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CAPT. J.M.  
CRAIG

No. 3 DIST DEPOT  
MILAN

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CAPT. J.M.  
CRAIG

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CAPT. A.H.  
WUTHER.

No. 75 DIST DEPOT  
PIACENZA

No. 6 DIST DEPOT  
BOLOGNA

No. 76 DIST DEPOT  
ANCONA

No. 77 DIST DEPOT  
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MAJOR  
THRUPP.

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CAPT. A. H.  
WILTNER.

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Subject:- Rations and Messing.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit  
Tel: 152965 Ext. 10  
Q/35/1

To:- A.D.S.T.,  
M.M.I.A.

13 Dec 46

1. Ref Appendix 'A' to G.R.O. 776/46 . Serial 1 (b) "Fresh Items".
2. Under 217 Area Instruction No.20 of 19 Nov 46, bills for Fresh items for this B.L.U. and affiliated units are to be forwarded to C.R.A.S.C. 67 G.P. Coln.
3. Could this office please be informed whether the a/m G.R.O. cancels the area instruction.

**\*S & T, MMIA.**

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Capt,  
R.A.S.C.

Milan,  
MFH/SGD.

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SUBJECT:- Recruits Course on Supplies

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
TEL 152965 Ext 107  
G/36/6

ADST.  
HQ MMIA.  
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15 46  
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Att herewith copy of this HQ letter of even number dated  
28 OCT, and translation of reply received from HQ 3 Terr Comd.  
Forwarded for infm.

MILAN.  
MFH/AA

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*[Signature]*  
Capt  
RASC

\*S & T, MMIA.

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COPY.

SUBJECT:- Courses for Commissariat Recruits.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
TEL 152965 Ext 107  
G/36/6

HQ 3 Terr Comd.

28 OCT 46

Will you please say whether you have any information regarding the reopening of the CAR Commissariato, which was discontinued in accordance with Ministry of War Instructions (Letter 5998/R/4 of 19 Sep 46).

It is understood that the next Course is due to start in January 47.

MILAN  
FMDS/RJE

(Sgd) P.M.M. ECERTON  
Lt Col  
GS

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TRANSLATION.

HQ 3 TERR COMD.  
Section 2 Ord Mob.

File; 04/3365

Milan 31 Oct 46

SUBJECT:- Recruits Course on Supplies.

TO: HQ 3 B,L,U,Milan.

Ref. your letter G/36/6 dated 28 Oct o.a.

Beyond the original instruction from the war office which ordered that Commissariat's trainees would be trained in Supplies Coys, no further instructions have been received.

Recent officer visitors from War Office have indicated that the Commissariat Training Centre will not be reopened in Milan but probably will be accommodated in the South.

Lt Col GS  
( Carlo Maraschi ).

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LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON VISIT TO 318 FIELD BAKERY

MANTOVA DIVISION 14 OCT 1946

NAME OF VISITING OFFICER - Capt. M.F. HARRIS - RASC.

GENERAL REMARKS

The nominal HQ of this bakery is at ANEVZANO, which is about 20 Kilometres along the coast to the north of GENOVA.

The word nominal is used because the bakery does not function at the moment, bread being supplied to the Mantova Division under civilian contract.

The equipment is stored in the quartermaster's stores of the clothing depot at ALBENGA and the bakery personnel numbering 1 Marsc and 7 Men are employed in the clothing depot.

Under the circumstances therefore there is no basis for a normal report, the only point to note being that the 7 men bakery referred to were trained at the GAR Commissariato, MILAN.

This being so, their training is wasted, since they are nothing but labourers at the moment.

A re-adjustment of personnel is indicated.

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Capt S.T.

N.B.

This report confirms verbal report made to Capt MURRAY and Lt Col HADDE.

A copy is not sent to division, since there are no points for there attention. The case of the men referred to cannot be solved by division for there are no working bakeries within the division.

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
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III Territorial Command.

LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON VISIT TO SUPPLY DEPOTS

- NAME OF VISITING OFFICER'S - Lt Col J.D.A. HARDIE - RASC,  
Asst Dir Supplies and Transport, 12 BIA.
- Major G.F. HARRISON - RASC  
Training S & T, 12 BIA.
- Capt M.F. HARRIS - RASC.
- DATE OF VISIT - 24 Oct 1946.
- NAME OF DEPOT - 3 General Supply Co (Capt ARAGONA)
- 3 Military Bakery (Maj MASCIPO)
- 3 Supply Co (Sussistenza) (Ton LINGO)

Lt Col HARRIS visited all departments of the above quoted units. They were found to be in an impeccable condition and the Colonel had no criticisms to any department.

On the contrary he described the depot as "the best in Italy", and warmly congratulated Maj MASCIPO, Capt ARAGONA and Lt LINGO on their efficiency.

Copy to: HQ 12 BIA.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
S.T.

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III Territorial Command.

LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT  
ON VISIT TO TRANSPORT UNITS

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NAME OF VISITING OFFICERS - Lt Col J.D.A. HARDIE - RASC  
Asst Dir Supplies and Transport, MIAA.  
- Major C.T. BERRIDGE  
Training, 12 BLU.  
- Capt M.F. HARRIS - RASC  
3 BLU.

DATE OF VISIT - 24 Oct 46.

NAME OF UNIT - 3 Adm Transport Coy.

NAME OF O.C. - Capt ALLA.

The progressive improvement noted on each visit to this unit had been carried still further on the occasion of this visit. Lt Col HARDIE made a thorough inspection of the administration, vehicles and all departments and had no criticisms to offer. On the contrary he observed that the barrack rooms were the "best kept in the Italian Army", while of the MI documentation he said "the best recorded of any Italian transport unit he had yet seen. He classified the company as a very good unit.

Capt ALLA and his officers are to be congratulated on their hard work and efficiency. The results they are showing have not been achieved without a considerable effort.

*[Signature]*  
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Capt,  
RASC.

TRANSLATION

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HQ 6 PACK TRANSPORT UNIT FOR

ALPINI REGT.

SUBJECT:- WE - Animals - Unit's equipment.

OFFICERS,

The WE is of 10 officers of which only 7 are present. The officers WE does not correspond to the exigencies of the unit. Particularly it is strongly felt the lack of another junior officer or WO at the sections with a strength of 104 animals and 139 men, which have only 1 regular army officer.

The deficiency of veterinary officers is also complained: of the 4 WE officers only one is actually at units' HQ and he must cope with the requirements of detached sections at SILANDRO and BRUNATE and of various animal detachments.

W.e.f. 31 July 46, 4 officers of the unit have been transferred to 4ty Regts; 3 of them have already arrived to their new places but no replacements have been made.

NCOs.

WE - 14

Actually present : 6

The number of NCOs actually present in the unit is absolutely insufficient.

Particularly 4 saddlers and the 3 NCOs in charge of sections who could help the officers in the various exigencies of the service are missing.

TROOP.

WE - 476

Actually present : 249

The number of soldiers actually present is insufficient for the normal maintenance of 561 animals, considering that the HQ of the unit needs a certain number of clerks, typists, store-keepers, telephone operators, etc, for its own running.

ANIMALS.

WE - 342

Actually present - 361

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It is not possible for the moment to clip the animals owing to lack of mechanical clippers

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ANIMALS ARRANGEMENT.

The monthly allocation of 15 kgs of sawdust and wood-shavings for the animals is not sufficient: in fact by the middle of the month the allocation is already finished.  
The lack of bedding causes the following troubles:

- 1) the animal, having to stand night and day on the floor cannot relax with consequent damage of the hoof and of the limbs joints.
- 2) the floor of litters being smooth may easily cause slidings with consequent damages to the animal. These damages (such as broken legs, etc) can end with the killing of the mule.

- 2 -

For the above it is deemed necessary an allocation of straw to make permanent bedding.

#### EQUIPMENT.

##### 1) ARMS

The unit has the rifle mod. 91 for cavalry units with Italian equipment.

Nothing to remark. It would be desirable to unify the armament with Alpini units which will be shortly issued with British arms.

##### 2) CLOTHING

Senior soldiers have got only one grey-coat in bad condition to be used during internal service and during time off.

Recruits have one grey-coat uniform to be worn during time off and a uniform of khaki cloth for internal service which is not possible to wear owing to cold weather.

Shirts are made of cloth and are in bad condition.

Shoes received are insufficient to meet the requirements: in fact several soldiers have still got mountain-boots.

For the foregoing it would be necessary:

- 1) the allocation of at least another uniform to be used only during time off;
- 2) the allocation of a considerable number of half-boots to substitute the mountain boots, which should be worn only during training.
- 3) the allocation in a short period of winter clothing considering the altitude of VIPIENO (950 m.) and the low temperature.

Latest instructions foresee the distribution of the new uniform to recruits only, while the unit includes mostly senior soldiers.

##### 3) SADDLERY.

The unit is equipped with pack-saddlery (British type) made of very good material, but which is not suitable for packing of heavy loads (a normal mule for Alpini units should carry a load varying between 80 and 100 kilos) for the following reasons:-

- 1) the frame of pack-saddle is not rigid;
- 2) panels are too small and not enough stuffed;
- 3) the British pack-saddle often causes, in long walks on the mountains and with heavy loads, broad wounds in the animal's side. It is therefore considered opportune the substitution of British pack-saddles, very suitable in flat areas and with light loads, with Italian mountain pack-saddles.

The lack in allocation of leather scraps, string, awls etc, for minor repairs to be carried out at the units is complained of.



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### 4) FARRIER'S EQUIPMENT.

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Farrier's tools (British type) are not used by Italian farriers for the following reasons:

- 1) The school of farriers at Pinerolo has a different training method from the British one;
- 2) The Italian shoeing (with hooks) is different from the British (smooth). It is considered opportune the allocation to the sections of farriers kits of the Italian type.

### 5) M.T. EQUIPMENT.

The unit holds 5 lorries all in bad condition (recovered material). In particular the tyres leave much to be desired. The HQ has 7 outef covers and 7 inner tubes out of use; for this reason one of the lorries has been kept in the garage during several months.

It must be pointed out that this unit has never received an allocation of tyres in substitution of the ones worn out.



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Subject: ITI Tpt and Supply Units-Visits.

HQ III Terr Comd

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.  
Tel: 152965 (Ext 10).  
Q/37/29.  
11 Oct 46

Att herewith Liaison Officers Report Serial MF (T) 16 on visit carried out on 8 Oct 46.

MILAN  
LGE/PT

Copy to: ADST HQ MMIA.

*John J. Hamman*  
Capt  
RASC

N.B. PARA 5 in the copy to HQ III Terr Comd was amended as follows:-

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the CG Maj CAVALLI was not present at the unit during the whole of the visit. Capt CANASSA was in charge and conducted me around.

\*S & T, MMIA.  
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M.F.(T) 16.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON VISIT TO TRANSPORT UNIT

1. NAME OF VISITING OFFICER - Capt M.F.HARRIS, RASC
2. NAME OF UNIT - 250 Transport Coy (Legnano Division)  
(250 Coy Transporti e Rifornimenti)
3. DATE OF VISIT - 8 OCT 46
4. NAME OF OC. - Major CAVALLI
5. N.B.

This Unit was last visited on 11 Jul 46 (Report IF(T) 10 refers). On that occasion there was some unpleasantness of the part of the OC, Major CAVALLI; as a result of which Major CAVALLI has been disciplined, apparently to the point of a mild rebuke - only.

This time, prior notice of visit was made to the Chief of Staff, III Territorial Command, and he in turn notified the Unit.

At the Unit I was met by a Capt CAVASSA and conducted around by this Officer. Major CAVALLI was absent, and no explanation of his absence was given beyond that he was out. Capt CAVASSA agreed that the Unit had been notified of my intended visit. There are no complaints against the demeanour of Capt CAVASSA.

6. LOCATION (Standard of)  
The Unit is housed in the barracks at LODI. In general the accommodation is excellent for this type of Company. There is plenty of good covered parking and maintenance bays; good concrete standings and excellent storage buildings for supplies.

7. WE & STRENGTH (Personnel)  
The WE quoted here is the present working WE. The new WE referred to in MIA letter S/D 103 of 17 Sep 46 is not yet operative in this Unit.

<u>WE</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Officers 13	Officers 15
WCOs 20	WCOs 21
Men 244	Men 223
Plus W/S	Plus W/S
Officers 1	Officers 1
WCOs 3	WCOs 2

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NCOs 5	NCOs 2
Men 41	Men 11
	Civilians 9
	(Technicians)
	<b>105</b>

The above NCO figures do not include Corporals. No civilian drivers are employed.



The WE allows for an HQ, 3 Transport platoons, 2 composite platoons and 1 WS platoon. Personnel distributed as follows:-

	Officers	NCOs	Men
HQ	4	4	32
Each Tpt Pl	1	2	50
Each Comp Pl	3	5	31
W/S platoon	quoted on page 1.		

A Composite Platoon includes the following specialist and semi-specialist personnel:-

- 2 Supply Officers
- 1 Artillery Officer
- 2 Supply NCOs
- 1 NCO - Amn Examiner
- 3 Trained soldier amn men.

8. WE & STRENGTH (Vehicles)

	WE	Strength
Cars	10	4
MC	35	18
15 cwt	5	10
Load carriers	109	63 (All Dodge 3 ton)
Plus W/S		
1 Car		Nil
2 MC		1
2 x 15 cwt		1
5 x 3 ton		5
2 W/S Carriers		2
1 Store Lorry		1
2 Breakdowns		1
Plus W/S		
Cars		Nil
MC		1
15 cwt		1
3 ton		5
W/S Lorry		2
Store "		1
Breakdown		1

The WE distributes vehicles as follows:-

	HQ	Cars	3	15 Cwt	2	MC	5	Load Carrier	3
Each Tpt Pl	"	"	1	"	1	"	6	"	34
Each Comp Pl	"	"	2	"	Nil	"	6	"	2

W/S Pl as quoted above.

- 1 Artillery Officer
- 2 Supply WCOs
- 1 NCO - Arm Examiner
- 3 Trained soldier arm men.

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(Vehicles)

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35		MC 18
5		15 cwt 10
		Load
carriers 109		carriers 63 (All Dodge 3 ton)
Plus W/S		
1 Car		Cars
2 MC		MC
2 x 15 cwt		15 cwt
5 x 3 ton		3 ton
2 W/S Carriers		W/S Lorry
1 Store Lorry		Store "
2 Breakdowns		Breakdown
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Each Camp Pl	"	2	"	NIL	"	6	"	2

W/S Pl as quoted above.

9. NO OF VOES  
Tyres

There were no minor VCRs but an alarming total of <sup>104</sup>1504s waiting for new engines. Capt Callissa stated that these were the accumulation of 12 months, during which time no new engines had been received. Tyres are a great problem, but one spare wheel, of a kind, is held for each vehicle.

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10 DETAILS

The company is now working at very low pressure in transport. An average of 8 vehicles, only, per day are detailed, rising to 15 every fortnight.

11 CONDITION OF VEHICLES.  
Maintenance  
406's etc.

Vehicle lines were inspected and the vehicles found to be in excellent condition as regards maintenance. The vehicles were very clean and well lubricated. The cleanliness and general appearance of the engines in particular were excellent by any standard.

The system of maintenance - the correct one embracing 406s, 412's and the tank system, and can be accounted satisfactory. Drivers were asked the task for the day and answered correctly.

12. COMPOSITE PLATOONS  
(Supplies)

The company supplies the division with hard rations, the job being done of course by the composite platoons. Storage conditions were quite good, stacking, dunnage etc were satisfactory.

13. PCL  
(Stores)

The PCL stores was satisfactory. In addition to unit stocks, the company holds BOL supplies for divisional units in the BERGAMO district. 30,000 galls of Petrol were in stock and 7,000 gallons of Diesel.

14. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Totally inadequate. This modifies comments on the PCL stores.

15 ADMINISTRATION

In general administration appears to be good. Standing Orders, and such documentation, as was seen were quite good.

16 WELFARE+

No Welfare facilities exist of any kind.

17 GUARDS & PIQUETS ETC

These are adequate. The barracks are <sup>in</sup> closed and the two doors are manned by a 24 hr guard. A proper system of Duty Officer's and NCO's is in operation. The petrol point, as distinct from the petrol store, is outside the barracks, and is guarded by a Corporal and 3 men

18 ACCOMMODATION

The men sleep in the standard Italian Barrack room. Conditions are no better than average. Latrines were clean, but the men wash in the usual old-fashioned horse trough arrangement, usually found in old barracks. The cook house was very clean and whitewashed, but an old cookhouse used as a preparation room badly required the floor cleaning. The men's dining room was <sup>very</sup> ~~badly~~ <sub>clean</sub>



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12. **COMPASS PLATOONS (Supplies)**  
The company supplies the division with hard rations, the job being done of course by the composite platoons. Storage conditions were quite good, stacking, dunnage etc were satisfactory.

