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ST/75/4 Reports Catanzaro

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C. OPERATION OF PORT DETACHMENT.

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

D. GENERAL. (Give origin of information).

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

(11) Information of interest to Staff or other Services at HQ, MIA.

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D. ~~GENERAL~~ (Give origin of information).

(4) Information of interest to S & T Branch

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PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

<u>PORT DETACHMENT LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT</u>	<u>REPORT NO.</u>
<u>SHIP DISCHARGING.</u>	<u>SHIP LOADING.</u>
<u>NAME.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>
<u>Tonnage of Cargo</u>	<u>Tonnage of Cargo</u>
<u>Consignment/no.</u>	<u>Consignment/no.</u>
<u>Estimated date of completion.</u>	<u>Estimated date of completion.</u>
<u>Nature of Cargo.</u>	<u>Nature of Cargo.</u>
<u>Any difficulties experienced?</u>	<u>Any difficulties experienced?</u>

B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

<u>Name of Ship</u>
<u>Convoy No.</u>

Convoy/no

Estimated date
of completion

Nature of Cargo

Any difficulties
experienced?B. ARRIVALS NOTIFIED.

Name of Ship

Convoy No.

E.T.A.

Tonnage of Cargo

Manifest

Received

Not Received

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Comissariat.

Date of visits	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by M.I.T.A.
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H. General (to include any points of general interest discovered during the week).

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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. Is officers live away from unit, how do they get to and the between unit & billets?
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?
25. Has unit a P.O. Store or DUEP?
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
b. Clean?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?
26. Are issues of P.O. to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised trip bills (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?

If so, is it:
a. Away from other
buildings?

b. Clean?

c. Properly safeguarded?

d. Equipped with flame
fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles
made on basis of fully
authorized trip slips (Work
tickets)?
If not, what is the system?

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

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

29. What is the standard of
discipline?

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

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

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

33. Any further remarks?

P. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?
5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?
8. What fuel is used for cooking?
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weight a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grams)
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 Outdoor appointed?
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?
15. Did you see a real nervous man. How many impressions

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for cooking?

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

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
On-floor 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
leftovers 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?

1. Background Information (Spec. & PCL Details)

1. Are there any known or suspected activities in the area of the subject's residence? If so, what are they? (e.g., travel, contacts, etc.)

2. What are the known or suspected activities of the subject in the area of the subject's residence? (e.g., travel, contacts, etc.)

3. Are there any known or suspected activities in the area of the subject's residence? (e.g., travel, contacts, etc.)

4. Are there any known or suspected activities in the area of the subject's residence? (e.g., travel, contacts, etc.)

5. What are the known or suspected activities of the subject in the area of the subject's residence? (e.g., travel, contacts, etc.)

2. What checks have you made as to whether station Streeting as prescribed Road Report concludes are consistent by visitors to miles concerned?
3. Have Unit Station Boats been provided? If answered to be in color in case unit of miles involved?
4. Have 201 latest accounts passed to be initially in order on inspections in period under report?
5. What checks have you been able to apply of 201 latest on records by 201 Report by means of visits to examining units concerned?
6. Unit's Inter-Unit Boats
 1. In your opinion are visitors being used to have advantages?
 2. Is there an excess? Give amount of left shown & less even visitors?
 3. Are Unit's station stars arrangements satisfactory? Clear cool & well ventilated?

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D. Harold Harshbarger, President (1971)

1. Is the Dept
currently interested
in the future of the
higher education?
2. Is there a trend on campus
to change
to an emphasis on
general education?
3. Do you know of any
institutions of higher
education that are
interested in this
type of program?
4. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?
5. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?
6. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?
7. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?
8. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?
9. Do you know of any
institutions that are
interested in this
type of program?

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4. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?
5. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?
6. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?
7. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?
8. Is there any party that
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or have not been?
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9. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?
10. Is there any party that
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or have not been?
Do not know party?
11. Is there any party that
has been to the party boys
or have not been?
Do not know party?

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- 15. Are orders for
completing needed up
where completion and
500 lines?
- 16. Are there provisions
allocated to be done on
the telephone?
- 17. "Got clock?"

COMPLETION STATUS	COMPLETION		DEFINITIONS	
	COMPLETED	PENDING	COMPLETED	PENDING
	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:

Remarks:

- 18. 18. What is the
handling capacity
of Dept in 2 1/2
ten minutes per hour
for: completion
b. Definition
- (a)
- (b)

19. Are there
problems?

Remarks

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

19. Any labor
problems?

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

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

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0. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and in suitable drainage?
3. Are stacks fully loaded in accordance with in use?
4. Are cartons packed & stacked goods under cover?
5. Are goods stacked with necessary labeling codes?
6. Is turnover secured by turning from oldest stocks first?
7. Are stacks carefully contained - when goods kept well apart? (e.g. Oils & Flour).
8. Are outdoor stacks on wire ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & remove broken stocks?
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected waste for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?
11. Is depot clean and tidy?
12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

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6. Is turnover normal by loading from almost obsolete plant?
7. Are naturally containing other goods kept well sorted? (S. & Ordons in flour).
8. Are outdoor chairs on this ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?
9. Is there a Repository & Salvage Section to sort & remove broken stock?
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected waste 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 light, etc?
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

PART 3 & 4 SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

REPORT NO.

WEEK ENDING

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

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

2. What supplies noticed for collection from Allied Depots since last report?

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

4. What supplies or Allied Depots have been received during, period under report?

5. Have meetings of forwarding charges during period under report been arranged, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to them have been adopted?

6. What have been trading conditions in period under report on various commodities from Allied Depots in respect of (a) labour (b) transport? (11)

7. Has documentation of Handover & execution of collection supplies been satisfactory in period under report?

4. What reasons are listed? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?
5. What reasons are listed? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?
6. What have been the reasons for the depot? (1) Depot have been under review, under review, under review? (11) Depot have been under review, under review, under review?
7. Has the depot been under review? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?

NOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE DEPOT, THE REASONS MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE PORT REPLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Depot Position

1. Is the depot position for the depot position? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?
2. Is the depot position for the depot position? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?
3. What has been the depot position for the depot position? Depot have been under review, under review, under review?

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Subject :- Report No 6 - CALABRIA
Period ending 23 Feb 45

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (MIA) ROME

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
CLO/1
28 Feb 45

Herewith is forwarded Report No 6
covering Sector of CALABRIA, with the exception of
REGGIO CALABRIA district.

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File No 7574

E.L. Munn-Murray
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA) 52 Area

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INFORMATION SECTION - INSTRUCTIONS ON OFFICER'S DUTY REPORTS

SECTION 1. GALAPAGOS ISLANDS ... 23 FEB 45 ... REPORT NO. ... 6 ...

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex ships or Allied Detach).

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?
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2. What supplies notified for release from Allied Detach since last report?
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3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?
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4. What releases ex Allied Detach have been worked during period under report?
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5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been accurate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to bills have been adopted?
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Detach in respect of (i) labour (ii) technicians?
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7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?
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worked during period
under report?

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

5. Have marking of
incoming cargoes during
period under report
been adequate, and what
arrangements for
sorting and/or allies:
ation to fills have been
advised?

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

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

Note: WHEN APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE PORT WORKY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N°3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

2. Yes.

3. See attached statement.

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OLIVE OIL Despatched since last memo

	qll		Part of allotment for
30 Jan	57	to Palermo from Rossano	Jan
	56	to Catania	"
12 Feb	150	to Naples	"
13 "	150	" " " CORIGLIANO	"
15 "	85	" " "	"
16 "	85	" " " CATANIA	Feb
20 "	104	" " "	

Despatched through CONSORZIO AGRARIO, COSENZA, under military commission. (COMMISSARIATO).
 Balance of Jan and Feb Requirements (ST/73 of 2 Feb 45 refers)
 will be despatched during week 26 Feb - 4 March as under:

95 qll	to ROME from ROSSANO
157	to NAPLES from ROSSANO
500	to NAPLES from CATANIA
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CATANZARO S.A.
Via S. Francesco
Verostor Centrale
Pondachello (new
premises)

CATANZARO S.A.
21 Feb 45
O/c S. Ten. BARBARA Keusto

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?
See last report, no 5.
Movement of supplies to new premises at FONDACHELLO will be completed in a few days.

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 supplies under cover.

5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates?
about 75%

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

7. Are mutually contaminating in goods kept well apart?
As far as possible.

8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?
No outdoor stocks (see 4).

9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & re-use broken stocks?
Yes, at CATANZARO S.A.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?
Considerable quantities for condemnation by Analyst Commission held on 22 Feb at CATANZARO S.A. (See separate report.)
Yes: all such stock destroyed.

11. Is depot clean and

Yes.

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

As far as possible.

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

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

No outdoor stocks
(see 4)

9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & re-use broken stocks?

Yes, at CATANZARO SALA.

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?

Considerable quantities for condemnation by Analyst Commission held on 22 Feb at CATANZARO SALA (See separate report.)
Yes: all such stock destroyed.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

See previous report No 5
Depots are clean, but space is limited
See (1) and (7)

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

Sole depot: 2 dogs, 7 traps, 5291 Other
depots, cats and traps used.

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

Yes.

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

(a) Sole depot: very, and 6 men on guard.
Mercator Depot: 2 men sleep on premises
Fondachello : 2 men sleep on premises
Via S. Francesco: adjoining Distribution Depot and comes under their guard arrangements

(b) Adequate

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

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

17. "Spot check?"

(a) Yes

(b) Sala Depot on phone (Military ext) Via S. French casco uses DP, phone no 1625

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Commodities found
CORPUS (1) 60Lx20-10s		
(2) 188x40 " (12, 6/15)		
(3) 875x10 " (1bs)		
= Kgs 10771.185		
	CONTACT with Stock Book & tally sheets.	

Remarks:-

re condition of flour

Present consignments of flour are badly weevil-infested and 6 civilian (women) are employed to sift it. Flour is considered fit for consumption after sifting.

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

(2)

(b) a. Receipts b. Despatched.

19. Any labour problems?

No

Found	Found
COFFEE (1) 904x20-1bs) (2) 188x40 " (13.615) (3) 875x10 " (1bs) = Kgs 19771.185	COFFEE (1) 904x20-1bs) (2) 188x40 " (13.615) (3) 875x10 " (1bs) = Kgs 19771.185
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Remarks:-

re condition of flour

Present consignments of Flour are badly weevil-infested and 6 civilian (women) are employed to sift it. Flour is considered not fit for consumption after sifting.

18. What is the (2)

handling capacity

of depot in 2 1/2

ton truck per

hour for:

a. Receipts (b)

b. Despatched.

19. Any labour problems?

No

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

Satisfactory. Foreign wagons are arriving from CAPUA without guards, resulting in breaking of seals and pilferage. Agreed to take up.

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

Insufficient transport available for moving supplies from SALA to D.D. Suggested use of

22. Foreign and FIREWHEEL Depot at CATANZARO SALA.

Officer i/c S. Ten. VICERI Antonio, 1 Marshal, 1 S/Mat, 1 Smt,

1 C/Mat, 2 Cpls, 16 Troops, 1 civilian clerk.

Stock of Straw, Barley, Oats, etc inspected - Satisfactory. (but see 20 above)

C. Physical Warehousing Condition (Food)

CATAN RO D.D.
(Via S. Francesco)
Date of visit: 20 Feb 45

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Yes.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? Yes, some carton goods on stone floor; C.C. to rectify.

3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use? Yes.

4. Are carton peeled & sacked goods under cover? All supplies under cover.

5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates? As and when rec'd from Bulk Depot.

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

7. Are mutually cont. emanating in goods kept well apart? Yes.
(eg. Onions & Flour)

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 & re-use broken stocks? No: cases remained at Bulk Depot.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? (a) No: Analyst Comm. held 22 Feb 45 at SALI
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market? (b) N.A.

11. Is depot clean and Yes

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7. Are mutually cont:
 emanating in goods kept
 well apart?
 (eg. Onions & Flour)
 Yes.
8. Are outdoor stocks on
 firm ground which will
 stand up to truck traffic
 in wet weather?
 No outdoor Stocks
9. Is there a "recovery &
 Salvage Section to sort &
 re-use broken stocks?
 No : cases perspired at Bulk Depot.
10. How much stock is
 there awaiting disposal
 as suspected unfit for
 human consumption?
 Is it so secured that it
 cannot reach civilian
 black market?
 (a) No: Analyst Comm. held 22 Feb 15 at SALA
 (b) N.A.
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11. Is depot clean and
 tidy?
 Yes.
12. What anti vermin
 measures are used?
 2 ants: 3 traps in use, more being made.
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?
 (a) 1 Gnl and 2 men on night duty.
 (1) Adequate

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15. Are ordered for

sentries posted up
where sentries can
see them?

Yes.

16. Are fire pre:
cautions adequate
& is depot on the
telephone?

(a) Adequate

(b) Telephone 1625

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Commodities found
COFFEE 45x19 lbs cases = 857 lbs = 3892.15 "residue from Issue Depot 3.550	3896.700 7875.584	
Stock Book!		
SUGAR 43x60 lbs Sacks) 4x10 lbs Bags (2620 lbs = 11,868.600 kgs "residue from Issue Store	SURPLUS 116 185 kgs 11,868.785	Negligible
	11,868.592	

Remarks:

Surplus 193

18. What is the (a)

handling capacity
of depot in 2 1/2

ten truck per
hour for: (b)

a. Receipts
b. Disposed.

19. Any labour

No: no bulbs yet provided as requested in
report NG 5. agreed to take up

Residue from Issue Depot 3.550

Stock Book	3976.700
SURPLUS	3976.584
SUGAR 43x60 lbs Sacks	116
4x10 lbs Bags	2620 lbs = 11,868.600 kgs
Residue from Issue Store	185 kgs
Stock Book	11,868.785
SURPLUS	11,868.592
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Remarks:-

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

19. Any labour problems?

No: no bulbs yet provided as requested in report NP 5: agreed to take in

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

N.A.

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

N.A.

Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

COSENZA D.D. Via Calabria, 12
Date of Visit: 19 Feb 45
Officer i/c Ten. CAVAGNO I Adamo

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

Stocks are neat and tidy, but suffer from lack of space.

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

O.C. Stated that former premises at Via MONTE-SANTO 3P (corner of VIA ISCNZO) had been taken from him by order of COMANDO MILITARE, CALABRIA and returned to owner, DITTA IAMACCHIA, for private purposes. He also stated that he urgently requires these premises, in view of increasing commitments, due to closing of other depot and arrival of another Btn in the area. I agree to take up with Commissariato and Comando Militare, CALABRIA. (See G)

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

Yes.

4. Are certain packed & stacked goods under cover?

Yes.

5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates?

Yes.

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

All supplies under cover.

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

In most cases, Yes: those not marked turned over quickly.

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

No outdoor stocks (see 4)

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

Salvage Section operating for repair and Salvage.

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

Negligible: all Stock unfit for consumption sent to CATANZARO for Analyst Comm. to be held on Feb.

11. Is depot clean and

Yes.

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- 4. All supplies under cover.
- 5. In most cases, Yes: those not marked turned over quickly.
- 6. Yes.
- 7. Yes.
- 8. Are outdoor stocks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? No outdoor stocks (see 4)
- 9. Salvage Section operating for repair and Salvage. Negligible: all Stock unfit for consumption sent to CATANTARO for Analyst Comm. to be held on Feb.
- 10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?
- 11. Is depot clean and tidy? Yes.
- 12. What anti vermin measures are used? 1 Cat: 7 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? Guards have to be found from own troops for night duty since Comm. PRESIDIO fail to produce guards, as previously requested. (See 19 and 21)

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2. Are orders for
centrifugal posted up
where entries can
see them?

Yes.

16. Are fire pre-
cautions adequate
if depot on the
telephone?

Yes.

17. Spot check?

Commodities Checked	Surplus found	Commodities found
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RICE: 60x50 lbs Sacks) Lbs
34x100 " (6400 = 2,899.200.
Quantity held in Issue Denot 42.700

Kgs

Figures as per Stock Denot 2941.900
2941.544

Attributed to issues taken
to nearest round figures.

SURPLUS

0.366 grm.

T. CHEESE : 99x42 lbs Boxes = lbs
4x 7 lb Tins 20(

Kgs

Remarks:-

Quantity held in Issuing Store 0.850 gms
1897.108
1897.299

4186 = 1,896.258

Figures as per Stock Sheet

DEFICIENCY

0.191 gms

ditto.

18. What is the (a)
handling capacity

(See last report) 2

of depot in 2 1/2 hours
ton truck per hour for:

- a. Receipts
- b. Despatched.

Despatches by horse and cart.

19. Any labour
problems?

2 i/c has arrived, but is always engaged on

4186 = 1,896.258

Quantity held in Issuing Store 0.850 gms

Figures as per Stock Sheet

1897.108

1897.299

DEFICIENCY

0.191 gms

ditto.

18. What is the (s)

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ton truck per

hour fort

a. Receipts

b. Despatched.

(See last report) 2

19. Any lagour problems?

2 i/c has arrived, but is always engaged on Olive Oil despatch. D.C. asked for extra men, or provision of guards (see 14 and 21)

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

"all cars are loaded at the Station (1/2 mile away from Depot) Carts should be provided by civilian ~~from~~ of DITTA RU-ROLO (GOSSENZA) under contract made on rates of pay existing two years ago. Consequently they do not fulfil it satisfactorily claiming increased rate of pay. I agreed to take up with Commissariato (see G.) and Comando Militare.

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

No. No difficulties re loading or provision of trucks or rail car guards. Trucks Comando Presidio supply rail guards (see 14 & 19)

22. General :

170 Kgs of powdered peas, beans and lentils of various origin, from CASTROVILLART Depot (now closed) are held in this Depot. Samples sent to Analyst.

Disposal instructions will be issued following his report.

2 Officers, 1 V.O., 3 Serfs, 4 Cpls, 10 Tns, 2 Civ. Clerk.

Strength

Feeding Str : as at 18 Feb 45 - 2000 approx daily.

Quantity held in Issuing Store 0.850 gms

1897.108

1897.299

Figures as per Stock Sheet.

DEFICIENCY

0.191 gms

ditto.

18. What is the (a)

handling capacity

of 3 not in 2-1/2

for truck per hour

hour for: (b)

a. Receipts

b. Despatched.

(See last report) 2

19. Any other problems?

2 1/c has arrived, but is always engaged on Olive Oil despatch. G.C. asked for extra men, or provision of guards (see 14 and 21)

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

All cars are loaded at the Station (1/2 mile away from Denot) Verts should be provided by civilian crew of DIITA RUEROLO (GOSINZA) under contract made on rates of pay existing two years ago. Consequently they do not fulfil it satisfactorily claiming increased rate of pay. I agreed to take up with Comissario (see G.) and Comendo Militare.

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

No. No difficulties re loading or provision of trucks for rail car guards. Comendo Presidio supply rail guards (see 14 & 19)

22. General:

170 Kgs of Powdered Peas, Segala and Herbs of German origin, from CASTROVILLARI Denot (now closed) are held in this Denot.

Samples sent to Analyst.

Disposal instructions will be issued following his report.

2 Officers, 1 V.O., 3 Serfs, 4 Onls, 10 Tns, 2 Civ. Clerk.

as at 18 Feb 45 - 2000 approx daily.

Strength

Feeding Str

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Ten. CC. VIGIANT
Ten. CC. RISO

C. visits to Head of S. or Commissariato.

Date of visit	points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by H.M.I.S.
20 Feb 45	Method of sending (a) 1st monthly Stock State of letters which had (b) Weekly Local not been rec'd. Resources signal Return of Denots & Int. Gallations Analyst Com. Mission	Agreed to send copies of letters which had not been rec'd. Arranged for 22 Feb. Denot forwarded to HQ WIA	For approval and counter signature
Cosenza Denot (See report)			
(1) premises	Denot will	Denot will	Nil.
1/0 Denot Complainee soon be vacated: premises can then be taken over as another denot. Commissariato will instruct accordingly			Nil.
(2) Carts under contract (Rate of Pay)	Commissariato instructed to investigate and if necessary make new contract.		Nil.
That for CATANZARO P.D. contacted. HQ Comandante Militare asked for wagon to be attached on departure of HC. Presente			Nil.

21 Feb 45: HQ Comando Militare moving to ROMA 25 Feb. Commissariato are leaving 3 Officers and a number of GRS to look after CALABRIA, under Commissariato, NAPLES. This is not considered sufficient, and Col. RISO who will be in Please may position be clarified regarding despatch of Stock States, signals, etc, now that Commissariato to Calabria comes directly under Commissariato 5241. May the question of increase of Staff be

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! over as another depot.
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! struct accordingly

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! if necessary make new
! contract.

Int for CATANZARO B.D. Contacted. HQ Coman-
HC MIA: T/24/27 dated 100 Militare and asked
23 Oct 44 refers. for wagon to be attached
From 179 Autorenerto on departure of HQ.
passante

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charge, requests 10 Of-
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cessfull, for Olive
Oil, Commission and
maintenance of food sup-
plies in CALABRIA.

*Control
Adm. to Sicily
Rome*

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despatch of Stock
States, signals, etc,
now that Commissarie-
to Calabria comes
directly under Commis-
sariato ~~to Sicily~~.
May the question of
increase of Staff
left in CALABRIA be
taken up with M.V.?

GENERAL:
VISIT TO HQ, COMANDO MILITARE, CALABRIA - 20 FEB 45

I At the request of Lt.Col. CROENHAM, 9 CRE (Works), CROTONI, I
visited the above HQ to ascertain what the position was, regarding the
formation of 63 It. Forestry Coy. The following information was obtained
from Chief of Staff
(1) 63 It. Forestry Coy to be formed from 101 It. For. Coy, taking
148 personnel. Remaining 40 required to bring up to strength of 188, to
come from APULIA:

(2) 101 It. For. Coy to be made up from men from APULIA:

(3) Instructions regarding this had been issued by HQ on 11 Feb to HQ 227 Div, who no doubt had or would be issuing instructions to those concerned regarding Feeding, Clothing and Equipment.

(4) Therefore, they become a BR-III commitment. On my return to TAFANTO, I found copy of 32 Area letter 4/132/55 dated 20 Feb 45, addressed to 9 CPE (Wks) forwarding 2 copies of ARHC. CR/1116/9-1 (6M) Ser 1611 dated 13 Feb 45, and giving authority for further implementation of WS CW/522/1. Col. CXENHAM also requested that the guard at CROTONE Docks should be doubled, and quevs wired off HQ Comado Militare. Stated that it was not possible to provide any more guards, but that 20 Rolls of wiring had that day been despatched to CROTONE for protection of quevs.

II. At request of Maj DANIEL, 32 AREA, I also asked for special attention to be paid to telephone communications and lines to and from CROTONE, in view of the increasing number of troops in that Area. (HQ 32 AREA Letter 6/4/2 dated 13 Feb 45 re: 32)

E. L. Munster-Norman
 Capt. R.A.S.F.
 Land Forces Sub Comm.
 A.C. (IMI) 32 Area

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Denots). (See note below)

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

2. What supplies notified for releases from Allied denots since last report? //

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

4. What releases or Allied denots have been worked during period under report? //

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

6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes end/or releases from Allied denots in respect of (i) labour (II) transport? (I)

(II)

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

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"S & T. WMA.
Recd 29 Dec.
File No. 7574

S & T, NAMA.
 Recd 29 Dec.
 File # 7570

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

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

6. What have been working
 conditions in period

(I)
 under report on cargoes
 and/or releases from
 Allied Depots in respect
 of (i) labour
 (II) transport?

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 ON THE
 FOREGOING POINTS TO THE PORT FORTNIGHTLY REPORT (See Operating Instrn. E.5)

8. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

Break in railway line has caused low
 stocks in following: flour (only 14
 days) rice (10 days) and P. West (14
 days). Otherwise said to be satisfactory

2. Is POL position ditto?

Yes.

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

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DATA ARE PD. (20 Dec 14)

Q. Physical Warehouse Location (Good).

Yes.

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?

All same under cover.

4. Are cotton packed & soaked goods under cover?

as Gatanzare H.D.

5. Are goods marked with warranty by dates?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

No outdoor stacks

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

No; not necessary.

9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & re-use broken sticks?

Already notified (Commission to be held on 23 Dec).

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as unsalvaged unfit for human consumption?

Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

Yes.

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stocks first?

7. Are mutually cont:
emitting 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 &
re-use broken stacks?

Yes; not necessary.

10. How much stock is
there awaiting disposal
as unsuited unfit for
human consumption?

Already notified (Commission to be
held on 22 Dec).

Is it so secured that it
cannot reach civilian
black market?

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11. Is depot clean and
tidy?

Yes.

12. What anti vermin
measures are used?

1 dog, 2 cats and 1 trap

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?

See report 4.

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

16. Are fire maps: cautions adequate & is denot on the telephone? Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked	Is there surplus found	Reflexionates found
(s) PEPPER	1.567 KG	
(h) V. MEAT and SAUSAGE	7.409 KG	

Remarks:- Attributed by C.G. to mistakes in issuing with regard to (b): There were separate account sheets for V. Meat and sausage, but issues were made of either commodity at will.

18. What is the handling capacity of Denot in 1/2 ton trucks per hour? (a) Receives from BT in same or neighbouring buildings.

(b) 2
c. Receipts
d. Despatches

19. Any labour problems? No.
Electric lighting: Can you please get War Ministry to provide at least 4 bulbs? (160 voltage)

(b) P. MEAT and
SAUSAGE

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Remarks:-

Attributed by C.C. to mistakes in issuing with regard to (b): There were separate account sheets for P. Meat and sausage, but issues were made of either commodity at will.

(a)

Receives from BR in same or neighbouring buildings.

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

(b)

3

of S. Receipts. b. Decontaminates

19. Any labour problems?

No. Electric lighting: Can WIA please get War Ministry to provide at least 4 bulbs? (160 volts)

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

N.A.

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

N.A.

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C. Physical Warehouse Position (Food).		CATANARO B.D. (20 Dec 44)	
1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	Yes. But present premises, except SARA are too small; are dark, and generally unsatisfactory. New premises have been found near the Gas works, and it is expected that move will take place in about a month.	2. Yes.	Yes with an additional 500 tons
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?		3. Yes.	Yes no longer in a satisfactory condition
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?			All sums under cover "No more tons" .75
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?			CC. says about 70%
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?			Yes.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?			Yes.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour)			No outdoor stacks
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?			Yes: provided by Salvage Sec. Coy. Suss.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stacks?			Nil.
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: provided by Salvage Sec. Coy. Suss.

by issuing from oldest
stocks first?

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

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

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

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

11. Is depot clean and
tidy

12. What anti vermin
measures are used?

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

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

Yes.

No outdoor stacks

Yes: provided by Salvage Sec. Gov. Suss.

Will.

Yes, but is at present
premises: see 1 above

4 cats, 1 dog, and 7 trans.

Yes. The barbed wire
last erected.

SALA: 2 men sleep in magazine.
Main building: 1 man outside.
Market place: 2 men sleep there.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?
Yes. Plans are being made to post sentries in all areas of the depot.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?
Yes.
Yes, including S.A. premises.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies
CHEESE	Correct	See below
P. MEAT	Correct	See below

Remarks:-

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

19. Any labour problems?
No.
Lighting: Can WIA please get War Ministry to provide at least 6 bulbs (160 volts).

P. WEAT

Correct

Remarks:-

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

- a. Receipts
- b. Despatches.

(a) 2,000

(b) 3 to 4

19. Any labour problems?

No. Lighting: Can MMIA please get War Ministry to provide at least 6 bulbs (160 volts).

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

Yes. Yes.

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

See report 4.

9. Physical Warehouse Report on (Food)

COSBY S.D.D. (20 Dec 44)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

Yes.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

Yes.

3. Are stacks fully banded in existence and in use?

Yes.

4. Are cartons packed & soaked goods under cover?

All goods are under cover

5. Are goods marked with "Expiry" date?

O.C. says about 22 1/3%

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

Yes.

