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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

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MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTSector: SardiniaWeek Ending: 31 December 1944Report No. 18A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

See copy of our letter R/6 dated 30 December 1944, to MMIA LO, Naples, copy to MMIA Rome, reference, receipts of cargo from SS "John W. Gates". This shipment was from Italian Military Depot, Naples, and no acceptance forms were required.

Forage receipts not previously reported are as follows:

2 December 1944 - "Alvaiazere"

Barley	54,331 lbs
Bran	32,185 lbs
Carrot Beans	57,637 lbs

16 December 1944 - "Salvore"

Straw	485,033 lbs
Carrot Beans	158,428 lbs
Oats	231,139 lbs
Barley	109,547 lbs
Bran	69,390 lbs
Salt	9,907 lbs
Sweepings from the bottom of the hold.	15,231 lbs

10 December 1944 - SS "Borgholm"

	<u>DEADWEIGHT (TONS)</u>
Tibben	133
Oats	178
Bran	26
Forage Salt	3

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22 December 1944 - "John W. Gates"

Oats	37.6 tons
Bran	8.4 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. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some in Bulk Warehouses.
5. Mutually contaminating goods 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. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari, and records, accounts and stock appear in good order.

F. Units Interior Economy

Following unit messes were visited during the period:

1. Special Platoon, Allied Commission.
2. 13th Auto Park at Abbasanta.
3. Radio, Sardinia.

Messes mentioned above were in good condition.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Several visits have been made regarding the moving of Italian Clothing and Equipment to the Mainland.

The matter of olive oil from Consorzio Agrario was discussed several times and was also a matter of conference with the Food Section, Allied Commission, Sardinia. Copies of letters pertaining to this matter are attached.

Several conferences have been held with the Director of Commissary on the subject of reducing the number of Depots in operation. We have just reached an agreement to reduce to the number permitted in Order of Battle as outlined by M.M.I.A.

For The Senior Liaison Officer:


GEORGE L. FOSSETT,
Major, C.E.

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3 Incl:

- Copy letter AGR/1720 Allied Commission, Sardinia, dated 2 January 1945
- Copy letter 1/14/V Director of Commissary, Sardinia, dated 2 January 1945
- Copy of letter report of Major Fossett visit to Corsica, dated 19 Dec. 1944

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DIRECTION OF COMMISSARY

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2 January 1945

SUBJECT: Need of Olive Oil.

TO : MMIA

1. Reference is made to letter dated 6 December 1944 from MMIA Rome in ST/73 at the same subject.

2. The High Commissioner for Sardinia who has the authority to issue the oil to the Armed Forces has notified our Direction that he will give instructions to the Consorzi Agrari Provinciali of the Island to put by for this direction the quantity of oil shown in the referred letter.

3. We will let you know as soon as we get the oil.

Col. Giuliani

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.F.I.A.)
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20 December 1944

M.F.I.A. S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 17 December 1944

Report No. 17

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

No transactions handled during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. No. Flour urgently needed.
2. Yes
3. None

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some in Bulk Warehouse.
5. Potentially contaminating goods 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. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari and records, accounts and stock appear in good order.

F. Units Interior Sanitary

Following unit messes were visited during the period:

1. Autopark at Poetto.
2. 13th Autieri unit.
3. Special platoon, Allied Commission.

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The first and third messes mentioned above were in good condition. The second mess had dirty floors and general disarray. Instructions were given to have it cleaned up at once. All messes visited appeared that the men were receiving rations for which they were entitled.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariate

Several visits have been made regarding the moving of Italian Clothing and Equipment to the mainland.

Several conferences have been held with officers in an effort to solve some of the difficulties in making out a correct Model "P". All Food Depots still seem to have confused opinions as to proper functioning of the accounting system as set up by M.E.F.A. Difficulty of communication and general indifference on the part of the depot officers makes it difficult to render accurate reports.

George J. Lussell
Maj. C.E.
for P. L. SIMONS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.F.I.A.)
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6 December 1944

M.F.I.A. S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTSector: SardiniaWeek Ending: 3 December 1944Report No. 16A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

No transactions handled during period under report. ✓

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. No. Flour urgently needed. ✓ *Despatched?*
2. Yes
3. None

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some in Bulk Warehouses.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari and records, accounts and stock appear in good order. 5465

F. Unite Interior Economy

1. No unit messes visited during this period because all men have been detailed to work at the Port.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Several visits have been made regarding the moving of Italian Clothing and Equipment to the Mainland.

