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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
A.C. SECTION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

No.1227

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.35
2. Weekly O & I Report No.26

TO : C.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA), ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 6 January 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.35, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly O & I Report No.26, in compliance with instructions in your O & I Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

ROBERT E FORD
Major GSC
AC Sicily

2 Incls:
1. Weekly Liaison Log No.35 (Trip)
2. Weekly O & I Report No.26

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 5 Jan 45 REPORT No. 26

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

1. 80,000 lbs flour ex Navy Depot, N.O.B., on loan.

2. None 3. See item 1 above. 4. None 5. No marking on flour.

6. Satisfactory 7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

During the period of 6 Jan. to 20 Jan.45 flour is being issued at 6 oz instead of 12 oz. Macaroni increased from 5 Oz to 7½ oz. The change in ration scale was due to the shortage offlour. 80,000 lbs of flour drawn from the N.O.B. on loan, this flour will be repaid to N.O.B. when the flour arrives from mainland. Flour in depots this date will last until 25 Jan. at the ration scale as set above. This office has been notified that 167 tons have been despatched from Mainland.To date none has arrived.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Palermo D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot has recently moved into the new building. Construction has just about been completed and the walls are freshly white washed. It seems to be avery good set up for a food depot.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted, personnel live in adjoining building - Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephome number Palermo 17937

17. Spot checked stocks of sugar, coffee and cheese and found that the actual stock on hand agreed with the stack cards and the

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30,000 lbs of flour drawn from the N.O.B. on loan, this flour will be repaid to N.O.B. when the flour arrives from mainland. Flour in depots this date will last until 25 Jan. at the ration scale as set above. This office has been notified that 137 tons have been despatched from Mainland. To date none has arrived.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Palermo D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

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18. a. 3 b. 2 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL) 5439

No POL Dumps located in Sicily

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, stack cards and stock records were in good order at the time of inspection.

2. Spot checked the daily ration strength of the 5th I.S. Regt. for the period of 10 Nov. to 9 Dec and found that Unit has not overdrawn during the period. The 1548 rations that this Unit had overdrawn during the period of 10 Oct. to 9 Nov. as reported in S/T report No.20 have been deducted.

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E. (Continued)

5. Yes 4 & 5. Not appliacable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected - 5th I.S. Regt. at Palermo. C.O. Col. Alfieri.

1. Yes 2. No. 3. Ration storeroom was clean, cool and well ventilated.

4. Yes 5. Fly-precautions in ration storeroom were satisfactory. No fly-precautions taken in kitchen.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Big improvement in cleanliness of kitchen since last inspection Unit does not have a mess-room.

8. Wood issued with rations

9. Bread appeared to be well made. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was 441 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade states.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Turned into salvage depot.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Yes, I saw the noon meal served which consisted of pasta, vegetables, fresh fruit, bread and wine. Looked quite wholesome and appetizing.

16. There are no left-overs.

17. Unit has 9 trucks 1-ton, 1 truck 6-ton, 2 trucks 3-ton, 1 truck 2-ton , 1staff car and 4 motorcycle.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 3 trucks 1-ton, 1 truck 3-ton and 3 motorcycles are off the road as non-runners. The above vehicles have been turned over to a civilian garage for repair.

20. Indents. 21. No 22. No drivers are being trained at present.

23. Walk 24. Yes

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20. Indents. 21. No 22. No drivers are being trained at present.

23. Walk 24. Yes

25. Yes. a. No b. Yes c. Sentries are posted d. Fire extinguishers and buckets of sand considered adequate for a small dump.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Good

29. Satisfactory.

30. Officers met were clean and smartly dressed. 31. No.

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H. GENERAL

During the inspection of the D.D. at Palermo, 4 Jan 45 the food depot was issuing rations. Upon opening a sack of sugar by one of the personnel of the depot it was found that two of the six 10 lbs sacks contained sand. Upon examining the sacks found that the stitching in the seams had been tampered with, the sugar had been removed and the sacks were filled with sand and sewed back up. During the inspections of Units and food depots on the Island it has been brought to my attention several times that the contents of the cans have been removed and stones inserted. This has been brought to the attention of Territorial Hq. Palermo and Director of Commissary. A check is being made in the food depots to see if this pilfering is being carried out in the food depots in Sicily.

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Major QMC
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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
& AC Central Liaison Mission
APO 394

No.1201 21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.64
2. Weekly S & T Report No.25

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA), ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 20 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.64, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 2 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T report No.25, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch G.1. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

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HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 incls.
1. Weekly Liaison Log No.64 (Trip.)
2. Weekly S & T report No.25

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SECTION SIGNAL INFORMATION CENTRE 'WEEKLY REPORTS' WEEKLY REPORT NO. 25

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 29 Dec 44

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

No items received during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Satisfactory at present. 2. Satisfactory. 3. Yes

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Catania Bulk Depot

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stocks awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot visited and clean and tidy. 12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in adjoining building, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number given in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of flour, P meat and sugar and found the items mentioned agreed with the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (4) Two (2) No 19. No 20. Yes 21. No

C-1. Depot visited - Catania Distribution Depot

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first. All food found unfit for human consumption is exchanged in bulk depot.

10. None. All food found unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged in bulk depot.

11. Depot in general was clean and tidy.

12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

Bulk Depot

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stocks awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. 12.No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in adjoining building, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number given in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of flour, P meat and sugar and found the items mentioned agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Yes 21. No

C-1. Depot visited - Catania Distribution Depot

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. None. All food found unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged in bulk depot.

11. Depot in general was clean and tidy. 5435

12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in depot.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of cheese, sugar and macaroni and found the items agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, stack cards and stock records are in good order in both Bulk and Distribution Depots at Catania.

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E. (continued)

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 1st Bn., 45 I.S. Regt for the period of 10 November to 9 December and found that Unit has not overdrawn rations.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Inspected 1st Bn., 45 I.S. Regt. CO Col Pistola

1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes. Ration storeroom was clean, cool and well ventilated, stacks of supplies were neatly arranged.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Anti-fly precautions are satisfactory in ration storeroom, Kitchen and mess room.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Yes 8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Bread appeared to be well made. Average weight 441 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Collected daily by contractor.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Inspection was made after the noon meal was served.

16. There are none.

17. Eight trucks 1-ton and 1 staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained. 5434

19. Four - lack of parts.

20. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the four on the road and indents.

21. None 22. None at present. 23. Walk 24. Yes

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20. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the four on the road and indents.

21. None 22. None at present. 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. Yes. Clean and sentries are posted. Buckets of sand considered adequate for small dump.

26. Yes, issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked quite cheerful and alert.

28 Respectful and obedient.

29. Good.

30. Officers met set a good example in in their dress and personal cleanliness.

31. No

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F. (continued)

32. Col. Pistola stated that about 20 percent of the boots in the Bn. are completely worn out and that about 40 percent of the men do not have shirts.

H. GENERAL

On December 12 a shipment of 152,000 lbs of flour was received at the Bulk Depot at Catania. 1020 pounds of this flour could not be used due to getting wet enroute to Catania. On December 27 three rail wagon of flour was received, of this approximately a third was wet. This was due to the large cracks and the shabby condition of the rail wagons.

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Major QMC
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F. (continued)

32. Col. Pistola stated that about 20 percent of the boots in the Bn. are completely worn out and that about 40 percent of the men do not have shirts.

H. GENERAL

On December 12 a shipment of 132,000 lbs of flour was received at the Bulk Depot at Catania. 1020 pounds of this flour could not be used due to getting wet enroute to Catania. On December 27 three rail wagon of flour was received, of this approximately a third was wet. This was due to the large cracks and the shabby condition of the rail wagons.

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 22 Dec 44 . REPORT No. 24

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes, except P Meat - 16 days supply in depots as of 9th Dec. To date none despatched from Mainland

2. Yes 3. None / Arranged for 20 Tons to be despatched.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Reggio D.D. 20 Dec 44.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for humand consumption destroyed by burning 20 Dec 44.

11. Depot was clean and tidy except the empty cans and barrels as mentioned in S&T Report No.15 have not been removed from the Depot. However, the O.C. Stated that arrangements have been made to remove same.

12. None as no vermin are present.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephome number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of P. Meat, Cheese and Sugar and found that they agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance. The deficiencies reported in S&T Report No.19 C 17 have been corrected.

18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

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5.Yes 6. None / Arranged for 20 Tons to be despatched.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Reggio D.D. 20 Dec 44.

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18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, tally cards, register of indents and stock records were in good order.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 46 I.S. Regt at Messina from the period 10 Nov. to 9 Dec. and found that the Unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4 & 5 Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 46 I.S. Regt. at Messina. 21 Dec 44 C.O. Col. Alferi

1. Yes 2. No

3. Ration storeroom was clean and well ventilated. Stocks of food was neatly stored.

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F. (continued)

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Fly precautions are satisfactory in kitchen and ration storeroom. No fly precautions taken in mess room.

6. Disposed of at City garbage dump.

7. Kitchen was clean and tidy. Men had just finished their noon meal in mess room. There were a lot of orange peelings and vegetables scattered around on the floor.

8. Wood, supplied with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Average weight 440 grms.

10. Yes rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Disposed of at City Dump.

13. Yes

14. Unit has two gardens, which are producing considerable vegetables for the Unit.

15. Inspection was made after noon meal was served.

16. There are none.

17. 1 Staff car, 6 motorcycles, 8 trucks 1-ton and 1 truck 3-ton.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained.

19. 3 trucks 1-ton, 2 motorcycles. Due to parts, tires and tubes.

20. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the others on the road. Indents. Unit has been buying spare parts from civilian firms.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Equiped with buckets of sand considered adequate for small dumps.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

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25. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Equiped with buckets of sand considered adequate for small dumps.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men appeared to be quite cheerful and clean.

28. Men appeared to be respectful. 29. Good.

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30. All officers met were smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Unit commander stated due to a shortage of spare parts for vehicles they were getting in a bad state mechanically. Parts that are urgently needed are pistons, tires and patching.

33. The commanding officer, Col Alferi, has just recently taken over this Regt. and appears to be makeing ~~qui~~ quite a good job of it.

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Major ~~A~~ MC
L O Sicily

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XWTHR OFFICE MINUTE

TO:

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

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 16 Dec '44 Report No 33

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

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

Yes, except Rice. 14 days supply in depots as of 9th Dec. To date none despatched from Mainland.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). Depot Visited Caltanissetta D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No Outdoor stacks 9. Broken stocks are issued first

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is generally neat and tidy, except for empty sacks that were scattered around on the floor.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Fire precautions considered adequate. Yes telephone #1374

17. Spot checked stocks of cheese, dehy. vegetables and sugar and found they agreed with the stack cards and stock record balance.

18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack cards and stock records were in good order at the time of inspection.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo for the period from 10 November to 9 December and found that Unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack cards and stock records were in good order at the time of inspection.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo for the period from 10 November to 9 December and found that Unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable

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F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo C.O. Col. MILAZZO

1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes, ration store room was neat and tidy and well ventilated.

4. (a) Yes (b) There are no cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease.

5. Only a few flies noticed in the kitchen and ration store room. No anti-fly precautions taken.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen in general was clean. Floor of kitchen was dirty. Unit does not have a mess-room.

8. Wood issued with rations.

"S & T, MMIA.

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F. Units' Interior Economy (Continued)

9. Bread appeared to be well made. Several loaves were weighed. Average weight 440 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Empty cans are turned into salvage depot.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Yes, the noon meal which consisted of Pasta, Cheese, Fresh Vegetables Fruit and Wine looked quite wholseme and appetizing.

16. There are none.

17. Unit has 8 trucks 1-ton; 1 truck 3-ton; 4 trucks 6-ton; 2 motorcycles and one staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 4 trucks 1-ton; 2 trufks 6-ton are off the road as non-runners due to lack of parts.

20. Indents. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the above vehicles on the road.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes. Sentries are posted (d) Buckets of sand; considered adequate for small dump.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Very good 29. Satisfactory

30. All Officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Col. MILAZZO Unit C.O. stated that Unit is very short on leather to repair the boots. It appears that the issue of leather to the Unit to repair boots is not sufficient to carry out the repair of boots within the Unit.

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19. 4 trucks 1-ton; 2 trucks 6-ton are off the road as non-runners due to lack of parts.

20. Indents. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the above vehicles on the road.

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

The following list of Commodities were shipped on the Duke of Aosta your MMIA Movement No0. SI/5, 5 December 44. Below is a list of shortages of Commodities as checked against the despatch note at the Port of Catania. Pilfering was either carried out by the Guards or the crew of the ship.

COMMODITY	NO. UNITS		WT. PER UNIT		TOTAL WT.		SHORTAGE
COFFEE	46	Cases	40	lbs.	1,840	lbs.	1 Can
MEAT & VEG, STEW	96	"	45	"	4,320	"	57 Cans
VIENNA SAUSAGE	48	"	51	"	2,448	"	
CORN BEEF HASH	115	"	33	"	3,795	"	15 Cans
CHILE CON CARNE	57	"	39	"	2,223	"	2 "
POTATOES	120	"	30	"	3,600	"	1 "
FLOUR	449	Bags	100	"	44,900	"	700 Lbs.
FLOUR	116	"	50	"	5,800	"	50 "
MACARONI	431	Cases	30	"	12,930	"	
CHEESE	112	"	56	"	6,272	"	12 Cans
RICE	130	Bags	100	"	13,000	"	1 Bag
PULSES	132	"	100	"	13,200	"	1 "

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H. GENERAL (Continued)

COMMODITY	NO. UNITS	WT. PER UNIT	TOTAL WT.	SHORTAGE
PEPPER	5 Cases	24 Lbs.	120 Lbs.	4 Cans
PEPPER	1 "	72 "	72 "	4 Lbs.
TOMATOES	45 "	48 "	2,160 "	
CARROTTS	40 "	10 "	400 "	
CARROTTS	103 "	20 "	2,060 "	
SUGAR	86 Bags	60 "	5,160 "	50 Lbs.

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Major, Q.M.C.
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SECTOR Sicily. WEEK ENDING 16 Dec '44 Report No 73

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

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

Yes, except Rice. 14 days supply in depots as of 9th Dec. No date none despatched from Mainland.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). Depot Visited Caltanissetta D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No Outdoor stacks 9. Broken stacks are issued first

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is generally neat and tidy, except for empty cans that were scattered around on the floor.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Fire precautions considered adequate. Yes telephone #1674

17. Spot checked stocks of cheese, deny. vegetables and sugar and found they agreed with the stack cards and stock record balance.

18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack cards and stock records were in good order at the time of inspection.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo for the period from 10 November to 9 December and found that Unit has not overdrawn.

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11. Depot is generally neat and tidy, except for empty bags that were scattered around on the floor.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Fire precautions considered adequate. Yes telephone #1074

17. Spot checked stocks of cheese, deny. vegetables and sugar and found they agreed with the stack cards and stock record balance.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack cards and stock records were in good order at the time of inspection.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo for the period from 10 November to 9 December and found that Unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected 6th I.S. Regt at Palermo C.O. Col. MILAZZO

1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes, ration store room was neat and tidy and well ventilated.

4. (a) Yes (b) There are no cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease.

5. Only a few flies noticed in the kitchen and ration store room No anti-fly precautions taken.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen in general was clean. Floor of kitchen was di
does not have a mess-room.

8. Wood issued with rations.

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F. Units' Interior Economy (Continued)

9. Bread appeared to be well made. Several loaves were weighed. Average weight 440 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Empty cans are turned into salvage depot.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Yes, the noon meal which consisted of Pasta, Cheese, Fresh Vegetables Fruit and Wine looked quite wholesome and appetizing.

16. There are none.

17. Unit has 8 trucks 1-ton; 1 truck 3-ton; 4 trucks 6-ton; 2 motorcycles and one staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 4 trucks 1-ton; 2 trucks 6-ton are off the road as non-runners due to lack of parts.

20. Indents. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the above vehicles on the road.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes. Sentries are posted (d) Buckets of sand; considered adequate for small dump.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Very good 29. Satisfactory

30. All Officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Col. MILAZZO Unit C.O. stated that Unit is very short on leather to repair the boots. It appears that the issue of leather to the Unit to repair boots is not sufficient to carry out the repair of boots within the Unit.

H. GENERAL (To include any points of general interest discovered

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 4 trucks 1-ton; 2 trucks 6-ton are off the road as non-runners due to lack of parts.

20. Incents. Parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the above vehicles on the road.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes. Sentries are posted (d) Buckets of sand; considered adequate for small dump.

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

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The following list of Commodities were shipped on the Duke of Aosta from MMLA Movement No. 51/5, 4 December 44. Below is a list of shortages of Commodities as shown against the reception note at the port of Catania. Pilfering was either carried out by the Guards or the crew of the ship.

COMMODITY	No. Units	Wt. per Unit	Total Wt.	Percentage
COFFEE	48 Cases	40 lbs.	1,040 lbs.	1 Can
Meat & Veg, Stew	96 "	40 "	3,840 "	37 Cans
Vienna Sausage	40 "	24 "	960 "	15 Cans
Corn Beef Hash	110 "	24 "	2,640 "	2 "
Chile Con Carne	57 "	24 "	1,368 "	1 "
POTATOES	120 "	50 "	6,000 "	700 lbs.
FLOUR	449 Bags	100 "	44,900 "	30 "
FLOUR	116 "	50 "	5,800 "	
FLOUR	431 Cases	50 "	21,550 "	
MACARONI	112 "	55 "	6,272 "	12 Cans
SUGAR	100 Bags	100 "	10,000 "	1 Bag
RICE	102 "	100 "	10,200 "	1 "
SALT				

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QUANTITY	NO. UNITS	WT. PER UNIT	TOTAL WT.	REMARKS
[illegible]	5 Cases	24 Lbs.	120 Lbs.	4 Cans
[illegible]	1 "	72 "	72 "	4 Lbs.
[illegible]	40 "	40 "	5,160 "	
Tomatoes	50 "	10 "	400 "	
Carrots	100 "	60 "	2,060 "	
Carrots	86 Bags	60 "	5,160 "	50 Lbs.
Beans				

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TRANSLATION.

Translated by: Lt.J.J.M.Horlick, Coldm. Gds.

FROM: W/M Comm/to.
Sussistenza Branch.

TO : 75CA
(///// Action; "S & T, MMIA.

Read 6 Dec.

Ref: 2575

SECRET No

Date : 31 Dec. 44.

Ref No : 14386/S/1

Date : 29 Dec. 44.

In reply to : ST/75/5 of 28 Oct. 44.

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SUBJECT:- Overissue of 1198 rations.

The Comm/to. Directorate of H.Q. SICILY, request to furnish explanartions about the overissue mentioned above, has informed us that the motives are to be laid down to the foreseen return ~~xxxxxx~~ of the 45 Infantry Regiment to the 3rd. Battalion (which has lately taken the name of 145 I.S. Regiment) of N° 3 Company of the said Battalion which was detached at CATANIA.

As, following the cancellation of the order, the movement which had been ordered did not take place, 144 Infantry Regiment found itself in possession of 1949 extra rations.

This excess was annulled by the following underdrawings of rations:-

N° 1601 in the fortnight 10-24 Oct. 44.
N° 326 " " " " " "25 Oct.-9 Nov. 44.
N° 22 " " " " " "10-24 Nov. 44.

N° 1949 rations in all.

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(Signed) PELLIGRA, for the Minister.

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Subs.ze Sez. 1ª

Rif. N° 14886/S/1 Allegato

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Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A

Risposta al f. del 28 ott.1944

Div. Sez. 1ª/51/75/5

OGGETTO Distribuzione di una eccedenza di 1198 razioni.

La Direzione di Commissariato del Comando Militare della Sicilia, richiesta di fornire spiegazioni circa l'eccedente distribuzione di cui all'oggetto, ha reso noto che i motivi sono imputabili al previsto rientro al III battaglione del 45° reggimento fanteria (che ha preso successivamente il nome di 145°reggimento I.S.) della 3^ compagnia dello stesso battaglione distaccata a Catania.

Poichè, in seguito a contrordine, il disposto movimento non ha avuto più luogo, il 145° reggimento fanteria si é trovato ad avere un'eccedenza di 1949 razioni.

Tale eccedenza é stata già estinta con i seguenti prelevamenti in meno di razioni:
n° 1601 nella quindicina 10-24 ottobre c.a.
n° 326 nella quindicina 25/10=9/11 c.a.
n° 22 nella quindicina 10=24 novembre c.a.

N° 1949 razioni in totale.

p. IL MINISTRO
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
& AC SICILY REGION Hqs.
APO 534

10 December 1944

No. 1127

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.31
2. Weekly S & T Report No.22

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) HQRS

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 9 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.31 , in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.22, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch G.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

EDWIN I SNIDER
1st Lt AUS
for MMIA LO Sicily

*S & T, MMIA.

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Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.31 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.22

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No 1127

SECTOR Sicily. WEEK ENDING 9 December 44 REPORT NO 22

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

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

Yes, except Rice and Pepper as reported in report No 21, 1 December 44.
To date none despatched from Mainland.

C. Physical Warehouseing Position (Food)

No inspection made of Food Depot under report.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL Depots)

No inspection made under report.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

No unit inspected under report.

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Major, Q.M.C.
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SECTION Sicily. WEEK ENDING 9 December 44 REPORT NO 22

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

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

Yes, except Rice and Pepper as reported in report No 21, 1 December 44.
To date none despatched from Mainland.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

No inspection made of Food Depot under report.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL Depots)

No inspection made under report.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

No unit inspected under report.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

2 December 1944

No 1085

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 30
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 21

TO : G.O.C. Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) ROME.

