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Reports - Capt. Pacini

Jan. - Mar. 1945

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020TO: G-1
EngineerCapt Pacini - Report No. 72
undated

1. Subject : Ufficio Staccato di lavori del Genio
Location : Building of the Military District, Taranto
Personnel : 3 Officers
2 EM
Comdg. O. : Capt Brandolani

This office, as in the case of others previously reported on, was created and functions for the purpose of performing construction and repair work to buildings belonging to the Italian Army. It receives requests for such construction from the unit, obtains bids for the desired work from private contractors, lets the work and then supervises it to assure that it conforms with the terms of the contract and regulations.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized?
3. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

8 March 1945.

CPK

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 71
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Sottocommissione Interrogatrice Militari Reduci
del Balcani
Location : Taranto
Personnel : 11 Officers
11 EM
Comdg. O. : Lt. Col. Gagliardi Giovanni

This is the unit that interrogates the military personnel coming into St. Andrews Camp. From the 23rd of October 1944, the day on which it was established to the day of the visit this Sub-Commission had examined 23,590 men. When refugees arrive at St. Andrews camp the interrogating personnel goes to the camp to carry out its duties. In appropriate huts, men, NCOs and officers are interrogated, necessary data obtained and, in the case of officers, a written report of their activity since the Armistice is prepared and certified to by the officer. This is the only interrogating commission inspected that was found to be busy, in this case they are more than busy.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. This unit and the one mentioned in report No. 70 should be combined.
3. In what category are these carried?
4. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

8 March 1945.

CPK

from G-1
This unit and the one mentioned in Report No 70 does different kinds of work. Forms, questions, and disposal of individuals questioned are all different. 5984
On the spot, investigated possibility of combining the two units and thought it not advisable.

- 2- Carried in Cat 1(C) section 8.
- 3- This unit should disband after the people from the Balkans stop arriving St Andrews - Agree B/F 31 Mar, 15 Apr - 30 Apr 17 Mar 45

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TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 70
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Sottocommissione Interrogatrice Reduci Prigionieri
di Guerra
Location : Via Paisiello 36, Taranto
Personnel : 4 Officers
7 EM
Comdg. O. : Col Ghelli Francesco

This is a detachment of the Commission with Hdqs.
at Lecce. The Sub-Commission at Taranto interrogates officers
from the rank of Lt. Col. on down and regular Army NCOs, where-
the Commission at Lecce interrogates Colonel on up and personnel
of the SMRE.

The Sub-Commission has been active since 15 October
1944 and since then has interrogated the following:

71 Officers
249 NCOs

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Too many people.
3. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

8 March 1945.

CPK

See report #71

5969

TO: G-1
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 69
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : 9 Autoreparto Pesante
Location : About 5 kms outside Taranto
Personnel : 6 Officers
 91 EM
Comdg. O. : Capt. Serratore

A list of the vehicles and their dislocation was not obtained because it has been forwarded to MMIA only a couple of days before my visit and the report was found to be complete.

This unit, as did other automobile and transport organizations, cooperates wholeheartedly in providing transportation for the task of centering all equipment and clothing into the La Rocca Issue Depot.

The unit is located in an unsatisfactory place, it being a field which has been made into an autopark, with a few barracks for offices and others for sleeping quarters for the men. The vehicles are all out in the open and the lack of adequate drainage cause much mud, ruts and generally poor conditions for an autopark.

Shortly before my visit, the unit had received some tires thus placing on the road an additional number of vehicles heretofore tied up.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

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8 March 1945.

5959

TO: G-1
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 68
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Deposito Militare Viveri
Location : Montecatini Warehouse, Taranto
Personnel: 6 Officers
34 EM of which 2 are detached to Commissariato
and 4 to Deposito Presidario Viveri
Comdg. O.: Capt Grieco Francesco

This is an excellent and efficiently operated depot constantly under the supervision of MMIA.

This unit has the following NCOs attached for administration and rations: (total of 13)

- 2 Deposito presidario viveri
- 3 Commissariato
- 4 Distaccamento partuale
- 1 Deposito Centrale Militare Viveri
- 1 Comandante Guardia
- 1 Autista
- 1 Casermaggio

This unit also has 58 soldiers attached for rations and administration:

- 31 Deposito centrale militare viveri
- 13 Deposito Presidario viveri
- 9 Distaccamento partuale
- 1 Commissariato
- 2 Casermaggio
- 2 Autoparco

This unit has a total of 38 military personnel, broken down as follows: attached for rations only:

Officers: 4 Commissariato
1 Castellaneta (for requisitioning hay)
2 Distaccamento partuale
1 Autoparco
2 Deposito presidario viveri

Enlisted Men: 2 Castellaneta
1 Autoparco
25 in transit

Henry J. Pacini"

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TO: G-1
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 68
undated

2. Reduce to proper strength.
3. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

8 March 1945.

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5957

TO: C-1
✓ Capt Hamilton
✓ Capt Clark
✓ Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 67
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Direzione d'Artiglieria
Location : Taranto
Personnel : Total Officers and EN, including Lecce and
Gallipoli 231
Comdg. O. : Col Fusco

This is the largest of all artillery activities inspected and, I was informed, the largest in Italy today.

An inventory of the equipment was not obtained but a copy of the one sent to the War Ministry a few days before the visit was shown me and can be obtained from the War Ministry in Rome. The items, both artillery and ammunition, are so many that it is a small volume.

Numerous repair shops, with limited personnel, are organized and operating. These include the repairing of saddles, of artillery, reconditioning of ammunition, wood working shops for the making and repairing of horse drawn carts. There are small quantities of raw materials such as leather, lubricating oils, paints, greases, wood etc.

6 trucks are assigned to this unit.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Report action taken by 13 March 1945.

8 March 1945.

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TO: ✓ G-1
Capt Hamilton
Capt Clark
Lt Ward

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2. This must be reduced by 26 March.
3. Report action taken.

8 March 1945.

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5955

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 66
undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Comando Presidio
Location : Via d'Aquino 40, Taranto
Personnel : 7 Officers
20 EM
Comdg. O. : Col. Acanfora

For the execution of its presidio duties, this unit has 1 truck and 2 motorcycles assigned to it.

The activities are the normal presidio duties of information and assistance to military personnel and families, of caring for the welfare of transit military men, and as the presidio commander is always the senior officer of all the units general supervision of all units within his area.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. This is not an authorized unit. It must come out by 26 March.
3. Report action taken.

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TO: Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 65
Undated

1. Report follows:

Subject : Military District

Location : Potenza

Personnel: 5 Officers

5 EM

9 EM attached from Commissariato in Bari
64 civilians, 12 of which work in Presidio

Comdg. O.: Lt. Col. Rinaldi Francesco

Although the Military District is the only activity authorized at Potenza, there are the following installations there, all of which were inspected:

Casermaggio Depot

Food Depot

Presidio

Clothing and Equipment Depot

Attached is an inventory of the clothing and equipment transferred to the La Rocca Issue Depot, Bari, an inventory of the material that was not transferred because not deemed to be of immediate use and inventory of the casermaggio equipment.

The C.O. reported that the call up was at the moment the active thing in Potenza and that the results were very satisfactory. None of the men had arbitrarily absented themselves after having once reported because he has taken precautionary steps. The depots were found to be orderly. The day before the inspection an order had been received to transfer all kitchen equipment to the La Rocca Issue Depot, Bari. I could not determine whether similar orders had been issued to other Italian installations.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories attached.

3. Report action taken by 9 March 1945.

4 March 1945.

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5953

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 64
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : La Compagnia Sbarramento Aereo
Location : Masseria Annunziata on S. Vito road
Personnel: 5 Officers
61 EM
37 Naval personnel attached
Comdg. O.: Lt. Parolini

I was informed that this unit is under the Navy for rations, so I don't know whether it falls within our jurisdiction. Nevertheless an inspection was made and found that this unit has not been active for some time. It was stated, however, that the C.O. is in Rome to determine whether the unit can be authorized to start operating on observation balloons in search of loose mines as requested by a British Admiral in Taranto. Although this Company is part of the Engineer branch of the Italian Army it is presently under the Navy and has also often worked for the Air Corps, Italian and British.

The Group Hdqs. is also located here, with a personnel of 1 Officer and 3 EM, included in the above quoted figures. The Group consists in addition to the Company under discussion of:

2nd Co. at Gioia del Colle
3rd Co. at Ancona
4th Co. at Livorno

It is very questionable in my mind whether this type of unit should be part of the Army at all, it seems to me that the type of service performed would place it either in the Navy or the Air Corps.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. What sort of an outfit is this? Please straighten it out and advise me.

3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

3 March 1945.

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TO: Col Shipley
then to
Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 63
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Magazzino Casermaggio
Location : Caserma Rossarol, Taranto
Via Mercato Nuovo 1 and 7, Taranto
Personnel : 1 Officer
3 EM
Comdg. O. : Lt. Aymì Luigi

This is a comparatively small casermaggio depot, the principal item being sheets. The sheets that are not efficient are about 9,000 that need to be washed, but it was stated that there is considerable difficulty getting a local firm to contract for washing these sheets, due to the fact that the price the Army pays is inadequate. It would be commendable to send these sheets to Bari, have them washed and then leave them there because there is practically no need of them here in Taranto. Sheets are normally issued only to hospitals and officers' billets.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Stock should be sent to Bari and depot should be closed at once.
3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

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3 March 1945.
Inventories attached

5951

TO: Engr and Signal Officer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 62
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Deposito Materiali Genio
Location : Taranto
Personnel : 12 EM
Comdg. O. : Maresciallo San Vito

Attached is an inventory of the material that is located in the warehouses of the Engineer depot in Taranto. Taking into consideration present day needs, here also there is a certain quantity of equipment that could be usefully employed, especially a fair quantity of iron.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached.
3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

CPK

3 March 1945.

TO: Engr and Signal Officer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 61
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Frazione Magazzino Genio
Location: Francavilla Fontana
Personnel: 1 Officer
64 EM
Comdg. O.: A Captain

The Engineer Depots are located as follows:

Via Umberto I - 77, Offices
Via delle Milizie 9 and 12, Depot for radio
equipment and small laboratory
Via Madonna delle Grazie, Engineer supplies
Via Roccella 6, Engineer supplies
Via Villa Castelli 1, Engineer supplies
Contrada S. Croce, Mine depot
Via Ceglie Depot for explosives
Via Littorio 2, Non-efficient radio equipment

Attached is an inventory of the Engineer and Radio equipment that is located at the above mentioned depots. This is a large and rather well kept depot containing valuable engineer equipment. It is anticipated that the radio equipment will be centered in Rome in the near future, where there are greater facilities for repairing especially the transmitting units that are located here and many of which are not efficient.

All of the engineer depots visited have considerable equipment, engineer and signal that could be utilized immediately. If the Army cannot use it at present, there is material and equipment that could be utilized by construction units for the repairing of damaged areas of Italy. Such equipment consists of drills, hammers, picks, axes, telephone wire, electric wire, bricklayers' and carpenters' equipment, wheel barrows etc.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached.

