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S[illegible] BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 3

PORT LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

PORT TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 5 January 45 REPORT Nº 19

Bulk Depot
~~Bulk~~ WORKING

Ship loading

Ship Discharging

By Rail — Name

See daily Signals and ST3 Accentance Notes — Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Sup Units) — Consignor/nee

Daily Pack — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy. — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

NO.

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Daily Pack — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy. — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced? NO.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTICED

Name of Ship NIL

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

T & T, MMA.

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Received

Not received

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~~M.T. SAT SECTION DIVISION OF TRADE~~ WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR ...TARANTO.....WEEK ENDING ...5.Jan.45.... REPORT No ....19.....

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?		Nil
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?		Nil
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 daily signals
5. Have working 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 on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (I) labour (II) transport.	(I)	Good
	(II)	N.A.
7. Has documentation of handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?		Yes.

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

depots have been worked during period under report? — See daily signals

5. Have working 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 on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (I) labour (II) transport. — (I) Good; (II) N.A.

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

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE CROSS-REFERENCES MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT(See Operations Instruct.N3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stock position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not? — Yes. Up till 3 Jan, 3 wagon loads of Olive oil have been dispatched from BARI (but not received)

2. Is POL position ditto? — //

3. What despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed? — See list attached.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). ILCOE D.D. 1 Jan 45

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 & packed goods under cover?	Yes: all surs are under cover.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Only about 20%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually consistent commodities 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 out door stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Not a regular section: civilians are usually so employed.
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: commission held to-day.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well away? (eg. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to tfuck traffic in wet weather?	No out door stocks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Not a regular section: civilians are usually so employed.
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: commission held to-day.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	As in last report.
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 un where sentries can see them? Yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate as is done on the telephone. Yes.

17. "Spot checks" are made from time

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found

Remarks:- A short was made on Tomatoes, but there was not sufficient time: owing to my car being again off road (differential broken) and that provided by Italian Army arrivingwith a hole in one tyre, and no spare wheel, I got a lift in a Naval Officers Jeep, but only had use of it for 7 hours, most of which were taken up with Analytical Commission and travelling.

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

19. Any labour problems. No.

Remarks:- A short time was made on Tomatoes, but there was not sufficient time: owing to my car being again off road (differential broken) and that provided by Italian Army arrivingwith a hole in one tyre, and no spare wheel, I got a lift in a Naval Officers car, but only had use of it for 7 hours, most of which were taken up with Analytical Commission and travelling.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2½ ton trucks per hour for:
(a) As before.
(b)
a. Receipts
b. Despatches

19. Any labour problems. No.

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

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

22. General. C.I.I. building is being vacated and taken over by USAAF as an indoor Winter Sports Palace. Suitable and good alternative accomodation has been found.

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C. Physical Warehouse Position (Food). PANTO B.D. 29 Dec 44

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 & sacked goods under cover?	No open air-stacks.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	About 20%
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
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	Large amount: Commission being held 30 Dec.

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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?	See 4
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?	Large amount: Commission being held 30 Dec.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	As before
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 before

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15. Are orders for sentries posted an where sentries can see them?	Yes.	
16. Are fire pre: cautions as quote a is donot on the telephone.	Yes.	

17. "Spot checks" are being carried out

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
MACARONI	22.479 Kgs.	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatches	(a)	As before
	(b)	
19. Any labour problems.		No

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MACARONI		22.479 Kgs.	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts b. Despatches	(a)	As before
	(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?		No.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) TORONTO D.D. 29 Dec 44.

All replies as in report No 17 except:-

10. Nil.

17. "Spot Check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
TOMATO	Correct	
PEPPER	Correct	

19. No.

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3. Physical Warehouse Posit on (Good).	INFIST D.T. 28 Dec 44
1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & soaked goods under cover?	All goods under cover.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	C.C. says about 60%
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?	No outdoor stacks
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes: 2 men
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cann ot reach civilian black market?	Small amount being despatched to L'COE for Commission on 1 Jan 45 - Secure.

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?	Yes: 2 men
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black markets?	Small amount being despatched to LRCC5 for Commission on 1 Jan 45 - Secure.
11. Is depot clean and tidy	Yes: good.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	1 dog, 2 puppies, 2 cats, and improvised traps.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	One man on all the time. Adequate

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16. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?	Yes.
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?	Yes. Yes.
17. "Spot check"?	-

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
(a) Tomato Catsup (allied)	Correct	
(b) Banner	do.	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Sweets b. Wesnetches.	(a) (b)	See report 3
19. Any labour problems?		No. Still needs a lorry and electric light bulbs; see report 13

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:	(a)	See report 7
a. Receipts	(b)	
b. Despatches.		
19. Any labour problems?		No. Still needs a lorry and electric light bulbs; see report 13
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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BRINDISI P.D. 28 Dec 44

Present Holdings :- Petrol 2654 Kg
Gas oil 64 "
Grease 18 "
Oil 456 "
Sub Oil 6338 "
Oil (semi denzo) 50054 Kg
Gear Oil 185 "

Emnties: 140 Kg Drums: 4237
Jerricans: 8063

The Depot has made a number of issues on War Ministry authroity. No receipts since last report.

I found 3 large tyres in the Depot; no satisfactory explanation was given as to their presence there, and I removed them to MESAGNE Dump, on which unit the Depot is dependent. I told the O.C. Dump to investigate and report to me.

C. Visit to Head of Sector Commissariats (Capt. TURI in lieu Lt.Col. D'ARFORSO)

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
3 Jan 45	1. Montecatini had not been provided by HQ APULIA with sufficient train guards for Movt programme Jan 1 - 7.	Approached 52 Area to borrw from local BRIII-Units.	
	2. Leave for Italian Officers: C.C.Port Det. had granted his 2 I/c 14 days compassionate leave without obtaining consent of Colonel or myself.	Acquainted him with Adm.Instn No 1[8], para 11, and instructed him to apply to local Garrison Comdr. In spite of this, he granted leave to the officer who departed. After departure he obtained Garrison Comdr. Consent + (capt Turi) I informed PRESTIC of my instructions.	
	3. His car: he has. still not received it.		

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4 days compassionate leave without obtaining consent of ~~OR~~ Colonel or myself.	to apply to local Garrison Comdr. In spite of this, he* granted leave to the officer who departed. After departure he obtained Garrison Comdr. consent I informed PRESTIG: of my instructions.	
3. His car: he has. still not received it.		

* (left Turin)

WNA-Law Rpd. 5224

Capt. F.A.S.C.
Liaison Officer TARANTO

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UFFICIO ECONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
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DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 23.12.44 AL 5 GENNAIO 1945 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI

Data	Ente mittente	Ente destinatario	Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in lbs.	Me è tu
27.12	Mag.Viv. LECCE	Mag.Viv. CATANZARO	Tabacchi	2196,000	4847	fe
28.12	idem	Mag.Viv. PALERMO	idem	2796,000	6172	
28.12	Dep.C.V. TARANTO	Dep.S.V. CATANIA	Carne scat.	23907,528	52776	
28.12	idem	idem	Caffè	14414,460	31820	
28.12	Mag.Viv. BRINDISI	Dep.S.V. NAPOLI	Pasta	15078,000	33284	
28.12	Mag.Viv. LECCE	idem	Tabacchi	9600,000	21169	
29.12	Mag.Viv. BRINDISI	"	Sale	5000,000	11037	
29.12	idem	"	Zucchero	15005,460	33124	
30.12	Dep.C.V. TARANTO	Dep.S.V. CATANIA	Pasta	37372,500	82499	
30.12	idem	idem	Legumi	22015,800	48600	
30.12	"	"	Caffè	3597,726	7942	
30.12	Mag.Viv. BRINDISI	"	Pasta	7474,500	16500	
30.12	idem	"	Surrogato	1300,200	2870	
2.1	Dep.C.V. TARANTO	Dep.S.V. CATANZARO	Farina	45010,080	99360	
2.1	idem	idem	Legumi	11007,900	24300	
2.1	"	"	Carne scat.	23972,760	52920	
2.1	"	"	Riso	14994,300	33100	
3.1	"	Dep.S.V. NAPOLI	Farina	89017,218	196506	
3.1	"	idem	Carne scat.	12067,920	26640	
3.1	"	"	Legumi	19026,000	42000	
4.1	"	Dep.S.C. CATANIA	Vegetali ess.	6867,480	15160	
4.1.	"	idem	Pasta	31985,877	70609	
4.1.	"	"	Legumi	13590,000	10000	
4.1	"	"	Carne scat.	12761,010	28170	
4.1	"	"	Caffè	10600,200	23400	
4.1	"	"	Formaggio	13901,664	30688	
4.1	"	"	Zucchero	14016,542	30941	
4.1	"	"	Farina	37000,134	81678	
5.1			Carne scat.	7305,984	16128	
5.1	"	"	Pepe	135,900	300	
5.1.	"	"	Fiammiferi (scatole)	60000	=	
5.1.	"	"	Legumi	6387,300	13883	
5.1.	"	"	Riso	25005,600	55200	
5.1.	"	"	Formaggio	16000,866	35322	
5.1.	Mag. Viv. TARANTO	"	Tabacchi	3000,000	6622	

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UFFICIO [illegible]ONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
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SPEDITE DAL 23.12.44 AL 5 GENNAIO 1945 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

[illegible]te destinatario	Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in lbs.	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la sped.	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione
ag.Viv. CATANZARO	Tabacchi	2196,000	4847	ferrovia	Guerra Comm/to
ag.Viv. PALERMO	idem	2796,000	6172	idem	idem
ep.S.V. CATANIA	Carne scat.	23907,528	52776	"	"
idem	Caffè	14414,460	31820	"	"
ep.S.V. NAPOLI	Pasta	15078,000	33284	"	"
idem	Tabacchi	9600,000	21169	"	"
"	Sale	5000,000	11037	"	"
"	Zucchero	15005,460	33124	"	"
ep.S.V. CATANIA	Pasta	37372,500	82499	"	"
idem	Legumi	22015,800	48600	"	"
"	Caffè	3597,726	7942	"	"
"	Pasta	7474,500	16500	"	"
"	Surrogato	1300,200	2870	"	"
ep.S.V. CATANZARO	Farine	45010,080	99360	"	"
idem	Legumi	11007,900	24300	"	"
"	Carne scat.	23972,760	52920	"	"
"	Riso	14994,300	33100	"	"
ep.S.V. NAPOLI	Farina	89017,218	196506	"	"
idem	Carne scat.	12067,920	26640	"	"
"	Legumi	19026,000	42000	"	"
ep.S.C. CATANIA	Vegetali ess.	6867,480	15160	"	"
idem	Pasta	31985,877	70609	"	"
"	Legumi	13590,000	10000	"	"
"	Carne scat.	12761,010	28179	"	"
"	Caffè	10600,200	23400	"	"
"	Formaggio	13901,664	30688	"	"
"	Zucchero	14016,542	30941	"	"
"	Farina	37000,134	81678	"	
	Carne scat.	7305,984	16128	"	"
"	Tepe	135,900	300		
"	Piaremiferi (scatole)	60000	=	"	"
				"	"
"	Legumi	6387,300	13883	"	"
"	Riso	25005,600	55200	"	"
"	Formaggio	16000,866	35322	"	"
"	Tabacchi	3000,000	6622	"	"

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3.1	"	"	Legumi	19026,000	42000
4.1	"	Dep.S.C. CATANIA	Vegetali ess.	6867,480	15160
4.1.	"	idem	Pasta	31985,877	70609
4.1.	"	"	Legumi	13590,000	10000
4.1.	"	"	Carne scat.	12761,010	28170
4.1	"	"	Caffè	10600,200	23400
4.1	"	"	Formaggio	13901,664	30688
4.1	"	"	Zucchero	14016,542	30941
4.1	"	"	Farina	37000,134	81678
4.1					
5.1			Carne scat.	7305,984	16128
5.1	"	"	Pepe	135,900	300
5.1.	"	"	Fiammiferi (scatole)	60000	=
5.1.	""	"	Legumi	6387,300	13883
5.1.	"	"	Riso	25005,600	55200
5.1.	"	"	Formaggio	16000,866	35322
5.1.	"	"	Tabacchi	3000,000	6622
5.1.	Mag. Viv. TARANTO				

Taranto, li 5 gennaio 1945

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"	Legumi	19026,000	42000	"	"
O.S.C. CATANIA	Vegetali ess.	6867,480	15160	"	"
idem	Pasta	31985,877	70603	"	"
"	Legumi	13590,000	10000	"	"
"	Carne scat.	12761,010	28170	"	"
"	Caffè	10600,200	23400	"	"
"	Formaggio	13901,664	30688	"	"
"	Zucchero	14016,542	30941	"	"
"	Farina	37000,134	81678	"	"
	Carne scat.	7305,984	16128		
"	Pepe	135,900	300	"	"
"	Fiammiferi (scatole)	60000	=	"	"
"	Legumi	6387,300	13883	"	"
"	Riso	25005,600	55200	"	"
"	Formaggio	16000,856	35322	"	"
"	Tabacchi	3000,000	6622	"	"

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APPENDIX "A"

S&T MRAI OPERATING INSTRUCTION N.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

PORT TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 22 Dec 44 REPORT N. 18

PORT WORKING BULK DEPOT

Ship Discharging

Ship loading

By Rail

Name

Tonnage of Cargo

See daily signals and acceptance notes

Consignor/nee

22 CRASC (Sun Units)

Estimate date of completion

Daily Pack

Nature of Cargo

Rations for Italian Navy

Any difficulties experienced?

NO.

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By Rail

	Tonnage of Cargo
See daily signals and acceptance notes	Consignor/nee
22 CPASC (Sun Units)	Estimate date of completion
Daily Pack	Nature of Cargo
Rations for Italian Navy	Any difficulties experienced? NC.

"S & T, MMIA.
Rec'd 29 Dec
File ST/ 7573

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship NIL.

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not received ☐

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C; OPERATION OF POST DETACHMENT.

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

2/Lt. LONGO, former 2 i/c has been replaced by a 2/Lt. COLUCCIA PACE II, Donato.

D. GENERAL (Give origin of information).

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

Refoe report due 22 Dec for Sector : I propose deferring this until I have been round the Sector, which I hope to complete this week.

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

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D. GENERAL (Give origin of information).

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

Refoe report due 22 Dec for Sector : I propose deferring this until I have been round the Sector, which I hope to complete this week.

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

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Capt. S.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer TARANTO.

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UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
= T A R A N T O =

Taranto, 1

DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 9 AL 22 DICEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SET

Data	Ente mittente	Ente destinatario	Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	S st tuat
9/12	Mag. Viv. Lecce	Dep.S.V. Napoli	Tabacchi	2920	5562	Auto
9/12	" " "	Mag. Viv. Bari	"	9000	19867	Ferr
12	Dep.C.ViV.Taranto	Dep.S.Viv.Catania	Pasta	29000	64017	
15/12	Mag.Viv. Lecce	Dep.S.Viv. Napoli	Tabacchi	2441	4947	
19/12	Dep. C.Viv.Taranto	Dep.S.Viv. Catania	Farina	23817,834	52578	
			Zucchero	2038,800	4500	
			Vegetali Dis.	1997,730	4410	
			Carne scatol.	8317,080	18360	
			Formaggio sc.	2016,756	4452	Fe
			Pasta	5979,600	13200	
			Riso	2038,500	4500	
			Conserva pomod.	1000,224	2208	
			Caffè	1007,019	2223	
			Legumi(fagioli)	4077,-	9000	
			Pepe	9,966	22	

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UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
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Taranto, lì 23 dicembre 1944

SPEDIZIONI AL 22 DICEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

Partenza da	Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la sped.	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione
Taranto			5562	Autocarri	Direcomm.Bari.
		2520			" "
		9000	19867	Ferrovia	
Napoli	Tabacchi		64017	"	Minist.Guerra.
Bari	"	29000		"	Direcomm. Bari.
Catania	Pasta	2441	4947		
Napoli	Tabacchi	23817,834	52578		
Catania	Farina	2038,800	4500		
	Zucchero	1997,730	4410		
	Vegetali Dis.	8317,080	18360		
	Carne scatol.	2016,756	4452	Ferrovia	Ministero della Guerra Roma.
	Formaggio ec.	5979,600	13200		
	Pasta	2038,500	4500		
	Riso	1000,224	2208		
	Conserva pomod.	1007,019	2223		
	Caffè	4077,-	9000		
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~~D.A.Q.M.G. (Docks) Staff Officer's Fortnightly Report.~~

Sector TARANTO Fortnight ending 8 Dec 44 Report No. 17

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Sales 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?		Nil.
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 LO's report.
5. Have working of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs have been adopted?		N.A.
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)	Good, except for one "festa" on 8 Dec: luckily no wagons arrived, because not one member of civil labour did.
	(II)	Own Tpt: to-day (9 Dec) is 19th day without my own car, repairs to which have been delayed owing to ~~leech~~ lack of electric power in w/s. Am told it will be finished to-day. (Shan't!)
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?		7. Yes.

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

See Port LO's report.

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

N.A.

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) Good, except for one "festa" on 8 Dec: luckily no wagons arrived, because not one member of civil labour did.

(II) Own Tpt: to-day (9 Dec) is 19th day without my own car, repairs to which have been delayed owing to ~~lack~~ lack of electric power in w/s. Am told it will be finished to-day. (Bloody!)

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

7. Yes.

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Note: REFER AT PARAGRAPH, CROSS REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE APPROPRIATE ON THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE POST PORTRAITURE REPORT (See operating Instn. N.3)

8. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Yes, excert for matches. There is a 15 days supply in MONTECATINI, but none have arrived from Italian sources yet.

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

See attached list.

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= T A R A N T O =

Taranto 21.12.44

DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 25 NOV. ALL'8 DICEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI F

data	ente mittente	ente destinatario	Genere spedito	quantità in kg.	quantità in Lbs.	n. è t
26.11	Mag.Viv. BRINDISI	Dep.S.v. CATANIA	Pasta	17700,500	39073	
26.11	" " "	" " "	Surrogato	1000,000	2207	
26.11	" " LECCE	Mag.Viv. BARI	Tabacchi	4314,000	9523	
1°.12	" " LECCE	Dep.S.V. NAPOLI	Tabacchi	2112,000	4662	
5°.12	" " BRINDISI	" " NAPOLI	Sale	3050,230	6733	
6.12	" " LECCE	Mag.Viv. NAPOLI	Tabacchi	13873,000	30624	
6.12	" " LECCE	Dep.S.V. NAPOLI	Tabacchi	2112,000	4662	
6.12	" " LECCE	Mag.Viv. NAPOLI	Tabacchi	23857,000	52664	

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UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
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Taranto, lì 8 dicembre 1944

DAL 25 NOV. ALL'8 DICEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

Destinatario	Genere spedito	quantità in kg.	quantità in Lbs.	mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la sped.	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione
CATANIA	Pasta	17700,500	39073	Ferrovia	Guerra Comm/to
"	Surrogato	1000,000	2207	id	id
BARI	Tabacchi	4314,000	9523	id	Direcommiles Bari
NAPOLI	Tabacchi	2112,000	4662	Autocarro	Guerra Comm/to
NAPOLI	Sale	3050,230	6733	Ferrovia	id
NAPOLI	Tabacchi	13873,000	30624	Ferrovia	id
NAPOLI	Tabacchi	2112,000	4662	Autocarro	id
NAPOLI	Tabacchi	23857,000	52664	Ferrovia	id

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). TORONTO D.D. 6 DEC 44

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 & sacked goods under cover?	No outdoor stocks.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Not all : about 50%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (e g. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stoks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Corned Beef 140 lbs.
11. Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Yes.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e g. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stcks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	Corned Beef 140 lbs.
(a) Is it so secured that it cannot be purloined by the Black market?	Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes: excellent.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	As before.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 men on all the time: also one man sleeps in magazine.

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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. Yes (Military Line only)
17. "Spot check"?	

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
CHEESE TND COFFEE (Allied)	CORRECT	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 1/2 ton trucks per hours for (a) Receipts (b) Despatches	As before
19. Any labour problems?	NO. Referring to my TLO/3 dated 29 Nov, para 2(b) Dir. Comm. BARI have authorized 6 men needed, to stay.

CEREAL IND	(	CORRECT
COFFEE (Allied)	)	

Remarks:-

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

(a) As before

(b)

19. Any labour problems?

NO. Referring mw TRO/3 dated 20 Nov, para 2(b) Dir. Comm. BARI have authorized 6 men needed, to stay.

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

Only emrty wine and oil barrels are loaded.

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

No.

G.C. LIPPICELLI: This depot is in excellent order under its new ~~O.C. Lt. PICCOLI~~ He hs re-organised the distribution system enti: REIV

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Physical Warehousing Position (Food). TARANTO B.D. 30 Nov 44

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: "BRITI" labels are in use.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	No open-air stacks
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	About 25%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (e g. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stcks?	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?	As already notified: also Depot awaits reception of substantial amount from Regia Marina.

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (e g. Onions & Flour)	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stcks?	Yes.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?	As already notified: also Depot awaits reception of substantial amount from Regis Marina.
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?	As before
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by berbed wire, night lighting etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrange= ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	As before.

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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"? Yes.

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
CHEESE TND.	12,382	

Remarks:-

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

19. Any labour problems?

(a) Unless their pay was raised, Civilian labour threatened to leave on 2 Dec as they heard pay was better with Allies: O.C. Depot informed me on 30 Nov, but had reported matter to Commissariato on 23 Nov. All action taken by Commissariato was to inform BARI:

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CHEESE TND.	12,382		

Remarks:-

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

19. Any labour problems?

(a) Unless their pay was raised, Civilian labour threatened to leave on 2 Dec as they heard pay was better with Allies: O.C. Depot informed me on 30 Nov, but had reported matter to Commissariato on 23 Nov. All action taken by Commissariato was to inform BARI: I went with Cart. GRIECO to Commissariato, and we took Lt. Col. D'ABRUZZO to Italian civil labour office. It was found that pay could be increased, and the matter is now settled. Suggest that W.V. find someone to command Commissariato who has more initative and common-sense.

(b) Military personnel: see my TLO/3 dated 29 Nov to LO BARI (copy to you)

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

20. Yes.

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

Guards: see 19 (b)

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G. Visit to Head of Sector Commissariato

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
1 Dec 44	1. Increase of pay to civilian workers at MONTECATINI	See report on MONTECATINI Depot attached.	
8 Dec 44	2. USAAF want to acquire Stadium premises, now used by LECCE DD. as main and distribution magazines, for an indoor sports centre. I am very much against giving this up unless a really good alternative site can be found.	See my TLC/24 of 9 Dec.	
	3. Car: Lt.Col.D'ABRUZZO is in LECCE till 18Dec, examining potential officers: he is taking up matter with CAMPO SOSTA (see report 16 Gp)		
	4.Movement orders SI/1 and /2	Informed him no wagons yet arranged. My TPD/2 of 7 Dec. refers.	
	5. Analytical Commission at TARANTO delayed because analyst on leave.		

H. General — Vehicle Census: Handed W.M. instns to Officer from HQ CALABRIA on 7 Dec.

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	unless a really good alternative site can be found.	
	3. Car: Lt.Col.D'ABRUZZO is in LECCE till 18Dec, examining potential officers: he is taking up matter with CAMPO SOSTA (see report 16 Gz)	
	4.Movement orders SI/1 and /2	Informed him no wagons yet arranged My TPD/z of 3 Dec. refers.
	5. Analytical Commission at TARANTO delayed because analyst on leave.	

H. General — Vehicle Census: Handed W.M. instns to officer from HQ CALABRIA on 7 Dec.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

9 Dec 44

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APPENDIX "A"

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~~SHIP DISCHARGE~~ BULK DEPOT REPORT

PORT TARANTO WEEKS ENDING 8 Dec 44 REPORT N. 17

BULK DEPOT
~~PORT~~ WORKING

Ship loading

~~Under~~ Discharging

By Rail — Name

See daily signals and Acceptance Notes — Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Supply Units) — Consignor/nee

Daily Pack — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced — No.

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See daily signals and Acceptance Notes

Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Supply Units)

Consignor/nee

Daily Pack

Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy

Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced? No.

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship Nil.

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received

Not received

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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[ITA SE]CTION LIAISON OFFICER'S FORTNIGHTLY REPORTS.

SECTION TAPANTO FORTNIGHT ENDING 24 Nov.44 REPORT N° 16

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Axis or Allied Depots). (See note below)

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	Nil.	S & T. 14AA. Read [illegible] File ST/ [illegible]
2. What supplies notified for releases 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 worked during period under report?	See PLO's 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?	N.A.	
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) Good. (ii) Own car has been off-road since 20 Nov, and is awaiting spares, to be drawn from MESAGNE when authority arrives	
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	See PLO's report, and my TPD/17 of 24 Nov to 46 BSD (copy to you).	

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

See PLO's report.

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

N.A.

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) Good.

(II) Own car has been off-road since 20 Nov, and is awaiting spares, to be drawn from MESAGNE when authority arrives.