For The Senior Liaison Officer:

George L. Fossett
GEORGE L. FOSSETT,
Major, C.E.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.L.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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18 November 1944

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORTSector: SardiniaWeek Ending: 15 November 1944Report No. 15A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

No transactions handled during period under report.

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. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some in Bulk Warehouses.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari and records, accounts and stock appear in good order.
2. Cpl. Pugliese visited Bulk and Distributing Depots in Sassari and Macomer twice since the last report. Warehousing of stocks was excellent. Accounting records were in perfect order and up to date.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. The following Messes were visited:
 - a. Capt. DeStefano visited the following:
 1. 1st Btry., 521st Group Guardia e Sicurezza, Cagliari.
 2. Hq. 521st Group Guardia e Sicurezza, Cagliari.
 3. 53rd Service Group, Cagliari.
 4. 55th Service Group, Cagliari.
2. In general the Messes visited were in good order. The soldier seems to be getting what he is entitled to. Since the last report we have visited some Messes the second time and find a marked improvement. Apparently this checking is doing some good.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Numerous visits have been made regarding the moving of Italian clothing and individual equipment. Arrangements are now in process for the moving of all items to Caplieri, in such quantities as warehousing facilities here permit.

The matter of substituting 100 grams of Italian canned meat for 84 grams of canned meat from Allied sources, was discussed. The Director of Commissary is in possession of a Circular from the War Ministry authorizing this substitution. So far we have heard nothing from MMIA on this matter. X

H. Items of General Interest

1. Cigarette paper is not yet available on the Island. We have ascertained that there are sufficient cigarettes available for a ration of 5 per man, per day, until about 10 December.
2. The following MMIA forms are short:

Ration Issue Notes	ST/8
Stock Cards	ST/4
Despatch Notes	ST/5
Commodity Account	ST/11
Army Model "P"	ST/12

3. Where are the matches that are to come from Italian sources? We have not issued matches since 24 October.

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Handwritten: A.L. Simmons
 F. L. SIMMONS,
 Colonel, Infantry,
 Senior Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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1 November 1944

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 27 October 1944

Report No. 14

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. Received the following:

- a. 225 kg. soap.
- b. 10 barrels of wine.
- c. 60 gallons of brake fluid.

2. None

3. 87,000 lbs of coffee, 30,000 comforters and 200,000 lbs of rice released to Allied Garrison Sardinia. The Shipping Tickets for above have been sent. Also released part of supplies per your AQ 2029. The remainder will be released shortly.

4. None

5. Not applicable.

6. Not applicable.

7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Part of rations to Norbase for Italian troops in Corsica has been shipped on schooner "San Antonio", on 20 October 1944. The remainder will go when shipping space is available.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

- 1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
- 2. Adequate ventilation provided.
- 3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
- 4. All stocks under cover, except some Bulk Warehouses.
- 5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
- 6. There is a need for anti vermin.
- 7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
- 8. No cases of labor problems.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

- 1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

- 1. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari and records, accounts and stocks appear in good order.

2. Cpl Pugliese visited Bulk and Distributing Depots in Sassari and Macomer twice since the last report. Warehousing of stocks was excellent. Accounting records were in perfect order and up to date.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. The following Messes were visited:

a. Capt. DeStefano visited the following:

1. Hq 521st Group Guardia e Sicurezza, Cagliari.
2. 1st Btry, 521st Group Guardia e Sicurezza, Cagliari.
3. 4th Btry, 521st Group Guardia e Sicurezza, Cagliari.
4. 33rd Service Group, Cagliari.
5. General Hq. Service Group, Cagliari.
6. Military Bakery, Cagliari.

b. Cpl Pugliese visited the following Messes:

1. Two visits Food Depot personnel, Macomer.
2. Two visits Clothing Depot personnel, Macomer.
3. 13th Artillery Regt., Macomer. This outfit has 3 mess halls and all were inspected.
4. Bakery, Macomer.
5. 13th Co. Infantry Group, Sassari.
6. 59th Infantry, Sassari.
7. 51st Service Group Nord, Sassari.
8. Infirmary Temporanea, Macomer.
9. Military Hospital, Sassari.
10. Carabinieri Service Group, Sassari.
11. 55th Labor Group, 3rd Co., Sassari.
12. 55th Labor Group, 4th Co., Sassari.
13. Bakery, Sassari.

