma king other inspections.

MMIA PERSONNEL.

All personnel have worked exceedingly well(12 hrs shifts Much interest has been taken.

H. Dale

13 June 44.

Lieut.,
ST; L.L.O.,MMIA.

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DIREZIONE LAVORI GENIO DEL IX C.A.
Ufficio Staccato di Taranto

Taranto, 7-6-44

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n° 5009 di prot.

Al Co/ANDO M.M.I.N.
Ufficiale Ordinatore
Direttore Lavori Piazza S.Elmo e
T a r a n t o

Oggetto: Impianto elettrico Capannoni Lavorazioni.

IMPIANTO INTERNO AI 1° E 2° CAPANNONE

Occorre il seguente materiale:
n.50 lampade da 150 volts, minimo 100 candele.
ml.200 di filo unipolare.

IMPIANTO ESTERNO DEI PALAZZI E DI UNO AI CAPANNONI

Occorre il seguente materiale:
n.25 lampade da 150 volts, minimo 100 candele.
n.25 portalampade.
n.10 interruttori.
ml.1000 di filo unipolare (cavetto militare nero)
n.4 pali da 5 m. di altezza.
n.10 isolatori grandi
n.5 kg. di chiodi da cm.5
n.25 cuffie di protezione per l'oscuramento.

IMPIANTO ELETTRICO DEL NUOVO CORPO DA EDIFICARE DEI CAPANNONI

n.25 pali da m.6 di altezza.
n.50 isolatori e grappe in ferro relative.
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n.25 riflettori
chiodame e materiale vario.

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Il Reggente l'Ufficio
p.Fabbricasi Ottorino)

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Manca il seguente materiale:
n.50 lampade da 150 volta,minimo 100 candele.
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IMPIANTO ESTERNO DEI FABBRICATI E IN CASA AI CAPPUCCINI

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TOLVE

Agatiello Lorenzo di Antonio	classe	1918
Becce Vito di Rocco Giuseppe	"	1918
Bilancia Antonio Luciano di Vincenzo	"	1918
Cortese Lorenzo di Rocco	"	1918
D'Alcia Domenico di Rocco	"	1918
Damone Rocco Vito di Matteo	"	1918
D'Eugenio Pasquale fu Canio	"	1918
Derrico Antonio Maria di Vito	"	1918
Grassi Domenico di Giuseppe	"	1918
Infantino Vito Michele Antonio di Pasquale	"	1918
Venezia Canio fu Giovanni	"	1918
Casaletti Domenico di Biagio	"	1919
Flore Domenico di Rocco Giuseppe	"	1919
Inserrato Giovanni di Rocco	"	1919
Lalopa Nicola di Antonio	"	1919
Molitarno Paolo di Pasquale	"	1919
Paradiso Donato di Vito	"	1919

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MMIA PORT LIAISON OFFICER TARANTO

Report on Discharge of Norwegian Ship "TORE JARL" (June 8-10 44)

1. GENERAL: This discharge was marred by a series of incidents, all of which could in my opinion have been averted by the Italians:
(a)On June 8, the first day of discharge, the ship was due to start discharging at 0700 hrs: necessary warning had been given to all Italian units concerned. I was on the quay at 0650; and by 0705 no member of the Italian Port Det. had arrived. At about 0715 I spoke with the officer i/c shift in the Office, and he explained that he was still awaiting part of the shift, who he presumed had not got up in time. An explanation was called for from Lt POLITO, who has taken the necessary disciplinary action. Luckily the ship did not dock till about 0800 hrs, but her lateness was not known to the Iti Port Det till about 0720.

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(c) The Depot Commander had previously been advised to make a second entrance in the field (for traffic circuit). He had done this, but for some reason had closed the original one.

(d) On the first morning, only 80 men out of 120 labour asked for had arrived: the second shift was 90 minutes late.

(e) Col Baldini has been compelled to lose some of his depot personnel for guard duties. I understand this matter is being taken up by Lt Freeland.

(f) On the afternoon of June 9 I entered the Field, to find several lorries awaiting discharge. In spite of this, only 10% of the labour was working; I saw two infy officers whom I understood to be in charge. They were comfortably seated in the shade of a tree. I asked for their names. One gave his, but the other refused. He

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afterwards explained that he was in charge of the Reception Post. Immediately after this, I was joined by Lt Col MORGAN (64 Pnr Gp) and Lt Freeland, who were visiting the Depot to see how the labour was getting on. Lt Col Morgan took the names of the officers, and is getting in touch with their Bn Commander for necessary action. Lt Col Morgan has been most helpful in all ways.

2. Condition of Cargo: Many cases, particularly those at the bottom of the ship, were discharged in a broken condition, and have been dealt with by the Recovery Sec of 1015 Docks Operating Coy. Commodities were discharged all mixed up, and as a result sorting and checking of net wts on the quay were impossible. This has been agreed to be done in the depot, in order to avoid delay and confusion on the quay. For notes on re-organisation and recovery in the Depot, see Lt Freeland's report. (It should be noted that this ship had to finish discharge to sail by 1400 June 10)

3. Italian Personnel: 2/Lts MASSINO and De POLI (Brindisi Det) have been substituted by 2/Lts NASCIMBENI and PISTONE.

4. ~~Things~~ NMIA Personnel: Things were not made any easier for the first 2 days by the illness of Sgt TUDOR, who is now quite recovered

Wtts. Crawford.
Lt R A S C .

12 June 44
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REPORT ON VISIT TO TARANTO - PERIOD 31 MAY TO 6 JUNE - BY LT.K. FREELAND RASC.,

ST. L.O. LECCE SECTOR.

GENERAL.

1. The following report may appear critical, but allowance should be made for the following facts:

(a) The Port Detachments of Brindisi and Taranto have experienced their first discharge ex ship.

(b) Lt. Polito(O.C.) broke his arm on the day prior to the ship berthing and worked throughout under extreme difficulty.

(c) 2/Lt. Lovera(Interpreter) who recently joined the Port Dets. is inexperienced and at times has misinterpreted instructions and proved a menace for this reason. It is suggested that SMRE be requested to replace him. It is only fair to say that he is a most willing worker, and the results are not intentional. The other interpreter is exceedingly good.

2. Lt. Crawford, Port L.O. has handled the situation very well under the circumstances. 2/Lt. Danioni of the Taranto Port Det. has proved himself very efficient.

3. The procedure for future shipments has been revised in the light of experienced gained during the week.

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4. Shortage of string and non-availability of packing needles were apparent. The latter resulted in many sacks being emptied which could easily have been repaired on the spot.

GUARDS.

1. It was noticed that guards were riding in the cab instead of in the back of the lorry. This was rectified.
2. At times, early on, some lorries were despatched unescorted due to shortage of Carabinieri. Matter was referred to GEN. LOMBARDI on two occasions and eventually rectified.
3. Guards on occasions refused to sign the convoy notes. GEN. LOMBARDI was requested to provide a Sgt.Major as i/c Guards. No trouble was experienced latterly in this respect.

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TRANSPORT.

1. Italians provided 16 lorries and Allied lorries varied between 20 and 40. Rlwy trucks were not used.

2. Early on, due road diversion en route to MONTECATINI DEPOT, there was some delay of return of lorries to Docks. On the 4th day normal route was working and there were few hold-ups from then on. The Depot was visited on many occasions and several lorries were always in process of being off-loading; there were few waiting.

3. The Docks Supt. has stated that he was pleased with the turn-round of lorries and the way things were handled generally.

ITALIAN PORT DETACHMENTS.

1. BRINDISI & TARANTO.

(a) There was some confusion over weights and a number of mistakes were made by the Sgts who were recording convoy notes. Punishments were awarded several personnel by ~~it~~ Lt. Polito for errors and also non-compliance of various orders.

(b) It was discovered that Lt. Polito was visiting the Depot each day and checking his daily summary of despatches with the Depots receipts. In cases where there was a difference(e.g. a pilfered case not noted on the convoy note), he was amending his records to agree with the Depot.

When discovered, this was stopped and it was pointed out to him that his original figures were final and binding. It was stressed to him that his men were responsible for observing these things on the quay, also that his job was on the Docks and not at the Depot. It was agreed however, that in exceptional cases whereby the Depot alleged a discrepancy, the receipted convoy note should be marked accordingly by them before being returned to Docks by the Guard on the vehicle. The Control Post on the Docks receiving such convoy notes were instructed to refer them immediately to MMIA representative for investigation.

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(c) On the 4th day the system of preparing convoy notes and checking out lorries was revised. Instead of convoy notes being made out at shipside (which proved impracticable), slips of paper ~~xxxxshewingxparticulars~~ shewing particulars and signed by the Port Det representative were handed to the guard i/c lorry and convoy notes were prepared at the Docks Gate. The Docks Op. Coy also checked all lorries out at this gate and by this method accurate record was maintained. No congestion was caused.

(d) GEN. LOMBARDI and COL.~~x~~CANFORA have been contacted on several occasions and have proved very helpful. They have agreed to and are arranging for the posting away of 2 Offrs,~~x~~ 1 Sgt and 5 O.R.'s from the Port Dets as being unsuitable for the type of work involved. The posting of the Offrs is the result of a report received by the War Ministry from HQ MMIA during discharge of the

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(e) Additional checkers were obtained from 923 Docks Opy Coy(Italian) on the 3rd day in view of rate of discharge of supplies. Over 1,400 convoy notes were prepared during the 6 days of discharge.

BARI.

Bari Port Det. arrived a.m. on the 4th day and gave valuable assistance having had previous experience. 2/Lt Cola deserves special mention. The Det returned to Bari p.m. 3 June 44.

MONTECATINI DEPOT.

1. This has been visited every day. Chaos at first prevailed, but improvement was noticed during the course of the week.

2. In my opinion, the Depot is under-staffed as regards Officers. 1.Col & 3.2/Lts are on the strength(as reported on phone to HQ MMIA). Receipts were continuous throughout the night.

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SUBJECT:- Consumption of Italian items of Ration Scale.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/75/3

17 April 45.

MMIA LO 52 AREA.

Reference your report 25, Section G: please confirm when all items mentioned by you have been issued to units from BRINDISI DD.

HDC/gmc

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

Taranto Report. No. 25.

ACTION SLIP

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TO	SIGHT	ACTION	INFORMATION
A.D.S.T.	✓		
D.A.D.S.	✓		Sect G - Check next report for confirmation of Italian Items to be removed.
D.A.D.T.			
STAFF/~~SECT~~. Capt NSU	✓		
ACCOUNTS			
2 i/c			
G.1			
A.Q.			

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SUBJECT :- Fortnightly Reports
No 25, Period 5-20 April

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(L.F.L.A.)
c/o H.Q. 5th Area
TT6/1

To : Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(L.F.L.A.) F O R A

2nd April 45

Herewith is forwarded Report as above.
for TARAWA Sector.

"S & T. MIWA.

Lieut. Colonel
Asst. P.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(L.F.L.A.) 32 ARMY

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR TARANTO PERIOD WEEK ENDING 20 APRIL 45 REPORT N° 25

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	See Port Dst.Officer's Report (attached)
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	Daily pack received from GS GRASC Supply Units, (26 BSD and 46 BSD)
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	See (1) above.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	See (2) above.
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	Satisfactory.
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) Labour conditions satisfactory. (ii) Port Dst. R.A.S.C. still at Depot. They render daily report on pack train to 22 GHQSD(See attached Port Dst.Officer's Report.)
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE,CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE [illegible] (Supporting Instruction N°3)

during period under report?