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

See PLO's report, and my TPD/17 of 24 Nov to 46 BSD (copy to you).

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING ON THE FORGOING POINTS TO THE POST FORTNIGHTLY REPORT (See Operating Instn. N.3)

8. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Watches: None received since your ST/106 of 8 Nov to W.M. Otherwise said to be satisfactory; I have not yet received Stock Movement return due to-day.

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2. Is POL position ditto?

3. What Lee-watched to other Sector have been progressed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

See list attached.

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DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DALL'11 AL 25 NOVEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL

Taranto, lì 24 novembre 1944

Data	Ente mittente	Ente destinatario	Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	Mezzo è stato
17.11	Mag.Viv.Lecce	Mag.Viv.Catanzaro	Tabacchi	2496,-	5509.	Ferr
17.11	id	" " Catania	id	3504,-	7735.	f
17.11	id	Dep.Mil.Viv. Napoli	id	3404,-	7514.	Auto
17.11	id	id	Cartine per sigarette n. pacchetti	9493		
19.11	Mag.Viv.Brindisi	Mag.Viveri - Bari	Cioccolato in stecche	6,900	15.	Ferr
21.11	Mag.Viv.Lecce	Dep.Spec.Viv.Napoli	Tabacchi	kg. 5582,-	12322.-	Auto

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AUTONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
= T A R A N T O =

NOVEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

Taranto, lì 24 novembre 1944

Genere spedito	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la sped.	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione.
Tabacchi	2496,-	5509.	Ferrovia	Guerra Comm/to
id	3504,-	7735.	id	id
id	3404,-	7514.	Autocarri	id
Cartine per sigarette n.	pacchetti 6,900	9493	id	Direcommiles Bari
Cioccolate in stecche		15.	Ferrovia	Guerra Comm/tp
Tabacchi	kg. 5582,-	12322.-	Autocarri	

G. Visit to Head of Sector Commissariato. TARANTO

Date of visit.	Points raised	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
17 Nov44	All points discussed again on 24 Nov.		
24 Nov "	1. Shortage of matches (see B-1)		Hasten W.W.
	2. Montecatini Depot: repairs to roof. He is asking local "Genio" officer to see me.	Signalled you (ST 67 dated 17 Nov. Repairs started 25 Nov 44 DADT	ditto
	3. His Fiat 500 car: This arrived from Comando Sosta e Contumacia, LECCE on 21 Nov, but as it was in bad repair, he sent it back! He reported matter to W.W. (his 4492 dated 21 Nov 44 refers): It apparently needs new tyres. It is unfortunate that he did not refer matter to me before he sent back the car.	DADT	Order SOSTA, etc, to put it in repair and attempt to obtain new tyres.
	4. Stock State Signals.	"eminded him of contents of your ST/6 dated 16 Nov (he already has a copy).	

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

Lack of own trt, (see PLO report), St.Andrews Camp and other "non - ST" work has prevented me from making any inspections of Depots.

With continuance of influx of Repatriates, and also vehicles from GREECE, I cannot visit CATANZARO unless an assistant officer arrives. I have asked HQ CALABRIA to send officer i/c Vehicle Census to me here, to report progress.

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see me.		
3. His Fiat 500 car: This arrived from Comando Sosta e Contumacia, LECCE on 21 Nov, but as it was in bad repair, he sent it back! He reported matter to W.M. (his 4482 dated 21 Nov 44 refers): It apparently needs new tyres. It is unfortunate that he did not refer matter to me before he sent back the car.		Order SOSTA, etc, to put it in repair and attempt to obtain new tyres.
4. Stock State Signals.	"eminded him of contents of your ST/6 dated 16 Nov (he already has a copy).	

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

Lack of own trt, (see PLO report), St.Andrews Camp and other "non - ST" work has prevented me from making any inspections of Depots.

With continuance of influx of Repatriates, and also vehicles from GREECE, I cannot visit CATANZARO unless an assistant officer arrives. I have asked HQ CALABRIA to send officer i/c Vehicle Census to me here, to report progress.

My interpreter has also been in hospital since 21 Nov. (signal ST 77 dated 22 refers)

Cant. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

25 Nov 44

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APPENDIX 'A'

SAFE BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 5

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 24 Nov. 44 REPORT N. 16

BULK DEPOT

Ships loading

By Rail Name

See Acceptance Notes Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Supply Units) Consignments

Daily Pack. Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

C.C. 46 BSD called on 22 Nov: he appears very concerned with the amount of discrepancies raised by Capt GRIECO. He maintained that pilferage in his Depot was impossible, as a Board of officers was present at all loadings of this pack. I maintain that it is just as impossible at MONTECATINI Depot, where Capt. GRIECO always has one of his men (not a checker) inside each wagon, as it is off loaded, to guard against pilferage by civilian labour. Furthermore, 46 BSD is far larger than MONTECATINI, and the risk of pilferage is in my opinion proportionately higher. My TPD/17 of 24 Nov also refers, so far as regards compiling of issue vouchers. It is plain that someone in his office has been guilty of careless work.

Noted.

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~~See Acceptance Notes~~ Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Supply Units) Consignor/ins

Daily Pack. Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

O.C. 46 BSD called on 22 Nov: he appears very concerned with the amount of discrepancies raised by Capt GRIECO. He maintained that pilferage in his Depot was impossible, as a Board of officers was present at all loadings of this pack. I maintain that it is just as impossible at MONTECATINI Depot, where Capt. GRIECO always has one of his men (not a checker) inside each wagon, as it is off loaded, to guard against pilferage by civilian labour. Furthermore, 46 BSD is far larger than MONTECATINI, and the risk of pilferage is in my opinion proportionately higher. My TPD/17 of 24 Nov also refers, so far as regards compiling of issue vouchers. It is plain that someone in his office has been guilty of careless work.

Noted

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship NIL

Convoy No

E.T.A.

Tonnage of cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

25 Nov 44

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APPENDIX "A"

S&T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION n. 3

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ST 1314

PORT TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 10 Nov 44 REPORT N. 15

BULK DEPOT
~~PORT WORKING~~ Ships loading

~~Ships Discharging~~

By Rail Name

See below Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Sup Units) Consignor/ee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Received during period:- Any difficulties experienced?

Commodities	Lbs	Days rations	Commodities	Lbs	Days rations
FLOUR	956512	17	RICE	9504	2
VEG. DEHYT	61014	1½	MACARONI	170862	12
BEANS PEAS	nil	-	TOMATO CATSUP	610	-
P. MEAT	208107	14	COFFEE	22813	) 17
FISH	81087	2	COFFEE BEANS	17475	)
CHEESE	79966	17	PEPPER	208	9
SUGAR	80157	17	MATCHES	10736	7

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22 CRASC (Sup Units) Consignorings

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Received during period:- Any difficulties experienced?

Commodities	Lbs	Days rations	Commodities	Lbs	Days rations
FLOUR	956512	17	RICE	9504	2
VEG. DEHYD	61014	1[illegible]	MACARONI	170842	12
BEANS PEAS	nil	-	TOMATO CATSUP	610	-
P. MEAT	208107	14	COFFEE	22813	17
FISH	31087	2	COFFEE BEANS	17473	
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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship NIL

Convoy No

E.T.A.

Tonnage of cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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C; OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

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

D. GENERAL (Give origin of information).

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

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

a) Clothing for Italian Navy Port Labour Coys (BRINDISI): I [illegible] PORTALI with

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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 orther Services at SC) & MIA.

Q) Clothing for Italian Navy Port Labour Coys (BRINDISI): I
Ord) have been approached by Comdr 52 Area, and FOTALI, with reference to clothing of above Coys, who are working for the Army : their clothing is said to be in a bad state, and they may give trouble. BARI SC informed me that MLIA require this matter to be dealt with solely by Navy Sub Commission. I informed FOTALI and Area Comdr accordingly.

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison officer - TARANTO

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SHIP'S: TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 10 Nov 44 REPORT N° 15

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?		Nil.
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 PLO's report.
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to UNRRA have been adopted?		N.A.
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (11) transport	(1)	Good.
	(11)	N.A.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?		Yes.

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under report?

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

See PIC's 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?

N.A.

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) Good.

(ii) N.A.

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

Yes.

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REFLECTING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instructi
Nº 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Matches: Sector at present on 1/2 rations (Taken up with W.M.) Otherwise said to be satisfactory.

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

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DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 27 OTTOBRE 1944 AL 10 NOVEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOC

TARANTO

Taranto, li 10 novembre

Data	Ente mittente	Ente destinatario	Genere spedito	Quantità in Kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	Mezzo di stra trasp
28.10	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V.Napoli	Carne scatolata	23809,680	52560.-	Ferr
28.10	id	" " " Catania	Riso	14949,000	33000.-	
28.10	id	id	Vegetali disidrat.	21502,098	47466.-	
29.10	Mag.Viv.S.Pancrazio Salen.	Mag.Viv.Bari	Vino litri	23850,000	—	
2.11	id	" " Barletta	Vino "	26103,000	—	
6.11	Dep.C.V.Taranto	" " Benevento	Biscotti allegati	4655,044	10276.-	
7.11	id	Dep.S.V.Catania	Vegetali disidrat.	16462,020	36340.-	
8.11	id	" " " Napoli	id id	24029,838	53046.-	
9.11	id	" " " "	id id	23959,170	52890.-	

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27 OTTOBRE 1944 AL 10 NOVEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI

Taranto, li 10 novembre 1944

o	Genere spedito	Quantità in Kg.	Quantità in Lbs.	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la sped.	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione.
	Carne scatolata	23809,680	52560.-	Ferrovia	Ministero Guerra
	Riso	14949,000	33000.-	id	id
	Vegetali disidrat.	21502,098	47466.-	id	id
	Vino litri	23850,000	—	id	Direzcomm.le Bari
	Vino "	26103,000	—	id	id
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	id id	23959,170	52890.-	id	id
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F. PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING Position (Food). TARANTO D.D. 5 Nov 44

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 except re Salt.
4. Are carton packed packed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	About 60%.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	ditto.
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept weel apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See No 4 above.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No, not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	None.
11. Is depot clean and	Yes.

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None.

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?

Improvised trans.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

Yes.

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

As last report.

14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?

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6. (continued).

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

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

17. "Spot check"? Yes.

Commodities checked.	Harmless Found	Deficiencies found.
K. & V. Rash	0.0274 Kgs.	Nil.

Remarks:- See No 1 above.

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for
(a) As last report.
(b) ditto.
a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems? No. New C.C. arrived (Lt. Angelo Tenazio) Old C.C. is for congedo. 9 OR's also arrived.

W. & V. Nash	0330.274 Kgs.	Nil.

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 3 1/2 ton trucks per hour for a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	As last report.
	(b)	ditto.
19. Any labour problems?		No. New O.C. arrived (Lt. Miele Ignazio) Old O.C. is for conged. 9 OR's also arrived.
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed?		As previous reports.
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?		ditto.
22. General.		Discipline seemed to have improved.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
10 Nov 44	Midshift meal for civilian workers; he has received no instns from W.M.		Stir up W.M.

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

Lack of tnt at beginning of period, together with much office work, subsequent visit to RCME, and finally "Repatriates Camp", has precluded any more than one inspection.

New interpreter, 2/lt. DIANO, has arrived. He seems to know about as much English as did PICCI on arrival, but it is hoped he will improve. He has an English wife (née Murray) working for SO III Education, RAAC, and hopes to bring her here when he has found a home.

I feel she would be a very valuable employee in this office. Can MMIA please facilitate her journey here when the home is found? (I have since learnt she is working as "MRS MURRAY", and has

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Capt. GRIECO is still a Capt.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

22. Is unit training any drivers?

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. What is the standard of discipline?

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

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

29. What is the standard of discipline?

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

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

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

33. Any further remarks?

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MEDIA SECTION LIAISON OFFICERS' FORTNIGHTLY REPORTS. Appx

SECTOR TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 27 Oct 44 REPORT N° 14

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?	Nil.	
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	Nil.	
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	Daily Pack for Italian Navy.	
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?	N. A.	
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (11) transport?	(1)	good
	(11)	Own tpt: CSM Tudor's M/C has at last arrived. Lack of railway wagons has cut down receipts: see P.L.O.'s report. 22 CRASC is switching back to 28 BSD as wagons are more easily obtainable in BRINDISI Area.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7.	Yes, but 46 BSD are very slow in sending through the documents.

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Daily Pack for Italian Navy.

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?

N. A.

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

(1) good

(11) Own trt: CSM Tudor's M/C has at last arrived.
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7. Was documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Yes: there is only the usual complaint about olive oil.

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

See attached list.

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Physical Warehousing Position (Food) LB03 D.D. 26 Oct 44

All replies as Report 13, except:-

10. Received since last report:

Cigarettes (Itl)	110	lbs
Corned Beef	35	lbs
Corned Beef Hash	9	"
M. & V. Stew	1 7/8	"

The 1170 lbs flour alleged to be bad (see last report) has now been sieved, and only 773 lbs are now alleged to be bad. Reference Commission to be held on forege and bad food: I requested Commissariato to order Analyst to furnish a proper report on 9 Oct: I have still not received it from him, but saw him at the Depot to-day, when he told me he had completed the report on the barley but was not proposing to look at the straw, (in spite of the Commissariato's emphatic instructions on this point), as he thought this was a job for the "Vet" I instructed him to co-opt the Vet if he liked, but gave to understand he was cause of unreasonable delay in the matter. hope to hold Commission on 31 Oct.

14. Reference last report: The new C.C. is putting a man to sleep in the 3rd building (CERVINARA had done nothing about it since 13 Oct)

17. "Snot Check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
(a) PEPPER	317 grammes	
(b) TOMATO	55.559 Kgs.	

Remarks:- (b) Capt. CERVINARA said surplus due to fact that units do not like Tomato Juice, which they sometimes sign for, but do not draw. (!!)

22. General (a) New C.C. Capt. ANNICCHIARICO, Joseph, took over

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14. Reference last report: The new O.C. is putting a man to sleep in the 3rd building (CERVINARA had done nothing about it since 13 Oct)

17. "Spot Check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
(a) PEPPER	213 grammes	
(b) TOMATO	55.559 Kgs.	

Remarks:- (b) Capt. CERVINARA said surplus due to fact that units do not like Tomato Juice, which they sometimes sign for, but do not draw. (!!)

22. General (a) New O.C. Capt. ANNICCHIARICO, Joseph, took over w.e.f. 23 Oct. He comes from Comm. BARI, and has had previous food experience. He has one 2/Lt. to help him in the Food Depot.
(b) CERVINARA informed me that Commissariato told him forage accounting was to continue on old system. Is this correct?

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DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 14 AL 27 OTTOBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI F

Taranto, lì 2

DATA	ENTE MITTENTE	ENTE DESTINATARIO	GENERE SPEDITO	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in libbre
14.10	Mag.Viv.Lecce	Mag.Viv.Palermo	Aglio in polvere	1800,-	3973
15.10	" " "	210 Divis.P.M.179	Sigar.Macedonia	1000,-	2207
16.10	" " "	" " " "	Tonno all'olio	98,900	218
16.10	" " "	" " " "	Sardine all'olio	70,-	154
18.10	" " "	Dep.S.V.Napoli	Sigarette	3063,-	6761
18.10	" " "	" " "	Sigarette	1008,-	2225
25.10	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V.Napoli	Farina	149943,-	331000
26.10	" " "	" " "	Farina	74971,500	165500
27.10	" " "	" " "	Farina	74971,500	165500

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E SPEDITE DAL 14 AL 27 OTTOBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

Taranto, lì 27 ottobre 1944

DESTINATARIO	GENERE SPEDITO	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in libbre	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la spedizione	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione
iv.Palermo	Aglio in polvere	1800,-	3973	Ferrovia	Min.Guerra
vis.P.M.179	Sigar.Macedonia	1000,-	2207	"	" "
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V.Napoli	Sigarette	3063,-	6761	"	" "
" "	Sigarette	1008,-	2225	"	" "
V.Napoli	Farina	149943,-	331000	Ferrovia	Direcommiles
"	Farina	74971,500	165500	"	" Bari
"	Farina	74971,500	165500	"	" "

. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) — IN ANTC B.D. 27 Oct 44

All replies same as Report 13 Except:-

4. Yes.

10. Navy are sending a large consignment to-morrow
Am holding Commission to-morrow.
Amount at present in depot is secure.

13. Reference last report : (a) Barbed wire: finished
(b) Repairs to roof: see my 46 dated 27
(c) Electric light work finished, but 20 bulbs needed, see my 46 above.

17. "Spot Check?"

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
P. MEAT		45.746 Kg. On re-check on 28, found to be only 1.455 Kg.

Remarks:- C.C. Depot has asked for a re-check.
On re-check, Depot found they had some cases in Sabraga Depot, which they had not brought to our notice.

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E. Locomotive Position (Local & POL Depots).

1. Are Mod Depot personnel adequately trained to enter, & what checks have you made to control under control?
(Ref. ground checks - daily credit - depot check records - procedure for accounting for shortages or discrepancies)?

See reports on individual depots.

2. What checks have you made as to whether locos steamed or transferred from depot are used and controlled by units to which consigned?

47 Arty Gr., COPERTINA (draws from LECCE D.D. - correct draw).

3. Have Unit Mobile Refilling Vans produced & operated & do the crews do their own work on units vehicles?

Yes.

4. Have POL depot operators proved to be adequately trained to drive or dispatchers in petrol under control?

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5. What checks have you been able to apply to POL issues as recorded by POL depots by issues of vehicles to ascertain units requirements?

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(illegible).

2. Were checks here you made as to whether Italian Storeship is practicable and, have answers been confirmed by visits to units concerned?

47 Arty Gp., COPERTINA (draws from LECCE D.D. - correct draw).

3. Have draft Italian Books been produced & approved to be in order in respect of Italian Workers?

Yes.

4. Have PoW Labour companies proved to be invariably in order on dispatch & on period under report?

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5. What checks have you been able to apply of PoW Labour as recorded by PoW Camps by name of visits to camps with camps?

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F. Until Interior Normalcy.

1. In your opinion are uniforms being used by Italian Police?

2. Is there an adequate amount of Jeep & Lorry transport?

3. Are Police Stations above unexpected Clean & well ventilated?

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

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

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

7. Are kitchen & mess room throughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

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

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

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

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

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

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

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

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13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

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

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

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

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

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

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Actiontaken by you.	Action required by U.N.R.R.A.
27 Oct 44	1. Long interview with Lt.Col. D'ABRUZZO, on his return, acquainting him of various delinquencies committed by his staff during his absence.	All material facts have been already reported to MMIA.	
	2. Arranged for Analytical Commission on LECCE's forage for 31 Oct.		

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

Having returned from CALABRIA on night of 23 Oct. I have since had a good deal of trouble with FIAT owing to Battery (my TPD/14 dated 16 Oct refers). This, combined with office work being above normal, has prevented me from getting round all the sector since 23.

I have a good many questions to discuss with you and propose to try and come to ROME next week: I hope to arrive on 3 Nov, but will signal confirming.

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

Having returned from CALABRIA on night of 23 Oct. I have since had a good deal of trouble with FIAT owing to Battery (my TPD/14 dated 16 Oct refers). This, combined with office work being above normal, has prevented me from getting round all the sector since 23. . .

I have a good many questions to discuss with you and propose to try and come to ROME next week: I hope to arrive on 3 Nov, but will signal confirming.

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Wms. Hartford
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

22. Is unit training any drivers?

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

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

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

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip Slits (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

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b. Clean?
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 - Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies?
d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security

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

33. Any further remarks?

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO 2 WEEKS ENDING 27 Oct 44 REPORT No 14

BULK DEPOT WORKING Ships loading

By Rail Name

See below Tonnage of cargo

46 B.S.D. Consignor/nee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Received during period:- Any difficulties experienced As my TPJ/17 of 24 and 27 Oct.

Commodity	LBS	Dev's rations	Commodity	LBS	Dev's rations
FLOUR	635392	11	MACARONI	168990	12
VEG. DEHYD	56420	12	RICE	42319	0
BEANS PEAS	113200	12	TOMATO	24710	10 1/2
P. MEAT	169871	12	COFFEE	28271	12
FISH	nil	nil	PEPPER	294	13
CHEESE	56411	12	MATCHES	21338 boxes	2 weeks
SUGAR	56054	12			

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED

Name of Ship NIL

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of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Received during period:- Any difficulties experienced — see my TPJ/17 of 24 and 27 Oct.

Commodity	LBS	Day's rations	Commodity	LBS	Day's rations
FLOUR	625392	11	MACARONI	168990	12
VEG. DEHYD	56420	12	RICE	42319	9
BEANS PEAS	113200	12	TOMATO	24710	10 1/2
P. MEAT	169871	12	COFFEE	28271	12
FISH	nil	nil	PEPPER	294	13
CHEESE	56411	12	MATCHES	21338 boxes	2 weeks
SUGAR	56054	12			

B. 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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Subject:- Depot Inspections

To: HQ, MMMA.

MMIA. LO.
c/o HQ 52 Area

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I was prevented by lack of tpt from inspecting BRINDISI and TARANTO DD's last week.

In order that you may have an up-to-date picture of this Sector, I enclose reports of inspections of these depots, rather than waiting for their inclusion in Report due 27 Oct.

W.H.A. Rawstad.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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NORTH S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR _____ WEEK ENDING _____ REPORT NO _____

A. Handover of Supplies (by 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 unloading of incoming cargoes during period under report have been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to Units have been adopted?

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

6. Has documentation of Handover & condition of supplies proved satisfactory in period under report?

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Note:- When appropriate, cross-references may be made to the Appendices of this

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

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

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

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

7. Has documentation of Masters & consignees of officials accounts been satisfactory in period under report?

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

B. Maintenance of Berth Condition

1. In Dock Basin position for your Berths satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?

2. In ROR position there?

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

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c. Physical Performance Position (Food). TARANTO D D. (14 Oct 44

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and to suitable height?	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?	see last report
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	ditto
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	ditto
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	ditto
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No
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.	[illegible]	

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	dated?	ditto
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	ditto
7.	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	ditto
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to track traffic in wet weather?	No
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Nil
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so decayed that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Yes
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	See last report; found one large trap in a room full of <u>one</u> commodity; CHEESE!
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	Yes
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	As last report.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	

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(Annex) (2)

C. (continued)

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate & in force on the Goldberg? Yes

17. "Spot check"?

GOODS CHECKED	SHORTAGES FOUND	REGULATIONS FOUND
(a) Cheese	6.139 Kg	
(b) Corned Beef	Correct	

Remarks:- (a) Due possibly to "nearest tin issue", as tins were 3/4 lbs.

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

19. Any labour problems? No. This Depot is shortly about to receive 1. Officer and 13 O.R's from MAGLIE D.D. which will ease personnel problem hitherto. Present O.C. is overdue for Congedo.

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COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
(a) Cheese	6.139 Kg	
(b) Corned Beef	Correct	

Remarks:- (a) Due possibly to "nearest tin issue", as tins were 3/4 lbs.

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

19. Any Labour problems? — No. This Depot is shortly about to receive 1. Officer and 13 O.R's from MAGLIE D.D. which will ease personnel problem hitherto. Present O.C. is overdue for Congedo.

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly dunnaged & sealed? — As last report

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

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. How are packed stocks

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. How are packed stocks issued? (Normal and actual basis)?

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

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

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). BRINDISI D.D. 15 Oct 44

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?	All goods are under cover.
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	O.C. says only about 20%.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing three oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.1	Are naturally contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stacks.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recare broken stocks?	No; not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Corned Beef 99 lbs Corned Beef Hash 16 1/2 " Tomatoes Tnd 6 3/8 " M. & V. Stew 3 3/4 " Secure
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	1 Dog: improvised traps.

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6.	Is transfer assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are suitably containing goods kept well aired? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor stacks.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recond broken stocks?	No; not necessary.
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so reported that it cannot reach civilian black market?	99 . lbs Corned Beef 16 1/2 " Corned Beef Hash 6 3/8 " Tomatoes Tnd 3 3/4 " M. & V. Stew Secure
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	1 Dog: improvised traps.
13.	Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	Yes.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	As report 6

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MEDITERRANEAN SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

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 on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?

5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to Units 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 & condition of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

2. In POL position ditto?

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

C. (continued)

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate & in dept on the building? Yes.

17. "Spot check"? Yes.

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUS FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
(a) Cheese	11 - 381 Kg	
(b) Tinned Meat(All'd)	28 - 949 Kg	
(c) do (Italian)	Correct after adjustment of a/cs.	

Remarks:- (a) Probably due to "nearest tin issue". (b) and (c) Depôt has separate a/cs for Allied and Italian Tinned Meats: it had recently received a quantity of Italian Meat from disbanded units, which was being issued quickly: O.C. had posted all issues to allied a/cs, however. After considerable time in stocktaking and checking of a/cs, I was able to ascertain amount of Italian Meat issued, and adjusted accounts accordingly. Surplus (b) was attributed to fact that some bad food sent to LECCE D. D. for Anal. Commission had been wrongly recorded .

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

See report 3.

