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FROM MMIA LL 88 AREA 251320

TO MMIA ~~ROM~~ ROME

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M.M.I.A.
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ST/1 RETD(.) FROM CRAWFORD (.) SIGNAL ADDRESS 88 AREA FOR MMIA LO (.) WILL NOTIFY ADDRESS OF QUARTERS AND OFFICE TO MORROW (.) 44 BSL IS NOT AVAILABLE EVEN FOR ~~T~~ITALIAN ARMY (.) HAVE CONTACTED 88 AREA TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE ~~S~~ SITE (.) PRESENCE HERE ADST WELCOME

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REPORT MOVING SUBJ (.) MISTER PLANS BROKEN DOWN

"S & T, MMA.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

Aug 04 1235Z
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FROM MMIA

TO FREEDOM

INFO DISTONE - 13 CORPS FOR MMIA LO -
66 AREA FOR MMIA LO CRAWFORD

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REFER FX 29170 CITE FHGDT OF 28 JULY (.) UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTY HAS ARISEN IN HANDOVER OF 44 BSD FOR ITALIAN BULK DEPOT (.) REQUEST THIS BE URGENTLY ADJUSTED AS MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS INTO THIS DEPOT ALREADY IN PROCESS AND TRANSFER OF RASC FEEDING RESPONSIBILITY TO ITALIANS IN NE ITALY WILL BE FURTHER DELAYED (.) FREEDOM ST SIGNAL C8256 OF 31 JUL AND C8510 OF 2 AUG ALSO REFER

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION

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S & T, Airborne

Read 4 Aug

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Ref. : 14424/S/1
Date : Aug. 1, 1945

From : MOW
To : Direcomiles Udine
Info : MMIA

With letter FX29170, AFHQ ordered the handing over of 44 BSD premises at Mestre to Itulian authorites for the establishment of a ration depot. In agreement with local LOs and Hq. 86 Area you will receive the consignment of the premises and will see to the storing of foodstuffs.

(sgd) Lanni

"S & T. Mission"

Cpl. WAC

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See 44/8.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz. Gen. [illegible] Stato Maggiore
Divisione Operazioni

S.T.

DIRECOMILES UDINE

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA (fono a mano)
COMLITER UDINE

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO 1414/24 /3/1 DESTINATARIO DIRECOMILES UDINE CONOSCENZA M.M.I.A. ROMA ET COMLITER UDINE ALT A.F.H.Q. FOGLIO FX29170 HABET DISPOSTO PASSAGGIO AUTORITA' ITALIANE LOCALI 44 BSD MESTRE PER IMPIANTO DEPOVIVERI ILES ALT PRIVI ACCORDI LOCALE UFFICIALE COLLEGAMENTO ET COMANDO 86 AREA DISPOSTE PER PRENDERE CONSEGNA LOCALI ET PROVVEDERE IMMAGAZZINAMENTO DERRATE ALT ASSICURATE ALT PREDIRETTORE GENERALE COL. BASILE

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE....140001

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz. Gen. [illegible] Servizio Militare
Divisione Censura

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SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (MISTA) ROMA (Fono a mano)
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COMMISSARIATO 14424 /S/ DESTINATARIO DIRECOMILES UDINE CONOSCEN=
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IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE....140001

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IN 1045
Date 2/8
OUT Time 1615
Date 3/8

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SUBJECT:- Supply Queries.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
97/203

3 Aug 45.

MMIA IO N.W. ITALY.

Copy to:- ST MMIA IO NW ITALY. GENOA.

Reference Appendix 'D', your Q/31 of 28 July 45.

1. Up to date ration scale for Italian Armed Forces is attached. It is anticipated that Vegetables, Dehydrated will be deleted from this scale in the near future.

2. Italian Civil Labor employed by the Italian Armed Forces are allowed midshift meals. See our letter AQ/2-4, of 26 Sept 44, copy of which is attached. Modifying letter Q/1-89 of 8 June 45, attached.

3. Army Forms 1680 need not be submitted by 42 B.S.D. to MMIA for rations issued in bulk to Italian Depots. Charge against Italian Government is made on the basis of MMIA Forms 97/3, being submitted by you. See para 2 our 97/182 of 26 July.

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

KRN/GMC

INTERNAL:- 97/182 'C'

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AUTHORIZED RATION SCALE - ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

a. ALLIED PROVIDED ITEM.

	PER MAN PER DAY
FLOUR	15 oz.
VEGETABLES, DRIED	2 oz.
MEAT, PRESERVED or FISH, PRESERVED	3 oz.
CHEESE	1 oz.
SUGAR	1 oz.
MACARONI	3 oz.
+ RICE	1 oz.
VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED	1 oz.
CATSUP or TOMATO PASTE	1½ oz.
COFFEE	½ oz.
PEPPER	1/200 oz.

+ If Rice is not available 1 oz. of Macaroni or Flour may be issued in lieu.

b. ITALIAN PROVIDED ITEM.

FRUIT, FRESH	4 oz.
VEGETABLES, FRESH	8 oz.
OLIVE OIL	1 oz.
NUTS SHELLED	1½ oz.
or NUTS UNSHELLED	3 oz.
SALT	24 gr.
WINE	½ litre
MATCHES	40 singles matches weekly per man.

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NOTE:- Additional items of soap and cigarettes are supplied by the Italian Government, though they are not included in the official authorized ration.

a. CIGARETTES: ~~5 per man per day. 5 additional cigarettes are authorised for (a) all troops forward Fifth and Eighth Army Rear Boundaries; (b) Friuli, Cremona, Legnano, Folgore and Mantova Groups; (c) Cesene Combat Group Rifle, Centre.~~ 50 PER MAN PER WEEK (WEF 1 AUG 45)

b. SOAP : - 300 grams per man per month all troops forward Fifth and Eighth Army Rear Boundaries.
- 250 grams per man per month for all troops behind Fifth and Eighth Army Rear Boundaries.
- 200 grams per mule or horse per month.

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SUBJECT:- Supplementary Food Rations for Heavy Workers (Mid-Shift Meal).

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
AG/2nd
26 Sept 1944.

TO : War Ministry.

1. Authority has been received for the issue of mid-shift meal to Italian civilians performing heavy labor for the benefit of the Italian Armed Forces, or by contractors; and for industries who in turn are employed 100% for the Italian Armed Forces. The employing agency will contact the Regional Supply Officer of Allied Control Commission in the region which the labor is being performed, and make arrangements to draw the components of the mid-shift meal from the food depots of Allied Control Commission. Your request for the components of the mid-shift meal will bear the signature of approval, by representative of MMIA before it is presented to the Regional Supply Officer of the Allied Control Commission. The mid-shift meal will consist of the following:-

Bread	- 1/3 pound
Fresh Vegetables	- 6 ounces
Dehyd Soup	- 0.8 ounces

2. A charge of 7 lire per serving will be made on the following basis:

1/3 pound of bread	- 2 lire
6 ounces of fresh veg	- 4 lire
0.8 ounces of dehyd soup	- 1 lire

No deviation from the complete 7 lire meal will be made.

3. The soup and vegetables will be served hot, and the preparation thereof, including distribution of bread in the stated quantity will be the responsibility of the employing unit. Employees will be required to furnish their own containers and will consume the food at the site of employment. Care will be taken to avoid waste or serving an amount in excess of that authorized.

4. Office employees are not entitled to mid-shift meals or supplemental ration card.

5. It is necessary that the issue of mid-shift meal be strictly controlled to ensure that:

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a. Only bona-fide laborers receive the food.

b. Distribution of food is on the proper scale.

c. Food leakages do not exist.

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6. A deduction of 7 lire per serving will be made from each employee's salary for the mid-shift meal.

7. You will submit the following information to this office by the 10th of each month, covering the previous month, showing the followings

a. Name of employing unit.

b. Location of employing unit.

c. Number of persons entitled to mid-shift meal.

d. Number of meals served.

e. Amounts deducted from the employee's salary.

8. Please send this office a copy of your instructions covering this subject.

/s/ TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
For Major General
MMLA

Dist.:-

AIL MMLA IO's - 2
Food Sub Commission - 10

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SUBJECT:- Mid-Shift Meal.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M M
G/1-89

8 June 1945.

TO : Direzione Gen.Commissariato
Ministry of War

Ref your letter 11111/3/1 dated 2 June 45.

1. You are advised that you are no longer required to obtain the signature of approval by representatives of MMIA on the requests for the components of the mid-shift meal.

2. A charge of 7 lire per serving will continue to be deducted from the salaries of the persons receiving the mid-shift meal, on the following basis:-

Bread	- 3 lire
Fresh Vegetables	- 3 lire
Soup	- 1 lire

3. Also you are no longer required to furnish this office a report as previously asked for in para 7 of our letter AG/2-4 dated 26 Sept. 1944.

/s/ TOMMY T. ROSS, Lt. Col.
Per Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA TO NAPLES
MMIA TO FIFTH ARMY
MMIA TO SICILY
MMIA TO SARDINIA
MMIA TO 54 AREA
ST Sec. MMIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. T. BRANCH

AFH/64/ST6

Tel: Freedom 499

1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies for Italian Armed Forces

ADST,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
MMIA

Reference para 4 of your ST/182 of 23 Jul 45.

1. On going further into this question of accounting, we prefer that the checking of supplies be effected at the time of collection. It is assumed that collections will be made not more than once weekly, and the resultant delay in our Depots will be accepted.

2. We shall instruct Depots concerned to provide the Italian representatives with every facility for checking.

C. J. BEAN

Major-General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

S & T Branch.
Recd 2 May
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Subject:- Maint - Italian Army.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub,Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Tel : 22602
Ref LO/QI

30 July 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Reference your ST/914.

1. Comd Territorial, BOLOGNA have been signalled for a report as to the progress made. in DID accommodation at ANCONA and FORLI.

2. Feeding strengths in I District attached.

Capt.
MMIA HQ., I District.

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ANCONA

LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN 61 AREA

Unit	Strength
Ital Incr 11 Br Gen Hosp.	44
20 Coy Guardia	50
90 Off Mob Pes	40
419 10 Regt	73
401 Coy Ital	70
522 Bn Guardia	25
721 Italian W/Shops	260
7 Coy GAI Ital Air Force	65
Ital Incr 6 Vet Hosp	145
Ital Incr 53 MBLU	66
172 IPL Coy	110
2° Bn Guardia	32
Ital Incr 45 BSD	10
34 Ital Engrs	120
107 IPL Coy	140
45° Riparto Italiano	95
108 IPL Coy	120
106 IPL Coy	95
105 IPL Coy	225
132 IPL Coy	100
1 Air Service Coy 4 Serv Gp	130
111 IPL Coy	70
114 IPL Coy	80
116 IPL Coy	95
115 IPL Coy	88
14 Coy Ital Engrs	160
113 IPL Coy	97
520 Bn Guardia	486
11 Coy Ital Engrs	160
Carabinieri (Jesi)	180
3° Bn Aviazione Commando	95
20 Coy Ital Engrs	180
109 IPL Coy	136

Unit	Strength
Ital Mil 25 Fd. Bakery	134
Ital Mil 124 M.U	70
Ital Mil 4 Fd Sig Unit	25
Ital Mil 23 AMG Evac Camp	28
Ital Mil 16 Veh Park	31
Det 131 IPL Coy	36
31 Ital Engineering Coy	100
247 Ital MU Hosp	36
Ital Mil Hospital	400
406 Regt IPL (Pl Comd)	36
HQ IPL	150
924 Port Op Coy	310
HQ 401 Regt	110
130 IPL 1/403 Regt IPL	120
112 Coy & 401 IPL	81
515 Sigs & Tele Line Coy	60
259 IPL Coy	180
Carabinieri (P.Civitanova)	66
131 IPL Coy	74
13 Ital Engr Coy	135
Carabinieri (Macerata)	290
Carabinieri (Ancona)	397
129 IPL Coy	130
Italian Navy (Ancona)	1000
209 Div Transit Camp	50
Carabinieri (Osimo)	54
173 Coy & 406 Bn IPL	143
174 IPL Coy	100
175 IPL Coy	120
176 IPL Coy	115
36 Coy Genieri	120
1060 Ex Co-Op Coy	47

TOTAL 5807

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LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN

217 AREA

FORLI

16 DID	Unit	Strength
	253 Ital Pack Group	1280
	499 Ital Road Sign Maintenance	10
	254 Ital Pioneer Coy	110
	230 Ospedale di Campo	50
	253 Ital Pioneer Coy	115
	250 Ital Pioneer Coy	95
	2 Ital Engr Coy	180
	8 Ital Rly Engr Coy	180
	522 Ital Battery	130
	508 Ital Smoke Coy	180
	6 Ital Engr Coy	155
	31 Ital Rly Construction Coy	165
	232 Ospedale Di Campo	65
	10 Italian Engr Coy	150
	5 Ital Engr Coy	190
	518 Ital Bty Guardia	140
	413 Ital Regt. IP	70
	4 Ital Engr Coy	120
	3 Italian Traffic Control	18
	13 Ital Rly Coy	20
	11 Ital Inf Forli	10
	171 Ital Pioneer Coy	110
	801 Italian Transit Camp	57
	760 Coy RASC (Italian)	359
	1742 Ital Ex Cooperator W/Shops	35
	122 Italian Ex Co-operator FH. Hy	61
	211 Ital Coy IP	70
	1734 Ital Ex Co-operator W/Shops	20
	527 Bty Guardia Cesena	225
	209 Ital Div	290
	1 Riparto Per Gruppi di Combattimento	260
	527 Bty Guardia Forli	334
	534 Spec Camp Guardia	100
	270 Ital Pack Tpt Coy	360
	257 Italian Pioneer Coy	130
	252 Italian Pioneer Coy	90
	256 Italian Pioneer Coy	80

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10 Italian Engr Coy	190
5 Ital Engr Coy	140
518 Ital Bty Guardia	70
413 Ital Regt. IP	120
4 Ital Engr Coy	18
3 Italian Traffic Control	20
13 Ital Rly Coy	10
11 Ital Inf Forli	110
171 Ital Pioneer Coy	57
801 Italian Transit Camp	359
760 Coy RASC (Italian)	35
1742 Ital Ex Cooperator W/Shops	61
122 Italian Ex Co-operator Fd. Bty	70
211 Ital Coy IP	20
1734 Ital Ex Co-operator W/Shops	225
527 Bty Guardia Cesena	290
209 Ital Div	260
1 Riparto Per Gruppi di Combattimento	334
527 Bty Guardia Forli	100
534 Spec Camp Guardia	360
270 Ital Pack Tpt Coy	150
257 Italian Pioneer Coy	90
252 Italian Pioneer Coy	80
256 Italian Pioneer Coy	152
Italian Military Police Forli	40
Tappa per Gruppi di Combattimento	98
Italian Military Police Cesena	140
Italian Military Police Faenza	20
RI Navy Salvage (BT Rations)	

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209 DID

526 Guards Commando Bn	780
211 Ital Pioneer Coy	13
21 Inf Regt Cremona	220
Distretto Militare Rovigo	95
Tenenza Diretta CCRR Rovigo	129
251 Italian Pnr Coy	85

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204 DID

166 Ital Pioneer Coy	140
165 Ital Pioneer Coy	160
4 Coy 505 Guard Bn	100
1051 Carriste 'D' Pln	21
Presidio Aeronautico Ferrara	18
1051 Carriste 'C' Pln	29
Ospedale Militare	200
Gruppo CCRR Ferrara	442
258 Italian Pioneer Coy	100
170 Ital Pioneer Coy	95
1051 Tank Bn 'B' Pln	41
169 Ital Pnr Coy	70
167 Ital Pnr Coy	110

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71 SUB-AREA

AREZZO

LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN 71 SUB AREA.

By 464 Supply Pl BASC (Lt)

		Strength
60 Italian Forestry Coy		10
61 Italian Forestry Coy		60
62 Italian Forestry Coy		90
515 En Guardie Comando		371
-do-	5 Coy	110
-do-	7 Coy	147
93 Italian Pioneer Coy		88
94 Italian Pioneer Coy		120
95 Italian Pioneer Coy		55
96 Italian Pioneer Coy		176
97 Italian Pioneer Coy		100
98 Italian Pioneer Coy		130
Carabiniere Reali AREZZO		385
Carabiniere Reali SIENA		400
25 Italian Engr Coy		190
521 Ospedale Attendato		75
1005 Coy Italian GT		322
757 Coy Italian GT		334
HQ 21 Pack Transport Group		35
3 Reparto Salmerie		305
7 Reparto Salmerie		340
250 Reparto Salmerie		330
76 Reggimento Fanteria (Napoli)		270
122 Co-operator Field Bakery		33
Ital Military att 100 BGH		30
Ital Military att 31 BGH		21
802 Italian Rft Depot ORVIETO		2000
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By 71 DID BASC

Pe rugia Carabinieri	464
100 BGH	17
3 Italian Traffic Control	38
409 Italian Sig Rd	27
98 Italian Pioneer Coy (Det)	450
521 En Guardie Comando	200
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94 Italian Pioneer Coy	120
95 Italian Pioneer Coy	55
96 Italian Pioneer Coy	176
97 Italian Pioneer Coy	100
98 Italian Pioneer Coy	130
Carabiniere Reali AREZZO	385
Carabiniere Reali SIENA	400
26 Italian Engr Coy	190
521 Ospedale Attendato	75
1005 Coy Italian GT	322
757 Coy Italian GT	334
HQ 21 Pack Transport Group	35
3 Reparto Salmerie	305
7 Reparto Salmerie	340
250 Reparto Salmerie	330
76 Reggimento Fanteria (Napoli)	270
122 Co-operator Field Bakery	33
Ital Military att 100 BGH	30
Ital Military att 31 BGH	21
602 Italian Rft Depot ORVIETO	2000
	6527

By 71 DID RASC

Perugia Carabinieri	464
100 BGH	17
3 Italian Traffic Control	32
409 Italian Sig Pd	9
98 Italian Pioneer Coy (Det)	27
521 Bn Guardie Comando	450
Ospedale Militare Perugia	200
-do-	100
521 Bn Guardie 4 Coy	125
Ital Military att 'R' Internee Camp	46
Ital Military att 417 Ord Veh Park	76
521 Bn Guardie Det	30
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PADUA

LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN

210 SUB-AREA

Unit	Strength
133 Italian Pioneer Company	137
266/1 Compagna Autonoma	53
808 Batt C.S.S.Centro	20
168 Italian Pioneer Company	112
498 Ital. Treffic Control Coy	94
228 Div I.F.A. H.Q.	315
228 Ital Tpt Coy	300
Comando District Militare	16
210 Sub-Area	16
209 Div H.Q. 1 District	50
610 Nucleo A.P.C. No 1 A.M.G.	42
H.Q. 1051 Ital Tank Unit, Att 1 A.R.G.	35
92 Ospedale da Campo	52
878 Co-Ops A/T Coy R.E.	298
Ospedale Militare de Padova	375
3 Gruppa Italia R.E.	155
8 Nucleo Mobile di Censimento	15
Carabinieri	
712 Sezione Mista	30
Nucleo 1 Legione di Trieste	45
Gruppo Reali di Padova	454
B.T.C. Mobile Perletre Venezie	286
Nucleo Mobile Autonomo	7
I.A.F.	
Comando Nucleo 11 Z.A.T.	550
Regia Aero Con Primo Nuc Recuperi	150
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LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN

211 SUB-AREA

All Italian Personnel in this Area are maintained by No 7 Food Distribution Depot, which is controlled by the Italian Army.