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 2 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 30, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. S/T

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 21, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch G.I. No. 2 dated 11 July 1944. 4/12

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 30 (Trip.)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 21.

"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 4 Dec.
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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR Sicily. WEEK ENDING 1 Dec 44 REPORT NO. 21

A. Hand over supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots)

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

Yes, except flour. As of the 24 Nov with the 264.448 lbs that was shipped from mainland 27-28 November and the flour in depots now will last until 23 Dec. Rice 10 days supply in depots as of 24 Nov. To date none despatched from Mainland. Pepper as reported in previous report.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - Catania Bulk Depot.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed 23 Nov '44.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. 12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in adjoining barracks, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, Telephone number given in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Pulses, Flour and Cheese and found they agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Yes 21. No

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - Catania D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. None. All food found unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged in bulk depot.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. 12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel libe in depot, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Rice, Coffee and Spread (butter) and found the

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8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed 28 Nov '44.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. 12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in adjoining barracks, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, Telephone number given in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Pulses, Flour and Cheese and found they agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Yes 21. No

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - Catania D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. None. All food found unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged in bulk depot.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. 12. No vermin noticed during inspection.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted and some personnel libe in depot, considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Rice, Coffee and Spread (butter) and found the above items agreed with the stack cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL) 5416

No POL dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL Dumps)

1. Yes, stack cards and stock records are in good order both in Bulk Depot and Distributing Depot at Catania.

2. Spot checked the daily ration strength of the 139th I.S. Regt for the period of 10 October to 9 November and found that the unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4. & 5. not applicable.

F. Unit's Interior Economy Unit Inspected - 139th I.S. Regt Palermo 27 Nov '44
C.O. Col CIFOLLONI

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F. (Continued)

1. Yes 2. No 3. Ration store arrangements and cleanliness were unsatisfactory. Present ration store room is just temporary until the regular store room has been constructed. Store room was cool and well ventilated.

4. Yes 5. No fly precautions taken in either the ration store room, kitchen and mess room.

6. Collected daily by civilian contractor.

7. Kitchen was clean. Floor of mess room was very dirty.

8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Average weight 442 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers. 12. Turned into salvage dump.

13. Yes. Lt MARASCOTTI. 14. Noo 15. Yes. Consisted of Pasta, Veg., Bread and wine. Looked quite appetizing and wholesome.

16. There are none.

17. 2 Trucks 6-ton; 1 truck 3-ton; 6 trucks 1-ton; 3 motorcycles and 1 staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 2 trucks 6-ton; 2 trucks 1-ton; 2 motorcycles.

20. Indents. Parts are taken from the non-runners to keep the runners on the road.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24 Yes 25. Yes (a) No (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) POL dump was not equipped with fire fighting appliances.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient. 29. Good.

30. All Officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Unit Commander Col. CIPOLLINI stated that 50 percent of the men have 2 blankets and that the other 50 percent 1 blanket, and that 80 percent of the men don't have mattresses. Unit is very short on light bulbs.

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10. 20. Rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers. 12. Turned into salvage dump.

13. Yes. Lt MARASCOTTI. 14. Noo 15. Yes. Consisted of Pasta, Veg., Bread and wine. Looked quite appetizing and wholesome.

16. There are none.

17. 2 Trucks 6-ton; 1 truck 3-ton; 6 trucks 1-ton; 3 motorcycles and 1 staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. 2 trucks 6-ton; 2 trucks 1-ton; 2 motorcycles.

20. Indents. Parts are taken from the non-runners to keep the runners on the road.

21. No 22. No 23. Walk 24 Yes 25. Yes (a) No (b) Yes (c) Yes (d) POL dump was not equipped with fire fighting appliances.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient. 29. Good.

30. All Officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Unit Commander Col. CIPOLLINI stated that X 50 percent of the men have 2 blankets and that the other 50 percent 1 blanket, and that 80 percent of the men don't have mattresses. Unit is very short on light bulbs. Water line to the showers is out of order and the men are without showers. Glass in the windows of the barracks are all broken out. He also stated that the unit is very short on material to repair the boots, such as nails and thread. He also stated that the men would not eat the dehydrated carrots, said they were too sweet.

F. Unit's Interior Economy Unit Inspected - 2nd Bn 45 I.S. Regt Catania
C.O. Major Poleti

1. Yes 2. No

3. Unit does not have a ration store room. Rations are drawn daily from Regt ration store room.

4. Yes 5. Anti-fly precautions are satisfactory in kitchen. Unit does not have a mess room.

6. Collected daily by civilian contractor. 7. Kitchen in general was clean and tidy.

8. Wood. Issued with rations.

X 154 Blankets short (See our #1017 of 30 Nov)

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F. (Continued)

9. Bread is well made. Several loaves were weighed. Average weight was 442 Grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Turned into Distributing Depot. 13. Yes. Lt Paluieri 14. No

15. Men were eating the noon meal when the inspection was made, which consisted of Pasta, Vegetables, bread and wine. Looked quite good and wholesome. Upon questioning several of the men, seemed well satisfied with the food.

16. There are no left overs.

17. to 26. No inspection of vehicles or POL dump made during inspection of unit.

27. The men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient 29. Good

30. All Officers met set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No

32. Major Poleti C.O. 2nd Bn 45 I.S. Regt stated that unit is short of beds and about 40 of the men are sleeping on the floor. Also short on mess gear. About 40 of the men are using tin cans for mess kits.

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No.1047 MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR Sicily. WEEK ENDING 24 Nov 44. REPORT No.20

A. Hand over Supplies (Ex Ships or Allied Depots)

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Mainteneance of Sector Position.

1. Yes, except flour in Sicily Depots will last until 29 Nov. To date none despatched from Mainland. Pepper as reported in previous report.

2. Satisfactory 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Palermo D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stocks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stocks awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy in the interior, some improvement in deficiencies as reported in S & T Report # 16.

12. Director of Commissary is making arrangements to combat this menace, some rat traps are used at present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted, personnel live in adjoining building. Considered adequate.

15. Yes

16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. No spot check of commodities was made due to the issue of rations at the time of inspection. Check will be made at a later date.

18. a 5 b 2 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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C. ~~Standard Warehousing Position (Food)~~ Depot Visited - Palermo D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stocks awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy in the interior, some improvement in deficiencies as reported in S & T Report # 16.

12. Director of Commissary is making arrangements to combat this menace, some rat traps are used at present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted, personnel live in adjoining building. Considered adequate.

15. Yes

16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. No spot check of commodities was made due to the issue of rations at the time of inspection. Check will be made at a later date.

18. a 5 b 2 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. At the time of inspection depot was issuing rations. Food Depot accounts will be checked at a later date. 5413

2. Spot checked the daily ration strength of the 5th I.S. Regt for the period of 10 Oct to 9 Nov. and found that the Unit has overdrawn 1548 rations during the two periods. C.O. of the Unit and Director Commissary have been notified of the overdrawal of rations A check will be made to see that Unit underdraws the above number of rations for the next period.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy Unit inspected - 5th I.S.Regt. at Palermo
C.O. Col.Alfieri

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F. (continued)

1. Yes 2. No

3. Yes ration storeroom was neat and tidy and well ventilated.

4. Yes.

5. Fly-precautions in ration storeroom were satisfactory. No fly precautions taken in kitchen.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen was clean, except the floor which was very dirty. At present Unit does not have a mess room. C.O. stated that arrangements are being made to construct a mess hall & mess tables.

8. Wood, issued with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be well made, several loaves were weighed and average weight was 440 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade states.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Turned into salvage depot.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Cooks were preparing the noon meal which consisted of pasta, vegetables, bread and wine. Looked quite appetizing.

16. There are no left overs.

17. Unit has 1 truck 6-ton, 3 trucks 3-ton, 6 trucks 1-ton, 1 staff car and 2 motorcycles.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

19. Two trucks 1-ton and 1 motorcycle are off the road as non-runners due to lack of parts, such as pistons, tires and patching. These are urgently needed to keep the vehicles on the road.

20. Indents have been submitted, but as yet no parts have been drawn.

21. Issue of Deisel oil for the 6-ton truck is not sufficient to carry out the duties within the unit.

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average weight was 440 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade states.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Turned into salvage depot.

13. Yes 14. No

15. Cooks were preparing the noon meal which consisted of pasta, vegetables, bread and wine. Looked quite appetizing.

16. There are no left overs.

17. Unit has 1 truck 6-ton, 3 trucks 3-ton, 6 trucks 1-ton, 1 staff car and 2 motorcycles.

18. Vehicles were clean and appeared to be well maintained.

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21. Issue of Deisel oil for the 6-ton truck is not sufficient to carry out the duties within the unit.

22. At present unit is not training any drivers. C.O. stated that names of three men have been submitted to higher Hq to attend a 15 day course in Driver's School.

23. Walk

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24. Yes

25. a Yes. a No b Yes c Sentries are posted d Buckets of sand.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Very good.

29. Satisfactory.

30. Officers met set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

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F. (continued)

31. No

32. Col. Alfieri stated that a work shop has been set up in the Unit recently to repair boots. That leather has been received on indents but they have not been receiving other material such as nails, Also stated that each soldier has in his possession 2 field blankets and about 50 percent have one barrack blanket. He stated that they have tried every receipe in the cook book preparing the Dehy Veg. and that the men would not eat them, claimed they were too sweet. C.O. stated if possible reduce the issue of Dehy. Veg. and increase the issue of pulses. Also stated that Unit has been receiving M & V Hash, M & V Stew and corn beef during the last two months and haven't been receiving any Vienna sausage and luncheon meat which the men prefer to the above items. He also stated that the issue of deisel oil for the truck, 6-ton, was not sufficient to carry out the duties within the Unit.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

R/11 8 February 1945

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' BI-WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia Period Ending: 27 January 1945 Report No. 20

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)
1. Received the following on the SS "Carlton"
a. For the Bulk Depot, Cagliari.

Flour	620,643 lbs
Sugar	49,000 lbs
Rice	49,600 lbs
Olive Oil	21,265 lbs

b. For Forage Depot, Cagliari.

Tibben	140 deadweight long tons
Barley	70 deadweight long tons
Carrob Beans	20 deadweight long tons
Bran	9 deadweight long tons
Linseed	1 deadweight long tons

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.
1. Yes
2. Yes.
3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)
1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stack Tally Boards are up to date but in many cases are being kept in office, rather than hung on stacks as required. Director of Commissary has been notified and requested to make changes.
4. Stocks that were formerly in open in Bulk Warehouses have now all been moved to covered storage. All stocks in sector are now stored under cover.
5. Mutually contaminating goods are kept well apart.
6. Adequate guard arrangements exist.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)
1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)
1. No opportunity to inspect.

F. Units Interior Economy
1. No opportunity to inspect.

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G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

1. Conference was held with Director of Commissary regarding the moving of Italian Clothing and Equipment to the Mainland. Every effort is being made to ship the material as soon as possible.

GEORGE L. FOSSETT, Major
for F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

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No.1024 MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 17 Nov 44 . REPORT No. 19

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Satisfactory, except for items of pepper and matches, of which there is only one day and one week rations respectively.

2. Satisfactory. 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Reggio D.D. 14 Nov.44.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 14 Nov.44.

11. Depot is clean and tidy except the empty cans and barrels as mentioned in S&T Report No.15 have not been removed from Depot.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes 14. Sentries are posted. Considered adequate. 15. Yes

16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Pulses, Rice and Flour and found that they agreed with the stack cards and Stock Record balance. However, on inspection of the warehouse found 1747 lbs. of tinned carrots, 506 lbs. of tinned potatoes and 60 cans of tinned milk. There were no stack cards for these commodities and upon inspection of the records the above items were carried on the commodity account but was not entered on the 'P' Form. A complete inventory was made of the above items and the O.C. of the depot was directed that the above items would be entered on 'P' Form, 24 Nov.44.

18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, tally cards, register of indents and stock records were in good shape with the exception of decrepancies mentioned in Par. C. 17 above.

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 46 I.S. Regt. at Messina from the period 10 Oct to 9 Nov. and found that the Unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected - 46 I.S. Regt. Reggio 15 Nov. 44. C.O. Lt.Col. Alfieri.

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1. Yes 2. No 3. Ration store arrangements were satisfactory, clean cool and well ventilated.

4. (a) Yes (b) No.

5. Fly precautions are satisfactory in kitchen and ration store room. No fly precaution taken in mess room.

6. Disposed of at city garbage dump.

7. Kitchen and mess rooms were thoroughly clean. 8. Wood.

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Weight 440 grms.

10. Yes., Rations issued dialy on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them. 12. Hauled away to city dump.

13. Yes. 14. The unit has two gardens. The vegetables have just been planted recently. The size of the gardens will help the unit out considerably on the vegetable problem.

15. Inspection was made after the noon meal was served.

16. There are none.

17. 8 trucks - 1 ton; 1 truck - 3 ton; 1 staff car and 6 motorcycles.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained. Vehicles were being freshly painted.

19. 2 trucks - 1 ton; 2 motorcycles, due to tires and parts.

20. Indents., Very few parts are drawn on indents. Tires are the biggest problem.

21. No. 22. No. 23. Walk 24. Yes

25. Yes. POL Dump is located in building. (b) Yes. (c) Yes. (d) Buckets of sand.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient. 29. Good

30. All Officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No

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31. No

32. The Unit Commander stated that the men have one pair of boots at present and in fairly good condition. He also stated that the unit does not draw enough leather and material to repair the boots. He also stated that the men would not eat the Dehy. Sweet potatoes, carrots and beets. The men complained they were too sweet.

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NMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 10 Nov 44 . REPORT No. 18 .

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Satisfactory, except for the lack of pepper as reported in previous reports.

2. Satisfactory. 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Distributing Depot at Caltanissetta.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is generally neat and tidy. At the time of inspection depot was issueing rations.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Fire precautions considered adequate. No telephone.

17. At the time of inspection food depot was issuing rations to the Units and it was impossible to make a spot check of commodities.

18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No.

D. Physical Ware housing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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E. Transportation Position (Food & POL Depots)

Depot Visited - Distributing Depot at Caltanissetta.

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D. Physical Ware housing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Stack cards, tally cards and depot stock records are generally in order. At the time of inspection it was impossible to make an accurate check. (See C 17)

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 16 I.S. Regt at Caltanissetta from Aug 25 to Oct 24 and found that the Unit has not overdrawn. During the inspection of the 22nd I.S. Regt on 9 Nov. checked the daily ration strength from 10 Sept. to 9 Nov and found that the Unit had overdrawn a total of 1024 rations. It was brought to the attention of O.C. that at the next period when rations are drawn the overage of 1024 rations must be deducted. A check will be made by this office to see that this is carried out.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable.

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F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected - 16 I.S. Regt. at Caltanissetta. O.C. Col CHIAPPINI

1. Yes

2. No

3. Ration storeroom has been moved since last inspection to another building. Shelves are built in for commodities which is a neat arrangement. Ration storeroom was neat and tidy but cans of opened food were not covered.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Fly precautions in ration storeroom and mess room are satisfactory. An excessive amount of flies were noted in kitchen. There is a new kitchen under construction at present. Mess Officer stated it would be completed within 10 days. The new kitchen will be a great improvement over the present one.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen and mess room were clean.

8. Wood, issued with rations.

9. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight 441 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade stats.

11. Rations are taken with them.

12. Empty food cans are returned to Districuting Depot.

13. Yes, Lt. DEQUARTI.

14. No

15. Yes, I ~~Seen~~ saw the noon meal served which consisted of Pasta, corned beef, fruit, bread and wine. Food looked well cooked and upon questioning, Col. Chiappini stated the men were well satisfied with the food.

16. No leftovers.

17. Unit has 8 trucks 3-ton, 6 motorcycles, 1 Armored car, 2 staff cars and 18 Artillery Tractors (Prime movers)

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18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained.

19. One motorcycles, due to lack of parts. 5405

20. Indents, tires are badly worn on the 8 trucks 3-ton and there is a shortage of patching for inner tubes, which the Unit has not been drawing on indents.

21. No

22. No. Unit was conducting driving school for all Units in Sicily, but it was closed 25 Oct 44 and will not reopen stated Col. Chiappini.

23. By walking.

24. Yes.

25. a Yes. b Yes c Yes, sentries are posted. d Buckets of sand and water, considered adequated for small POL store.

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F. (continued)

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. High standard of discipline in this Unit.

30. All officers met were smartly dressed, clean and set a good example in general bearing.

31. No

32. Col Chiappini, Unit C.O., stated the men needed under clothing and socks badly as the winter is coming on. He also stated each soldier has but one shirt woolen, but two pair of boots with both pair in good condition.(Note-this unit's indent for underclothing and socks has been authorized and will be filled upon arrival of clothing MMIA Authorization Notice Serial No.AG/61/455 of 6Nov).

2 F. Units' Interior Economy Unit inspected- 22nd I.S. Regt. Tsapani. 9 Nov. C.O. Col. CANTE

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Ration storeroom was untidy and supplies were not neatly stacked but it was well ventilated and cool.

4. Yes

5. Kitchen requires screening, ration storeroom and mess room satisfactory. Open food is stored in a screened box.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen and messroom were thoroughly clean.

8. Wood

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Average weight 440 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them.

12. Empty cans are flattened and buried.

13. Yes, Lt. SARTOREL.

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4. Yes

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8. Wood

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10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them.

12. Empty cans are flattened and buried. 5401

13. Yes, Lt. SARTOREL.

14. No

15. Yes. Pasta, corned beef, vegetable, bread and wine. Seemed to be well cooked and wholesome.

16. There are no leftovers.

17. 3 staff cars, 12 trucks 3-ton, 12 motorcycles and 18 tractors (Artillery).

18. Vehicles are clean and well maintained.

19. 3 trucks 3-ton and 6 motorcycles are off the road due to the lack of parts and tires.

20. Indents. Tires are badly worn on above vehicles and parts are being taken from the non-runners to keep the runners on the road.

21. No.

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22. Unit at present ~~are~~ *is* not training any drivers as driving school at Caltanissetta closed 25 Oct. Col. Canti stated he would rather train the drivers in the Unit by his own officers but its the question of not enough Petrol to carry out a driving school.

23. Walk

24. Yes

25. a Yes b No c Yes sentries are posted. Buckets of sand are provided considered adequate for small dump.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Very good.

29. Satisfactory.

30. Officer set a very good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No

32. Col. Canti stated that the men in his Unit have one pair of boots and about 80 percent are worn out. At present Unit has no leather or material to repair the boots. He also stated that the men have one suit of underwear and no socks. There is an average of two men per day turning up with V.D. There are no condroms or other prophylactic preventatives available within the Unit. (See Note Par F 32 above)

Word noted ~~Hildreth~~ sent. 14/11

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H. GENERAL

During the inspection of the D.D. at Palermo 26 Oct 1944 the O.C. brought to my attention that in a shipment of cheese from the Bulk Depot at Catania that when they opened a case of cheese one of the cans was filled with rocks . Also when inspecting the D.D. at Caltanissetta 6 Nov 44 it was brought to my attention that a can of cheese and a can of Vieanna sausage, when the case was opened found that the food contents had been removed and the cans filled with rocks. On 10 Nov 44 one of our liaison F.M. was making his usual semi-weekly visits

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A.P.O. 394

17 Sept 1944

No. 759

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 19
2. Weekly Location Report No. 14
3. Weekly S & T Report No. 10

TO : COC Army Sub Commission (AMGIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 17 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.19, in compliance with instructions in your G/S1 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.14, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 5 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.10, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch G.I. No.3 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch G.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

ROBERT H ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.19 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.14 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.10.

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No.759 MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 15 Sept 1944 REPORT NO. 10

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

1. 253,650 lbs flour ex Navy Depot. NOB. Shipping Order # SOS-SO-GM-I-5795

2. None

3. See item 1 above.

4. None

5. No markings on flour

6. Satisfactory

7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes 2. Yes

3. Shipments of canned spread to other depots completed on 12 & 13 Sept 44.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Bulk & D.D. at Catania.

1. Yes 2. Yes

3. Stack tally cards are in existence and in use and upon observation were found accurate and up to date.

4. Yes 5. No

6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stock unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 12 Sept 44.

11. Depot is clean and tidy.

12. Nil at present as no vermin are present.

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6. Satisfactory

7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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4. Yes 5. No

6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stock unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 12 Sept 44.

11. Depot is clean and tidy.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

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14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Guard Orders were posted in guard room.

16. Yes. Telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of macaroni, sugar and spread and found that they were in agreement with the stock record balance. Stack cards were being used and up to date.

18. (a) Four (b) Two

19. No 20. Yes

21. No

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D. Physical Warehousing position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, Tally Cards, Register of indents and stock records are in order and up to date.

2. Checked the ration strengths of the 1st Bn 45th Inf Regt. as recorded in food depot accounts, later when inspecting the 1st Bn 45th Inf Regt found that the ration strength was correct.

3. Yes

4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 1st Bn 45 Inf Regt. Catania, Commanded by Col Pistola.

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, very neat and tidy.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. The kitchen requires screening. Ration storeroom bread box screened in. All opened food is stored in the bread box which was a neat arrangement.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Yes.

8. Wood.

9. The bread was heavy for the size of the loaf. Wt. 441 grms.

10. Yes rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Collected daily by civilian contractor.

13. Yes

14. No

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4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 1st Bn 45 Inf Regt. Catania, Commanded by Col Pistola.

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, very neat and tidy.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. The kitchen requires screening. Ration storeroom bread box screened in. All opened food is stored in the bread box which was a neat arrangement.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Yes.

