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MAR. , MAY 1946

Subject: Military Bakery, MESSINA.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
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To : Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
(S.T. Branch)

21 May 46.

1. Attached is copy of letter written by 11 Terr. H.Q. to Ministry of War requesting authority to open up a former Military Bakery at MESSINA.
2. From a conversation with Col. Lo Vecchio Director of Commissariato 11 Terr. H.Q. it appeared that he had some doubts as to whether Ministry of War would approve the reopening of this bakery on economic grounds i.e. that the change over involving extra employment of military personnel and the actual cost of running and maintaining the bakery would cause a considerable expenditure in excess of what is at present being paid to civil bakeries.

However it is explained in attached letter that the opening of this bakery would in fact be more economical and also that being a military bakery the bread supply to the troops would be more securely assured.

It is suggested that this matter be discussed with the Ministry of War by M.M.I.A. in order to ascertain that a correct decision is given on this very important question by the Ministry.

*Col. Vecchio says
decision already made
29/5.
to proceed*

OK for

S & T, MMIA.
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[Signature]
S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major, 228
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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11 TERRITORIAL H.Q.
Services Office

Ref. No. 3179/03/G

Palermo, 11 May 46.

Subject: Military Bakery of Messina

To : Ministry of War

In the month of January 1946, according to the directives given by the G.O.C., General Berardi, this H.Q. studied the opportunity of putting the Military bakery of Messina in working order again. This was found convenient not only to avoid the spoiling of the industrial machinery, but also to assure the baking service at any time according to the particular situation of the Island.

From the work that has been done, the bakery will be in condition to work at the end of this month.

Having heard the opinion of the Commissariat Direction and being convinced to make the a/m bakery work, the following plan is forwarded for the approval:

- to bake the bread necessary for the troops of Messina District (about 2500 men):
- if considered convenient, to bake also the necessary bread for the troops of R. Calabria District (about 500 men) in which case the service could be organised perfectly carrying daily the bread from Messina to R. Calabria by means of the Ferry-boat.
- to employ, as bakery personnel, the military personnel (Officers, N.C.Os and men) of the 58 Magazzino Secondario of Messina, (Major Grisafulli Giuseppe, permanent officer of Sussistenza, actually in charge of the food supplies of Messina, could be put in charge of the bakery).

The functioning of the military Bakery at MESSINA combined with the military bakery of PALERMO would ensure the bread supply to the army in SICILY at all times and in all events.

If afterwards any economic reason should stop the functioning of the Military Bakery of Messina, this H.Q. mentions: 227

- above-all for the increasing of salary and of the electric power, it is presumed that the cost for baking bread for Military Units not using a military bakery is on the base of 500 lire per Quintal;
- the cost for baking in the Messina Military...

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- above-all for the increasing of salary and of the electric power, it is presumed that the cost for baking bread for Military Units not using a military bakery is on the base of 500 lire per Quintal;
- the cost for baking in the Messina Military Bakery, instead, would be less then the cost for baking realized by the Military Bakery of Palermo (436 lire per ql.) because to the same expense would not be added the daily allowance of 1000 lire for the Military personnel of the Direzione & Inquadramento.

Please examine and urgently decide the question because soon the contract of baking for the Messina Military District will expire.

For the Commanding General
S/ M.L. de Castiglioni.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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Subject: Inspection Report -
Food Depot.

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To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.)
ROME
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66 Food Dis. Depot. (CALTANISSETTA).

Herewith Inspection Report re above named It. Depot
rendered in accordance with M.E.I.A. Directive ST/292
dated 21.Nov.45.

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

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ST APPENDIX VIII

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

- (a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major S.E. SUREZUM
- (b) Date of Inspection 1 March 46.
- (c) Name of Depot 66 Food Dis. Depot. (CALTANISSETTA)
- (d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Capt. Bianco Vito
Nil
- (e) Stock Position (No. of days) 15 days.
(checks made)
- (f) Physical Arrangements
(i) Accommodation, cover etc. (i) Large civilian house
(ii) Stockings, height, etc. (ii) Between 10 and 12
(iii) Dunnage. (iii) Duck-boards
- (g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Purchased locally by units
(ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. 1 civilian Bky - at Locce Iuizi
- (h) Tally cards Not all up to date - some left lying about instead of being attached to stocks
Central
- (i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 10000 quintale kept in yard and at small forage depot.
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- (j) Fuels
(i) Wood storage Nil
(ii) Coal 1 & 11 at Main depot - 1 & 3, 1 & 3 at wood and forage depot.
(iii) Lighting ~~Sep. and water kept centrally in depot~~ written orders kept. little trouble from rats. Cans kept. Depot heads whitewashing mess quarters lack windows. O/C states that he doesn't get R.E. assistance if he asks for it.
- (k) Labour Nil
Civilians employed (numbers)
- (l) Guards
- (m) Fire precautions
- (n) Anti rat precautions
- (o) PE works attending (state how long)
- (p) Depot transport
- (q) Feeding strength
(i) Army, Navy, Air Nil
(ii) 2010, 2010, 2010, 2010 Nil
(iii) Total number of units 7.

- (1) Physical surroundings
 - (i) Accommodation, cover etc.
 - (ii) Steepings, height, etc.
 - (iii) Dunnage
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- (ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.
- (h) Tally cards
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- (j) Exits
 - (i) Wood storage
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 - (iii) Lignite "
- (k) Labour
 - (i) Civilians employed (numbers)
- (l) Guards
- (m) Fire precautions
- (n) Anti rat precautions
- (o) EE works outstanding (state how long)
- (p) Depot transport
- (q) Feedings strength
 - (i) Army, Navy, Air (57-03-111-111)
 - (ii) Total number of units
- (r) Accountancy
 - (i) Allied system
 - (ii) Italian system
 - (iii) General remarks
- (s) Accommodation
 - (i) Sleeping quarters
 - (ii) Dining
 - (iii) Recreational
 - (iv) Cookhouse
 - (v) Latrines & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men
- (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions for improvement; Q/C appears a capable officer. Depot requires smartening up but it seems a general rule that R.E. is not very cooperative. It is not certain if Italian army yet realise that food and clothing depots should have R.E. priority (i.e. on a par with C.A.R. demands at present) X
General opinion of depot - satisfactory.

Purchased locally by units

1 civilian Bky - at Bocca Luigi

Not all up to date - some left lying about instead of being attached to stocks
Central

10000 quintale kept in yard and at small forage depot.

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Nil

1 & 11 at Main depot - 1 & 3, 1 & 3 at wood and forage depot.

Seed and water kept centrally in depot written orders kept.

Little trouble from rats. Cats kept.

Depot needs whitewashing - bars, quarters lack windows. Q/C states that he doesn't get R.E. assistance if he asks for it.

Nil. All tpt. supplied by civil contractor - horse drawn.

Army Navy Air

2010 Nil Nil

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Both systems employed - very much in favour of Allied system.

Men sleep in small room at Depot.

Food cooked at 145-Regt. and drawn in 145 Rest facilities used.

Containers

Satisfactory

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