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Reports

July 1944 - Feb 1946

U.S. MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. R.G. STRONG RASC
(b) Date of Inspection	1 February 1946
(c) Name of Depot	2 Military Bakery - GENOA
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Maj. BUSSETI
(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	
(f) Physical Warehousing (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. (11) Stacking, height, etc. (111) Drainage	Bread store clean, good stacking neatly arranged.
(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement (11) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	
(h) Tally Cards	In order
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	
(j) Fuels (1) Wood storage (11) Coal " (111) Lignite "	60 quintals
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 clerks, 13 bakers
(l) Guards	1 on main entrance
(m) Fire precautions	Extinguishers
(n) Anti rat precautions	Traps in use: rats give little trouble

(h) Tally Cards In order

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels
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(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 1 on main entrance

(l) Guards Extinguishers

(m) Fire precautions Traps in use: rats give little trouble

(n) Anti rat precautions Proceeding on buildings and machinery
(ovens and mixer)

(o) RE Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport Production: 4000 rations daily

(q) Bedding strengths
(4) Army, Navy, Air
(BR, US, ILL-ILL)
(44) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(s) accommodation Sleeping quarters } 7 ORs accommodated with Guard Bn: CC states
Dining " } that he is satisfied with arrangements
Recreation "
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Intervening officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

The unit operates in a site of which half is operated by a detachment of 12 Field Bakery: a curtain wall divides the two units.

One fairly modern draw plate oven is in use fired by coal and a mixing machine which appeared to be in good condition is in use.

Dough is moulded by hand into rolls each equivalent to half a ration for one day. The bread so produced is of excellent quality, crusty and attractive; the one disadvantage of this sort of bread is that it goes stale rather quickly.

The whole bakery is kept clean and in good order: the bakery account was found to be correct and up to date.

In all fifteen civilians are employed, the seven ORs (who are not baker tradesmen) being accommodated by and being on the strength of the Guard Bn.

M.M.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt. R.G. STRONG RASC

(b) Date of Inspection 1 February 1946

(c) Name of Depot 2 Distribution Depot - GENOA

(d) Name of O.C. Lt. Col. FELIZZA
(Other Officers) Lt. ADAMI

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) 15 days (stock not balanced)
(checks made)

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Buildings: good
(11) Stacking, height, etc. 15 sacks high
(111) Dunnage Not sufficient at present: being made

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. Military Bakery

(h) Tally Cards Correct

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) Four

(j) Fuels FORAGE
(1) Food storage Hay 1680 qts
(11) Coal " Straw 120 "
(111) Lignite " Grain 120 "

(k) Labour 3 clerks, 2 labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Barrels 1 officer, 30 ORs

(m) Fire precautions Good: extinguishers and buckets
Transit no trouble with rats.

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) ~~Feeds~~ **FORAGE**

(1) ~~Good storage~~
(11) ~~Coal~~ "
(111) ~~Lignite~~ "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strategies
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(BR, US, ITL-ITL)
(11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy. Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accommodation
Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreation "
Cockhouse
Latrine & ablutions

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Military Bakery

Correct

Four

Hay 1680 qts
Straw 120 "
Grain 120 "

3 clerks, 2 labour

1 officer, 30 ORs

Good: extinguishers and buckets

Traps: no trouble with rats.

Much in progress: will result in great
improvements when completed.

NIL

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Army 9437, Navy & Air Force NIL, BR-ITL 309
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Satisfactory

(for guards) neatly completed by Engineers

NIL

NIL

Unsuitable building; new range required

Clean but poor accommodation

Fair; clothing and boots in short supply

The layout and organization of this depot was very well organized and neatly laid out; the stacking itself was excellent except that dunnage was inadequate; the OC stated that better was being made and would shortly be in use.

The inspecting officer also suggested that a drip tray should be used when olive oil is issued from 44 gallon drums to prevent dirt of the floor; the OC said this would be done.

Other points which were exceptionally good were the provision of excellent bins for broken sacked good and the generous distribution of fire buckets and extinguishers.

The domestic arrangements were not nearly so satisfactory; the accommodation was unsuitable in most cases but no other was apparently available.

Sleeping accommodation will be satisfactory when completed by engineers in a few days, but the cookhouse building is poor and a new cooking range required.

Latrines and ablutions likewise were clean but badly housed.

The OC stated that clothing and boots were in short supply and that the situation in the unit would soon become acute. The men nevertheless were fairly well turned out.

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt. R.G. STRONG, R.A.S.C.
 (b) Date of Inspection 24 January 1946
 (c) Name of Depot 8 DISTRIBUTION DEPOT
 (d) Name of O.C.
 (Other Officers) Lt. Col. TUCCI
 Cpts. MARCIANO & CORVENTI; S/Tenn. GORA & JOTINA
 (e) Stock Position (No. of days)
 (checks made) Varying from: Sugar 51 days, Coffee 23 days,
 Pepper NIL
 (f) Physical Warehousing
 (i) Accommodation, Cover etc. All good in covered warehouses.
 (ii) Stacking, height, etc. Cased good up to about 15 feet
 (iii) Funnage Well constructed sectional platforms giving
 about 8" clearance.
 (g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of
 procurement Local purchase by units
 (ii) Bread Number of bakeries MILITARY BAKERY
 on contract.
 (h) Tally cards Accurate and up to date
 (i) Detail issue points in Depot
 (number) One
 (j) Fuels
 (i) Wood storage
 (ii) Coal "
 (iii) Lignite "
 (k) Labour
 Civilians employed (numbers) 58 labour; 5 clerks
 (i) Guards Unit based under command M.O.

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
 (number)

(j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding
 (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
 (1) (Army, Navy, Air)
 (HR-, US-, ITI-ITI)
 (11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining "
 Recreational "
 Cockhouse
 Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

(e) Well constructed sectional platforms giving about 8" clearance.

Local purchase by units

MILITARY BAKERY

Accurate and up to date

One

50 labour; 5 clerks

Unit guard under command M.O.

In part of the depot only.

None in operation at present, no rats being encountered at present
NIL

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ITI-ITI 20,571; PR-ITI 790; Air Force 8,703; Navy 1,650.

Both systems in use and kept up to date.

Personnel accommodated with another unit

Personnel seen were neatly turned out.

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

The depot consists of two parts, the main depot and an annex; the latter was locked and stores could not be inspected but external arrangements were well laid out and neatly maintained. Neither depot appeared to be sign posted.

The main depot itself suffers from being accommodated in buildings which are adequate only, proper spacing of stocks is impracticable with stocks at their present level. Stacking is neatly arranged and stores are kept very tidy; in fact in the inspecting officer's opinion this tidiness is carried to an excess in that in some cases loose tins and broken cases were kept at the back of stocks for the sake of tidiness.

The O.C. of the depot is very thorough and obviously knows everything that goes on within the depot; he was most helpful in his attitude and is particularly proud of certain most ingenious devices which are used for baking raw coffee beans.

The two subaltern officers seen are also very keen and anxious that everything in the depot should be seen; they are obviously conscious of doing a good job and running a good unit.

A number of excessive holdings and authorised stocks held are being made the subject of a separate report when complete details are received.

3 B.I.U.

This unit was visited on the 28th and 29th Jan where various points were discussed with Capt. WILTCHER and Major G.M. of the War Ministry.

The correct distribution of motorcycles for C.G.P.R. units was arranged by Major COTTON, also difficulties encountered in the procurement of cheese from local manufacturers was discussed. This situation has now become very involved and the chief difficulty appears to be in lack of liaison between military authorities and various branches of the Ministry of Food.

A report was made by Major COTTON and it was agreed that no further action should be taken for the present.

M.M. A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) <u>Name of Inspection Officer</u>	Capt. R.G. STRONG RASC
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	29. January 1946
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	3 Bulk Depot - MILAN
(d) <u>Name of O.C.</u> (Other Officers)	Lt. Col. SERSA
(e) <u>Stock Position (No. of days)</u> (checks made)	Stock position very low except a few items (+); replenishment expected.
(f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u> (1) accommodation, cover etc. (11) Stacking, height, etc. (111) Damage	Warehouse Satisfactory Not required
(g) (1) <u>Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement</u> (11) <u>Bread number of bakeries on contract.</u>	
(h) <u>Tally Cards</u>	Correct and up to date
(i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot (number)</u>	
(j) <u>Fuels</u> (1) <u>Wood storage</u> (11) <u>Coal "</u> (111) <u>Lignite "</u>	} NIL
(k) <u>Labour</u> Civilians employed (numbers)	Civilian staffed: 2 clerks (?)
(l) <u>Guards</u>	Provided by Guard Coy.
(m) <u>Fire precautions</u>	Chemical extinguishers and hydrants
(n) <u>Anti rat precautions</u>	No trouble with rats.
(o) <u>EE works outstanding</u> (state how long)	NIL

(h) Tally cards _____
 (i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) _____
 (j) Fuel _____
 (1) Wood storage _____
 (11) Coal " _____
 (111) Lignite " _____
 (k) Labour _____
 Civilians employed (numbers) _____
 (l) Guards _____
 (m) Fire precautions _____
 (n) anti rat precautions _____
 (o) RT Works outstanding (state how long) _____
 (p) Depot transport _____
 (q) Feeding strength _____
 (1) Army, Navy, Air _____
 (11) US, IPI-ITL _____
 (111) Total number of units _____
 (r) Account by _____
 allied system _____
 Italian system _____
 General remarks _____
 (s) Accommodation _____
 Sleeping quarters _____
 Dining " _____
 Recreation " _____
 Cockhouses _____
 Latrines & ablutions _____
 (t) General turnout of men _____
 (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement _____
 (+) Cigarettes, sugar, soap, P/B/L, coffee.

Correct and up to date

NIL

Civilian staffed: 2 clerks (?)

Provided by Guard Coy.

Chemical extinguishers and hydrants

No trouble with rats.

NIL

NIL

Satisfactory

N.A. Civilian staff

N.A.

The depot is accommodated in a large warehouse of five floors each served by two lifts; the stocks were very low excepting the case of a few items which had been replenished recently. The flour situation has been acute for some time.

A large stock of chick peas were found to be infested and were being held pending receipt of instructions for method of treatment.

A further 7 bags of peas had been vouchered and received as coffee ex Genoa.

Dunnage was not in use and was stated not to be necessary in view of the special type of cement floor; it was stated that this had been agreed by Lt.Col. WILCOX on a previous visit.

The inspecting officer found nothing in the course of his inspection to cause comment.

The inspecting officer was accompanied by Capt. WILTCHER 3 BLU and Major GE of the War Ministry.

SECRET

REPORT ON VISIT OF APOC AREA12-217 Area & G.H. - 19 - 21 Nov 1946I. SUMMARY OF B.L.H.'s.(a) Conference at 217 Area (BOLINA) - 19 Nov 1946Present:-

AA & G.H.	217 Area
DAAG	217 Area (Major MALAND)
DAAG & G.H.	2 BLH (Major THURP)
B & F G.H.	3 BLH (Capt. HARRIS)
ADG	BLH

AA & G.H. read a letter from G (30) G.H. stating that all ration for BLH's would be drawn from Italian sources and produced an Admin Note from G.H. 67 G.H. Col. (Appendix 'A' Attached).

The general maintenance of BLH's was then discussed with particular reference to 2 BLH's problems. It was decided that the following points required G.H. agreement and DAAG & APOC would meet at G.H. the next day and discuss them:-

- (1) Food items, including bakery items excluding frozen meat to be supplied on a 50 day basis.
- (2) Fresh items, food meat to be obtained from
 - (a) Local purchases
 - or (b) Italian army sources
- (3) The G (30) Letter referred to above to be cancelled or amended.
- (4) The BLH detachment at G.H. to be sold supporting.
- (5) Clarification of APOC situation (Capt. HARRIS 3 BLH having been instructed to act as APOC for units in BLH).

(b) Conference at G.H. - 20 Nov 1946.

- (1) Food items, including bakery items including frozen meat to be supplied on a 3/4 day basis.
- (2) Fresh items, meat must to be obtained from
 - (a) Local purchases
 - (b) Italian Army sources
- (3) The G (SM) letter referred to above to be cancelled or amended.
- (4) The RALD Detachment at GAFIA to be self supporting.
- (5) Clarification of APO situation (Capt. HANSEN J HUI having been instructed to set up APO for units in HILAN).

(b) Conference at GEL - 20 Nov 1944.

Present:-

AGMC	GEN	(Lt. Col. OLIVER)
ALST (supr)	"	(Lt. Col. DUBOIS)
DMC	277 Area	(Major HANSEN)
AMR	NIA	

ST GILG raised objections about drawing fresh items from Italian Army, stating that all must be obtained by local purchases and pointing out that "M would not approve". After a spirited discussion the alternatives, i.e. local purchases or Italian Army sources were agreed with the exception of meat.

Both Q and ST GILG were adamant that meat must NOT be purchased in the local market because of "political objections". Further argument by ALST with proving of no small it was agreed that meat would normally be provided from British sources with hard ration. This appears to mean that dominant units MUST be fed on British meat but HUI's alone can draw from Italian Army if they like but not purchase locally.

Permission to purchase meat locally if it is intended to purchase the matter will I understand, have to be obtained from AFM through AG.

The final agreements reached therefore were as follows:-

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- (1) Hard items incl. bakery items will be provided on a 30 day basis from British sources.
Meat will normally be provided with hard items and local arrangements made for cold storage.
- (2) Fresh items, excl. meat, will be obtained
(a) by local purchase
or (b) from Italian Army sources
at discretion of HQ MIA.
- (3) G (82) and letter unopened.
- (4) The SLD detachment to be self contained and to pay their own local purchase bills.
- (5) HUI's NOT to handle mail for other units.

AMPS said that a 'A' Directive including the above points would be coming out within the next few days with certain portions repeated as a GHO.

DAZED 217 Area will advise GRAM 67 of Col. Admin Insur as necessary.

II. ADMINISTRATION.

The following admin information was given by Lt. Col. CHARR.
This is being repeated in letter form.

CHU will arrange for a 1/4/50t Armament Examiner to be added to the WB of MIA. War Office will be asked to produce this H30 ex U.S. as all local personnel are fully engaged in clearing stocks from JMW. When he arrives he will be in possession of all publications and documents applicable to his job. HUIST publications and documents will be sent direct to AMOS MIA. The amount of secret info that is issued on will be at the discretion of MIA but should be confined to the minimum essential.

There is no hope of obtaining the services of a HUIST either here or from War Office.

The U.S. commitment in detail will not be possible

II. ADMINISTRATION.

The following advance information was given by Lt. Col. CHAMBERLAIN, this is being repeated in letter form.

CHAMBERLAIN will arrange for a 4/4000 Ammunition Remission to be sent to the US of MIA. War Office will be asked to remove this MIA on U.S. as all local personnel are fully engaged on clearing stocks from U.S. When he arrives he will be in possession of all publications and documents available to his job. MIA's publications and documents will be sent direct to AMOS MIA. The amount of current info that is passed on will be at the discretion of MIA but should be confined to the minimum essential.

There is no hope of obtaining the services of a MIA either here or from War Office.

Replacement of U's ammunition in detail will not be possible but further surplus will become available.

III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

(a) 217 area is expected to close w.o.f. 15 Dec or thereabouts. 215 Sub Area is already functioning at 213 Sub Area but there is a possibility 217 area closes.

210 & 208 will probably remain at BOLTON.

Supplies will move to 213 Sub Area but there is a possibility of one each 210 remaining at BOLTON.

B.I.C. goes to 210 Sub Area.
Pet Point BOLTON may close.

(b) CHAMBERLAIN (S & T) anticipates that installations in MIA will continue as at present until the final evacuation of British Troops from MIA.

(c) MIA's will probably close but a composite Coy will remain at BOLTON.

(d) A copy of Edition No. 1 (November 1945) of CHAMBERLAIN Telephone Directory is in possession of AMOS.

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IV. DOMESTIC.

- (a) I gave a ruling to Major Tinsley and Capt. HAMM that dependent units should deal direct with CIP and not use the ILL as a Petrol Point.
- (b) In view of decisions reached I authorized Major Tinsley to start drawing fresh items for 2 ILL from Italian Army sources when he was ready.
- (c) Action was taken with CIP to ensure that SW this ILL are included in the distribution list of all ST Manuals, publications, training maps etc.
- (d) An ST Officer will be available for posting to TINSLEY about mid-December when his present unit disbands.

[Signature]

Int. Col. PASZ.
ADP, Land Forces Sub Comm. AD. (MFLA).

25 Nov 62.

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Lt. Col. RAGG.
ADJUTANT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MILIA).

25 Nov 45.

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A.D.S.T. TOUR NOTES

16 - 26 Oct 1946

OCTOBER

17th

S & T BRANCH, G.H.Q.

D.S.T. anxious to start new maintenance system for BLUs as soon as possible in order that any snags which may occur can be sorted out whilst British depots are still at hand. *being done.*

It was suggested that Frozen Meat be included in the maintenance pack and BLUs make local contract for storage. I think this is unnecessarily complicated and would recommend provision of fresh meat by local purchase. *refused.*

Reactions of 3, 4, 5, and 7 BLU to maintenance scheme at Appendix 'A'.

A 9 Officer position is now slightly easier and it is hoped to post S & T Officers to 1 and 4 BLUs shortly. *(see only, various points)*

VISIT TO 8 ALPINI Regt., at BELLUNO to see Mule Pack Coy.

18th

Coy is at present employed on training and when winter training starts in the mountains will be used to maintain the Regiment.

This unit gives a very favourable impression. Detailed report at Appendix 'B'.

19th

VISIT TO:-

(a) Director of Commissariato - 5 Territorial Command.

No difficulties or points for discussion raised.

(b) 5 Principal General Supply Depot.

This is a very clean and well laid out depot with a very keen OC.

(c) 5 Supply Coy.

This unit is in bad accommodation; an old barracks lacking windows and shared with several other small units. *the men appear slovenly*

Cor. M/Q.

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19th

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This unit is in bad accommodation; an old barracks lacking windows and shared with several other small units.

The general impression is poor and the men appear slovenly and badly disciplined. A new OC has recently taken the unit over. A large number of men were hanging about: mostly recruits who should have gone to the Commissariato CAR at MILAN but have been attached to the Coy instead.

(a) 5 Tpt Coy.

Unit is in a poor location some 4 or 5 miles outside UDINE. Considering his difficulties the OC is putting up quite a good show. Barrack rooms are wooden huts, much too crowded but clean and tidy. Vehicles quite good: petrol dump well laid out. Cookhouse satisfactory but welfare facilities lacking.

VISIT TO 6 MULE PACK COY AT VIPITENO.

21st

Not a good unit: compares very unfavourably with 8 Coy. Everyone very lethargic and stables dirty: detailed report at Appendix 'C'.

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Taken up on general line

I will take up with B.L.D.

23 VISIT TO:-

(a) 4 BLU.

A complaint was raised about the high prices charged by SAPAM. It was stated that certain of these were higher than the civilian market prices. More detailed information is being obtained so that comparisons can be made with other Territorial Commands.

No particular S & T points were raised except as in Appendix 'A'.

(b) 4 Tpt Coy.

This is in a very poor state. The OC has little or no knowledge of how to run an M.T. unit. There is a high percentage of VOR and although 406's and 412's are in possession for each vehicle they are not kept up. No G 810 exists and inspections if carried out at all are to no set programme.

I think the lack of a resident S & T Officer is being felt but this should solve itself very soon.

(c) 4 Principal General Supply Depot.

Quite satisfactory - OC seems to know his job: clean and well stacked.

23rd

Met Ten.Col. BOCCA of the FREULI Div at TREVISO.

He stated that Supplies and Petrol situation was satisfactory but complained of a shortage of greatcoats, blankets and boots.

He was concerned over this in view of the approach of winter and the arrival of recruits for the formation of new units.

Application made to Territorial Command had not been answered.

24th

VISIT TO:- MILAN

(a) Commissariato.

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(b) 3 Principal General Supply Depot.

This depot is outstandingly good: stacking, cleanliness, signs etc., are beyond reproach. It is an absolute showplace and other Territorial Commands could learn a lot by a visit to it.

I consider it quite up to the highest British standard.

(c) 3 Military Bakery.

Very satisfactory - clean and well run.

(d) 3 Supply Coy.

Accommodation only fair but very clean and apparently well run. Beds were made up and kits neatly stacked.

(e) 3 Tpt Coy.

Another first class unit. Vehicles clean painted and well maintained. Vehicle records good. Barrack rooms good - beds made up and kits stacked to a standard pattern on a shelf above the beds. CC keen and very proud of his unit.

uniform stores good.

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GENERAL.

1. The question of the 15 lire per day ration allowance was discussed with various units and HQ's. Results were as follows:-

CC 8 Alpini	-	wants extra sugar and fats or an extra 10 lire per man per day.
Commissariato 5 Terr. Comd.	-	present rate considered adequate but Alpini Regts complain that ration scale is too low for mountain training.
4 B.L.U.	-	present rate considered satisfactory.
6 Alpini Regt. (Bn. Comdr.)	-	rations inadequate for mountain work.
3 B.L.U.	-	no complaints but have heard a rumour that part of present rate is being spent on fuel.

2. 5 BLU raised the point that difficulty had been experienced in drawing petrol from CIP installations - an example quoted being that at BELLUNO the local CIP stated that CIP HQ had given them no instructions about issuing on production of a Work Ticket.

It is suggested that CIP issue officers with some form of pass authorising them to draw. This is being taken up with CIP.

3. S.A.P.A.M. (Servizio Assistenza Personale Amministrazione Militare).

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J. A. Harris

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

29 Oct 46.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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MAINTENANCE OF BLU's.

1. The system of supply to the BLU's as suggested by D.S.T. was briefly a two months issue of hard (plus a reserve of tinned equivalents) and the BLU to purchase fresh locally through imprest.
BLU's contacted expressed themselves as follows:-

3 B.L.U. - Would like to start as soon as possible: would prefer to buy their own fresh and not purchase from Italian Army sources. *agree.*

4 B.L.U. - Want to stay on British depots as long as possible and suggest drawing from BTA (MILGENFURT). *no.*

Objections to maintenance on a 2 months basis:- *not agreed.*

(1) Fluctuations in strength. These are fairly large as they fed an A6 DP Camp and GHQ park various bodies on the BLU.

(2) Accounting difficulties with inexperienced storemen.

(3) Storage space.

(4) Lack of officer to carry out local purchase.

yes of course.

5 B.L.U. - Do not see necessity for changing present system, i.e. drawing from British Depots all of which exist in UDINE and are liable to do so for some time.

*no need
difficultly.*

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(4) Lack of officer to carry out local purchase.

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A point to note here is that 4 BLU draw N.A.F.I. for the British Consulate (including wives) in BOLZANO and of course 7 BLU is drawing for their local wives which makes strength forecasting difficult.

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APPENDIX B3 PACK TRANSPORT COY ALPINI REGT.

(late 267 Coy RASC Pack Transport)

1. COMPOSITION OF UNIT.

This Coy like 6 Coy has reverted to the old Italian WE of an HQ and 3 large Sections of 1 Officer, 140 men and 102 mules.

It is considered that a section of this size is too big a command for a section officer, the animals suffer from lack of individual attention and in battle it is impractical. It has always been found that on a static front a section or troop formed on the smaller British WE was easily capable of supplying a Battalion of Infantry with everything they needed including water.

The Coy was up to strength in ORs but short of 2 Veterinary Officers and a doctor none of whom are necessary in view of the fact that there are two Veterinary Officers in the unit and a Medical Officer is available in the location.

2. OFFICERS.

Most of these are of the best Cavalry and Artillery type and at least four of them having served previously with British Pack Coys in the campaign. They were smart, keen and know their job. The OC was the original officer who commanded this Coy under a British Cadre.

3. ANIMALS.

The condition of the mules was good but varied considerably due again to the fact that there were too many mules on the lines and they were being fed in mangers. It was suggested that nose bags were used which the OC readily agreed to but he is extremely short of nose bags. Clipping was due to start in November but only one of the three clipping machines was serviceable.

4. MEN.

Well disciplined and trained in animal management; their saddling up and load drill was faultless.

5. SHOEING.

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4. MEN.

Well disciplined and trained in animal management; their saddling up and load drill was faultless.

5. SHOEING.

All animals well shod with caulking on fore and hind feet, four non tradesmen farriers in the unit. British equipment in use and kept in good order.

6. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT.

This again is British complete with universal carriers and ropes, a saddling up and loading demonstration was carried out with great speed and efficiency.

The saddles and bridles were well fitted and the load correctly put on.

The saddlery was in good order but great difficulty is being experienced regarding repair work for lack of leather and in some cases canvas is being used in lieu. Two soldiers and one civilian saddler are on the strength. The British saddlers kit is kept in good order.

7. CLEANING KIT.

General shortage again of dandy brushes, body brushes and curry combs.

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8. FORAGE.

The ration of 4 kilos oats and 5 kilos of hay which included 1½ kilo of tibben was good and of good quality but bedding unobtainable although a ration of 2 kilos was allowed.

9. VETERINARY.

The mules were in good health well groomed and clean. The Veterinary Officer had no serious troubles and sufficient stores.

10. GENERAL.

This is a good Coy and and only just misses being first class for the reasons stated in para 3. The OC is keen and capable and has adhered very closely to the British principles.

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APPENDIX C

6 PACK TRANSPORT COY ALPINI REGT.

(late 266 Coy RASC Pack Transport)

1. COMPOSITION OF UNIT.

The Coy is composed of an HQ and 3 Sections with each section divided into 8 Troops. When the Coy was handed over to the Italian Army in November 1945 it was then on a British WE, consisting of an HQ and 4 Troops and the present organisation is a reversal to the Italian pre-war Establishment which was found to be in actual practice unwieldy and unpractical. For instance the Italian WE for what they call a section and which is in the British Army a Troop consists of 1 Officer, 140 ORs, 102 mules and 2 horses whereas the British WE is 1 Officer, 62 ORs, 75 mules and 2 horses.

The British WE was adopted for the N. African and Italian campaigns when in the latter stages of the war 35 Coys were employed and a troop on this WE was an admirably balanced command for a subaltern officer. The reason given by the Italian OC for the change in WE was that as the Coy had to support the three Battalions of the Regt it was split up for convenience sake this however would leave no reserve or relief for a tired troop in operations.

This Coy was considerably under strength having only 229 ORs and 7 Officers as against a WE of 490 ORs and 12 Officers which includes 4 Veterinary and 1 Medical Officer, the latter is not necessary in a static unit and only 1 Veterinary Officer was ever allowed in a British Coy.

2. OFFICERS.

These were of a poor type slovenly and lethargic with little knowledge of their job and small interest and not one of them had been with the Coy when under British Command.

3. MEN.

Slovenly and untidy but physically a good type needing discipline, 176 however are due for discharge and are to be replaced by recruits in November.

4. ANIMALS.

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4. ANIMALS.

The condition of the mules varied enormously and this is due to the bad habit of having far too many on the lines, an old failing of all Italian Mule Coys, for when the food is placed in the long mangers there is a general grab which results in the strongest and biggest animals getting most of it. To obviate this the animals should be fed with nose bags and considerably thinned out the lines. The mules generally were clean and clipping was due to start in November although no rugs were in the store; when this was pointed out to the OC he said that rugs were to be made out of old blankets.

5. SHOEING.

All animals were well shod with long caulking on both fore and hind shoes. The farriers kit is of course British and is not very popular with the four farrier NCOs (non tradesmen) but it was in good condition and serviceable.

6. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT.

This again is all British and it was suggested by the Italian that it was too light for mountain work and that the Italian type was more suitable.

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During the campaign the exact reverse was the case, the British type standing up to the worst imaginable conditions while other types burst or fell to bits. All the saddlery was kept in the stores and was complete and in good order with both ropes and universal carriers attached. There were no tradesmen saddlers in the Coy and the work is put out under contract to civilians. The saddlers kit (British) was in good order but replacement leather is unobtainable and it is strongly advised that leather is obtained as soon as possible.