8. Wood.

9. The bread was heavy for the size of the loaf. Wt. 441 grms.

10. Yes rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Collected daily by civilian contractor.

13. Yes 5400

14. No

15. The cooks were preparing the meal when the inspection was made. Look quite appetizing.

16. There are none.

17. Eight small trucks.

18. Yes

19. Three - lack of parts.

20. Indents. At the present time they are taking spare parts from the three that are laid up to keep the five on the road.

21. No.

22. Yes. Four men of 15 day course at the driving school, Caltanissetta.

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F. (continued)

23. Officers live in billets just outside of barrack.

24. Yes

25. Yes. POL Dump located in a room beneath the barrack. This dump is a fire hazard for lack of ventilation and fumes. Col Pistoia stated that the gas dump would be moved. Instructed to correct.
(b) Yes (c) Yes (d) Not adequate.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked quite cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good.

30. All officers were smartly dressed and shaved.

31. No

32. Unit commander stated that the men in his Bn have not been issued cigarettes lately, and in due time will run down the morale of the men. He also stated would like to cut down on the issue of dehydrated sweet potatoes, and increase the issue of dried beans so they could make soup. Re cigarettes - D of C advised us that there was a temporary delay in arrival of cigarettes in Sicily, but they were on hand now and being issued.

33. No further remarks.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

Col. Albert inspected the clothing warehouse at Palermo. Alterations were being made but the small stock was folded and piled neatly with a anti-moth powder, and as a whole was very well kept. Stock cards were kept and spot checking the number of Battle Dress and Overcoats was found correct with the report as at 25 August 44. There was considerable salvaged material, mostly old ITI uniforms which had been renovated and ready to be made into wearable garments. They were employing a few civilians in the clothing repair shop and expected to increase the number to 35 machines. A boot repair shop and a laundry are being established. 3100 III blankets had just arrived from Syracuse, a great number unserviceable, which will be sorted and placed in stock to be disposed of as directed by Ministry of War.

Col. Albert also conferred with the Director of Commissary re: [illegible] constitution in general. He advised the D of C to exert every [illegible] sources in Sicily by

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29. Good.

30. All officers were smartly dressed and shaved.

31. No

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Col. Albert also conferred with the Director of Commissary re: clothing situation in general. He advised the D of C to exert every effort to relieve the urgent need from ITI sources in Sicily by salvage and repair. To speed up the collection at Naples of the allotment from MMIA Ref. AG/61/154 of 15 August 44, which Ministry of War had just advised them to send an Officer to Naples to collect. At about 1 October 44 the ITI's here will be able to furnish repaired clothing to the ITI Army in Sicily only, with the exception of boots and shirts, from salvaged stock. Many boots are becoming irreparable and no salvaged material available to repiar the shirts that are completely worn out.

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SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 3 Nov 44 . REPORT NO. 17

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. Yes, except there is still a shortage of pepper as reported in our Report No.16.

2. Satisfactory. 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Catania Bulk

1. Yes 2. Yes 3.Yes 4. Yes 5.Depot has been ordered by Director of Commissary, M.H.S., to mark warranty expiry dated on incoming commodities, but at present the depot is having a hard time getting the paint.

6. Yes 7. Yes 8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 31 Oct1944.

11. Depot is clean and tidy.

12. It was noted during inspection that vermin (Rats) were present in the Depots. This has been brought to the attention of O.C. Bulk & Distribution Depots and Director of Commissary, M.H.S.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes 16. Yes, telephone number given in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of Corn beef hash, M & V Stew, Vienna Sausage and Macaroni and found they agreed with the stock cards and the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two

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18. (a) Four (b) Two

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19. No.

20. Yes.

21. No.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Catania D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Stock Tally cards are in existence and in use.

4. Yes 5. No. 6. Yes 7. Yes 8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stacks are issued first.

10. None. All food found unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged in Bulk Depot.

111 Depot is clean and tidy.

12. It was noted during inspection that vermin (Rats) are present in the depot. This has been brought to the attention of the O.C. D.D. and D/E.

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C. (Continued)

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel line in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes. 16. Yes. Telephone number 14469

17. Spot checked stacks of coffee, cheese and sugar. It was found the above stacks agreed with the stack cards and stock book balance, except loose coffee that is stored in a box, was not carried on the stack cards and on the stock book balance. This was brought to the attention of the O.C. and picked up on their records.

18. (a) Four (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable 21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL.)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stock cards and stock records are in good order both in B.D. and D.D. at Catania, except coffee in D.D. (See Par C-17)

2. Checked the daily ration strength of the 45 I.S. Regt at Catania for rations drawn for the last two periods, and found that unit has not overdrawn.

3. Yes. 4. and 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. Yes. 2. No 3. Yes. Ration store room is neat and tidy, Cool and well ventilated. Stacks are neatly arranged.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Anti-fly precautions are satisfactory in ration store room and mess room. No anti-fly precautions are taken in kitchen.

6. Collected daily by contractor. 7. Yes

8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was 445 Grms.

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3. Yes. 4. and 5. Not applicable.

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5. Anti-fly precautions are satisfactory in ration store room and mess room. No anti-fly precautions are taken in kitchen.

6. Collected daily by contractor. 7. Yes

8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be well made. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was 443 Grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade state.

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11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Collected by contractor. 13. Yes. 14. No.

15. Cooks were serving the evening meal when inspection was made. Food looked well cooked and upon questioning the men it was learned they were very well satisfied with the food.

16. There are none. 17. Eight trucks, 1 ton.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained.

19. Five, due to lack of parts.

20. Indents and taking spare parts from the non-runners to keep the three on the road.

21. None.

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22. None at present. 15 men returned to unit Oct 24 from the 15 day course at the driving school at Caltanissetta.

23. Walk. 24. Yes

25. POL dump is located in a building. It is clean and sentries are posted. With the fire fighting appliances on hand it is considered not a fire hazard.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good. This unit seems to be kept in good trim.

30. All officers met were clean and smartly dressed.

31. No.

32. Col. Pistola stated the men have 2 pairs of boots, one pair completely worn out and the other pair badly worn. There is a shortage of material in the Unit to repair the boots. Indents have been submitted several times for material. But not enough is drawn to keep the shoes in repair. He also stated that 5 percent travelling rations were not enough for the Unit during the 15 day period, recommended that Unit be issued 10 percent travelling rations. Col Pistola stated that the spread (butter) that was issued for the last 15 day period would not melt when heated. The cooks were having a hard time preparing the meals with the present spread issue; upon checking found there were two different types of spread, one type is margarine and the other spread. The type that the unit is using for cooking at present is spread.

Letter in 54/13

We have strongly urged the Director of Commissary to expedite the exchange of reparable boots. (See our Weekly Ln. Log No.26, Par 1 f).
Reference to spread see our No.878 of 4 Nov. 44.

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31. No.

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Letter 55/13

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Reference to spread see our No.876 of 4 Nov. 44.

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29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 25
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 16

S/T/575.

TO : G.O.C. Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 28 October 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No. 25, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly S & T Report No. 16, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July 1944.

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Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 25 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 16

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No.910 MMIA S&I SECTION LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS.

SECTION Sicily . WEEK ENDING 27 October 44 .REPORT No. 16

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

No items under this heading are applicable during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes, except as at midnight, 24 Oct., there was only one day's ration of pepper due to the fact that the shipment of 543 lbs despatched from Bari had not arrived yet. Also only 10 days ration of tomato group as at 24 Oct. To date none despatched from Main-
2. Satisfactory 3. None land.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Palermo D.D.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Stocks unfit for human consumption were destroyed by Analysis Commission on 26 Oct. 44. Stocks are securely held.

11. Depot interior is neat and tidy./ Some Trash accumulating on the grounds around depot. Personnel of depot were using one of the rooms in an adjoining building for a toilet.

12. None at present. It was noted during inspection that vermin are present in the Depot. This was brought to the attention of O.C. D.D.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted, personnel live in adjoining building. Considered adequate.

15. Yes.

16. Yes. Telephone No. Palermo 17937.

17. I spot checked stocks of Cheese, Dehy Potatoes and macaroni and found they agreed, the stack cards, with the stock record balance.

18. a 5 b 2

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13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted, personnel live in adjoining building. Considered adequate.

15. Yes.

16. Yes. Telephone No. Palermo 17937.

17. I spot checked stocks of Cheese, Dehy Potatoes and macaroni and found they agreed, the stack cards, with the stock record balance.

18. a 5 b 2

19. No 20. Yes 21. No

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. At the time of inspection Depot was posting Ration Issue Notes to their stock records account. Found records in good condition.

2. Spot checked the daily ration strength of the 6th I.S. Regt. for the period of 9 Sept to 24 Oct inclusive. Upon checking the Ration Issue Notes found that the Unit has not overdrawn Rations.

3. Yes 4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy Unit inspected - 6th I.S. Regt. Palermo O.C. Lt.Col. Struffi)

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F. (continued)

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes ration storeroom was neat and tidy and well ventilated.

4. Yes

5. Fly-precautions in ration storeroom and kitchen were unsatisfactory. Unit had been issued fly precautions and were not in use.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Yes. Regular mess room is not in use at present. Unit is construct- new mess tables.

8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Bread was well made. Weighed several loaves - average weight 445 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issue daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them.

12. Collected daily by contractor.

13. Yes. Lt. Ventrella.

14. No.

15. Yes. Looked quite wholesome and appetizing.

16. There are no left overs.

17. Unit has 13 trucks 1-ton, 1truck 3-ton, 4 trucks 6-ton, 2 motor-cycles and one staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained.

19. 7 trucks 1-ton are off the road as non runners due to lack of parts.

20. Unit has indents in for parts but very few parts are drawn. Tires [illegible] vehicles and parts are being taken from

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13. Yes. Lt. Vantrella.

14. No.

15. Yes. Looked quite wholesome and appetizing.

16. There are no left overs.

17. Unit has 13 trucks 1-ton, 1truck 3-ton, 4 trucks 6-ton, 2 motor-cycles and one staff car.

18. Vehicles were clean and well maintained.

19. 7 trucks 1-ton are off the road as non runners due to lack of parts.

20. Unit has indents in for parts but very few parts are drawn. Tires are badly worn on above vehicles and parts are being taken from the 7 one ton, non runners, to keep the other six 1-ton trucks on the road. Critical shortage on patching for inner tubes.

21. No

22. Three at driving school Caltanissetta.

23. Walk.

24. Yes

25. a Yes. b Yes c Yes sentries are posted. d Buckets of san provided considered adequate for small dump.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Very good.

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F. (continued)

29. Satisfactory.

30. Officers set a very good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No.

32. Col. Struffi, Unit C.O., stated they were very short of disinfectants for kitchen and latrines. Also stated shortage on socks. Boots were getting in a very bad state. Indents have been submitted for leather uppers and material several time, but as yet none has been received. These items are holding up the repair of the boots.

Since the Inspection Director of Commissary advised this office that a limited amount of leather for boot repair has been issued to the unit. Their demand for boots has also been authorized and will be delivered without delay.

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Subject:- Overstaying of 1198 rations.

Military Mission Italian Army,
RAAF.
AF/75/5

27 Oct 44.

DATA TO SICILY.

Copy to:- War Ministry. (please instruct Commands to Sicily accordingly)

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Reference your weekly report No. 15 ending 20 Oct 44, para 2 2.

1. The 145 I.S. Regt (3rd Bn. 45 Inf. Regt.) who were found to have overdrawn 1198 rations during the last period will proceed to underdraw rations fortnight until the debt has been paid off.

A.L. Caro Sharp
for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC.
AQMG, Military Mission Italian Army.

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No.877 MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTS

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 20 October 44 . REPORT No. 15 .

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes, except as at midnight 9 October there was only one day's ration of pepper due to the fact that the shipment of 548 lbs despatched from Bari had not arrived as yet.

2. Satisfactory.

3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Reggio D.D.

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. No 6. Yes. 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy except a lot of empty cans and barrels accumulating that are stored on the outside of the depot. However the O.C. of depot stated that these items have been contracted and would be hauled away within the next week.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted. At one time this building was the city jail. Each individual room has an iron door and lock. Windows are barred and door to entrance is locked. Considered adequate.

15. Yes

16. Yes. Telephone ask for Italian Military Garrison and then Food Depot.

17. Spot checked stocks of tomato juice, coffee and P meat and

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13. Yes.

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15. Yes

16. Yes. Telephone ask for Italian Military Garrison and then Food Depot.

17. Spot checked stacks of tomato juice, coffee and P meat and found that they agreed with the stock record balance. Stacks cards are being used and up to date.

18. (a) Two (b) Two

19. No 20. Not applicable. 21. No 5990

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Tally cards, register of indents and stock records are in good shape at present time.

2. Checked the daily ration strength as stated in last report of the 145 I.S. Regt.(Ord. Bn. 45 Inf Regt.) upon checking it was found this Unit overdrew 1198 rations during last period. This matter is being brought to the attention of the Unit and Food Depot at Catania.

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3. Yes

4. & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

No unit inspected during period under this report.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

No visits during period under this report.

H. GENERAL

Upon inspection of Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factories at Reggio it was noted that all deficiencies mentioned in Par E 1 , Report No.12, have been corrected. The food depot at Reggio have not, as yet, received 'forms" Register of Rations Demand and Register of Issue of Rations. This was brought to the attention of the O.C. Commissariato, Calabria Sector.

Edwin Schneider 1st Lt
for LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily . WEEK ENDING 13 Oct 44 . REPORT No. 14

A. HANDOVER OF SUPPLIES(EX Ships or Allied Depots)

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes except as at midnight, 9 Oct., there was only one day's ration of pepper due to the fact that the shipment of 546 lbs despatched from Bari had not arrived yet.

2. Satisfactory. 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Distribution Depot at Caltanisseuta.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4.Yes 5. No 6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 9 October 1944.

11. Depot is clean and tidy, except the wood that is held in the depot for issue was scattered around on the floor and not stacked.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot, considered adequate.

15. Yes

16. Fire precautions considered adequate. No telephone.

17. I spot checked namely sugar, M & V stew and dehy. potatoes. It was found the actual stock in the stacks agreed with the stack cards and the stock book balance, except loose supplies that had been taken out of the sacks and stored in boxes, such as rice, coffee and macaroni, were not in the total of the stack cards or the stock book balance. This was brought to the attention of the

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8. No outdoor stacks. 9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stocks unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 9 October 1944.

11. Depot is clear and tidy, except the wood that is held in the depot for issue was scattered around on the floor and not stacked.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot, considered adequate.

15. Yes

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18. (a) Two (b) Two 19. No 20. Not applicable.

21. No.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack Cards, Tally Cards and Depot Stock Records at Caltanissetta are in good shape at present time. (See Par C 17).

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2. Checked the daily rations strength of the 145 I.S. Regt (3rd. Bn. 45 Inf Regt.) for the last 15 days period. Am now waiting the total figures of number of rations drawn on Sept 24 and Oct. 9 to check if the Unit has overdrawn. The figures are being brought to this office, this date, by one of our E.M. stationed at the Catania Bulk & D.D.

3. Yes 4 & 5 Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy Unit inspected - 145 I.S. Regt. (3rd Bn. 45 Inf Regt) Syracuse. C.O. Maj. Petacchi.

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, neat and tidy. This unit has a screened in bread box, and a screened in box for open food.

4. Yes
No

5. Anti fly precautions are satisfactory in the ration storeroom by screening. No fly precautions are taken in kitchen and mess room. Very few flies were noted in mess room.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen and mess hall were ~~thoroughly~~ clean, except Mess tables were a little greasy.

8. Wood issued with rations.

9. Yes. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was 440 grms.

10. Yes

11. Rations are taken with them.

12. Collected daily by contractor.

13. Yes, Lt. Sbaroglio.

14. No

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12. Collected daily by contractor.

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13. Yes, Lt. Sbaroglio.

14. No

15. Cooks were preparing the noon meal when the inspection was made The food looked very tasty.

16. No leftovers.

17. Unit has 9 trucks, 1 ton, 5 of which are running.

18. Vehicles are clean and well maintained.

19. Four are off the road as non-runners due to parts. Unit has indents in for parts. Very few are received. They are now taking parts from the four that are laid up to keep the five on the road.

20. Spare parts are taken from the trucks that are laid up and Indents.

21. No

22. Yes, three at the 15 day course at the Driving School Caltanissetta.

23. By walking.

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F. E. (Continued)

24. Yes

25. a No. b Yes. c Yes, sentries are posted. The POL is located in a building which is well ventilated and with the fire fighting appliances on hand considered not a fire hazard.

26. POL is issued on basis of trip tickets.

27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good. This Unit seems to be kept in good trim.

30. All officers met were shaved and smartly dressed.

31. No

32. Unit Commander, Maj. Petacchi, stated that the men in his Unit have nott been issued socks for one year. About 60 percent of the men are without socks, shirts are getting badly worn too. Also stated that each soldier has 2 pair of shoes of which one pair per man is badly need of repair. He has put in Indents for leather to repair the shoes, but ha's never received the same. Also stated that Unit does not draw enough disinfecting for kitchen floors and latrines. He claims he is unable to get shoe repair material in sufficient quantities.

33. The defeciencies in Par 32 above are being brought to the attention of Director of Commissary, M.H.S. for correction. Suggesting that either shoe repair material be furnished to the unit or the shoes turned in to the Palermo Shoe Repair Shop for repairs.

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Date 6 Oct 44

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FROM: SJ/75/5

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No.840 MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 6 Oct 44 REPORT NO.13

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under Report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes, except as at midnight 24 Sept there was only one day's ration of pepper due to the fact that the shipment of 548 lbs despatched from Bari had not arrived as yet.

2. Satisfactory. 3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - Bulk ~~and Distribution~~ Depot at Catania.

1. Yes 2. Yes

3. Yes 4. Yes

5. No 6. Yes

7. Yes 8. No outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. All food stock unfit for human consumption destroyed by burning 4 Oct 1944.

11. Depot is clean and tidy

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes

16. Yes. Telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of P meat, Tomato Catsup and macaroni and found that they were in substantial agreement with the stock

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15. Yes

16. Yes. Telephone number reported in previous report.

17. Spot checked stocks of P meat, Tomato Catsup and macaroni and found that they were in substantial agreement with the stock record balance. An overage of 1296 kgrs of macaroni was found, which was picked up on their Stock Record Account. 9354

18. (a) Four (b) Two

19. No 20. Yes 21. No

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Tally cards were in order except Macaroni. (See Par C 17) Register of indents and Stock Record Cards were in order and up to date.

2. Checked the ration strength of the 1st Bn, 45 Inf Regt. as

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recorded in Food Depot Accounts, later when inspecting the 1st Bn, found that the ration strength was correct.

3. Yes

4 & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit inspected - 45th I.S. Regt. (1st Bn., 45 Inf Regt. C.O. Col Pistola)

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, very neat and tidy.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Opened food is stored in bread box which is screened. Kitchen is partly screened with fine netting, which helps considerable in keeping the flies out. Mess rooms are not screened and quite a few flies present.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Yes

8. Wood. Issued with rations.

9. Bread seemed to be better made then the previous inspection. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight 442 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in food containers.

12. Collected daily by civilian contractor.

13. Yes

14. No

15. Cooks were preparing the noon meal when the inspection was made. The food looked very good and well cooked.

16. There are none.

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13. Yes

14. No

15. Cooks were preparing the noon meal when the inspection was made. The food looked very good and well cooked.

16. There are none.

17. Eight trucks, 1 ton.

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18. Yes.

19. Five - lack of parts.

20. Taking spare parts from the trucks that are non-runners to keep the three on the road. Unit has indents in for spare parts, but receive very few parts.

21. No

22. Yes. Four men of 15 day course at the Driving School, Caltanissetta.

23. Walk.

24. Yes.

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F. (Continued)

25. POL Pump has been moved since the previous inspection. Now located in a building that is well ventilated and with the fire fighting appliances on hand considered not a fire hazard.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

27. Men looked quite cheerful and alert

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good

30. The officers set a good example in dress and their personal cleanliness.

31. No

32. Unit commander stated due to shortage on spare parts for vehicles there is a shortage of trucks to perform the various duties within the Bn. Also stated the men were getting in a pretty bad state for boots and clothes. The unit is also not drawing enough leather from their Hq. to repair the men's boots.

33. The deficiencies mentioned in Par 32 above have been brought to the attention of the Military Hq of Sicily. When the 1500 pair boots and 1566 shirts arrive from Naples will alleviate the conditions as far as possible, taxing into consideration that practically all the other III units in Sicily are in the same condition.

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C.Physical Warehousing Position (Food) (Continued) Depot visited - D.D. at Catania.

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Stack tally cards are in existence and in use. Upon checking were found accurate and up to date.

4. Yes. 5. No

6. Yes 7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. None. All food unfit for human consumption in this depot is exchanged at the Bulk Depot at Catania.

11. Depot is clean and tidy, stacks are orderly. There has been a big improvement in this depot in which the supplies are arranged and cleanliness since the last inspection.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes.

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes. Guards Orders have been posted since the last inspection.

16. Yes. Telephone number is 14459.

17. I spot checked stocks of Biscuits, Flour and Rice and found that they were in agreement with the stock record balance.

18. (a) Four (b) Two

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19. No

20. Yes

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19. No

20. Yes

21. No

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A/Q Following extract, from report made by MMIA LO Sicily, on an inspection of 2rd Bn 45 Inf Regt at Messina on 25 Sep 44, is forwarded -

"CO. Col. Petriccioli.

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Shoes are so badly in need of repair, that when he puts in a request for shoe repair material it arrives so late at the Bn that the shoes are beyond repair. We invited Military Hq of Sicily attention to these complaints for correction."

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APO 394

No.815 2 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports - Correction to Weekly S & T Report No.12

TO : G.O.C. Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Correct next to last sentence in Par 32 of S & T Report No.12 dated 1 October to read as follows:

"Shoes are so badly in need of repair that when he puts in a request for shoe repair material it arrives so late at the Bn that the shoes are beyond repair".