13. **POL (Stores)**  
The POL stores was satisfactory. In addition to unit stocks, the company holds POL supplies for divisional units in the HERMAN district. 30,000 galls of Petrol were in stock and 7,000 gallons of Diesel.

14. **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**  
Totally inadequate. This modifies comments on the POL stores.

15. **ADMINISTRATION**  
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17. **GUARDS & FIGURES ETC**  
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- 19 DISCIPLINE. The standard of discipline was definitely good, and the general turn-out, considering clothing difficulties, was satisfactory.
- 20 STANDARD OF DRIVERS The general standard of drivers is low, only about 50% can be classified as fully qualified drivers. This is due to the recent demobilisation; the reinforcements that have arrived not being up to the required standard in driving. The formation of a Unit driving school is under consideration.
- 20 'Q' STORES. Beyond a few odds and ends, a blanket and a sheet or two, there was nothing in the stores. Capt CANASSA explained that the clothing position was very bad. Only the boot question is satisfactory.
22. STELLING UP With the exception of the 1 Adm Transport Company, at TURIN, this is the best transport company yet seen. The following points however require attention:--
- (i) Provision of Welfare facilities for the men.
  - (ii) Better ablutions.
  - (iii) Immediate training of unqualified drivers.
  - (iv) Priority in supplying the unit with new clothing items.
  - (v) A complete survey of unit Fire Precautions and orders.
  - (vi) Priority for the Unit in the supply of new Dodge engines.
- It is likely that Dodge engines will be amongst the MT spares at Ho 1 Sub Depot of 557 Base Ordnance Depot at NAPLES.
- This Ordnance Depot was handed over to ARAR on 30 Sep 46 with certain priorities in favour of the Ministry of War. It is suggested that Ministry of War be approached by Legnano Division with a view to getting an early share in the MT spares available in the s/m depot, and if successful, allowing 250 Transport Coy the maximum supply of new engines

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22. SUMMING UP

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- (iv) Priority in supplying the unit with new clothing items.
- (v) A complete survey of unit Fire Precautions and orders.
- (vi) Priority for the Unit in the supply of new Dodge engines.

It is likely that Dodge engines will be amongst the MT spares at No 1 Sub Depot of 557 Base Ordnance Depot at NAPLES.

This Ordnance Depot was handed over to ANAR on 30 Sep 46 with certain priorities in favour of the Ministry of War. It is suggested that Ministry of War be approached by Legnano Division with a view to getting an early share in the MT spares available in the a/m depot, and if successful, allowing 250 Transport Coy the maximum supply of new engines

MILAN  
MTH/RJE

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
Capt  
S & T



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SUBJECT: Visit to Unit.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext- 10)

HQ MMIA - ADST

0/37/29

4 Oct 46

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Ref your ST/137 of 26 Sep 46.

Herewith completed report on 6 Park Transport Coy Alpine  
Regiment.

MILAN  
MFH/LO

*James RASC*  
Capt.  
RASC

Distribution:- DAA and QMG & ELU (1)  
~~6 Park Tpt Coy~~ (1)  
File (1)

*seen by GRC  
W.P.*

\*S & T, MMIA.

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SC ST	<i>FAM</i>

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W.P.*

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LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON VISIT TO PMAK TRANSPORT COY.

NAME OF VISITING OFFICER - Capt. M.F. HARRIS - RASC.  
 NAME OF UNIT - 6 Pack Transport Coy Alpini Regt (6 Reparto Selmerie per Regg. Alpini)  
 NAME OF O.C. - Capt. TURCHELLI A.  
 LOCATION -

The HQ is at VIPERENO, which is a very small Alpine town a few kilometers from the Brenner Pass. The Barracks is in the town and easily found. In good weather the journey by road takes two hours from BOLZANO. A full day is required from MILAN.

COMPOSITION OF UNIT - The Unit is composed of an HQ and 3 sections. At the moment the HQ and one section is at VIPERENO. The other two sections are at BRUNICO and SILANERO respectively.

WE AND STRENGTH (Personnel) - The WE lays down that the HQ be composed of 6 Offrs and 64 CR's. Three identical sections to have 2 Offrs and 142 CRs. A Section is designed to carry all supplies for 1 Bn. Comparison of strength against WE is as follows:-

	<u>WE</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
OFFICERS (incl 4 Vets 1 M.O.)	12	OFFICERS 7 (only 1 Vet. No M.O.) 8
NCOs	24	NCOs 6 18
MEH	476	MEH 223 245
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**WE AND STRENGTH (Quadrupeds)**

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....At the moment/..



REMARKS ON WE AND STRENGTH DIFFICULTIES(Contd)

At the moment the Section at BRUNICO is being helped by the loan of 40 men from the Edolo Bn, but this cannot go on indefinitely. The Section at SILANIRO has been reinforced by taking personnel from HQ and from the already depleted section at VIPERENO. The result is, at VIPERENO in particular that after allowing for a minimum of administration personnel, there is only one man to five mules, instead of 2 men to 3 mules. At the time of this visit the unit had to strip itself of a part of its admin personnel to send mules out on detail. All this means that the mules cannot be given all the attention laid down in regulations. About 60 reinforcements are expected on Oct 15th, but it is anticipated that these will require some training, and at best will only go part way to easing the situation. The personnel already held by the unit are stated to be very satisfactory, being composed almost entirely of well trained experienced soldiers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is therefore recommended that this unit be given priority in the matter of reinforcement, and that these reinforcements, wherever possible, be selected from recruits who have had prior experience of horses and/or mules.

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The mules lines were visited. There were four horses and about 50 mules in the barracks at the time. To my eye the animals seemed to be healthy and in good condition. My liaison officer, an experienced horse and mule man, agreed. There was certainly no suggestion of neglect in spite of man shortage, although what might be called regimental refinements are missing.

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The mules seen were all on the small side, in fact, several were no bigger than donkeys. This is a cause of complaint by the officers. They state that the mules on average are far too small for mountain work.

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....Equipment has/...

SADDLERY HARNESS (Contd)

Equipment has to be sent to VERONA for repairs, whereas all repairs could easily be done within the unit if materials were to hand, since adequate facilities exist.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is therefore recommended that the unit be supplied with the materials for carrying out repairs to saddlery equipment.

BLACKSMITH EQUIPMENT

The unit has plenty of shoes, but the blacksmith kits are incomplete. They are of British type, of which, not too much is known by the unit even yet. A strong plea for Italian type was made.

FORAGE

Position good, no problems.

BEDDING STRAW

Acute shortage. The unit has absolutely no bedding straw at the moment. In lieu one half kilo of sawdust per mule per day has been issued. This is extremely unsatisfactory, and it was explained that the powers of even such small mules as are in the unit, far outweigh the absorbent qualities of half a kilo of sawdust.

VETERINARY

The veterinary surgeon stated that in general the health of the mules was satisfactory. He pointed out that he was the only vet, against the four laid down in the WE. He has difficulty in visiting sick animals at detachments, since he has to do the journey by train, and cited an instance where he wasted three days journeying to complete an hour's work. It would appear therefore that in order to carry out his duties efficiently, this officer requires a car at his disposal for duty. May this be recommended?

PERSONNEL CLOTHING

ORs are in possession of the normal summer scale of clothing and boots i.e. 1 Uniform, 1 KD uniform 1 pair boots. No woollen shirts are held in the unit, but a 20% reserve of boots is held. This unit is located and works in an intensely cold region in winter. It is held that a minimum necessity per man is:-

- 2 Pairs Boots
- 1 Pair Mountain Boots
- 2 Woollen uniforms
- 2 Wool shirts

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ACCOMMODATION  
WELFARE  
DISCIPLINE

In general quarters were no better but no worse than the average unit, but there is plenty of room for improvement. General discipline seemed to be good and very alert.

A canteen is provided but little else in the way of welfare. Lack of funds is pleaded, but in isolated places such as VIKINGO men are more in need of welfare facilities. An extra effort should be made here.

RATIONS (Personnel)  
TRANSPORT

Satisfactory - no complaints.

The WE lays down 7 load carriers and 1 M/C, actually 5 load carriers are held and no M/Cycles. Their condition is pretty poor especially as regards tyres.

Distribution - HQ (MIA) (ET)

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
RASC

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SUBJECT:- 6 Paok Tpt Coy - ALPINI Regt.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 489081 Ext 526  
ST/137

3 B.D.U. for S & T.

26 Sept 46.

Confirming telephone conversation Capts. MURRAY - HARRIS  
24 Sept 46.

1. Please visit 6 Paok Tpt Coy Alpini Regt located in 4 BLU  
at VITITENO and ascertain the following information.

- a) strength of mules against WE
- b) condition of mules
- c) condition of saddlery and equipment
- d) any other points appertaining to S & T matters with  
regards to deficiencies etc.

2. Please forward this information as soon as possible.

FAM/gao

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

Copy to:- 4 BLU

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SUBJECT: Visit 3 EVF

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 Ext 10  
9/37/29

ADST  
HQ MMIA

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Ref visit report MF(T)12 of 9 AUG 46., on 3EVP.  
In accordance with your instructions this report was sent  
to III Terr Comd for action. A reply has now been received  
from Terr Comd, a translated copy of which is forwarded  
herewith for information.

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SC ST	<i>[initials]</i>

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Capt  
RASC

TRANSLATED COPY

From: 3 Terr Comd  
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Servizi

MILAN 1 Sep 46

To: 3 ELU

06/7050

SUBJECT: Inspection of 3EVP.

Ref your 9/37/29 of 16 Aug 46.

This HQ has taken note of the report forwarded,  
and has already given orders that:-

- (1) The proper maint of vehs; 406 Inspections,  
and use of right forms be carried out.
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(3) personnel for gd duty at the Pk be increased  
Further details will be forwarded as soon as the matter has been dealt with.

Furthermore this HQ will take into consideration the question of the Pk Commander: although Lt CASSINELLI is a diligent and efficient comd, he will be replaced by a captain, as soon as possible.

by order  
The Chief of Staff

/s/ Col Fernando Moech

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SUBJECT: Accountancy Italian Food Depots.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 (Ext- 10)

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HQ MILIA

RECEIVED 10 SEP 1946

9/37/29

6 Sep 46

Ref your ST/L37 of 27 Aug 46.

It is regretted that some misunderstanding has arisen out of my observation on accountancy in Italian Food Depots. The position is, of course, that there are not two systems running separately side by side, but that the Italian system has had introduced into it various simplifications in the way of Allied forms, which part the Italian Officers are in the habit of referring to as the "Allied system". This integrated accountancy runs perfectly at the D.I.D. at MILAN.

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Capt.  
RASCO

N.B. Allied Forms in use at DID MILAN :- ST 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Modified)  
10, 11 and 12 (used for local convenience).



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SUBJECT : Iti Tpt and Supply Units - Visits

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 (Ext 10)

TO : ADST  
Hq M.M.I.A.

Q/37/29

4 Sep 46

Att herewith Liaison Officers Report on visits carried out on 30 Aug 46.

*John J. Harris*  
Capt.  
RASC.

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MF (S) Lt.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of Visiting Officer. CAPT. M.F. HARRIS. RASC.

Date of Visit. 30 AUG 1946.

Name of Depot. 3 BULK FOOD DEPOT (3 DEPOS CENTRALE VIVERI).

Name of O.C. (Other Officers). CAPT. DI BIASI. LT. NEGRI.

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

Physical Warehousing.  
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. CHILI CUM CARNE. (TALLY CARD, BOOK  
(ii) Stacking, height, etc. STOCK AND GROUND STOCK ALL  
(iii) Damage. CORRECT.

(i) Fresh Fruit and Veg method of procurement. GOOD.  
(ii) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract. GOOD.  
Satisfactory.

Tally Cards. NONE.

Bulk issue points in depot (Number). NONE.

Fuels PROPERLY KEPT.  
(i) Wood storage. ONE.  
(ii) Coal NONE.  
(iii) Lignite NONE.

Labour Civilians employed (Numbers). 3 CLERKS, 2 STOREMEN, 14 LABOURERS.

Guards. SUPPLIED 3 BERSAGLIERI REGT. 1 NCO,  
6 MEN. 18.00hrs - 0700hrs.

Fire Precautions. GOOD.

Anti rat precautions. NOT MANY RATS. (CATS AND TRAPS).

RE Works outstanding. (state how long). NONE.

A.D. SIO  
M.H.H.

Depot Transport

GOOD  
SATISFACTORY.

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Depot Transport.

NONE REQUIRED.

Feeding strenghts.

- (i) { Army, Navy, Air }  
{ BR-, IRI-IMI, US- }
- (ii) Total number of units.

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ALL ITALIAN.  
ALL DID'S MILAN. ALSO INSTALLATIONS  
TURIN AND GENOA.

Accountancy Allied System.  
Italian System.  
General Remarks

NO CHANGE.  
NONE.

Accomodation Sleeping quarters.  
Dining  
Recreational "  
Cookhouse, Latrines & Ablutions.

NA.  
NA.  
NA.  
NA.

General turnout of men.

NA. *all civilian*

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



APPENDIX TO REPORT MF (S) 14

General opinion.

The last report on this depot was MF (S) 6 of 21 Jun 46, which described the depot as well organized and efficiently run.

The same remarks apply on this occasion and can be reinforced. The new OC, Capt DI BIASI who was formerly with the 3 Supply Co at the DID and Bakery has improved on the original good work and brought something of the DID's streamlining to this new depot. In particular, labeling of commodities has much improved. A great improvement has also been effected in the fire points.

Stocks have greatly increased since the last visit. A complete list of commodities held, together with quantities, follows.

SITUAZIONE DEGRATE AL 30 AGOSTO 1946

AMICE	KG.	2850.=
CAFFE' CRUDO	"	64030.=
CAFFE' SOLUBILE	"	600.=
CAFFE' TOSTATO	"	3300.=
CARNE CON VEGETALI	"	3850.=
CHILI CON CARNE	"	5400.=
COGNAC	"	16750.=
CONSERVA	"	135050.=
FLAMMIFERI SOLFORATI scat.	N.	123890.=
" SVEDESI	"	215900.=
CERINI	"	111670.=
FRUTTA SECCA CON GUSCIO	KG.	177500.=
" " SEUSCIATAG	"	600.=
LATTE EVAPORATO	"	1600.=
LEGUMI	"	196400.=
OLIO	"	285000.=
RISO	"	60300.=
SABILE	"	23800.=
SAPONE	"	55500.=
SIGARETTE MACEDONIA	"	500.=
" " NAZIONALI	"	7000.=
TARACCHI	"	8.=
ZUCCHERO	"	25800.=

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" "	111870. =
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" " SGUSCIATO	1600. =
LATTE EVAPORATO	196400. =
LEGUMI	285000. =
OLIO	60300. =
RISO	23800. =
SALE	55500. =
SAPONE	500. =
SIGARETTE MACEDONIA	7000. =
" NAZIONALI	8. =
TABACCHI	
ZUCCHERO	25800. =

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SUBJECT:- 3 General Supply Co.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(H.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 689081 Ext 526  
BE/137

3 H.M.I.A. For AG.

27 AUG 46.

Ref your remarks in your report of Aug 21 regarding the accounting system in use in this Depot.

1. A combined system of accounting was agreed by the Allies in conjunction with the Italian Government which came into effect from March 31st 1945 whereby MIA forms were to be used with an agreed Italian system.

2. Your remarks therefore that two systems, one British and one Italian, are not understood and it would be appreciated if you would investigate this matter at the Depot, alleged to be using two systems, with a view to finding out exactly what Italian, MIA or other forms are in use.

*H. W. ...*

GTD/gao

*for* Lt. Col. BASS.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIA).



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Subject : Iti Tpt and Supply Units - Visits.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit.  
(Tel No. 152965 Ext 10).

ADST  
HQ MMIA.

S.T.

Ref Q/37/29.

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23 Aug 46.

Ref Liaison Officers Report MF (S) 13 forwarded to you under cover of this HQ letter of even number dated 21 Aug 46.

Enclosed herewith sample of biscuit as mentioned in para 4 of s/m Report.

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MILAN.  
MFH/LGB.

*Paul J. ...*  
Capt.  
RASC.

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Ref 3/37/29.

21 Aug 46.

ADST  
HQ MMIA.

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Att herewith in duplicate Liaison Officers Report on visit carried out on 15 and 19 Aug. 46.

MILAN.  
MTH/LGB.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.  
RASC.

Copy to : HQ 3 Terr Comd.

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\*S & T. MMIA.  
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HQ MIA.

