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No. 7 DIST DEPOT FLORENCE	41446 / 4	CAPT C M GARDNER R A.S.C.
No. 7 BULK DEPOT LEGHORN		
No. 78 DIST DEPOT LEGHORN		
No. 77 DIST DEPOT FORLI.	28/12/45 / 1	MAJOR THRUPP
No 76 DIST DEPOT LEGHORN	6/2/46	CAPT. GARDNER R.A.S.C.
No 7 BULK DEPOT LEGHORN.	6/2/46	CAPT GARDNER R.A.S.C.



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Copy of TELEGRAM

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FROM : Ministry of Defence. REF: 2107/Sit.

TO : Italian Land Forces Branch DATE: 28 June 1945.

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SUBJECT: Drawing of ration by 107 South-African Hospital

Further to letter 1673/1 dated 12 April 1947, we point out that the matter in question, cannot only concern the simultaneous drawing of bread and flour by a/n hospital, but has to be solved and worked out on the basis of general balance of debts and credits of the Italian Government with the Allied Nations.

Whether, therefore, it is out of order to draw bread or flour, should be the concern of the Allied authorities and not of this Ministry.

All the indents made by a/n hospital are shown in list (appendix 1) and in the summary (appendix 2) to which the 22 indents MMIA form ST/8 are enclosed, both attached to the present letter.

We beg your ILFB to examine these documents and, if no objection is raised, to issue a shipping ticket of credit in favour of the Italian Government.

/sgd/ PELLICHA
Gen.

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LIST OF FOOD OF ALLIED SOURCE DRAWN FROM ALLIED DEPOTS BY 107th SOUTH-AFRICAN HOSPITAL

Dry pulses	Kg.	221.720
Tinned meat	"	161.903
Tinned sardine	"	58.352
Tinned herrings	"	72.433
Tinned salmon	"	30.912
Cheese	"	112.364
Sugar	"	112.364
Paste	"	337.092
Dry vegetables	"	86.828
Ketchup	"	56.182
Roasted coffee	"	56.182
Milled pepper	"	4.31
Rice	"	86.828
Allied flour in lieu of rice	"	25.536
Allied Flour	"	578.747
Bread	"	1.639.225
Olive Oil	"	112.364
Shelled dry fruit	"	286.020
Salt	"	73.362
Cigarettes	"	24.851
Matches	N.	20.065
Wine	l.	2.006.5
Flour of National Production	Kg.	349.685
Soap	"	35.000

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TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of Defence. REF: 4673/S/1.

TO: I.L.F.B. DATE: 12 April 1947.

SUBJECT:- Irregular drawing of flour.

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The Military Commissariat Directorate of Florence states that 107 South African Hospital drew 386,688 Kg of Anglo-American flour on 21/8/1945 with indent no. 3058/82 from 7th Principal Food etc Distribution Store and at the same time drew the daily ration of bread with indents no. 3060/964 and no. 3275/82.

On checking the indents, the double drawing was found out and the a/m Directorate of Florence immediately approached the Allied unit for the return of 386,688 of flour over drawn.

The American officer, Lt J. Nathanson, formerly belonging to the a/m Allied hospital, stated in letter, copy attached, that the issue of flour was actually made to the British D.I.D. which was, at the time of drawing, stationed at Florence and therefore the matter had to be settled with the latter.

The said Directorate at Florence then approached 7 B.L.U. at Florence, but as this unit had been disbanded since 26 February 1947, no reply was received in spite of repeated and numerous communications.

It has now become necessary to forward this matter to your Land Forces Branch, begging you to examine and settle this controversy, if possible.

Sgd. PELLIGRA
Gen.

R.T.C.

Rec'd
S. Maughton
19-4-47.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Lt J. Nathanson. DATE: 13 December 1946.

TO: Col Giuseppe Fedele - Director
Military Commissariat Directorate
Florence.

SUBJECT:- Irregular drawing of flour by 107 South African Hospital.

Reference your letter 8720/1 of 27 November 1946.

I regret that I have not been able to reply promptly to your letter 5249/1 of 21 July 1946; the delay was due to the fact that I waited for a reply from the authorities concerned, to examine the question and have full knowledge of the matter.

From my own inquiries it is clear that it was not a matter of irregular drawing by us, but a delivery to the British D.I.D. which at that time was stationed at Florence, and to which I beg you to kindly forward the documents referring to the question.

I enclose with this letter the drawing indents for the items wrongly debited by you to us.

Sgd. J. NATHANSON

Ministero della ~~Guerra~~
DIFESA-ESERCITO
Direz.Gener.Serv.Comm/to ed Amm/vi

Divisione Sussist. Sez. 1ª
Prot. N.° 4673/S/1 Allegati 1

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Roma, 12 APR 1947 194

Al L' A.F.H.Q. ITALIAN LAND FORCES
BRANCH

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Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

URGENTE

OGGETTO Irregolare prelevamento di farina.-

FARINA

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La Direzione di Comm/to Militare di Firenze informa che il 107 Ospedale Sud-Africano in data 21/8/1945 con buono serie 3058/82 prelevava presso il 7° Magazzino Principale Distribuzione Viveri F.C. di Firenze Kg. 386,688 di farina anglo-americana e contemporaneamente con buoni a parte serie 3060/964 e 3275/82 prelevava giornalmente il pane spettantegli.

Accertato tale duplice prelevamento in sede di revisione dei buoni, da parte della suddetta Direzione di Firenze veniva subito interessato il reparto alleato per la restituzione dei Kg. 386,688 di farina prelevata in più.

