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Depot Inspections

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.G. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

27 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and request that necessary action be taken to correct discrepancies found by inspections for the preceding week:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit or Depot</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
a. 24 Oct.	59th Inf. Regt.	NCO's kitchen dirty and outside bits of food lying about - unsanitary. Excreta from open latrines not covered - <u>most unsanitary</u>. Although some hot water was available for washing mess kits the men were still washing them at the cold water faucet - very unsanitary around same. Many flies around kitchen. Col Motzo stated he required 100 pr shoes, also 20 uniforms for men in civilian clothes. He also stated the morale of officers low due to small pay and increased living conditions for their family, and the morale of the men low due to lack of clothing. Inspected 3 of the 4 unit's trucks, one engine dirty and oil very low. Most of the approximately 80 horses are in poor condition, which in my opinion should not be for the small amount of work they do and forage ration they receive. There is an improvement over previous inspection but the sanitary conditions are not yet satisfactory, especially the latrines and washing mess kits at the cold water faucets. Col Motzo stated that they had only water 3 hours per day and it was insufficient to keep things clean. The hour I was there there was a great quantity of water running away, not being used. I suggested that either the excreta at the latrines be covered with sand or to have tight lids made for the holes to keep the flies out. Col Motzo stated he could not get lumber or nails from the Engineers. The report from Engineer Depot last month showed a large quantity of both on hand. This material should be used to better the conditions of the Italian Army, especially sanitary conditions.
b. 26 Oct.	Macomer Food Depot	Satisfactory except 43 kgs of meat over. This was taken up on their stock record. A great improvement over last two inspections. They have been holding approximately 2400 kgs of bacon for some time on instructions from previous depot officers. This bacon should be issued with the other meat to give a variety. The officer in charge requests to be given authority to dispose of a quantity of bags and boxes that is in the old warehouse.

c 26 Oct.

2nd Bn 40th
Inf. Regt.
Macomer

Satisfactory except washing mess kits at cold water faucet, which produced unsanitary conditions around same. They have hot water for washing mess kits but the men are not compelled to use same.

d 26 Oct.

14th Repair Unit
Abbasanta

Satisfactory. A great improvement over last two inspections.

LRA/sep

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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 LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
 Allied Garrison Sardinia
 A.P.O. 384, U.S. Army

R/12

25 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection

TO : Commanding Officer, Italian Naval Forces in Sardinia
 Commanding Officer, Italian Naval Forces in Cagliari

1. Inspected the Cagliari Naval Food Depot 24 October and found everything very satisfactory except they were over approximately 600 kgs on meat, including the 15 day reserve for 1000 personnel. As the personnel decreases the 15 day reserve ration should be decreased to the approximate feeding strength in all foods.

2. For your information the following should govern the meat and fish issues:

<u>Allied Provided Items</u>	<u>Per Man Per Day</u>	<u>Equivalent If Basic Items Are Not Available</u>
Meat canned or Fish preserved	3 oz	Salmon 3 oz or Sardines 2 oz or Herring 4 oz

LESTER R. ALBERT,
 Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
 Senior Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

20 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections - Guards

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. When food was unloaded from the S/S Abazia on the dock, all broken cases were removed to the depot. Guards were placed on the remaining food piles at the dock. Upon removing the remainder of the food a number of cases were broken open and cans of food had been removed. Also guards have been found asleep on the piles of food in broad day light, I do not know if they remained awake at night.
2. It is clear that the guards did not do their duty and request that steps be taken to punish them.
3. Also in the future more responsible personnel should be assigned to guarding food and officers of the unit should make periodic inspections.
4. Noted that bags of flour are used as "step up" to load trucks which not only is unsanitary but breaks the bags. This should be discontinued.

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LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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Commissary Section

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Translation RF/sup 24 Oct. 45

CALABRIA DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
Service and Operation Section

No. 6413/M-1-3/Serv

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections

TO : MMIA Liaison Office for Sardinia

Reference letter R/12 of 20 October 1945.

I have given instructions to expedite the repair works at the 31st Engr Barracks.

