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ST/145 Reports 5 BLU

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TRANSMISSION

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FROM : Ministry of War

22 Jan 47

TO : MMIA

6/140/Serv.

INFO : UDINE Military Territorial Comd.
5 B.L.U.

SUBJECT:- Allocation of motorcycle. 36

In reply to ST/145 dated 11 Jan 47.

It has been arranged today for the allocation of the motorcycle required by detachment of 5 M.T. Coy MESTRE.

Sgd. Col. Meloni

*S & T, MMIA.

Recd JAN 24 1947

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TO SEE	
ADST	<i>Jan</i>
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24 Jan 1947

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE dell'Esercito
Ufficio Servizi - Sez. Automobilistica

N. 6/140/Serv. di prot.-

Roma, 11 22 Gennaio 1947

O G G E T T O: Assegnazione motocicletta.-

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. - M.F.I.A.

e, per conoscenza:

R o m a

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI

U d i n e

AL 5° B.L.U.

Presso Comando Militare Territoriale

U d i n e

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Risposta foglio ST/145 in data 11 gennaio 1947.-

In data odierna è stata disposta l'assegnazione, al distaccoamento del 5° Autoreparto di  
slocato a Mestre, della motocicletta richiesta.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
- colonnello M. Meloni -



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2006

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SUBJECT- ACC Training pamphlet (CMF)

5 British Liaison Unit.  
Tele: 1657  
5/ST/1

18 Jan 47.

HQ  
MMIA  
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1. Herewith ADST's personal copy of ACC Training Pamphlet returned by 4 BLU yesterday.
2. It is understood that copies of the cooker required have been sent to "FRIULI" Division.

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22 JAN 1947

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*Bay*  
Major. CAPT. RASC  
DAA. 20MG.

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Telephone:  
Rome 489081 Ext 526

LAND FORCES SUB COMD. AG. (MMLA) GMP

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ST/145

11 Jan 47

Ministry of War.

SUBJECT:- Transport.

1. Our S & T representative recently visited 5 M.F. Coy MESTRE where it was reported by the O.C. that he had difficulty in arranging unit transport to convey him on his visits to detachments.
2. It is suggested that this unit has its WE of M/Os made up in order that one of these may be used.
3. Please inform this HQ of action taken.

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*Law*

Major General,  
GOC, MMLA.

Copy to:- 5 BLU for S & T.

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5 BLU

U N C L A S S I F I E D

TO CARY FROM HARDIE (.) LT.COL. HEAD AND ONE OFFICER ARRIVING UDINE  
0010 HRS FRIDAY 10 JAN BY TRAIN (.) PLEASE ARRANGE TRANSPORT AT  
STATION AND ACCOMMODATION 2 NIGHTS

(ST/145)

IMPORTANT

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J.D.A. HARDIE Lt.Col.

SUBJECT:-- S & P Points for December Monthly Report.

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5 British Liaison Unit.  
Tele: 1657  
ST/35/1/29

23 Dec 46.

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P.O.L.

While no strikes in matters the situation is very bad, as is known to HQ 4th LIA, Territorial allocations have been cut by 50% seriously hampering allocation of units. Allocation of petrol this month has been approximately as follows: Motorcycles 3 gallons, Passenger vehicles 15 gallons and load carriers 2 gallons (also 3 gals) per day. C.I.P. have been unable to supply any motor oil.

Once again Tolmearo Battalion requested a loan from Allied sources at the beginning of the month owing to non-availability in C.I.P. This HQ has requested 5 Territorial towards to get accumulation from Ministry of War to supply from Territorial reserves should this occur again in the future.

Although a special allocation of P.O.L. is made direct to Tolmearo Battalion (not through Territorial Command) by Ministry of War, it is felt that since the Battalion is under operational command of GHQ P.O.L. should be supplied by the Allies.

SUPPLIES

In spite of the shortage of P.O.L., supplies have been practically normal, more use than usual has been made of rail transport, and no cases of leaking trucks has been reported. Large quantities of Olive Oil have been received in the depots. Requiries are still being made into the manner in which the extra ration allowance is employed.

TRANSPORT

No improvement in the position regarding spare parts. Shortage of tyres is affecting this unit as various domestic transport on loan from Territorial HQ - a 21st 100 has not been off the road for the lack of a new set for approximately two months. The tyres are available at the time but release from Ministry of War is awaited (telephone conversation Capt Marshall, Capt GAOY refer)

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S & P Officer's report half the month at 4 million duty.  
Capt Marshall has now taken over the duties of S & P Officer for 4 Territorial Command and the responsibility no longer rests with this HQ.

Allied sources at the beginning of the month owing to non-availability in C.I.R. This has requested 3 Territorial Command to get reinforcement from Ministry of War to supply from territorial reserves should this occur again in the future.

Although a special allocation of P.O.L. is made direct to Tolmezzo Battalion (not through Territorial Command) by Ministry of War, it is felt that since the Battalion is under operational command of GQG P.O.L. should be supplied by the Allies.

#### SUMMARY

In spite of the shortage of P.O.L., supplies have been practically normal, more use than usual has been made of rail transport, and no cases of lashing trucks has been reported.

Large quantities of Olive Oil have been received into the depots. Gasolines are still being made into the manner in which the extra ration allowance is employed.

#### TRANSPORT

No improvement in the position regarding spare parts. Shortage of tyres is affecting this Unit as regular maintenance transport on loan from Territorial HQ - a P.O.L. 1100 has now been off the road for the lack of tyres for approximately two months. The tyres are available in the area but release from Ministry of War is awaited (telephone conversation Capt Mankoff, Capt GARY refer)

#### Personnel General

S & T Officer spent half the month at 4 BOLL on duty. Capt Mankoff had been now taken over the duties of S & T Officer for 4 Territorial Command and the responsibility no longer rests with this HQ.

#### VISITS

North.

The following units were visited by S & T Officer during the

- 5 Bulk Depot, VERONA
- 75 Distribution Depot, VERONA
- 5 Transport Coy detachment MANTOVA
- S & T Friuli Division TREVISO
- 4 Transport Coy BOLLANO
- 4 Distribution Depot BOL. HQ

Reports have been rendered on the above.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

S & T, MMIA

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SUBJECT:- Visits

5 British Liaison Unit.

Tele: 1647

ST/35-1/28

20 Dec 46.

ADST HQ  
MMIA  
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1. On a recent visit to the detachment of 5 M.T Coy MESTRE O.I/o said he had no means of visiting his sub-detachments.
2. I recommended to 5 Territorial Command that he be issued with a motorcycle for this purpose.
3. As there is only one motorcycle in this Command which is required for other work, may the question of bringing the M.T. Company here up to establishment in motorcycles please be taken up with Ministry of War.

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*[Signature]*  
Major, RASC.  
DAS & CMG.

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\*S & T. MMIA.

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Action taken at (35)

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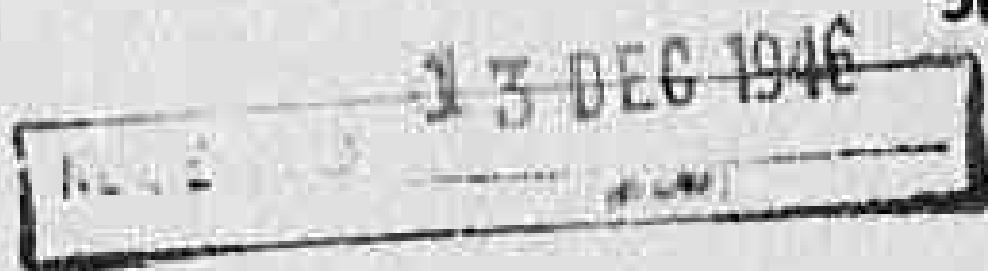
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Headquarters  
4 B.L.U.  
BOLZANO/CMF  
Ref: Q14

TO : ADST HQ-M.M.I.A.

3 Dec. 46

1.- Further to my report on visit to S & T of FRIULI Division dated 16 Nov. 46 in which I pointed out that 61 vehicles were at that time V.O.R. for lack of spares, I have now received a list of the parts required to get all vehicles on the road again.

2.- Forwarded herewith is copy of this list and any efforts that can be made to hasten release of these items would be greatly appreciated.



*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
RASC

list given to  
DADST for  
action.  
21 Dec 46

COPY TO: Reparto Trasporti *for*  
"FRIULI" Div.

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"S & T, MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- P.O.L.

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1657  
AG/46/26

30 Nov 46

To: HQ, 5 Territorial Command

1. Please submit a return to this office showing distribution of P.O.L. to units for the month of December.
2. On many occasions it has been necessary for "Tolmezzo" Alpini Bn, to borrow P.O.L. from Allied Sources owing to the inability of C.I.P. to supply at the beginning of the month. Will you please ensure in future that this does not happen, a suggested remedy being that they are temporarily supplied on these occasions from Territorial Command reserves.

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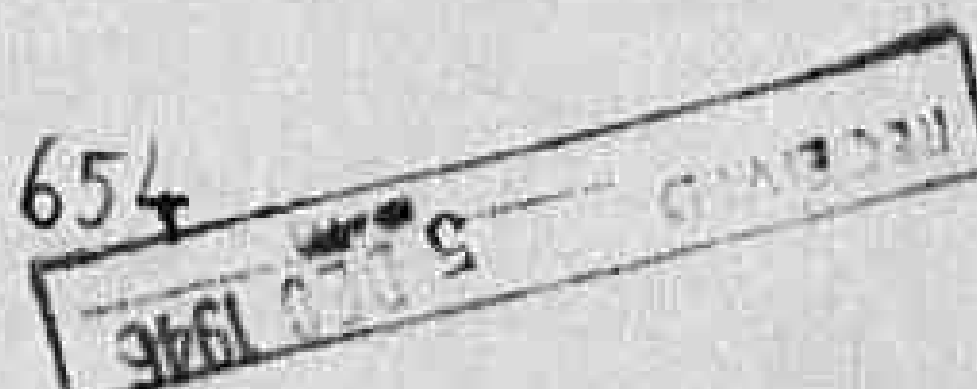
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DAA & CIG.

Copy To: ADST H.M.L.A.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. AD. (MILIA) GMP

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Ministry of War.

SUBJECT:- Wine Barrels.

1. From a report by the S & T Officer 5 BIL on his inspection of 73 Secondary Distribution Depot it is noted that about 300 empty wine barrels of 350 and 700 litres capacity are held awaiting disposal instructions.

2. Could the necessary disposal instructions please be given this Depot as these barrels are stacked in the Depot yard taking up space required for other use.

WAL/gao

*Levy*  
Major General,  
GOC, MILIA.

Copy to:- 5 BIL for S & T.

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SUBJECT: Visits to Supply Units

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1657  
ST/35/1/24

29 Nov 46.

CEO I

On November 27th accompanied by S/Lt CHERIN I visited 5 Bulk Depot

MESTRE.

I was met by Lt. Col. AFFICCIUTOLI (Head of Senioni Commissariato) who was in his usual vigorous form.

OFFICERS

OC of the Depot, Capt FUSIAMI, had only been in office a week when I last visited the depot in Sept (my ST 25/1/43 dated 7 Sep) and I was unable to give a "pen picture" of him then; it is obvious now however, that he is a sound Supply Officer and the depot has visibly improved since he took over. His 2 i/o is now S/Lt FUSIAMI who is at present detached to 5 Supply Coy MEDIC to assist in its reorganization. A S/Lt CORRENTI is temporarily helping OC Depot in his absence.

STOCK POSITION

Stock state for 26 Nov attached. It will be seen from this that nearly a years stock of Olive Oil is now held.

PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING

The transformation since my last visit was amazing; all 'suggestions' I made then about the correct use of damage had been complied with and stacking of commodities is now excellent. Tally cards were neatly displayed on all stacks.

LABOUR

Payroll unchanged, except that on my recommendation 12 trusted guards are now employed instead of 6 as before.

GENERAL

The improvement in this depot is most gratifying. Repairs necessitated by the gale prior to my previous visit had been completed.

OFFICERS

OO of the Depot, Capt FUCIEMI, had only been in office a week when I last visited the depot in Sept (my SR 35/1/13 dated 7 Sep) and I was unable to give a "pen picture" of him then; it is obvious now however, that he is a sound Supply Officer and the depot has visibly improved since he took over. His 2 i/c is now S/Lt FURLANI who is at present detached to 5 Supply Coy UDINE to assist in its reorganisation. A S/Lt CURENTI is temporarily helping CG Depot in his absence.

STOCK POSITION

Stock state for 26 Nov attached. It will be seen from this that nearly a year's stock of Olive Oil is now held.

PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING

The transformation since my last visit was amazing; all 'suggestions' I made then about the correct use of damage had been complied with and stacking of commodities is now excellent. Tally cards were neatly displayed on all stacks.