7. Are mutually contra: sinning 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 & re-use broken stocks?

No: not necessary.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as unwanted unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian block markets?

Corned Beef 11 lbs
Being despatched forthwith to CATANZARO for Commission.

11. Is there a section to sort & re-use broken stocks?

Yes.

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Yes.

Yes.

No outdoor stacks.

No: not necessary.

Corned Beef Hash 11 lbs
being despatched forthwith to
CAITANZARO for Commission.

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Yes.

1 cat: 7 trans

Yes.

On all the time: 2 at main depot 13hrs
1 at small depot (shifts)
Provided by presidio.
Considered adequate.

by issuing from oldest
stocks first?

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

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

9? Is there a Recovery &
Salvage section to sort &
re-use broken stocks?

10. How much stock is
there awaiting disposal
is suggested unfit for
human consumption?

Is it so secured that it
cannot reach civilian
black markets?

11. Is there a system for
tidy disposal of stock?

12. What anti vermin
measures are used?

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

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

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

16. Are five pre-cautions adequate?
Yes.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked	As noted	Deficiencies found
COFFEE	Correct	
CHEESE	Correct	

Remarks:

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 hour period?
Most despatches are by horse and cart.
19. Any labour problems?

No 2 1/2 has arrived (see last report). But as depot only feeds about 1100, this is not considered essential. No other problems.

COFFEE	Correct	Correct
CHRESE	Correct	Correct
Remarks:		
19. What is the... handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ten trucks per hour for: If a. ... b. ... Most despatches are by horse and cart.		
20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented & sealed? Yes.		
21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards? Yes.		

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U. S. Unit: Interior for Army Camp 6.0
Campdale, LUISI RAZZI, CATANZARO

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

2. Is there an excessive
amount of kitchen &
mess room wastage? No.

3. Are unit rations
store arrangements
satisfactory? Clean,
cool & well ventilated? Excellent.

4. Are unit cooks
medically inspected
at regular intervals?
Are any cooks receiving
treatment for V.D. or
any contagious diseases? Yes - every two days. No.

5. Are anti-fly precautions
in ration store, kitchen
& mess room satisfactory? Yes (No mess room for Permanent Staff)

6. How is kitchen & mess
room waste disposed of? Thrown over neighbouring precipice into
river below.

7. Are kitchen & mess
rooms thoroughly clean? Yes.

8. What fuel is used for cooking? Wood, and steam heat.

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

10. Are issues from
Rations 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? There are none.

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12. Are there any other remarks?

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- in ration store, kitchen
mess room satisfactory?
Thrown over neighbouring precipice into
river below.
6. How is kitchen & mess
room waste disposed of?
Yes.
7. Are kitchen & mess
room thoroughly clean?
Wood, and steam heat.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?
Yes. Correct weight
9. Is the bread well made?
Did you check weigh a loaf?
(Standard is - 300 grammes)
Yes.
10. Are issues from
Rations 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?
There are none.
12. Are food cans buried or
burnt to prevent breeding
of flies?
Buried: a *Drum over precipice (see 6)*.
13. Is there a Unit Messing
officer appointed?
Yes - one for Patients another P.S.
14. Does the unit try to
augment the ration by
growing anything itself?
Yes: fresh vegetables.
15. Did you see a meal served?
What were your impressions of it?
Yes. Men seemed satisfied with
quality.
There are none.
16. Is any attempt made to
use up left-overs from meals?
None on change 3 Ambulances are
Red Cross.
17. Has unit any vehicles?

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18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?
One runner fair but condition of tyre includes long journeys.
19. How many are off the road as non-runners?
Two - no tyres.
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?
Through CFI NAPLES
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?
No: (obtained from military sources)
22. Is unit training any drivers?
N.A.
23. If officers live and move away from unit, how do they get to and from between unit & billets?
There is a military bus service between the Town and the hospital. Officers living out make use of it.
24. Are vehicles properly on change to a nominated driver?
N.A. (Red Cross drivers)
25. Has unit a P.O. store or dump?
Shell store in basement of hospital. Safeguarded, but no fire precautions (Recommended change of site)
26. Are issues of P.O. to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trin Chits (work tickets)?
Red Cross Trin Chits. If not, what is the system?
27. Do the men look cheerful, alert, or are they apathetic?
Mostly clean and cheerful (as)
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?
So far as could be ascertained, good.
29. What is the standard of discipline?
Ditto
30. To the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and

25. Has unit a POW store or dump? Small store in basement of hospital. Safeguarded, but no fire precautions (Recommended change of site)

If so, is it:-

a. Away from other buildings?

b. Properly safeguarded?

c. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

Red Cross Trin Chits.

26. Are issues of POW to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trin? chits (work tickets)?

If not, what is the system?

Mostly clean and cheerful (PS)

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

So far as could be ascertained, good.

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

Ditto

29. What is the standard of discipline?

Yes.

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

31. Did you hear or detect 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?

Nil.

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

or other remarks?

8.

3. Visit to head of sector commissariate

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken	Action required
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20/03 Dec 71. Am informed that CRISTOFORU D. is to be closed down, and that last issues will probably be made on Jan 5.15. Trecons there will draw from CATANZARO.

2. Christmas Rations: he had received amendment to "X."s original instructions.

3. Forage: of the two issue vouchers sent me by MATA to clear, one has been receipted. The wagon for the other has not yet arrived (ex CAPUA Forage Depot).

4. Forage: He was finding many discrepancies in amounts consigned. (his 17106/1 dated 9 Nov to War Ministry, refers)

5. Office organization: Noticed that no trays (In or out) ever seem to be used in Italian Military Offices. Their absence is particularly annoying.

6. MATA (1) send a Junior NCO to CATANZARO to set up a Services Det. to check on receipts and dispatch discrepancy Reports or (2) arrange that point of agreement be at issuing depot. If (1) takes place NCO could live with AICOM or RTO Staff.

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3. Forage: of the two
issue vouchers sent me by
MIA to clear, one has
been receipted. The
wagon for the other has
not yet arrived (ex CAPUA;
Forage Denot).

4. Forage: He was finding
many discrepancies in
amounts consigned. (His
27106/1 dated 9 Nov to
War Ministry, refers)

5. Office organization:
Noticed that no trace
(In or out) ever seem to
be used in Italian Military
Offices. Their absence
is particularly consi-
derous here.

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

An attempt was made to inspect GROTONI Denot, but failed
owing to car trouble.
Roads in CATABRIA are exceptionally bad at present.

26 Dec 44.

W. Schaefer
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO;
Capt. R.A.S.G.

Told
19461 him to
forward both to
MIA via A.C. when
received.

Can MIA (1) send a
Junior NCO to CATAN-
ZARO to act as a
Services Rep. to
check on receipts and
discrepancies
Denota or (2) arrange
that point of contact
be at issuing Denot
If (1) takes place NCO
could live with ARGOM
for HQ Staff.

Suggested their
use here.

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To: HQ, MMIA.

MMIA. I.O.
c/o HQ 52 Area

CLO/1

Herewith Report 4 in respect of above.
Reports on inspections made on 21 - 23 Oct
are also included rather than delay them for nearly
2 weeks.

24 Oct 44

WMS Lauford
Cent. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO
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SECTOR ...CATANZARO...2 WEEKS ENDING ...20.Oct.44... REPORT N°4.....

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex Ships or Allies Denots). See note below)

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

2. What supplies notified for releases from Allied denots since last report? //

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is food 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 Sector have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

Shortage of:- (1) Tomato Juice: W.M. had signalled Commissariato (D 8323/S of 13 Aug) to expect 20 quintals, which Commissariato NAPLES were to buy locally. If this arrived now, there would be enough for 3 months. I explained there had been a shortage ^{anywhere}. (2) Meat - 400 quintals needed. (3) Matches - 60,000 boxes needed. W.M. notified of (2) & (3) on 6 Oct (ref 12990/1 from Commissariato)

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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?

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

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

Notes: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING ON THE FOREGOING POINTS TO THE POL WEEKLY REPORT (see Operating Instruction N.3)

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

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(2) Meat - 400 quintals needed.
(3) Matches - 60,000 boxes needed. W.M. notified of (2) & (3) on 6 Oct (ref 12990/1 from Commissariato) olive oil: The position with regard to this is given in Commissariato's 14209/1 of 18 Oct. to W.M.

2. -
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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

CATANZARO B.D.

20 Oct 61

This depot opened a few days ago, under command of 2/Lt. BARRERA, RAUSTO (21 Compagnie Sussistenza, CATANZARO). To form its accomodation, DD.CATANZARO has transferred to it: (a) its magazine in CATANZARO SALA, (b) one of its buildings in CATANZARO, (c) a portion of its other building there, (c) has been partitioned off completely from the P. premises.

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6. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

CATANZARO B.P. 20 Oct 47

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Yes.
2. Are stacks externally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? Ventilated, but I saw some rice in the SALA building which was not on dunnage. O.C. promised to rectify at once.
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use? Yes.
4. Are sections painted or stacked goods under cover? Yes.
5. Are goods marked with temporary display codes? About 25%: O.C. is aware of his duties to mark provisional U.N. dates.
6. Is turnover covered by forwarding area oldest stocks first? Yes.
7. Are externally covered areas goods kept well away? (O.C. Orders 2 Yellow). There were some highly-smelling empty wine barrels in the SALA building, which the O.C. promised to move at once.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? All stacks are under cover.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & re-use broken stocks? Not told O.C. to arrange.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected waste for human consumption? Is it so marked that it cannot reach civilian black market? Will.
11. Is depot clean and tidy? Yes.

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6. In turnover assumed by issuing from oldest records first?

Yes.

7. Are naturally contained after goods kept well apart? (e.g. Ombuds & flour).

There were some highly-smelling empty wine barrels in the SALA building, which the C.C. promised to move at once.

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

All stacks are under cover.

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

Not told C.C. to arrange.

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

NIL.

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11. Is dogst clean and tidy?

Yes.

12. What anti-vermin measures are used?

5 cats, 10 trans. But none were in the SALA premises.

13. Are dogs adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting etc?

CATANZARO buildings, yes. The barbed wire, though at SALA, has still not been put up.

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

As report 1 on D.D. para 14, suggested that 2 men sleeping in each building would be enough.

DATA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTSSECTOR CAVANTARO WEEK ENDING 20 Oct 44 REPORT NO. 41. Handover of Surreling (Ex 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 or 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 this have been adopted? //

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

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

4. What releases or Allied Depots have been worked during period under report?
5. Have meetings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ATIs have been adopted?
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (a) labour (b) transport?
7. Has documentation of inventory & creation of official records been satisfactory in period under report?

Note:- THESE ANSWERS, WHICH REFER TO THE PORT WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction No 3)

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. In Food Sector position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?
2. Is POL position ditto?
3. What Bushatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?

Shortage of: (1) Tomato Juice: W.N. has signed him (b) 8323/3 of 13.11.63 to cover 200 quintals, which Commissariat W.N. were to buy locally? If this arrived now, there would be enough for 3 months I explained there had been a shortage (2) Meat - 400 quintals needed (3) Matches - 60,000 boxes needed W.N. notified of (2) and (3) on 6 Oct (ref 12900/1 from Commissariat).
Olive Oil: The position with regard to this is given in Commissariat's 14209/1 of 18 Oct, to W.N.

2. //
3. WIL.

C. (continued)

15. Are orders for supplies posted in where container can see them? Yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on fire telephone? Yes. Depot shares office with D.D. which is on phone. SALA (see report 1 - DD. 16) is still not on phone. Neither O.C. of DD. or ED. had done anything about it ~~at all~~; essential as forage depot is there too.

17. "Spot check?"

COMMODITIES	STORAGE	DEFECTS
QUANTITY	FOUND	FOUND
COFFEE	Correct	Correct
SUGAR	Correct	Correct

Remarks:

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

(a) 3

(b) 3

19. Any labor problems?

Tpt problem: has no tnt of its own, and has to submit demands to Presidio. Can NMIA get Depot a lorry please? D.D. and B.D. could share it (see 19 (a) DD. Report 3).

17. "Spot check?"

COMMODITIES	SECURITY	DEFENSE
QUANTITY	FOOD	ARMED
COFFEE	Correct	Correct
SUGAR	Correct	Correct

Remarks:

18. 16.

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

(a)

3

(b)

3

19.

Any labor
problems?

Tpt problem: has no tpt of its own, and has to
submit demands to Presidio. Can MMIA get Depot
a lorry please? D.D. and B.D. could share it
(see 19 (a) DD. Report 3).

20.

Are rail cars
loaded from Depot
properly documented
& sealed?

Yes.

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21.

Any difficulties
regarding provision
of trucks or rail car
guards?

O.C. complained of having to put 3 men on
train guards; but I am of opinion that
remaining Staff, plus civilian labour, is
adequate.

D. Physical Merchandise Protection (PMP)

1. Is the Depot security protected against theft by bonded ware, 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, how he written orders what to do?
4. If there are steps, what happens to the pump lays at night and during Depot closed periods?
5. If ground tanks are in use, how are steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?
6. Are parked stocks (A.O. cases, barrels) properly secured?
7. Is there a tally board on each stock? Are they being used correctly?
8. What arrangements exist for checking "handlers" and "handlers" who are containers? Is it a tally board?
9. How are parked stocks

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4. If there are signs, what happens to the signs? If so, how are they ordered? Do they do?
5. In ground tanks are in use, have any signs been taken to prevent them by aliphatic?
6. Are partial stocks (i.e., some, barrels) properly stored?
7. Is there a tally based on each stock? Are they being used currently?
8. What information must be for checking? What is the condition? Is it a condition? Is it a condition?
9. How are partial stocks stored? (Barrel, for barrel, barrel?)
10. Are partial stocks stored? Are they stored? Are they stored?
11. Are they stored? (a) Are they stored? (b) Are they stored? (c) Are they stored?