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Satisfactory.

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(i) Labour conditions satisfactory.

(ii) Port Det. T.A.S.C. still at Depot. They render daily report on pack train to 22 DRASC(See attached Port Det.Officer's Report.)

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

Yes.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE,CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Adequate reserves of all items. Surplus items, e.g. Dehyd.Veg., Semolina etc, being withdrawn under arrangement with Adriatic Base Depot.(HQ-MTA signal Q-1140 dated 5 April 45 refers).

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

2. Yes.

See my TLC/5 dated 11 April for Despatches ex Sector.
Also, Weekly Local Resources Returns.

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	Consignee, see	
DAILY PACT	Estimate date of completation	
Supplies for ITALIAN NAVY	Nature of cargo	
	Any difficulties Experienced?	

No difficulties experienced during the period under review.

Section of N° 10 Port Det. R.A.N.S. still carrying out daily check on Wagons arriving from 28 and 66 F.O.P.
No pilferages reported in last 14 days, only normal Discrepancies.

[signature]
C.S.O.
R.A.N.S.C.

6. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

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Name of ship NIL

Convoy N° --

E.T.A. --

Tonnage of Cargo --

Manifest

Received /____/ Not received /____/

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REPORT Nº. 25. Montecatini (TARANTO) BULK DEPOT.
(Deposito Viveri Centrale.)
Officer i/c: CAPT. [illegible], F.
Date of Inspection: 15 APRIL, 1945.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under covers?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes, where possible.
6. Is turnover ensured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes, issues made from oldest stocks to ensure constant turn-over.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stacks at present time.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stacks?	Yes.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Negligible: analyst Commission held monthly to dis--pose of unfit-for-consumption items.
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Yes, under lock and key, in separate building.

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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?	Negligible: Analyst Commission held monthly to dis--pose of unfit-for-consumption items. yes,under lock and key, in separate building.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes, very clean and tidy: C.C.Depot is always very systematic in this respect.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Dog,cats,traps.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	yes, buildings are entirely surrounded and protected .
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them ad quate?	Carabinieri guards provided: adequate.

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

16. Are fire pre=cautions adequate & is d.not on the telephone? Yes.

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked			Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Stock N°.	N°. of SACKS.	KGS		
1.	137.	13224.800		
2.	410	39067.296		
3.	160	15293.736		
4.	75	7234.500		
5.	104	9742.700		
6.	76	7243.608		
7.	58	5527.480		
8.	102	9715.040		
9.	17	672.496		
		78133.632		

Remarks :- 78133.632..As per Stock Book, close of business.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts — As previously stated.
   b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? Nil.

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No.	SACKS.	LBS			
1.	127.	13224.600			
2.	420	30067.296			
3.	160	11883.716			
4.	73	3951.300			
5.	105	8712.900			
6.	76	2065.608			
7.	58	2627.400			
8.	122	7313.960			
9.	12	1698.190			
		79122.622			

Remarks :- 79122.622..As per Stock Book, close ofbusiness.

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
   a. Receipts (a) As previously stated.
   b. Despatches (b)

19. Any labour problems? Nil.

20 Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed? Yes: (see Port DMT.Officer's Report) 1502

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

22. General. No.2.COURSE for Supply Officers commences on 18 APRIL.

Major ENGELMAN. AHQ. visited this DEPOT on ~~APR~~ 17 Apr., in connection with release of certain items to Adriatic Base Depot, and appeared to be suitably impressed. (See B.O.)

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REPORT No. 22.

TARANTO(Tambuei) Dist.Depot
Liaison I/c: T.S.N. (O.R.)
Depot Visit. 18 April, '44.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? — Yes.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? — Yes.

3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use? — Yes, but in some cases had not been brought up to date. I/c told to rectify.

4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover? — Yes.

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates? — Yes, where Practicable(see 6.)

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first? — Yes. Small stocks held and issued within 12 mths.

7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour) — Yes.

8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? — No outdoor stocks.

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks? — Broken cases sent to Bulk Depot for repair.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian — All stock suspected as unfit for consumption returned to Bulk Depot, for disposal by monthly Commission.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes. Small stocks held and issued within 14 days.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Broken cases sent to Bulk Depot for repair.
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?	All stock suspected as unfit for consumption returned to Bulk Depot, for disposal by monthly Commission.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes, satisfactory.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Trans. 2 Cats.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes, adequate.
14. What guard arrangements exist. & do you consider them adequate?	As previously reported, adequate.

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

16. Are fire pre= ceutions ed quate ? is denot on the telephone? Yes. Telephone N°.3115.

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked COFFEE.	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found Kgs	lbs.
30 x 60-lbs cases	Tinned Ground Coffee:	515.20	1140
20 x 30-lbs "	" " "	344.280	760
3 x 3-lbs tins	" " "	4.077	9
32 1/2 Sacks, various wts,	Roasted Coffee Beans:	43.875	1021
Loose, in Issue Store;		4.000	9
		1911.432	3779
	As per Stock Book:	1712.252	3770
	Deficiency (nagligible) attributed to issues to nearest round figure.	0.472	--

Remarks :- 3/5 Rate on some Roasted Coffee showed 2/45, but this commodity was adjudged quite fit for issue: instructed T/C to issue as soon as possible.

Tally Card for Coffee not completed: C i/c rectified.

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

19. Any labour problems? Nil.

20 Are rail cars

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30 x 38-lbs cases	Tinned	"	"	4.077	9
20 x 38-lbs "	"	"	"	843.075	1861
3 x 2-lbs tins				4.000	2
32 1/2 Sacks, various	Roasted Coffee Beans:			1711.812	3779
Loose,	In Issue Store:			1712.289	3779
	As per Stock Book:			0.477	--
	Deficiency (negligible) attributed to issues to nearest round figure.				

Remarks :- 3/3 Date on some TINNED COFFEE Showed 2/43, but this commodity was adjudged quite fit for issue: instructed C/C to issue as soon as possible.

Tally Card for Coffee not completed: 0 i/c rectified.

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(b)
a. Receipts — As previously reported.
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? — Nil.

20 Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & seales? — N/A.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? — N/A.

22. General. — No TPT problems now, as C i/c is able to obtain trucks, as and when required, on demand from 'A' sln. allocated to Taranto ATSA.

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REPORT No.29.

BRINDISI Dist.Depot.
Officer i/c:Ten.MANOLA,S.
Date of Visit: 11 APRIL,45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes;
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes .
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	As far as possible.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Stocks turned over within 15 days.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Yes; Separate shed for contaminating and bad foods.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Only Wine Barrels are stored in the open courtyard, but these are well protected against possible theft or tampering.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes, as in previous Report.
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?	Approx: 50 Kgs, P.Beet. " 20 " Tomato Paste See para:7, above.

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With Warranty Expiry dates?	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Stocks turned over within 15 days.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Yes; Separate shed for contaminating and bad foods.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Only Wine Barrels are stored in the open courtyard, but these are well protected against possible theft or tampering.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes, as in previous Report.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Approx: 50 Kgs, P.Meat. " 20 " Tomato Paste
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	See para:7, above.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes:more stringent Anti-Fly precautions recommended to C i/c. 1989
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Adequate
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Adequate precautions taken.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	as previously reported, adequate.

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

Yes: in Guard Room at entrance to Depot courtyard.

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

Sand and Water Buckets available. Military Telephone.

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
TINNED FISH.		
Pnd Salmon: 15 x 48-lbs cases.		
21 x 48-lbs " (ex LUCID D.D.)		
27 x 1-lb tins.		
Pnd Herring: 56 x 48-lbs cases.		
31 x 48-lbs " (ex LUCID D.D.)		
52 x 42-lbs " " " "		
38 x 15-ozs tins.		
TOTAL....7710-lbs 6-ozs. = Kgs3507.290		
After adding Day's Issues, Stock Book and Tally Cards' Figures AGREED.		

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
   a. Receipts (a)
   b. Despatches (b)

As previously reported.

19. Any labour problems?

Extra labour obtained through Presidio when required.

20. Any mail acre

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Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
TINNED FISH.		
Tnd Salmon: 15 x 48-lbs cases.		
21 x 48-lbs " (ex LECCE D.D.)		
27 x 1-lb tins.		
Tnd Herring: 52 x 45-lbs cases.		
31 x 45-lbs " (ex LECCE D.D.)		
52 x 42-lbs " " "		
38 x 15-ozs tins.		
TOTAL....7710-lbs 6-ozs. = Kgs3507.290		
After adding Day's Issues, Stock Book and Tally Cards' Figures AGREED.		

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts
   b. Despatches

As previously reported.

19. Any labour problems?

Extra labour obtained through Presidio when required.

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

N/A.

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

Presidio allocates Trt when required.

22. General: Points discussed with O i/c.
   (a). Disposal of stocks of Italian origin before Allied items.
   (b). Issues to Air Force units to be recorded on reverse of form SD/12.
   (c). Removal of stocks ex LECCE, to be completed immediately: completed
   (d). Too much WINE held in Depot: agreed to take up with Comm/to. (see. G.)

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	SUPERGATO: " 2940 SUGAR: " 7206	DIST and distribu-ted thro' Sector as quickly as possible.	
11	Drawing of rations for attached personel.(MMIA's G/1-77 of 7 April refers	Procedure outlined & discussed; confirmed later in my CCC/10 of 11 April.	
	Exact state of "CONTRATTO PRESTITO TARANTO" investigated. (MMIA signal D/2500 dated 10 Apr refers)	Checked that while in fact part of CONTRO MISTO, St.Angelo, drawing for 9 officers, 20 OMs.	
12th	MINIST of holding too much wine	Comm/to told to disperse to other Depots.	
14th	Despatch of Cigarettes and Soap to NAPLES. ('phone conversation, DEST-BONDT-MASON refers)	All available supplies, over and above Sector needs up to end of MAY, to be sent forward.	MX signals SM/113 of 13th SM/126 of 23rd refer.
14th	Amdt to Ration Scale Flour in lieu of Rice, MMIA's S/G/5 of 10 Apr refers.	Comm.to to instruct Depots accordingly.	
	Purchase by Italian Military of Rationed Civ-Food-stuffs(MMIA's G/1-78 dated 10 Apr refers)		
17th	Travel Rations: issue of additional items. (MMIA's G/1-80 of 10 Apr refers)		4987
20th	Proposed closing of Montecatini R.D. MMIA's ST/53/20 dated 17 April refers.	Discussed with Comm/tc and Italian Navy's views obtained.	MX 510/3 dated 23 April refers.

General. Courses for supply Officers:
1st Course finished 16th April.
2nd " commenced 19th April (one ABSCONDED,-MX signal SM/111 of 19th refers.)

L.L. Dimock-Mason Capt RA.S.C.

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SECTOR TARANTO WEEK ENDING 5 APRIL REPORT N° 24

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

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

Nil : See Port Det. Officer's Report.

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

Daily Pack received from 22 CRASC.

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

See Port Det. Officer's Report.

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

See (2)

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

Daily Pack Train adequately marked (but see 6 (ii))

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) Labour satisfactory.