LABOUR

Position unchanged, except that on my recommendation 12 trusted guards are now employed instead of 6 as before.

GENERAL

The improvement in this depot is most gratifying. Repairs necessitated by the gale prior to my previous visit had been completed 188

I congratulated Lt. Col AFFICUINOLI and CG Depot on their improvisation as regards damage.

'S & T. MMIA.

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Capt,  
RAGG.

SUBJECT: Visit to Supply Unit

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1657  
SE/35/1/25

29 Nov 46.

GSO I

On Nov 27 accompanied by 2/Lt CHERIN I visited 73 D.I.D. MESTRE:  
Lt. Col. APPLICHTON I also accompanied me.

OFFICERS

OC is Capt LCPA who has only been with the Depot 3 weeks.  
He appears to be a capable officer and is reported to be an old Supply Officer.

PHYSICAL WATERHOUSING

The Depot is not as well housed as the one at UDINE, but it is the only available accommodation and efforts had been made to make the best of it. Items were well damaged and special "rat-proof" method (invented by Capt LCPA) was employed for the cheese which was stacked on boards raised from the ground by two tiers of empty tomato tins said to be proof against the biggest rodents.

PERSONNEL

Military consist of 2 Mds and 1 OR Civilian employees 12.  
OC was quite satisfied.

FEEDING STRENGTH

27 Units consisting of about 5,000 men are supplied from  
this depot.

GENERAL

There is a considerable quantity of fuel wood in the depot,  
but this is being despatched between 2nd & 6th of Dec. to VERONA and BOLZANO.

About 300 empty wine barrels (wooden) both 700 and 350  
litre capacity are lying about the yard awaiting War Ministry's disposal  
instructions. Can this matter please be taken up by Mr. KELL with Ministry  
of War.

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It was thought by Lt. Col. APPLICHTON I that there is

PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING

The Depot is not as well housed as the one at UDINE, but it is the only available accommodation and efforts had been made to make the best of it. Items were well damaged and special "ret-proof" method (invented by Capt LOPA) was employed for the cheese which was stacked on boards raised from the ground by two tiers of empty tomato tins said to be proof against the biggest rodents.

PERSONNEL

Military consist of 2 WOs and 1 OR Civilian employees 12. OC was quite satisfied.

PRELIM STRENGTH

27 Units consisting of about 5,000 men are supplied from this depot.

GENERAL

There is a considerable quantity of fuel wood in the depot, but this is being despatched between 2nd & 6th of Dec. to VERONA and BOLZANO.

About 300 empty wine barrels (wooden) both 700 and 350 litre capacity are lying about the yard awaiting War Ministry's disposal instructions. Can this matter please be taken up by HQ ISCLA with Ministry of War.

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It was thought by Lt. Col APPICCIATOLI that there is a possibility of Directorate Carabinieriato 5 Ferr Command moving to PAVIA some time in the future in which case this Depot would also move.

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M.C./rw

Copy to: ASDR HQ MMIA

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Sent,  
RASC.

SUBJECT: Visit to Transport Unit

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1657  
SA/35/2/9

29 Nov 46.

GSO I

On Nov 28 accompanied by S/Lt CHERRY I visited the detachment of 5 Transport Coy located at MASTRE.

OFFICERS

The detachment is commanded by S/Lt DE GUILLIS who appears to be an efficient and capable young officer, he obviously takes an interest in his work. Apart from this detachment he is also responsible for 6 vehicles at PADUA and 2 at MASTRE, admittedly a small amount for an officer to command but I feel his presence in MASTRE is desirable.

PERSONNEL

At MASTRE he has 2 Warrant Officers and 13 ORs at PADUA 1 Warrant Officer and 6 ORs and at MASTRE 2 ORs. No civilians are employed as drivers.

VEHICLES

MASTRE 13 consisting of  
2 Fiat 526 (8 Petrol 1 Derv)  
2 " 526 (Derv)  
1 OM 625 ( " )  
1 Alfa Romeo 500 (Derv)

Three of the above are returning to the parent unit to-morrow.

PADUA 6  
4 Fiat 526  
1 Alfa 58/A  
1 Fiat 1100 (for use of Infantry, Commander inspecting  
CARS)

MASTRE 2  
2 Spa 38/A

I inspected all vehicles and was impressed by their cleanliness, men were working on them doing maintenance and they appeared to be in good order. Two vehicles were VM for minor unit repairs and two were on detail.

REMARKS

OC stated that at present the tyre position was fairly good, and he had managed to get his requirements from his unit.

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vehicles at PADUA and 2 at MESTRE. I am currently a small amount for an officer to command but I feel his presence in MESTRE is desirable.

PERSONNEL

At MESTRE there are 2 Warrant Officers and 10 ORs at PADUA  
1 Warrant Officer and 5 ORs and at TRAVISO 2 ORs. No civilians are employed as drivers.

VEHICLES

MESTRE

13 consisting of

- 9 Fiat 626 (8 Petrol 1 Derv)
- 2 " 565 (Derv)
- 1 OM UES08 ( " )
- 1 Alfa Romeo 300 (Derv)

Two of the above are returning to the parent unit to-morrow.  
PADUA

- 6
- 4 Fiat 626
- 1 Spa 35/R
- 1 Fiat 1100 (for use of Infantry, Commander inspecting CARS)

TRAVISO

- 2
- 2 Spa 35/R

I inspected six vehicles and was impressed by their cleanliness, men were working on them doing maintenance and they appeared to be in good order. Two vehicles were VR for minor unit repairs and two were on detail.

TYPE

OC stated that at present the tyre position was fairly good, and he had managed to get his requirements from his unit.

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LOCATION

Good hard standings; no cover for vehicles.

MEALS ACCOMMODATION

The men sleep at the Senione Commissariato but there is a cookhouse in the unit location for the midday meal. From Dec 1st however full messing is being arranged at the Senione Commissariato.

GENERAL

OC has no transport (apart from loadcarriers) with which to visit his sub detachments and I feel this is essential and that he should have a motorcycle to enable him to fulfil his job. I am taking this up with Territorial Command.

FUL is extremely short and OC said that their daily allowance of 4½ kilos of petrol or 11½ kilos of derv per vehicle was not sufficient.

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*[Signature]*  
Capt,  
RASC.

SUBJECT: S & T Notes for 5 MLU Monthly Report November 1946

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1657  
SE/35/1/26

29 Nov 46.

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### SUPPLIES

Visits were made to the Supply Depots at MERTON where a big improvement was seen. No difficulties were reported.

The extra ration allowance of 15 lire a day is still being investigated and returns have been called for showing the manner in which this is spent by units. Opinion varies as to whether it would be advisable to increase the basic ration allowance and cut out the cash allowance or not and there are arguments for and against. Owing to the shortage of transport and railway facilities in the Italian zone, confusion in this Command favours retention of the cash allotment, though varying market prices in different areas affect all units.

### TRANSPORT

Position unchanged. Difficulty in obtaining spare parts still exists, but there seems to be a very slight easing in the tyre position. A visit was made to the detachment of 5 Transport Company at MERTON which was found to be satisfactory.

### RE

The 50% cut in this month's allocation to Territorial Command is seriously hampering efficiency of units. It has again been necessary to obtain a loan from British Sources for the "Tulane" alpine battalion owing to the inability of CTP to supply; it is felt by this branch that since this battalion is under operational command G II (Ops) CWP that PCL should be supplied permanently from British Sources to safeguard its efficiency. ~~etc~~

### GENERAL

SE Officer spent a week at 4 TLD visiting depots and units of 4 Territorial General. Reports have been rendered on these visits as also on the visits to this Command's units.

SE Officer has taken over the duties of Unit MG for this MLU. Vehicles are inspected monthly by 761 L of G (RMA) Workshop, but difficulty is at present being experienced since MGs do not record 4/3 action taken on 406 line orders. This matter is being ~~4985~~ with 02 Workshops.

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#### TRAINING

Position unchanged. Difficulty in obtaining spare parts still acute, but there seems to be a very slight easing in the tyre position. A visit was made to the detachment of 5 Transport Company at WISSE which was found to be satisfactory.

#### PM

The 50<sup>th</sup> out in this month's allocation to Territorial Command is seriously hampering efficiency of units. It has again been necessary to obtain a loan from British Sources for the "Tolmesso" alpine battalion owing to the inability of CIP to supply; it is felt by this branch that since this battalion is under operational command G II (Ops) HQ that PM should be supplied permanently from British Sources to safeguard its efficiency. ~~as per~~

#### GENERAL

SF Officer spent a week at 4 MU visiting depots and units of 4 Territorial Command. Reports have been rendered on these visits as also on the visits to this Command's units.

SF Officer has taken over the duties of Unit HQ for this MU. Vehicles are inspected monthly by 761 L of 3 (RMS) Workshops, but difficulty is at present being experienced since tests do not record 7/3 action taken on 406 line actions. This matter is being 4185 with OJ Workshops.

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Capt,  
RASC.

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SUBJECT: Winter precautions

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1647  
SC/22/46  
26 Nov 46.

ADST  
HQ MMIA

1. For your information attached is copy of a translation of Anti-freeze orders issued by CG 4 Transport Company.
2. On my last visit to this unit I suggested that water was drained off in cans, but was told these were not available; it would be appreciated if efforts could be made to obtain a release from British sources of old oil drums for this purpose.

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1 DEC 1946

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

"S & T. MMIA. 1184  
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TRANSLATION

5 ITALIAN TRENCH COMMAND - (IDINE)  
4 Anticreparto (4 1st Unit)

No. 8426

4 Nov 46.

|                                                          |          |
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| AL VUFFICIO ADDIZIO AL MOVIMENTO AUTOCHEZZI 4 AUTOCHEZZI | SEDE     |
| AL COMANDO DRAPELLO ANNOVERMARE                          | SEDE     |
| AL COMANDO DISTACAMENTO 4 AUTOCHEZZI                     | VERONA   |
| AL DISTACAMENTO MILITARE                                 | VICENZA  |
| AL DISTACAMENTO DI CINGHIE                               | GENOVA   |
| AL DISTACAMENTO DI SOSTEZZA                              | FORTEZZA |
| AL 4 MILEO RICUPERO QUADRUPTOI                           | MERATO   |
| e.p.o.                                                   |          |
| ALLA DIREZIONE RIPARAZIONI AUTOMOBILISTICHE              | SEDE     |
| AL COMANDO MIL TREN SEATO MARK UNIT SERVICE              | SEDE     |

The winter season is approaching and it is therefore dangerous to leave water in radiators and engines, as the temperature very often drops down under 0 in the operational area of our vehicles.

The freezing of water in the radiator and engine causes heavy and irreparable damage and makes the vehicle definitely out of service.

Consequently, commencing immediately, all vehicles, even if they are off work for one hour only in the day, and particularly in the night, shall be cleared of water from radiators and engines.

Strong measures must be opposed against any driver, when there is optimism about the temperature, leading to the emptying of the radiator and engine in the case only that it freezes.

Such a feeling is due to idleness, which prevents emptying the radiator and engine, as the reverse must be done the next morning, before duty.

Please keep it in mind and let drivers understand that in the winter season, particularly in this zone, considerable changes of temperature take place, whereby any weather forecasts undergo mistakes.

Please confirm and take appropriate action.

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C.O. 4 MT Unit

The winter season is approaching and it is therefore dangerous to leave water in radiators and engines, as the temperature very often drops down under 0 in the operational area of our vehicles.

The freezing of water in the radiator and engine causes heavy and irreparable damage and makes the vehicle definitely out of service.

Consequently, commencing immediately, all vehicles, even if they are off work for one hour only in the day, and particularly in the night, shall be cleared of water from radiators and engines.

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Please confirm and take appropriate action.

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C.O. 4 LT Unit,  
S. Siano Capt.

Sgd:

SUBJECT: Report on Visit to 4 Transport Company

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tele: 1647  
SG/16

20 Nov 46.

ASO 1 4 B.L.U. (3 copies)

ASST HQ M.M.I.A.

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On November 14th and 16th in company with Major VALLI, I visited the above unit and have the following comments to make.

Officers Capt SLAWO is in command of the unit, one's first impression is that he is not as efficient as is desirable but, apart from being in command of the Transport Company, he is apparently also responsible for the Barracks in which his Company is located and this in itself is a full-time job. 500 men, including two Companies of Engineers amongst other units are billeted there. I have taken this matter up with Territorial Command and understand that Capt SLAWO is shortly to be relieved of these additional responsibilities when it is to be hoped that there will be a noticeable improvement in the Transport Company.

The CO is further handicapped by having only 4 young and inexperienced officers only one of whom has had any experience of M.T. They are employed as follows:

- 1 For Company administration
- 1 employed full time on local purchase (extra ration allowance) canteen, normal rations etc.
- 1 in command of detachment at VESONA
- 1 M.T.O.

Thus all sections are virtually without officers.