2.		On TANZARO D.D. (F001).	
a. Physical Warehouse & Position (F001).		20 Oct 1944	
1. Are supplies properly stored and neatly stacked?		Yes.	
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on unsuitable dunnage?		Yes.	
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use?		Yes, except at NICA STRO SUB Detachment (see ii)	
4. Are carton packed stacked goods under cover?		All sues under cover.	
5. Are goods marked with Vermenty Expiry dates?		About 40%.	
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?		Yes.	
7. Are virtually all stock rotating goods kept in well sorted and well sorted (eg. Onions & Flour) in outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?		No outdoor stacks.	
8. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & reuse broken stocks?		No: not considered necessary.	
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? If it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?		Corned Beef 699 lbs Cheese (Allied) 16 " W. & V. Stew 15 " Biscuits 27 " Chili con Carne 60 " Tomato Juice 25 1/2 lb Sliced Bacon 3 "	

Yes.

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

Yes.

9. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

10. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

11. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

12. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

13. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

14. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

15. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

16. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

17. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

18. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

19. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

20. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

21. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

22. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

23. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

24. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

25. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

26. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

27. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

28. Are mutually recent?

Yes.

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

Corned Beef	699 lbs	Tomato Juice	25 1/2 lb
Cheese (Allied)	6 "	Sliced Bacon	3 "
M. & V. Stew	15 "		
Biscuits	27 "		
Chili con Carne	60 "		

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Yes.

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

4 cats, 4 trans (nothing at NICA STRO)

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 outside bldg all the time: considered adequate. (nothing arranged at NICA STRO) (Sgt i/c will sleep there)

8. (continued)

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

Yes.

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

Yes; Yes. (Exempt NICA SRO - No fire precautions at all. Old Denot there is on phone).

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
(a) P. Meat	:	:
(b) Flour	:	:
	Negligible	
	7.100 kgs.	

Remarks:-

(b) At first sight there appeared to be a deficiency of anovox 9400 Kg: it was then explained that on ~~the~~ there was a quantity of flour left in NICA SRO P.P. for which it was not possible to find tot to lift to CATANZARO. Instead of NICA SRO P.P. going over to new accounting system the flour was, prior to 10 sen, transferred to the charge of CATANZARO P.P. The C.C. of the latter denot, had however, been keeping one commodity account for the flour at both places, and all receipts forms ST/8 were sent at CATANZARO, the result being that it was impossible to reconcile the physical stock at either place without having a visit to the other place. I pointed out to Dir. Comm. that it was essential for the NCO of the sub-denot at NICA SRO to be in possession of a commodity s/c for his flour. He promised to arrange this, and I made the necessary adjustments to the s/c.

18. (a) N.A.
(b) 2

19. Any labour problems?

No.

Remarks:- (b) At first sight there appeared to be a deficiency of approx 84,000 Kg: it was then explained that on 12/8 there was a quantity of flour left in NICASTRO D.D. for which it was not possible to find a way to lift to CATANZARO. Instead of NICASTRO D.D. going over to new accounting system the flour was, prior to 10/8, transferred to the change of CATANZARO D.D. The C.O. of the latter depot, had however, been keeping one commodity account for the flour at both places, and all receipts for the ST/8 were sent at CATANZARO, the result being that it was impossible to reconcile the physical stock at either place without making a visit to the other place. I pointed out to Mr. Comm. that it was essential for the NCO of the sub-depot at NICASTRO to be in possession of a commodity a/c for his flour. He promised to arrange this, and I made the necessary adjustments to the a/c.

- a. Receipts
- b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems?

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

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

22. General: Ref NICASTRO sub Depot: C.O. had been visiting it once a week: I pointed out his responsibilities as to 3, 12, 14 and 16 above, and he said he had not received any orders from Dir. Comm!

CROTONE D.D. 21 Oct 44

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

Yes.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

Yes.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

The new forms had just arrived, and were being prepared in the Commissariat Office at Crotone.

4. All goods under cover.

4. Are cartons packed soaked goods under cover?

only about 200

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

Yes.

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old stock first?

Yes, it is at least 100%.

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

No outdoor stacks.

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

No. The ground is not suitable for outdoor stacks.

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 secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old stock first?

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

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

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

Yes.

Yes, it is not possible to issue from old stock first.

No outdoor stacks. Contaminating goods kept well apart.

No. There is no firm ground for outdoor stacks.

Nil.

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Yes.

1 dog = 10 traps.

Yes.

See report 3.

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

Yes.

16. Are fire unit captions adequate? Is depot on the telephone?

Yes, yes.

17. "Spot checks" - Tenor above CIA.

Commodities	Surpluses	Deficiencies
Checked	Found	Found
(a) Potatoes	21.17248	
(b) Flour	Correct.	
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:

a) Attributed to fact that units do not actually draw a'l they sign for, because they are not fond of this commodity.

18. XXXX XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXX
XXXXXXX

See last report

What is the handling capacity of Tenot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

- a) Receipts
- b) Despatches

19 Any labour problems?

No

At depot depot not
found, unless present
not allow equipment to
Annoyance heard
at depot on it at
active hours found
station should

a) Attributed to fact that units do not actually draw all they sign for, because they are not fond of this commodity.

18. XXXX in the handling
XXXXXX of XXXXX in
XXXXXX of XXXXX

What is the handling
capacity of Perot in 2 1/2
ton trucks per hour for:

- a) Receipts
- b) Despatches

19 Any labour problems?

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

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

See last report

No

Yes.

No.

COSENGA D.D.

23 Oct 44

3. Storage of Foodstuffs

1. Are supplies properly stored? Yes.
2. Are supplies properly stored? Yes.
3. Are supplies properly stored? Yes.

All stocks under cover

OK. Says about 200.

Yes. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

Yes. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

No: not necessary. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

Yes. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

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

detto.

16. Are fire pre: sentions adequate & is denot on the telephone?

Yes: yes.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities	Surpluses	Deficiencies
Checked	found	found
a) Flour	12.760 Kg.	
b) Rutabaga	55210 Kg.	

Remarks: O.C. Attributes this surplus to fact that bags are not all standard wt.

b) O.C. says troons do not like Rutabaga, and often sign for more than they actually take away.

18 What is the handling capacity of Denot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

a) Receipts

b) Despatches

19 Any labour problems?

2 1/c wanted: (see G7). Ref: last report: has lost 2 Sgts but has not yet gained any elderly Narechal in lieu. Essential to get Officer posted soon. Can WVA please get Mr. Comm. CATANZARO to move quickly?

I have already pressed them myself without success.

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Remarks: O.C. Attributes this surplus to fact that bags are not all standard wt.

b) O.C. says troops do not like Rutabaga, and often sign for more than they actually take away.

As report 1

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a) Receipts
b) Despatches

19 Any labour

problems?

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has not loaded any yet, but has just received a loading programme.

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

Not yet.

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

O.C. Lt. CAVAGNOLI, Adam, is a retired ship's captain, with a working knowledge of English. He is anxious to do port Detachment work in NAPLES, where he worked for 2 years in peace time. (It is also his home). Recommended if vacancy available.

22. General

2. Compagnie Postale (Post & P.O. Deposits).

1. Are there any accounts
currently in order, &
what should be the
main in order to
order?
- (Of course, orders -
daily order - deposit
order - order -
provision for order -
and, of course, of
disbursement?)

2. What should be the
main in order to
order? Should it be
provision for order -
and, of course, of
disbursement?

3. Are there any orders
currently in order, &
what should be the
main in order to
order?

4. Are there any orders
currently in order, &
what should be the
main in order to
order?

5. What should be the
main in order to
order? Should it be
provision for order -
and, of course, of
disbursement?

See reports on individual Deposits.

- 2.a) Ospedale Militare Principale, CATANZARO
Underdrawing for patients to correct
last periods underdrawal. Correct draw
for P.S. This Hospital has received
W.M. instructions as to making of order
issue notes, and also as to making of
monthly returns of Patients' rations.
- b) 128 Compagnie Telegrafisti, CATANZARO.
Overdrawing to correct last periods
underdrawal.

3. See 2

W.M. instructions as to marking of ration
issue notes, and also as to making of
monthly returns of Patients' rations.
b) 128 Compagnia Telegrafisti, CATANZARO.
Overdrawing to correct last periods
underdrawal.

3. See 2

3. Have Unit's ration books
been prepared &
approved to be in order
in that unit or under
inspection?

4. Have Unit's ration books
prepared to be inspected
in order in inspection
in ration rules report?

5. What checks have you
been able to make of
the ration book records
by all reports by means
of visits to rationing
units concerned?

P. Unit's Rationing Records

1. In your opinion
are rationing books
used to best
advantage?

2. Is rationing process
any more or
less than a mere
book exercise?

3. Are rationing
books accompanied
with rationing? Or are
they not used?

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F. (continued)

4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious 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 weight a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grams)
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?

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11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?
12. Are food cans buried or burnt to prevent brooding of flies?
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?
15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?
16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?
17. Has unit any Vehicles?
18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?

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CATANZARO

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

1. Yes.

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

No

3. Are unit's ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?

Yes: very good.

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

Yes.

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

No.

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

Did not see any precautions: were told they existed in summer. It was, however, a warm day and there were a number of flies. Given to civilian farmer for swill.

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

Yes.

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

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

Wood.

Yes. Slightly underweight (3 loaves weighed)

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

Yes, by O.C.

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

They are given a portion composed of bread,

No.

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?

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room thoroughly clean?

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Did you check weight of loaves?
(Standard wt = 300 grammes)

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What were your impressions of it?

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

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

Did not see any precautions: were
told they existed in Summer. It
was, however, a warm day and there
were a number of flies. ^{for}
Given to civilian farmer's will.

Yes.

Wood.

Yes. Slightly under 2 1/2 lb (3 loaves
weighed)

Yes, by C.O.

Howeverack ration, composed of bread,
P. West, Cigarettes, wine and fresh
fruit.

Sent to civilian refuse dump every
ten days. In the meantime, they ^{are}
uncovered, exposed to the flies.

C.O. supervising supervises messing:

No: C.O. says no ground available.

Good: we questioned individual
soldiers who all seemed satisfied.

See 6.

at disposal of Direc.
GENIC.

4x3 ton, which are at

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained? All were out on road when I inspected.

19. How many are off the road as non-runners? See 18.

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts? FROM PARCO AUTOMOBILISTINO, CATANZARO

21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.D.? No

22. Is unit training any drivers? Yes: 9

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

24. Are vehicles properly en charge to a nominated driver? Yes.

25. Has unit a POL store or Dump? No.

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized trip? chits (work tickets)? If not, what is the system? Foglio di marcia. (See report 2)

27. Do the men look cheerful, alert, or are they apathetic? Cheerful, and quite alert.

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

29. What is the standard of discipline? Very good.

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

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Cherful, and gentle and so,

Food.

Good.

was very good.

Question: Did you tie suspect?

b. pro Fascist activities?
on tendencies?

or tendencies?

No

32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter

This unit is a signal unit, carrying out maintenance and repairs to local telephones

Not to be released

24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver? No.
25. Has unit a PCF 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? Good.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men? Good.
29. What is the standard of discipline? very good.
30. To the officers set a good example in dress, person, cleanliness and general bearing? No.
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect unrest among personnel (officers & men)?
- a. Pro Fascist activities or tendencies?
- b. Pro German activities or tendencies?
- c. Unwillingness to help Allied cause?
- d. Leakage in Allied security?
32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting discipline?
- No

This unit is a signal unit, carrying out maintenance and repairs to local telephone

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33. Any further remarks?

lines. It is billeted on 3rd floor of the "Caserma Pene" with good facilities. Pressure of water does not enable it to reach 3rd floor. The latrines on this floor were being used, and I suggested that this unit shares ~~xxxx~~ those on lower floors.

Go Visits to Head of Sector Compendium

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Date of visit	Points raised	Action required by you	Action required by L.I.A.
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20 Oct 44

1. Splitting of forage figures into Allied and Italian sources, for stock state signals. He said it was very difficult to State sources accurately.
2. Printed MWIA/ST forms 1 and 5 had arrived from NAPLES: He not understand why form 1 should be needed in this Sector. Naples had LO had advised: Despatch of ST/8

Get Naples L.O. to send the right forms.

in his signal GR

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

- 67 dated 12 Oct, but in his letter STN/22 dated 13 Oct, he had only advised 1 and 5. Form 8 badly needed here: he had had 1 months supply printed locally.
3. Restriction of purchase of potatoes: he had at last received W.M. instns.
 4. Sleeping accommodation for personnel of COSENZA

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purchase of potatoes:
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4. Sleeping accommodation
for personnel of COSENZA
DD.: has at last been
found (see G 7: Report 3)
5. G 8 Report 3: Train
Guards. He says position
is now causing him no
difficulty.
6. G 9: Report 3: Civilian
clerk for CATANZARO DD.
now at work.
7. 2 1/c for COSENZA DD.:
O.C. late NICASTROs for
CONGEDO and will not now
be available. Commissariato
is posting another officer.
8. NICASTRO DD. (see H: report 3)
is still not closed so far as
regards a/cs. Shd be finished
at end of month.

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?
21. Any deterioration over getting P.C.M.s?
22. Is unit training any different?
23. If officers have any from unit, how do they get to and are between unit & billets?
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?
25. Has unit a P.O. Store or D.I.P?
If so, is it:
a. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?
b. Clean?
c. Properly refrigerated?
d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?
26. Are issues of P.O. to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised trip slips (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

25. Has unit a POL Store or DUMP?
If so, is it:
a. Being used other than official purposes?
b. Closed?
c. Properly segregated?
d. Equipped with flare fighting appliances?
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized trip slips (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?
29. What is the standard of discipline?
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect - threat 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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Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken	Action required by H.M.S.A.
9. VIBO VALENTIA:	Information in H's Report 3, was incorrect: Apparently there was a suggestion only to put the sums on charge to VIBO DI, as there would have been difficulty in supervision and stock taking if the suggestion had been carried out. He says stocks will be finally cleared by 9 Nov.		
10. Analysis Commission	He has not yet received		

Expedite W.M.

new instructions

H.L.X.M.C.M.S.E.C. (the celebrated Egyptian) took general absences during the week,
from W.M.