L'ufficiale americano LIEUT J. NATHANSON, già dell'ospedale alleato suindicato, con il foglio allegato in copia, comunicò che la consegna di farina venne fatta effettivamente al D.I.D. inglese che era, all'epoca del prelevamento, di stanza a Firenze e che pertanto la pratica doveva essere svolta con quest'ultimo.

Sempre la stessa Direzione di Firenze si rivolse allora al 7° BLU di Firenze ma questo, ormai disciolto dal 26 febbraio u.s., non ha mai provveduto a rispondere, malgrado

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Si rende ora necessario rimettere la questione a cotesta Italian Land Forces Branch, con preghiera di esaminare la possibilità di definire, ove ancora possibile, la vertenza.

p.IL MINISTRO

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LIEUT J. NATHANSON
HQ 6 SA ARMD DIV EQ PT PARK
GENOVA

13 Dicembre 1946

COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE GIUSEPPE FEDELE
Direzione Comm/to Militare Firenze
1^ Sezione

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OGGETTO: Irregolare prelevamento farina da parte 107 Ospedale Sud-Africano.

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Con riferimento alla vostra n. 8720/1 del 27 novembre 1946.

Sono spiacente non aver potuto rispondere tempestivamente alla vostra, 5249/1 del 21 luglio 1946; il ritardo è dovuto al fatto che' volli prima aspettare la risposta delle autorità competenti, ed ap= purare la questione, onde essere più preciso in merito.

Dalle indagini da me svolte appare chiaramente che non si trat= ta di prelevamento irregolare da parte nostra, bensì la consegna fu effettuata al D.I.D. inglese, che era a quell'epoca di stanza a Fi= renze, e a cui vi prego di voler gentilmente inviare i documenti ri= ferentisi alla questione.

Con la presente invio i buoni di prelevamente per i generi da voi addebitatici erroneamente.

Fto J. NATHANSON

P. C. C.
IL S.TENENTE COMMISSARIO
Fto MEUCCI LUCIANO

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IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

12 Dec. 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :-

77 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, PESARO.

Cuth. Tatham Capt.
C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM Capt. - R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit	6 December 1946
(c) Name of Depot	77 Food Distribution Depot - PESARO
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. SOSTEGNI Capt. LORENZETTI
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made)	5/6 weeks.
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building. Ample accomodation.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Battens and cartons
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit and Veg. Method of procurement.	Units purchase locally on contract. Ample supplies available.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Civilian bakery on contract. Bread is good.
(k) Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	3 - 1 for fresh meat. 2 for other supplies.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	2200 quintals
(ii) Forage	180 quintals - 8 horses on f.s.
(iii) Lignite	Nil
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	3 clerks - 10 Labourers
(l) Guards	1 NCO and 12 men of 6 Guard Regt. 1 stick sentry by day. 2 armed sentries by night.
(m) Fire precuations	6 Fire Points, Extinguishers, and buckets picks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	No sign of rats. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil

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(n) Anti rat precautions	No sign of rats. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil
(p) Depot transport	Nil. Transport is supplied when required by 6 Terr. Command.
(q) Feeding strengths (i) Army	2,500

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(ii) Total number of Units — 6 Units and sub units

(r) Accountancy
Allied system — Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A. in use. Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Good. Clean and adequate.
Dining quarters — Excellent
Recreational quarters — None considered necessary.
Cookhouse — Adequate. Kept clean.
Latrines & Ablutions — Adequate. Efforts have been made and results satisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men — Fatigues worn at depot duly. Turn out of men off duty in town; well up to standard.

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

A satisfactory and well run Depot.

C.W. Lockwood Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer - 7 BDU

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

23 December 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

- 6 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, BOLOGNA

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer 7 BLU

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM Capt. accompanied by Lt.Col. HARDIE ADST, MMIA
(b) Date of visit	18 December 1946
(c) Name of Depot	No. 6 Food Distribution Depot, BOLOGNA.
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Major PEREZ 30 Officers - 6 WOs and ORs.
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15/30 days.
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover, etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks in general
(iii) Dunnage	Battens and eburite cartons. More dunnage required for salt and sugar stocks.
(g) (i) Fresh fruit & Veg Method of procurement	Local purchase by Units.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakery on contract.
(k) Tally cards.	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(l) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4. Temporary meat issue point unsatisfactory.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	12,000 qtls
(ii) Forage	2,500 " 120 horses on feeding strength
(iii) Lignite	Nil
(h) Labour (Civilian employed)(numbers)	10 clerks. 95 labourers.
(l) Guards	1 NCO 30 ORs Armed 2 LMGs. Orders and duties typed and exhibited on walls.
(m) Fire precautions	16 x 3 gall. Extinguishers. 3 Fire Points. Fire orders posted on walls.

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(m) Fire precautions	16 x 3 gall. Extinguishers. 3 Fire Points. Fire orders posted on walls.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled doors.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Mess rooms not yet completed. Window glass expected; bad weather has delayed to work, O.C. expects the work to be completed early Jan '47. Work expected to commence shortly on premises for offices and accomodation, which when completed will increase depot storage space.
(p) Depot transport	No domestic vehicles. Supplied when required by 6 Territorial Command.
(q) Feeding strength (Army)	10,000
(ii)	50 units and sub units - including Carabinieri posts.

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(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system in accordance with M.M.I.A. instructions. Well kept.

(s) Accomodation

Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Aboutions

} Not applicable. Personnel live and fed out.