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LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS BEING PROVISIONED IN

214 SUB AREA

RIMINI

Unit		Strength
CCRR Ancona		171
CCRR Ravenna		170
CCRR Rimini		165
CCRR Pesaro		255
104 Rep Trasponti (Mantova)		7,500 ?
290 Ospedale		45
429 Ospedale	(Staff)	65
	(Patients)	30
230 Ospedale ex-		85
5 Gen Hosp (Coops)		11
29 Coy Genieri		180
3 Italian Traffic Control		25
517 Gruppo 3 Bt		136
521 Guardia 3 Coy		100
515 Guardia		71
522 Guardia 2 Bn		200
535 Spec. Guardia		250
172 Italian Pioneer Coy		40
831 S/Light		112
50 Reparto per 715 AW Coy RE		90
124 Italian Fd. Bakery (Ex-Coops)		101
403 Ex Coops. OVTR		260
34 BSD RASC (Ex Coops)		12
21 Italian Tank Bde		21
518 Guardia		38
Commando Distretto Militaire		4
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216 SUB-AREA

ITALIAN MILITARY SUPPLY POINT - BOLOGNA.

2° Rep. Trasp. Grup. Comb.
2.a Comp.a Ferr. Mob.
3.a " " "
7.a " " "
7.a " Genieri
20" " Ferr. Mob.
21" " " "
92° Plot. Mascheratori
102 I.P. Coy
103 " " "
119 " " "
120 " " " 402° Regg.
126 " " " " "
127 " " " " "
128 " " " " "
171 Com.do Ital. Colleg.
182 Sez. Manut. Mat. Metn.
191 Rep. Serv. Colleg.
216 I. P. Coy
218 " " "
221 " " "
222 Comp.a It. Trasport. A.C.
223 I. P . Coy
227 Comp. Trasp. A.C.
229 " "
230 " " R.C.
231 Sez. Sussist.
248 I.P. Coy
252 It. Pak. Tras.
266 Rep. Salmerie
267 " "
268 " "
269 " "
299 Comp. 417 Regg. Fant.
300 I. P. Coy
307 " " "
516 Sez. Linee Telefon.
523 Btg. Guardie
562 Comp. Rastrell. Mine
563 Comp. Rastrell. "
805 Campo Transito
Com.do I° Btg. 402 Regg. I.P.
" " " Ferr. Mob.
I° Btg. 410 Regg.
Com. 6° Btg. Ferr. Mob.
" Btg. Ferr. Grup. Perotti
Plot. Com.do 402° Regg. I.P.
Nucleo D.l Sez. 26 Bis
Distacc. 2° Btg. Campo Profughi 3
Compl.ti Sosta 231 Div.

2.a Comp.a I° Btg. Autotr. A.C.
19.a " Autotras. A.C.
22.a " Auton. Autotrasp. A.C.
Distacc. 35 Regg. Art. Friuli
212 Comp.a 28 Btg.Serv. S.M.
159 Comp.a 40° Btg. Servizi
2003 Plot. 266 Comp. Ser. Gen. A.C.
3° Rep. Tappa Grup. Comp.
6.a Comp. Autotraspor. Amm.vi
6° Posto Carburante
6° Rep. Rifornimenti
6° Com.do Mil. Terr.
6.a Comp.a Guardie
Com.do 6° Regg. Art.P.C.
7° Nucleo Mobile Cens.
19.a Comp.a Ferr. Mob.
25° Centro Riforn. Quadrupedi
106.a Comp.a Serv. Genio
106.a " Colleg. Terr.
Centro R. Marina
" C.S. STATO Magg. R.E.
Osped.Mil.Princ. Bologna
Gruppo CC.RR. Regg. Emilia
" " " Modena
Com.do Int. Grup. CC.RR. Bologna
Presidio Aeronautico
Distretto Militare Modena
" " Reggio Emilia

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VERONA

Italian Mil

Folgore Gruppo
Friuli Gruppo
Carabiniere Trento
532 Guard Coy
231 Div HQ
88 Regt Fant
222 IP Coy
617 Nucleo (14)
212 IP Coy
18 Coy Ferrov
3 MRS
9 Sec Ferrov
3 Bn Ferrov
Gruppo EX PW
16 Co Ferrov
617 Nucleo (13)
Montezemolo Comd
2 Bn Ferrov
23 Coy Ferrov
CCRR Verona.

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SUBJECT:- Supplies, Estimated Responsibility for Supply of Rations - British and American.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

D.S.T., A.F.H.Q. 31 July 45.

Confirming telephone conversation BEAN-PENROSE, 29 July 45.

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TOTAL	160,000

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Quarter at (117 Vol II)

[signature]

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

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INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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COPY SIGNAL

FROM : REAR I3 CORPS
TO : 86 AREA
INFO : MMIA
REF : Q760

DATE TIME
301245B

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UNCLASSIFIED

REF EIGHT ARMY Q6371 OF 25 JULY(.) ARRANGE HAND OVER 44BSD BUILDINGS TO MMIA FOR USE AS ITALIAN BULK DEPOT(.) AFHQ DO NOT ENVISAGE NECESSITY FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCN

Q DISTRIBUTION.
ACTION COPY Q/I2/I7
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G & T, Micro.
Recd 31 July
File 8[illegible]

KRN 1/8

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M M I A

TO : ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR
DISTRIB FOR MMIA LO RE: ITALY

INFO : MEDAN FOR MMIA LO
DET AFHQ
ST 86 AREA
ST DISTRIB
ST DISINFO
5A AREA FOR MMIA LO
PORTSMOUTH FOR MMIA LO

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SO 10 Sec. B.

ST/928

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PREMISES PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY 44 BSD AT MESSINA ARE NOW ALLOCATED TO ITALIAN ARMY AS BULK FOOD DEPOT FOR RE ITALY (.) NO 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO OCCUPY AND PREPARE TO RECEIVE RATIONS (.) FOR AUTHORITY AFHQ SIGNAL FX29170 REFERS (.) LO RE ITALY WILL LIAISE WITH 86 AREA AS REGARDS OF OCCUPATION

(ST/102)

PRECEDENCE

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INTERNAL: S O

AUTHENTICATION

Lt.Col.

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SUBJECT:- Supplies - Opening and Stocking Italian Depots - N.A.F. [illegible]

Land Forces Sub Comm. Al.(MGIA).
(M.M.I.A.).
S2/182

31 July 44.

M.M.I.A. A.F.H.Q.

Copy Sent- MGIA 10
M.G. ZIAIT c/o H2 1 District
MGI 1 District.

1. On cut only A.[illegible] signal FX 25170 dated 25 July premises previously occupied by M. M.G.A. are handed over to Italian Army for use as Bulk Depot at [illegible].

2. Confirming telephone conversation [illegible] - [illegible] 30 July the following provisioning will be required to ensure that all remaining depots in N.W. Italy are able to commence functioning on 24 August.

3. ITALIAN PORTION OF [illegible].

May thirteen days Italian items already indented for August requirements be invited back immediately or redirected to Italian Army Depots based on the following feeding strengths:-

Bulk Depot [illegible] - will supply [illegible] 12,000, [illegible] 15,000, [illegible] 9,000, [illegible] 5,000, [illegible] 4,000, [illegible] 45,000.

Intermediate Distribution Depots - Feeding Strengths [illegible] 6,000, [illegible] 16,000, [illegible] 24,000.

NOTE:- No Distribution Depot has been considered at [illegible] but pack of Italian items can be made up at [illegible] and handed over to XIII Corps for onward transmission.

Further movements of Italian items will be laid for through this HQ on A.F.H.Q. F.O.M. but we should like to take up any shipping space to [illegible] which you may wish to release as a result of this scheme coming into operation.

4. ALLIED PORTION OF [illegible].

May 30 days for 45,000, i.e. 1,350,000 rations, be released immediately at [illegible] and at the same time 30 days for 16,000, i.e. [illegible] rations at [illegible] and 30 days for 8,000, i.e. 240,000 rations at [illegible]. It is assumed that both these latter depots would be supplied from one of

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2. Confirming telephone conversation BRAD - [illegible] 30 July the following provisioning will be required to ensure that all remaining depots in F.S. Italy are able to commence functioning on 24 August.

3. ITALIAN PORTION OF RATION.

May fifteen days Italian items already budgeted for August requirements be hauled back immediately or redirected to Italian Army Depots based on the following feeding strengths:-

Bulk depot [illegible] - will supply [illegible] 12,000, [illegible] 15,000, [illegible] 9,000, [illegible] 5,000, [illegible] 4,000, [illegible] 5,000.

Intermediate distribution Depots - Feeding strengths [illegible] 8,000, [illegible] 10,000, [illegible] 24,000.

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A further 30 days for 45,000, i.e. 1,350,000 rations to be released at [illegible] on or about 21 August and a further 15 days for 24,000, i.e. 360,000 rations be released from [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] distribution depots at the same time.

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Lt.Col. [illegible],
[illegible], Land Forces sub Comm. AC.([illegible]).

JMW/[illegible]

[illegible]:-
[illegible]

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COPY OF SIGNAL (SE/182)

FROM : AFHQ 28 JULY 45

TO : XIII CORPS

INFO : REAR EIGHTH ARMY MMIA

RESTRICTED. FX29170. REF REAR EIGHTH ARMY SIGNAL Q.6371 DATED 25 JULY. SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDT. ARRANGE HANDOVER 44 BSD VENICE TO MMIA USE ITALIAN BULK DEPOT. NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION NOT ENVISAGED

"S & T", MMIA.
Recd 28 July
Fld S.T. 187

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

13715/S/1

25 July 45

SUBJECT:- Supply of Italian Provided Items in North Italy.

As regards supply of Italian Provided Items in North Italy the following is forwarded by this Ministry.

Tobacco - The Commissioner of State Monopolies in MILAN has taken steps to know the possibility of consignments ex factories of North Italy (letter of 5th inst.) Reply has been hastened on 20th inst.

Fixed for SEPT Allocation OK'd

Matches - As confirmed by "Consorzio Industrie Fiammiferi", requirements of units localed in Northern regions will be met entirily by allocations ex MAGENTA Factory.

Soap - Factories of South Italy have already been instructed to supply soap during period July-September. It is not deemed opportune to alter working programme for such period, since it would affect regular supplies.
As regards following periods the Ministry of Industry and Commerce will examine the possibility of meeting at least part of Armed Forces requirements by allocations from Northern regions. But these regions do not seem to have got any raw materials.

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Oil - The Ministry of Food has been requested for supplementary allocations ex 'ammassi' of UMBRIA, TOSCANA, LIGURIA AND EMILIA.

Wine & Dried Fruit - Commissariat Directorates of North Italy have been instructed to examine local purchasing possibilities.
Local sources will be used at the maximum.

Salt - General Directorate of State Monopolies has been requested to obtain adequate allocations ex salt-works in North Italy (letter of 5th inst).
A reply has been hastened.

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Rec'd 26 July

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione Sussistenze

Sezione I^

Prot. N.° 13715/S/1 Allegati

Risposta al f.° del 16 c.m.

Div. ... Sez. ... N.° ST/182

~~Roma,~~ 3800,11 25.7.45

ST/AI

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

OGGETTO: Approvvigionamento generi d'crigine italiana nelle regioni del Nord.

Nei riguardi dell'approvvigionamento dei generi di provenienza italiana nelle regioni del Nord questo Ministero riferisce quanto segue:

- tabacchi: Per conoscere le possibilità di consegna da parte delle Manifatture dell'Italia Settentrionale si è interessato il Commissario dei Monopoli di Stato di Milano con lettera del 5 c.m..-Si è sollecitata la risposta il 20 c.m.

- fiammiferi: Come da assicurazione avuta via breve dal Consorzio Industrie Fiammiferi, il fabbisogno dei reparti dislocati nelle regioni del Nord potrà essere soddisfatto per intero con assegnazioni sulla fabbrica di Magenta.

- sapone : Per il trimestre luglio - settembre c.a. la fornitura del sapone è stata già affidata a ditte dell'Italia meridionale. Non si ravvisa l'opportunità di apportare varianti al piano di lavorazione per detto trimestre in quanto si potrebbe compromettere la regolarità dei rifornimenti. Per i periodi successivi s'interesserà il Ministero Industria e Commercio ad esaminare la possibilità di soddisfare almeno parte del fabbisogno delle Forze Armate con assegnazioni su ditte delle regioni del Nord, per quanto non risulta che in dette regioni vi siano disponibilità di materie prime.

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- olio : Sono state chieste al Ministero dell'Alimentazione assegnazioni suppletive sugli ammassi dell'Umbria, Toscana, Liguria, Emilia.

- vino e frutta secca: Sono state interessate le Direzioni di Commissariato del Nord ad esaminare le possibilità di acquisto sul posto. Dalle notizie finora pervenute tali possibilità risultano limitate. Si cercherà comunque di sfruttare al massimo le risorse locali.

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- sale : Per ottenere adeguate assegnazioni sulle saline del Nord è stata interessata la Direzione Generale dei Monopoli di Stato con lettera del 5 c.m.. E' stata sollecitata la risposta.

P.IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Functioning of Supplies Service for Northern Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

26 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Ref your 3895/IC/Ris. dated 16 July 45.

1. This matter has again been discussed with our L.O. 1 District who is of the opinion that the majority of the 9,000 feeding strength at MESTRE will be in the vicinity of MESTRE, or between MESTRE and PADUA. As the Distribution Depot will be located in MESTRE it is preferable that the 5th Military Bakery should also be located in the same area.

2. Any difficulty in finding accommodation should be referred to our L.O. 1 District.

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

JWRP/gmc

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COPY SIGNAL

FROM : REAR EIGHT ARMY
TO : AFHQ
INFO : I3 CORPS 86 ARMY AREA
REF : Q6371

DATE/TIME
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REF YOUR FX 26761 OF 22 JULY(.) NO OBJECTION THIS HQ TO USE OF BUILDING IN VENICE BY 44 BSD PROVIDED CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO POLICY LAID DOWN IN YOUR AG 323/061 LOG-O OF I2 JULY SINCE 86 AREA UNCABLE TO GUARANTEE ALTERNATIVE GIVEN

ACTION COPY : Q/I2/I7
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SUBJECT:- Supplies Policy.

Land Forces Sub.Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

16 July 45.

MMIA IO GENOA. (2)

Copy to:- MMIA IO's:
N.W. ITALY TURIN
Ministry of War.

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1. The following information is given in reply to your letter ST/1 dated 18 July 45.

Ref para:-

(1a) Actual units to draw rations from respective Italian Distribution Depots will be coordinated by Territorial Commands from lists of units now drawing from British Depots. IO's N.W. and N.E. Italy will be able to obtain this information from respective S & T branches. It should also be remembered that there will be certain units to be fed who were previously the responsibility of 5 Army (see our signal SS/912 dated 18 July 45).

(1b) Gruppi where practicable should draw in bulk as they have their own S & T personnel for breaking bulk.

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(1d) The provision and movement of the Italian element of the ration is the joint responsibility of the Ministry of War and the Territorial Commissariats. MMIA is only concerned in the submission of bids for rail or sea movement. Bids for movement within N.W. Italy will be made direct by Territorial Commissariats through IO N.W. Italy to Movements N.W. Italy.

(1e) 6 August 45.

2. It is hoped that by close co-operation with B.S.D. you will be able to arrange for discrepancies to be agreed between B.S.D. Commander and Commander of Italian Bulk Depot and any adjustments made physically. It should be explained to the British Commander of the B.S.D. that the Italians have to weigh every bag of all commodities not actually tinned. As IO is obviously not possible to do this at the British B.S.D. but from experience

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3. Provision of coal for bakeries is made by application by Territorial Commissariato to Regional Commissioner.

4. The following returns will be rendered by the Territorial Commissariats to Ministry of War by signal or letter as in the past but will only use your office for postal purposes (see para 6). It will be the responsibility of the Territorial Commissariato to see that all such reports are rendered on time in accordance with instruction which they will receive from the Ministry of War:-

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(a) Stock State as at the 5th and 20th (copy to you for info).

(b) Feeding strength returns as at the 5th and 20th (copy to you for info).

(c) Report of supplies received and issued from Italian sources as at 7, 14, 21 and last day of month, pro-forma attached.

(d) Inter sector rail transfers will in future be sent from one Territorial Hq to another and not from LO to LO as before a copy will be sent to Ministry of War by signal. Territorial Hq's have or will receive instructions direct from Ministry of War on this matter.

The only S & T returns required from HT LO N.W. Italy will be:-

(a) Depot Inspection reports.

(b) Forward acceptance notes. These should bear a transaction ref No. in numerical sequence for supplies only. Notification of releases by signal is not now required.

5. Movements of Allied portion of ration to Italian Bulk Depots are arranged by HQ MMIA on basis of Stock States and Strength Returns. Movements of Italian portion are arranged by Ministry of War and bids for movement are arranged through this HQ except in the case of items purchased locally.

6. Returns submitted by Territorial Commissariats to Ministry of War should be handed to the Sector MMIA LO by the local Commissariat Directorate in a closed envelope with the following address:-

"HQ, MMIA for onward transmission to the Ministry of War, General Directorate of Military Commissariat Services, Situation and Allied Liaison Office (Contains reports of interest to HQ MMIA".

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. HQ.(MMIA).

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RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM
ITALIAN SOURCES

... 4 enter quantities received from other areas, e.g. Naples
...ld show receipts from Bari, Taranto, etc.
(b) In columns 7,8,9, I.e. would show despatches to Sicily, Rome, Naples etc.
(c) Normally there will be no entries for Fruit and Vegetables

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COMMODITY		STOCK OF DATE OF LAST RETURN	QUANTITY RECEIVED DURING PERIOD		HANDED OVER TO 14 CRASC	HANDED OVER TO P.B.S.	DESPATCHED TO			STOCK
			FROM FIRMS IN OWN AREA	FROM OTHER SOURCES						
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
FRUIT	KGS									
VEG. FRESH	KGS									
OLIVE OIL	KGS									
NUTS (SHELLED)	KGS									
NUTS (IN SHELLS)	KGS									
SALT	KGS									
WINE	LITRES									
MATCHES	BOXES									
SOAP	KGS									
COGNAC	LITRES									
CIGARETTES (FINE)	KGS									
CIGARETTES (MILIT)	KGS									

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RECEIVED AND ISSUED FROM ITALIAN SOURCES

FOR PERIOD ENDED:

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ri, Taranto, etc.
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ntries for Fruit and Vegetables

1800 hrs on 7th
1800 hrs on 14th
1800 hrs on 21st
18 hrs on last day of month

QUANTITY RECEIVED DURING PERIOD		HANDED OVER TO 14 CRASC	HANDED OVER TO P.B.S.	DESPATCHED TO			STOCK ON DATE OF RETURN	CHARGE AGAINST MOVEMENT ORDER/S
FROM ITEMS IN OWN AREA (3)	FROM OTHER SOURCES (4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	NO/S (11)

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SUBJECT:- ORTONA Food Distribution Depot.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

25 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Reference your 4006/IC/Ris of 23 July 45.