c. Lt Filippi and Cpl Pugliese visited 4th Co. Unit Mess, Cagliari.

d. Lt Filippi and Pvt Latona visited the following Messes:

1. Distributing Depot, Cagliari.
2. Distaccamento Colulit, Cagliari.

2. In general the Messes visited were in good order. The soldier seems to be getting what he is entitled to. Since the last report we have visited some Messes the second time and find a marked improvement. Apparently this checking is doing some good. 5461

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Three visits have been made regarding clothing. Everybody is working on the equipping of the 205th Division and at present all items available in Sardinia have been issued.

H. Items of General Interest

1. Major George D. Smith, Jr., visited us and we were glad to see him. He gave us a lot of information on the new clothing and food system. The problems that arise between here and Naples were discussed and a better understanding was reached. Now, through Major Smith, the troops in Sardinia have some wine, soap and brake fluid.
2. No cigarette paper is available as yet. This is one of the biggest "gripes" on the Island.

3. The following MIA forms are short:

Ration Issue Note	ST/3
Stack Cards	ST/4
Despatch Notes	ST/5
Commodity Account	ST/11
Army Model "P"	ST/12

4. The 8,000 Mess Tins and 20,000 Cups for C.C.R.R. are ready for shipping. Will be loaded on next available transport.
5. Where are the matches that are to come from Italian sources? ✓
We have not issued matches since 24 October 1944.
6. Within next few days expect all transfer of rations to Allied Garrison Sardinia to be completed.
7. We are submitting another bid for transportation for remainder of food to Corsica.

AD/sep

F. I. Simmons
F. I. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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MILIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 13 October 1944

Report No. 13

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
2. None
3. 637,000 lbs of flour has been released to A.G.S. This was completed on 10 October 1944. Reference No. AQ 1938.
4. None
5. Not applicable.
6. Not applicable.
7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. 1 ton of tobacco loaded on "Pallade" and going to Corsica. Two schooners have been assigned to us to ship food to Corsica. They are listed as first priority and food should leave soon.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stack Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some at Bulk Warehouse.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. A number of visits were made to the Bulk Depot in Cagliari and records, accounts and stocks appear to be in good order.
2. Lt DeStefano visited Bulk and Distributing Depots at Sassari. Warehousing of stocks was excellent. Accounting records were in perfect order and up to date.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. The following unit Messes were visited:

- (a) Lt DeStefano visited Battaglione Antonomo Compimenti, Cagliari. The average feeding strength of this unit is about 1900. This is sort of a transit camp for troops leaving for the continent. The rations are being used to the best advantage, the kitchen was clean, there was adequate cooking facilities, rations from store room to kitchen controlled by mess officer and everything seemed to be in order. The meal I saw served was well prepared and the men seemed to be getting what they are entitled to.
- (b) Lt DeStefano visited 40th Comp. Armi D'Accompagnamento, Sassari. This is a Regimental Headquarters group and strength is 85 EM. The rations seemed to be used to best advantage, left-overs used for following meal, adequate kitchen and cooking utensils, rations are stored well and controlled by mess officer daily, kitchen was fairly clean and bread was well made. The meal I saw prepared was well cooked, served hot and the soldier seemed to be getting what he was entitled to.
- (c) Lt DeStefano visited Radio Sardinia, Cagliari. This is a group of 50 men that operate the Radio Station here. They claimed that they were not getting the food they were entitled to. On investigation I found that they kept no record of what they received and they have had no idea of food they were to get daily. I left a list of food they were to get daily and told them to keep a record of what they receive. I also told them that they would not have any trouble from now on.
- (d) Lt DeStefano visited Service Group Headquarters, Cagliari. This is a Headquarter Company and the feeding strength is 39 EM. The food seemed to be used to the best advantages, adequate kitchen and cooking utensils. The meal I saw served was well prepared and was hot. The soldiers seemed to be getting what they were entitled to. However, the store room was very dirty. The officer in charge was told to get the place cleaned and to keep it that way.
- (e) Lt Filippi visited Distributing Depot, Cagliari. Depot was in good order, clean and well kept. The accounting system was also in order. There was a shortage of the following forms:
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| Ration Issue Notes | ST/8 |
| Stock Cards | ST/4 |
| Commodity Accounts | ST/11 |
| Stock Movement Returns | ST/12 |
- (f) Lt Filippi visited 53rd Service Group, 205th Division. Kitchen was clean and kept well. The control of rations was in order. The mess fed about 527 men and all the men seemed to be getting what was coming to them.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