M.F. (S) 15

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT  
ON VISITS TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of visiting Officer	Capt M. F. HARRIS RASC
Date of visit	15th and 19th Aug 46
Date of last report	26 Jun 46 (MF(S) 8 and 9)
Name of depot	3 General Supply Co. (3 Magazzino Principale Distribuzione Viveri Foraggi e Combustibili) 3 Military Bakery (3 Panificio Militare) 3 Supply Coy (3 Comp. Sussistenza)

ORGANISATION

- These three units are grouped because they share the same premises and are in some measure interwoven. The organisation was fully described in reports MF (S) 8 and 9 and remains unaltered.

O.O.

- Major Pacifico is still O.C. of the three units, still runs the bakery. Lt Longo still commands the food depot, but Capt De Biasi who was in charge of the administrative, so called, supply Coy, has been replaced by 2nd Lt.....

GENERAL IMPRESSION

- The visit made on the 15th was a preliminary survey in anticipation of Maj Gen Goulburn, Commander MIA, visiting the place on the 19th and it can be said at once that both the bakery and the food depot were well up to their usual high standard. A detailed description would be simply, the mixture as before, and no criticism is offered. Progress, however can be recorded as follows.

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2. The re-building of the bombed buildings is nearing completion and very shortly should be ready for use.



3 Supply Coy (3 Comp. Sussistenza)

ORGANISATION

- These three units are grouped because they share the same premises and are in some measure interwoven. The organisation was fully described in reports IF (S) 8 and 9 and remains unaltered.

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- 2. The re-building of the bombed buildings is nearing completion and very shortly should be ready for use.
- 3. The new quarters for the men, referred to in the last report have now been completed and occupied, there is plenty of air space.
- 4. The modern type ovens in the Bakery have been brought into use for the manufacture of biscuits. At the moment there is great cleaning and whitewashing going on in order to make a first class mixing and preparation room for the biscuits.

It is understood that the biscuits will be used for reserve rations. The biscuits themselves seem good and well baked, but size seems excessive (sample herewith). It is intended to take up this point of size with the bakery, on the ground that a smaller, thinner, and therefore more palatable biscuit would be better for the soldier.

At 10,00 hrs on the 19 Aug the Bakery and the food depot were inspected by Major Gen Goulburn. The following British and Italian Officers were in attendance:-

Lt Col	P.M.M. Egerton,	3 B.L.U.
Capt	M.F. Harris,	3 B.L.U.
Brig Gen	M. Capizzi,	for GOC III Terr Comd
Lt Col	L. Aprile,	A.D. Commissariato
Maj	Ge'	S.M.E. Representative
2nd Lt	P. Adami	3 B.L.U.

The inspection was a success. The whole depot was first class. At the end of the inspection General Goulburn complimented Major Pacifico and Lt Longo on their work.

N.B. - General Goulburn asked many questions on the accountancy system and commented on the fact that two systems were in use. Details on this subject are contained in Inspection reports WF (S). 5.6 and 6/9 of Lt, 21 and 26 June respectively.

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Subject : Inspections - Iti Tpt & Supply Units.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.  
(Tel No. 152965 Ext 10 ).

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13 Aug 46.

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HQ MIA. (2)

Herewith Inspection Report MF (T) 12.

In accordance with your instructions all the recommendations are being taken up with Terr Comd.

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MFI/LGB.

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M.P. (T) 12

Liaison Officer Report  
On inspection of Transport Unit

Name of Inspecting Officer. Capt M.F.Harris RASC in conjunction with Capt J Aldridge R E M E.

Date of Inspection. 9th August 1946.

Unit 3 Efficient Vehicle Park.  
Molini Degli Orti PIACENZA

Name of OC. 2/LT CASSINELLI.

		<u>Strength</u>
W.E	1 Capt.	1. 2/LT
	1 NCO Clerk (and Admin)	2 NCOs
	1 NCO (Q)	
	1 NCO section mechanic	
	1 Clerk	
	1 Cook	
	3 D.R	
	12 Drivers (incl/Batman)	10 Drivers

Unit Transport	3 Motorcycles	<u>Strength</u>
W.E	1 Car	As W.E
	2 Load Carriers	

SHEET 1.

3 B.L.U. REME Liaison Officer shared this visit since there was some doubt as to whether this unit was a RASC or a REME responsibility.

FUNCTION OF UNIT.

This unit is actually quite a small affair. Its function is to receive deliveries of vehicles from the various workshops in the area, chiefly 3 Partito Reparazione MILAN and then distribute them under War Office instructions to various units. The average number of vehs held in stock is about sixty.

LOCATION.

This visit was rather inopportune in that the unit was in the last stages of moving location. The new location is more commodious and was formerly used by 75 Secondary General Supply Coy, who at the moment of inspection had not finally cleared all food supplies from the location.

CONDITION AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

This new location consists in the main of two long buildings running parallel to each other, with ample lockable doors and good concrete floors. These buildings are something like bus sheds, although not so big, and it is considered they are very good indeed for storage of vehs. One of them was already in use for storage of vehs. It was clean and tidy, and the vehs were neatly drawn up. The vehs themselves were clean, newly painted and from a superficial inspection appeared to be in good condition.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT. DIFFICULTIES OF MAINTENANCE.

Domestic tpt was not inspected, but it was ascertained that tasks and 406 inspections were not carried out. The unit was in possession of 412s and 406s, all unused. The OC, 2/Lt CASSELLI, a keen and energetic going man explained that he had received the 412s and 406s only a few days previously. He had no knowledge of this maintenance system, nor had any of his staff. When the system was explained to him, however, he was enthusiastic, but pointed out that there was no convenient workshops for inspection.

STRENGTH DIFFICULTIES.

The unit, in particular, is short of a clerk and a Sgt for Q duties, and out of the 10 dvrs, only 1 can drive. This is rough on 2/Lt CASSELLI. He is forced to do a considerable amount of the shunting of vehs himself, also some of the maintenance. In fact, he was so engaged when visited.

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ACCOUNTANCY.

From a very superficial examination the accountancy seemed satisfactory.

ACCOMMODATION.

The cookhouse was clean and tidy, but quarters, latrines etc were below par. It is not intended to be over critical in this, however, since the unit move was not completed.

SHEET 2.

GUARDS.

The unit is guarded by unit personnel. 2/Lt CASSEMELLI prefers this for security reasons, not trusting outside guards. It is considered, however, that guard duties fall too heavily on the small number of personnel.

In view of the foregoing, the following is recommended :-

(1) The WE lays down a Capt-as OC. A 2/Lt is doing the job. It is suggested that a Capt be posted or that 2/Lt CASSEMELLI be promoted (he appears to be doing satisfactorily).

(2) That the unit receives precise instructions on how to use their 406s and 412s, and that particular attention be paid to getting wisps inspections for domestic vehs. The nearest wisp at the moment is too far away. A visiting Fitter Sjt might be satisfactory.

(3) That the non dvrs be posted and replaced by real dvrs. This is important. The necessary manoeuvring of vehs by unskilled men in confined spaces can do much damage. The non dvrs could be trained at a Tpt Coy. This unit has not the facilities for training dvrs.

(4) That guards be supplied.

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Capt.  
RASC.

HEADQUARTERS  
3rd Battalion (Motor) Unit  
Date 13 AUG 1946

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RASC.

HEADQUARTERS  
3 BRITISH AIRBORNE UNIT  
Date 13 AUG 1946

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Liaison Officer Report  
On inspection of Transport Unit

Name of Inspecting Officer.	Capt M.F.Harris RASC in conjunction with Capt J Aldridge R E M E.	
Date of Inspection.	9th August 1946.	
Unit	3 Efficient Vehicle Park. Molini Degli Orti PIACENZA	
Name of OC.	2/LT CASSINELLI.	
W.E	1 Capt. 1 NCO Clerk (and Admin) 1 NCO (Q) 1 NCO section mechanic 1 Clerk 1 Cook 3 D.R 12 Drivers (incl/Batmen)	<u>Strength</u> 1. 2/LT 2 NCOs       10 Drivers
Unit Transport	3 Motorcycles 1 Car 2 Load Carriers	<u>Strength</u>   As W.E

3 B.L.U. RSMR Linson Officer shared this visit since there was some doubt as to whether this unit was a RASC or a RSMR responsibility.

**FUNCTION OF UNIT.**

This unit is actually quite a small affair. Its function is to receive deliveries of vehicles from the various WSPs in the area, chiefly 3 Reparto Reparations MILAN and then distribute them under War Office instructions to various units. The average number of vehs held in stock is about sixty.

**LOCATION.**

This visit was rather inopportune in that the unit was in the last stages of moving location. The new location is more commodious and was formerly used by 75 Secondary General Supply Coy, who at the moment of inspection had not finally cleared all food supplies from the location.

**CONDITION AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES.**

This new location consists in the main of two long buildings running parallel to each other, with ample lockable doors and good concrete floors. These buildings are something like bus sheds, although not so big, and it is considered they are very good indeed for storage of vehs. One of them was already in use for storage of vehs. It was clean and tidy, and the vehs were neatly drawn up. The vehs themselves were clean, newly painted and from a superficial inspection appeared to be in good condition.

**DOMESTIC TRANSPORT. DIFFICULTIES OF MAINTENANCE.**

Domestic tpvt was not inspected, but it was ascertained that taxis and 406 inspections were not carried out. The unit was in possession of 412s and 406s, all unused. The CO, 2/Lt CASSELLI, a keen and energetic going man explained that he had received the 412s and 406s only a few days previously. He had no knowledge of this maintenance system, nor had any of his staff. When the system was explained to him, however, he was enthusiastic, but pointed out that there was no convenient WSPs for WSP inspection.

**STRENGTH DIFFICULTIES.**

The unit, in particular, is short of a clerk and a Sgt for Q duties, and out of the 10 dvr, only 1 can drive. This is rough on 2/Lt CASSELLI. He is forced to do a considerable amount of the shunting of vehs himself, also some of the maintenance. In fact, he was so engaged when visited.

**ACCOUNTANCY.**

From a very superficial examination the accountancy seemed satisfactory.

**DOMESTIC  
TRANSPORT.  
DIFFICULTIES OF  
MAINTENANCE.**

Domestic tpt was not inspected, but it was ascertained that trucks and LOG inspections were not carried out. The unit was in possession of 412s and 406s, all unused. The CG, 2/Lt CASSELLI, a keen and energetic going man explained that he had received the 412s and 406s only a few days previously. He had no knowledge of this maintenance system, nor had any of his staff. When the system was explained to him, however, he was enthusiastic, but pointed out that there was no convenient whips for whisp inspection.

**STRENGTH  
DIFFICULTIES.**

The unit, in particular, is short of a clerk and a Sjt for Q duties, and out of the 20 dvrs, only 1 can drive. This is rough on 2/Lt CASSELLI. He is forced to do a considerable amount of the shunting of vehs himself, also some of the maintenance. In fact, he was so engaged when visited.

**ACCOUNTANCY.**

From a very superficial examination the accountancy seemed satisfactory.

**ACCOMMODATION.**

The cookhouse was clean and tidy, but quarters, latrines etc were below par. It is not intended to be over critical in this, however, since the unit move was not completed.



SHEET 2.

GUARDS.

The unit is guarded by unit personnel. 2/Lt CASSELLI prefers this for security reasons, not trusting outside guards. It is considered, however, that guard duties fall too heavily on the small number of personnel.

In view of the foregoing, the following is recommended :-

(1) The VE lays down a Capt as OC. A 2/Lt is doing the job. It is suggested that a Capt be posted or that 2/Lt CASSELLI be promoted (he appears to be doing satisfactorily).

(2) That the unit receives precise instructions on how to use their 406s and 412s, and that particular attention be paid to getting wisps inspections for domestic vehs. The nearest wisp at the moment is too far away. A visiting Fitter Sgt might be satisfactory.

(3) That the non dvrs be posted and replaced by real dvrs. This is important. The necessary manoeuvring of vehs by unskilled men in confined spaces can do much damage. The non dvrs could be trained at a Tpt Coy. This unit has not the facilities for training dvrs.

(4) That guards be supplied.

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Capt.  
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3rd Infantry Division  
Date 13 AUG 1946

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SUBJECT: Training C.A.R. (Commiss).

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
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Herewith, for information, translated copy of III Terr. Comd. letter Q4/2510 of 30 Jul 46 in which WE for the C.A.R. is requested. This lack of a proper WE was commented on in an inspection report M.F.(S) 2 of 6 Jun 1946 and the opinion is held that a WE along the lines suggested by III Terr. Comd., is reasonable.

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 Capt.  
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From: 3 Territorial Command

To : Ministry of War (Ord & Mob Office)  
Info:  
Ministry of War (Comm. & Admin).

30 July 1946

Ref: O4/2510

SUBJECT: Adv Trg for Commissariat Recruits.

In accordance with orders received from the War Ministry, Dir.Gen. Servizi di Commissariato ed Amministrative, (letter No. 259/IC/Ris of 31 Jan 46) this HQ has organised the 1st Adv Trg Course for Commissariat recruits.

The cadre trg has been carried out by Officers and NCOs received from the various Commissariat Directorates; the general services, by personnel from units depending on this HQ.

The cadre trg of the 505 recruits in one Coy, (11 pls of 3 squads each) has shown itself as insufficient and not complying with the necessities of the course; many difficulties have been overcome in regard of indispensable service personnel.

It is suggested that to improve the next courses, (taking into consideration the Unit strength and the aim to be attained) it will be necessary that:

The centre be formed on the WE of a Bn with not less than 3 Coys of 4 pls, HQ pl included.

The officer i/c of the course be the OC Bn.

The Bn be composed of : Adj, Victualling offr, officers i/c of Egpt and Adm.

The HQ pl be formed with enough soldiers to deal with:

Guard duties

Kitchen and Messes

Bath-room, dispensary, recreation rooms, canteen etc.

Employees, batmen, cyclist, etc.

General duties.

In other words, it is requested that a complete WE of instructors as well as military and civilian personnel for the various services, be laid down by the SE. (Similar to the one laid down for the GAR).

Urgency of e/m is pointed out as it is believed that the next course will start about the 15 Sep 46.

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p.p.  
Sgd Maj Ottavini Ottorino

The GOC  
(Sgd) Roberto Segui

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Subject : Inspections - Iti Tpt and Supply Units,

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext- 10)

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HQ MMIA

31 Jul 46

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Herewith inspection report MF (S) 11 (1 Field Bakery -  
LEGNANO DIV.)

The suggestion contained therein is being taken up with  
Territorial Command. Further information, therefore, will be forwarded  
as soon as available.

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M.F.(S) 11.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON

INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

ADST  
MFA

UNIT. 1 Field Bakery ( Squadra Panettieri )

O.C. Major SCOPETTONE.

DATE OF INSPECTION. 29 July 1946.

NAME OF INSPECTING OFFICER. Capt. M.F. HARRIS RASC.

On arrival at this unit's location it was found that the unit, as such, had disbanded 5 days previously.

1 Field Bakery used to service the whole of the Legnano Div., but the Division is now so widely dispersed that collection from a single field bakery is impracticable. Accordingly civilian contracts have been made with bakeries in various localities, to provide the division with bread.

At the present fourteen such contracts are in operation in places as wide apart as LODI and BRESCIA ( full list at Appendix A ).

Major SCOPETTONE, the O.C. 1 Field Bakery, still maintains an office at BERGAMO. His job is now to make and control bread contracts for the division and inspect the civilian bakeries. For this purpose he has 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks.

These personnel are used to maintain the field bakery equipment and to inspect the bread and bakeries under contract. The civilian bakery at BERGAMO was inspected. It was satisfactory, uses a modern type of oven and turns out a good loaf to a ration strength of 1500.

Flour etc, is issued to the civilian bakery and is closely controlled and checked against bread receipts by Maj SCOPETTONE. This system of civilian contracting seems the only possible one under the circumstances and no criticism is offered.

A suggestion is made however, that the necessity of keeping up to WE (30) in trained bakery personnel be borne in mind, this would include periodical training in the field. Higher authority instructions relating to the disbandment

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A suggestion is made however, that the necessity of keeping up to 50 (50) in trained bakery personnel be borne in mind, this would include periodical training in the field. Higher authority instructions relating to the disbandment of this bakery are:-

MINISTRY OF WAR letter (Ufficio Ordineamento)  
2129/Ord/1 of 20 April 46  
(Commiss).  
1st Section letter No. 4052/1  
of 18 May 46 and 4247/1 of 13  
May 46.

III TERRA COMMAND

MILAN  
31 July 1946.

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RASCO.  
CAPT. S & T.

APPENDIX "A" TO INSPECTION REPORT.