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20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.D.?
22. Is unit training any drivers?
23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?
25. Has unit a POL store or DEP?
If so, is it:
a. Army from other buildings?
b. Closed?
c. Properly safeguarded?
d. Loaded with spare fighting appliances?
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip Units (Work Tickets)?
If not, what is the system?
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?
29. What is the standard of discipline?
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general

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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 - distrust among personnel (officers & men)?
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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?

Subject:- Stock State Signals, CALABRIA.

To: HQ MMIA

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
CLO/2
28 Dec 44

1. I wish to clarify the position with regard to the above: in my report N° 1 on this sector (G 2) I suggested that a quicker method for despatch of signals of figures of all depots was that they be co-ordinated by Ufficio Comm. at REGGIO, and transmitted to MMIA via Allied Sigs there by L.O. SICILY (repeated self). This was because there are no Signals at CATANZARO, and because communication between CATANZARO and TARANTO is very bad.

2. In your ST/75/4 dated 15 Oct 44 you agreed to this suggestion, and I have always presumed that LO Sicily has been transmitting these signals. I of course informed Div. Comm. CALABRIA of your a/m letter.

3. When I was in ROME at end of October you confirmed that the above arrangement had been communicated to L.O. SICILY.

*S & T, MMIA.

Recd

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Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

Capt. R.A. 5271

Copy to: MMIA LO with Allied Commission SICILY

Any action on this?

Signal - Entebbe 15

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : ALCON SICILY for MMIA LO

INFO : 52 Area for MMIA LO.

Italian War Ministry.

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28 1015 :A.

~~RESTRICTED~~

Subject Stock State signals for CALABRIA Depots (.) CATANZARO CROTONE (CROTONE)
& REGGIO stocks will be transmitted to REGGIO Depot for coordination (.)
Representative of LO SICILY will contact REGGIO Depot on the 6th and 21
of each month to ensure quick despatch of stock signals (.) Stock state
signals for SICILY will be signalled separately and despatched as at present
(.) Stock Movement tables Form P will be forwarded through normal Italian
channels (.) This HQ still awaits stock state signal as at 20th Dec for
CALABRIA CATANZARO CROTONE and CROTONE Depots LO SICILY representative to
contact REGGIO Depot immediately and forward signal by quickest possible
means

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Lt. Col.

INTERNAL : (ST/6/1)

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LRKB V LAEE NR 33 P (P) *IMPORTANT*
QVR 1
FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 271500A
TO MMIA
INFO ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO
QQC GR 39 BT

ST70 RESTRICTED. YOUR ST 523 REGARDING STOCK STATE SIGNALS CALABRIA
NOT UNDERSTOOD. LO SICILY SENDS THESE. YOUR ST/75/4 DATED 15 OCT
REFERS. CONNECTED ST/3 FOR RECEIPTS 14 DEC FROM BRITISH DEPOTS SENT YOU
TODAY. YOUR ST/162/9 DATED 18 REFERS
BT 271800A

SENT NR 33 27/1925A BS B K
RCD NR33 27/1925A HRA KKKK

"S & T, MMIA."

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MESSAGE NO. 13

FROM : HRIA

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TO : ALOCH SIGINT for HRIA LO

INFO : 52 Area for HRIA LO.

Italian War Ministry.

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Subject stock state signals for CAMBRIA Depots (.) CAMBRIA COSMET (COSMET) & REGIO stocks will be transmitted to REGIO Depot for coordination (.) Representative of LO SIGINT will contact REGIO Depot on the 6th and 21st of each month to ensure quick despatch of stock signals (.) Stock state signals for REGIO will be signalled separately and despatched as at present (.) Stock Movement tables Form F will be forwarded through normal Italian channels (.) This HQ still awaits stock state signal as at 20th Dec for CAMBRIA CAMBRIA COSMET and REGIO Depots LO SIGINT representative to contact REGIO Depot immediately and forward signal by quickest possible means

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AUTHENTICATION

Lt. Col.

INTERNAL : (SE/6/1)

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SUBJECT:~ Unit Discipline - 101 Compagnia Forestale, CROTONA. 12

SE/75/4.

file
Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.

30 Oct 41.

Direm. Gen. Comissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to: MHA LO Taranto (Ref your Report No.3).

1. It has been reported that the sanitary conditions existing in the above named unit are deplorable.
2. Please take the necessary steps to remedy this situation, with special reference to the following:-
 - a. overcrowding of sleeping accommodation.
 - b. general cleanliness, particularly in kitchen and ration store; and latrines.
 - c. anti-fly measures.
 - d. appointment of an officer and NCO to be responsible for the foregoing points.

E.L. Mamm-Mason
capt

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

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UNIT 3 & 4 SHIPBOARD INSPECTION OFFICER'S REPORT

STATION ... CAPTAIN ...
A. Handover of Supplies (Examine or Allied Depots). See note below

By	Off
Place	
Date Recd	11/11/44

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? //
2. What supplies notified for releases from Allied depots since last report? //
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? //
4. What releases or Allied depot 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 IWS 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? //
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period

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report?

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

(1) //
6. What have been working
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and/or releases from
Allied Depets in respect
of (1) labour
(11) transport?

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

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

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2. Is POL position ditto?

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

As report 2 except:-

3. Yes, but see 17.
10. Nil.
12. 9 trans now in use.
14. 2 new buildings late of BD now in use: 1 man all the time: adequate.
16. Had just moved into one of the two buildings mentioned above: no fire precaution in it.

17. "Spot Check":-

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
(a) RICE	Correct	
(b) SUGAR	do	
(c) DRIED VEG.	8.676 kg.	

Remarks:- (a) There was a mistake in the number of sacks issued, on the tally, though the actual wts were correct.

(b) Number of sacks issued was not shown on the tally board at all.

19. Civilian and soldiers wanted have now arrived.
No other problems.
21. See G 8.
22. O.C. Capt. GIUSEPPE COMITANGELO (208 Regt. Fant., FOGGIA District. No personal ^{work} This officer is in my opinion a little too old for the job, but ~~number~~ Such a small depot cannot come to much harm.

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He does not seem to get a good grasp on the new accounting system. Will report again if he gets any worse.

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(a) RICE : : (a) Correct
: : (b) 11.217 KG.
: :
: :
: :

(b) TOMATO Juice : :
: :
: :

Remarks:- (a) Discovered that an issue made on 20 Sep to a far-away unit, in respect of period 10 - 24 Oct., had not been entered in the Commodity Account: O.C. said it was practice not to enter until period for which draw was made, had stated. Pointed out object of MMIA accounting system was to shew true state of stocks existing at any moment: he entered the amount, and brought commodity Account up to date.
(b) Said by O.C. to be due to slight under - issues to small units. Adjusted s/c.

19. (a) See G9 It is now main
(b) Tnt: This depot has no tnt of its own. to allot tnt?
depot of CALABRIA. Can MMIA please get W.M. who say they (one lorry at least) have approached Mil.Dist., but they can do no more than give then one when available, but they have given Dr. priority.

21. See G 8.

22. General: Depot commanded by 2/Lt : New BD is also to be commanded by one. Can MMIA get their promotion, please? Considered most unfair to inflict responsibility of a BD. and BD. on lowly paid officers.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

COSENZA D.D. (6 Oct 44)

Replies as report 2 except:-

2. Yes. (see C 6 re-extra accommodation)

10. Corned Beef 114 - 158 KG.
 Hash Corned Beef 9 - 964 "
 Chili con Carne 13 - 590 "
 M. & V. Stew 6 - 800 "
Recd.
 Fire precautions now adequate.

16.

17. "Spot Check":-

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
RICE	CORRECT	
BEANS and PEAS	CORRECT	

Remarks:-

19. 2 l/c (C.C. NICASTRO) has still not arrived - see H. Presidio had warned C.C. that he would lose 4 of his key NCO's in exchange for 4 elderly Marchals. Have asked Presidio to take up matter with Dir.Comm. CATANZARO, so that change, if it must take place, will not do so all at once.

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

(1) 168 Sezione Mista, CC.RR. CATANZARO
This is a depot and transit Camp for Carabinieri. Overdrawing to adjust under drawal last period.

(2) Direz. Lavori Genio, CATANZARO. Under drawing by two, as two officers were on leave last period.

(3) 101 Compagnia Forestale COTRONE. Correct draw.

3. See 2

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

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

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

F. Units' Interior Economy.

101 Compas La Forrestale, Cotrone
(4 Oct 44)

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

Yes.

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

No.

3. Are unit's ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?

Yes, but see 33

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

No. - O.C. will arrange

No.

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

Ration Store)
Kitchen) No.

No mess room provided: suggested to O.C. he find one.

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

Kitchen waste is dumped in a corner of a yard, on the ground, uncovered. It is removed every 3 or four days. Other waste: nothing arranged at all. Despite assurance that men never leave waste, saw much of it lying about on ground, and also blocking drains.

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

Kitchen: fair.

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

Wood.

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

Yes: slightly under weight (weighed several loaves). Matter taken up with Commissario.

10. Are issues from Rations Store to kitchen properly controlled on

Yes, by messing officer.

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any contagious disease?

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

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

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

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

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

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Wood.

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Yes, by messing officer.

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Heversack Rations; in some cases it is possible to cook in the field.

Disposed like kitchen waste. Most unsatisfactory.

Yes.

No - not possible here.

F. (continued)

15. Did you see a meal served?
What were your impressions of it?
Yes: good. All seemed very satisfied.

16. Is any attempt made to
use up left overs from meals?
See 6.

17. Has unit any Vehicles?
One light lorry (SPA) Has 5 good
tyres

18. Are the vehicles clean
and well maintained?
Yes.

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

20. What is being done to
obtain spare parts?
From Parco Automobilistico CATANZARO

21. Any difficulties over
getting P.O.L.?
No - gets the British sources (Works
for DBRE works)

22. Is unit training
any drivers?
No - Suggested they start.

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?
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.

26. Are issues of POL to
vehicles made on basis of
duly authorized Trip?
chits (Work tickets)?
Yes. AFG 3518 (see 21)

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If not, what is the system?

getting P.O.L.?

22. Is unit training any drivers?

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

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

25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:-

- a. Away from other buildings?
- b. Clean?
- c. Properly safeguarded?
- d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip? chits (Work tickets)?

If not, what is the system?

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

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?

No - Suggested they start.

Welk.

Yes.

No.

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Yes. AFG 3518 (see 21)

This Unit carries out forestry work for Works See R.E. I did not see enough men to form an opinion, but one of the R.E. officers told me they are doing a good job of work.
28. Fair.

ditto

Only saw two: good.

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

33. Any further remarks?

No suggestions or complaints

The sanitary condition of this unit is deplorable. There are far too many men sleeping in the same building. The space, if occupied by single bunks, would be bad enough, but both rooms have double-bunking system.

There is waste and refuse all round the billets, kitchen and ration store, and there are innumerable flies. The rooms were fitted with anti-fly mesh, which needed repair. It is obtainable in COTRONE.

The latrines were in the same building as one of the sleeping quarters. Although the flushing system was operating, much paper and excreta was blocking the drains.

Suggested immediate appointment of Officer i/c sanitation, and of sanitary orderly

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N.R. This unit had nearly 343 on sick list.

outside of
W.L.H. noted -
2/10/44. That
there is a number
of unit complaints of
if unit the A.C. found
for which the
is responsible.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariat C.

Date of visit	Points raised	Action taken by you.	Action required by W.M.I.A.
3 Oct. 44	1. Labelling of forage wagons advised by WMIA's by ST/74 of 23 Sep: Some wagons had been labelled "WMIA CATANZARO" and Station master would not release them.	Requested release by stationmaster.	Request PBS to label to "Italian Army Supply Depot, CATANZARO".
	2. He had not received instns vet from W.M. as to (1) Third copy of Ration demand note (2) Restriction on purchase of potatoes, (3) Despatch of biscuits to fd area.	"Put him in the picture".	
	3. Olive Oil.	Have him copy of your ST/73 of 22 Sep. Will arrange with 22 CRASC	
	4. Supply of Disinfectants for CALABRIA: he wants them to be railed to CATANZARO BD.		
	5. Opening of new BD at CATANZARO: W.M. have now authorised opening, but not construction of new forage store. He is therefore seeking accommodation else-where for remainder of new BD, leaving forage store "in situ" (see G 4 of report 2).		

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Have him copy of
your ST/73 of 22 Sep.
Will arrange with
22 CRASC

3. Olive Oil.

4. Supply of Disinfectants for CALABRIA: he wants them to be mailed to CATANZARO DD.

5. Opening of new BD at CATANZARO: W.M. have now authorized opening, but not construction of new forage store. He is therefore seeking accommodation elsewhere for remainder of new BD, leaving forage store "in situ" (see G 4 of report 2).

6. COSENZA DD (G 5 Report 2): Uff. Comm. have now found a new office, so that DD have now two complete store-rooms.

Have taken up direct with Calabria Dist.

7. ditto (G 6 report 2) Sleeping Accn not yet found. Matter unsatisfactory.

8. Train Guards (see report 2) Difficulty is lack of men and uniforms. Presidio's concerned are however now co-operating.

9. CATANZARO DD.: Civile

(continued)

C. Valente Head of Commisariato.

Date of visit	Points raised	Action taken by you.	Action required by U.S.I.A.
9 Oct.	CATANZARO DD. : Civilian clerk wanted has now been found, but matter is still delayed because he is asking District for authority to employ.		

H. General.

5 Oct. Visited VIBO VALENTIA DD.: O.C. Said stock now on charge to ~~STK~~ CATANZARO DD., and was being cleared by issue to local units.

He hoped to clear all by 15 Oct.

O.C. is a Captain De Angeli, Leonildo, (20 Regt. Fant.)

Has held this depot for five months. Is a manager of 3 silk factories in civil life. Suggested he be considered to fill one of various vacancies now arising.

Also visited NICASTRO DD. Office: one officer and 4 OR's still there, "nottering about" with the accounts, although issues from this DD. ceased on 11 Aug. Commissariato promised to expedite winding-up.