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Chief Clerk

Extract relevant paras re
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SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 29 Sept 1944 REPORT NO. 12

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. Yes, except as at midnight 24 September there was only one day's ration of pepper due to the fact that the shipment of 548 lbs despatched from Bari had not arrived as yet.

2. Satisfactory.

3. None.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - P.D. Reggio

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes
7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy, stacks are orderly. Loose sugar, flour and macaroni was not covered with cloth sacks to keep the flies out.

12. None at present as no vermin present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

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Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - P.D. Reggio

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
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12. None at present as no vermin present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. Yes.

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16. Yes. Telephone ask for Italian Military Garrison and then Food Depot.

17. Spot checked stocks of coffee, rice and macaroni and found that they agreed with the stock record balance. Stack Cards were being used and up to date.

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18. (a) 2 (b) 2

19. No

20. Yes

21. No

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes, tally cards, register of indents and stock records are in order and up to date. (Continued on Page 4)

2. Checked the ration strength of 119th Inf Regt as recorded in Food Depot accounts, later when inspecting the 119th Inf Regt found the figures to be correct.

3. Yes

4. & 5 Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy — Unit inspected 119th Inf Regt. at Reggio C.O. Col Luciano 26 September

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, very neat and tidy.

4. a. Yes b. No

5. No anti fly precautions in kitchen or ration storeroom at the present time. Lt Iannuzzi, Mess Officer, stated he would improved the anti fly precautions in the immediate future. Open food was kept covered.

6. Daily, collected by a contractor.

7. Yes

8. Wood, supplied by the D.D.

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1. Yes, tally cards, register of indents and stock records are in order and up to date. (Continued on Page 4)

2. Checked the ration strength of 119th Inf Regt as recorded in Food Depot accounts, later when inspecting the 119th Inf Regt found the figures to be correct.

3. Yes

4. & 5 Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy — Unit inspected 119th Inf Regt./C.O. at Reggio Col Luciano 26 September

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2. No

3. Yes, very neat and tidy.

4. a. Yes b. No

5. No anti fly precautions in kitchen or ration storeroom at the present time. Lt Iannuzzi, Mess Officer, stated he would improved the anti fly precautions in the immediate future. Open food was kept covered.

6. Daily, collected by a contractor.

7. Yes

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8. Wood, supplied by the D.D.

9. Yes. Several loaves was weighed and the average weight was 442 grms.

10. Yes, rations issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Carry rations with them.

12. Food cans are buried.

13. Yes,

14. No.

15. The cooks were preparing the noon meal when inspection was made. It looked quite appetizing.

16. There are none.

17. - 33. This unit not being under control Military Hq of Sicily we inspected food conditions only.

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F. Units' Interior Exonomy. Unit inspected - 2nd Bn 45 Inf Regt. 25 Sept. at Messina. C.O. Col Petriccioli

1. Yes

2. No

3. At the time of the inspection they were moving their ration store-room. From the appearance of the ration room it will be cool and well ventilated.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. Kitchen is screened. Ration room and mess room requires screening. No other fly precautions taken.

6. Disposed of at the city garbage dump.

7. Kitchen was clean and tidy. Mess room was very dirty. Mess tables were dirty and greasy.

8. Wood, supplied with rations.

9. Bread was well made. Weight 441 grms.

10. Yes ration issued daily on morning parade state.

11. Take rations with them in ~~xxf~~ food containers.

12. Hauled away to city dump

13. Yes

14. No.

15. It was midafternoon at the time of the inspection did not see a meal served.

16. There are none.

17. Eight one ton trucks, 1 three ton truck on loan from ACC. One motorcycle and 1 staff car.

18. Vehicles were not clean and poorly maintained. This unit has no mechanics. At the time of the inspection they had one on loan from MHS (12 Corps).

19. Five. Lack of parts.

20. Indents. At the present time they are taking spare parts

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9. Bread was well made. Weight 441 grms.

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11. Take rations with them in ~~mff~~ food containers.

12. Hauled away to city dump

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20. Indents. At the present time they are taking spare parts from the ones that are laid up to keep the four on the road.

21. No

22. Three men of 15 day course at the driving school, Caltanissetta

23. Walk.

24. Yes

25. Yes. POLdump located in a room. There was gas and oil on the floor and no fire ~~fgk~~ fighting equipment available. (b) No (c) Yes (d) No.

26. Yes. Issued on basis of authorized trip tickets.

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27. Men looked cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good

30. Yes

31. No.

32. Unit Commander stated that the shortage of transport was making it difficult to get food and personnel around to all the various guard detachments of the Bn in areas which they are guarding British installations, and transport for various duties also stated that each soldier has but one shirt and about 50% are worn out. Shoes are badly in need of repair, but when he puts in a request for shoe repair ~~machine~~ it arrives so late at the Bn that the shoes are beyond repair. We invited Military Hq of Sicily attention to these complaints for correction.

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C. (continued)
Inspected Military Bakery at Palermo 27 Sept and found books in good condition, but unsanitary and a fire hazzard. Invited MHS attention to correct the latter two.

E. 1. (continued)
Upon inspection of the civilian military bakery and pasta factory at Reggio it was found that both establishments are still using the old accounting system. The books are not balanced except every 15 days. The D.D. O.C. stated that the above deficiencies were due to a shortage of forms. He also stated he had never received a copy of the New Accounting Procedure pamphlet or forms Register of Rations demand and Register of Issues of Ration. He was directed to put new accounting system into effect at once. This office is sending the Depot 2 copies of the new accounting procedure. Pasta Factory was issuing macaroni direct to the units. It was recommended that the macaroni would be turned over to the D.D's and issued from there. This office is sending a man this week to be permanently stationed at the D.D. and to correct the above deficiencies right away. The Pasta Factory is also making pasta for other D. Depots in Calabria.

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SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 22 Sept 1944 REPORT NO. 11

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

1. Not Applicable 2. None

3. Not Applicable 4. None

5. Not Applicable 6. See items 3 & 4 above.

7. No handover during period covered by this report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. None

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). Depot visited D.D. at Caltanissetta

1. Yes 2. Yes

3. Yes 4. Yes

5. No 6. Yes

7. Yes 8. No. outdoor stacks.

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is generally neat and tidy on the inside. There has been a big improvement of the ground around the depot since the last report. The grounds have been cleared of refuse and hauled away.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot.

15. Orders for sentries have been posted since last inspection.

16. Fire precautions adequate. No telephone.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes 2. Yes 3. None

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food). Depot visited D.D. at Caltanissetta

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes

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12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot.

15. Orders for sentries have been posted since last inspection.

16. Fire precautions adequate. No telephone.

17. I spot checked namely macaroni, coffee and flour. It was found the actual stock on hand agreed with the stock book balance. The new Accounting System is being used and is accurate and up to date.

18. (a) Two (b) Two

19. No.

20. Not applicable

21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

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E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stack Cards, Tally Cards, and depot stock records at Caltanissetta are in good shape at present time.

2. Checked the ration strengths of the 16 Arty Hq. & Srd Gp as recorded in Food Depot accounts, later when inspecting the 16 Arty Hq. & Srd Gp found that the ration strength was correct.

3. Yes

4. Not applicable

5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit visited - 16 Arty Regt Hq & Srd Gp Caltanissetta - C.O. Col Chiappini.

1. Yes

2. No

3. Yes, neat and tidy. A great improvement over last inspection.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

5. No. An excessive amount of flies were noted in the kitchen and mess hall. Ration storeroom was screened in with canvas.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen and mess hall were thoroughly clean. Mess tables were clean, except food has been collecting in the cracks of the tables over a period of time, which was brought to the attention of the O.C. A great improvement over last inspection.
8. Wood is used as fuel for cooking.

9. Yes. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was approximately 442 grms.

10. Yes

11. Rations are taken with the men.

12. Collected by contractor.daily

13. Yes

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2. No

3. Yes, neat and tidy. A great improvement over last inspection.

4. (a) Yes (b) No

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8. Wood is used as fuel for cooking.

9. Yes. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was approximately 442 grms.

10. Yes

11. Rations are taken with the men.

12. Collected by contractor.daily

13. Yes

14. No

15. Yes, macaroni, vienna sausage and vegetable salad. The food was well cooked.

16. No left overs.

17. Unit has 14 large trucks all of which are in running order, tires are unreliable . Also 9 motorcycles and 18 Artillery Tractors(Prime Movers), one German armour car which is used for riot duty and one staff car which is used by C.O.

18. Vehicles are clean and well maintained.

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19. None

20. Spare parts are obtained from wrecked trucks.

21. No

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F. (continued)

22. Unit conducts driving school for all Italian Units in Sicily.

23. By walking.

24. Yes

25. a.Yes b. Yes c. Yes. Sentries are posted. d. Buckets of sand and water, consider adequate for small POL Store, provided since last inspection.

26. POL is issued on basis of Trip Tickets.

27. Men looked very cheerful and alert.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. There is avery high standard of discipline in this unit.

30. Officers set a very good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No

32. Col Chiappini, Unit C.O., stated the men needed socks badly as the present ones are completely worn out. This matter has been brought to the attention MMS to be supplied from ITI sources,if possible
33. No further remarks.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

No visits in reference to S & T made during period covered by this report.

H. GENERAL.

1. In accordance with instruction from MMIA Ref A2/63 dated 6 Sept '44, have schooled and trained three of the EM sent me and this week sent them to the depots. From early reports received from them they are correcting a number of discrepencies. So far their work has been very satisfactory and they will assist greatly in getting the required reports on accounting in promptly.

2. Ref Par 9 your ST/72 dated 16 Sept. To expedite the delivery of the Rations Issue Notes to you, have instructed these EM to collect them at the depots and bakeries and forward them to me. At Reggio will ascertain the most expeditious method, this week, to be forwarded to you. Probably direct thru Allied mail

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28. Respectful and obedient.

29. There is every high standard of discipline in this unit.

30. Officers set a very good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No

32. Col Chiappini, Unit C.O., stated the men needed socks badly as the present ones are completely worn out. This matter has been brought to the attention MHS to be supplied from ITI sources, if possible
33. No further remarks.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

No visits in reference to S & T made during period covered by this report.

H. General.

1. In accordance with instruction from MMIA Ref Ao/69 dated 6 Sept '44, have schooled and trained three of the EM sent me and this week sent them to the depots. From early reports received from them they are correcting a number or discrepencies. So far their work has been very satisfactory and they will assist greatly in getting the required reports on accounting in promptly.

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SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.18
2. Weekly Location Report No.13
3. Weekly S & T Report No.9

TO : GOC Army Sub Commission (AMLA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 9 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.18, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. — G

b Weekly Location Report No.13, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44. — 2691 Co.

c Weekly S & T Report No.9, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944. — ST

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily. — ST

PETER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Lm Log No.18 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.13 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.9.

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MMIA S&I SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 3 Sept 44 REPORT NO. 9

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

1. 105,950 lbs Flour ex Ship (Domenico Padre)on 2 Sept 44. 61,440 lbs Flour ex Ship (Salvatore) on 3 Sept 44. Shipping Order # SOS - SO- GM - I - 3795.

2. 240,000 lbs Flour ex Navy Depot. Shipping Order # SOS - SO - GM - I - 3795.

3. See items 1 & 2 above.

4. None

5. No markings on flour

6. Good

7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Authority has now been received by M.H.S. from M/W , Ref No. 9051/1/Sussistenza, to ship canned spread to Taranto, Bari and Naples within Movement program for week 11 to 17 September.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depots visited - Bulk & Distribution Depot at Palermo. Note: Palermo Bulk Depot is being discontinued.

1. Yes

2. Yes.

3. Stack tally cards are in existence and were found accurate and up to date.

4. Yes

5. No

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5. No markings on flour

6. Good

7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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3. Stack tally cards are in existence and were found accurate and up to date.

4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes

7. Yes

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8. No outdoor stacks

9. Broken stocks are issued first

10. Stocks unfit for human consumption were destroyed by Analysis Commission on 6 Sept 44. Stocks are securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. Stacks are orderly. Dunnage not in use was neatly stacked. In the rear of the Distribution Depot there was a lot of trash scattered around. The O.C. said he would have a pit dug and bury the trash.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

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14. Sentries are posted and some personnel live in Depot. Considered adequate.

15. No.

16. Yes, telephone No. Palermo 17937

17. I spot checked stocks of coffee, sugar and vienna sausage and found that they were in substantial agreement with the stock record balance. An overage of 155 lbs sugar was found which was picked up on their stock record account. Shortage 144 lbs vienna sausage and 55 lbs coffee. The shortage on V. sausage is less than ½ of 1 % and on coffee one thirteenth of one percent.

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19. No.

20. Yes

21. No.

D. Physicel Warehousing Position (POL) No POL Dumps located in Sicily

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Tally cards, register of indents are in order at the present time. Stock record cards were not in order at the time of inspection. See C 17.

2. No unit inspected this week. See F below.

3. See 2 above.

4 & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

No unit has been inspected this week due to receiving a large shipment of flour and illness of one officer.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats etc.

20. Yes

21. No.

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3. See 2 above.

4 & 5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy.

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G. Visits to Head or Sector Commissariato.

None during the period covered by this report.

H. General

Nothing further to report.

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8 Sept 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.17
2. Weekly Location Report No.12
3. Weekly S & T Report No.8

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 2 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.17, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 3 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.12, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - location reports, dated 7 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.8, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch G.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch G.I. No.8 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

LESTER P ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Li Log No.17 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.12 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.8

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MMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 1 Sept 44 REPORT NO. 8

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

No items under this heading are applicable during the period under report.

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Shipments of canned spread to other depots on the Mainland has been programmed for several weeks now, but the local D/C has not yet received authority and despatch instructions from M/W. This matter has been reported in each weekly report and we have also sent two cables to your Hq. asking that you expedite action from your end. I have tried to get D/C to make this shipment without waiting for this authority using our cables as the necessary instructions but he exhibits a natural reluctance to ship any food supplies out of the island without definite instructions from M/W.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - Bulk & D D at Catania.

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Stack tally cards are in existence and in use and upon observation were found accurate and up to date.

4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes

7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

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4. Yes

5. No

6. Yes

7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is clean and tidy. Stacks are orderly. Loose stores are held in fly-proof boxes with cloth covers. Dunnage not in use was neatly stacked.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. No.

16. Yes, telephone number reported in previous report.

17. I spot checked stocks of sugar, coffee and pasta and found that they were in substantial agreement with the stock record balance. The correct use of tally cards in this depot facilitated the physical

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inventory of stocks. The books are not customarily balanced except every 15 days so it was necessary to accumulate the amount issued in accordance with indents and deduct this from the last available book balance. As mentioned above the records and stock work in agreement.

16. (a) Four (b) Two

19. No.

20. Yes

21. No

D. Physical Warehousing position(POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Tally cards, register of indents and stock records seem to be in order at present time, however, as mentioned above, stock records are only balanced every 15 days.

2. Could not check ration strength when we visited 2nd Bn 46 Inf Regt this week because rations are drawn for the Regt as whole.

3. Yes

4. & 5 Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 2nd Bn 46 Inf Regt. Palermo, Commanded by Major Bassanetti.

1. Yes

2. No.

3. Yes. Very neat and tidy.

4. (a) Yes (b) No.

5. The ration store requires screening. All opened foods kept covered.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Up to normal Italian Standards.

8. Wood supplied by Commissary.

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6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Up to normal Italian standards.

8. Wood supplied by Commissary.

9. The bread made in the area is still soggy and heavy. Wt. 440 grms.

10. Yes. Rations issued daily on moring parade state.

11. Take rations with them

12. Collected daily by civilian contractor.

13. Yes

14. No

15. Yes. Usual pasta potato & veg soup, Looked quite appetizing and and feeding this was followed by fresh fruit.

16. There are none.

17. Two on loan from Regt HQ.

18. Yes

19. Nil. If any breakdown replaced by Regt. HQ.

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F. (continued)

19. Nil. If any breakdown ,replaced by Regt. Hq.

20. Not applicable.

21. No difficulties about drawing what is allocated but Col Struffi, Commanding 46 Inf Regt, states the allocation is not enough to carry out all the duties the Regt. has to perform.

22. Yes. ~~22~~ Five men of 15 day course at the Driving School , Caltanisset

23. Officers live in billets outside barrack. Those who are not within walking distance use municiple transport.

24. Yes

25. No. All petrol kept at Regt Hq dump

26. Yes. Work Ticket in use.

27. Men look quite cheerful and energetic

28. Respectful.

29 Good. This Bn seems to be kept in good trim.

30. All officersI met were shaved and smartly dressed.

31. No.

32. The Col Commanding 46 Regt and the OC of 2nd Bn both stated they were very short of disinfectants and AL 63. This matter has already been taken up with M.H.S. about the 1st Bn.
The Col also stated that the men were getting in a very bad state for boots and clothes. Indents had been submitted to M.H.S. They had replied that all items demanded were not available.

33. The Regt HQ and the 3rd Bn have also been inspected by Capt Craig and it appears, to him, to be quite an erricient set up. The Regt has a cinema in their Hq and are also running a band. This is the first time I have found the Italian officer doing anything for the Welfare of their men.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

On Saturday, 26 Aug, I discussed with the D/C the acquisition of

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31. No.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

On Saturday, 26 Aug, I discussed with the D/C the acquisition of buildings in Catania so that both a Bulk and D.D. could be set up there. We discussed the number of rations that were drawn by the Navy and control exercised to see that they did not overdraw. We also discussed methods to be used in the coming conference on accounting methods on 28 Aug.
On Friday, 1 Sept, I again visited D/C and we discussed among other things the new reorganization as outlined in instructions from MMIA setting up the T/O for commissary units. We also asked D/C to furnish us a complete register of all rations indents for the month of August, so that we can check these against ration books or ration returns.

H. General In our discussions the matter of loss of weight of flour in sacks due to shipping was discussed. This matter is particularly important when flour is delivered to the bakery. It was suggested that all flour shipped to the bakery be checked weighed and a record of deficienies found be kept. This record will enable the loss of weight to be written off the accounting records.

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GEORGE L FOSSETT
Major C.E. S&T L O Sicily

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SUBJECT: Torches

'S & T' MMIA.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E.,
AQ/12/1
18 September 44

Recd 19 Sep

File ST/ 75/31

TO: MMIA LO SICILY

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Ref weekly S & T Report No.7 dated 27 Aug.

Torches & batteries are not an authorized issue, and are NOT available from Italian sources.

Application should be made by the employing unit for issues from Allied sources.

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F.A. COLE, Major
for Lt.Colonel
AA/QMG
Military Mission Italian Army

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27 Aug 1944

No.868

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.16
2. Weekly Location Report No.11
3. Weekly S & T Report No.7

To : COC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 26 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.16, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.11, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location reports, dated 2 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.7, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 of 6 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

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LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.16 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.11 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.7

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AMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 25 Aug 1944 REPORT No. 7

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

1. Not applicable.

2. None

3. Not applicable.

4. None

5. Not applicable.

6. See items 3 & 4 above.

7. No handover during this period.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Satisfactory at present.

2. Yes.

3. Shipment of 212,844 lbs canned spread to other depots on the Mainland has bee programmed. Director of Commissary office is still awaiting authorization from War Ministry to start shipments.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - D D at Caltanissetta

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes

5. No.

6. Yes

7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

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3. Yes

4. Yes

5. No.

6. Yes

7. Yes

8. No outdoor stacks

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9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Depot is generally neat and tidy on the inside. Boxes of loose flour and loose sugar were not properly covered and many flies were present. The outside was very untidy and it smelled as if it had been used for a toilet. The trash should be cleared up and ground raked so that sun can sterlize contaminated sections.

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot Considered adequate.

15. No.

16. Yes, No telephone.

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17. This depot is the only one up to the present time in which records are kept up to date sufficiently accurate to make spot checks of stocks. I checked actual physical stocks against stocks on hand as shown in record books and found discrepancies to be less than one tenth of one percent which I consider to be very good. Caltanissetta Depot is now in charged of S. Ten. La Rosa. Items checked were flour, sugar and pasta.

18. (a) Two (b) Two

19. No.

20. Not applicable.

21. No.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Yes. Stock cards, tally cards, and depot stock records at Caltanissetta are in good shape at present time.

2. Could not check ration strength when we visited 3rd. Bn 46 Inf Regt this week because rations are drawn for the Regt as a whole.

3. Yes

4. Not applicable

5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. 3rd. Bn. 46 Inf Regt. Palermo Commanded by Captain PARISI.

1. Yes.

2. No. There did not appear to be an excessive amount of swill.

3. Could be cleaner but quite cool and well ventilated.

4. (a) Yes (b) No.

5. No. An excessive amount of flies were noted in the Ration Store and recommendations were made for fly-proofing and cleaning.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

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4. Not applicable

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4. (a) Yes (b) No.

5. No. An excessive amount of flies were noted in the Ration Store and recommendations were made for fly-proofing and cleaning.

6. Collected daily by contractor.

7. Kitchen cleanest seen yet. No Mess Room.

8. Wood supplied with rations.

9. Unable to examine bread as daily rations from Regt HQ had not arrived and all previous days had been consumed.

10. Yes. Actual strengths are sent to the ration store by the Bn HQ office every morning taken from parade state. Strength of Bn. 891: Strength of Bn HQ 319: Strength on Det for guard duties 572.

11. Large Det do their own cooking and smaller ones are supplied cooked food from HQ.

12. Collected daily by contractor.

13. Yes. He was at Regt HQ drawing rations.

14. No.

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15. Yes. Up to Italian standards.