On Thursday morning I had a conference with Col Giviani, Director of Commissary. We discussed a letter I had written him in regard to the reorganization of depots in Sardinia. Beginning on 10 November we only plan to have depots for which Tables of Organization have been authorized. All but three Food Distributing Depots will be closed.

Small clothing depots will be consolidated or closed. It was recommended that soldiers be replaced with hired civilians wherever possible.

We also discussed the recent transfer of repaired shoes from Naples, which turned out to be a Comedy of Errors.

Lt DeStefano was sent to Naples to assist in this transaction. Instead of loading the shoes on cruisers, the Naples office arranged for the shoes to be shipped on S.S. Argentine. This caused a delay of two weeks. Shipping order showed 86 sacks of shoes. Lt DeStefano was informed that 177 sacks of shoes containing 4425 pairs were sent to be loaded, and 182 sacks were received at the Depot in Cagliari. Checking at the depot in Cagliari showed 3322 pairs of repaired shoes, 51 pairs of worn out shoes and 182 unmatched shoes. The Italian authorities did not provide an escort on the ship for the shoes and no papers showing the number of shoes shipped were received.

The Director of Commissary states that he has a letter from the W/M which indicates that IMIA accepts responsibility for the transfer to Cagliari. I asked for a copy of this letter but have not yet been able to see a copy. I told the Director of Commissary that when shoes were turned over to the Italian Depot in Naples for repair that the responsibility from then on rested with the Italian Army. The assistance of Lt DeStefano was not to be construed as acceptance of responsibility by IMIA.

The shoes that I saw were repaired in a very sloppy manner. The bags that they were shipped in were not suitable for the purpose. No markings as to contents of bags or their destination were present on sacks. As before stated no escort was provided and no records of shipment were forwarded. These are some of the discrepancies that should be corrected at once.

II. Items of General Interest.

1. Arrangements completed for transfer of 200,000 net pounds of Rice to A.G.S. Reference No. AQ 1966-QM-I-4411.
2. Arrangements completed for transfer of 87,000 net pounds of coffee to A.G.S. Reference No. AQ 1972. Allied Garrison Sardinia will let us know when they can pick these items up.
3. Part of the food to Corsica is being loaded on schooner this date.
4. Lt DeStefano visited clothing depot at Sassari and found a 540 Order.
5. All the units visited to date complained of not having cigarette papers. It seems that something should be done to secure cigarette papers for the troops on the Island.
6. It has been two months since these troops have had wine. Since wine is such an important item in the Italian diet I believe that an effort should be made to secure some for these troops.
7. Olive oil has arrived and distribution is being made.

For The Senior Liaison Officer,

George L. Fossett
GEORGE L. FOSSETT,
Major, C. E.

* Copy attached.

MINISTRY OF WAR
DIR.COMM. MILIT.
CLOTHING EQUIPMENT DIV.

file N. 16862/v

P.M. 107-13-9-44

Subject: Issue of material from Allied sources

We authorize you to issue to the liaison officer in Sardinia of the Calabria Division the below listed material from Allied Sources

4.400 pairs of shoes

These shoes are to be used to equip 5.000 men authorized to stay in the Calabria Division.

The shoes will be drawn by the liaison officer of Sardinia.

He will organize to transport them to Sardinia.

As said in para.5 of the administration instructions n. 1 of the ASC the unit that draws the shoes must return so many items to be eventually salvaged.