(ii) Pilferage and Discrepancies have led to the arrival at S.D. of Section of N° 10 Port Det. RASC. from 22 CRASC. (their 8/7L dated 30 Mar 45 refers). On 31 Mar, and 2 Apr, 2 Pilferages occurred in transit, and were checked in the presence of representatives of WMIA, Italian Army, and N° 10 Port Det., and subsequently reports rendered.

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

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

See (2)

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

Daily Pack Train adequately marked (but see 6 (ii))

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) Labour satisfactory.

(ii) Pilferage and Discrepancies have led to the arrival at S.D. of Section of N° 10 Port Det. RASC. from 22 GR SC. (their 8/74 dated 30 Mar 45 refers). On 31 Mar, and 2 Apr, 2 Pilferages occurred in transit, and were checked in the presence of representatives of MMIA, Italian Army, and N° 10 Port Det., and subsequently reports rendered.

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

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N°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: action now being initiated to eliminate surplus Stocks and maintain adequate reserves.

2. Is POL position ditto?

Yes.

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

See my TIO/5 dated 31st MARCH for Despatches ex Sector during period 17 - 30 March.
Also weekly Local Resources Return.

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO PERIOD WEEK ENDING 2 APR REPORT N° 2

PORT WORKING

Ships Loading

Ships Discharging

BY RAIL Name

See Daily Signals and ST 3 Accountings Notes Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Sun. Unite) Consigner/nee

SICILY DAILY PACK Estimate date of completetion

RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY. Nature of cargo

Any differcultiies exnerienced?

Owing to the large amount of Pilferages, and Discrepancies, occurring daily in the Italian Navy Pack, N° 16 Port Detachment F.A.S.O. arrived at Montecatini Depot, to carry out duties of checking Rly wagons arriving from British S.S.P.s (27, 28 and 46 S.S.P.s) reference letter 8/74 5(th March 43 from 22 C.R.A.S.C.(Sun. Unite) to this office.

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See Daily Sigs. re and
ST 2 Acceptance Notes Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Sup. Units) Consigner/nee

SIXTY DAILY PACK Estimate date of completetion

RATIONS FOR ITALIAN NAVY. Nature of cargo

Any differculties experienced?

Owing to the large amount of Differences, and Discrepancies, occurring daily in the Italian Navy Pack, N° 10 Port Detachment R.A.S.C. arrived at Montecatini Depot, to carry out duties of checking Rly wagons arriving from British R.S.D.s (27, 28 and 46 R.S.D.s) Reference letter B/74 30th March 45 from 22 C.R.A.S.C.(Sup. Units) to this office.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of ship NIL

Convoy N° _____

E.T.A. _____

Tonnage of cargo _____

Manifest

Received ☐ Not received ☐

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TARANTO (Montecatini B.D.)
Officer i/c Cpt.GRIECO F.
Date of visit : 4 April 45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

3. Are stacks 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 stocks 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?

See previous Reports

- Satisfactory.

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

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

8. Are outdoor stocks 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?

11. Is depot clean and tidy? Yes.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

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

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

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

Yes.

16. Are fire pre= cautions ade quate & is direct on the telephone?

Yes.

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked			Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Trust Pork Sausages in Depot	6zabo	lbs	Nil.	Nil.
Trust Pork Sausage in Books and as per Tally Cards.	6zabo	lbs		

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) as in previous reports
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

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19. Any labour problems?

Nil.

See Port Det. Officers Report re Pilferages.

Trust Pork Sausages in Depot	6-3½2 lbs	Nil.	Nil.
Trust Pork Sausage in Books and as per Tally Cards.	6-3½2 lbs		

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of Semet in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
   a. Receipts
   b. Despatches

(a) as in previous reports
(b)

19. Any labour problems?

Nil.

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

See Port Det. Officers Report re Pilferages. Indent for Acme Seals and wire rendered in accordance with 52 Area Orders Serial N°26/193 dated 30 Mar 45. Seals of Italian make, previously used, are much inferior quality.

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

As per previous Report

22. General.

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TARANTO DEPOT (TAMBURI D.D.)
Officer i/c Lieut. TOSELLI
Date of visit: 4 Apr 45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Contd)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	See previous reports
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes.
6. Is turnover secured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually sent spirating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	As for previous report.
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?	(a) Negligible all sent to B.T. for Condemnation, held on 29 Mar. (b) Yes.

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with Warranty Expiry dates?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

As for previous report.

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

(a) Negligible all sent to S.P. for Commission, held on 2nd Floor.

(b) 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?

Yes.

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?

As in previous report

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

As previous reports.

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

Yes.

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

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted un where sentries can see them? — As per last report

16. Are fire pre= cautions adequate & is direct on the telephone? — Yes. Telephone No. 301?

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked		Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
SUGAR	Mas		
1/2 Sacks x 100-lbs	305,200		
Loose sugar	50,000		
Loose sugar	41,000	NIL.	NIL.
Correct with Books	Total Mas 676,200		

Remarks :-

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

— as in previous report

19. Any labour problems? — NIL.

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13 Sacks x 100-lbs	588,900		
Loose sugar	50,000	NIL.	NIL.
Loose sugar	41,000		
Correct with Books	Total Kgs 679,900		

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) as in previous report
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? NIL.

20 Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & seales? N/A

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

22. General. Officer i/c is preparing for 5 days instruction of those officers now attending course No 1 at Montecatini Bulk Depot.

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BRINDISI D.D.
Officer i/c Ten.MANCIA S.
Date of visit : 3 April 45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Stocks issued within 15 days.
7. Are mutually conflicting goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Separate shed for bad food.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	As Report Nº 23
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?	Nil.

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5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Stocks issued within 15 days.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Separate shed for bad food.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	As Report No 23
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?	Nil.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Adequate
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 report 23

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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 checks"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Tomato Catsup in Books	1472,534 Kgs	
Tomato Catsup in Depot and as per Tally Sheet	1472,534 Kgs	Nil. Nil.

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
   a. Receipts (a)
   b. Despatches (b)
— As previous reports

19. Any labour problems? — As report 23

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Commodities Checked		Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Tomato Cetsup in Books	1472,534 Kgs	Nil.	Nil.
Tomato Cetsup in Depot and as per Tally Sheet	1472,534 Kgs		

Remarks :-

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

As previous reports

19. Any labour problems?

As report 23

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

As report 23 N/A

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

As report 23

22. General.

This Depot seems under very good control. As stated (para.6) elsewhere, Stocks ex LECCE D.D. have been absorbed into this depot. LECCE D.D. ceased issues on 31 Mar.45, but removal of certain foodstuffs unavoidably held up through non-availability of Lgt. Coml Vs. say it will be completely closed by 14 Apr.

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6. Visits to Head or Base Commissariats. Etc. WTO

Date of visit	Points raised	Action taken by Navy.	Action required by A.M.L.
26 Mar 45	Closure of L.BDS P.D. Commissariato ask whether clothing depot is to move also to [illegible]	Phoned HQ 1 TA & spoke to Col Balch. Matter referred to Chaplain who say depot to remain.	(See General Remarks re BRINDISI Report.)
28 Mar	Difficulty being experienced re tot for move of depot supplies (see report re [illegible] P.D.)	Commissariato & Sit. Re bid for wagons or allocate road unt.	
29 Mar	Manufacture of Macaroni only Semolina flour to be used. (HQ MTA's O/S/13-25 dated 24 Mar 45 refer)	Commissariato informed and confirmed in writing (T.O/10 dated 29 Mar)	
3 Apr 45	Manufacture of Macaroni for Italian Navy - Semolina at present issued in bulk for own manufacture.	Suggested cessation of issue of semolina to Navy.	A.M.L. to asked for Semolina per telephone instruct. Lieut. Agreement to be issued re issue of semolina flour stopped w.e.f. 1 Apr.
2 Apr.	Confirmed with Maj. TURI arrangements for start of first course for Supply Officers at [illegible] on 3rd April	Checked arrivals on morning of 3rd; three officers were absent: later one returned on.	A.M.L. informed and Commissariato informed. No. of names of those absent.
4 Apr	Release of Supplies to Adriatic Base Depot. (HQ MTA signal Q-140 dated 3 April refers)	Commissariato informed and asked for breakdown of Dehydrated Vegetables.	Adriatic P.D. will advise us when they are ready to collect
5 Apr	Weevil-infested Flour received ex 2P BSD	Considered fit for issue. Instructed to issue immediately.	
5 Apr	As requested by MTA LO 54 Area, representative of Commissariato, sent to [illegible]	Loading list and Manifest obtained and documents for-	

	24 Mar 45 refrs)	in writing(TIO/10 dated 28 Mar)	
3 Apr 45	Manufacture of Macaroni for Italian Navy - Same line at present issued in bulk for own manufacture.	Suggested cessation of issue of semoline to Navy.	HQ MMIA asked for ruling. As per telephone instruct 'Macaroni' to be issued & issue of Semoline flour stopped w.e.f. 2 Apr.
2 Apr.	Confirmed with Com.TURI arrangements for start of first course for Supply Officers at [illegible] on 3rd April	Checked arrivals: on morning of 3rd; three officers were absent; later one turned in.	HQ MMIA informed and Commissariato informed M.L. of names of those absent.
4 Apr	Release of Supplies to Adriatic Base Depot.(HQ MMIA signal Q-140 dated 3 April refers)	Commissariato informed and asked for breakdown of Dehydrated Vegetables.	Adriatic B.D. will advise us when they are ready to collect
5 Apr	Weevil-infested Flour received ex 28 BSD	Considered fit for issue. Instructed to issue immediately.	
5 Apr	As requested by MMIA LO 54 Area, representative of Commissariato, sent to BRINDISI to check loading of Shipment of Supplies ex 28 BSD for BRITAIN.	Loading list and Manifest obtained and documents forwarded to MMIA 54 Area.	

GENERAL :- Comando Presidio Militare, TARANTO, have received instructions to establish a Welfare Centre for Italian troops. The house at present occupied by Commissariato is considered most suitable, so they have been requested to move. This has been agreed to, provided that adequate alternative accomodation can be found.

W.e.f. 6 APRIL, MMIA offices TARANTO will be located at 97 Corso Umberto, as existing offices in NAVY HOUSE are now required by the Navel authorities. Telephone no. remains uncharged.

Thanks for C.A. Risley
N.F.A. Lobb

E.L. Mann-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) 52 Area

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MMIA SAT SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR TARANTO PERIOD BEGIN ENDING 21st MARCH REPORT Nº 22

A. Handover of Supplies (by Ships or Allied Depots).

S & T. Secn.
Recd 27 Mar
File ST/

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	Nil.	
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	See daily stock State signals re despatches	All allied supplies received from 22 CRASC ✓
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?		
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?		
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	Not applicable. ✓	
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) Satisfactory ✓	
	(ii) Satisfactory, except for 2 large Pilferages : See reverse of report on Bulk Depot for details. ✓	
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes.	

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE WORDING OF THE [illegible] TO BE PUT POST WEEKLY REPORT (See Operation Instruction Nº2)

depots have been worked during period under report?

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

Not applicable. /

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) Satisfactory /

(ii) Satisfactory, except for 2 large pilferages : See reverse of report of Bulk Depot for details./

7. Has documentation of Handover : erection of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

Yes.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating 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?

Yes. (See daily stock State) over 30-days Reserve held except for

F.Meat	}	23 days
T.Fish	}	
T.Cheese		24 days

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

See my TLC/5 dated 17 Mar 45 for despatches during period 3 - 16 March.