19. Any Labour problems?

O.C. was losing 3 cpls, 2 Sgts and 7 O.R.'s (by order of BARI Comm.) He said he wanted to retain 1 Cpl and 2 NCOs, but as he had been told to employ civilian labour in lieu of posted men, told him he must give it a trial.

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Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

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

See report 3.

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

Reference report 12, and your ST/75/3 of 5 Oct 44: this letter deals with electric light bulbs, but how about the lorry?

20. Yes.

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

21. No.

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D. Physical Warehousing Condition (PCI).

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

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

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

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

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

6. Are packed stocks (i.e.ocean, bunker) properly stacked?

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

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

9. How are packed stocks

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do the regulations in those 4 City men there as a protection against theft? If so, how be written orders what to do?

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

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

6. Are pistol stocks (i.e.cocus, barrels) regularly stocked?

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

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'Indents' and discussing both record conditions? Is it a daily check?

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

10. Are pistol stock stocks brought round to prevent dirt spread?

11. Are Stn Officers personalities & Fire Fighting units:
(a) Controllable?
(b) Suitably applied?
(c) Adequate?

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E. Physical Warehousing Position (POL). BRINDISI P.D. (15 Oct)

As report 12.

No issues since report 12.

Is continuance of this Depot justified?

APPENDIX " A "

PRO-FORMA

UNFIT SUBSISTENCE REPORT

1. Foodstuffs found unfit.

Commodity.	Approx weight.
CORNED BEEF	99 Lbs
M. & V. STEW	3 3/4 "
CORNED BEEF HASH	16 1/2 "
TOMATOES TND	6 3/8 "

2. Date reported to you as unfit. 15 Oct 44

3. Reported to Direzione Commissariato. 16 Oct Yes

4. Location of unfit commodities. BRINDISI D.D.

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CORNED BEEF 3 3/4 "

M. & V. STEW 16 1/2 "

CORNED BEEF HASH 6 3/8 "

TOMATOES TND

2. Date reported to you as unfit. 15 Oct 44

3. Reported to Direzione Commissariato. 16 Oct Yes ~~No~~

4. Location of unfit commodities. BRINDISI D.D.

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W/Cdr. Bradford.
F. Capt.
MMIA Sector Liaison Officer
TARANTO

16 Oct 44

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NEW G & I SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR TARANTO 2 WEEK ENDING 13 Oct 44 REPORT NO 13

1. Handover of Supplies (By 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?	Nil
3.	What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	Nil
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?	See PLO 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?	N.A.
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) Good. (ii) Own tpt: See my TPD/14 of 12 Oct re vehicle for W.O. Rail tpt: see PLO's report.
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes: difficulty mentioned in last report now cleared up with 22 CRASC.

	Allied Depots since last report?	
3.	Wark cargoes have been worked during; period under report?	Nil
4.	What releases on Allied Depots have been worked during; period under report?	See PLO 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?	N.A.
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)	Good. Own tpt: See my TPD/14 of 12 Oct re vehicle for W.C. Rail tpt: see PLO's report.
7.	Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes: difficulty mentioned in last report now cleared up with 22 CRASC.

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1.	In Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Head of Comm. complained of shortage of Pulses: I pointed out abundance of Veg.Dehyd. Satisfactory, but see PLO's report re delay in Navy Pack.
2.	In POL position ditto?	//
3.	What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See list attached.

BG.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). LECCE D.D. 13 Oct 44

1.	Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2.	Are stacks internally ventilated and of suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3.	Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4.	Are carton packed & marked goods under cover?	Yes.
5.	Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	O.C. says only about 20%.
6.	Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor Stacks.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recondition broken stocks?	See report 4
10.	How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? In it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Tnd Cheese 14 lbs Flour 1170 lbs Corned Beef 36 " Barley approx 24 1/2 Corned Beef Hash 66 " tons M.& V. Stew 22 1/2 lbs Straw approx 8 tons. Tinned foods left on roof as before: no cover at all, though empty sacks for this purpose were available and lying nearby. There were many flies all over it. Have told O.C. about this at least twice. Secure from black market. Am still
11.	Is depot clean and tidy?	
12.	What anti-vermin measures are used?	

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6.	Is turnover assured by loading from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7.	Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	Yes.
8.	Are outdoor stacks on flat ground which will stand up to trade traffic in wet weather?	No outdoor Stacks.
9.	Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recondition broken stocks?	See report 4
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?	Tnd Cheese 14 lbs Flour 1170 lbs Corned Beef 36 " Barley approx 24 1/2 Corned Beef Hash 66 " tons M.& V. Stew 22 1/2 lbs Straw approx 8 tons. Tinned foods left on roof as before: no cover at all, though empty sacks for this purpose were available and lying nearby. There were many flies all over it. Have told O.C. about this at least twice. Secure from black market. Am still awaiting a proper Analyst report on forage, but have now discovered he is on leave till 15. Am of opinion that Lt.Cdr D'ABRUZZO should sit as member* when his return from leave has been expedited.
11, 12 & 13.		See attached sheet.
14.	What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Seelast report: O.C. put a man to sleep in 3nd building, but later withdrew him: he said he did not trust any of his men to sleep there! Repeated my suggestion (contained in last report).

* Of Commission

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C; (continued)

11. Yes - only wine is now in Church.

12. As last report

13. Yes.

H. Q.
M. N. L. A.
TARANTO

APPENDIX "A"

PRO-FORMA

UNFIT SUBSISTANCE REPORT

1. Foodstuffs found unfit.

Commodity.	Approx weight.
Tnd Cheese	14 lbs
Corned Beef	36 "
Corned Beef Hash	66 "
M. & V. Stew	22 1/2 "
Flour	1170 "
Barley	24 1/2 tons
Straw	8 "

2. Date reported to you as unfit. 13 Oct 44

3. Reported to ~~Direzione~~ Ufficio Commissariato. TARANTO 14 Oct Yes ☐ No

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4. Location of unfit commodities. LECCE D.D.

Wdo. Lieut. Col.
MMIA Sector Liaison Officer.
TARANTO

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UFFICIO AUTONOMO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE R.E.
= T A R A N T O =

DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 30 SETT. AL 13 OTTOBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI D

Taranto, li 13 ott

DATA	ENTE MITTENTE	ENTE DESTINATARIO	GENERE SPEDITO	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in libbre	Mezzo di stata ta la
30/9	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V. Napoli	Farina	90020,160	198720	Ferro
30/9	Mag.Viv.S.Pancraz.	Mag.Viv. Bari	Caramelle	220	484	Autoc
30/9	" " " "	" " "	Torrone	423	930	"
30/9	" " " "	" " "	Sigarette	132	290	"
5/10	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V. Napoli	Farina	60013,440	132480	Ferro
6/10	" " " "	" " "	"	60013,440	132480	"
6/10	Mag.V.S.Pancrazio	Mag.Viv. Bari	Marmellata	6808	14977	"
7/10	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V. Napoli	Farina	60013,440	132480	"
10/10	Mag.V.S.Pancrazio	Mag.Viv. Bari	Pasta	8031	17728	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Carne scatolata	25	55	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Fagioli	48	105	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Verdura essicc.	15	33	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Zucchero	5200	11479	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Caffè	80	176	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Surrogato	23	50	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Olio	3407	7520	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Sigarette	668	1474	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Marmellata	832	1836	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Cognac	1665	3675	"
"	" " " "	" " "	Belsugo	87	192	"
11/10	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V. Napoli	Zucchero	44847	99000	"
12/10	Mag.Viv.Lecce	210 Divis. P.M.179	Sigarette	1000	2207	Autoc
12/10	" " "	Mag.Viv. Palermo	Aglio	1800	3973	"

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SETT. AL 13 OTTOBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO

Taranto, li 13 ottobre 1944

RIO	GENERE SPEDITO	Quantità in kg.	Quantità in libbre	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la spedizione	Ente che ha disposto la spediz.
oli	Farina	90020,160	198720	Ferrovia	Ministero Guerra
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ri	Pasta	8031	17728	"	Direcomiles Bari
"	Carne scatolata	25	55	"	"
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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"? Yes.

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
CHEESE	Correct	
M. & V.	7.605 Kg.	

Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts (a)
b. Despatches (b) See report 9

19. Any Labour problems? No.

17. "Spot check"? Yes.

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Remarks:-

18 18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: (a) a. Receipts (b) b. Despatches — See report 9

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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

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

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (PWL).

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

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

3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If no, has he written orders what to do?

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

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

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

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

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

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?

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6. Are packed stocks (i.e.ocuo, 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) Comprehensive? (a)
(b) Strictly applied? (b)
(c) Adequate? (c)

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). TARANTO B.D. 12 Oct 44

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	1. Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	2. Yes.
3. Are Stock tally boards in existence and in use?	3. Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	4. Small amount of carton packed goods had been left in a place from which I warned O.C. Depot to move them a short time ago. He was in course of moving them to-day but heavy rain may have slightly reached them.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	5. See last report.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	6. ditto.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour).	7. ditto.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	8. ditto.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rectify broken stocks?	9. ditto.
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. Nil (Commission held 10 Oct.)
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes - excellent
12. What outstanding	12. As last report

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

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

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

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & rescue 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?

5. See last report.

6. ditto.

7. ditto.

8. ditto.

9. ditto.

10. Nil (Commission held 10 Oct.)

11. Yes - excellent

12. As last report

13. Refce report 12
(a) Barbed wire: Work Starts 13 Oct.
(b) Repairs to roof: Engineers trying to get material from BARI.
(c) Electric lighting late ADOS Dump: Work Starts 16 Oct.

14. See previous report.

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MLTA S & I SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR_____ WEEK ENDED_____ REPORT NO_____

A. Handover of Supplies (By China or Allied Depots). (See Note below)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. What reliance on Allied Depots have been marked 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 ETAs have been adopted?

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

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

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

B. Maintenance of Sector Ambition

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

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — Yes: Depot now has miniature fire Statio
Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

COMMODITIES CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
RICE	Negligible	

Remarks:- Not worth adjusting in books.

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

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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CC INSPECTIONS CHECKED	SURPLUSES FOUND	DEFICIENCIES FOUND
RICE	Negligible	

Remarks:- Not worth adjusting in books.

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

19. Any labour problems? — No.

20. Are rail cars loaded in Depot properly dunnaged & sealed? — Yes.

21. Any difficulties regarding movement of trucks or rail cars parking? — No.

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D. [illegible]

1. [illegible]

2. [illegible]

3. [illegible]

4. [illegible]

5. [illegible]

6. [illegible]

7. [illegible]

8. [illegible]

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[illegible] a guard on duty the night? In so who make? Do which guard serves night?

3. Public boys school parade to the hydrant is there a large tap there or a protection against that? If so, how is uniform guard what to do?

4. If there are gypsy, what happens to the main keys overnight and today. Boys school parade?

5. If guard huts are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent thefts by pilferings?

6. Are petrol stocks (Lorries, bowser) adequate stocks?

7. Is there a telly board at each stack? Are they being used correctly?

8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and locating late small outbreaks? Is it a daily check?

9. How are packed stacks issued? (Normal for bowser loads)?

10. Are packed stack stacks thereby found to prevent fire spread?

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

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E. [illegible] Position (Chief of PCR. Depots).

1. [illegible] See reports on TARANTO B.D. and LECCE D.D.

2. [illegible] CC.RR. HQ LECCE . This is acting as a depot and transit camp for carabinieri. Very slight overdrawal owing to fluctuating numbers.

3. [illegible] See 2.

4. [illegible] //

5. [illegible] //

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[illegible] Shangrila as possible Post Depot accounts are maintained by visits to units concerned?

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3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced & approved to be in order for receipt of ration tickets?

See 2.

4. Have P.X. Depot accounts proved to be invariably in order on inspections in period under report?

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5. What checks have you been able to apply of P.X. issues as recorded by P.X. Depots by means of visits to receiving units concerned?

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F. Unit Inspections Generally.

1. In your opinion are matters being kept to best advantage?

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2. Is there an adequate amount of bed & mess room washing?

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

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

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

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

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

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

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

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

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

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

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

15. Did you see a meal served?

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

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

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

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

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

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats. TARANTO (Captain TURI, Vice Lt.Col. D'ABRUZZO, still on leave)

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
9 Oct	1. Electric light bulbs for BRINDISI D.D.	Gave him copy of your ST/75/3 of 5 Oct, and told him to follow up matter.	
	2. Third copy ration issue notes forwarding, of, to MMIA.	Shewed him copy of my TLC/10 of 8 Oct to MMIA.	I await answer to this letter.
	3. MMIA's ST/6/10 dated 6 Oct: (Stock taking 15 Oct).	Gave him copy, and told him to act. In spite of this, discovered on 11Oct that he had done nothing, and was awaiting W.M. Instns: (They arrived on 12 Oct).	This may be due to bad interpreting (see my letter of 11 Oct) re file reference

H. ~~Comments (on incidents and points of general interest discovered during the week).~~

11 Oct	4. Stock State signals: was shewn W.M. instns (apparently to TARANTO Comm. only) 49/SA of 25 Sep.	My signal 24 dated 11 refers.	Please clarify.
	5. Ref report 12: G:8: in spite of my instns he furnished all figures in Kg:		see 3 above.

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	forwarding, cf to: to NMIA.		
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	5. Ref report 12: G:8: in spite of my instns he furnished all figures in Kg!		see 3 above.
13 Oct	6. Printing of ration issue notes: He has received these to-day, and is issuing to units.	5181 Expedite action by W.M.	
	7. G.1. report 12 is repeated.		
	8. G.4. report 12: He has not yet recd answer from BARI.		
	9. Is now in his new premises in CORSO UMBERTO, 79, TARANTO		

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

22. Is unit training our drivers?

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. What is the standard of discipline?

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

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29. What is the standard of discipline?

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

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

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

33. Any further remarks?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Coordinators. (~~continued~~)

Date of visits	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by H.Q.I.Z.S.

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

Unable to carry out more inspections, etc, as have had Fiat on road only one day; it has been in W/S, being fitted with new brake linings, and having repairs to suspension.

Med. L.O. has no dvr for DODGE at present: see my TLO/13 of 10 Oct.

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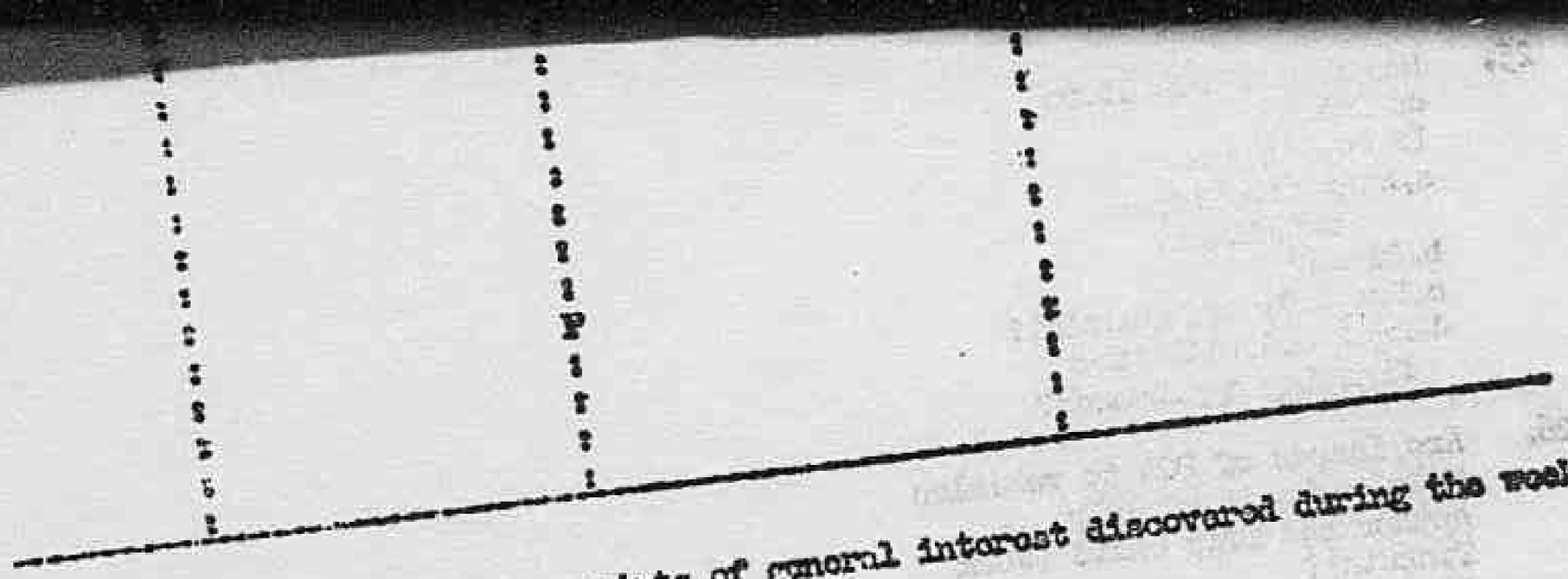
W.H.S. Lunford.
CAnt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO



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CApt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 3 APPENDIX "A"

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO 2 Weeks Ending 13 Oct 44 REPORT N° 13

BULK DEPOT WORKING Ships loading.

By Rail Name

See below Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Sup Unit)(46 BSD) Consignor/nee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

Any Difficulties experienced? see below

Commodity	Amount (Lbs)	Days Rations	Commodity	Amount (Lbs)	Days Rations
Flour	603238	10	Macaroni	140351	10
Veg.Dehyd.	47008	10	Rice	46276	10
Beans Peas	75208	8	Tomato Cat.	20978	9
P. Meat	139510	10	Coffee	31333	13
Fish	nil	nil	Pepper	240	10
Cheese	46969	10	Matches	11520 Boxes	7
Sugar	46976	10			

No pack received on 8,11 and 12 Oct., as transportation was not available, and is still being so advised.

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Sugar	46976	10			

No pack received on 8,11 and 12 Oct., as transportation was not available, and is still being so advised.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship Nil

Convoy N° 5179

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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Subject:- Lighting - BRINDISI D.D.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
MF/75/3

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

5 Oct 44.

Copy to:- MMIA TO TARANTO (Ref Report No. 12)

1. It has been reported that electric light bulbs are unobtainable for the above depot in BRINDISI.

2. Please take the necessary steps to ensure adequate lighting facilities.

3. The number of bulbs required is 10.

E. L. Mervin-Mason
Capt.
for B. L. PERCEVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

MLM/jc

C/S 51/53/8 (on which any further action will be taken)

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[illegible] & T SECTOR LISBON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR TARANTO WEEK ENDING 29 Sep 44 REPORT N° 12

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 releases 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 worked durin g period under report?	"Navy" pack from 22 CRASC Supply Installations.
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, ad what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	N.A.
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) Good. (ii) Own tpt: CSM Tudor (see report 11) Still without tpt, as DODGE has been in W/S ever since it arrived, and is not out yet. No. 46 BSD have been sending AB 108's (instead of AB 10's) for each commodity, instead of each wagon. Matter referred to 22 CRASC.
7. What documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	

4. What releases ex Allied depot have been worked durin g period under report?

"Navy" pack from 22 CRASC Supply Installations.

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

N.A.

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

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No. 46 BSD have been sending AB 108's (instead of AB 10's) for each commodity, instead of each wagon.
Matter referred to 22 CRASC.

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

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING ON THE BORDERING 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?

1. Matches now being received (Report 11 refers) in Navy pack. (see PLO report) Tomato Catsup also signalled as coming: 46 BSD have been told to supply build up of 30 days reserve as soon as possible.

2. Is POL position ditto?

2. N.A.

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

3. see attached list.

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= T A R A N T O =

DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 23 AL 29 SETTEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI IN SLOCATI FU

Taranto, 29 sette

DATA	ENTE MITTENTE	ENTE DESTINATARIO	Genere spedito	Quantità in Kg.	Quantità in libbre	Mezzo c stata e la spedi
23/9/44	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V.=Catania	Farina	59977,200	132400	Ferro
25/9	" " " "	" " " Napoli	"	119954,400	264800	"
25/9	Mag.Viv.Lecce	Mag.Viv.=Catanzaro	Tabacchi	3624,===	7973	"
27/9	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V.Catanzaro	Farina	29988,600	66200	"
27/9	" " " "	" " " "	Veget.Disidr.	22006,740	48580	"
27/9	" " " "	" " " Catania	Farina	59977,200	132400	"
28/9	" " " "	Mag.Viv.R.Calabria	"	14994,300	33100	"
28/9	" " " "	" " Cosenza	"	15003,360	33120	"
28/9	" " " "	" " Crotone	"	14994,300	33100	"
28/9	" " " "	Dep?S.V.Napoli	"	104978,220	231740	"
29/9	" " " "	" " " "	"	105023,520	231840	"

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TE DAL 25 AL 29 SETTEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI TARANTO.=

Taranto, 29 settembre 1944

ARIO	Genere spedito	Quantità in Kg.	Quantità in libbre	Mezzo con cui è stata effettuata la spedizione.=	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione.
ania	Farina	59977,200	132400	Ferrovia	Ministero Guerra
oli	"	119954,400	264800	"	" "
anzaro	Tabacchi	3624,===	7973	"	" "
nzaro	Farina	29988,600	66200	"	" "
"	Veget.Disidr.	22006,740	48580	"	" "
nia	Farina	59977,200	132400	"	" "
labria	"	14994,300	33100	"	" "
nza	"	15003,360	33120	"	" "
one	"	14994,300	33100	"	" "
li	"	104978,220	231740	"	" "
	"	105023,520	231840	"	" "

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) TARANTO D. 26 Sep 44

All replies as report N° 10, except as follows:-

10. Corned Beef 35 1/2 lbs M. & V. Stew 1 7/8 lbs
M. & V. Hash 6 3/4 " Secure

11. Store rooms clean and tidy, but discovered much refuse in the yard.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
SUGAR	Negligible	

Remarks:-

19. Since report N° 10, civilian labourers have arrived.

22. Omit.

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8. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) TAMPICO B.T. 25 Sep 44.

1. All replies as in report IO except.

4. Yes.

5. Work on marking containers with W.D. dates is now going well

10. NIL (Commission held to-day)

12. 6 cats: 4 trans

13. Barbed wire (see report 10) has arrived, but local engineers are trying to make Depot do the work. Have taken up matter with Presidio.
Repairs to roof: are badly needed, as rain comes in on sacked commodities. Dir.Genio (U.S.) inspected Depot 2 months ago, and promised work should be done. Can HQTA please expedite U.S.? (Depot is however, well off for tarpaulins, now in use).
Repairs to electric lighting system in late ADOS Dumn: Commissariato asked local Genio a month ago, but with no result. Have taken up matter with Presidio.

16. I finally obtained a fire pump instructor from Marina: training takes place daily. (I had to write myself to Navy, who apparently will not stir for the F.E.).

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
SUGAR	Negligible	5174

Remarks:- Surpluses not considered worth adjusting in books.

19. Presidio has found depot one good lorry, in addition to the 2 original bad ones.

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C. Physical Warehouse Position (Food). [illegible] 27 Sep 43.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stacks fully boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are rations marked secret goods under cover?	As report 1.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	ditto.
6. Is turnover secured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	ditto.
7. Are Naval Victual 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?	All guns in buildings.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See report 1.
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?	Only the forage mentioned in my TT/1 of 22 Sep. Secure.

5. Are goods marked with Depenty Expiry dates?	ditto.	
6. Is turnover secured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	ditto.	
7. Are mutually cont: ominating 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?	All sure in buildings.	
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & repose broken stocks?	See report 4.	
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?	Only the forage mentioned in my TFC/4 of 27 Sep. Secure.	
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Supplies are still in the Church, which is not clean and tidy. O.C. said delay in removal was due to shortage of Pnt. Remainder. Good.	
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Cats; improvised traps.	
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?	O.C. stated as follows: (a) Church: 2 men on all time. (b) Stadium: 2 Carabinieri who "prowled" between Church and Stadium. In spite of above, when S/Lt. RICCI and I went all round both premises at about 1930 hrs on 26, we could find no guard whatever. We then shouted very loudly, but nothing happened. Third building:	

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9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & reseue broken stocks?	Only the forage mentioned in my TTC/4 of 27 Sep. Secure.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? What is done to ensure that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Supplies are still in the Church, which is not clean and tidy. C.O. said delay in removal was due to shortage of Pnt. Remainder. Good.
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14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	

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6. (continued)

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

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

17. "Spot checks"

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
RTOF (Allied)		14,078 Rs.

Remarks:- See my TIC/1 of 27 Sep.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for
a. Receipts (a) See report 9.
b. Despatches. (b)

19. Any labour problems? — Ref report 10: has now obtained civilian labour.

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Remarks:- See my TLO/1 of 27 Sep.

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

(a) See report 9.

(b)

19. Any labour problems?

Ref report 10: has now obtained civilian labour.

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

Yes.

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

No.

TECCE F.D.: All stocks of food now cleared Cent. TI NCO available for posting; always considered quite good by Cent. CHESTLAND. Suggest he has D.D. instead of DERVINAHA.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). — B. INDISI D.D. (29 Sep 44)

As report 10 except:-

10. Nil.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
RIC	Negligible surplus	

Remarks:- Nil.