For the Minister

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

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7 October 1944

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MMMA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 6 October 1944

Report No. 12

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

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1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
 2. None
 3. 450,000 net pounds of canned meat received from A.G.S.
Reference No. AQ 1898
 4. None
 5. Not applicable
 6. Not applicable
 7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Despatch of rations to Korbases for Italian troops in Corsica has been set up and is progressing satisfactorily.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stack Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some at Bulk Warehouse.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist
8. No cases of labor problems

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. Lt. DeStefano visited two (2) unit Messes and unit Ration Books were produced and appeared to be in order

F. Units Interior Economy

(Lt. DeStefano visited Hq. Co. Mess, 205th Division)

(Lt. DeStefano visited 5th Co., 53rd Gruppo Servizio)

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Anti fly precautions for ration stores but not in kitchen and mess room.
6. Kitchen and mess clean and orderly
7. Bread is well made
8. Rations from store room to kitchen controlled and recorded daily
9. Unit messing Officer appointed
10. The meals I saw served were well prepared, food was served hot and every soldier seemed to be getting what he was entitled to.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Date of visit: 6 October 1944

Discussed with Col. Juliani the clothing set-ups including blankets for men, individual clothing etc. Also discussed contradictory information received from Ministry of War and Hq. MIA. Any discrepancies in the future will be settled by this office and in every instance upholding Hq. MIA.

H. Items of General Interest.

1. Lt. DeStefano finally returned from Naples on 3 October. Shoes arrived on 6 October.
2. Major Fossett returned from Rome on 5 October
3. 263,000 net pounds of flour to A.G.S. completed. Ref. No. 7854 - QM-1- 4232
4. The following releases to A.G.S. completed. Ref No. AQ 1899 - QM-1- 4258:
 - 357,000 net pounds of flour
 - 150,000 net pounds of sugar
 - 13,600 net pounds of pasta
5. 637,000 net pounds of flour will be picked up by A.G.S. on 9 October. Ref No. AQ 1936 - QM-1- 4353
6. 200,000 net pounds of rice for A.G.S. Arrangements being made to transfer this rice. Ref No. AQ 1966 - QM-1- 4411
7. 87,000 net pounds of coffee for A.G.S. Arrangements being made to transfer this coffee. Ref No. AQ 1972
8. Lt. DeStefano visited the clothing Depot of 205th Division at Iglesias and told them that all Allied clothing was frozen. Also secured an inventory of Depot. All was in order.

F. L. Simmons

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
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MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 23 September 44

Report No. 10

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
2. 450,000 net pounds of canned meat notified for release from A.G.S.
3. None.
4. None.
5. Not applicable.
6. Not applicable.
7. Yes.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Despatch of rations to Norbase for Italian troops in Corsica has been set up and is progressing satisfactory.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some at Bulk Warehouse.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

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D. Physical Warehousing Position (FOL)

1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and FOL)

No opportunity to inspect.

F. Units Interior Economy

No units inspected during period of the week.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Date of visit: 18 Sept 44.

Arranged to secure a list showing Food Depots, Forage Depots, and other services under the Commissary Office and Personnel working in each. Copy of the schedule is attached.

H. Items of general interest.

Most of past week spent in acquainting myself with the supply situation in Sardinia. Lt De Stefano sent to Naples on 19 Sept to bring back 4000 pair of shoes.

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DIRECTION OF COMMISSARIATO OF THE MILITARY COMMAND OF SARDINIA

Organization Of The Supply Service At 10 September 1944

DIVISIONAL DEPOTS	OFFICERS IN CHARGE	PERSONNEL IN DEPOTS			DEPOTS STRENGTH	NOTE
		Off	Non-Comm Off	Enl Men		
CAGLIARI (food)	Maj Parone, Virgilio	3	4	38	11,500	(1) Personnel are furn- ished according to the service necessary.
✓ Iglesias	Lt Duono, Antonio	-	1	4	5,000	
✓ Villasor (temp)	Capt Medosi, Cesare	-	-	25	6,000	
SASSARI (food)	Lt Giona, Enzo	1	4	18	9,500	
✓ Tempio	Lt Tafuri, Claudio	-	-	5	2,500	
✓ Alghero (temp)	Lt Dettori, Loris	-	1	1	3,000	
✓ MACOMER (food & forage)	Lt Russo, Leonida	1	2	30	8,000	
✓ Nuoro	Lt Muscari, Luigi	-	-	4	4,000 (1)	
✓ Oristano	Capt Somma, Paolo	-	-	-	4,000 (1)	
✓ MONTI (food & forage)	Lt Scopelliti, Antonio	3	5	50	2,500	
TOTAL.....		8	17	175	57,000	