I have invited the consignor of the food depot to take more care in cleaning his depot.

I have instructed the Territorial Office for Sardinia to issue various kinds of food so that the meals will be more appreciated by the troops.

/s/ Alexander Maccario
/t/ ALEXANDER MACCARIO
Division Commander

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COMANDO DIVISIONE S. I. "CALABRIA,"

- Ufficio S.M. - Sez. Op. e Servizi -

N. 5413/M-1-3/gen. prot.

P.M. 75, li 23 Ottobre 1945

OCCETTO: Ispezioni.=

AIDA M.M.I.A. - Ufficio Collegamento per la Sardegna

- C A G L I A R I -

Riferimento foglio R/12 in data 20 ottobre.-

Ho dato disposizioni perchè i lavori di adattamento in corso presso la nuova caserma del XXII Battaglione Genio siano accelerati al massimo possibile.-

Ho invitato il consegnatario del magazzino viveri a meglio curare la pulizia.-

Ho interessato l'Ufficio Territoriale perchè la distribuzione dei viveri alle truppe sia di tipo variato, si da rendere il rancio più gradito alle truppe.=

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE
- Alessandro Meccario -



ALLA M.M.I.A. - Ufficio Collegamento per la Sardegna

- C A G L I A R I -

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE

- Alessandro Maccarlo -



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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.C. 384, U.S. Army

R/12

20 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and request that necessary action be taken to correct discrepancies found in inspections for the preceding week.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit or Depot</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
19 October	Cagliari Distributing Depot	Satisfactory except small amount of food exposed to flies and grounds in front not policed.
19 October	31st Mixed Engineer Bn.	Satisfactory except kitchen sink and floor dirty, mess kits dirty and toilets not flushed. This unit is in new quarters and are preparing them for suitable living quarters.

2. In many instances note that one type of canned meat only issued to a unit for full 15 days. There are 4 or 5 types of meat and fish on the Island and recommend that shipments be made to distributing depots so a variety of meat (at least 2 kinds) can be issued to the units.

LRA/sap

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

Copy to:
Commissary Section in Sardinia (Info) (Direct)

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Translation EF/sap 18 Oct. 1945

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CALABRIA DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
Service and Operation Section

No. 6221/M-2/Serv

16 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Lt. Col. Albert, MEIA Sardinia

Further to letter 5957/M-2/Serv dated 8 October 1945.

I have made in these days an inspection tour to the various units for which you had notified me of the well known inconveniences.

1. Military Bakery

The screens have been put on with the proper frames and poison has been given to kill the rats.

2. 14th Repair Shop Abbasanta

The program of eliminating the inconveniences you noticed is proceeding satisfactory.

3. Food Depot Macomer

The consignor of the food depot has seen the depot of Sassari. The depot transferred in another building is kept in a satisfactory way.

4. Nuoro Detachment

The inconveniences you noticed have been eliminated.

5. Food Depot Sassari

Instructions have been given so that the 31st Drivers Co. will furnish the trucks needed for transportation of the rations.

6. Dispensary Sassari

We are now putting screens on the windows. *for winter films*

7. General Hqs VI Brigade and 40th Regt. Sassari

The inconveniences have been eliminated.

8. 31st M.T. Co/and 14th Transportation Co. Cagliari
Sassari

The inconveniences found have been eliminated.

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9. All the units have still some difficulties to wash the mess tins with hot water as I pointed out in the referred letter. I hope to solve soon this problem.

I thank you for your information and your cooperation.

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/s/ Alexander Maccario
/t/ ALEXANDER MACCARIO
Division Commander

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6 - 22^a Infermeria Penidenaria - Sassari -:

Si sta provvedendo alla sistemazione delle reti senza
riere alle finestre.

7 - Quartier Generale VI Brigata e 40^o Reggimento Sassari:

Sono stati eliminati gli inconvenienti.

8 - 31^a Compagnia Autieri Sassari e 14^a Compagnia Trasporti
Amministrativi - Cagliari:

Le deficienze riscontrate sono state eliminate.