N.G.Os

There are 9 NCOs on the strength, but two of these are Infantry and one an engineer, and these three will very shortly be returned to their own units. Another NCO has been working at 5 Territorial Command for the past two months but is still on strength (this has been taken up with 4 Territorial Command by this HQ)

NCOs are employed as follows:

- 2 with detachment at VESONA
- 2 on administration
- 2 in workshops
- 2 on sections
- 1 with 5 Territorial Command.

of the Transport Company, he is apparently also responsible for the business in which his Company is located and this in itself is a full-time job. 500 men, including two Companies of Engineers amongst other units are billeted there. I have taken this matter up with Territorial Command and understand that Capt BLAND is shortly to be relieved of these additional responsibilities when it is to be hoped that there will be a noticeable improvement in the Transport Company.

The CG is further handicapped by having only 4 young and inexperienced officers only one of whom has had any experience of M.T. They are employed as follows:

- 1 for Company administration
- 1 employed full time on local purchase (extra ration allowance) on beer, rationed rations etc.
- 1 in command of detachment at VERONA
- 1 M.T.O.

Thus all sections are virtually without officers.

#### M.C.Os

There are 9 MCOs on the strength, but two of these are Infantry and Ordnance engineers, and these three will very shortly be returned to their own units. Another MCO has been working at 5 Territorial Command for the past two months but is still on strength (this has been taken up with 4 Territorial Command by this HQ)

MCOs are employed as follows:

- 2 with detachment at VERONA
- 2 on administration
- 2 in workshops
- 2 on sections
- 1 with 5 Territorial Command.

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Drivers There were 215 on strength, but only 162 were (as the Italian say) "presente" or available, the remainder being loaned to other units, in hospital, on leave, convalescing etc.

The CG complained that men were sent to him incompletely trained and hardly any know how to maintain a vehicle; apart from training them he had also to train drivers of other units such as GIES, Sesto Alpini etc and again these out as fit or otherwise to hold a military licence.

Vehicles 60 loadcarriers and 12 ambulances were held on charge, makes and types as follows:

#### LOADCARRIERS

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Lancia 3/20    | 13 |
| " Barchin      | 2  |
| " Astoria      | 1  |
| Fiat 626       | 20 |
| " 624          | 2  |
| " 634          | 3  |
| " 1100         | 2  |
| O.M. Taurus    | 5  |
| Alfa Romeo 500 | 2  |
| " 800          | 1  |

#### AMBULANCES

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Fiat 618 | 1 |
| " 1100   | 1 |
| " 626    | 3 |
| SPA 3B/R | 5 |

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At the time of my visit 00 stated that about 24 were off the road for major repairs and 4 or 5 were undergoing unit repair. Vehicles for the majority were beyond repair and should be written off; I suggested he get 00 Workshops to inspect them in his location since none of them had been standing there so long apparently without my attention.

00 said that he had asked the 00 at 4 Regains Unit to come and inspect those vehicles which he considered were beyond repair, but so far he had not come (action please HERE)

General I spent two hours with Capt 31.40 in his Company Office discussing Administration (of which above is in brief the picture) and returned on Nov 16th to finish off my visit with a thorough inspection of the R.F. side (20s 412, 405, vehicle maintenance etc) but when I arrived there was already an Italian representative of the Maintenance Inspectorate doing a detailed inspection so I thought it better to leave it to him and will see what results, if any, his inspection had had on my next visit to BULL.40 in a fortnight's time.

In my opinion this unit requires considerable supervision and relief of his Barrack duties. Whether or not it is due to those additional matters concerning his own unit.

*that you put in that you  
from 10 Oct 1953 to 15 Oct 1953  
then from 15 Oct 1953 to 20 Oct 1953  
has been from 20 Oct 1953 to 29 Oct 1953  
29 Oct 1953*

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General I spent two hours with Capt SIMO in his Company Office discussing Administration (of which above is in brief the picture) and returned on Nov 16th to finish off my visit with a thorough inspection of the M.I. side (Ss 4-12, 406, vehicle maintenance etc) but when I arrived there was already an Italian representative of the Maintenance Inspectorate doing a detailed inspection so I thought it better to leave it to him and will see what results, if any, his inspection had had on my next visit to BULMO in a fortnight's time.

In my opinion this unit requires considerable supervision and new officers experienced in M.I. should be posted to assist the OC when he is relieved of his Barrack duties. Whether or not it is due to these additional duties I don't know, but he certainly does not appear to be "on fait" with all matters concerning his own unit.

*Dear Sir*  
*I have had 100% of the work of the unit done by the M.I. side for the last 10 days. I have had 100% of the work of the unit done by the M.I. side for the last 10 days. I have had 100% of the work of the unit done by the M.I. side for the last 10 days.*  
*Yours faithfully*  
*29 Nov. 1181*

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*[Signature]*  
Capt H.A.S.O.

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FROM : Ministry of War

19 Nov 46

TO : Gen Directorate of Arty & Motorization

6/4781/S

SUBJECT:- Allocation of tyres to UDINE Terr Command.

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MMIA has pointed out the opportunity of allocating 15 tyres 550 x 15 for FIAT 1500 cars to 5 Territorial Command UDINE.

It is asked to meet this request, in as much as possible, informing MMIA and 5 BLU Udine.

Sgd.

Col. Meloni

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
STATO MAGGIORE DELL' ESERCITO  
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Auto

N.6/4781/S di prot.

Roma, 19 novembre 1946

OCCORRENZA: Assegnazione gomme al Comiliter di Udine.

ALLA DIREZIONE GEN. ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE

S e d e

La M.M.I.A. ha segnalato via breve a questo S.M. la opportunità di assegnare al 5° autoreparto del Comando militare territoriale di Udine, 15 coperture complete da 1500 (550 x 15).

Si prega (derire, nei limiti della disponibilità, a detta richiesta dandone comunicazione, per conoscenza, anche alla predetta M.M.I.A. ed al 5° B.L.U. di Udine.-

f.to IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
-Colonnello N. Meloni-

P. C. C.  
IL CAPO SEZIONE AUTO  
Ten. Col. G. Aloia

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La M.M.I.A. ha segnalato via breve a questo S.M. la opportunità di assegnare al 5° autotreno del Comando militare territoriale di Udine, 15 coperture complete da 1500 (550 x 15).

Si prega di prendere, nei limiti delle disponibilità, a detta richiesta dandone comunicazione, per conoscenza, anche alla predetta M.M.I.A. ed al 5° B.L.U. di Udine.

IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI  
f.to -Colonnello N. Meloni-

P. C. C.  
IL CAPO SEZIONE AUTO  
Ten. Col. G. Aloia

*J. May*

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5 British Liaison Unit  
C.M.F.

Dear Fred,

1. I am urgently in need of 15 tyres 550 x 15 for FLAT 1500 cars in 5 Territorial Command - one of which they will loan me for S & T here and another which is used by DAA & JAG.
2. Col Anibaldi (5 Terr. Comd) only requires authority from Ministry of War for local purchase of the above (the cars are literally running on the welts).
3. I feel certain that if you could put the matter to Col Aloï (mentioning that it would be a favour to me) he would arrange for an authority to be sent to 5 T.C. (with copy to us).
4. Could you please see what you can do, we can get the tyres from civilian sources here.
5. Hope you are fit and liking Rome more these days. Regards to Clifford. Please excuse this letter but I thought it would give quicker and better results than the "normal channels".

All the best  
Lenny

Capt, P. MURRAY, RASC  
H Q M.E.I.A.  
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SUBJECT :- Price Lists - Supplies

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5 British Liaison Unit  
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1. In compliance with a request made by the ADST on his recent visit to this HQ attached are the latest available price lists for local purchase of foodstuffs in this area.
2. Units in 5 Territorial Command have been asked for particulars of how they spend their 15 lire a day ration allowance, and, as soon as these are to hand, copies will be forwarded to you.

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HIGH COMMISSARIAT FOR FEEDING  
PROVINCIAL SECTION OF FOOD OFFICE

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LIST OF MAXIMUM PRICES No 6 IN FORCE FROM 21st SEPTEMBER 1946

| FOODSTUFFS AND QUALITY                                       |           | WHOLESALE<br>PER QUINTAL                         | RETAIL<br>PER LB. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bread made with standard flour - 85% in loaves of 150 g each |           | 2520                                             | 23                |
| Italian paste (one type only), local product                 |           |                                                  | 28                |
| Flour for paste in replacement of paste                      |           |                                                  |                   |
| Wheat - flour (standard type) for bread making (1)           |           | 1370.70                                          | 16                |
| Maize flour for meal pudding                                 |           | 1220.10                                          | 14                |
| Rice                                                         |           |                                                  |                   |
|                                                              | Superfine | 3685                                             | 45                |
|                                                              | Fine      | 3533                                             | 40.50             |
|                                                              | Semi-fine | 2956                                             | 34                |
|                                                              | Common    | 2698                                             | 31                |
| Olive Oil                                                    |           | The price will be notified by a supplement list. |                   |
| Seed Oil                                                     |           | 425                                              | 500               |
| Butter                                                       |           | 19250                                            | 231               |
| Lard (2) from industrial slaughtering                        |           | 19940                                            |                   |
| Lard from home slaughtering                                  |           | 12900                                            | 155               |
| Sugar crystalline                                            |           | 3020 III                                         | 32 litre          |
| Alimental milk (3)                                           |           | The price will be notified by a supplement list. |                   |
| Sugar refined powdered                                       |           |                                                  |                   |
| " raw produce                                                |           | 15200                                            | 190               |
| Jan (4)                                                      |           |                                                  |                   |
| Foodstuffs - Allied source. (5)                              |           |                                                  |                   |
| Lard melted                                                  |           | 8480                                             | 105               |
| Meat with vegetables                                         |           | 8330                                             | 103               |
| Beef                                                         |           | 9800                                             | 134.50            |
| Evaporated milk (in tin)                                     |           | 5460                                             | 65.50             |
| Skimmed milk powder                                          |           | 4000                                             | 47                |
| Milk powder                                                  |           | 6000                                             | 70                |
| Salmon                                                       |           | 7925                                             | 101               |

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|                                       |                                                  |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Semi-fine                             | 2956                                             | 34         |
| Common                                | 2698                                             | 31         |
| Olive Oil                             | The price will be notified by a supplement list. |            |
| Seed Oil                              | 425                                              | 500        |
| Butter                                | 19250                                            | 231        |
| Lard (2) from industrial slaughtering | 199840                                           |            |
| Lard from horse slaughtering          | 12980                                            | 155        |
| Sugar crystalline                     | 3020 III                                         | 32 litre   |
| Alimental milk (3)                    | The price will be notified by a supplement list. |            |
| Sugar refined powdered                | 15200                                            | 190        |
| " raw produce                         |                                                  |            |
| Jan (4)                               |                                                  |            |
| Foodstuffs - Allied sources. (5)      |                                                  |            |
| Lard melted                           | 8430                                             | 105        |
| Meat with vegetables                  | 8330                                             | 103        |
| Beef                                  | 9800                                             | 134.50     |
| Evaporated milk (in tin)              | 5460                                             | 65.50      |
| Skimmed milk powder                   | 4000                                             | 47         |
| Milk powder                           | 6000                                             | 70         |
| Salmon                                | 7925                                             | 101        |
| Sardines (in tin)                     | 5880                                             | 1176 74.50 |
| Peas - dried                          | 3675                                             | 44.30      |
| Peas dried broken                     | 4410                                             | 53         |
| Beans dried                           | 4410                                             | 53         |
| Powder - soup                         | 3675                                             | 44.30      |
| Powder eggs                           | 40000                                            | 456        |

1. Such a price applies in the case that the consumer withdraws flour for bread-making instead of bread.

2. Prices are in force for rationed food only.

3. Such a price applies only to UDINE City.

4. Prices apply to foodstuff made with sugar.

5. Prices are inclusive of contribution to Social and I.G.B.

Sheet 2.

M.B. Maximum prices state the limits within the effective ones that are settled by retailers.

Prices for foodstuffs liable to contribution to Sepral are inclusive of it. Wholesale prices apply to foodstuffs delivered - carriage free - to wholesaler. All products displayed for sale to the public have to carry a label stating price, quality and variety. All products that are displayed as similar ones by the seller in other condition than that foreseen, so as to breach the regulations, have to assimilate, as to the price, to those officially recognized. Prices stated in this list are in force for the chief-town and for "Communi" where wholesalers are located; for the remaining Communi prices may be increased carriage charges to carry them from the origin to the Commune of delivery. Transgressors will be punished according to provisions of law.

This price-list has to be visibly posted wherever foodstuffs are on sale.