1. Italian troops being rationed from the ORTONA Distribution Depot during January were predominantly BR-ITI troops. At that time, you were advised (our ST/55/3 of 16 Jan), that this depot should be operated by BR-ITI personnel of 209 Division Supply Section.

2. At present, the predominant number of Italian troops being rationed from the ORTONA Distribution Depot are ITI-ITI.

3. Consequently, this depot will continue to be considered ITI-ITI, Category 1(c).

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

KRN/gmc

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — 4006/IC/Ris

TO : MMIA — 23 July 45

SUBJECT: Ortona Distribution Depot.

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In ST/53/3 of 16 Jan MMIA established that ORTONA Distribution Depot was not to be included in the Category ITI-ITI, but should be considered as BR-ITI.

Therefore, in the strength state of the Italian Army (order of battle) the ORTONA Distribution Depot continues to be included in Category ITI-ITI number 57.

Please let us know to which category the above depot must be allocated.

Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

"S & T" MMIA.

Recd 2nd July

File ST/ 187

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale dei Servizi Logistici

Ufficio — *Sez.* — *Allegati* — *All*

Risposta al Foglio — *N°*

Div. — *Sez.* — *N°*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Mo/M

Sezione

Prot. N4006/IC/Ris Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.° S.T

Roma, 23 Luglio 1945

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

OGGETTO: Magazzino distribuzione viveri di Ortona.

Con lettera n° ST/53/3 - data 16 gennaio u.s. codesta Missione stabilì che il Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri di Ortona non doveva essere incluso nella categoria ITI-ITI, ma doveva considerarsi nella categoria BR-ITI.

Intanto, nella "Situazione della forza dell'Esercito Italiano (Ordine di Battaglia) il Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri di Ortona continua ad essere incluso nella categoria ITI-ITI con il numero indicatico "57°".

Si prega codesta Missione voler precisare a quale categoria debba essere assegnato il precitato Magazzino.

PEL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Closure of Italian Army Food Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/187
24 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA IO's:
NAPLES
DIVISION
DEPOT, DIVISIONS.

1. Due to the implementation of Italian Army Food Supply Installations in North Italy and reduction of calling for personnel category 1(c), No.59 Food Distribution Depot, CASERTA and No. 60 Food Distribution Depot, NOLA will be closed by 10 August 45.

2. Rations stock will be issued to troops until above date of closure. Surplus rations will be moved to NAPLES Depots (Bulk or Distribution), as you may desire.

3. Units at present drawing from either of the two above-mentioned depots will be instructed to draw from No. 10 Food Distribution Depot, NAPLES.

4. Personnel, not surplus to calling, Section 2 Commissariato, Part A Supplies Category 1(c), may be utilised in supply installations now being organised in North Italy.

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

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INTERNAL:- 'G'
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SUBJECT:- Supplies Method of Acceptance.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

July 45.

D.D.T.s A.F.H.Q.

1. Confirming conversation of today's date MAJ-[illegible] speaking. It is hoped to complete Stage 1 as laid down in AFHQ/2551/3/Maint dated 13 June, in the very near future. Arrangements have been made for the setting up of all the distribution depots originally mentioned in our ST/182 dated 23 June together with two additional depots at ANCONA and FORLI.

2. Bulk Depots have been found except on the N.E. coast where we await a decision re the release of the premises formerly occupied by 44 B.S.D.

3. In conformity with the policy of making the handling and distribution of rations a completely Italian responsibility and to avoid the necessity of having to install additional S & T officers and staff to supervise the running of each of the new Bulk Depots, it will be necessary to depart slightly from the previous procedure, both in the method of acceptance of rations from Allied Depots and in the submission of various returns used for planning maintenance.

4. If an amicable agreement can be reached between B.S.D. commanders and their Italian opposite numbers commanding the Italian Bulk Depot whereby the Allied Depot Commander will accept the discrepancy vouchers rendered by the Italian Depot Commander and adjust physically without the necessity of an S & T officer of this HQ having to adjudicate then this would reduce the necessity of additional officers. It is of course understood that any serious deficiency would have to be investigated as heretofore.

5. If an instruction on the above lines can be issued by you to B.S.D. Commanders it would cover them and we could judge the results of a policy of putting more reliance on the Italian Army.

Justified at (97)

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

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LRKB V MAAZ NR230098 QVR2

FROM MMIA LO MILAN 231700B

TO MMIA LO DISTONE

INFO MMIA ROME

MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY

60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO

QQX GR53 BT

Q/48. RESTRICTED. REF YOUR LO/Q2 MMIA ST/912 BOTH OF 18 AND V A N K I R K S UNIT BREAKDOWN OF 21. DISTWO CAN FEED FROM PIACENZA 2,550 (2550) SHOWN APPX B. PLEASE CONFIRM APPX A AGREEABLE DISTONE AS ~~FOLLOWS~~ FOLLOWS. BOLOGNA 318 (318) VERONA 3446 ~~3447~~ (3446) MODENA 4048 "(47RIL . FOR K Y L E. SUBJECT ~~S/~~ IF FEEDING U S I T I S AFTER 1 AUG

BT

THI 1805

SENT NR230098 AT 23/2043 EAD BBB K
RCD 23/2043B HRA B

S.T. N 108/23

MMIA 47/23

"S & T. MMIA.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time

FROM: MMIA

July 21 1500 B

TO : DISTWO

RESTRICTED

Q-459

AGREED YOUR 1070/Q1 OF 18 JULY WHEN YOU CONSIDER PRACTICABLE

INTERNAL

ST SECTION - Please inform War Ministry.
Copy of HQ No. 2 District CMF 1070/Q1 attached.

cc

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

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DADS KRN 23/7

"S & T" MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Maint of Italian Tps.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
1070/Q1.

18 Jul 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MMIA).

Ref your Q/1 dated 6 Jul 45.

1. It is understood that the Food Distribution Dep at TURIN is now in a fit condition to commence operations on receipt of the necessary sups. Furthermore it is believed that, pending the availability of sups from the Italian Bulk Food Sup Dep, the distribution dep would be prepared to draw sups in bulk from the Brit DID in TURIN for all Italian Units in TURIN AND issue the sups in detail to the units.

2. It is considered that such procedure would give valuable practice to the Italian dep prior to its assuming its full responsibility. At the same time the Brit DID would be relieved of a considerable amount of detailed work.

3. Would you please say whether you have any objections to the local implementation of such procedure in TURIN and in other centres where it is practicable.

?
Major General,
Comd No. 2 District.

Copy to: AFHQ Q(Maint)
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"S & T, MMIA.

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FROM V LADM WP 53 T
T RLYT GVE 5
FECH AFHQ 221708Z
INFO CINC EIGHTH ARMY
CINCC XIII CORPS V
MMA
GE 32 FT
RESTRICTED FX26751
REQUEST RECEIVED MMIA TO ACCOMMODATE ITALIAN BULK DEPOT IN
BUILDING OCCUPIED 44 BHD [redacted] VEHICE ON DESIG VACATION (.)
SIGNED/SACHED GETZ FIELD (.) NO OBJECTION ST AFHQ (.) [redacted]
CONFIRM YOUR ACKNELINT
ET 221708Z
SENT ER 33 • 2040 EM RE KK

R-2040)E---"JOE"---"KMK

ATMIA
12/23
SIGNALS

Section 4(113)

N148/2-27

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"S & T, MMIA.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

ST 76

Subject:

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Gr MMIA GS	Ital AC c/S CM	19 Jul 1945

Reference for 210 Division and Attached Units.

1. Reference MMIA Signal 01/12 of 18 July and list of units furnished Col. Rose.

2. Request you give me 2 lists of units to be rationed by One Division and Two Division, the showing the units for One Division and the other for Two Division depending upon geographic location. These lists should include strengths and locations.

RCW
W. C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Gr. (MMIA) Sec.,
5th Army

cc: MMIA

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DIDS

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 19 Jul 1945

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE ADST'S OFFICE

19 JULY 1945

Present:

Gen. PELLIGRA
Lt.Col. PENROSE
Capt. MOSCARIELLO
Maj. NELSON
Capt. COTTON

1. ADST reported results of his visit to the North.

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3. INITIAL STOCKING.

(i) The following approx. were given as a basis for Stocking Bulk and the 2 Independant Distribution Depots -

GENOA	50,000	
LEGHORN	55,000	(Includes amendment)
Eastern Bulk Depot	45,000	(" ")
ANCONA	8,000	
FORLI	16,000 +	
	174,000	

+ Subject to possible reduction.

(ii) Approx. strengths for Distribution Depots are as under:-

Based on GENOA.

MILAN	18,000
TURIN	6,000
GENOA	12,500
ALESSANDRIA	13,000
	50,000

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Based on LEGHORN.

LEGHORN	25,000 (Includes amendment)
FLORENCE	15,000
BOLOGNA	15,000
	55,000

Eastern Bulk Depot.

BOLZANO	12,000
VERONA	15,000
VENICE	9,000
UDINE	5,000
For TRIESTE through XIII Corps	4,000
	45,000

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All included in figures shown above.

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(ii) Dehyd Veg - in view of large stocks already held by units it was decided to suspend further issues pending a final decision when the opinion of Formations and Units had been received on this subject.

(iii) Wine and Oil containers - AFHQ have signalled Districts and Armies that the return of the above containers is extremely urgent - a similar message has been sent to all LO's by MGLA and the Ministry of War were requested to take similar action. Every effort to be made to purchase maximum quantities of wine in the North to relieve the number of Cistern Cars required and delay the movement of containers. When Italian depots are in operation it was suggested that the issues of wine and oil to on a 'container for container' basis. Damaged containers must not be retained by units but 'seek

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loaded' for salvage purposes.

(iv) Cigarettes and Tobacco: It is hoped to give a decision within the next week that a general issue of 50 free cigarettes per week be standardised throughout all Armed Forces - this will be the subject of a 'Q' letter at a later date. There is no objection to 5 grammes per diem of Pipe Tobacco being issued on repayment if arrangements can be made with the State Monopoly.

6. Information received after the meeting.

(1) Amendment to feeding strength Eastern Bulk Depot additional 4,000 for XIII Corps to feed TRIESTE.

(2) Scale of cigarettes now authorized at 50/man/week.

(3) Amendment to feeding strength LEGHORN additional 5,000.

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Lt.Col.
A.D.S.T.

20 July 45.

DISTRIBUTION:-
MMIA LO's:
5 ARMY
8 ARMY (2)
1 DISTRICT
2 DISTRICT
PENBASE
MILAN
TURIN
GENOA
FLORENCE
ROME

Ministry of War
Terr. Comm. GENOA
TURIN
MILAN
UDINE
BOLZANO
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE
ROME

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Subject:- Supplies Policy.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
GENOA.

ST/1

18th. July, 1945.

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To:- A.D.S.T.,
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O.,
N.W. Italy.

Reply @ 84

May information please be given on the following points.

(1) Degree of detail of instructions to be issued by you regarding changeover from British D.I.D.s to Italian Distribution Depots, covering:

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(d) Provision and movement of Italian element of ration.

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B B Burch
Major.
ST MMIA LO,
N.W.Italy, GENOA.

BBK/gb

S & T, MMIA.
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SUBJECT: Maintenance of Units.

Ref: Supps/1.

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[illegible]T.,HQ., MMIA., Rome.

Herewith list of Italian units maintained by this Depot as at 15 July 45:

Unit.	Strength	Unit.	Strength.
219 I.P.C.	118	517 Guardie Gruppo	40
100 "	66	1/505 "	130
413/249 I.P.C.	60	516 "	219
204 "	100	4/517 "	120
121 "	72	3/517 }	
206 "	110	1/522 } "	150
207 "	135	2/517 "	120
203 "	146	3/513 "	160
2/410 "	25	3/516 "	140
1/410 "	92	2/516 "	132
104 "	130	2/505 "	135
243 "	125	HQ 505 "	20
154 "	125	517 "	160
99 "	90	290 Italian Medical Coy	55
246 "	105	291 " " "	55
214 "	105	1 Italian Naval Coy	280
X "	48	1 CSDIC	45
163 "	140	R Corvette Ardinientoso	107
161 "	170	" Danaid	100
162 "	159	Centro R Marina Veniezia	600
164 "	140	Iti MTB Flotilla	166
301 "	140	Centro RT Venaza	30
158 "	142	OPG Venezia	70
210 "	210	A 3 (13 AMG.,REC.)	78
134 "	130	8 Engr. Coy	165
160 "	143	1 Comp. Ital, Genie	215
297 "	110	Com. Nucleo 2a 2AT RA	100
153 "	154	806 Italian Transit Camp	50
245 "	172	228 Div (att ADOS & BSD)	14
208 "	165	252/253 Pack Group	16
2/405 "	26	514 Line Sec	70
405 "	80		
240 "	69		
155 "	135		
2/409 "	32		
260 "	122		
101 "	82		
220 "	137		
118 "	100		
247 "	55		

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W. Kenrick

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Captain., R.A.S.C.
Commanding 20 D.I.D.,R.A.S.C.

C.M.F.
15 July 45

Copy to: A.D.S.T., HQ., 86 (Army) Area.

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MMIA.
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SIGNALS

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DADS

FROM : HQBA LO DISTONE 191;30 S .

TO : MARIALO MILAN

INFO : ROMA LO 2 ARMY

ROMA (ROME)

10/32 (.) RESTRI TED (.) REF TELECON ADJT- BRIG// BOURNE (.)
UNDERSTOOD 10000 US - ITIS WILL HAVE TO USE BRITISH DITS
AFTER 1 AUG (.)
AS DITTO WILL BE TAKING OVER THEIR VERCELLY , SUGGEST THAT
BISTO ITI' S BE USED (.) SUGGEST PATCENZA CONVENIENTLY
SITED FOR THEM (.) IF ANY US- ITI' S NEAR VERONA
MODENA OR BOLOGNA DISTONE WILL KEEP FROM THEIR BID' S (.) IN
THIS CASE LET HQ HAVE A LIST OF UNITS AND LOCATIONS (.)
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REC IR 2146 1413 HQ

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MMIA

DISTONE

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FOR MMIA LO (.) CONFIRMING CONVERSATION COL FENROSE - CAPT BOURNE (.) FIRST (.) PLEASE OBTAIN LIST OF ALL UNITS NOW DRAWING FROM BRITISH DIDs IN DISTONE (.) SECOND (.) IMMEDIATE INFORMATION REQUIRED RE TOTAL FEEDING STRENGTH AT RIMINI (.) THIRD (.) [redacted] ORIGINAL FIGURE OF 10122 INCLUDED MANTOVA GROUP (.) FOURTH (.) ASSUMING NEW DIST DEPOT AT FORLI TO INCLUDE RIMINI CMA PLEASE SUPPLY NEW ESTIMATE FEEDING STRENGTH FORLI (.) FIFTH (.) PLEASE REPORT PROGRESS MADE IN FINDING DIST DEPOTS AT FORLI AND ANCONA

B.7.

Routine

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(ST/182)

ST MMIA

Lt.Col.

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FROM: ROME

TO (FOR ACTION): FLORENCE

DATE: 1945

NR 1540

Q 448

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FOR Q MAIET AND ST (.) REFERENCE CONVERSATION WHITAKER NOAKES (.) ON RETURN PETROSS FOR CONSIDERING VENICE MOST SUITABLE FOR ITALIAN ENLK DEPOT (.) REQUEST 44 BED BUILDING BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ENABLE ST COMMITMENT TO BE TAKEN OVER EARLIEST

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION [illegible]

Internal:

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"S & T" MMIA.

Recd 18 June

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COPY
of
TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

Ref: 3895/IC/Ris

16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Functioning of Supplies service for northern Italy.

Further to letter No. 2771/IC/Ris dated 9/7/45 of this Dir. Gen. herewith changes in the supplies service return for northern Italy.

Personnel - All the personnel forming the units foreseen for the organization of the service have been sent to destination and have already arrived with the exception of the 5th Mil. Bakery.

Premises - Premises have been found for the Leghorn Special Foodstuffs Depot, in Via Palestro, in the railway neighborhood, capable of holding 250,000 rations, inquiries are in progress for other premises, but difficulties are foreseen.

For the Venice Special Foodstuffs Depot the MMIA has informed ~~me~~ us that the necessary premises have been found. Authorization has been requested from the 5th Army for the ~~same~~ occupation. This ministry has meanwhile informed the Director of Comm. about this.

The Milan Director of Comm. informs that the 3rd. Foodstuffs issue store has the necessary premises.

We think it ooportune to point out that by letter No. 3863/IC/Ris dated 13/7/45 we have requested approval for the posting of the 5th Mil. Bakery from UDINE TO PADOVA, and the 73rd Foodstuffs issue store from Venice to PADOVA, owing to the fact that in the latter area are stationed the greater part of the UDINE Mil. Terr. HQ Force.

PELLIGRINI

"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 18 July
File ST/ 182

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Mo/D

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Sezione Segreteria

Prot. N. 3895 /IC/Ris. Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.

IN 11.15 Date 17/7

OUT Time 16.00 Date 0/7

Roma, 16 luglio 1945

Al la LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= S E D E =

OGGETTO: Funzionamento servizio delle sussistenze per l'Italia Settentrionale.-

Si fa seguito alla lettera n. 2771/IC/Ris. data 9 luglio u.s. di questa Direzione Generale.-

Si comunicano qui appresso le variazioni avvenute nella situazione del servizio sussistenza per l'Italia Settentrionale:

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PEL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Report by A.D.S.T. MMIA on Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182

18 July 45.

MMIA LO's:
8 ARMY 1 DISTRICT
2 DISTRICT TURIN
GENOA.

Further to ADST MMIA signal Q 35 dated 11 July 45 (not to all).

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4. Visited S & T 86 Area morning of 14 July and was given great assistance by D.A.D.S. Major METHLAND and D.A.Q.M.G. Major COOPER, who eventually offered a Depot previously reserved as a B.I.S. Transit shed. We did a recce of this in the afternoon in company of Capt. GRIECO of UDINE Commissariato. It turned out to be an excellent Depot and is rail served, a approx. 1 mile from the end of the Causeway on the PADUA Road.