O.G. 1 Field Bakery has made contracts with civilian bakeries  
in the following stations:-

11 ARTY REGT. { BRESCIA  
                  { GARDONE RIVIERA  
                  { GARGEMANO  
                  { CHIARI  
                  { MONTICHIARI  
                  { CREMONA

68 INF. REGT. { BERGAMO  
                  { MONZA

67 INF. REGT. { VIGEVANO  
                  { VARESE  
                  { LEGNANO

ENGINEER BN. { PAVIA

250 TRANSPORT COY. { LODI

WESP. { PORTE S. PIETRO (BERGAMO)



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68 INT. REGR. { BERGAMO  
                  { MONZA

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                  { VARESE  
                  { LEGNANO

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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON

INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

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MMA

UNIT. 1 Field Bakery ( Squadra Panettieri)

O.C. Major SCOPETTONE.

DATE OF INSPECTION. 29 July 1946.

NAME OF INSPECTING OFFICER. Capt. M.F.FARRIS RASC.

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These personnel are used to maintain the field bakery equipment and to inspect the bread and bakeries under contract. The civilian bakery at BERGAMO was inspected. It was satisfactory, uses a modern type of even and turns out a good loaf to a ration strength of 1500.

Flour etc, is issued to the civilian bakery and is closely controlled and checked against bread receipts by Maj SCOPETTONE. This system of civilian contracting seems the only possible one under the circumstances and no criticism is offered.

A suggestion is made however, that the necessity of keeping up to WE (30) in trained bakery personnel be borne in mind, this would include periodical training in the field, Higher authority instructions relating to the disbandment

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Higher authority instructions relating to the disbandment of this bakery are:-

MINISTRY OF WAR letter (Ufficio Ordineamento)

2129/Ord/1 of 20 Apr 46

(Commiss).

1st Section letter No. 4052/1  
of 18 May 46 and 4247/1 of 13  
May 46.

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MILAN

31 July 1946.

  
CAPT. S & T.  
RASC.



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GARGNANO  
CHILARI  
MONTICHIARI  
CREMONA

68 INF. REGT. ( BERGAMO  
MONZA

67 INF. REGT. ( VICEVANO  
VARESE  
LEGNANO

ENGINEER BN. ( PAVIA

250 TRANSPORT ( LODI  
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SUBJECT:- Visits - Sec & Ext India.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AD.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
Tel : 459001 Ext 383  
SE/137

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15 July 46.

The attached report from Capt. H.P. HARRIS, RASC, S & T Officer with JESD.

1. It is requested that you take the strongest possible action on a high level to obtain:-

- (a) an assurance that such incidents will not be repeated;
- (b) the removal of Maj. CAVALLE and his replacement by a more suitable officer;
- (c) an apology from Maj. CAVALLE to Capt. HARRIS and 2/Lt. ADAMI for the manner in which they have been treated.

2. Capt. HARRIS is awaiting my instructions with regard to future visits to this unit. Will you therefore please keep me informed of the action you take.

*Law*

Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AD. (INDIA).

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SUBJECT: Inspections - Iti Tpt and Supply Units.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 (Ext-10)

Q/37/29

12 Jul 46

A.D.S.T.  
HQ M.M.I.A.

Herewith Inspection Report MF (T) 10.

Would you kindly advise as to what action to take regarding the future inspection of this Company.

\*S & T, MMIA.  
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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON  
INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

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ADIA

UNIT. 250 Reparto Trasporti e Rifornimento.

"Legnano" Division.

LOCATION. { CHIABALE BARRACKS.  
{ LONZI Province of Milan.

O.O. MAJOR CAVALLI.

DATE OF  
INSPECTION. 11th July 1946.

GENERAL

IMPRESSION. I arrived at the e/m unit at approx 0945 hrs. I was accompanied by an Italian Liaison Officer of this MLU, 2/Lt ADAMI.

Just as I parked my vehicle after entering the barracks grounds I was approached by the orderly Officer. We exchanged greetings politely. I then asked 2/Lt ADAMI to explain the nature of my business, as this was my first visit to the unit. This he did.

The orderly Officer then indicated that he would take us to the O.C., and led us towards a Major who was standing about 20 yards away, just within the barracks square, talking to a civilian - or least, a man wearing civilian clothes.

This Major was the O.C. - Major CAVALLI. When we were within about ten paces of him the orderly Officer halted us and asked us to remain where we were. He then approached Major CAVALLI and spoke to him for some minutes. I could not hear what was said, but Major CAVALLI seemed irritated. Eventually, the orderly Officer turned and signalled 2/Lt ADAMI to come forward. 2/Lt ADAMI went towards the Major and spoke to him. In parenthesis ADAMI's behaviour was correct, he saluted the Major and stood to attention throughout the interview. All this time I was left standing like a raw recruit.

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Again I could not hear what was said, but Major CAVALLI seemed even more irritated. Finally I managed to hear Maj CAVALLI say the word "Telephone", after which he turned and walking past me, without even a nod of recognition, disappeared into one of the barrack buildings.

ADAMI and myself were then left alone. 2/Lt ADAMI then told me that the orderly Officer had been instructed to telephone Command for the purpose of checking up on my visit.

I decided to hang on a little and await developments. I waited exactly 15 minutes by my watch. I was in full view beside my vehicle but no one came near me. At the end of fifteen minutes I sent 2/Lt ADAMI to tell the orderly Officer I was leaving. The Orderly Officer then came out of the building, but vouchsafed no word, nor made any attempt whatever to dissuade me from going.



SHEET TWO.

In order not to confuse the issue I have limited the above to the bare facts, omitting entirely my personal re-actions. I will permit myself to say, however, that never in all my service, either as OR or officer, have I been treated with such studied rudeness by another officer, no matter of what high rank or of what Army.

It is only fair to add that this is the first time I have encountered anything but cordiality from an Italian officer. Indeed, the normal Italian unit is usually, socially speaking, a pleasure to visit.

For information, whilst waiting I was able to observe the following points.

Guards were smartly and properly dressed.  
Passing vehicles were clean and seemed well maintained.  
Barrack square and grounds were tidy, general discipline seemed to be good.

Statement by 2/Lt ADAMI is attached.

MILAN.  
11 Jul 46.

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CAPT S & T.

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3 BRITISH LEGATION UNIT  
Date 11 JUL 1946

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3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Date **11 JUL 1946**

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STATEMENT.

Capt. Harris and I arrived at the "Giarle" Barracks, Lodi, location of the 250 S/W Coy of the "Legnano" Inf. Div., at approx 0945 hrs, entered the said Barracks and parked the car a little way from the HQ Offices of the Coy. The Orderly Officer, an English-speaking Lieutenant, immediately reported to us and, on Capt. Harris' request, I explained to him the nature of our business. He then accompanied us towards the O.C. the Coy, Major CAVALLI, who was standing about 20 yds away, in the main Barracks square, talking to a man in civilian clothes, asked us to stop about 5 paces away, and he himself reported to the Major.

The Orderly Officer spoke to his O.C. for a few minutes and then signalled me to come over. I reported to the Major, saluted and remained at attention. He asked me what we wanted and I explained to him who Capt. Harris was, what he represented and what his intentions were. I also explained to Major CAVALLI that the British Officers of the B.L.U. visited and inspected units under 3 Territorial Commands in the normal course of their duty. The Major then turned his back to me and Capt. Harris, who was standing a few paces away, and gave orders to the Orderly Officer to telephone the "Legnano" Div. HQ and ask for instructions.

I straight away suggested that he might telephone the Chief of Staff of 3 Territorial Command, and explained that Capt. Harris was personally known to Col. Carnevale (the Chief of Staff) and that he would confirm our identities and duty. Major CAVALLI thereupon turned his head and replied curtly that "the practice of following channels still existed even in times of a Republic" and that he knew what to do. He spoke a few words to the man in civilian clothes and then moved off towards the Coy HQ, together with the Orderly Officer, telling him to put through the call to BORGAMO.

The two Officers disappeared into the building of the Coy HQ. I then went over to the Coy HQ building and asked the Orderly Officer, who had in the meantime reappeared, how long it would take to get through to BORGAMO, and he replied "5 to 10 minutes". I told Capt. Harris this and we waited in the car.

After about 15 minutes of waiting Capt. Harris told me of his intention to leave, I informed the Orderly Officer, who stated he was sorry but that the delay was not due to him, and Capt. Harris and I left the "Giarle" Barracks for MILAN.

Milan, 11 July 1946.

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Milan, 11 July 1946.

(sgt) S. Ken. ADAMI

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SUBJECT: Personnel - Labour (3 Bulk Supply Depot Italian).

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit  
Tel: 152965 (Ext 10)  
0/37/29  
28 Jun 46

ADST  
HQ MMIA.

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S.T.

Ref your ST/137 of 24 June 46.

The question of engaging labour, even such a small number as four is on the face of it a trivial matter. It assumes larger proportions in that Terr Comds have not the power to engage or dismiss civilian labour, (my previous report MF (T) 1 of 25 Jun 46 refers) and it was for this reason that the engagement of these particular four labours was mentioned in my report MF (S) 6 of 22 Jun 46.

In this particular case, command has been approached and they are trying to divert labour to 3 Bulk Supply Depot from their existing resources. If this fails, they probably will be asking for help in influencing SARE to provide additional civilian labour.

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*James J. ...*

Capt  
RASC

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SUBJECT: ITI Tpt and Supply Units.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965( Ext- 10)

ADST  
HQ MMIA

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28 June 46

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Herewith inspection reports MF (S) 8 and 9.

The Appendix covers both reports, in that the two units concerned share in part the same administration.

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Capt.  
RASC

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ILLIUM OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of inspecting officer Capt J.F. Harold R. J.

Date of inspection 26 Jun 66

Name of Depot 2 Pansiclo Militano

Name of D.C. (Other Officers) Mayr. Pacifico G.

Stock position (No of days) (Flour) Fluctuating 2 to 15 days  
(Coffee) Around boot stock, tally cards: correct

Physical Reproving  
 (i) Accodation, Cover etc Good  
 (ii) Stacking, height, etc Good  
 (iii) Damage Satisfactory

(i) Fresh fruit & veg method of preservation N.A.

(ii) Method. Number of deliveries on contract 4 (for biscuits)

Tally Cards N.A.

Detail issue points in Depot (number)  
Two: one for flour one for bread  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Tables  
 (i) Wood storage Good  
 (ii) Coal Good  
 (iii) Lignite Good

Labour Civilians employed (numbers) 10 clerks - 22 bakers

Guards 24 hrs 10 men 2 JPOs (3 on duty tonight)  
unit personnel  
adequate

Fire precautions Police - Traps - Dogs

Anti rat measures See supply report

Rat for's outstanding (rats has long) 1 cart 4 miles. Other transport received on demand, no difficulties.

Depot transport

(1) Fresh fruit & veg stocks of procurement  
(11) Excess, number of batteries on contract

Rally Cars

Detail issues points in Depot  
(standard)

Fuels

- (i) Wood storage
- (ii) Coal
- (iii) Lignite

Labour Civilians employed (numbers)

Guards

Fire precautions

Anti rat precautions

Rs Forces outstanding  
(state how long)  
Depot transport

Feeding strength

- (1) (Army, Navy, Air)
- (ii) (R, III-VI, III)
- (iii) Total number of units

Accountancy Allied System  
Italian system  
General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
Dining  
Recreational  
Cookhouse  
Latrines & solutions

General layout of camp

Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions also, for improvement: see appendix

Maps

4 (for biscuits)

B.A.

See on floor plan for brown rectangles  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Good  
Good  
Good

10 clerks - 22 bakers

24 hrs 10 min 2 hours (3 on duty together)  
unit personnel  
Accounts

Evacuation - Trans - Done

See supply report

1 cart & mules. Other transport received on camp. No difficulties.

1 21-111 (strength 83)  
50 111-111 (strength 18 163)

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} Part Italian Post Allied

Satisfactory  
Satisfactory  
Satisfactory  
Good  
Clean

Good

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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOT (SUPPLIES)

Name of Inspecting Officer Capt. E.F. Harris RMC

Date of Inspection 26 Jun 46

Name of Depot 3 Reggimento Pinacelle Matera/Basilone Vivara  
Forza 6 Carabinieri, Milano  
Lt. Longo E. - ex-Unité Parasolvi I.

Name of OC (Other Officers) \_\_\_\_\_

Stock Position (No of days) 15 days

(check/s notes) Coffees, Malt, Spout Cream, Tally cards: all correct

Physical Warehousing  
(i) Accommodation, cover etc Good  
(ii) Stacking, height, etc Excellent  
(iii) Damage Good

(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Method, Number of Batches on contract \_\_\_\_\_

Tally Cards \_\_\_\_\_

Detail Issues points in Depot (number) \_\_\_\_\_

Fuels  
(i) Wood storage Excellent  
(ii) Coal Good  
(iii) Lignite Good

Labour Civilians employed (numbers) 45 Labourers - 5 clerks

Guards see bakery report

Fire precautions As for bakery

Anti rat precautions As for Bakery

RA forms outstanding (state how long) \_\_\_\_\_

Depot Transport No difficulties

Feeding strength (state how long) \_\_\_\_\_

Large building in process of reconstruction. Probably to be completed in 1 or 2 days. No cause for concern which are now over. Tally cards in bakery



(111) Damage

(A) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement  
(11) bread. Number of Bakeries as contract

Tally Cards  
Defect items points in Depot  
(number)

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

Labour Civilians employed (numbers)

Disciplin

Fire precautions

Anti rat precautions

RS Work stationing  
(state how long)

Depot Transport No difficulties

Feeding strength

(1) (Army, Navy, Air,)  
(11-17-17, 18, 19)  
(11) Total number of Civilians

Accountancy Allied System  
Italian System  
General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
Living  
Recreational "  
Cookhouse  
Latrine & Ablution

General turnout of men

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement : see Appendix "4"

Good

None. Procured by individual units  
Not an issue (see bakery report)

These remained correct

5 Food - 1 Porage

Excellent  
Good  
Good

42 Labourers - 5 clerks

see bakery report

As for bakery

As for Bakery

Large building in process of reconstruction. Probably to be used for 1 each class. 10 home supplies which are not over flowing into Bakery

As for Bakery  
As for Bakery

Both in use

As for Bakery

Good

APPENDIX "A" TO LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS M.F.(S) 8 and 9.

LOCATION AND

ORGANIZATION.

This bakery and the general supply Coy are housed in the Caserma BESOZZI Via Vimonte, MILAN. Another unit is also in the same barracks - 3 Supply Coy. This latter is however, purely an administrative unit. All three units are more or less interwoven. Briefly the organization is as follows:-

O.C. Military Bakery (Major Pacifico) commands also the whole of the barracks.

O.C. General Supply Coy (Lt Longe) assisted by 2/Lt De Salvi commands the General Supply Coy.

O.C. 3 Supply Coy (Capt, De Biasi) administers and disciplines the military personnel of the Bakery and the Supply Depot. This Supply Coy is also responsible for the administration of the C.A.R. (Commissariato) MILAN.

GENERAL OFFICE.

This Bakery and Supply Depot must be the best in the Italian Army. They have been visited several times, often without warning, but always there is the same impeccable order and cleanliness, the same precise stacking of Commodities. Major Pacifico and his officers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

ENGINEERING AND

DOMESTIC WORK.

On this occasion it was noticed that considerable improvement had been made in what might be described as the barracks square. The walls had been newly whitewashed and a neat garden cultivated. There were hanging, flowers and plant baskets under the covered terrace. These things may be unnecessary but they lend a pleasing touch.

The re-building of the bombed building on the far side of the "square" is proceeding satisfactorily. It should be ready in about a month. It will be used to house some of the commodities from the supply depot which at the moment overflow into the bakery's territory. Part of it will be used also to provide welfare rooms for the men.

MEN QUARTERS.

The men quarters, which were criticized in an inspection some time ago, are now neat and tidy. The beds are somewhat tightly spaced but larger quarters are now practically completed. These were inspected, the walls are newly whitewashed.

GENERAL OPINION.

ENGINEERING AND

DOMESTIC WORK.

NEW QUARTERS.

LATHING  
COOKHOUSE  
DINING ROOM  
RECREATIONAL  
DISCIPLINE.

BAKERY.

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Cookhouse and Dining Room were satisfactory. Lathings were clean, but are hardly sufficient in number. There is recreational room for the men, but as mentioned before, Welfare facilities, will be extended when building repairs are completed. Discipline was good.

The bakery is still using the old type ovens. Good modern type ovens are there but require coal. A certain amount of coal is available, but so large are the supplies of wood that it is considered more economical, in view of the national coal shortage, to use the old wood burning ovens.

.....The new type/



Sheet No. 2.

The new type ovens have been tried out - for biscuits, burning wood. Wood fuel however is unsuitable for baking bread in these ovens.

ACCOUNTANCY.

Accountancy was given special attention both in the bakery and the supply depot. Everything examined was in order. Here, as in other depots both Italian and Allied systems are in use. The usual comments on streamlining accountancy are, of course, pertinent here too.