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

(u) Visiting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement :-

A well run and efficient depot, but too many civilian employees engaged. A full report on ~~Registration~~ Refrigeration plant will be submitted in January, as required by A.D.S.T.

Cullh. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. ~~R.~~A.S.C.
S & T Officer 7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

12 December 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :-

76 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, ANCONA.

Cuth. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer 7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM Capt. R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit	9 December 1946
(c) Name of Depot	No. 76 Food Distribution Depot ANCONA
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten. MACIOCE) 3 NCOs Ten. SINISCALCHI S/Ten. PIZZICHELLA) 3 ORs
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	5/6 weeks
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings, adequate and airy.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Wooden battems and cartons.
(g) (i) Fresh fruit and veg.method of procurement.	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Civil bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.
(k) Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(i) Detail,issue Points in depot (number)	1 for fresh meat - 2 for other supplies.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	1,500 quintals
(ii) Forage	170 quintals - 8 horses in f.s.
(iii) Coal	75 quintals
(iv) Coke	75 quintals
(h) Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	6 clerks - 12 workers.
(l) Guards	3 (civilians) armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers adequate and fire points set up. Sand and sand bags, picks and shovels at points
(n) Anti-gas precautions	

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(ii) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings, adequate and airy.
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(n) Anti rat precautions	1 dog and 1 cat keeping rats down.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See under "g"
(p) Depot transport	2 x 30 cwts 1 x 50 cwts with 5 ton trailer.

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(q) Feeding strength
(i) Army — 1,500

(ii) Total number of units — 10 units and sub units

(r) Accountancy
Allied system
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General remarks — Combined system as laid down by M.M.L.A. in use. Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Excellent - Large and clean

Dining quarters — Excellent

Recreational quarters — Not considered necessary

Cookhouse — Excellent

Latrines & Ablutions — Clean and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men — Well up to standard. Smart when in town off duty.

(u) Visiting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement :-

Work on storage depot at VIA CARDETTO has been started and is progressing. Unless there are unforeseen delays, the depot ought to be able to move from present location to new stores in Feb. 1947.

Cwh. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & Tm Officer 7 BLU

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

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30 November 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

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Herewith we forward report on visit to :

No. 7 Admn. Transport Coy (includes Amb. Car Platoon).

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Cuth. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT ON VISIT OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1.	Unit	No.7 Admn. Transport Coy(Incl.Amb.Car Platoon)
2.	Date of visit	25 November 1946
3.	Name of O.C.	Capt. LAWRENCE
4.	Strength	
	(a) W.E.	Officers 9 / NCOs 12 / ORs 204
	(b) Actual strength	Officers 7 / NCOs 12 / ORs 125
5.	Vehicles (Loadcarriers)	Trucks / Cars / M/Cs / Ambulances
	(a) W.E.	51+1 W/S Veh. / 16 / 17 / 20
	(b) Actual number held	53+1 W/S Veh. 1 Light Rec Veh 1 Autobus 9 trailers 2 trucks attd / 12+2 Jeep 4 attd 3 Jeeps attd / 13 / 14+3 Mob. Bath Units
	(c) Number V.O.R.	29 / 6+1 Jeep / 3 / 7
	(d) Number beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Yes. 38 Vehs in 7 Rep.Unit W/Ss. 7 in Unit W/Ss.
	(e) Have vehs in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Yes.
	(f) Number of Daily and standing details.	13 vehicles Local details (trucks, Cars, M/Cycles) 26 on detachment (AREZZO, LIVORNO, SIENA, PISTOIA)
	(g) Number of vehicles not in use on date of visit.	
	(h) General conditions of vehs	14. Condition of vehicles in general is deteriorating. Copy of OC Unit report to 7 Territorial Command showing detail of deficiencies attached.
	(i) General conditions of tyres number of spares tyres held	Fair. 4 trucks off road due to lack of tyres. 10 600 x 6 tyres on loan from 7 Repair Unit for pass. cars. No recent allocation of tyres for trucks, but OC expects an assignemtn of tyres for passenger vehs, shortly. Each truck and ambulance on road carry 1 spare tyre.

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1 Autobus 3 Jeeps attd
9 trailers
2 trucks attd

(c) Number V.O.R.

29 6x4 Jeep 3 7

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(j) Are Targa Numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible ?

Yes. Complete.

(k) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts if so give details and date of demands already submitted

Demands on Stores PIACENZA are being partially met, but position is not very satisfactory. Demands are still outstanding.

6. Vehicle Park

(a) Is it the best space available ? (General layout)

Yes. Good. Vehicles stand under cover.

(b) Conditions of standings

Good.

(c) Guards and piquets

2 Armed - 2½ hours guards.

(d) Condition of POL store

Excellent - 3 months POL held.

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(e) Quantities of POL held

Petrol 95,000 Kms | Diesel 150,000 Kms | Kero 1665 | Oils Stocks improved Approx 4 %

(f) Fire precautions

12 x 3 gall. Hand Ext. 1 x 34 gall. Mobile Foam Ext. Considered adequate.

(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. ?

Yes. Good wash. Ramps and pits.

7. Administration

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out ?

Yes. Individual Vehicle record. Milage details etc. recorded.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?

Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles

None.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood ?

Yes and notified daily in orders.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for ?

Yes in 412s.

(f) Condition of 412s.

Satisfactory.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?

Yes.

(h) Personnel records - Are they up to date (bath book, guard roster etc.)?

Yes. Hot showers twice weekly. Platoon Officers keep guard bath roster.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals ?