3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

3 March 1945.

CPK

5949

FO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 60
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Centro Alloggio No. 3 (Distaccamento di Oria)
Location : Oria
Personnel : 7 officers
 6 EM
Comdg. O. : Col Castagna

This detachment was set up in October, 1944. It has accommodations for 1300 PWs but at the present has only received casermaggio equipment for 50. The remainder appears to be quite unnecessary because it has yet to welcome the first repatriated PW. It is superfluous to say that the personnel of the detachment has nothing to do and has done nothing since being set-up. It is questionable whether such large organizations are necessary so far in advance of requirements although I'm sure the Italian Government is anxious to be in position to welcome its soldiers in the best possible manner, and has therefore provided for any eventuality.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. This seems unnecessary and should be closed. Advise your action.
3. Report by 8 March 1945.

CPK

3 March 1945.

TO: C-1
Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 59
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Centro Alloggio No. 3
Location : Roccaforzata
Personnel : 5 Officers
7 EM
Comdg. O. : Major La China

Attached herewith is an inventory of the clothing that was transferred from the above mentioned unit to Bari. This is the only Centro Alloggio visited that had any clothing or equipment other than the necessary essermaggio.

This unit has a capacity of 450 PWs, the only type of refugee it receives. It is the only center visited by me that has been kept consistently busy since it became activated one year ago. At the time of the visit there were only 7 PWs the last of a recently arrived bunch, but more were expected in the near future.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. For your information.
3. Inventory to Capt Hamilton and Lt Ward.

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TO: G-1
✓ Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached.
3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

3 March 1945.

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*No action considered necessary by Capt Hamilton
or Lt Ward - 3 March 1945*

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TO: Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward
Capt Clark

Capt Pacini - Report No. 58
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Distretto Militare
Location : Taranto
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 80 civilians
Comdg. O. : Col Bovi

Attached herewith is an inventory of the material that was transferred from the Military District warehouses of Taranto to Bari, a list of the material that was not transferred because not deemed to be of immediate use and an inventory of Class C equipment which should be ordered to be transferred to the Artillery depot. It will be noted that the Class C equipment also includes 5 pack saddles, an item which will never be of any use to the Military District. The pack saddles appear to be in good condition.

The District was occupied with problems concerning the present call-up of the 1924-25 classes, which is producing satisfactory results according to the Italian officers.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories attached.
3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

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3 March 1945.

Action taken: Reported by Lt Ward. 3 Mar 45
Capt Clark has asked Lt 52 area to report detailed availability and condition of certain artillery items with a view to having all serviceable items shipped to Naples for eventual disposal to 5th Army. When Captain Clarke tells me what items he wants shipped to Naples, I shall order the remainder transferred from the military district warehouse to the artillery depot in Taranto in accordance with the recommendation made by Capt Pacini.

TO: Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward
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2. Note pack saddles mentioned. Inv to Capt Hamilton & Lt Ward.
3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

3 March 1945.

CPK

5944

TO: AG

Capt Pacini - Report No. 57
dated 19 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Sezione Autonoma, Tribunale Militare di Lecce
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 21 Army Officers
 29 Army EM
Comdg. O. : Navy Captain

This Military Tribunal is rather strangely organized. It is under the Navy yet the Navy has a personnel of only 5 Officers all the rest being the above mentioned Army personnel, who draw their rations from the Navy. The cases tried are of personnel belonging to any of the three services, namely Army, Navy, or Air Corps plus civilians who have performed thefts etc against the Allies.

As in the case of the Bari Tribunal, so this Tribunal is very far behind in its cases. I was told that they are about 12,000 cases behind of which about 6,000 are cases of desertion.

Whether or not such an organization is authorized, under the apparent camouflage of the Navy, I do not know. The Army personnel is finding it impossible however to obtain any items of clothing from Issue Depots, as a result of which they are in very bad condition as verified.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Overstrength.
3. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 56
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Commissione Interrogatrice dei Prigionieri di Guerra
Location : Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Lecce
Personnel : 13 Officers, 2 of which are Generals
38 EM
Comdg. General: General Romano

The purpose of this Commission is to interrogate all officers and regular Army Non-Coms returning from Allied Prisoner of War Camps. About 15 days ago the work of interrogating military personnel coming from German camps and from the Balkans was turned over to a newly organized Commission with Headquarters in Bari.

This Commission has examined a total of over 3000 officers and Non-Coms, not a very great number. Detailed records of the interrogations and statements are forwarded to the War Ministry for final disposition, perhaps the lack of numbers may be somewhat compensated for the responsibility of the work assigned to this Commission. However, they are not overworked.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Shocking - clean it out.
3. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

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TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 55
dated 19 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Centro Militari Provenienti Prigionieri di Guerra
e Oltre Mare

Location : Tricase

Personnel : 19 Officers

125 EM

Attached: 26 Carabinieri

Comdg. O. : Col Marino Gerolamo

Although this unit is not up to full strength, the T/O calls for a Regimental set-up. Due to the small amount of overseas personnel that is sent here, the C.O. has not asked for replacements as the Officers or men were transferred.

The camp has sufficient space, in the form of requisitioned buildings to care for 860 men. At the time of the visit there were 40 refugees. The Colonel stated that he has brought this situation to the attention of the War Ministry in November but was told to retain the present organization for eventual increase in arrivals.

The situation here is analogous to the other camps visited, namely large staffs with practically nothing to do.

There is no clothing or equipment here, only the necessary casermaggio equipment for the number of places in the camp. As a matter of fact the men stationed here are very badly in need of clothing and shoes.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized? If so, it is shocking. If not, close it down at once.
3. Let me know so I can issue instructions on rations.
4. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

5941

TO: G-1
Signal Officer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 54
dated 19 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : 34 Compagnia Telegrafista
Locations : Headquarters at Maglie
Other units at Lecce, Ugento, Francavilla, Brindisi,
Taranto and Bari
Personnel : 9 Officers, 3 of which are at Maglie and one in each
of the units
224 EM
72 EM are attached for rations and administration
15 EM are attached for rations only
Comd. O. : Capt. Sisti Rinaldo

Although this Company is classified as ITI-ITI it does a considerable amount of work for the Allies whenever requested to do so. The principal duty is the upkeep of the telephone network south of Bari as well as the removal of those lines that are no longer needed. This Company also has four trucks which are distributed as follows:

- 1 at Ugento
- 1 at Maglie
- 1 at Taranto
- 1 at Francavilla

These trucks are employed for transporting line units wherever there is any necessity.

The status of the 72 men attached for rations and administration is quite confusing. The following are the details as told me:

- 11 are men from Trani formerly with pigeon outfits, are now at Maglie not doing anything.
- 21 are assigned to the 48th Infantry (Castellana) but work at Taranto. The 48th Infantry is to have, as per the most recent regulations a total of 8 Officers.
- 3 are working at Bernalda on Engineer work but are assigned to the 139th Infantry (Conversano).
- 1 is stationed at the warehouse of the 9th Genio Taranto.
- 5 are effective at Trani but work with pigeon outfit in Lecce and are fed from Gallipoli. Are these being rationed twice? I have been unable to find a pigeon outfit here in Lecce.
- 1 works with a pigeon outfit in Brindisi under the supervision of the Allies. This man is effective at Trani.

Henry J. Pacini

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TO: G-1
Signal Officer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 54
dated 19 February 1945

2. This outfit needs to be straightened out if it is authorized.
3. Please see that action is taken forthwith.
4. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

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TO: O-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 53
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : 47 Reggimento Artiglieria
Location : Copertino
Personnel : 3 Officers
 6 EM
 50 Civilians

Attached is an inventory of the equipment transferred to the La Rocca Issue Depot at Bari and a separate inventory of what now remains in the warehouse. In addition to this, there is the following:

1 - 75 mm artillery piece
80 - rifles
6 - machine guns
6,000 rounds of rifle ammunition
2,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition

The artillery equipment is to be turned in to Lecce, but the Col. Commanding wants to keep the artillery piece for reasons of instruction, but no one seems to know whom he is to instruct. My recommendation is to remove the artillery out of Copertino also.

As of the day of the inspection, there were also 34 men attached because this Regiment is their matriculation center and they are classified as limited service. This is the same situation as exists in other Regimental depots reported on in previous reports.

There are also 10 horses at this Hdqs, some of which have been returned recently by farmers that kept them for some time, as is the policy of the Italian Army when the horses are not being used. As the horses are not being used by the Army and the local farmers don't want them, I would recommend that they be utilized by the Army elsewhere or turned over to the Agricultural Sub-Commission of AC for disposal elsewhere.

In addition to the above recommendations, I again propose that the remainder of the Commissariato equipment left here be turned into a central depot rather than left in this out of the way place where it is serving no purpose whatsoever. This would make these Regimental Hdqs a purely administrative unit of those men who have their matriculation center here.

Henry J. Pacini

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 53
dated 16 Feb 1945 (Cont'd)

2. Is this depot authorized?
3. We must get these attached men put to work. Take strong action to reduce depot to proper strength, if it is authorized, and get the attached men away.
4. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

CPK

26 February 1945.

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TO: AQ

Capt Pacini - Report No. 53
dated 16 February 1945

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. Let's put the horses to work somewhere.
3. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

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26 February 1945.

TO: Col Shipley
then to Capt Hamilton
and Lt Ward

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There are also 10 horses at this Hdqs, some of which have been returned recently by farmers that kept them for some time, as is the policy of the Italian Army when the horses are not being used. As the horses are not being used by the Army and the local farmers don't want them, I would recommend that they be utilized by the Army elsewhere or turned over to the Agricultural Sub-Commission of AC for disposal elsewhere.

In addition to the above recommendations, I again propose that the remainder of the Commissariato equipment left here be turned into a central depot rather than left in this out of the way place where it is serving no purpose whatsoever. This would make these Regimental Hdqs a purely administrative unit of those men who have their matriculation center here.

Henry J. Pacini"

TO: Col Shipley
then to Capt Hamilton
and Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 53
dated 16 February 1945 (Cont'd)

2. Have ALL equipment moved to Bari.
3. Inventories attached.
4. I have sent the Minister for War a rocket on condition (see Ltr A/11 of 24 Feb 1945, sub: 47th Art Dep, Copertino) (C/25)
5. Report action taken by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

594

TO: G-1
Engineer
Signals

Capt Pacini - Report No. 52
Dated 18 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Frazione Magazzino Genio
Locations : There are four in this area, located in the following towns:

Lecce
Gallipoli
Maglie
Novoli

Personnel:

Lecce - 1 Officer
18 EM

Gallipoli - 1 Officer
44 EM

Maglie - 1 Maresciallo
13 EM

Novoli - 1 Maresciallo
11 EM

All of the above places were inspected and an inventory obtained attached hereto. It will be noted that the two most important are by far the depot at Lecce and the one at Gallipoli. This latter depot has been transferring its equipment mostly to Lecce, but it is a very slow process and it is estimated that another 100 rail cars will be required for the complete transfer. This is the only depot ordered to transfer.