5. Left VENICE by Whizzer at 1000 hrs 15 July for Rear 8 Army and met Major CAREW-HUNT and Capt. HERBERT. In company with Capt. HERBERT we visited the acting D.A.Q.M.G.(Accommodation) Capt. MILES who co-operated by ringing D.A.Q.M.G. 201 Sub-Area and asked that priority be given to the locating of Distribution Depot at UDINE. Followed this up with 201 Sub-Area D.A.Q.M.G. Major BRETT and arranged conference for 0900 hrs 16 July.

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6. Conference 0900 hrs at 201 Sub-Area present D.A.Q.M.G., Colonel from Commissariato, Town-Major and ourselves.

7. Offered bombed buildings near station rail served or accommodation north of town now occupied by 3005 U.S. Field Bakery.

Colonel from Commissariato also suggested that Distribution Depot might be fitted in at the Distretto. We then proceeded to recce all three locations.

(1) The accommodation at the Distretto appeared very limited but good.
(2) The bombed site would need considerable work being carried out, but a quite good location.
(3) The U.S. Bakery not likely to be vacated due to the arrival of U.S. Rail Head at UDINE.

However we then visited Territorial Command and the ITI C.R.E. was asked to inspect No. 2 above and report.

Colonel of Commissariato prepared in any case to receive rations on or after 1 August.

Again contacted 1 District for further news of Bulk Depot but nothing settled except that in principle it is preferred to be at ANCONA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

JWRP/gmc

INTERNAL:- ST/206

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ST/912

REFERENCE LIST ITALIAN UNITS GIVEN COL ROSE (.) PLEASE ARRANGE WITH IO MILAN (BIRD) FOR FEEDING TROOPS WITH DISTONE OR DISTWO DEPOTS AS GEOGRAPHICALLY SUITABLE (.) FEEDING SHOULD COMMENCE 01 AUG AND TERMINATE DATE OPENING ITALIAN DEPOTS (.) FOR MMIA IO NW ITALY ONLY (.) REPORT WHETHER COMMITMENT CAN BE MET BY DISTONE AND DISTWO

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IMPORTANT

ST MMIA

(ST/182)

INTERNAL: 'Q'

K. Robert Nelson Major
Lt. Col.

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COPY OF SIGNAL (ST/182)

FROM : MMIA LO MILAN 17 JULY 45.

TO : MMIA LO DISTONE

INFO : MMIA ROME FOR ADST
MMIA LO 8TH ARMY
MMIA LO 5TH ARMY

ST 1 . RESTRICTED . ONE . BOLZANO . DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AVAILABLE IN PREPARATION CASERMA CADORNA . READY PROBABLY TWENTIETH . CAPACITY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND RATIONS . RAILWAY NOW WORKING .

TWO . VERONA . DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AVAILABLE IN PREPARATION CASERMA SAN MARTHA VERONA CMA VICINITY DETACHMENT THIRTEEN BRITISH FIELD BAKERY . READY PROBABLY TWENTIETH . CAPACITY ONE MILLION RATIONS. POZZO INFERIOR THREE . TELEPHONES BOLZANO . UFFICIE SERVIZIE 1894 COMMISSIARATO 1899.

FOUR . FOR ADST . SUGGEST COMMISSIARATO TAKE OVER FOR USE DETACHMENT 13 FIELD BAKERY STATION EQUIPMENT WHOSE MAIN COMMITMENT IS NOW FRIULI GROUP .

FIVE . AUGMENTATION LOCAL TRANSPORT DESIRABLE . KYLE .

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T R A N S L A T I O N

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REF : 3863/TC/MIS

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

TO : MMIA

DATE: 13 JULY 45

SUBJECT : Subsistance Service for Udine Area

The Territorial Military Command of Udine has pointed out to this Ministry that the greatest part of it's forces are located in the Padova Area, hence the necessity to establish in the said city the 5th Military Bakery laid down for Udine and the 73rd ~~Garrison~~ Food Distribution depot laid down for Venice.

The above is forwarded to you for approval. Not forwarded tel. See [illegible]

Sgd/ PELLICORE

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 17 July 1945

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Translated by : Cantor ?

Typed by : jw 16 July 45.

G.1 This is a Q matter. KS 16/7.

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FILE: 50/7

DATE: 16/7

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

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Sezione Segreteria

Prot. N.° 3863/IC/RIS Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.°

Roma, 13 - luglio - 1945

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Oggetto: Servizio sussistenze circoscrizione Udine.-

Il Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine ha rappresentato a questo Ministero che la maggior parte delle proprie forze grava nella zona di Padova, donde la necessità di impiantare in detta città il 5° Panificio Militare previsto per Udine ed il 73° Magazzino Presidiario Distribuzione Viveri previsto per Venezia.

Quanto precede si comunica con preghiera di benestare.-

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SUBJECT:- Distribution and Allocation of Cigarettes for July 1945.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
27/204

16 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA HQ's:
FLORENCE 5 ARMY PM.

Reference your letter 13196/2/1 of 9 July 45.

1. Effective 1 August 45, 5 Army will no longer feed Italian troops from its depots in North Italy.

2. Consequently, please cancel the allocation of sixty (60) quintals of cigarettes intended for 210 Division from FLORENCE Commissariato.

3. Due to the reduction of strength of troops of Italian Command 242 in the LEGHORN area please reduce your allocation from forty-five (45) to thirty-one (31) quintals from FLORENCE Commissariato. (Our letter 27/268 of 12 July 45 refers).

4. This additional quantity of cigarettes should be made available for maintenance of depots being established in North Italy.

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

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INTERNAL:- 27/1432

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SUBJECT:- Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
SX/182
16 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Further to our SX/182 of 28 June and 8 July 45.

1. Information given to this HQ concerning approximate feeding strengths as at 10 July 45 in the areas of North Italy appears below:-

Milan	18000	Forli	6500
Turin	6000	Ferrara	2800
Alexandria	13500	Rimini	10122
Genoa	12500	Foligno	1500
Udine	5000	Ancona	6200
Venice	9500	Arezzo	6400
Trieste	4000	Verona	not determined
Bologna	12000	Bolzano	" "

2. The figures above include all categories of Italian Armed Forces.

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Lt.Col. 57411
ADSP, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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[illegible] Report of Italian Provincial Taxes for North Italy.

Land Forces sub Comd. MC.
(M.M.I.A.).
AX/402
16 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy sent to PCCA LO's at:

MILAN	TURIN	GENOA
G ARMY	4 LANCIERI	FLORENCE
MANTUA	PARMA	LEGHORN

1. Serious consideration must be given to the procurement of Italian Provincial Taxes of the action areas from areas of North Italy, as earlier pointed out to you in para 3 our letter AX/402 of 28 June.

2. Mill and rail transportation involves great expense, labor and time.

3. Please consider procuring the following in North Italy and take appropriate action:-

a. Clothing and Blankets - from factories in North Italy augmenting the Stock Supply to main reliance in the various areas sufficient for requirements in those areas.
b. POL - arrangements with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, & Labor for contracts in North Italy.
c. Olive Oil - ascertain availability in LIGURIA, TUSCANY, UMBRIA & MARCHE areas.
d. Wine - this item involves great bulk shipments. Ascertain availabilities throughout the Northern area or permit units to purchase locally. It has already been pointed out (our letter AX/210 of 13 July 45) that rail track wagons are in short supply and it is anticipated that transport of wine in bulk will, of necessity, be accomplished, if you persist in supplying from the South, by sea shipments.
e. Rice - It is understood that rice must be procured, for the most part, from the south. It is, however, pointed out that for every ton of rice procured in the North, there will be a saving of one ton shipments.
f. Salt - procure wherever source possible in North.

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Lt.Col. R.W.G.
ADJT, Land Forces sub Comd. MC.(M.M.I.A.).

Subject: Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces. H.Q., No 1 District, C.M.F.

Tel: Ext.22497.

ST/445.

10 July 45.

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S.T. 14/7.

A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

Copy to: D.S.T., A.F.H.Q.
'Q'
M.M.I.A., L.O.

1. A visit was paid to this office yesterday by Major CARR, DADST MMIA., to discuss the future handover of responsibility for the maintenance of all Italian Armed Forces to the Italian Ministry of War.

2. Major CARR intimated that at present he was primarily concerned with this hand over in so far as it applies to Italian Troops North of the Po, that is to say, mainly in EIGHTH Army Area, but it is understood that your office is already planning to effect this hand over throughout the rest of the District South of the Po.

3. In order to assist in this planning, and to give some general idea of the areas in which Italian Distributing Depots will require to be sited (provided units remain in present locations) the following disposition of Italian Armed Forces is forwarded, showing the position as at 8 Jul 45.

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Foligno	-	11	"	- "	1505
Arezzo	-	29	"	- "	6415
Rimini	-	250	"	- "	10122
Bologna	-	89	"	- "	12123
Florence	-	54	"	- "	7652

4. It is assumed that the 4500 in PADUA Area and the 23000 based on VERONA including FRIULI and FOLGORE Combat Gruppi, will be catered for in the arrangements now being made by Major CARR.

5. Provided that sufficient transport is made available to Italian Units to enable regular collection of supplies to be made from Distributing Depots, the only difficulty envisaged as a result of the hand over, lies in the fact that many British Units have been diluted with certain Italian Army personnel and it may be necessary for you to make some special provision to cover these particular cases.

6. The strengths given in para 3 above include all Italian Army personnel, Pri-Ltis, US-Ltis, and Iti-Ltis as well as C.C.R.R. and late Co-Operators.

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*S & T, MMIA.

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In the Field.

Colonel,
Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.

KRN 15/7

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

S. H. BRUCH

AFHQ/64/ST6(a)

Tel: Freedom 217
(2 Rings)

12 July, 1945

SUBJECT: Maintenance - Italian Armed Forces

S.T.

ADST, MMIA

Reference conversation BEAN - MENROSE of 3 July 1945.

1. As requested, attached hereto as Appendix 'A' are details of the number of Italian Units at present being maintained in NORTH ITALY, the British Units supplying, and the total feeding strength involved.

Will you please advise whether the information given is sufficient for your purpose.

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"S & T, MMIA.
Recd 13 July
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Major-General GSI
Director of Supplies and Transport.

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British Supplying Unit	No. Italian Units Supplied	Total Units	Italian Feeding Strength	Total Strengths	Area
1 District					
11 DID (Nice)	62		8,201		61 Area
108 DID (Nice)					
16 DID Forli	46		6,504		217 Area
240 Comp. Pl. Forlì	21		2,808		217 Area
71 DID Monte Negro	11		1,505		71 Sub Area
209 DID Padua	25		4,425		210 Sub Area
105 DID Genova	54		7,625		211 Sub Area
103 DID Rimini	250		10,122		214 Sub Area
Sec. 69 DID Bologna Bologna	19		22,838		216 Sub Area
204 DID Bologna	89	577	12,125	76,151	216 Sub Area
2 District					
93 DID Milan Genova	20		4,105		59 Area
205 DID (less Sec.) Torino	29		3,974		60 Sub Area
Sec. 203 DID Torino	26		4,369		151 Sub Area
69 DID (Less Sec.) Piacenza	14		21,650		215 Sub Area
326(Pol) DID Leghorn	23	112	2,940	37,038	Leghorn
Eighth Army					
563 Comp. Pl. Livorno	7		3,701		
14 Comp. Pl. Udine	42		4,893		
Lido DID Chiaravalle	2		320		
20 DID Naples	69	120	9,303	18,217	
Totals:		809		131,406	

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APPENDIX 'A'

Italian Feeding Strength	Total Strengths	Area	Remarks
8,201		61 Area	
6,504		217 Area	
2,808		217 Area	
1,505		71 Sub Area	
4,425		210 Sub Area	
7,625		211 Sub Area	
10,122		214 Sub Area	
22,838	76,151	216 Sub Area	Incls. Friuli and Folgore Gruppi
12,125		216 Sub Area	
4,105		59 Area	
3,974		60 Sub Area	
4,369		151 Sub Area	
21,650	37,038	215 Sub Area	Incls. Legnano & Cremona Gruppi
2,940		Leghorn	
3,701			
4,893			
320	18,217		
9,303			
	131,406		

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SUBJECT:- Ration Withdrawals.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/223

12 July 45.

MMIA LO GENOA.

COPY TO:- MMIA LO's:
MILAN TURIN.

Reference conference GOC - General MAFFINI Genoa 4 July 45.

1. Italian units are authorised to draw rations up to fifteen days from Italian Army operated Food Distribution Depots.

2. Arrangements must be made, locally, with Allied Food Distribution Depots or Allied HQ under whose control the depot functions for ration withdrawals in excess of their(Allied Depots)normal cycles.

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Lt.Col. RA/C.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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FROM MMIA LO MILAN 111700B

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 12 July

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FROM ADSEC MMIA (MILAN)

TO MMIA ROME

INFO MMIA LO TURIN - MMIA LO GENOA - 2 DISTRICT

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CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) ALL DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS NOW FOUND AT MILAN TURIN ALESSANDRIA AND GENOA (.)

TWO (.) 45 DAYS ITALIAN PORTION SHOULD NOW PROCEED DIRECT BY RAIL AS ARRANGED WITH NELSON (.)

THREE (.) HAVE ARRANGED WITH ADSEC (MAINT) AFHQ FOR 30 DAYS ALLIED PORTION OF RATION TO BE AVAILABLE FROM BSD GENOA ON 17 JULY TO BE COMPLETED BY 10 AUGUST (.) ALL BASED ON RATION STRENGTH 50,000 (.)

FOUR (.) BALANCED RATIONS FOR 30 DAYS TO BE MOVED TO DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AS FOLLOWS :-

MILAN	18,000
TURIN	6,000
ALESSANDRIA	13,500
GENOA	12,500

FIVE (.) NOTE DISTWO HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING RATIONS FOR 2,940 IN AREA LEGHORN MOSTLY PIONEER. SUGGEST THEY WILL HAVE TO BE FED BY 212 DIV OR OTHER DISTRIBUTION DEPOT AT LEGHORN (.)

SIX (.) BALANCE OF 33 DAYS WINE CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY (.)

SEVEN (.) ONE DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN MAKING CONTACT FOR DRIED FRUIT LOCALLY PRICES QUOTED 200 LIRE PER KILO FOR DRIED PEACH PULP (.)

EIGHT (.) TERRITORIAL COMMANDS PREFER TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE OF MACARONI (.)

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NINE (.) APPROX BREAKDOWN OF STRENGTHS IN DISTWO - 3 COMBAT GROUPS 30,000 ONE INDEPENDENT GUARDS REGIMENT 2,500 BRIT TTI SERVICE TROOPS 7,000 ITI TTI SERVICE TROOPS 3,000, OVER 5,000 - TOTAL 47,500.

TEN (.) BIDS FOR MOVEMENT FROM GENOA TO DIST DEPOTS WILL BE MADE BY NO.2

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TERR HQ CMB MOVES N.W. ITALY (.)

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SIXTEEN (.) SUGGEST MAJOR HQS SHOULD MOVE TO GENOA (.)

SEVENTEEN (.) I AM MOVING TO DISTONE THURSDAY 12 JULY WITH MAJOR MONTGO

Land forces N239/11 58

LRKB V MAAZ NR110096 IMMEDIATE GVR 1

FROM ADST MMIA M1117DB

TO MMIA ROME

INFO MMIA LO TURIN - MMIA LO GENOA - 2 DISTRICT

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"S & T. MMIA.

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SIGNAL

FROM: BRCEA

TO (FOR ACTION): USAR EIGHT ARMY

DATE TIME

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FOR BRCEA LO (.) REFTEL MS/102/1 OF 6 JULY (.) YOUR COMMENTS NOTIONAL AGREED (.) INFORM Q ARMY THAT CHANGE IS NOT YET NOT CONTEMPLATED UNTIL FULL ARMY Q CONCURRENCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED (.) REFER ALSO MY Q OF 5 JULY (.) HAS CASEY LETT RETURNED FROM TOUR QUERY

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PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION FT Neame Colonel

Initials: MT

DMRS KRN 14/7

*S & T, MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Siting of Italian Supply Installations in NW ITALY 56

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
MMIA DO, HQ 1 District.
86 (Army) Area.
5 Territorial HQ, UDINE.

S1.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

MM/102/1
8 July 45

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Ref S2/182 dated 28 June 45.

1. The a/m letter has been acted upon by 5 Territorial HQ. The action so far taken seems to be somewhat premature.

2. The British HQs in the area, namely, 201 Sub Area UDINE and 86 Area VENICE, have had no warning order from either Eighth Army or AFHQ.

3. 201 Sub Area has no possible accn for a DID for two or three weeks. 86 Area were most alarmed by the news being broken to them through MMIA channels. DAAMG states that should instructions be received through British channels that the scheme must be implemented then the question of

(a) arrival of items by sea or train and tonnage,
(b) unloading,
(c) stocking BSD with 2,800,000 rations,
(d) transport,
(e) stocking DIDs from BSD, will all have to be

taken into consideration before the accn can be sited.

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5. Mov tell us that the railway from the South is already up to PADUA over the R. PO. 86 Area, knowing this, say that this scheme, when put into operation, would be much better off for sites in the PADUA area.

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Peter Herbert Capt for
Major,
MMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.

S & T, MMIA.
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To await ADSTO recce in Venice area.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

2771/IC/Ris

9 July 45

46.

SUBJECT:- Subsistence Service for Northern Italy.

Your letter ST/182 - dated June 28th, 45 refers.

All the units shown in a/m letter, with the exception of the 5th Supply Unit and 5 Military Bakery - UDINE, have been formed and forwarded (or are being forwarded) to their destination.

The formation of the two a/m units (5th Supply Unit and 5th Military Bakery) will take place in time to start working according to schedule.

With reference to Bulk Depots we inform you that:-

GENOA - we have found premises (acknowledged as suitable by LO MMIA, GENOA), located at GENOA RIVAROLO and close to RIVAROLO rly station and harbour. Genoa Commissariat confirms that a/m premises will be ready to stock stores as from 15th July 45.

VENICE) we have requested UDINE Commissariat Directorate to look for suitable premises. Capt. GRIECO FRANCESCO- Subsist. Corps - who was the officer i/c TARANTO Bulk Depot and is now i/c VENICE Depot, has already left to carry out enquiries to find premises suitable for a/m Depot.
We have not yet received any information concerning this matter.

LEGHORN - The Director of FLORENCE Commissariat has gone to LEGHORN to look for premises. No positive result has been obtained to-date; Enquiries are being carried out.
No difficulty will be met concerning Distribution Depots. Premises for Distribution Depots at GENOA and BOLOGNA have already been found.
We shall forward to you any further information on this matter.

KRN 12/7 Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 10 July

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Mo/D

Sezione Segreteria

Prot. N. 2771/IC/Ris. Allegati

Roma, 9 luglio 1945

Risposta al f. del N.