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TRADERS ASSOCIATION - UDINE PROVINCE

VOLUNTARY LIST OF MAXIMUM PRICES NO. 3

TO BE IN FORCE FOR UDINE CITY FROM 31 OCT 1946

Foodstuffs

|                                   | Wholesale<br>price per<br>quintal | Retail<br>price<br>per Kg |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Seed Oil                          | 79,000                            | 790 per litre             |
| Butter                            |                                   | 950                       |
| Lard                              |                                   | 650                       |
| Hog's Lard                        | 58,000                            | 680                       |
| Mortadella S.R.                   | 62,000                            | 450                       |
| Cheese sheepish Roman for grating | 36,000                            | 780                       |
| " " Sardinian "                   | 67,500                            | 780                       |
| " Dairy                           | 67,500                            | 650                       |
| " Malted                          | -                                 | 350                       |
| " Gorgonzola                      | 30,000                            | 700                       |
| Tomato-paste                      | 60,000                            | 240                       |
| Codfish                           | 15,000                            | 460                       |
|                                   | 38,000                            |                           |

Prices in this list apply to food-stuffs - 1 quality -

This list has to be posted visibly and strictly complied with -  
Transgressors will be reported to the Traders Association for any action  
that they may consider necessary.

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|              |     |
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| " Dairy      | 700 |
| " Malted     | 650 |
| " Gorgonzola | 350 |
| Tomato-paste | 700 |
| Codfish      | 240 |
|              | 450 |

Prices in this list apply to food-stuffs - 1 quality -

This list has to be posted visibly and strictly complied with -

Transgressors will be reported to the T raders Association for any action that they may consider necessary.

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TRANSLATION

UDINE CITY COMLINE

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT MARKET MANAGEMENT

LIST OF WHOLESALE PRICES ON 29.10.1946

| <u>Vegetables</u>           | <u>Price</u>  | <u>Fruit</u>       | <u>Price</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Garlic                      | 120 - 125 Kg. | Apricots           | 45 - 50 Kg   |
| Asparagus                   |               | Oranges extra      | 290 - 300 "  |
| Beet-roots                  | 25 - 30 "     | " cannon           |              |
| Sprouts                     | 18 - 20 "     | Peanuts toasted    |              |
| Headed Cabbage              | 23 - 24 "     | Bananas            | 30 - 50 "    |
| Hartichokes                 | Each          | Chestnuts fresh    |              |
| Carrots                     | 14 - 20 Kg    | " dried            |              |
| Cauliflower                 | 18 - 35 "     | Cherries           | 45 - 60 "    |
| Small onions on vinegar     | 15 - 30 "     | Carob-beans        |              |
| Radishes                    | 15 - 18 "     | Water-melon        | 160 "        |
| "                           | 15 - 25 "     | Dates pressed      |              |
| Onions                      | 15 - 16 "     | " on branch        |              |
| Beans 1st quality           |               | Figs dried         | 130 - 135 "  |
| " cannon                    |               | " cannon           | 110 - 125 "  |
| French beans without stalk  |               | Indian Figs        | 35 "         |
| " " with stalk              |               | Strawberries       |              |
| Fennel                      | 35 - 40 "     | Kaki               | 38 - 40 "    |
| Mushrooms                   |               | Lemons             | 35 - 42 "    |
| Lettuce (saled)             | 70 - 100 "    | Mandarini oranges  | 350 - 360 "  |
| "                           | 60 - 70 "     | Almonds            | 30 - 35 "    |
| Egg Plant                   | 10 - 15 "     | Pome-granate       |              |
| American Potatoes           | 21 - 23 "     |                    |              |
| Common potatoes new product |               | Chestnuts          |              |
| " " old "                   | 25 - 26 "     | Canadian Apples    | 45 - 48 "    |
| Small Pepper                | 40 - 50 "     | Apples 1st quality | 35 - 50 "    |
| Big yellow pepper           | 30 - 35 "     | " II "             | 20 - 30 "    |
| " green "                   | 10 - 18 "     | Medlars            |              |
| Peas                        |               | " Japanese         | 117?         |

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|                            |          |   |                     |  |           |   |
|----------------------------|----------|---|---------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Radishes                   | 15 - 16  |   |                     |  |           |   |
| "                          | 15 - 25  | " | Dates pressed       |  | 160       | " |
| Onions                     | 15 - 16  | " | " on branch         |  |           |   |
| Beans 1st quality          |          |   | Figs dried          |  | 130 - 135 | " |
| " canon                    |          |   | " canon             |  | 110 - 125 | " |
| French beans without stalk |          |   | Indian Figs         |  | 35        | " |
| " " with stalk             |          |   | Strawberries        |  |           |   |
| Fennel                     | 35 - 40  | " | Kaki                |  | 38 - 40   | " |
| Mushrooms                  |          |   | Lemons              |  | 35 - 42   | " |
| Lettuce (salad)            | 70 - 100 | " | Mandarin oranges    |  |           |   |
| "                          | 60 - 70  | " | Almonds             |  | 350 - 360 | " |
| Egg Plant                  | 10 - 15  | " | Pome-granate        |  | 30 - 35   | " |
| American Potatoes          | 21 - 23  | " |                     |  |           |   |
| Canon potatoes new product |          |   | Chestnuts           |  |           |   |
| " " old                    | 25 - 26  | " | Canadian Apples     |  | 45 - 48   | " |
| Small Pepper               | 40 - 50  | " | Apples 1st quality  |  | 35 - 50   | " |
| Big yellow pepper          | 30 - 35  | " | " II                |  | 20 - 30   | " |
| " green                    | 10 - 18  | " | Medlars             |  |           |   |
| Pears                      |          |   | " Japanese          |  |           |   |
| Tonato                     | 15 - 20  | " | Walnuts             |  | 185 - 190 | " |
| Head of garlic             | 25 - 30  | " | Hone walnuts        |  | 100 - 120 | " |
| Parsley                    | 80 - 100 | " | Hazel nuts          |  | 130 - 140 | " |
| Red Radishes               |          |   | " " 1st quality     |  | 40 - 65   | " |
| Green                      | 30 - 80  | " | " " 2nd             |  | 30 - 33   | " |
| Raw radishes               | 10 - 15  | " |                     |  |           |   |
| Roman radishes             | 70 - 80  | " | Peaches 1st quality |  |           |   |
| Celery                     | 25 - 30  | " | " 2nd               |  |           |   |
| Spinach                    | 40 - 45  | " | " 3rd               |  |           |   |
| Cabbage                    | 15 - 20  | " | Melons              |  |           |   |
| Small green pumpkins       |          |   | Plums               |  |           |   |
| Pumpkin                    | 6 - 10   | " | Grapes              |  | 43 - 53   | " |
| Thistle                    | 30 - 40  | " |                     |  |           |   |
| Small bunch of radishes    |          |   |                     |  |           |   |
| Turnip                     | 10 - 15  | " |                     |  |           |   |

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Copy to: ADST, HQ, MMIA.

5 British Liaison Unit  
U D I N E.  
Tel: 1657

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29 Oct 46

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1. Diary of Activities

14th Oct. Capt GARY, RASC, returned from 19 days Privilege in UK.

16th Oct. Visited 5 Distribution Depot and 5 Supply Coy UDINE. The latter complained that they had no glass in the windows of the billets; this I obtained for them from British Sources and gave to them on Oct 24th for which they were very grateful.

17th Oct. Visited 5 Transport Coy.

18th Oct. Met ADST and DADST at BELLINO and with them visited No. 3 Pack Transport Coy who put on a very good show. ADST and DADST stayed night at UDINE.

19th Oct. ADST visited 5 IUU and met G 1. In company of Capt RASC visited 5 Transport Coy, 5 Supply Coy and 5 Distribution Depot UDINE. Request for extra guards and clerks made by 5 Supply Coy on Capt RASC's previous visit had been dealt with by Territorial Command.

21st Oct. Capt RASC proceeds FOLIGNO with ADST and DADST to visit S & T Units of 4 Territorial Command.

22nd Oct. Capt RASC returned to UDINE from visit to 4 Territorial Command.

23rd Oct. Company sign appears on road leading to 5 Transport Coy - this had been "suggested" several times!

25th Oct. Attended Court of Inquiry as Member on Traffic Accident.

26th Oct. Completed Court of Inquiry.

28th Oct. Visited Col. GALLONE, Commissario 5 Territorial Command and discussed method in which the 15 lire a day extra ration allowance is spent.

2. Supplies.

Maintenance of 5 Territorial Command has been satisfactorily continued throughout the month from Italian sources. There are still various items of Allied origin in the Depots, but these are old stocks and are being turned over.

I am making enquiries as to how the 15 lire per day ration allowance is being utilised within the Territorial Command and I am

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12th Oct. DST visited 5 ELO and met C 1. In company of Capt RASG visited 5 Transport Coy, 5 Supply Coy and 5 Distribution Depot UDINE. Request for extra guards and alerts made by 5 Supply Coy on Capt RASG's previous visit had been dealt with by Territorial Command.

21st Oct. Capt RASG proceeds BOLZANO with ADST and DADST to visit S & W Units of 4 Territorial Command.

23rd Oct. Capt RASG returned to UDINE from visit to 4 Territorial Command.

24th Oct. Company sign appears on road leading to 5 Transport Coy - this has been "suggested" several times!

25th Oct. Attended Court of Inquiry as Member on Traffic Accident.

26th Oct. Completed Court of Inquiry.

28th Oct. Visited Col. GALLONI, Commissariato 5 Territorial Command and discussed method in which the 15 lire a day extra ration allowance is spent.

2. Supplies.

Maintenance of 5 Territorial Command has been satisfactorily continued throughout the month from Italian sources. There are still various items of Allied origin in the Depots, but these are old stocks and are being turned over.

I am making enquiries as to how the 15 lire per day ration allowance is being utilised within the Territorial Command and have asked Head of Commissariato to let me have local purchase prices; if these are to hand I will attach them to this report, but, if not, they will be the subject of a special report.

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3. Transport.

Difficulty in obtaining tyres is still hampering the general availability. 5 3rd Coy manages to show quite a high average availability, although they are not up to establishment.

4 x 5 ton vehicles and 1 Jeep released by GHQ for POLIZZO Alpini Bn.

4. POL.

Nothing to report and supplies normal.

5. General.

It is proposed to dispense entirely with the 3 & 4 Coy's still under requisition at MESSINA and I am going there to hand over to RVI who have

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made an unofficial request for it.

From visits to both 4 and 5 Territorial Commands it is evident that S & T Installations and Depots within this Command are in a far more satisfactory state, no doubt due to the lack of a full-time S & T Officer at 4 ELU.

Further to ADG's visit I propose taking up the question of 5 Supply Company, which shows a very poor state of discipline and lack of occupation for the men, with Territorial Command.

*[Signature]*  
Capt, RASO.

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SUBJECT: Reports on S & T Installations (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit.  
Tel.: 1657

SF 35-1/13

13 Sep 46.

4 British Liaison Unit.  
C.M.P.

2335-17 SEP 1946

I visited No. 4 Distribution Depot, Bolzano, accompanied by S/Lt MALIWI on the 14th Sept., and have the following observations to make.

1. OFFICERS. The Depot is commanded by Lt. Col. MARZANO who was away at the time of my visit; a Distribution Depot is normally a Captain's command, and I could not understand why in this instance a Lt. Col. should be O.C. His assistant Lt. ROZZILLI showed me round.
2. STOCK POSITION. In general 15 days supplies were held, but there were 4 months stocks of olive oil which is obtained through the Ministry of War from Bari. There were approximately 250 cwt of American Flour that had been in stock since Jan 31st., and I suggested that turnover should be speedier to prevent possibility of decomposition.  
Fresh fruit and vegetables are purchased locally by individual units.
3. PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE. Accommodation was good in dry sheds, but stacking of commodities was not, to my mind, up to standard, and I noticed various items heaped tightly against the wall. I pointed this out to Lt. ROZZILLI particularly a stock of salt without damage, but he thought it was in the most suitable position.  
Damage was not properly employed in all cases, and I pointed this out.
4. TALLY CARDS. These were in evidence on all stocks.
5. DETAIL ISSUE POINTS. There were 4 detail issue points.
6. LABOUR. 3 civilian clerks were employed and 13 labourers; the latter seemed a somewhat high figure to me in view of the fact that 10 military personnel are employed on internal work in the depot, however Lt. ROZZILLI thought this number was necessary.
7. GUARDS. Only 3 civilian guards were employed and this number is obviously insufficient, Lt. ROZZILLI agreed and asked me to take the matter up with the British Command (see letter attached).

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8. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. were adequate and consisted of foam extinguishers, sand and water. There is a trained Fire Guard in the depot and the local Fire Brigade is not far away.

9. ANTI RAT PRECAUTIONS. Traps are employed but I was told they seldom catch anything and there is little trouble from these pests.

10. ENGINEER WORK OUTSTANDING. Locks are wanted on some of the doors, but I was assured that this matter is in hand.

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11. DEPOT TRANSPORT. This is obtained as desired from the Territorial Transport Coy, and no difficulties were reported to me.