Organization Of Other Services Of Commissariato At 10 September 1944

DIVISIONAL DEPOTS						
Forrage and Fuel						
CAGLIARI	Lt Col Iori, Oreste	1	1	35		
SASSARI	Capt Plateo, Alfonso	1	2	10		
CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT						
MACOMER	Lt Col Lutzu, Antonio	5	5	60		
13TH CO DEPOT	Lt Col Ruggiu, Sebast	1	3	6		
SALVAGE AND LDY						
OSCHINI	Capt Marchesan, Luigi	2	3	90		
TADASUNI	Lt DeGiovanni, Raff	1	1	25		
CAGLIARI	Capt DelCurto, Aldo	-	1	4		
BARRACK SERVICE						
SORGONO	Lt Col Navoni, Giuseppe	2	4	45		
SASSARI	Capt Ravanello, Luigi	-	3	10		
IGLESIAS	Lt Col Padde, Salvatore				(1)	
CRISTAFI	Lt DeGiorgi, Bruno				(1)	
MACOMER	Capt Landi, Franco				(1)	
NUORO	Capt Margaroli, Giannet				(1)	
TEMPIO	Lt LaRana, Giuseppe				(1)	

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MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia

Week Ending: 4 August 44

Report No. 3.

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. The following cargoes have been ascertained:
 - a. 31 July, S.S. "John Banvard"

Macaroni	360,000 lbs net
Spaghetti	460,000 lbs net

- b. 4 August, S.S. "Daniel Lowndale"

Macaroni	24,000 lbs net
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2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.

3. Cargoes reported ascertained in Report No. 2 are being worked at present.

4. No releases ex Allied Depots.
5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been satisfactory.
6. Labor conditions are favorable.
7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts are favorable.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. An investigation relevant to the excess rations drawn by the Italian Army showed that from 20 March to 20 July, a total of 821,901 excess rations were drawn. In order to reconcile this amount, the President of the Combined Italian Armed Forces Supply Board was instructed to deduct 272,967 rations from each of the next three succeeding issues to the Italian Army.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.

3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

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

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)
1. On 3 August checked ration accounts of 203rd Division Headquarters, Sinnai which were in order.

- F. Units Interior Economy
1. Rations are being used to best advantage.
 2. Kitchen wastage is at a minimum.
 3. Unit cooks are inspected monthly by a doctor.
 4. Flies constitute a working hazard.
 5. Kitchen waste either burned, buried or carted away by civilian garbage collectors.
 6. Sanitation is satisfactory.
 7. Wood is the standard fuel.
 8. Bread is fair.
 9. Issues from ration stores to kitchen appear satisfactory.
 10. Food cans are crushed and buried.
 11. Units have mess officers appointed.
 12. Rations are augmented by purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables on the local market.
 13. Every attempt is made to use left-overs from meals.
 14. Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.
 15. Morale is satisfactory.
 16. Officer-men relationships are satisfactory.
 17. No cases of breeches in security.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato
Date of Visit: 4 August 1944
Purpose: To arrange for a tour of inspection of Boot and Clothing Repair installations in Sardinia.

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MMIA S & T Sector Liaison Officer's Weekly Report

Sector: Sardinia. Week Ending: 28 July 44. Report No. 2.

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. The following cargoes have been ascertained:

(a) 22 July, S.S. "Howard A. Kelley"

- Tomato Paste	27,000 gal (approx 107,000 lbs.)
- Rice	251,000 lbs
- Sugar	175,320 lbs
- Cheese process	157,955 lbs
- Beans	622,000 lbs
- Spaghetti	60,000 lbs
- Flour	249,500 lbs
- Macaroni	165,000 lbs

(b) 26 July, S.S. "Joel E. Harris"

- Beans	160,000 lbs net
- Flour	80,000 lbs net
- Pepper	1,440 lbs net
- Matches	496 cartons

2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.

3. No cargoes have been worked during this period.

4. No releases ex Allied depots.

5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been satisfactory.