Visited fortnightly. Vehicles changed monthly.

(j) Welfare

Unit canteen. Beer. Coffee. Sandwiches and fruit on sale. Cards etc. Fooball is played. Daily newspapers supplied.

8. Accomodation

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition)

Satisfactory and clean.

(b) Dining quarters

Good. Clean and free from flies.

(c) Recreation quarters

Unit canteen. Pool of

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8. Accomodation

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Satisfactory and clean.

(b) Dining quarters — Good. Clean and free from flies.

(c) Recreation quarters — Unit canteeen. Football ground. Excellent club.

(d) Ration store — Clean and well laid down.

(e) Latrines — Clean - Automatic flushing.

(f) Ablutions — Satisfactory. Barbers shop.

(g) Cookhouse — Small but adequate. Excellent meal served. No complaints.

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9. General remarks

(General turnout of men, standard of Units etc.)

Very good on the whole. Recruits are good physical and mental standard. Are much better equipped than formerly. All have 2 suits winter uniform and greatcoats.

C.W. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.I.U.

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PRO - MEMORIA PER IL 7 B.L.U.

Le inefficienze continuano ad ascendere per le seguenti note ragioni :-

1) - Difficolta' ricambi sia per l'Autoreparto che per il 7 Reparto Riparazioni.

2) - Mancanza di assegnazione sul Capitolo 43 per cui ne consegue che :
- il 7 Reparto Riparazioni procede nelle lavorazioni con lentezza.
- l'Officina dell'Autoreparto e' pressoche' ferma.

Se gli inconvenienti lamentati fossero prontamente ovviati occorrerebbero dalle 6 alle 8 settimane d'intenso lavoro per ristabilire le primitive condizioni.

E' quindi necessario provvedere acciocche' :-

- siano subito concesse le normali assegnazioni sia al 7 Reparto Riparazioni che al 7 Autoreparto.
- siano assegnati i pneumatici piu' volte richiesti (1).
- che il Ministero Guerra ripiani subito le attuali deficienze di organico.

Se tanto non sara' possibile ottenere subito l'Autoreparto fra non molto si trovera' in una situazione tale che ben difficilmente potra' rimettersi nelle condizioni primitive.

(1) - Fabbisogno pneumatici :

Coperture 5,50 x 15	No. 20	Coperture 210 x 20	No. 32
Camere d'aria "	" 20	Camere d'aria	" 40
Coperture 5,00x15	" 5	Coperture 270x20	" 8
Camere d'aria "	" 5	Camere d'aria "	" 12
		Coperture 165x400	" 15
		Camere d'aria "	" 18

IL COMANDANTE D'AUTOREPARTO
Cap. TANNACE ARMANDO'

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MEMO FOR 7 B.L.U.

Inefficiencies are continuing for the following known reasons :-

1) - Difficulty in getting spares for the unit and for 7 Repair Unit.

2) - Lack of assign ent on Capitolo 48 and as a consequence :-

- 7 Repair Unit is making repairs very slowly.
- Unit shop is almost at a dead point.

If a.m. troubles would be eliminated, 6 to 8 weeks should be required in order to have former conditions.

It is then necessary :-

- to allow normal assignment both to 7 Repair Unit and 7 Transport Coy.
- assign tyres required several times (1)
- that the Ministry of War complete as soon as possible present deficiencies, against W.E.

If what notified above will not be possible 7 Tpt Coy will shortly find itself in such a situation from which it will be very difficult to get back to former conditions.

(1) Requirement of tyres

Tyres 5,50 x 15 each 20
Tuber 5,50 x 15 each 20
Tyres 5,00 x 15 each 5
Tubes 5,00 x 15 each 5
Tubes 165x400 each 18

(1) Requirement of tyres

Tyres 210 x 20 each 32
Tubes 210 x 20 each 40
Tyres 270 x 20 each 8
Tubes 270 x 20 each 12
Tyres 165 x 400 " 15

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6 Nov. 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith we forward report on visit to :

77 Food Distribution Depot, PESARO.

Cush. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit.	1st November 1946
(c) Name of Depot	77 Food Distribution Depot, PESARO
(d) Name of C.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. SOSTEGNI " LORENZETTI
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made)	5/6 weeks.
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building. Ample accomodation.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Battens and cartons.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit and Veg. Methof of procurement.	Units purchase locally on contract. Ample supplies available.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Civilian bakery on contract. Bread is good.
(k) Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	3 - 1 for fresh meat, 2 for other supplies.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	2500 quintals
(ii) Forage	240 quintals. 8 horses on feeding strength
(iii) Lignite	Nil
(h) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	3 clerks - 10 labourers.
(l) Guards	1 NCO and 12 men of 6 Guard Regt. 1 stick sentry by day. 2 armed sentries by night
(m) Fire precautions.	6 Fire Points. Extinguishers, sand buckets picks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	No sign of rats. Doors metalled.

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(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Battens and cartons.
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(m) Fire precautions.	6 Fire Points. Extinguishers, sand buckets picks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	No sign of rats. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil
(p) Depot transport	Nil. Transport is supplied when required by 6 Terr. Command.
(q) Feeding strengths (i) Army	2,500

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(ii) Total number of units — 6 Units and sub units

(r) Accountancy
- Allied system — Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A. in use.
- Italian system
- General remarks — Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation
- Sleeping quarters — Good. Clean and adequate.
- Dining quarters — Excellent
- Recreational quarters — None considered necessary.
- Cookhouse — Adequate. Kept clean.
- Latrines & Ablutions — Adequate. Efforts have been made and results satisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men — Fatigues worn at depot duly. Turn out of men off duty in town; well up to standard.