7. CLEANING KIT.

There is a general shortage of dandy brushes, body brushes and curry combs and those in use were mostly home made.

8. FORAGE.

The ration of 3 kilos of oats or beans and $3\frac{1}{2}$ kilos of hay per mule per day is sufficient and the quality of both oats and hay good but no straw was available for bedding. It is suggested that the several tons of peat moss lying in the Supply Depot in MILAN be sent up to this unit for bedding.

9. VETERINARY.

The health of the animals appears good although many of the mules are getting very old. The Veterinary Officer has difficulty through lack of transport in visiting the sections. No serious ailments have occurred and he has a good supply of veterinary stores.

10. GENERAL.

The Coy is not a good one and is unrecognizable from when it was under British control the reasons being

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- b) poor discipline
- c) under strength of ORs.

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10-2-2, TAIN NOTES

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17th

U.S. F. BUREAU, S.M.

D.D.2. advised to start new maintenance system for hills as soon as possible in order that any mugs which may occur can be sorted out whilst British depots are still at hand.

It was suggested that Brown West be included in the maintenance post and Hills make local contact for storage. I think this is unnecessarily complicated and would recommend provision of fresh meat by local purchase.

Motions of 3, 4, 5, and 7 Hill to maintenance ahead at Appendix 'A'.

A 3 Officer position is now slightly easier and it is hoped to post 3 & 7 (Officers to 4 and 4 Hills shortly).

10th

UNIT 20 8 ALPINE REGT. at Hill 200 to see 'Bilo Back Day'.

Day is at present employed on training and when winter training starts in the mountains will be used to maintain the Regiment.

This unit gives a very favorable impression. Detailed report at Appendix 'B'.

19th

UNIT 20:-

(a) Director of Communications - 5 Territorial Command.

No difficulties or points for discussion raised.

(b) 5 Territorial General Supply Depot.

This is a very clean and well laid out depot with a very keen OC.

(c) 5 Supply Coy.

This unit is in bad accommodation; on old barracks. Inside, windows and doors with several other small units.

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 This unit gives a very favorable impression as detailed report at Appendix 'B'.

UNIT TWO

(a) Director of Communications - 2 Territorial Command.

No identification or points for discussion noted.

(b) 2 Principal General Supply Dept.

This is a very clean and well laid out depot with a very large lot.

(c) 2 Supply Co.

This unit is in bad accommodation; an old barracks looking window and shared with several other small units.

The general impression is poor and the men appear extremely and badly disciplined. A man (C) has recently taken the unit over. A large number of men were hanging about; mostly recruits who should have gone to the Comandancia del at 11:45 but have been attached to the Coy instead.

(d) 2 Det. 2nd.

Unit is in a poor location some 4 or 5 miles outside Lima. Considering this situation the Coy is putting up quite a good show. Barrack rooms are wooden huts, much too crowded but clean and tidy. Vehicles quite good; petrol and well laid out. Goodhouse and latrine but welfare facilities lacking.

UNIT NO. 6 HUN. REG. 2ND. C. VETERAN.

Not a good unit; compares very unfavorably with 8 Coy. Everyone very lethargic and stables dirty; detailed report at Appendix 'B'.

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22nd JAN 20:-

(a) 4 PMJ.

A complaint was raised about the high prices charged by KAMM. It was stated that certain of those were higher than the civilian market prices. More detailed information is being obtained so that comparisons can be made with other territorial commands. The particular 3 & 7 points were raised except as in appendix 1.

(b) 4 PMJ.

This is in a very poor state. The 03 has little or no knowledge of how to run an M.I. unit. There is a high percentage of WGR and although 406's and 412's are in possession for each vehicle they are not kept up. No G-410 exists and inspections if carried out at all are to no set program.

I think the lack of a resident 3 & 7 officer is being felt but this should solve itself very soon.

(c) 4 PMJ.

Quite satisfactory - 03 seems to know his job: clean and well stocked.

23rd

Met Ten. Col. 0034 of the British Div at 10:00.

He stated that supplies and petrol situation was satisfactory but complained of a shortage of blankets, blankets and boots. He was concerned over this in view of the approach of winter and the arrival of recruits for the formation of new units.

Application made to Territorial Command and not been answered.

24th

Visit 20:-

(a) Communications.

Major 00's personal opinion is that the Communications can be improved at 10:00 in 15 days provided Ministry of War agreed. The premises are at present storing Ordnance material which could be cleared. The 00's staff have been disappointed and I understand that the late 00, Major 00, was very disappointed when Ministry of War ordered the call to close.

(b) 4 PMJ.

Let Ten. Col. BOYLE of the MILB Div at TUNIC.
He stated that supplies and petrol situation was satisfactory but complained of a shortage of Greatcoats, blankets and boots. He was concerned over this in view of the approach of winter and the arrival of recruits for the formation of new units.
Application made to Territorial Command had not been answered.

Visit to:

(a) Commissariat.

Major GA's personal opinion is that the Commissariats (as could happen at Eilat) in 15 days provided Ministry of War agree. The premises are at present storing Ordnance material which could be cleared. The bill staff have been dispersed and I understand that the late Lt. Major W. W. W. was very disappointed when Ministry of War ordered the bill to close.

(b) 2 Principals General Supply Depot.

This depot is outstandingly good: clothing, cleanliness, stores, etc., are beyond reproach. It is an absolute masterpiece and other Territorial Commands could learn a lot by a visit to it. I consider it quite up to the highest British standard.

(a) 2 Military Bakery.

Very satisfactory - clean and well run.

(a) 2 Supply Coy.

Accommodation fairly fair but very clean and apparently well run. Beds were made up and kits neatly stacked.

(c) 2 Post 222.

Another first class unit. Vehicles clean painted and well maintained. Vehicle records good. Barrack rooms good - beds made up and kits stacked to a standard pattern on a shelf above the beds. All keen and very proud of this unit.

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GENERAL.

1. The question of the 15 lines per day ration a Loran was discussed with various units and H's. Rations were as follows:
 - 01 8 Algid - verbs eaten sugar and fats as an extra 10 lines per day per day.
 - Commissioner - present rate considered adequate but Algid Regts complain that ration scale is too low for maintenance training.
 - 4 P.L.U. - present rate considered satisfactory.
 - 5 Algid Regt. - ration inadequate for maintenance work. (M. Comdr.)
 - 3 P.L.U. - no complaints but have heard a rumor that part of present rate is being used as fuel.
2. S WJ raised the point that difficulty had been experienced in drawing petrol from JIP installation - an example quoted being that at HILLTOP the local JIP stated that JIP HQ had given them no instructions about issuing on production of a Work Permit. It is suggested that JIP issue officers with some form of pass authorizing them to draw. This is being taken up with JIP.
3. S.A.P.A.M. (Survival Assistance Personnel Administration Military).

This seems to be getting going fairly well with the exception of the complaint raised by 4 Hill.

2. I had talked the point was fairly and I was quite sure in driving patrol from GIP installations - an example quoted being that at PHILIPPO the local JIP stated that GIP HQ had given them no instructions about issuing on production of a work ticket.

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3. S.A.P.A.H. (Morrisia Assistance Programme Administration Unit).

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J. Hardie

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Lt. Col. RAGO.
ADMT, Armed Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MHA).

29 Oct 66.

APPENDIX AMEMORANDUM OF DISCUSSION

1. The system of supply to the BIA as suggested by R. F. was basically a two month issue of food (plus a reserve of three equivalents) and the BIA to purchase locally through import.

BIA's estimated requirements themselves as follows:-

3 B.I.U. - Would like to start as soon as possible would prefer to buy their own food and not purchase from Italian Army sources.

4 B.I.U. - Want to stay on British depots as long as possible and suggest drawing from BIA (MILITARY).

Objections to maintenance on a 2 month basis:-

(1) Fluctuations in strength. These are fairly large as they feed on 10, 15, 20 and 30 various bodies on the BIA.

(2) Accounting difficulties with long-term storage.

(3) Storage space.

(4) Lack of officers to carry out local purchases.

5 B.I.U. - Do not see necessity for changing present system, i.e. drawing from British Depots all of which exist in tanks and are liable to be used for some time.

7 B.I.U. - Difficulty here is again variation in tactical strength. The BIA is at present lacking after a varying number of Italian wives and their registration files will be furnished of British troops still remaining in MONTENEGRO.

Do not want to change present system yet.

2. Remarks:

I was informed at GHI that the head of the BIA was in Rome discussing the question of credit.

A point to note here is that 4 BIA from HAFI for the British Consulate (including wives) in BOLZANO and of course 7 BIA is coming for their local wives which means strength forecasting

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7 B.L.U. - Difficulty here is again variation in ration strength. The BLU is at present looking after a varying number of Italian wives awaiting repatriation plus small detachments of British troops still remaining in ITALY.

Do not want to change present system yet.

8. M.A.A.P.L.

I was informed at GHI that the head of the IPT was in UGANDA discussing the question of credit.

A point to note here is that 4 BLU came H.A.P.T for the British Candidates (including wives) in ITALY and of course 7 BLU is coming for their local wives which makes strength forecasting difficult.

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Appendix B8 PACK TRANSPORT COY ALPINE REGT.

(Late 267 Coy MAJG Pack Transport)

1. COMPOSITION OF UNIT.

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The Coy was up to strength in ORs but short of 2 Veterinary Officers and a doctor none of whom are necessary in view of the fact that there are two Veterinary Officers in the unit and a Medical Officer is available in the location.

2. OFFICERS.

None of these are of the best Cavalry and Artillery type and at least four of them having served previously with British Pack Coys in the campaign. They were smart, keen and knew their job. The CO was the original officer who commanded this Coy under a British Cadre.

3. MULES.

The condition of the mules was good but varied considerably due again to the fact that there were too many mules on the lines and they were being fed in mangers. It was suggested that nose bags were used which the CO readily agreed to but he is extremely short of nose bags. Clipping was due to start in November but only one of the three clipping machines was serviceable.

4. MAN.

Well disciplined and trained in animal management; their saddling up and load drill was faultless.

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3. ANIMALS.

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5. SHOEING.

All animals well shod with cauldings on fore and hind feet, 6 2 8 four non tradesmen carriers in the unit. British equipment in use and kept in good order.

6. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT.

This again is British complete with universal carriers and ropes, a saddling up and loading demonstration was carried out with great speed and efficiency.

The saddles and bridles were well fitted and the load correctly put on.

The saddlery was in good order but great difficulty is being experienced regarding repair work for lack of leather and in some cases canvas is being used in lieu. Two soldiers and one civilian saddler are on the strength. The British saddlers kit is kept in good order.

7. CLEANING KIT.

General shortage again of dandy brushes, body brushes and curry combs.

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8. FORAGE.

The ration of 4 kilos oats and 5 kilos of hay which included 1½ kilo of tinnen was good and of good quality but bedding unobtainable although a ration of 2 kilos was allowed.

9. VETERINARY.

The mules were in good health well groomed and clean. The Veterinary Officer had no serious troubles and sufficient stores.

10. GENERAL.

This is a good Coy and and only just misses being first class for the reasons stated in para 3. The OC is keen and capable and has adhered very closely to the British principles.

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P A R T I X " C "5. PARTIAL TRANSMISSION OF ALPHA PART.

(Late 2nd Coy Bn. Pack Transport)

1. COMPOSITION OF UNIT.

The Coy is composed of an HQ and 3 Sections with each section divided into 3 Troops. When the Coy was handed over to the Italian Army in November 1945 it was then on a British B, consisting of an HQ and 4 Troops and the present organization is a reversal to the Italian pre-war Establishment which was found to be in actual practice unwieldy and impractical. For instance the Italian B for what they call a section and which is in the British Army a Troop consists of 1 Officer, 140 ORs, 102 mules and 2 horses whereas the British B is 1 Officer, 62 ORs, 75 mules and 2 horses.

The British B was adopted for the N. African and Italian campaigns when in the latter stages of the war 75 ORs were employed and a troop on this B was an admirably balanced command for a subaltern officer. The reason given by the Italian B for the change in B was that as the Coy had to support the three Battalions of the Regt it was split up for convenience sake this however would leave no reserve or relief for a tired troop in operations.

This Coy was considerably under strength having only 29 ORs and 7 Officers as against a B of 190 ORs and 12 Officers which includes 4 Veterinary and 1 Medical Officer, the latter is not necessary in a static unit and only 1 Veterinary Officer was ever allowed in a British Coy.

2. OFFICERS.

These were of a poor type slovenly and lethargic with little knowledge of their job and small interest and not one of them had been with the Coy when under British Command.

3. MEN.

Slovenly and untidy but physically a good type needing discipline, 176 however are due for discharge and are to be replaced by recruits in November.

4. MULES.

and 7 officers was considerably under strength having only 229 ORs and 7 officers as against a US of 290 ORs and 12 officers which includes a Veterinary and 1 Medical Officer, the latter is not necessary in a Coy.

2. OFFICERS.

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3. MAN.

Slovenly and untidy but physically a good type needing discipline, 175 however are due for discharge and are to be replaced by recruits in November.

4. ANIMALS.

The condition of the mules varied enormously and this is due to the bad habit of having far too many on the lines, an old failing of all Italian Mule Coys, for when the food is placed in the long narrow troughs a general grab which results in the strongest and biggest animals getting most of it. To obviate this the animals should be fed with nose bags and considerably trimmed out the lines. The mules generally were clean and clipping was due to start in November although no rugs were in the store, when this was pointed out to the OC he said that rugs were to be made out of old blankets.

5. SHOES.

All animals were well shod with long wallings on both fore and hind shoes. The farriers bit is of course British and is not very popular with the four farrier MOs (men tradesmen) but it was in good condition and serviceable.

6. SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT.

This again is all British and it was suggested by the Italian that it was too light for mountain work and that the Italian type was more suitable.

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During the campaign the most common was the size, the British type standing up to the most inhumane conditions while other types burst or fall to bits. All the quality was kept in the stores and was complete and in good order with both ropes and universal carriers attached. There were no traction sleds in the Coy and the work is put out under contract to civilians. The sleds kit (British) was in good order but replacement leather is unobtainable and it is strongly advised that leather is obtained as soon as possible.

7. CLEANING KIT.

There is a general shortage of sandy brushes, body brushes and curry combs and those in use were mostly home made.

8. FOOD.

The ration of 3 kilos of oats or beans and $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilos of hay per mule per day is sufficient and the quality of both oats and hay good but no straw was available for bedding. It is suggested that the several tons of post bags lying in the supply depot in HILDA be sent up to this unit for bedding.

9. VETERINARY.

The health of the animals remains good although many of the mules are getting very old. The Veterinary Officer has difficulty through lack of transport in visiting the sections. No serious ailments have occurred and he has a good supply of veterinary stores.

10. GENERAL.

The Coy is not a good one and is unrecognizable from when it was under British control the reasons being

- a) Lack of interest
- b) poor discipline
- c) under strength of GIs.

The health of the animals appears good although many of the milks are getting very old. The Veterinary Officer has difficulty through lack of transport in visiting the sections. No serious ailments have occurred and he has a good supply of veterinary stores.

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GENERAL.

The Coy is not a good one and is unrecognizable from when it was under British control the reasons being

- a) lack of interest
- b) poor discipline
- c) under strength of 600.

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SUBJECT: Visits and Inspections.

Land Forces Sub Com. AG.
(W.R.L.F.).
Tel : 489381 Ext 525
SC/135

6 Aug 46.

1 D.L.S.
2 D.L.S.

Copy to: Capt. HURDIS (3 D.L.S.).
Capt. WATSON (4 D.L.S.).

Ref this HQ signal A 929 dated 2 Aug 46.

1. It is no longer necessary for Capt. HURDIS to visit 1 & 2 D.L.S. as Capt. WATSON has now been posted to 1 D.L.S.

for

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Lt. Col. BAGO.
ADJUT, Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (W.R.L.F.).

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STAFF CAPTAIN'S MEMO. ON VISIT TO ST LIAISON OFFICER.

ST/135

2 July 46

TO : A.D.S.T.

22 June - 7 BLU

Saw Capt. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM who said that he was handicapped by lack of transport; during the absence of Maj. GRIFFIN he would have the use of a jeep, but this was not a permanent solution. Suggested that Territorial Command might be able to assist him.

The move of the Food Distribution Depot and Bakery to the DID released by the Allies was in hand but waiting completion of Engineering work.

The PCF situation (Italian) was satisfactory.

24 June - 4 BLU

Visited Capt. WATSON who was resident in VENICE; he said that this was more convenient than MESTRE as Commissariato Officers from 5 Territorial Command were located there. It would appear more satisfactory to me for the LO to be situated on the mainland to keep an eye on units and visit Commissariato Officers in VENICE when necessary.

Mentioned his unsatisfactory reports which he said he would peruse more carefully before submission.

The position regarding the excessive amount of wood in 73 Distribution Depot was not quite clear, but it was thought that this was a late delivery of previous demands, and it was intended to distribute it to units.

Capt. WATSON was not happy about the transport available to him - one jeep from 4 BLU and the occasional use of a car from 5 Territorial Command.

Capt. WATSON's interpreter wished to remain in VENICE if possible for personal reasons connected with his studies.

30 June - 3 BLU

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Capt. WATSON's interpreter wished to remain in VENICE if possible for personal reasons connected with his studies.

20 June - 3 BLU

Saw Capt HARRIS who, in addition to his S & T duties, was acting as Camp Commandant for the BLU. He was making great strides with the Domestic Transport which, until he took over, had undergone no regular routine inspections etc. I asked him where recruits at the Supply GAR drew their arms, and these are drawn at the GAR and handed in on completion of the course.

Capt. HARRIS had recently made a further inspection of the Bakery and Food Distribution Depot which are excellent, his report on this inspection has been forwarded to you.

A certain amount of decisive action was taken by War Ministry over 3 GZ Coy which, as you know, has always been an "awkward" unit.

Readjustments in command have been effected and the unit now shows signs of considerable improvement. This is a good example of the use S & T Liaison Officers reports can be to the Italian Army.

[Signature]
S/Capt., R.A.S.C.

NOTES ON COLONEL PIDLER'S TOUR 16-22 JUNE 1942

S.T. 61

Part A - ITALIAN4 B.L.U.

1. Want latest directive on extent to which T.E. T.S. and training generally are to be supervised by BHs as they are not living up to last directive. C.S.
2. General NEGRONI is asking for a general to command the CAR in addition to the general (Inf) who he says cannot visit CAR whenever he likes (why not?). Will MILA approve the proposal if put up? C.S.
3. 4 BHU feels sufficient Italian commanders do not visit CAR and see for themselves. Can we advise? C.S.
4. General SCATTINI still in BOLZANO embarrassing new GOC PRINLI Div (C/8. PRINIERI) Daumum to speak. A
5. What chance of some more British AD for Prini off the record. Q
6. What is the latest War Ministry view on change of boundary between 4 and 5 Territorial Commands. BHs support the proposed change. C.S.
7. Reply re CHE at BOLZANO atts held. Q.
8. 3 BHU require AFHQ policy on Frontier Guards - are Italian troops allowed? (? all BHs)
Prini on Austrian frontier are surprised at meeting US and Polish Recce parties without prior knowledge of their coming. Suggest BHs take up with local Allied Comds. C.S.
9. BHU would like advance information re Allies vacating War Ministry accommodation ? local arrangement. Q.
10. Class I Carriers at POLLI still await disposal. What is latest? Q.
11. Rec Q 150 of 13 June. Signals equipment is being collected from Bologna 22 June. Q.
12. What are MILA & War Ministry views on splitting BVP units, A and B type wings vide 6 BH Q 4/5(21) of 19 June. Q.
13. What is forecast for USA releasing accommodation at LIVIGNO 7 BHU

7. Reply re CEM at BOLZANO attached Q.

5 BHU

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12. What are MIA & War Ministry views on splitting BVP units, A and B type wings vide 6 BHU Q 4/5(24) of 19 June. Q.

13. What is forecast for USA releasing accommodation at LIVONNO

Den Comd

FBS HQ (A)
 FBS Hospital

14. What is War Ministry policy for IT installations. 7 Comd is concentrating everything (Workshops, Parks, IT coys etc) (Comd and (Folgore) at GOVERGIANO Bks which doesn't seem proper Q.

General 15. 7 GAR is definitely sending one Bn to ARZZNO. G.S.

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16. MIA to look into the question of services inspection reports on Derots etc which seem to go through service channels (Dr) to War Ministry and not through IT channels as in our orders to BHUs: about complaints to War Ministry see attached report from MASTRE. Q.

Part B - DOMESTIC

17. Capt (ST) MASTRE position needs defining not required at BOLZANO. ? his prospects. S.T.

18. General B.C.R. shortage all BHUs, can MIA again centralise control? A.

19. What about Major JACUES recommended for MIA by Lt Col Walker? A.

20. Lt Col Douglas wishes LIAP & SEWROM Aug - Sept. A.

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21. Lt Col Marks wishes ILAP & SEMRON Aug - Sept. A.
22. BOMB INCH wanted by General WHITE : What is position of Milan Italian Ord Depot. A.D.O.S.
23. Can we get better class transport for A type BII coms. Q.
24. Major Witter passed WOSB grade C. attached recommendation for short service commission to be forwarded. A.
25. Future adm and maint of BII's, ord's wanted soon to avoid confusion. A.

24 June 1946.

24 June 1946.

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S & T, MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- 57 Distribution Depot

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/135

Ministry of War.

11 June 46.

1. Resulting from a visit to the above depot in March by the ADST of this HQ (our ST/208 of 26 March refers), some furniture and a wireless set have been loaned to the Unit by the British Town Major in PESCARA.
2. It is felt that this information will be of interest to you.

ALL/gno

 Lt. Col. BASG.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.H.I.A.).

SUBJECT: Distribution Depot.

Local Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.B.L.I.).
Tel: 470207
W/208

Ministry of War.

26 May 1946.

Copy to: Town Major (British) PERRERA.

1. As you are aware Major HUR after being visited by Distribution Depot PERRERA on 23 March 1946.
2. The following extracts from his report are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider necessary.
 - (i) The general layout and storage of supplies is very satisfactory.
 - (ii) It is considered that packs of dehydrated vegetables now used as rations should be replaced by tins of similar dimensions but of a more suitable nature.
 - (iii) The OC Depot stated that he considered the provision of any two light anti-aircraft weapons would be an advantage to repel any possible raids on the depot. Rifles only are held at the present time. No threats have however occurred at the depot.
 - (iv) The unit relies on the local Fire Brigade to deal with any fires that might occur. It is strongly recommended that fire points with sand and water and if possible optical extinguishers be set up in the depot.
 - (v) The sleeping accommodation of the men is satisfactory. The provision of dining and welfare quarters is stated to be impracticable owing to lack of furniture. Even contact made with the British Town Major PERRERA by Maj. HUR after it is hoped that it will be possible to remedy this.

- (iii) The 82 depot stated that he considered the provision of any two light automatic weapons would be an advantage to repel any possible raids on the depot. Rifles only are held at the present time. No threats have however occurred at the depot.
- (iv) The unit relies on the local fire brigade to deal with any fires that might occur. It is strongly recommended that fire points with sand and water and if possible chemical extinguishers be set up in the depot.
- (v) The sleeping accommodation of the men is satisfactory. The provision of dining and welfare quarters is stated to be insignificant owing to lack of furniture. From contact made with the British Town Major ~~possible~~ by Maj. HART JONES it is hoped that it will be possible to remedy this.
3. The state of the depot generally was thought to be most satisfactory and it was considered to be one of the best in Southern Italy.
4. It is considered that great credit is due to the Officer Commanding Lt. MACOLA, particularly as owing to the geographical situation of PERICOLI he receives little direct supervision from the Commandante (C).

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MEM/emo

To: Lt. Col. HART.
 ADJ, Land Forces Sub Com. AL. (HART).

FILE 52

SUBJECT:- Periodical Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).
Tel : 473207
ST/208

I.B.L.U.8 Mar 46.

Reference the paragraph 'Supplies' in your periodical report
Serial No. 5 dated 15 Feb 46.

1. It is considered that the anxiety expressed regarding the meat element of the ration can often be alleviated by a more systematic issue of the various varieties of P.Meat and Fish available in depots. Provided units are issued with a proportion of all varieties available and do not receive any a 15 day issue of Chili con Carne there should be less cause for complaint.
2. The question of additional issues to troops stationed at high altitudes is being examined by Q branch this HQ. Are you aware whether a special issue of cognac is being made to troops so employed. You will appreciate that the British practice is only to implement high altitude scales during the months November to March and in the circumstances it appears doubtful whether any additional issues to Italian troops could be made this season.
3. The question of cigarettes being distributed in more satisfactory packs with a view to reducing damage has been referred to the War Ministry.

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Lt.Col. RAGG.
AGST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(M.H.I.A.).

INTERNAL:- Q (A/cs)

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FROM :- 2 BLM 251632A

TO :- HQ NMIA

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CSM GRS 20 BT

ST2 (.) U/C(.) REF YOUR ST/205 DATED 14 FEB 46 . DETAILS REQUESTED IN
PARA 2 OF A/M LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST

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CC SOONEST

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DATA11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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14 Feb. 46.

Subject: Depot Inspection report (supplies)

File : PAL/ST/9

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

11 D.I.D., Palermo.

Herewith Inspection Report with regard to a/m unit of 11
Territorial Command rendered in accordance with Appendix "B" to
M.M.I.A. Instruction ST/292 dated 4.Dec.45.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

Bluegun Hay
S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

Copy to: 10 B.L.U.
C.M.F.S & T MMIA.
FEB 18 1946

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ST APPENDIX "B"REPORT ON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOT (MAGAZINE)

(a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	Major S.E. SNEEZUM
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	12. Feb. 46
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	11 D.I.D. (PALERMO)
(d) <u>Name of O.C. (Other Officers)</u>	Capt. Bentivegna Francesco Lt. Crocchiole Francesco
(e) <u>Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)</u>	Approx: 30 days. Coffee and sugar 20 days.
(f) <u>Physical Warehousing (i) Accommodation, Cover etc. (ii) Stacking, height, etc. (iii) Dunnage</u>	Good. Ex-It. Arty. Gun and wagon store Average 12 - pillow system employed Duck-boards
(g) <u>Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement (ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.</u>	Fruit and Veg. bought locally by units - not supplied by D.I.D. Bakeries normally supplied by 11 B.S.D. Catania. Sometimes supplies made to 11 Fd. Bky. On all commodities - 3 checks made - all correct.
(h) <u>Daily cards</u>	2
(i) <u>Detailed inspection points in Depot (number)</u>	Stored at sub-depot San Lorenzo Colli 7 Km.
(j) <u>Stock (i) Food storage (ii) Coal (iii) Lignite</u>	40 quintals stored at depot San Lorenzo Colli 60
(k) <u>Labour Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	7
(l) <u>Guards</u>	14
(m) <u>Fire precautions</u>	2 Fire extinguishers in office - no anti-fire material in forage store - no written orders. Traps cats. Roofs to be reinforced - 1 month
(n) <u>Anti rat precautions</u>	
(o) <u>Anti vermin out-attending</u>	

on contract.

(3) Tally cards

(4) On all commodities - 3 checks made
- all correct.

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 60 " " San Lorenzo Colli

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 written orders, traps, cats.
 Roofs to be reinforced - 1 month

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 depot either mech. or horse
 (Air & Navy) (Army) 6245
 Br-ITI 2340 ITI-ITI 7617

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 At Coy. billets
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SUBJECT:- Rations - Complaints.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/203

2 B.L.U.

14 Feb 46.

Reference your ST 2 of 6 Feb 46.