12. FEEDING STRENGTH. Approximately 9,000 consisting of 37 units all of which collect except those at Trento, to which supplies are despatched by rail.

13. ACCOMMODATION. Military personnel are billeted with No. 4 Compagnia Sussistenza; I did not on this occasion have time to visit the billets, but will make a point of doing so when next in Bolzano.

14. GENERAL. The depot is situated on good hard standings, but the general tidiness did not strike me as being quite up to the standard of other depots I have visited.

I have written to 4 Territorial Command reference points in paras 2, 3 and 7, and a copy of this letter is attached for your information.

*Deane* Capt.  
R.A.S.C.

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SUBJECT:- Reports on S & T Installations (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit.  
Tel.: 1657  
ST 35-1/17

13 Sep 46.

Direzione Commissariato  
4 Territorial Comd.

On Sept. 11th I visited No. 4 Distribution Depot, Bolzano and, in consequence of my visit, I feel the following observations may be of some use to you.

1. There were approximately 250 casks of American flour that had been in stock since Jan 31st. I would suggest that this is issued at an early date to ensure that there is no wastage through decomposition.
2. Stacking of commodities was inclined to be tight and damage was not properly employed. You will, of course, appreciate the necessity for the free circulation of air throughout perishable foodstuffs, and I suggest that more use is made of damage, and that stocks of items such as salt are not packed against walls.
3. Only 3 civilian guards were employed. This number would definitely appear to be insufficient to me, and I strongly recommend that they be enforced.

Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

*Bauer*  
Capt.  
R.A.S.C.

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SEP 35-1/14

13 Sept 45

I visited No. 5 Distribution Depot, Uaine accompanied by S/Lt CHERRIN on 12th Sept, and have the following observations to make.

1. Officers. The Depot is commanded by Capt RUBINI. This officer appeared to me to be quite efficient and "on top of the job", he was assisted by a S/Lt PERAPOLI who was however on leave at the time of my visit.
2. Other Ranks. Only 3 soldiers who are employed on issuing meat; since meat issues finish daily at 1100 hrs theirs would appear to be an easy life!
3. Stock Position. As a general rule 15 days rations are held, but considerably more of some commodities are in stock on the date of my visit, for example there were three months supply of flour and two years of matches.  
72 lbs of American tinned meat had just been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This had been received from the Bulk Depots (Italian) at BARI and NAPLES on July 23rd so there is no question of credit involved. I suggested that the turnover was probably too slow, but Capt RUBINI said that issue was controlled by War Ministry.

4. Physical Warehousing. The accommodation, though cramped, is good, but a serious defect to my mind is the fact that many of the windows were lacking glass; good efforts had been made to rectify this deficiency by fitting cardboard in all the gaps, but in the winter this will not suffice. Capt RUBINI agreed with me and asked me to take the matter up with Territorial Command, saying he had applied on 1st Sept but had heard nothing.  
The various sheds were clean and tidy and stacking of commodities the best I have seen so far. The use of damage was obviously understood, though not applied in all cases owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary timber.

Tally cards were in evidence on all stocks.  
No fresh fruit or vegetables are kept, these are purchased locally by individual units.  
Flour is issued to units who make their own arrangements for baking.  
The wood storage was cramped but in the best space available.

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6. Guards. Only 6 trusted civilian guards (no military) were employed. I feel that this is definitely insufficient, as these men are on duty day and night, however I was told that there had been no thefts to date.

7. Fire Precautions. These were adequate, and the 30 foam extinguishers they had were advantageously distributed throughout the depot. Personnel were trained in Fire Precautions.

8. Anti-rat Precautions. The OC said that they were not troubled by rats and that traps were laid out. I had a look at one of these and suggested that some bait was used since the thing was empty.

9. Engineer Work Outstanding. The only matter requiring attention is the glass for the windows mentioned in para 4. Application has been made for this and I am taking it up with Territorial Command.

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10. Accountancy. The standard Br - It. system is in use but separate offices are used for each side of it.

11. Accommodation. The three military personnel live with 5 Compagnia Sussistenza (comprising all men of the Services side of this Territorial Command). I visited the billets and met the OC Capt VIDA; sleeping accommodation was tidy and the latrines had been cleaned out; in fact the whole atmosphere of the place suggested that a high ranking officer was expected to pay a visit, and I hope it will be the same when the General is there tomorrow!

12. General. It may be that I fortunately struck a day when issues were not in progress and consequently everything appeared spick and span. I was rather impressed by the system of lockers employed for any surplus items from bulk after break down, which is done when units actually collect.

I have written to Direzione Commissariato 5 Territorial Command regarding points in paras 3, 5, 6 and 9 and copy of letter is attached to this report for your information.

Copy to:- S & T Branch  
MILIA R O M E

*John*  
Capt,  
R.A.S.G.

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MILIA ROME

*Deputy*  
Capt,  
R.A.S.O.

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Subject: Reports on S & Installations  
(Supplies).

Director's Commissariato  
5 Territorial Command

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tel 1657  
SF 35-1/15  
13 Sept 46

On Sept 12th I visited Mr. 5 Distribution Depot, UDDE and, in consequence of my visit, I feel that the following observations might be of some use to you.

1. I noticed that 72 lbs of American corned beef had just been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This had been in the Depot since July 23rd and I feel that had this been issued sooner and not kept in stock so long this wastage might have been avoided.
2. Only 3 civilian clerks were employed and I feel this number is not sufficient. Should one clerk become ill at the moment it would be difficult to train another person for their job. I suggest you employ at least two more.
3. I noted that only 6 civilian guards are employed and feel that this number should be doubled in view of the fact that there is no military guard and these men are on duty day and night.

Your comments on the above and on my letter SF 35-1/14 of 7 Sept would be appreciated.

*John*  
Capt.  
R.A.S.G.

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Subject:- S & T Installations.

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tel 1657  
SF 35-1/16

13 Sept 46

Directione Genie  
5 Territorial Command

1. On Sept 12th I visited No. 5 Distribution Depot and noticed that many of the windows in the storage sheds were missing.
2. In view of the fact that valuable and perishable foodstuffs are stored in these sheds, and that dampness might do considerable damage to these stocks, I would suggest that priority be given to the outstanding repairs in this Depot.
3. May this HQ please be notified what date it is decided to commence work on these repairs.

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Upt,  
R.A.B.C.

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Subject: Reports on S & T installations (Supplies).

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5 British Liaison Unit  
Tel 1555  
ST 35/4/13

7 Sept 46

Visited No. 3 Milk Food Depot, ~~ASIRRA~~ accompanied by S/Lt CHERIN, on 5th Sept and have the following observations to make.

1. OFFICERS. The Depot is now commanded by Capt RUGIERI who has recently taken over from Capt GREGO. It is difficult to give a "pen picture" of this Officer yet since he has only been in office approximately one week, but he already appeared to have quite a good grip on things; he is assisted by another new officer - a S/Lt SPIDIO - who had only arrived the day prior to my visit. The Depot is one S/Lt under establishment.

2. OTHER RANKS. consist of 5 NCO's and 2 private soldiers, 2 of the NCO's are employed on clerical duties and the remainder on physical work in the Depot.

3. STOCK POSITION. Stock state for Sept 3rd is attached. Large quantities of flour are no longer kept in the depot; instead stocks of this commodity are stored at the Mill.

#### 4. PHYSICAL HANDLING.

a) The Depot is ideally situated in a disused aluminium factory, accommodation in use being two large covered sheds approximately 80 yards long by 25 yards wide.

b) The recent gale in the Venice Area had blown away a large proportion of the roof of one shed, but fortunately the only damage incurred to stocks was about 30 Kgs of cigarettes. Had the flour been stacked as previously however, and not in the Mill, losses would have reached quite a high figure in lire. This damage was already undergoing repair by the owners of the factory at the time of my visit.

c) Stacking could be improved as all commodities were tightly packed, and I explained the advantages of air space between items.

d) The correct method of employing dunnage did not appear to be understood; dunnage was not in use on all stacks and, where it was, merely consisted of boards laid flat on the floor giving no air draft underneath the stacks whatsoever, in fact the boards might just as well not have been in use. I explained the correct method and suggested that it should be brought into operation as soon as possible.

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e) Tally cards were in evidence on all stacks; but none were checked since ? Allied accounting is not involved.

5. LABOUR. 40 civilians were employed, 5 as clerks, and the remaining 35 as labourers I feel that this is rather a high figure in comparison to the size of the depot and considering that flour is no longer stored.

6. GUARDS. 6 Armed Civilian guards are employed, they are supplemented at night by a Military guard consisting of 4 NCO and 6 men. The O.C. feels, and I agree with him, that 6 civilians are not sufficient since it means each pair doing 8 hours duty in 24. I would suggest either that 12 civilian trusted guards are employed or that a military guard of equal strength to the night guard is laid on during the day.

7. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. 24 foam type extinguishers are laid out in the depot. I consider this adequate and the employees are trained in Fire Precautions.

8. ANTI RAT PRECAUTIONS. The O.C. stated that they were not troubled at all by rats, and traps were laid out. When I asked to see them they were conspicuous by their absence; (Both traps and rats).

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9. REPORT TRANSPORT. 3 Vehicles are available to the depot from the detachment of 5 Transport Coy situated next to the depot. Approximately 10 journeys are involved weekly.

O.C. complained that recently he had been allotted leaking rail trucks in which he had to load flour. I saw the R.T.O. MESURE on this point who explained that, though he was not responsible for supplying the actual trucks, a statement for what type of load is to be carried should be made when tonnage is applied for which would obviate leaking trucks being supplied for perishable goods.

10. GENERAL. I cannot report on the general turnout of the men since none were in evidence during my visit.

The mess billets are situated about a mile from the depot in the Sessions Commissariat. I did not have time to visit them, but understand from Lt. GERRIN go into this matter on my next visit.

I have written to Direzioni Commissariato, 5 Terr. Command regarding paras 1, 4(o) and (d), 5, 6 and 9, copy of letter is attached for your information.

Capt R.A.S.C.

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Copy to: SF Branch  
HQ MIA ROME

Copy of letter is attached for your information.

Subject:- Reports on S & T Installation (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit  
Tel 1535  
SU35/1/14

7 Sept 46

Director's Memorandum  
5 Territorial Command.

On Sept 5th I visited No.5 Bulk Distribution Depot, MESTRE and, in consequence of my visit, I feel that the following observations might be of some use to you.

1. The Depot is one Officer under establishment.
2. Stacking of commodities could be improved. The advantages of air circulation between items is obvious and I would suggest that commodities be stacked in such a way as to permit free circulation of air between each individual box or case.
3. The correct method of employing damage did not appear to be completely understood. Boards were placed under many of the stacks but they did not serve any useful purpose as sacked items were still in direct contact with the floor.
4. 35 civilian labourers are employed. I feel in view of the fact that flour is no longer stored in bulk but kept at the mill, that this number is excessive.
5. 6 civilian armed guards are employed. I feel that this number should be doubled as it entails each pair of men doing 8 hours duty in 24 and with the cold weather approaching this will be excessive. An alternative would be for a further military guard of 4 NCO and 6 men to be mounted by day as well as by night.

In general the Depot was ideally situated; damage done to the roof of one of the sheds by the recent storm was in course of repair, and losses of foodstuffs were a minimum owing to the recent decision to store flour at the mill.

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HQ MIA RASC

SUBJECT:- Supply of AB's 412 and Inspection Manuals.

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5 British Liaison Unit.  
Tel.: 1547

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26 Aug 46.

H.Q.,  
M.M.I.A. for S & T.  
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1. This HQ has been asked by AMGOT for a small supply of Italian ABs 412 and "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled)".
2. 5 Territorial Command are still awaiting delivery of the above from War Ministry.
3. It would be appreciated if the necessity of the urgent supply of the above to 5 Territorial Command could be pointed out to the War Ministry also, should you have two dozen of each to spare at HQ, if this quantity could be supplied to 5 B.L.U. for retention and Domestic Use.
4. Receipt is acknowledged of six of the latter pamphlet early last week.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
R.A.S.C.

Copy to:- AMGOT, UDINE for Capt. ARCHER.  
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SUBJECT: Closing down of 5 B.L.U. S&T Office.

5 British Liaison Unit,  
Tel. 1555,  
5/ST/1/3,

23rd. Aug. '46.

TO: "G" Branch, 86 Area.

1. Confirming conversation of 23rd. Aug. '46, between the DAA & JMG, 86 Area and Capt. GARY, RASC this Hq., the B.L.U. S&T Office situated in the CASERMA "CORNICOLI", VARESE will be closed w.e.f. 24th. Aug. '46.

2. The two telephones at 27244 will no longer be required.

3. Any correspondence on Italian supply and transport matters should in future be addressed to this Hq where the S&T Liaison Officer will be located.