19. Sgt. still needed: discovered that C.C. had written to PRESIDIO here for posting; told him he should write to Dir.Comm.BARI.
This depot needs 10 electric light bulbs, and 1 lorry.
I have tried locally, with PRESIDIO, but with no success. Can G/X help? Both requirements are really essential.

D.

Physical Warehousing Position (FOD) — BRINDISI D.D. (29 Sep 44)

As report N° 10.

Only issues since last report: 2000 Kg oil to a convoy.
Now has 9115 terrieens.

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Remarks:-	Nil.	
19.	Sgt. still needed: discovered that C.C. had written to PRESIDIO here for posting: told him he should write to Dir.Comm.BARI. This demot needs 10 electric light bulbs, and 1 lorry. I have tried locally, with PRESIDIO, but with no success. Can MAIA help? Both requirements are really essential.	

9. Physical Warehousing Position (POL) BRINDISI P.D. (20 Sep 44)

As report No 10.

Only issues since last report: 2000 Kg oil to a convoy.
Now has 9115 jerricans.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

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

See reports on each depot (also my TLO/1 of 28 Sep).

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

924 Reparto Portuale (BRINDISI DD.) underdrawing to adjust overdrawal last period.
141 Comm.: Presidiaria (BRINDISI DD.) correct draw .

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?

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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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G. Visits to Head of Sub Commissariato. TARANTO (Capt. TURI, acting instead of Lt.Col. D'ABRUZZO, still on leave)

Date of visit.	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
29 Sep 44	1. Biscuits: Ref MMIA's ST/6 of 23 Sep: He has not yet recd instns from W.M.	I had supplied him with a copy of MMIA letter on receipt.	//
	2. Italian Tinned Meat He had not received from W.M., MMIA instns.	He had told his Depots to issue before Allied Supplies, at my request.	//
	3. Ration issue notes: ref. MMIA's ST/349 of 28 Sep.	Told him to report his receipt of Supplies from ROME Commissariato.	//
	4. BRINDISI DD. appeared to be holding too much macaroni: he has written BARI for instns as to movement.	//	
	5. LECCE DD/ deplorable state of.	Suggested Capt. TURI spend a few days there to try and improve matters, and also to observe efficiency of remainder of staff.	
	6. He is moving to new premises in NEW TARANTO on 3 Oct.		
	7. Ration issue notes: He had not recd. MMIA's instns in ST/72 of 16 Sep from W.M.	I have already arranged for Depots to use ELS to dispatch to MMIA.	
	8. Stock States: Mistakes mentioned in my TLO/6 of 16 Sep: He had been co-ordinating:	Told him to receive Depots totals in Kg.: co-ordinate, and convert grand total to pounds, to reduce margin of	

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3. Ration issue notes: ref. MMIA's ST/340 of 28 Sep.	Told him to report his receipt of Supplies from ROME Commissariato. //
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8. Stock States: Mistakes mentioned in my TLO/6 of 16 Sep: He had been co-ordinating figures in pounds as recd. from Depots.	Told him to receive Depots totals in Kg. co-ordinate, and convert grand total to pounds, to reduce margin of error.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

30 Sep 44

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APPENDIX "A"

N A T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 2

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO WEEK ENDING 29 Sep 44 REPORT N° 12

BULK DEPOT

~~BOMBING~~

~~Name of Ship~~

By Rail Name

See below Tonnage of Cargo

22 CRASC (Supply Units) (46 BSD) Consignor/nee

Daily Pack Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy. Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced?

Commodity	Amount	Days Rations	Commodity	Amount	Days Rations
FLOUR	224962 lbs	4	COFFEE	9440 lbs	4
VEG. DEHYD	28211 "	6	PEPPER	142 "	6
BEANS, PEAS	9431 "	1	MATCHES	21048 boxes	2 weeks
CHEESE	18827 "	4	P. MEAT	84407 lbs	6
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MACARONI	82531 "	6 (nearly)	FISH	nil	-

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RICE	27794 "	6 (")			

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship NIL.

Convoy No

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

30 Sep 44

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Subject:- Forage Commission: LECCE D.D.

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To:- HQ, MMIA.

MMIA FILTER Date Rec'd 11 Oct

MMIA. LO.
c/o HQ 52 Area

TLO/4

(52)

Reference your ST/75/3 of 7 Oct 44, (which crossed my TLO/4 of yesteday):

1. I will arrange another commission: the findings of the previous commission held on 28 June can be used as evidence.

2. The matter is delayed because the Analyst's report just received is wholly inadequate. I have asked for a fresh one; in the meantime, I have asked Commissariato to arrange for Major ALFARANO and Capt. CERVINARA to remain in LECCE until the Commission is held.

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3. I will try to borrow an interpreter from ACC here for this Commission, as 2/Lt RICCI has still not the experience to undertake it.

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

9 Oct 44

N/A

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Subject:- Analyst Commission LECCE D.D.

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52 Arcs
for MMIA T.O.

To: HQ, MMIA

TLO/4

MMIA FILE REF ST 75/3 Date Rec'd 11 10

(51)

Ref my letter (same reference) of 28 Sep 44: query no (3) is answered by instructions contained in your ST/77 of 2 Oct 44.

In view of the seriousness of the matter, however, will you please tell me if I am in order in going ahead with a Commission on the forage in question.

(Condemnation Procedure)

8 Oct 44

WMS. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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Subject: Anti-fire service at the MONTECATINI Depot TARANTO.

N.T

Following our letter 4809 of 9 Aug. 44.

To rectify what we informed you in the above, we state that the local Military-Naval H.Q. has not been able to give the MONTECATINI Depot the Motorpump it asked for, as, at the Arsenal there are only four in working order, which is an insufficient amount for the anti-fire duties of the Arsenal itself.

But ~~XX~~ this Depot has at the moment only got one motorpump, received from the GALLIPOLI R.E. Stores on 16 Jul. 44. following an allotment made by R.E. Directorate at W/M.

As the personnel at the Depot did not know how the motorpump worked the Military-Naval H.Q. was requested to send a trained instructor for the above personnel. This training started today.

As the Depot is so/ vast and as such huge quantities of goods are stored there, it is indispensable that the Depot should have two motorpumps at it's disposal for anti-fire duties.

We therefore request you to examine the possibilities to allot us the second motorpump.

Refer to (23) (Signed) G.ACANFORA, Col.
O.C. Depot.

"S & T, NAPLES"
Rec'd 4 Sep
File 75/3

ADST
No A

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L/g.

COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE R.E.
T A R A N T O

5784 di prot. Taranto, lì 17 Settembre 194.

O G G E T T O : Servizio antincendio al Deposito Centrale Viveri Montecatini Taranto.=

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Servizi Comm/to Militare
- Divisione Sussistenza -
POSTA MILITARE 107

e,per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C.
R O M A

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
POSTA MILITARE 67

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Seguito foglio di questo Comando n.4809 del 9/8/44

A rettifica di quanto fu comunicato da questo Comando col foglio cui si fa seguito,si precisa che il locale Comando Militare Marittimo non ha potuto concedere al Deposito Centrale Viveri di Montecatini (Taranto) la motopompa richiesta,in quanto il dipendente R.Arsenale ne ha solamente quattro in istato di efficienza,quantità questa insufficiente per il servizio antincendio del R.Arsenale stesso.-

Pertanto,il Deposito in oggetto dispone attualmente di una sola motopompa ricevuta dalla Frazione Magazzino Genio di Gallipoli in data 16 Luglio c.a.,in seguito ad assegnazione del Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale del Genio - Divisione Materiali.-

Poichè il personale in servizio presso il Deposito Viveri non era a conoscenza del funzionamento della motopompa in questione,questo Comando ha richiesto al Comando Militare Marittimo l'invio di uno specializzato per l'addestramento del predetto personale.- Tale addestramento ha avuto inizio in data odierna.-

Data la vastità dei magazzini del Deposito Viveri e la ingente quantità di derrate ivi depositate,sarebbe indispensabile che il Deposito stesso disponesse,per il servizio antincendio,di due motopompe.-

Si prega pertanto codesto Ministero voler compiacersi esaminare la possibilità di assegnare una seconda motopompa.=

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Poichè il personale in servizio presso il Deposito Viveri non era a conoscenza del funzionamento della motopompa in questione, questo Comando ha richiesto al Comando Militare Marittimo l'invio di uno specializzato per l'addestramento del predetto personale.- Tale addestramento ha avuto inizio in data odierna.-

Data la vastità dei magazzini del Deposito Viveri e la ingente quantità di derrate ivi depositate, sarebbe indispensabile che il Deposito stesso disponesse, per il servizio antincendio, di due motopompe.-

Si prega pertanto codesto Ministero voler compiacersi esaminare la possibilità di assegnare una seconda motopompa.=

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
- G.Acanfora -

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Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
MS/75/3

7 Oct 44.

MEMO TO TARANTO

(51)

Reference your TLO/4 dated 27 Sep, and your report No. 10 (para 10).

1. If you consider that the commission held on 20 June did not carry out its investigations in a proper manner, you will arrange for it to be re-convened with more competent members.

2. Captain CENTINARA can then be asked for an explanation of his conduct.

3. War Ministry have been asked to remove this officer, AG/11 dated 2 Oct refers.

(B/Gen) N. W. Barrow Hay

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADJT, Military Mission Italian Army.

BLP/jc

Replied at (55)

Subject:- Forage in Lecce D.D.

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MMIA. LO.
c/o HQ 52 Area

To:- HQ MMIA.

TLO/4

Reference report N° 10 on a/m Depot (para 10): I enclose a copy of the Italian Commission's Report dated 28 June 44: it is regretted that owing to a completely wrong verbal interpretation of it by 2/L. RICCI, I told you that it made no recommendations as to what should be done with the forage.

I was shown in all about 29 tons of barley (Allied) and 10 tons of straw (It.). It was received by Major ALFARANO in May last, when he was O.C. Depot.

I requested the Analyst Member of the Commission held to-day to furnish me with a report on the present condition of the forage, which report can be put before the next commission.

In the meantime, the following questions arise:-

(1) Was the Commission held on 28 June valid?
In any event it carried out its investigation in an obviously vague and inaccurate manner.

(2) If so why did not Capt. CERVINARA, who became O.C. immediately after it, carry out its recommendations ?

(3) In view of (2) above it is suggested that the subsequent commission to be held in respect there of does not have Capt. CERVINARA as a member: will you please let me have your instructions as to who should sit in his place?

(4) It is also suggested that a court of Enquiry be set up to investigate all the circumstances, so that Capt. CERVINARA can give a full explanation of his conduct in the matter. If MMIA are to be represented it will be necessary to have a very experienced interpreter.

Lt-Col Gaylord.

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W.H.C. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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che tale foraggio possa essere usato senza pericolo dall'uomo come paglia da lettiera ;

che nel Magazzino Parcaggi di Via Veneto nº 41 esistono Q.li 20 di fieno con muffe di umidità e non adatto per l'alimentazione quadrupedi;

che vi sono Q.li 100 circa di fieno da potersi distribuire a quadrupedi ad uso foraggiato;

che vi sono Q.li 4 di paglia sfalciata tratta che potrebbero essere usati previa selezione;

che nel Magazzino Corpo di Guardia Ottagono strada S.S. Tiburtina, vi sono circa Q.li 200 di orzo di provenienza "Alleat." ammuffito in parte da contenere umidità, con formazioni di muffe specifiche in parte da contenere umidità il quale potrebbe essere distribuito ai quadrupedi ad uso alimentare, solo dopo un attenta selezione e che in tale Magazzino trovansi pure Q.li 40 circa di paglia avena, sfusa la quale potrebbe essere usata come lettiera quadrupedi;

che nel Magazzino Orlandini vi sono Q.li 60 circa di paglia con muffa, polverizzati e nei quali solo dopo una accurata selezione 30 Q.li circa potrebbero essere usati come paglia da lettiera quadrupedi;

che tale pesi sono stati calcolati ad occhio e credere che per tanto potrebbero subire modificazioni in più o in meno al controllo.

Fatto,letto,chiuso e sottoscritto il dì data e nella località di cui sopra.

LA COMMISSIONE

IL PRESIDENTE
MAGGIONE DI FANTERIA COMMISSARIO
(F/to Alibrando Luigi

MEMBRO
Capitano Veterinario
F/to Minchini Giovanni

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MEMBRO
S.Tenente di Commiss.
F/to De Zaco Vasile Giuseppe

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MIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx 1.

SECTOR ...TARANTO..... WEEK ENDING ·22· Sept. 44·····REPORT N° ··11·····

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

M.M.I.A. 53
FILE REF 1
Date Rec'd 2491

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?		Nil
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?		See PLO report
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?		ditto
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?		ditto
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, ad what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs have been adopted?		N.A.
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)	Good.
	(ii)	See PLO's report as to our tpt.
7. Has documentation of Handover & crestion of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?		Situation of A.B. 10's improved.

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N.A.

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) Good.

(ii) See PLO's report as to our tpt.

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

Situation of A.B. 10's improved.

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?

1. Matches: none (by Navy) received this week. Telephoned 22 CRASC to-day, but no Officer was in. Am signalling him to ascertain reason for non-despatch.

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

See attached list.

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T A R A N T O

DISTINTA DELLE DERRATE SPEDITE DAL 16 AL 22 SETTEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI TARANTO .=

Taranto, li 23 sette

DATA	ENTE MITTENTE	ENTE DESTINATARIO	Genere spedito	Kg.	Libbre	Mezzo con cui é stata effettuata la spe
19/9	Dep.C.V.Taranto	Dep.S.V. Napoli	farina	29988,600	66200	ferrovia
20/9	" " " "	Mag.Rofag.Bari	farina avariata	2888,619	6376	autocarro
20/9	" " " "	Dep.SpcV.Napoli	farina	74971,500	165500	ferrovia
21/9	" " " "	" " " "	"	74971,500	165500	ferrovia
22/9	" " " "	Mag.Viv.Crotone	"	14994,300	33100	ferrovia
22/9	" " " "	" " Cosenza	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia
22/9	" " " "	Dep.S.V. Catanzaro	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia
22/9	" " " "	Mag.Viv.R.Calabria	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia
19/9	" " " "	28°B.S.D.Brindisi	"	45010,080	99360	ferrovia
18/9	" " " "	28°B.S.D.Brindisi	"	42572,034	93978	ferrovia
22/9	" " " "	28°B.S.D.Brindisi	"	30006,720	66240	ferrovia
19/9	Mag.V.Taranto	Mag.VIveri Bari	caramelle	564,253	1245.9	autocarro
19/9	" " "	" " "	marsala	335,490	740.9	"
19/9	" " "	" " "	formag.pecorin	1873,400	4135.8	"

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TE DAL 16 AL 22 SETTEMBRE 1944 AD ENTI DISLOCATI FUORI DEL SETTORE DI

Taranto, li 23 settembre 1944.

ARIO	Genere spedito	Kg.	Libbre	Mezzo con cui é stata effettuata la spedizione	Ente che ha disposto la spedizione
oli	farina	29988,600	66200	ferrovia	Ministero Guer.
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oli	farina	74971,500	165500	ferrovia	Minist.Guerra
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one	"	14994,300	33100	ferrovia	" "
za	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia	" "
nzaro	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia	" "
abria	"	29988,600	66200	ferrovia	" "
disi	"	45010,080	99360	ferrovia	M.M.I.A.Taranto
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	marsala	335,490	740.9	"	" "
	formag.pecorin	1873,400	4135.8	"	" "

6. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
23 Sep 44	1. Return of Flour to 22 CRASC	Wrote you TIC/5 of 9x Sep	Confirm position
	2. Acquainted him with contents of your ST/6[illegible] dated 13 Sep	(Refers to priority issue of Italian Pmnt.)	
	3. New premises: was told that COMANDO TAPPA's premises in new Taranto should soon be available	Asked Presidio to make it available at earliest date possible.	
	Lt Col ABRUZZI is still away on leave.		

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W.H.S. Crawford
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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APPENDIX "A"

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 3

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO WEEK ENDING 22 Sep 44 REPORT Nº 11

PORT WORKING BULK DEPOT — Ships loading

~~Ships Discharging.~~

By Rail — Name Nil

See below — Tonnage of Cargo

28 BSD — Consignor/nee

Daily Rock — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy (and proportion for Army)

Nature of Cargo

Received since last report:

Any difficulties experienced? Yes: PLO(N.O.2º TUDOR) is without Trt. My TPD/11 of 23 Sep refers. ST/98/1

Commodity	Lbs	Days rations	Commodity	Lbs	Days rations
PEPPER	175 Nil	7	MATCHES	Nil	-
COFFEE	Nil	-	TOMATO	Nil	-
RICE	23431	5	P. MEAT	98424	7
MACARONI	92598	7	BEANS PEAS	Nil	-
SUGAR	9858	2	VEG.DEHD	52958	7
CHEESE	14067	3	FLOUR	Nil	-

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See below — Tonnage of Cargo —

2e BSD — Consignor/nee —

Daily Pack — Estimate date of completion —

Rations for Italian Navy (and proportion for Army) — Nature of Cargo —

Received since last report:

Any difficulties experienced? Yes: PLO(W.O.2e TUDOR) is without Trt. My T&D/11 of 2e Sep refers. ST/98/1

Commodity	Lbs	Days rations	Commodity	Lbs	Days rations
PEPPER	105 Nil	7	MARGHES	Nil	-
COFFEE	Nil	-	TOMATO	Nil	-
RICE	23161	5	P. MEAT	08161	7
MACARONI	02598	7	BEANS PEAS	Nil	-
SUGAR	0358	2	VEG.DHYD	02958	7
CHEESE	14067	5	FLOUR	Nil	-
FISH	Nil	-			

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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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C. OPERATING OF POST D TACHMENT.

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

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

Return of flour to 22 GRASC: Amount despatched to date: 259578 lbs. (ST/56/12and/13 refer)
Tn. was arranged with Movts TARANTO at rate of 3 wagons daily. Commissario to Tarento have received telegram from Dir. Comm. BARI that future re-payments will be made direct from a ship unloading in BARI.
Navy Pack will come from 46 BSD in future.

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

Ord: CAPIT clothing for LA ROCCA is still at Montecatini, awaiting despatch. 22 GRASC wanted flour urgently (See above) ∴ despatch of clothing is therefore defferred (MMIA to BARI says there is no hurry for it)

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MMIA. [illegible] B.A.S.C.

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

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Tn. was arranged with Movts TARANTO at rate of 2 wagons daily. Commissario to Taranto have received telegram from Dir. Comm. BARI that future re-payments will be made direct from a ship unloading in BARI.
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Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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Subject:- TARANTO Sector Report.

To/ HQ MMTA

MMTA T.C.
c/o HQ 52 Area

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MMTA	ST
FILE REF	75/3
Date Rec'd	18/9/

Herewith report 10:your attention is particularly called to UNCOE D.D.

Commissariato here do not appear properly to have realised that the sector belongs to them, that they are responsible for it, and must make themselves interested in it. Whenever a mistake occurs or confusion exists, they say it is the responsability of HART. May it please be impressed on them that this is not so.

Lou Shawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer TARANTO

16 Jan 44

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URGENT.

Subject:- Stock States (9 Sep 44)

MMIA L.O.
c/o HQ 52 Area

To: Commissariato, TARANTO

TLO/6

1. In reply to your 3001 of 14 Sep 44:
The Stock Movement Return sent with it differs as under from the information with which you supplied me for my "Stock State Signal" for HQ MMIA (despatched 12 Sep 44)

Commodity	Remains in Stock State Signal information	Remains in Stock Movement Return
Dehyd Veg.	479601	474875
Dried Potatoes	103	nil
Carrots	525	nil
Surrugato	9423	8960
Cheese	111652	106291
Tomato Catsup	44344	41668

2. As far as I can make out from your Officers, the explanation is that the figures in the Stock Movement Return are taken from the (old) Account Books of the Depots, whereas the other figures are those resulting from the physical stock taking, and show a true picture.

3. Will you therefore please cause your Depots to make the necessary adjustments to their accounts to bring them into line with the actual physical Stock in the Depots at end of 9 Sep.

4. Will you please ensure that future information supplied to myself and higher authority is consistent and accurate.

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W.H.S. Lawford.
Lieut. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

16 Sep 44

Copy to: HQ MMIA

MMIA: on depots I visited this week seemed very happy with the new a/cs: the above goes to show what tremendous confusion resulted from the old system.
WHSL

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T A R A N T O

Prot. N° 3045

Taranto, li 16 Settembre 1944

ALL'UFFICIALE DI COLLEGAMENTO DELLA M.M.I.A. SETTOR L.C.
- Capitano CRAWFORD -
T A R A N T O

Oggetto: Totali situazioni viveri settore Taranto.

Si fa seguito alla trasmissione dei primi dati, risultanti dal totale aritmetico delle rimanenze finali, rilevate dalle singole situazioni inviate dai Depositi, per precisare:

1. I dati inviati sono quelli trasmessi dai Magazzini, prima del nostro controllo; il consegnatario compilatore, é ovviouhe abbia controllato la rispondenza delle cifre da lui riferite con le derrate realmente a magazzino.

2. si precisa però che il nostro controllo é stato eseguito soltanto contabilmente sui dati prefferti e non in seguito a ricognizioni reali, perchè praticamente detto controllo viene effettuato dal Commissariato di Bari.

p.IL TENENTE COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO a.p.s.
C A P O U F F I C I O
(Vincenzo d'Abbruzzo)

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Annx 1.

SECTOR ..Taranto..... WEEK ENDING .....15 Sep 44... REPORT N° ..10.....

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?	Nil
3. What cargoes have been worked during period undere report?	See PLO report
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	dft to
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 adopetd?	STEPHENSON TAYLOR Clothing was of so many kinds that it was decided to consign to depot(MONTEGATINI) where it was locked in a shed,and stock will be subsequehtly taken. Marking fair.
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?	STEPHENSON TAYLOR Fair: cases were not tocsecure ,and (i)insnite of presence of CMP's and Indian guards, pilferage took place. Tpt of clothing from Docks to MONTEGATI- (ii) NI arranged with Presidio by Lt. Poli- to: on first day it did not turn up and CSM Tudor had to go and fetch it onthis m/c: on the second day, only 2 lorries turned up instead of four.On first 5 lrs guards for lorries arrived 2 hrs late.
7. Has documentation of handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7: No.AB 10's (second and third copies): about 50% are still to come from BSD's.

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5. What cargoes have been worked during period undere report?	See PLO report
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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for our Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, xkm how not?	1. Navy pack:matches short.Have signalled 22 CRASC: 3T(45/21) Tomato Cat sup:see my TLO/1 of 12 Sep. See also my TLO/6 of 16 Sep,re accounting Otherwise said to be satisfactory.
2. Is POL position ditto?	NT
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how	3 See attached list

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N.T.

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

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DEPOSITO SPECIALE Viveri
TARANTO

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 7 = 14 SETTEMBRE 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI	SPEDITI
	Farina Kg.	Pane Kg.
Deposito Speciale Viveri CATANZARO	44982,900	101,925
Deposito Speciale Viveri CATANIA	44982,900	

Taranto, 14 Settembre 1944

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE Viveri
TARANTO

DURANTE IL PERIODO 7 = 14 SETTEMBRE 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI

	GENERI	SPEDITI
	Farina Kg.	Pepe Kg.
ZARO	44982,900	101,925
LA	44982,900	

IL 1° AIUTANTE DI SUSSISTENZA
(Carica Francesco)
Ufficiale

9. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) (Ref. S.T. 1 Sep 44)

All replies as in report 8 except as follows:- 1. Not all - see 17

3. Tally boards now up to date.

5. About 40%

10. Forage:- Ref 20050 lbs alleged bed straw (see my signal No 85 of 4) this was received about six months ago in a wet condition: attempts were made unsuccessfully to dry it.
On 29 June an Italian Commission decided that it was in "a bad condition", to protect Cpt. SERVINARA on his taking over from Major ALFARONA. No condemnation or recommendation was made as to the straw. Since 29 June no steps have been taken to have a proper Analysis Commission. Will hold one probably 27 Sep.

Food.

Corned Beef	1670	lbs
Tomato Conserve	21	"
Biscuits Allied	150	"
Galletta	081	"
Cheese (It.)	11	
Tomato Juice (It.)	31	

Secure: on roof, but still not properly covered agst flies.

11. Yes: much improved.

14. See report 4. Has also moved into Stadium (late of B.D.) which will be guarded by 6 Carabinieri. Adequate.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
COFFEE (Allied)	22.490 Kg.	5151

Remarks:- Again found a stack of coffee tallied at 42 lbs net per case, with 9 cases at 49 pounds (c.f. report on S.PANCRAZIO). Pulled down all stacks of 42 lbs cases and re-stacked. Having been told we had finished check, were told 5 minutes later, that there was more coffee, but the Sgt in top had lost the key to

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Collette	681	"
Cheese (It.)	11	
Tomato Juice (It.)	21	

Secure: on roof, but still not properly covered agst flies.