1. The question of the issue of M & V at the same scale as, say, corned beef has for some time been the subject of comments. In the circumstances and bearing in mind the great difficulty that is being experienced in victualling the Italian Army it is considered that the best method of dealing with this matter is to arrange for a balanced distribution down to units of the various types of tinned meats so that one unit may not have to subsist for 15 days on, say, Chili con Carno. The War Ministry are releasing instructions with a view to ensuring that this is done.
2. Regarding the allegation that 10% of flour used in bread consist of flour of beans, peas, etc., the War Ministry deny any knowledge of this. Will you please therefore arrange for some more precise details as to the foundation of this statement to be supplied.
3. It is known that the general quality of some of the flour used for breadmaking may not have been up to the normal high standard but there is no indication that peas or beans have been used as a substitute in breadmaking.

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 Lt. Col. M.C.C.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.).

Subject:- Rations - complaints.

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S.T.
2 B L U,
GENOVA.
Tel: 52278.
St 2
6 Feb 46.

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

Ref your St/208 dated 28 Jan 46.

1. Since writing Progress Report No 3 the sups and rations sit has been thoroughly examined and the results incorporated in Progress Report No 4 already despatched to you.
2. It is considered that the matter is fully covered in Progress Report No 4 but if further infm is required this will be sup.

[Signature]
Major,
DAA&QMG.

HET/lr

[Signature]
S & T, MMIA. 6243
Recd FEB 11 1946
FR: ST/ 208

SUBJECT: Report on the Station, Fuel and Clothing stores.

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Land Forces Sub Comd. 45.
(M.M.I. ...)
8/200

7 Feb 46

TO : ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

DATE: 12 FEB

1. The Distribution Depot of the above mentioned unit was inspected on 15 Jan 46 by Maj HARKET of 12 B.C. It would appear that the depot is functioning well and stock handling is of a high order. The OC unit appears to undertake much detail work in person which might well be done by senior NCOs; It is considered that the standard of this depot would be even further improved if more attention is given to the men's accommodation etc.

2. From the inspecting officer's report the following suggestions are made for such action as you may consider necessary.

- (a) A record of turn-over of stocks especially of issued goods be maintained.
- (b) Damage in the form of shallow wooden planks be obtained.
- (c) Rat traps be obtained and set where rats are in evidence.
- (d) Fire points consisting of extinguishers, buckets etc.
- (e) That vehicles used for ferrying supplies from rail head be issued with tarpaulins until railway station to depot are completed.
- (f) More sleeping accommodation be obtained, and that at present used be improved by wide-matting and better heating.
- (g) Cookhouse be improved by the fitting of a permanent cooking range, provision of proper cooking utensils; a mess-room should also be provided.

- (a) A record of turn-over of stores especially of animal goods be maintained.
- (b) Damage in the form of shallow wooden platforms be obtained.
- (c) Rat traps be obtained and set where rats are in evidence.
- (d) Fire points consisting of extinguishers, buckets etc.
- (e) That vehicles used for ferrying supplies from rail head be issued with tarpaulins until railway sidings to depot are completed.
- (f) More sleeping accommodation be obtained, and that at present used be improved by white-washing and better heating.
- (g) Cookhouse be improved by the fitting of a permanent cooking range, provision of proper cooking utensils; a mess-room should also be provided.
- (h) Ablutions be improved by provision of suitable covered accommodation and wash bowls.
- (i) A vent-room be provided for men off duty if accommodation available.
- (j) A night latrine bucket be provided outside sleeping quarters. This in view of the distance from the sleeping quarters to any existing latrine accommodation.

2. Whilst it may be felt that some of the recommendations listed above may refer to minor detail, it is in the view of this branch that unless the training establishment should represent ideal standards of a standard to be followed and emulated by outside units.

Yours/ve

[Signature] Lt Col. RAGG,
Asst. Comd Forces in Com. AC. (India).

ATTENTION: Inspection of Supply Units.

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and Service and Co., Co.

(M. L. L. A.)

Vol: 4/13/57

52/208

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

FROM TO: 1 BLD

2 BLD

3 BLD

Supply units located in North and South have recently been inspected by Capt H. J. Strong of this Hq. Based on the inspecting officer's reports the following remarks and suggestions are passed to you for any action you may deem either necessary.

1 Bulk Depot, BILAH

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1 Military Bakery, BILAH

1. The completion of repairs and installation of electric light should be pushed as far as possible.

11. Every effort should be made to put the new wooden floor-plate over into use instead of the antiquated type now used. The wooden plates that are in use now are very old and it is felt that it should be possible to obtain coal since similar ones are being used by No 2 Military Bakery (BILAH) first by coal.

1 Distribution Depot, BILAH

The operational organization of this unit is substantially good, but the domestic arrangements are poor by comparison.

1. System to produce food should be organized.

2. Bulk Depot MILAN

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3. Military Bakery MILAN

- i. The completion of repairs and installation of electric light should be pushed on as rapidly as possible.
- ii. Every effort should be made to put the new modern iron-plate ovens into use instead of the antiquated type now used. The electric station that produces coal for duty could be obtained but it is felt that it should be possible to obtain coal since similar ovens are being used by the 2 Military Bakery Depot.

4. Distribution Depot MILAN

The operational organization of this unit is substantially good, but the domestic arrangements are poor by comparison.

- i. Repairs to coodhouse roof should be expedited.
- ii. Latrines and ablutions should be kept clean and disinfected. 8221
- iii. Sleeping quarters and dining room should be well-maintained.
- iv. Sleeping parlor, dining room, coodhouse, latrines and ablutions should be inspected daily by a commissioned officer and any defects reported immediately.

NOTE: It is understood that the domestic administration is the responsibility of the 2nd Distribution Depot, but of the 2nd of the whole barracks.

5. Distribution Depot GAMBIA

- This unit is very well organized and supplies correctly handled.
- i. Sand-traps should be provided at points where olive oil is dumped into small containers in order to prevent dirt on the floor.
 - ii. New domestic accommodation should be found to include a mess-room and recreation room.
 - iii. While the present site still has to be used improved accommodation should be built for the coodhouse, latrines and ablutions.

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- iv. The provision of a proper cooking range together with cooking utensils should be made a high priority.

2. Military Bakery. (MBA)

This unit appears to be efficiently run and bread of very good quality is produced.

1. Distribution Depot. (TDA)

This unit is efficiently run and supplies properly handled.

- i. A sampling should be provided at points where olive oil is donated into wall containers in order to prevent leakage causing dirt on the floor.
- ii. Items belonging to the guards should be kept clean and inspected daily by an officer. Items should not be left lying in sleeping quarters.

W. L. A. Col. (MBA)
 Asst. and Purveyor (MBA, TDA, MBA).

W. L. A.

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Comments on Supply Installations in 10 Territorial Command visited by
Major HARRY DYER RASC HQ, JALIA and Capt. MURRAY RASO 10 RLJ.

Commissariat HQ, NAPLES.
(visited 17 & 19 Jan 46)

- (1) Col LAMOLLI indicated that the transfer of supplies from Allied to Italian Depots was proceeding smoothly.
- (11) The Non-Supply of pepper to West Navy and Air Force requirements was referred to and it was pointed out that this was due to the extreme shortage of supplies.
- (111) Col. Lamolli was present when 63 Distribution Depot at Salerno was visited.

10 Distribution Depot NAPLES
(visited 17 January 46)

- (1) It is suggested that both fire and anti rat precautions are intensified.
- (11) Repairs are still outstanding to Depot premises including windows etc. It is also considered that regular whitewashing of the accommodation would be an advantage. The kitchen premises in particular required whitewashing.
- (111) The Depot as a whole was considered to be satisfactory and the efforts of C.O. 10 Supply Coy for the welfare of his men appear to favorably reflected in their discipline and turn out.
- (111) It was understood that application has been submitted for a review of the travelling scale of rations supplied to TRAFFIC GUARDS.

10 Military Bakery NAPLES.
(visited 17 January 46)

- (1) Damage is not used in the flour store. It is considered, despite the fact that the turnover is said to be speedy, that use of damage is a principle which should be maintained.

of the depot in particular required whitewashing.

(111) The Depot as a whole was considered to be satisfactory and the efforts of O.C. 10 Supply Coy for the welfare of his men appear to favorably reflected in their discipline and turn out.

(IV) It was understood that application has been submitted for a review of the travelling scale of rations supplied to TRAM guards.

10 Military Bakery Napier.
(visited 17 January 46)

(1) Damage is not used in the flour store. It is considered, despite the fact that the turnover is said to be speedy, that use of damage is a principle which should be maintained.

(11) Repairs to premises are outstanding and here again regular whitewashing is considered advantageous.

(111) This Depot possesses comparatively modern equipment and the staff employed are keen. The general standard of the Bakery and its product reflect credit on the O.C. and his staff.

10 Bulk Depot Napier.
(visited 19 January 46)

(1) This Depot in view of the general supply situation, appears to be used mainly as a transit depot and this was given as the reason for some of the stacking not being as good as it might have been.

(11) Repairs to roofs and miscellaneous engineering works are still outstanding.

(111) It is suggested that both anti rat and fire precautions should be intensified.

(IV) The O.C. and his officers are apparently experiencing great difficulty in visiting out Depots etc. due to lack of motor transport.

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2 Military Bakery - EARL
(visited 15 Jan 45)

(i) It is considered that this bakery would be improved if regularly whitewashed, particularly in view of the fact that it is accommodated in an old building.

(ii) The standard of the bread and biscuits produced appear good.

2 Bulk Food Depot - EARL
(visited 15 Jan 45.)

(i) In this depot various repairs to warehouse, roofs, etc., are still outstanding. The condition of the depot yard to the west of the main road is little short of a quagmire.

(ii) It is suggested that both rat and fire precautions might be intensified.

(iii) The living and sleeping accommodation in this depot is poor and the cookhouse was not clean.

(iv) The latrine accommodation is very poor and required repairs.

(v) The cleanliness of one store in particular could be well be improved. The condition of the yard already referred to makes it very difficult to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

(vi) In this depot also the majority of the points referred to above would be obviated provided more satisfactory accommodation can be obtained at the Villa Stoppello.

53 Distribution Depot - BURNHILL
(visited 14 Jan 45)

(i) Anti-rat precautions might be intensified.

(ii) Latrines in bad condition. No running water available for flushing.

(iii) The general standard of this installation is considered to be satisfactory. It appears efficient and well conducted.

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(vi) In this depot also the majority of the points referred to above would be obviated provided more satisfactory accommodation can be obtained at the Villa Stoppello.

53 Distribution Depot - PRINCISI.
(visited 14 Jan 46)

- (i) Anti-rat precautions might be intensified.
- (ii) Latrines in bad condition. No running water available for flushing.
- (iii) The general standard of this installation is considered satisfactory. It appears efficient and well conducted.

54 Distribution Depot - TARANTO.
(visited 14 Jan 46)

- (i) There was a quantity of P/B/L held in this depot and received ex BARI which was badly infested by insects, steps however had been taken to store it separately from other commodities likely to be infested.
- (ii) The general standard of this depot was considered good. It was evident that much thought has been given to the welfare of personnel by the standard of their accommodation and a hot water installation in the depot providing hot showers or baths once per week. The depot garden is also cultivated by the staff of the depot.
- (iii) It was understood that recommendation had been forwarded to the Ministry of War through Commissariat HQ for the promotion of the O.C. Lt. MICHEL to the rank of Capt. This promotion has apparently not yet been confirmed.
- (iv) No domestic motor transport is allocated to this depot and difficulty is experienced by the O.C. in arranging collection of fresh supplies for his personnel.

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55 Distribution Depot - FUGELA.
(visited 16 Jan 65)

- (i) It is considered that the premises occupied by this depot are unsuitable owing to their age, condition and the general arrangement of the accommodation.
- (ii) The position is not improved by the fact that civilians are housed in rooms within the depot.
- (iii) It is strongly recommended that in view of the fact that the Allies will presumably be releasing accommodation in FUGELA, active steps be taken with a view to securing an alternative site.
- (iv) If this is done there would appear to be no reason why the C.C. Depot should not produce results comparable with other depots.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ROME

File : ST/203

Date : 31 Jan 46

SUBJECT : Italian Supply Depots.

TO : Engineers.

1. On a recent inspection of Italian Supply Depots in Southern Italy it was noted that considerable engineer work was outstanding.

2. The following are an indication of the nature of these works.

Italian Military Bakery - BARI. Whitewashing.

Food Distribution Depot - BRINDISI. Latrines required repairs.

Food Distribution Depot - NAPLES. Repairs to a number of windows and whitewashing of a number of stores including cockhouse in particular.

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MFTD/ENOC

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

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Repairs to a number of windows and whitewashing of a number of stores including cookhouse in particular.

Some roof repairs - also whitewashing of stores.

SUBJECT:- Progress Report No. 1.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel.: 478207
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2 B.L.U.

28 Jan 46.

1. It is observed that in para III of the above report and under the heading of 'Discipline' reference is made to the unfavourable difference that is being noted by Italian personnel both in the quantity and quality of food issued since the War Ministry assumed responsibility for maintenance.
2. You will be aware that in actual fact a large portion of the former Allied provided element of the ration is still being supplied from Allied sources although the War Ministry is responsible for repayment in currency or kind.
3. In the circumstances would you please advise this branch of any specific instances that have occurred so that what would appear to be an unwarranted complaint can be examined.

WFO/gas

14/1/46
Lt. Col. RAGG.
ASST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.) 235

INTERNAL:- Q (Accounts)

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Comments on visits to Italian Supply Installation in 2 Territorial
 Command visited by Major Hart-Dyke RAC HQ WFA and East Surrey Regt 10 BCU

Commissariat HQ Bari
 (visited 12 and 15 Jan/45)

- (1) It was confirmed that considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining rail cars for transfer of supplies from South to North on War Ministry instructions. It was suggested that the Ministry of War should take immediate action with a view to instructions being issued to the State Railway authority in Bari that the Italian Armed Forces demands for rail cars must be met without delay.
- (11) It was suggested that rail cars to be used for direct transfer of supplies from Allied Depots should be loaded at the British Base Supply Depot concerned and thus avoid unnecessary handling.
- (111) The transfer of supplies from British Depots appear to be proceeding smoothly with the exception of the rail car difficulties already referred to.
- (1V) It was learned that this Commissariat HQ is experiencing extreme difficulty in obtaining supplies of straw in Foggia area. The difficulty is mainly due to the excessive prices required by contractors.
- (V) It was also learned that a scheme is under consideration for the transfer of both existing Bulk and Distribution Depots in Bari to a new area on the Brindisi road known as Villa Stoppelli. While the site was not inspected it is considered that there would be much to be gained by this proposal assuming that the area and accommodation is satisfactory.

2 Distribution Depot Bari
 (visited 12 Jan 45)

- (1) Requires to certain buildings and to surface of courtyard have not been completed.
- (11) It is suggested that consideration should be given as to whether existing depot guards are adequate in view of recent theft. There seems little doubt that the existing guard is very alert and was instrumental in preventing anything other than a minor theft.

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- (111) It is suggested that both fire and rat precautions might be intensified.
- (1V) The Depot Commander pointed out that lack of motor transport for himself and his second i/c did not assist in the efficient working of the depot.
- (V) Having accommodation for depot personnel is very poor and one room used as sleeping quarters is little better than a detention cell although it was clean and well cared for.
- (VI) There is no cookhouse in the depot all food has to be carried by hand from the bakery a distance of approx 1 kilometer. It is thought this should be remedied.
- (VI1) The latrine accommodation is also in poor condition.
- (VI11) The general state of the depot was considered to be satisfactory and the majority of the points referred to above would no doubt be obviated if the new accommodation proposed by the Commissariato HQ is obtained.

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No 63 Distribution Depot Salerno

- (I) Considerable engineering work has been completed both at this Distribution Depot and the Storage Depot. This demonstrated how much the standard of a depot can be improved by accommodation in a good state of repair.
- (II) The Cookhouse however is still due for attention by Engineers.
- (III) Pillar Stacking was not used but instructions to remedy this were issued by Col Landolfi who was present.
- (IV) The General Standard of this depot was considered good.

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The Depot is situated adjacent to the port area in BHI and is housed in old fashioned single storey stone buildings.

The Buildings are built as the perimeter to an irregular shaped open yard.

The ^{in fact} exterior of the Buildings are clean and some have been recently whitewashed.

The Stables are good and fully covered are maintained in order.

The main Corroday 1:100 store was clean and scales and equipment in good order.

The Guard consisting of three men on duty to be alert though inadequate. On the night 11-12 Jan thieves entered into the fence store by removing stone work of exterior perimeter wall the guard detected them and were instrumental in proving up everything but a minor theft. The arms were used.

The Italian Engineer Services seem very slow in action. Necessary repairs to buildings and roadways. Despite requests initiated by Depot Com order.

The sleeping and dining quarters are a neglected mess and in fact are little better than detention cells one small room in which men sleep has no daylight and inadequate ventilation. Besides this, the rooms and their contents were clean and well cared for and were not all smelling as might have been expected.

The Commissary or canteen in the Depot are inadequate and food has to be carried 10 miles by hand in containers which is obviously unsatisfactory.

Latrines require attention by Engineer Services.

The C.O. Capt. M. G. G. appears to command the respect of his men whose turn out is very fair.

The Depot Com order's task would be made easier if outstanding engineering works were completed. This would increase the efficiency of the Depot and in particular and improve the standard of the Depot which is however satisfactory with the exception of the points referred to.

The Depot also houses a civilian contractor staff who are engaged in the repair of wire barrels of which there are a considerable number stored in the Depot.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>Major Hart-Dyke - Capt Murray.</u>
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	<u>15 Jan 46.</u>
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	<u>2 Italian Military Bakery & Flour Depot - 3AA1</u>
(d) <u>Name of O.O. (other Officers)</u>	<u>1. Via CRISPI</u> <u>Lt. Col. Giamulo</u> <u>Lt. Bocuni</u>
(e) <u>Stock Position (No. of days) (check marks)</u>	<u>Separate Stocks of Flour held in Flour Depot</u> <u>in Piazza Carlucci for use in Bakery.</u>
(f) <u>Physical surroundings of Flour Depot</u> (1) <u>Accommodation, Cover etc.</u> (11) <u>Stacking, Height, etc.</u> (111) <u>Drainage</u>	<u>Good</u> <u>Satisfactory</u> <u>Satisfactory</u>
(g) <u>Labour</u> <u>Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	<u>40 Civilians including Bakers</u>
(h) <u>Depot Transport</u>	<u>Civilian Contractor provides Horse Transport</u> <u>as required</u>
(i) <u>Feeding Strengths</u> (1) <u>(Army, Navy, Air)</u> (88-88-ITI-ITI)	<u>5,000 - 6,000</u> <u>500 88-ITI</u>
(11) <u>Total number of units</u>	<u>70</u>

This Bakery is situated in Via Crispi near the Piazza Carlucci in the centre of Bari.

The premises are extremely old fashioned and would be improved if regularly whitewashed.

There are two old pattern ovens operated on the Alcehot system that first have to be heated with solid fuel. The fire is then drawn and the Dough is inserted for baking.

There is a third modern Iron Plate oven used entirely for baking Army biscuits.

The quality of the bread produced in the bakery appears good.

- (1) Feeding Strengths
 (1) (Army, Navy, Air)
 (NR, US, IRI, ITI)
 (1) Total number of units

2,800 - 6,000 600 BR-ITI

70

This Bakery is situated in Via Crispi near the Piazza Garibaldi in the centre of Bari.

The premises are extremely old fashioned and would be improved if regularly whitewashed.

There are two old pattern ovens mounted on the Aldershot system that first have to be heated with solid fuel. The fire is then drawn and the Doughs inserted for baking.

There is a third modern Raw Plate oven used entirely for baking Army biscuits.

The quality of the bread produced in the bakery appears good.

There is one mechanical dough mixer employed in the bakery.

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In order.

} None held in this report

4. Other various and from 20/40 labourers for
Civilian Armed Guard. 1 by day 3 by night.

Might be increased.

A few improvised traps in evidence.

Boat requires repairs and the report given was
little short of a gagging.

Civilian Nurses and Motor Transport.

39,000

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} Both systems undisturbed and functioning
satisfactorily.

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NOT

NOT and not alone.

NOT and require attention of Engineers

It is considered it could be well improved.

NOT OVER.

The lot is situated to the north of the station in front and approached by a narrow road.

The depot is in two portions one on each side of the road.

The yard to the west was found in a very bad state of repair and waterlogged. This naturally makes the cleanliness of a depot of this nature an almost impossible task.

Unfortunately the C.O. Depot and 2 1/2 were closed from the depot on compensation leave and the latter on duty when the depot was inspected.

In the existing Bulk Depot portions of the warehouse roofs require attention as they are not waterproof. The stabling in the stores was on the whole satisfactory but the areas round the stacks in some cases in verminous state and the floors of the warehouses in general were materially not improved by mud etc. brought in by laborers from the yard already referred to.

The new living accommodation is not good and the standard of the kitchen and latrines could be considerably improved.

There is a civilian on the clerical staff who speaks good English and is quite very intelligent.

It was subsequently learned from Old HALL at the headquarters that a proposal was a foot to close this depot and reopen it in an area on the British Road in the outskirts of Port known as Villa SPO. This new depot was intended to include both the existing Bulk and Distribution Depots. Provided the proposed new accommodation which was not inspected is satisfactory it is considered that the scheme is a good one.

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our experience is winning satisfactorily.
Satisfactory and so we desire

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Approx 2500 children served in the region.

Approx 2000 quincals stored in Via Negligiand.

5 civilian clerks, 10-20 labourers supplied as required.

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1 Day and 2 Cuts. Data and notes in evidence.



Children born of Jewish parents are not Jewish.

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Pericarpium minutum (Pohl)

History of the Department

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Enterprises in bad condition no longer were available for financing;

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Very cordially,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Pericarpium minutum (Pohl)

History of the Department

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Enterprises in bad condition no longer were available for financing;



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This Distribution Depot is situated near the Center of the town of Belvidere.

The Depot is compact and the stores are situated around a rectangular court yard. The buildings are old which accounts for the fact that the accommodation for personnel is only classified fair.

The stores were all clean with the exception of the floor of one store.

Pipe joints were well maintained.

The Depot as a whole efficient and well equipped.

A portion of the Depot is equipped as a Personnel Store.

It is considered that the Engineer Services should take some action to remedy the exceedingly bad condition of the latrines.

The Generally satisfactory state of this Depot reflects credit on the O.C. and Depot personnel.

W.H.

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Major Part-Dyno - Dayt Army

14 Jan 46.

No 51 Distribution Depot Toronto Via Orlandi

Lt. Wood 1/0
H. Nelson 2 1/0

23 days 1,000 ration (alt unbalanced surplus)

Good

Satisfactory
Satisfactory

Reviewed locally under unit arrangements.

One local civilian contractor Santoena
Via Orlandi Toronto

all maintained and up to date

(1) Tinned goods (2) Sacked goods (3) Oil/salt etc

800 quintals in Depot garden

10 quintals Carbonella stored in Depot

nil

5 civilian clerks - no laborers employed. At
present Depot. Staff to guard Outlets. Authority
provided for employment of 5 civilian guards being

the local civilian community
Via Cavour, Taranto
well maintained and up to date

(4) Stacked goods (2) Seized goods (3) Salvage etc

100 quintals in depot garden
10 quintals cardboard stored in depot

nil

5 civilian clerks - no laborers employed. At present depot staff do guard duties. Authority received for employment of 3 civilian guards being implemented.

Adequate.

Traps in order (on inspection one found to contain rat)

Roadway outside depot stores delivered ⁽²⁰⁰⁾ ~~to~~ should now be completed shortly - other minor works in progress.

Civilian horse transport. But no motor available for 0 4/0 or domestic use.

750 REI-IMI 256 RE-IMI (Italian portion of ration)
6 Army 24 GHR 4 RE-IMI

Bath systems maintained

up to date and satisfactory

Satisfactory

Satisfactory

Recreation room and facilities in Taranto

Satisfactory

Satisfactory

Satisfactory and apparently keen and well disciplined

This Distribution Depot is situated in the section of the town to the west of the main bridge.

The buildings occupied were formerly an infirmary.

The food stores and offices lead off a long passage and are such as one would expect to find in a building designed as an infirmary.

The stores were clean and the stacks in good order excepting one consignment of P.B.L. received on Bari which was badly infested with insects. This however was stored away from other commodities likely to be infested.

There is a main doorway to the Depot. This leads into the parking area the surface of which is to be repaired by the Engineer Services.

The three issue points are in rooms adjacent to the main doorway.

Depot personnel are housed in a concrete building situated in the Depot Division which is cultivated by the men.

The living quarters are well cared for and a hot-water installation provides showers or baths one per week.

The Discipline and morale of the unit appeared high and this together with the satisfactory state of the Depot as a whole reflects credit on the G.I. and his 2 I/O.

It is understood that recommendation for promotion of Lt. MURPHY to the rank of Captain has been forwarded through Italian channels to the War Ministry.

The Inspecting Officer undertook to inquire into the reason for the delay in agreeing to this promotion.

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Major W. W. W. - Capt. W. W.

16 Jan 46.

55 Master-Daniel Depot - W. W.

16. Cartolina

14. Galvella.

30 days x 1800 (ex. 1800)

Very poor (see note)
standing could be improved.

Damage in use.

Purchased under unit arrangements.

1 Civilian Bakery - L. L. L. - Bakery.

In order.

One.

No stocks held.

One on clerical duties - No labourers.

3 Armed Guards - 1000 Personnel.

1 Civilian Helicopter - Mission - Satisfactory.

In order.

One.

No stocks held.

One on chemical duties - No laborer.

3 Armed Guards Report Manned.

Good and better.

Troops used.

One general remains overland. 6227

Civilian Motor Transport as required.

216 miles 604 m.m. 574 m 300 m.m.
19 units

} Both maintained - Satisfactory.

None

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None

Four

Not good.

Don over.

This Depot is situated on the west side of the town of Foglia.

It is housed in a very old and decayed building which appears to have been part of a monastery.

It consists of a number of small rooms round a small old rectangular courtyard. Part of the buildings are occupied by civilians which is considered satisfactory.

It is strongly recommended that in view of the allies releasing a number of prisoners in Foglia that in order steps be taken to make sure and more suitable accommodation.

The present premises are so poor that it is considered difficult for the unit concerned to maintain the Depot at a reasonable standard.

The living accommodation of the unit personnel being in the same building is equally bad and the conclusion was considered to be by far the worst inspected in Southern Italy.

The presence of civilians in the Depot was considered to be most undesirable.

For the reasons already stated it is considered that active steps should be taken to secure better and more suitable accommodation. It is then thought that there is no reason why the O.C. should not be able to provide suitable quarters with other Depots in the area.

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SOBERIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major Herb-Dyke - Capt. Murray

(b) Date of Inspection 17 Jan 66

(c) Name of Depot 10 Distribution Depot Napier

(d) Name of O.C.
(Other Officers) Major De Maio
Lt. Bismach

(e) Stock Position (No. of cases)
(checks made) Approx 15 days x 15,000 rationals

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, cover etc. Satisfactory
(11) Stacking, height, etc. Good
(111) Damage None

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Under unit arrangements from one civilian contractor. Bread supplied by No 10 Military Bakery.
(11) Bread Number of bakers on contract. Well maintained and up to date

(h) Tally Cards One

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) One held in depot

(j) Fuels
(1) Food storage One
(11) Coal One
(111) Lignite One

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 2 civilian clerks and 24 labourers

(l) Stores Supplied from 10 supply Coy plus 2 civilians armed guards - issued with written orders

(m) Fire precautions Fire precautions evident

(n) Anti rat precautions Suggestion that more active precautions should be taken.

(o) Other Works outstanding Nothing pending to windows etc.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuel

- (1) Wood storage
- (11) Coal "
- (111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) PE Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths

- (1) Army, Navy, Air
- (55- US, IML-ITL)

(11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy. Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accommodation. Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreation "
Cockhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspection officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement.