There is a considerable amount of very valuable equipment at Lecce and Gallipoli, including copper made into every shape such as bars, wire and pieces, telephone wire, barbed wire, steel poles for constructing barbed wire fences, anilina, carburo di calcio, picks, shovels, axes, steel pipes, rubber tubing, aluminum, nuts and bolts, tar, ferro silicio, ghassa, etc. We were informed that such raw material has been given to the Allies but there is still a considerable quantity that could be put to profitable use, either for military or for civilian use.

The function of the men is mostly to guard the places where the material is located as it is never centralized in one place and also to load and unload material and equipment that is to be transferred or received.

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TO: C-1
Engineer
Signals

Capt Pacini - Report No. 52
dated 16 February 1945

None of the above places had any clothing or equipment, but rather complain of the scarcity of their items.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized? Strength?
3. Report by 3 March 1945.

CPK

26 February 1945.

5902

TO: ~~Q-1~~
✓ Engineer
✓ Signals

Capt Pacini - Report No. 52
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

*Subject : Frazione Magazzino Genio
Locations : There are four in this area, located in the following towns:

Lecce
Gallipoli
Meglie
Novoli

Personnel:

Lecce - 1 Officer
15 EM

Gallipoli - 1 Officer
44 EM

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13 EM

Novoli - 1 Maresciallo
11 EM

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TO: G-1
Engineer
Signals

Capt Pacini - Report No. 52
dated 16 February 1945

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. Are these authorized on W/E?
3. Advise Lt. Ward of items he should know about, and divide inventories between yourselves.
4. Are there any large tents on this inventory?
5. Report by 3 March 1945.

26 February 1945.

CPK

TO: Engineer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 51
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Ufficio Staccato Lavori Genio
Location : Lecce - Via Orsini del Balso 25
Personnel : 3 Officers
 4 EM
 7 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Capt. Bisentis Giuseppe

As in Brindisi, the function of this unit is to obtain requests for construction and repair work from Italian military units, obtain bids from contractors, contract the work to private firms, supervise the work and finally make payments to the contracting firms.

This unit has no supplies of any kind, nor clothing or equipment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized?
3. Report by 2 March 1945.

CPK

25 February 1945.

TO: Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No. 50
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Ospedale Militare "Trizio"
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 20 Medical Officers
 2 Pharmacists
 2 Administrative Officers
 1 Chaplain
 2 Officers performing miscellaneous duties
 198 EM
 15 Sisters
 4 Red Cross workers
Comdg. O. : Lt Col Manieri

This is a very large, clean and well-kept hospital. It is by far the finest that I have so far seen of Italian hospitals.

Of the 950 beds, 263 are occupied. Have 2 ambulances.

There are 2 over 60-day patients, authority for retaining them has been duly submitted due to their condition.

Henry J. Pacini"

CPK.

25 February 1945

TO: ST
G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 49
Dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Distaccamento 9 Autoreparto Pesante di Taranto
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 1 Sergeant Major
6 Drivers

The vehicles of this unit are at the disposal of the Presidio Commander. There are 7 trucks assigned to this outfit, 5 of which are efficient at the moment. In addition to this it also does minor repairs and some driving for the Garibaldi Div. Base. The Base has 5 trucks, 2 of which are given them by the 9 Autoreparto.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized?
3. Report by 2 March 1945.

CPK

25 February 1945

TO: ST
G-1

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. What is the Garibaldi Div Base, and what does it do?
3. Report by 2 March 1945.

25 February 1945.

CPK.

TO: Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 48
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Sezione Staccata d'Artiglieria
Locations : Armeria Petracchi - Viale degli Studenti - Small arms and helmets
Viale Brindisi - French rifles
Baracche di Smistamento - Viale Brindisi - Material to be selected
Via Premuta 5 - Saddlery, helmets to be repaired
Magazzino Maraggi - Artillery pieces
Magazzino Ferrarese - Artillery pieces
Via Vecchia San Cesario - Artillery pieces
Locali Gerco - Via Lequile - Recently obtained to put under cover material now in the open
Via 24 Maggio 5 - Repair shop
Via San Cataldo 20 - Ammunition
Gallipoli - Ammunition
Personnel : 2 officers
55 EM
Comdg. O. : Lt. Col. Marazzi Evaristide

Although I was told that this is a comparatively new activity, it has now become one of considerable size and is increasing because many units being dissolved turn in their artillery and ammunition into this depot. There is therefore a considerable amount of equipment that is to be sorted, inspected for efficiency, cleaned and stored into its designated warehouse. What is stored is kept in an efficient manner, well oiled and taken care of and not like Brindisi. The Captain who is now at Lecce told me that he has been ordered to take command of the Artillery Depot at Brindisi as the Colonel now commanding is being relieved or retired. I informed him that the condition of the equipment there and the manner in which it is kept is anything but good.

Attached is a detailed inventory of the artillery and ammunition now located in the above-mentioned depots at Lecce including the inventory of that ammunition that is at Gallipoli. It will be noticed that there are large quantities of ammunition, all very well cared for and efficient. The depot at Gallipoli is located in a former Montecatini factory a couple of kilometers outside of town.

It will be also noted that there is a fairly large quantity of rifles, machine guns, artillery pieces and some pack saddles the majority in excellent condition. There are

TO: Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 48
dated 16 February 1945 (Cont'd)

a number of pack saddles that require considerable repairing, for which operation there are no facilities, materials or skilled labor here at Lecce. Considerable attention is being paid to artillery pieces, in fact on the day of the inspection, five skilled workers formerly with the arsenal of Naples arrived to assist in the inspection and maintenance of artillery pieces. As in other artillery depots, here too there is a considerable amount of equipment which should find its way into a furnace to be made into something worthwhile for the reconstruction of Italy. The majority of such items are very old and obsolete artillery pieces.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories attached.
3. We need pack saddles for Five Army.
4. Report action taken by 2 March 1945.

25 February 1945.

CPK

5924

TO: Q/AE
then to Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 47
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Magazzino Viveri Presidiario
Magazzino Casermaggio
Location : Via Brindisi 3, Lecce
Personnel : 3 Officers
23 EM
7 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Capt. Annichiarico Giuseppe

Attached is an inventory of all casermaggio equipment at this warehouse, located in an old convent, as are the majority of military establishments here in southern Italy. The inventory is divided between equipment in good condition that can be employed at once, equipment that must be repaired and equipment that can no longer be used.

A check was made of the vouchers used by units for obtaining food and appeared to be in order except the Camp at Tricase who drew for 200 but we later found only had 144. They stated that it had already been proposed to draw only 100 rations for the next 15 days to even up the situation, which had recently fluctuated due to officers and men being transferred elsewhere.

Recommendations: It will be noticed that in the inventories submitted for this and other casermaggio warehouses there are always a fairly large number of items that can no longer be utilized. These include many towels and sheets that I believe should be turned over to the repair plants already set up or organize new ones which make these torn sheets and towels into something usable such as foot cloths, handkerchiefs and even underwear. Otherwise an alternate plan would be to turn this material over to civilian relief organizations for their use and distribution.

Henry J. Pacini."

2. Suggest we utilize the repairable materials. Inventories attached.
3. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

CPK

593

TO: Col Rose

Capt Pacini - Report No. 47
dated 16 February 1945

1. Extract of report follows:

"Subject : Magazzino Viveri Presidiario
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Henry J. Pacini"

2. I think the camp at Tricase is not authorized. Please check.

CPK

24 February 1945.

TO: Capt Hamilton
Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 45
dated 16 February 1945

1. Extract of report follows:

Subject : 140 Reggimento Fanteria
Location : Caserma Mass, Lecce
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 63 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col Gai Vincenzo

Attached is an inventory of the material transferred
to the La Rocca Issue Depot, Bari and of the material that
has remained because not considered to be of immediate use.

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. Divide inventories attached.
3. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

CPK

24 February 1945.

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 45
dated 16 February 1945

1. Extract of report follows:

Subject : 140 Reggimento Fanteria
Location : Caserma Mass, Lecce
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 63 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col Gai Vincenzo

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As in the case of the 47 Infantry Regiment, this Regiment has also been ordered to accept men who are limited service or awaiting discharge. I was told that the order states that all personnel born within 1921 and 1924 inclusive even though limited service are to remain in the Army as well as those men of older classes who have families in northern Italy. Here too the men started arriving about the first of February and are increasing daily.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. We must find out about this.

3. Report by 1 March 1945.

CPK

24 February 1945.

5920

12114

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TO: AQ
~~6-1~~
Col Shipley

Capt Pacini - Report No. 46
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Laboratorio Ricuperi
Location : Via Felice Cavallotti 12, Lecce
Personnel : 3 Officers
 44 EM
 400 civilians approximately
Comdg. O. : Capt. Cillo

This is one of the largest, most complete and most efficient repair plants I have visited, in addition to being orderly and very clean. The activities consist of making some new uniforms, which is to be discontinued and repairing Italian and Allied clothing, repairing Allied shoes, at the moment all American, a shop for making the little stars worn by Italian military personnel, repairing mess equipment etc. making and repairing woolen articles such as socks and underwear and a dye plant will be soon ready. From scraps of clothing the shop also makes the flashes worn by Combat Groups and other Italian units and weave branch of service insigna to be placed on headgear.

The Co. O. stated that there is a deficiency of needles, bulbs and other necessary electrical equipment which at present must be purchased on the open market at very high prices. If there is a possibility of obtaining this material through Allied sources it would be well worth the effort because these repair programs appear to be the life blood for dressing Italian military personnel.

One of the officers is also the C.O. of the 9th Reparto di Sussistenza, a Headquarters set up to administer 67 EM, 44 who work with the repair plant and 23 who are employed in the Magazzino Viveri and Casermaggio.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this at proper strength?
3. Report by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

CPK.

5919

2113

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TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 44
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Regia Accademia Militare
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 35 Officers
 218 Students
 175 EM
Comdg. O. : Col. Belardini Roberto

Although a bit crowded for space, the Academy appears clean, orderly, disciplined and active.

In addition to personnel, the Academy has the following:

72 horses
12 colts
17 mules

12 trucks, 2 of which are efficient
1 sedan
8 tractors
6 motorcycles, two of which are efficient,
one with sidecar

It was stated that the efficient vehicles are used for transportation and for giving driving lessons. Others are used for studying motors and their functioning.

The students consist of men who have had a first year course in northern military academies and are here to complete their courses. When they complete the one-year course in Lecce they are given leave and are at the disposal of the War Ministry who calls the men to active duty for assignment with a unit at which time they receive their Commission, but not before.

It was referred that there is considerable difficulty in obtaining uniforms and many of the students are therefore dressed in civilian clothes, as verified.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. The Minister for War should either have the students equipped or close the joint up. Please consult Q/AE and if no requisition has been submitted, give the Minister for War a rocket.

3. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

5918

24 February 1945.

CPK

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 44
dated 16 February 1945

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Henry J. Pacini"

24 February 1945.

CPK

5917

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 43
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Centro Alloggio Numero 2 e Presidio Militare
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 9 Officers
 11 EM
 50 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col. Bellante

Col. Bellante is the Comdg. Officer of the Centro Alloggio and, being the senior officer in Lecce, he is also the Presidio Commander. The above personnel is employed between the two functions.