11. Yes; much improved.

12. See report 4. Has also moved into Stadium (Isle of B.D.) which will be guarded by 6 Carabinieri. Adequate.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
COFFEE (Allied)	22.400 Kg.	5151

Remarks:- Again found a stack of coffee tallied at 42 lbs net per case, with 9 cases at 40 pounds (~~same~~ c.f. report on S.PANCRAZIO). Pulled down all stacks of 42 lbs cases and re-stacked. Having been told we had finished check, were told 5 minutes later, that there was more coffee, but the Sgt Major had lost the key to the Store. Finally broke down the door by force. Found 37 cases at 42 lbs Stored in a very damp room. Cases were rotting with damp: told C.O. to issue at once. He said he had known they were there for 2 months. Delay caused thereby resulted in total inspection lasting 4 hrs.

19. 2 new officers have arrived since Report 9, in substitution of the two demobilised.
C.O. wants labour: had not even asked Presidio for civilian labour. Suggested he does so.

General: D.D. hopes to move into two of the B.T.'s vacated buildings by 22 Sep.
The food in the Stadium has ~~now~~ been assigned by B.T. to D.D., which has more than normal C.C. estimates that within 2 months Stadium will be enough space for normal holding of subs.
Each time I have inspected this depot leads me to think Cpt. CERVINARA is not fit to command it. In view of 17 above;

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4.

he should, I think, go quickly.
He does not seem to get round enough on his own Inspections,
and ~~as~~ has not got a proper idea where his physical Stock
is. Suggested present O.C. MAGLIN D.T. (closing 30 Sep)
be posted here.

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6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) LECCE D.D. (4 Sep 44)

All replies as in last report except:-

10. Nil

17. "Snoke check"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
RICE	negligible	Negligible
FLOUR		

Remarks:- Flour difficult to reconcile, as it had been taken on charge at gross wt (at insistence of LECCE B.D.) and all sacks had either to be counted or receipts for them inspected.

General: This Depot is to be closed at end of month. (Dir. Comm. BARI 2/2397/Mob of 8 Sep 44 refers)
Remainder of suns go to LECCE.

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C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food). TARA 3 D.D. (1s San Rpt)

Perlies are as in Report No 5, except as under:-

5. 60°

10. Corned Beef 50 lbs
Corned Beef Hash 1s 1/2 "
Sausage 21 "
Salmon 2 "
Cheese 1 1/2 "
Being despatched to B.D. for next Commission
(25 San)
Properly secured.

17. "Spot Check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
FICS	Correct	

Remarks:-

10. Since Report 7, account clerks have arrived, but not the manual labourers. Presidio have been requested to expedite.

22. General: Discipline amongst men did not seem good. Were not alert or respectful. Appearance and turn out of officers is poor, and would if improved perhaps react on men's discipline.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) DEICE B.D. (11 Sep.)

Position at time of visit is as follows:-

Amount of sums remaining: 149 tons
Expects to clear all by 24 Sep.
Rail wagons arranged for this week, for despatch to TARANTO B.D: 5
do. requested from Dir. Trasporti BARI: 4
do. being arranged by W.M. for despatch to other sectors: 2

Inspected remaining sums: in excellent order.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) S. PANCRAZIO B.D. (11 Sep)

C.C. has received order from DAI (Ref 2/2527/Veb. dated 1 Sep.) to close down depot. Issues ceased on 9 Sep. C.C. assesses that 20 rail cars are needed to clear all stock, including empty cases.
Amount of sums at present in Depot 116 tons.
4 rail cars already arranged. Remainder being requested at rate of 2 per day.
C.C. is to be demobilised.
Took stock of coffee - see under.
Depot neat and clean, but see 17 under.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
COFFEE	ca.736 Kgs.	5147

Remarks:- Found one stack of coffee, with one tally card: it held containers of no less than five different net weights, and had to be taken to pieces and re-stacked before stock could be taken.
Surplus was attributed to fact that when C.C. received cases at 42 lbs, all were advised at such weight, where as in fact a number were at 48 lbs and were clearly marked as such, but were unnoticed, and booked in at 42 lbs. Surplus tallies approxima-

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) S. Pandhaie 49.

C.C. has received order from BARI (Ref 2/2327/Mob. dated 1 Sep.) to close down depot. Issues ceased on 9 Sep. C.C. assesses that 20 rail cars are needed to clear all stock, including empty cases. Amount of suns at present in Depot 116 tons.
4 rail cars already arranged. Remainder being requested at rate of 2 per day.
C.C. is to be demobilised.
Took stock of coffee - see under.
Depot neat and clean, but see 17 under.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
COFFEE	60.736 Kgs.	5147

Remarks:- Found one stack of coffee, with one tally card: it held containers of no less than five different net weights, and had to be taken to pieces and re-stacked before stock could be taken. Surplus was attributed to fact that when C.C. received cases at 42 lbs, all were advised at such weight, whereas in fact a number were at 44 lbs and were clearly marked as such, but were unnoticed, and booked in at 42 lbs. Surplus tallies approximately with amount of cases at 44 lbs.

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C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food). TARANTO S.D. (12 Sep 44).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes, but in one store they are stacked too high: suggested re-organization.
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?	See report 6: work has not yet started (I think it should have).
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?	The stacks are all under cover.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes.
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?	Biscuits 1100 5146 Salmon 190 " Corned Beef 454 " Tomato Conserve 27 1/2 " Flour 300 " All secure.

Am holding Commission probably 25 Sep.

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by issuing from oldest stocks first?

Yes.

7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)

The stacks are all under cover.

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?

Biscuits	1100	5146
Salmon	100	"
Corned Beef	45	"
Tomato Conserve	37 1/2	"
Flour	200	"

10; How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as susnected unfit for humen consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

All secure.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Am holding Commission probably 25 Jan.

Yes.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

Should Read. 7711/S

6 cats: 2 trens. ST(36)

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

W.M. (7811/S of 29 July) requested Direction of Engineers to renew barbed wire round the Depot. Can EMIA please expedite?

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

See report 8.

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C. (continued)

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? — Ditto. Am taking up matter of instructor with Presidio and Marina.

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
RTC	negligible	

Remarks:-

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

(a) (b) — as last report.

19. Any labour problems? — No; Int. problem: Presidio allotted two very old lorries, in poor condition. They are on their last legs. Consider depot of this size should have two of at least better quality.

	negligible	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	as last report.
	(b)	
19. Any labour problems?		No; Tnt problem: Presidio allotted two very old lorries, in poor condition. They are on their last legs. Consider depot of this size should have two of at least Better quality.
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) BRIGADE D.D. (15 Sep 44)

All replies as report N° 9 except as under:-

16. Cigarettes: 7 Kilos. Secure. For Commission at LECCE 27 Sep

17. "Spot Check"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
COFFEE	correct	

Remarks:- Nil

19. Needs 1 Sgt for Distribution Store. (Has only got one 2 now for all & not)

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Depot seemed in very good order under new O.C. Lt MANOLA.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (P.O.L.) BRIEFLY P. D. (15 Jan 44)

As replied as in Report 8

No issues made this ~~week~~ month.

Has 6136 - 4 gall Jerricans (suggest proper use)

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. Are food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies?	See reports on individual depots.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Rations Strengths as record d in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	(1) 93 Reggt. Fanteria (Taranto DD):correct (2) CC.RR. Trenuzzi (Lecce DD) drawn (3) Parco Autoveicoli Mistico Nesagne (Brindisi DD undersrawing by 5%.will adjust following period.
3. Have Unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	2. Yes.- See above.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4 BRINDISI D.P. (15 Sep) 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?	5. None

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(2) CC.RR. Trenuzzi (Lecce DD) drawn
(3) Parco Automobilistico Messagne (Brindisi DD underdrawing by 53. will adjust following period.

3. Yes.- See above.

4. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?

4 BRINDISI P.D. (15 Sep) Yes.

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

5. None

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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7. Units' Interior Econ[illegible] V. — 93 RSGT. [illegible] (1 and 8 Cows) TERANTO

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	As far as could be ascertained, yes.
2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?	No.
3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?	No - said to be temporary only. Food left uncovered. Untidy. Not cool. Scales not too clean.
4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	Yes. No.
5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	Ration Store & no. food uncovered Kitchen - ditto No mess room - men feed in sleeping quarters.
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	Nothing arranged - was told that if a man did not eat all his food, he would give it to others Saw Waste, however, in dormitories etc. Suggested bins, etc.
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	Kitchen clean.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 700 grammes)	Yes: improved since my report 8. Correct weight (3 loaves weighed).

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[illegible] books recording treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	No.
5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	Ration Store - no. food uncovered Kitchen - ditto No mess room - men feed in sleeping quarters.
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	Nothing arranged - was told that if a man did not eat all his food, he would give it to others Saw Waste, however, in dormitories etc. Suggested tins. etc.
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	Kitchen clean.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 700 grammes)	Yes: improved since my report 8. Correct weight (3 loaves weighed).
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	5142 One of the Coy officers always supervises draw.
11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	Unit does guard duties: not away for all day. Haversack rations. (Tinned Meat, Biscuits, Cigarettes. 1/2 litre wine, fruit)
12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Buried in the county nearly
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	Yes.
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	No.

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F. (continued)

15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impression of it?	Yes. - supper (Pasta). Fair. Talked to men without officers present; no grumbles.
16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?	See 6.
17. Has unit any Vehicles?	One ambulance (used to draw rations!)
18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?	Vehicle was out on duty.
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?	See 18
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?	Unit asks Presidio: then goes to MPSAGME dump.
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?	Draws from Presidio Dump - no difficulty.
22. Is unit training any drivers?	No.
23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and from between unit & billets?	Officers live with unit.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?	Yes.
25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	No - but there is a small Store in the same premises, which belongs to Presidio. (a) Yes (b) No - Several men sleep there as well, and the place was in disorder; there was even a cock living there. (c) No (d) None whatever.
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of	Work Tickets. (Italian)

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getting P.O.L.?

No.

23. Is unit training any drivers?

Officers live with unit.

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

Yes.

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

No - but there is a small Store in the same premises, which belongs to Presidio.
(a) Yes
(b) No - Several men sleep there as well, and the place was in disorder; there was even a cook living there.
(c) No
(d) None whatever.

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

Work Tickets. (Italian)

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

Anathetic, disinterested and sleepy

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

They appeared to take notice of Cov - Comdr, but no other officer (including myself)

29. What is the standard of discipline?

As far as could be ascertained, poor, see 28. Condition of sleeping quarters was bad: no kit law out. Handicapped by insufficient space. 15 beds in a room 15 FT. X 70 FT. Also handicapped by very poor state of clothing, especially boots.

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

I saw only 2. Fair.

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

No:

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

Clothing. Men without boots: 200; all remaining boots are in very bad condition. Usual indents made. Remainder of clothing is very poor.

33. Any further remarks?

This unit carries out guard duties locally. It is at present housed in a barracks partly destroyed by bombing, and is having to make the best of a rather bad job.
Latrines were of very shallow trench variety, without any covers at all.

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G. Visits to Head of Sec[illegible] Commissariato. T...ANTO

Date of visit.	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
15 Sep.44	1. W.M say Cap. BITETTO is not arriving here after all, because they have not got enough officers.		

(Lt. Col ABRUZZO IS AT PRESENT ON 15 DAYS LEAVE.
ACTING HEAD IS Capt. TUPI)

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16 Sep 44

MMIA. Crawford Capt.
RASC.
Senior Liais on Offic MMIA, TARANTO.

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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N° 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER REPORT.

PORT TARANTO WEEK-ending 15 Sept. 44 REPORT N° 10

A. PORT WORKING. Ships loading.

STEPHENSON TAYLOR Name

60 Tonnage of Cargo

C.O.O. 2 Sub. Depot Ord Consignee/nee.
Depot:ALEXANDRIA

15 Sep. 44 Estimated date of completion.

Captured Italian and German clothing Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced ?

See Sector IO's report: acceptance note will be prepared after stocktaking. (See A. 5)
In is being arranged locally for despatch to LA ROCCA Depot -BARI

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B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

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C.O.C. 2 Sub. Depot Consignee/Note.

Depot: ALEXANDRIA

15 Sep. 44 — Estimated date of completion.

Captured Italian and German clothing — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced ?

See Sector IC's remark: acceptance note will be prepared after stocktaking. (See A. 5)
It is being arranged locally for despatch to LA FOCCA Depot - BARI

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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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S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N. 3

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PORT TARANTO - WEEK ENDING 15 Sep 43 REPORT N. 10

A. ~~PORT~~ BULK DEPOT WORKING — Ships loading

Ships Discharging.

By Hand — Name

See below — Tonnage of Cargo

28 B.S.D. — Consignar/nee

Daily Rock. — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy. and a proportion for Army. — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced? Deficiency situation much improved ZZCEASC say that Ri ce and Cheese will be resumed soon. Have signalled him reoffe

Received since last report:

Commodity	Lbs.	Days Rations	Commodity	Lbs.	Days Rations
FLOUR	234036	7	SUGAR	22515	7
VEG. DEHYD	22880	7	MACARONI	25987	6
PEAS & BEANS	55746	6	RICE	nil	
P. MEAT	25542	7	TOMATO	nil	
FISH	nil		COFFEE	nil	

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See below — Tonnage of Cargo

28 B.S.D. — Consignar/nee

Daily Pack. — Estimate date of completion

Rations for Italian Navy. and a proportion for Army. — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced? Deficiency situation much improved 28CBASC say that Rice and Cheese will be resumed soon. Have signalled him re coffee

Received since last report:

Commodity	Lbs.	Days Rations	Commodity	Lbs.	Days Rations
FLOUR	30L096	7	SUGAR	32535	7
VEG. DEHYD	32880	7	MACARONI	8598?	6
PEAS & BEANS	55?46	6	RICE	nil	
P. MEAT	08540	7	TOMATO	nil	
FISH	nil		COFFEE	nil	
CHEESE	nil		PEPPER	163i [illegible]	7
			MATCHES	nil	

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship Nil.

Convoy N°

E.T.A.

Tonnage of cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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C. OPERATING OF PORT DETACHMENT.

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

Own personnel: Pte STEAD is at present on leave at "A" Fast Camp. (13 - 20 Sep)
None of the C.R. personnel here have received any personal mail for 5 weeks or more. Can you please trace. Pte RAY is NOT here but at PARI (his letters continue to come here).

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

New interpreter, 2/T RIDI, has been with me a week.
He does not know very much English, and I am not always sure I am getting the right information. He is, however intelligent and will, I hope, soon learn.
He is very helpful and interested in the work, and is exceedingly cheerful.

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

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D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

New interpreter, 2/T PIGOT, has been with me a week.
He does not know very much English, and I am not always sure I am getting the right information. He is, however intelligent and will, I hope, soon learn.
He is very helpful and interested in the work, and is exceedingly cheerful.

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

16 Sep 44

WM. Crawford
Capt. P.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer TARANTO

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx 1.

SECTOR ..... TARANTO ..... WEEK ENDING ...8 Sep 44... REPORT N° ...9.....

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

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

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

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

4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? — 4. Continuation of "NAVY" pack into TARANTO S.D.

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? — 5. N.A.

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) Good (ii) N.A.

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

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

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depots have been worked during period under report?	B.D.
5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been ad quate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs have been adopted?	5. N.A.
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) Good (ii) N.A.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7. See PIO report. 5139

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

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	Unable to contact C.C. Commissariato on my return on 9 Sep., and thereafter. Will write as soon as seen.
2. Is POL position ditto?	//
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	See attached sheet.

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.re VIVERI
TARANTO

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 1 = 7 SETTEMBRE 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLO
IN ALTRI SETTORI

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI SPEDITI	
	Farina Kg.	Vegetali disidradati Kg.
Magazzino Militare Viv.ROMA	104960,100	22003,116
Dep.Spec.Viveri CIVITAVECCHIA	59977,200	
Dep.Spec.Viveri CATANIA	59977,200	

Taranto, 7 Settembre 1944

IL 1° CAPITANO DI SUSS
CONSEGNATARIO
(Greco) Francesco

DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.RE * TARANTO *

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.ne VIVERI
TARANTO

ERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 1 = 7 SETTEMBRE 1944 AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI
IN ALTRI SETTORI

GENERI	SPEDITI
Farina Kg.	Vegetali disidradati Kg.
104960,100	22003,116
59977,200	
59977,200	

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IL 1° CAPITANO DI SUSSISTENZA
CONSEGNATARIO
(Greco Francesco)

DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.RE VIVERI TARANTO

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) LECCE D.D. (2 San Sqd)

All replies are as Report & Exeant.

10.

36 lbs F.Meat, being sent to LECCE D.D. secure.

17.

Commodities checkd.	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
CORNED BEEF	Nil.	Nil.
COFFEE (Allied)	Nil.	Nil.

Remarks:-

Nil.

19: No.

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C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food) IEC[illegible] D.D. 12 Sep 44

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	In existence but not up to date.
4. Are carton packed packed goods under cover?	As report 4.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Ditto.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Ditto.
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?	All Sups in buildings.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	See report 4.
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?	5[illegible]32 Corned Beef 1[illegible]6 lbs Veg. Dehyd. 11 " Tomato Ind. 16 " Biscuits (Allied) 11[illegible] " Found on roof, uncovered, exposed to many flies, not secure.
11. Is depot clean and	

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stocks first?

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?

All Sups in buildings.

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

See report 4.

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?

Corned Beef 1100 lbs
Veg. Dehyd. 11 "
Tomato Ind. 16 "
Biscuits (Allied) 110 "
Found on roof, uncovered, exposed to many flies, not secure.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Fair.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

4 cats.

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

Yes.

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

See report 4

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C: (continued).

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is detail on them sent to telephone? — There are some fire points but they are not adequate. On phone.

17. "Spot check"? — Not possible: C.O. was away for the day, and had taken the key of the safe containing the accounts.

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton Trucks per hour for: (a) (b)
   a. Receipts.
   b. Despatches. — See report 4.

19. Any labour problems? — None. 2 subaltern officers are, however, to be demobilised at once: suggest posting of one is sufficient: this will give offrs. est. of 1 Capt and 2 Lts.

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton Trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a) (b)	See report 4.
19. Any labour problems?		None. 2 subaltern officers are, however, to be demobilised at once: suggest posting of one is sufficient: this will give offr. est. of 1 Cant and 2 Its.
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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22. 3 A. General

Major Alferano (late C.C.) was still there, and I was given to understand would be remaining till end of Sep. I found 180 & gell Germans, which I suggest might be put to active use. They had been there 3 months. In my opinion this depot will never really obtain a high standard until removal to new premises.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL) GAETA POL D.D. (5 Sep 44)

All answers as in Report N° 4 except
10 (substitute "17 barrels" for "24 barrels".)

Add. General:

C.C. understands all stock is being removed on or about 7 Sep. Empty barrels to MONOPOLI, full barrels to MESAGNE Vehicle Park.

Could not get into office as C.C. had entrusted key to his Sgt. who had gone bathing!

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots).

1. See reports on each Depot.

2. L7 Regt Fanteria (Depot): Draws from LECCE D.D. Underdrawing by 450 during present period. Numbers fluctuate daily. Draw for ensuing period is based on average figures for current period.

3. Yes.

4. See report on Gallipoli P.D.

5. None.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 5130

No Units inspected.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

TARANTO COMMISSARIATO not inspected, as I was in CALABRIA.

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

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1. See reports on each Depot.

2. L7 Regt Fanteria (Depot): Draws from ERCOE D.D. Underdrawing by 450 during present period. Numbers fluctuate daily. Draw for ensuing period is based on average figures for current period.

3. Yes.

See report on Gallipoli P.D.

4. None.

5.

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F. Units' Interior Economy.

No Units inspected.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

TARANTO COMMISSARIATO not inspected, as I was in CALABRIA.

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

NIL.

W.O. Crawford

Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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APPENDIX "A".

S.A.T. BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N° 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT TARANTO WEEK-ENDING - 8 Sep 44 REPORT N°. 9

A. BULK DEPOT ~~PORT~~ WORKING.

Ships loading.

~~Ships Discharging.~~

By Rail — Name

See below — Tonnage of Cargo

2P BSD — Consignor/nee.

Daily Rock — Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy (and proportion for Army) — Nature of Cargo

Any Difficulties experienced ? Yes - see ~~Week~~ Para 5129

Received since last report:

Commodity	Lbs	Days' Rations	Commodity	Lbs	Days' Rations
FLOUR	337518	6	SUGAR	27527	6
VEG. DEHYD.	26222	6	MACARONI	23117	14
BEANS, PEAS	16355	5	RICE	Nil	
P. MEAT	21279	6	COFFEE	4698	2
FISH	Nil		PEPPER	14 1/2	6
CHEESE	Nil				

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

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See below — Tonnage of Cargo

28 BSD — Consignor/nee.

Daily Book — Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy (and proportion for Army) — Nature of Cargo

Any Difficulties experienced ? Yes - see ~~Memo~~ P.S. 5129

Received since last report:

Commodity	Lbs	Days' Rations	Commodity	Lbs	Days' Rations
FLOUR	237548	6	SUGAR	27527	6
VEG.DEHYD.	28222	6	MACARONI	22[illegible]47	16
BEANS, PEAS	46355	5	RICE	Nil	
P. MEAT	84279	6	COFFEE	4698	2
FISH	Nil		PEPPER	148 1/2	6
CHEESE	Nil				

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship STEPHENSON TAYLOR

Convoy N° //

E.T.A. Arrived 9 Sep 44

Tonnage of Cargo 60 Tons captured ITI clothing (for TA ROCCA DEPOT, BARI)

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☑

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C. OPERATING OF POST DETACHMENT.

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

NIL.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

Navy Pack: Numerous cases have occurred of short weight, particularly sugar and peas, and also short loading.
All reported on discrepancy reports.
Macaroni (mv TED/17 of 2 Sep. refers): quality has slightly improved, but is still humid.

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

Wds. Crawford.
Capt R.A.S.C.

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(Note made S1/91)

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D. GENERAL (Give origin of information).

ST/91
Visits made in ST/91

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

Navy Pack: Numerous cases have occurred of short weight, particularly sugar and peas, and also short loading.
All reported on discrepancy reports.
Macaroni (my TPD/17 of 4 Sep refers): quality has slightly improved, but is still humid.

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

Wm. S. Crawford.
Capt R.A.S.C.

10 Sep 44
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n, (MMIA)

Subject:- Capt RIENTO

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/75/3.

16 September 1944.

MMIA LO, TARANTO.

(44)

(46)

Ref your TLO/1 dated 12 Sep and further to our ST/75/3 of 15 Sep, Italian War Ministry state that the above named officer cannot be replaced at TARANTO, as the W/E is already at full strength.

B.L. PERCIVAL.
for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, MMIA.

BLM/JMD

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Subjects:- Capt BINETTO

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/75/3.

MMIA LO, TARANTO.

16 September 1944.

(44) (46)

Ref your TLO/1 dated 12 Sep and further to our ST/75/3 of 15 Sep, Italian War Ministry state that the above named officer cannot be replaced at TARANTO, as the W/T is already at full strength.

J.B. Cann Major

for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, MMIA.

FLM/JMD

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Subject:- Captain BITETTO

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/75/3.
15 Sep 44.

MMIA LO TARANTO.

Reference your TLO/1 of 12 Sep 44.

1. Information has been received that above named officer is on compassionate leave at BARI due to his wife's serious illness; Italian War Ministry have not sent a relief to replace him.

DVW/jo

E.L. Mowat-Mason
Capt
for B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

He cannot go to TARANTO as he would be [illegible]

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Subject:- Weekly Report, TARANTO Sector.

MEIA T.C.
c/o HQ 52 Area

TLC/1

To: HQ MMIA

Refce Report N° 9, B 1:

(a) BRINDISI D.D. awaiting 5 tons salt from BARI
BARI Comm. contacted for expedition.
(b) Tomato Catsup for TARANTO D.D:
Programmed: 20 tons from NAPLES
20 tons from BARI
Received: 12 tons from PARI

Sector otherwise satisfactory.

Capt. RITTATO (see section G of report B) has still not arrived, apparently not even at BARI. Can you expedite W.M. please?

W.M.s Lawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

12 Sep 44

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x Lt Hendrick take rep with W/M.

Subject:- Depot Inspections.

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To: Commissariato. TARANTO

APULIA Sector L.C.
TARANTO.

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1. I have recently been to inspect Depots as under:
(1) BRINDISI D.D. 27 Aug
(2) LECCE D.D. 2 Sep
(3) S.PANCRAZIO D.D. 5 Sep

2. In each case, O.C. Depot was away, and had taken the keys of the safe containing the account books with him. I could not therefore check the stock or otherwise inspect the accounts. In case (3) above, the O.C. had also taken the keys of all the store rooms and I could not inspect the depot at all.

3. It is essential that if an O.C. absents himself, he hands over everything to his immediate subordinate. It will be appreciated if you will order your Depot Commanders to do this, as otherwise, I am only wasting my time attempting to make inspections, which I must able to do whether the O.C. is present or not.