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ADST, M.M.I.A., ROME.

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*H. R. ...*  
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SUBJECT: Location of S.B.L.U. S&T Offices.

S British Liaison Unit,  
Tel. 1547,  
S/ST/I/2,

1357

15th. Aug. '46.

TO: A.D.S.T.,  
M.M.I.A., ROME.

S.T.

1. In view of the fact that it is the desire of C.S.O. I this HQ that the S&T Offices in future works from the BILU it is felt that the Offices in VENICE and MESTRE are now superfluous.

2. It is suggested that one or both of these are closed; at the same time it is pointed out that the Office in Mestre might at some future date prove useful in the event of this BILU moving nearer that Area.

3. Will you please let this HQ know if you agree to these Offices being dispensed with; pending your decision the Italian L.O., Lt. CHERRIN remains in Venice liaising daily by telephone with UDINE.

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SUBJECT: Report on 5 Distribution Depot - Udine

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A.D.S.&T. - M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- GSO I - 5 E.L.U.

Further to my report dated 25 June '46 (para 5 & 6) I visited 5 Distribution Depot - Udine on 9th July '46 regarding the differences between the stocks of sugar and pasta and the quantities shown in the books.-

Pasta stocks:- The difference found between stocks and the pasta account was due to an error in the accountancy. This has now been rectified after an enquiry held by the C.O. of Commissariato Udine, and a surplus of 12 Kg has been entered in the books.-

Sugar stocks:- In future, checks on stocks will be calculated on the actual weight of each sack and not on the nominal.-

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Further to my report dated 25 June '46 (para 5 & 6) I visited 5 Distribution Depot - Udine on 9th July '46 regarding the differences between the stocks of sugar and pasta and the quantities shown in the books.-

Pasta stocks:- The difference found between stocks and the pasta account was due to an error in the accountancy. This has now been rectified after an enquiry held by the C.O. of Commissariato Udine, and a surplus of 12 Kg has been entered in the books.-

Sugar stocks:- In future, checks on stocks will be calculated on the actual weight of each sack and not on the nominal.-

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*Mason*  
Capt. R.A.S.C.  
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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT  
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

65  
DATE: 1-7-46

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer J.N. WATSON - Capt. R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of inspection 1st July 1946

(c) Name of depot 73 Distribution Food Depot - Mestre

(d) Name of O.C. (other officers) 2/Lt CERVO G. Nil

(e) Stock position - n° of days - checks made As per attached list - Sugar, coffee, pasta, and physical stocks checked and found correct - ✓

(f) Physical Warehousing  
 1) Accommodation, cover, etc. Satisfactory -  
 2) Stacking, height, etc. Good - height 12 sacks -  
 3) Dunnage Food - As suggested by ADST -

(g) I) Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement Each unit buys locally from civilian firms -  
 II) Bread - number of bakeries on contract Only flour issued - Bought locally by individual units -

h) Tally cards Very good and up to date -

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 1 for flour - 1 for wine and oil -  
 1 for general issues -

(j) Fuels  
 1) Wood storage Well stacked in open yard: Qls 14,116  
 2) Coal storage Nil  
 3) Lignite storage Nil

(k) Labour  
 Civilian employed (numbers) Clerical 3 - Labourers: 11 -

(l) Guards 1 N.C.O. + 3 men of "PELTRE" Bn Guards  
 4 civilian are employed as 1155  
 Guards - No pilferage -

(m) Fire precautions Good - 11 foam extinguishers - 1 fire brigade -

(n) Anti rats precautions No rats but 2 cats are kept -

1) Accommodation, cover, etc.  
 2) Stacking, height, etc.  
 3) Dunnage

(g) I) Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement  
 II) Bread - number of bakeries on contract

h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels  
 1) Wood storage  
 2) Coal storage  
 3) Lignite storage

(k) Labour  
 Civilian employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) Repairs outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths  
 1) - (Army Navy Air)  
 (BR-US-ITI-ITI)  
 2) Total number of Units

Good - Height 12 sacks -  
 Good - As suggested by ADST -

Each unit buys locally from civilian firms -  
 Only flour issued - Bought locally by individual units -

Very good and up to date -

1 for flour - 1 for wine and oil -  
 1 for general issues -

Well stacked in aboven yard: Qls 14,116  
 Nil  
 Nil

Clericals 3 - Labourers: 11 -

1 N.C.O. + 3 men of "TELTRE" En Guards  
 4 civilian are employed as **1155**  
 guards - No pilferage -

Good - 11 foam extinguishers - 1 fire brigade -

No rats but 2 cats are kept -

A surrounding wall to be repaired -

Requested daily *from* Admin Tpt Det Me-  
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(r) Accountancy

Allied system  
Italian system  
General remarks

} Both satisfactorily kept

NIL

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters

Men are quartered in Commissariato  
barracks - Marghera - Satisfactory

Dining quarters

Fair -

Recreation quarters

Fair -

Cookhouse

Not very clean -

Latrines & Ablutions

Fairly clean

(t) General turnout of men

Fair -

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

The Depot was inspected during issuing period. -

The large stock of fire wood is being gradually

issued to units. - My general opinion of this depot is that it is

very efficiently run by Lt Cervo who is a good type of officer. -

Lt Cervo is not responsible for men's accommodation

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*W. J. ...*  
S. & T. OFFICER,  
5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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73° MAGAZZINO SECONDARIO DISTRIBUZIONE VIVERI FORAGGI E COMBUSTIBILI  
M E S T R E

NUMERO DEI REPARTI VETTOVAGLIATI DA QUESTO MAGAZZINO NEL PERIODO 16 - 30/6/46.

| Categoria   | N° dei Reparti | Forza |
|-------------|----------------|-------|
| ITI-ITI     | 25             | 3.733 |
| BR-ITI      | 3              | 94    |
| T o t a l e | 28             | 3.827 |

Mestre li 1° Luglio 1946

IL S. TEN. CONSEGNETARIO  
-Cervo ~~Barbare~~

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Mestre li 1° Luglio 1946

IL S. TEN. CONSEGNETARIO  
-Carvo [signature]-

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73° MAGAZZINO SECONDARIO DISTRIBUZIONE VIVERI FORACCI E COMBUSTIBILI  
M E S T R I

AUTOSUFFICIENZA IN DATA 1 LUGLIO 1946  
- Per una forza presunta di:  
4000 ITI e 200 BR-ITI.-

| GENERI               | N° Giornate | Note                         |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Farine               | 14,6        | - una volta alla settimana - |
| Pasta                | 14,6        |                              |
| Carne                | 3,3         |                              |
| Pesce                | 15,=        |                              |
| Zucchero             | 15,2        |                              |
| Legumi               | 14,=        |                              |
| Caffè                | 25,5        |                              |
| Surrogato            | 18,5        |                              |
| Formaggio            | 21,3        |                              |
| Salsa pomodoro       | 15,1        |                              |
| Olio                 | 13,=        |                              |
| Nocciuole con guscio | 15,=        |                              |
| Sigarette            | 15,=        |                              |
| Piumiferi            | 87,1        |                              |
| Sale                 | 14,8        |                              |
| Vino                 | 0,2         |                              |

Mestre 11 I luglio 1946

IL S. TEN. CONSEGNETARIO

-Cervo-

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15, 2  
14, =  
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Zucchero  
Legumi  
Caffè  
Surrogato  
Formaggio  
Salsa pomodoro  
Olio  
Nocciuole con guscio  
Sigarette  
Fiammiferi  
Sale  
Vino

Mostra 11 I luglio 1946

IL S. EM. CONSEGNA TARTO

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

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| (a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>                                                                                    | Capt. J.N. WATSON - R.A.S.C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| (b) <u>Date of inspection</u>                                                                                            | 4 July 1946 -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| (c) <u>Name of depot</u>                                                                                                 | 74 Distribution Food Depot - VERONA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (d) <u>Name of O.C.</u><br>(other officers)                                                                              | S. Ten. MORRIS Rocco<br>Mil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| (e) <u>Stock position</u> - n° of days -<br>checks made                                                                  | 15 days - Sugar, rice and pasta care-<br>fully checked and found correct -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u><br>1) Accommodation, cover, etc.<br>2) Stacking, height, etc.<br>3) Dunnage              | Satisfactory -<br>Good - Height of stacks 12 max -<br>Very good, as suggested by ADST - 1<br>Good type of dunnage has now been<br>constructed and all stacks have been<br>built on this -<br>Each unit buys locally -<br>Sesione Comm. have one contract for<br>units in the area in the area of Pre-<br>sidio Mil. Venezia, and another one<br>for C.A.R. (Montorio) - Depot issues<br>only flour which is delivered by each<br>unit to the bakeries according to the<br>bread requirements -<br>Is issues every fortnight -<br>Is bought locally by contract made<br>between the Commissariato and local<br>suppliers -<br>Well kept and up to date -<br>1 for wine and oil - 1 for general<br>items - one for flour -<br>Qls 1500 well stacked <sup>under</sup> <del>in the</del> cover &<br>also in the open yard - |
| (g) I - <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Veg</u> - method<br>of procurement<br>II - <u>Bread</u> - number of bakeries<br>on contract |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| III - <u>Meat</u><br>IV - <u>Wine</u>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (h) <u>Tally cards</u>                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot</u><br>(number)                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| (j) <u>Fuels</u><br>1) Wood storage<br>2) Coal storage                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

- 1) Accommodation, cover, etc.
- 2) Stacking, height, etc.
- 3) Dunnage

(g) I - Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement  
 II - Bread - number of bakeries on contract

III - Meat  
 IV - Wine

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels

- 1) Wood storage
- 2) Coal storage
- 3) Lignite storage

(k) Labour - Civilian employed - (number)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

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Satisfactory -

Good - Height of racks 12 max -  
 Very good, as suggested by ADST - A  
 good type of dunnage has now been  
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 only flour which is delivered by each  
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 is bought locally by contract made  
 between the Commissariato and local  
 suppliers -

Well kept and up to date -

1 for wine and oil - 1 for general  
 items - one for flour -

Qls 1500 well stacked <sup>under</sup> ~~in the~~ cover &  
 also in the open yard -

Nil  
 Nil  
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Clerical: nil - Labourers: Permanent  
 9 - Daily: 9 -

1 N.C.O. + 5 men of "Friuli" Div -

It was noted that fire extinguishers  
 have not been supplied in spite of my  
 previous recommendations. It is absol-  
 utely essential that extinguishers be  
 supplied without any further delay. 25  
 extinguishers are necessary for this  
 depot but all applications made there-  
 tofore have been without result. Only  
 sand buckets and barrels <sup>of</sup> ~~with~~ water  
 are available -

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| <p>(n) <u>Anti rats precautions</u></p> <p>(o) <u>Re works outstanding</u><br/>(state how long)</p> <p>(p) <u>Depot transport</u></p> <p>(q) <u>Feeding strengths</u><br/>1) - (Army Navy Air)<br/>(BR-US-ITI-ITI)<br/>2) Total number of units</p> <p>(r) <u>Accountancy</u><br/>Allied system<br/>Italian system<br/>General remarks</p> <p>(s) <u>Accommodation</u><br/>Sleeping quarters<br/><br/>Dining quarters<br/>Recreation quarters<br/>Cookhouse<br/>Latrines and Ablut</p> <p>(t) <u>General turnout of men</u></p> <p>(u) <u>Inspecting officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvement:</u></p> | <p>Very few rats - Traps and baits.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>Daily request to Presidio HQ -</p> <p>7066 - ITI-ITI only -<br/>27</p> <p>} Both systems well kept<br/>NIL</p> <p>Clean - Walls have been distempered since my last visit as suggested by me<br/>Blankets - It was noted that the men's blankets are never washed. It was suggested that all blankets should be washed at least once a month -<br/>Clean and nice -<br/>Clean -<br/>Clean -<br/>Satisfactory -</p> <p>Depot clean and well supervised - A new officer Cap. PRANCACCIO has been posted to this depot and will take over on about 17 July. The present officer will be second in command.</p> <p>Coffee - It was not found possible to check the stock of coffee on account of the fact that a quantity had been put aside for toasting. However the quantity handed over for this purpose had not been weighed. It was recommended that in future the exact quantity taken from the store room for toasting should be weighed before and after toasting. This should be noted on the 1154 cards.</p> |
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Allied system  
Italian system  
General remarks

Both systems well kept

NIL

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters

Clean- Walls have been distempered since my last visit as suggested by me  
Blankets - It was noted that the men's blankets are never washed. It was suggested that all blankets should be washed at least once a month -

Dining quarters  
Recreation quarters  
Cookhouse  
Latrines and Ablut

Clean and nice -  
Clean -  
Clean -

(t) General turnout of men

Satisfactory -

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

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*[Signature]*  
S. & T. OFFICER,  
5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