TRAINING FROM THE C.A.R. (Comisariato)

Major Pacifico and his officers were asked their opinions of the trainees that are attached to them from the C.A.R. (Comisariato). These were favorable, they consider the trainees they have had to be good material, and worth training. The bulk of them appear to take a great interest in the practical course. A sample of bread, baked by trainees was <sup>examined</sup> sampled. It was well up to standard.

*James J. ... Capt. Ball*  
.....  
Signature of Inspecting Officer.

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*Thos J. Hamlin*  
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Signature of Inspecting Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of Inspecting officer Capt M.F. Harris RASC

Date of Inspection 26 Jun 46

Name of Depot 3 Panficio Militars

Name of C.O. Magr. Pacifico G.  
(Other Officers)

Stock position (No of days) (Flour) Fluctuating 2 to 15 days  
(checks made) Coffee, Ground beef stock, Tally cards; correct

Physical Warehousing  
 (i) Accession, Cover etc Good  
 (ii) Stacking, height, etc Good  
 (iii) Damage Satisfactory

(1) Fresh Fruit & veg method of procurement N.A.

(ii) Bread, Number of bakeries on contract 4 (for biscuits)

Tally Cards N.A.

Details issues points in Depot (number)  
 Ivo: one for flour one for bread ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Fuels  
 (i) Wood storage Good  
 (ii) Coal Good  
 (iii) Lighter Good

Labour Civilians employed (numbers) 10 clerks - 22 bakers

Guards 24 hrs 10 men 2 NCOs (3 on duty together)

Fire precautions unit personnel adequate

Anti rat precautions Poison - Traps - Dens

R.R. Works outstanding (state how long) See supply report

Depot transport 1 cart 4 mules. Other transport received on demand. No difficulties.



(i) Fresh fruit & veg section of procurement  
(ii) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract

Tally Cards

Detail issues points in Depot (number)

Fuels

- (i) Food storage
- (ii) Coal
- (iii) Lignite

Labour Civilians employed (numbers)

Guards

Fire precautions

Anti rat precautions

RE Works outstanding

(state how long)

Depot transport

Feeding strengths

- (i) { Army, Navy, Air, }  
{ RR, IRI-ITI, US }
- (ii) Total number of units

Accountancy Allied System  
Italian System  
General Remarks

Accommodation Site/working quarters

- Dining "
- Recreational "
- Cookhouse
- Latrines & Ablutions

General turnout of men.

Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement: see appendix

H.A.

4 (for biscuits)

H.A.

Two: one for flour one for bread

- Good
- Good
- Good

10 clerks - 22 bakers

24 hrs 10 men 2 HOs (3 on duty together)  
unit personnel  
adequate

Poison - Traps - Dogs

See supply report

1 cart 4 mules. Other transport received on demand. No difficulties.

1 Mi-iti (strength 85)  
58 IRI-ITI (strength 18 160)

} Part Italian Part Allied

Satisfactory

- Satisfactory
- Satisfactory
- Good
- Clean

Good

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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of Inspecting Officer: Capt. M.F. Harris RASC  
 Date of Inspection: 26 Jun 46  
 Name of Depot: Magazzino Principale Distribuzione Vivandieri e Combustibili, Milano  
 Name of OC (Other Officers): Lt. Longo E. - Sella DeSalvi J.

Stock Position (No. of days): 15 days  
 (checks made)  
Coffee, Book, Stock Ground, Tally cards: all correct

Principal Warehousing: Good  
 (i) Accommodation, cover etc: Excellent  
 (ii) Stacking, height, etc: Good  
 (iii) Damage

(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement: None. Procured by individual units  
 (ii) Bread, Number of Bakeries on contract: Not an issue (see bakery report)

Tally Cards: Those examined correct  
 Detail issues points in Depot (number): 5 food - 1 forage

Fuels: Excellent  
 (i) Wood storage: Good  
 (ii) Coal: Good  
 (iii) Lignite

Labour Civilian employed (numbers): 42 Labourers - 5 clerks  
 Guards: see bakery report

Fire precautions: As for bakery  
 Anti rat precautions: As for Bakery

RE works outstanding (state how long): Large building in process of reconstruction. Probably to be completed in 1 month time. No house supplies which are now overflowing into Bakery  
 Depot Transport: No difficulties  
 Feeding strength (Army, Navy, Air): (1)

(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement  
(ii) Bread. Number of Bakeries on contract

Tally Cards  
Detail issues points in Depot  
(number)

Fuels  
(i) Wood storage  
(ii) Coal  
(iii) Idemite "

Labour Civilians employed (numbers)

Guards

Fire precautions

Anti rat precautions

RE Works outstanding  
(state how long)

Depot transport **No difficulties**

Feeding straight

(i) (Army, Navy, Air,)  
(RR, IIT-ITL, US.)  
(ii) Total number of Units

Accountancy Allied System  
Italien System  
General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
Dining  
Recreational  
Cookhouses  
Latrine & Ablution

General turnout of men

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement: see Appendix "A"

Kms. Procured by individual Units

Not an issue (see bakery report)

These examined correct

5 food - 1 forage

Excellent  
Good  
Good

45 labourers - 5 clerks

see bakery report

As for bakery

As for Bakery

Large building in process of reconstruction. Probably to be completed in 1 month time. To house supplies which are now overflowing into Bakery

As for Bakery  
As for Bakery

Both in use

As for Bakery

Good

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APPENDIX "A" TO LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS M.F.(S) 8 and 9.

LOCATION AND ORGANISATION.

This bakery and the general supply Coy are housed in the Caserma ESCOZZI Via Vimonte, MILAN. Another unit is also in the same barracks - 3 Supply Coy. This latter is however, purely an administrative unit. All three units are more or less interwoven. Briefly the organisation is as follows:-

O.C. Military Bakery ( Major Pacifico) commands also the whole of the barracks.

O.O. General Supply Coy (Lt Longo) assisted by 2/Lt De Salvi commands the General Supply Coy.

O.C. 3 Supply Coy ( Capt. De Biasi ) administers and disciplines the military personnel of the Bakery and the Supply Depot. This Supply Coy is also responsible for the administration of the C.A.R. (Commissariato) MILAN.

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LATRINES

COOKHOUSE

DINING ROOM

RECREATIONAL

DISCIPLINE.

Cookhouse and Dining Room were satisfactory. Latrines were clean, but are hardly sufficient in number. There is recreational room for the men, but as mentioned before welfare facilities, will be extended when building repairs are completed. Discipline was good.

BAKERY.

The bakery is still using the old type ovens. Good modern type ovens are there but require coal. A certain amount of coal is available, but so large are the supplies of wood that it is considered more economical, in view of the national coal shortage, to use the old wood burning ovens.

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The new type ovens have been tried out - for biscuits, burning wood. Wood fuel however is unsuitable for baking bread in these ovens.

ACCOUNTANCY.

Accountancy was given special attention both in the bakery and the supply depot. Everything examined was in order. Here, as in other depots both Italian and Allied systems are in use. The usual comments on streamlining accountancy are, of course, pertinent here too.

TRAINING FROM THE C.A.R. (Comissariato)

Major Pacifico and his officers were asked their opinions of the trainees that are attached to them from the C.A.R. (Comissariato). These were favourable, they consider the trainees they have had to be good material, and worth training. The bulk of them appear to take a great interest in the practical course. A sample of bread, baked by trainees was sampled. It was well up to standard.

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*Luigi + ...*  
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Signature of Inspecting Officer.

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SUBJECT: Inspections - Iti Tpt and Supply Units.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext- 10)

ADST  
HQ M.M.I.A.

Q/37/29

24 Jun 46

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Herewith a special interim report on 3 Admin Trans Coy ( M.F.(T) 7 ).

As mentioned in this office letter Q/37/29 of 6 Jun 46 O.C. 3 Admin Coy availed himself of the assistance offered by 717Stat Trans Coy RASC and has visited the company several times.

Much of the improvement in ALLA's company has been made possible by the practical assistance of the Wksp Officer of the a/m company.

A letter of appreciation of his help is in course of preparation.

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FH/LO

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M.P. (T) 7.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

SPECIAL INTERIM REPORT ON 3 TRANSPORT ADMIN COY.

Refs - This office inspection report M.P. (T) 1 of 22 May 46. ⑪  
Letter 3 B.L.U. ①/37/29 para 2 of 6 Jun 46.  
Hq MMIA letter ST/356 of 4 Jun 46.

Time of Inspection - Consequent on the request of OC 3 Admin Transport Coy (Capt AILA) to re-inspect his unit, an inspection was carried out at 1100 hrs Sunday 23 June 1946. This hour was chosen because only at such time are all men and vehicles present in location.

Stairs, passages, offices, other points - A great improvement was seen at once, on entering the building. Stairs and passages had a well scrubbed look and every room was labeled with a bold, well printed card.

FIRE

There had obviously been a great deal of white washing of walls, particularly in the offices which were spot lessly clean and tidy.

There were now good fire points, brightly painted red in the approved manner. There was also a fire alarm, which is rather unusual feature in these places.

Billets, ablutions and latrines. - In the men's billets, beds were lined up straight, and the kit lay-out was uniform and orderly. The billets as a whole were very clean. Ablutions and latrines had been thoroughly cleaned out.

Administration, 406's - In the OC's office a large, imposing, well made, "Strength and personnel distribution board" was hung on the wall, displayed also were AF 6810's showing the inspection programme. It is now obvious that vehicles are being kept off the road for inspection and that a proper maintenance system is in operation.

Several 406's were inspected and it was gratifying to see how much had been learned in the way of carrying out inspections. The same improvement was seen in the 412's. 57

Vehicles, men, discipline - Vehicles and men had been paraded for this inspection. The vehicles were smartly drawn up, dead in line in the form of a hollow square. The men were drawn up in line in front of their respective vehicles.



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The vehicles were impressive. Cabs, engines and undercarriages were surprisingly clean. Particular attention was directed by the inspecting officer to the interior of ambulances with satisfying results. In short these vehicles showed that a great deal of work had been expended on them.

The discipline of the men, too, had been considerably brushed up. There was much smart saluting, and standing to attention on the approach of an officer.

Cookhouse and  
Dining room -

To conclude the inspection a visit was to the cookhouse and dining room. Everything here was satisfactory. Samples of the food being cooked (Pasta, meat, eggs, veg) were presented for tasting to the inspecting officer. They were found to be excellent.

Conclusion and general  
impression -

The general impression arising out of this inspection is that this unit has improved beyond all recognition. It is possible to make some minor criticisms but to do so on this occasion, against the background of the great change that has been effected, would be carping indeed.

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A sft fitter has been posted to the unit. More technical personnel, are however, still needed.

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The position as regards disciplinary power of OC in respect of civilians employed still appears to be the same. Could this matter be taken up please ?

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Sjt Magg. RABEIA Vinicio

Sjt Magg. MEREU Salvatore

Class 1921.

Signature of Inspecting Officer: *James J. Harris*

M.F. (3) 7.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICER'S REPORT

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Letter 3 B.L.U. 9/37/29 para 2 of 6 Jun 46.  
HQ MIAA letter 87/356 of 4 Jun 46.

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Signature of Inspecting Officer: .....

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Capt. RASE

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War  
TO : IMIA (in reply to TRG 26/6 of 12/6/46)  
SUBJECT:- Advanced Training for Subsistence Recruits:

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23 June 46

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1. The "Advanced Training Centre for Subsistence Recruits" is located at MILAN - Via Olivieri (Baggio).

For the training the Centre uses also the establishments of MILAN Commissariat, the Municipal Slaughtery and Bakery.

2. The following personnel are at the Centre as instructors:-

- 1 Major
- 1 Captain
- 11 Junior Officers
- 34 NCOs
- 21 ORs

This personnel is not counted against the training ceiling of 12,500, as it is temporarily attached to the Centre from all Commissariat Directorates of Military Territorial Commands, thus remaining on their strength.

The disciplinary and technical supervision is the care of Milan Commissariat Director.

The administration is devolved to 3 Supply Coy.

3. The syllabus of the course is attached herewith.

4. 592 men are due to be trained. They are organized into 11 platoons (under command of junior officers) of 3 squads each (under command of NCOs). The various trades are as follows:-

mechanics	12	bakers	100
black-smiths	12	butchers	112
carpenters	12	millers	15
electricians	36	brick-layers	12
motorists	14	matress-makers	12
refrigerator		Various services	251
engines	4		



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SYLLABUS OF ADVANCED TRAINING TO SUBSISTENCE RECRUITS

THEORETIC INSTRUCTION

1. What is the food ration for the Armed Forces - forage ration - ordinary ration - travel ration - dry food - reserve rations.
2. Functions displayed by subsistence services in peace and war time, i.e.:
  - Collection and preservation of commodities, forage and fuels.
  - transformation of some items, i.e.:
    - live animals into estab~~le~~ meat (fresh, ~~frozen~~ or tinned).
    - cereals into ground cereals.
    - ground cereals into bread and biscuits.
  - Roasting of coffee.
  - Issue to units of meat, bread, commodities, forage.
3. Which are the branches; establishments etc., dealing with the services mentioned in para 2 above.  
Brief reference to tinned foodstuffs and concentrated fodder produced by the Military Administration and by private contractors.
4. Description of the various trades and duties (butchers, millers, bakers, issuers, store-keepers).
5. Which items (live animals - cereals - ground-cereals - E/B/L - cheese - coffee - sugar - lard - wine - liquors, etc. - hay - straw - oats - concentrated items - fuels) are normally provided tinned and issued by subsistence services.  
Briefly, particulars of each; details about their keeping to preserve them longer - brief reference to anti-rat campaign systems - fight against flies, rats, etc.
6. Barrels, sacks, containers, importance and value of.
7. Cost and accounts of items collected, preserved and issued and of losses which might occur, caused by carelessness

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7. Cost and accounts of items collected, preserved and issued and of losses which might occur, caused by carelessness in handling, transportation and maintenance.

8. Social, military and moral importance of honesty and integrity of subsistence personnel in respect of temptations which may assault him inside and outside the ambient he lives in.

9. Alternative ovens - building and use.

10. Barracks items - cleaning - various systems of cleaning - various types of bedding (wool, vegetable hair, animal hair, kapok, straw) - preservation of barracks materials.

11. Clothing material - equipment - various systems of preservation.



PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION

At the end of theoretic instruction the milling and bread-making will take place at Milan Military Bakery.

Practical milling instructions (provided cereals are available) will take place at the mills of a/m bakery.

Practical bread-making instructions at a/m bakery.

Practical slaughtering instructions (provided cattle are allocated) at Municipal Slaughterery in Milan.

Pitching and shifting of tents for mobile Weiss ovens that can be towed by vehicles or mules.

Pitching and shifting of tents for Distribution Depot.

Bread making in field ovens.

Platoons will visit by turns the Municipal Bakery and Slaughterery at MILAN.

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SUBJECT:-Inspections - Iti Tpt and Supply Units.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.Y.A.).  
Tel : 489081 Ext 526  
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3 B.L.U. for S & T.

24 June 46.

Ref your report MP(S) 6 Appendix 'A' dated 22 June 46 the question of an increase in personnel (labourers) should be taken up by you direct with 3 Territorial Command.

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*for*  
Lt.Col. BASC.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(MMLA).

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SUBJECT:- Inspections - ITI Tpt and Supply Units.

Land Forces Sub Com. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 49934 Ext 525  
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S.M.R.F.

24 June 46.

May copies of instructional pamphlet on maintenance entitled "Ispezione sulla manutenzione secondo il sistema del compito" and "Norme generali sull'impiego e manutenzione degli automezzi Italiani ed Alleati in dotazione all'Esercito" be forwarded please to this department.

*W. M. M. M. M.*

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MMIA).  
Lt. Col. RASO.

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SUBJECT: Inspections- Iti Tpt and Supply Units.

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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext- 10)

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22 Jun 46

Att herewith in duplicate Inspection Reports M.F.(S) 6 of  
MAGAZZINO GENERALE, VIA DENFICO, MILAN carried out on 21 Jun 46.