4. You will also realise that if an emergency issue had to be made from (3) above, it would have been impossible to carry out without breaking open the doors.

5. Will you please arrange that each D.D. always has ready to produce to me on inspection a list of units fed, together with their precise location (street address if in a town, map reference if in country).

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6. Will you please confirm date of closing of CATANIA D.D. I called there yesterday but could find only one soldier, who said all supplies were being moved to LECCE D.D. to-day.

Lt/Col Lawford.

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4. It is essential that if an O.C. absents himself, he hands over everything to his immediate subordinate. It will be appreciated if you will order your Tenot Commanders to do this, as otherwise, I am only wasting my time attempting to make inspections, which I must able to do whether the O.C. is present or not.

4. You will also realise that if an emergency issue had to be made from (3) above, it would have been impossible to carry out without breaking open the doors.

5. Will you please arrange that each D.D. always has ready to produce to me on inspection a list of units fed, together with their precise location (street address if in a town, map reference if in country). 5124

6. Will you please confirm date of closing of GALATINA D.D. I called there yesterday but could find only one soldier, who said all supplies were being moved to LECCE D.D. to-day.

Wilfrid Lunn Ford.

Capt. E.A.S.C.

4 Sep 44

Copy to: ADST. MWIA

"G & T. MWIA.

Feed 7 Sep.

File ST/ ~~75/3~~

ADST

DADST

RTD 18 Sep

1st Sep

4 Oct

Chief Clerk

Wanted the Quarterly report

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3. It is essential that if an O.C. absents himself, he hands over everything to his immediate subordinate. It will be appreciated if you will order your Depot Commanders to do this, as otherwise, I am only wasting my time attempting to make inspections, which I must able to do whether the O.C. is present or not.

4. You will also realise that if an emergency issue had to be made from (3) above, it would have been impossible to carry out without breaking open the doors.

5. Will you please arrange that each D.D. always has ready to produce to me on inspection a list of units fed, together with their precise location (street address if in a town, map reference if in country).

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6. Will you please confirm date of closing of SATATINA D.D. I called there yesterday but could find only one soldier, who said all supplies were being moved to LEGGE D.D. to-day.

Lt Col Lt
Copy to: ADST. MMTA

Lt. Col. Crawford.
Cmdt. E.A.S.C.

"S & T. MMM.
Recd 7 Sep.
File ST) 75/3

ADST
DMTST

Chief Clerk
Wanted for Quarterly report

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MMIA SEC[T] OF LIAISON OFFI[CE]RS' WEEK[LY] REPORTS. TAG 44 Annx 1.

SECTION ..TARANTO..... WEEK ENDING ...1 Sept 44..... REPORT N°..8.....42

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?	Nil.	'G & T. MMIA. Dated 5 Sep 44. The SITU 75/3
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	Nil.	
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	Continuation of "Navy " Pack see FLO report	
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITI s have been adopted?	N.A.	
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) Good. (ii) N.A.	
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	As report 7.	

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

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Continuation of "Navy" Pack see PLC 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 ITI s have been adopted?

N.A.

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) Good.

(ii) N.A.

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

As report 7.

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?

1. Tomato Setsun: Since Report 7, 1½ Tons (allied) recd. from BARI. Advised as follows:-

Tons 7 Allied) from BARI
" 1½ It.)
" 1½ It. from NAPLES

Otherwise satisfactory.

2. Is POL position ditto?

2. //

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

3. See attached list.

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.le VIVERI
TARANTO

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 25 Agosto 1° Settembre AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI SPEDITI		
	Farina Kg.	Patate Kg.	[illegible]
Deposito Speciale Viveri MESSINA	149943,000	21977,748	

Taranto, li 1 Settembre 1944

IL 1° CAPITANO DI SERVIZIO
CONSERVATORE
(Grieco [illegible])

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.re VIVERI
TARANTO

DURANTE IL PERIODO 25 Agosto 1° Settembre AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI

GENERI SPEDITI			
ina Kg.	Patate Kg.		
43,000	21977,748		

IL 1° CAPITANO DI SUSSISTENZA
CONSEGNATARIO
(Grieco Francesco)

DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI TARANTO

Allegato N. 10
all'Istruzione per il servizio di sanità in guerra
(Mod. R della statistica)

N. 2763 del Catal.
(R. 1942 - Anno XX)

STATISTICA SANITARIA DI GUERRA

Autorità sanitaria compilatrice { Ufficio di sanità della ..... divisione .....
Direzione di sanità del ..... corpo d'armata
Direzione di sanità della ..... armata

Forza presente della divisione (o dei reparti non indivisionati del corpo di armata o dell'armata) o del corpo d'armata o dell'armata . . . { *Ufficiali N.* .....
Truppa » .....

Dalla mezzanotte del .....

alla mezzanotte del .....

Riepilogo dei Mod. 1.

Curati al corpo . . . . . N. .....
Inviati agli ospedali . . . . . » .....
Morti presso i corpi o reparti . . . » .....

Riepilogo dei Mod. 2.

Ricoverati . . . . . N. .....
Trasferiti . . . . . » .....
Dimessi . . . . . » .....
Morti . . . . . » .....

Numero complessivo dei morti .....

IL ..... MEDICO

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(truppa » _____

Dalla mezzanotte del _____

alla mezzanotte del _____

Riepilogo dei Mod. 1.

Curati al corpo . . . . . N. _____

Inviati agli ospedali . . . . . » _____

Morti presso i corpi o reparti . . . » _____

Riepilogo dei Mod. 2.

Ricoverati . . . . . N. _____

Trasferiti . . . . . » _____

Dimessi . . . . . » _____

Morti . . . . . » _____

Numero complessivo dei morti _____

IL _____ MEDICO

Il presente modulo è compilato:

1°) in base ai Mod. 1 e 2, previo controllo, dall'ufficio di sanità di divisione e dalla direzione di sanità di corpo d'armata o d'armata per i reparti non indivisionati;

2°) in base ai moduli *R* ricevuti e a quello compilato per i reparti non indivisionati direttamente dipendenti, sempre previo controllo, dalla direzione di sanità di corpo d'armata o d'armata per la rispettiva grande unità.

Viene trasmesso giornalmente, con allegati tutti i documenti parziali, all'autorità sanitaria superiore e per ultimo al Ministero della Guerra (Direzione generale di sanità militare).

SALITA - TIP. STABIL. MILITARE DI PENA

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POT). BRINDISI S.D. (27 Aug)

All replies same as report N° 6.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). BRINDISI S.D. (27 Aug)

All replies same as report N° 6 except:-

10. Corned Beef 847 lbs
M. & V. Stew 75 "
Cheese (Tod) 28 "
Tomato Cons. (Allied) 482 "
Flour (Allied) 630 "
Properly secured.

17. " Spot check"

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Cheese (Allied)	see below	see below
Coffee (Allied and Itl)	" "	" "

Remarks:-

Depot has new C.O. It MANCIA, who is at BARI, receiving instructions from Dir.Comm. He is in process of taking over from It ANTRO, who is also at BARI. The two officers present were It MANCIA and 2/Lt TANINI, who explained that the issues since 25 Aug will be written in a new s/c book in the custody of It MANCIA. This book did not be produced and I was unable to reconcile the stock counted with the books of s/c presently produced (It Antro's). Apparently the books are not posted up until the hand-over is complete, with the result that during a handover one cannot tell the remains. Will visit depot again soon, to re-check.

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C. Physical Warehousing Section (Food) TARANTO B.D.
29/8/44

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?	About 35%. New instructions now received from H.Q. as to marking cases with no W.E. dates: work starting this week.
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?	All stocks now under cover.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes.
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?	Commission being held 1 Aug. For particulars, see report. Secure. Properly secured.

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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?	All stocks now under cover.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes.
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?	Commission being held 31 Aug. For particulars, see report. Secure. Properly secured.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Six cats. — What else?
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?	Guards as before plus two carabinieri acting as "prowlers".

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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?	Presidio is trying to obtain an instructor from Marine Det. Pump
17. "Spot check"?	

Commodities checked.		Surpluses found.		Deficiencies found.
Coffee (Allied)		//		5 Kg 602 Gms.

Remarks:- Not considered worth adjusting such a small amount in view of large stock.

18. What is the handling crapacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton Trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	As report N° 3
	(b)	" " " "
19. Any labour problems?		No. - civilians always employed.

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Remarks:-	Not considered worth adjusting such a small amount in view of large stock.	
18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton Trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a)	As report No. 3
	(b)	" " " "
19. Any labour problems?		No. - civilians always employed.
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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B. Accounting position (Rations & 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)?	See reports on TARANTO S.D. BRINDISI S.D.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	28 Reparto Autonomo, Fanteria: slight underdrawal, to adjust previous period.
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.

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by visits to units concerned?

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

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?

D. Physical Perchc ing Position (PCT).

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

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

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

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

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

6. Are packed stocks (ie. guns, 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 packs

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

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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F. Units' Interior Mcone

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

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

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

11. How are men fed who are

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(31 Aug 44.)

Yes.

No.

Yes.

Yes.

No.

Ration Store: good. Kitchen: Fair: Some cheese left uncovered. No mess room. Men feed "al fresco".

There are large containers provided, but not made use of. I saw refuse spread over a yard, and in the "ablution."

Kitchen very clean.

Wood.

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Not sufficiently cooked. Having had previous complaints, have already taken up matter with Commissariat. Weights of 3 loaves substantially correct.

Yes, by Messing Officer or RSM.

Men on guards have food brought round

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5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	Ration Store: good. Kitchen: Fair: Some cheese left uncovered. No mess room. Men feed "al fresco".
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	There are large containers provided, but not made use of. I saw refuse spread over a yard, and in the "ablution."
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	Kitchen very clean.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)	Not sufficiently cooked. Having had previous complaints, have already taken up matter with Commissariat. Weights of 3 loaves substantially correct.
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	Yes, by Messing Officer or RSM.
11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	Men on guards have food brought round to them to sites guarded (where it is cooked) in horse-drawn cart.
12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Yes, taken to municipal refuse dump.
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	Yes.
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	The guards grow veg. etc. on sites guarded. HQ is in middle of TARANTO, and has no ground available.
15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	Yes, my interpreter assured me it was well cooked (I dislike all Italian cooking Men should be provided with proper mess-room.
16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?	There did not appear to be sufficient.
17. Has unit any Vehicles?	No.

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18. Are the vehicle clean and well maintained?	N.A.
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?	N.A.
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?	N.A.
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?	N.A.
22. Is unit training any drivers?	N.A.
23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and from between unit & billets?	Walk.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?	N.A.
25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	N.A.
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip? chits (Work tickets)? If not, what is the system?	N.A.
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	Did not see sufficient to get a picture of the unit as a whole.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between Officers and enlisted men?	Men seen all appeared to be respectful, and turn out was slightly above average, considering that unit has not been issued with Battle Dress.
29. What is the standard of discipline?	See 28.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	Yes.
31. Did you hear any rate	

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25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	N.A.
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip? chits (Work tickets)? If not, what is the system?	N.A.
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	Did not see sufficient to get a picture of the unit as a whole.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between Officers and enlisted men?	Men seen all appeared to be respectful, and turn out was slightly above average, considering that unit has not been issued with Battle Dress.
29. What is the standard of discipline?	See 28.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	Yes.
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect: a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security?	No.
32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?	None.
33. Any further remarks?	The personnel of this unit carry out

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33. Any further remarks?

33. The personnel of this unit carry out work of Traffic control, guards, clerks for It. H.Q's. Army Post Office. All except guards sleep and eat on H.Q. premises, which is a block of unfinished flats. The sleeping quarters were dirty and untidy, and no attempt had been made at a standardised kit lay-out. I inspected a rifle, and it was obvious it had not been touched for weeks. In my opinion, insufficient interest is being paid to the units interior economy. There are 6 officers, who should be able to get around sufficiently to notice such things.

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G. Visits to Head of Sec r Commissariat c.

Date of Visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by A.A.I.A.
1 Sept 44	1. See G 3 of Report 7: The typewriter has arrived, but Capt. RITETTO is held up at BARI.	Commissariato requesting BARI to dispatch him.	//
	2. See G 4 of Report 7: Instructor has arrived and all Depot Commanders receive their first lesson to-morrow, here	//	//
	3. See G 5 of Report 7: Div.Comm. BARI has now given instructions for MANFREDONIA to become a separate Sector, A.A.F Sept 8, but accounts and personnel matters are still to be controlled by BARI.	//	//
	4. S/Lt PISTONE has gone to civilian life: succeeded by S/Lt CONTO Commissioned 1 month, in Regular Army.	//	//

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

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1. Office moved Sept 1 (Navy House Rooms 12 and 13 - Tel 2538)

2. Test: Car only on road one day due to clutch and suspension trouble. A new front axle and shock absorbers have had to be fitted. Resultant immobility restricted inspections to local depots. Have just received car from W/S.

5. See G 2 of Report 7: Div.Comm. BARI has now given instructions for TARANTO to become a separate Sector, M.T.P. Sect 9, but accounts and personnel matters are still to be controlled by BARI.	//	//	
6. 2/Lt PISTONE has gone to civilian life: succeeded by 2/Lt IONGO: Commissioned 1 month, in Regular Army.	//	//	

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

1. Office moved Sect 1 (Navy House Rooms 12 and 13 - Tel 2538)

2. Cpl: Car only on road one day due to clutch and suspension trouble. A new front axle and shock absorbers have had to be fitted. Resultant immobility restricted inspections to local depots. Have just received car from W/S.

3. Pte STEAD discharged from Hospital 30 Aug.

Chief Clerk.

Note initialled

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Capt. R.A.S.C.

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APPENDIX " A ".

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT TARANTO WEEK-ENDING 1 Sep 44 REPORT N° 8

A. ~~BULK DIRECT~~ SPECIAL WORKING.

Ships loading.

Ship Discharging.

By Rail Name.

See below Tonnage of Cargo.

OS BAD Consignees

Daily Pack Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy Nature of Cargo

(and proportion for Army) Any difficulties experienced ?

See over

Received since last report:

FLOUR	505770 lbs 9 days	SUGAR	41465 lbs 9 days
VEG. DEHYD	42946 " 9 "	MACARONI	19377 lbs 11 days
BEANS PEAS D'd	6116 " 1 day	RICE	32540 " 7 "
P. MEAT	126635 " 0 days	COFFEE	21160 " 5 "
CHEESE	37201 " 0 "	PEPPER	225 " 10 "
		MATCHES	23240 boxes

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of RSD — Consignee

Daily Pack — Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy (and proportion for Army) — Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties experienced ? See over

Received since last report:

FLOUR	505770 lbs	9 days	
VEG. DEHYD	12246 "	9 "	
BRANS PEAS D'd	9116 "	1 day	
F. MEAT	126625 "	9 days	
CHEESE	37301 "	9 "	
SUGAR	41165 lbs	9 days	
MACARONI	193772 lbs	14 days	
RICE	29540 "	7 "	
COFFEE	21160 "	9 "	
PEPPER	295 "	10 "	
MATCHES	2324 boxes		

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship NIL.

Convoy N°

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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A.

Yes: Sacked commodities have in many instances been short wt, and sacks are often in poor condition, with resultant loss. Many tins of coffee were badly knocked about prior to receipt.

A pilferage (70 lbs) from sacks of macaroni took place from wagon, which had a large (old) hole in the bottom of it and which obviously never should have been loaded. Pilferage duly reported. Numerous complaints have apparently recently been made about loading by 28 BSD, according to Train Guard Bn. (30 Somerset L.I.)

Cases of short loading are also more numerous, and there are also signs of pilferage of tins from broken cases, which could not have taken place during transit, and is very unlikely to have been done at MONTECATINI.

No remarks under the headings.

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MESSAGE FORM

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From MMIA 2 0 0 31 1100

To AMRE Personale e Segreteria P R I
rp%d MMIA LO 52 Area.

0 560 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 2/Lt LOVERE at pr sent interpreter with MMIA LO TARANTO due for demobilization at War Ministry order (.) Request you despatch officer interpreter to replace LOVERE forthwith notifying us name of officer and MMA TARANTO (.) LOVERE will NOT rpt NOT leave until relieved

May be sent as written except ( ) wireless

Must be sent in Cipher if liable to interception

Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Sgd W Selby
Capt

Sgd _____

Copy to: S & T

Refers to Report No 6 of even date (?)

"S & T" MMIA.
Rec'd 1 Sep
File ST/513

1 Sep

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Subject:- Instructors in New Accounting. 40

MMTA Sector L.O.
TARANTO.

To: ADST, MMTA

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MMA
FILE REF
Date Recd 29/8/1

Refce my report N° 7 (G.L):
On inspecting BRINDISI D.P. to-day, it was discovered that Lt TOMMASEO is not an instructor at all, but merely an inspecting officer from Dir.Comm. BARI.

May the instructor for this sector please be expedited. I have informed Commissariato TARANTO of above.

28 Aug 44

W.S.R. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.

"G & T. MMA.
Recd 29 Aug
File SF/ 7573

Report 8 states Instr have arrived

ADST
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ANNEX 1 TO SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR ..T.A.R.A.N.T.O..... WEEK ENDING ...25 Aug 43.... REPORT No .7...39..

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	1. Nil.	
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	2. Continuation of "Navy Pack" from BRINDISI BSE's.	
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	3. Nil.	
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	4. See PLO 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?	5. N.A.	
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) 6. Good. (ii) N.A.	
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7. 14 BSD's delaying sending AB 10's for receipting. Have signalled BSD and 22 CRASC for expedition.	

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT(See Operating Instruction No.2)

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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?

5. N.A.

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) 6. Good.

(ii) N.A.

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

7. Lg BSDs delaying sending AB 10's for receipting. Have signalled BSD and 22 CRASC for expedition.

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

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

1. No Tomato Catsup (Allied) received yet, but TARANTO B.D. has advised it will shortly be receiving 10 Tons Tomato Conserve (It) from NAPLES and 19 Tons from BARI. 34 Tons P.Meat has been received by B.D. from BARI. The 35000 lbs Rice to be despatched to SICILY will mean a resort to the Navy rations. Report has been made to N.H.Q. of this. (Telescrit 2857 of 16 Aug). Macaroni: see PIO report as to receipts. 4 days waiting in marshalling yard for discharge.

2. //

3. Nil. Only SICILY dispatch programmed. (NIL)

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) TARANTO 0.D. 25 Aug.

Berlies are as in Report No 5, except as under:-

10.

Corned Beef	300 lbs
Sausage Vienna	16 "
M. & V. Mash	24 "
Salmon Tnd.	46 "

Being despatched to B.T. following day.

Properly secured.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
Tnd Fish (Allied)	correct	
Tnd Cheese (Allied)	do	

19. Since report No 5, Presidio has warned O.C. that he will lose another 6 men, for whom civilian labour will be substituted. The principle of employing civilian labour is appreciated by the O.C., but this will only leave him with 14 soldiers (including NCO's) available for guards and depot duties. He has received authority to employ the 4 manual labourers and 3 accounts clerks mentioned in Report 5, but they have not yet arrived.

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E. Accounting Position (ood & 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)?

1. See report on TARANTO D.D. only.

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

2. (a) 600 Coy Tsv. Artieri: slight underdrawal to balance last period's overdrawal.

(b) 13 Coy Artieri: Slight overdrawal to balance last period's underdrawal. Both draw from D.D.TARANTO.

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

3. Yes.

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

4. Not visited.

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

5. Ditto.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

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...units concerned?	...overdrawal to balance last period's underdrawal. Both draw from D.D.TARANTO.
3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	3. Yes.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not visited.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	5. Ditto.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	1. None inspected.
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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D. Physical Warehouse & Position (POL).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 trenched round to prevent fire spread?

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

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

Date of Visit.	&	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
25 Aug.	1.	Lecce Bulk D. awaiting 6 closed rail wagons to take flour and sugar to CATANZARO and 6 to take sugar to NAPLES (4 days overdue)	//	Can Movts help?
	2.	Capt. BITETTO) Typewriter) mentioned in report 6 not yet arrived.	Nil	Expedite T.M.
	3.	Same as Sector L.O.'s & in Report 2.	Nil	Any change in existing system?
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	5.	Still recd no instns from BARI as to becoming separate Sector. Has written Col. TA TAPA for instns. Col. TA TAPA is seeing Lt. Col. D'ABRUZZI 28 Aug.	Nil	Nil
	6.	CATOS Dump (late) now confirmed as requisitioned by Italian Army M.T.F. from 25 July 44.	Nil	Nil
	7.	P/Lt. PISICNE (2 I/C Port Det.) is for	Nil	Ensure posting of new 2 I/C

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	3 in Report 2.	Nil	Any change in existing system?
4.	Accounting Instructor (Lt. TORRASSO) has apparently been sent by Dir.Comm. BARI direct to BRINDISI R.P. without being sent here to report to Lt. Col. D'ABRUZZI.	Arranged Commisseriato signal BARI to send officers here to report.	Nil
5.	Still recd no instns from BARI as to becoming separate Sector. Has written Col. DA ZARA for instns, Col. DA ZARA is seeing Lt. Col. D'ABRUZZI 30 Aug.	Nil	Nil
6.	ADOS Dumo (late) now confirmed as requisitioned by Italian Army F.F.F. from 25 July 44.	Nil	Nil
7.	2/Lt. PISIONE (2 I/C Port Det.) is for "CONCORD" (M.M.'s 1122 of 28 July)(conv to MMIA).	Nil	Ensure posting of new 2 I/C

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

No more inspections could be made than as mentioned within, owing to: (1) Capt Freeland's illness
(2) His handing over and departure
(3) Lack of trt: both cars have been off the road, and my Fiat is still undergoing repairs.

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

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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT ...T.A.R.A.N.T.O.... WEEK ENDING ....25.Aug..44..... REPORT N° .7.....

A. BULK DEPOT
~~PORT~~ WORKING.

Ships loading.

Ship Discharging.

By Rail — Name.

See below — Tonnage of Cargo.

2C and L2 BSD's — Consignor/nee

Daily Pack. — Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy. — Nature of Cargo

(and proportion for Army)

Any difficulties experienced?

Stock mainly good. Few discrepancies. N8 wagons loaded since 21 due to cancellation by Movts. who say position has now "revived". Signalled BSD for confirmation today, as to whether they are in fact loading.

Received since last report:

FLOUR	114828 lbs	(7days)	SUGAR	21021 lbs	(5days)
VEG.DEHYD	22904 "	(7 ")	MACARONI	37100 "	(2 1/2 ")
BEANS & PEAS	30624 "	(7 ")	RICE	18886 "	(4days)
P. MEAT	70560 "	(5 ")	TOMATO C.	Nil	
FISH	Nil		COFFEE	25610 "	(11 ")
CHEESE	24048 "	(5 ")	PEPPER	102 "	(4 ")
			MATCHES	46368 Boxes.	

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

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and 43 BSD's — Consignor/nee

Daily Pack. — Estimated date of completion.

Rations for Italian Navy. — Nature of Cargo

(and proportion for Army)

Any difficulties experienced?

Received since last report:

FLOUR	414528 lbs (7days)	SUGAR	28821 lbs (5days)	Stock mainly good. Few discre= pancies. 18 wa= gons loaded since 21 due to cancellation by Movts. who say position has now "revived". Signalled BSD for confirma= tion today, as to whether they are in fact loading.
VEG.PRSVD	32004 " (7 ")	MACARONI	37400 " (2 1/2 ")	
BEANS & PEAS	30624 " (3 ")	RICE	18896 " (4days)	
P. MEAT	70560 " (5 ")	TOMATO C.	Nil	
FISH	Nil	COFFEE	25640 " (11 ")	
CHEESE	21448 " (5 ")	PEPPER	102 " (4 ")	
		MATCHES	31,6368 Boxes.	

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship NIL

Convoy N° _____

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).

Own staff: Pte STEAD is in hospital (22 General). At present NYD, but should be out in a few days. Sgt TUDOR is on leave (23 - 30 Aug.) but will be re-called if things become difficult.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

- Am moving office on Sep. 1 to NAVY HOUSE, rooms 12 and 13 (3rd floor - Tel. 2538). Lt. PORTO, O.C. Port Det. will be with me. Move taking place as present location very unhealthy, but was best that could be found at time.
- Refce last report: Sgt Tudor's need for a m/c is therefore now even greater, for this reason, and also because of Capt FREELAND's departure. He will have to keep in constant touch with MONTECATINI and the office during my absence on inspections.
- Despatch of supplies to SICILY (your ST/33/3 of 12 Aug refers): Movts here say loading should be able to start early next week. Awaiting definite confirmation.

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

(This was cancelled on 25 Aug & from Bari)

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D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

- Am moving office on Sep. 1 to NAVY HOUSE, rooms 12 and 13 (3rd floor - Tel. 2528). Lt. POTTO, C.C. Port Det. will be with me. Move taking place as present location very unhealthy, but was best that could be found at time.
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- Despatch of supplies to SICILY (your ST/33/3 of 12 Aug refers): Movts here say loading should be able to start early next week. Awaiting definite confirmation.