The Centro Alloggio has space for 137 Officers and 2700 men, however they had, at the time of the visit 36 men from the Balkans and 25 from PW Camps and this unit has never had much personnel sent to it.

There is no clothing or equipment here but sufficient casermaggio to take care of all the places of the camp.

Recommendations: See report number 27. I am not current on any long range programs for repatriation of PWs and refugees but at the moment these camps tie up requisitioned buildings, equipment and men.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. We have authorized these camps, but it might be well to see if they could not be consolidated. Especially do we need the barracks equipment. Suggest we ask the Minister for War for a report on the number of people handled in each, etc. Also overstrength.
3. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

CPK

5916

TO: Capt Hamilton
Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 42
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Distretto Militare
Location : Lecce
Personnel : 5 Officers
5 EM
80 Civilians

Attached is an inventory of the material shipped to the La Rocca Issue Depot, Bari and an inventory of the equipment that has been left at the Military District warehouse because not deemed to be of immediate use. In addition there is an inventory of Group C materials, the firearms are bracketed because they are to pass to the Artillery Section of Lecce, whereas the remainder remains under the control of the District. There is a certain amount of equipment that may be used by some of the Multeer Cos. such as scissors for horses, a few kilograms of nails and 11 pack saddles.

The Military District was busy on the call up, the Colonel stating that the results were fairly satisfactory. He stated that it would be advisable to move the inductees immediately after they are taken into the Army because after lying about for a few days they start spending the night and evening at home and there is later danger that they may arbitrarily not show up at all or influence others that have not yet presented themselves by indicating that there is no use for the present as they are not being sent out.

Recommendations: It would be advisable to completely clear out these small depots at the earliest because they accomplish no purpose other than to keep a few people occupied keeping records and making out reports. For those items that are not of immediate use, the task could be accomplished by the Italian Army with whatever means they have, even rail, over a period of time.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories attached - divide as required.
3. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

CPK

5915

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 42
dated 16 February 1945

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Henry J. Pacini

2. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

24 February 1945.

CPK

5914

TO: Capt Hamilton
Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 41
dated 16 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : 47 Reggimento Fanteria - Lecce
Location : Piazza del Carmine, Lecce
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 140 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col. Rossi

Upon inspection it was found that there is a large warehouse of clothing and equipment plus a quantity of small arms, everything kept in an orderly and efficient manner. The attached inventories show the items and quantities shipped to the La Rocca Issue Depot, Bari and the items and quantities remaining at the Regimental Depot, because not deemed to be of immediate use. All of the small arms have remained in Lecce, as well as the Chemical Warfare items.

In addition to the above personnel, a new situation was found which has verified itself in other depots, as will be brought out in subsequent reports. By order of the War Ministry men who are limited service return to their matriculation centers (one of the Regimental Headquarters in Italy) and wait there for further disposition. They are being used by the Regimental Commanders for various duties either in the office or outside. The number of such cases is increasing daily, the concentration of this personnel having started about the first of February. It was stated that those men who have families in the liberated part of Italy are discharged, but those who have families in the north or who are regular army NON-COMs and will be soon pensioned are retained.

There are also 87 horses located here, that were formerly of the Piceno Div. The Territorial Command has been informed and the Regimental Hdqs. is waiting for orders reference their removal.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories attached. You will have to divide between yourselves.
3. Has this stock been reported previously?
4. Report action taken by 1 March 1945.

5913

TO: AQ

Capt Pacini - Report No. 41
dated 16 February 1945

1. Extract of report follows:

Subject : 47 Reggimento Fanteria - Lecce
Location : Piazza del Carmine, Lecce
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 140 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col. Rossi

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"There are also 87 horses located here, that were formerly of the Piceno Div. The Territorial Command has been informed and the Regimental Hdqs. is waiting for orders reference their removal.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Does Agricultural Sub Commission want these animals?

CPK

24 February 1945.

TO: G-1

Capt Pacini - Report No. 41
dated 16 February 1945

1. Extract of report follows:

Subject : 47 Reggimento Fanteria - Lecce
Location : Piazza del Carmine, Lecce
Personnel : 6 Officers
 4 EM
 140 Civilians
Comdg. O. : Col. Rossi

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Henry J. Pacini"

2. What is this situation?

3. Report by 1 March 1945.

CPK

24 February 1945.

TO: SD

Capt Pacini - Report No. 40
dated 2 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Presidio Militare
Location : Corso Garibaldi - 76 (Brindisi)
Personnel: Presidio: 3 Officers 8 EM
 Ufficio Informazione
 for Famiglie Militari 1 Officer 2 EM
 Ufficio Assistenza
 Militari in Transito 1 Officer 2 EM
 Infermeria Presidiaria 3 Officers 18 EM
 Mascalcia Presidiaria 1 Officer 3 EM
Comdg. O.: Col. Preda - also C.O. of 404 Pioneer Regt.

The personnel for the Ufficio Informazione and Infermeria Presidiaria are detached from the Guard Battalion, whereas the personnel for all other units has been detached from the 404 Pioneer Regt.

The units perform the functions assigned them, their main work being with transit military personnel.

Difficulty is being experienced by the personnel of the Presidio units in obtaining clothing and equipment, because they are detached from a BR-ITI formation and therefore the 404 Regt and the Guard Bn do not feel justified in authorizing clothing and equipment. On the other hand this is the only channel through which this personnel can be equipped. A mutually satisfactory answer should be worked out. Are these units authorized?

Henry J. Pacini "

2. It appears that these people are really BR-ITI for the most part. I do not understand this. No such unit is authorized. The people must be returned to their units and the work performed by Bari Territorial Headquarters, or a District Headquarters. Please have this done.
3. Report action taken by 10 February 1945.

59.0

CPK

8 February 1945.

TO: AQ
Col Shipley
Ord Records

Capt Pacini - Report No. 8
dated 14 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Deposito Ricuperi
Locations: Capannoni Giordano - Via Brigata Regina
Via Carruba 3 (Office only)
Via Pasubio 127
Reparto Carceri
Sartoria Redentore
Magazzino Via Re David
Magazzino Scannicchio - Via Trani
Via Argiro

Comdg. O.: Capt. Bartone, representing the War Ministry and therefore directly responsible to it for all salvage activities in Puglia.
Lt. Calabrese is the officer in charge from the Commissariato and subordinate to Capt. Bartone.

This is the biggest activity in the Bari area, is well organized, efficient and produces the most concrete results. The civilian personnel is closely controlled to avoid thefts of the items they constantly handle. This is an activity which, in my opinion, is well worth the time and efforts spent because today, and it will be more so in the future, the Italian Army is dependent on this salvaged clothing.

Attached is a report of the stock status of the 5th of January. The depots were visited on the 8th. At the bottom of the last page and on the reverse is a brief analysis of the activity which each depot consists of and an analysis of the civilian and military personnel employed in Bari.

Recommendations: None

Note: Visited the Zanonetti warehouse that recently burnt down. All the material has been cleared out and sent to the Reparto Carceri.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory with copy attached to Ord Records.

CPK

26 January 1945.

5909

TO: SD
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 7
dated 9 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: 9th Reparto Sussistenza
Comdg. O.: Capt. Guarnieri

This is the unit under which are grouped all the E M working for the numerous Commissariato units plus those that go on guard duty on trains which totalled 213 on the day of the inspection and are included in the attached report under the heading "In servizio isolato."

The barracks, former armored car garages, were clean and orderly but also cold and uncomfortable to men who are coming off long train trips and rest only about 24 hours before returning to duty.

The discomforts of train guard duty was emphasized by the C.O. and hoped that I would see fit to recommend a more ample and varied ration than the existing one, consisting of hard tack, a can of Spam that serves for 3 days and two oranges or nuts and figs.

This unit also includes 78 men located at 3 Via Carriba who constitute a band. The band was also investigated and it was found to consist of Non-Coms of the regular Army. They have not played since 11 November, with the exception of a few who play with some of the Allied units. The attached report also shows that there are 70 men on leave, of these 28 are members of the band.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Non-Coms constituting the band be ordered to more active work or if it is felt that the band is good for morale purposes that it play in hospitals and camps.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. What about this band?

CPK

5 February 1945

5908

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 6
dated 9 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Magazzino Foraggi
Locations: Via Crisanzio - presso il Redentore
Via Vaccarella 22
Via Reggio Calabria 78

Personnel: 1 Officer
6 E M
15 Civilians

Comdg. O.: Lt. Spadaro Marcello

The inventory, taken on 5 January is as follows:

Crusca	5676	kg
Carrube	15016	"
Favette	11890	"
Paglia	78603	"
Avena	41468	"

In addition there is a small quantity of empty sacks, covers for open trains, vegetable and mineral coal.

The activity is very small, but well organized and efficiently operated.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this a necessary activity?

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TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Reports No. 4 & 5
dated 9 January 1945

1. Report No. 4 follows:

"Subject: Magazzino Militare Distribuzione Viveri
Frazione Deposito Speciali Viveri
Location: Via dei Mercati 3
Personnel: 3 Officers
18 E M
14 Civilians
Comdg. O.: Major Padula Giuseppe

This activity distributes to all units within Bari, plus Foggia, Campobasso, Barletta, Potenza, Monopoli and Ortona.

Attached are inventories of the stock on hand, broken down between the two activities that operate under the one Command and in addition a separate record of the Special Christmas Issue.

This is an efficiently operated activity, having accurate records, the items well stored. The items verified were accurate.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Report No. 5 follows:

"Subject: Deposito Speciali Viveri
Location: Via Re David 181-185
Via Quarta
Personnel: 6 Officers
27 E M
Comdg. O.: Lt. Col. Scarpa Luigi

This depot furnishes other food depots including Naples, Taranto, Palermo, Catania and Catanzaro as well as the Navy and Air Corps in Bari alone.

Attached is an inventory of the depot. This also is well run, the stock well taken care of and the records orderly.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The personnel, particularly the officer personnel is too great. Recommend that it be curtailed.

Henry J. Pacini"

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2. The original report was lost. Therefore no inventory is available.

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Report Number 4

9 January 1945

Subject: Magazzino Militare Distribuzione Viveri
Frazione Deposito Speciali Viveri
Location: Via dei Mercati 3
Personnel: 3 Officers
18 E M
14 Civilians
Comdg O. : Major Padula Giuseppe

This activity distributes to all units within Bari, plus Foggia, Campobasso, Barletta, Potenza, Monopoli and Ortona.

Attached are inventories of the stock on hand, broken down between the two activities that operate under the one Command and in addition a separate record of the Special Christmas Issue..

This is an efficiently operated activity, having accurate records, the items well stored. The items verified were accurate.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Henry J. Pacini

Report Number 5

9 January 1945

Subject: Deposito Speciali Viveri

Location: Via Re David 181-185
Via Quarta

Personnel: 6 Officers
27 E M

Comdg. O.: Lt. Col. Scarpa Luigi

This depot furnishes other food depots including Naples, Taranto, Palermo, Catania and Catanzaro as well as the Navy and Air Corps in Bari Alone.