TRANS. Div. Sez. N.°

IN ... 1130 Data 10/7

OUT ... 16.15 ... 10/7

A/la LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
= R O M A =

Oggetto: Funzionamento servizio delle sussistenze per l'Italia Settentrionale.-

ST.

Si fa riferimento alla lettera n. ST/182 - data 28 giugno u.s. di codesta Missione.-

Tutti gli enti indicati nella lettera a riferimento, ad eccezione del 5° Reparto Rifornimenti del 5° Panificio Militare di Udine, sono stati approntati ed avviati od in corso di avviamento a destinazione.-

L'approntamento dei predetti due enti (5° Reparto Rifornimenti e 5° Panificio Militare) avverrà in tempo utile per iniziare il funzionamento per la data prevista.-

Per quanto riguarda i locali dei Depositi Speciali Viveri si fa presente:

GENOVA: sono stati trovati locali, riconosciuti idonei anche dalla M.M.I.A. di Genova, dislocati a Genova Rivarolo e raccordati alla vicina stazione di Rivarolo ed al porto. La Direzione di Commissariato di Genova ha assicurato che detti locali sono pronti a ricevere le derrate per il 15 luglio p.v.-

Stato interessata la Direzione di Commissariato di Udine per [illegible] sus-

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VENEZIA: E' stata interessata la Direzione di Commissariato di Udine per effettuare ricerche di locali idonei.- E' partito anche il capitano sussistenza GRIECO Francesco, già consegnatario del Deposito Speciale Viveri di Taranto e ora di quello di Venezia, per effettuare direttamente ricerche di locali per il Deposito in parola.-

Ancora non si è avuta nessuna notizia al riguardo.-

LIVORNO: Il Direttore di Commissariato di Firenze si è recato a Livorno per effettuare ricerche di locali.-

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Mod. 525 bis

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI LOGISTICI

Sin'ora nulla è stato possibile trovare.-
Proseguono le ricerche.-

Per la ricerca dei locali dei Magazzini distribuzione Viveri non si prevedono difficoltà. Intanto, sono già stati trovati ed approntati i locali per i Magazzini Distribuzione Viveri di Genova e Bologna.-

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni al riguardo.-

PEL MINISTRO

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. LO GENOA
c/o 60 Sub Area

6 July 1945

Subject: Food Depots.

To : Hq Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
Attention: ADST

1. Reference MMIA signal Q414.

2. Special Food Depot - Warehouses of the Society "Macinazione Molini Certosa", located at Genoa-Rivarolo, No.15, Via Pallavicini, Capacity about 7,000 cubic meters, warehouse 2,000 tons.

3. There is a railway junction with Railroad Station of Rivarolo and with the Port.

4. The above mentioned premises will be ready to receive and warehouse foodstuffs on or about the 15th July 1945.

C.P. Benatti,
Captain, C.M.C.

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd 10 July 45

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LROF V MARE NR 270865 QVR 1

FROM MMIA LO MILAN 0715ZOB

TO MMIA

INFO MMIA LO TURIN 69 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO

QQX GR 2S ST

[redacted]

Q3O (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR S1/182 OF 5 JUL (.)

KYLE INVESTIGATING (.) PREMISES MILAN GENOA REPORTED AVAILABLE

BY LOCAL LO'S (.) CAPCITY MILAN BAKERY FIFTEEN THOUSAND RATIONS

DAILY (.) TURIN REPORT FOLLOWS

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SENT NR. 85 1917B RH B

ASRECD NR85 AT 1917B BP

S.T. 8/7

M.M.I.A. 4/208 SIGNALS

'S & T. MMIA.

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L Lewchyan (Duty Officer)
8/7/45 informing HOST 9/7

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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FROM MAIA

TO MAIA LO MILAN

INFO DISTONE DISTWO FREEDOM Q MAINT

Q 419

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MEET DACMG AND AEST ARRIVING MILAN MONDAY NINE JULY 1200 HRS BY AIR (.) OBJECT PLANNING REFERENCE ST/182 OF 28 JUNE AND 01 OF 6 JULY (.) ARRANGE MEETING STAFF AND SERVICES TO CONSIDER ACCOMMODATION COMMA TPT COMMA DATE OF CHANGEOVER COMMA MAINTENANCE OF ITI-ITI TES WHICH FIFTH ARMY WILL NOT MAINTAIN AFTER FIRST AUG (.) FOR MAIA LO DISTONE (.) BIRD WILL ADVISE WHEN PARTY DUE ARRIVES DISTONE

KRN 9/7

DMDS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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S & T. MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Reorganisation Italian Army Depots - N.W. Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182
8 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA LO's:
FLORENCE 1 DISTRICT
NAPLES BARI
DST, AFHQ
Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.
Navy Sub Commission, AC.

Further to this HQ ST/182 dated 28 June 45.

1. Ref para 2(c), add Food Distribution Depot at ANCONA.

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.

HFC/gmc

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and to take over the responsibility as rapidly as possible in accordance with your Stage I of AFHQ/2554/G(Maint) 13 June. May D.S.T. be asked to interpret paragraph 1 of M.M.I.A. 32/182 of 28 June in this sense.

3. The assumption of Italian Army responsibility is dependent on certain factors which have not yet been cleared with the appropriate Allied Comd.

Factors such as

(a) the availability of suitable buildings owing to the heavy demands on accommodation for Allied troops.
(b) the availability of transport in the localities to enable the commodities to be moved.
(c) practicability, owing to their location, tasks, etc. for many PB-ITI service units to draw from the few Distribution Depots to be opened.
(d) if the appropriate Allied Comd. e.g. Eighth Army, agree that this is the most desirable moment to make the change over. It must be accepted that, at the beginning, any Italian administration will NOT run as smoothly as the present Allied controlled system which now does at least work reasonably well.

SARCASM BUT TRUE!!

4. Copy of this letter has been sent to H.Q. Eighth Army, 1 District and 2 District. M.M.I.A. L.Os. will contact these H.Qs. to obtain local information and to provide such additional details as are required.

5. May your views and that of Eighth Army, 1 District and 2 District be given as early as possible in order that the maximum may be done now, to help the Italian Army to maintain itself.

for F. T. Nowell Colonel
Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Date 1st July 57

For information:
MMIA LO H.Q. ITALY (for Milan, Turin, Genoa)
Florence (2)
Fifth Army
2/1 Div thru MMIA LO Fifth Army
Rear Eighth Army
1 District
2 District
Naples — Air Forces Sub Commission
Bari — Navy Sub Commission.

Internal:-
S.T. MMIA

Copy sent to 1 & 2 Dist 2nd July

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"S & T, MMIA.
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Appx to Ltr
9/11 Oct Policy

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Subject: Handing over of BR-ITIS

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2/35/0 (Main).

12 June 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission.
of the Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

1. In accordance with the policy of encouraging the Italian Army to stand on its own feet, it is desired to hand over the responsibility for feeding BR-ITIS to the Italians as soon as possible. It is intended that this transfer of responsibility should be carried out in three stages as follows:-

Stage I - The adoption in the North of ITALY of a similar procedure to that now operating in the South, namely the handing over of that part of the ration for which we are responsible in bulk to Italian administered Depots - the handling and detailed distribution being an Italian responsibility.

Stage II - The handing over of the appropriate share of imports at the port of entry, onward transportation and distribution being an Italian responsibility.

Stage III - The final responsibility passing to the Italian Government who would then be responsible for arranging its own purchases and import programme.

2. It is considered that Stage I should be adopted as soon as possible and the envisaged time might be the duration of handing over of administrative responsibility in N. Italy from Fifth and Eighth Armies to Nos. 2 and 4 District. The same procedure would then be adopted in Nos. 1 and 2 District as that which is at present working in No. 3 District.

3. It is considered that as soon as Stage I is found to be working smoothly throughout ITALY, the change over to Stage II could be

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1. In accordance with the policy of encouraging the Italian Army to stand on its own feet, it is desired to hand over the responsibility for feeding POWs to the Italians as soon as possible. It is intended that this transfer of responsibility should be carried out in three stages as follows:-

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3. It is considered that as soon as Stage I is found to be working smoothly throughout ITALY, the change over to Stage II could gradually be made. Stage III must inevitably be some way ahead and no target date can be given for the adoption of this stage.

4. Will you please confirm your agreement with the above policy in order that details may be worked out through Service channels.

Sgd. H.C.E. SHARP, Brigadier.
for Major-General.
D.C.M.G.

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Copy to:- S.T.

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Appendix 'B' of letter
O/1 dated 6 July 1945.

SUBJECT:- Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
SX/182

Ministry of War.

28 June 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO's:
N.W. ITALY (3) for Milan, Turin and Genoa.
FLORENCE (2)
5 ARMY
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Air Forces Sub Commission, AC.
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/s/ J.W.R. PENROSE
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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TRANSLATION

BULK DEPOTS STATE OF READINESS.

GENOA. Premises have been found, approved by M.M.I.A. Genoa, and are located at GENOA RIVAROLO near Rivarolo station and the port. Genoa Commissariat has assured us that these premises are ready to receive rations from 15th July onwards.

VENICE. UDINE Commissariat has been instructed to look for suitable premises. Captain Francesco GRIECO, late of Taranto Bulk Depot and now with Venice Bulk Depot, is personally looking for the premises in question. As yet we had no news.

LEGHORN. Florence Commissariat Director is at Leghorn looking for premises. As yet nothing has been found. Investigations continue.

ADS [signature]

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SC's [signature] 7/7

S & T, MMIA.
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STATO APPRONTAMENTO DEPOSITI SPECIALI VIVERI

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GENOVA: Sono stati trovati locali, riconosciuti idonei anche dalla M.M.I.A. di Genova, dislocati a Genova Rivarolo e raccordati alla vicina stazione di Rivarolo ed al porto. La Direzione di Commissariato di Genova ha assicurato che detti locali sono pronti a ricevere le derrate per il 15 luglio p.v.-

VENEZIA: E' stata interessata la Direzione di Commissariato di Udine per effettuare ricerche di locali idonei.- E' partito anche il Capitano sussistenza GRIECO Francesco, già consegnatario del Deposito Speciale Viveri di Taranto e ora di quello di Venezia, per effettuare direttamente ricerche di locali per il Deposito in parola.-

Ancora non si è avuta nessuna notizia al riguardo.-

LIVORNO: Il Direttore di Commissariato di Firenze si è recato a Livorno per effettuare ricerche di locali.-

Sin'ora nulla è stato possibile trovare.

Proseguono le ricerche.-

"S & T. MMIA.
Recd 5 July
File ST/ 187

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

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REF : Q.414

FOR MMIA LO(.) SUBJECT SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS NORTH ITALY (.)
ST/182 28 JUNE OUTLINES APPROVED POLICY TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS
SOON AS ACCOMMODATION CAN BE FOUND AND CHANGE OVER FROM PRESENT
SYSTEM BECOMES PRACTICABLE(.) REPORT URGENTLY AVAILABILITY BULK
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Internal : S & T.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date - Time
June 27 B
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FROM: MMIA

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

INFO: CG MTOUSA, CG PBS, FIVE ARMY (FOR MMIA LO)

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REFERENCE TO YOUR 7094 SUBJECT MAINTENANCE OF ITI-ITIS NOW BEING SUPPLIED FROM FIFTH ARMY SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS (.) THE ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY WILL ESTABLISH SUBSISTENCE DEPOTS TO MAINTAIN ALL ITALIAN ITI-ITI TROOPS IN YOUR AREA BY 30 JULY

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SUBJECT:- Activation and Operation of Supply Installations - North Italy.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/182
28 June 45.

Ministry of War.

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

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War

6 June 45

TO : MMIA (in reply to ST/53/3 of 22 May).

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SUBJECT:- Closing down of Distibution Depot at Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro, Monti.

In accordance with information received from the Cagliari autonomous Commissariat Section, we announce that the Distribution Depots at Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro and Monti have been closed as from 15 May.

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Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

a/ MMIA.

Recd 7 June

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

Sezione 1^

Prot. N° 1127/S/1 Allegati

Risposta al f.° del 22.5.45

Div. Sez. N° ST/53/3

Roma, 8 GIU 1945

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Al LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)

R O M A

OGGETTO: Soppressione magazzini viveri Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro, Monti.-

In seguito ad analoga comunicazione pervenuta dalla Sezione Autonoma di Commissariato Militare della Sardegna, si comunica che i Magazzini Viveri di Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro e Monti sono stati chiusi entro il 15 maggio u.s.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Closure of IGLESIAS, ORISTANO, NUORO, and MONTI Depots.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3

Ministry of War.

22 May 45.

Reference ST/53/3 dated 15 Apr 45 on above subject and your 8277/S/1 dated 24 Apr 45 addressed to HQ Calabria Division.

1. Will you please state if the Depots in question are now closed.

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Replied 25 May closed as at 15 May

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

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SUBJECT:- Drawing Rations - CO.RR.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3

May 45.

file 100 at 21/1/5

Ministry of War.
(your letter 5284/S/1 of 26 Apr 45 refers).

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Copy to:- MMIA IO SARDINIA
01. MMIA.

1. In para 2, our letter ST/53/3 of 15 April it was agreed that a fortnight or thirty (30) day supply could be drawn from the authorised distribution depots.

2. Authority has therefore already been given to you to issue a thirty (30) days supply to isolated CO.RR. units.

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

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — Date: 24 April 45

TO : HQ Calabria Division — Ref: 8277/S/1

INFO : MMIA
Cagliari Commissariat.

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SUBJECT:- Closing down of Iglesias, Oristano, Muoro and Monti Distirbution Depots.

Further to our 811/i.c./Ris of 8 th March herewith copy of MMIA/ST/53/3 of 15 April concerning the closing down of Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro and Monti Distribution Depots, and the transferance of rations, in excess of one months requirements of the Carabinieri who are now receiving rations from these depots, to the depots refered in para 4 of the above.

These orders must be carried out with all exactitude and urgency..

A copy of the orders putting into effect the instructions of MMIA must be sent for information to this Ministry.

Any difficulties will be sent by signal.

The aforesaid depots will be closed within the 15 of May - by which time the surplus stocks will also have been transferred.

Make agreements with the local MMIA LO in Sardinia for the transportation of the stocks and for the carrying out of these instructions.

Acknowledge.

sd/ Fisicaro

for BELLIGRA. 5732

G. & T. MMIA.
Recd 24 Apr
File ST/ 53/3

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Divisione Sussistenze

Sezione I^ — P.M. 3800, lì Roma, 21 APR 1945

Prot. N° 8277/S/1 Allegati 105

Risposta al f.° del

Div. Sez. N.°

Al COMANDO DIVISIONE "CALABRIA"
P.M.75

OGGETTO: Chiusura dei Magazzini di Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro e Monti.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA) R O M A (all.omesso)
ALLA SEZIONE AUTONOMA DI COMM/TO MILIT. CAGLIARI

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A seguito del dispaccio 811/I.C./Ris dell'8 marzo si trasmette copia del foglio ST/53/3 della Land Forces Sub Commission del 15 corr. circa la chiusura dei Magazzini Viveri di Iglesias, Oristano, Nuoro e Monti ed il trasferimento dei viveri, esuberanti al fabbisogno di un mese per i reparti dei CC.RR. già vettovagliati dai predetti magazzini, a quelli di cui al n.4 del citato foglio.

Le disposizioni dovranno avere integrale ed urgente attuazione.

Copia degli ordini che verranno emanati per l'attuazione delle disposizioni della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.(MMIA) dovranno essere inviate per conoscenza a questo Ministero.

Eventuali difficoltà dovranno essere segnalate telegraficamente.

I predetti magazzini dovranno essere chiusi entro il 15 maggio p.v. data entro la quale dovrà essere avvenuto anche il trasferimento delle derrate esuberanti.

Accordi con il locale ufficiale di collegamento per la Sardegna della M.M.I.A. per il trasporto dei generi e l'esecuzione delle disposizioni.

Assicurare.

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PER COPIA CONFORME
Il Direttore Capo Divisione

p.IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Closure of IGLESIAS, ORISTANO, NUORO and MONTI Depots.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/55/3

15 April 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SARDINIA (for supervisory action)
"Q" MMIA.

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Further to our letter ST/55/3 of 2 March 45.

1. A study of Stores Movement Return (MMIA Form ST/12) for Sardinia has indicated large stock held at the IGLESIAS, ORISTANO, NUORO and MONTI Depots.

2. In our s/m letter it was envisaged that these establishments (less MONTI Bulk Food Depot) would not be Italian Army Food Distribution Depots. It was, however, intended that the buildings could be used by personnel of the CC.RR., (representing largest number of units drawing) to receive from authorised depots a fortnight or month supply rations in bulk and breakdown rations for units in respective areas. After this breakdown there should be no residual stocks left in the depots.

3. This concession has been made due to distance which would be required for isolated individual units to draw rations from SASSARI, NUORO or CAGLIARI.

4. It is, therefore, directed that you close the depots at IGLESIAS, ORISTANO, NUORO and MONTI, and despatch rations either to the 14th Bulk Food Depot or to the Distribution Depots on the condition that none of the stocks of the latter exceed a sixty (60) days supply.

5. Please issue instructions, and follow up to see that the same have been in fact executed, that these depots be closed and stocks disposed of by 15 May 1945.

6. You are requested to keep this Headquarters advised on progress in the interim.

K. Robertson
for Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Closed wef 15/5/45. See folio 45

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① Check feeding strength
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SUBJECT:- Organization of Sardinia Commissariat Services.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMIA IG SARDINIA. (for supervising action)

Further to our letter ST/53/3 of 2 March 45.

1. You have advised this Headquarters in your letter 614/IG/Ris that instructions have been issued to comply with our a/m letter.

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2. It is noted in the information contained in MMIA Form ST/12 for period 6 - 20 March that stock in the three depots, i.e. Iglesias, Oristano and Nuoro is still in excess of thirty (30) days' supply.

3. Outstanding remains are noted below:-

a. Iglesias Distribution Depot.

Commodity	Day's holding
Macaroni	95
Rice	103
Meat/Fish	123
Vegetables, Delyd (Allied)	39
" " (Italian)	80
Sugar	47
Coffee	96
Pepper	88
Cheese (Italian)	96
" (Allied)	87
Tomato Catsup	100
Olive Oil	135
Salt	555

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b. Oristano Distribution Depot.

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Cristano and Nuoro is still in excess of [illegible]

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Olive Oil	135
Salt	555

b. Cristano Distribution Depot.

Flour Group	98
Macaroni	124
Rice	201
Meat/Fish	74
Vegetables, Dehyd	102
" Dried	89
Sugar	115
Coffee	174
Pepper	219
Cheese	125
Matches	127
Tomato Catsup	115
Olive Oil	97
Cigarettes	166
Salt	183

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c. Nuoro Distribution Depot.