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

This was cancelled on 25 Aug (ST/306 - (33) of 33/3 - going from Bari).

W.M.A. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
MMIA Sector I.C. Taranto.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 209943/II P.M. 107 li 23 agosto 1944

OGGETTO Controllo Settore di Taranto -
Control of Taranto Sector (Depot)

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

Risposta alla lettera SX/75/3 in data 22 luglio 1944

In base alle necessità prospettate da codesta sottocommissione nei riguardi del deposito (Montecatini) di Taranto sono stati interessati gli organi competenti per un pronto intervento in merito.

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Si può ora assicurare che gli inconvenienti lamentati nei riguardi della:,

- dipendenza del deposito
- protezione contro gli incendi
- assegnazione carburanti e motocicliste
- " vestiario al personale

sono stati eliminati.

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sono stati eliminati.

Anche per la protezione del deposito dai furti sono stati impartiti gli ordini opportuni e quanto prima il comando genio della Puglia e Lucania provvederà all'attuazione dei lavori occorrenti.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.di S.M.E. De Michelis)

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. Appx 1.

SECTOR ...T.A.R.A.N.T.O.... WEEK ENDING .....18 Aug. 44.. REPORT Nº 6.....

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?	As report Nº 5	
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.O.'s report.	
5? Have marking of incoming consignments during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or alloc: ation to ITIs have been adopted?	As report Nº 4.	
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) Good. (ii) N.A.	
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period	Yes - see Port L.O.'s report.	

"S & T, MMIA.
Fund 23 and 1
File ST 15/2

3 Tons on the way now.

under report?

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

See Port L.O.'s report.

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

As report Nº 4.

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) Good.

(ii) N.A.

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

Yes - see Port L.O.'s report.

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?

No Tomato Catsup yet recvd. from BRINDISI for NAVY. Only 15 days supply of Macaroni recvd to date from same source. No meat recvd from BARI - your ST/279 refers.

2. Is POL position ditto?

As report Nº 4.

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

Comm. Taranto will not take effective control this Sector until 25 Aug 44 (as regards Stock positions). Despatches from Taranto B.D. to other Sectors is given at Appendix "B".

3 Tons on this convoy now

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). S. PANCRAZIO D.D. (6/8/44)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	In the majority.
3? Are Stacks tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed & sacked good under cover?	All surs. 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 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 stock 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) and small quantity of Italian Meat. Instructed that this be sent to LECCE D.D. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes - excellent.

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7. Are mutually cont/ eminating 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.
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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Yes - excellent.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft ~~by barbed wire, night lighting etc?~~	Trans. Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you considerem them adequate?	All lock-up buildings. Men sleep on premises of some stores - considered adequate.

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C. (continued)

S. PANCRAZIO D.D.
(continued)

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

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

Yes.

No.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
DEHY. POTATOES	Negligible.	

Remarks:- Adjustment in books unnecessary.

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

(a) Horses and carts used.
(b)

19. Any labour problems?

No. (Depot staff now 9).

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   a. Receipts.
   b. Despatches.

(a) Horses and carts used.

(b)

19. Any labour problems?

No. (Depot staff now 9).

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)

BRINDISI PETROL DEPOT
15/8/44

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	All answers same as Report N° 2 except 11 (b) below.
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 trenched round to prevent fire spread?	

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

Yes.

12. Is Depot on Telephone?

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). 25 Dist 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.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover?	All Sums. 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: emanating 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.

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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 1 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?	Improvised trans.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, ~~by barbed wire, night lighting etc~~?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 men from Depot Staff always on duty - men also sleep on premises. 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. / No.

17. "Spot check" ?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
SALMON	Nil	Nil.

Remarks:- NIL

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
   a. Receipts. (a)
   b. Despatches. (b)
— As report No 3

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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	Nil		Nil.

Remarks:- Nil

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
   a. Receipts. (a) As report No 3
   b. Despatches. (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? No.

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C; Physical Warehousing caition (Food). T&L/TO B.T. 17/8/44

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.?	25[illegible]
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually cont: amenating 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 stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	25 sacks Macaroni recvd from BRINDISI (Allied) were damp - part contents mildewy. At present being sorted out. 22 CRASC has seen them and matter is under control. Yes.

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with Warranty Expiry dates.?	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutually 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?	Yes.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	Yes.
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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	4 cats.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~xxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxx~~?	Report N° 1 applies.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	Guards have been exchanged. Present arrangements satisfactory.

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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? — As report No 2 - still awaiting man who can work Fire Pump. Capt. GRECO has asked Presidio to provide a man to teach his own staff how to use it. Presidio say impossible.
102 Fire Extinguishers arrived this week!

17. "Spot check" ?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found.
MATCHES	20 boxes	//

Remarks:- No adjustment considered necessary.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:
   a. Receipts. (a) As report No 2
   b. Despatches. (b) " " " "

19. Any labour problems? — No - civilians always employed.

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MATCHES	20 boxes	//	

Remarks:- No adjustment considered necessary.

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

(a) As report N° 3

(b) " " " "

19. Any labour problems?

No - civilians always employed.

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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B. Accounting Position (ood & 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.

TARANTO B.D. (No adjustment
BRINDISI D.D. (necessary
S.PANCRAZIO D.D. (

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

Checked 2 Cov. 501 Btn. Security.
In order.

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 consuming units concerned?

Nil.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

2 COY. 501 BTN. SECURITY.
(O.C. LT. PISANI VITTORIO)

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F. Units' Interior Economy. 2 COY. 501 BTN. SECURITY. (C.C. LT. PISANI VITTORIO)

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

2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage? Appeared to be none.

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated? No - located in a tent where several men sleep. Netting on sides of tent. Clean but unsatisfactory. C.C. agreed to find other accommodation.

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	Yes - Btn. has own M.O. No.
5. Are anti fly precau: tions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	See 3 above.
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	None.
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	Kitchen - yes. Men feed in the woods or in their own huts.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 442 grammes)	Yes - well made. No scales available for weighing.
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	Yes.
11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	All men static.
12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Neither. - suggested these be burnt and buried in future
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officers appointed?	Btn. Messing Offr.

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room thoroughly clean?	or in their own huts.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	Wood.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 4½ grammes)	Yes - well made. No scales available for weighing.
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	Yes.
11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	All men static.
12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	Neither. - suggested these be burnt and buried in future
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officers appointed?	Btn. Messing Offr.
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	Ground unsuitable.
15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	Yes - Meat & Veg. Stew. Quite good - fair helpings were given.
16. Is any attempt made to use up left:over from meals?	There are none.
17. Has unit any Vehicles?	No.
18) Not applicable.	
19)	

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

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

22. Is unit training any drivers? No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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27. Apathetic, and say they could eat more (I discovered that the cheese ration for several days had not been issued from Btn.HQ. - this is being taken up. Clothes are deplorable - see Question 32.

So far as could be ascertained, good.

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

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or Sum?
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So far as could be ascertained, good.

29. What is the standard of discipline?

" " " " " " "

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

Yes.

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect:
a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies?
c. Pro German activities

(a) : Yes - see 32

(b) : No.
(c)

or tendencies?
d. Unwillingness to help Allied cause? (
e. Leakage in Allied securit (

No

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

33. Any further remarks?

Yes.

(a) CLOTHING.

Deplorable state, particularly boots - many men have no boots at all. Men are working for Allies. This Coy. (together with remainder of Btn) arrived from SARDINIA at beginning of June. The other 3 Coys are located in Taranto Sector, also working for Allies. Taking into consideration their job i. e. guarding British Ordnance, Engineer, R.A.S.C. Dumps and Installations, it is considered that immediate action shd be taken to provide at least boots. Strength of Coy is 170 - the other 3 Coys are of similar strength and it is alleged that their clothing is in the same state. (Order of Battle No. 10. gives strength 741) It would appear that 120 prs boots per Coy would not be unreasonable to demand. Btn's demand has had no response.

(b) PAY.

Men are only drawing 6 lire per day. They state that they were promised many things before leaving Sardinia but have received nothing.

How about the 20 lire per day in view of (a) above?

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G. Visits to Head of Sec[illegible]r Commisseriato. - [illegible]RANTO

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by A.M.I.A.
14/8/44	CAPT. GRIECO (Taranto B.D. Comm. considers he shd be promoted to MAJOR forthwith as further Capt. is required as 2 i/c.	Report N° 4 refers. Ho A	Authority from H. of W.
14/8/44	Obtaining new Office accomodation for Comm., Port Det., and MMIA.	Efforts are being made to centralize these in New Taranto.	NIL.
19/8/44	New accounting system. Officer not yet arrived from ROME.	Handed over supply of instns and stationery (obtained in NAPLES)	Expedite Italian Offr. Instructor. Referred now
19/8/44	COL. BALDINI - confirmed that he is not now employed at Depot.	My signal ST/201 dated 19 Aug. to you.	NIL.
19/8/44	Issuing of food to nearest tin - adjustments to be made on subsequent issues.	Discussed as a result of my inspections. Issue according unpacked.	Suggest an instn. is issued by H. of
19/8/44 URGENT	Shortage of rlwy wagons at LECCE B.D., S. PANCRAZIO and for loading from Taranto to SICILY.	Saw R.T.O. LECCE who said that allocation of all wagons for ACC & MMTA had been cancelled temporarily by Nov., due to shortage. I persuaded him to allocate some open wagons for despatch from LECCE B.D. to TARANTO B.D.	Investigation. (on 16/8/44 Lecce B. D. required 22 wagons, S.Pancrazio B.D. required: 7 wagons, Taranto B.D. required: 26 wagons. (for SICILY)
19/8/44 URGENT	Unless NAVY rtns are used, there now are insufficient Sups at Taranto B.D. to fulfil order to SICILY. He has written to H.M.	Agreed that NAVY rtns will have to be used if none other arrive before wagons are allocated. Stock positions also discussed in Rome	Wake up W.A. 5098
19/8/44 URGENT	GEN. PELLICRA promised Comm. (when in Rome) a special typewriter and also to post a CAPT. BITETTO to him. Neither have arrived	NIL.	Action by H.M.

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19/8/44 URGENT	GEN. PELLIGRA promised Comm. (when in Rome) a special typewriter and also to post a CAPT. BITETTO to him. Neither have arrived and both are urgently required.	NIL.	Action by W.W.

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

1. LECCE B.D.
Visited this on 16 Aug 44. Depot in good order. Stock still the same as reported last week, due to a/m shortage of rlwy wagons.

2. FRANCAVILLA D.D.
Visited this on 15 Aug 44. This is now closed, but some stock remains in Depot. Personnel have been posted away and this info was obtained from N.C.O. i/c guards at Depot location.

3. ANALYSIS COMMISSION.
On 14 Aug 44 2 reports in respect of boards held at BRINDISI on 24 Jul 44 were forwarded to you in quintuplicate (in error). Will you, therefore, kindly ensure that 2 copies of each report are returned to this Sector.

4. BOOT REPAIRING.
May a reply please be given to my enquiry dated 25 June 44, reminder on 14 Jul 44 (report H.4. N° 1) and reminder on 28 Jul 44 (report N° 3).

Trade of boot repairing

5. INTERPRETERS.
(a) 2/Lt IC VERDE - May a reply please be given to my request, contained in report N° 2 dated 28 Jul 44. 2/Lt IC VERDE is becoming very down- hearted as his examinations are to be held next October.

See A1 & have taken action

Insufficient interpreter. Work suffering. Be on Brf next in Toronto Area

(b) 2/Lt? Lt. ? SCRIATTOLI.

A week before W.M. moved from LECCE, I accompanied the a/m Offr. to interview a COL (i/c Records) in W.M. buildings at request of GEN. PELLIGRA.

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The COL., having turned up SCRIATTOLI's records, ~~said that~~ he did not understand why ~~the~~ his promotion had been overlooked. He promised action and within 14 days the auth. arrived.

Now he has been informed by COMANDO

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are returned to this Sector.

4. BOOT REPAIRING.
Tools for boot repairing
May a reply please be given to my enquiry dated 25 June 44, reminder on 14 Jul 44 (report H.4. N° 1) and reminder on 28 Jul 44 (report N° 3).

5. INTERPRETERS.
Insufficient interpreter strength posting to an Inf unit in Taranto area
(a) 2/Lt DE VERDE - May a reply please be given to my request, contained in report N° 3 dated 28 Jul 44. 2/Lt DE VERDE is becoming very down- hearted as his examinations are to be held next October.
Soon as I & have taken action
(b) 2/Lt.? Lt. ? SCRIATTOLI.

A week before W.M. moved from LECCE, I accompanied the a/m Offr to interview a COL (i/c Records) in W.M. buildings at request of GEN. PELLIGRA.

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The COL., having turned up SCRIATTOLI's records, said that he did not understand why this promotion had been overlooked. He promised action and within 14 days the auth. arrived.

Now he has been informed by COMANDO DISTRETTO DI TARANTO that he has been "de-moted" to 2/Lt! (W.M. letter 9503/Stav. dated 8 Aug. 44 refers).

This Offr. had, of course, assumed rank of Lt. and an immediate explanation of the cancellation is necessary.

SCRIATTOLI has been a 2/Lt. for 2½ years and is a most reliable and efficient offr.

Will you please try and obtain auth. for the promotion as the situation is ridiculous, apart from casting a doubt on the man's character.

H. [illegible] Capt. RASC
MM&A Sector L.O. Taranto

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE MILITARE VIVERI
TARANTO

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 12 - 18 AGOSTO AGLI ENTI DISTACCATI IN AT

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI			SPEDITI		
	Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.	Zucchero Kg.	Formaggio Kg.	Cons
Magazzino Militare Vivari Roma	4402,900	0088,650	6033,400	4090,248	00

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TARANTO

Appendix "B" G
Sector L. O's report.

GRANTE IL PERIODO 12 - 18 AGOSTO AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI

GENERI			SPEDITI			
Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.	Zucchero Kg.	Formaggio Kg.	Conserve nomod. Kg.		
44982,000	9988,650	6073,400	4090,248	999,352		

APPENDIX "A."

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N° 2.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT ...T.A.R.A.N.T.O... WEEK-ENDING ....1° Aug 44..... REPORT N°. 6.....

A. BULK DEPOT WORKING.

Ships loading.

.....By Rail..... Name ....

.....See below..... Tonnage of Cargo .....

.....29 and 43 BSD's..... Consignor/nee .....

..... Estimated date of completion .....

..Rations for Italian Navy.... Nature of Cargo .....
(and proportion for Army)

Received since last report:

Any Difficulties experienced?

FLOUR	24x252 lbs	SUGAR	26400 lbs	No receipts of daily pack on 12 -16 Aug, owing to lack of rail cars.*
VEG. DEHYD	3812 "	MACARONI	60621 "	
BEANS PEAS D'd	Nil	RICE	Nil	71 bags sugar received at short weight on 17 Aug., involving total deficiency of 406 lbs. Awaiting repl to D.F.
P. MEAT	112421 "	COFFEE	Nil	
FISH	Nil	TOMATO C.	Nil	
CHEESE	26462 "	PEPPER	47 "	
		MATCHES (boxes)	Nil	

* Depot confirm no loading between 13 and 15 Aug.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

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..... Estimated date of completion .....

..Rations for Italian Navy..... Nature of Cargo .....
(and proportion for Army)

Received since last report: Any Difficulties exnerienced?

FLOUR	262352 lbs	SUGAR	26400 lbs	No receipts of daily rack on 12 -16 Aug, owing to lack of rail cars.*
VEG. DEHYD	28143 "	MACARONI	60621 "	71 bags sugar received at short weight on 17 Aug., involving total deficiency of 406 lbs. Awaiting rep to D.F.
BEANS PEAS D'd	Nil	RICE	Nil	
P. MEAT	112421 "	COFFEE	Nil	
FISH	Nil	TOMATO C.	Nil	
CHEESE	26462 "	PEPPER	47 "	
		MATCHES (boxes)	Nil	

* Depot confirm no loading between 13 and 15 Aug.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

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Name of Ship ..... NIL .....

Convoy No ....

E.T.A. ....

Tonnage of Cargo ....

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

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

Own Staff: Tnt. Sgt TUDOR and Pte STEAD are working at MONTECATINI on the daily "Navy" pack, and I have therefore attached them for all purposes to 22 General Hospital nearby. It is difficult for Sgt Tudor to get in to my office without tnt, as the 2 pool cars are never available for him. ADOS 52 Area tells me he will let him have a m/c if HQ MMIA apply to G 52 Area. May this please be done, as the need is genuine, and ADOS has 3 m/cs available at the present moment.

Promotion: Is there any further news as to Sgt Tudor's promotion?

→ See 5/9/45

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

22 CRASC sup. Installations has now taken over from 12 CRASC sup. Installations (inter alia) the supply of "Navy Rations" to MONTECATINI Depot.

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

Camp Commandant: Attached are copies of AF's G 982. Stores mentioned [illegible] rail consignment is

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D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

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

Camp Commandant: Attached are copies of AF's G 982. Stores mentioned therein are in ADOS Dump 52 Area. Ord suggest that as rail consignment is tardy and undependable, it is better to back load in any MMIA HQ tnt that may come to this neighbourhood. If none will come in the near future, please advise, and I will arrenge despatch by rail.

Capt Baxter. Can you arrange? Ree may be going to Taranto 5th Sept + so may I.

W.N.S. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

DEMAND NO.	DATE OF DEMAND	NATURE OF DEMAND	DEGREE OF URGENCY	ISSUED BY THE O.O.O.	TYPE OF VOUCHER	DATE OF VOUCHER
6	15-6-44	N	1	1 S/D 557 ADD.	ISSUE	29-6-44

VOUCHER TO

CONSIGN TO

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ARMY S/COMMISSION (ACC) MAIN HQ (MMIA)

MISC/25

SELECTED BY	INITIALS	DATE
PACKED BY		30 1-7-

MAKE / DESIGNATION	SECTION LV6/MT14	PART NUMBER	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	QUANTITIES ISSUED	QUANTITIES TO FOLLOW	DATE	AMOUNT
COVER 700X16	CC		1	1			
TUBES 700X16			1	1			
COVER 325X19	CC		1	1			
TUBES 325X19			2	2			

BEACH

A. Stores issued on Exchange or Expense Vouchers will not be brought to charge.
B. The Mark in the PACKAGE VOUCHER NO. followed by the consignment serial number of the package concerned.

ACCEPT VOUCHER No.	DATE	SIGNATURE FOR STORES	SIGN AN

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

ARMY FORM G 982 A
(LARGE)

DEGREE OF URGENCY	ISSUED BY THE C.O.O.	TYPE OF VOUCHER	DATE OF VOUCHER	CONTROL NO.
1	1 S/D 557 AOD.	ISSUE	29-6-44	B/2667

CONSIGN TO

MISSION (ACC) MAIN HQ (MMIA)

MISC/25

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

	INITIALS	DATE
SELECTED BY		
PACKED BY	[illegible]	1-7-44

FULL
PART 1
COMPLETION

SECTION LV6/MT14	PART NUMBER	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	QUANTITIES ISSUED	QUANTITIES TO FOLLOW	RATE	AMOUNT	PACKAGE TYPE	PACKAGE MARK O
CC		1	1		55 lbs/1			
CC		1	1		WT 1-0-0			
		2	2					

Use freight to direct
the consignment serial number of the package concerned.

RECEIPT VOUCHER No.	DATE	SIGNATURE FOR STORES	SIGN AND RETURN PINK COPY.

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VOUCHER FOR STORES

DEMAND NO.	DATE OF DEMAND	NATURE OF DEMAND	DEGREE OF URGENCY	ISSUED BY THE S.O.O.	TYPE OF VOUCHER	DATE OF VOUCHER
3	18.6.44	N	N	3 SUB DEPOT 357 AOD	ISSUE	26.6.44
	VOUCHER TO			CONSIGN TO		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (ASC) MAIN H.Q. (AMIA)
ADDS HQ 52 AREA

7-1-27

SELECTED BY	
PACKED BY	

MAKE / DESIGNATION	SECTION W.S	PART NUMBER	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	QUANTITIES ISSUED	QUANTITIES TO FOLLOW	DATE	AMOUNT
TORCH DRY, REFILL B-CELL NO.1		WB.0127	1	1			
LGS "J" 6-VOLT		WB.0071	12	12			
LBS, 12 V 6-W DOUBLE POLE		WB.1933	6	6			
LLS "X" MK. II		WB.0200	24	24			
LLS, "W" MK.1		WB.0199	24	24			

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* Stores Issued on Exchange or Loaning Voucher will not be brought to check.
@ The Mark is the PACKAGE VOUCHER NO. followed by the consignment serial number of the package concerned.

RECEIPT VOUCHER No. | DATE | SIGNATURE FOR STORES | SIGN AN

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ARMY FORM G. 982 C
(LARGE)

VOUCHER FOR STORES

ISSUED BY THE G.D.O.
3 SUB DEPOT 557 ADD
CONSIGN TO

CONTROL NO. 6064903

TYPE OF VOUCHER: ISSUE

DATE OF VOUCHER: 26.5.44

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FREE OF URGENCY: N

(ACC) MAIN H.Q. (MMIA)
ADDS HQ 52 AREA

Y-1-27

SELECTED BY	
PACKED BY	

4 FULL PART ____ COMPLETION

W.2	PART NUMBER	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	QUANTITIES ISSUED	QUANTITIES TO FOLLOW	RATE	AMOUNT	PACKAGE TYPE	PACKAGE MARK #
			1					
	WB.0227	1	12					
	WB.0071	12	6					
	WB.1933	6	24					
	WB.0200	24	24					
	WB.0199	24						

RECEIVING VOUCHER NO. | DATE | SIGNATURE FOR STORES | SIGN AND RETURN PINK COPY.

...ers
...ber number of the package contained.

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MYIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR ...T.A.R.A.N.T.O.. PERIOD .....7.-.11.Aug..44.. REPORT N° ...5.....

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

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

M.M.I.A. 51
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 17 8 44

2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report? — Continuation of NAVY Rations from BRINDISI to be received at TARANTO B.D.

M.M.I.A. FILE REF Date Recd

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.O.'s report.

ADST *
DADST Sic

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? — As stated in Report N° 4.

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) Good (ii) N.A.

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7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period — Yes - see Port L.O 's report.

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.O.'s report.

ADSI
DADST

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?

As stated in Report N° 4.

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) Good

(ii) N.A.

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

Yes - see Port L.O 's report.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N°2)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

No Tomato Catsup yet recvd from BRINDISI for NAVY. Only 11 days supply of Macaroni recvd to date from same source. No Meat recvd. from BARI (your ST/279 refers)

2. Is POL position ditto?

As report N° 4.

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

Comm. Taranto will not take effective control this Sector until 25 Aug 44. Despatches from Taranto B.D. other Sectors is given at Appendix " B ".

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Physical Warehousing Condition (Food).	T A R A T O D.D. (7 aug)
1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes.
2. Are stocks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	Yes.
4. Are carton packed packed goods under cover?	All Suns. in buildings
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Not all. C.C. seemed to have grasped Capt. FREELAND's explanations previously made as to W.E. and packing dates. Has still recd no instns from T.W.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes. so far as could be discovered.
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?	All under cover.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	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?	10 tins P.Meat awaiting despatch to Bulk Depot following day. Yes.

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

Yes. so far as could be discovered.

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?

All under cover.

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

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?

10 tins F.West awaiting despatch to Bulk Depot following day.

Yes.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Yes. In very good order. (Much improved)

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

Sloping platform which tilts & drowns vermin in tin of water. Plentiful supply. Home made.

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 last report. And see 19.

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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. Yes.	
17. "Spot check"?		

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
POTATOES (NEW)	CORRECT	
BEANS (dried)	do	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton Trucks per hour for: a. Receipts. b. Despatches.	(a) (b)	As last report
19. Any labour problems?		Reference last report: (a) 1 Sgt. received: i/c Forage Building. O.C. has now lost 5 men who staffed this building; they have been demobilised. Application to Presidio for re-inforcements refused on grounds of insufficient nos. He has had to detach permanently for forage store one other NCO, and detaches from main magazine 4 men for receipts & issues, when made. (b) Guards - General Lombardi refused request for guards and said they were not necessary as the depot staff could sleep with the food. O.C. did not agree and mantains guards from his own unit as before. Has also applied to Commissariato for civilians as follows: (a) 4 manual labourers (b) 3 accounts clerks. O.C. has no suitable soldiers for clerks.

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			Pounds.
POTATOES DEHYD	:	CORRECT	:
BEANS (salted)	:	do	:
	:		:
	:		:

Remarks:-

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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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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 account: ing adjustment of discrepancies)?	Yes. TARANTO D.D. - no adjustment necessary.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	TARANTO D.D. 1000 G.T. Coy - had been over - drawing by 50 due to attachment of 50 drvrs. (since detached). Messing Offr. agreed to rectify during next decade. 406 PANTHRIE REGT. - overdrew at beginning of month to meet contingency of 600 addtl men due to arrive. 18 Pioneer Gp. confirm the position and are still expecting their arrival. In the meantime, unit will underdraw. Depot informed accordingly.
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?	Nil.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	Nil.