Attached is an inventory of the depot. This also is well run, the stock well taken care of and the records orderly.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The personnel, particularly the officer personnel is too great. Recommend that it be curtailed.

Henry J. Pacini

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 3
dated 9 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Panificio Militare and
2nd Frazione Deposito Speciale Viveri

Locations: Via Crispi 3 and 216
Piazza Garibaldi 24-25 and 59-60
Via Perrone 5

Personnel: 2 Officers

10 E M

12 Civilians

The above are employed in the office

In addition there are 2 Officers and 133 EM employed in the bakery known as the "Distaccamento di Sussistenza alla Sede." This is organized in a form of detachment separate from the principal one under which EM are organized known as the "9 Reparto di Sussistenza."

Comdg. O: Lt. Col. Giaregnola

The bakery and all the warehouses were neat and orderly. The bakery works on a 24 hour basis and bakes approximately 11,000 rations of bread daily, plus hard tack for escort guards. The 2nd Frazione Deposito Speciale Viveri takes care of and distributes the flour and semolina assigned to it. The Direzione Commissariato is contracting privately for the eventual manufacture of macaroni with the semolina, of which there is now a very large quantity.

Attached is an inventory of the material that is located in the warehouses.

The activity is efficiently operated, the material well guarded.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Henry J. Pacini"

2. What action is needed as regards proper strength, etc?

5 February 1945.

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Capt. Cini - Report No. 2
dated 9 January 1948

TO: AQ
Col Shipley
Ord Records

1. Report follows:

Subject: Deposito Speciale Vestiario - La Rocca
Location: Via Estramurale Capruzzi 238
Warehouses: Rutigliano (contain Category B material) located
17 kms. south of Bari on Via Capusso
Personnel: 3 Officers
29 E M
15 Civilians
Comdg. O. Capt. D' Agostino, Tommaso

This is an efficiently run activity. The items checked had no discrepancies. The personnel all busy.

In this activity, as in all others visited thus far, the civilian personnel is utilized in the office, in the warehouses and as sworn guards to perform guard duty during the day as well as at night. Personnel generally sleeps in most of the warehouses, this is limited to military personnel only.

RECOMMENDATIONS: There are 4,140 jackets (giubbe panno marrone) all new and in excellent condition. It was thought to utilize these for the Garibaldi Div. but that is no longer planned. It is therefore recommended that they be dyed and utilized for distribution to troops, thus placing a rather large stock at effective disposal.

There are 2,770 Faz. These are Fascist caps made of good material that could be utilized for making insignia or even hospital slippers. The color is black.

There are 600 Fascist hats that are identical to the type worn by the Alpine troops, all of these new. It is recommended that they be distributed to Alpine units. They have remained in the warehouse a long time not utilized. The color is gray-green.

Hauling: All hauling out of this Depot to the units and RR Station is performed by horse-drawn carts, privately contracted for by the Direzione Commissariato. The same situation exists for all other activities. It is indeed a surprise to find such an active organization getting along well on such means.

ACCOUNTING: In addition to the accounting prescribed by MMIA, all Italian Army activities are further recorded on forms known as 1022. Postings to these are not made until the receiving unit has accepted the material and returned the Issue Voucher, thus causing this accounting system to be at times months behind. In the activities visited these records are kept by civilians with a Non-Com in charge, generally a Maresciallo.

Henry J. Pacini"

Capt Pacini - Report No. 2
dated 9 January 1945

2. Inventory attached to copy to Ord Records.
3. Please act on the recommendations.
4. I thought we had sufficient trucks in Bari. Can't we eliminate the horses?
5. Report action by 1 February 1945.

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26 January 1945.

Action taken:
By Ord Records: See memo (Lt Ward to Col Kerr) 31 Jan 45,
attached to Report #1

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TO: AQ
Col Shipley
Ord Records

Capt Pacini - Report No. 1
dated 2 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Deposito Speciale Casermaggio

Location: Via Casale Figorosa 10 and 20

Warehouses: Via Crisanzio 218

Via Estramurale Capruzzi 240

Via Cardassi & Via de Giosa

Distributes to units in: Bari, Foggia, Potenza, Campobasso,
Lecce, Taranto, Brindisi, Molfetta, Monopoli, and Barletta

Personnel: 2 Officers

15 E M

17 Civilians, of which 2 are office employees, remainder
work in repair shops

Commanding O.: Lt. Col. Calderazzi Filippo

Attached is an inventory of the material that is located
in all of the Casermaggio warehouses.

The more important material such as blankets, sheets, pillow
cases and mattress covers is in excellent condition. The majority
of the rest is only fair and in rather small quantities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This activity is very poorly managed. The items
checked had discrepancies. The CO is being retired. It is strongly
recommended that an inventory of the entire stock be taken, that
a good set of records be opened, replacing or supplementing the
present ones that are inadequate. It is further recommended that
the entire Casermaggio activity pass under the control of the
La Rocca Issue Depot placing in charge a Junior Officer dependent
on the centralized activity at La Rocca. There is no need for a
Lt. Col. in charge of this comparatively minor activity.

An alternate recommendation would be to move out all the
blankets that total 21,117 into the La Rocca Depot so that at least
this important item may be centralized.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory is attached to copy to AQ.
3. Take action to make this a subsidiary of La Rocca. Retire the
CO - let's see that he is.
4. Have complete inventory made by Bari office. 5899
5. Eliminate useless people.
6. Report action by 1 Feb 1945.

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See other side for action taken

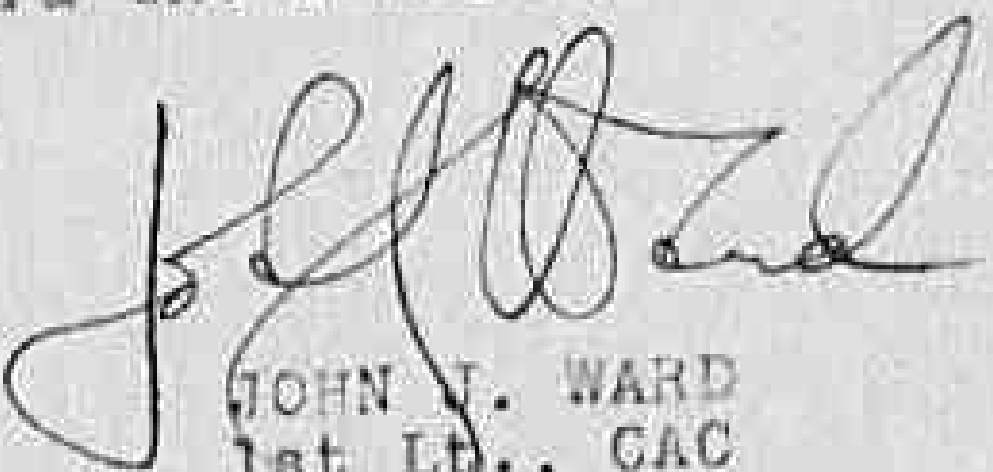
Ordnance Records
31 January 1945

Memo:

To : Col. Kerr

1. I have checked the Reports #1, #2 and #3 of Capt. Pacini by comparing the attached inventories to the stock states of these depots as at 25 Dec. 44. The difference between Capt. Pacini's figures and the Ordnance records figure were minor and accountable for by the differences in dates between the stock states and the taking of the inventories.

2. Col. Noakes has informed me that S & T are taking care of the Shaving Soap and Candles in Bari Casermaggio Depot. These were the only items in any quantity which we had not previously known were present in Bari Casermaggio Depot. Capt. Pacini mentioned, however, that discrepancies were found between the stock figure on paper and the actual amount on hand in the depot. When the action to be initiated by Q/AE has been carried out (i.e., a complete inventory by Bari office) the adjusted figures will appear in the Depot's Monthly Report which is forwarded to Ordnance Records thru the Ministry of War.


JOHN T. WARD
1st Lt., CAC
Ordnance Records.

TO: Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No. 24
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Ospedale Militare
Location : Gioia del Colle
Personnel: 12 Officers
79 EM
40 EM are attached
Comdg. O.: Major

The hospital has the necessary casermaggio equipment, but no clothing or equipment. With reference to this, the Director pointed out that considerable difficulty was experienced at the time patients were discharged from the hospital as they, at times, enter the hospital lacking items of clothing that cannot be given them for the return trip to their unit or replacement camp.

The hospital has 338 beds of which 207 were occupied at the time of the visit on 18 January.

There were no over 60 day patients.

Another deficiency that hospitals particularly complained of was the scarcity of electric bulbs. The bulbs are very seldom ever issued so they are at times purchased on the open market to meet some of the more pressing needs at very high prices - between 200 and 300 Lire a piece, I was told. At this hospital the Director had the remaining ones locked up in his own desk and maintained personal supervision of them.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this authorized?

Is strength correct?

Why not the attached men to be sent to units which need them?

What are we doing about a plan to give hospitals a small stock of clothing?

3. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

5 February 1945.

CPK.

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Action Taken: Ref Par 2: (1) Authorized up till 31 Jan 1945 - "over 60 day"
(2) W. E. all ranks 149. Strength above (inc attached) 131 needed
for hospital itself
(3) Will request "Q" to authorize all Terr. Hospitals to
hold 5% to 10% reserve

TO: Engineer
Signal Officer

Captain Pacini - Report No. 23
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Frazione Magazzino Genio
Location : Gioia del Colle
Personnel: 1 Officer
 2 EM
Comdg. O.: Captain

The enlisted personnel is divided as follows:
12 between the office and the Engineer Depot
10 at the Ammunition Depot

The attached inventory reveals that there are fair quantities of material that could be put to immediate use, namely: insulators, picks, shovels, plain and barbed wire, telephone wire and detonating material used for engineer purposes.

Quantities of material are still coming in from Canosa di Puglia as this depot is closing down.

The localities are adequate though not good. The material is kept in fairly good condition, selection and oiling of the incoming material is proceeding regularly.

Recommendation: The only recommendation that could be made would be to try and put this material into use, if this is practical at the moment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached. To COPY TO ENGR.
3. Please separate Engineer, Signal and "other property" and consult with Lt. Ward about "other property".
4. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

5 February 1945.

CPK

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TO: QAE

Capt Pacini - Report No. 22
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Laboratorio Military Ricuperi
Location: Fasano
Personnel: 1 Officer
 32 EM
 370 Civilians

This is a large salvage workshop used to repair shoes and clothing. The visit here was very brief because there is constant supervision from Bari and the materials that are sent there and returned are closely checked.

The shops are well organized, the personnel kept busy.

Henry J. Pacini"

CPK.

5 February 1945.

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 21
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Deposito Carburante e Lubrificante di Monopoli
Location: Monopoli
Personnel: 1 Officer
14 EM
5 Civilians
All of the above are stationed in Monopoli, the
civilian personnel consists of specialists who
work wherever needed.
In addition there are eight EM at each of the sub-
sidiary Depots.
Comdg. O.: Capt. Camasso

The main and subsidiary depots are administratively
under the 9th Autieri, but issues are made only upon direct
authorization from the Ministry of War.