16. There are none.

17. Two on loan from Regt HQ and one Motorcycle.

18. Fair

19. Motorcycle was off the road for lack of tires.

20. Indents and repair done by Regt HQ.

21. Yes. There had been a shortage at Regt. HQ. Reason unknown.

22. Yes. Six men attending Driving School at Caltanissetta.

23. All officer live in barracks.

24. Yes.

25. No. All petrol and lubricants drawn from Regt. HQ.

26. Work Tickets used each journey must be authorized by an officer.

27. Appeared quite cheerful, happy, and clean.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. Good.

30. All were quite smart and shaved.

31. No. O.C. states unit is quite happy.

32. The O.C. suggested that this canned butter should be issued with a certain amount of oil at a rate of 20 grms of butter and 8 grms of oil daily. This would give them oil for salads. He also stated that the unit was very short of soap. I explained to him that every endeavor was being made to manufacture soap on the island. He also asked if torches and batteries could be supplied for the guards ?

33. The O.C., Capt Parisi, has just recently taken over this Bn and appears to be making quite a good job of it. It is unusual for a Captain to command a Bn, and I presume that this officer will be promoted to Major in the near future.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

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30. All were quite smart and shaved.

31. No. O.C. states unit is quite happy.

32. The O.C. suggested that this canned butter should be issued with a certain amount of oil at a rate of 20 grms of butter and 8 grms of oil daily. This would give them oil for salads. He also stated that the unit was very short of soap. I explained to him that every endeavor was being made to manufacture soap on the island. He also asked if torches and batteries could be supplied for the guards ?

33. The O.C., Capt Parisi, has just recently taken over this Bn and appears to be making quite a good job of it. It is unusual for a Captain to command a Bn, and I presume that this officer will be promoted to Major in the near future.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

No visits to Director of Commissary, during the period covered by this report, as he was away on reconnaisance re supply depots in the eastern section of the island.

H. General

We are still waiting for the arrival of 30 copies of the new accounting procedure pamphlet. Tenative date set for conference with officers at Palermo is August 28th.

See reverse for additional remarks.

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H. General (continued)

During our visit to the Caltanissetta DD we found an indent marked from C.R.I. at Caltanissetta. Upon questioning it was determined that this indent for a total of 169 rations per day comprised 97 Military Patients and a staff of 72 C.R.I. Upon further questioning we were told that this C.R.I. personnel were militarized and were serving in this civilian hospital. It was stated that of this 72 some were Nuns and two were femmale nurses. Later we questioned the Director of the Commissary as to his authority for such issues to C.R.I. personnel. We were told that on 22 Aug he had received from M/W a letter giving the authority for issue of rations for period of 10 - 24 Aug. In this letter there was a specific note that no C.R.I. personnel were to be fed. The only possible exception to this exclusion are CRI personnel in Military hospitals. He stated that this exclusion of CRI personnel had not been previously set forth in letters from W/M giving authority for the issue of rations. I checked several previous letters of authority and found his statement to be true, namely that CRI personnel were not excluded from those authorized to be fed. Immediate steps were taken to clear up this very confused situation and orders issued that no further CRI personnel were to be fed except those in Military hospitals. At the present time there are only two military hospitals with the Italian Army in Sicily; one in Palermo and one in Catania. One factor that has been leading to this confusion is the method of designating medical personnel with Italian Army as CRI. It is very difficult to determine if CRI personnel are really entitled to military rations. In the future we will hold very strictly to the policy of only feeding CRI personnel that are on duty in Italian Military hospitals.

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F. Units' Interior Economy. Report on visit to 16th Arty Regt'l HQ. & 3rd Gp at Caltanissetta on 22 Aug 44. C.O. of 16th Arty Regt. - Col. Leonardi.

1. Yes.

2. No.

3. Unit ration stores are fairly orderly but there were too many flies around in the storeroom and storeroom floor was dirty.

4. Cooks are medically inspected at regular intervals. None are receiving treatment for VD or any contagious disease.

5. No.

6. Collected by contractor.

7. Kitchensare old and not too clean. This is the first place in which it was observed that mess tables in a regular messroom were being used. However these mess tables were not clean and the floor of the messroom was dirty.

8. Wood is used as fuel for cooking. — a number

9. Bread appeared to be well made and was light in texture. Several loaves were weighed and the average weight was approximately 450 grms.

10. Yes.

11. Lunches are made up for the men to carry with them.

12. Food cans are taken away by civilians.

13. Unit Mess Officer is S.Ten. De Quarti.

14. No.

15. No.

16. No leftovers.

17. Unit has 14 large trucks all of which are serviceable and in running order, however, tires are beginning to be very unreliable. In addition they have 18 Artillery tractors (prime movers) which are in good condition. There are also several motorcycles, which are serviceable, a staff car, for the use of the Commanding Officer, and also a captured German armor car, which is used for riot duty. ?

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18. Vehicles are clean and very well maintained. The standard of vehicle maintenance in this unit is the highest that I have seen in any unit that I have visited of the Italian Army.

19. None

20. Spare parts as needed are obtained by cannibalization from wrecked trucks.

21. No.

22. Unit conducts driving school for all Italian Army units in Sicily.

23. By walking.

24. Yes

25. Unit has underground tanks for storage of petrol and deisel fuel. They are properly safeguarded but it has been suggested that additional fire precautions in the form of sand in buckets be provided near pumps.

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26. POL is issued on the basis of trip tickets/

27. Men looked very alert and cheerful.

28. Respectful and obedient.

29. There is a very high standard of discipline in this unit.

30. Officers set a very good example in dress, personall cleanliness and general bearing.

31. No.

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33. No further remarks.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Reports.

Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROMA.
ST/75/5.
27 August 44.

MMIA LO, SICILY.

Your Report No.4 refers.

H. General.

i. Arrangements re Italian Navy noted.

ii. It is confirmed the issue of 2 ozs additional meat to heavy manual workers is NOT now permissible under the new scale of rations.

iii (a) Your remarks noted. This situation is fairly general.
Our view agrees with yours that Italian officers concerned i.e., Commissariato (Sussistenza) etc., are Not active enough in exploring local resources. Request you try to instil some principles of "Men first, Officers second" and general man management into Commissariato and unit officers.

(b) Is full use being made of AFHQ (Sicilian) Board and Food Supply Committee to discover available surpluses in Sicily ?
Consider you should be member of Committee to discuss and support bids submitted to Board by Italian Army authorities in Sicily and that an Italian officer be coopted to attend meetings as necessary.
All bids should be submitted to you by Italians in first instance for screening and justification of need, you passing on to Board.

(c) Foregoing felt to be only way by which Italians can get proper representation of needs and stand reasonable chance of getting the goods. Any other way leads to indiscriminate buying, tending to raise price levels.

(d) Suggest you discuss with Chairman IR (Sicilian) Board, presumably Brig. BUS Cripps, Comi 56 Area Catania and advise us results.

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ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMLA).

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Army Sub Commission ACC
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APO 394

No.629 30 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.13
2. Weekly Location Report No.10
3. Weekly S & T Report No.6

To : CGC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 19 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.13, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 6 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.10, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.6, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, for your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 6 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

"S & T" MMIA

Reed 7 Sep 43 Army

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Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.13 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.10 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.6

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AMMIA S&T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

SECTOR SICILY WEEK ENDING 18 Aug 44 REPORT No. 6

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

1. Not applicable
2. None.
3. Not applicable
4. None
5. Not applicable
6. See items 3 & 4 above.
7. Yes.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Satisfactory at present.
2. Yes
3. Shipment of 212,844 lbs canned spread to other depots on the Mainland has been programmed. Director of Commissary office is now awaiting authorization from War Ministry to start shipments.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot Visited - D.D. Palermo

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. No outdoor stacks

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8. No outdoor stacks

9. Broken stocks are issued first.

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Yes

12. None at present as no vermin are present.

13. Yes

14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

15. No.

16. Yes

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17. It was impossible to make spot checks because books were only balanced every ten days and figures were not up to date when we visited.

18. (a) Two (b) Two

19. No.

20. Yes

21. No

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No POL Dumps located in Sicily.

E. Accounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. No.

2. Could not check ration strength when we visited 1st Bn 46 Inf Regt this week because rations are drawn for the Regt as a whole.

3. Yes

4. Not applicable

5. Not applicable

F. Units' Interior Economy. 1st Bn 46 Inf Regt. Palermo visited.

1. Yes

2. No. There appeared to be very little swill in the bins.

3. Yes. Ration are drawn daily from Regt HQ. So it is only a small store and there was no stock on hand.

4. (a) Yes (b) No.

5. No netting was used but all open food was kept covered up.

6. There appears to be very little but what there is is collected daily by a contractor.

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9. Fair - still rather heavy. New Wt now 440 grams checked and found correct.

10. Yes. Issue book is kept showing number of rations issued for each meal.

11. Small groups that are on local guard.duties. The cooked meal is sent round to them. Larger groups draw the ration daily and cook for themselves.

12. Collected daily by civilian contractors.

13. Yes

14. No. Located in center of town

15. Yes. Looked quite wholesome and appetising.

16. There are none.

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F. (continued)

17. One at present broken down with engine trouble.

18. Yes.

19. One.

20. None required.

21. No vehicle fills tanks at Regt HQ POL Dump.

22. Yes at Driving School, Caltanissetta.

23. Officers all live in the Barracks.

24. Yes.

25. No (See 21 above)

26. Yes

27. Men appeared to be quite bright and cheerful and clean.

28. Men appeared to be respectful.

29. Good.

30. Yes

31. No.

Wired 23/8/43 Maj Heggie to see

32. The Unit Commander stated that the shortage of transport was making it very difficult to get food and personnel round to all the various Guard detachments of the Bn in area which are guarding British installations. He also asked if the issue of AL 63 and disinfectants would be expediated as they had recently moved into these barracks and they were dirty and lousy. An indent had been submitted in the normal way through Regt HQ but nothing had yet come to hand.

33. The Unit is short of wood for fuel. The reason being that there are a number of detachments all doing their own cooking for this reason the OC requested an extra issue.

G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

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Date of visit	Points raised	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
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15 August		Discussed reorganization of depots as suggested in letter from MMIA. Discussed issue of canned spread. Director of Commissary was informed that canned spread would be issued in lieu of olive oil. D/C asked if it was to be at the same rate as olive oil is now issued, namely 10 grms per ration. He was informed that the issue per ration would be 28 grms. Also discussed the shipment of canned spread to Taranto. D/C asked if this might be shipped by schooner but it was latter determined that no schooner was available. At the present time D/C is waiting for authorization from W/M to make the shipment as set out in cables from MMIA.	

H. General.

We are still waiting for the arrival of 30 copies of the new accounting procedure pamphlet. Tenative date set for conference with Italian officers at Palermo is Aug 28th . Request that every effort be made to see that copies of pamplets arrive by this date.

On order by SCA

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
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6 Aug 1944

No. 5357

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.13
2. Weekly Location Report No.3
3. Weekly S & T Report No.4

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 5 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.13, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.3, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No. 4, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 5 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

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Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: 1. Weekly LN Log No.13 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.3 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.4.

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

SECTOR SICILY . WEEK ENDING 4 AUG 44 . REPORT N° 4

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	1. Not applicable.
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	2. None
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	3. Not applicable.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	4. Completed transfer of 150 tons of Canned Meat from ACC stocks on Sunday, 30 July. Started to pick up Canned Spread from ACC stocks on Tuesday 1 August. So far Italian Army has not shown much cooperation in correcting deficiencies which made movement of canned meat such a long drawn out process. Letter has been written to C.G. M.H.S. regarding above.
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	5. Not applicable.
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	6. (i) Poor (ii) Terrible.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7. Yes

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

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Is Food Stocks position for your Sector satisfactory at time of writing, and if not, how not?	1. Satisfactory at present. News of food shipments from Taranto was received during past week and it is very encouraging.
2. Is POL position ditto?	2. Yes.
3. What Despatches to other Sectors have been programmed in period under report, and how have they progressed?	3. None

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?

1. Generally, yes. Some improvement can be made.

2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?

2. Yes.

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

3. In two small depots recently opened at Messina and Syracuse stock tally cards are not being used at present.

4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?

4. Yes.

5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?

5. Goods are being marked with approx W/E dates in accordance with instructions contained ST B.O.I. No.6.

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

6. Yes.

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

7. Yes.

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

8. No outdoor stacks.

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

9. Broken stocks are always issued first.

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

10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

11. Yes.

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	12. Small kitten was kept at Syracuse Depot.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	13. Yes.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

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

15. At the Syracuse and Messina Depots orders for sentry were not posted but this matter is being attended to now.

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

16. At the Syracuse and Messina Depots fire precautions were not considered adequate. Have arranged provision of two buckets of sand and two buckets of water to be placed in each room. Telephones Messina 11673: Syracuse None.

17. "Spot check"?

17.

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
Flour(Messina)	857 Kg.	
Sugar(Messina)	92 Kg.	
Flour(Syracuse)	660 Kg.	
Sugar(Syracuse)		21 Kg.

Remarks:- Records at both Messina and Syracuse Depots were in such a chaotic state that it is impossible to tell whether these apparent surpluses and deficiencies are real or are only bookkeepping errors. It is hoped that the new standard SUPPLY ORGANIZATION AND ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS will correct these deficiencies.

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

18.(a) Two 2½ ton trucks per hour.

(b) One 2½ ton truck per hour.

19. Any labour problems?

19. No.

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

20. Yes.

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

21. No.

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B. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

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

1. No POL Depots in Sicily.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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E. Accounting Position (Food &

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order,& what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks – tally cards – depot stock records – procedure for accounting adjustment of discrepancies)?	1. As stated under item 17 Section C records at both Messina and Syracuse D.D. left much to be desired.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	2. This item was not checked during period under report.
3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	3. Yes.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not applicable.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits consuming units concerned?	5. Not applicable.

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accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?

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

3. Yes.

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

4. Not applicable.

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

5. Not applicable.

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F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit visited was 3rd. Bn of 45th Inf Regt. located at Syracuse. C.O. Major Petacchi.

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

1. Yes.

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

2. No. Food is served direct from cookhouse to soldiers.

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

3. Yes.

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	4. Yes, by Medical Officer ~~xx~~ in presents of Mess Officer. No cooks are receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease.
5. Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satisfactory?	5. Generally, yes. Fly-proof bread boxes had been made and were in use in the Mess storeroom.
6. How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	6. By dumping into the sea.
7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	7. Cookhouse was reasonably clean. No Mess Room.
8. What fuel is used for cooking?	8. Wood purchasedfrom civilians.
9. Is the bread well made? Did you check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt = 300 grammes)	9. Yes, of good quality. Ten loaves were weighed and they averaged 410 grms. each. This seemed to be the only increase in putting the new ration scale in use in this unit.
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitc[illegible] properly controlled basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	10. Yes - rations are issued by the meal from the ration store on the actual strength in camp at that time.
11. How are men fed who [illegible] away from unit all day on duty?	11. Haversack rations are carried with the men.
12. Are food cans buried burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	12. Civilians from town remove waste cans daily.
13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	13. Yes, 2nd Lt. Falchi.
14. Does the unit try to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	14. No opportunity.
15. Did you see a meal served?	15. Arrived too late at Syracuse to see a

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

14. No opportunity.

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

15. Arrived too late at Syracuse to see a meal served due to car difficulties. We did see what was issued to one of the clerks at a late meal and it appears that very few fresh vegetables were used.

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

16. There are none.

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

17. Total of nine small vehicles of which four are serviceable.

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

18. Fair

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

19. Five are off the road .

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

20. Demands have been submitted to Div HQ.

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

21. No.

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22. Is unit training any drivers?	22. No need - no petrol - no cars. //
23. If officers live away from unit, how do they get to and fro between unit & billets?	23. All officers live in building opposite barracks.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated drive ?	24. Yes.
25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	25. a Yes. b Yes. c No, doors are not locked. d No fire precautions at present but instructions have been issued to improvised them.
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorised Trip chits (Work Tickets)? If not, what is the system?	26. Work tickets are used.
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	27. The men seem clean and cheerful.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	28. Satisfactory.
29. What is the standard of discipline?	29. Fair.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	30. Yes.
31. Did you hear or note	31. No.

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

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29. What is the standard of discipline?

29. Fair.

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

30. Yes.

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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?

31. No.

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

32. Unit Commander would like to have the amount of olive oil issued be raised to the former standard of issue, 28 grms. instead of the present 10 grms. Do not

33. Any further remarks?

33. General standard of unit seems to be very satisfactory.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
No visits were made to Head of Sector Commissariats because Major Fossett was in the Eastern part of the Island during practically the whole period and Capt. Craig was in Rome.			

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

Conference was held with C/S Italian Navy in Sicily at Messina on 1 August. Complete arrangements were made for the Navy to setup their own Distributing Depots and to have Army issue only in bulk to the Navy through these whses. This operation will commence with the period 10 August to 24 August and will continue.

The matter of issuing an additional two ounces of meat for men engaged in heavy manual labor, said additional being furnished by unit employing the labor, has been brought up in reference to the new ration scale. This office has made the temporary decision that with the new ration scale in effect no additional issues as before stated will be made. Request that this decision be confirmed if it is correct.

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From observations it does not appear to me that the Italian Government is living up to their part of the contract for feeding the army. As is well known olive oil is being furnished at a reduce scale and fresh fruits & fresh vegetables appear to be less than the amount designated. No cases have been observed of Nuts being furnished. It is appreciated that it may be difficult to secure certain items but it is my impression that not enough effort is being made to secure the maximum amounts available. Too much time is spent in hiding behind excuses instead of getting out and looking for the commodities.

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SECTOR Sicily WEEK ENDING 11 Aug '44 REPORT NO. 5

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	1. Not applicable.
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	2. None.
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	3. Not applicable.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	4. Completed transfer of 317,844 lbs. canned spread from ACC stocks on Monday 7 August.
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and /or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	5. Not applicable.
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) Good. (ii) Good. Much improvement. Trucks rented from I.N.T. were used.
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7. Yes

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

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

1. Satisfactory at present.

2. Is POL position ditto?

2. Yes.

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

3. None

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C/ Physical Warehousing Position (Food) Depot visited - CATANIA.

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	1. Generally, yes. Inprovements are being made.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	2. Yes.
3. Are stack tally boards in existence and in use?	3. Tally boards are not being used at present as they should be. This will be remedied when we put Standard Acc't. Procedure in operation.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	4. Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	5. Goods are being marked.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	6. Yes
7. Are mutually cont-taminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	7. Yes
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	8. No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	9. Broken stocks are always issued first.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	10. Small amount of stock awaiting disposal by Analysis Commission is securely held.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes.

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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	12. None at present as no vermin are present.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	13. Yes.
14. What guard arrang-ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate

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

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

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found

Remarks:- Tally boards were up to date but spot check not possible as all books were away with 2nd Lt Lanfredi who is squaring up accounts prior to handing over the depot to 2nd Lt Longo.

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

(a) 4

(b) 2

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19. Any labour problems? — 19. Accountant Sgt. has been provided but no other extra personnel. Any urgent and temporary needs in rush periods are furnished upon demandby

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

20. Yes.

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

21. No.

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E. ACCounting Position (Food & POL Depots)

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks - tally cards - depot stock records - procedure for account: ing adjustment of discrepancies)?	1. We have just received this week the first copy of Standard Accounting Procedeure. We are engaged upon a study of it and as soon as additional copies of it arrive we plan to hold a conference and put it into operation at once. Until this is accomplished all our internal accounting procedures will be very confused as at present.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	2. Capt. Craig checked ration strength of 2nd Gp. 16th Arty Regt. (Sabauda Div) and it appears to be in order.
3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	3. Yes.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not applicable.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	5. Not applicable.

F. Units' Interior Economy. Unit visited was 2nd. Gp. 16th Arty Regt. located at Trapani. C.O. Maj. Fafonotti.

1. In your opinion are	1. Yes.

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concerned?

3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	3. Yes.
4.Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not applicable.
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	5. Not applicable.

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1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	1.Yes.
2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?	2. No. Food is served direct from cookhouse to soldiers.
3. Are units ration store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?	3. Yes.

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4. Are unit cooks medically inspected at regular intervals? Are any cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease?	4. Yes, about every 10 days. No cooks receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease.
5.Are anti fly precautions in ration store, kitchen & mess room satifactory?	5. Yes. Fly-proof compartments to protect open food containers.
6.How is kitchen & mess room waste disposed of?	6. Garbage is disposed of by muncipal authorities
7.Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?	7. Cookhouse is very clean. This is one of the best we have seen in our visits.
6. What fuel is used for cooking?	8. Wood purchased locally. 1 kilo per head.
9. Is the bread well made? Did your check weigh a loaf? (Standard wt - 300 grammes)	9. Bread is well made but seemed just a little heavy. Average wt of loaves was 420 grammes.
10. Are issues from Ration Store to kitchen properly controlled on basis of actual number of mouths to be fed each day?	10. Issued daily on actual strength present.
11. How are men fed who are away from unit all day on duty?	11. Rations are taken with men.
12. Are food cans bundled or burnt to prevent breeding of flies?	12. Collected daily by local municipality.
13. Is ther a Unit Messing Officer appointed?	13. Yes. Lt. Sartorelli.
14. Does the unittry to augment the ration by growing anything itself?	14. Small vegetable garden for raising onions, tomatoes, cabbages etc.
15. Did your see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	15. The food that was being kept for duty clerks and so forth consisted of [illegible] bread, wine, vegetable

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15. Did your see a meal served? What were your impressions of it?	15. The food that was being kept for duty clerks and so forth consisted of minestrone, bread, wine, vegetable salad & fruit. It appeared to be quite good.
16.Is any attempt made to use up left overs from meals?	16. No left overs.
17.Has unit any Vehicles?	17. Total of 31 vehicles of which 8 are off the road.
18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?	18. Yes
19. How many are off the road as non-runners? Why are they off the road?	19. Most vehicles off the road because of lack tires.
20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?	20. Demands have been submitted to Div Hq.
21. Any difficulties over getting P.O.L.?	21. No.