9 - Permangono ancora per tutti i reparti le difficoltà già
da me rappresentate col foglio cui faccio seguito, cir-
ca la lavatura gavette con acqua calda, spero tuttavia
di poter risolvere presto questo problema.

Rinnovo il mio ringraziamento per le segnalazioni fattemi
e per la attiva collaborazione.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE
- Alessandro Maccario -



Translation/EF/sep 9 Oct. 45

R/12

CALABRIA DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
Service and Operation Section

No. 5957/L-2/Serv

8 October 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : MIA Liaison Office for Sardinia

Reference letter R/12 dated 6 October 1945.

I thank you for the communication made in the referred letter.

I have given instructions to avoid the inconveniences mentioned. I will see personally at the units what has been done.

I have taken disciplinary measures against the responsible persons.

Incidentally I notify you that since the 1st of July I have notified the superior authorities the necessity to increase the fuel ration to wash the mess tins in hot water. My request has been disapproved by letter 12836/VC dated 21 August from War Ministry (copy att).

With the present ration of wood, 300 grams per man and considering that now the units are going towards the cold season, they have great difficulty to provide hot water to wash mess tins.

/s/ Alexander Maccario
/t/ ALEXANDER MACCARIO
Division CommanderFile
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Translation EF/sap 10 Oct. 45

WAR MINISTRY

21 August 1945

No. 12856/VC

SUBJECT: Request of A Special Issue of Wood for Fire.

TO : Territorial Office for Sardinia.

We are sorry to notify you that it is not possible to give authority for a special issue of fire wood for heating water to wash mess tins. This has to be done with the normal issue of wood to cook the meals.

If we approve this for you it should be approved for all Italy with a great expense for the Military Administration.

We notify you that the present ration of wood will be locked over for an adequate increase this winter.

/s/ Pelligra
/t/ PELLIGRA
Il Ministro

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

28 September 1946

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Last June I recommended that the Cagliari Military Bakery be screened. To date there is no screen door and many flies were on the bread and dough, which is most unsanitary. The Major in charge stated he had contacted the Engineer several times for screen door but to no avail. Request immediate action be taken to have Engineer erect screen door without delay.

2. Colonel Savarese, Engineer Section, stated he did not have transportation and it handicapped him in doing his work. The transportation on the island should be distributed so each section can accomplish their work.

3. Many rats are destroying grain at the Cagliari Forage Depot. The Lieut. in charge stated he had no poison to destroy them. It is essential that these rats be eliminated.

LRA/roz

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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should be drawn on separate ST/6's and without delay after being approved. Captain Starace stated that Maddalena did not send report on Aliseo for 1 September. Request Maddalena comply with instructions more promptly.

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

15 September 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action to correct discrepancies found in inspections for period 2-15 September 1945.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit or Depot</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>a.</u> 5 Sept.	Cagliari Distributing Depot	Satisfactory except wine very light quality, sour and has a tendency to become more sour rapidly when removed from barrels. Only 5 days supply available.
<u>b.</u> 11 Sept.	Hq. 5 Brigade and 60th Inf. Regiment	Very satisfactory. Colonel Senes is improving the grounds and seems to take a great interest in the welfare of his men. He requested shoes, have authorized 75 pair for his regiment. There was 613 kgs decayed Italian bisolite on hand - told him to use for horse feed.

There has been 67 personnel from the 236 Infantry Regiment attached to this Regiment for 4 months. Colonel Senes stated it was due to the 236th being overstrength. Strongly suggest these men be assigned to the 60th Inf. Regiment without delay. There seems to be a great deal of personnel attached from one unit to another on the island. Is all this necessary?

LRK/roz

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.O. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

1 September 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action to correct discrepancies found in inspections for preceding week.

a On 1 September inspected Bulk Depot at Cagliari.

(1) Food was being issued to Navy on statement from Commissary Section and no ST/8 had been produced. Gave instructions not to issue any food prior to receiving an ST/8 Form.

(2) Commissary Section letter No. 7354/1/V of 27 August did not state for which period food was to be issued for.