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Capt.  
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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

<u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	Capt. M.F. HARRIS RASC
<u>Date of Inspection</u>	21 June 1946
<u>Name of Depot</u>	3 BULK FOOD DEPOT (3 DEPOS. CENTRALE VIVERI)
<u>Name of OC (Other Officers)</u>	Lt Col Sessa M. Capt. VERICALLY
<u>Stock Position (No of days)</u> (Checks made)	Variable between 30 and 40 days. Stocks received every 15 days. Coffee (tally card, book stock, ground stock) all correct.
<u>Physical warehousing</u> (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. (11) Stacking, height, etc. (111) Damage	Good. Good. Satisfactory.
(1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	None.
(11) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract.	None.
<u>Tally Cards.</u> <u>Bulk issue points in Depot (number)</u>	None deficient. Those checked all correct. One.
<u>Fuels.</u> (1) Wood storage (11) Coal storage (111) Lignite "	None. None. None.
<u>Labour Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	3 clerks 2 storemen 8 labourers.
<u>Guards</u>	Supplied by 1st Bn 3rd Inf Regt 1 comp 6 men to 079
<u>Fire precautions</u>	Adequate.
<u>Anti rat precautions</u>	Not many rats Cats and Traps.
<u>RE Works outstanding (state how long)</u>	None.
<u>Depot transport</u>	None. None required.
<u>Feeding strengths</u>	
(1) (Army, Navy, Air)	All Italian. All P.I.D.'s MILAN PLACENZA ALSO 50th



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 (11) Total number of units installations at TURIN and GENOVA. 43  
Accountancy Allied System  
 Italian system Both systems in use  
 General remarks NA  
Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
 Dining quarters NA  
 Recreational " General turnout of men  
 Cookhouse Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement  
 Latrines & Ablutions SEE APPENDIX  
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 Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement

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Appendix "a" to Inspection report MF(S)6

General opinion of depot - The depot is well organized and efficiently run and no points for serious criticism were observed.

Location - The depot occupies two floors of a large warehouse at the railway siding. The building is solid and concrete floored, the two floors occupied are separated from the rest of the building by secure steel doors.

Commodities - The following is a list of total commodities handled in the depot:

- Dried Fruit
- Dried Vegetables
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Olive Oil
- Crude Coffee
- Burnt Coffee
- Sugar
- Salt
- Tobacco
- Matches
- Soap
- M & V (small quantities)
- Cognac
- Anisi

Personnel - The officers quoted on the pro-forma are the only military personnel on the strength. The question of inspecting men's quarters etc does not arise.

Accountancy - As in the other food installations two systems of accountancy (Iti and Allied) are in operation. The OC naturally finds this irksome, and states the Allied system is infinitely preferable both for simplicity and accuracy.

Problems - OC depot stated that he had no problems save that of personnel. He finds eight labourers inadequate and asks for another four. Could this be given consideration?

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SUBJECT: Inspections - TFI Tot and Supply Units.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 452965 (Ext- 10)

A.D.S.T.  
HQ M.M.I.A.

9/31/29

20 June 46

Ref this Inspection Report No. M.F.(T) 3 of 15 Jun 46 wherein it is recommended that S.M.R.E. issue an instructional pamphlet on maintenance.

It has now been discovered that there is such a publication in existence. It is called:

Ispezione sulla Manutenzione  
Secondo il sistema del compito.

*Inspection on Maintenance  
according to Task System.*

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Norme generali sull'impiego e  
manutenzione degli autoveicoli  
Italiani ed Alleati in dotazione  
all'Esercito.

*General rules on use and  
maintenance of Italian  
and Allied vehicles in charge  
to the Italian Army.*

Published  
by: Ministero della Guerra  
Divisione Generale Artiglieria  
e Motorizzazione Divisione Corpo  
Automobilistico.

The publication appears to be good but is not on issue to the transport companies. In fact 3 Admin Coy had never heard of it.

May therefore the recommendation contained in report M.F.(T)3 be amended to one of issuing this particular publication to Transport Companies.

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20 Jun 46

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Many thanks for your D.O. letter ST/137 of 13 Jun 46 and the G (training) comments contained therein. These views have been passed on to the OC CAR and to the local Commissariato.

Regarding point 6 raised by G the four women concerned would be employed as follows:-

- 2 N.C.Os kitchen and mess.
- 1 Officers mess.
- 1 Officers billets.

The ten men would be employed in general maintenance and cleaning around the barracks.

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SUBJECT: Inspection Report.

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HQ 3 BRITISH LAIBOR UNIT  
Tel: 152965 Ext 10  
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1. Herewith inspection report (R.P. (S) 2) on the Erg Centre (Commissariato) MILAN.

2. Ref inspection report R.P. (T) 1. submitted to you on 29 May 46, it is reported for info that Major HOWLANDS, OC 717 Stn Tpt Coy RASC, in conjunction with his W/S Offr has kindly offered every facility for try in inspection and routine to OC 3 Adm Tpt Coy and members of his staff.

OC 3 Adm Tpt Coy has already availed himself of the opportunity. He will however remain handicapped in his inspection programme until he gets the required tech personnel to carry out inspections.

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LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT ON INSPECTION OF CTR (Comissariato) MILAN

Locn.

Via Clissieri Baggio - MILAN  
(Formerly main eqpt stores 305 Transit Camp (BR) )  
Major STANGARONE Luigi.

OC

Date of Inspection:

Although the inspection was carried out on 4 Jun 46, the following embraces the observations of several previous visits.

WE.

There does not appear to be any official WE for this Trg Centre, but the CO has been given the following as a working basis, which is also the present strength:

1 Major
1 Captain
1 WO
11 Lts or 2/Lts
53 NCOs
21 Men
<u>          </u>
Total
(all ranks)

These are designed to be organized into an HQ and 11 Pls: HQ to consist of 1 Major (Trg) 1 Captain (Coy Offr) 1 WO and 21 men; and the Pls 1 Offr and 3 NCOs to each pl. In actual fact only 10 Pls exist at the moment, the Offr and NCOs being used to re-inforce the weak HQ strength.

The Trg Centre is designed to take 600 trainees, for an 6 weeks course. Strength present on day of inspection 492.

Adm.

Engr Wks.

The Trg Centre is administered by 3 Supply Coy MILAN.

The extensive structural alterations and engr services necessitated by the unsuitability of the bldgs when first taken are now nearing completion. New drains are being made, shower baths, proper latrines and ablutions being constructed on each floor of each bldg, and one wing is being re-constructed to make 6d rooms, detention room, reception rooms etc. On the day inspected about 50 men were employed on this work, the contractor stating that he hoped to be finished within two weeks.

11	Lts or 2/Lts
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 and NCOs being used to re-inforce the weak HQ strength.

Number of Trainees.

The Trg Centre is designed to take 600 trainees, for an  
 8 weeks course.  
 Strength present on day of inspection 492.

Acc.

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 detention room, reception rooms etc.  
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 the contractor stating that he hoped to be finished within two  
 weeks.  
 It is evident that SIBS in spite of the shortage of funds,  
 have made a real effort to make the blags suitable, and as far  
 as can be seen will be successful.

Training Programme.  
Trainees.  
Instructors.

General curriculum and daily detailed programme are given at Appendix 'A'.  
On the practical side each trainee baker gets 18 days at 3 MIL Bty MILAN;  
Butchery and Supply trainees - 20 days at 3 Principal General Supply Depot MILAN.

No formal examination will be held at the end of the course, but trainees will be graded and certified according to their showing over the whole period of the course. They will then be posted direct to depots.

The OC Trg Centre considers that upwards of 80% of the present trainees are good material for trg and respond well to the course.

He is on the whole satisfied with his Oftr and 100 Instrs, having only three which he considers not up to the standard required. They are in the course of being removed.

Trg Dept.

The Unit is short of demonstration charts but delivery of fd trg eqpt expected within a few days.

Discipline.

The outward signs of good discipline were apparent. The general turnout of soldiers was clean; and they saluted smartly and groups stood to attention instantly on the approach of an oftr.

There has however been some disciplinary trouble during the week previous to the elections in the shape of AWOL (probably to be classified as desertion).

Actually 47 are AWOL - 21 being from 1 Pl. The OC this pl has been suspended for enquiry. These absentees had previously been a source of some worry to the OC, but he states he is satisfied with the general morale of the remainder.

Accom.

The accommodation is ample to house all personnel, and when the engineering wks are finished should be entirely satisfactory. All soldiers are in possession of new mattresses, sheets & blankets; their barrack rooms are airy light and clean.

Welfare.

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A basket ball pitch is in course of construction and a deck quoits court has been made.

A criticism might be that the writing room and canteen are a little too barrack like, but shortage of funds handicaps development in this direction.

Cds.

3 men gd 24 hrs at the barrack gate. Since the premises are completely enclosed this is probably adequate.

Cookhouses

Clean - but rather untidy.

Det

1 veh supplied daily by 3 Area Coy Coy for CD

Conclusion and  
Suggestions.

The final judgement on any Try Centre must be made on the quality of the trained men it turns out. It is therefore a little early to form an opinion on this Try Centre, since the first batch of trainees only commenced their 8 week course on May 10, but all the pointers are that the Try Centre will be a success. The OC Major STANGARON and his 2 IO Capt PALLARNO are certainly keen to make it so, and seem to be well on top of their jobs. The try programme was discussed with them: to the question that the daily programme seemed to have too little time allotted for tech try they replied:

- i. There was a reluctance to stuff too much theory into the men.
- ii. Trainees got a reasonable amount of practical tech try at the supply depot and mill bakery.
- iii. There was the necessity to continue and develop basic try.

In the respect of basic try Maj STANGARON holds strongly that recruits should be sent direct to his depot for their month's initial ~~try~~ general try. He agrees that this would lengthen his course to 12 weeks, but claims that the benefits would be considerable. He supports this by reporting that the standard of try of the men on arrival at his Try Centre is very uneven indeed. He cites examples of trainees (from BARI and PALLARNO) who had never handled a rifle. The rectifying of this kind of thing interferes with the smooth running of the try programmes.

If the recruits reported direct to the commissariate centre there would be a saving of documentation, travelling interchange, and the try would have a homogeneity and continuity that would benefit both the recruit and the commissariate.

These Officers also complain of the difficulties arising out of the fact that their unit is administered by another Coy. They desire to do their own admin, in which case they would require extra personnel.

The SSM attitude seems to be that, while it is willing to give the admin to the OC Try Centre, the necessary personnel are not forthcoming, and for that reason the admin must be done by 3 Supply Coy.

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to give the adm to the OC try Centre, the necessary  
personnel are not forthcoming, and for that reason the  
adm must be done by 3 Supply Coy.

But apart from the adm question the permanent HQ strength  
is inadequate to carry out the manifold duties in a barrack  
of this size. Major STANBARD himself states he needs  
the following (incl adm duties)

- 1 Adjt
- 1 Adm Offr
- 2 Offrs (GD)
- 2 MCO (clerks)
- 2 MCO (GD)
- 50 men

These demands seem somewhat excessive, but it is felt  
that there is a good case for more personnel.

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In view then of all the foregoing may the following recommendation be made to SMC ?

- (14) i. That the adm be transferred to the Trg Centre and sufficient personnel be sent to implement this.
- (15) ii. That if the above is impracticable for the moment, that the NCO and the other ranks strength be increased to cope with barrack domestic routines.
- (16) iii. That if these GRs are not forthcoming, the CO Trg Centre be given authy to employ 14 civs (10 men & 4 women) for general maintenance duties.
- (17) iv. Since it appears that recruits are actually selected for commissariato trg before they have this basic trg, that some consideration be given to the idea of sending recruits direct to the Commissariato Trg Centre for basic trg.

Inspecting Officer.

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 (Capt M.P. HARRIS)

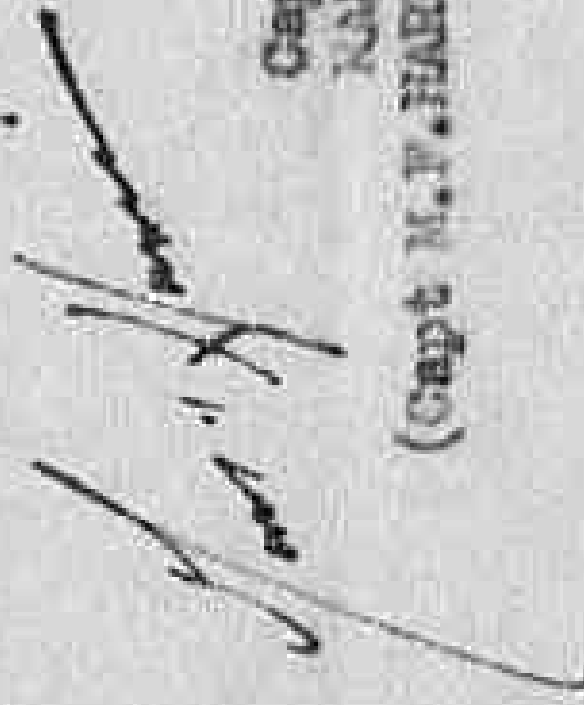
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Inspecting Officer.



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COMMISSARIAT RECRUITS TRAINING CENTRE

Daily Instructions Table (until 31 May 46)

6 - 7,30 Reveille, Coffee, personal cleanliness, rooms cleanliness, medical visit.  
 7,30 - 8,30 15 minutes of formal trg, 30 of physical trg of which:  
 8,45 - 9,30 5 of fast marching and 3 of doubling.  
 9,30 - 10,15 Lessons, technical and theoretical trg.  
 Lessons, mil, regulations, trg., behaviour in the barracks, in public and in private.  
 10,15- 11,00 at disposition of OCS Plns.  
 11,00- report  
 11,00- 13,00 1st meal- mail distribution  
 11,30- 12,30 1st meal offr and NCOs  
 13,15- 15,00 Technical trg of practical character (handling and assembling of tents, weights, lengths, making of packages)  
 15,15- 16,15 15 minutes of formal trg, how to present himself etc.  
 30 minutes of formal trg.  
 16,30- 17,30 2nd meal  
 17,30 Walking out  
 18,00- 19,00 2nd meal Offrs and NCOs  
 21,00 retreat  
 21,30 silence

on Saturdays / afternoon : from 15,30 to 16,00 hrs preparation to personal, eqpt and material parade.  
 16,00 hrs : parade, checking of CBs  
Practical trg on making of bread at the military bakery of the Besozzi Bks.  
 Every day from 8,00 hrs to 16,00 hrs for a group of 9 men, 3 consecutive days for every group.  
Practical trg on cutting of meat - Every day during the distribution of meat at the Besozzi Bks from 8,00 to 9,00 hrs daily groups of 3 men for every group.

Off duty days

7,00 hrs Reveille, cleanliness etc.  
 Going of personnel who wish to, to the Mass. The rest of the morning is free.  
 10,30- 11,30 1st meal  
 15,00 retreat  
 16,00- 17,00 2nd meal  
 17,00 Walking out



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/s/Maj Razzini

II Col. Commiss, Direttore  
/s/R Tyrenti

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRG PROGRAMS TO BE ENFORCED DURING THE PERIOD OF PERMANENCE OF D.I.D. RECRUITS AT THE TECHNICAL - PROFESSIONAL CAR.

THEORETICAL TRAINING.

- Basic principles on the human alimentation - soldier's ration - basic principles on wheat - classification - use - form - colour - dampness - cleanliness - specific weight - sterogenseous seeds - damages - frauds.
- Main varieties of wheat in general and principal varieties brought by the Mil Administration - examination of stocks of wheat - storing of wheat - sylos and their machinery.
- Milling - mill machinery and cleaning of wheat - grinding in accordance to the various systems - typical dyagrams for mills of the Mil Adm - technical controls on grinding - frauds in contractors milling.
- Flour - bolting - necessary machinery - classification of alterations - adulterations - storing - inspection of flour stocks.
- Bread making - principles on bread fermentation - yeasts - time of use - corrections - prepared yeasts - machinery for making bread.
- Bread - and making and forms of loaves - putting in oven - baking characteristics - faults - alterations - adulterations - storing - technical controls on bread making - org of services in a Mil Bakery.
- Water biscuits - their manufacture - necessary machinery for the manufacture of water biscuits, both by hand and with machines - storing - dispatch - tpu - damages.
- Necessary implements for milling and baking of bread.
- Permanent ovens - normal field ovens - ovens heated by air - Telescoocar ovens - rolling and mobile ovens - provisional ovens - fuel - tents - illumination means.
- Pasta - rice - cereals - beans - vegetables and their storing.
- Manufacture of pasta - alterations - adulterations - rice - unshelling and cleaning.
- Meat - quality of bovine meat with regard to the races - feeding degree - quality of fodder - state of health - age - sex - slaughtering - parts of body - storing - tendering - cooking of substitute meats - slaughtered meat.
- Slaughtered meat - yield of bovine meat - qualifications of meat for mil

- adulterations - storing - inspection of flour stocks.
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- Slaughtered meat - yield of bovine meat - qualifications of meat for mil consumption - practical ways for issuing meat - frozen and half-frozen meat.
- Storing of food - cooling machinery - Appert method.
- Manufacture of tinned meat and brath jars.
- Condiments : fats - spices in tomato paste - wine - coffee - sugar - miscellaneous implements for D.I.D. services - storing and preservation of food.