Commodity	Day's holding
Flour Group	105
Macaroni	139
Rice	67
Meat	380
Vegetables, Dried	72
" Dehyd	667
Sugar	104
Coffee	197
Pepper	141
Cheese (Allied)	104
" (Italian)	122
Matches	157
Tomato Catsup	202
Olive Oil	111
Cigarettes	43
Salt	1651

4. It is further noted that there is a bulk depot "Deposito Provvisorio Viveri e Foraggi" located at MONTI. This depot is not authorized.

5. These depots are not considered to be Italian Army Distribution Depots. It was conceded to you that these buildings may be used to store a thirty (30) days' supply drawn by CC.RR. for further distribution to its units in the areas due to the distance involved. It was not envisaged that these ~~installations~~ buildings would be Food Distribution Depots. An observation of the Stock Movement Returns (MGIA Forms ST/12) has indicated that stock has not been moved out of the ~~depots~~ buildings, but on the contrary, supplementary stocks have been added. 5728

6. It is therefore directed that the stock, in the Iglesias, Oristano and Nuoro ~~installations~~ buildings be reduced to a holding of thirty (30) days

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6. The authorized Italian Army Food Distribution and Bulk Depots and Bakery are as follows:-

14th Food Bulk Depot		Cagliari
14th Food Dist.	"	"
14th Military Bakery Depot		"
71st	" " "	Sassari
72nd	" " "	Macomer

8. Request that you keep this HQ advised concerning the progress of the closure of the ~~installations, above (para 4)~~ buildings, as Italian Army Dist. Depots. (leave 2 & 4)

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Ministero della Guerra

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DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

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Div. Sez.

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Prot. N° 8141/I.C/R allegato

Risposta al f.° del 2 c.m.
Div. Sez. N°. 53/3

Oggetto Organizzazione del servizio di Commissariato in Sardegna.

Al LA LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

ST 10/3

Si assicura di avere impartito le disposizioni del caso perchè i Magazzini Viveri di Iglesias, cristano e Nuoro vengano affidati ai rispettivi locali Comandi CC.RR. e che nessun elemento dell'Esercito venga impiegato in detti Magazzini.

PEL MINISTRO

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Rations at 20 Inf. Depot Vibo Valentia.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/53/3

4 March 45.

TO
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).
TARANTO.

Reference this H.Q's ST/53/3 to War Ministry, copy to you, dated 19 Feb 45.

1. Please report position after your next visit to CALABRIA.

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

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War. Ref 4348/S/1

TO :NAPLES Mil. Terr. Command Date March 1, 1945

& for INFO to MMIA

SUBJECT: Rations - 20th Inf. Depot VIBO VALENTIA.

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Macaroni	157,000 "	1869
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Olive Oil	14,400 "	514

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Div.Suss.ze
N. di Prot. 4349/1S/1d Sped.
Allegati

Roma, addì 14 FEB. Febbraio 1945

Al COMANDO MILITARE TERRITOR.
DI N A P O L I
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Risposta al Foglio N.
del

OGGETTO: razioni viveri - 20° Deposito Fanteria Vibo Valentia.-

ALLA DIR.ZE DI COMM/TO DEL C/DO MIL. TERRITORIALE — NAPOLI
ALLA SEZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE — CATANZARO

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Si prega codesto Comando nel contempo voler eseguire accertamenti circa le ragioni che hanno determinato la costituzione di tale eccedenza ed informare questo Ministero dell'esito degli stessi.-

P. IL MINISTRO

Fellizza

DTO

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Organisation of Sardinia Commissariat Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3
2 March 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- LO
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).
SARDINIA.

Ref your 593/1/RIS dated 23 February 1945.

1. There is no objection to holding 30 days rations at IGLESIAS, ORISTANO and NUORO but the receipt, issue and control of these supplies will be the responsibility of the CC.RR.

2. No personnel of the Italian Army will be employed at these small depots and the stocks must not exceed 30 days requirements.

3. Please confirm that no Italian Army personnel will be employed.

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

KPC/gmc

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SUBJECT:- Strength of Personnel at Distribution Depots at REGGIO CALABRIA and COSENZA.

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Ministry of War (your letter 646/1/RIS of 23 Feb 45 refers).

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3
2- March 45.

Copy to:- IO's
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).
TARANTO SICILY

1. It is agreed that personnel now at Reggio Calabria and Cosenza Depots may be retained, on the basis that they are reserve for the activation of depots in the forward areas.

2. It is further pointed out that when orders are issued for the activation of depots or Commissariato establishments in Northern areas, that no extended delay will ensue due to lack of personnel.

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

KRN/gmc

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TRANSLATION.

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Ref646/1/RIS
23/2/45

From:- Ministry of War

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To:- M.M.I.A.
Subject:- Strength of personel at Distribution Depots in

REGGIO; CALABRIA; and COSENZA.
In reference to letter No ST/53/3 dated 17/2/45. U.S.

That commission raises the question of War Establishment in the a/m depots, and also for the remaining establishments and units of the food service.

Infact this Ministry in order to make use of personel reserved for the North,and avoid their remaining unoccupied supply units, are employing said personel in all food depots and stores etc, in liberated Italy.

Naturaly the said reserved personel are attached to the a/m depots , surplus to the War Establishment of each depot; fixed by the M.M.I.A.

It is made clear however that strength of Military employed for the functioning of the food services, is not over the quota of 3.300 per unit fixed by the M.M.I.A.

In consequence of the above explanation which was previously given verbally to an officer of the M.MI.A. we think that instructions in No 4 of the letter above referred to should not apply.

We await your approval.

For the Minister.
PELLIGRIA.

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D.A.D.S

Rec'd 25 Feb
File ST/ 53/3

I agree L. Hu

order at 35.

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For the Minister.
PELLIGRIA.

D.A.D.S 3722

S.A.T. MMB
Rec'd 25 Jan.
File S.T.) 53/3

I agree to the above Kdb.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Ispettorato

N.° di Prot. 646/I/Ba Sped.
Allegati

Roma, 23 Febbraio 1945
IN

Al la Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO Forza del personale dei magazzini di distribuzione di Reggio Calabria e Cosenza.

Riferimento foglio n° ST/53/3 - data 17 febbraio u.s.

Quanto rilevato da codesta Missione per i Magazzini in oggetto avviene anche per i rimanenti enti e stabilimenti del servizio delle sussistenze.

Infatti, questo Ministero, allo scopo di utilizzare il personale in riserva per il Nord ed evitare che lo stesso resti inoperoso presso i reparti di sussistenza, sta impiegando il personale stesso presso tutti i depositi, magazzini, etc. del servizio delle sussistenze attualmente esistenti nell'Italia liberata.

Naturalmente tale personale in riserva per il Nord è assegnato a detti enti in soprannumero rispetto agli organici fissati per ogni singolo ente da codesta Missione.

Beninteso, però, il numero complessivo dei militari in forza per il funzionamento del servizio delle sussistenze rientra sempre e non supera l'aliquota di n. 3.300 unità fissata da codesta Missione.

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In conseguenza delle delucidazioni sopra fornite, le quali avevano già formato precedentemente oggetto di comunicazioni verbali ad ufficiali di codesta Missione, si ritiene non doversi procedere a quanto disposto al nº 4 del foglio a riferimento. Si resta, comunque, in attesa di benestare da parte di codesta Missione.

PEL MINISTRO

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Trasmettere in chiaro

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — Ref. 593/1/Ris

TO : MMIA — 23 Feb 45

SUBJECT:- Organisation of Sardinia Commissariat Service.

The following units have been forseen to carry out subsistance services in Sardinia:-

13th: Military Bakery - CAGLIARI
13th: Special Ration Depot - CAGLIARI
70th: Garrison, Food, Forage and P.O.L. Depot - CAGLIARI
71st: Garrison, Food, Forage and P.O.L. Depot - SASSARI
72nd: Garrison, Food, Forage and P.O.L. Depot - MACOMER

The Commissariat Directorate of Sardinia has now shown the necessity to also maintain, the Garrison's food Depot of: IGLESIAS, ORISTANO and NUORO the a/m are run by Garrison personnel, and they have a limited number of rations in stock for the required needs of the ration strength for 30 days.

The Commissariat Directorate also added that the existence of the a/m Depots is now recognised necessary by the MMIA LO from CAGLIARI. Ref: letter R/14 dated 2nd January. In view of the particular conditions in the island in which many units located on the mountainous area encounters serious difficulties in getting supplies from CAGLIARI, SASSARI and MACOMER depots owing to the scarce means of transportation.

The above is forwarded for your decision.

sd/ For the Minister
Gen. PELLIGRA.

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M.G./M.

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Ispettorato

N.ro di Prot. 593/I/Rid.Sped
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Roma, 23 Febbraio 1945

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Risposta al Foglio N.° [illegible]
del

OGGETTO Organizzazione servizi di commissariato della Sardegna.

Organisation of Sardinia Commissariat Service

Come è noto sono stati previsti in Sardegna i seguenti enti per il funzionamento del servizio delle sussistenze:

- 13° Panificio Militare Cagliari
- XIII Deposito Speciale Viveri - Cagliari
- 70° Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri Foraggi e Combustibili Presidiario - Cagliari
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dei mezzi di locomozione.

Quanto precede per le decisioni di codesta Missione.

PEL MINISTRO

Pellizza

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

R/14 2 January 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Depots in Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.
Attention : Director of Commissary.

1. We hereby confirm and augment the letter N 1/2 of 1 January from your office.

2. In accordance with our recent letters and conversations, it is agreed that the distributing Depots at Cagliari, Macomer, and Sassari will be the only Depots operated by the Commissary personnel.

3. Since you consider it convenient to also operate small depots at Iglesias, Nuoro and Oristano, to serve small scattered CC.RR. stations, the personnel must be provided from local garrisons. This duty must be in addition to their regularly assigned duties. Stocks in small depots must be kept down to a one month level.

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GLF/roz F.to F.L. SIMMONS
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IL CAPITANO COMMISSARIO
(Mario Moscariello)

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ST/53/3
Italian Ration Depots.
2 i/c

19 Feb 45

Reference Report No 8, 3 Feb 45 (Capt Fox).

1. Attached hereto copies of letters ST/53/3 of 17 and 19 Feb 45 concerning overstrength of Distribution Depots Reggio and Cosenza and rations stored at 20 Infantry Depot.

KRN/nc

Lt.Col.
ADST.

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SUBJECT:- Nola and Salerno Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3
19 Feb 45.

Ministry of War.(Your letter 503/1/RTS of 13 Feb 45 refers)

Copy to:- AQ

1. It is agreed, for the reasons stated in above mentioned letter, that Nola and Salerno Distribution Depots should continue to operate.

2. It is pointed out that you should be attentive to the possibility of closing or consolidating distribution depots in accordance with movement of troops.

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

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SUBJECT:- Rations - 20 Infantry Depot - Vibo Valentia.

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/53/3
19 Feb 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- LO's
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.(MMIA)
SICILY. TARANTO.

1. During an inspection of the Calabria Area made by a representative of this Headquarters, it was learned that a substantial ration stock was stored in the 20 Infantry Depot, Vibo Valentia.

2. An inventory was made at the Depot and is recorded below for your information:-

COMMODITY	QUANTITY	RATIONS
Flour	Kg 488,160	1440
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5. Please ensure that this situation does not occur for the above-named Depot nor with other Depots of a similar nature.

6. Request that you advise this Headquarters when corrective action has been accomplished.

KRN/nc

K.F.CURTIS.
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — Ref. 503/1/RIS

TO : MMIA — 13 Feb 45

SUBJECT:- Closing up of garrison depots.

With ref. to letter 356/I/RIS - dated 31st Jan of this Ministry and letter ST/53/3 dated 16th Jan and 28th of MMIA.

58th Garrison food depot of AVERSA, with letter 10215/ORD - dated 27th Jan of SMRE, has been closed up.

Concerning 60th Garrison food depot of NOLA and 63rd Garrison food depot of SALERNO, we inform you that Naples territory command with letter ref. 2/754/Co dated 4th inst., think it should be advisable not to close them, because at present 22 units with a strength of about 3000 men NOLA and 33 units with a strength of about 6000 men SALERNO are drawing rations from them.

The closing of a/n depots would imply the organisation of a delivery service from Naples, which would be very difficult to carry out, bearing in mind also that although personnel would be spared on closing the depots, a considerable amount of personnel would be needed to carry out a/n delivery service.

It would not be possible, moreover, to have the units coming to Naples to draw rations owing to the well known transport difficulties.

This Ministry, if MMIA has no objections on the matter, is of opinion that NOLA and SALERNO depots should remain.

sd/ PELIGRA.

"S & T" Branch

Recd 15 Feb

File ST/53/3

DA/C KRN

per adst

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Mo/M

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Ispettorato

N. di Prot. 503/I/Ris. *Sped.*
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Roma, 15 Febbraio 1945

IN

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

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Risposta al Foglio N.°
del

OGGETTO Soppressione Magazzini Presidiari.

Seguito dispaccio nº 356/I/Ris. - data 31 s.m. di questo Ministero e riferimento foglio nº ST/53/3 - data 16 e 28 s.m. di codesta Missione.

Il 58º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Aversa, con foglio nº 10215/Ord. - data 27 gennaio u.s. dello S.M.R.E., è stato soppresso.

Per quanto riguarda il 60º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Nola ed il 63º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Salerno si fa presente che il Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli, con foglio nº 2/754/Co - data 4 c.m., ha comunicato che non ravviserebbe la opportunità e la convenienza di sopprimerli, poichè ad essi fanno attualmente capo rispettivamente 22 reparti per una forza di circa 3.000 uomini e 33 reparti per una forza di circa 6.000 uomini.

La soppressione di detti Magazzini importerebbe l'organizzazione di un servizio a domicilio da Napoli, difficoltosissimo ad attuare, tenuto anche conto che l'economia di personale che conseguirebbe colla proposta soppressione, importebbe l'impiego di note-

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Ministero e riferimento foglio nº SM/53/3 - data 16 e 28 s.m. di codesta Missione.

Il 58º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Aversa, con foglio nº 10215/Ord. - data 27 gennaio u.s. dello S.M.R.E., è stato soppresso.

Per quanto riguarda il 60º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Nola ed il 63º Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Salerno si fa presente che il Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli, con foglio nº 2/754/Co - data 4 c.m., ha comunicato che non ravviserebbe la opportunità e la convenienza di sopprimerli, poichè ad essi fanno attualmente capo rispettivamente 22 reparti per una forza di circa 3.000 uomini e 33 reparti per una forza di circa 6.000 uomini.

La soppressione di detti Magazzini importerebbe l'organizzazione di un servizio a domicilio da Napoli, difficoltosissimo ad attuare, tenuto anche conto che l'economia di personale che conseguirebbe colla proposta sopressione, importebbe l'impiego di notevole personale per il rifornimento a domicilio.

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Non sarebbe possibile, altresì, fare affluire a Napoli i reparti per l'incetta viveri, per le ben note difficoltà inerenti all'impiego di automezzi.

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Per quanto precede questo Ministero, salvo contrario avviso di codesta Missione, sarebbe del parere di mantenere i predetti Magazzini di Nola e Salerno.

PEL MINISTRO.

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File 28

SUBJECT:- Strength of personnel -
Distribution Depots -
Reggio and Cosenza.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3
17 Feb 45.

Direz.Gen.Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- LO Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).
TARANTO

1. An inspection was made by a representative of MMIA of your Distribution Depots at Reggio and Cosenza in early February.

2. The following was learned concerning the strength of personnel at each depot:-

		OFF	OR
(a)	Dist Depot Reggio		
	Effective strength	5	44
	Attached	-	15
		5	59
	Absent - Leave	3	
	Sick	1	- 4
	Present strength	5	55
(b)	Dist Depot Cosenza.		
	Effective strength	6	51
	Attached	-	7
	Absent	3	12
	Present strength	3	56

3. You have been advised by this office that the organic strength for Distribution Depots was two(2) officers and eighteen(18) Other Ranks.

4. Please take steps to reduce the strength of the Distribution Depots named in par 2 above to conform to the strength in par 3 abov , furnishing this office with a copy of your instructions.

5. When the reduction has been accomplished, you will advise this Headquarters.

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cc 34 copies

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	Attached	-	15
		5	59
	Absent - Leave	3	
	Sick	1	- 4
	Present strength	5	55
(b)	Dist Depot Cosenza.		
	Effective strength	6	61
	Attached	-	7
	Absent	3	12
	Present strength	3	56

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5. When the reduction has been accomplished, you will advise this Headquarters.

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see 34 for last W reply.

KRN

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

KFN/nc

BY 1/26/10

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TO: ST

G & T, AMMLA.
Recd 15 Feb
File ST// 53/3

Capt Fox - Report No. 8
dated 3 Feb 1945 (Cont'd)

1. Extract of report follows:

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"6. (20 Infantry Depot) VIBO VALENTIA
C.O. Col MENDICINI Achille

Strength effective and present	5 offs, 5 OR's
Personnel in transit	23 OR's
Horses	7
Carts, 2-wheeled	5

This depot did not compare favorably with the Arty Depot which I had just visited. I could not understand the ration vouchers. They were far in excess of the 10 authorized for a depot and including the 23 transit personnel. After much ado and explanation, it transpired that the depot was running a small DLD on its own. This was the first time I had struck this method of drawing rations, but since then I have found other depots doing the same thing. I will make further remarks on this subject later in this report. Finally; the rations on hand amounted to 1859. The average number of transit personnel is 30. Five days traveling ration are given to these personnel.

I inspected the rations store and to me there seemed very little for 1859 rations. Therefore, I made a list on the spot of the amounts in stock. I have since checked up, and they seem about right, but for interest I give the list which I made:

Flour	4 quintals, 88 kili 160 grams		1435 rations
Sugar	52 kili	-	1820
Coffee	12 kili, 800 grams	-	1760
Tea	1 kilo, 180 grams		—
Cheese	13 x 7-lb tins		1456
Meat	39 tins x 2 lbs		
	20 tins x 5 lbs, 12 ozs		1370
	3 tins x 1 kilo, 814 grams		
	36 tins x 2 lbs, 2 ozs		
Potatoes	52 kili	-	278
Rice	58 kili	-	1640
Pasta	157 kili	-	1712
Beans	104 kili	-	429
Couserva	14 kili, 400 grams	-	1440
Oil	14/400	-	496

Determine number of rations represented

Reply to 2nd @ 32

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TO: ST

I had to take their word for the weights of the items in sacks, but the tins I actually saw and counted myself. Incidentally there were 11 sacks of flour. I do not know whether all flour sacks are a standard size. If so, the amount stated above can be checked.

Attached at Appendix "B" is a promemoria from the Colonel of the depot explaining why this method of drawing rations is necessary.

The clothing depot was inspected. A complete inventory is attached at Appendix "C". The depot was tidy and well arranged, but the personnel did not appear to be very active or alive. There are 40 civilians employed in the depot.