The main depot consists of 17 large underground tanks
that have a total capacity of 17,000 cubic meters. As there
are no issues of gasoline and no receipts the tanks are mostly
empty. This, in addition to a larger and more modern one now
used by Allied Forces, was once one of the principal depots of
the Italian Army for their overseas units. In fact there is
direct communication with the port for loading and unloading of
gasoline.

The depots are orderly and well kept. We inspected
one of the empty tanks and it was clean and ready for use at a
moments notice.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit?

Is this an authorized installation?

Why have these people on this job?

3. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

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Report Number 20

20 January 1945

Subject: Tribunale Militare

Personnel: 41 Officers

82 EM of which 20 are orderlies

2 civilians

The presiding judge is a General, whereas the chief of the Procura, where the technical and preparatory work is done, is a Colonel.

I obtained a copy of the attached report because of the interesting figures reflecting the state of desertions. The large number reflects the total that have been denounced as deserters not necessarily in arrest. They are being sought and when found, arrested and brought to trial. The figures show that at the beginning of the month of December there were 13,982 men on the books denounced as deserters. During the month an additional 2,886 were recorded as deserters. Also during the month 19 were brought to trial, 276 charges dropped, 98 are in process of being brought to trial. The month ends therefore with the increased figure of 16,470 men recorded on the books as deserters. It was frankly stated that this situation is growing increasingly worse with each successive month and no way is in sight of improving it. This is caused by the long, drawn out technicalities of the law and the slow pace of legal procedure.

The majority of other crimes are those committed against the Allies and these are given priority over all other cases.

If Bari is a gauge of the conditions that exist throughout Italy, it may be found that there are more deserters than there are men in the Armed Forces.

While on this subject, it may be advisable to note that the students of Bari have already started demonstrations against the next call-up. The general tone of these demonstrations calls for clarification on Italy's position after the war, more specifically the publication of the Armistice terms.

Henry J. Pacini

Report action by 1 Feb 45

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TO: Engineer
Signals

Capt Pacini - Report No.19
dated 20 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Direzione Lavori Genio
Locations: Via San Benedette 15 (Hdqs.)
Via Petroni 14
Via Isonzo 22
Via Montegrappa 56-60
Corso Sicilia 129 and 133
Via San Francesco
Via Dieta di Bari (laboratory)
Comdg. O.: Col Torelli

Attached is a complete list of Engineer equipment both ready for use and needing repair that is located in Bari.

The warehouses are crowded with equipment much of which could be put to use, such as large quantities of entrenching tools, picks, axes, shovels, wheelbarrows, locks, sledge hammers, cloavers, telephone wire, insulators, plain and barbed wire, and many other.

In addition, there are, as indicated by the attached report, large quantities of material that need repair such as switch boards, about 1000 telephone for field use, and over 400 kilometers of telephone wire.

In the laboratory there are only a few mechanics that are slowly repairing some of the material, one requiring telephone sets and a few repairing shovels, picks etc.

Recommendations: As much of the equipment is in good condition it could be put to immediate use. As pointed out in the preceding report greater impetus could be given to the repairing of this equipment if such a program is worth the effort, and the material absolutely needed. Special consideration would be required in the question of wages due to the technical nature of this and artillery equipment. The one man repairing telephone sets stated that he could make many times the present salary in private industry but was staying on because he was shortly due to be pensioned and did not want to lose the accrued benefits.

Henry J. Pacini

2. Annexes attached to copy sent to Engineer.
3. Useful items should be put to use.
4. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

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TO: AQ

Capt Pacini - Report No. 18
dated 20 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Sezione Staccata di Artiglieria
Locations: See attached report
Personnel: See attached report
Comdg. O.: Lt. Col. Turino Paolo

This detached section is under the jurisdiction of the Hdqs. located in Taranto.

The Warehouses containing artillery equipment are scattered within and around the city of Bari and in some farm houses that are difficult to approach. At the moment this is not an inconvenience because there is not much movement of material. The warehouses are well kept, the material taken care of and precautions taken to assure the maximum safety. To cite an example, the rifles are stored in a warehouse that leads on to a busy street, the only entrance to it is a corrugated metal door which in itself is not too secure. For this reason all the bolts of the pieces have been taken out and stored elsewhere. The same precaution was taken at Monopoli by the 225th Reggimento Fanteria as will be brought out in a subsequent report.

Some of the material that can be immediately employed are rifles, machine guns, small caliber cannons, pack howitzers, pack saddles (a number of which are in need of repairs), binoculars, compasses, fire direction instruments and a few watches.

Repair work is being carried, in a very reduced scale on ammunition and artillery equipment, particularly small arms.

Recommendations: Recommendations for this type of equipment are rather difficult to make. One recommendation, if it is deemed necessary to make use of this equipment, would be to intensify the repair program with the purpose in mind of eventually employing it, otherwise it is useless. Another recommendation would be to set up a foundry and melt much of the equipment for the making of steel items required for the reconstruction of important steel items but the quantity of steel derived would be quite small. There are old artillery pieces that can never be utilized, one that particularly stands out are three Russian cannons, very large, that were sold to the Italian Army by the Germans but for which ammunition was never made and are very difficult to transport. There are artillery pieces used in the last war and never again utilized and many inefficient pieces because they lack essential parts.

Henry J. Pacini"

Capt Pacini - Report No.18
dated 20 January 1945

2. Annexes are attached.
3. A great part of this material is useless. But some of it can be used. Translation of useful items should be made.
4. Does the strength of personnel employed agree with authorized strength?
5. Maybe some of the cannons can be turned into plow shares.
6. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

CPK

26 January 1945.

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TO: SD

Capt Pacini - Report No.17
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Commissione Interrogatrice Reduci della Balcania
Location: Via Carruba 3
Personnel: 8 Officers
10 EM
Comd. O.: Col. Gentile Mario

The purpose of this Commission is simply to question every man that returns from the Balkans and obtain a statement from him of his activity since Sept. 1943. In addition personal information concerning the man is obtained for War Ministry records. Should the activities of the man be suspicious he is turned over to SIM for further questioning, thereby reducing the responsibilities of this Commission to one of a screening agency. With the exception of the high rank of the C.O. which seems not called for, the activities of this Commission appear justified as it is apparently the only unit that performs this activity.

From Dec. 16 to Dec. 31 it examined 2215 men. It has never found any collaborators with the Germans because Allied sources get them before releasing them for questioning by this agency.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. On what strength? Did we authorize? I thought IIS did this.
3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

26 January 1945.

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Action taken:

Personnel: 5 Officers, 3 EM (SMRE state 9 Jan 45.
See NMIA letter 6/1/45 of 26 Jan ordered M of W to send this personnel to nearest BD-IT/US-IT depot, they are not authorized. If this work is necessary IAI should do it from units authorized in NMIA TS/SD/31 of 26 Dec.

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SDCapt Pacini - Report No. 16
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Distretto Militare di Bari
Location: Via San Francesco
Personnel: 8 Officers
 2 Marescialli
 100 civilians approximately
Comdg. O.: Col. Di Monte Antonio

On the day of the visit, 14 January, the District offices were preparing all that will be necessary for the forthcoming call up. This included barracks, blankets, mess gear and additional temporary personnel for the forming of a unit to handle the inductees.

The District no longer has any storerooms of its own, everything having been turned in a long time ago. Its principal activity at the moment being the preparation and maintenance of records for the payment of subsidies to the families of those who are PWs, are still in occupied areas, in the Balkans etc.

Henry J. Pacini*

2. Is strength authorized?

3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

CPK

26 January 1945.

Action Taken:

By SD: Personnel 9000 1 Marescialli (SMRG state 9 Jan)
 (600000 authorized to officers authorized
 vide TS/9/12 of 26 Dec 44.

See letter to War Ministry 6/11 of 29 Jan 45

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TO: AQ
SD
Col Shipley

Capt Pacini - Report No.15
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Compagnia Presidiaria
Personnel: 5 Officers
145 EM
Condg. O.: Lt. Zerbo

This Company provides for the services of the Bari Presidio. It has no automotive equipment, but instead has 140 horses and mules with carts with which they provide much of the transportation, in addition the men do guard duty, act as waiters, etc.

The Company is located in barracks at the outskirts of the city. They are in good health, work willingly and the C.O. stated that there has been no trouble in the couple of months that he has taken over.

They have the necessary casermaggio equipment but are especially short of shoes and overcoats, and therefore the overcoats are allotted only to those doing guard duty in the open. The mess is good, but the kitchen facilities bad and could be easily remedied with a bit of initiative as brought out.

2. Is such a company authorized? Henry J. Pacini"
3. I will write the Minister for War on the condition reported.
4. Why all the horses?
5. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

26 January 1945.

CPK

Action Taken by SD: Ref Par 2 - Company is not authorized. Letter 6/11/45 of 26 Jan to M of W instructed them to have these people incorporated into Territorial Hq W/E as authorized under TS/K/12 of 26 December. See also Col Kerr's letter HQ/18 of 27 Jan 45 subject: Territorial Hq, Bari.

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TO: AQ
SD

Capt Pacini - Report No.14
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: Centro Alloggio Numero 1 (formerly Campo Sosta e Contumacia)

Location: Approximately 1 1/2 kms from Bari.

Personnel: 8 Officers

35 EM

Comdg. O.: A Lt. Col. whose name I didn't get.

This is a reception center for men coming from overseas - the Balkans, Africa, India etc. They are washed, disinfected, examined and disposed of as soon as possible to their ultimate destinations. Men are generally not held for over 5 days.

At the time of the inspection, there were only 30 transients in the camp. It is equipped to handle as many as 850 and have the necessary casermaggio equipment for this purpose. The number in the camp fluctuates strongly but I could not get evidence of very large numbers ever being there except once when they had over 1000 for a period of a few days. This information was made necessary by the fact that the C.O. insisted that he needed more personnel, whereas the situation is precisely the reverse.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit? On which strength return?

3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

CPK

26 January 1945.

Action Taken:

By SD: Personnel 7 Off 13 EM (SMRE strength date 9 Jan 45)
Ref Par 2 - authorized unit (yes - strength 3 all ranks)
On ITI - ITI, Cat. (1) (strength return)
See G/11/1 to War Ministry 29 Jan 45

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TO: GOC for information
AQ
SD
Capt Selby

Capt P. C. - Report No. 13
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Military Prison
Location: Corso Sicilia
Personnel: The only military personnel is a small guard detachment drawn from the Compagnia Presidiaria.

The military prisoners are the following:
Serving sentences: 120
Appealed and waiting further trial: 45
Waiting trial: 137

The inspection here consisted of talking to military prisoners to get first-hand information as to their treatment and obtain any interesting information.

The situation is anything but good. There are men in prison who have been held for as much as a year and not yet been either interrogated or tried. They are in there apparently completely forgotten.

One man, in prison for the past six months, is held on the charge of desertion while working for the Allies and had documents to prove the same.

Another, in prison for a year and not yet tried, was picked up and held as a deserter as of the time of the Fascist regime.

Eight have been held for approximately a year, have not been brought to trial, and were denounced for stealing by a person known to be insane.