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Wm. Crawford

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

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Subject:- Stock State Signals - CATANIA.

File

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/75/4

MMIA LO TARANTO.

(10)

15 Oct 44.

Reference your CLO/2 dated 9 October 1944.

1. Your suggestion that all figures for Stock State Signals be coordinated at REGGIO by Ufficio Commissariato, and then transmitted through Allied channels, has been conveyed to Italian Ministry of War who have been instructed to comply.

E.L. Mmin-Mason
capt

RLM/jc

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

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Justified by (13)

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Subject:- Stock State Signals.

To: HQ, MMIA.

MMIA	51
FILE NO	754
Date Recd	11/10

MMIA. LO.
c/o HQ 52 Area

CLO/2

May I please have your comments on my
suggestion in CATANZARO, Report 1. G.2.

9 Oct 44

(8) *Wishawford.*

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

LT. HORLICH

You telephoned me 16 Sep. 44 at 10.00 hrs
to W/min. to tell them to coordinate
as suggested above.
please report action, if any. *Remm*

This has already been copied with
by *W/min.* *fflat*

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MM

SECRET... GUTENBERG... 22 Sept... 44... REPORT N° 2... 2... 2...

4. Handover of Supplies (Ex Shiro on Allied Transport). (See Notes below)

$\frac{754}{2} = 377$

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?
5. Have workings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITOs 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?
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period

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

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

(1)

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?

(11)

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

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

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

No. Olive oil: Met Major DUNCAN, of Food Sub-Commission. He stated that SICILY had no rightful claim on any olive oil in COSSENZA Province (He will be in HQ ACC by 21 Sep) Have told Commissariato to forbid oil being sent to SICILY. In meantime was shown telegram read by Comm. from M.M. (none attached). Pointed out that I obviously had no power to make any decision as between ACC and Italian Army, and that question was one for HQ ACC, MIA and M.M. MIA please be stopped sending out stupid orders. Coverage: Cote and Ramley are short. M.M. say they have informed MIA (their over).

2. Is POL position ditto?

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

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TELEGRAMMA

DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE
16/9 ore 14;10

"" GUERRA COMMISSARIATO NUMERO 9400/Sussistenza/I alt. Riferimento
file 8943/1 codesta Direzione rappresenti questione al Ufficiale
Collegamento DIA Catanzaro al comunicati parere al decisioni detto
Ufficiale alt. Pro Ministro PETTIGRA

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). CATANARO D.D. (19 Sep 44)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Yes, a great improvement since Report No. 1.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? pillar pile and dunnage in all cases where necessary.

3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use? See last report.

4. Are cartons packed soaked goods under cover? See last report.

5. Are goods marked with Inventory Expiry dates? See last report.

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stacks first? See last report.

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

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

9. Is there a Recieve & Salvage Section to sort & re-use broken stocks? No: understood on last inspection that many cases arrived broken. This apparently is not so.

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?

Chili con Carne	102 lbs	Biaduita	109 lbs
Corned Beef	594 "	Cheese	12 lbs
Salmon	40 "		
L. & V. Stew	24 "		
Beans Tnd.	15 "		
Corned Beef Hash	29 3/4		
Tomato	57		

Use (since condemned by Commission) (also 21 Sep.)

11. Is depot clean and

Yes, very.

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See last report.

See last report.

No: understood on last inspection that many cases arrived broken. This apparently is not so.

Biscuits 159 lbs
Cheese 12 lbs

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Chili con Carne 102 lbs
Corned Beef 594 " "
Salmon 40 " "
M. & V. Steak 24 " "
Beans Tnd. 13 " "
Corned Beef Hash 22 3/4
Tomato 37
Since condemned by
Yes, vary.

Rela 21 Sep

0 cats, 3 trans.

See last report: SALT building has now received barbed wire, and it will be put up soon.

See last report.

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

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

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

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?

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?

Q. (continued)

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

16. Are fire post cautions adequate & is demot on the telephone? Proper fire points in all buildings, phone not yet installed at SARA.

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities checked	Substances found	Deficiencies found
COFFEE	Correct	

Remarks:-

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

a. Receipts.

b. Despatches.

19. Are labour men/

As last report. Commissariato, is still looking for civilian clerks but has not yet found suitable ones.

19. What is the handling capacity of Denot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

(a)

(b)

See last report.

8. Remarks.

9. Despatches.

10. Any labour

problems?

As last report, Commissariato, is still looking for civilian clerks but has not yet found suitable ones.

20. Are rail cars

loaded from Denot

properly documented

& sealed.

21. Any difficulties

regarding provision

of trucks or rail car

guards?

22. General

Rail cars: no. Guards: Commissariato had not even asked Presidio since last report. See 3. 9

Denot has quantity of commodities (see below) not on ration scale. These were received from HEGGIO, who had them from Eighth Army. Personal instructions, please. Getmeal 4568 lbs Mustard 157 lbs

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COM 24 D.D. (20 Sep 144)

3. Physical Warehouse Position (Food)

All replies as in report No 1. except as follows:-

- 1. Yes;
- 2. Yes. (Ref last report: see 3.5)
- 10. W. & V. Store 5 lbs 5 oz.
Canned Beef 210 "
Chilli con Carne 6 "
Secure, but not covered.
- 16. Some fire extinguishers had been re-filled since last report. Temporary C.C. is exchanging fire points of sand and water.

17. "Spot check"

Commodities	Surpluses	Deficiencies
Checked	found	found.
COFFEE	Correct	

Remarks:- Nil

18. Ref: additional officer needed: see 3.7
No other problems.

- 22. General:-
 - (I) Station sleeping accommodation needed for soldiers: ~~No extra problems.~~ **see 6.6.**
 - (II) C.C. was away: Depot was temporarily commanded by an officer from Div. Comm.

Secure, but not covered.

Some fire extinguishers had been re-filled since last report. Temporary C.C. is exchanging five points of sand and water.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked	Supplies found	Deficiencies found
COPPER	Correct	

Remarks:-

Nil

18:

Ref: additional officer needed: see 6.7
No other problems.

28. General:-

- (I) Better sleeping accommodation needed for soldiers:
~~no other reasons.~~ see 6.6.
(II) C.C. was away: Detrot was temporarily commanded
by an officer from Div. Comm.

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All replies as report 1, except as follows:-

1. Yes.
2. Yes. Another building (late SD) has been acquired.
3. No: new forms had not arrived till to-day. But O.C. had not improvised, and for some reason, since a Gen had even discarded the old forms! He had previously received instructions from self and Comm. to type out new forms.
15. Yes.
16. Yes. On ahead.

17. "Spot Check"

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses Found.	Deficiencies Found.
FLOUR	:	Negligible
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:

Remarks:-

18. All personnel wanted have arrived.
21. Yes: Arty Co (see report No 1) do not supply any ^{guards,} as they have had to give up men for formation of a labour Coy. I pointed out that end of material season would lessen casualties therefrom; see G. 9.
22. New accounting: As O.C. had made no attempt to improvise forms, he appeared to be working on no real system at all. He had not grasped idea of accounting between his Denot and requisitioning.

16.

Yes. On phone.

17. "Spot Check"

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses Found.	Deficiencies Found.
FLOUR	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:

Negligible

Remarks:-

19.

All personnel wanted have arrived.

21.

Yes: Arty Co (see percont No 1) ^{Quanta,} did not supply ^{as} they have had to give up men for formation of a labour Coy. I pointed out that end of material season would lessen casualties therefrom; see G R.

22.

New accounting: As G.C. had made no attempt to improvise forms, he appeared to be working on no real system at all. He had not grasped idea of accounting between his Denot and new system.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & PCL Depots)

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

See report on individual depots.

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

207 West. Kent (Depot) (SARAWAK P. D.)
Correct Draw.
Disbursements 207 P. R. Rao Dr Pres. (SARAWAK P. D.)
Correct Draw.
100 Comm. Motorcyclist (SARAWAK P. D.) over
drawing by one (to adjust last period)

3. Have unit Station Books been produced, & entered to be in order in respect of units visited?

Yes. See above.

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

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

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2. Units' Interior Rooming.

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

Yes.

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

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 weight loaf?

(Standard wt = 700 grammes)

In a wooden hut. Clean and fairly cool and well ventilated. Suggested improvements which could be made as to fly precautions.

No. (C.O. will arrange)

No.

Ration store: see kitchen had wire gauze, but it had holes in it. No mess room.

Said to be very little waste: Nothing appeared to be organized. Saw small amount lying about anywhere on ground.

Kitchen: yes.

Wood.

Should be cocked more. (mentioned to Comm.)

Yes: correct wt.

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Ration store: see 5.
Kitchen had wire gauze, but it had holes in it.
No mess room.

Said to be very little waste: Nothing anneared
to be organised. Saw small amount lying about
anywhere on ground.

Kitchen: yes.

Wood.

Should be cooked more. (Mentioned to Comm.)

Yes: correct wt.

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Yes. By officer 1/3, or NCC.

Haversack rations.

No. Nothing organised. Many tins were lying
about anywhere. (Matter was in hand before
I left).

No. There is only 1 officer in the unit.
1 Sgt is responsible.

medically inspected
at regular intervals?
Are any corks receiving
treatment for V.D. or
any contagious diseases?

5. Are anti fly precau-
tions 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 e.g.
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 e.g. day on
out?

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

13. Is there a Unit Messing
Officer appointed?

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14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?
Not yet, but a scheme has already been started.
15. Did you see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?
No (was not present at night time)
16. Is any attempt made to use up left-overs from meals?
Said to be none: If any, are eaten by neighbouring civilians.
17. Has unit any Vehicles?
Yes 72 m/cs, 8 wheeled w/c carries and 3 trucks
18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?
Fair: all are much worn. (assembled types)
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? How are they off the road?
50 m/cs -) without types
7 wheeled m/cs) or spares - or
2 trucks) generally worn out.
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?
From Magazzino Pezzi Ricambio, COSENZA (with not much success)
21. Any difficulties over getting P.C.T.?
No: the men are all trained.
22. Is unit training any drivers?
No: five with unit
23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and from between unit & billets?
Yes.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?
Yes.
25. Has unit a POL store or turn?
Yes
(a) Small dump, but is in same hut as m/cs and w/s.
If so, is it:-
a. Away from other buildings?
(b) Yes
(c) Yes
(d) None whatever
b. Clean?

Why are they off the road?
7 3 wheeled m/cs) or spares - or
2 trucks) generally worn out.

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?
From Magazzino Pezzi Ricambi, COCATA (with not much success)

21. Any difficulties ever getting P.O.T.?
No.

22. Is unit training any drivers?
No: the men are all trained.

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

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

25. Has unit a POL store or dump?
Yes
If so, is it:-
a. Small dump, but is in same hut as m/cs and w/s.
b. Yes
c. Yes
d. None whatever

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trin? (Work Tickets)?
Italian Foglio di Marcia. Each man starts with full tank; Foglio records mileage and tank is measured at end of day. Foglio can only deal with one journey. Does not give any statistical information like AFG 3519.

27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they anaesthetic?
Cheerful and alert.

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

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P. (continued)

Good.

29. What is the standard of discipline?

Yes.

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

No.

31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect:

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

No.

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

33. Any further remarks?

Saw 57 worn m/c tires: can any arrangements be made for re-conditioning?
Unit provides DRLs, etc for CATABRIA.

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0. Visits to Head of Sec. or Commissariato.

CATANZARO

Date of visit.	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by X.M.I.A.
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18 Sep 44

- 1. Closing of VIRO
- WATENTIA D.D. Stocks
- will probably be taken
- to CATANZARO.
- 2. New accounting forms
- have arrived from Rome.
- but these advised to
- have been sent from
- MMIA NAPLES have not.

Written Naples.

3. Car for Head.

Letter Naples. Arranged with Commander, Mil. Dist. CATARRIA for use of car alternate weeks.

21 Sep 44

- 4. Closing of GOSSENZA
- B.P. H8 has now been
- authority to close, but
- not the removal for
- building of new forage
- store at CATANZARO
- (see Report 1 - 35)

Told him to expedite.

- 5. New store room for
- GOSSENZA D.I. New office
- will be found for use.
- Comm. GOSSENZA, who have
- run till now been occu-
- pying part of D.I.'s
- second store-room

6. Better sleeping accommodation needed for GOSSENZA HQ's staff

Commissariato asked to arrange requisition

7. Second officer for GOSSENZA HQ: C.O. WIGASTRO will be sent when a/c is closed

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Expedite H.M. to get new H.P. at CATANZARO going (see Q 5 of memo 1)

21 Sep 44

5. Car for Head.

4. Closing of COTRONA

B.D. He has now been

authority to close, but

not the approval for

building of new storage

store at CATANZARO

(see Report 1 - 35)

5. New store room for

COSENZA D.D. New office

will be found for Off.

Comm. COSENZA, who have

an till now been occu-

pying part of D.D.'s

second store-room

6. Better sleeping

accommodation needed for

COSENZA D.D.'s staff

7. Second officer for

COSENZA D.D. C.O. NICASTRO

will be sent when e/os

closed

8. Train Cards.

(see reports on COTRONA

and CATANZARO D.D.'s)

Written Notes. Arranged

With Commander, Mil.

Dist. CATANIA for use

of car alternate weeks.

Expedite W.M. to get

new B.D. at CATANZARO

going (see 3 5 of

report 1)

Told him to

expedite.

Commissioner to ask

for to arrange requis-

ition

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Told him to take

an matter with

Comando Mil. CATANIA

at once.

Mrs. Lawford

Capt. R.A.S.C.

Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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WIA S & T SECTOR ILLISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS. APPX 1.
SECRET..... CA TANZARO..... WHEN HANDING 8 Sep 44..... REPORT NO 1..... 8

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

- 1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report? //
- 2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report? //
- 3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? //
- 4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report? //
- 5. Have marking of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted? //
- 6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (1) labour (11) transport? //
- 7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report? //



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Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE
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1. What releases ex Allied
denots have been worked
during period under report?

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

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

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

Note: WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS-REFERENCE MAY BE MADE IN THE ANSWERING OF THE
FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE PORT-WEEKLY REPORT (See Operating Instruction N3)

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?