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8. 208 Inf Depot, REGGIO
O.C. Col MARTINELLI Clementi

Strength - authorized	7 offs,	3 NCO's
effective	8 offs,	22 OR's
detached	1 off,	16 OR's
hospital	-	3 OR's
present	7 offs,	3 OR's

The effective strength should not be more than 10 all ranks, I think. I don't know why they still keep others detached, as being on the effective strength. The Col states that these men were effective before the reorganization of the W/E's of depots and they are now attached to:

Military District HQ Catanzaro
Military District HQ Reggio
31 Coy Sussistenza
9 Autieri Coy, BARI

The effective strengths are at the moment being gone into and sorted out.

Civilians employed - 40.

Transit personnel are not given rations from this depot but are paid, 24 lire per day for 5 days. This amount of money about keeps them in oranges. It certainly won't buy a meal. However, I will make further observation on this subject later.

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TO: ST

Capt Fox - Report No. 8
dated 3 Feb 1945 (Cont'd)

The clothing depot was inspected and in good order. A complete inventory is at Appendix "D". The items with a ring round and a pencil figure beside denotes the actual stock in the depot. A distribution has yet to be made which will reduce the figure to the typewritten one. The last two items in pencil added by me are stated to be all for distribution. I am checking on this with the Commissariato HQ at Catanzaro.

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14. D.I.D. REGGIO
C.C. Lt GIOVANNI VERDUCI

Effective strength	5 offs	44 OR's
Attached	-	15 OR's
	5 offs	59 OR's
Absent - leave 3		
sick 1	-	4 OR's
Present strength	5 offs	55 OR's

This is a detachment of 31 Coy Sussistenza. The officer i/c is efficient and knows his job. He complained that he was overworked and that he thought there should be at least a Capt on the strength. I got him to write a "promemoria" which I have handed to Military HQ Calabria.

I checked on the accounting system and found everything in very good order. The rations are stored in prison cells and are therefore very safe as far as being under lock and key is concerned.

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23. D.I.D. COSENZA - Detachment of 31 Coy Sussistenza
O.C. Lt CAVAGNOLI Adamo

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Strength: effective	6 offs	61 OR's
attached	-	7 OR's
absent	3 offs	12 OR's
present	3 offs	56 OR's

The O.C. was efficient and business-like. I examined the accounting system and checked, physically, stocks with the books. All was in very good order. In addition

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to the D.I.D., this officer also runs the bakery which bakes all the bread for units in Cosenza. 1 civilian typist is employed.

Clothing required is:

Greatcoats	- 50
Shirts	- 50
Boots	- 40

A request was made some time ago to 174 Bakery, which unit has since been disbanded.

Lt Cavagnoli is also the detachment Comdr for Cosenza which includes such units as Casermaggio, Forage depot, Firewood depot, etc.

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32. 4 Coy, 1 Bn, 60 Inf Regt, Calabria Div
at CASTRO VILLERI
O.C. 2/Lt PONTIROLI Luigi

Effective strength		3 offs	32 OR's
Attached		2 offs	80 OR's
Attached for rations only		3 offs	39 OR's
		8 offs	151 OR's
Absent: Hosp	4		
Detached	1		
Leave	3		
A.W.O.L.	2	-	10 OR's
Present strength		8 offs	141 OR's

The ration position was difficult to check. Rations are drawn in advance and issued to the various detachments. The stock in hand on 1 Feb was 1413 rations to last to 5 Feb. These were not available for use to check as part had already been distributed to detachments.

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I was not impressed with this unit. They are housed in a bombed barracks, it is true, but with a little ingenuity and initiative the living conditions could have been improved. They have 16 new greatcoats in their stock room. These are special guard greatcoats (cappotti da scolta). They have not been issued or used, and I propose to remove them.

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G. C. Fox, Capt"

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TO: ST

2. Reference Par 14, this is overstrength - have it reduced.

3. Reference Par 23, this is overstrength - have it reduced.

4. Appendix "B" attached hereto.
Appendix "D" attached to copy to Capt Hamilton.

5. Report action taken by 19 February 1945.

CPK

14 February 1945.

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TRANSLATION.

SERIAL No

Translated by: Nicoletta Coppini

Date : 25 Jan 45

FROM :

Ref No :

Date :

TO : MMIA.
(Info/Action)

In reply to :

SUBJECT :- 20th Infantry Rgt Depot.

This Depot, differently from the other ones, takes care of the assumption in strength and of the distribution of the personnel:

1) Of all the Combat Groups(Training Depot-Italian Combat Forces-At the disposal of the Allies)
2) Of the 505 Btl Guards - At the disposal of the Allies.
3) Of No 6 Groups Street Movement - At the disposal of the Allies
4) Of the I Air Force Group - At the disposal of the Allies.

This Depot takes also care of the assumption in strength and of the sending to the "Comando Affluenza" Afragola, of all the soldiers formerly appartaining to the dissolved Btg "Complementi AA", who are coming back from their recovery leave, from the rest houses, from their arbitrary absence, or who appartain to the Special Roll of the Armed Forces.

In spite of this, and of the frequent and immediate departures, the Depot succeeds in keeping the personnel in transit only for the necessary period.

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Appendice B Rapporto 8

" P I O M E M O R I A " Vibo Valentia, li 25 gennaio 945

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DEPOSITO 20° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

A differenza degli altri Depositi provvede all'assunzione in forza ed allo smistamento del personale:

1°)= Di tutti i Gruppi di Combattimento (Deposito addestramento Forze Italiane di Combattimento = A disposizione degli Alleati).=

2°)= Del 505° Battaglione Guardia Sicurezza = A disposizione degli Alleati.=

3°)= Dei n° 6 nuclei movimento stradale = A disposizione degli Alleati.=

4°)= Del I° Gruppo Aviazione = A disposizione degli Alleati.=

Provvede inoltre ad assumere in forza e smistare al Comando Affluenza Afragola tutti i militari, già appartenenti al disciolto Battaglione Complementi AA, che rientrano dalla licenza di convalescenza, dai luoghi di cura, dall'assenza arbitraria o comunque dal Ruolo Speciale F.A.=

Malgrado ciò, mercè le frequenti ed immediate partenze il Deposito riesce a non tenere personale in sosta che per il tempo strettamente necessario.=

To Captain Fox

With [illegible]

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Malgrado ciò, mercè le frequenti ed immediate partenze il Deposito riesce a non tenere personale in sosta che per il tempo strettamente necessario.=

To Captain Fox 5706

With many regards and wishes.

by Col. Stenchioni.

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Translation of letter on reverse. 26

From : M. of War 356/I/Ris.
To : MMIA 31 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Ration Distribution Depots.

Ref ST/53/3 of 16 & 28 Jan 45.

In regard to what was requested in para 3 of ST/53/3 dated 16 Jan, we beg to report that the 58th Garrison Rations Warehouse of AVERSA could be closed immediately.

As for the 60th Garrison Rations Warehouse of NOLA, and the 63rd Garr Rations Warehouse of SALERNO, we are awaiting explanations from the Mil. Terr. Hq? of NAPLES, which has already sent telegram to said warehouses.

Therefore we will send you further communication in regard tothis matter.

Sd/ Gen Pelligra.

ADST 106

"S & T. MMIA.
Recd 3 Feb.
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Ispettorato

Div. Sez. Pos. 356/I/Ris. Allegati

Roma, 31 Gennaio 1945 - A.

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

Risposta al f. del 16 e 23-1-45
Div. Sez. N° ST/53/3

OGGETTO: Magazzini distribuzione viveri.

In relazione a quanto richiesto al n° 3 del foglio n° ST/53/3 - data 16 c.m. si fa presente che il 58° Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Aversa potrà essere senz'altro soppresso.

Per quanto riguarda il 60° Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Nola ed il 63° Magazzino Presidiario Viveri di Salerno si attendono delucidazioni dal Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli che le ha preavvisate telegraficamente.

Si fa, pertanto, riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO

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SUBJECT:- Ration Distribution Depots.

File

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3
28 Jan 45.

Direz.Gen.Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Reference this HQ letter ST/53/3 of 16 Jan 45 on above subject.

1. May your reply now be forwarded, please.

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

B7-3 Feb
Replies 26 & 29

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TRANSLATION.

Translated by:

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : MMIA (~~Ministero~~)

SERIAL No

Date :

Ref No :22l/1/Ris

Date :25 Jan 45

In reply to :

SUBJECT :- Ortona and Vasto Depots.

Hereunder information requested in letter ST/33/13 dated 15 Jan 45.

1. The Ration Distribution Depot of Vasto has been closed.

2. The Ration Distribution Depot of Ortona is, in accordance with letter ST/33/3 dated 16 Jan 45, considered to be in HR-III category as personnel of the 209 Subsistence Section.

The above named Depot will, therefore, remain under the control of 209 Supply Depot, without any direct interference from the Directorate General.

ad/ PELLIGRA

(27)

"S & T" MMIA.

Rec'd 29 Jan

File ST/ 53/3

C/to 33/13

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
FRASTAN COMBAT FORCE.

RATION AND POL DEPOT AND CLOTHING STORE.
(Under command HQ R.T.C.)

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.					
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	9
Issue Clerks		1	1	4	6
Storemen issuers		1	1	12	14
Batman				2	2
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				1	1
Bakers				1	1
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				1	1
TOTAL - C.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2	3	7
Storeman				2	2
Orderlies				3	3
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				3	3

At Establishment
2 Offrs
7 NCOs
14 ORs
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Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	7
Issue Clerks		1	1	1	2
Storemen issuers		1	1	2	3
Batman				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				1	1
Bakers				2	2
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
Cooks				2	2
				6	6
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2	3	5
Storemen				2	2
Orderlies				3	3
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				3	3
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	4	11	17
TOTAL - Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store.	4	6	8	37	55

(ii) Transport.

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	GS	1

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SUBJECT:- Ration Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/3

16 Jan 45.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. The personnel now operating the railhead Depot at FALDONO are doing so solely for the maintenance of BR-ITI category troops and therefore cannot continue to be held against the ITI-ITI category.

Arrangements are being made for these personnel to be included in the War Establishment of the I.C.F.R.T.D., CESANO, thus transferring them to the BR-ITI category.

Effective this date they will cease to be held against the ceiling authorized for Commissariato personnel.

2. The Depot at ORTONA has been reported as included in the ITI-ITI category and thus held against the authorised Commissariato ceiling.

This is incorrect. The Depot should be operated within the BR-ITI category, by personnel of 209 Division Sussistenza Section.

Request this be rectified.

3. It is considered that there is an excessive number of Distribution Depots in the Naples Area, all of which are ITI-ITI category and count against the Commissariato ceiling.

Request you examine the possibility of closing the Depots at AVERSA, NOLA and SALERNO as early as possible since it would seem perfectly feasible for -

(i) Troops based on AVERSA to be based on CASERTA or AVELLINO
(ii) Troops based on NOLA to be based on NAPLES or AVELLINO
(iii) Troops based on SALERNO to be based on AVELLINO.

Please forward your recommendations as early as possible.

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Copy to:- A/G
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SUBJECT: Ration Maintenance, 212 Division, Naples Sector.

LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/6a

20 OCTOBER 1944

TO: MMIA Rome for ADST

COPY: Direzione, Commissariato, Naples.
(Reference your ST/53/19 of 18 October 1944 and our STN/6a of 15 October 1944.)

1. It is confirmed that:

(a) Site of Aversa (ITI-ITI) Depot will be handed over to 212 Division staffed by US-ITI personnel.

(b) Naples Depot (212 Division) will be staffed entirely by US-ITI personnel with exception of limited ITI-ITI Commissariato personnel to supervise temporarily.

for HOMER E. LONG
Major, QMC
Executive Officer

KRN/hnm

"S & T, MMIA,
Rec'd 21/10.
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Limit 5700

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Subject:- Ration Maintenance - 212 Div. Naples Sector.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
MF/53/19
18 Oct 44.

MMIA TO NAPLES.

Your MFW/6a of 15 October refers.

1. Please confirm.

(a) That the Averza Depot will be handed over to 212 Division as a Depot site and that all ITI - ITI category personnel now employed there will be withdrawn, leaving the depot to be staffed by US - ITI troops.
(b) That the projected Naples Depot for 212 Division similarly will be staffed entirely by US - ITI personnel.

R.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC
ADSF, Military Mission Italian Army.

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SUBJECT: Ration Maintenance of 212 Division, Naples Sector.

LIAISON OFFICER
M.M.I.A.
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/6m

15 October 1944.

TO: MMIA

Copy: Direzione, Commissariato, Naples.

1. Direzione Commissariato Campania and Direzione, Commissariato, 212 Division have proposed to establish Distribution Depots in Naples and Aversa for the sole maintenance of 212 Division (US-ITI) in the Naples Area.

2. The Naples Distribution Depot (212 Division) will not be ready for operation until about 26 October. In the interim rations for 212 Division troops in the Naples Area will be drawn from Naples (ITI-ITI) Distribution Depot and accounting will be accomplished by use of MMIA ST/8 form in accordance with MMIA Administrative Instruction #12 dated 12 October 1944.

3. In as much as approximately 95% of the units drawing rations from the Aversa (ITI-ITI) Distribution Depot, are 212 Division (US-ITI) troops, it was agreed, and approved by the Senior LO Naples, that the Aversa (ITI-ITI) Distribution Depot be turned over to the 212 Division. Remaining ITI-ITI troops maintained in Aversa area will draw rations from Aversa (212 Division-to-be) Depot.

GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Major Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Subject:- LECCE D.D.

File

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/53/3.

28 Sept 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

(13/753 - Reports file)

Copy to:- MMIA LO, BARI.
MMIA LO, TARANTO. (Ref. your TLO/1 dated 16 Sept 44).

1; It has been reported that confusion exists as to the responsibility for the above named Depot.

2. It is confirmed that this Depot is the responsibility of the Commissariato in TARANTO Sector, and NOT BARI.

3. Please bring this to the attention of all concerned.

E.L. Mann-Mason
Capt.

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

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Ispettorato

Direzione
Sez. N° 2597/I/S Allegati

Roma 21 Settembre 1944 A.

Al ARMY SUB COMMIS=
SION (M.M.I.A.) HQ
A.C.C. ROMA

Risposta al foglio
Div. Sez. 1ª

OGGETTO Deposito speciale viveri Catania.
CATANIA Bulk Food Depot.

MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
REF 53/3
Date Recd 29/9

Si rende noto che il Deposito speciale viveri che, in un primo tempo, funzionava a Palermo, ha iniziato il suo funzionamento a Catania.

Lo stabilimento in oggetto è situato in via Raffineria nº 41-43-45-47-71-72.

PEL MINISTRO

For your information, the Bulk Food Depot which, to begin with, functioned at PALERMO, has begun to function at CATANIA.

The said Depot is in Via RAFFINERIA Nos41-43-45-71-72.

ADS 5698

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 4425/S/Uff. prot.

Risposta al foglio N. ..... del .....

P. M. 107, li 9 settembre 1944

Carte annesse .....

OGGETTO: Riformimenti d'erate per la Sicilia.

Al LO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
- Ufficio Trasporti -
P.M. 151

e, per conoscenza:

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

Per disposizione della Sottocommissione Alleata di Controllo, il Deposito Speciale Viveri della Sicilia é stato sistemato a Catania e non a Messina come in un primo tempo era stato richiesto dalla predetta Sottocommissione.

Per quanto sopra questo Ministero ha provveduto ad avvertire tutti gli enti mittenti perché i riformimenti di derrate per la Sicilia, fino ad ora disposti ed ancora da eseguire, siano appoggiati al predetto Deposito Speciale Viveri presso lo scalo ferroviario di Catania anziché a quello di Messina.

Pregasi codesto Stato Maggiore dare disposizioni in tal senso anche agli enti dipendenti.=

p. IL MINISTRO

P.T.O.

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TRANSLATION

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From:- Ministry of War

To :- SMRE

Copy to:- MMIA (for info)

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9 Sep 44.

Subject:- Issue of rations to Sicily.

As arranged by MMIA the special food depot for Sicily has been opened at Catania instead of Messina, as previously requested by MMIA.

The Ministry has informed all sending units that all the food sent to Sicily's special depot should be directed through the Catania station and not Messina's station.

Please will the SMRE issue instructions as to that fact to depending units.

(SD) Pelligra

"S & T" MMIA.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.580 26 Aug 1944.

Subject: Commissary Organization - Sicily

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
Attention: ADST

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1. In accordance with your ST/53/3 of 31 July and 10 Aug we have held several conferences with the Director of Commissary, Military Hq Sicily, and have investigated availability of buildings.

2. Separate reconnaissances by several officers have proved that no suitable facilities are available at Messina.

3. Due to better rail and road transport facilities at Caltanissetta than at Enna, it was decided that the distributing depot should be located at Caltanissetta.

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4. Considering the above the following was decided on as reported in our signal 580 dated 21 Aug. Bulk Depot at Catania, Distributing Depots at Catania, Caltanissetta and Palermo.

5. We instructed Military Hq Sicily to take immediate action to affect this reorganization. Copy of letter to M.H.S. attached. (No.580 dated 25 Aug 44)

6. We will continue to check on the execution of this plan and will report findings.

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ADST

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: Ltr. No.580 dated 25 Aug '44.

"S & T" MMIA.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Italian War Ministry.

Ref. No. 2304/1/S

TO : Army Sub Commission (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.

Dated 1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Closing of Depots

Reference to the general scheme for the closing of establishments of the Commisariát which are not necessary we make known that we have closed the following Depots in Sardinia.
On the 15 Aug 44.
food sub Depot of Paulilatino - food
temporary food Depots of St. Antioco - Carloforte - Bosa - Portotorres - Palau - Muravera - Bitti;
Main Depot (clothing equip.) St. Gavino
Main Depot F.P.L. of Ghilarza; in its place will remain a F.P.L. Depot until exhaustion of material.
secondary Depot (food and forage) of Iglesias - Oristano - Nuoro - Tempio -
In the above localities Garrison Depots have been reopened.

On the 31 Aug 44.
food and forage sub Depot of Isili;
food and forage temporary Depot of Asinara.

As from the 16 of August the organization of Depots in Sardinia has been modified, to meet the establishment wanted by MMIA; and is now as follows:

Food Department
2 Divisional food Depots - Cagliari and Sassari;
2 Territorial food and forage Depots.- Macomer and Monti;
4 Garrison food and forage Depots - Iglesias - Oristano - Nuoro - Tempio;
7 Temporary food and forage Depots - at Villasor - Isili - Lamusei - Ozieri - Alghero - Olbia and Isola dell'Asinara;

Fuel and forage Service
2 Military Divisional Depots - Cagliari and Sassari;
1 Temporary forage and fuel Depot - at Ghilarza

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Clothing and Equipment
1 Clothing and Equipment Depot - at Macomer with the services of recuperation "Sartoria and St. Leonardo laundry.
1 C and E Depot of C.D'A. at Cagliari;
1 Salvage and Laundry unit at Cagliari:
1 Salvage unit at Oschiri, with laundry service from Military laundry of Tadasuni.