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FORT ATTINI Bulk Depot,
TARANTO.
Officer i/c : Dent. CRIGG R.
Date of Visit: 19 March 45

6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	See previous reports
5. Are goods marked with Warrant Expiry dates?	Satisfactory.
6. Is turnover secured 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 stacks?	
10. How much stock is there awaiting dispossal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	(a) Negligible in Bulk Depot: Last commission held 1 Mar 45; Next commission will be held at beginning of next month. (b) Yes.

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

(a) Negligible in Bulk Depot:
Last commission held 1 per 4?:
Next commission will be held at beginning of next month.

(b) Yes.

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

Yes.

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

As per previous reports.

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?

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 un where sentries can see them?

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

17. "Spot checks"

As per last report.

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
SUGAR	Kgs	
Stack (1) 24 sacks as per Tally Board:	= 1248.960	
" (2) 410 " " " "	= 21347.496	
" (3) 149 " " " "	= 7757.388	
" (4) 122 x 100 lbs "	= 5526.600	
" (5) 76 x 60 lbs "	= 2065.680	
" (6) 39 Sacks "	= 1986.000	
" (7) 128 x 60 lbs "	= 3479.040	
" (8) 91 Sacks "	= 4167.345	
" (9) 6 x 80 lbs "	= 217.440	
~~" (10) 19 Sacks "~~	~~= 970.380~~	
" (11) 366 x 100 lbs " "	= 16579.800	
	80715.701	

Checked and found CORRECT with Stock Book, 19 Mar 45.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)

a. Receipts
b. Despatches

As in previous reports.

19. Any labour problems?

Nil.

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				Kgs
Stock	SUGAR (1) 54 sacks as per Telly Board:		=	1508.300
"	(2) 410 " " " "		=	30067.396
"	(3) 149 " " " "		=	14347.400
"	(4) 122 x 100 lbs "		=	5526.600
"	(5) 76 x 60 lbs "		=	2069.680
"	(6) 39 Sacks "		=	1986.000
"	(7) 128 x 60 lbs "		=	3479.040
"	(8) 91 Sacks "		=	4167.545
"	(9) 6 x 80 lbs "		=	217.440
"	(10) 15 Sacks "		=	136.300
"	(11) 366 x 100 lbs "	"	=	16578.800
	Remarks:			80715.701

Checked and found CORRECT with Stock Book, 19 mar 45.

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

(a) (b) As in previous reports.

19. Any labour problems?

Nil.

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

See remarks at (22) re wagons received loading of Wagons and despatch satisfactory.

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

Since last report (N° 22) Lin. of War have given instructions in their 4593/S/1 dated 6 Mar, to the Direz.Generale Artiglieria e Delle Motorizzazione (Rome) for the replacement of the two vehicles at the Depot, but they have not yet been replaced.
MAJ A DC GAMI asked to "Chivvy" Comm.Automobilistico ZAMI, into action (19/3/45).

22. General.

P.T.O.

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The following pilferage have been reported on Wagons Received from 46 B.S.D.

(1) 18 MARCH 45 : Wagon N° 7100739 in transit to Bulk Depot ex 46 B.S.D. found to have seals broken and Stores missing as under :-

3	Cases	Coffee at 38-lbs, Total	114	lbs
17	"	Tomato Paste at 39 lbs Total	663	lbs
1	"	Cheese at 96-lbs	" 96	"
17	Sacks	Sugar	" 1712	"
4	"	Rice at 130-lbs	" 595	"

(2) 19 MARCH 45 : Wagon N° 1001908, in transit to Bulk Depot ex 46 B.S.D. found to have seal broken, and supplies missing as under :-

47 Cases, Salmon at 48-lbs Total 2256 lbs

In both cases, pilferage reports, together with relevent statements from representatives of RAIs and Italian Army present at time of discovery, have been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for information and investigation.

It is believed to be the work of an organised gang, as these pilferages are far in excess of the usual amounts.

E. L. Norman-Mason.

Capt. A.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) 52 Area

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Report No:-23. TARAW (Tembuni) D.P.

Officer i/c: TEN. TROUT,

Date of Visit: 10 MARCH, '45.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	As per last report, No.22.
6. Is turnover secured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	-----ditto----------
7. Are mutually suit orimating goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor Stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	As per last Report, No.22.
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. All Suspected Stocks returned to Bulk Depot to await Commission to be held at the end of the month. N/A.

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with Warranty Expiry dates?	As per last report, No. —
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	-----ditto----------
7. Are mutually dent arinsting goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor Stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery / Selvage Section to sort & recose broken stocks?	As per last Report, No.22.
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. All Suspected Stocks returned to Bulk Depot to await Commission to be held at the end of the month. N/A.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	As per last Report, No.22.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	-----Ditto------ Adequate.
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them ad-quate?	6/6 -------Ditto--------

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C. (continued)

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate... Yes, adequate.
& is direct on the telephone? Telephone No: 3019.

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
COFFEE.		
	Yes: lbs.	
Tinned Coffee:	26,240 : 80	
Coffee Beans.		
(Roasted):	854,227. : 1967	
	881,223 : = 1967...As per Tally Board.	
	880,964 : ....As per Stock Sheet	
	0,259 : ....SURPLUS NEGLIGIBLE; attributed to issuing to nearest round figure.	

Remarks :-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) As previous report;
(b) --ditto--
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? No.

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20. Any railways...

Coffee Beans. (Roasted)	854.007.	:=	1967
	907.232	:=	1967...As per Tally Board.
	900.961	....	As per Stock Sheet
	0.369	....	SURPLUS NEGLIGIBLE; attributed to issuing to nearest round figure.

Remarks :-

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

(a) As previous report;

(b) --ditto--

19. Any labour problems?

No.

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

N/A.

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

Tot situation, as reported in previous report has improved considerably, and a fairly reliable veh now operates daily between Bulk and Distribution Depots.

22. General.

Roadway has now dried up ,and is comparatively usable, though Commando Genio have not yet started to repair it.

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Report; N° 23

LECCE Distribution Depot
Officer i/c Capt. ANNIC HIARICO
Date of Visit : 13 MARCH 45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	See previous report.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See previous report.
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?	Analyst Commission held today (13 March) at LECCE D.D.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See previous report.
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?	Analyst Commission held today (13 March) at LECCE D.D.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	
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 per previous report. Comendo Territoriale BARI have not supplied Military Personnel with arms yet: agreed to expedite: civilian guards have been provided with truncheons and sticks.

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate ? is depot on the telephone? — Yes. Telephone 1232

17. "Snot checks"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Tinned Fish	Lbs	
T.Herrings : 57x 42 lb Cases =	2394	
30x 14 ozs Tins =	26 1/4	
T.Salmon 35x 45 lb Cases =	1575	
36x 48 lb "	1728	
	5723 1/4 =	2592.632 Kgs
Awaiting Condemnations: 13/3/45	=	51.191 Kgs

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts — As previous reports
   b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? — Satisfactory

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Checked		Found	Found
		Lbs	
Tinned Fish			
T.Herrings :	57x 42 lb Cases =	2394	
	30x 14 ozs Tins =	26 1/4	
T.Salmon	35x 45 lb Cases =	1575	
	36x 48 lb "	1728	
		5723 1/4	= 2592.632 Kgs
			= 51.191 Kgs
Awaiting Condemnation: 13/3/45			

Remarks :-

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

(c) (b)

As previous reports

19. Any labour problems?

Satisfactory

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

Not applicable

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

Satisfactory

22. General. TOBACCO.

Despatches ex LECCE Factory for TARANTO Sector 90 qli
Amount required to be despatched for MARCH : [redacted] qli
Despatched during period : 40 qli.

(Balance was to have come ex BARI, but was cancelled by agreement with LO. BARI, in view of existing ample stocks) H

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BRINDISI Dist.Depot.
officer i/c Ten. MANCIA Salvat.
Date of Visit: 20 MARCH 45

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies promptly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stocks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Stocks issued within 15 days, and not held long; date given by S.O.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes: stocks not held long: drawn every 15 days.
7. Are mutually sent erincting goods kept well apart? (eg.Onions & Flour)	Yes : Separate shed for bad food.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section, to sort & recase broker stocks?	Yes: 2 Female Workers for sewing up sacks, etc.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian	10 Kgs TOMATO PASTE) TARANTO 7 " COFFEE) 40 " P.MEAT LECCE 3 " TEA

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with Warranty Expiry dates?	not Held long; date given by B.D.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes: stocks not held long: drawn every 15 days.
7. Are mutually cont aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes : Separate shed for bad food.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes; 2 Female Workers for sewing up sacks, etc.
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?	10 Kgs TOMATO PASTE) 7 " COFFEE (TARANTO 40 " P.MEAT) 3 " TEA LECCE
11. Is depot clean and tidy	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Adequate
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 4 men: only at night. armed. Adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted un where sentries can see them?	Yes.
16. Are fire pre=cautions ad quate & is denot on the telephone?	Yes.
17. "Spot checks"	

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
IN STOCK 2949,565 T.CHEESE { in Books 2949,565 Kgs	NIL.	NIL.

Remarks :-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatches	(a) (b)	As per last report
19. Any labour problems?		C. i/c Depot asks for extra labour when Lecce closes down.

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IN STOCK	2049,565		
T.CHEESE	{ in Books 2049,565 Kgs	NIL.	NIL.

Remarks :-

18. What is the Handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts
   b. Despatches

As per last report

19. Any labour problems?

C. i/c Depot asks for extra labour when Lecce closes down.

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

N.A.

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

Transport main difficulty.
(See previous reports)

22. General.

This Depot has improved a great deal

(1) 90 Quintals of Dried Fruit (Figs) not in very good condition received from Taranto B.D.: instructed to issue immediately.

(2) No stocks received from LECCE yet : Commissariat o instructed to hasten compliance with HQ MMIA orders (in ST/53/6 dated 3 Mar 45).

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C. Visits to Head of Section for despatch. (Mai. CARBONO.Nicola)

Date of visit	Remarks	Action taken by Com.	Action required by A.M.I.
9 March	Turnover and Replenishment Stocks at Montecatini	Return asked for of Rebud. Veg. & P/B/I. CIC/6 dated 13 March refers.	
12 March	March Allocation -Cigarettes (SF/40 dated 9 Mar)	Comm. asked to progress, and report any difficulties.	
14 March	Condition of Packing - Local Res. (SF/102/16 dated 10 Mar, refers)	Comm. instructed to ensure compliance.	
	Unauthorised purchases of citrus fruits. (S/2/13/21 dated 11 Mar refers)	Return asked for. Reply sent to HQ. MMIA. TPD/22 dated 20 Mar.	
17 March	Despatch of Rear & Cigarettes to MARTRS.	Bulk Depot informed and advised to be ready to issue.	Cancelled later & drawn ex BARI.
19 March	April m'tge of 205 Div. (Eastern) (SF/102/3 of 16 Mar)	Commissariato informed.	
19 March	Accounting for Forage (S/2/15 -58 dated 13/3/45)	Contents of letter discussed.	
20 March	Issues to Italian Air Force (S/2/26 - 2 dated 12 Mar)	List of alleged deficits obtained. No action yet possible owing to lack of int.	Report will be made as soon as possible.