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| (a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>                                                                                                       | Capt. J.N. WATSON                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (b) <u>Date of inspection</u>                                                                                                               | 25 June 1946                                                                                                                                                                          |
| (c) <u>Name of Depot</u>                                                                                                                    | 5 Distribution Food Depot - Udine                                                                                                                                                     |
| (d) <u>Name of O.C.</u><br><u>(Other Officers)</u>                                                                                          | Cap. RUBINI F. Nil                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (e) <u>Stock position</u> (n° of days -<br>checks made)                                                                                     | 15 days -<br>Pasta, sugar and coffee stocks taken<br>and found surplus.<br>Surplus of sugar: 2 kilos<br>" " coffee: 1 kilo<br>" " pasta: 201 kilos                                    |
| (f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u><br>1) <u>Accommodation</u> , cover, etc.<br>2) <u>Stacking</u> , height, etc.<br>3) <u>Dunnage</u>          | Satisfactory -<br>Satisfactory -<br>Fair -                                                                                                                                            |
| (g) <u>I- Fresh Fruit &amp; Veg.</u> - method<br>of procurement<br><u>II-Bread</u> - number of bakeries<br>on contract<br><u>III-Meat</u> - | Units have their own contract with<br>civil firms -<br>Only flour issued - Units have own<br>private contract -<br>W.e.f. 1st July '46 meat will be<br>issued direct from the Depot - |
| (h) <u>Tally cards</u>                                                                                                                      | Stacks of pasta were without tally<br>cards - All others correct -                                                                                                                    |
| (i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot</u><br>(number)                                                                                         | 1 for general issues -<br>1 for wine & oil -<br>1 for meat -<br>1 for wood -                                                                                                          |
| (j) <u>Fuels</u><br>1) <u>Wood storage</u><br>2) <u>Coal storage</u><br>3) <u>Lignite storage</u>                                           | Qls 10,672 stacked in the open -<br>Nil<br>Nil                                                                                                                                        |
| (k) <u>Labour</u>                                                                                                                           | Clerical: 3 - Labourers: 7 (daily) -                                                                                                                                                  |
| (l) <u>Guards</u>                                                                                                                           | Alpini Bn "Feltre" is on guard at<br>all barracks - 3 trusted men guard<br>the Depot -<br>20 foam extinguishers                                                                       |

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(f) Physical Warehousing  
1} Accommodation, cover, etc.  
2} Stacking, height, etc.  
3} Dunnage

(g) I- Fresh Fruit & Veg. - method of procurement  
II- Bread - number of bakeries on contract  
III- Meat -

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels  
1} Wood storage  
2} Coal storage  
3} Flignite storage

(k) Labour

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) Re works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strenths  
1- { Army Navy Air }  
    { PR-US-ITI-ITI }  
2- Total number of Units

" Pasta: 201 kilos

Satisfactory -  
Satisfactory -  
Pair -

Units have their own contract with civil firms -  
Only flour issued - Units have own private contract -  
W.e.f. 1st July '45 meat will be issued direct from the Depot -

Stacks of pasta were without tally cards - All others correct -  
1 for general issues -  
1 for wine & oil -  
1 for meat -  
1 for wood -

Qls 10,672 stacked in the open -  
Nil  
Nil

Clerical: 3 - Labourers: 7 (daily) -  
Alpini Bn "Feltre" is on guard at all barracks - 3 trusted men guard the Depot -  
20 foam extinguishers 1149

No rats -  
An electric sawing machine is going to be installed as soon as possible  
Vehicles supplied by civilian firm under contract -

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| PRI-ITI | 32          |
|         | <u>3905</u> |
|         | <u>30</u>   |

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(r) Accountancy

Allied system  
Italian system  
General remarks

} Both systems employed -  
} Not very efficient -

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters  
Dining quarters  
Recreation quarters  
Cookhouse  
Latrines & Ablut.

Floor dirty -  
No dining room is existing -  
No recreation room is existing -  
Clean -  
Clean -

(t) General turnout of men

Satisfactory -

(u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvements:

GENERAL REMARKS: 5 Distribution Food Depot - Udine

- 1) Many flies were noted in the depot and it is evident that no disinfection is carried out.
- 2) The sleeping quarters of the men on the 1st floor and the corridors were not clean and beds had not been made. This fact was reported to the Chief of Staff who promised to appoint another N.C.O. to supervise the barracks.
- 3) Bread - The bread supplied to the men was examined and found to be very dark and of a bad odour. As this is made by private contract and as 10% white flour is issued to the bakery I came to the conclusion that the bakeries were disposing of the white flour. I drew the attention of the Chief of Staff to this fact and he stated that the inspection Staff would be warned to make a stricter control at the bakery.
- 4) I consider that the General Distribution point is too small and I suggest that another point should be used if possible.
- 5) The difference shown in pasta stocks is due to faulty accounting and the Staff were unable to explain the difference during my visit. I propose to make a further visit next week for the purpose of improving the accounting system.
- 6) I am informed that the latest instructions from the Ministry of War on the despatch of supplies from Bulk Depots states that in the case of food from Allied sources, that is sugar, coffee, flour, etc., the actual weight is stated on the consignment note and not the nominal, as previously. This would ~~mean~~ <sup>be</sup> that when the inspecting S&T Officer wishes to check the stock book, every sack must be weighed separately instead of

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W. Nelson  
S. & P. Officer,  
5 British Liaison Unit

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SUBJECT:- Damaged Cheese.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
Tel : 439081 Ext 526  
ST/138

4 P.L.U. for S & T.

27 June 46

Copy to:- 5 BLU.

Ref your letter ST/60 dated 16 May 1946 attached herewith  
is copy of letter received by this HQ from Ministry of War.

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CB  
/w  
Lt.Col. RASC.  
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.).

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TRANSLATION

FROM : - Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

25 June 46

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SUBJECT: - Damaged cheese.

Further to letter 9540/S/1 of 31 May 46 we inform you that as regards the matter pointed out by you in your letter ST/138 of 21 May 46, the following points have been ascertained:-

- the 25 q.l.s of soft cheese received by MESTRE Food Depot in a very bad condition were part of a lot of 45 q.l.s which had been despatched by rail by Milan Commissariat Directorate to Udine Food Depot directly from GENONIO (VARESE) where the supplying firm is located.
- The despatch from Udine to Mestre by road has been necessary as the item should have been issued for consumption as soon as possible in order to avoid a further stay in depot.
- After having checked, on arrival at Mestre that the cheese was not fit for consumption because mouldy, the whole lot had to be sent back to Udine owing to the lack of refrigerators ~~which~~ on the place.
- It must be excluded that the cheese has first been sent to Bologna and after to Milan because, as already pointed out above, the item had been despatched to Udine directly from the supplying firm.
- The whole lot of 45 q.l.s has however been issued after the part not fit for consumption had been taken away.

"S & T. MMIA.  
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Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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SUBJECT: Inspection Report.

Sgt. 608  
Sgt. Officer  
4 B.L.U.  
Cornoldi Barracks  
VENICE -  
ST/35/1 - 20 June 46

A.D.S.T. - M.N.I.A. - ROME  
Copy to: C.O. 4 B.L.U. BOLLANO

Ref your ST/138 dated 13 June '46.

1. Para 5 (1) and (2) - As this is a Bulk Depot and therefore issues only to Distribution Depots, bread and fresh fruit and Veg. are not its responsibility.

For this reason I considered the word NIL to be sufficiently explicit.

2. Dining quarters are in Commissariato HQ. Mestre and are satisfactory.

The Recreation Room is at Casa del Soldato - Mestre.

My report is returned herewith.

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Ref your ST/138 dated 13 June '46.-

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Mestre.-

My report is returned herewith.-

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*[Signature]*  
H. Watson

Capt. R.A.S.C.

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



|                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>                                                                                            | Capt. J.N. WATSON -                                                                                                                                    |
| (b) <u>Date of inspection</u>                                                                                                    | 25 May 1946 -                                                                                                                                          |
| (c) <u>Name of Depot</u>                                                                                                         | 5 DEPOSITO SPECIALE VIVIERI - MESTRE -<br>(5 Bulk Depot)                                                                                               |
| (d) <u>Name of O.C.</u><br>(Other Officer)                                                                                       | Cap. GRINCO -                                                                                                                                          |
| (e) <u>Stock position - n° of days -</u><br><u>checks made</u>                                                                   | As per attached sheet - Sugar and coffee stocks checked and found correct -                                                                            |
| (f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u><br>1) <u>Accommodation, cover, etc.</u><br>2) <u>Stacking, height, etc.</u><br>3) <u>Dunnage</u> | Good -<br>Very good - 15 Max. high -<br>1/5 of all commodities <del>are</del> without dunnages owing to <sup>the</sup> large quantity of subs stored - |
| (g) I - <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Veg - method of procurement</u><br>II - <u>Bread - number of bakeries on contract -</u>             | NIL<br>NIL                                                                                                                                             |
| (h) <u>Tally cards</u>                                                                                                           | Well kept and up to date -<br>1 for flour<br>3 1 for wine & oil<br>1 for general items                                                                 |
| (i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot (number)</u>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                        |
| (j) <u>Fuels</u><br>1) Wood storage<br>2) Coal # <sup>5</sup><br>3) Lignite storage<br>4) Straw                                  | NIL<br>NIL<br>NIL<br>538 Qls.                                                                                                                          |
| (k) <u>Labour</u><br><u>Civillian employed (numbers)</u>                                                                         | Clerical : 4<br>Labourers: Daily 35 + 6 civ guards                                                                                                     |
| (l) <u>Guards</u>                                                                                                                | 1 N.C.O. + 8 men of Alpini Coy Mestre-                                                                                                                 |
| (m) <u>Fire precautions</u>                                                                                                      | 12 foam extinguishers + 1 fire brigade with pumps -                                                                                                    |
| (n) <u>Anti rats precautions</u>                                                                                                 | No rats - 4 cats are kept -                                                                                                                            |
| (o) <u>Re works outstanding</u>                                                                                                  | A barbed wire enclosure is being built                                                                                                                 |

1) Accommodation, cover, etc.  
 2) Stacking, height, etc.  
 3) Dunnage

(g) I - Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement  
 II - Bread - number of bakeries on contract -

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels

1) Wood storage  
 2) Coal #  
 3) Lignite storage  
 4) Straw

(k) Labour  
 Civilian employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) Re works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths  
 1) - (Army Navy Air)  
 (BR-US-ITI-ITI)  
 2) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system  
 Italian system  
 General remarks

Very good - 15 Max. high -  
 1/5 of all commodities ~~are~~ without dunnages owing to ~~the~~ large quantity of subs stored - ~~the~~

NIL

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 1 for flour  
 3 1 for wine & oil  
 1 for general items

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Clerical : 4  
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12 foam extinguishers + 1 fire brigade with pumps-

No rats - 4 cats are kept -

A barbed wire enclosure is being built around the Depot - 1144

5 Admin Tpt Co Det is attached to this Depot -

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}  
 } Both well kept -

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(s) Accommodation

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Sleeping quarters    | Satisfactory - |
| Dining "             | ///            |
| Recreation "         | ///            |
| Cookhouse            | Pair -         |
| Latrines & Ablutions | Pair -         |
|                      | Pair -         |

(t) General turnout of men

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

This Depot is a model for Italian Supply Depots and is the best in the area supervised by me.