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

A satisfactory and well run Depot.

C.W. Latham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :-

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM Capt. R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit	2nd November 1946
(c) Name of Depot	No. 76 Food Distribution Depot, ANCONA
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten. MACIOCE) 3 NCOs Ten. SINISCALCHI S/Ten. PIZZICHELLA)5 ORs
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	5/6 weeks
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings, adequate and airy.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high
(iii) Dunnage	Wooden battens and cartons
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg. Method of Procurement	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Civil± bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.
(k) Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(i) Detail Issue Points in Depot (number)	1 for fresh meat -2 for other supplies.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	2,000 quintals
(ii) Forage	60/70 quintals. 8 horses on feeding strength.
(iii) Coal	50 qtls.
(iv) Coke	50 qtls
(h) Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	6 clerks - 12 workers.
(l) Guards	3 (civilians) armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers adequate

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(f) Physical Warehousing	
(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings, adequate and airy.
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(h) Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	6 clerks - 12 workers.
(l) Guards	3 (civilians) armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers adequate and fire points set up. Sand and sand bags, picks and shovels at points.
(n) Anti rat precautions	1 dog and 1 cat keeping rats down.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See under "U"
(p) Depot Transport	2 x 30 cwts 1 x 50 cwt with 5 ton trailer.

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(q) Feeding strength
(i) Army — 1,500

(ii) Total number of units — 10 units and sub units.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system: Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A. in use.
Italian system:
General remarks: Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation

Sleeping quarters	Excellent - large and clean
Dining quarters	Excellent
Recreational quarters	Not considered necessary.
Cookhouse	Excellent
Latrines & Ablutions	Clean and adequate

(t) General turnout of men — Well up to standard. Smart when in town off duty

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

6 Territorial Command has recently received authority from Ministry of War for the necessary work on the Storage Depot at Via Cardetto. Genio Militare BOLOGNA has the matter in hand and work should commence in 10/15 days.

Cwh. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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31 October 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A. ✓

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE.

Cuth. Tatham, Capt.

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit	30 October 1946
(c) Name of depot.	7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE.
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Lt.Col. TUCCI Lt. EMANUELE S.Lt. FEDI (Fuel and Forage Depot) Capt. BALBI (Bakery and Flour Mill)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made)	15/30 days
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building, but still cramped for space.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage)	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg Method of procurement.	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Flour drawn by Units and baking by local civilian bakeries. Excellent bread.
(h) Tally cards.	Are kept. Are accurate and up to date.
(i) Details issue points in Depot (number)	4 Issue points.
(j) Fuels (i) wood storage	3334 quintals
(ii) Forage	1264 quintals. 100 horses on feeding strength.
(iii) Lignite	520 quintals.
(iv) Coke	Nil.
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	3 clerks. 41 manual labourers. This number is considered necessary as it includes both food and Fuel Depots. Also loading and unloading rail trucks at sidings.
(l) Guards.	

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(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent. Buildings and yards cleaned and repaired.
(ii)Stocking height etc.	8/12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage)	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg Method of procurement.	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply
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(l) Guards.	1 NCO and 14 soldiers. 4 Civilian Armed Caretakers. Stock sentry by day. Armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions.	Fire Picquet in Guardroom. Typed fire orders. 2 Extinguishers in Food and 10 in Fuel Depots. Buckets with water and sand, mattocks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions.	Trained terriers. Rat traps. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See general remarks under "U".

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(p) Depot Transport — No domestic transport. Supplies are collected by vehicles detailed by No.7 Terr.Command.

(q) Feeding strength (Army - Italian) (i) — 14/15,000

(ii) Total number of units. — 20. "FOLGORE" Div. draws bulk.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system / Italian system / General remarks. — Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A. in use.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters: Overcrowded. / Dining quarters: Small but clean mess room. / Recreational " : Nil. / Cookhouse: Primitive, but as good as can be expected in present accomodation. / Latrines & Ablutions: Unsatisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men. — Overalls worn during working hours. Morale seems good and men turned out well when off duty.

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

Since last visit, the accomodation at the new location at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO, although not completed, has had a lot of work done and Capt. BALBI, with 3 NCOs and 17 ORs from Territorial Command and "FOLGORE" Div. is in occupation.

Financial sanction has been received and work is in hand on the Storage Depot.

The bakery will commence baking on 1st Nov. and civilians contracts in FLORENCE district will be terminated.

The flour mill is ready to operate and grain is expected shortly.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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31 October 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A. ✓

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

6 Food Distribution Depot, BOLOGNA.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM - R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of visit	29 October 1946
(c) Name of Depot	No. 6 Food Distribution Depot, BOLOGNA.
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Major PEREZ 3 Officers - 6 W.Os and ORs.
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15/30 days.
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 Sacks.
(iii) Dunnage	Battens and eburite cartons.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg Method of procurement.	Local purchase by units.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakeries on contract.
(k) Tally cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4 meat store, clean and fly proof.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	10,000 quintals.
(ii) Forage	2,000 " 120 horses on feeding strength
(iii) Lignite	Nil.
(h) Labour (Civilian employed) (numbers)	10 clerks. 95 labourers.
(l) Guards.	1 NCO 30 ORs Armed 2 LMGs Orders and duties typed and exhibited on walls
(m) Fire precautions	16 x 3 gall. Extinguishers. 3 Fire Points. Fire orders posted on walls.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled doors.