6. Labor conditions are favorable.

7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts have been favorable.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. The discrepancy in the food ration strengths as given by the Italian Army is still being checked.
2. No opportunity to check POL position.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stack Tally boards were up to date.
4. All stocks were under cover.
5. Older stocks are issued before newer stocks.
6. Mutually contamination foods kept well apart.
7. Depots inspected were clean and tidy.
8. There is a need for anti vermin. The Italian Army does not issue any.
9. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
10. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

No opportunity to inspect during period.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. See B par 1.
2. 26 July 44 I inspected ration accounts of Internal Carabinieri Company at Cagliari which were in order.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. Rations are being used to the best advantage.
2. Kitchen wastage is at an absolute minimum.
3. Unit cooks are periodically inspected.
4. Flies constitute a working hazard as no anti fly vermins are issued.
5. Kitchen wastage is either burned and buried or carted away by civilian garbage collectors.
6. Sanitation is satisfactory.
7. Wood is the standard fuel.
8. Bread is fair and could be improved.
9. The issues from ration stores to kitchen appears satisfactory.
10. Food cans are crushed and buried.
11. All units had mess officers appointed.
12. Rations are augmented by purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables on the local market.
13. Every attempt is made to use left-overs from meals.
14. Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.
15. Morale is satisfactory.
16. Officer-men relationships are favorable.
17. Discipline is very satisfactory.
18. No cases of breeches in security.

Remarks: Every unit inspected had an accumulation of dehydrated carrots. Commanding officers stated that they had made many attempts to remove the sweet taste by soaking the carrots for two and three days but to little avail. They have prepared them in soup, in salads, and with the meat. In all cases it was stated that the sweet taste permeated the entire dish and was unpalatable.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Date of visit 24 July 1944.

Points Raised.

1. Question of reducing depot military personnel to essential minimum: At present there is no over-strength of operation military personnel; however, the military can only be replaced by civilians upon orders from Italian Army Headquarters which are being expected.

2. Question of eliminating need for any particular depot: Effective 1 August 44, six secondary depots will cease to function, in relationship to the amount of troops leaving the island.

3. Question of possibility of grouping smaller units around a larger "parent" unit for the purpose of simplifying the ration distribution and economizing transportation. It is possible but not practical. Actually it would take more time. The parent unit thus functions as a depot itself and incurs upon itself the duty and responsibility of weighing and accounting for rations distributed.

4. Question of pooling certain unit transport in the hands of depot commanders so as to arrange a "milk round" delivery to units: This would be the ideal situation providing adequate and sufficient transportation is furnished the depot commanders. With the limited amount of vehicles it is not possible at present.

5. Question of placing units close to railroads and so organize a mobile issue depot: Both the Commissariato and the Intendente have already proposed this plan to Italian Army Headquarters. The plan consists of organizing four (4) primary ration dumps on the main highway-railroad line from Cagliari north to Olbia, and also to have as many units as possible displaced along this line. Italian Army Headquarters is at present considering the plan.

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Subject: Supply of Disinfectants

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Col. F.L. Simmons,
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thru' A.G.C. Sardinia

Reference para F items 5 & 7 MMIA S & T Sector.
Liaison Officer's Weekly Report dated 24 July 44.

1. Medical Directorate, Ministry of War, issued instructions on anti-fly precautions and other hygiene measures in their letter ref. 4/459/I.S. of 4 March 44 to all Medical Directorates including Sardinia.
2. Majority of supplies of disinfectants for Sardinia for May, June and July are still awaiting shipment at Naples. Delay is entirely due to Allies being unable to allot shipping space on account of other priorities. Movements this HQ has the matter in hand. It is hoped these supplies, about 110 tons (D.W.) will arrive about Mid-August.

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia. Week Ending: 21 July 44. Report No. 1

Units inspected during period.

- (1) 416th Labor Regiment, Decimomannu.
- (2) 1020th Truck Company, Elmas.
- (3) Civilian Bakery, 227 Via San Avendrace (bakes bread for thirty-eight (38) Italian units.
- (4) 757th Battery, 5th Group, San Antioco.
- (5) Secondary Ration Dump, San Antioco.
- (6) 4th Bersaglieri Company, 4 Cycle Bn, San Antioco.
- (7) 13th Autieri Regiment, Cagliari.
- (8) Staging Area, Cagliari.
- (9) Primary Ration Dump, Cagliari.
- (10) Headquarters Company, Italian Hq, Cagliari.
- (11) 11th Co, 4th Machine Gun Bn, 32nd Armored Regt, Cagliari.
- (12) Secondary Ration Dump, Villasor.
- (13) 2nd Bn, 526th Infantry Regiment, Cagliari.