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- Fodder - composition of the fodder ration - machinery for fodder pressing.
- Hay - quality - alteration - adulterations - eating straw.
- Cots - varieties - storing - alterations - frauds.
- Permanent and mobile steam boilers - basic rules on maintenance and surveillance.
- Steam motors - I.C. motors - diesel motors - electric and hydraulic motors.
- Wasp machinery - lathes and drills - plane machine - filling machines - cutter for cylinders - transmission means-lubricants.
- Bedding articles - washing - various systems of washing wool - vegetable and animal hair - methods of wool beating.
- Extending of vegetable hair - re-making of mattresses and pillows - carding of wool - description of machinery - preservation of bedding articles.
- Storing and preservation of eqpt and clothing - general duty and kitchens - permanent and mobile kitchens.

PRACTICAL TRAINING.

After the theoretical courses: milling and bread making, following courses will be held at the Mil Bakery, MILAN.

- Practical trg. (whenever cereals are available) on milling at the MIL Bakery, MILAN.
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- Fitting and dismantling of tents for rolling trailed Weiss and pack ovens.
- Dismantling and fitting of tents for food storing.
- Bread making with field ovens.

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On turns the platoons will make instructive visits to:  
Communal Bakery at Milan  
Communal slaughter house at Milan

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This programme will be fully developed giving thus to all the recruits, in consideration with their instruction degree, the necessary knowledge for the fulfilment of their duty.

The CAR Directorate will prepare pamphlets containing what is considered necessary for the soldiers to know.  
In order that the recruits may quickly learn what the instructors will teach, it is advisable to supply the CAR with wall diagrams concerning the matters being taught.

Furthermore the CAR should be issued with:

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- One rolling oven complete with tools and tent.
- One trailed oven complete with bricks, tools and tent.
- One pack oven complete with bricks, tools and tent.
- Two cases of tools for slaughtering.
- One tent for storing food.
- One mobile rolling kitchen (field).
- One mobile pack field kitchen.
- One tin cart.
- One heavy truck.



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SUBJECT :- Inspection of 3 Admin Coy.

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4th June 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. ( MIA )  
ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

*Seen thank you  
W. Dupuis*

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

Copy to :- 2 BUJ for Ser.

1. The above Unit was inspected by Capt. HARRIS RASC, our Liaison Officer at 3 BUJ on May 22nd, and the following extracts from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and action that would appear to be necessary:
  - (a) C.C. Unit complains bitterly about the M.C.O. position. He has 13 on strength, but never has more than 5 that he can use. The others are detached to III. Terr Command, and have remained so attached for some considerable time in spite of repeated appeals for their return.
  - (b) The poor condition of the vehicles reflects the system of maintenance. Daily availability states are rendered to Command on the basis that every vehicle that is a runner is available for detail ----- and is detailed. C.C. Unit states that this has been forced upon him by intense pressure for transport from Command. Vehicles are maintained on a hand to mouth basis as they return from detail in the evening. Some attempt is made to use the task system, but no real progressive system of maintenance exists. There is no equivalent of the British AF.810; monthly  $\frac{W}{3}$  inspections are not carried out and the recording of Platoon inspections in the AB.406 shows no understanding of what is required. When challenged on the  $\frac{W}{3}$  monthly inspection question, C.C. Unit said that he had no instructions to carry out monthly  $\frac{W}{3}$  inspection, and that, neither he nor his officer or M.C.O.s had had any instructions in the recording of 406 inspection. Further, he stated that  $\frac{W}{3}$  inspections are at present an impossibility (although he wishes to do them), due to a complete lack of technical personnel.
  - (c) The accommodation allotted to 3 Transport Admin Coy is too small, yet other accommodation is available in the same building. As a result beds are too closely spaced, while the CM's stores is just a clump of equipment in a small room. Latrines, ablutions, dining rooms, cook-houses, were not good, but not worse than the average standard of this district.

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- (d) There were not enough fire points and the sand at the petrol point had been allowed to mass solidly.
- (e) The Petrol point accounting appeared satisfactory, and a real attempt is made to use petrol economically.
- (f) No welfare facilities exist of any kind in the barracks. There is not even a room set aside for the men to write letters. O.G. Unit stated that welfare facilities were provided at 3 Territorial Command. This is a mile away.

Your attention is invited to our letter ST/1001 of 19th March in which we advised a drive in particular on the faults raised in sub-para (b), (d) and (f) above, and it would appear from this inspection that

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little or no heed has been paid to the instructions issued by you as a result of this letter.

- 3. Will you please let this Branch have your comments on this matter and keep us advised on any action you decide to take.

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

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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext-10)

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HQ M.M.I.A.

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29 May 46

Enclosed herewith is Inspection report MF (T) 1 of 22 May 46. The state of this unit is such that a more expansive report than is contained in the pro forma seemed necessary. Accordingly particular attention is requested to Appendix A of the report.

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Capt.  
RASC.

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-S & T, MMIA.  
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

UNIT'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

3. Transport Admin. Coy

22nd May 1946 and 25 May 46.

Capt. AILA

1. Unit	3. Transport Admin. Coy	Officers	13 M.C.O.S. 284 men
2. Date of inspection	22nd May 1946 and 25 May 46.	10	13 M.C.O.S. 185 men
3. Name of C.O.	Capt. AILA	11	

4. Strength			
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b) Actual Number Held			
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**Yes - See Appendix "A"**  
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**Yes**  
**No**  
**Satisfactory**  
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**3500 litres daily, 1500 litres Diesel daily.**  
**Unsatisfactory**  
**Yes**  
**Yes**

6. Vehicle Part  
 a) Is it best place available  
 b) (General Layout)  
 c) Condition of standings.  
 d) Guards and picquets.  
 e) Condition of P.O.L. store  
 f) Quantities of P.O.L. held  
 g) Fire Precautions  
 h) Is place set aside for Daily maintenance, minor repairs etc.

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Intervals ?

3) Welfare }  
 Messes }  
 Messing Room }  
 Sports equipment }

None. existent

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There is a strong complaint made by O.C. 3 Admin. Coy that his driver reinforcements are arriving from the driving school not properly trained, in driving. Could this matter be taken up?

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Special Notes.



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APP " B

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF 3. TRANSPORT COY.

W.E.

Officers - 10

N.C.O.s - 13

O.R.s - 204

COMPANY HQ.

{ 1 O.C.  
1 2 i/o

a) 1st Section { 1 Officer  
1 N.C.O.

b) 2nd Section " "

c) 3rd Section " "

d) 4th Section " "  
(cent. drappello)

e) Ambulance Section - 1 Officer

f) Light Weps 1 Officer

g) Retrol Point 1 Officer

{ 1 motorcar  
2 load carriers  
2 m/cycles

{ 24 load carriers  
2 m/cycles

" "

" "

{ 6 load carriers  
15 motorcars  
10 motorcycles

{ 20 Ambulances  
1 load carrier  
2 motorcycles

{ 1 load carrier

Total of m/vehicles - 20 m/cycles  
16 m/cars  
82 load carriers  
20 Ambulances

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- d) 4th Section " " "  
(cent. drappello)
  - { 6 load carriers
  - { 15 motocars
  - { 10 motorcycles
- e) Ambulance Section - 1 Officer
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  - { 1 load carrier
  - { 2 motorcycles
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SL. HEADLINE "C"

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

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3. Name of C.O. Capt. AILA

4. Strength. Officers 10  
 a) M.F. 13 N.C.O.s 284 men  
 b) Actual Strength 11 13 N.C.O.s 187 men

5. Vehicles (Loadcarriers)

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i) Number of Vehs not in use on date of inspection 6 Ambulances 1 Load carrier

j) General Condition of Vehs poor

k) " " Tyres complete to 1 per vehicle

l) number of spare tyres held

m) What anti-frost precautions are taken? N.A.

n) Are Targa Numbers and Win-screen Labels affixed and legible? Yes

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(Loadcarriers)
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  - already submitted. . . . . Yes - See Appendix "A" . . . . . 23
6. Vehicle Park
- a) Is it best place available . . . . . Yes . . . . .
  - ( General layout ) . . . . .
  - b) Condition of standings. . . . . No "hard" standings. Alright now, poor in
  - c) Guards and picquets. . . . . Satisfactory . . . . .
  - d) Condition of P.O.I. store . . . . . Unfit . . . . .
  - e) quantities of P.O.I. held \* . . . . . 1500 litres daily. 1500 litres Diesel daily.
  - f) Fire Precautions . . . . . Unsatisfactory . . . . .
  - g) Is place set aside for . . . . .
  - Daily maintenance, minor repairs etc. . . . . Yes . . . . .
  - \* Reserve stock. Petrol 33268 litres . . . . .
  - Diesel 27724 " . . . . .

7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? Yes . . . . .
- b) Are all Vchrs correctly over to drivers? Yes . . . . .
- c) Confirm no civilians driving Vchrs. Yes . . . . .
- d) Is daily task system carried out and understood? See Appendix "A" . . . . .
- e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? Yes . . . . .
- f) Condition of 4124 Obviously imperfectly understood (see Appx "A")
- g) Are 496 inspected, is regularly carried out? No (see Appendix "A") . . . . .
- h) Personnel recovered - are they up to date (Bath Book, Guard roster etc). Yes . . . . .
- i) Are Vchrs on detachment visited and changed at intervals? Yes . . . . .
- j) Welfare. None existent . . . . .
  - Motorcycles
  - Meeting Rooms
  - Sports equipment

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General Admin.

Special Notes



INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF 3. TRANSPORT Coy.

APP. B

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Officers - 10

H.C.O.s - 13

O.P.s - 20

COMPANY HQ.

{ 1 motorcar  
2 load carriers  
2 m/cycles

a) 1st Section { 1 O.C.  
1 2 i/c  
1 Officer  
1 H.C.O.

{ 24 load carriers  
2 m/cycles

b) 2nd Section " "

" "

c) 3rd Section " "

" "

d) 4th Section " "  
(cent. drappello)

{ 6 load carriers  
15 motorcars  
10 motorcycles

e) Ambulance Section - 1 Officer

{ 20 Ambulances  
1 load carrier  
2 motorcycles

f) Light Weapons 1 Officer

{ 1 load carrier

g) Petrol Point 1 Officer

Total of m/vehicles - 20 m/cycles  
16 m/cars  
82 load carriers  
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(cont. drappello)
  - { 6 load carriers
  - { 15 motocars
  - { 10 motorcycles
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W.P. (S) I. 22-5-46

STANDARD "C"

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit. . . . .  
 2. Date of inspection. . . . .  
 3. Name of C.O. . . . .

4. Strength. . . . .  
 a) W.E. . . . .  
 b) Actual Strength. . . . .

5. Vehicles (Loadcarriers) . . . . .  
 a) W.E. . . . .  
 b) Actual Number Held . . . . .  
 c) " " on charge . . . . .  
 d) Number V.O.R. . . . .  
 e) " " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated? . . . . .  
 f) Have vehicles in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength? . . . . .  
 g) Number of daily and Standing details . . . . .  
 h) Number of Vehs not in use on date of inspection . . . . .  
 i) General Condition of Vehs . . . . .  
 j) " " Tyres . . . . .  
 k) number of spare tyres held . . . . .  
 l) What anti-frost precautions are taken? . . . . .  
 m) Are Targa Numbers and Win-screen Labels affixed and legible? . . . . .  
 n) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted. . . . .

10 Officers  
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 13 H.O.B. 204 men  
 13 H.O.B. 167 men

20 M/G 16 cars 62 load carriers 20 ambulances  
 13 M/G 13 cars 67 load barriers 3 Amb.  
 (1 VOR) (2 V.O.R.) (15 V.O.R.)  
 Yes  
 Average 40 daily, 11 standing, 1 mts as reqd.  
 6 Ambulances 1 load carrier  
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 Complete to 1 per vehicle  
 E.A.  
 Yes



5. Vehicles (Loadcarriers)
- a) N.E. 20 M/C 16 cars 22 load carriers 20 ambulances
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  - c) " " on charge (1 V.O.R.) (2 V.O.R.) (15 V.O.R.)
  - d) Number V.O.R. beyond unit repair
  - e) " have they been evacuated?
  - f) Have vehicles in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?
  - g) Number of daily and Standing details Yes
  - h) Number of Vehs not in use on date of inspection Average 40 daily, 11 Standing, Amb. as reqd.
  - i) General Condition of Vehs 6 Ambulances 1 Load carrier
  - j) " " Tyres Poor
  - k) number of spare tyres held Complete 10 1 per vehicle
  - l) What anti-frost precautions E.A.
  - m) Are Targa Numbers and Win-screen Labels affixed and legible? Yes
  - n) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demand already submitted. Yes - See Appendix "A"
6. Vehicle Park
- a) Is it best place available? Yes
  - b) (General layout) No "hard" standings. Alright now, poor in satisfactory
  - c) Condition of standings. Satisfactory
  - d) Guards and rickets. Satisfactory
  - e) Condition of P.O.I. store 1500 litres daily, 1500 litres Diesel daily.
  - f) quantities of P.O.I. held Satisfactory
  - g) Fire Precautions
  - h) Is place set aside for Daily maintenance, minor repairs etc. Yes
  - i) Reserve stock. Petrol 31260 litres
  - j) Diesel 27724

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7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? Yes
- b) Are all Vets correctly over to drivers? Yes
- c) Confirm no civilians driving Vets. Yes
- d) Is daily task system carried out and understood? See Appendix 8A
- e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? Yes
- f) Condition of 412s Obviously imperfectly maintained (see Appendix 8B)
- g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? No (see Appendix 8A)
- h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath Book, Guard roster etc)? Yes
- i) Are Vets on detachment visited and changed at intervals? Yes
- j) Welfare.
  - Kitchen .
  - Meeting Rooms .
  - Sports equipment .

8. Accommodation.

- a) Sleeping Quarters (conditions) Slightly overcrowded
- b) Dining Quarters Fair
- c) Recreation " Non-existent
- d) Cook-house Fair
- e) Ration Store Fair
- f) Latrines Poor
- g) Ablutions Fair

9. GENERAL REMARKS.  
General turnout of men, standard of unit, etc.

..... (see Appendix 8A) .....



Yes

Are units visited and changed at intervals?

f) Welfare

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*[Signature]* 16  
*[Signature]* Capt. R. H. H. [Signature]

(Signature of Inspecting Officer)



Strength

Although the officer strength reads 11 at the moment, 3 officers are held for posting and are likely to leave within a few days. Of the remaining 8, one (the W/S officer) is in hospital and is likely to be struck off strength.

Distribution of officers within the Unit is shown in Appendix B.

O.C. Unit complains bitterly about the N.C.O.s position. He has 13 on strength, but never has more than 5 that he can use. The others are detached to III. Territorial Command, and have remained so attached for some considerable time in spite of repeated appeals for their return.

Vehicles

The poor condition of the vehicles reflects the system of maintenance.

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As regards actual repair work, the W/S are handicapped by lack of tools and spares. They need practically every type of spare parts for Fiats 626, O.M., Taurus and Bianchi Milan. The result is that big jobs are difficult to tackle, and many vehicles are sent to the inefficient Vehicle Park under the seven day rule, that would not otherwise be sent had a few more spares been available.

The W/S is without covered accommodation for vehicles. All winter, the vehicles had to be worked on in the open. Reasonable covered accommodation exists in the location, but permission to use it has been refused.

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Administration,  
Accommodation,  
Welfare etc.

The Unit is situated in the Caserma Ammiraglio Saraccolo and shares accommodation with the following :-

1. Commissione Ricuperi
2. Soccorsi Stredali
3. Magazzino Ricambi  
800. U.S.I.
3. Reparto Riparazioni.

There is a central administrative Command under Col. Mercante.

The accommodation allotted to 3. Transport Admin. Coy is too small, yet other accommodation is available in the same building. As a result beds are too closely spaced, while the QM's stores is just a clump of equipment in a small room. Latrine, ablutions, dining rooms, cock-house, were not good, but not worse than the average standard in this district.

Such documentation as was seen appeared satisfactory.

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The Petrol point accounting appeared satisfactory, and a real attempt is made to use petrol economically.

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only one was fit to be sent out on the road. Alla  
inaugurated a driver school himself which is  
proving successful. His outlook as regards  
economy, especially in the matter of petrol is  
sound. He appears to have battled against great  
difficulties with no help at all from higher  
authority. Probably a correct summing up would  
be to say that he is suffering from the effects  
of continued frustration and hindrances (some-  
times unnecessary ones). He appears more than  
willing to learn, and it is considered that given  
the right kind of help he could make his Unit a  
success.

Accordingly therefore the following sug-  
gestions are made:

Vehicle  
Maintenance

1. - Higher authority to lay down a hard and fast rule that 10% of Unit vehicle strength should be taken off the road daily for maintenance irrespective of transport demands. (It is not appreciated in this Command that one day of maintenance may save a week's V.O.R. at a later date).
2. - Higher authority to issue a directive insisting on regular monthly W/S inspections and provide facilities for doing them. (In this respect arrangements are being made for Capt Alla and certain of his personnel to visit a British controlled W/S to observe the vehicle inspection organisation).
3. - Admin Transport Coy must be given either soldier tradesmen mechanics, or employ proper civilians in lieu. Failing this it is impossible to carry out a vehicle inspection plan.
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N.E.