OLIVE OIL: This Dir. Comm requisitions
olive oil for all Italian Army. High
Commissary of SICILY claims amount
remaining at ROSSANO. Copy of his tele-
gram (10593 of 6 Sep) sent by Comm. to
W.V. 8 Sep (ref 8943/11). Your SI/73 of
15 Aug also refers. No other difficul-
ties.

2. //

3. Nil.

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C. physical Warehousing Position (Food)

GATENCARO D. ENO (Ref 8)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stocked?

not all. C.O. gave no reason for that. His report was acting as a R.R. as well, and three buildings available for food did not give sufficient space. In some cases, however, stacks were of uneven height, and could not easily have been checked. Stacks not built, and could be improved. Stacks were not kept properly separate as to commodities.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? --

All necessary on damage. Only about 30' were "miller milled". See 1 above. Until buildings for New B.D. are acquired and this B.D. can function solely as a D.F., it will never reach a high standard.

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

11. Are cotton balled
sacked goods under covers?

and represents TV

5. Are goods marked with warranty dates?

About 75

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

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7. Are mutually contributing goods kept well apart?

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(eg. Onions & Flout)

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? ☐ 100% ☐ 90% ☐ 80% ☐ 70% ☐ 60% ☐ 50% ☐ 40% ☐ 30% ☐ 20% ☐ 10% ☐ 0%

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

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40
40
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No. Considered necessary here.
to O.C.

10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for

Corned Beef
Corned Beef Hash
W. V. Stew

108 16s
102 ..
17 "

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

pp. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic not weather?

10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for consumption?

Is it so absurd that it cannot reach a million black men?

11. its dot clean and
tip?

12. What anti vermin measures are used?

13. Is not adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting,

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

W. V. Steen
Chili con Carne

Salmon
Beans Ltd.
Tomato Cakes

clean, but see later
notes, & figure.

Two buildings: yes. Third (in SATANA ZARO SATANA) needs barbed wire over windows.

Each building has one man to guard it and two men sleeping in it.

C. (continued)

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

yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate?

Five extinguishers in two buildings. Nothing in third (C.S.A.). Adequate for two buildings. Main office on phone. Phone shd be installed at staff denot (1 1/2 miles away).

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
COFFE (Allied)	201. 356 Kgs.	

Remarks:- Surplus said to be due to fact that there are many 22 lbs tins in denot which hold more than 26 lbs. I pointed out that there was possibly a mistake in e/os! O.C. is investigating. Have entered surplus receipt. Will adjust on next visit if necessary.

18. What is the handling capacity of Denot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

- a. Receipts.
b. Despatches.

(e) 2

(b) 3

19. Any labour problems?

Has asked for 3 civilian office clerks from Commissariate about 3 weeks ago. Not yet arrived. Has no soldier clerks at all. Also wants 1 more officer. (Has only one now). Considered necessary, as Denot acting as R.D. as well at present. In any event, C.C. is only a 2/Lt. and in its present function Denot shd be commanded by a more senior officer.

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

yes.

18. What is the handling capacity of Denot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

- a. Receipts.
- b. Despatches.

19. Any labour problems?

20. Are rail cars

loaded from Denot? Yes. Properly documented & sealed?

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

22. Are there any

guards?

(a) 2

(b) 3

Has asked for 3 civilian office clerks from Commissariat about 3 weeks ago. Not yet arrived. Has 1 no soldier clerks at all. Also wants 1 more officer. (Has only one now). Considered necessary, as Denot acting as B.D. as well at present. In any event, C.O. is only a 2/Lt. and in its present function Denot should be commanded by a more senior officer.

23. Are there any

guards?

24. Are there any

guards?

25. Are there any

guards: Cannot get men from Local Presidio. Having to use own Sussistente personnel, which renders efficiency of Denot, as rail despatches are made from here, regularly (about 3 per week). I asked Commissariato to approach Presidio again, as there is an Inf. Bn here who should furnish.

Rail cars: no.

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C. Physical Warehouse Position (Food). GRD B.D.D. (7.500.3)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Neat, but see 2. not enough and .25
no section machine
new machine used
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? On dunnage, but pillar pile system not used.
O.C. said there was not enough room.
Suggested to Col. Violante that a disused
building of B.D. be used by D.D. and that
yes. only 40
3. Are stacks totally boarded in existence and in use? yes. only 40
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover? All guns under cover. "Sacks" under .75

5. Are goods marked with Tarrantly. Expiry dates?	700 of guns	unmarked
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.	(1000) 20000

7. Are mutually cont. aminating goods kept well apart? 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? No. Not necessary.

10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Nil.

Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilians or black marked? yes. only 40

5. Are goods marked with Warranty, Expiry dates?			
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		
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 civilians? black marked?	Nil.		
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.	5242	
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	1 Dog. Suggested 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?	1 man. Only 1 small building. 300 Adequate.		

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15. Are orders for sentries posted in where sentries can

16. Are there any fine points or questions adequate to tighten up the telephone?

17. "Snot check"? Yes, snot checks are

[illegible]

Remarks:—
See 17 of OCTONE Bulk Herof.

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

(a)

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Tissues always to horse and cart.

19. Any other problems?

Wants a civilian s/o clerk, 1901 and 1 soldier:
Comm. arranging.

See 17 of CATIONS Bulk Depot.

Remarks:-

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

(a)

2

(b)

Issues always to horse and cart. 12
Wants a civilian s/c clerk, 11001 and 1 soldier:
Comm. arranging.

19. Any labour problems?

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented

Loaded only wire by rail car. Properly documented and sealed.

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

21. Guards: Yes, due to high malarial casual-
ties in district. There is only an Arty Co
in vicinity who might furnish men. Asked
Comm. to approach local Comdr. as O.C. Depot
could not get all men he wanted.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Yes. 100% supplies are all in neat piles and are well stacked.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? Yes. Stacks are built on suitable dunnage and are well ventilated.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use? Yes. Tally boards are in existence and in use.
4. Are carton packed sacked goods under cover? All goods under cover. "Keweenaw Jones" PI

5. Are goods marked with Warrenty Stamp dates?	80% Stamp	80% Stamp
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Yes.	Yes.

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

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? No outdoor stacks. Goods are stored in warehouse.

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks? NOT necessary now as no guns received.

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? Nil.

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old stock first?

Yes.

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

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

9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & re-use 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?

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

One guard on duty at a time. Adequate: only one small building.

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C. (continued)

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

Yes.

16. Are five pre: cautions adequate a is demot on the telerphons?

17. "Spot check?"

Comodities	Surpluses	Deficiencies
Checked	found	found
COFFEES (Allied)	//	//
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:
	:	:

Remarks:- There emerged at first sight to be a def. of 40 lbs. C.O. explained that he was handing over all stocks (1500 lbs) of coffee within next few days, to C.O. D.D. He has the day previous transferred approximately 40 lbs to D.D. as they were in immediate need of this, but he did not reserve a despatch note. I immediately questioned the C.O. D.D., who confirmed he had used coffee but had not documented it in, as he was taking over all stock later. I then took stock of his coffee and found it to be in excess, so entered odd 6 lbs as a surplus receipt.

I had Col. Vidkate with me and stressed the importance of proper and immediate posting (Issues of D.D. had not been posted for 2-3 laster days) and also the very sloppy state of affairs and currently existing here.

18. What is the handling capacity of Demot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

- (a) Demot only has about 7 tons guns and Div. Comm. has asked to be closed.
- (b) Demot only has about 7 tons guns and Div. Comm. has asked to be closed.

e. Receipts
b. Despatches.

Remarks:- There appeared at first sight to be a def. of 48 lbs. of coffee explained that he was handing over all stock (1200 lbs) of coffee within next few days, to C.O. D.D. He had the day previous transferred approximately 48 lbs to D.D. as they were in immediate need of this, but he did not prepare a despatch note. I immediately questioned the C.O. D.D. who confirmed he had coffee taken but had not documented it in, as he was taking over all stock taken. I then took stock of his coffee and found it 48 lbs in excess, so I entered odd 6 lbs as a surplus receipt.

I had Col. Vidante with me and stressed the importance of proper and immediate posting (Issues of D.D. had not been noted for a while) and also the very sloppy state of affairs and immediately existing here.

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

- a. Receipts
- b. Despatches.

(a) Depot only has about 7 tons guns and tin. Comm. has asked to be closed.

(b) Depot only has about 7 tons guns and tin. Comm. has asked to be closed.

19. Any labour problems?

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

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

No. Yes.

No. Yes.

No. Yes.

No. Yes.

2. Survival Warehousing Position (Food).

COSTA RICA D.D. (6 Sep. 53)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

In the main, yes, but see 2 below.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

All on dunnage. A few not fully ventilated. C.C. complained of insufficient space. At suitable dunnage? (enough) one more building. Matter already taken up with Commissioner.

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?

About 30%.

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old stock first?

Yes.

7. Are manually counted eliminating 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 & re-use broken stocks?

No. Not necessary.

10. How much stocks is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?

Canned Beef
7 1/2
6
Chili con Carne

114 lbs

Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian

Neither secure nor covered.

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from old et stocks first?

Yes.

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

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 & recess 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?

Corned Beef
V. Stem
Chili con Carne

114 1bs
7 1/2 " 6

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Yes: Very.

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12. What anti vermin measures are used?

1 cat, 2 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?

In main food store: 1 by day, 2 by night.
In subsidiary food store: 1 all time.
Adequate.

C. (continued).

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

16. Are fire precautions adequate? I suggested fire points (retrol or other large line) Yes (Military line only).

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Corned Beef	✓	✓
M.A.V. Stew	✓	✓
Chilli con Carne	✓	✓
Italian Tuna Meat	✓	✓

Remarks:- Differences negligible, but all commodities were kept together in accounts as above, and were very difficult to check. Suggested to C.O. to keep separate accounts for each to facilitate stock taking.

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

- (a) 1
- (b) Most units drawn by horse and cart.

19. Any labour problems?

Officers: Present C.O. and 2 1/2 are for C.O. new C.O. takes over N.P.P. 1 Oct. He will be alone. Suggest one subaltern be posted to help him. Letter already taken up by Depot with Commissario C.F.'s: no problem.

Italian Ind Meat:

Remarks:- Difference negligible, but all commodities were kept together in accounts as above, and were very difficult to check. Suggested to C.C. to keep separate accounts for each to facilitate to stock taking.

18. What is the handling capacity of Denot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

- a. Receipts.
- b. Despatched.

19. Any labour problems?

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

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

22. General

(a) 4

(b) Most units draw by horse and cart.

Officers: Present C.C. and 3 i/c are for C.C. Officer C.C. takes over N.F. 1 Oct. He will be alone. Suggest one subaltern be posted to help him. Matter already taken up by Denot with Commissioner C.C.'s: no problem.

Does not load by rail.

N.A.

Feeding Strength: 5000; appears to be quite well run at present.

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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? See my remarks on report of each Depot.

(Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies?)

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

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

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

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

1114 Regg. Zanerie, Cosenza (fed by COSENZA D.I.)
Overdrawing for current period to meet contingencies of new arrivals. Stated will underdraw second period. Will check during second period if possible.

See 2 above.

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by visits to units
concerned?

See 2 above.

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

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

7. 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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CATANZARO (Col. VIOFANTE)

C. Visits to Head of Sector Commission.

Date of visit	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
6-8 Sep 44	1. There are 6 denots under Comd. Dir. Comm. (1) CROTONE B.D. (2) CO- for stock state signals TRONE P.D. (3) CATANZARO for 10 Sen. D.D. (4) COSENZA P.D. (5) VIBO VALENTIA P.D. and 6 (under L.O. SICILY) REGGIO. 2. Transmission of info. for stock state signals to me: no allied sigs to me; nearest are at here (nearest are at REGGIO) Army telephone and sigs hordess. 3. Analyst Commissions. Instd that all be held at CATANZARO. 4. New accounting system all ready to start by Sep 9 but had not received forms. Had wired W.M. for forms; will improvise in mean- time. 5. Proposed closing of CROTONE B.D. W.M. have apparently authorised opening of a new P.D. at CATANZARO (rail centre); but although asked, have not yet authorised closing of CROTONE B.D. (on grounds of no shins arriving there). He wants to use present forage store of P.D.	1. Requested him to include Vibo in info. for stock state signals. 2. Arranged for courier to bring info. to me by rail. 3. Instd that all be held at CATANZARO. 4. Hurry up W.M. up with sending forms. 5. Expedite W.M. to grant authority for closing of CROTONE B.D. and for building of new forage store. Badly needed, as P.D. is at present doing work of a B.D. with inadequate premises.	Could this Denot be dealt with by L.O. SICILY in future. Considered my territory large enough already!

REGGIO, and transmitted
to WIA via Allied Sig
by I.O. SICILY (reptd
self).

Hurry up W.M. up with
sending forms.

Expedite W.M. to
grant authority for
closing of CROTONE BD.
and for building of
new forage store.
Badly needed, as D.D.
is at present doing
work of a B.D. with
inadequate premises.

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Analyst Commissions. Instd that all be
held at CATANZARO DT.

New accounting system
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apparently authorized
opening of a new B.D. at
CATANZARO (rail centre); but
although asked, have not
yet authorized closing
of CROTONE B.D. (on grounds
of no ships arriving there).
He wants to use present
forage store of B.D.
CATANZARO (5 bldgs) plus
2 other bldgs nearby,
for premises of new B.D.
and has asked for author-
ity to build a wooden hut
to house forage (all
present suitable bldgs.
destroyed by bombing).

Denot Feeding strength discussed question
are CROTONA 5000; CATANA of closing VIBO: was
ZARO 6000; CROTONE 3000; told impracticable
owing to Tnt and
distance difficulties

He has no car to
inspect Depots etc (Dir. CROTONE (See report) show it is essential
Comm. has no tpt at all); He did not even know for him to have tpt
location of depots: to get round depots

10/14/44 *W.M. [unclear] Dept 1842*

Confidential.

Subject:- CATAGUARO Sector.

To: HQ MIA.