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

1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.
3. The following Cargo from the "Lucretia Mott" have been worked during this period:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Flour.....	3,168,000 pounds net
Peas, dry.....	401,500 " "
Beans, dry.....	180,000 " "
Rice.....	290,000 " "
Spaghetti.....	90,000 " "
Macaroni.....	225,000 " "
Sugar.....	290,000 " "
Coffee.....	145,104 " "
Potatoes (Dehyd).....	145,104 " "
Cabbage (Dehyd).....	17,052 " "
Onions (Dehyd).....	25,425 " "
Rutabaga (Dehyd).....	1,920 " "

UNIT	QUANTITY	
Sweet Potatoes (Dehyd).....	31,060	pounds net
Hominy (Dehyd).....	23,560	" "
Carrots (Dehyd).....	16,520	" "
Cheese.....	111,960	" "
Tomato Paste.....	20,958	U.S. gallons
Comforters, cotton filled.....	2,808	each

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4. No releases ex Allied Depots.
5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been adequate.
6. Working conditions are favorable.
7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts has been favorable.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Food stocks position for this sector is at present under serious investigation. A discrepancy has been noted between the figures given as ration strengths by the Administration Office and the Intendent, Italian Army Headquarters in Sardinia. As yet, no conclusion have been determined.

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2. There has been no opportunity to check the POL position.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. All supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation was provided.
3. Stack Tally boards were up to date and in use.
4. All stocks were under cover.
5. Turnover is assured by issuing from oldest stocks first.
6. Mutually contamination stocks were kept well apart.
7. There were no outdoor stacks.
8. There are Recovery and Salvage Sections to sort and re-case broken stocks.

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9. Depots inspected were clean and tidy.
10. Anti Vermin issued by the Italian Army is nil. At best depots use home-made rat traps.
11. Depots inspected were adequately protected against theft.
12. Existing guard arrangements were considered adequate.

13. Fire precautions could stand much improvement. Depots have telephone communications.

14. "Spot Check"

Commodity Checked
Meat and stew

Surplus Found
None

Deficiency Found
None

15. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

During this period there was no opportunity to inspect the POL position.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL Depots)

1. During this period an investigation was initiated concerning the fact that the Italian Army has been issued an excess of one hundred fifty eight thousand nine hundred ten (158,910) rations. The matter is still being investigated.

2. On 17 July 1944 I inspected the ration accounts of the 13th Auto Regiment at Cagliari and cross-checked these with the corresponding ration accounts held at the Primary Ration Depot at Cagliari. The accounts were found to be in order.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. In my opinion, rations are being used to the best advantage.

2. Kitchen and mess room wastage is at a minimum.

3. All unit ration store arrangements are satisfactory.

4. Unit cooks are inspected bi-monthly by medical officers.

5. Anti fly precautions issued are nil.

6. Kitchen and mess room waste is burned and buried.

7. Sanitation in all messes and kitchens can be improved.

All commanding officers have been advised.

8. Wood is the only fuel used for cooking.

9. The bread made in Army bakeries is much better than that made in civilian bakeries for Italian Army units. I weighed several loaves of bread and the weight was almost exact.

10. The issues from ration stores to kitchens are satisfactorily controlled.

11. Food cans are crushed and buried to prevent breeding of flies.

12. All units had an appointed mess officer.

13. Units are augmenting the ration by buying fruit and vegetables on the local markets.

14. I witnessed the noon day meal served at the Command Post 2nd Battalion, 526th Infantry Regiment at Cagliari. The menu consisted of soup (macaroni and fresh squash), sweet potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad, and bread.

15. Attempts are made to use up left overs from meals.

16. Some units have their own motor transportation and others have horse and wagon which are used to draw rations from the main depots.

Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.

17. Of the units inspected the only one training drivers was the 13th Auto Regiment at Cagliari.

18. The morale of the men is satisfactory. There is no over optimism.

19. Relationships between officers and men appear favorable.

20. Discipline is very satisfactory.

21. No cases of breeches in security, pro-Fascist, pro-German, or anti Allied activities were noted.

22. The predominant complaint among officers and men was the issue of dehydrated carrots. The majority complained about the sweet, nauseating taste.

G. Visit to Head of Sector Commissariato

<u>Date of Visit</u>	<u>Points Raised</u>	<u>Action taken</u>	<u>Action required by IMIA</u>
19 July	Procedure regarding receipt and distribution of rations.	None	None

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