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N.C.O.s - 13

O.R.s - 204

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a) <u>1st Section</u>	{ 1 Officer 1 N.C.O.	{ 24 load carriers 2 m/cycles
b) <u>2nd Section</u>	" "	" "
c) <u>3rd Section</u>	" "	" "
d) <u>4th Section</u> (cent. drappello)	" "	{ 6 load carriers 15 motorcars 10 motorcycles
e) <u>Ambulance Section</u> - 1 Officer		{ 20 Ambulances 1 load carrier 2 motorcycles
f) <u>Light Trucks</u>	1 Officer	( 1 load carrier
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SUBJECT:- Inspection Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm; AC.  
(M.F.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
32/137

3 B.L.U. for S & T.

23 May 46.

1. It appears from records held that the last Inspection Report on Supply Units received in this office was dated 2nd April, and no reports on inspection of ST units have been received for at least two months.
2. There is a possibility that some reports have gone astray. Will you please notify this branch whether this is the case.
3. It is essential that regular visits are made to Italian Units, and reports submitted to this HQ punctually in order that the Italian War Ministry may be kept advised as to any improvements that can be made in their organisation etc.

ALC/psc

*L.A.H.*  
Lt. Col. RAS **11**  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.F.I.A.).



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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depot

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
SE/297

Ministry of War.

8 APR 46.

Copy to:- 3 HQ Sub ST.

The SF officer with 3 HQ visited Distribution Depot PTAGEMIA on 2 April 1946. The following extracts from his report are forwarded for information and such action as you consider necessary.

1. Damage is not used in the stacking of certain commodities. The use of dunnage is strongly recommended.
2. At the present time there are no means of combating fires. Sand and water should be readily available in containers, and additional equipment such as chemical extinguishers should be made available if possible.
3. The general standard of the depot was considered good and the Officer who visited the depot reported very favourably on the new accommodation for use of the depot staff.

MMH/gsc

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. RAS 10  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.M.I.A.).

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SUBJECT: Inspection Food Depots.

HQ MMIA (ST)

H BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 (Ext- 10)

Q/37/8

3 Apr 46

Herewith enclosed inspection report on No 75 Food Distribution  
Depot at PIACENZA.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Capt.  
RASC

(AM WILLIAMS)

MILAN  
AHW/LO

RECEIVED 5 APR 1946  
(DATE)

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20 April

S & T, MMIA.

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LIAISON OFFICERS' REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

Name of Inspecting Officer ..... Capt A.H. WILTSHER  
 Date of Inspection ..... 2 Apr 46  
 Name of Depot ..... Food Distribution Depot PLALENZA  
 Name of OC ..... S Ten CAVALETTI S Ten VELARDO  
 (Other Offrs)  
 Stock Position (No of Days) ..... 15 Days Stock  
 (Checks made) ..... Flour, sugar, & Chile can Carne checked and stocks agree with Tally card

Physical Warehousing  
 (I) Accommodation, cover etc..... Good  
 (II) Stacking, height, etc..... Good - normal  
 (III) Damage ..... Damage required under certain items. OC Depot advised to remedy this immediately

(1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement ..... Under Unit arrangement  
 (II) Bread, No of Bakeries on contract ..... One civilian bakery. Well kept and up to date  
 Tally cards.  
 Detail issue points in Depot..... More than sufficient, considering number of troops maintained.

Fuels  
 (I) Wood Storage ..... Well stacked - 320 tons  
 (II) Coal .....  
 (III) Lignite .....  
 Labour Civilians employed (numbers) ..... 3 Unskilled Labourers, 2 Clerks  
 Guards ..... Supplied by 155 Regt. MANTOVA, Div. 1. Gd. Comd. and 3. Sections

Fire Precautions ..... None at present OC Depot strongly recommended to improvise a Sand and Water buckets until permanent hydrant etc., eqpt is ready.  
 RE Works outstanding (state how long) ..... Recreation and Dining Room remains to be completed - should be ready in a fortnight.  
 Depot transport ..... Private contract when required.

Feeding Strengths (1) (Army, Navy, Air)

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Feeding Strengths  
 (1) (Army, Navy, Air) ..... 3000 v. reduction in strength due to breaking down of pentons bridge at PLACENZA and some units now draw from Milan. Bridge now repaired original figure of 8000 will be maintained in immediate future.

(11) Total number of units ..... Both systems kept - appear in good order

Accountancy Allied System Italian " .....  
 General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters .. Good v. new .....  
 Dining " ..... Awaiting completion .....  
 Recreational " .....  
 Cookhouse ..... Good - new .....  
 Latrine & Ablutions ..... Good - new .....  
 General turnout of men ..... Fair .....

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement: Clean and well kept - accommodation good especially that used by staff which has just been rebuilt.

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SUBJECT:- Nations for Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Com. AD.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
ST/428 297

Ministry of War.

4 Apr 46.

Copy to:- 3 BLU (letter Q/35/6 of 24 Feb 46).

The difficulty that is being experienced by your Ministry in obtaining cheese, rice, etc, from indigenous resources has now been referred by this HQ to the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission with an urgent request that representations be made to the Government to produce a satisfactory solution.

MPHM/gac

*Phy*  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. AD. (M.M.I.A.).

INTERNAL:- Q (A/oa)

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SUBJECT:- Supplies on Italian Indigenous Resources.

Land Forces Sub Com. AG.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
ST/297

~~Food and Agricultural Sub Commission AG.~~

28 Feb 46.

Copy to:- Ministry of War  
3 BLU for ST.

1. Attached is copy of a letter received from the Supply & Transport Officer with 3 BLU at MILAN.
2. From this it will be observed that the handover of supplies from indigenous resources in Northern Italy is still far from satisfactory.
3. You will be aware that repeated difficulties have been experienced not only in the case of shoes but of other commodities and these delays resulted in a cut in the scale of issues to the Italian Interim Army which would not have been necessary had supplies been received according to schedule.
4. In the circumstances any immediate action please be taken to ensure that the Ministry of Food meet their obligations promptly, since unless this is done the supply problem of the Ministry of War which is already difficult will be rendered virtually impossible.
5. For your information Major GH referred to in the attached letter is the War Ministry representative in Northern Italy.

*Carroll*  
*Going out under Cof S level*  
*to Executive Commission*

MPHD/gno

*MM*  
Lt. Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MILA).

INTERNAL:- Q (A/oa)

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SUBJECT: Supplies ex Italian Indigenous Resources.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965 Ext 10

HQ MOTA (ST)

Q/35/6

24 FEB 46

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1. Ref your ST/297 of 16 Feb 46 and my Q/35/6 of 24 Jan 46.
2. There still appears to be a distinct lack of desire on the part of the responsible bodies to come to grips with the question of release of cheese to the Italian Army. Previously it was thought that the Provincial and Regional authorities were entirely to blame, but it now appears that this attitude of non co-operation has spread to both the Direzione Generale dell'Alimentazione, Rome and Commissariato Inter-regionale dell'Alimentazione, Milan.

3. On the 21 Feb, a meeting was held in the offices of Inter-Regionale dell'Alimentazione, Milan, at which Major GE was present, Professor RONCHI (Direzione Generale Alimentazione for Rationed Items, Rome), Dr SOLDANI and Dr GRASSI (Commissariato Alimentazione, Milano) were also present. The subject at issue was the release of 760 tons of cheese to the Italian Army for the months of Jan, Feb, Mar, and Apr. Maj GE insisted that authy was given for the release of this cheese, that names of firms were supplied and that details of distribution be given.

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5. It is obvious that these officials want to avoid making a decision at all costs. To state that release was impossible would severely jeopardise their position in Rome with the Food Ministry; to attempt to effect release would test their powers of authority over SEPRAL and the producers to the utmost, an issue which they wish to avoid at all costs. It is apparent that this authority is in name only. Even the SEPRAL cannot control the release of cheese. Direttore Ufficio Formaggio, SEPRAL, PARMA have informed Maj GE that they do not know exactly where the cheese is in their province nor to whom it belongs. The only solution, they state, is to hold a census. They know that producers are selling cheese to contractors without authority. When Maj GE told Prof RONCHI of this he was astonished and could not believe it.

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6. To investigate this matter fully and clarify the position with all its ramifications would be a considerable task. It is however apparent that:-

- (a) The authorities wish to avoid making a decision.
- (b) There is no adequate control
- (c) The matter should be taken up on a high level with the Food Ministry.

Maj GE has not had an enviable task in attempting to sort out this matter, and the lack of success is not due to his efforts but to circumstances far beyond his control.

7. It appears that if the authorities in ROME will not play, it is useless to make an example of the satellites. It is hoped that this appreciation may be of some assistance. The matter is too deep rooted for any satisfactory solution to be reached up here.

*Take up with HC & then Food*

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SUBJECT :- Supplies ex Italian Indigenuous Resources.

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
Tel : 478207  
SE/297

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16 Feb 46

1. Reference para ' Sup Problems ' on page 16 of your Periodical Report Serial 4. Will you please say whether the position regarding cheese as outlined still applies.
2. If difficulty is still being experienced would you please provide this branch with some specific examples of the non-cooperation referred to so that an attempt may be made to make an example of them.

MPHD/sg

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col. RASH.  
ADFT, Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (M.M.I.A.)



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SUBJECT: Inspection of ITI Depot.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
Tel: 152965(Ext-25)

HQ MMIA ROME

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10 Jan 46

Herewith report on inspection of 3 Food Distribution Centre carried out 10 Jan 46.

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~~SECRET~~ OFFICE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUBSISTENCE)

Name of Inspector, etc.	...Capt. A. H. Wilkerson
Date of Inspection	...19 Jan. 46
Name of Depot	...3 Feed Distribution Centre
Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	...Maj Pacifico Giuseppe. Lt Longo Enrico, ...Lt De Biasi Gino, 2nd Lt De Selvi Aldo, ...2nd Lt Dottori Loris
Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	...15 Days of all Allied items, Rice 4938 Quintals ...tals & 15 days Cheese 12527 Quintals (15 days ...Flour for 4 days - immediate replenishment ...accommodation & cover satisfactory, expected ...Good
Physical warehousing (4) Accommodation, Cover etc. (44) Stocking, height, etc (444) Dunnage	...Unit arrangements ...No 3 Mill Bakery (adjoining) ...Several checked and found correct ...Five points satisfactory
(4) Fresh Fruit & Veg. method of procurement (44) Bread, Number of bakeries on contract	...Well stacked in yard - brush-wood used as ...Sticks - MIL ...LIGHTS - 700 Quintals, TORRA 12000 Quintals ...20 Civilians ...3 Men during hours of darkness (Total guard ...of 9) ...Adequate ...Reason laid regularly ...MIL ...Yearly contract with civilian firm ...horse transport from rail to depot
Tally Cards	
Detail items points in Depot (number)	
Fields (4) Wool storage (44) Coal (444) Lignite	
Labour Civilian employed (numbers)	
Guards	
Fire precautions	
Anti rat precautions	
RR Works outside depot (state how long) Depot transport	
Feeding strengths for 9 Jan 46	



(111) Dunlop

(1) Fresh Fruit & Veg. method of procurement  
 (11) Brand, Number of inkhorion on contract.

Tally Cards

Detail issue points in Depot  
 (number)

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

Labour Civilian employed (numbers)

Guards

Fire precautions

Anti-FTB precautions

RR Lines outside railway  
 (state how long)  
Depot transport

Feeding arrangements for 9 Jan 46

(1) Army, Navy, Air  
 (11) Total number of units  
 (IR, III-III, US)

Accountancy Allied System  
 Indian System  
 General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
 Dining  
 Recreation  
 Cookhouse  
 Latrines & Ablutions

General turnout of men

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc, for improvement: **Good, tidy and well organized.**

**OC seems to be keen and reliable.**

Unit arrangements

No 3 Mill Bakery (adjoining)

Several cracked and found correct

Five points - satisfactory

Well stacked in yard - brush-wood used as  
 Stocks in Mill  
 LIGHTER 700 Quintals, GERBA 12000 Quintals

20 Civilian  
 3 Men during hours of darkness (Total guard of 9)

Adequate  
 Poison laid regularly

Nil  
 Yearly contract with civilian firm  
 horse transport from rail to depot

ITI-III 22977 BRI-III 714  
 IFT-IFT 60 BRI-III 10

In order  
 in use  
 All books seem to be in order & well kept

Fair  
 Reasonably clean  
 Fair  
 Fair  
 Good



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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES) 767

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Name of Inspector: Officer Capt. J.M. Craig

Date of Inspection 5 Dec 45

Name of Depot No 2 Bulk Depot MILAN

Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Lt. Col. SESA  
Capt. MERRILLI Lt. DELLA COLLI

Stock Position (No. of days) 12 days of all Allied items except Coffee of  
(stocks made) which there is 3 months supply.

Physical Inventory

(1) Accommodation, cover etc. Good

(2) Stacking, height, etc. Fair

(3) Damage. Not yet in use

(4) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement N/A

(5) Excess. Number of balconies on contract. N/A

Supply Order In order

Do all issue points in Depot (number) Rail served

Facilities and storage

(1) N/A

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

Labour Civilians employed (number) 7. Will be increased shortly

Guards During darkness only

Fire Extinguishers None visible as yet

Anti Rat Infections Nil

Yes/No on outstanding (state how long) Nil

Depot Comments



(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good  
 (11) Station, latrine, etc. Fair  
 (11) Barracks Not yet in use

(4) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of N/A  
 preparation N/A

(14) Bread, Number of bakeries In order  
 on contract.

Daily Canteen Rail served

Medical issue points in Depot N/A  
 (number)

Fuel N/A  
 (1) Wood storage 7. Will be increased shortly  
 (1) Coal During darkness only  
 (11) Lamps None visible as yet

Labor: Civilians employed (number) Nil  
 Guards Nil  
 Fire installations Civilian transport being used as Admin. Dept has no I  
P.O.L.  
 Anti Air installations 60,000 Total  
 Weapons outstanding N/A  
 (state how long) S. & I. MMIA

Food transport DEC 11 10  
 Fooding allocations In use and in order. Read  
 (1) Army, Navy, Air In use  
 (22, 23, III-III) File ST/

(11) Total number of units Not satisfactory as yet.  
 Accounting Allied System Accommodation sleeping quarters  
 Italian System Landing  
 General Remarks Reorientation "  
Cookhouse  
Latrine & Ablutions

General turnout of men General turnout of men

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for Improvement: This Depot has recently moved from GENOA, and an improvement is expected in the near future.

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RELATIONSHIP REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUMMERS) 767

Name of Inspecting Officer: Capt. J.M. CRAIG

Date of Inspection: 5 Dec 45

Name of Depot: 3 D. Depot. MILAN

Name of O.C. (Other Officers): Lt. LONGO

Stock Position (No. of days) (stocks made): 2/Lt. De BIASI. 2/Lt. De SAVVI  
30 days flour, 2,000 tons

Physical Arrangements:

- (1) Accommodation, cover etc. Good
- (2) Stacking, layout, etc. Good
- (3) Drainage.
- (4) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of preservation.
- (5) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract. No 3 Military Bakery (Adjoining)

Bakery Grains: All up to date

Details issues points in Depot (number): 5 Points, very satisfactory

Public:

- (1) Coal storage In yard (well stacked)
- (2) Coal Stocks nil
- (3) Lignite Stocks nil. Contracted for 2,000 tons

Labour Civilians employed (number): 20

Guards: 6 men during darkness

Fire Arrangements: Yes

Anti Riot Arrangements: Yes

Work with outstanding (names here if any): NIL

Depot Arrangements: Horse transport, civilian firm



Good  
Good

(1) Accommodation, Doves etc.  
(2) Stables, hospital, etc.  
(3) Drainage.

Unit arrangement

No 3 Military Bakery (Adjoining)

All up to date

5 Points, very satisfactory

In yard (well stacked)  
Stocks nil  
Stocks nil. Contracted for 2,000 tons

Labour Civilians employed (number) 20  
guards 6 men during darkness

Yes

Yes

Nil

Horse transport, civilian firm

Army 25,000 Navy 240  
90

In order  
In use  
All books appear well kept.

Fair  
Clean  
Fair  
Fair  
Fair

Good

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement: Good. O.C. Army and appears to have plenty of initiative.  
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Do all issue points in Depot (number)

Facilities  
(1) Good stores  
(2) Coal  
(3) Linen

Accountancy Allied System  
Italian System  
General Remarks

Accommodation Sleeping quarters  
Dining  
Recreational  
Cookhouse  
Latrine & ablutions

General turnout of men

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