(3) Check on cheese and found 55 kgs surplus stock over records.

(4) Officer in charge stated he had not been taking physical inventories at end of each period, as previously instructed, due to lack of help. Inventories will be taken as prescribed. Sufficient help should be assigned to the depot in accordance with Table of Organization.

(5) Floor in part of depot dirty.

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Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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Commissary Section, Sardinia (Direct)

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ALLIED COMMISSION (N.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 304, U.S. Army

R/12

29 August 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action to correct discrepancies found in inspections for preceding week.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit or Depot</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>a</u> 24 Aug	14th Repair Unit Abbasanta	Administration unsatisfactory - Capt Orru in command for about 2 weeks but knew very little about unit, nor did anyone else. Kitchen dirty, many flies and unsatisfactory, bits of food and tin cans about. Unit has been there 3 months and have no latrine - Most unsatisfactory. Instructions were given to correct at once. There are 31 civilian mechanics and helpers and only 4 Military mechanics. No qualified mechanics were sent from Capt Verango's Detachment or 5th Efficient Vehicle Park, what there were in these 2 Detachments went on leave. Of the so called mechanics sent to unit they were not qualified. There are still men of the unit doing work at various dumps which should be done by personnel from other units. This unit should be made a "Repair Unit" in fact as well as name.
<u>b</u> 24 Aug	2nd Bn 40th Inf Regt Macomer	Satisfactory except mess hall floor dirty and not all latrines were flushed after use. Unit not receiving nuts or wine from Distributing Depot. ST/S showed drawing rations for 16 men, 20 Aug - 5 Sept period for Detachment 14th Repair Unit there on wood detail. Upon checking with 14th Repair Unit they claim to have no men attached there.
<u>c</u> 24 Aug	Macomer D.D.	Satisfactory except issue room floor dirty, ground in front dirty. Not all stock records up-to-date (Stack Cards) - claim to have issued that morning. A small amount of German stew remaining, instructed him to issue next without fail. Received wine on 23rd - Lt Mura stated delayed in getting from R.R. station and advised by Commissary Section not to issue for 21 Aug - 5 Sept period. Same should have been issued this period. No Motor Transportation - transportation should be made available in order to expedite movement of incoming stock from R.R. station. No nuts - this is an Italian item that should be provided.

Bread should only be issued for the amount consumed each meal. Italian items such as wine, nuts, etc., are not provided in quantities according to ration scale. These are just as necessary as Allied items. From all appearance the officers do not take sufficient interest in the welfare of their men or they would not permit these unsatisfactory conditions mentioned above.

LRA/sap

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

Copy to:
Commissary Section (Information Direct)

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Translation EF/roz 29 August 1945

CALABRIA DIVISION I.S. HEADQUARTERS
Service and Operation Section

N. 4654/L-3/Serv.

27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : IMIA Liaison Office for Sardinia

Cagliari

Reference letter R/12 dated 19 August 1945.

1. I have noticed what you notified me with the referred letter.
2. I have given instructions to avoid the mentioned deficiencies.
3. I have taken disciplinary action against the responsible persons.

4. As far as the allotment of fuel is concerned in para. f. our Headquarters for the month of July and August has had 7050 litres of gasoline. 5200 litres have been issued to the units for their normal needs. The remaining 1850 litres have been kept by the Calabria I.S. Division for its own needs, with a reserve to meet the emergency cases that might arise in the units during the two months. During these days we have issued as in the past the reserve gasoline to the units and not issued and used in advance.

/s/ Umberto Marchesi
/t/ UMBERTO MARCHESI
Division Commander.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

R/12

19 August 45

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action to correct discrepancies in inspection of 58 Infantry Regiment 17 August accompanied by Colonel Carlini:

a. Mess.

(1) Men receive 1 litre of wine per week instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$ litres. The monetary allowance, 15 lire per day for other 5 days insufficient to buy amount authorized. They should have supplied $\frac{1}{2}$ litre per day every day.