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	Local res. (ST/102/1 dated 10 Mar, refers)	ance.	
	Unauthorised purchases of citrus fruits.(Q/2/13/21 dated 11 Mar refers)	Return asked for. Reply sent to HQ. MMIA. TPD/22 dated 20 Mar.	
17 March	Despatch of Scor & Cigarettes to NAPLES.	Bulk Depot informed and advised to be ready to issue.	Cancelled later & drawn ex PARI.
10 March	April m'tee of 205 Div. (Eastern) (ST/102/2 of 16 Mar)	Commissariat informed.	
19 March	Accounting for Forage (Q/2/15 -58 dated 13/3/45)	Contents of letter discussed.	
20 March	Issues to Italian Air Force (Q/2/26 - 2 dated 12 Mar)	List of alleged depots obtained. No action yet possible owing to lack of tpt.	Report will be made as soon as possible.

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MMIA DETACHMENT TPT : Movement has been restricted. as all visits outside NAPLES have been done in "borrowed" tpt, since all vehicles have been U.C.R. during the period under review. (TPT/11 dated 11 Mar, 45 refers).

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) 52 Area

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Subject :- Fortnightly Report: TARANTO Sector.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(L.F.S.C.A.)
c/o HQ 5th Army
TLO/1
6 March 45

To : HQ MMIA

Herewith is forwarded Report No 23, for period ending 5 Feb 45.

E.L. Mmm-Mmm.
Capt. F.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 5th Army

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SECTOR TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 25 MARCH 45 REPORT N° 22

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

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

2. What supplies notified for releases from Allied depots since last report? —

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

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? — See (a) Daily Stock State signals (b) " Book for Sicily.

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

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

(ii) Transportation has been ex 28 and 46 B.S.D.'s Satisfactory.

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

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

See (a) Daily Stock State signals
(b) " Pack for Sicily.

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

N.A.

6. What have been working conditions in period under report in cargoes and or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (11) transport?

(1) Satisfactory

(11) Transportation has been ex 28 and 46 E.S.D.'s Satisfactory.

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

Yes.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING ON THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N° 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

See Daily Stock State Signals: except for Dehyd Vegetables (mw T10/6 dated 5 Mar 45 refers,) satisfactory.

2. Is POL position ditto?

Yes.

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

See mw T10/5 dated 6 Mar 45, for despatches during period 17 Feb to 5 March 45.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) — Montecatini BULK DEPOT, TARANTO

Officer in charge: CAPIT. GRIECO Francesco

Date of inspection: Friday, 2 March 45

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	
2. Are stacks internally Ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	
3. Are stock tally boards in existance and in use?	
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	
5. Are goods marked with warranty Expiry dates?	See last report N° 21
6? Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	
7. Are mutually cont= aminating 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 or 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?	(a) Negligible Analyst Commission held on 27 Febuary and report forwarded to HQ under cover of TLO/4 dated 1 Mar 45 for approval and counter signature. (b) Yes
11. Is depot clean and	Yes

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See last report N° 21

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

(a) Negligable
Analyst Commission held on 27 Febuary and report forwarded to HQ under cover of TLC/4 dated 1 Mar 45 for approval and counter signature.

(b) 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?

Yes

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

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12. What anti vermin measures are used?

As last report N° 21.

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? — As last report N° 21.

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

17. " Spot check?"

Commodities Checked			Surpluses Found	Deficiencies Found
Coffee	360 x 30 Lbs	Cases		
	119 x 30 "	"		
	24 x 60 "	"		
	1 x 48 "	"	Lbs Kgs	
	43 x 36 "	"	= 39,520 = 17902.560	
	82 x 18 "	"		
	6x 16 "	"	Corresponded with	//
	99x 20 "	"	Stock book.	

Remarks :- All COFFEE BEANS Roasted, are sacked and issued immediately to Distribution Depots.
X Enormous Stocks of Dehydrated Vegetables- MV TLC/6 dated 5 Mar 45 refers. Italian SUGAR stocks now nil, only BRITISH stocks now held. FLOUR now being received ex 28 B.S.D. in good condition.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) a. Receipts
(b) b. Despatches — As in previous reports

19. Any labour problems? — Nil

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot — Yes

X Bakery stocks & other stocks under control

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1 x 48 "	"	Lbs	Kgs
43 x 36 "	"	= 39,520 =	17902.560
82 x 19 "	"		
6x 16 "	"	Corresponded with	//
99x 20 "	"	Stock book.	

Remarks :- All COFFEE BEANS Roasted, are sacked and issued immediately to Distribution Depots.
Enormous Stocks of Dehydrated Vegetables- my TLO/6 dated 3 Mar 45 refers. Italian SUGAR stocks now nil, only BRITISH stocks now held. FLOUR now being received ex 28 B.S.D. in good condition.

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

As in previous reports

19. Any labour problems? Nil

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

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

Transport: Present vehicles allocated by BARI are very ancient and quite unreliable. 2 GOOD Vehicles are urgently required for transportation duties to replace existing CEIRANO and TSCITTA FRASCHINI. Please may this have your earnest consideration. (See also report on TARANTO Dist. Depot para 21)

22. General.

22. Repairs to Roof now completed.

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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
F. MEAT 292 x 36 lbs Cases	10,512 LBS	
TIN.SALMON: 122 x 48 lbs Cases	= 5856 lbs	
In Issuing Store 15 x 1 lb Tins	= 15 "	
	5871 lbs = 2659.563 Kgs	
Already issuing 3/3/45	843.570 "	
	3503.133 "	
Stock Book Figure as at close 3/3/45	3503.133 "	Negligible due to issuing to nearest round figures.

Remarks :- F.C.T. Oil Tins arrived 3/3/45 ex DEPOT P.D. : C.C. instructed to issue immediately (W/S June 43)

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) As before - report W.S.21.
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? — No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot

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FIN.SALMON:	122 x 45 lbs Cases	= 5856 lbs	
In Issuing Store	15 x 1 lb Tins	= 15 "	
		5871 lbs =	2659.563 Kgs
Already issuing 3/2/45			843.570 "
			3503.133 "
Stock Book Figure as at close 2/3/45			3503.483 "

Negligible due to issuing to nearest round figures.

Remarks :- 7.CL7 911 TBA arrived 2/3/45 ex LECCE D.S. : C.O. instructed to issue immediately (W/S June 45)

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) As before - report N°21.
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? No.

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

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

21. Transport: No vehicle has been received from Comando Presidio for 15 days: C.O. has to rely on Horses and Carts for transport to and from Bulk Depot. (See "Remarks -last report-N° 21) See also Para 21 -Report N°22 on TARANTO Bulk Depot: Request one reliable vehicle at least could be allocated for duty between the Bulk Depot and this Dist.Depot

22. General. Feeding Str. 3/3/45 - 500

Repair of Road : Comando Genio contacted and asked to repair.

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C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted ur where sentries can see them?	Yes.	
16. Are fire pre= cautions adequate ; is depot on the telephone?	Yes.	
17. " Spot check?"		

Commodities Checked	Surpluses Found	Deficiencies Found
	LBS	
F. MEAT 200 x 36 lbs Cases	10,912	
In issuing store 32 x12 ozs Tins)	30 3/4	
4 x 36 lbs Cases)	144	
Awaiting 287 x 12 ozs Tins condemnation	215 1/4	
	10,911 = 4,942.692 Kgs	
	4,942.948 "	
As per Stock Book.	SURPLUS 0.136	Negligible, due to issuing to nearest round figures.

Remarks :- 7,047 Qll TEA arrived 2/3/43 ex LEOPARD. D.D.: O.C. instructed to issue immediately (W/S Jun= 43)

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

As before - report No.21.

19. Any labour problems?

No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented

21. Transport: No vehicle has been received from

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		LBS		
. MEAT 292 x 36 lbs Cases		10.512		
In issuing store 52 x 12 ozs Tins		39 3/4		
4 x 36 lbs Cases		144		
Awaiting condemnation	287 x 12 ozs Tins	215 1/4		
		10,911 =	4,949.495	Kgs
			4,943.548	"
as per Stock Book.		SURPLUS	0.155	Negligible, due to issuing to nearest round figures.

Remarks :- 7.047 Qli TEA arrived 2/3/45 ex LEOPARD. D.A.D.O.S. O.C. instructed to issue immediately (W/E June 43)

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

As before - report N° 21.

19. Any labour problems?

No.

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

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

21. Transport: No vehicle has been received from Comando Presidio for 15 days: O.C. has to rely on Horses and Carts for transport to and from Bulk Depot. (See 3Remarks -last report N° 21) See also Para 21 -Report N°22 on TARANTO Bulk Depot: Request one reliable vehicle at least could be allocated for duty between the Bulk Depot and this Dist.Depot

22. General.

Feeding Str. 3/3/45 - 500

Repair of Road : Comando Genio contacted and asked to repair.

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Report N° 22

C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food)

TARAN Distribution Depot.
(Tonkunt)
Officer i/c Lieut. MIGHTI
Date of visit : 5 March 45

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	
2. Are stacks internally Ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	
3. Are stack tally boards in existance and in use?	
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	
5. Are goods marked with warranty Expiry dates?	As last report N° 21
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	
8. Are outdoor stocks 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?	2 Civilians employed on Salvage of tins.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as susnected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	287 x 12 ozs Tins Corned Beef, awaiting transport to BUTA Depot for Analyst Commission. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	

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	As last report No 21
6? Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in 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 & recease broken stocks?	2 Civilians employed on Salvage of tins.
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?	287 x 12 ozs Tins Corned Beef, awaiting transport to SUEA Depot for Analyst Commission. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	4965
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	See last report No 21
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Adequate
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	See last report No 21 Adequate.

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C. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats. (Maj. CARCANO)

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by A.M.I.T.
23/2/45	Transport: Commissariato requested 2 efficient vehs to replace existing ones at CARANTO Depots. Also request for tyres for office vehicles.	Forwarded to Ufficio Automobilistico BARI. See also Reports to Depts concerned (attached)	—
27/2/45	Tobacco ex I3CC5 Factory	Checked on weekly production figures.	—
1 Mar 45	Acceptance Note, ref. MCM/56. W/M have requested alteration to Cheese figure	Checked with C.1025: My letter TPT/18 of 1 March 45 refers.	Clarification requested.
5/3/45	Closure of I3CC5 CD. (HQ MMIA ST/55/6 dated 3 March 45 refers.)	Action initiated and confirmed later in writing	—
	Movement of Rations. ROMAFORZATA Comm. (ST/62/7 dated 1 March 45 refers)	Information requested regarding no of rations still outstanding.	—
	March Allocations Matches (your ST/106 of 2 Mar refers)	Up to 6 Mar, consignment from PISA of 176000 Packets had not been advised.	—
	Local Resources Items (your ST/56/G of 1 Mar refers).	Commissariato advised.	—
	Olive Oil (ST/77 dated 2 Mar 45 refers)	- Nitto - 4964	—

General : It was not possible to visit BRINDISI and FOGGIA Dist, Depots within the period: owing to my vehicle being UOR for 6 Days. A visit will be made at the first available opportunity.