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22. Is unit training any drivers?	22. Five men have completed course for tractor drivers and m/cycle riders at Caltanissetta.
23. If officer live away from unit, how do they get to and from between unit & billets?	23. Officers who live in private billets in the vicinity travel between unit & billet by foot.
24. Are vehicles properly on charge to a nominated driver?	24. Yes
25. Has unit a POL Store or Dump? If so, is it:- a. Away from other buildings? b. Clean? c. Properly safeguarded? d. Equipped with fire fighting appliances?	25. a Yes. b yes. c yes, by sentry on duty. d No fire precautions at present but instructions have been issued to improvise them.
26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip chits (Work Tickets)? If not, what is the system?	26. Work Tickets are used.
27. Do the men look cheerful & alert, or are they apathetic?	27. The men seem clean and cheerful.
28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	28. Satisfactory.
29. What is the standard of discipline?	29. Fair.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	30. Yes.
31. Did you hear or note anything during your visit which led you to suspect: a. Unrest among personnel (officer & men)?	31. No.

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

26. Work Tickets are used.

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

30. Yes.

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

31. No.

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

32. Unit Commander was not present being absent on duty. Unit feels that their present assignment of mere Guard Duties are too monotonous and would like to have a more active part in the war effort.

33. Any further remarks?

33. None.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you	Action required by M.M.I.A.
6 August.	Discussed new setup of food depots as suggested by MMIA. Dir. of Com. will submit letter with his suggestions. Discussed necessary liaison with ITI Navy Hq. at Messina ref the breakdown of the authorized rations for Navy to be shipped to Navy stores at Messina, Augusta and Trapani. Miscellaneous other matters such as unbalancing shippments in favor of flour as against macaroni, repayment of flour borrowed by D/C from civilians in early part of July to tide over, and the matter of building up a reserve of 30 days supply in the Iskand.		

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

Nothing of general interest to report.

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supply in the island.

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

Nothing of general interest to report.

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2. Weekly Location Report No.7
3. Weekly S & T Report No.3

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a Weekly Liaison Log No.12, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.7, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.3, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O I No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O I No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

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SECTOR SICILY WEEK ENDING 28 July 1944 . REPORT N° 3

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	1.Not Applicable
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	2.None
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report?	3.Not Applicable
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	4.Started to pick up 150 tons of canned meat from ACC stocks on Tuesday, 25 July. Deplorable lack of transportation has made this a long drawn out process, but expect to start picking up canned butter on Monday.
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to ITIs have been adopted?	5. Not Applicable.
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	6. (i) FAIR (ii) FAIR
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	7. Yes

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

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under report?

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

4. Started to pick up 150 tons of canned meat from ACC stocks on Tuesday, 25 July. Deplorable lack of transportation has made this a long drawn out process, but expect to start picking up canned butter on Monday.

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

5. Not Applicable.

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

6. (i) FAIR

(ii) FAIR

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

7. Yes

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

1. Satisfactory at present, but shipments must start at once or we will again be in the soup due to the long period of time necessary to back ship supplies.

2. Is POL position ditto?

2. Yes.

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

3. None.

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	1. Generally, yes. Some improvements can be made.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	2. Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	3. Stock tally cards exist but much improvement in their use is necessary.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	4. Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	5. Not marked on goods from U S sources.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	6. Yes
7. Are mutually cont: aminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	7. Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	8. No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	9. Broken stocks are always issued first.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disp: as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	10. As meat from ACC stocks is being brought in items which are spoiled are being put to one side and the Analysis Commission will meet shortly to pass on them. These stocks of questionable goods are securely held.
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11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes.
12. What anti vermin measures are used?	12. Depots are kept clean and tidy.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft, by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	13. Yes
14. What guard arrange: ments exist, & do you consider them adequate?	14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

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

15. At Catania Depot orders for sentry were not posted but this matter is being attended to now.

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

16. At Catania Depot fire precautions were not considered adequate. Have arranged provision of two buckets of sand and two buckets of water to be placed in each room. Telephones 14459 and 14969.

17. "Spot check"?

17. See remarks.

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Shortages found.

Remarks:- Major Thrupp spot checked three items. No exact details are available but he reports there were defeciencies owing to issues that morning and books not being up to the minute. Usual practice in this depot has been to balance books every ten days. We have not given definite instructions to change this practice because we are still waiting for a copy of the book showing standard accounting procedure as referred to in appendix "E" of Adm Ins No.3 MMIA. When this copy is at hand all depots will be instructed to follow the above mentioned procedure in detail.

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

18. (a) Catania Depot can receive about 5 2½ ton trucks per hour and despatch about three 2½ ton trucks per hour.

(b)

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19. Any labour problems?

19. At Catania Depot escorts are supplied from their T/O of 10 men. when food is shipped to D.D. Application has been made for more personnel including clerk and accountant Sgt.

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19. At Catania Depot escorts are supplied from their T/O of 10 men. when food is shipped to D.D. Application has been made for more personnel including clerk and accountant Sgt.

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

20. Yes, under combined supervision of FFSS and stores reps as well as of escort accompanying individual wagon.

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

21. Vehicle situation is patent but so far no great difficulty has arisen. For gds see 19 above.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL).

1. No POL depots in Sicily.

1. Is the Depot securely protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, &c?	x
2. Is there a guard on during the night? Is it adequate? Do written guard orders exist?	x
3. During Depot closed periods in the daytime is there a duty man there as a protection against theft? If so, has he written orders what to do?	x
4. If there are pumps, what happens to the pump keys at night and during Depot closed periods?	x
5. If ground tanks are in use, have any steps been taken to prevent theft by siphoning?	x
6. Are packed stocks (ie. cans, barrels) properly stacked?	x
7. Is there a tally board in each stack? Are they being used correctly?	x
8. What arrangements exist for checking 'leakers' and decanting	x

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A duty man there as a protection against theft?
If so, has he written orders what to do?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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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)?	1. This item was not checked during period under report.
2. What checks have you made as to whether Ration Strengths as recorded in Food depot accounts are confirmed by visits to units concerned?	2. On 25 July Capt Craig checked the strength of the 30th Mortar Bn, Sabauda Div, and found that for the period 18 July to 28 July they had drawn rations for 600 men and their actual strength was only 580 men. Steps have been taken to see that for a corresponding period a balancing adjustment is made.
3. Have unit Ration Books been produced, & appeared to be in order in respect of units visited?	3. Yes.
4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not applicable
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	5. Not applicable

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4. Have POL depot accounts proved to be internally in order on inspections in period under report?	4. Not applicable
5. What checks have you been able to apply of POL issues as recorded by POL depots by means of visits to consuming units concerned?	5. Not applicable

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F. Units' Interior Economy.

1. In your opinion are rations being used to best advantage?	1. Yes
2. Is there an excessive amount of kitchen & mess room wastage?	2. No. Food is served direct from cookhouse to soldiers
3. Are units ratio store arrangements satisfactory? Clean, cool & well ventilated?	3. Yes

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

4. a Yes, every ten days. b No.

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

5. No except that opened food was dept under cover. They explained that screening was not available.

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

6. A very small quantity and it is removed daily by civilian contractor.

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

7. Cookhouse was reasonably clean. No mess room.

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

8. Wood supplied by the D.D. Caltanissetta.

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

9. a The best I have seen in Sicily up to date.
b Yes, correct 300 grms.

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

10. Yes- rations are issued by the meal from the ration store on the actual strength in camp at that time.

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

11. Haversack rations are carried with the men.

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

12. ~~Xxxx~~ Small cans (P,Meat & Spam) are collected daily by civilian contractor. Large type of cans are cleaned and returned to D.D. Caltanissetta.

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

13. Yes. Lt. Urigu.

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

14. No.

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b Yes, correct 300 grms.

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

10. Yes- rations are issued by the meal from the ration store on the actual strength in camp at that time.

11. How are men fed who are away from unit till end of duty?

11. Haversack rations are carried with the men.

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

12. Small cans (P,Meat & Spam) are collected daily by civilian contractor. Large type of cans are cleaned and returned to D.D. Caltanissetta.

13. Is there a Unit Messing Officer appointed?

13. Yes. Lt. Urigu.

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

14. No.

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

15. Yes. Usual macaroni stew. The men appeared to be getting a fair ration and seemed to be satisfied.

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

16. There are none.

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

17. 15 Spa 39 One ton trucks. 3 M/C.

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

18. Fair. Lubrication poor.

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

19. 8 are off the road, 3 of which are beyond repair.

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

20. Demands have been submitted to Div Hq. Main requirements are springs and rear gear box bearings.

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

21. No, only that petrol issued by Cip is very dirty

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21. (contd) containing as much as 15 litres of water in every 200 litres This is all captured spirit.

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22. Is unit training any drivers?

22. Yes. Five men are sent every 15 days to the Driving School of the Arty Regt. at Caltanissetta.

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

23. All officers live in barracks.

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

24. Yes.

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

25. a No. In shed next to M.T. garage. B Yes
c Locked doors. d No. Recommendations made for move of store and sand buckets.

26. Are issues of POL to vehicles made on basis of duly authorized Trip chits (Work Tickets)?
If no., what is the system?

26. Yes. A Work Ticket issued for every journey which has to be signed by an officer.

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

27. The men seemed quite cheerful and clean.

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

28. As I only saw one officer a complete judgement cannot be given.

29. What is the standard of discipline?

29. Fair.

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

30. See 28 above.

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28. What do you judge to be the relationship between officers and enlisted men?	28. As I only saw one officer a complete judgement cannot be given.
29. What is the standard of discipline?	29. Fair.
30. Do the officers set a good example in dress, personal cleanliness and general bearing?	30. See 28 above.
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?	31. No.
32. Has Unit Commander any complaints or suggestions to make on any matter affecting his unit?	32. This unit has had 7 cases of VD in the last month and the officer reported a shortage of drugs for treatment of same.
33. Any further remarks?	33. No.

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariato.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
	On July 22 we made arrangements to meet with Italian Navy Officers in Messina and discuss matter of Italian Navy setting up warehouses and D.Ds. This will get system of issuing in bulk to Navy working instead of only existing in theory.		
	On July 24 conferred with Col Lo Vecchio, D/C, reference new single ration scale and authorized substitutes for items not available such as macaroni and rice.		

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

Nothing of General Interest to report.

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Maj. C.E.

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SECTOR SICILY WEEK ENDING 21 July 1944 . REPORT No 2 (see par H)

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

1. What new cargoes have been ascertained since last report?	Not applicable
2. What supplies notified for release from Allied depots since last report?	Cables received authorizing release of 150 tons of P. Meat and 160 tons canned spread from ACC stocks in Sicily. Shipping order received instructing PBS to ship us 405,000 lbs of flour. However, we have no notice when this will actually be shipped, and this shipping order may lull us into a false sense of security especially if the ship is delayed.
3. What cargoes have been worked during period under report? (NOT APPLICABLE)	Starting to pick up P.Meat on Monday 0800 hrs 24 July from ACC warehouses.
4. What releases ex Allied depots have been worked during period under report?	
5. Have markings of incoming cargoes during period under report been adequate, and what arrangements for sorting and/or allocation to MFIs have been adopted?	NOT APPLICABLE
6. What have been working conditions in period under report on cargoes and/or releases from Allied Depots in respect of (i) labour (ii) transport?	(i) FAIR (ii) FAIR
7. Has documentation of Handover & creation of official receipts been satisfactory in period under report?	YES

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APPLICABLE)

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

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(i) FAIR

(ii) FAIR

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

YES

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B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

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

1. Food position at present is satisfactory but it was expected that we would have received notice before this of instructions to H/M to ship first 15 day parcel of supplies from Taranto. It was understood that first of regular 15 day requirements would be set up for shipment within 10 days after emergency shipment for 30 days had been made. This is particularly important in view of fact that a partial shipment on the "Cattani G" was 24 days in transit from Taranto to Catania.

2. Is POL position ditto?

2. YES

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

3. NONE

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C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?	1. Generally, yes. Some improvement can be made.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?	2. Yes.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?	3. Stock tally cards exist but much improvement in their use is necessary.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?	4. Yes
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?	5. Not marked on goods from U.S. sources
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	6. Yes
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Onions & Flour).	7. Yes
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	8. No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?	9. No.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	10. Very little stock now on hand awaiting Analysis Report. All stocks securely held.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	11. Yes

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6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	6. Yes
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12. What anti vermin measures are used?	12. Depots are kept clean and tidy.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc?	13. Yes
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	14. Sentries are posted and some depot personnel live in depot. Considered adequate.

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

15. Yes

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

16. Fire precautions are adequate but depots do not have telephones.

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities Checked.	Surpluses found.	Deficiencies found.
Flour-Enna	2,615 lbs	
Fish-Enna	369 lbs	
Luncheon Meat	5 lbs	
Caltanissetta		

Remarks:- Spot check at Enna showed 397 bags of flour at 50 lbs per bag. The stock record showed 7834 kg. or 17,235 lbs leaving a physical surplus of 2,615 lbs. Spot check showed 369 cans of salmon at 1# per can. Stock record showed that none was on hand. Spot check of luncheon meat at Caltanissetta was difficult due to records being absent for audit due to change in officer. Stock cards were not accurate and our check could not be exact.

Recheck of these apparent surpluses at Enna will be made. If they are actual surpluses, they will be taken up on stock record.

When records are available at Caltanissetta additional spot checks will be made.

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

(a) Four

(b) Four

19. Any labour problems?

19. No.

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Fish-Enna	:	369 lbs	:
Luncheon Meat	:	3 lbs	:
Caltanissetta	:		:

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b. Despatches.

(a) Four

(b) Four

19. Any labour problems?

19. No.

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

20. Yes.

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

21. No.

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B. Physical Warehousing Section (POL).

D-POL Warehouses.

NO POL Depots in Sicily.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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If so, does he (Fitter) orders what to do?

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

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

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

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

12. Is Depot on telephone?

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Accounting Position Food &

1. Are Food depot accounts internally in order, & what checks have you made in period under report? (Cf. ground stocks – tally cards – depot stock records – procedure for account: ing adjustment of discrepancies)?

1. Checked accounts of Caltanissetta and Enna depots. ~~Syracusa & Trapani~~.

Food Depot Accounts at Caltanissetta were not present. They were being audited because a new officer was taking over. Accounts at Enna were in a more confused state than previously. It would be a great help if the AMGOT document referred to in Appendix E of Adm. ~~Memo~~ Ins. # 8 could, in fact, be distributed at once.

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

2. On July 17, checked strength of Guardia Finanza in Palermo area. Found it to be correct. On July 20 checked strength of 46 Regt Inf.

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

3. Yes

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

4. Not applicable.

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

5. Not applicable.

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5. Yes

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

4. Not applicable.

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

5. Not applicable.

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F. Units' Interior Economy. 46 Regt HQ. Palermo Comd. by Col. MARCHITTO

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

1. Yes

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

2. No. Meals are served direct from cookhouse to soldiers.

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

3. Yes.

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

4. Yes once every month. Not any of the cooks are receiving treatment for V.D. or any contagious disease.

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

5. No as material for screening is not available, but all exposed and opened food was covered and there did not appear to be an undue number of flies.

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

6. Collected twice daily by civilian contractor Swill containers were reasonably clean.

7. Are kitchen & mess room thoroughly clean?

7. Fair. There is no mess room. Men eat on benches under trees.

8. What fuel is used for cooking?

8. Wood. Obtained by contract through Commissariata Palermo.

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

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11. If any distance away rations are carried. If working locally meal is delivered.

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

12. Collected twice daily by civilian contractor.

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13. Yes. Captain BERTACCHI whose sole job is to look after rations and messing.

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

16. There are none.

17. Has unit any Vehicles?

17. Yes. 42 trucks, 7 M/cycles.

18. Are the vehicles clean and well maintained?

18. FAIR.

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

19. 14 of the trucks are V.O.R., 8 of which are unpairable. 3 of the M/C are also beyond repair. All awaiting spares and tires.

20. What is being done to obtain spare parts?

20. Certain types of spares will be manufactured at the Caproni Aircraft Factory which has just been taken over by the ITI Army. The only other method is by cannibalisation

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

21. No. Except there is a shortage of Heavy Eng oil and Brake Fluid

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22. Is unit training any drivers?

22. No but 30 men are sent every 15 days on a 15 day course at the Driving School of the 16 Arty Regt.

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

23. Officer live in billets in the vicinity of the barracks. Any who live beyond walkable distance use municipal transport.

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

24. Yes.

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

25. Yes. POL Dump. Stock at present 5 bbls petrol and 5 bbls diesel.

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.
(c) Yes, sentry on duty 24 hours day.
(d) No. Recommendations made - as fire extinguishers are not available it was suggested a number of buckets of sand should be placed near dump.

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

26. Yes similiar to American Trip ticket. Every journey made by each vehicles has to be authorised by an officer.

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

27. The men appeared cheerful, clean and energetic.

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

28. Theyexecute their officers orders smartly and quickly.

29. What is the standard of discipline?

29. Good.

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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?

31. NO.

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

32. The colonel of the Regt complained that although he had been demanding socks for his men for the last 4 months through Military Hq. of Sicily none had yet come to hand and his men were entirely without socks of any description. These troops are doing guard duties on Allied installations.

33. Any further remarks?

33. NONE

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G. Visits to Head of Sector Commissariats.

Date of visit.	Points raised.	Action taken by you.	Action required by M.M.I.A.
19 July	(1) Arrangements to pick up 150 tons of canned meat from ACC stocks in Palermo. Action taken by Major Palma.		
	(2) Authorized issue of rations for 15 day periods. I explained new period plan. MMIA should ask W/M to send out more complete instructions when periods are being changed. Also W/M should definitely state that units can ore cannot draw for 30 days, due to lack of transportation.		
	(3) Analysis Commission. I stated that suspected items must be returned to Palermo to be inspected and destroyed.		

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George L. Hossett
Major, C.E.

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WEEKLY S & T REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 15 JULY '44

MONDAY 10 July Major Fossett returned by air from Bari to Palermo. Capt Craig - Routine office work.

TUESDAY 11 July Major Fossett discussed with Col Albert and Capt Craig matters on which information had been obtained at Main Hq. Contacted Major Thrupp as to arrangements to distribute food supplies arriving in Messina.

WEDNESDAY 12 July Moved office from former IBS Hq to 8 Via Bari. Most of day spent in setting up new office.

THURSDAY 13 July Capt Craig arranged meeting between Navy and XII Corps officers to view former Base Ordnance Depot (formerly the Caproni ~~Depot~~ Aircraft works) and discuss turning it back to the Italians.

Major Fossett conferred with ACC officers in reference to availability of canned meat from ACC stocks in Sicily.
Half day off in afternoon.

FRIDAY 14 July Major Fossett inspected bulk and distributing depots in Palermo. They were found to be neat and orderly but no supplies had yet been received of the amount sent from Taranto on 8 July.

In afternoon Major Fossett and Capt Craig compiled stock state report for transmission to Main Hq.

SATURDAY 15 July Major Fossett was engaged on compiling a chart showing relation of stock balances in depots.

Capt Craig was engaged in turning over the B.O.D. to the Italian XII Corps.

Routine office work in the afternoon. Contacted Major Thrupp and learned that supplies were arriving in Messina in good time.

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S & T WEEKLY REPORT 2 - 8 July 1944.

Sunday 2 July. Office work A.M. Half day off P.M.

Monday 3 July. Capt Craig contacted 118 MU RAF regarding an Italian Military truck in their possession. They stated they were returning the vehicle to the Italian Military at an early date. Major Fossett - routine office work.

Tuesday 4 July.(Independence Day) Col Albert decided to send Major Fossett to Main Hq to clear up certain outstanding matters. Major Fossett had some difficulty arranging air travel. A seat was eventually obtained on the Italian plane leaving airport at 0900 hrs. Wednesday morning.

Wednesday 5 July. Major Fossett unable to travel as Italian plane did not fly. Arrangements made to travel Thursday. Major Fossett endeavoured to find information regarding shipping order QM-I-3599 for approx 900,000 lbs of flour to be shipped by P.B.S. to U.S. Navy at Palermo. 400,000 lbs of this shipment had been authorized by NATOUSA TO be handed over to Italian Military.

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IBS Ordnance Base Depot (Caproni Aircraft Works) was visited by Capt Craig, General Perdicchi and Chief Engineer XII Corps. Capt High-Smith, Depot Commander took the above officers a tour of works and stated buildings which could be taken over by Italian Military right away. The machine shop which was at present being used by the U.S. Navy would be handed back on the 15th July. Arrangements were made for Italian Military to have passes to be able to enter the depot past the Naval Guard which would be guarding the depot until the 15th July.

Saturday 8 July. Compiling reports and routine office work.

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WEEKLY S/T REPORT JUNE 26 - JULY 1

Monday June 26. Capt Craig was engaged in arranging transfer of properties belonging to Italian Army which are being vacated by IBS. He also contacted U.S. Navy relative to having them turn over, to Italian Army, any spare parts available in Fiat Plant. Navy has taken this plant over. Major Fossett visited Palermo Food Bulk and Distributing Depots. At the bulk depot, we learne that part of flour recently received had been wet and so was being used at once. Depots were clean and orderly but stocks on hand were very low as mentioned in cables to your headquarters.

Tuesday June 27. Major Fossett traveled by rail to Catania. Capt Craig arranged for transfer of welfare building to Italian Army.