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(n) Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled doors.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Mess rooms not yet completed. Bad weather has delayed the work, also lack of materials. Expected to be ready in 10/15 days.
(p) Depot transport	No domestic vehicles. Supplied when required by 6 Territorial Command.
(q) Feeding strengths. (Army)	10,000

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(ii) Total number of units. 50 Units and Sub-units.

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system in accordance with MAIA instructions. Well kept.

(s) Accomodation

Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions

Not applicable. Personnel live and fed out.

(t) General turnout of men. Good.

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

Rice is impo sible to obtain at present. This depot has been out of wine for the past week, but supplies are expected this week.

A well run and efficient depot.

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

15th October 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A. ✓

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

78 Food Distribution Depot, LIVORNO.

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II ISCH OFFICER REPORT
ON [illegible] DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)
VISIT

(a)	Visiting Name of [illegible] Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Visit [illegible]	14 October 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	78 Food Distribution Depot, LIVORNO
(d)	Name of I.C.O. (Other Officers)	Capt. BERGONZANI B. Lt. BELLUCCI Lt. CECCHERINI 3 NCOs
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (check with books)	30 / 45 days
(f)	Physical Characteristics (i) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Good building - clean and water proof Floors dry.
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8 / 10 sacks high
	(iii) Damage	Good - on wooden Battens
(g)	(i) Branch Unit & Ve. Method of procurement	Units purchase locally
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civilian bakeries on contract Bread is excellent.
(k)	Tally cards	Yes. Accurate and up to date
(i)	Retail issue points in Depot (number)	One. Considered adequate. No issues fresh meat. Units purchase locally.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	620 qtls.
	(ii) Forage	150 qtls.
	(iii) Limits	50 qtls.
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed)(number)	

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(e)	Physical Characteristics (i) Construction, cover etc.	30 / 45 days Good building - clean and water proof Floors dry.
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8 / 10 sacks high
	(iii) Drainage	Good - on wooden Battens
(f)	(i) Bread Unit & We. method of measurement	Units purchase locally
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civilian bakeries on contract Bread is excellent.
(g)	Tally cards	Yes. Accurate and up to date
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One. Considered adequate. No issues fresh meat. Units purchase locally.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	620 qtls.
	(ii) Form e	150 qtls.
	(iii) Li nite	50 qtls.
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	2 clerks - 9 workers.
(l)	Guards	New depot is located in Carabinieri Caserma. Guards are found by Carabinieri Coy.
(-)	Fire precautions	Adequate. 30 x 3 gall Extinguishers. O.C. has applied for Water Hose for hydrant.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	Few rats in new premises. 40 Rat traps. Doors metalled.
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil.

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(p) Depot transport — 2 x 6 ton LANCIA 3 RO

(q) Posting strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air)
(SR-US-ITI-LII) — Army 3800
US-ITI 900

(ii) Total number of units — 23 army. US-ITI 1 Bn. (13 sub-units.)

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system according to M.M.L.A. Instructions.
Italian system
General remarks — Account are kept up to date and well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions — Not applicable.
Personnel are accomodated by Carabinieri Coy.

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

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

This Depot moved on 15th Sept. to new location at No.11 Via PIETRO BADOGLIO, COSIMO DEL PONTE, LIVORNO.
Excellent accomodation, in good condition.
A great improvement in all respects.

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Italian system:
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(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters; Dining quarters; Recreational quarters; Cookhouse; Latrines & Ablutions: Not applicable. Personnel are accomodated by Carabinieri Coy.

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

(u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, sub-stations etc. for improvement.

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ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT ON VISIT TO DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of visiting Officer — Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of visit — 10th October 1946

(c) Name of Depot — "FOLGORE" D.M.A. (18th Transp. & Supply Coy)

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Maj. DE ALFARO
Ten. SALERNO (Petrol Point)
A/Ten. LUCA (Supply)

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made) — 15/20 days

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accomodation, Cover etc. — Good and adequate.

(ii) Stocking height etc. — 6 / 8 sacks high.

(iii) Damage — Cartons and wood battens; good dry concrete floors.

(g) (i) Fresh fruit and Veg. method of procurement. — Local purchase by Units; plentiful supply.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Local bakery on contract. ~~Bakery also recently tested by S.I.P. and Biol Bakery.~~

(h) Tally cards — In use and up to date.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (Number) — One.

(j) P.O.L. held — Petrol 191.391 kilos; Dery. 55026 kilos; Kero 8520 kilos; Lubs Less than6 Divisional Reserve
Units in PISTOIA, LUCCA and PISA District draw direct from C.I.P.

(k) Labour (Civilians employed)(Numbers) — None.

(l) Guards. — Store is alongside main Guardroom.
2 armed sentries patrol by night.

(m) Fire precautions — 4 Fire Points Appliances held

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(f) Physical Warehousing

(i) Accomodation, Cover etc. — Good and adequate.

(ii) Stocking height etc. — 6 / 8 sacks high.

(iii) Dunnage — Cartons and wood battens; good dry concrete floors.

(g) (i) Fresh fruit and Veg. method of procurement. — Local purchase by Units: plentiful supply.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Local bakery on contract. ~~Overseas bread currently supplied by S.F.B. and Field Bakery.~~

(h) Tally cards — In use and up to date.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (Number) — One.

(j) P.O.L. held

Petrol	Derv.	Kero	Lubs
191,391 kilos	55026 kilos	8520 kilos	Less than ½

Divisional Reserve

Units in VIAREGGIO, LUCCA and PISA District draw direct from C.I.R.