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5/2/45	Closure of Lecce SD. (Ref MMIA ST/53/6 dated 3 March 45 refers.)	action initiated confirmed later in writing	==
	Movement of Rations. FOGGIA/BARI Comm. (ST/62/7 dated 1 March 45 refers)	Information requested regarding no. of rations still outstanding.	==
5	March Allocations matches (your ST/106 of 2 Mar refers)	Up to 6 Mar. consignment from PISA of 176000 Packets has not been advised.	==
	Local Resources Items (your ST/56/C of 1 Mar refers).	Commissariato advised.	==
	Olive Oil (ST/73 dated 2 Mar 45 refers)	- Ditto -	4964 ==

General : It was not possible to visit SULMONA and TERNI Dist. Depots within the period: owing to my vehicle being U/R for 6 Days. A visit will be made at the first available opportunity.

MMIA Detachment Transport : No difficulty has been experienced during the last few days, as all detachment vehicles have been off the road for certain periods. Det MURGEIA's Standard P.U. has been U/R for last 10 days, requiring new engine. It is hoped that my FORD 15cwt will be available tomorrow or next day. C.S.E.'s m/cycle is in W/S with ~~an~~ broken ~~fro~~ ontmain spring.

L. L. Mount-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) SP Area

L. O.
M. M. I. A.
TARANTO
6 MAR 1945

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Subject :- Fortnightly Report - TARANTO Sector
Period 6 - 20 Feb 45

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To : HQ MMIA

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
TEC/1
27 Feb 45

1. Herewith is forwarded Report 21, for the above sector and period.

2. Delay is regretted, being accounted for by my absence in CALABRIA.

E.L. Mowat-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 52 Area

"S & T. MMIA.
Rec'd 3 Mar
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"S" S/C 4963

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SECTOR [illegible] TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 0820 Feb 45 REPORT N° 21

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	Nil.
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	Nil.
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	Cargo of Clothing on SAMOSBU consigned to S.O.D. LA SPEZIA DEPOT. - 8 TONS (See attached Port Liaison Officers Report)
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	See daily signals re (a) Italian Navy Pack (b) Maintenance of SICILY.
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to UTIs have been adopted?	Cargo mentioned in (3) above was not clearly marked and led to confusion with Allied Ordnance Stores. Cargo was taken into MONTECATINI Depot, pending instructions from 54 Area IC.
6. What have been working conditions in period under report in cargoes and or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (11) transport?	(1) Satisfactory (11) Satisfactory
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	

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

See daily signals re (a) Italian Navy Pick (b) Maintenance of SICILY.

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

Cargo mentioned in (3) above was not clearly marked and led to confusion with Allied Ordnance Stores. Cargo was taken into CONTROATINI Depot, pending instructions from 5th Area LO.

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

(i) Satisfactory

(ii) Satisfactory

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

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN SPT ANSWERING ON THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE POST MONTHLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N° 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

(1) Satisfactory: See daily Stock signal. Reference last report N° 20. Sugar of Italian origin considerably reduced to 7 days, and will be disposed of this month (2) See Report C. on BRINDISI P.O.L. Depot.

2. Is POL position ditto?

(3) See our TIC/5 dated 18 Feb for fortnightly despatches, forwarded under separate cover.

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

Reference Local Resources items, weekly signals sent to you our signal ST/203 of 11 Feb and ST/232 of 18 Feb 45 refers.

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PERIOD
PORT TARANTO ENDING 20 Feb 45 REPORT N 21

PORT WORKING

Ships loading

Ships Discharging

By Rail Name

See Daily Signals and
ST/S Accentance Notes Tonnage of Cargo

22 C.E.A.S.C.(Sun.Units)Consignor/nee

Estimate date
Daily Pack of completetion

Ration for Italian Nature of cargo
Navy

Any difficulties
"NAME" experienced?

One ship arrived SANGRED, from Alexandria on 14 Feb . Much confusion was experienced on the Port. UNIA was not informed of arrival until after stores (clothing etc) were already on quay side, nor was manifest availe= ble. Italian goods being mixed with A.F.O.S. stores, it was some time before this was sorted out: the consignment was small (eight tons) MOVEMENTS TARANTO have been asked to inform UNIA HQ of any future consi= gnments arriving at this Port immediately.

W. Ludlow Capt

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22 C.F.A.S.C.(Sup.Units)Consigner/nos _____

Daily Pack — Estimate date of completation _____

Ration for Italian Navy — Nature of cargo _____

"NAME" — Any differculties experienced?

One ship arrived SANCTBU, from Alexandria on 14 Feb. Much confusion was experienced on the Port. UMIA was not informed of arrival until after stores (clothing etc) were already on quay side, nor was manifest available before this was sorted out: the consignment was small (eight tons) MOVEMENTS TARANTO have been asked to inform UMIA HQ of any future consignments arriving at this Port immediately.

W. Lad R. C.S.M.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of ship NIL

Convoy N°

E.T.A.

Tonnage of cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not received ☐

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TARANT BULK DEPOT
MONTHLY INSPECTION 19 Feb 45
C.O. Depot Capt. ORIFCO

C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ~~xxxxxx~~ ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates?	Yes.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating in goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes: separate Store kept for such items.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Certain of non perishable goods kept under ~~canvas~~ sloping roof.
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?	Small Amount awaiting disposal arrangements being made to hold commission. Commission held 27 Febrius - Report following. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and	Yes.

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Yes: separate Store kept for such items.

7. Are mutually cont: aminating in goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)

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

Certain of non perishable goods kept under ~~covered~~ sloping roof.

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?

Small Amount awaiting disposal arrangements being made to hold commission. Commission held 27 Feb 45 - Report [illegible].

Yes.

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Yes.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

Cats are on the premises, also traps are in use. U.S. States vermin not very troublesome.

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

Yes.

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

Carabinieri and soldiers considered more than 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	Commodities found
CHEESE various Stocks at different weights In depot 215806 lbs In books 215901 "	Nil.	Difference of (five) 5 lbs. See remarks column below

Remarks:- C.C. Explain the difference in books and in Depot
(1) Owing to tins being at different weights. Re issues to the nearest pound.
(2) Coffee machine installed at Depot, capable of turning out 500.000 Kgs per day. (See sheet G. for details)

→ Both above copies of this is 2d. Ltd

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatched.

As previous reports.

19. Any labour problems?

Nil

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In Depot	215866 lbs	Nil.		Difference of (five) 5 lbs. See remarks column below
In books	215901 "			

Remarks:- C.C. Explain the difference in books and in Depot
(1) Owing to tins being at different weights. Re issues to the nearest pound.
(2) Coffee machine installed at Depot, capable of turning out 500.000 Kgs per day. (See sheet G. for details)

Both shown against item 20.(b)

18. What is the handling capacity of 6 ton in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatched.	(a) (b)	As previous reports.
19. Any labour problems?		Nil
20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?		Yes
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		No

22. Reference my previous report N° 20 : reference Flour, this has been issued : none at present remains in Depot, Flour in good condition now being received from 22 CRASC (Sup Units).

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C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food)

TARANTO N.D. 19 Feb 45
(Tembien) C.C. Depot Ten. MICELI

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?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes: Now. See previous report.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No open-air Stocks
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 civilians employed on Salvage of tins.
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?	Sent to Bulk Depot
11. Is depot clean and	Yes.

by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No open-air Stocks
9. Is there a "ecovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 civilians employed on Salvage of tins.
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?	Sent to Bulk Depot
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Numerous traps around Depot : very satisfactory.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Adequate.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	As 13.

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

16. Are X&Y fire precautions adequate & is denbt on the telephoned? — Yes.

17. "Spot check?"

Commodites Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
ASAUSAGE (Tinned) 133 x 51 lbs cases = 6783 lbs	Nil.	Nil.

Remarks :-(1)Transport is the C.C.s main problem: horses and carts are the only transport he has for bringing stores from MONTECATINI to his Depot (See page 21)

(2) C.C. asks if it is possible to have road repaired; Vehicles have much difficulty getting to loading stage at the back of building. 52 Area to be asked to assist, as this road is also used by their transport.

18. What is the handling capacity ofdepot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
a. Receipts — As before.
b. Despatches. — (b)

19. Any labour problems? — No

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SAUSAGE (Tinned) 133 x 51 lbs cases = 6783 lbs		Nil.	Nil.

Remarks :-(1)Transport is the C.O.s main problem: horses and carts are the only transport he has for bringing stores from MONTECATINI to his Depot (See para 21)

(2) O.C. asks if it is possible to have road repaired; Vehicles have much difficulty getting to loading stage at the back of building. 52 Area to be asked to assist, as this road is also used by their transport.

18. What is the handling capacity ofdepot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) As before.
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems? No

2. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed? N.A.

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

Reference my previous reports. One truck is provided by Comando Presidio; this does not always turn up, usually once in seven days. O.C. asks if it possible to have a truck permanently at his disposal, so that Depot could be run more efficiently as he would like it. Agreed to take up.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). LECCE D. 17 Feb 45
Officer i/c Capt. ANNTOCHIARICO

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Satisfactory: but Issuing Store could be improved: O.C. instructed accordingly
2. Are stacks internally Ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	See last report N° 20
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See last report N° 20
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?	Insufficient quantities to warrant commission, which will jointly be held for this depot and BRINDISI at a future date. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes : See 1.

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C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food). LECCE D. 17 Feb 46
Officer i/c Capt. ANNICCHIARICO

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Satisfactory: but Issuing Store could be improved: C.O. instructed accordingly
2. Are stacks internally Ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	See last report N° 20
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See last report N° 20
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?	Insufficient quantities: to warranty commission, which will jointly be held for this depot and BRINDISI at a future date. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes ; See 1.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See last report N° 20
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?	Insufficient quantities: to warranty commission, which will jointly be held for this depot and BRINDISI at a future date. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes : See 1.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	As per last report, N°20: Chemical not yet made available.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	As per last report.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	ditto : But neither Military personnel or Civilian guards have any firearms or weapons. Comando Territoriale RAFI to be asked to remedy.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	As per last report N° 20
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?	ditto
17. "Spot checks"	

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Tomato Catsup (Allied) 16 x 42 lb-Tons = 672 = 328.442 192 x 42 lb-Tons = 8064 = 3938.966		
	8736 = 4267.408	
awaiting condemnation	59.281	
	4326.709	
as per Stock Bk & Tally Card	4007.699	
		0.990 Kgs - attributed to error in issuing to nearest ~~5 lbs~~ round figure

Remarks :-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 1½ ton truck per hour for:	(a)	As per last report N° 20
a. Receipts		
b. Despatched	(b)	
8,000		
19. Any labour		No.

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6 x 42 lb-Tons =	672 =	328.112
192 x 42 lb-Tons =	8064 =	3938.966
	8736 =	4267.508
awaiting condemnation		50.281
		4306.709
as per Stock Bk & Tally Card		4007.699

0.990 Kgs - attributed to error in issuing to nearest ~~0.500 Kgs~~ round figure

Remarks :-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 5 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) As per last report No 20 (b)
   a. Receipts
   b. Despatched
   8804

19. Any labour problems? No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & scales? Yes.

21. Any Difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards. See last report No 20

22. General : TOBACCO despatches from DRCOS D.D. for months of January and up to and including 17 Feb obtained and forwarded as requested by DC 54 Area.

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C. Physical Warehousing position (Food). BRINDISI S.D. 16 Feb 45
Officer i/c : Ten MANNOIA Salvatore

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?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes : see last report N° 20
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks in first?	ditto
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Wine barrels temporarily stored in open yard, but sufficiently protected against weather and theft.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 Civilians employed on repair of Cases.
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?	200 lbs P. Meat (Awaiting commission 1¼ lbs I. Cheese) to be held shortly at (TROOP [illegible] 4957 Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.