Wednesday June 28. Major Fossett inspected Catania Food Depot. This depot, at present is below the standard set by the other depots. They are now located in a large whse near the railroad. At present, they are using one fourth of the space for office and living quarters for the men. I believe this is excessive and wasteful. The supplies are stacked in two other large rooms which comprise half of the whse. The sugar and flour is well stacked and marked. However, the wooden and cardboard cases of meat, coffee and vegetables are disorderly and unstable. The fourth room is being used as a distributing depot and was in an extremely untidy condition. This may have been due partly to the fact that rations were being issued that day. However, we also found cases of canned food in disorderly stacks with many broken cases scattered throughout the stacks. Several broken cases were lying about with the cans from these cases scattered over the floor. One of the most objectionable things noted was the large number of flies present and also lack of any means to combat this fly menace. It was necessary for me to personally demonstrate to the officer in charge how a cloth flour sack could be used to cover an open tomato paste barrel. There were several empty tomato paste barrels present which had not been cleaned out and were full of flies. Empty sugar sacks were lying about, covered with flies. Several means of combating these flies were called to the depot officer's attention.

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The matter of disposal of spoiled food was discussed and explained in accordance with Adm. Memo #3, Appendix "E".

Discussed with Major Thrupp, overissue to Italian Navy. The Italian Navy has promised to write an explanatory letter on the subject.

Capt Craig was engaged on checking on captured Italian Military vehicles with the transportation officer of IBS and ACC.

Thursday June 29. Major Fossett returned by rail to Palermo. Capt Craig was engaged in checking availability of supplies that IBS on June 29 had been authorized to release to Italian Army in Sicily. It was learned that quantities of coffee and sugar authorized to be released were less than amounts that IBS must recover for U.S. Army stocks as result of overissue in May. There is a balance of

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about 23,000 pounds of dehydrated vegetables that will be picked up by Italian Army on July 4. No flour is available to fill authorized release of 405,000 pounds. There is also no flour which may be borrowed from ACC. However, there is a quantity of canned meat which can be borrowed from ACC if Hq MMIA gives authority. The above was all covered in our cable to Hq MMIA on June 29.

Friday June 30. Capt Craig was engaged in checking cars and auto supplies, now being held by P.W. companies that are the property of the Italian Army. He arranged for about 30 large tires and 20 tubes with miscellaneous other supplies to be picked up by Italian Army.

Major Fossett met with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, XII Italian Corp. The Colonel expressed great concern over the fact that the stocks of flour and canned meat were fast diminishing. He inquired as to when we expected supplies to arrive. We explained that we had kept MMIA Hq informed of the food supply situation in Sicily and we were confident that a shipment of food would arrive soon. We also told him that we had sent another cable to MMIA on the previous day giving the latest developments in food supply situation. We then discussed allowable substitutions in case new shipments of food were late in arriving. It was decided that in case situation became acute, we would make daily decisions as to proper substitutions. The Colonel pointed out that this might become a serious problem. It is believed that rioting may break out when issues of ACC flour is stopped on July 4. If Italian Army also ran out of food, no one could predict the outcome. We also discussed the matter of forage and explained the proceedure as outlined in Adm. Memo #3.

Saturday July 1. Major Fossett - Routine office and reports. Capt Craig was engaged in arranging a possible transfer of civilian cars that had been requisitioned by IBS. and were no longer required. These cars are at present U.S. property. It may be possible to transfer them to the Italian Army on Shipping Ticket and have them charged against Italian government. We would appreciate any information you have on such a transaction.

Attached hereto: Copy of supplies
received on Marietta.

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Allied Italian Corps H.Q.
L.O. c/o 56 British Area.

Ref. No 11648/S/3/L. Catania, June 28, 1944.
Subject: Foodstuffs arriving on ship "Marietta".
To Majr Thrupp, L.O. Allied Catania
and, for information,
To Allied Italian Corps "Servizi" Office Palermo
Commissary H.Q. Palermo.
(Ref. Phone-message No 11634/S/3/L dated June 27)

Following your request I am sending you herewith Phone-message No 157 from the "Nucleo Sussistenza" of the "Magazzino Frontdiario Viveri-Catania" (Catania District Issuing Depot).

From it you can gather all the information re. the party of food-stuffs concerned and the lists (types and quantities) of the said stuffs which have reached us on board the "Marietta"

We have been unable to find out anything about the scale of the rations that have arrived (i.e. whether ration-scale, normal-scale or rations to take the constant- scale rations for basic-scale rations).

We would be grateful if you could let us know something about this.

In the meanwhile, the above mentioned food-stuffs will be stored separately awaiting further instructions

Sgd Allied Marietta, Captn

42 "Sussistenza" Section, 1st Nucleus.

Extra-urgent Phone-message, by hand, No 157, dated June 27, 1944.
To Catania Military District H.Q. (Ref. Phone-message No 1246 dated June 27).
and, for information,
To Station Military H.Q. Catania.

Herewith the data requested:
Despatcher: Taranto Main Food Depot
Port of emarcation: Taranto
Receiver: 42 "Sussistenza" Section, 1st Nucleus, Catania
Date of despatch: June 19, 1944
Date of arrival: June 26, 1944
Officer i/c at despatch: "Sussistenza" Col Bernardo Baldini
" " " arrival " 2nd Lt Lanfredi Mario
" " on board ship "Marietta": Allied H.Q. corp LONG

Quantities of food-stuffs:

Flour	sacks	135	(@ 100 lbs each)	------	13,500 lbs
Sugar	"	19	" 60 " "	------	1,140 "
Rice	"	90	" 50 " "	------	4,500 "
Maccheroni	Crates	229	" 30 " "	------	6,750 "
Meat & Veg Stew	"	180	" 25 " "	------	4,500 "
Potatoes	"	75	" 50 " "	------	3,750 "
Cheese	"	1	" 66 " "	------	2,396 "
Tomato Ketchup	"	20	" 58½ " "	------	1,147 "
Matches	"	2	(cases)	------	4,600 cases

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The above listed goods are to be distributed, according to instructions received, to Troops of the Italian Navy

N.B. The following shortages have been found: Flour, 60 Kg, and Sugar, 4.130 Kg Sgd, for 2nd Lt Lanfredi, W.O. 1st Class ?????.

SUBJECT: Liaison Officers Reports.

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Army Sub Comm, ACC,
Main HQ, AMIA,
LE CUILLE, (LECCS).
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28 Jun 44.

AMIA L.O.,
c/o I.B.S. APO 550.

Copy to: ADST, 56 Area.
Lt.Col J.Bell, RAVC, c/o 56 Area.

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FOR ATTENTION OF CAPT. J.M. CRAIG, RASC.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/ACC
LOCATION RETURN

Week ending 24 June 1944

Staff Section MMIA L.O. Sicily

Report No.2

Sub Commission Army Sub Commission

Personnel	A or B	Office Location	Room No.	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	Present By Remarks
Albert L.R. Lt Col	A	IBS		½	V	V	V	V	V	V	Det Cmdr
Fossett G.L. Major	A	IBS		½	V	V	V	V	X	V	Staff
Thrupp, R.E. Major	B	BGA		½	V	V	V	V	V	V	Staff
Craig J.M. Captain	B	IBS		½	V	V	V	V	V	V	Staff
Kirby F.H. Dvr/Stn	B	IBS		½	V	V	V	V	X	V	Dvr/Stn
Mc Gowan J.F.	A	IBS		½	V	V	V	V	V	V	Clerk
Tyler, J. Dvr/Stn	B	BGA		½	V	V	V	V	V	V	Dvr/Stn

Initials of Officers Completing Form [signature]

SIGNALS:

V	Indicates	on duty at normal Hq
X	"	travelling on duty
S	"	sick in quarters
H	"	sick in hosp
½	"	½ day off
IBS	"	Palermo
BGA	"	Catania

Office location

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WEEKLY S & T REPORT

Week June 19 - 24

Monday June 19. Capt Craig was engaged all day in arranging for Italian Army to take over their own properties when they are vacated by Allied units in Palermo. Major Fossett was engaged in office work. Contacted IBS quartermaster and arranged to pick up 68,400# of flour on Tuesday, June 20. In reference to our S & T Report of 12 - 17 June, last item, we learned that 14,652# of coffee had been received. Since the Italian Army was over-issued 117,738, this amount was retained and credited. Amount of coffee still overissued and to be recovered is 105,086 pounds.

Tuesday June 20. Capt Craig was engaged all day on real estate and obtaining data on Italian Military Hospitals. In the morning Major Fossett met with Col Lo Vecchio, new Director of Commissary, XII Corps. We discussed the matter of forage. At present there is a small supply of forage on hand. There are about 500 horses and mules that are being used by Carabinieri. It is expected that more will be ordered to be taken in from civilians shortly. Also about 1000 additional are expected to come from Sardinia with the additional divisions. Since this is still very much in the future, we suggested that regular forage demands be submitted to W/M to start for decade July 5 - 15 for 500 horses on normal work. Since hay and straw are to be procured locally as directed the matter of price to be paid was raised. The price of 1500 Lire per ton for hay has been set by ACC on the mainland. The Italians claim that the cost of harvesting hay in Sicily is more than 1500 lire a ton. Request that any data that will be helpful in this connection be forwarded. The Italian Army has been obtaining carob beans from British Depots and recently picked up 25 tons of carob beans from 13 B.S.D. at Syracuse.

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Friday June 23. Major Fossett visited Distributing Depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. Both depots were clean and orderly. They are in first class shape. Capt Craig continued his work on captured vehicles.

Saturday June 24. Capt Craig contacted port authorities for permission for Italian Army to salvage cement in bags in bomb damaged buildings in port area. Permission granted and salvage operations started. Major Fossett engaged in office work and reports.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.S.S. APO 530

No.271 10 June 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.6
2. Weekly Location Report No.1

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 17 June 1944:

a Weekly Liaison Log No.6 in compliance to instructions in your G/31 dated 9 May 44.

b Weekly Location Report No.1 in compliance to instructions in your letter, Subject Location reports, dated 9 June 1944.

c Weekly S/T Report.

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.6 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.1 (Dup)
3. Weekly S/T Report

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

18 June 1944

Subject: Weekly S/T Report

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention: S/T

WEEKLY S/T REPORT - PERIOD 12-17 JUNE

Monday 12 June- Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited several buildings to find accommdations suitable for bulk food depot in Palermo to replace present one which is not large enough. In the afternoon we visited the Bn Hq of 505 Security Bn to check their mess and food stores. The small store room from which they make daily issues was neat and clean. The Bn Cmdr also showed us what he was able to purchase locally and it seemed that he was able to do rather well.

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Thursday 15 June- Accompanied the Chief Engineer officer of XII Italian Corps to inspect several barracks and warehouses that are the property of the Italian Army. Most of these are in the process of being evacuated by IBS. units and will be turned over to Italian units very soon. Capt Craig placed in charge of coordinating all matters pertaining to real estate and buildings.

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Friday 16 June- Capt Craig spent the day contacting various IBS and Navy people relative to acquisition of above mentioned buildings. Major Fossett - office work and reports. Checking and editing shipping tickets for transmittal.

Saturday 17 June- Capt Craig inspected building near railroad station and found it would make a good bulk food depot. At present, it is occupied by IBS QM bakery but should be available soon.

Major Fossett inspected the bulk and distributing food depots at Palermo. Engineers have put bars in windows of bulk depot. Flooring sections of old engineer floating bridges have been obtained and are being used to repile flour on. This restacking of flour was in process and is coming right along. Other parts of whse were very neat and orderly. Very few supplies were on hand in distributing depot and it was very clean and neat.

Major Fossett then visited the office of the Director of Commissary, XII Italian Corps. We discussed the quality of the bread and learned that already steps had been taken to improve the quality. We also learned that they had taken the initiative and, in the absence of other instructions, authorized the issue

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of canned meat in place of canned fish which is not available. Was very happy to see that they were operating so efficiently.

Also learned of the matter of authorized issue of rations to Italian Air Force which was taken up in detail in our 268 of 17 June.

Later in the day we were informed by QM IBS that there was quantity of flour and coffee that was consigned to Italian Military and was now available to be pickedup. The quantity of flour received was 99,800 lbs. Since IBS was instructed by S.O.S. NATOUSA to recover certain overissues to Italian Military from future shipments, the actual quantity of flour that will be available will be 99,800#.less 31,400# or a net of 68,400#. The quantity of coffeee was not yet firmly established but it is believed that it will be less than the amount that must be recovered. Further details will be furnished when available.

Arrangements have been made for the Italian Army to pick up this flour on Wednesday 21 June.

Lester R Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

11 June 1944

No.202

Subject: Weekly S/T Report - June 5 - 11

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC MMIA
Attention: S/T

On Monday June 5, we went to Trapani to visit the artillery unit stationed there. While checking their strength returns, we found that they had over drawn rations in the month of May and were making the proper allowances for adjustment by under drawing for the first period in June. This is one of the reasons it is difficult to balance number of rations drawn in any one period against actual unit strengths. We also learned that they were using a seven day menu for the issue of rations instead of the ten day menu issued by the War Ministry. The seven day menu was issued by Sabauda Div before ten day menu was issued by War Ministry and this unit had not yet changed over. We took this up with the Director of Commissary XII Corps.

On Tuesday we took up several items with Major Thrupp. We learned that he had arranged for Distone to discontinue feeding Italian Navy. Starting on June 11, the Italian Navy will draw their rations in bulk from the Italian Food Depot in Catania. A cable was sent to MMIA asking you to authorize Distone to issue items called for in combat scale but which are not on hand in Italian Depots.

All supplies shipped on schooner "ORIETTA" were taken into Distone stocks as per instructions in ST/58 dated 22 May, to DDST Distone. Thus, no items representing difference between combat and basic scales are yet on hand in Italian Food Depots. It is contemplated that when Navy draws in bulk from Food Depots that substitutions will be made if possible. Items for which they cannot substitue will be omitted until a shipment or these items is received from the mainland.

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On Thursday, June 8, we inspected the bulk depot and distributing depot at Palermo. At the bulk depot we pointed out that a lot of flour still needed to be restacked. The officer in charge stated that he had requested additional labor butnone had been forthcoming. The remainder of the depot was in very good shape. We made a personal inventory of the stock of dehydrated potatoes on hand. We again discussed the discrepancy of weight with IBS and wrote a summary on this subject for your information and what ever action is required. Summary was forwarded as letter 178 dated 9 June.

At the distributing depot we inventoried and condemned an assorted quantity of canned food. Complete details are as shown in Appendix "A".

We also inspected the small clothing whse near the rood distributing depot. Its personnel consists of three W.Os and about five men. There is only a very small quantity or miscellaneous supplies on hand.

On Friday, June 9, we inspected the distributing depots at

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Caltanissetta and Enna. We inspected and condemned canned food at each one. Flour had been restacked and both depots were clean and orderly. At Enna, it was noted that supplies, overdrawn from British sources, had been returned.

Saturday June 10. Compiling charts and writing repotts.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: 1. Appendix "A"
2. Certificate of Distribution, Palermo Depot
3. Certificate or Distribution, Caltanissetta Depot
4. Certificate of Distribution, Enna Depot

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APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT JUNE 5 - 10

When we first visited each Food Depot, we were asked what should be done with canned food that was spoiled. We explained that it had been recommended that an analysts commission be set up to examine and condemn all spoiled canned goods. A certificate showing goods condemned would be used as a voucher authorizing the depot to drop the condemned items from stock. However, no action was taken at that time because of divided authority. The depot officers were advised to hold the items untillsuch time as a committee was appointed. Even at this time, the spoiled goods were extremely odoriferous (stunk).

When we made our second inspection trip, we decided that spoiled goods still on hand must be dealt with as it represented a definite health menace. Since no commission has yet been appointed, we had the questionable canned goods set out and examined them. All that were definitely spoiled were inventoried and were destroyed by burning in the presence of the depot orricer and Major Fossett. This inventory was made at each depot as shown on attached copies.

The origional copies are being held so that they can be signed by all members or Analyst Commission when said Commission is appointed. Only canned goods were condemned at this time. In some depots they have several sacks or beans which they say are not good. Since these do not present a health menace they were left to be passed on by Analyst Commission.

It should be noted that the two largest items condemned were 12 oz cans of corned beef and 1 lb cans or salmon. The cans of corn beef apparently were from British stocks issued berore March 28 and were from old stock. The salmon was from U.S. stocks and since they were nearly all of the same brand, it must have been a bad job or canning.

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(M.M.I.A.) L.O. Sicily,

c/o I.B.S. A.P.O. 550.

Magazzino Presidiario Viveri - Palermo (Palermo Distribution Depot)

Type	Weight per can	No of cans
Salmon	1 lb.	593
Meat & Veg. Stew	1 lb. 14 ozs:	10
Carrots & Beets	6 lbs 8 ozs:	14
Meat & Veg. Hash	6 lbs 12 ozs:	4
Chili con Carne	6 lbs 8 ozs:	1
Corned Beef Hash	5 lbs 8 ozs:	3
Corned Beef	6 lbs :	6
Vienna Sausage	1 lb. 8 ozs:	1

Palermo June 8, 1944.

S/Ten Aliberti /s/

S/Ten Aliberti.

I certify that the above listed canned goods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed by burning in my presence on this date.

George F. Fossett
Maj. C.E.

Certified True Copy.

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Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.

(M.M.I.A.) L.O. Sicily,

c/o I.B.S. A.P.O. 550.

Magazzino Presidiario Viveri - Caltanissetta (Caltanissetta Depot)

Type	Weight per can	No of cans
Salmon	1 lb.	43
Sardines	1 lb.	3
Corned Beef	12 ozs	162
Corned Beef	6 lbs	3
Cheese	12 ozs	6
Chili con Carne	6 lbs 8 ozs	7
Meat & Veg. Hash	6 lbs 12 ozs	2
Meat & Veg. Stew	1 lb. 14 ozs	2
Vienna Sausage	1 lb. 8 ozs	3
Luncheon Meat	6 lbs	2

S/Ten Gianfreda Carlo /s/ Caltanissetta June 9, 1944.

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George F. Fossett
Maj. C.E.

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Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.

(M.M.I.A.) L.O. Sicily,

c/o I.B.S. A.P.O. 550.

42a Sezione Sussistenza - Enna (Enna Depot)

Type	Weight per can	No of cans
Corned Beef	12 ozs	112
Salmon	1 lb.	41
Sardines	1 lb.	2
Luncheon Meat	6 lbs	2
Meat & Veg. Hash	6 lbs 12 ozs	1
Vienna sausage	1 lb. 8 ozs	5
Meat & Veg. Stew	1 lb. 14 ozs	2

Enna June 9, 1944.

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George J. Fossett
Maj. C.E.

Certified True Copy.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

10 June 1944

No.193

Subject: Rations

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention QM (S/T)

Reference your letter S/T 75 dated 3 June, 1944 answered paragraph for paragraph.

1. On May 23 we arranged a loan of 40,000 pounds of canned fish from ACC. On May 25, the Italians picked up 40,000 lbs of salmon from IBS Class I Dump to be charged to ACC Region 1 account. This will be repaid in kind when shipment arrives from War Ministry.

2. a Arrangements have already been made with Distone to discontinue issuing rations to Italian Navy. Last day of issue from Distone is June 10.

b Distone does not consider that Italian Government owes them rations in kind. Vouchers showing items issued by Distone have been forwarded thru financial channels to be charged against the Italian Government.

3. O.K.

4. New large whse in Catania is already in use. Retaining old whse in Catania also.

5. Supplies that were over drawn from British sources and held in supply depot at Enna have already been shipped back to Distone and placed in their stocks.

6. Your welcome.

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Note: Your S/T 75 of 3 June reached us 9 June.

Lester R Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
LT Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: Chart - Supply Depots in Sicily.

S/T 75
Recd 13 June

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.S. Sicily
c/o I.E.S. APO 530

No.193 10 June 1944

Subject: Rations

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention QM (S/T)

Reference your letter S/T 75 dated 8 June, 1944 answered paragraph for paragraph.

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Note: Your S/T 75 of 3 June reached us 4 June.

LESTER A ALBERT
LT Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: Chart - Supply Depots in Sicily.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O.Sicily
c/o I.B.S.APO 550

4 June 1944

S & T WEEKLY REPORT

Monday was spent checking and justifying strength state figures with Major Palma, Director of Commissary. In the afternoon we inspected several buildings near the barracks of the 46 Italian Inf Regt. We planned to have these used as food whses. but apparently XII Corps Hq wishes to use them for artillery.

Tuesday morning we checked Stock State Sheets for Enna and Palermo depots. In the afternoon we visited the Palermo bulk depot to check some figures. We learned that they claimed a discrepancy in the weight of dehydrated potatoes received in last shipment from IBS. When we checked with IBS it was learned that check at loading point at IBS dump and check at unloading point at Italian whse agreed as to number of cases and total weight. These checks were made independently by IBS checkers. Italians agreed to number of cases but claimed they were in different classes of weight and therefore a discrepancy in weight . Since IBS double check agreed I believe we must all abide by it.

Wednesday was in checking strength returns in a breakdown form and compiling data for charts.

Thursday - routine office work.

Friday - Visited Carabinieri Hq at Palermo and checked strength returns. Also checked feeding of troops in Hq Group.

Saturday IBS, QM and I reviewed cables setting up quantities of supplies to be shipped from U.S. It was seen that SOS NATOUSA had requested supplies be sent each month up until August 31. Spot checking figures showed quantities to be unbalanced, in my opinion, in accordance with present ration scale. It was noted that canned meat was specified to be supplied from stocks already in the theatre. Since no canned fish was listed, I presume, that it will also be supplied from stocks available in the theatre.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No.31

21 May 1944

Subject: Report of Activities

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention S& T

1. We are enclosing a detail report of our activities since arriving in Sicily. We are also enclosing copies of shipping tickets showing quantities of supplies issued to Italian Army by I.B.S. These are for your information only, since receipted copies have been already sent by I.B.S. to the Accounts Division of A.C.C.