*Wharton Cap.*  
R.A.S.C.  
S. & T. OFFICER,  
5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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*W. Watson Cap.*  
RASC.  
S. & T. OFFICER.  
5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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DEPOSITO CENTRALE VIVERRI  
M E S T R E

PROSPETTO DELLE RIMANENZE DERRATE ALLA SERA DEL GIORNO  
25 MAGGIO 1946  
DOPO LE OPERAZIONI DELLA GIORNATA

| DERRATE          | QUANTITA' ESISTEN-<br>TE IN MAGAZZINO | EQUIVALENTE<br>IN LIBERE | N° DELLE GIORNATE DI<br>AUT/LA PER 25000 UOMINI |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| F A R I N A 91%  | 446800.==                             | 986313                   | 50                                              |
| FARINA ALIBATA   | 175052.195                            | 386428 )                 | 50                                              |
| F A R I N A 80%  | 18100.==                              | 39955 )                  | 9                                               |
| P A S T A        | 36934.712                             | 80209                    | 5                                               |
| C A R N E        | 12128.950                             | 25774                    | 41                                              |
| L E G U M I      | 57778.282                             | 127545                   | 42                                              |
| Z U C C H E R O  | 29815.535                             | 65817                    | 47                                              |
| CAFFE' TOSTATO   | 20934.462                             | 45212                    | 52                                              |
| CAFFE' CRUDO     | 18234.==                              | 40251                    | 7                                               |
| CAFFE' SOLUBILE  | 1342.013                              | 2952                     | 119                                             |
| CONSERVA         | 41899.549                             | 92493                    | 52                                              |
| OLIO OLIVA       | 43958.026                             | 97059                    | 78                                              |
| S A L E          | 47352.284                             | 104530                   | 80                                              |
| FRUTTA C/GUSCIO  | 138785.350                            | 372594                   | 86                                              |
| SIGARETTE COMUNI | 15485.700                             | 34184                    | 25                                              |
| SIGARETTE MILIT. | 4611.220                              | 10179                    | =                                               |
| TRINCIATO COMUNE | 58.==                                 | 128                      | 6                                               |
| V I N O          | 75764.700                             | 157251                   | 150                                             |
| PIANIFICIARI     | 21200.000                             | ==                       | 390                                             |
| SAPONE           | 51274.070                             | 179414                   | 11                                              |
| COGNAC           | 5892.600                              | 19630                    | 16                                              |
| PESCE SCATOLATO  | 33642.600                             | 74256                    |                                                 |

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| 9         | 5         | 41        | 42        | 47             | 52           | 7               | 119       | 62         | 78        | 80              | 86               | 25               | =                | 6         | 150        | 390       | 11       | 16              |       |
| 35934.712 | 12128.950 | 57773.282 | 29815.535 | 20934.462      | 18234.==     | 1342.013        | 41899.549 | 43968.026  | 47352.284 | 168785.350      | 15485.700        | 4611.220         | 58.==            | 75764.700 | 21200.000  | 81274.070 | 8892.600 | 33642.600       |       |
| 35935     | 80209     | 26774     | 127545    | 65817          | 46212        | 40251           | 2962      | 92493      | 97059     | 104530          | 372594           | 34184            | 10179            | 128       | 167251     | ==        | 179414   | 19530           | 74266 |
| FASTA     | CARNE     | LEGUMI    | UCCHERO   | CAFFE' TOSTATO | CAFFE' CRUDO | CAFFE' SOLIDILE | CONSERVA  | OLIO OLIVA | SALE      | FRUTTA C/GUSCIO | SIGARETTE COMUNI | SIGARETTE MILIT. | TRINCIATO COMUNE | VINO      | FIAMMIFERI | SAPONE    | COGNAC   | PESCE SCATOLATO |       |

# GENERI OSPEDALIERI

|                 |         |      |      |      |       |
|-----------------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| RISO IN GRANI   | 775.503 | 1711 | 1142 | Raz. | 19034 |
| RISO IN POLVERI | 196.169 | 433  | "    | "    | 18682 |
| MARGARINA       | 287.326 | 634  | "    | "    | 7937  |
| LATTE EVAPORATO | 180.489 | 398  | "    | "    | 8394  |
| ESTRATTO CARNE  | 13.733  | 30   | "    | "    | 7629  |

Meestre, 25 Maggio 1946

Il I° Capitano di Sussistenza  
 Consegnatario  
 (Francesco Grieco)

S & T NOTES ON 5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND

SUPPLIES

- (1) No. 5 Bulk Supply Depot is located at MESTRE.  
 (2) No. 5 Food Distribution Depot is located at UDINE.  
 (3) No. 75 Local Food Distribution Depot is located at MESTRE.

The DIDs (2) and (3) above draw their supplies by road and rail from the Bulk Depot which also issues to local depots in 4 Territorial Command. Feeding strength have been approximately:-

|                    |        |       |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 5 Food Dist. Depot | UDINE  | 4,000 |
| 75 " "             | MESTRE | 4,500 |

The DID at UDINE holds approximately 15 days rations for the above feeding strength.

The DID at MESTRE holds practically no reserves as it is located almost next door to the Bulk Depot.

Both the above DIDs are in very fair accommodation and I think would be able to handle a considerable increase in feeding strength.

According to Italian War Ministry figures as at 31 May 1946, the Bulk Depot at MESTRE holds a very unbalanced stock but appears to be covered for approx 50 days for a feeding strength of 8,000.

The Bulk Depot is stocked, mostly, by rail from all parts of Italy.

P.O.L.

Bulk C.I.P. storage exists at MESTRE and there seems no reason why there should be any physical shortage providing releases are forthcoming.

Italian Army holdings in 5 Territorial Command as at 31 May 46 are reputed to be 15,000 gallons.

TRANSPORT

5 Admin Tpt Coy is located at UDINE with detachments at MESTRE (12 vehicles) and PADOVA (4 vehicles).

This Coy has approx 50 efficient vehicles including those on detachment.

GENERAL

Captain WATSON, S & T Officer with 4 BLJ who also at present covers 5 BLJ is located at Caserma CORNOLDI, VERICE - telephone number 27244.

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Italian Army holdings in 5 Territorial Command as at 31 May 45 are reputed to be 15,000 gallons.

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This Coy has approx 50 efficient vehicles including those on detachment.

#### GENERAL.

Captain WATSON, S & T Officer with 4 BLU who also at present covers 5 BLU is located at Camera CORNELI, VENICE - telephone number 27244.

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SUBJECT:- Damage of Foodstuffs.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.H.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
ST/138

Ministry of War.

20 June 46.

Further to your letter 9540/3/1 of 31 May it would be appreciated if this office could be informed of what action has been taken in the matter by those concerned.

ALG/gms

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

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SUBJECT:- Inspection Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
Tel : 478207  
ST/138

S.B.L.U. for Capt. WATSON.

13 June 66.

Copy to:- A.M.U.

1. Inspection report on 5 Deposito Speciale Viveri dated 25 May which has been received in this office today is returned herewith for the following reasons:-

- a) Correct completion of para g(1) and (2).
- b) More detailed information regarding para S.

2. Your attention is drawn to our ST/138 of May 30th, and it is again emphasised that these reports have no constructive value unless they are correctly completed in all details.

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ALG/gno

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

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer  
Cant. J.N. WATSON -

(b) Date of inspection  
5 June 1946 -

(c) Name of Depot  
74 Distribution Depot - VERONA -

(d) Name of O.C.  
(Other Officers)  
S. Ten. MORMILE R.

(e) Stock position - n° of days -  
check made -  
As per attached list - P.B.I. & rice  
stocks checked - P.B.I. correct -  
Rice 7 kilos short due to distribut-  
ion loss.

(f) Physical Warehousing  
1) Accommodation, cover, etc. -  
2) Stacking, height, etc. -  
3) Damage -  
Satisfactory -  
Max. 12 high -  
Satisfactory - Application for  
dunnage supplies is being made to  
Direction Commissariato Bolzano -  
No fresh issue - Units buy locally -  
Flour only issued - Units have own  
civil contract -  
Issued daily -  
Well kept and found correct -  
3 : one for wine  
          one for flour  
          one for general issues

(g) I - Fresh Fruit & Veg - method  
      of procurement  
      II - Bread - number of bakeries  
          on contract  
      III - Meat

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot  
      (number)

(j) Fuels  
1) Wood storage  
2) Coal "  
3) Lignite "  
4) Forage

(k) Labour  
      Civilian employed (numbers)  
(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions  
1500 qts of fuel wood - well stacked -  
Straw 30 qts - Hay 600 qts - Barley 280  
Labourers: 13 - Permanent 10 - Casual 3  
1 N.C.O. + 7 men of Trinli Div -  
10 buckets of sand - Application to  
obtain 20 extinguishers for forage  
store is still without any result -  
This is absolutely necessary

(n) Anti rats precautions

- 2) Stacking, height, etc.
- 3) Damage

(g) I - Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement  
II - Bread - number of bakeries on contract  
III - Meat

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels

- 1) Wood storage
- 2) Coal
- 3) Lignite
- 4) Forage

(k) Labour

Civilian employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) Re works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths

- 1) Army Navy Air
- DR-US-ITI-ITI
- 2) Total number of units

Max. 12 high -  
Satisfactory - Application for damage supplies is being made to Direction Commissariato Bolzano. -  
No fresh issue - Units buy locally -  
Flour only issued - Units have own civil contract -  
Issued daily -

Well kept and found correct -  
one for wine

3 : one for flour  
one for General issues

1500 qts of fuel wood - well stacked -

Straw 30 qts - Hay 500 qts - Barley 280

Labourers: 13 - Permanent 10 - Casual 3

1 N.C.O. + 7 men of Friuli Div -

10 buckets of sand - Application to obtain 20 extinguishers for forage store is still without any result -  
This is absolutely necessary -

Few rats - Three traps and baits -

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Requests are submitted daily to Presidio HQ

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|                                                                                          |                                                                                 |                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (r) <u>Accountancy</u>                                                                   | Allied system<br>Italian "<br>General remarks                                   | }<br>}<br>} Well kept -                                                    |
| (s) <u>Accommodation</u>                                                                 | Sleeping quarters<br>Dining "<br>Recreation "<br>Cookhouse<br>Latr. & Ablutions | Clean and satisfactory -<br>Satisfactory -<br>Clean -<br>Clean -<br>Good - |
| (t) <u>General turnout of men</u>                                                        |                                                                                 |                                                                            |
| (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvement: | Depot very tidy and clean.<br>Attention is drawn to para (m).                   |                                                                            |

*W. F. Mason* Cap.  
 RASC.  
 S. & T. OFFICER,  
 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT  
 No Action taken  
 10/10/53

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

Depot very tidy and clean.

Attention is drawn to para (m). -

*W. Mason Cap.*  
R.A.S.C.  
S. & T. OFFICER,  
6 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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*No Action taken  
in view of Feb 53*

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Assistenza derrate alla sera del 6/6/I946 e relativa autosufficienza in base a 8000 razioni giornaliere (I3500 per la farina per pasta essendo comprese 5000 razioni per conto Bolzano):

|                               | Kg.   | 40295   | gg. | I4              |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-----------------|
| - Farina per pane al 91%      | "     | 90425   | "   | 43 (raz. I3500) |
| - " per pasta all'80%         | "     | 1122    | "   | I               |
| - Pasta                       | "     | 15199   | "   | 67              |
| - Riso                        | "     | 16806   | "   | 24              |
| - Carne scato? e pesce scat.  | "     | 36007   | "   | 80              |
| - Legumi                      | "     | 7508    | "   | 33              |
| - Zuccheri                    | "     | 43061   | "   | I92             |
| - Olio oliva                  | "     | 365     | "   | I               |
| - Formaggio tavola ( gr.32)   | "     | 1514    | "   | 23              |
| - Caffè cotto (8 gr.)         | "     | 618     | "   | I3              |
| - Surrogato (gr.6)            | "     | 6659    | "   | I38             |
| - Conserva (concentrato sest) | "     | 7438    | "   | II              |
| - Frutta secca con guscio     | "     | 3495    | "   | IS              |
| - Sale                        | "     | 6325    | "   | III             |
| - Sigarette                   | pezzi | 7525545 | "   | I34             |
| - Fiammiferi                  | Kg.   | 50322   | "   | I2              |
| - Vino                        | "     | 4533    | "   | 70              |
| - Sapone                      |       |         |     |                 |

Forza media vettovagliata nella presente quindicina:razioni  
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|                               |       |         |   |     |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|---|-----|
| - Legumi                      | "     | 36007   | " | 80  |
| - Zuccheri                    | "     | 7508    | " | 33  |
| - Olio oliva                  | "     | 43061   | " | 192 |
| - Formaggio tavola ( gr.32)   | "     | 365     | " | I   |
| - Caffè cotto (8 gr.)         | "     | 1514    | " | 23  |
| - Surrogato (gr.6)            | "     | 618     | " | I3  |
| - Conserva (concentrato sest) | "     | 6659    | " | I38 |
| - Frutta secca con guscio     | "     | 7438    | " | II  |
| - Sale                        | "     | 3495    | " | I8  |
| - Sigarette                   | "     | 6325    | " | III |
| - Fiammiferi                  | pezzi | 7525545 | " | I34 |
| - Vino                        | Kg.   | 50322   | " | I2  |
| - Sapone                      | "     | 4533    | " | 70  |

Forza media vettovagliata nella presente quindicina:razioni  
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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

31 May 46

TO : MMIA (in reply to ST/138  
of 21 May 46)

9540/S/1

SUBJECT: - Damaged cheese.

As regards the damage of cheese pointed out by Allied LO at Mestre details have been asked to Udine, Milan and Bologna Commissariats.

Information will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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\*S & T. MMIA.

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| ADST   | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| DADST  | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| SC ST  | <i>[Signature]</i> |

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SUBJECT: - Damage of Foodstuffs -

S&T Officer  
4&5 B.L.U.  
c/o 86 area  
ST/50  
16 May 1946

to: A.D.S.T. - M.M.I.A. H.Q. - ✓  
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On its arrival at Mestre it was obviously unfit for human consumption and it has now been redespached to Udine for disposal.-

I suggest that serious action should be taken to prevent such unnecessary waste of valuable foodstuffs at the present time.-

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