(2) Bread for the day is not issued for eleven o'clock meal, not until afternoon. There is no excuse for this. As they are issued 2 small loaves per day, it should be given out at each meal then the men would not have to take it in their barracks where it is unsanitary and draws flies.

(3) Mess hall for NCO's but none for enlisted men. In a permanent set up like this there is no reason why a clean mess hall can not be provided where the men can eat and refrain from taking food in their quarters which is unsanitary and attracts flies.

(4) NCO's kitchen very dirty, bits of food lying about, therefore many flies.

(5) Enlisted mens kitchen in process of repair so I overlooked many unsatisfactory conditions.

(6) Hot water not provided for washing mess kits, although Colonel Carlini told me same was provided, but upon questioning several soldiers they knew nothing of it. Mess kits are washed at cold water faucets which gives off a sour food stench and attracts flies. Very unsatisfactory.

b. Barracks. Most were dirty, bits of food lying about to attract flies. See paragraph 1 a (5) above.

c. Hospital. Many malaria patients. Although advised by Medical Officer that one tablet of mepacrine is issued each day, in talking to soldiers, one said he had one tablet last month, others said they had none.

d. Latrines. Most unsatisfactory. Excreta not covered from flies. With typhoid as prevalent as it is in Cagliari and vicinity, such a condition should not be permitted to exist.

e. General Area. Poorly policed, food, tin cans and rubbish lying about. An odor of sour food mingled with the smell of the latrines permeates the air.

f. Vehicles. Very good condition. Was advised when I ask why wine was not obtained for the men that only 200 gallons of gas was allotted to them for July and August for 3 trucks and 4 motorcycles. More gas is allotted than that and steps should be taken to determine that each unit gets its allotted amount.

g. Food Store Room. Good Condition. They were over on dehydrated vegetables which I have given instructions to be returned to the Commissary by separate letter.

2. You will note from this report that as a whole conditions are very unsatisfactory. As of the opinion the officers do not take sufficient interest in the welfare of their men or they would not permit such unsanitary, unsatisfactory conditions.

IRA/roz

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.E.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.C. 394, U.S. Army

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12 August 1945

SUBJECT: Inspections.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Forwarded for your information and necessary action to correct discrepancies found in inspections.

2. Inspections.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
a. 26 July	Cagliari Bulk Depot	Satisfactory.
b. 26 July	Cagliari Forage Depot	Satisfactory.
c. 26 July	Cagliari P.O.B. Depot	Satisfactory.
d. 31 July	Cagliari Bulk Depot	Satisfactory.
e. 7 August	Cagliari Bulk Depot	Floor in depot dirty and untidy. Foodstuffs not stacked properly. Coffee and sugar stock cards not up to date.
f. 7 August	Cagliari Forage Depot	Satisfactory.
g. 10 August	1st Bn. 236 Infantry Regiment, Maddalena	The unit in best condition of any I have inspected in Sardinia. Containers for water to flush latrines should be provided. Approximately 55 men in civilian clothes, been over a month without uniforms. Immediate steps should be taken to correct this.

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LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.P.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

2/12

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Food Depot at La Maddalena.

TO : Commander, Italian Navy in Sardinia.

1. Confirming verbal report on inspection of the Navy Food Depot and Bakery at Maddalena on 10 August 1945.
2. Food Depot, was clean, food well stacked and accounts in good order. A 10 day reserve is held instead of 15 days for approximately 2800, also by checking meat and flour sufficient is in regular stock to last until approximately 14 September for 2800 personnel. You will under draw for September to correct the above mentioned overstock. Request in future, that you will only draw food for anticipated personnel for the 60 days. When strength becomes less draw accordingly. As a whole was very pleased with everything.
3. Bakery. Was clean and well kept. Best bakery I have seen in Sardinia. Bread a little soggy. Since you are making small loaves, suggest they be made to give each man 450 grams daily without cutting.
4. Again thank you for your kind hospitality.

LESTER R. ALBERT,
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Senior Liaison Officer.

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Copy to: Commander, Italian Navy in Cagliari (Info)

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