Another has been in prison for six months, not yet brought to trial, on the charge of insubordination.

Another was picked up and, he states, arbitrarily held as a deserter because he lost all of his official documents while in the Balkans. When I asked the Director, a retired Army Officer, whether attempts had been made to write to the man's military district to correct the situation, the reply was very evasive.

I felt the above to offer sufficient cross section of the situation that exists among the military prisoners.

The present law provides that a prisoner cannot volunteer for combat duty until he has been tried. All those I spoke to requested that they be brought to trial at the earliest so that they could have an opportunity to volunteer. This with the exception of those that are still Fascists and there still are some.

The prison is very clean, the cells orderly. The men sleep on straw mattresses placed on the floor, receive one meal per day.

Capt Pacini - Report No.13
dated 15 January 1945

The biggest and most crying need is clothing, particularly shoes, and medical supplies, this latter for the entire prison not only for the military prisoners.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. I am sending a copy of this to the Legal Sub-Commission and the Minister.
3. SD will take action to have civilian guards and not military guards.
4. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

CPK

26 January 1945.

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TO: AQ
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No.12
dated 15 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: 147th Autoreparto Pesante
Location: Dante Alighieri
Strength: 6 Officers
147 E M including the detachment at Brindisi

As of 12 Jan., the day of the inspection, this unit had the following cars:

Efficient trucks - 58
Not efficient - 6
Need only tires and batteries - 14

This unit provides the bulk of the transportation for the Direzione Automobilistica. It is organized in the form of a Company, the C. O. being a Captain. The majority of repairs are taken care of by their own small shop, some performed by the 9th Autieri.

In addition to the difficulties found in obtaining tires and batteries, this unit has a number of Citroen trucks, some not efficient and that cannot be repaired unless parts are found.

The situation of this unit is the same as that of the 9th Autieri, namely a fair percentage of cars could be put on the road by the mere issue of tires and batteries and on the basis of this it is suggested that details be obtained with the purpose in mind of meeting this deficiency.

The unit is efficiently organized, the officers and men know their business. Practically all from Milano and surrounding towns and have been in the automotive industry all their life.

The unit storeroom had no excess clothing, only the necessary casermaggio equipment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit in our W/E?
3. Report action taken by 1 February 1945.

26 January 1945.

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TO: AQ
ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 11
dated 14 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject: 9th Raggruppamento Autieri
Locations: Caserma Vittorio Emanuele - Via Tanzio, contains Hdqs.,
garages, B type shop, new and used parts storeroom.
A type shop, Via Gondar
Salvage Section, Via Brigata Bari
Irreparable cars, Via Carbonara
Personnel: 25 officers
281 E M
60 civilians
Comdg. O.: Lt. Col. Barbone

As of 12 Jan., the day of the inspection, this unit had the following cars:

Efficient - 27
Not efficient - 102
In German hands - 10

In addition to the above there are about 400 cars and trucks, as shown by the census report a copy of which was sent to MMIA Rome, that either cannot be repaired or need major repairs.

The use of all efficient vehicles of the 9th Autieri as well as the 147th Autoreparto Pesante (see separate report) is controlled by the Direzione Automobilistica with offices in the Hdqs. of Bari Territorial Command, the specific office known as the Autoreparto d'Esercizio.

As Italian Army vehicles are found, they are sent to the 9th Autieri, where they are inspected. Those that cannot be repaired are sent to Via Carbonara, completely disassembled and the usable parts stored in the parts storeroom. Those that have to be repaired are sent to one of the two repair shops and as soon as they are placed into operation the Ministry of War is informed and disposition ordered.

The locations were very orderly, the men busy repairing cars that are in really bad condition.

Recommendations: A percentage of the not efficient vehicles and of the 400 could be put into operation if tires and batteries could be provided. In view of the difficult transportation situation, detailed investigations with this purpose in mind sounds advisable.

It was brought out that some tires could be obtained from Allied sources and vulcanized if the local Ianirio firm could be requisitioned and the necessary vulcanizing material

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be obtained also through Allied sources. The above mentioned form has a capacity of from 40 to 50 tires per day. The success of the clothing and shoe repair program makes me think that this would be also worth while.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. What action is being taken?
3. Report action taken by 1 Feb 1945.

26 January 1945.

CPK

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TO: AQ
Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No.10
dated 14 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Military Medical Installations in Bari

Locations: Ispettorato di Sanita
Direzione Sanita
Ospedale Principale Militare
" Balilla
" Del Prete
9th Compagnia di Sanita
84th Reparto Autoambulanze

Personnel: See attached report for entire Territorial Command,
which shows the T/O, the strength and the difference.
The records of the units in Bari correspond, the
rest will be checked as inspections are made.

Commanding O.: Col. Felsani, Director of Sanita
Col. in charge of Ospedale Principale
Lt. Col. in charge of Balilla and Del Prete
Capt. in charge of 9th Compagnia

There are 20 ambulances, distributed as follows:

8 in Bari
6 in Bari being repaired
1 at Bisceglie
1 at Molfetta
1 at Gioia del Colle
1 at Mesagne
1 at Lecce
1 at Palo del Colle

The ambulances are under control of the 84th Reparto
Autoambulanze.

The Balilla and Del Prete hospitals have over 60 day
patients, all of which will be moved within the next few days to
the two locations assigned by the authorities.

The store rooms of these units contained a sufficient
quantity of Casermaggio equipment but no excess clothing.

Recommendations: The Director of Sanita requested that I recommend
that train cases be sent directly to the hospital in Lecce instead
of Bari as at present. This would facilitate operations in Bari
and avoid further removals from Bari to Lecce.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Strength state on copy for Surgeon.

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3. Does this agree with the W/E?
4. Report action by 1 February 1945.

26 January 1945.

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TO: AQ
Col Shipley
Ord Records

Capt Pacini - Report No. 9
dated 14 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Magazzino Vestiario ed Equipaggiamento
Location: Caserma of 9th Raggruppamento Autieri
Personnel: 1 Officer
4 Civilians
Comdg. O.: Capt. Ricco Giovanni

This depot performs the following:

(a) Stores the material sent to it by the Commissariato. Distributes material to units in Bari upon authorization from the War Ministry a copy supposedly sent to MMIA Rome.

Attached is an inventory of the material on hand as of the day of the inspection. The items checked were in order and the entire depot orderly.

(b) Receives pieces of new gray-green or khaki cloth that is cut into uniforms by the only civilian tailor in the depot. These are then passed on to civilian firms for sewing. When completed by the firms, they are returned to the depot and are not released for distribution until an inspection is made by the Commissariato to assure that the clothing corresponds to specifications.

In the "NOTE" column of the attached report this activity is indicated in the following manner: "in costruzione" means that the number of items noted are at present in civilian tailor shops. The items listed as "nella sartoria" are those not yet examined by the Commissariato and therefore not released for distribution.

(c) There are also three shoe makers who repair a few boots and shoes, principally of personnel of the 9th Autieri.

Recommendations: How much of this activity is authorized, I do not know. If it is authorized, it would be recommendable to have regular Army uniforms manufactured instead of parachutists as is being done at present.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory on copy for Ord Records.
3. Why not control the production to insure something we need?
4. Report action by 1 February 1945.

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see other side for action taken

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 39
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Parco Automobilistico d'Armata
Location : Mesagne
Personnel : 19 Officers
 296 EM
Comdg. O. : Lt. Col. Mercante

This is a more complete automotive activity than the 9th Autieri. Its main purpose is to completely overhaul the wrecks that are sent there and after this operation, place the good cars at the disposal of the War Ministry. In fact, the C.O. informed me that about 10 days ago 40 reconditioned cars were sent directly to Rome on War Ministry authority.

The routine of the operations is almost identical to that of the 9th Autieri as explained in Report Number 11. Briefly: cars are sent here, inspected by the personnel of the Parco, those cars that are no longer usable are taken apart completely and the used parts stored. Others, that are to be reconditioned, are first completely overhauled, and then have the necessary replacements made. The Parco has large mechanical shops for reconditioning motors, upholstery shop, electrical work shop, wood working shop, tire repair shop, a Diesel engine dept, a motor testing dept and a shop equipped with lathes for the making of its own parts.

The Parco averages about 70 cars repaired and reconditioned per month, a large percentage of which is major reconditioning work.

The activity has 14 rather small depots for the storing of new and used parts, efficient and non-efficient tires, wood for the making of body parts, distilled water and battery acid and heavy canvas for trucks.

A tire inventory will be sent to Rome before the 7th of February as ordered.

At present there are about 300 cars and trucks, including those that are to be reconditioned and those that are being taken apart for parts.

Henry J. Pacini"

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2. Did we know the 40 vehicles came to Rome?
3. When is this being moved to Terni?
4. Do we have an inventory of this park?
5. It appears that this should be brought under control. Has this been arranged in our plans?
6. Report by 10 February 1945.

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8 February 1945.

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TO: Q/AE
SD
Capt Hamilton

Capt Pacini - Report No. 38
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : 48 Reggimento Fanteria
Location : Castellana
Personnel: 4 Officers
6 EM
Civilians - unknown

This is another regimental hdqs. that had a fair sized clothing and equipment depot.

All the clothing and equipment that could be put to immediate use was moved at once. The attached inventories furnish an exact figure of the quantities moved and of the equipment that has been left at Castellana because not considered to be of immediate use.

Being the senior officer, Col. Calvi, the C.O. of the 48 Reggimento Fanteria also has supervision of the Campo Sosta that is located nearby, covered by Report Number 27.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit?

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TO: QAE
SD
Capt Hamilton

Capt Pacini - Report No. 37
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : 14 Reggimento Artiglieria
Location : Corato
Personnel: 6 Officers
4 EM
84 civilians
Comdg. O.: Lt. Col Aloisi Giovanni

At the time of the inspection, this unit had a large and orderly depot containing large quantities of equipment that can be immediately used, the majority of which is absolutely new.

There is attached, two inventories, one of the clothing and equipment that has been transferred into the La Rocca Depot, Bari and the other of equipment that has been left at the Depot because not considered to be of immediate use.

Few transfers had taken place within the past several months. The organization, as is the case with the other Regimental Hdqs., is exclusively engaged in maintaining the personnel and financial records of its own and the many other units that have been transferred to it upon War Ministry order.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventories to Capt Hamilton.

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TO: QAE
SD
Capt Hamilton
Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 36
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : 225 Reggimento Fanteria
Location : Monopoli
Personnel: 6 Officers
 4 EM
Comdg. O.: Col. Vasco Vittorio

The inspection here revealed that the 225th had under its control a clothing and equipment depot, a casermaggio depot and an artillery depot.

The following was ordered and executed:

- (a) The casermaggio depot was transferred completely to the principal depot in Bari. Attached is an inventory of the material transferred.
- (b) The items of immediate use in the clothing and equipment depot have been transferred to the La Rocca depot in Bari. Attached is an inventory of the items transferred and a separate inventory of what now remains there.
- (c) An inventory of the artillery depot was taken and is attached. None of the artillery equipment has been transferred.