(k) Labour (Civilians employed)(Numbers) — None.

(l) Guards. — Store 16 alongside main Guardroom.
2 armed sentries patrol by night.

(m) Fire precautions

4 Fire Points	Appliances held
NCO & 5 ORs	1 x ¾ gall. Mobile Foam
as Fire Picquet	4 x 20 litre hand
	7 x 1 gall. Do

(n) Anti rat precautions — None necessary. No sign of rats.

(o) RE Works outstanding (State how long) — None

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(p) Depot Transport — 2 x 3 ton Bedford
1 Stage. Car

(q) Feeding strength (Army) (I) — 327 in FLORENCE
2220 drawn from D.M.S. FLORENCE

(ii) Total number of units — 25 in FLORENCE - 25 in FERÓIA

(r) Accountancy — Combined system in accordance with M.M.I.A. Instructions in use. Well kept.

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Good accomodation. Clean and tidy.
Living quarters — Men feed with their own Platoons.
Recreational quarters — Have use of amenities of Transport Coy.
Cookhouse — Same. See above.
Latrines & Ablutions — Men use main latrines and showers. Quite satisfactory and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men — Good. During working hours men wear overalls or vests and shorts.

Cmdr. Tatham Capt.

C.W. WOODWOOD - TATHAM
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ST/ APPENDIX "C"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON VISIT TO TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit — 184 Transport & Supply Coy ("FOLGORE" Division)

2. Date of visit. — 10th October 1946

3. Name of O.C. — Major DE ALFARO

4. Strength
(a) W.E.

Officers	NCOs	Ptes
14	26	336

(b) Actual strength

17 (includes 3 attd. temporarily)	32	282

5. Vehicles (loadcarriers)
(a) W.E.

3 tons	15 Cwts	Cars	M/Cycles
105 + 2 W/S	7	11	37

(b) Actual number held on charge

60 x 3 tonn.
4 x 3 tonn.
3 x 10 " & trailers
1 stores vehicle
5 water tankers
— 7+2 light Vans — 6 — 18 (Recce Cars 1)

(c) Number V.O.R. — 15 x 3 tonners with O.A.R.E. Base W/Shop BOLOGNA.

(d) Number beyond unit repair have they been evacuated ? — Yes.

(e) Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength? — Yes.

(f) Number of Daily and Standing details. — 10. Balance as detailed by Div. Commander.

(g) Number of vehs not in use on date of visit. — 46 x 3 tonners.

(h) General conditions of vehs. — Good. 27 vehicles recently replaced and returned from Base W/Shop, 15 (as at (d) above) expected shortly.

(i) General conditions of tyres — Good. Tyres in general are in good shape, excepting motorcycles.

number of spares tyres held — 1 per load carrier.

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5. Vehicles (loadcarriers)

	3 ton.	15 Cwts	Cars	M/Cycles
(a) W.E.	105 + 2 W/S	7	11	37
(b) Actual number held on charge	60 x 3 tonn. 4 x 3 tonn. 3 x 10 " & trailers 1 stores vehicle 5 water tankers	7+2 light Vans	6	18 (Recce Cars 1
(c) Number V.O.R.	15 x 3 tonners with O.A.R.E. Base W/Shop BOLOGNA.			
(d) Number beyond unit repair have they been evacuated ?	Yes.			
(e) Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Yes.			
(f) Number of Daily and Standing details.	10. Balance as detailed by Div. Commander.			
(g) Number of vehs not in use on date of visit.	46 x 3 tonners.			
(h) General conditions of vehs.	Good. 27 vehicles recently replaced and returned from Base W/Shop, 15 (as at (d) above) expected shortly.			
(i) General conditions of tyres	Good. Tyres in general are in good shape, excepting motorcycles.			
number of spares tyres held	1 per load carrier.			
(j) Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible ?	Yes.			
(k) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Not now. Spares and replacements coming through in fair quantity recently.			
(l)	Copy of Ministry of War Circular 7302/2 CA of 30 August received and action has been taken "Vehicle maintenance and inspection instructions" have been issued to all driver personnel.			

6. Vehicle Park

(a) Is it the best space available ? (General layout) — Yes

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(b) Condition of standings — Good. No overhead cover.

(c) Guards and picquets — 2 sentries by day. 1 NCO and 8 armed sentries by night.

(d) Condition of P.O.L. store)
(e) Quantities of POL held) — See report on D.M.A. 184 Transport Coy

(f) Fire Precautions

4 Fire Points	Appliances held
NCO & 5 ORs	1 x 34 gall Mobile Foam
as fire picquet	40x20 litre. Hand.
	7 x 1 Gall. hand.

(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. — Vehicle Park is used for greasing cleaning and daily tasks.

7. Administration

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out ? — Yes.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers ? — Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles. — None.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood. — Yes. and initialled by Platoon Officers.

(e) Are Petrol and oil accounted for ? — Yes.

(f) Condition of 412s — Clean and up to date.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out ? — Yes.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc) — Yes. Personnel records kept up to date by Admn. Officer. Guard and Bath roster kept by Platoon Officers.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals ? — No detachments out.

(j) Welfare — Excellent Canteen and bar for men. Fencing room. NCO Mess. 2 radios.
Coffee, cakes, sandwitches etc. on sale.
Daily

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Daily newspapers.