ONE

(none held in depot)

2 civilian vehicles and 24 labourers

Supplied from 10 supply box plus 4 civilian
armed guards - issued with written orders
Fire precautions evident

Suggested that more active precautions should
be taken.

Antismoking repairs to windows etc.

Civilian horse transport as required

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9,300 TMT - 100 1400 TMT-1600 TMT

Free 70 - 80 (Italian items only)

Both systems employed and operating satisfactorily

Good - no glass in windows

Satisfactory

Accommodation exists

Satisfactory though required withstanding
Satisfactory. Unimpaired in evidence

Satisfactory

This Distribution Depot is situated near the dock area in Naples and together with the Military Bakery is housed in old fashioned buildings which however provides reasonable accommodation for the installations.

The stores are clean and well cared for although the standard of the Depot would be greatly improved if certain outstanding Engineering works and whitewashing already referred to were completed.

The issue store had a number of metal bins adjacent to the issue counter to facilitate issue of commodities such as pasta P.B.M. etc.

The Military personnel of the unit and bakery are housed with personnel of 10 Supply Coy on the first floor of the Depot.

A considerable amount of imagination and thought has been given by O.J. 10 Supply Coy in the organization of accommodation etc.

A unit Tailor and shoe maker are employed in the unit and this is believed to be the first experiment of this kind in the Italian Army. The turn out of the men is favourably reflected in the project. The standard of discipline is also good.

Due to War damage there is practically no glass in the buildings.

Col. Landolfi kindly arranged the services of a very efficient member of his civilian staff to act as interpreter.

It was understood that application has been made to the Ministry of War ^{to} review the scale of gratings issued to Military personnel acting as train guards. The travelling scale being considered inadequate in view of the fact that the men receive a better and larger ration when in barracks and not employed on such arduous duties.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>Major Hart-Dyke and Capt Murray</u>
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	<u>17 Jan 46.</u>
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	<u>10 Military Bakery Naples</u>
(d) <u>Name of O.C.</u> (other officers)	<u>Lt. Col. Traiola</u> <u>Lt. Frazzini</u>
(e) <u>Stock Position (No of days)</u> (checks made)	<u>15 days approx Flour held in Bakery stores</u>
(f) <u>Physical Warehousing of Flour Store</u> (1) Accommodation, Cover, etc. (11) Stacking, Height, etc. (111) Durrage.	<u>Satisfactory</u> <u>Durrage is not used in the Flour store. It is</u> <u>considered that it would be advisable despite</u> <u>explanation offered that the turn over is</u> <u>so speedy.</u> <u>Flour for US and BR-ITI. Bread is stored</u> <u>separately.</u> <u>12 Military supervising, 74 civilians who</u> <u>include 3 clerical workers.</u> <u>Civilian contractor provides horse transport</u> <u>as required.</u>
(g) <u>Bread Number of Bakeries on</u> <u>contract.</u>	
(h) <u>Labour</u> <u>Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	
(i) <u>Depot Transport</u>	
(j) <u>Feeding Strengths</u> (1) <u>(Army, Navy, Air)</u> (BR-, US-, ITI-ITI) (11) <u>Total number of units.</u>	<u>10,267 ITI-ITI also 415 BR-ITI and 2134 US-ITI</u> <u>the latters flour being supplied from British</u> <u>and U.S. sources respectively.</u>

This Bakery is situated in the same block of buildings as the Distribution Depot.

The buildings are old fashioned but clean bearing in mind the War damage. The buildings are old fashioned but clean bearing in mind the War damage. The buildings are old fashioned but clean bearing in mind the War damage.

(h) LabourCivilians employed (numbers)(1) Depot Transport(j) Feeding Strengths(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-, US-, ITI-ITI)

(11) Total number of units.

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This Bakery is situated in the same block of buildings as the Distribution Depot.

The buildings are old fashioned but clean bearing in mind the War damage. Application has been made for Engineers to Whitewash the premises and replace damaged windows etc.

There are 4 modern ovens and 4 electrically driven mechanical dough mixers.

Flour is stored on the first floor and a mechanical belt elevator exists to raise it from the depot courtyard, a gravity chute takes the sacks from the store down to the bakery.

The depot also has an ingenious mechanical device for brushing residue of flour from empty sacks, by this method approx 4 to 5 kilos of flour are recovered from 100 empty sacks.

The bakery appears well organised and the labor employed is keen.

All bakers are medically inspected once a fortnight.

It is considered that the completion of the Engineering Works already referred to would be advantageous and improve an already efficient installation.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Major Harold Dyke - Capt Murray
(b) Date of Inspection	19 Jan 46
(c) Name of Depot	NO 10 Bulk Depot Naples
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Major Monard Lt. Santopoli - Lt. Silvestri - Lt. de la Villo Lt. De Leo Lt. De Paolo
(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	Approx 30 days x 70,000 Unbalanced to extent of only 7 days flour and no cheese
(f) Physical Warehousing (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. (11) Stacking, height, etc. (111) Dunnage	Satisfactory - some engineering work required Fair 1st only in absence of standard Italian pattern
(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.	
(h) Tally Cards	In order
(i) Distil issue points in Depot (number)	
(j) Fuels (1) Food storage (11) Coal " (111) Lignite "	None held in main Bulk Depot
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	40 clerks and 40 labourers
(l) Guards	Civilian guards (or cons)
(m) Fire precautions	Fair
(n) Anti rat precautions	Subject shd be intensified
(o) All works outstanding	General whitewashing and some roof repairs

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RT Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding arrangements
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(UK, US, ITL-ITF)
(11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreation "
Cockhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

In order

None held in main Bulk Depot

10 clerks and 40 Labourers

Civilian guards (see C.M.R.)

Food

Suggest should be intensified

General whitewashing and some roof repairs

Stores and motor civilian transport. Sometimes difficult to obtain. Depot officers have extreme difficulty in visiting depots etc due to lack of transport.

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Both systems operating satisfactory

No military personnel
accompanied in this depot

very fair

The depot inspected is the main Bulk Installation. It is accommodated in premises formerly used as a Turatto Paste factory.

There is a large covered area in the Depot with 3 or 4 independent stores leading off this main storage area.

The premises as a whole would be improved by certain minor Engineer works such as whitewashing and sundry repairs to roofs etc.

The depot at the moment is employed mainly as a transit shed and this was given as the excuse for the fact that pillar stacking was not employed throughout. The stacks were however reasonably neat and well organised. However it is thought that some improvement can be made in the general physical warehousing arrangements.

It was considered that both rat and fire precautions should be intensified.

Considerable difficulty is reported as being experienced by the depot officers in visiting our depots and Commissariato Directorate owing to lack of Domestic Transport.

This is a common complaint throughout Southern Italy.

M.M. C. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Major HERT DYER & Capt. HURRAY accompanied by
Col Landolfi,
18 Jan 46.

No 63 Distribution Depot - SALERNO.

Lt. Col FARMANNA - Lt. CRASSIA.

20 days & 2,200 corrux
Required - Correct.

Good and recently whitewashed and repaired
Good but pillar stacking not used but advocated.
Good. Improved steel supports raising stacks
2 feet from ground wire & less imposable by
rats or mice.

Purchased locally under unit arrangements.

One civilian labor. AMERY - Wood issue in
Distribution Depot, quality good.
in order.

ONE

Stored in Forage Depot 3,200 oia.

1 Civilian Clerk (Female)

1 100 and 3 men provided by local unit.

Satisfactory.

No traps in evidence but see remarks para (11)

Work still in progress which shows how the

standard of a depot can be improved by accor-
ding to a good state of repair.

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer

(b) Date of Inspection

(c) Name of Depot

(d) Name of O.C.
(Other Officers)

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made)

(f) Physical Warehousing

(1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
(11) Stacking, height, etc.
(111) Durrage

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of
procurement

(11) Bread Number of bakeries
on contract.

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Distil issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels

(1) Wood storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Supplies

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE works outstanding

(i) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Tunnels

(1) Food storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths

(1) Army, Navy, Air
(UK, US, IML-ITL)

(11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreation "
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspection officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for
improvement: See over.

One

Stored in Forage Depot 3,200 qts.

1 Civilian Clerk (Female)

4 HCC and 3 men provided by local unit.

Satisfactory.

No traps in evidence but see remarks para (111)

Works still in progress which show how the
standard of a depot can be improved by accommo-
dation in a good state of repair.

Civil horses transport as required.

No domestic M.C. available for depot use.

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) Both satisfactorily maintained.

Satisfactory.

Small necessitating feeding in delays.

To be improved by progress

Satisfactory

Fair.

This Depot is situated in the main street of Salinas and surrounded in what was formerly a noroway, the standard of accommodation however is good.

As in the majority of these Depots there is a central store paved courtyard from which access is obtained to the various stores and living accommodation.

All the buildings were well built and had been much improved by recent engineering work carried out. The kitchen while clean was due for whitewashing which was much needed.

The whole Depot appeared well organized and efficiently run.

The standard of the G.P.'s mess might be expected.

The Garage and wood shed were also visited this is about 4 miles from the Distribution Depot and adjacent to the harbour.

Here again considerable work has been completed by the engineers which have much improved the Depot.

11/11/52

Notes on conferences attended by Major Hart-Lyke and Capt Murray.

Commissariat HQ Naples.

This HQ was visited on 17 and 19 Jan. Col. Landolfi had no particular difficulties to discuss. The deliveries from Allied Sources for Army, Navy, and Air Force appear to be coming through satisfactorily in Naples ex Allied Depots in that area.

The suggestion was offered that Col. Landolfi should consider the advisability of closing either or both of the Distribution Depots at Cosenza and Reggio with a view to concentrating Distribution on Catanzaro. This suggestion was made in view of the very small feeding strengths of the two depots concerned. It was stated that the matter would be examined.

The question of non-supply of pepper against Navy and Air Force releases was raised and enquires made show that this commodity has not been released by CHQ through 14 CRASC owing to extreme shortage of supplies. Col. Landolfi was informed accordingly.

Col. Landolfi accompanied NMIA Officers to visit Salerno depots on 18 Jan and also gave every assistance for inspection of depots in Naples including the services of an excellent interpreter who is a member of his civilian staff.

14 CRASC Supply Units Naples.

Lt. Col. Davidson was visited and stated that so far as his units were concerned the transfer of supplies to the Italian Armed Forces was proceeding satisfactorily. There were no comments to raise on the Italian organisation for accepting these supplies.

Special arrangements have been made for the release of a pack to meet the requirements of the Italian Air Force for separate shipment to Sardinia.

SUBJECT :- Italian Supply Depots and Installations.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 478207
ST/203

^ Jan 46

9 BLU.

Attached for information and retention are :-

- (a) 1 Copy of Inspection Reports of Depots within 9 Territorial Command visited by Maj HART DYKE and Capt MURRAY during period 12 - 19 January 46.
- (b) 1 Copy of Notes on Conferences held at Bari with local GRASO and Commissariato.
- (c) 1 Copy of Report submitted to the Ministry of War. A further copy is attached and it is suggested that you hand this to Col Cechipinti for information.

Copies of all these documents have been forwarded to 10 BLU for ST officer.

MPHD/ag

W. H. H. H.
Lt. Col. RASO.,
ADSE., Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

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SUBJECT : Italian Supply Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 178207
BT/208

25 Jan 46

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. You will be aware that an officer of this HQ - Major M. RAMP DYKE RASC - has recently visited certain Italian Supply Depots and Installations in Southern Italy. The intention of these visits was to see whether any assistance could be given in order to ensure the smooth hand over of supplies from Allied to Italian Depots and also to offer opinions and advice on the present state of the Depots and Installations visited.
2. Attached are comments on Depots under the Bari and Naples Territorial Commands respectively with the exceptions noted the general state of the Depots visited was considered satisfactory.

MHD/ag

ALHm
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT :- Italian Supply Depots and Installations.

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Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 478207
SE/203

Jan 46

10 BUJ. (for Capt MURRAY RASC.)

Attached for information and retention are :-

- (a) 1 Copy of Inspection Reports of all Depots visited by Major HART DICE and Capt MURRAY during period 12 - 17 Jan 46.
- (b) 1 Copy of notes on conferences held at Bari and Naples with local GRASC and Commissariato.
- (c) 1 Copy of Report submitted to the Ministry of War. A further copy is attached of Report in respect to Naples Commissariato depots and it is suggested that you hand this to Col Landolfi for information.

Copies of relevant Reports etc have been forwarded to 9 BUJ.

MFHD/ag

Alb. H. H. H.
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST., Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.) 249

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SUBJECT :- Liaison - North Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.G.
(M.M.I.A.).
RE/203

19 Dec 45

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1. The Ministry of War has appointed Major ARSIZO CE (Italian Army) as Liaison and coordinating officer for Supply Services for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Territorial Commands.
2. All local problems which cannot be dealt with by the various commissions, should be referred to Major CE and only in the event of this officer be unable to deal should the matter be referred to this HQ.
3. Major CE can be located at Milan Territorial Command.

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Lt. Col. RASO,
ADST., Land Forces Sub Comm A.G. (M.M.I.A.)

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

6476/IC/Ris

TO : Major Angelo GE - Mil Terr Comd MILAN

17 Dec 45

INFO : MMIA (ST/208 of 20 Oct 45 refers)
Mil Terr Comd BOLZANO, UDINE, MILAN.
Commissariat Directorates MILAN, BOLZANO, UDINE.

SUBJECT:- Liaison and coordination of subsistence services
in North Italy.

Further to letter 5893/IC/Ris of 6 Nov 45 addressed to MILAN Commissariat Directorate, it is confirmed that you are appointed also for liaison and coordination of subsistence services in North East Italy besides that for North West Italy, on the basis of instructions laid down in letter 4717/IC/Ris dated 16 Aug 45, to all above addressees.

As regards the vehicle and POL needed for necessary displacements attached for you and MILAN Mil Terr Comd are copies of unde mentioned letters of S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi - Sez Auto:

6/11343/Serv dated 4 Dec 45

signal 6/11120/Serv dated 17 Nov 45.

Sgd.

Gen. Pelligra
for the Minister

S & T. MMIA.

Recd DEC 18 1945

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6217

SUBJECT:- Report on 77 Distribution Depot - FOMLI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/203

Ministry of War.

17 Dec 45.

Copy to:- 3 HAU
6 BW

Herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary points noted by Major COTTON during his visit to 77 Distribution Depot FOMLI on the 15 December 1945.

1. O.C. Capt. LAURENCE. Strength 5 officers, 9 Other Ranks, 20 civilians. Feeding strength. ITI-ITI 1512, BR-ITI 849, total number of units served 22.
2. Depot is entirely undercover - stocking was not good - very little damage being used - Olive Oil was stored next to the flour - considerable room for improvement in the cleanliness of the depot - numerous empty wine barrels lying around the depot - issues are made from two points.
3. Tally cards in use and appear to be up to date - accounting system satisfactory.
4. Fire and anti-vermin precautions - NIL.
5. Sleeping and cookhouse accommodation - fair; latrines - filthy; no recreational facilities.
6. Turnout of depot personnel was good but that of the guard provided by 522 Guard Battalion was bad.

This depot could not be called satisfactory and the inspecting officer gave ~~advice~~ as how the depot could be improved.
advice.

AG/gmo

Lt.Col. RAO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).

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SUBJECT :- Report on visit of ADST MMIA to MESTRE and BOLZANO.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobiliamo.

30 Nov 45

Herewith for information report on visit by ADST MMIA to
Transport Units in the MESTRE and BOLZANO areas on 14 Nov 45.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA) Lt .Col ;

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REPORT ON VISIT BY ADST BRIA TO DESTINE AND BOLAND 13 AND 14 NOV 45
(TRANSPORT UNITS)

14 November

No. 4 Ada Terr Coy. OC Capt BATTAGLIOTTI.
War Entab 60 L/Cs, 14 P/Vs and 10 M/Cs.
Strength 52 L/Cs, 14 P/Vs and 10 M/Cs.
Inefficient Vchs 24 L/Cs, 4 P/V and 5 M/Cs.
All M42s have been commenced.
All M46s have been commenced.

Task system, this is in force but not in the manner laid down because these tasks are carried out by drivers, only when under supervision when their vehicles are in barns. OC Company stated that he could not trust a driver to do his task when he was out on detail and this statement appears reasonable, at least until such time as drivers have really been trained in the task system and to recognise that by carrying out the daily task properly they are helping to keep their vehicle efficient.

Frost precautions are being taken as vehicles are drained off after completion of detail for the day. The procedure for informing drivers that frost precautions are necessary has been verbal but I suggested to OC Company in view of the serious consequences of a driver failing to comply that it would be better to ensure that a typed notice was put up informing all drivers on the procedure to be observed. It was also suggested that when vehicles had been drained that a "No water" notice should be hung up on the radiator.

There is only one tyre pressure gauge in the company and OC Company has been endeavouring to obtain information concerning correct tyre pressures of all the types of vehicles which he has on charge.

No. 4 Amb Car Section.

There are 7 ambulances of this Coy detached for duty at COMB but the vehicles are not manned by drivers of No. 4 Amb Car Section, but by other drivers provided by USARV Terr HQ.

USARV/afg

W. H. Kilmer
Lt Col, USMC.,
ADST, Land Force Sub Commission. (ADST) 62-1

SUBJECT :- Report on visit of ADST MMIA to MESTRE and BOLZANO.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/208

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Nov 45

Herewith for information report on visit by ADST MMIA to Supply
Units in the MESTRE and BOLZANO areas on 13 and 14 Nov 45.

HFO/ag

Lt. Col.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

6213

REPORT ON VISIT BY ADST MILIA TO MESTRE AND BOLZANO 13 AND 14 NOV 45

(SUMMARY REPORT)

13 NovemberNo. 73 Distribution Depot. Lt. JERVO. (Feeding strength 10,500 approx).

This is a small depot within 150 yards of No. 3 Bulk Food Depot and therefore there is no need for the Distribution Depot to hold the reserve stock of 15 days as well as the maintenance stock.

The Depot is clean and stacking is tidy, all stacks have tally cards affixed and kept up to date.

Issues are made to one unit at a time, there being 3 collection points for main items on the ration scale.

Wine is stored in a small lock up shed alongside the main storage building. Fire wood is neatly stacked in the centre of the yard.

The Allied and Italian system of accounting was being kept.

This is a satisfactory Depot and the OC appears to be a keen and intelligent officer.

No. 5 Bulk Food Depot. OC Capt BR000.

The Depot comprises three very large buildings, formerly used by an aluminium company. Stocks held on day of inspection were approximately 30 days for 45,000 men.

The Depot is the best of all Italian Food Depots which I have yet seen. Stacking is good, obviously considerable forethought is given to this as each stack is numbered and has its tally card affixed and kept up to date. The following points were all satisfactory, damage, fire precautions, anti vermin precautions (4 cats kept), guards, labour and accountancy.

The very satisfactory condition of the Depot is due to the initiative and drive of the OC.

14 NovemberNo. 4 Distribution Depot.

Feeding strength approx 19,000 (included two Combat Divs). There was nothing outstandingly bad at this Depot but I gained an impression that things were allowed to drift. There was a very large number of empty wine barrels which should have been rolled back some time ago and although railway tracks were made available for the purpose, nothing had been done about it.

There is a large stack of flour in one room, divided into 2 stacks but even so it would take some time to make an accurate check, all the flour bags near the door appear to look new whilst those at the end farthest away from the door had an older look. The OC assured me that stocks were turned over in correct manner, i.e., oldest stocks being issued first.

The store room upstairs was in an untidy condition.

Kitchen and canteen of men was clean and tidy and the Lieutenant in charge seemed a capable and keen officer.

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Part of the barracks was in a filthy state. I was informed that cleanliness of the barracks was the responsibility of the officer in charge of the barracks.

There is room for improvement in this Depot.

The Commissariate Colonel was under the impression that PRIULI Div was to remain AR-IFI, I informed him that all Combat Divisions were to become IFI-IFI waf 15 Nov for ration purposes.

WDM/rfo

W. H. H. H.
Lt Col, RASC.,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission (RMLA).

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SUBJECT:- Inspection of Food Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/208

Ministry of War.

Nov 45.

1. Attached report on visit by ADST to No. 76 Distribution Depot ANCONA on 5 Nov 45.
2. This depot appears to be very satisfactory and O.C. should be commended.
3. Will you please assist in expediting work required under para 21 of report.

Capt Hart Dyke info H.K.D. J/Nov.

WHDW/gmc

[Signature]
Lt. Col. BASG.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.)

VISIT BY ADST NIA - 5 NOV 1945 TO NO.76
DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, PLAZA D'AMBI, NIROMA

1. C.O. Capt. A. MORG.
2. Office Accommodation. In two villas outside the Depot compound.
3. Living Accommodation. Officers Mess and GEs Mess in villa outside Depot.
4. Sleeping accommodation. For officers in upstairs of villa in which Mess is situated and men in rooms above offices in the two other villas.
5. Cookhouse. Clean and drip feed system is used but will probably have to be discontinued owing to fuel not being available.
6. Depot feeding strength.

	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>NAVY</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>Total</u>
III-III	3484	769	155	4408
RR-III	1217	-	95	1312
	4701	769	250	5720
7. Storage space. Warehouse with concrete floors (two floors).
Damage. In use.
8. Issuing Point. Seven distribution points and all units can be dealt with in 1 1/2 days, i.e. 8 hrs on first day and 4 hrs on second day.
9. Stacking. Neat and surrounding area tidy.
10. Tally cards. In use and up to date.
11. Stocks. 15 days reserve and 15 days maintenance.
12. Genl. Open shed wired round used for storage, no wood in stock.
13. Genl. None.
14. Packages. Empty barrels stored under cover and reloaded back when railway trucks made available.
15. Bread. Units collect from civilian bakeries.
16. Fresh Fruit } Units buy from retail shops, paying slightly less than
Fresh Veg } civilian prices.
17. Labour. Sufficient available.

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1. Guards. Six soldiers with ample Guard Room accommodation.
19. Transport. Only 4 vehicles attached to Depot and this is insufficient.
20. Fire Precautions. Alarms provided also sand and water containers.
21. ICI Repairs. Repairs to windows in stores roof still outstanding, O.C. Depot made request for these windows to be blocked in about one month ago.
22. Carpenters shop. A civilian is employed in making essential items for depot.
23. Accountancy. Both the Allied and Italian systems were being maintained. The former system is preferred by O.C. and his officers.
24. General.

This appears to be a well organized depot and I gained the impression that the energy of Captain MRO was reflected in his officers and men and in the satisfactory condition of the depot.

O.C. 76 Distribution Depot is responsible for taking over supplies from the British BDOs ANCONA for onward railing to GENOA. There have been many discrepancy reports from GENOA and arrangements have been made with 15 CRASS Supply Units (who controls ANCONA BDOs) to accommodate some Italian personnel at the BDO so that there will always be Italian checkers available when British load rail wagons for onward railing if such procedure becomes necessary in the future.

Col.
A.D.S.T.

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VISIT BY ADST MILA - 5 NOV 1945 TO NO.76
DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, PIAZZA D'ARMI, ANCONA

1. O.C. Capt. A. MORO.
2. Office Accommodation. In two villas outside the Depot compound.
3. Living accommodation. Officers Mess and OMs Mess in villa outside Depot.
4. Sleeping accommodation. For officers in upstairs of villa in which Mess is situated and men in rooms above offices in the two other villas.
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8. Issuing Point. Seven distribution points and all units can be dealt with in 1 1/2 days, i.e. 8 hrs on first day and 4 hrs on second day.
9. Stacking. Neat and surrounding area tidy.
10. Tally cards. In use and up to date.
11. Stocks. 15 days reserve and 15 days maintenance.
12. Wood. Open sided shed wired round used for storage, no wood in stock.
13. Coal. None.
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MM
Lt. Col.
A.D.S.F.

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SUBJECT: Observations - Italian Army
Food Depots - Northeast Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/208

Ministry of War.

20 Oct 1945

Copy to: MMIA LO (ST) - NE ITALY c/o 86 Area
" " - NW ITALY c/o 60 Sub Area (for information)
MMIA LO BOLZANO c/o 217 Area
MMIA LO UDINE c/o 201 Sub Area.

1. An inspection was made of Italian Army Food Depots in Northeast Italy on 14 - 15 - 16 Oct 45 by Major K.R. NELSON, this HQ, and observations appear below:

NORTH EAST (ITALY) - SECTOR

1. BOLZANO TERRITORIAL COMMAND: DATES INSPECTED: 14 & 15 Oct 45.

A. DIRECTORATE-COMMISSARIATO: COL. CATALANO - Director
CAPT. CAMINOVO - Head 1st Section
SECTION COMMISSARIATO - VERONA: MAJ. ROSSI - Director.
Director reported that this Directorate was under-strength and needed replacements.

B. # 74 Food Distribution Depot - VERONA.

1. O.O. - LT. CAPUTI
Unaggressive, unmilitary, appeared uninterested.
2. Accommodation.
Located in Italian Army barracks (Caserma S. Marta)
Building was partly damaged. Loading and off-loading truck facilities available. Adequate space. Negotiations being made for spur rail into barracks area.

3. Plan and Condition of Depot.

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3. Plan and Condition of Depot.

Fair. Stacks were not made properly, no ventilation in sacked commodity stacks, error in one stack card of 3000 kilos, depot untidy. No individual bins for broken tins/sacks/packages. No fire points. No effort to combat rats. Half-filled barrel of tomato paste covered with very soiled cloth, instead of a more suitable improvised cover.

4. Stock Position.
Satisfactory. Supplies received by rail ex #8 Bulk Food Depot, Mestre.
5. Accounting.
Satisfactory.
6. Bread/Pasta Making.
Civil contract.
7. General.

Depot was most unsatisfactory. Atmosphere of the depot, officers and men indicated inefficiency, laziness and lack of initiative.

Major ROSSI accompanied inspecting officer. S/Ten. PARATA, second-in-command depot, appeared to know more about functioning of depot than did the O.O. Inspecting Officer was advised that Lt. Col. SINISS/LGHE was to assume command of depot presently.

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Instructed Depot Commander that remaining units of Friuli Division (strength about 1600) should draw in 15 day periods instead of 5 day periods. Special concession was made for Friuli Division to draw for five day period when the Division was drawing in bulk.

C. Detachment, #4 Supply Company - VERONA.

1. O.C. - S/Ten. CORREI
2. Living Conditions of Personnel.
Fair. No efforts apparent for improvement of billets for men. Floor of rooms was filthy. No recreation facilities available for men. Kitchen was untidy, utensils not clean. Troops billeted in barracks.
3. General.
The officer-in-charge had made no effort to make available accommodations for men comfortable.

D. #4 Food Distribution Depot - BOLZANO.

1. O.C. - Major RUSSANO.
2. Accommodation.
Temporarily located in Caserma In Cadorna. Present premises are not adequate for stock holding for feeding strength of 20000.
3. Plan and Condition of Depot.
Fair. Stock feeds not used as intended. O.C. had one stack eared for several sacks of flour in one room. No fire points, nor anti-vermin material available.
4. Storage Position.
At time of inspection not sufficient; however, depots expected at #8 Bulk Food Depot Mestre.
5. Spread Living.
Civil contract except for Costar Divisions which use own field batteries where possible.
6. General.
O.C. Depot reported that he was the only officer

D. #4 Food Distribution Depot - POLIHO.

1. O.C. - Major BUCHANAN.
2. Accommodation.
Temporarily located in Caserna L. Odorini. Present premises are not adequate for stock holding for feeding strength of 20000.
3. Plan and Condition of Depot.
Fair. Stock Cards not used as intended. O.C. had one stock card for several stacks of flour in one room. No fire points, nor anti-vermin material available.
4. Stock Position.
At time of inspection not sufficient; however, despatches expected ex #5 Bulk Food Depot Mestre.
5. Bread Making.
Civil contract except for Combat Divisions which use own field bakeries where possible.
6. General.
O.C. Depot reported that he was the only officer available for duty. See remarks below (para 2b).