During the inspection it was noticed that there was a quantity of Italian uniforms stored in the depot that needed repairing. Upon questioning it was stated that this depot, as undoubtedly are others is authorized by the War Ministry or Commissariato in Bari to have uniforms belonging to personnel of nearby units tailored and mended and repaired by a civilian tailor with whom they contract.

Recommendations: In view of the centralized repair program now in execution, it is recommended that the War Ministry issue an order to have such a practice discontinued and ordering that torn uniforms may be exchanged for usable ones. The torn uniforms will then be repaired under the present repair system.

Henry J. Pacini"

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TO: QAE

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dated 1 February 1945

2. Lists in (a) and (c) to Lt Ward.
Lists in (b) to Capt Hamilton.
3. Report action on recommendations by 10 February 1945.

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TO: SD

Capt Pacini - Report No. 36
dated 1 February 1945

2. Is this authorized?
3. Report by 10 February 1945.

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TO: Capt Hamilton

Capt Pacini - Report No. 36
dated 1 February 1945

2. List (b) attached.
List (a) and (c) to Lt Ward.
3. Did we have this inventory?
4. Report by 10 February 1945.

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TO: QAB
SD
Capt Hamilton

Capt Pacini - Report No. 35
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : 139 Reggimento Fanteria
Location : Conversano
Personnel: 5 Officers
 5 EM
 52 civilians
Comdg. O. - Col. Rivelli

This Headquarters was found to have a clothing and equipment depot. All the equipment has been transferred from this depot into the La Rocca depot, Bari and a detailed inventory obtained as the items were loaded. An inventory of all the equipment transferred is attached.

The reason for the considerable personnel is that the 139th is being used as the matriculation center of many units and it falls upon the 139th to keep accurate personnel and financial records of the members of those units they have been ordered to concentrate under their command.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. List attached to copy sent Capt Hamilton.

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TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 34
dated 1 February 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Parco Autoguasti
Location : Acquaviva delle Fonti
Personnel: 1 Maresciallo
3 EM

This unit is under the 9th Autieri and its function is merely to store old vehicles that are no longer serviceable. There are 58 such vehicles here, the majority of which still have the motor. It was stated that the 9th Autieri occasionally withdraw the cars and trucks or motors and utilize them on their salvage program. All tires had been removed from the vehicles.

A fair quantity of tires were found stored in this location, so arrangements were made and have been effected for the removal of all tires to the Tire Depot at Binetto. The attached is a detailed list of the 121 tires that were transferred yesterday. The tires will be sorted and selected at Binetto due to the fact that such selection had not been made at Acquaviva. Some of the tires are not in usable condition.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Tire list attached.
3. Why not close this down?
4. Report action taken by 10 February 1945.

8 February 1945.

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TO: Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 33
dated 30 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Deposito Materiali di Artiglieria
Locations: Via Castello 246 - Brindisi - Artillery, small arms
and automatics
Polveriera Montenegro - Balastite
Deposito ex Batteria Garaffa - Artillery Ammunition
Deposito ex Batteria Lauria - Artillery ammunition,
grenades
Polveriera Lauria - Cariche di Lancio
Villa Chiedi - Small arms ammunition
Personnel: 1 Officer
43 EM
Condg. O.: Lt. Col. Nanno

The above Artillery depots have large quantities of equipment. The attached stock status reports show the present material broken down between ammunition and artillery for all depots combined.

The ammunition is well stored and kept with care. However, the artillery equipment is not properly taken care of. As an example, rifles and automatic weapons are not oiled and have a heavy coating of rust and the barrels are pitted. The C.O. is about to be retired, and that may be the reason for this apparent abandon. The artillery depots are not as orderly as they should be with the inevitable result that the material is suffering a rapid rate of deterioration.

As in the depot at Bari there is much useless equipment that will never be utilized and can only be melted for the manufacture of something necessary.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached.
3. Did we have this inventory?
Is this authorized and necessary?
4. Report action taken by 9 February 1945.

7 February 1945.

CPK

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TO: Engineer

Capt Pacini - Report No. 32
dated 30 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Lavori Genio - Ufficio Distaccato
Location : Corso Garibaldi 12, Brindisi
Personnel: 4 Officers
9 EM
Comdg. O.: Maj. Favaro Amedeo

On visiting this office it was found that they are concerned with construction and repair work, the latter being about the only active part. Repair and construction is leased out to private firms, therefore the work merely consists of accepting or rejecting work asked for by military units and then finding a contractor that will execute it, following it up with the necessary supervision.

This office also controls the requisitioning and de-requisitioning of property for the Allies.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized unit?
3. Report action taken by 9 February 1945.

CPK

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Action Taken:

Eng Memo, 9 Feb 45 - This Italian detachment will belong to the Territorial Engrs Unit Bari. "worker services" and requisitioning being duties of the Engrs.

*1s/ R.O. Copleston
S.O.C.E.
17014*

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TO: QAE
Lt Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 31
dated 30 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Magazzino Viveri, Foraggi, Casermaggio e Combustibili
Location : Brindisi
Personnel : 2 Officers
43 EM distributed as follows:
19 at the repair shop
6 guards
11 magazzino viveri
4 deposito legna
2 ufficio distaccamento
1 casermaggio
Comdr. O. : Lt. Manala

The most important activity by far is the Casermaggio depot, that is well kept and orderly. The attached inventory illustrates the large quantities of important equipment that are stored there. Issues, since the first part of December, when the present officer took charge, are practically negligible. It would take approximately 20 trucks to move the items checked, which do not include the heavy quantities of vegetable wool and pure wool used for the manufacture of mattresses, done in Bari.

Recommendations: As this depot is located so far south, it may be advisable to move the entire depot to a more convenient locality up north when the proper time arrives, by north meaning further north than Bari.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Inventory attached.
3. Did we have a record of this inventory?
What are we going to do with the stock?
4. Report action by 9 February 1945.

7 February 1945

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TO: Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No. 30
dated 30 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject: Ospedale Militare
Location: Bitonto
Personnel: 13 Officers
55 EM
8 Sisters

This military hospital has 268 beds, 94 of which were occupied.

There are 10 over 60-day patients that, they claimed, they have been trying to evacuate but have not been successful due to lack of transportation. They were told to get in touch with the central office in Bari and obtain the necessary transportation there as the policy is to be complied with.

The hospital has the necessary supplies, both medical and casermaggio, but no clothing or personal equipment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized hospital?

Is this strength authorized?

Why over 60-day patients?

3. Report action taken by 9 February 1945.

CPK

7 February 1945.

Action taken:

Ref Par 2:

This is an authorized hospital and is under strength.
1. Med Sec placed M of W and told them to take immediate action.
2. - M of W has written to Direzione di Dist. Santa Bari if negligence is proved someone must pay cash for the over 60-day rations.

TO: Surgeon

Capt Pacini - Report No. 29
dated 30 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Deposito Materiale Militare
Location : Bitonto
Personnel: 4 Officers
 19 EM
Comdg. O.: Captain

This depot has rather large quantities of medical equipment, much of it deriving from Allied sources. It distributes to all medical establishments within and outside of the Territorial Command. It also has a motor fuel depot which distributes gasoline to ambulances.

There is no clothing or personal equipment in this depot.

The depot is provided with three cars for the purpose of hauling.

No inventory of the items in stock was obtained.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Is this an authorized installation?

Do you have an inventory?

3. Please discuss.

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*Action Taken: Ref Par 2:
An authorized installation. Med Section has an inventory.*

TO: ST

Capt Pacini - Report No. 28
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Deposito Gomme - 9 Autieri
Location : Binetto
Personnel: 1 Officer
10 EM
Comdg. O.: 2nd Lt. Albano Vincenzo

The attached inventory gives a breakdown, between tires and tubes usable and needing repair - that are located at this depot. It does not show about 600 tires and tubes that have been recently sent there and have not yet been selected and placed in their respective categories. I was informed that these 600 tires and tubes came from cars that have been salvaged by the 9 Autieri and about 250 were recently transferred from a depot at Acquaviva. Autieri and about 250 were recently transferred from a depot at Acquaviva. The latter has about 110 additional tires which will be moved by the trucks assigned to me and an accurate inventory of these attached to the report on that particular activity.

The localities are carefully guarded and have been made fairly suitable for the storing of these tires. No repair work is carried on here.

This unit administratively depends from 9 Autieri but tires are issued only upon Ministry of War authorization.

Recommendations: The inventory brings out that many tires could be employed if the facilities for repairing them were made available. As brought out in previous reports, it would seem advisable to undertake the repair and vulcanization of tires due to the fact that there are cars and trucks not being employed because of this deficiency.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. List attached.
3. Why not use these tires?
4. Report action by 7 February 1945.

5 February 1945.

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TO: SD

Capt Pacini - Report No. 27
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : Campo Sosta
Location : Castellana
Personnel: 3 Officers
5 EM
Comdg. O.: Lt. Colonel

This camp was recently set up to accept the excess of military personnel coming from the Balkans. It is large enough to hold 400 men and has the necessary casermaggio equipment for the purpose. However, there has never been any one sent to this camp and very likely no one ever will, due to the fact that the number of incoming personnel is decreasing, according to the latest reports.

Recommendation: That the need of this and other similar camps be investigated. By eliminating such camps it would free, for more useful employment, both men and considerable casermaggio equipment.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. This should be eliminated, and the barracks stores returned to Bari depot.
3. Note command for a Lt. Col.
4. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

5 February 1945.

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TO: SD

Capt Pacini - Report No. 26
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : 1008 Reparto Autieri per AA
Location : Conversano
Personnel: 3 Officers
158 EM of which 80 are to learn to drive

This unit is organized for the purpose of teaching men how to drive, that are destined for Allied formations. They have been inactive now for some time due to the lack of cars and trucks on which to learn.

The unit is 4 officers overstrength.

Officers and men are anxious to be relieved of their inactivity forced upon them by the lack of vehicles.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Why not put these people on useful work? Have ^{we}/any need for such a school?
3. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

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TO: QAE
then to Lt. Ward

Capt Pacini - Report No. 25
dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

Subject : Magazzino Chimico
Location : Acquaviva delle Fonti
Personnel: 1 Officer
16 EM

This depot stores and salvages Chemical Warfare material.

There is another depot at Altamura that depends on the one at Acquaviva.

99% of the salvage work is done on gas masks that are being checked one by one and either put into use, if possible or discarded. A final check is made by an authorized officer from the Servizio Chimico.

An exact inventory of this depot was not taken. The following are the items of which there are large quantities:

50,000	gas masks of which 20,000 are efficient.
7,657.5	kgs. of cloruro di calce at Acquaviva
6,400	kgs. of cloruro di calce at Altamura
9,250	kgs. of liquido nebbiogeno
5,980	kgs. of Iprite

The remaining material is in smaller quantities and much of it consists of parts for gas masks and gas proof capes, that are not being utilized.

Recommendations: In the case of urgent need, the gas proof capes could be used as rain capes.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. Find out number of gas capes available.
3. We need about 12,000 gas masks for Five Army. Arrange to have them sent from this depot.
4. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

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5 February 1945.

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