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7. Are mutually cont: eminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Wine barrels temporarily stored in open yard, but sufficiently protected against weather and theft.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 Civilians employed on repair of Cases.
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?	200 lbs P. Meat (Awaiting commission 14 lbs T. Cheese) to be held shortly at (TECCE [illegible]
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	See last report N° 20
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	ditto
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	ditto

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? — Yes. See last report N° 20

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

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities Checked		Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Tinned Cheese			
1st Stack: 30 x 42 lbs	=	1260 lbs	
2nd " : 32 x 81 3/4 lbs	=	2616 lbs	as below — Nil.
3rd " 5 x 7 lb Tins	=	35 "	
(awaiting 2 x 7 lb Tins condemnations	=	14 "	
		3,925 lbs = 1778.029 Kgs	
		Tally Card) 1760.464	
		A Stock Sheet (8.521	" SURPLUS: To be taken on charge.

Remarks :- (1) Reference item 17, Report N° 20, Sausage Meat now being issued to units.

(11) 1st Bn. 10th Pioneer Regt were handing in 3 days Rations, in lieu of travelling Rations. Amounts handed in were short in most cases to amounts quoted on ST/8. O i/c Depot resolutely refused to issue more than equivalent of amounts handed in, which procedure I endorsed

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts — As per last report. N° 20
   b. Despatched

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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	x [illegible] 3/4 lbs	= 2616 lbs	as below
Pts	" 5 x 7 lb Tins	= 35 "	
(awaiting condemnations	2 x 7 lb Tins	= 14 "	
		3,925 lbs	= 1778.025 Kgs
		Tally Card)	
	& Stock Sheet (	1769.404 "	
		8,521 "	SUPPLIES: To be taken on charge.

Remarks :- (i) Reference item 17, Report N° 20, Sausage Meat now being issued to units.

(ii) 1st Bn, 40th Pioneer Regt were handing in 3 days Rations, in lieu of travelling Rations. Amounts handed in were short in most cases to amounts quoted on ST/8. O i/c Depot resolutely refused to issue more than equivalent of amounts handed in, which procedure I endorsed

18. That is the handling capacity of depot in 3 1/2 ton truck per hour for:- (a) As per last report. N° 20

(b)

a. Receipts

b. Despatched

19. Any labour problems? No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & scales? N/A

21. Any Difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards. See last report N° 20
No apparent improvement, since no allocation of Tnt has yet been made.

22. General Observations : As per last report N° 20
CLOTHING DEPOT. in same buildings also inspected and found to be clean, tidy and well-looked after.
MEN'S KITCHEN : Saw midday meal being prepared: quite satisfactory, but observed 2 kid-goats in kitchen, which were ordered to be removed.

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W. Accounting Position O.C.I. BRINDISI POL DEPOT 16 Feb 45
Officer i/c: Capitano MARINI

(1) This depot was visited at approx 11 - 15 hrs, and no officer was present. S/Major informed me that Capt.CAMASSA will replace Capt. MARINI as O i/c in the near future.

(2) An inspection of the books showed the following:

	STOCKS ON HAND as at 16 Feb.		ISSUES during FEB. (since last report N°20)	
Petrol	2654	Kgs	-	
Diesel	64	"	-	
Grease	18	"	-	
Heavy Oil	6328	"	--	
Semi heavy Oil	42,399	"	900	
Gear Oil	185	"	-	Spot Checked - CORRECT
Grease (axle)	48	"	-	
Used Lub Oil	456	"	-	
Empty Barrels	:	20 x 40 _ gln	)	
" Drums (heavy)	:	2,812 x 170_Kgs	(	
" " (light)	:	847 x 162_Kgs	)	Awaiting Disposal
" Cans (German)	:	7,922 x 4 _ gln	(	
" Cans (Italian)	:	10,110 x ½ _ gln	)	

(3) Strength - as per last report

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(4) Transport - Nil

(5) Feeding Arrangements for Officers : Mess at MESAGNE
" " for Other Personnel : Rations drawn ex BRINDISI D.P.

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Major : CARLANO Nicola
Capt : TURT - 2/c
TARANTO, 6 FEB 45

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of Visit	Points raised	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
6 Feb 45	Despatches of Tonnage from LECCE	Investigated factory at LECCE. Shortage said to be due to lack of electricity.	
9 Feb 45	Application for permission to enter Fertilising Plants at MONTEGATINI by civilian employees of Phosphate Factory.	Plant visited and inspected 9 Feb 45. My letter TLO/3 dated 10 Feb 45 refers.	Your reply ST/55/20 dated 17 Feb 45 received and noted.
9 Feb 45	Return of ITI-LET Lands and installations ST/55/6 of 4 Feb refers.	Forwarded to HQ MMIA under TLO/1 dated 11 Feb 45	Nil.
14 Feb 45	Discussed replacement of Ten:COTUCCIA with Col.LA ZARA (who was on a visit from BARI) (Ref TLO/13 of 7 Feb refers)	Col. La ZARA wanted to give him another chance, after warning, since the officer asked for to replace him, has since gone to PATERMO - agreed.	Nil.
14 Feb 45	Discussed revision of Guards system on trains caused by lack of personnel available for such duties.	Col. LA ZARA said he would try using a number of men (say 4) under NCO responsible for whole train, as opposed to old system of one man per truck. - agreed.	
17 Feb 45	Routine visit before visiting CALABRIA.		

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H. GENERAL:

9 Feb 45	Return of ITI-ITI Depots and installations ST/55/16 of 4 Feb refers.	Forwarded to HQ MMIA under TLC/1 dated 11 Feb 45	Nil.
14 Feb 45	Discussed replacement of Ten:COSUCCIA with Col.LA ZARA (who was on visit from BARI) (Ref TLC/13 of 7 Feb refers)	Col. LA ZARA wanted to give him another chance, after warning, since the officer asked for to replace him, has since gone to PATERNO - agreed.	Nil.
14 Feb 45	Discussed revision of guards system on trains caused by lack of personnel available for such duties.	Col. LA ZARA said he would try using a number of men (say 4) under NCO responsible for whole train, as opposed to old system of one man per truck. - agreed.	
18 Feb 45	Routine visit before visiting CALABRIA.		

B. GENERAL:

19 Feb 45 : Major CARCANO, Nicola has arrived during this period and has taken over Commissariato, TARANTO from Capitano TURI, who is 2 i/c. This sectorial Commissariati is still responsible to BARI.

19 Feb 45 : The Coffee roasting machine has now been installed at MONTECATINI Bulk Depot, and is working satisfactorily. It is capable of producing on an average 500 Kgs per day. Figures are as follows:

	Coffee Beans (crude)	Coffee Beans roasted	Loss
Feb 19	281,960 Kgs	233,760 Kgs	17%
" 20	503,480 "	420,560 "	16%
" 21	561,130 "	467,100 "	16%
" 22	595,800 "	485,000 "	18%
" 23	631,900 "	515,000 "	18%

Loss permitted is up to 20%

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Subject :- Fortnightly Report
Period ending 5 Feb.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
TLO/1
7 Feb 45

To : HQ MMIA — ST

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1. Herewith is forwarded Report No 20 for TARANTO Sector, as above.

2. In view of the fact that I had to send my vehicle to Rome, and, also, because it was off the road for another 2 days, I have not been able to report on Depots and Installations in CALABRIA Sector, as yet. I hope, subject to weather conditions, etc, to visit CALABRIA for a few days at the beginning of next week.

Read together

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E. L. Mowat-Mason

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 52 Area

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S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS

SECTOR...TARANTO.....PERIOD ENDING ..5 Feb 45.....REPORT Nº ..20.....

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allies Depots).

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	Nil.
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	Nil.
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	Nil.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worke d during period under report?	See Daily Signals re (a) DAILY NAVY PACK (b) DAILY SICILY PACK
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs habe been adopted?	Not applicable.
6. What have been working conditions in period und r report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (ii) transport?	(i) Generally speaking GOOD, except for 3 days when labour failed to arrive through adverse weather conditions. (ii) Difficulty experienced in getting Petrol for transporting civil labour to Bulk Depot from village of MONTOLA. Allocation of 1000 kilos eventually obtained from BARI
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Satisfactory.

under report.

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worke d during period under report?

See Daily Signals re (a) DAILY NAVY PACK
(b) DAILY SICILY PACK

5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs habe been adopted?

Not applicable.

6. What have been working conditions in period und r report on ~~cargoes and/or~~ releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (ii) transport?

(i) Generally speaking GOOD, except for 3 days when labour failed to arrive through adverse weather conditions.

(ii) Difficulty experienced in getting Petrol for transporting civil labour to Bulk Depot from village of MOTTOLA.
Allocation of 1000 kilos eventually obtained from BARI

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 Operations Instruction N°3)

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Yes : see daily Stock State signals. O.C. Bulk Depot instructed to dispose of 18 days sugar of Italian origin before allied stocks - 6/2/45.

2. Is POL position ditto?

See report C. on BRINDISI P.O.L. Depot.

3. What d spatches to other Sector have been programmed in period under report, and how have been progressed?

Fortnightly Despatches for period 20 Jan - 2 Feb forwarded to HQ MMIA under separate cover.
(Our TLC/5 dated 3 Feb., refers)

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App. 'A'

S&T RANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTIC N. 3

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

PORT TARANTO 4 WEEKS ENDING 5 Feb 45 REPORT N° 20

PORT WORKING

Ship loading

~~This~~ Discharging

RV PAT Name

See Daily signals and
CT/Z ARRIVANCE NOTES Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRAFT (Sun. United) Consignor/nee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

1) Ten. COLUCCIA Donato, at present with "Distaccamento Portuale" does not seem to be interested in his work, the mistakes he makes are many. Capt. Grieco, CO. Depot, asks if it is possible to have the previous Ten. LONGO who knew the work and was very reliable. It is assumed that Lt. Longo is at Bari and if asked for, could replace the above Lt. Rfy TLO/13 of 8 FEB.45 to COMM. TARANTO (copy to HQ MMIA) refers.

2) Very little has been off loaded within the last few days at Montecatini Bulk Depot Taranto U.S.A. men contacted, and reports, owing to a great deal of Troop Movements in this Area, priority has been given to them.

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Grisco (Gun. Units) Consignor/nee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

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Copy Comments thereon
Further Copy to be sent
Seven Letter dtg 1952 Comm.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship NIL.

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not received ☐

E.L. Armin-Mason
Cent. A.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 52 Area

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6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

TARS D BULK DEPOT
(NONDACATINI) 2 Feb 45
Officer i/c Capt. GRIECO.

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?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty expiry dates?	Majority Yes: remainder will be marked.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating in goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Certain open air Stacks under sloping roof.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recosse 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?	Certain commodities awaiting disposal: arrangements being made to hold commission.

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with warranty expiry dates?	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually sort: eliminating in goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	Certain open air Stocks under sloping roof.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & repack 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?	Certain commodities awaiting disposal: arrangements being made to hold commission.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes : excellent.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Numerous cats lurk on premises: traps available. C.C. Stated vermin not very troublesome.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Carabinieri and soldiers available: considered more than adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	Yes
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is denot on the telephone?	Yes.
17. "Spot check?"	