2. On May 20 we received a signal, copy enclosed, authorizing additional release of gasoline.

LESTER R ALBERT
LT COL INF
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Encl: 1 Report of Activities
2 Copies of Shipping Tickets (7)
3 Signal authorizing release of gasoline (FET C539)

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Report by Captain Craig on visit to Catania on May 11th.

Arrived Catania 23.00 hrs May 10th. Morning of May 11th in company of Major Fossett contacted S & T 1 District. Unable to see DADS Major Wickinden but saw Captain Starkey. He could not tell us very much about the Italian Supply situation so we asked him to put us in contact with the Italian Liaison Officer. for the purpose of visiting the Italian Supply Depot. This he did and through this Liaison Officer we were able to contact two officers of 12 Corps HQ who are Liaison for 1 District. Discussed the Supply situation with these officers and found out the Following:-

(1) Commisarati had issued instructions that a return should be rendered every 10 days showing quantity of each item received, issued and remaing balances. Copy of this return was also sent to 1 District.

(2) Also an instruction had been issued that all Army Units draw on one stated day in the decaded and similiarly for other branches of the Armed Forces i.e. Carabinerie, Navy , Air Force.

(3) The Catania Depot supplied all Units in the area from Messinia to Syracuse which amounted to about 10.000 rations a day.

(4) Indents were submitted a number of days before date of issue and in the case of Units in Messinia and Syracuse rations were delivered by the Catania Depot's own transport to the Garrison Comd. of the above places and he arranged the distribution to the Units in his Garrison.

Afternoon May 11th.

Visited Catania Supply Depots with Major Fossett in company with 12 Corps Liaison Officer. This depot is located in stables adjoining an Italian Barracks and reparis to the building are now being carried out.

Inspected the depot records which appeared to be practically nil. Only records thatcould be found were of issues made and receipt vouchers of supplies received. No stock book was kept. When depot Comd was asked how he knew how much stock he had "He just said he knew". He explained he had just came out of hospital and he had an entirely inadequate staff consisting of himself and to the Commisarate for more but with no

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(3) The Catania Depot supplied all Units in the area from Messinia to Syracuse which amounted to about 10.000 rations a day.

(4) Indents were submitted a number of days before date of issue and in the case of Units in Messinia and Syracuse rations were delivered by the Catania Depot's own transport to the Garrison Comd. of the above places and he arranged the distribution to the Units in his Garrison.

Afternoon May 11th.

Visited Catania Supply Depots with Major Fossett in company with 12 Corps Liaison Officer. This depot is located in stables adjoining an Italian Barracks and reparis to the building are now being carried out.

Inspected the depot records which appeared to be practically nil. Only records thatcould be found were of issues made and receipt vouchers of supplies received. No stock book was kept. When depot Comd was asked how he knew how much stock he had "He just said he knew". He explained he had just came out of hospital and he had an entirely inadequate staff consisting of himself and five ORs. He had applied to the Commisarate for more but with no result. We then inspected the depot. The cases good was not neatly stacked. Flour and sugar were in fair condition. Piller stacking was demonstrated. Checking the flour supply we found it would last approximately 10 days and the preserved meat about 25 days. All commodities were stacked on wooden battens to keep them off the floor. Empty sacks and wooden boxes were apparently returned to the British D.I.D. on instruction of 1 District. This matter was later taken up with 1 District and they stated they had only instructed Italians to return sacks and boxes drawn from British Depots. This will be taken up with the Commisarata. The Depot Comd seemed quite enthusiastic and keen and with a more adequate staff I am sure he will make many improvements.

Contacted ADOS 1 District Lt Col Carr. He wanted to know what he was to do with the 80,000 Battle Dress he still had in his depot. We told him some would be needed for the 2 Div that are coming to Sicily and disposal instructions for the remainder would come from MMIA. The Italian soldiers I have seen up to now in Sicily look very smart in the green battle dress and appear well disciplined.

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Report by Captain Craig on information obtained in Palermo:

May 12th. Arrived Palermo 16.00 hrs.

May 13th. Visited 12 Italian Corps HQ with Lt Col Albert and Major Fossett. Saw General Mafarti, his Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff. They appeared very pleased that we had arrived to set up an office here. General Berardi promised that an Italian English speaking officer should be permanently attached to us.

Afternoon Made arrangements to take over offices in IBS HQ.

Sunday May 14th. Obtained furniture and organised offices on the fourth floor of IBS HQ.
Made various domestic arrangements re mail, pay for batmen driver and NAAFI Rations.
Visited O.C. RASC with reference to some of the above. He was very pleased to hear we were setting up an office here as up to now he had been Acting Liaison between Italians and IBS with reference to issue and movement of supplies. I told him I would visit him with Major Fossett on the following day and discuss the whole matter with him.

Monday May 15th. In company of Major Fossett contacted IBS Quartermaster. Found that no supplies had yet arrived by ship consigned to the Italians. Up to now all supplies had been issued from American Depots. IBS had records of all issues made in bulk since the 28 March and promised us a copy of same. These will be in the form of shipping tickets. Signed receipts for issues made to the 15 April had be forwarded by IBS to Accounts Dept ACC. It was arranged that in future signed shipping tickets of issues made to the Italians will forwarded through this office to HQ MMIA one copy being retained by this office.
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Caltanissetta	885			2038	49	2968
Catania	5280	8,000	40	2740	1220	17280
Total	13,757	10,000	290	8530	2206	34585

Major has also made all arrangements with 12 Corps for labour for loading supplies and guarding it while in transit and unloading at depots.
Major Oswold asked when we could take over completely from him as this was an extra job on his normal work. We explained we would take over as soon as possible. We were just waiting for a clarification of the position as the COC 1 District was reluctant to hand over to us .

Afternoon May 15th Made myself known to Capt Birmingham 'Q' Mov IBS attached from 1 District.

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Tuesday May 16th. Visited Commeserata and contacted Major Palma O.C. We asked him to submit a strength return to us through 18 Corps as on the 25th May. Showing the various strengths of the Armed Forces, there location and the depots which they are served by. He showed us a Ration stock statement which he received from each Depot on the 3rd, 13th and 23rd of each month. This showed the rations on hand, issued, received and balance in pounds and rations, also the number of days the balance will last. We asked for copies of these to be sent to us.

He told us his present stocks of tinned fish would only last until the 21st May as preserved fish had been issued by the Americans on the old ration scale of 4/7 oz. per man.

We brought the matter up of the lack of personnel at the Catania Depot. He said this was being dealt with and the present O.C. was being replaced. He also asked for larger premises at Catania. We told him we would contact Major Thrupp on this matter.

Afternoon Contacted Quartermaster IBS and asked him what could be done about additional preserved fish for Italians. He said he had just received 80 tons and was issuing 10 tons of this on the 17 May to the Palermo Depot and the other 10 tons was being railed to Catania. We pointed out that 20 tons would only last 4 days. He told us a release for more would have to be obtained from SOS NATOUSA. Ref. our signal IBSAG-1161. Stocks held by IBS would last approximately 20 days.

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Asked the strength of the Italian Navy. Figures were only obtainable for the Palermo area, which amounted to 738 as at 15 May. This shows a great difference from the 2,000 as previouly quoted. With reference to the supposed 8,000 at Agusta. Major Thrupp is going to investigate with the British Navy at Agusta.

Italian Air Forces figures were given as follows:

Palermo	370
Catania	360
Total	730

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Visited IBS QM and made arrangements to only issue 90 days supply of sugar.

Afternoon May 17th. Contacted Captain Murphy, Petrol Office IBS. The P.O.L. situation appear to be running quite satisfactorily. IBS release the monthly allocation to C.I.P. who in turn releases to Italian Army. He told me there are underground storage tanks at Trapani holding some 3,000,000 gallons of Italian Petrol. No pump of the type require were available to lift this petrol. Major Fossett and I will investigate this dump.

Contacted Captain Gladi, Italian Navy Liaison Officer at N.O.B. and checked naval strengths in Palermo area and was given the figure of 769. This only shows an increase of 31 from the figure given by the Commissariata.

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Tally cards were in use on all stacks. The depots itself was quite clean. Inspected records-- A quite efficent stock book was kept-- receipt and [redacted] issue vouchers all appeared to be in order.
A book was also kept showing issues receipts and remain which was brought up to date daily.
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Ten days supplies at a time were drawn from the Bulk Depot and stocks on hand were never over the amount.

J. Louis Capt
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INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: FET 0569
RESTRICTED

ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO: ACCRALEMMO FOR CIP
FOR INFORMATION TO : IBS FOR ALBERT MALA*
: FET SEC ALNAF
FROM : FET 0569
IN REPLY REFER TO

IBS NUMBER: 4107
TIME SENT : 191440B
TIME REC'D: 200800B
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

*TO SICILY

- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

(Reference IBSAG-1168 of 18th May.)

Release 250 bbls gasoline 100 BBLS AGO and 10 BBLS motor oil to Italian Army 12 Corps of additional release.

DISTRIBUTION:
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AG Cables
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Subject:- Reports Liaison Officers.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ. BMLA.
ANCILLARY (LSCOS)
SI/ 75.

5 June 44.

Col. Albert,
BMLA. LO. c/o CO, IRS.

1. In regard to your report of 22 May through 26 May, concerning rations. We notice you state 200,000 lbs of fish is needed in Sicily. We have informed the Italian War Ministry to ship additional fish to Sicily, and will inform you in detail concerning amounts, shipping and arrival dates, as soon as they have been determined. Would like to know the type of fish i.e., Sardines, Salmon, or barrel Sardines, received from L.R.S. in the 40,000 lbs loaned to Italian depot 23 May so we can instruct the War Ministry to repay in kind. You will be notified when this fish is shipped from the mainland.

2. Regarding rations for Italians, it is planned to stock the Italian depots with necessary "A" ration complement to enable them to be able to take care of the Italian Navy requirements in the future. Please notify One District not to issue any more rations to Italian Navy. That all rations will be drawn from Italian depots. Our letter to War Ministry concerning these rations is SI/53, 31st May with copy to your Headquarters. Wish you would please check with One District to determine if they consider if the Italian Government owes them rations, or if they have accepted a shipping ticket covering rations issued from the Italians and forwarded same to Higher Headquarters to be charged against the Italian Government.

3. In future all loans of rations either from L.R.S. or One District will be requested from this office through "AAI". We received a very strong "rocket" from AAI concerning your requested loan of fish from One District.

4. Have noted your statement about additional Warehouse space at Catania. If and when this can be secured we will have a large stock of rations shipped to Sicily which will solve your stock questions.

5. Hope you can arrange for the Italian depots to retain the supplies mentioned in appendix "A" this will help tremendously.

6. Thanks for investigating the possibility of securing a supply of canned fish locally. Think we should drop the matter, from your report it does not seem possible to secure fish from this source.

7. At your early convenience will you furnish us with information concerning depots in your area as follows:-

a. Location of depot.
b. Type, bulk or distribution.
c. C.O. in charge of depot.
d. [illegible] depot to nearest depot.

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d. Number of E M used to operate depot.
e. Number of personnel served by depot.

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For your information the new accounting procedure has gone to press you will receive a copy with instructions concerning same in the near future.

Tommy T. Rose,
Maj. Mdl. Adm. C.,
Quartermaster, (S/T),
Army Sub Commission.

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S & T WEEKLY REPORT

On Monday, May 22, Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited the IBS Class I Dump to observe the loading of supplies for shipment to Catania for the Italian Military. We found that the Carabinieri guards to ride the loaded trucks had arrived late and held up the whole program for more than one hour. This will be taken up with AII Corps Hqtrs. We then went to the railroad yard to see how the cars were being loaded. This was being done rather well but only on insistence from U S checkers. It might be well to state that the Italians take over responsibility for the supplies as soon as they leave the IBS dump. However, U S checkers are used at the whse. or cars as a double check and to stop any arguments.

On Tuesday, May 23, we had a conference with Major Ross and checked over the food supply situation. We also contacted ACC and arranged to get 40,000 lbs of tinned fish from them on a loan basis. This is to be repaid as soon as new stocks arrive. However, we still need a shipment of about 200,000 lbs.

On Wednesday, May 24, Majors Ross and Fossett visited the bulk depot and the distributing depot at Palermo. Stocks of canned goods were being rearranged and were in good order. It was suggested that the flour should be piled in smaller, separate piles to make it easier to count. Records at both depots were in good shape. Both depots were rather clean and orderly.

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Later we visited the distributing depot at Enna, which is commanded by Lt Nicolossi. This depot is in a good building but it is rather crowded at present. They have on hand a quantity of supplies which were over drawn from No. 1 District prior to March 22. Further details on this are in Appendix "A". We showed them how to tie flour in cloth bags in a pillar stack. Many piles needed restacking. The records of this depot appeared to be in good shape by spot checking. Tally cards were used on stacks.

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On the second floor of this building, shoes and clothes were stored. About 2000 dyed battle dress jackets and 1900 dyed battle dress pants were on hand as well as a considerable quantity of shoes, group B 2, from Imo.

About 1500 men are being fed from this depot.

On Friday, May 26, we visited the DADS at No.1 District. We took up the matter of supplies shipped by schooner from Taranto. Further details on this in Appendix "b". We also requested him to loan us 40,000lbs canned salmon, to be replaced when supplies arrive. A cable was sent by DADS requesting authority to do so as he had sufficient stocks on hand to meet this request. Major Inrupp will inquire as to answer on this cable. If it is agreed, these stocks will be put in Catania depot of Italian Army.

Then we visited the Catania depot of the Italian Army and found that it was being taken over by Lt Macdroni Overy(appropriate name).

Food supplies were orderly stacked and a physical inventory was being made so that the change in command could take place. We inspected some more rooms in the same stable building which were being made available for use.

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Then we took Capt Modiletti and Lt Maccroni to see a big wase. that was bing turned over by a D.O.D. from No.1 District. This consisted of four very large rooms in a building about 500 yards from the railroad yards at Catania. It is a very good whse. and Major Trupp is seeing that the proper requisitioning steps are taken to secure it. this will take care of about 900 tons of food supplies in good shape.

Note: See Appendix "B" for a big surprise on the feeding of the Italian Navy

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APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT

While visiting the Enna Food Distributing Depot on May 25 we found that they had been instructed to return the following quantities of supplies to British DOD at Catania.

Flour	150,000 lbs
P Meat	20,475 "
Pepper	66 "
Pulses	20,475 "
Preserved Fish	4,750 "
Sugar	6,619 "
Coffee	6,009 "

The above supplies were overdrawn prior to the 28 March. Apparently what happened was that the Hq Sabauda Div drew rations in bulk for the whole division and also units in the Catania area drew from the local D.I.D. during the same period. Instruction for the return of these overdrawal was sent out by DADS No. 1 District to the Italian Commissarito at the beginning of April and the Depot received he instructions on the 10th April, but owing to the non availibility of rail cars nothing has yet been done.

The above matter was taken up with DADS No.1 District. It was suggested that the Italian should keep these overdrawals as more troops are expected in Sicily and specially in the area of the Enna Depot. DADS informed us that these supplies had been accounted for and he was in no need of them. The only reason he was having them returned was to teach the Italians a lesson. He said he would look into the matter and inform us if it was possible for the Italian to keep these supplies. We will continue to check on this matter.

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APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT

20 tons of supplies shipped on the Schooner OLIMPIA from Taranto to Catania

Explained to DADS No.1 District that these supplies were the difference between the basic scales and the combat scale based on a strength of 1300 issued to the Italian Navy for a period from 20 March to 31 May. He said he could not understand why we should only ship the difference when they had been always feeding the Italian Navy on the East Coast with the complete ration. This came as a great surprise. The Italian Navy at Augusta has always been fed by No.1 District. We asked why-- and DADS stated they had never had any orders to the contrary and the Italian Military did not hold combat rations. The present feeding strength is Basic scale 600, Combat 427 total 1027. The strength fluctuates between 1000 and 2000 according to the number of boats coming into the harbor at Augusta.

He said he would take the 20 tons of supplies into the British Depot and he would send this office a copy of the inventory of what had been received.

In view of the present divided authority we did not instruct DADS No.1 District to discontinue feeding the Navy.

Exact figures of all issues made to the Italian Navy since March 20 can be obtained if necessary.

Present method of accounting for these supplies is through Assistant Financial Adviser AAI.

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APPENDIX "C"

Upon investigating the possibility of securing a supply of canned fish locally, it was learned that this would be very difficult. Contrary to rumor, no canned fish is being exported from Sicily. The British Army have some contracts for canning fish but it is necessary for them to furnish the tin plate for the cans and even the lumber and nails for making cases. It was learned from the Local Resources Board that it would also be necessary for us to do the same, or else be satisfied with the canneries re-using salvaged tuna cans. Thus, it can be seen that the hopes of securing canned fish locally are not too bright. I will continue my investigations and report.

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S & T WEEKLY REPORT

On Monday, May 22, Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited the IBS Class I Dump to observe the loading of supplies for shipment to Catania for the Italian Military. We found that the Carabineri guards to ride the loaded trucks had arrived late and held up the whole program for more than one hour. This will be taken up with XII Corps Hdqtrs. We then went ot the railroad yard to see how the cars were being loaded. This was being done rather well but only on insistence from U S checkers. It might be well to state that the Italians take over responsibility for the supplies as soon as they leave the IBS dump. However, U S checkers are used at the whse. or cars as a double check and to stop any arguments.

On Tuesday, May 23, we had a conference with Major Rose and checked over the food supply situation. We also contacted ACC and arranged to get 40,000 lbs of tinned fish from them on a loan basis. This is to be repaid as soon as new stocks arrive. However, we still need a shipment of about 200,000 lbs.

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About 1500 men are being fed from this depot.

On Friday, May 26, we visited the DADS at No.1 District. We took up the matter of supplies shipped by schooner from Taranto. Further details on this in Appendix "B". We also requested him to loan us 40,000lbs canned salmon, to be replaced when supplies arrive. A cable was sent by DADS requesting authority to do so as he had sufficient stocks on hand to meet this request. Major Thrupp will inquire as to answer on this cable. If it is agreed, these stocks will be put in Catania depot of Italian Army.

Then we visited the Catania depot of the Italian Army and found that it was being taken over by Lt Macaroni Cvery(appropriate name).

Food supplies were orderly stacked and a physical inventory was being made so that the change in command could take place. We inspected some more rooms in the same stable building which were being made available for use.

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Then we took Capt Maglietti and Lt Macoroni to see a big whse. that was bing turned over by a B.S.D. from No.1 District. This consisted of four very large rooms in a building about 500 yards from the railroad yards at Catania. It is a very good whse. and Major Thrupp is seeing that the proper requisitioning steps are taken to secure it. This will take care of about 900 tons of food supplies in good shape.

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Note: See Appendix "B" for a big surprise on the feeding of the Italian Navy.
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APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT

While visiting the Enna Food Distributing Depot on May 25 we found that they had been instructed to return the following quantities of supplies to British BSD at Catania.

Flour	158,850 lbs
P Meat	26,475 "
Pepper	66 "
Pulses	26,475 "
Preserved Fish	4,750 "
Sugar	6,619 "
Coffee	6,609 "

The above supplies were overdrawn prior to the 28 March. Apparently what happened was that the Hq Sabauda Div drew rations in bulk for the whole division and also units in the Catania area drew from the local D.I.D. during the same period. Instruction for the return of these overdrawal was sent out by DADS No. 1 District to the Italian Commissarito at the beginning of April and the Depot received he instructions on the 10th April, but owing to the non availibility of rail cars nothing has yet been done.

The above matter was taken up with DADS No.1 District. It was suggested that the Italian should kepp these overdrawals as more troops are expected in Sicily and specially in the area of the Enna Depot. DADS informed us that these supplies had been accounted for and he was in no need of them. The only reason he was having them returned was to teach the Italians a lesson. He said he would look into the matter and inform us if it was possible for the Italian to keep these supplies. We will continue to check on this matter.

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APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT

30 Tons of Supplies shipped on the Schooner ORIETTA from Taranto to Catania

Explained to DADS No.1 District that these supplies were the difference between the basic scales and the combat scale based on a strength of 1200 issued to the Italian Navy for a period from 28 March to 31 May. He said he could not understand why we should only ship the difference when they had been always feeding the Italian Navy on the East Coast with the complete ration. This came as a great surprise. The Italian Navy at Augusta has always been fed by No.1 District. We asked WHY-- and DADS stated they had never had any orders to the contrary and the Italian Military did not hold combat rations. The present feeding strength is Basic scale 600, Combat 927 total 1527. The strength fluctuates between 1000 and 2000 accoraing to the number of boats coming into the harbor at Auguste.

He said he would take the 30 tons of supplies into the British Depot and he would send this office a copy of the inventory of what had been received.

In view of the present divided authority we did not instruct DADS No.1 District to discontinue feeding the Navy.

Exact figures of all issues made to the Italian Navy since March 28 can be obtained if necessary.

Present method of accounting for these supplies is through Assistant Financial Adviser AAI.

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APPENDIX "C"

Upon investigating the possibility of securing a supply of canned fish locally, it was learned that this would be very difficult. Contrary to rumor, no canned fish is being exported from Sicily. The British Army have some contracts for canning fish but it is necessary for them to furnish the tin plate for the cans and even the lumber and nails for making cases. I learned from the Local Resources Board that it would also be necessary for us to do the same, or else be satisfied with the canneries re-using salvaged ration cans. Thus, it can be seen that the hopes of securing canned fish locally are not too bright. I will continue my investigations and report.


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