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In the meantime, unit will underdraw.
Depot informed accordingly.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

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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?

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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F. Units' Interior Economy.

923 Reparto Portuale, TARANTO

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

1. Yes, so far as could be ascertained.

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

2. Looked for wastage - could find none.

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

3. Not too clean - ventilation fair. Difficult to keep cool, as in a wooden hut. Anti-fly protection only partial. Many fresh vegetables uncovered.

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

4. Yes: the unit has its own M.O.

NO.

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

5. Ration store: see 3.
Anti-fly spray used in all huts of camp. Gauze and nets said to be unobtainable.

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

6. All the food is eaten.

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

7. Kitchen: Yes. Men feed al fresco on tables outside huts. Tables clean.

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

8. Wood.

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9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 500 grammes)

9. Not sufficiently cooked.
Weighed 3 loaves. 2 were over standard wt, possibly because not cooked enough.

10. Are issues from

10. Duty officer controls daily.

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8. What fuel is used for cooking?

8. Wood.

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

9. Not sufficiently cooked. Weighed 3 loaves. 2 were over standard wt, possibly because not cooked enough.

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

10. Duty officer controls daily.

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

11. Food in hot containers (It.) is brought to Docks in unit trk.

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

12. Burnt, some 400 yds from camp. (Not Buried).

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

13. No - a Sgt.

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F. (continued).

14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	14. Not possible, as earth unsuitable.
15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	15. Midday meal: Pasta and bread. Men seemed content with quality, but complained not sufficient quantity, especially since revision of ration scale.
16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?	16. There are none.
17. Has unit any Vehicles?	17. Yes: 1 30cwt lorry, 1 PU, 1 M/C (former British).
18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?	18. Saw only lorry - has gear trouble(being repaired next day). Condition fair.
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?	19. The P.U. and the M/C. PU using too much oil. Being repaired by REME. M/C waiting for a new tyre.
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?	20. Docks Supt. TARANTO arranging repairs and spares.
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?	21. No. Draws from Allies (Unit works for them).
22. Is unit training any drivers?	22. No.
23. If officers live away from unit; how do they get to and from between unit & billets?	23. Live in unit.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?	24. Yes.
25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings?	25. NO.

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

19. The P.U. and the M/C. PU using too much oil. Being repaired by REME. M/C waiting for a new tyre.

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

20. Docks Supt. TARANTO arranging repairs and spares.

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

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22. Is unit training any drivers?

22. No.

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

23. Live in unit.

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

24. Yes.

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

25. NO.

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

26. Yes. (from British PP.)

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

27. Fairly cheerful & alert. but all say they could eat more.

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28. What is the standard of discipline?	28. So far as could be ascertained good.
29. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	29. So far as could be ascertained good.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.	30. Yes.
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect: a. Unrest among personnel (officers & men)? b. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies? c. Pro German activities or tendencies? d. Unwimmingness to help Allied cause? e. Leakage in Allied security?	31. No.
32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?	32. No.
33. Any further remarks?	33. Unit seemed ~~to~~ fairly happy & well-organised. As it is working for Allies, it probably has set itself a higher standard. (11 Aug 44)

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
8-11 Aug.	Various matters which were later discussed in Rome by Comm. Taranto and Sector L.O.		

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

1. LECCE BULK DEPOT.

Stock on hand on 9 Aug 44 reduced to 560 TONS.

2. PERIOD UNDER REPORT.

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

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Stock on hand on 9 Aug 44 reduced to 560 TONS.

2. PERIOD UNDER REPORT.

Inspections have been made by Port L.O. (pages 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 refer), during my absence in Rome.

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

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.RO VIVERI
T A R A N T O

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 5 - 11 AGOSTO AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN A

INDICAZIONE DEL DESTINATARIO	GENERI SPEDITI				
	Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.	Riso Kg.	Formaggio Kg.	Conserve Kg.
Magazzino Mil. Viveri Catania	11528?,600	18618,300	15855,000	15?4?,65?	7?3?,?12
Deposito Smac. Viveri Catanzaro					
Totali	11528?,600	18618,300	15?55,000	13?4?,65?	7?3?,?12

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Appendix "B" to Sector L.O's. Report

DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.RE VIVERI
T A R A N T O

DURANTE IL PERIODO 5 - 11 AGOSTO AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI

GENERI SPEDITI							
Farina Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.	Riso Kg.	Formaggio Kg.	Conserve Kg.	Zucchero Kg.	Pen eFiammiferi Kg.	
115287,600	18618,300	15855,000	1584,650	7933,842		79,275	112,000
					13997,700		100,000
115287,600	18618,300	15855,000	1584,650	7933,842	13997,700	79,275	212,000

APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N° 3.

PORT DETACHMENT OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT .....TARANTO..... WEEK-ENDING ...11 Aug 44. .....REPORT N° 5.....

BULK DEPOT

A. ~~PORT~~ WORKING. Ships loading.

.....By Rail..... ~~Steve~~ .....

.....See below..... Tonnage of Cargo .....

...28 and 43 BSD's.....Consignee/nee .....

...../1/... .....Estimated date of completion .....

...Rations for Italian Navy...Nature of Cargo .....

Any difficulties experienced?

So far received:

FLOUR	2194606	lbs	SUGAR	177757	lbs
VEG. DEHYD	178239	"	MACARONI	156805	"
P. MEAT	312970	"	RICE	148594	"
FISH	221198	"	TOMATO CATSUP	nil	"
BEANS /PEAS DRIED	280589	"	COFFEE	62472	"
CHEESE	178109	"	PEPPER	930	"
Pilferage nil. Condition of stock good.			MATCHES	346368	boxes

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship .....NIL.....

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...//.....Estimated date of completion .....

...Ratiops. for. Italian. Navy...Nature of Cargo .....

Anv difficulties experienced?

So far received:

FLOUR	2104606	lbs	SUGAR	177757	lbs
VEG. DEHYD	178230	"	MACARONI	156805	"
P. MEAT	312970	"	RICE	148594	"
FISH	221198	"	TOMATO CATSUP	nil	"
BEANS /PEAS DRIED	280588	"	COFFEE	62472	"
CHEESE	178109	"	PEPPER	930	"
			MATCHES	216268	boxes

Pilferage nil.
Condition of stock good.

B. ARRIVAL NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship .....NIL.....

Convoy N° .....

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).

Pay: May any further light be thrown on the anomaly mentioned in this paragraph in my Report N° 1?

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

Inspections, etc, carried out for SLO embodied in his report.

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

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D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

Inspections, etc. carried out for SLC embodied in his report.

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

General LOMBARDI is rumoured to be leaving and possibly retiring.
Can MMIA please ascertain true position from W.M?

WRS. Crawford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.

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PERIOD

SECTOR TARANTO xxxxx ENDING 6 AUG 44. REPORT No. 4

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

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1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	NIL
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	Continuation of NAVY Rations from BRINDISI to be received at TARANTO B.D.
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.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 have been checked at Depot by Italian Port Detachment.
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) Good. (My TLO/3 dated 2 Aug. refers). (ii) Satisfactory.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period	Yes - see Port L.O.'s report.

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under report?	NIL.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	See Port T.C.'s report.
5. Have markings of incoming ~~xxxxxxx~~ 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 have been checked at Depot by Italian Port Detachment.
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) Good. (My TLC/3 dated 2 Aug. refers). (ii) Satisfactory.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes - see Port T.C.'s report.

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT TACTIV 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?	No - signals TLC/6/4 dated 1 Aug. TLC/6/6 dated 2 Aug. also report N° 3 refer. Despite assurances from H.Q. MNIA, Comm. Taranto not yet received instns. to take control of Sector.
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?	Despatches from Taranto B.D. to other Sectors is given at Appendix "B". Commitments which are still outstanding are noted thereon. Ref. your ST/279 dated 2 Aug: It will be observed from Appendix B that stock movements are

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during period under report?	See Port T.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 have been checked at Depot by Italian Port Detachment.
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) Good. (My TLC/3 dated 2 Aug. refers). (ii) Satisfactory.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	Yes - see Port T.C.'s report.

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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating 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?	No - signals TLC/6/L dated 1 Aug. TLC/6/6 dated 2 Aug. also report N° 3 refer. Despite assurances from H.Q. MAIA, Comm. Taranto not yet received instns. to take control of Sector.
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?	Despatches from Taranto B.D. to other Sectors is given at Appendix "B". Commitments which are still outstanding are noted thereon. Ref. your ST/279 dated 2 Aug: It will be observed from Appendix B that stock movements are senseless.

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

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 & sacked goods under cover?	All Sups. in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	Yes.
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 stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	See 4 above
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	No. not necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Few tins of P. Meat - Being returned to LEGUP D.D. Yes.

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5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25
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 & 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?	Few tins of P. Meat - Being returned to LECOM D.D. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	1 Rat-trap.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, ~~xxxxxx kxxxxxx~~, etc?	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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15. Are orders for sentries posted un where sentries can see them? — Yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate? — Yes.
Is direct on the telephone? — No.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
BISCUITS	1LO GRAMS	NIL.

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. (a) (b) — Unknown — horses and carts used.
b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems? — No. (Only 1 Offr. and 8 O.R.'s remain in Depot, but Depot is closing down shortly).

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) (b)	Unknown – horses and carts used.
19. Any labour problems?		No. (Only 1 Offr. and 8 O.R.'s remain in Depot, but Depot is closing down shortly).
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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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)	GALLIPOLI PETROL DEPOT
1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ etc?	Yes.
2. Is there a guards 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?	Yes.
Are they being used correctly?	
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting into sound containers?	Small stock (all sound barrels).
Is it a daily check?	Periodical.
9. How are packed stocks issued? (Barrel for barrel basis)?	Usually.
10. Are packed stock stacks	No, but stacked on sandy soil

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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 stock? 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 - 25 barrels in all.
11. Are fire fighting precautions & fire fighting equipment: a. Comprehensive? (a) b. Strictly applied? (b) c. Adequate? (c)	Yes. Yes. Yes.
12. Is Depot on Telephone?	Yes.

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Accounting Position (Food & POL De...

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 account: ing adjustment of discrepancies)?	Yes, apart from: (a) Lack of Master Stock Books. (b) Lecce D.D. - which were made out partly in pencil and were rather scrappy. GALATINA D.D. & MAGLIE D.D. } No adjustment necessary.
2. What checks have you made as to whethe Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	NIL
3. Have unit Ration Books been produced. & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	Yes.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	NIL

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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?

Yes.

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

NIL

F. Units' Interior Economy.

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

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

3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, 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 = 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 punched or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

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

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

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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 already 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 ever supplement 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). LEC D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	75%
2. Are stacked 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.?	25%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes, as far as W.H. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: amanating 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?	Unknown (Depot Cmdr. was indisposed at time of my visit and the 2/Lt. i/c was uncertain) I arranged Analysis Commission for 8 Aug.
11. Is depot clean and	Fair - there was much improvement since

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dates.?	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes, as far as W.F. is known.
7. Are mutually cont: amanating 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 ~~are~~ suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Unknown (Depot Cmdr. was indisposed at time of my visit and the 2/Lt. i/c was uncertain) I arranged Analysis Commission for 8 Aug.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Fair - there was much improvement since last inspection. Builders are also working on premises.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	4. Cats.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by ~~herbed wire, ditches, lighting~~, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	3 guards on duty day & 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 adequate & is depot on the telephone? — No - but will be rectified.

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) (b) Unknown - horses and carts inveriably used.

19. Any labour problems? — No.

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	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) (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). MAGLIANO D.D.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes - very good.
2. Are stacks 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?	All Sups. in buildings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	25%
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.
7. Are mutally 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 & 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?	60 lbs P.Meat. - being sent to LECCE D.D. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes, excellent.

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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?	60 lbs P.Meat. - being sent to LECCE D.D. Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes, excellent.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	Improvised trans.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, ~~night sticks~~, etc?	Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	2 men (of Depot) steer on premises of main store. Forage, Fuel and Wine stores securely locked up. Considered adequate.

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C. (continued).

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

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

Yes. - Fire orders have been posted up.

Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
CARROTS DEH.	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.

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19. Any labour problems?

See Report N° 2. - C.C. would like to retain:
Serg.Magg. Isotti Guerrino
Soldato Cesaretti Mario

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Remarks:- NIL.

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See Report N° 2. - O.C. would like to retain:
Serg.Magg. Isotti Guerrino
Soldato Cessretti Mario

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

As Report N° 2 - Satisfactory.

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

No

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

Date of visit.	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
BARI 31.7.44	Separate Taranto Sector - no instns received. He confirmed that Comm. Taranto controlled Taranto B.D. & D.D. only. All other Depots in Taranto Sector come directly under BARI	Previous reports and signals refer. Reports Nos. 1, 2 & 3 ~~and signals xxx~~.	Explanation from M. of W. required. - Present situation is hopeless.
"	S. Pancrazio D.D. - investigation of.	My report TLO/1 dated 1 Aug. refers	See report.
"	Port Detach. personnel	NIL	NIL
"	Provision of escorts & guards by Presidios	NIL	NIL
"	Reduction of personnel in Depots and civilian labour.	My report TLO/8 dated 3 Aug refers	NIL
"	Reduction of D.D.'s	- do -	NIL
"	Closing of Lecce B.D.: - orders have now been given for distribution of stocks	NIL	NIL
"	Shortage of Meat & Fish in Taranto B.D. (Stock: 120 Tons)	My signals TLO/6/4 and 6/6 dated 1 & 2 Aug. 44 to you.	To be discussed verbally with you before action.
"	Bad Flour in Lecce D.D.	NIL	NIL
"	Lecce D.D. - organisation of.	NIL	NIL
"	Analysis Commissions :- appointment of	My Report N° 1 - H. Z. to you.	Reply to my query, as Comm. Bari states that

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	:Investigation of.		
"	:Port Detach.personnel:	NIL	NIL
"	:Provision of escorts :& guards by Presidios:	NIL	NIL
"	:Reduction of personnel :in Depots and civilian :labour.	My report TLO/8 dated 3 Aug refers	NIL
"	:Reduction of D.D.'s	- do -	NIL
"	:Closing of Lecce B.D.: :- orders have now been :given for distribution :of stocks	NIL	NIL
"	:Shortage of Meat & :Fish in Taranto B.D. :(Stock: 120 Tons)	My signals TLO/6/4 and 6/6 dated 1 & 2 Aug. 44 to you.	To be discussed verbally with you before action.
"	:Bad Flour in Lecce D.D.	NIL	NIL
"	:Lecce D.D. - :organisation of.	NIL	NIL
"	:Analysis Commissions :- appointment of :proper "Food Chemist"	My Report N° 1 - H. 3. to you, refers.	Reply to my query, as Comm. Bari states that insufficient laboratory equipment is held by the Italian Army.
TARANTO 5.8."44	:No instns. recvd for :him to take control :of Sector.	See above under " BARI "	See above.
"	:Distribution of stocks :between Depots	To be discussed verbally with you	

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Date of visit.	Points raised	action taken by you	Action required by NATA
TARANTO(cont)			
5.8.44	Outstanding commitments in Taranto B.D.	See Appdx "B"	W.of W. to investigate.
Various	Feeding of NAVY from Taranto BD- present strength 48.500. He has recvd no instns re supplies recvd from BRINDISI	Explained position and stressed that suns over and above NAVY feeding strength in Heel Ports cld be used for ARMY. My TLO/6/4 dated 1Aug refers.	Necessary auth. to be issued by W. of W.
5.8.44	No Tomato Catsup being received from BRINDISI and small amt of Macaroni	Referred to 13 CRASC; being taken up with DDST Distwo.	
"	Documentary take-over of ADOS Dump.	Suggested he confirmed with Presidio that this was complete.	

H. General

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2. Taranto B.D.
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It is suggested that:
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(b) CAPT GRECO be promoted MAJOR as C.C. Depot(he has already been recommended for his majority).
(c) 1 efficient Capt be posted to Depot as 2 i/c."

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

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE V.RE VIVERI
T A R A N T O

DISTINTA DEI GENERI SPEDITI DURANTE IL PERIODO 29 LUGLIO - 4 AGOSTO 1944 AGLI ENTI

INDICAZIONE del DESTINATARIO	GENERI				
	Corned beef Kg.	Corned beef Hash Kg.	M.eV. Hash Kg.	Chili con carne Kg.	Salmon Kg.
Deposito Spec.Viveri Bari	13698,720	11959,200		11089,440	6001,
Deposito Spec.Viveri Catanzaro	10013,112	10000,881			
Deposito Spec.Viveri Napoli	36081,450	9193,632	28963,266	9280,356	
Magazzino M.re Viveri Catania					
TOTALI	59793,282.	31153,713	28963,266	20369,796	6001,

Taranto li 5 agosto 1944

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS. (no stocks available)
To other Sectors: BARI Meat 13 Tons x
CATANZARO " 4 Tons
ROME " 44 Tons
Penner 100 kilos

NOTES x Meat outstanding for BARI) Your ST/279
" & Fish sent to ") will move Me
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Appendix "B" to Sector L.O's Report.

DEPOSITO CENTRALE M.RE VIVERI
T A R A N T O

NTE IL PERIODO 29 LUGLIO - 4 AGOSTO 194[illegible] AGLI ENTI DISLOCATI IN ALTRI SETTORI.

G E N E R I	ed beef Kg.	Corned beef Hash Kg.	N.eV. Hash Kg.	Chili con carne Kg.	Salmon Kg.	Farine Kg.	Maccheroni Kg.
	9,720	11959,200		11000,440	6001,344		
	3,112	10000,881					
	1,450	0193,632	28063,266	9280,356		74971,500	28946,700
	93,282.	31153,713	28963,266	20369,796	6001,344	74971,500	28946,700

TSTANDING COMMITMENTS. (no stocks available)
other Sectors: BARI Meat 1½ Tons x
CATANZARO " 4 Tons
ROME " 44 Tons
Penner 100 kilos

Within Sector: BRINDISI
Salt 3 Tons
Tobacco 1 1/2 Tn
Oil 5 Tons

NOTES x Meat outstanding for BARI)
" & Fish sent to ")
Your ST/279 dated 2 Aug states N of W. will move Meat back again to Taranto. This will then be redespatched to BARI & ROME !

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Captain Freeland

When I arrived in the Montecatini Depot I begun my work much willingly to organize the labour and the duties in order that the Depot might have that agility and exactness as you had in mind and I have done it always behind your advises.

Having this job I never forgot that the Depot's Officer Cmdr were a Colonel to whom always I have obeyed and always I informed him about my activity. only in any emergency cases he was informed afterwards by me.

Since now, from the first time, I have had much patience and have continued my work, without taking care all the difficulties which raised between me and the colonel, difficulties due by the different age, different mind and character, because I did not wish to stop an action which from the beginning demonstred to have some improvment.

But knowing that the colonel's opinion of me becomes always worse and being sure that he will not change this opinion I have been obliged to tell you that I am at the end of my tether.

I think you don't wonder by these informations, well knowing the situation; at the same time, believe me, I have referred to you only a part of the truth.

I am always ready and glad to continue with all my forces the work which you wish I do, but I cannot remain here, in the Depot, as for the rest time also because all what happens is prejudicial for my health and in the future time I will be obliged to leave the Depot.

Your's truly

Taranto 1 Agosto 1944

Captain : Greco

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Taranto, 4 Agosto 1944

SIGNOR CAPITANO FREELAND,

Quando io sono venuto alla Montecatini,mi sono messo subito a lavorare con passione per organizzare i servizi ed il personale in modo da mettere il Deposito in condizioni di funzionare con la dovuta precisione e celerità com'era nelle vostre intenzioni e seguendo le vostre direttive.

Nello svolgimento della mia azione ho cercato sempre di ricordare che alla direzione della stabilimento vi era un colonnello,verso il quale non ho mai mancato di riguardo tenendolo al corrente di volta in volta di tutte le mie decisioni e della mia attività e solo in qualche caso di urgenza egli é stato messo di fronte a fatti compiuti o ad ordini dati esclusivamente nell'interesse del servizio di cui il colonnello ha avuto conoscenza dopo da me stesso.

A parte le frequenti difficoltà incontrate da parte del colonnello per la diversa mentalità esistente fra noi,a parte le resistenze frapposttemi e che io ho sempre superate con spirito di abnegazione,con senso di prudenza e di comprensione,a parte la differenza di carattere e di sistemi,io ho portato pazienza ed ho perseverato per non interrompere un'azione che modestia a parte ha già dato qualche frutto.

Ma siccome i rapporti fra me ed il colonnello tendono sempre a peggiorare ed egli vuol considerarmi né più né meno che un semplice suo collaboratore,approfittando di ogni occasiona per farmi dei richiami o peggio e avendo ormai perduto la speranza che il colonnello si ravveda sulla lealtà della mia azione e della mia condotta,tengo a farvi conoscere che la mia pazienza sta per esurirsi.

Non credo che avrete a meravigliarvi di queste notizie in quanto conoscete bene la situazione;né vorrete ritenermi esagerato perché detto solo una parte della verità.

Io sono pronto e lieto di continuare a dare tutte le mie modeste forze a favore di questo servizio ma queste situazione di compromesso prolungandosi ancora mi umilia e finirà col danneggiare la mia salute al punto da costringermi ad abbandonare il lavoro.

Tanto desideravo farvi conoscere e con vive scuse per il disturbo mi creda

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APPENDIX "A".

S & T BRANCH OPERATING INSTRUCTION N° 3.

PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT.

PORT ...TARANTO..... WEEK-ENDING ....4.Aug..... REPORT N° .4.....

A. BULK DEPOT WORKING.

Ships loaded.

.BY.RAIL.and.Road.....		....BY.RAIL.....
.see.below.....	Tonnage of Cargo	.....103.....
;;;;.28.and.43.BSD's.....	Consignor/nee	..It.Army.SD..C.A.T.A.N.I.A....
...../'/.....	Date of completion.	.....4.Aug.44.....
..Rations.for.ITI.NAVY.....	Nature of Cargo	.....Rations.....
	Any Difficulties experienced?	My signal 43 of 4 Aug. refers.

So far received:

FLOUR	1732138 lbs	SUGAR	144752 lbs
VEG. DEHYD	144218 "	MACARONI	71038 "
BEANS/PEAS DRIED	280588 "	RICE	144194 "
P. MEAT	242601 "	TOMATO CATSUP	
FISH	192974 "	COFFEE	62472 "
CHEESE	145267 "	PEPPER	755 "
		MATCHES	334848.

Receipted AB 10's sent to BSD for W/E 30 July 44.
Condition of stock: fair.
Pilferage in transit: nil.

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship .....NIL.....

Convoy N° .....

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....CO.ADD.43.BSD.S..... Consignor/nee .....

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E. T. A. .....

Tonnage of Cargo .....

Manifest

Received ☐ Not Received ☐

C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

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

2/Lt PISTONE is still guilty of careless work, though his attitude generally has much improved. OR's have worked satisfactorily.

Lt POLITO is at last available to devote all his time to Port Det. work.

BRINDISI Port Detachment, under 2/Lts DANIONI and NASCIMBENI, left 31 July for CIVITAVECCHIA, by train.

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

The Civilian labour at the Bulk Depot has worked well, as compared with military and naval labour.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.

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ROMA, li 2 Agosto 1944

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

Al L'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE DI TARANTO

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1535/123/0/2

Div. Sez.

P.O.L. in Taranto Cartiat Food Depot atpt

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

e, per conoscenza :-
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.C.C. =ROMA=
(rif.f.7693/S del 28/7/44 della Dir.Gen.Commiss.Milit.)
AL MINISTERO GUERRA-Dir.Gen.Commiss.Militare =SEDE=
(rif.f.7693/S del 28/7/44)
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA-Dir.Auto =P.M.67=
AL DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERI DI =TARANTO=

A seguito dell'assegnazione di due autocarri disposta dallo Stato Maggiore R.E. a favore del deposito viveri di Taranto codesto Ufficio è pregato segnalare il fabbisogno di c. e l. per il mese di agosto al Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania - Dir.Auto, il quale resta sin d'ora autorizzato ad assegnare il quantitativo occorrente prelevandolo da quello che sarà allo stesso assegnato per il corrente mese.-

Per l'avvenire le richieste di c. e l. devono essere inoltrate mensilmente al Comando sopra specificato secondo le modalità ed entro i termini che dallo stesso saranno comunicati.-

IL CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col.A.Rampa)

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Subject:- S. & T. Weekly Reports.

S&T

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

Date Rec'd 5 8 44

1. Herewith weekly reports for this Sector for week ending 28 Jul 44.

2. It is being found increasingly difficult to comply with S. & T. Branch Operating Instn. N° 2, much time being devoted to preparation of reports as laid down.

3. It would be appreciated if a large supply of proformas could be forwarded, as paper is almost unobtainable in Taranto, also it is not possible to obtain stencils and have them duplicated.

ADST
JHJST

30 Jul 44.

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

"S & T, MMIA.

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