Barracks Stores
2 Main Depots at Cagliari and Sassari;
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5 Divisional Depots at Iglesias - Oristano - Tempio - Macomer - Nuoro.

'S & T, MMIA.
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SD/ Gen. Pelligra

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(last in ST/53/6 to be amended)
War Diary sending new list to Capt Bird. 4/9/44

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

ISPETTORATO

N. 2304 di prot. I/S P. M. 107, li Settembre 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Soppressione magazzini.

Allegato N. 1

Al L'ARMY SUB COMMISSION (HQ. A.C.C.)

ROMA

Nel quadro generale di riduzione degli stabilimenti di commissariato non strettamente necessari si rende noto che sono stati soppressi, in Sardegna, i seguenti magazzini:

in data 15 agosto 1944

- magazzino secondario viveri di Paulilatino.
- " temporaneo viveri di S.Antioco - Carloforte - Bosa - Porto-torres - Palau - Muravera - Bitti ;
- " principale vestiario ed equipaggiamento S.Pavino;
- " " f.p.l. di Ghilarza; in sua vece è rimasto un deposito f.p.l. fino ad esaurimento;
- Magazzini secondari viveri foraggi di Iglesias - Oristano - Nuoro - Tempio e ripristinati in tali località i magazzini presistenti.

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in data 31 agosto 1944

- Magazzino secondario viveri e foraggi di Isili;
- " temporaneo " " " Asinara.

Col 16 agosto la nuova organizzazione logistica della Sardegna è la seguente, in via di modifica per giungere a quella stabilita da codesta Missione:

1) Servizio viveri.

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in data 31 agosto 1944

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a) Servizio viveri:
   - due magazzini divisionali viveri a Cagliari e Sassari;
   - due magazzini territoriali viveri e foraggi a Macomer e Monti;
   - quattro magazzini presidiari viveri e foraggi a Iglesias - Oristano - Nuoro - Tempio ;
   - sette magazzini viveri foraggi temp. a Villasor - Isili - Lanusei - Ozieri - Alghero - Olbia e Isola dell'Asinara;
   - un panificio militare a Cagliari.

b) Servizio foraggi e combustibili:
   - due magazzini militari divisionali a Cagliari e Sassari;
   - un deposito temporaneo foraggi e combustibili a Ghilarza.

c) Servizio V.E.:
   - un magazzino V.E. a Macomer (con alle dipendenze reparto recupe-
     ri sartoria e lavanderia S.Leonardo);

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- un magazzino V.E. di C.d'A. a Cagliari;
- uno stabilimento recuperi e lavanderia a Cagliari;
- uno stabilimento recuperi a Oschiri, con alle dipendenze la lavanderia militare di Tadasuni.

d) Servizio casermaggio:
- due magazzini principali a Cagliari e Sassari;
- cinque magazzini presidiari casermaggio a Iglesias - Oristano - Tempio - Macomer - Nuoro.

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Roma 31 Agosto anno 41

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
Ispettorato

Divisione Sez. N. 2285/I/S Allegati

Risposta al f. del Div. Sez. N.

Al COMANDO MILITARE
DELLA SICILIA
PALERMO

OGGETTO Organizzazione servizio di commissariato in Sicilia.

e per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (MMIA) HQ - A.C.C. ROMA
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MILIT.DELLA SICILIA PALERMO
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO -Uff.Colleg.Missioni Alleate- SEDE

Seguito dispaccio n. 2156/I/S del 17 agosto u.s.

La Commissione Alleata di controllo ha segnalato che sono state incontrate difficoltà nel trovare una conveniente sistemazione per il Deposito speciale viveri da impiantare a Messina e che codesta Direzione di Commissariato avrebbe proposto di impiantare invece tale deposito a Catania con magazzini di distribuzione a Palermo,

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Caltanissetta e Catania.

Nulla in contrario da parte di questo Ministero. Sia data, pertanto, subito attuazione nel senso suaccennato, comunicando quanto sarà fatto al riguardo.

L'esiguo numero delle truppe di Messina potrà essere vettovagliato dal magazzino distributore di Catania, con una distribuzione settimanale in blocco.

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MESSAGE FORM

From: MMLA

Date.TOO.23./5-12 .B.

To : HQ REGION I ACC

ST/3056

RESTRICTED (.) FOR ALBERT CITE 580/I OF 22 AUG (.)

YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPOT LAYOUT AGREED (.)

MINISTRY OF WAR INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED ON YOUR PLAN (.)

This message may be sent by any means except wireless.

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SUBJECT:- Commissariato Depots - Sicily.

Army Sub Commission, (AMIA),
Hq, ACC, Rome.
ST/53/3.
23 Aug. 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Reference this Hq letter ST/53/3 of 31 July, 1944.

1. It is now reported that difficulties have been encountered in finding suitable accommodation in Messina for the Bulk Depot to be established there.

2. It is understood that Commissariato, Sicily, have suggested to you that the Bulk Depot be established at Catania, instead of Messina, with Distribution Depots at Palermo, Caltanissetta and Catania.

3. This Hq has no objection to this suggestion and it is requested you will proceed on this basis.

4. The small number of troops in the Messina area could be maintained from Catania Distribution Depot by a weekly bulk issue.

B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (AMIA).

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TO MAIN HQ MMIA ROME ATTENTION PERCEVAL

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PD CONCUR WITH MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

SICILY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BULK DEPOT

AT CATANIA PD DISTRIBUTION DEPOTS [redacted]

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PALERMO CNA CATANIA AND CALTANISSETTA PD

REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL

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To 5688
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Translation.

2156/I/S

From: War Min

To : Mil Hq of Sicily, Palermo 17 Aug 44

Info: MMIA. SMME.

Dir. Comm of Sicily, Palermo

see also (16)

Subject:- Service organization of Commissariats, Sicily.

Further to 7944/S of 8 Aug 44 (not added to all)

MMIA has given the following orders in regard to the service of rations, forage and fuel, of Sicily region:

Said orders modify, in part, those in a/q letter.

Palermo Port Detachment.

Bearing in mind that the arrival of ships with Allied supplies is NOT foreseen any more, the Palermo Port Det must be abolished.
The personnel should be recovered for successive employment.

Palermo Special Rations Depot.

As already noted, said Depot must cease functioning at Palermo and must transfer itself to Messina.
Said unit, in the new locality, will function also as a distribution organisation.

Rations, forage & fuel distrbn warehouse.

The following establishments must function in Sicily.

a. Regional ration distrbn warehouse at Palermo.
b. Forage & fuel " " " "
c. Garr. Ration, forage and fuel) " " " Catania.
d. do do do do do " " " Caltanissetta.

The establishments mentioned above, which must function as soon as possible; will be formed with personnel actually available and the relative establishments (see enclosure) will be completed with subsistence personnel as soon as possible.

Sd/ General Pelligra.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

ISPETTORATO

N. 2156 di prot. I/S — P. M. 107, li 17 Agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio N. ____ del ____ — Carte annesse ____

OGGETTO: Organizzazione servizio di commissariato in Sicilia.

Al COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA — PALERMO

e per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA — PALERMO

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION (AQ.) A.C.C. — R O M A

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO — S E D E

Seguito dispaccio 7944/S dell'8-8 (per gli enti che lo hanno ricevuto).

La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito della Commissione Alleata di controllo ha dato le seguenti disposizioni nei riguardi del servizio viveri, foraggi e combustibili di codesta regione.

Tali disposizioni modificano, in parte, quelle di cui al dispaccio cui si fa seguito:

- Distaccamento Portuale di Palermo,

tenuto conto che non è più previsto l'arrivo di piroscafi con rifornimenti alleati, il distaccamento portuale di Palermo deve essere

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tenuto conto che non è più previsto l'arrivo di piroscafi con rifornimenti alleati, il distaccamento portuale di Palermo deve essere abolito.

Il personale dovrà essere recuperato per successivi reimpieghi.

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- Deposito speciale viveri di Palermo,

come già precisato a suo tempo, deve cessare di funzionare a Palermo e trasferirsi a Messina.

Tale ente, nella nuova località, funzionerà anche da organo di distribuzione.

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- Magazzino distribuzione viveri, foraggi e combustibili,

dovranno funzionare in Sicilia i seguenti stabilimenti:

a) 1 Magazzino distribuzione viveri regionale a Palermo

b) 1 " " foraggi e combustibili a Palermo

c) 1 " " viveri, foraggi e combustibili presidiario a Catania

d) 1 " " viveri, foraggi e combustibili presidiario a Caltanissetta.

Gli stabilimenti sopraripportati, che dovranno funzionare al più presto, saranno formati col personale attualmente disponibile e i relativi organici (vedi allegato) saranno completati con personale di sussistenza appena possibile.

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Tedeschi

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Maggiore	1	--	--	
Capitani	--	1	1	
Subalterni	1	1	1	
Marescialli	2	2	2	
Cap.Magg. e Serg.	3	3	3	
Cap.Magg.e Capor.	4	4	4	
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MESSAGE FORM

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TO (W) For Information (INFO): MAIN HQ 10TH ARMY ROME ATTN PERCIVAL Cite 580

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RESTRICTED (.) REFERENCE YOUR P2/53/3 OF 31 JULY (.) OUR RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED SCOTTE DATE UNTIL ITALIAN DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL MAKES RECCE TO SARDINIA

"S & T" MMIA.

Recd 18 Aug 43

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This Message may be sent as written by any means {except / wireless}

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If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher

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Subject:- Revision of Depot arrangements - SICILY.

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/53/3.

MMIA HQ, SICILY.

10 August 44.

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Further to my ST/53/3 of 31 July 1944, copy to you.

Herewith copy of Italian War Ministry's letter to Italian Military HQ in SICILY instructing them to proceed with the reorganization of Depots in the Island.

Will you please watch progress in this matter and keep this HQ informed accordingly.

B. L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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P.E. 17 Aug

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COPY.

Ref : 7944/S

From : War Ministry.

To : Military H.Q. of SICILY. (Action). Date : 8 Aug 44.
MMIA (Information).

Subject:- Organization of Commissariato in SICILY.

We enclose copy of MMIA's ST/53/3 dated 31/7/44.

Please order:-

(a) Establishment of Special Rations Depot at MESSINA.

Therefore the Special Rations Depot existing at present at PALERMO must be closed.

(b) Establishment of Military Distributing Warehouse at ENNA - CATANIA and PALERMO.

(c) Closing of Military Rations Distributing Depot at CALTANISSETTA.

Foodstuff for SICILY will be refurnished directly by Central Rations Depot of TARANTO on those other Depots which from time to time will have availability of foodstuffs.

(Signed). Gen. PELLIGRA.

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TRANSLATION.

Ref : 7944/S

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From : War Ministry.

To : Military H.Q. of SICILY. (Action)
M.M.I.A. (Information)

Date : 8 Aug 44.

Subject : Organisation of Commissariat/Service in SICILY.

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(Signed) PELLIGRA.

M.M.I.A. ST
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Date Recd 9/8/44

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

N. 7944/S di prot. P. M. 107, li 8 Agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Organizzazione servizi di commissariato in Sicilia

Organizzazione servizi Commissariato Sicilia

Al COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA PALERMO

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO ROMA
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MIL. DELLA SICILIA PALERMO
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE TARANTO

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Si trasmette copia del foglio n. ST/53/3 del 31-7 c.a. della Sottocommissione Alleata per l'Esercito, all'oggetto sopradistinto, con preghiera di voler disporre:

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a) che il Deposito speciale Viveri sia impiantato a Messina. Pertanto il Deposito Speciale Viveri attualmente esistente a Palermo dev'essere soppresso;
b) che venga impiantato il Magazzino Militare di distribuzione viveri a Enna - Catania e Palermo;
c) Che venga soppresso il Magazzino Militare di distribuzione viveri di Caltanissetta.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO ROMA
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MIL. DELLA SICILIA PALERMO
ALL'UFFICIO DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE TARANTO

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Si trasmette copia del foglio n. ST/53/3 del 31-7 c.a. della Sottocommissione Alleata per l'Esercito, all'oggetto (sopradistinto, con preghiera di voler disporre:

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Subject:- Italian Army Distribution Depots.

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

M.M.I.A. FILE REF ST Date Recd 6/8/44

Ref your ST/32?/3 dated 18 Jul 44.

1. The various aspects and problems of Distribution Depots in this Sector are being closely reviewed.

2. Direzione Commissariato di Bari have informed me that GALATINA and FRANCAVILLA D.D.'s shortly are to close down. For your information, four other D.D.'s in this Sector have been closed down since last March as a result of my inspections and recommendations. It is not thought practicable, therefore, to reduce further the number of Depots at present.

3. Depot personnel in some instances have already been or are being, reduced on orders of a/m authority. This question will be reviewed again at an early date. As you are aware, civilian labour is now being employed effectively at Taranto B.D. Further use of civilians is being borne in mind.

4. The institution of a mobile issue Depot is not considered possible in this Sector.

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

3 Aug. 44.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
NAPLES OFFICE

Subject : Rationalization of Italian Army Food Distribution Depots

Ref: ST Naples/7
25 July 1944

MMIA ST
FILE REF
Date Recd 28/7/44

To: ADST MMIA HQ

1. Your ST/52/3 of 18 July 44 is acknowledged.

2. This matter is under investigation and a report will be submitted in due course.

'S & T, MMIA.
Read
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ST Liaison Officer
MMIA Naples

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Subject:- Commissariato Organization - SICILY.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
(MMIA), ROME,
ST/~~402/45~~ 53/3.

3/ July 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- MMIA LO, SICILY.
"Q" MMIA.

1. It has been decided that Sicily shall be maintained for foodstuffs from the mainland of Italy.
For this purpose the island will be based on the Montecatini Depot at Taranto.

2. Consequent upon this decision it, is felt advisable to modify the present layout of Commissariato (Sussistenza) Depots in the island and the following is suggested.

(a) The Bulk Depot to be established at Messina.

(b) Distribution Depots to be established at:-

Catania.

Enna.

Palermo.

3. The Messina Bulk Depot should be rail served, as it is intended to consign foodstuffs ex Montecatini by rail to Reggio for movement to Messina on the Reggio - Messina ferry.
Further the railway to S. Stefano is operating and the line to Catania can be expected to come into operation during this year.

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Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Re para 4 - War Maint etate 1500 animals in process of transfer from Sardinia to Sicily in accordance with this letter (Tele ST/74 dated 7 June refers)

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COPY OF TRANSLATION.

FROM : WAR MINISTRY. REF : 2046/I/Tc.

TO : MMIA. DATE: 8 July 44.

Subject:- Report on Italian Issuing Depot.

I have examined MMIA's report ST/53/3 dated June 6.

In regard to this please note that the situation reported in it is due to the pre-existent Italian organisation and I have already brought my attention to it some time ago.

I have already proceeded to abolish some warehouses in APULIA (BERNALDA, GALATINA, GIOIA,del COLLE, SPEZZANO ALBANESE, OTRANTO, TRICASE, S.SEVERO, etc) and the relative are either in progress or have been carried out. It is also my intention to propose the abolishing of the BRINDISI and LECCE Commissariato Offices as soon as possible.

Moreover, with a letter to the Commissariato Directors, since 3rd instant I have invited them to examine the situation of the districts which have been preferred, to effect the reductions in the warehouse according to the following criteria:-

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(b) In regard to the withdrawal of foodstuffs at the station, the present exigencies of traffic could cause delays or no arrivals from which the Motor transport vehicle of the units which are to receive the foodstuff might have to stay at the station for a long time causing blocking of traffic ect, and in any case remaining unused until the arrival of the foodstuffs.

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Sd. Gen. PELLIGRA.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

ISPETTORATO

N. 2046 /I/T di prot. P. M. 107, li 8 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Promemoria circa i Depositi di distribuzione delle razioni all'Esercito Italiano.-

Al l'ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C. MAIN HQ M.M.I.A. LECUILE

Report on Lt. Ration Issuing Depot

Ho esaminato il promemoria di codesta Missione ST/52/3 in data 6 giugno.

In merito faccio presente che la situazione in esso prospettata è essenzialmente dovuta alla preesistente organizzazione logistica italiana e che su di essa già da tempo ho portato la mia attenzione.

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2)-Sfruttamento massimo delle ferrovie per tutti quei presidi che ne sono serviti.

Tutto ciò nella considerazione che così come è attualmente composto il razionamento militare (generi conservati e generi da acquistarsi sul posto) è più che sufficiente il prelevamento per ogni decadale e ben presto quindicinale.

I Direttori di Commissariato devono inoltrarmi propos

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Subject:- Italian Army Ration Distribution Depots.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ. MMIA.
LECCE (LECCE)
ST/52/3.

16 July 44.

MMIA. Sector LO, c/o HQ, ACC. (6)
" " LO c/o HQ, No.2 District. (4)
" " LO c/o 31 Italian Corps.
" " LO c/o "SP" HQ, 52 Area. (7)
MMIA. LO., c/o C.O. I.B.S.
" " c/o A.G.C. Sardinia.

Copy to:- "Q" MMIA.
Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

(Reference made to this in Reports file ST/75/6)

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In one depot, for instance, 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 21 enlisted men are employed to serve 816, whereas in another depot 1 Officer and 4 enlisted men serve 1944, and in yet another, 1 Officer, 3 N.C.O's and 8 enlisted men serve 5600.

These are anomalies for which there is no immediately apparent explanation although it is realized that availability or otherwise of local civil labour may have a bearing.

3. It is a matter of considerable importance that the number of Italian Army personnel employed in the administrative services is kept to a minimum consistent with efficient operation.

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(c) Is it possible to group smaller units round a larger 'parent' unit ?

The effect of this is that the small units put their ration requirements in to the 'parent'. The 'parent' draws in bulk for itself and its 'adoptives'. The latter then come to the 'parent' to draw their respective entitlements.

This method reduces the work in the Depot concerned as the degree of work in depots is conditioned NOT so much by tonnage handled, as by the number of separate units to whom rations have to be issued.

Further, it produces an overall economy in use of road transport and gasoline.

(d) Is it possible to pool certain unit transport in the hands of depot commanders so that they arrange a 'milk round' delivery to units ?

By this means what transport there is can be [illegible] payload instead of operating two thirds empty, and units [illegible] are relieved of their problem.

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(e) If units are situated close to railroad has any thought been given to organising a mobile issue depot ?

A very small number of rail cars is needed as they can be loaded nearly to rated capacity. Issues are made direct from rail car to units vehicles by depot personnel detailed to accompany the train.

5. The foregoing are all methods which have been tried with considerable success. Thought applied to the local problems will doubtless produce other schemes.

6. Please consider your particular Sector problems, discuss them with the Italian Commissariato representatives and Allied transportation authorities, if necessary, and forward your recommendations to this Hq as soon as possible.

You should not take action to implement your recommendations until this Hq has had an opportunity to discuss them with the Italian Ministry of War.

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

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