TIME/DATE INSPECTION: 1430-15 Oct 45. 6204

II.

UDINE TERRITORIAL COMMAND: TIME/DATE INSPECTION: 1430-15 Oct 45. 6204

- A. Directorate, Commissariato - COL. SANTOMARTINO, Director
Section, Commissariato, Mestre - Lt. COL. ACCIQUIONI, Head, Section.

B. #5 Bulk Food Depot, MESTRE.

1. O.C. - CAPT. MEDICO.
Very capable organizer and depot commander.
2. Accommodations.
Located in three large warehouses (formerly Swiss Aluminium Works). Adequate for requirements of Depot.
3. Plan and Condition of Depot.
Model depot for any army. Well organized.
4. Stock Position.
As any supply maintained. Supplies received ex 6 RAD.
5. General.
One of the best organized depots which the Inspecting Officer has seen in Italy.

C. #5 Food Distribution Depot - MESTRE.

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1. O.C. - S/Ten. GENNO.
2. Accommodations.
adequate for requirements.
3. Plan and Condition of Depot.
Good. Depot was clean and tidy. Stocks well kept. No individual bins for broken tins, sacks/bags. Stock cards up-to-date and correct. Two ration distribution points in building for decentralization.
4. Accounting.
Accounts up to date.
5. Stock Position.
Adequate. Small stock held due to short distance to Bulk Depot. Contract being made for procurement of firewood.
6. General.
Depot Commander appeared alert and work reflected conscientiousness.

2. GENERAL:

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SUBJECT: Observations - Italian Army Food Depots
Northwest Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. 40.
(M.I.I....).
SI/203

20 Oct 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to: MEZLA 10 (SI) M.W. ITALY c/o 60 SUB AREA
" " " " M.E. ITALY c/o 86 AREA (for information)
" " " " M.W. ITALY MILAN (for information)
" " " " TURIN (for information)

1. In inspection was made of Italian Army Food Depots in Northwest Italy on 10 - 11 - 12 Oct by Major K.R. NELSON, this HQ, and observations appear below:

NORTHWEST (ITALY) SECTOR

I. TURIN Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 1430 hrs, 10 Oct 45.

A. Directorate, Commissariato: Col. VIOLENTE - Director
Maj. CAPPUCCIO - Head, 1st Section.

B. No. 1 Food Distribution Depot, TURIN.

1. O/C - S/Ten. FOMILI.

Appeared efficient and competent. Unmilitary bearing.

2. Accommodation: Adequate space within area for requirements. Construction in progress for additional space. Negotiations being made for storage space for forage opposite depot. Space at present occupied by Supel and Tpt Co CILINOVA Div.

General appearance of Depot: Excellent. Stacks orderly and stack cards

NORTHWEST (INDIA) SECTOR

I. MURIN Territorial Command; Time/Date Inspection: 1430 hrs, 10 Oct 45.

A. Directorate, Commissariato: Col. VIOLANTE - Director
Maj. CAPPUCCIO - Head, 1st Section.

B. No. 1 Food Distribution Depot, TURBI.

1. O/C - S/Ten. BOMILI.

Appeared efficient and competent. Unmilitary bearing.

2. Accommodation: Adequate space within area for requirements. Construction in progress for additional space. Negotiations being made for storage space for forage opposite depot. Space at present occupied by Supply and Tpt Co GARIMA Div.

3. Plan of Depot: Excellent. Stacks orderly and stock cards up to date. Lack of individual covered compartments for detail issues of broken cases/sacks/tins. Exposure in open of opened tins of cheese, coffee, dried vegetables, etc to be corrected by use of improvised covered compartments.

4. Stock Position.

Adequate supplies. Large amount of surrogate being issued and despatched to other depots in Sector. Replenishment of supplies being received ex GENOA and ANCONA.

5. Accounting. Satisfactory.

6. Bread/Pasta Making. Civil contracts satisfactory.

7. Living Conditions for Personnel.

Fair. Improvements could be made to provide recreation facilities for depot personnel.

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3. General.

Depot in excellent condition, with exception of remarks listed above. Director and Head 1st Section accompanied Inspecting Officer. MR. CASTRO appears to be a very competent and alert administrator. Adequate quarters available to depot from the Territorial Guard Co.

II. General Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 0930 hrs, 11 Oct 45.

A. Directorate Commissariats: COL. GUILLINI - Director
Lt. Col. ROYER - Head 1st Section

B. No. 2 Bulk Food Depot, GENO.

1. O/C - Lt. Col. FELLIZZI

Apparent efficient. Complained lack of officer assistants.

2. Accommodations:

Adequate space in buildings occupied, using additional space of another warehouse for flour. Rail served.

3. Plan of Depot.

Good. Stacks orderly and stock grows up to date. Depot organized well for average movement of stock.

4. Stock Position.

Adequate reserve being held. Replenishment stocks being received at 1/6000 during period.

5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. Living Conditions of Personnel.

Very unsatisfactory. Crowded and insanitary quarters. Facilities available.

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3. Plan of Depot.
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4. Stock Position.
Adequate reserves being held. Replenishment stocks being received on LUGGA during period.
5. Accounting. Satisfactory.
6. Living Conditions of Personnel.
Very unsatisfactory. Crowded and insanitary quarters. Much improvement desired. No recreation facilities available.
7. General.
Depot supervision satisfactory. Subsidiary flour depot not properly safeguarded. Main 1st Section Commissariats accompanied officer to all CUNCA installations.
8. No. 2 Food Distribution Depot, CUNCA, DUCHILINO.
 1. O/C - Capt. ZANIELLO
Appearance and atmosphere of depot indicated that this officer is efficient and conscientious.
 2. Accommodations.
Adequate space. Damaged portion of buildings should be repaired thereby providing more space.
 3. Plan of Depot.
Good. Stacks in orderly condition. Distribution points decentralized and commodities issued posted.

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4. Stock Position.

Adequate. Replenishment by road transport ex Bulk Depot. Certain amount of ex-German foodstuffs awaiting instructions from Ministry of War for distribution.

5. Accounting.

Books are up to date. O.C. has improvised a consolidated commodity account for easier reference.

6. Living Conditions of Personnel.

Good. No recreation facilities appeared to be available. With engineer assistance showers could be repaired for use by men.

7. General.

10114 (SE) IO reported that this officer has worked very diligently to establish depot on firm footing. It is highly desirable that Capt. ZAMBULO be retained as O.C. Directional signs to depot seen along route.

Guard has been augmented to meet any future raids by thieves.

D. No. 2 Military Bakery, GHQA.

1. O/C - S/Ten. LUGUORI.

2. Accommodations.

Located in a requisitioned civil bakery. Baking facilities adequate for GHQA requirements. Bakery located too far from Food Distribution Depot. Contact will be made by I.O. and Director Commissariato with British Bakery now occupying Italian Army Bakery, adjacent to Food Depot, for joint use.

7. General.

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D. No. 2 Military Bakery, GTHOL.

1. O/C - S/Ten. LIGJORI.

2. Accommodations.

Located in a requisitioned civil bakery. Baking facilities adequate for GTHOL requirements. Bakery located too far from Food Distribution Depot. Contact will be made by L.O. and Director Commissariate with British Bakery now occupying Italian Army Bakery, adjacent to Food Depot, for joint use.

3. Capacity of Bakery.

Very limited flour storage space available. Ovens can produce 7,000 rations daily. At present 4000 - 4500 rations being baked.

4. General.

Bakers are civilian with soldier supervisors.

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III. MILAN Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 1430 hrs 12 Oct 45.A. Directorate Commissariats: Col. GARRO - Director
Maj. GATTALISANO - Head 1st Section.

Director Commissariate reported that he desired 25 officers for duties of his office. At present he has 15.

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2. No. 3 Food Distribution Depot, MILAN.

1. O/C - Lt. LONGO.

2. Accommodations.

Adequate rooms available of Italian barracks (Caserna 1230221) for stock. Centrally located.

3. Plan of Depot.

Well organized with decentralized system for distribution of commodities. Stocks are very orderly and neat. Stock cards up to date. Individual bins for broken tins of cheese, coffee, etc.

4. Stock Position.

Well stocked. Supplies received as EMFO. Reserve being held in Magazzino Generale (MILAN) as a potential Bulk Food Depot N.Y. MILAN.

5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. General.

Depot appeared to be well organized and supervised. O.C. had procured some salvaged canvas cloth with which jackets had been made for food issues. The Depot Commander was commended for his initiative and imagination. Director and Head of 1st Section accompanied inspecting officer.

3. No. 3 Military Bakery, MILAN.

1. O/C - Major FACINCO

2. Accommodations.

Overcrowded with Food Distribution Depot.

4. Stock Position.

Well stocked. Supplies received are G.M.O.s. Reserve being held in Magazzino Generale (MAG) as a potential Bulk Food Depot N. 3. ITALY.

5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. General.

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C. No. 3 Military Bakery, MILAN.1. O/C - Major PACHICO2. Accommodations.

Located in Caserma BESOZZI with Food Distribution Depot. Using pre-war Italian Army bakery. All facilities of plant are operative. Conditions are ideal.

3. Capacity of Bakery.

60,000 rations daily. At present approximately 6,000 rations being baked. All facilities are available for mechanical sifting and cleaning flour. Large flour storage capacity in upper floors of bakery.

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4. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

5. General.

Bakery was in excellent condition. O.C. appeared to be very able and efficient.

D. No. 5 Supply Company, MILAN.1. O/C - Capt. D'IPPOLITO2. Accommodations.

Troops located third floor of Caserma BESOZZI. Adequate

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space. Latrine was smelly - need for creosol. Kitchen was clean.

3. General.

No recreation facilities available for troops.

2. The Northwest Sector was, as a whole, in very good condition. The work of Major GE as W/V IO N.W. ITALY is considered excellent and productive. It is believed that if the MHL LG were taken from the sector Major GE could carry on very well. The new site for No. 75 Food Distribution Depot at PIERAZZA on Via Balilla, Molino Degli Orti ex J Intocentro was inspected. Major GE was ably supervising and coordinated move. The new site for the Depot, extensive minor repairs, will be very good and well located.

3. The potential Bulk Food Depot at MILAN is ready for occupation. The Director of the Territorial Commandante MILAN was advised that no definite policy had been established as yet; however, that an early decision was expected and that premises should be occupied for the present. The capacity of the site is approx 4,000 tons, rail served, facilities for off-loading and loading rail cars (40 per day), and elevators operative.

5. The potential bulk fuel depot at WILK is ready for occupation. The Director of the Territorial Government to HIGIN was advised that no definite policy had been established as yet; however, that an early decision was expected and that facilities should be occupied for the present. The capacity of the mine is approx 4,600 tons, rail served, facilities for off-loading and lowering mill cars (40 per day), and elevators operative.

INTRODUCTION

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 1st Lt. Col. RASC.

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 Lt. Col. RASC.

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Army Food Depots - NAPLES.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/203

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

Copy to: MMIA LO NAPLES.

26 Sept 1945.

1. Inspection was made of Italian Army Food Depots, Naples Area, on 21 Sept 45 and Salerno 24 Sept 45, by the undersigned.
2. Accompanying the inspecting officer were the following:

Col. Landolfi	-	Director, Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples
Lt. Lambrecht	-	MMIA - Naples
Lt. Col. Locitara	-	Terr. HQ Naples Italian LO to MMIA Naples
Lt. Malato	-	Rations Sect., Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples
Lt. Birt	-	Interpreter - ST MMIA Naples.
3. Office of Direzione Commissariato, Depots 590, 590/2, 1270, 593, 594/1, 593 Military Bakery, 10th Supply Co, No 1 Port Detachment and No 63 Food Distribution Depot were inspected. Details of inspection by depot appears below.

a. Office of Direzione Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples.

Office, same building, same floor, adjacent to MMIA LO Naples, appeared well organized and orderly. Officers reported that duties were leveling off and officers not required to work under pressure. Impressed that personnel conscious that office accommodations was good. Director (Col. Landolfi) reported that he desired his complete headquarters in the Provincia Building, if possible. In comparison with previous accommodations of this office, the present set-up leaves little to be desired.

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- O.C. - Maj. Fiorani

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b. Depot 590 (Main Warehouse, No 10 Bulk Food Depot)

- O.C. - Maj. Fiorenti
- Stocks in excellent condition. All stock cards, MMIA Form 31/4, were up-to-date and properly endorsed.
- All old flour, with exception of about 3000 lbs had been removed to the bakery, for processing and immediate use. Balance to be moved on 22 September. No stocks were above 15 feet. Flour had been separated by U.S. and U.K. origin. Depot Commander stated that he had 40 days supply. Floor of flour room clean. Depot Commander had conscious of necessity rotation of stock.
- Canvas used for cover over leaky parts of roof. Application has been made to Engineers for roof repairs.
- Coffee beans are transported to and from by civil contractor for processing daily with an average 20% loss between the green bean and roasted bean.
- Accounting for all subsidiary depots is accomplished at offices of main depot (Depot 590). Depot Commander indicated two sets of accounting, Italian and "Allied". One of the chief differences, stated by the O/C, was that stock is struck off charge only after receipt by the consignee (Italian system) and a certificate ("verbale") made for any discrepancies; whereas stock is struck off charge upon despatch by the consignor in the "Allied" accounting. There were two distinct rooms for each accounting system with different accountants. Accountants were civilian.
- MMIA Forms ST/3 were soon being used for despatches.
- Guards for all depots, were ex-CCNR men who had been vouched for by the local CCNR HQ as reliable men.

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- Horse and wagon transport still being used for depot to rail transfers.
- Depot Commander still does not have any individual transport available for checking his scattered depots.
- Lt. Gamboni, interpreter, Terr. HQ Maples, is on duty daily to assist in any dealings with Allied agencies.
- O.C. reported that MIA Form ST/12, Stock Movements Return, for period 3-20 Sept had been completed on evening of 20 Sept.

c. Depot 590/2

- Lt. in charge, neat and alert appearing. Had shack erected near gate of depot as "Despatch Office" modeled after what he had seen in an American QM Depot.
- U.S. Medical stores stacked in Depot. O/C reported items received ex port in error. It was noted that cases were received in August, but had not been returned to U.S. Depot.
- Stock in depot is small, due to weak flooring of depot.
- Office of depot neat and orderly.
- Two (2) rusty Weiss ovens (bread baking) were in yard of Depot, having been there for several months. No efforts apparent of anyone removing or preserving equipment.
- Large quantity of empty wooden boxes to repack cigarettes stored in depot.
- No labor problems.
- Stack cards up to date.
- Large quantity of empty jute sacks used for recovery.
- Work required on roadway near exit of depot.

d. Depot 583.

- Warrant Officer in charge of depot.
- Large stocks of cigarettes on second floor of building.
- Storage for cigarettes, matches, salt, nuts, and soap.
- Quantity of cigarettes received from Port in August still awaiting checking by "commission".
- Warrant Officer knew all particulars about stock in depot.
- Buckets of sand and water around depot for anti-fire measures.

e. Depot 1270.

- O/C - Lieutenant.
- Flour well stacked.
- Roof of depot needs repairs.
- Cats used as anti-rat measure. O/C reported no vermin in depots.
- Telephone and electricity available.

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- Telephone and electricity available.
- Creosol used in latrine.
- All stock within enclosure.

f. Depot 584.

- Used for recovery of barrels. Open Air.
- In the process of being converted to fire-wood depot - will become part of No 10 Food Distribution Depot (Norage and Firewood).
- Adequate supply of firewood.

g. No 1 Port Detachment - Commissariato di Stazione.

- Capt. ORSINI O/C, Lt. Petrozella 2i/c (English-speaking).
- At present located at railyards - Naples Central Station. Office is in an enclosed "baggage" car, equipped with telephone and electricity.
- The Detachment has dual role of rail receipts and despatches and port receipts and despatches. O/C stated that Detachment could execute both duties adequately.
- Civil labor employed for loading and off-loading rail cars. Soldier labor used exclusively for decanting wine cistern wagons into barrels at rail siding. Approximately 80000 litres decanted daily.

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- Through agreement with station authorities, two tracks are reserved for Italian Army use.
 - Complete cooperation between American ETO and Detachment. Difficulties experienced between Italian Station Master and Detachment.
 - Detachment has full complement of W/E strength.
 - Escorts provided by 10 Supply Co. and personnel from 31 Infantry Depot.
 - CCRB in area for guard purposes.
 - Documents for rail despatches and receipts made at Detachment Office.
- h. Depot 893 - (No 10 Food Distribution Depot)
- O/C - Maj. De Majo - Lt. Bievnschi assistant.
 - Depot located in Italian barracks adjacent to Port entrance.
 - Observed detailed issues to units.
 - 165 units being maintained from depot, with average total feeding strength of 27000 including all categories of troops. US-ITIs of 212 Italian Command draw complete ration from depot w.o.f. 8 Sept 45.
 - Schedule maintained for ration withdrawals.
 - Ration issue room orderly with covered receptacles for small issues of sacked items; e.g. coffee, beans, cheese, etc. Issues well controlled and no evidence of confusion.
 - Ration withdrawals from Bulk Depot by schedule prepared by Direzione Commissariato, are on a day to day basis. (Bulk Depot is approximately 2 mile distance away).
 - Ration storage space neat and orderly. Stock cards up to date. Fire prevention measures evident.
 - Dual set of accounting.
- i. Military Bakery (No 10 Military Bakery)
- Located in barracks with Food Distribution Depot.
 - Lt. Col. TRIOLA - O/C - capable officer, proud of his bakery and work.
 - All bread in Naples area is prepared in Bakery. At present baking 16000 rations daily. Capacity is 32000. Previously part of bread making was contracted through civil bakeries. Director Commissariato (Col. Landolfi) cancelled contracts due to unhygienic conditions of civil bakeries.
 - Storage capacity for flour is 900 tons. Present stock is approximately 500 tons. Storage rooms clean.
 - Conveyor belt has been constructed under direction of O/C from salvaged equipment, for flour to be taken to storage space on second floor of building. A spiral chute has also been constructed for despatches.
 - Bread is being baked at 500 grams (present 10% reduction for ITI-ITX units).
 - Civil bakers are employed.

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- Civil bakers are employed.
- Baking outside of Naples proper is done through civil bakeries at site of each Military District. An officer of the Direzione Commissariato inspects civil bakeries frequently.
- O/C stated that work was required for drainage outside building. Request has been made to Engineers without result.
- Coal supply adequate, however, of low quality.

3. No 10 Supply Company (No 10 Sussistenza Company)

- O/C - Captain.
- Inspected meal in preparation. Tasted Minestrone.
- Kitchen was dark and utensil coated with black ash.
- 250 are fed from this kitchen.
- Quarters of troops clean. Beds orderly arranged. Blankets not clean.
- Two soldiers (malaria) in one room which is set aside as infirmary with soldier on duty as attendant.
- Construction in progress on repair of two rooms for improvement.
- Mess hall gaily decorated with paintings on wall, to produce a cheerful atmosphere.
- Latrines clean. Creosol used. Sanitary smell.
- O/C demonstrated much initiative and interest in the welfare of the troops.

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V. Depot 594/1 - Naples.

- Located adjacent to Naples Port.
- Storage of wine and olive oil exclusively.
- Storage space adequate.
- Barrels being repaired.
- Stack cards up-to-date.

1. No 63 Food Distribution Depot - Salerno.

- Located in Caserma Vicinanza, in center of Salerno.
- Lt. Col. PORTANOVA - O/C Depot.
- Staff - 2 Officers, 11 ORs, 4 WOs and 2 Sgt. Majors supplemented by 2 civilian accountants.
- Feeding strength 1800 to 2000, 26 to 30 units.
- Stock received from No 10 Bulk Food Depot Naples by rail and/or road.
- 94 Sub Area loan truck to Depot for movement of stock from Naples to Salerno, as requested. O/C stated no Italian Army vehicle was available to him for depot service, though requested. Off-loading of rail cars accomplished through civil contract.
- Bread is made through civil bakeries - flour collected and bread delivered by civil contractor.
- No pasta manufactured locally. Full supply received ex Naples.
- Depot stores in excellent condition. Stack cards not on stacks, but held by storeman in office. Instructed O/C to post cards on individual stacks.
- All sacked items raised off floor about 1 1/2 feet as a rat-preventive measure.
- Disinfectants used in depot.
- In general, depot very orderly.
- Depot Commander was well-posted on all matters of depot.
- Depot on military telephone exchange.
- Forage and firewood storage warehouse located about four blocks from depot.
- Meeting with Italian Navy Port Commandant (Lt. Col. GIUSTO) in order that depot be permitted to off-load wagons in port area for forage and firewood warehouse. Previously no agreement could be reached to off-load wagons in port area due to Port Commandant's refusal to permit civil contractors off-load wagons. It was arranged that Port Labor would off-load wagons and arrangements to transport load into depot.
- Depot also holds barracks stores for which the Depot Commander is responsible.

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4. General:

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A large US controlled Depot was visited. Brazilian troops now occupying area but expected to move. Building is adequate for all Bulk Food Storage in Naples. L.O. will apply to PBS for release.

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Copy to: ST/208

Major,
D.A.D.S.

Robert Nelson

SUPS, TPT and P.O.L.SUPPLIES NORTH ITALY

Bulk Food Depots are located at Leghorn, Genoa and Mestre
Distribution Depots are located at Ancona, Forli, Bologna, Florence,
Leghorn, Genoa, Alessandria, Turin, Milan, Verona, Mestre, Bolzano &
Udine.

Bulk Food Depot is the equivalent of a B.S.D.

Distribution Depot is the equivalent of a D.I.D.

Sources of Supply Dist. Depots based on Bulk DepotsDistribution Depot

Milan D. Depot
Alessandria Depot
Turin Depot
Genoa Depot

Bolzano Dist Depot
Udine Dist Depot
Verona Dist Depot
Mestre Dist Depot

Florence Dist Depot
Bologna Dist Depot
Leghorn Dist Depot

Ancona Dist Depot
Forli Dist Depot

Depot Maintained from

Genoa (No.2) Bulk Depot

Mestre (No.5) Bulk Depot

Leghorn (No.7) Bulk Depot

By supplies from Brit B3D
direct. Italian Commissariato
take over Supplies at Ancona and
rail to Forli.

The Allied portion of supplies received into Italian Bulk Depot come
from the following sources.

Leghorn Bulk Depot

from

P.B.S. Leghorn
ESP Venice and Venice Docks.

Milan Dist Depot
Alessandria Depot
Turin Depot
Genoa Depot

Genoa (No.2) Bulk Depot

Bolzano Dist Depot
Udine Dist Depot
Verona Dist Depot
Mestre Dist Depot

Mestre (No.5) Bulk Depot

Florence Dist Depot
Bologna Dist Depot
Leghorn Dist Depot

Leghorn (No.7) Bulk Depot

Ancona Dist Depot
Forli Dist Depot

By supplies from Brit ESD direct. Italian Commissariato take over Supplies at Ancona and rail to Forli.

The Allied portion of supplies received into Italian Bulk Depot comes from the following sources.

Leghorn Bulk Depot from
Mestre Bulk Depot "
Genoa Bulk Depot "

P.B.S. Leghorn
ESD Venice and Venice Decks.
ESD Genoa but as this is closing down, all Sups (Allied) will be railed from Ancona E.S.D. (this has started already)

Approximate feeding strengths based on Bulk Depots are:-

Genoa	55,000
Mestre	50,000
Leghorn	50,000

3.

Proposals still in the "Air"

(a) Close down Alessandria Depot and reopen at Piacenza, Reason:- Alessandria Depot feeding strength only 4,100 and this 4,100 can be split between Turin and Genoa Dist Depots without overtaxing either of these Depots. When the Alessandria Depot is located at Piacenza it can undertake feeding strength of 10,000 relieving the Milan Depot of this number (Milan feeding strength apprx. 32,000 at present). ST Liaison officer and Italian Commissariato Terr. Hq. have been told to recon Piacenza for suitable premises.

(b) Under Consideration

(b) Under Consideration (Cont'd)

The move of the Genoa Bulk Food Depot to Milan, Reasons:- (a) 42 BSD at Genoa closing down and Port of Genoa not operating.

(b) Milan in central position for distribution to Turin, Genoa, and Piacenza and Allied portion of ration can be railed direct to Milan from Ancona.

Terr. Hq. Commissariato are investigating possible premises in Milan for a Bulk Depot.

SOUTH ITALY SUPPLISS

Bulk Food Depots located at Naples--Bar-Catania and Cagliari

Distribution Depots located at Rome, Ortona, Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Salerno, Naples,

In Sardinia---Sassari, Macomer and Cagliari

In Sicily----- Palermo, Catania, and Caltanissetta.

Sources of Supply---- Distribution Depots based on Bulk Depots

Distribution Depot

Maintained from Bulk Depot

Ortona Distrib Eggot

Bozila

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Brindis

Turatto

Bari (No.9) Bulk Food Depot

Rome Dist. Depot

Maple " "

Catania 2010 n. 11

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Regio Calabria Dist Decot

Salerno
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Maples (No. 10) Bulk Food Depot

Sassari Dist. Darot

Discussion

Carlier

Caillari (No.14) Bulk Food Depot

Palermo Dist Depot

Contents

Catania (No.11) Bulk Food Depot

Maintained from Bulk DepotDistribution Depot

Ortona Distrib Depot	
Boggia "	
Bari "	Bari (No.9) Bulk Food Depot
Brindisi "	
Taranto "	
Rome Dist. Depot	
Naples "	Naples (No.10) Bulk Food Depot
Catanzaro "	
Cosenza "	
Reggio Calabria Dist Depot	
Salerno "	
Sassari Dist. Depot	
Macomer "	Cagliari (No.14) Bulk Food Depot
Cagliari "	
Palermo Dist Depot	
Catania "	Catania (No.11) Bulk Food Depot
Caltanissetta Dist Depot	

The Allied portion of the ration are received into Italian Bulk Depot
from:-

Naples Bulk Food Depot	from	P.B.S. & Naples Port
Bari "	"	B.S.D. Bari and Bari Port
Cagliari "	"	P.B.S. & Naples Port
Catania "	"	B.S.D. Bari & Bari Port

Approx. feeding strength Based on Bari-----91,000
" " " " Naples-----100,000

Supplies in Bulk are despatched from Bari for Ital Navy to Taranto
(20,000 feeding strength) and Brindisi (7000 feeding strength)

3. The Naples Bulk Food Depot has unsatisfactory premises as this Depot
consists of eight sub Depots widely scattered in and around Naples.

4. Future policy is to close down Bulk Depots in Sicily and Gardinia and
maintain from Bari and Naples respectively.

4. (Cont'd)

When Food supplies from U.S. and British Army sources cease, Bari & Naples Depots will continue as Bulk Depots as locally produced supplies and supplies purchased by Italian Gov't. from U.S.A. through civilian channels will be stored in these Depots.

5. Stocks held in Food Bulk Depots--- 30 days reserve
 --- 15 days working margin
 Stocks held in Distribution Depots--- 15 days reserve
 --- 15 days working margin

The Italian items of the ration scale, such as Fresh fruit and fresh Veg are normally consigned direct to the Dist Depot and do not have to pass through the Bulk Depot since these supplies are usually purchased locally. Olive oil and Wine come mainly from the South and consignments from the North are railed to Bulk Depots.

TRANSPORT

1. Admin Tpt Coys.

One of these Coys has been formed to each Territorial Command. At the present moment they are all of varying sizes. The future policy is to make these coys all of a standard type, incorporating the standardised interchangeable tpt platoon, so that the coy where the pressure of work is greatest can be given a platoon from another coy and no change will be required in W/E.