MIA L.O.
c/o HQ 52 Area

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1. As instructed by your ST/21 of 30 Aug.: I have inspected demots at CATAGUARO, etc. I enclose my percent thereon.

2. I am of the opinion that conditions in this sector are not altogether satisfactory, chiefly due to the fact that the Director (Col. VICTORIA) and his staff have no way to get around and see for themselves the physical state of the demots. I propose to go to this sector every alternate Sunday, returning the following Friday. I will signal you and HARI L.O. before I go.

3. If any difficult problems arise during my absence I have arranged for CSM Tudor to telephone L.O. BARI, and he can either go there on his way or one of the HARI L.O.'s come down here. I do not think it worth while any of the officers saving (my telephone conversation with Major Mercell-to-day refers) a regular visit, as I am confident that CSM Tudor can deal adequately with routine questions.

4. You will also realize that my very ordinary Fiat 1500 c.c. car is not going to stand up for very long to the very rough roads of CATAGUARO. Could it possibly be arranged for me to exchange it with one of your W.D. vehicles which you consider will not let me down? I am afraid it will be necessary for application to be made to HQ 52 Area to let it go out of this Area (Their 602/CS of 21 Apr. 64 - cony with you-refers).

5. If such exchange cannot take place, can you please arrange for my present car to be supplied with
(a) 5 Jeep Tyres (600 X 16) and inner tubes.
(b) 4 Jack
(c) A puncture and mending outfit.

The last two are unobtainable here, and without them I cannot set out for CATAGUARO without the feeling that I may be stranded anywhere.

6. I appreciate the difficulty of the above, but feel that with the distances involved by controlling two sectors, I have a deserving case.

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W. S. S. S.

Cent. R.A.S.C.

Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

10 Sen. 44

Conv: MWIA L.O. HQ 2 District
(ref. para 2 and 3 above)

W. S. S. S.

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Subject:-- INSPECTION OF SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS, - CALABRIA.

I.C., Army Sub-Commission,
(AGC.)
ARMY CORPS, LEBANON ARMY,
FONDSGRAND, - CALABRIA ARMO.

3 June, 1944.

Ref:-- 2/18/6

To:-- Army Sub-Commission, AGC,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.),
Lequile, (Iacce.)

Herewith are forwarded copies of reports on visits of inspection to Supply Installations in CALABRIA, for the period 15 -- 31 MAY, 44.

2. All Supply Depots have been inspected, in some cases twice, with the exception of the depot at VIBO VALENTIA, which, for reasons stated, was unavoidably omitted.

3. Since making my report on the Distribution Depot at CROTONA, new provisions have been obtained, as suggested by me.

E.L. Momen-Mansur

Capt. R.A.S.G.

M.M.I.A.

Sgt. I.C., Army Corps.

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Record June

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INSPECTION OF SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS AT CROTON.

Both the RUM Depot and the DISTRIBUTION Depot at CROTON have twice been inspected by me during the past fortnight on 16th and 24th May, respectively.

TEN. VERMILION, whose duties are to inspect the RUM Depot, has been re-organised and bring the general 'lay-out' and system of accounting up to a more satisfactory standard. His new scheme is the same as the one at RUM. I found a marked improvement in these two depots on both the occasions that I visited them.

RUM DEPOT.—CAPTAIN LOMBARDI is in charge and reported no change in several buildings, which comprises the RUM Depot. Stock has been very considerably reduced, and correspondingly increased at CALIFORNIA, COLUMBIA and REGGIE.

DISTRIBUTION DEPOT.—The officer in charge is CAPTAIN LOMBARDI. These premises were on the whole satisfactory, but some minor changes I observed that the fly menace has greatly increased since my previous visit. This is due to the fact that there are considerable and a slaughter house within 100 yards of the depot, and the neighbourhood is conducive to breeding of flies and insects. The premises themselves are conducive and suitable for the storage of tinned or boxed goods, but are not suitable for use in summer or warm weather, even as a distribution centre. CAPTAIN LOMBARDI informed me that application had been made to Commando President for more suitable premises near CROTON. I have put that for reasons unknown to him, application has been refused. I have suggested to Commando President, that every effort should be made to find better premises before the coming of the hot weather, and, in the meantime, all possible anti-fly measures should be taken.

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BULK DEPOT.—Capitane LOMANDI is in charge, and escorted me round the several buildings, which comprise the Bulk Depot. Stocks have been very considerably reduced, and correspondingly increased at OLMESANO, COSENZA and REGGIO.

DISTRIBUTION DEPOT.—The officer in charge is Capitane COMITANGIOLIO; these premises were on the whole satisfactory, but some second conclusion I observed that the fly menace had greatly increased since my previous visit. This is due to the fact that there are cowsheds and a slaughter house within 100 yards of the depot, and the neighbourhood is conducive to breeding of flies and insects. The premises themselves are commodious and suitable for the storage of grain or boxed goods, but are not suitable for use in summer or warm weather, hence as a Distribution centre. Capitane COMITANGIOLIO informed me that application had been made to Comandante Esceaudic for more suitable premises near CAPUCCINI but that for reasons unknown to him, suggestion had been refused. I have suggested to Comandante Esceaudic, MILITARY Corps, that every effort should be made to find better premises before the coming of the hot weather, and, in the meantime, all possible anti-fly measures should be taken.

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This Depot is under the supervision of P.M. SCORPENTON; he is assisted by E.M. ALY, and has under his control a staff of approximately 30 men. It is also closely supervised by, and very much under the control of Commissariato, XXII Corps, whose H.Q. is located in CATANZARO.

I have visited this Depot on two occasions recently, and have noted a certain improvement both in the actual stacking and storing of supplies since my previous visit.

PREMISES: At present, Supplies are stored in two large buildings, the SAN FRANCISCO Depot being used as the main one: from this depot, daily issues are made, as well as housing the majority of the stocks. The other building is the MERCATOR Depot, which is situated some considerable distance away, and which is used for Flour and Sugar only.

It has been suggested that more suitable premises be obtained at CATANZARO SALA, in order to be nearer the railway; it is hoped to move into these at an early date.

STOCK Sheets and Issues and Receipts Vouchers appeared to be in order, and a spot check of certain items tallied with records kept.

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REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS TO DEPOTS AT CUSANZA, CASTROVILLARI, and SPERANZA
ALBAVEST, 19-20 MAY, '44.

CUSANZA. The standard obtaining at this Depot still leaves considerable room for improvement, with regard to 'lay-out' and stacking of supplies. The officer in charge, CAPTANO MERINCOLO, was not present at the time of my visit, but I was accompanied round by his 2nd 1/2.

Feeding strength is approx. 4500, which is a slight increase on figures of my previous visit, and these are likely to be even more increased, with the closing of the depot at SPERANZA, and the possible closing of CASTROVILLARI Depot.

CASTROVILLARI. CAPTANO RUZZO is in charge of this Depot, which is situated in the main street of the town, and consists of two moderate-sized stone-floored buildings. NEW HANDBOOK is 2nd 1/2, and is assisted by a staff of one adjutant clerk and 12 O.R.s.

Stacking of commodities was satisfactory, and there were tally-sheets for each commodity. A spot-check of two items, namely sugar and R. Fish proved correct. There was, however, room for improvement in the 'lay-out' and tidiness in general of this Depot.

Accounts: Stock Book and system of Issue and Receipt Vouchers operating, showed that some 1700 men are being fed from here; as stated above, it is proposed to close this Depot as soon as circumstances warrant it.

SPERANZA ALBAVEST. This Depot, under CAPTANO FLEZZERI, is closing down, as from 1st JUNE, as there are only 700 men being fed from it. Stocks are being transferred, partly to CUSANZA, and partly to the Depot at CASTROVILLARI temporarily, and personnel are to replace vacancies at CROTONE and CATANZARO, caused by the Allied programme.

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CASIROVILLARI. CAPTANO BUSCH is in charge of this Depot, which is situated in the main street of the town, and consists of two moderate-sized stone-floored buildings. F.W. PAVIATICO is 2nd i/c, and is assisted by a staff of one sergeant clerk and 12 O.P.S.

Stacking of commodities was satisfactory, and there were tally-sheets for each commodity. A spot-check of two items, namely sugar and R.Fish proved correct. There was, however, room for improvement in the layout and tidiness in general of this Depot.

Accounts: Stock Book and system of Issue and Receipt Vouchers operating, showed that some 1700 men are being used here; as stated above, it is proposed to close this Depot as soon as circumstances warrant it.

SPERZANO ALBAVEST. this Depot, under CAPTANO FLIZZERI, is closing down, as from 1st June, as there are only 700 men being fed from it. Stocks are being transferred, partly to COSANZA, and partly to the Depot at CASIROVILLARI temporarily, and personnel are to replace vacancies at CROTONE and CATANZARO, caused by the Allied programme.

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FICASTRO Distribution Depot.
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This depot was visited by me on 23 May 44. Cpl. SAMMUT acted as interpreter, and Ten. VALLEFUOCO, officer in charge, accompanied me.

I. Buildings and Premises consist of an office, three store buildings, and a large yard. All premises had strong locks and could be securely bolted. A commendable state of cleanliness prevailed in all buildings.

(a). The office is situated in the main street, about 50 yards away from a small store, and about 100 yards away from a larger one.

(b). This small store is used as the Distribution Centre, and a system of Issue and Receipt Vouchers appeared to be working satisfactorily.

Behind a barrier, commodities were stacked in neat and tallied quantities, sufficient for daily issues to be made.

Two 15 lb. tins of dehydrated Potatoes were observed on one side, in a mouldy condition. I was assured that this, together with 30 lbs. of Canned Beans in "blown" tins, had been reported to XXXI Corps for disposal and "write off" in accordance with the system laid down in 31/30 dated 2 May 44. This I subsequently found to be correct.

(c). The larger store is used to house stocks of Flour and Sugar, and also contains stocks of commodities, surplus to daily issue requirements. These were well stacked and "tallied". I also saw a quantity of Tinned Bacon (American) (as reported already in my Q/2/30 dated 14 May 44) to be taken on charge.

(d). The third store is considerably further away from the office, and is used for forage. Sacks of Barley and Dried Beans were stacked here in good condition and "tallied".

(e). A large quantity of boxes repaired, and wooden slats were observed in the yard ready for dispatch to BRINDISI. Also a quantity of flattened tins, which I was told were to be used for suitable purposes.

2. Accounting. Stock sheets appeared to be in order, and correctly brought forward daily. I obtained a copy of Issue Vouchers, with relative strengths. I was assured that these were advised to adhere to the Ten-day programme.

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2. Accounting. Stock sheets appeared to be in order, and correctly brought forward daily. I obtained a copy of Units supplied, with relative strengths. I was assured that units were advised to adhere to the ten-day programme.

Ten. VALLEFUCO stated that feeding strengths tended to diminish; this was borne out by 'the books', which showed that 1821 rations were issued on 14 May '44, as against a figure of 2230 (shown in food situation statement for 11 May 44).

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3. General. State of commodities was satisfactory, with exception of P. Meat and P. Fish (shortly to be remedied).

This is a small depot, therefore it is not necessary to maintain large stocks.

Ten. VALLEFUCO asked for a typewriter for office use, and repeated requests for Boots and Clothing for his men, with a special plea for Overalls, for those working in the stores. These points have been taken up with Commissariato, XXAI Corps.

The impression I took away with me was that this depot is being run satisfactorily, particularly as no preliminary warning of my visit was notified to the officer in charge, or his staff.

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Visit to Distribution Depot and Puesto Viejo at Puerto Viejo, on 22 May.

I was greeted by Tte. VERONICA, Officer 1/c Depot, who had recently returned from reorganizing the Depot at CAJON. His 2nd L/C was also present (S/Teniente).

The Depot is located in the old Military Prison, and is well suited to the needs of the Commissioner, being spacious, well ventilated and strongly bolted. Premises were clean and tidy, each compartment containing separate commodity, which was labelled, stacked and 'tied' correctly.

A quantity of Binonita with warranty expiry date of 12 Jan '13, were observed.

Tte. VERONICA stated that, except for a shortage of T.F.M. and Tumbato Paste, stocks were fairly satisfactory. I pointed out that 7 tons of Sandalwood had been signalled as in the way, which would relieve the flash situation, and promised to report the lack of Tumbato Paste to Commissioner.

I left, Tte. Corps on my return.

The documents and Stock Books were neatly and correctly kept, and I obtained a list of Units Supplied. This Depot is facing a shortage of 1400 at the present time, and is probably the most efficient Depot in CAJON. I was extremely impressed by the apparent willingness to co-operate of Tte. VERONICA and his staff.

Afterwards, I visited the Puestos Viejos, which are functioning satisfactorily, in company with Tte. VERONICA and the T.F. Sergeant, who was acting as interpreter.

Distribution Depot, Pte. VERONICA.

It was my intention to visit this Depot on my return from Puerto Viejo, on 30 May., but, owing to mechanical trouble with my vehicle, I was unable to reach Puerto Viejo in time.

A quantity of Biscuits with Vanilla/ Raspberry dates of 42 and 43, were observed.

TEL. VERBUCI stated that, except for a shortage of P.Fish and Tomato Paste, stocks were fairly satisfactory. I pointed out that 7 Tons of Sardines had been signalled as in the way, which would relieve the fish situation, and promised to report the lack of Tomato Paste to Commissioner.

into, TEL. Corps on my return. The accounts and Stock Book were neatly and correctly kept, and I obtained a list of Units Supplied. This Depot is feeding a strength of 4400 at the present time, and is probably the most efficient Depot in Manila. I was extremely impressed by the apparent willingness to cooperate of TEL. VERBUCI and his staff.

Likewise, I visited the Tantalacio, which was functioning satisfactorily in company with TEL. VERBUCI and the P.S. Services, who was acting as interpreter.

DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, VITO VALERILLO.
It was my intention to visit this Depot on my return from MECIO C.I., on 30 May., but, owing to mechanical trouble with my vehicle, I was unable to reach VITO VAL. in time.

TEL. VALERILLO, of Comandante, TEL. Corps, assures me that there are no major difficulties there, and that it is being run on approved lines.

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