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
SEMOLINA		
Stack N° 1. 1680 x 100 lbs		
" 2. 1533 x 100 "		
3. 109 x 100 " (awaiting weighing and re sacking)	Nil. Checked with tally cards and office r/cd.	Nil.
" 4. 4 x 138 lbs (awaiting condemnation)		

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of 3 men in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:	(a)	As before - see previous reports.
a. "sacks	(b)	
b. Dedatched		
19. Any labour troubles?		Nil.

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4. 4 x 138 lbs : office s/cs.
(awaiting condemnation)
Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:	(a)	As before - see previous reports.
a. Receipts		
b. Despatches	(b)	
19. Any labour problems?		Nil.
20. Are rail cars loaded from depot promptly documented & seales?		Yes.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		No.

22. Certain stocks of flour slightly weevil-infested but considered fit for distributions. C.C. advised to issue as quickly as possible before warmer weather promotes breeding of the insects. This flour is part of old Stock now being received from 46 B.S.D.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

TARAN[illegible] D.D. 3 Feb 45
(Tamburi)
Officer i/c Ten. MICELI

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are Stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	No : Officer i/c instructed to comply
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No open-air stocks
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 civilians are employed on Salvaging boxes and tins.
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?	Nil : Any blown tins are returned and exchanged at Bulk Depot
11. Is depot clean and	Yes.

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7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No open-air stocks
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	2 civilians are employed on Salvaging boxes and tins.
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?	Nil : Any blown tins are returned and exchanged at Bulk Depot
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	3 Large traps at present in use against rats Suggested that more should be obtained.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Adequate.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted un where sentries can see them?	Yes.	
16. Are fire pre: eautions adequate & is depot on the telephone.	Sand and Water Buckets provided. Telephone installed	
17. "Spot check"?		

Commodities Checked		Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
Coffee	115 × 20 lbs = 3450 16 × 42 " = 672 41 × 20 " = 820	Nil	Nil

Remarks:- Stock Book, Tally Sheet and commodity A/c tallied after deducting days issues.

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

19. Any labour problems. No

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	= 1672	Nil	
41 x 20 "	= 820		

Remarks:- Stock Book, Tally Sheet and commodity A/c tallied after deducting days issues.

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

(a) As before

(b)

19. Any labour problems.

No

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & scales?

N/A

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

One truck is provided by Comando Presidio DAILY, but this is not reliable.
I agreed to look into this.

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1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Satisfactory
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existance and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Turnover so rapid that this is not necessary only 15 days reserve held. (See # 6)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Civilian labour employed to repair cases: empty barrels and large tins are received and sold to manufacturing firms.
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?	Nil. Commission held at Lecce to-day.

stocks first?	
7. Are mutually cont: eliminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Civilian labour employed to repair cases: empty barrels and large tins are received and sold to manufacturing firms.
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?	Nil. Commission held at Lecce to-day.
11. Is d'not clean and tidy?	Yes : well kept.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Traps used in Supply depots. Would like some chemical for forage depots.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Well-protected and completely enclosed except for forage depots, which was padlocked.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	12 civilians - 4 on patrol every 6 hours Adequate.

Patrol should be increased

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

Instructions are posted.

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

Yes.
Pumps and fire buckets and snades etc available throughout depot.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
P. Meat 327 x 36 lbs	Nil	Nil. checked with book figure and tally card and found correct.
TTI P.Meat 61 x 36 "		
Loose Tins 13		

Remarks:-

135 Kgs Coffee W/expired June 1944
C.C. instructed to issue immediately (approx 1 fortnights issue)

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

(a) 2 - 3 per hour

(b) 2 - 3 per hour

19. Any labour problems.

No serious problems.

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P. West 327 x 36 lbs	Nil		Nil.
ITI P.West 61 x 36 "			checked with book figure and bally card and found correct.
Loose Tins 13			

Remarks:-

135 Kgs Coffee W/expired June 1944
O.C. instructed to issue immediately (approx 1 fortnights issue)

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 3 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
a. Receipts
b. Despatched

(a) 2 - 3 per hour

(b) 2 - 3 per hour

19. Any labour problems.

No serious problems.

20. Are rail cars loaded from I/not properly documented & sealed?

Yes.

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

Satisfactory regarding trucks. Provision of guards presents difficulties, but is adequately provided for at the moment.

22. General.

Mov. from G.I.L. Building completed satisfactorily (see last report)

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NLIS I D.D.
Corrected 5 Feb 45
Officer i/c Ten. MANOLA. S.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty expiry dates?	Yes ; where necessary (see 6)
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes: 15 Days stock, only, held in depot.
7. Are mutually contaminating foods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See (1)
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & repack broken stocks?	Yes ; repairs/repacks sent to BAIT
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?	(1) Practically nil. only 124 lbs of P.MEAT: Analyst Commission recently held at DEPOT. 27/1/45. 1948 Yes.
11. Is depot clear and	Yes

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes; is Dave stock, only, held in depot.
7. Are mutually contaminating in goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See (1)
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes ; normal processes thro sent to Bulk
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?	(1) Practically nil. only 134 lbs of P.M.T: Analyst Commission recently held at [illegible]. 27/1/45. 1948
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	3 cats, 2 dogs; traps also used.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	1 NCO and 4 men on guard at night: 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? — Sand and Water Buckets; 2 Pumps available.

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
P.MEAT 1) 32 x 36 lbs		
2) 41 x 36 "		
3) 73 x 36 "	NIL.	NIL.
4) 25 x 12 ozs (loose tins)		
5) 124 lbs (awaiting condemnation)		
6) 2973 1/2 lbs (Day's issues)		

Remarks:-

CC. requested issue of Sausage Meat from Bulk Depot.
Matter referred to Bulk Depot 6/2/45

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) (b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatched

4 trucks per hour.

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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	found	found
P.MEAT 1) 32 x 36 lbs		
2) 41 x 36 "		
3) 73 x 36 "	NIL.	NIL.
4) 25 x 12 ozs (loose tins)		
5) 124 lbs (awaiting condemnation)		
6) 2073 1/2 lbs (Dew's issues)		

Remarks:-

CC. requested issue of Sausage Meat from Bulk Depot.
Matter referred to Bulk Depot 6/2/45

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton truck per hour for:
(a) (b)
4 trucks per hour.
a. Receipts
b. Despatched

19. Any labour problems? No.

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed? Not applicable.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? Transport : Comando Presidio should provide 1 lorry daily, but this is not always possible. OC. asks for one truck to be allocated permanently to depot; can this be authorised please?

22. Observation General. (1) Depot inclined to dampness. (2) OC. States he has been a Lieut for 7 years Promotion recommended if possible, as he is keen and efficient.
(3) Strengbh 2 Officers, 11 men. Feeding Strength daily - approx 3500.

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D. Physical Warehousi Position (POL) BRINDISI P.O.L. DEPOT
Officer i/c Capt. MARINI
2/Ten. PARRAVICCHIO

I visited this depot which is situated 9 Km. from BRINDISI along MESAGNE Road, on 5 Feb 45.
The following facts were observed :

1.) NO officer present : S/Maggiore stated that O.C.Depot lived at MESAGNE, from where he visited the depot twice weekly.

2.) Examination of Receipts and Issues Book showed 5 Bulk issues only during month of JANUARY, and NIL up to 5 FEB.

3.) Stocks on hand were :-

PETROL	2654	Kgs
DIESEL	NIL	"
GREASE	18	"
LUB. OIL	456	"
HEAVY OIL	6,338	"
" " (semi)	43,200	"
GEAR OIL	185	"

Over 4000 Barrels and 847 Cans were "Awaiting disposal" (EMPTY)

4.) The Strength of this Depot is as follows :-

2 Officers
1 S/Maggiore and 4 Men, and
1 S/Maggiore and 3 men as guards

If this has not yet been contemplated, it is recommended that this Depot be absorbed into the depot at MONOPOLI, particularly in view of the fact that the MT Park at MESAGNE is understood to be moving further north.

? Work - hours Strength Td

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	2534	Kgs
DIESEL	NIL	"
GREASE	18	"
LUB. OIL	456	"
HEAVY OIL	6.329	"
" " (semi)	43,299	"
GEAR OIL	185	"

Over 4000 Barrels and 847 Cans were "Awaiting disposal" (EMPTY)

4.) The Strength of this Depot is as follows :-

2 Officers
1 S/Maggiore and 4 Men, and
1 S/Maggiore and 3 men as guards

If this has not yet been contemplated, it is recommended that this Depot be absorbed into the depot at MONOPOLI, particularly in view of the fact that the MT Park at MESAGNE is understood to be moving further north.

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? What - kind of Strength

D.A.D.T.

Can we close - it seems necessary to do so. Int. use the Offices + D.T.s. vacated by Monopoli?

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3. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats. CAPT. TURI
(in lieu of Lt.Col. D'ABRUZZO)

Date of Visit	Points raised	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
Sun. 21 Jan	FORAGE: 5º AREA States insufficient supplies at CASTELLANETA for both Allied & Italian requirements in regard to STRAW	Investigation proved that there are ample supplies for both.	NIL.
Thurs. 25 Jan	Repair of MONTECATINI Roof.	Comando Genio will complete repairs.	NIL.
	Guards for Bulk Depot req'd for SICILY and Daily Pack Trains.	Arranged with BARI for 20 Guards to be allocated.	NIL.
Sun. 28 Jan.	Discussed SICILY Pack Train commencing 29th Soap & Matches NOT available at MONTECATINI despite one weeks notice	Arranged with LO BARI to send quantity of each item to TARANTO.	NIL.
Friday 2 Feb.	Non-despatch of 38 tons Tobacco ex VECCE factory	My signal ST/175 of 2 Feb to HQ MMIA refers.	Your signal ST/708 of 5 Feb now being activated.
	Unauthorised Issues to Red Cross at BRINDISI (See MMIA signal AG/2711 of 31 Jan, and LO BARI's signals AG/99 & 100 of 1 Feb.	Investigated at BRINDISI on 5 Feb. My TPD/6 dated 7 Feb refers also.	NIL.
	Repayment of Rations ROCCAFORZATA	Commissariato asked to contact Camp and Consorzio concerned your ST/62/7 of 30 Jan refers.	NIL.

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Friday 2 Feb.	Non-despatch of 38 tons Tobacco ex LECCE factory	My signal ST/173 of 2 Feb to HQ MMIA refers.	Your signal ST/708 of 5 Feb now being activated.
	Unauthorised Issues to Red Cross at BRINDISI (See MMIA signal AQ/2711 of 31 Jan, and LO BARI's signals AQ/99 & 100 of 1 Feb.	Investigated at BRINDISI on 5 Feb. My TPD/6 dated 7Feb refers also.	NIL.
	Repayment of Rations ROCCAFORZATA	Commissariato asked to contact Camm and Consorzio concerned your ST/62/7 of 30 Jan refers.	NIL.

E.L. Mennie-Mann
Capt. .R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) 52 Area

7 Feb. 45

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Subject:- Fortnightly Report.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
TLO/1
20 Jan 45

To: ADST Land Forces
Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

1. In view of the fact that I have only recently arrived it is not possible to render an ed quate or accurate report on the depots in this Sector for the period ending 20 Jan 45.

2. Therefore, with your approval, the next report will be forwarded to cover period ending 3 Feb.45.

E.L. Mmen-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) 52 Area

"S & T. MMIA.
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