2. Special Tpt Coys

At the present moment only one of these coys exists in the ITI-ITI Category, and it is not proposed to form any more. This coy will be re-formed on the same W/E as an Admin Tpt Coy.

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No alteration is proposed. Sufficient have already been formed to meet all requirements.

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P.O.L.

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Petrol Points

No change is proposed in establishments *that it is thought necessary that another should be formed to meet requirements throughout Italy.*

P.O.L.

The future policy regarding the supply of P.O.L. to the Italian Army is as follows:-

- (a) From Oct. 1st all BR-ITI, US-ITI AND ITI-ITI will draw their requirements from C.I.P. on a bid made by this EQ.
- (b) From Nov. 1st the Italian War Ministry will bid on the Italian Government for its requirements for all elements of the Italian Army, and the Italian Government will make a bulk demand through the diplomatic staffs of America and Britain.
This demand will be screened and adjusted if necessary to conform to the Italian credits available in America and Britain.

20 Sept. 45

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Lt. Colonel
ADST

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12 Sept 45

Report on visit by ADST in N.W. ITALY.

AQ.

1. Herewith my report on recent visit to N.W. ITALY.
2. You will note that report on individual Depots is extremely brief as I feel that you only require a general picture and do not wish to ~~wade~~ through reams of supply technicalities, such as how certain commodities are stacked, whether tally cards are being kept up to date, how turnover is being made, etc.

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

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VISIT OF A.D.S.T. TO SUPPLY DEPOTS - N.W. ITALY7 September 1945.No. 1 Mag. Dist. Viv. (Distribution Depot) TURIN.

- (a) Feeding strength 5,500 (rising to 9,500 when CREMONA Gp commence to draw).
- (b) Capacity of depot is approx 500,000 rations.
- (c) The depot is 50 yards from rail siding.
- (d) Premises satisfactory from storage and issues point of view.
- (e) Supplies technical (stacking, accounting, handling, etc) satisfactory.
- (f) Mens accommodation satisfactory - new canteen is in construction.
- (g) General - satisfactory depot.

8 September 1945.

Visited ST LO at GENOA and discussed general supply situation in N.W. ITALY.

9 September 1945No. 75 Mag. Dist. Viv. (Distribution Depot) - ALESSANDRIA.

- (a) Feeding strength 5,100
- (b) Capacity of depot - 150,000 rations.
- (c) Distance from rail siding - 3/4 mile.
- (d) The premises are unsatisfactory, there is only one entrance to a small yard in front of storage rooms.
- (e) Supplies technical - unsatisfactory, a general condition of dirt and slovenliness prevails.

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- (e) Supplies technical - unsatisfactory, a general condition of dirt and slovenliness prevails.
- (f) Accommodation - unsatisfactory.
- (g) General - an unsatisfactory depot.

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10 September 1945.

No. 3 Mag. Dist. Viv. (Distribution Depot) - MIAN.

- (a) Feeding strength 30,000.
- (b) Capacity of depot - 1,000,000 rations.
- (c) Distance from rail 1 1/2 miles.
- (d) Satisfactory premises, there is a covered verandah round two sides of the court yard which could be utilised for the stacking of cased goods (250 tons gross).
- (e) Supplies technical - satisfactory.

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(f) Mens accommodation not seen.

(g) A Food Distribution Depot with adequate space for movement of vehicles within depot.

Additional premises are also held in a warehouse about 3 miles away, the accommodation here is sufficient to hold 1,000,000 rations.

11 September 1945.

Returned ROME.

REMARKS.

I consider that the ALESSANDRIA Depot should be closed down and TURIN and GENOA depots take on the feeding of units fed by ALESSANDRIA. This would entail approx 4,000 extra to TURIN and 1,100 to GENOA, both these depots could cope with the extra commitment.

In order to relieve pressure on the MILAN Distribution Depot, it would be advisable to situate a depot at PIACENZA where approx 10,000 feeding strength could be maintained. The closing of ALESSANDRIA would allow a depot for PIACENZA. Ministry of War has been told to reconce PIACENZA to see if premises can be made available.

The question of having a bulk Depot at MILAN was discussed and in view of 42 BCD (at GENOA) closing down, it would be a satisfactory answer. If the whole of the warehouse in which MILAN Distribution Depot has 2 large store rooms could be made available this would be an ideal site as the accommodation is good and it is rail served. Ministry of War has been told to investigate and report upon possibility of obtaining the whole warehouse. At present civilian firms are in occupation.

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

AIR-OFFICE MEMO

LAND PERCHES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.H.I.A.
ROME

File: ST/203

Date: 7 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Report of Inspection of Food Depot - NAPLES.

To : - 'q'

1. On 4 Sept 45 Lt.Col. J.W.R. PINROSE, RASC and Lt.Col. W.H.H. WILLOX, RASC inspected Italian Army Food Depots, NAPLES.

2. Comments on individual depots are as follows:

a. Depot 590/2:

Approx 500 ton capacity (?).
Depot outside stores untidy.
Open shed still required to be walled in or boarded up on one side.
Very large number of sacks untidy condition.
Sacked peas in open, unprotected.
Peas and beans infested.
Reported shortage of labor.

b. Depot 590 :

Approx 5000 ton capacity (?).
Flour in stacks of colossal height. Estimated 1200 tons. Not turned over for over five months.
Ordered immediate breakdown of stack and physical check as soon as possible.

c. Depot 594 :

No covered accommodation.
Wood stacked on grounds.
Wire barrels being repaired.
Stack of preserved meat still in area.
Dried peas (infested) and being sieved 60 tons.

d. Depot 683 :

Accommodation good.
General appearance tidy (nuts, soap, cigarettes).
Large amount of broken cases of soap being received.
Soap is being sacked by depot but on loading into rail cars loses a very considerable weight from shrinkage, also soap becomes too soft to handle.

Reported shortage of labor.

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- c. Depot 594 : No covered accommodation. Wood stacked on grounds. Wine barrels being repaired. Stack of preserved meat still in area. Dried peas (infested) and being sieved 60 tons.
- d. Depot 682 : Accommodation good. General appearance tidy (mats, soap, cigarettes). Large amount of broken cases of soap being received. Soap is being sacked by depot but on loading into rail cars loses a very considerable weight from shrinkage, also soap becomes one solid lump. Tally cards at depot show shortages as soap has been taken on by weight.
Depot commander reported that soap had been received from BARI.
- e. Depot 1270 : Accommodation was good. 800 tons flour in stock. Depot well kept.

3. GENERAL.

Depots 594/2, 126, and Wine Depot at Santa Maria were not visited. Italian Depot commander, Maj. VIGHANI, stated that there was insufficient labor available. Position had been referred to Senior MILIA LO NAPLES who stated that labor could have been made available, if requested.

O.C. Depot has no transportation and can only visit his scattered Depots when Sgt. MAXX (American HCO - MILIA, NAPLES) makes his vehicle available.

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Transport for depot consists of carts and about once a week motor vehicles are available.

Sgt LO HARLES had not visited depots for the last three weeks and it is apparent that the Italian Depot Commander had not received advice on the operation of his depots (turn-over of supplies, stock plans, W/E dated etc).

Uncertainty expressed as to feeding strength for HARLES Bulk Depots.

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

INTERNAL:- SM/209

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VRN
Lt. Col.
A.D.S.F.

ORIGINAL:- 321/209

SUBJECT:- Supply queries.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/208

MEMO TO N.W. ITALY.

3 Aug 45.

COMT FOR ST MEMO TO NW ITALY. ST/208.

Reference Appendix 'D', para C/51 of 26 July 45.

1. Up to date ration scale for Italian Land Forces is attached. It is anticipated that Vegetables, Dehydrated will be deleted from this scale in the near future.
2. Italian Civil Labor employed by the Italian Armed Forces are allowed midship meals. See our letter AG/2-4, of 26 Sept 44, copy of which is attached. Notifying letter Q/1-39 of 8 June 45, attached.
3. Army Form 1680 need not be submitted by 42 B.S.D. to MSLA for rations issued in bulk to Italian Depots. Charge against Italian Government is made on the basis of MSLA Forms ST/3, being submitted by you. See para 2 our ST/182 of 26 July.

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Lt. Col. RAGO,
ASST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).

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INTERNAL:- ST/182
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SECRETAPPX "D"
G/31S & T POINTS

a. Transport. Italian transport for ITI ITI Units is still in short supply. 2 Guard Companies has arrived from 5th Army with only one vehicle for all domestic purposes and also for changing and feeding scattered guard detachments. This is hopelessly insufficient. There is still only a nucleus of vehicles with 2 Adm. Transport Company as per attached state. A.M.C. are using a number of vehicles with Italian Army markings.

b. Nations.(1) Allied Element.

Close liaison on a friendly basis has been established with 42 B.S.D., and also liaison with them and C.C. 2 Deposits Speciale Viveri very satisfactorily arranged. A/C.C. 42 B.S.D. has been very helpful despite the fact that he is at present overwhelmed with other work. Liaison has been established between this office and Hq. Movements Genoa, and a very satisfactory working arrangement made with them. Bids for local moves of supplies, to Distribution Depots were not considered necessary by Major Maygreen MACMG (M), since the majority of the Italian troops are in any case under British Command (i.e. Bri. 1st), and there is no local shortage of rail wagons. A/C.C. 42 B.S.D. has consented to load the initial 15 days consignment of Allied loads for Distribution Depots direct to train in their sidings, and the first of such loading for Turin has been successfully carried out today (28 July). Remainder of loadings are being carried out as speedily as 42 B.S.D. can issue. C.C. RASC 60 Sub Area has provided transport for loading from 42 B.S.D. to train.

236418 lbs Flour has been received from Naples Depots (50 & 51 B.S.D.'s).

(2) Italian Element.

Consignments have been received by road from Leghorn, and have been diverted direct to Distribution Depots. Lorries are arriving daily and will be sent direct to Distribution Depots until these hold the required figure for 15 days maintenance; the balance will be accepted in the Bulk Depot. No detailed figures are available as this situation is still fluid.

S & T. (3) Difficulties.

601 2 Aug — An unfavourable impression has been made by

Ten. Col. ROTTURA of the Commissariato who appears impetuous but inaccurate. Capt Zanello, O.C. Bulk Depot, however, and Lieut Striglia, i/c movements, appear experienced, efficient and reliable. Some confusion has been caused by the fact that this office was not supplied with an up to-date ration scale of Italian items. May this please be provided?

Owing to domestic transport being V.O.R. it has not yet been possible to visit Alessandria and Turin. Efforts have been made to secure temporarily the use of an Italian Army vehicle through MMIA LO, NW Italy, since transport is an urgent necessity.

(4) Queries.

a. is there any authorized scale for provision of a midday meal for Italian Civil Labour employed by the Italian Army?

b. 42 B.S.D. are enquiring as to the submission of AF'S 61680, to MMIA. Are they responsible? May present arrangements please be advised.

Proctor
Major.
ST MMIA LO,
N.W. Italy, GENOA

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SUBJECT : Report on ST Services -
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HQ 50 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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20 Jul 45

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Herewith report prepared by DADST of this BIE on the working
of the ST Services within an Italian Combat Group.

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"S & L. MUSA.

Recd 24 July

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Notes on the workings of MI Services within an Italian Combat Group
compiled from experiences with PRULI ICG from Sep 44 - Jul 45

1. The MI Services within an Italian Combat Group are carried out by a Supply and Transport Company consisting of a HQ with 3 Tpt Pls, 2 Relief Dvr Increments, and 2 Composite Pls, and a ME Pl for wrap purposes. With the changes in est that have been approved since the Gp was originally formed, this coy now corresponds very closely to a RASC Composite Coy of similar size.

2. The functioning of this coy can conveniently be dealt with under the usual headings of - i) Tpt, ii) Arm, iii) Pet, iv) Sups.

3. TRANSPORT. The coy, in common with the rest of the Gp, was faced in the initial stages with the difficulty of Brit vehs and Brit methods of maint, to both of which they were entirely strange. The coy was equipped for its load carrying vehs with new Class I ROAD 3-ton WOTG 4x4. ABs 112 printed in Italian, and Inspection and Maint (Task System) handbooks also printed in Italian were issued with each veh, as were ABs 406 in English with translation alphas in Italian. It was felt by the RIJ that whatever might be the standard of the tpt of the rest of the Gp, that of the MI Coy must be made to function efficiently: as a result an inspection of the maint of the vehs of that coy was carried out in the very early days and, when the system and standard of maint was found to be unsatisfactory, the CO of the coy was called before the CI of the RIJ and the Chief of Staff of the Gp and severely admonished for the state of affairs that was found to exist. Such treatment may have been unduly severe at such an early date, but the effect was completely satisfactory: from that time on the maint and driving of the coy has been of a very high standard: every subsequent maint inspection has shown a completely satisfactory state of affairs: the vehs of the coy now average 17,500 miles: the tpt of the coy has at various times been put under operational cond of Brit firms and, on each occasion, good reports have been received.

4. AMMUNITION. Owing to the limited number of natures of arm required by the Gp, the subject did not present difficulty. The second line holding of arm and explosives which the Gp was ordered to carry during the campaign amounted to 58 x 3-ton loads: had it been necessary to keep this quantity on wheels, the Gp would have been seriously short of 2nd line tpt, but it was at all times

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AMMUNITION. Owing to the limited number of natures of am required by the Gp, the subject did not present difficulty. The second line holding of am and explosives which the Gp was ordered to carry during the campaign amounted to 56 x 3-ton loads: had it been necessary to keep this quantity on wheels, the Gp would have been seriously short of 2nd line tpt, but it was at all times possible to dump the 2nd line am so that the difficulty did not arise: this was presumably foreseen as being the case in the sort of defensive role the Gp was designed to serve.

FUEL. The Gp was ordered to carry 50 miles of POL in 2nd line: this involved a list of 10,000 gallons pet plus luba on approx 15 x 3-ton. The running of the Gp Pet Pt by personnel of the Composite Pls has at all times been successful: daily return have been rendered accurately and promptly and throughout the time that the Gp has been issued with returnable cans the pet pt has been run on a strict can for can basis. On the other hand, the handling of POL in first line has not been good: it has been difficult to instil into units such simple practices as closing the caps of empty cans, and lorries of empty cans are often to be seen with the cans thrown into the lorry without any sort of order. The Gp Wags have frequently complained that vehs are arriving in shops with little or no oil in crankcases, gearbox or back axle, and are told by the dvr that no oil is available at the regt or unit pet store: on investigation in every case it has been found that ample stocks of oil were available at the Gp Pet Pt, but the Unit Tpt Officer had omitted to collect oil with pet.

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The amount of pet consumed by the Gp has, for the most part, not been excessive and when there have been signs of excessive consumption the Gp HQ has made no difficulty about issuing orders to limit consumption. All the top of the Gp is on the work ticket system, using Brit Army Form G3518 specially stamped "entitled to draw PCL from Allied Military Stocks", and Allied Deps are supposed to issue to Gp vehs only on production of such a work ticket: after a somewhat shaky start, the system now works reasonably well.

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SUPPLIES. The handling and distribution of sums had been carried out by personnel of the Composite PIs at Sup Pts set up in the different Gp looms. From the beginning the actual handling and distribution were quite good, various minor recommendations that were made about the org of the Sup Dep were promptly noted upon, and the distribution and accounting were at all times accurately and honestly carried out: from surprise inspections that were made from time to time it was evident that the correct quantities of sums were being issued to units in accordance with their indents. The difficulties that did arise with regard to sums were all connected with the issue of the Italian items of supply, viz. Fresh Fruit, Fresh Veg, Olive Oil, Nuts, Salt, Wine, Cigarettes, Matches, and Soap. On occasions, sealed barrels of Olive Oil and Wine were found to contain substantial quantities of water, and unopened cases of cigarettes were found to be only partially filled. In any one month the quantity both of soap and cigarettes that were sent forward through Allied Deps from Italian sources were never more than about one half of the ration entitlement; it was sometimes possible to supplement the quantity of cigarettes by purchase from local Italian sources, but, with a ration of only 10 cigarettes per man per day, the shortage was acutely felt, particularly by the tps in action. The difficulties in all cases appeared to be due to bad management or lack of stock at the Italian source of supply. The system of supply accounting laid down by MIA was too elaborate for operational conditions, but it is understood that the system conformed to the usual Italian supply accounting system: the main criticism is that there is no one form on which daily receipts, issues and remains are recorded. Supplies were collected every second day

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In connection with supplying the subject of catering should be mentioned. The limitations of the Italian Ration Scale makes any great variation in diet impossible and RAMA and MILITARY form the two staple dishes. Inspections made from time to time showed that the ration was being fairly and adequately served to tps, but the cleanliness of cookhouses and storage arrangements throughout the Gp left much to be desired.

CONCLUSION. It can fairly be said that the SI Services of the FRUIT ICE worked satisfactorily, but the following comments are made.

1. Whereas the SI Coy of the Gp is organized on Brit Lines, the HQ of the Gp is not so organized, with the result that there were several officers on HQ who directed the Coy in its different functions, but no one officer to co-ordinate the adm of SI Services as a whole; probably as a result of this the HQ were not interested in the layout or working of the coy in the way that a GRAC would be; there was a distinct tendency on the one hand to take the work of the coy for granted, and on the other to use the tp of the coy for purposes for which 1st line tp should be used.

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2. There was no cfr on the HQ of the Gp who had any knowledge of or took any real interest in the handling of POL. It is believed that the Pet It was not once inspected by a member of Gp HQ.

3. As far as is known, no inspection of the typ of the coy was ever carried out by the Gp HQ although there is a Tpt Cfr on HQ Staff.

4. There was a continual tendency to be 'small minded' in layout of docs: to some extent lack of soon was a controlling factor but, even when soon was available it was difficult to persuade the coy to 'spread' themselves in laying out either POL, Sups, or Ann.

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NOTES ON TOUR OF BARI, NASTRO TO GULIE ARMY BY A.D.S.T.
14 JUNE TO 23 JUNE 1945.

(1) CRUISE.

To call at A.P.H.Q. and discuss Macmillan contracts and Toronto Paste manufacture, to meet outside Liaison Officers and S.A.T. representatives, to inspect Distribution and Bulk Supply Depots, to hear transport problems on the spot and to inspect inefficient and efficient Vehicle Parks. As a matter of interest only to see Vehicle repair shops by agreement with Major HOLT.

(2) A.P.H.Q.

Met Major SPENCE, Lt. Col. WHITE and DEAN and explained the necessity of arranging for White-Lite to make their own contract through Admin Dives. This was agreed and to take place v.o.s. 1 July. The position re. Toronto Paste was explained and reference made to production in the past. This matter would be discussed by D.S.T. and U.S.A. Quartermaster with a view to making contracts for all three categories. The matter remains at the moment at a higher level.

Other points raised by Lt. Col. WHITE were (a) the necessity of forming Italian Distribution Depots throughout Italy to relieve British Depots who would soon be either closing or doubled up owing to shortage of manpower. It was anticipated that British B.S.D.s would remain in situ for some considerable time, (b) distribution of petrol through C.I.R. also to relieve British personnel. This may present some difficulty unless M-701 Admin Dives can handle the matter but if Italians are still under British Op. Control and Admin Control there may be some savings.

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(4) BRINDISI.

The Distribution Depot appeared to be well run and was clean and tidy. An interesting point came to light when I asked to see the list of units entitled to draw and their strengths. I found that this was only received by the Depot two days after the close of the period so I naturally asked on what authority they issued. I was then shown that each unit had to submit its SF 2 direct to the Terr Com B.O. for forwarding before it could go to the depot to draw rations. This of course removed all responsibility from the Depot Commander. This practice applies to all depots under command of the Terr Com BARI. A lorry from a British Station Transport Coy was found in the Depot collecting rations on behalf of a security force of their five vehicles two were on detachment, one was about to be returned to I.V.P. and two were of the road in unit lines for minor repairs. Returned to BARI arriving 2045 hrs.

(5) BARI.

16 June in company with Lt. Col. MATHIAS and Col. MATHIAS (Sub Chief of Staff) I inspected the I.V.P. Admin Coy P.P. M.V.P. and visited the Mobile W/Depos.

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- (a) The *Admiral* Coy I considered dirty and a bit untidy but no doubt I am biased by British standards, however there is no effort made to ensure the clean and tidy distribution of oil and lubricants and fire precautions appeared nil.
- The premises were very inadequate, there was however a corner of the yard which was used by the equivalent of the c/m, this was also untidy and there was a lot of scrap material which it was hoped might someday be useful as spares. The majority of this was absolute rubbish and should have been hauled back to Salvage. There was no equivalent to a platoon fitter as all such personnel had been withdrawn to the repair shops and I gathered minor repairs within unit lines are discouraged. This appears a matter of policy no doubt determined by economic considerations. It should be borne in mind that there is a real fear of sending vehicles into *W/Depots* so it is easy to understand that without regular maintenance days and no platoon fitters vehicles will be driven until they are a c/m's ill repair. This particular unit was deficient of eight load carriers. *W/Depots* cars and four motor cycles in addition four load carriers were in shabby condition and two were definitely off the road. I gathered that the Captain commanding the Coy has given good service in the past but I thought he was of an untidy disposition despite the very difficult circumstances in which he is placed.
- (b) The efficient vehicle park was well run and there was a general air of organization about it. On arrival the batteries of all vehicles are numbered and kept on charge, there is a gang of men to ensure that all vehicles are lubricated and stores had been taken to keep tyres covered from the sun. From an investigation of the records vehicles appeared to average a stay of near four weeks in the park. It is hoped that by the new system this will be decreased considerably.
- (c) The P.M. was next visited and it was noted that personnel were sleeping in the petrol store itself owing to shortage of accommodation. I was told that this would shortly be rectified. This produced a very great fire risk. The officer was not present and from the records shown to me it was impossible to immediately check the stocks as the running balance was not up to date. There were fire precautions but barely adequate.
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(d) In company with Lt. Col. CURTIS I visited the mobile shops which had arrived from SANDHIA. This appears to be an old and well tried team with a good commanding officer who has not admitted to take advantage of his many opportunities to look after the welfare of his men. To British standards they are VERY POOR. I am sure that when they have settled down and the men have all had leave it will produce good results. In the afternoon in company with Lt. Col. MAIR I visited and inspected the Bulk Supply Depot and D.D. In the Bulk Depot I was excelled by a terrific smell attributed to a damp wall but to my mind due to dirt under the drainage and rat droppings etc. The stacks appeared tidy and well made. Degradated vegetables were well in evidence and it appeared quite impossible to load these on to the Italians as long as there are fresh vegetables available. I found later that units have not quantities of tinned in stock and from some correspondence I saw when visiting A.D.S.I. Area it appears that the officer G/C retires Royal New Zealand decided to sell them to a farmer and use the money so obtained for the purchase of eggs. I feel strongly that in conjunction with the Navy Sub Commission a careful investigation of the issues strengths and stocks of the Navy should be investigated and an proposal to supply an officer to carry this out if it may be arranged. It is a pity that the Bulk Depot is further away from rail than the Dist. Depot.

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The Distribution Depot appeared well run and appears to include a repair section for wire barrels which tend to ruin the place overworked. There was an excellent battery of coffee grinders and roasters. I believe similar equipment existed at Taranto in the Bulk Depot which may now be available for Naples who have to haul out all coffee to a local firm to be roasted and ground.

I called on the A.D.S.C. 5th Area Lt. Col. HILPERS but there were no problems as far as we were concerned so I proceeded to visit Lt. Col. HORTON commanding 22 G.M.S. Supply Units, to discuss the possibility of sending supplies to Taranto and Brindisi from the B.S.D. near Brindisi instead of from Taranto. This has been agreed by the Commandante but Italian fuel items may have to continue to come from Bari. The Brindisi B.S.D. is not overworked and it has the further advantage of easing the rail position which is very difficult between Bari and Taranto. This was to have commenced from the period commencing 24 June, but I have since been informed that owing to the big stocks both in the Naval Depot and the B.D. Taranto that supplies will be delivered to Bari Bulk Depot until the 6 July and after that will go from Brindisi. The cessation of the Maccioni contracts was welcomed. The facilities at the Fabbrica Carapaceano will be available to the Commandante.

(6) An Italian Army vehicle was stopped on the road with a triangular label and the driver produced a chit referring to letter S.M.A.S. 1/2357 Serv. di Prot. dated 23 May - State Maggiore R.S. Off. Mor. Sez. 3^a M. I understand that this letter states that the impounding of vehicles only applies to the R.O.M. area. Light vehicles in use by the clothing repair unit had no labels.

(7) BARIETTA.

On Sunday 17 June accompanied by Capt. MORTIMER I visited the D.D. at BARIETTA and FOGLIA, en route for Naples.

The Depot at BARIETTA was clean and tidy except for the usual inadequate fire precautions. They were just like the other depots with an ample supply of live Italian clothes which is very difficult to handle in hot weather especially if there is not adequate cold storage.

(8) FOGLIA.

The premises of this depot are quite inadequate and the location is very bad. The depot itself seems to be very well run considering the difficulties encountered. The O.C. Depot asked if some arrangement could be made to transmit mail to Bari via British postal channels.

(7) BARIHATTA.

On Sunday 17 June accompanied by Capt. MICKELSON I visited the D.Os. at BARIHATTA and POOLA, en route for Naples.

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(8) POOLA.

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I called on the British Tom Major and represented the position re the Depot and was told that the local B.I.S. was moving into new premises and that this would release premises near the station. Capt. Mickelson was to follow this up. I then proceeded to Naples and stayed with 56 Ave.

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(9) NAPLES.

On Monday 18 June called at Naples office and found that Capt. MICKELSON was sick and Major NYLE was in 65 General Hospital and about to go to convalescent home at Sorrento before being re-examined at the hospital. It appears that they are unable to decide exactly what is wrong with him, but their final assumption appears to be that as he had a long attack of jaundice last year, this may be some after effect. It would appear very unlikely that he will be fit for duty for some considerable time. I gather that this officer was for a time commanding a B.S.D. and has more supply experience than of transport. When he is well I am sure he would be better employed on supplies where there is a great shortage of supply trained officers.

In company with Major GUNN I visited the Bulk Depot and found it choc a block with flour which appeared to be piled to the ceiling. The General lay out of the Depot is very unsuitable as it is in four separate

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buildings. There was no grand plan of stacking with dates of building and it is obvious that control is difficult. Guarding is also a big problem. The guards appear and remain on duty for four hours at a stretch with a little collusion on an isolated depot it is possible to lose material in lorry loads as has often happened in the Naples area before. Fire precautions and rat traps needed attention. The stacks of mites were very high and the question of breathing mites without shells before mites with shells should be investigated. I found that the latter are being issued though there are very large stocks of mites without shells which have only a life of approximately three months.

I discussed the question of accommodation for Bull Depot with Lt. Col. MARTIN who stated that he had made every effort to try and improve the position but found that all the best and most suitable buildings were held by P.M.A. who were unwilling to release even buildings not now in use in case they were required later. In particular he mentioned one depot 579 P.M.A. Depot which would be ideal but was told that it might be required for backloading supplies for American units embarking from Naples.

In the afternoon I inspected the Distribution Depot and the Bakery. With usual remarks re rat traps and fire precautions I considered them very good. The standard of the bread was very high especially as it was being made from sour dough and without yeast - two loaves were sent as a present to the Area Commander. A small portion of the flour in the Bakery was a little off colour but there was no sign of mould or bad, moth, in any depot. The flour in question was being absorbed at the rate of 5.

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The location of the Main Coy was next visited and appears to be a fair example of the conditions under which the Italians are expected to work. It is out in the blazing sun, two inches deep in dust and no covered accommodation for carrying out maintenance. Again the method of storing oil and distillate was terrible. Even in a heap beside and saturated with oil from the oil store was the only fire precautions and saturated with oil from the oil store was the only fire the day before.

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The location of the Amia Bay was next visited and appears to be a fair example of the conditions under which the Italians are expected to work. It is out in the blowing sun, two inches deep in dust and no covered accommodation for carrying out maintenance. Again the method of storing oil and distributing was terrible. Seal in a heap beside and saturated with oil from the oil store was the only fire prevention though I was assured they had coped with quite a good fire the day before.

An transport can no longer be borrowed from U.S. sources as particularly the demands on this Bay are very heavy and no guarantee has been given that each vehicle will get a day off per month for maintenance. I must say that vehicles imported seemed to be fairly well maintained.

At APRACIA I visited the mobile V/Shop which is one of the best equipped units of its kind I have ever seen, but again the location is very dusty and unsuitable. I gathered that they were trying to complete leave to all troops and would have 60 men away the following day in leave, they were thirty below V.B. and had about 17 men sick. It was not anticipated they would be working at full strength for twenty one days. Also they had hoped to cover this period by completing minor repairs to about 1 & II vehicles, but could not find any in the I.V.Ps.

Oning to shortage of time I did not visit Salerno or Mola D.Ds. but find that Major Clark has not visited them either though Capt. GRANTON has been occasionally.

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(10) PALMISTO.

On Wednesday 20 June I set out for PALMISTO but experienced a three hour delay at the Airport possibly due to the expected arrival of Frank Sinatra which was causing considerable excitement.

On arrival in PALMISTO I was met by Lieut. WILKINSON, who had been expecting Lt. Col. RUSSELL and appeared a little doubtful of my authenticity. He was very helpful throughout my stay on the Island. Major LANG was expected back the following day but the plane did not arrive. During the afternoon we inspected the Distribution Depot which seemed in good shape but as usual was cursed with the smell of New Zealand cheese. Apparently there had been a rather amusing accident when a soldier carrying one of these cheeses on his head suddenly found that the bottom of the cheese had collapsed and it decanted over his head and came to rest on his shoulders. It does not appear to be clearly understood that these cheeses must never be laid on their sides and that they should be turned over every three to four days and never stacked more than two deep. The Lt. Col. D.O. Commander was trying to get quite a lot of this cheese unstained and had managed to get an Italian confirmation certificate. Lieut. WILKINSON would not accept this and was having a further test made by U.S. Naval doctor. Some cases of thyroid went (unseen) were inspected and were quite beyond human consumption. More attention should be paid to the issue of this item from the mainland. As from the small alone it was quite easily recognizable.

We then visited the Chief of Staff at R.C. Territorial Command in case he had any difficulties and to discuss the recovery and repair of Army transport on the Island. He is quite content to arrange for the formation of two recovery units and a regular unit from his existing ceiling or Organics and says he can find skilled Army mechanics and employ civilians as well, but will need some assistance as far as tools are concerned. I suggested that he make out a return to show the total equipment he considered necessary, how much he could find locally and how much he would need from other sources and submit this to Major Hall for consideration. He seemed very prepared to help himself, given a little assistance.

I noticed later when on the way down to the docks a collection of unguarded W.A.S. vehicles mostly apparently non running and very much sabotaged. Lieut. WILKINSON said he thought they were Army vehicles which civilians had used under the authority of AS and which had not been sabotaged. There are probably many more and this matter needs

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H.Q. Territorial Command kindly arranged for a car to be put at my disposal in GAITHERIA and to meet the Diesel train.

Serious concern was evinced regarding clothing and boots for all troops on the Island. Lieut. SCHMIDT stated that 5,000 pairs of boots were about to be released and that the clothing position was gradually improving. The Chief of Staff asked that if terrain could be released they could purchase ample leather both for soles and uppers on the Island. I promised to discuss this matter with Col. JENNINGS on my return.

(41) GAITHERIA.

On Thursday the 21st we set out for GAITHERIA by the Diesel train at 0745 and after a hair raising experience arrived at GAITHERIA at 1200 hrs. We were invited to lunch by H.Q. representative and in the afternoon inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depot. + The Distribution Depot was in the middle of issuing so allowances had to be made. The office of the H.Q. still remained in the Bulk Depot which is about a quarter of a mile away. I understood this will be rectified. The system whereby H.Q. Territorial Command authorizes the M/Es is not in operation on the Island due to the difficulties of communication. Issues are made on the previous periods list but serious alterations are notified by signal from the Comdassariato.

+ The Bulk Depot in particular was very well run.

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On Friday the 22nd we made spot visits to the first Bn of the 45th Infantry Regt. and the H.Q. of the 45th Infantry Regt to check their ration stores. In both cases the accounting appeared in order but there were large stocks of dehydrated vegetables. Our insistence on drawing from D.D. within the period of consumption was causing some concern. The Col. commanding the 45th Regt. Col. Radio De Carlin was very agitated regarding the state of his men's boots and clothing. I asked to have some men chosen at random paraded for inspection. I must say I was alarmed at the condition of their boots. In addition to requiring a number of new pairs he asked for a monthly allotment of 1 pair of leather per five men per month and said he had six good cobbler within the unit. As the men have only one pair of boots (if they are lucky) they are fringed with their boots are being repaired especially as there is no pool, for marching troops the exchange of repaired boots can hardly be recommended. Many men are completely without shirts. A small supply of shirts was from flour bags but unused are arriving from the clothing repair unit. It is a little unhygienic for the troops to have the name of the flour printed across their backs. The Colonel has made arrangements for these shirts to be dyed locally but suggest that this might be arranged on a higher basis to ensure they are all the same colour. The shirts themselves are excellent and appear to be very hard wearing.

I visited O.C. Troops Lt. Col. GENTILL and he said things on the Island were fairly quiet but that a few armed gangs of Separatists were at large and he was having a little difficulty in rounding them up as his security was not very mobile and in particular strenuous the position re boots, and asked that I should represent it to the right quarter when I returned. He said that the Col. I/O A.O. was very concerned about the Separatists but he felt it would not come to much.

We invited us to spend the evening at MORTON and the following morning I caught a plane back to NARVES. In the afternoon I visited O.C. and carried on to NARVES.

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We invited me to spend the evening at TACHINA and the following morning I caught a plane back to KALING. In the afternoon I visited O 2E and carried on to KAME.

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

John Lewis

CHAIN OF COMMANDAPPENDIX 'A'
Sheet 1B A R I (M.T. and Repair)Lt.Colonel INSIGNIA (Sub Chief of Staff)Lt.Col. PERRONE Officing Service-----
9 Admin Coy. 3 E.V.P. 8. Amb Sec 9 P.P.Lt.Col. BONAUTI (3 R.V.P.)

(Repair Directorate)

Clothing
(Major FAUCI)Mobile W/S
(Major MARCELLACCI)

Static W/S

B A R I (Commissariato)Colonel OCCHIPINTI (Director)-----
Sec 1 Sec 2 Sec 3 Sec 4
Pool Clothing Bk Stores Administration
(Lt.Col. MORALE) (Maj. BOMARINO) (Maj. BOMARINO) (Maj. FUSCO)

Bulk Depot	BARI O.C.	Lt.Col. SCARPA
Bulk Depot	TARANTO was	Capt. GRIECO
Dist. Depot	FOKIA	Lt. CASTORINA
	BARLETTA	Lt. DECORATO
	BARI	Major PADULA
	BRINDISI	Capt. ANNIOCHLARIO
	TARANTO	Lt. MICELI

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NAPLES

Sheet 2

Col. Giuseppe DE ANGELIS
(Director of Transport)

----- Vehicles Repair Directorate -----

Capt. Girolamo VOLPATI
2nd Mobile Park
WE/TO 208

Capt. Carlo TETE'
2nd Efficient Vehicle Park
WE/TO 30

Lt.Col. Gennaro BUONGIORNO

2 Vehicle Repair Unit
WE/TO 200
Present holding 178

Capt. Silvestro SOLIMA

WORKSHOP

Civilians 48 - Military 59

Capt. Renato JOVINE

INEFFICIENT VEHICLE PARKS

ACQUARO
322

ROSSETTI
708

LEOPARDI
184

AFRAGOLA
436

TELESE
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COMMISSARIAT DIRECTORATE - MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMANDN A P L E SDIRECTOR: Colonel LANDOLFI

Section I (Foodstuffs) Capt. DONSAITO - Chief of Section
1st Lieut. FALCONE) Shipments, & supplies (Foodstuff &
2nd Lieut. MALATO) forage) to other areas. Supply of
depots.
2nd Lieut. DORONZO) Supply of Depots in own area.
2nd Lieut. PETROCELLI) Stock states and Allied accounting

Section II (Clothing) 1st Lieut. NUNZIANTE- Chief of Section
2nd Lieut. DE LIGUORI Attached to Section

Section III (Barracks) Lt. Col. GILINELLI - Chief of Section
2nd Lt. DELL'AQUILA - Attached to Section

Section IV (Contracts) Capt. PIZZARO - Chief of Section

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DEPENDENT UNITS RETURN AS AT 18 JUNE 45

UNIT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Military COMMISSARIAT DIRECTORATE	NAPLES	PROVINCE BUILDING
X SUPPLY UNIT	NAPLES	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
P 1 DETACHMENTS	NAPLES	STAZIONE CENTRALE
SPECIAL FOOD DEPOT (590)	NAPLES	VIA NICOLA NICOLINI 51
- do - (590/2)	NAPLES	VIA FONTI ROSSI 18
- do - (594)	NAPLES	VIA LEONARDO DI CAPUA 51
- do - (1270)	NAPLES	VIA MARIA FILIPPO BRIGANTI 14
- do - (158)	NAPLES	VIA POSILLIPO 87
- do - (683)	NAPLES	PIAZZA CARLO III (Circolo BERTA)
WINE DEPOT	NAPLES	VIA GRANILI 129
WINE DEPOT	S.M. CAPUA VETERE	PIAZZALE FF.SS.
WINE DEPOT	CASALNUOVO	SCALO FERROVIARIO
X FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT (593)	NAPLES	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
X FORAGE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT	NAPLES	VIA NUOVA POGGIOREALE 46
X MILITARY BAKERY (593)	NAPLES	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
SPECIAL CLOTHING DEPOT (594)	NAPLES	PIAZZA CARMINE 5
BRANCH OF SPECIAL CLOTHING DEPOT	NAPLES	VIA ENRICO COSENZA 31
DEPOSITO SPECIALE CASERMAGGIO (599)	NAPLES	VIA CARDINALE SERIP DO 5
" " " (158)	NAPLES	VIA POSILLIPO 97
CENTRO REGIONALE RECUPERI	NAPLES	VIA VERDI 18
DEPOSITO MATERIALI IT. DA RIATTARE	NAPLES	SAN GIOVANNI A TEDUCCIO 251
DEPOT 1750	NAPLES	VIA PONTE DEI FRANCESI 31
DEPOT 599	NAPLES	CASERMA GARIBOLDI A FORIA
CLOTHING LABORATORY (Chituri)	NAPLES	VIA MARIA BRIGANTI 14
LABOR. LAVANDERIA CASERMAGGIO	NAPLES	ISTITUTO A. DIAZ A MATERDEI
STABILIMENTO RIDUC. FILATI	FRATTAMAGGIORE	STABILIMENTO CRISPINO
59 MAGAZZINO VIVERI PRESTIDIARIO	CASERTA	VIA CLAUDIO 1
60 " " "	NOLA	VIA ANFITEATRO LATERIZIO
63 " " "	SALERNO	PIAZZA MATTEO LUCIANO 4

ITEMS RETURN AS AT 18 JUNE 45

Sheet 4

ADDRESS	CONSIGNEE	REMARKS
PROVINCE BUILDING	DIRECTOR- COL. LANDOLFI UGO	
PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE	BAFT. - CALLO STEFANO	
STAZIONE CENTRALE	CAPT. - ORSINI DOMENICO	
VIA NICOLA NICOLINI 51	MAJ. - FIORANI AIDO (sub-consignee)	
VIA PONTI ROSSI 18	LT. - NOLA GIACOMO " "	
VIA LEONARDO DI CAPUA 51	SERG. MAGG. - VENTURO LUIGI " "	
VIA MARIA FILIPPO BRIGANTI 14	BT. - NIGRO MARIO " "	
VIA POSILLIPO 87	MARESCIALLO - PISANI ARMANDO " "	
PIAZZA CARLO III (Circolo BERTA)	" - CERBINO MARIO " "	
VIA GRANILI 129	" - PISCOPO NICHELE " "	
PIAZZALE FF.SS.	LT. - MOLINARO FULVIO	
SCALO FERROVIARIO	MARESCIALLO - BICESE GASPANO	
PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE	MAJ. - DE MAIO GIOVANNI	
VIA NUOVA POGGIOREALE 46	MAJ. - BUONANNO GENNARO	
PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE	LT. COL. - TRATOLA AURELIO	
PIAZZA CARMINE 5	MAJ. - PERES ACHILLE	
VIA ENRICO COSENZA 31	LT. - SCALIA GIUSEPPE	
VIA CARDINALE SERIP DO 5	LT. COL. - GAGLIARDI RICCARDO	
VIA POSILLIPO 98	MARESCIALLO - PESTA CIRO	
VIA VERDI 18	CAPITANO - VENTURELLA VINCENZO	
SAN GIOVANNI A TUDUCCIO 251	LT. COL. - DONADIO PIETRO	
VIA PONTE DEI FRANCESI 31	LT. - D'ANGELO VINCENZO	
CASERMA GARIBOLDI A FORIA	LT. COL. - FELIZZA GIUSEPPE	
VIA MARIA BRIGANTI 14	LT. - ALBERTI GENEROSO	
ISTITUTO A. DIAZ A MATERDEI	MARESCIALLO - NATALE ITALO	
STABILIMENTO CRISPINO	CAPITANO - SORRENTINO GIUSEPPE	
VIA CLAUDIO 1	LT. COL. - CASTAGNA FRANCESCO	
VIA ANFITEATRO LATERIZIO	CAPT. - DE MASI ANTONIO	
PIAZZA MATTEO LUCIANO 4	LT. COL. - PORTANOVA ANTONIO	

Notes on tour of Bari, Naples, and Sicily Arranged
by A.D.S.T. 14 June to 23 June 1945.

(1) Object

To call at A.F.H.Q. and discuss Maccoroni contracts and Tomato Paste manufacture, to meet outside liaison officers and S & T representatives, to inspect Distribution and Bulk Supply Depots, to hear transport problems on the spot and to inspect inefficient and Efficient Vehicle Parks. As a matter of interest only to see Vehicle repair shops by agreement with Major Hall.

(2) A.F.H.Q.

Met Major Sutton, Lt. Cols White and Bean and explained the necessity of arranging for Brit Itis to make their own contract through Admin Divs. This was agreed and to take place w.e.f. 1 July. The position re. Tomato paste was explained and ref. made to production in the pest. This matter would be discussed by D.S.T. and U.S.A. Quartermaster with a view to making contracts for all three categories. The matter remains at the moment at a higher level.

Others points raised by Col White were (a) The necessity of forming Italian Dist. Depots throughout Italy to relieve British Depots who would soon be either closing or doubled up owing to shortage of manpower. It was anticipated that British B.S.D.s would remain in situ for some considerable time. (b) Distribution of petrol through C.I.P. also to relieve British personnel. This may present some difficulty unless Brit Iti Admin Divs can handle the matter but if Italians are still under British Op. Control and Admin Control their may be some snags.

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After lunch contact was made with A.D.S.T. 52 Area but their were no outstanding problems.

(4) Brindisi

The Distribution Depot appeared to be well run and was clean and tidy. An interesting point came to light when I asked to see the list of units entitled to draw and their strengths. I found that this was only received by the Depot two days after the close of the period so I naturally asked on what authority they issued. I was then shown that each unit had to submit its ST 8 direct to the Terr. Cmd H.Q. for franking before it could go to the depot to draw rations. This of course removed all responsibility from the Depot Commander. This practice applies to all depots under command of H.Q. Terr. Cmd. Bari. A lorry from a British Station Transport Coy. was found in the Depot collecting rations on behalf of a Security Bn as of their five vehicles two were on detachment one was about to be returned to I.V.P. and two were of the road in unit lines for minor repairs. Returned to Bari arriving 2015 hrs.

(6) BARI

16 June in company with Lt Col Peronne and Col Insinna (Sub Chief of Staff) I inspected the I.V.P. Admin Coy. P.P. E.V.P. and visited the Mobile W/Shops.

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(a) The Admin Coy I considered dirty and a bit untidy but no doubt I am biased by British standards, however there is no effort made to ensure the clean and tidy distribution of oil and lubricants and fire precautions appeared nil.

The premises were very inadequate, there was however a corner of the yard which was used by the equivalent of the d/m, this was also untidy and there was a lot of scrap material which it was hoped might someday be useful as spares. The majority of this was absolute rubbish and should have been handed back to Salvage. There was no equivalent to a platoon fitter as all such personnel had been withdrawn to the repair shops and I gathered minor repairs within unit lines are discouraged. This appears a matter of policy no doubt determined by economic considerations. It should be born in mind that there is a real fear of sending vehicles into W/Shops so it is easy to understand that without regular maintenance days and no platoon fitters vehicles will be driven until they are a class III repair. This particular unit was deficient of Light load carriers, Three cars and Four motor cycles in addition Four load carriers were in shaky condition and two were definitely off the road. I gathered that the Captain commanding the Coy has given good service in the past but I thought he was of an untidy disposition despite the very difficult circumstances in which he is placed.

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In the afternoon in company with Lt. Col. Miale I visited and inspected the Bulk Supply Depot. and D.D. In the Bulk Depot I was assailed by a terrific smell attributed to a damp wall but to my mind due to dirt under the dunnage and rat droppings etc. The stacks appeared tidy and well made. Dehydrated vegetables were well in evidence and it appears quite impossible to load these on to the Italians as long as there are fresh vegetables available. I found later that units have vast quantities of their stock and from some correspondence I saw when visiting A.D.S. 52 Area it appears that the officer i/c rations Royal Navy Taranto decided to sell them to a farmer and use the money so obtained for the purchase of eggs. I feel strongly that in conjunction with the Navy Sub Commission a careful investigation of the Issues Strengths and Stocks of the Navy should be investigated and am prepared to supply an officer to carry this out if it may be arranged. It is a pity that the Bulk Depot is further away from rail than the Dist. Depot.

The Dist. Depot appeared well run and appears to include a repair section for wine barrels which tend to make the place overcrowded.

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There was an excellent battery of coffee grinders and roasters I believe similar equipment existed at Taranto in the Bulk Depot which may now be available for Naples who have to send out all coffee to a local firm to be roasted and ground.

I called on the A.D.S.T. 54 Area Lt Col Humphreys but there were no problems as far as we were concerned so I proceeded to visit Lt Col Noyes commanding 22 C.R.A.S.C. Supply Units. to discuss the possibility of sending supplies to Taranto and Brindisi from the B.S.D near Brindisi instead of from Taranto. This has been agreed by the Commissariato but Italian found Items may have to continue to come from Bari. The Brindisi B.S.D. is not overworked and it has the further advantage of easing the rail position which is very difficult between Bari and Taranto. This was to have commenced from the period commencing 21 June but I have since been informed that owing to the big stocks both in the Naval Depot and the D.D. Taranto that supps will be delivered to Bari Bulk Depot until the 6 July and after that will go from Brindisi. The cessation of the Maccoroni contracts was welcomed. The facilities at the Fabrica Compabasso will be available to the Commissariato.

(7) BARLETTA

On Sunday 17 June accompanied by Capt Monk Mason I visited the D.D.s at Barletta and Foggia. en route for Naples. The Depot at Barletta was clean and tidy except for the usual inadequate fire precautions. They were blest like the other depots with an ample supply of New Zealand cheese which is very difficult to handle in hot weather especially if there is not adequate cold storage.

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In company with Major Cann I visited the bulk Depot and found it choc a block with flour which appeared to be piled to the ceiling. The general lay out of the Depot is very unsuitable as it is in four separate buildings. There was no ground plan of stacking with dates of building and it is obvious that control is difficult. Guarding is also a big problem. Two guards appear and remain on duty for four hours at a stretch with a little collusion on an isolated depot it is possible to lose material in lorry loads as has often happened in the Naples area before. Fire precautions and rat traps needed attention. The stocks of nuts were very high and the question of issuing nuts without shells before nuts with shells should be investigated. I found that the latter are being issued though there are very large stocks of nuts ~~xxx~~ without shells which have only a life of approx. three months.

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I discussed the question of accommodation for Bulk Depot with Lt. Col Smith who stated that he had made every effort to try and improve the position but found that all the best and most suitable buildings were held by P.B.S. who were unwilling to release even buildings not now in use in case they were required later in particular he mentioned one depot ~~578~~ 579 P.X. Depot which would be ideal but was told that it might be required for backloading supplies for American units embarking from Naples. Perhaps an arrangement could be made to swap. In the afternoon I inspected the Dist. Depot and the Bakery. With the usual remarks re rat traps and fire precautions I considered them very good. The standard of the bread was very high especially as it was being made from sour dough and without yeast - two loaves were sent as a present to the Area Commander. A small portion of the flour in the Bakery was a little off colour but there was no sign of weevil or Med. Moth in any depot. The flour in question was being absorbed at the rate of 5%

On Tuesday 19 June I concentrated on inspecting M.T. Units accompanied by Lt. Col Guiseppe de Angelis (Direttore Automobilist) we visited two of the five inefficient vehicle parks and then the efficient vehicle park which with the exception of a number of light tanks was very empty. I gathered that the stay of vehicles was better than in Bari but I still suggested that all vehicles which remained over seven days should be reported to M.O.W. to urge their collection. Apparently the removal of batteries for charging had been forbidden by Major Kyle and I was unable to ascertain the reason unless it was to insure that they were not swapped for inferior batteries.

The location of the Admin Coy was next visited and appears to be a fair example of the conditions under which the Italians are expected to work. It is out in the blazing sun, two inches deep in dust and no covered accommodation for carrying out maintenance. Again the method of storing oil and distributing was terrible. Sand in a heap beside and saturated with oil from the oil store was the only fire precautions though I was assured they had cope with quite a good fire the day before.

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At Afrigola I visited the mobile W/Shops which is one of the best equipped units of its kind I have ever seen but again the location is very dusty and unsuitable. I gathered that they were trying to complete leave to all troops and would have 60 men away the following day on leave they were thirty below M.L. and had about 17 men sick. It was not anticipated they would be working at full strength for twenty one days. Also they had hoped to cover this period by completing minor repairs to class I & II vehicles but could not find any in the I.V.P.S.

Owing to shortage of time I did not visit Salerno or Nola D.D.S but find that Major Cann has not visited them either though Capt Crawford has been occasionally.

(10) PALERMO

On Wednesday 20 June I set out for Palermo but experienced a three hour delay at the Air-port possibly due to the expected arrival of Frank Sinatra which was causing considerable excitement!

On arrival in Palermo I was met by Lieut Schneider who had been expecting Lt. Col Rose and appeared a little doubtful of my authenticity. He was very helpful throughout my stay on the Island, Major Long was expected back the following day but the plane did not arrive.

During the afternoon we inspected the Distribution Depot which seemed in good shape but as usual was cursed with the smell of New Zealand cheese. Apparently there had been a rather amusing

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accident when a soldier carrying one of these cheeses on his head suddenly found that the bottom of the cheese had collapsed and it descended over his head and came to rest on his shoulders. It does not appear to be clearly understood that these cheeses must never be laid on their sides and that they should be turned over every three to four days and never stacked more than two deep. The local D.C. Commander was trying to get an Italian this cheese condemned and had managed to get an Italian condemnation certificate. Lieut Schneider would not accept this and was having a further test made by a U.S. Naval doctor. Some cases of tinned meat (Armours) were inspected and were quite beyond human consumption. More attention should be paid to the issue of this item from the main land. As from the smell alone it was quite easily recognisable.

We then visited the Chief of Staff at H.Q. Terr Command in case he had any difficulties and to discuss the recovery and repair of army transport on the Island. He is quite content to arrange for the formation of two recovery units and a repair unit from his existing ceiling or Organico and says he can find skilled Army mechanics and employ civilians as well but will need some assistance as far as tools are concerned. I suggested that he made out a return to show the total equipment he considered necessary, how much he could find locally and how much he would need from other sources and submit this to Major Hall for consideration. He seemed very prepared to help himself given a little assistance.

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(11) CATANIA

On Thursday the 21st we set out for Catania by the Diesel train at 0745 and after a hair raising experience arrived at Catania at 1200 hrs. We were invited to lunch by LLOYDS representative and in the afternoon inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. The Bulk Depot in particular was very well run. The Distribution depot was in the middle of issuing so allowances had to be made. The office of the D.D. still remained in the Bulk Depot which is about a quarter of a mile away. I understand this will be rectified. The system whereby H.Q. Terr Cmd authorize the ST 8s is not in operation on the island due to the difficulties of communication. Issues are made on the previous periods list but serious alterations are notified by signal from the Commissariat.

On Friday the 22nd we made spot visits to the first Bn of the Sixth Infantry Regt. and the H.Q. of the 45th Infantry Regt. to check their ration stores. In both cases the accounting appeared in order but there were large stocks of dehydrated Veg. Our insistence on drawing from D.D. within the period of consumption was causing some concern. The Col commanding the 45th regiment Col Paulo De Carli was very agitated regarding the state of his mens boots and clothing. I asked to have some men chosen at random paraded for inspection. I must say I was alarmed at the condition of their boots. In addition to requiring a number of new pairs he asked for a monthly allowance of 1 Kilo of

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leather per five men per month and said he had six good cobblers within the unit. As the men have only one pair of boots (if they are lucky) they are inoperative while their boots are being repaired especially as there is no pool, for marching troops the exchange of repaired boots can hardly be recommended.

Many men are completely without shirts. A small supply of shirts made from flour bags but undyed are arriving from the clothing repair unit. It is a little undignified for the troops to have the name of the flour printed across their backs. The Col has made arrangements for these shirts to be dyed locally but suggests that this might be arranged on a higher basis to ensure they are all the same colour. The shirts themselves are excellent and appear to be very hard wearing.

I visited O.C. Troops Lt. Col. Corkhill and he said things on the Island were fairly quiet but that a few armed gangs of Separists were at large and he was having a little difficulty in rounding them up as his Security Bns were not very mobile and he particularly stressed the position re boots. and asked that I should represent it to the right quarter when I returned. He said that the Col i/c A.C. was very concerned about the Separists but he felt it would not come to much.

He invited me to spend the evening at Tarminia and the following morning I caught a plane back to Naples. In the afternoon I visited O 2E and carried on to Rome.

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B A R I (M.T. and Repair)

Lt. Colonel Insinna (Sub Chief of Staff)

Lt. Col Perrone Officia Servizi

9 Admin Coy. 3 E.V.P. 84 Amb Sec 9P.P.

Lt. Col Bonauti (3R.V.P.)
(Repair Directorate)

Clothing
(Major Fauci)

Mobile W/S
(Major Martellacci)

Static W/S

Bari (Commissariato)

Colonel Occhipinti (Director)

Sec 1

Sec 2

Sec 3

Sec 4

Food

Clothing

Bk. Stores

Administration

(Lt. Col. Meale) (Maj. Bonanno) (Maj. Bonanno) (Maj. Fusco)

Bulk Depot BARI O.C. Lt Col. Scarpa

Bulk Depot TARANTO was Capt Grieco

Dist. Depot FOGGIA Lt Castorina

BARLETTA Lt Decorato

BARI Major Padula

BRINDISI Capt. Annicchiarico

TARANTO Lt. Miceli

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Col. Giuseppe De Angelis

DIREZIONE AUTOMOBILISTICO



DIREZIONE RIPARAZ. AUTOMOB.

Cap. Giuliano Volpati

2° PARCO MOBILE

organico: 208

Cap. Carlo Telè

2° PARCO VEICOLI - EFFIC.

Organico: 30

Ten. Col. Einaro Buonagione

2° REPARTO RIPARAZ. AUTOV.

Organico: 200 - Presenti: 178

Cap. Alberto Galliano

OFFICINA

Or. 48 - Militari: 39

Cap. Renato Jofine

PARCHI VEICOLI
INEFFICIENTI

AGNANO

322

ROSSETTI

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LEOPARDI

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AFRAGOLA

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mai unossizione e rifornimento

S.Ten.DORONZO)
S.Ten.PETROCELLI) rifornimenti ai Magazzini della
circonscrizione - Situazioni e
contabilità alleata.=

II SEZIONE (Vestiaro): Ten.NUNZIANTE - Capo Sezione;
S.Ten.DE LIGUORO - Addetto;

III SEZIONE (Casermaggio): Ten.Col?GULINELLI -Capo Sezione;
S.Ten.DELL'AQUILA -Addetto;

IV SEZIONE (Contratti): Cap.PINZERO - Capo Sezione.

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X REPARTO RIFORNIMENTI	NAPOLI	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
DISTACCAMENTI PORTUALI	NAPOLI	STAZIONE CENTRALE LATO
X DEPOSITO SPECIALE VIVERI (590)	NAPOLI	VIA NICOLA NICOLINI 51
SUCCURSALE (come sopra) (590/2)	NAPOLI	VIA PONTI ROSSI 18
SUCCURSALE " " (594)	NAPOLI	VIA LEONARDO DI CAPUA
SUCCURSALE " " (1270)	NAPOLI	VIA MARIA FILIPPO BRIG
SUCCURSALE " " (158)	NAPOLI	VIA POSILLIPO 87
SUCCURSALE " " (683)	NAPOLI	PIAZZA CARLO III (CIRCO
DEPOSITO VINO" " "	NAPOLI	VIA GRANILI 129
DEPOSITO VINO" " "	S.MARIA C.V.	PIAZZALE FT.SS.
DEPOSITO VINO" " "	CASALNUOVO	SCALO FERROVIARIO
X MAGAZZINO DISTRIBUZIONE VIVERI (593)	NAPOLI	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
X MAGAZZINO DISTRIBUZIONE FORAGGI	NAPOLI	VIA NUOVA POGGIOREALE
X PANIFICIO MILITARE (593)	NAPOLI	PIAZZA GUGLIELMO PEPE
DEPOSITO SPECIALE VESTIARIO (591)	NAPOLI	PIAZZA CARMINE 5
SUCCURSALE DEP.SPEC.VESTIARIO	NAPOLI	VIA ENRICO COSENZ 3
DEPOSITO SPECIALE CASERMAGGIO (599)	NAPOLI	VIA CARDINALE SERIE
SUCCURSALE DEP.SPEC.CASERMAGGIO (158)	NAPOLI	VIA POSILLIPO 97
CENTRO REGIONALE RECUPERI	NAPOLI	VIA VERDI 18
DEPOSITO MATERIALI IT.DA RIATTARE	NAPOLI	S.GIOVANNI A TEDUCCIO
DEPOSITO I750	NAPOLI	VIA PONTE DEI FRANCES
DEPOSITO 599	NAPOLI	CASERMA GARIBALDI A I
LABORATORIO VESTIARIO (Chiurli)	NAPOLI	VIA MARIA BRIGANTI
LABOR.LAVAN-DERIA CASERMAGGIO	NAPOLI	ISTITUTO A.DIAZ A MA
STABILIMENTO RIDUC.FILATI	FRATTAMAGGIORE	STABILIMENTO CRISPINO
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Tel. 11458

Subject: Inspections of Italian Depots .Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) C/o 54 Area

ST/1

27 May 45

To : M.M.I.A.

1. Ref MMIA letter ST/75 of 17 May, 1945 on above subject.
2. All depots in Bari sector were inspected by Captain Guthrie and last inspection was completed on 25 April.
3. On 11 May the Distributing Depot and the Bulk Depot at Bari were visited by Major Fossett and Capt. Guthrie. Forage Depot in Bari was inspected on May 12 by Major Fossett and Capt. Guthrie.
4. Taranto Bulk Depot was inspected by Capt. Monck-Mason on 2 March, 19 March, 4 April, 16 April and 20 May. He also inspected Taranto Distributing Depot on 3 March, 19 March, 4 April, 18 April and 20 May. He also inspected the Brindisi D.D. on 20 March, 3 April, 11 April and 21 May.

G.L. FOSSETT Major
For Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GLF/tv

SUBJECT:- Inspectiona/Visits Italian Depots.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/75

17 May 45.

MMIA IO's

NAPLES PARI ROME

1. Please render to this HQ, as early as possible, a statement showing dates of inspections/visits of Italian Bulk, Distribution, and Forage Depots in your Sector, and by whom inspected.
2. Details of inspections prior to 1 Mar 45 are not required.

to be placed in file
by 15/5/45

file

DVA/lmc

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

BT 23/5/45
31/5/45
2/6/45
WPA

x Spoke to Capt Crawford 2/6, who had spoken
Capt Freeland previously no records of inspections
made prior. KR 2/6/45

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LIAISON LOG MEMO - ARHQ No. 4

3 OF 5

SARDINIAN Call-up

QAE and MOV & TN are being consulted regarding the proposed recalls in SARDINIA. Until their reply is received no answer can be given to this HQ.

1925 Call-up

Informed this Branch that we were sounding Italian General Staff on the subject of calling up 1925 class without re-leasing 1914.

Minutes of Rft Meeting

Made two observations on the minutes as requested

1. Re G II Training
2. " Transit Camps at LSSI and AREZZO both being ER-III.

Leave for Muleteers sent to FIFTH ARMY

Nothing had been done requesting FIFTH ARMY to allow leave to the recent batch of muleteers who had come from GREECE. A signal was written in my presence.

Overall orbat

Obtained 4 extra copies of File 922.2 dated 3 Dec. (Handed to G III (O)) Requested 15 copies of all such documents in future.

Obtained amendment No. 2 to overall order of battle (Handed to G III (O))

Availability of Italian Mines

No 6157

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A reply is still awaited reference a request for Italian Mines. See Log No 2 and para 1 d Log No 3.

III-III Orbat

A reminder was handed out that the III-III Order of Battle, asked for some time ago was now expected in the near future. 2 i/c G

Changes in RE's

SCORE

A comparison of the old AAI overall order of battle and the new AFHQ overall will give the necessary comparative table. Otherwise, deduct 1 and add 800 to the middle number. ED
AI/43/1 becomes MA/242/1

Formation Order for Field Hosps for Gruppi Tatt

MED

Formation orders for 230 - 232 - 429 - 519 Field Hospitals were forwarded from G 3 Org to QAE on 18 Dec.

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MOVEMENTSP.O.M. Conference

Attended P.O.M. Conference. All bids for stores were accepted except for 50 tons of wine to ROME.

No bids "Out of CALABRIA WESTBOUND" were considered owing to the line still being out of action. This is the third week these bids have not been accepted for this reason.

MOV SHIPPING COL GREENHILLItalian Army Vehicles in GREECE

Was unable to contact Col GREENHILL as he was out on both occasions when I called. Nobody else knew anything about vehicles in GREECE. In any case no shipping would be available for 3 or 4 weeks.

Q AECol SLOANBritish Vehicles for FOLCORE and LEGNANO

Position re issue of British Vehicles is:

At present issued	60%
To be issued by end of month	40%

Maj. BEASLEY

Had just returned from visit to England. Letter re pullovers vests etc despatched 19 Dec.

ORD BRITISHJnr Comd CUNNINGHAM REID

The confirming release to VR/723 of the 14 Dec was despatched on the 18 Dec. It should therefore now be in our hands.

Major Parsons

MOV
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DACT. *102217*

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Spec Sec

DACT. *1030*

A/Q

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DACT. *1094*

Q AF

Col Sloan

British Vehicles for Folgores and Ligonaro

Position re issue of British Vehicles is:

At present issued	50%
To be issued by end of month	40%

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ORD BRITISH Jnr Comd CUMMINGS ROAD

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Release for anklets gloves etc despatched to this Hq 18 Dec.

Q Maint

Maj BARNISH

The authority for the issue of fuel to Italians for cooking heating & lighting is receiving attention and will be sent to MMIA within 3 or 4 days.

Lt. Col. MC CLEAN

Travel rations for personnel on leave

A signal was sent to MMIA in my presence authorising the issue of not more than two days travel rations for leave personnel on the outward journey only.

MMIA Signal A/Q 2409 17 Dec

This signal requesting movement of 2 tons clothing from BARI to AREZZO should have been sent to 15 Army Group and not to AFHQ. However as the amount was so small, the bid was accepted.

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G 1 BritishLt. Col. HIGGINS2 i/c
A/Q
GRfts Conference

Had a long and interesting chat in this office on the subject of the Italian Army. The usual troubles only too prevalent throughout AFHQ were encountered. Why are we bothering with the Italian Army etc etc. At the moment Col HIGGINS is acting Brigadier while he is away. The meeting is proposed for the 28 or 29 Dec and very possibly will be held in ROMA in order to save a four hour journey for those coming from AAL. I said we would be able to arrange suitable accommodation for the meeting.

G 2Col. HILL - DILLAN

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Was unable to contact Col HILL - DILLAN as he was out when I called. Left message that I had called reference our letter re wireless sets in SPAIN, in case he had any comments.

AFRAGOLA CAMP2 i/c
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A/Q

Visited AFRAGOLA Camp. Capt THURPP was not there nor any Italian Officer in the personnel office. The Sgt Clerk was present who gave me the following information

Departed WEDNESDAY 20 Dec to ASTRONI for PBS

M.T. Unit (Reparto Autieri)	No. arrived ex SARDINIA	No. departed to PBS
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SARCAVING Unit	286	283
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223

The following Units were in the Camp.

331 Field Hospital
520 Field Hospital
552 Service Battery
319 Field Bakery
33 Hygiene Section
1007 G.I. Coy

23
57
25
33
42
384

9103

The following personnel are also in the Camp and formed into Provisional Coys. These provisional Coys are merely Convenient Units and correspond to A B C D Coys in a British Camp.

1 Provisional Coy
2 Provisional Coy
3 Provisional Coy
4 Provisional Coy
5 Provisional Coy

159
242
337
298
290

No's 1 & 2 Coys are unsuitable personnel from Combat Groups.

No's 3 & 4 Coys are ex prisoners from FRANCE.

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A nominal roll by trades is being compiled but was not complete yesterday 20 Dec.

All the above personnel are available for employment by the Allies.

I was impressed by AMBROSIA Camp, it was clean and well organised. I was able to obtain answers to all questions asked. It appeared to me to be a very good effort to work harmoniously in accordance with Allied wishes.

O 2E

Col THOMPSON

Visited O 2E re the non appearance of a Sgt Clerk. I arranged to phone particulars of the posting as I had not them with me.

Later arranged for Staff Capt A to pursue the matter.

Mentioned Staff Capt Q and was informed that there should be no difficulty in finding one.

Officers from PIERMONT

After over an hour I managed to locate "A/C personnel" who knew something about these officers. Little wonder that the SCHLIED brothers are still kicking their heels in KONA since so little is known about them at AFHQ.

A signal had been sent on the 19 Dec in answer to our E 1155 of 14 Dec which stated that the officers concerned must obtain visas from the French Authorities before application to G 2 AFHQ can be made.

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21 Dec. 44

Capt.
AFHQ LO :

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File No.

TO:	Comd	Special Sec	GRD
	2 i.o.	G(AE)	G(Maint)
	G.S.O.1	ST	

1. Herewith Capt. Bird's report.
2. Attd to Q(AE) copy only is clothing state.
Attd to GSO 1 copy only is Muletsr Afts Appx.
Attd to 2 i.e. copy only is draft directive.

20 Nov 44.

Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

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REPORT NO. 1

Date: 27 Nov 44

FIFTH ARMY DE-17181. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Att is a state showing :-

- (a) First allotment from Lt. Col. Moriarty. This was passed direct to 13 Corps and distributed by them (not incl in total).
- (b) Amounts held in 13 Corps P.M.S.
- (c) Second allotment from Lt. Col. Moriarty. This is now being collected, and will be held by 210 Div. till 231 Div can take over.
- (d) Third allotment from HQ, due 5 Dec.
- (e) Fourth allotment from HQ (MIA A42267 of 20 Nov refers)
- (f) Issues made by GAD (not incl in total)

NOTES.

- (a) 340013 clothing was allocated and distributed by "A" through GAD.
- (b) 81 x 56 lbs Lubin to all BRITLS (this will be a regular supply) was issued by GAD on 23 Nov.

(c) 18 bicycles have been loaned by GAD to 2071 pioneers, until replacements can be made available from THAIAN sources ("Loan" is the word used, but not entirely meant.)

2. SOAP.

There is a soap shortage - or was. 210 Div, however, found 2000 extra rations for BRITLS today. Hospitals require more than 300 grams per man per month, as laundry is high, and patients don't bring their soap. Suggest there should be a hospital scale, additional to normal ration.

- 3. 394 Pz Abn is now at SIGMA or FLEISSEN, ready to operate.

(b) 91 x 98 lbs tubs to all BRITIS (this will be a regular supply) was issued by QED on 23 Nov.

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3. 884 Rd Amb is now at SIGMA nr FLAMENCO, ready to operate.

When "our" ship comes home, a proposed $\frac{1}{2}$ for vets is $\frac{1}{2}$ 103

Staff cars	• • • •	1
3-tonners	• • • •	1
Ambulances	• • • •	2
Water cart	• • • •	1

The AMB here thought that would be nice when possible, and meanwhile is helping them out.

4. BLANKETS

(a) All 13 Corps BRITIS have three blankets. I am checking to find their origin.

(b) Most other units also have three, and none less than two. Again checking origin.

(c) Where it is definitely considered units should have THREE, I intend to issue, where possible, one comforter, and to withdraw one blanket. It has been found that a blanket over a comforter will stand the weather.

5. 231 DIV.

(a) soon is prepared - a barracks in good condition, except for some windows. Admirable for all purposes, incl Transit Camp. The latest

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rfts have been housed there already. Memo COSTA VI E. GIOVINO,
via Leonardo, MONTECASSINO.

(b) I have written a directive for 231 Div on clothing (copy att) which has passed all comment by "G" here, incl Col. Rich. This will await them on arrival. I have also prepared a memorandum of priority local tasks for them.

(c) 8r Inc are meeting the question of passing PULINI rfts etc through 231 Div Transit Comp. Nations seem the only difficulty, and I have brought this to their notice. In general, I think it would be a good thing, and would help to prevent possible ill feeling arising in various parts of the Italian Army (see also Welfare).

6. WELFARE

Free seats and occasional free performances are now given to Italian tps in the local cinemas. Likewise ENSA parties, run by ENSA but Italian performers, are giving occasional performances to Italian tps. No distinction is, or will be made between any categories. This is essential and fully realised here.

7. CO-OPERATIONS

A Co-operator Weps has arrived at MONTECASSINO under code 8r Inc, to look after HQ vehs. It's a pity.

8. GENERAL

With the imminent arrival of PULINI, there is a danger in the background, of tps in Green 8/9 becoming a lesser breed, and it is a possible source of ill-feeling, which might give certain Italian parties political propaganda.

There This will be combated by asking Welfare General. That includes Glady and so on. It would be a good thing if the following could happen too.

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(a) EPI to all tps in Comba Area (I know !)

7. CO-OPERATION

A Co-operator who has arrived at PLANTON under code Br Inc , to look after my work. It's a pity.

8. GENERAL.

With the imminent arrival of FALLI, there is a danger in the background, of the in Green 2/3 becoming a lesser breed, and it is a possible course of ill-feeling, which might give certain Italian parties political propaganda.

There This will be combatted by making Welfare General. That includes Clubs and so on. It would be a good thing if the following could happen too.

(a) FBI to all the in Combat Area (I know !)

(b) Battle Dress cease to be dyed - at least for Red tops.

In this connection I feel it would do good if the Transit Corps of Adm Div HQs could be used as, or extended to embrace Combat transit personnel and perhaps Red rft centres. Nations and RAFI would be the great problem.

9. MILITARY

Two reports from Italian sources on the Muleteers re-inforcements are att.

Maj. Barbato, Ital Gen DC 21 Pack Op was ^{almost} in tears. He loves his Op and is proud of it, and rightly so. On the new Call Up from AERUZZI (home of Muleteers, I'm told), he would like to come down and choose his fellows. Under Army letter Command and Administration, setting up BATTI rft centres, this becomes a British responsibility, and I have put his wishes to the authorities here.

Both in the rfts and in the present Op, there are a number of overage personnel. The Ministry of War has said they should be demobilized. Their wishes will be respected, when

(a) they conform themselves.

(b) replacements become available.

Att Br Inc 5 Army.
(sgd) J.C. MUD 3/Sept.
27.57

IMPORTANT

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LRGV LAEE NR106 PRIORITY

FROM M M I A LO DISTWO

TO M M I A

BT/131 DT

RESTRICTED. PLEASE FORWARD SUPPLY OF CT SECTOR

LOS WEEKLY REPORT PRO-FORMAE

T60 1213

SENT NR106 1325A GW BB

E-136 ED 37/1325A-CP B.

MMIA	St
FILE REF	787
Date Recd.	8/10/1

See
Supply sent
on 8 Oct. 1961

DADS

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(also to Toronto).

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Reports.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.

→ ST/75

MMIA LOs (All sectors)

5 Oct 44.

Reference S&T Operating Instruction No. 3 dated
8 July 1944.

1. In future Liaison Reports will be rendered to this office on a FORTNIGHTLY basis and not weekly as hitherto.
2. Please amend all instructions accordingly.

B. L. Perceval

B. L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,

ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

ELM/jc

2017/10

FROM: DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
TO: DEPT. OF JUSTICE
SUBJECT: [illegible]

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To Chief Clerk:- NOT REGISTERED. *Hub*
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Subject: Drawing of rations in July by 30 Mortar Bn.-SABAUDA Div.

Ref. your ST/75 of 11 Aug. 44. *(3)*

The Allied L.O. with the above Fmn. had discovered an irregularity in the drawing of rations by the 30 Mortar Bn. in respect to the ~~XXX~~ strength fed.

W.Q. of that Fmn. was requested to make the necessary inquiries at the Unit and has reported that the excess of draws was only apparent as it was compensated for by less rations being drawn on the last three days of the month.

To demonstrate what is written above, there was attached a extract of the accountancy log of the unit for the period in question accompanied by explanatory notes, of which there is a copy attached together with the table sent by H.Q. SABAUDA Div. to this W/M.

Anyhow I assure you that orders have again been issued to try and prevent draws of rations not equal to the rationed strengths.

As for paras a) and b) of that same letter of yours, you will be informed of that by the CABINETTO of the W/M.

*S & T. MWA.

Recd 23 Sep

ST/75

23 Sep

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W/M

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
DIVISIONE SUSSISTENZE

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P. M. 102.11.22 settembre 1944

8857/S/Hi prof.

Risposta al foglio N. del

Curte annesse 2

OGGETTO: prelevamenti razioni mese luglio dal 30° Btg. Mortai - Divisio-
ne SAUDA -.

AL LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO DELLA

A.C.C. (rif. f. ST/75 dell'11/8/44)

R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A. - S E D E

(rif. fono 300412/C.A. del 31/8/44)

L'Ufficiatale Alleato di Collegamento presso la Gran-
de Unità in oggetto aveva rilevato irregolarità nei preleva-
menti effettuati dal 30° Btg. Mortai rispetto alla forza vet-
toagliata.

Interessato a tale proposito il Comando della predetta
Grande Unità affinché si svolgessero gli opportuni accertamen-
ti presso il reparto, lo stesso Comando ha fatto presente che
l'eccedenza nei prelevamenti era soltanto apparente, in quanto
è stata compensata con razioni prelevate in meno negli ulti-
mi tre giorni del mese.

A dimostrazione di quanto veniva affermato, si invi-
stralcio del Giornale di Contabilità del Reparto, relativo al
periodo in questione, accompagnato da note esplicative.

L'Ufficiale Alleato di Collegamento presso la Grande Unità in oggetto aveva rilevato irregolarità nei prelevamenti effettuati dal 30° Btg. Mortal rispetto alla forza vetovagliata. -

Interessato a tale proposito il Comando della predetta Grande Unità affinché si svolgessero gli opportuni accertamenti presso il reparto, lo stesso Comando ha fatto presente che l'eccedenza nei prelevamenti era soltanto apparente, in quanto è stata compensata con razioni prelevate in meno negli ultimi tre giorni del mese. -

A dimostrazione di quanto veniva affermato, si univa stralcio del Giornale di Contabilità del Reparto, relativo al periodo in questione, accompagnato da note esplicative, che qui si allegano in copia unitamente allo specchio inviato dal Comando Divisione "SABAUDA" a questo Ministero. -

Si assicura tuttavia cotesta Sottocommissione che sono stati impartiti nuovamente ordini volti ad evitare prelevamenti non aderenti alla situazione giornaliera della forza. -

Per quanto riguarda i comma a) e c) dello stesso foglio in riferimento, provvederà ad informarne cotesta Sottocommissione il Gabinetto di questo Ministero. -

P. IL MINISTRO

Adesina

Giorno	Forse media vettovagliata			Totale razioni ri- sultanti prelevate come da giornale di contabilità	Totale razioni ri- prelevate con buoni
	Comp. Com/ao	1 ^o Comp.	2 ^o Comp.	3 ^o Comp.	
1	93	140	151	127	577
2	93	140	143	190	540
3	93	140	143	361(190+171)(1)	749(578+171)(1)
4	93	140	143	190	540
5	93	140	143	190	566
6	93	140	143	190	540
7	80	153	233	140	606
8	79	153	233	140	605
9	107	153	140	140	540
10	107	153	140	140	540
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Totale	forza vettovagliata durante il mese			
	di luglio come da giornale di contab.			17553
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NOTA N.1 - La terza compagnia era stata vettovagliata fino al 2/7 in quanto entro tale giorno avrebbe dovuto raggiungere Agri-
gento, sede del Comando di Battaglione, da cui avrebbe poi ricevuto i viveri per i giorni successivi. Essa però potè partire per la nuova sede solo il 3 luglio e quindi fu costretta in tale giorno a prelevare a parte presso il Magazzino Viveri di Palermo n. 171 razioni di viveri. Di questo prelevamento però la compagnia ha tenuto conto nei giorni 29 - 30 - 31, come risulta infatti nello specchio soprariportato.

NOTA N.2 - La 1^a Compagnia il giorno 19 ha prelevato n. 296 razioni di viveri. Tale prelevamento, che a prima vista può sembrare superiore al fabbisogno effettivo del reparto dipende da un aumento derivante da militari avuti in sussistenza.

Dai dati e dai chiarimenti forniti dall'ufficiale competente risulta evidente che il XXX Battaglione Mortai non ha effettuato alcun prelevamento di viveri in più rispetto alla spettanza fissata.-

P. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE a.p.l.
IL VICE COMANDANTE
F/to Col. Armando Marasee.



tuato alcun prelevamento di viveri in più rispetto alla spettanza fissata.-

P. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE a.p.l.

IL VICE COMANDANTE

F/to Col. Armando Marasea



6155

Subject:- MMIA Liaison Officers Reports.

(File)
Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/75.

18 Sept. 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Reference your 9087/1/S of 2 Sept 44.

1. Have you received the information required from
"SABAUDA" Division yet. If so please hasten your reply.

DVV/bc

B. L. Perceval
for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

BF 24 Sept *Reply at (8)*

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A. De Gasperi

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

9087/1/S di prot.

P. M. 107. li *2* SET 1944 1944

Risposta al foglio N. *ST/75* del 21 agosto *Corte annessa*

OGGETTO: Rapporti di ufficiali di collegamento della
M.M.I.A. *Report of officers of communication 1/11/75*

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.G. *ROMA*

In merito a quanto rappresentato con il foglio
ST/75 dell'11 agosto c.a. si precisa che, sono state
richieste notizie telegrafiche al comando della Divi-
sione "Sabauda" circa i prelevamenti effettuati dal 3
30° battaglione mortai nel periodo 18-28 luglio.

Per i provvedimenti richiesti da cotesta Sotto-
commissione onde eliminare gl'inconvenienti segnalati
è stato interessato il Gabinetto di questo Ministero
trattandosi di questioni che esulano dalla competen-
za della Direzione Generale di Commissariato.

p. IL MINISTRO

Fell'iga

8163

Subject:- Liaison Officers Reports.

File
Army Sub Commission, (MELA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/75.

5
September 44.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Reference this office letter ST/75 of 21 Aug 44,
forwarding various points from MELA Liaison Officers for your
action, and reminder dated 21 Aug 44.

1. Will you now please inform this HQ, without any further
delay, if the necessary action has been taken.

(A)

S. L. Cammings
for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MELA).

DVM/jo

137-1 Sep
6142

Subject: - Liaison Officers Reports.

21
Army Sub Commission, (MIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/75.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

21 August 1945

Reference this office letter ST/75 of 11 Aug 45,
forwarding various points from MIA Liaison Officers for
your action.

1. Please inform this Hq if the necessary action has been
taken.

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21 Aug
30 Aug
31 Aug

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

8141

201:- Liaison Officers Reports.

ARMY Sub Commission, (AMIA),
HQ, AGO, ROMA,
SE/75.

// Aug 14.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. Reports from AMIA Liaison Officers bring out the following points:-

- (i) Escorts for trucks and railroad cars are still being found from depot staffs. The latest report of this practice refers to the Catania Depot. As you are aware, this is a misuse of Commissariato personnel, of which there are only just enough to maintain the Commissariato service.

Please cease general instructions to be issued to all Praesidii that this practice must cease and escorts be provided, under Praesidii arrangements, from other Italian Units.

- (ii) The 30th Mortar Batt 14m - Sabaudia Division overdraw 200 rations between 18 July and 28 July. Instructions have been issued locally to adjust this, but it is requested you will cause to be issued to all unit commanders an instruction stressing the necessity for drawing rations strictly in accordance with their daily feeding strength.

The practice of overdrawing, if allowed to develop unchecked, merely mortgages the soldiers food and when the adjustments are made, it is more than probable that it will be the soldier who will suffer by having his ration reduced to pay off the mortgage.

- (iii) A general point seems to be that many units are feeding their troops in the open, there being no messrooms.

This is not a Commissariato matter, but it is suggested you call the attention of the appropriate branch of the War Ministry to the fact that it is most important that arrangements be put in hand at an early date to get troops under cover before the summer weather breaks.

This necessitates provision of sound, weatherproof cookhouses, mess rooms, ablution and latrine facilities. Cases have been seen of cookhouses

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Subject:- Weekly Reports - St.

Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main Hq. MMIA.
LEQUILLE (ISCCE)
ST/75.

MMIA. Sector LO:- Naples Sector. Bari Sector.
Taranto Sector. Sicily Sector.
Catanzaro Sector. Rome Sector. } (Without enclosures -
Sardinia. } for information).

12 July 44.

1. The attached are forwarded as an initial supply of Report Forms in implementation of S & T Branch Operating Instruction No.2.
2. It is realised that to carry out supervision and control in all the phases prescribed may be difficult at present with existing limited personnel.
3. For this reason where personnel is inadequate the Sector Liaison Officer concerned will direct available staff to the most urgent duties from time to time.
4. The proformas attached are however to be regarded as a standard of inspection to be aimed at as circumstances permit. Furthermore if Liaison Officers take with them on their visits (as is intended) a set of the forms, essential points are not overlooked and visits can be conducted rapidly and systematically.
5. As far as this Hq is concerned the reports will form the basis for comparison between various Italian units and serve to indicate progress from week to week. This is essential, as the extent of the S & T 'parish' is too great to permit of frequent visits by officers of this Hq.

For the same reason Sector Liaison Officers and their staffs must make every effort to discharge to the maximum extent from time to time possible all of the inspection and control functions prescribed.

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B.L.PERCIVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

10-7-18