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8. Accomodation

(a) Sleeping quarters	Very good. Clean and tidy. Extra blanket being issued this week.
(b) Dining quarters	Good. Accomodation and food excellent. No compääints.
(c) Recreation quarters	Football, boxing and fencing. Table tennis. Men seem in good physical condition.
(d) Cookhouse	Good. Clean and cooking excellent. Fly proof netting used.
(e) Ration store	Satisfactory. Fly proof in use.
(f) Latrines.	Clean. Good water supply and automatic flushing.
(g) Ablutions	Satisfactory. 2 separate sets showers and baths available daily.

9. General remarks. (General turnout of men, standard of units etc.) — High average. 80 new recuits from No. 7 CAR recently arrived and O.C. unit expressed great satisfaction with the state of their training. The turnout in town off duty is excellent.

C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON [redacted] DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)
VISIT TO

(a)	Name of Visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Inspection	23 September 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	No. 6 Food Distribution Depot - BOLOGNA
(d)	Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Major PEREZ[redacted] 3 Officers - 6 W.O.s. Sgts and ORs.
(e)	Stock position (No of days) (check with)	15/30 days.
(f)	Physical Warehousing (i) Ventilation, cover etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 Sacks.
	(iii) Dunnage	Battens and eburite cartons.
(g)	(i) Bread Unit (i.e. method of procurement	Local purchase by units.
	(ii) Brief number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakeries on contract.
(k)	Tally cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(l)	Retail issue points in Depot (number)	4. Meat store, clean and fly proof.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	12,000 quintals
	(ii) Coke	2,000 "
	(iii) Lignite	200 "
(h)	Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	

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(c)	Stock Position (No of days) (Check with)	15/30 days.
(g)	Physical Warehousing (i) Ventilation, cover etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 Sacks.
	(iii) Dunnage	Battens and eburite cartons.
(j)	(i) Depot Centit (Ve method of procurement	Local purchase by units.
	(ii) Brand number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakeries on contract.
(k)	Tally cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4. Heat store, clean and fly proof.
(m)	Fuels (i) Wood stores	12,000 quintals
	(ii) Forage	2,000 "
	(iii) Limite	200 "
(n)	Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers)	10 clerks. 95 Labourers.
(o)	Guards	1 NCO. 30 ORs Armed. 2 LMGs.
(p)	Fire precautions	Orders and duties typed and exhibited on walls. 16 x 3 gall Extinguishers. 8 Fire points. Fire orders posted on walls.
(q)	Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled floors.
(r)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Workers mess rooms mentioned in last report not yet completed. Work is in hand and should be finished about 15 Oct. '45.

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(p) Depot transport

~~No issues while less Supplies than required by G Serv. Command.~~

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) (Army, ~~RAF~~, ~~Civilian~~, ~~US Military~~)

~~9,000~~

(ii) Total number of units

~~50 Units and Detachts.~~

(r) Accountancy Allied system
~~Italian system~~
~~General remarks~~

~~Combined system in accordance with WAI instructions.~~

~~Well kept.~~

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions

~~Not applicable. Personnel live and feed out.~~

(t) General turnout of men

~~Good.~~

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

A well run and efficient depot.

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(ii) Total number of units ~~50 Units and Detachts.~~

(r) Accountancy Allied system ~~Combined system in accordance with NAA instructions.~~
Italian system
General reports ~~Well kept.~~

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters } ~~Not applicable. Personnel live and feed out.~~
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions }

(t) General turnout of men ~~Good.~~

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

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C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.O.C.
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ST APPEND "B"

II ECH OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF FOOD (SUPPLIES)
VISIT TO

(a) Visiting Unit of Inspecting Officer ..... Capt. E.F. LOCKWOOD - ROYAL A.S.C. .....

(b) Date of Inspection ..... 20 September 1946 .....

(c) Name of Depot ..... 77 Food Distribution Depot, PENANG. .....

(d) Name of I.O. (Other Officers) ..... Capt. SOSTEGNI
LOCKWOOD .....

(e) Stock Position (No of Days) (check with) ..... 5/6 weeks. .....

(f) Physical Throughput:-
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. ..... Excellent buildings - Ample accomodation. .....

(ii) Stocking height etc. ..... 8/10 packs high. .....

(iii) Damage ..... Pattens and Cartons. .....

(g) (i) Each Unit & Method of Procurement ..... Units purchase locally on contract ample supplies available. .....

(ii) Brief number of bakeries on contract ..... Civilian Bakery on contract. Bread is good. .....

(h) Tally cards ..... Clean and up to date. .....

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) ..... 3. - 1 for fresh meat, 2 for other supplies. .....

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood storage ..... 4,000 quintals. .....

(ii) Charcoal ..... 60 quintals. 3 horses on feeding strength. .....

(iii) Limits .....

(k) Labour
(Civilians employed) (numbers) ..... 3 Clerks & 10 labourers. .....

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(check with)

(e) Physical Requirements
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Excellent buildings - Ample accomodation.

(ii) Stacking height etc. — 8/10 sacks high.

(iii) Dunnage — Battens and Cartons.

(f) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units purchase locally on contract ample supplies available.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Civilian Bakery on contract. Bread is good.

(g) Tally cards — Clean and up to date.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — 3. - 1 for fresh meat, 2 for other supplies.

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood storage — 4,000 quintals.

(ii) Forage — 80 quintals. 3 horses on feeding strength.

(iii) Lignite

(k) Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers) — 3 clerks - 10 labourers.

(l) Guards — 1 NCO and 12 men of 6 Guard Regt. 1 stick sentry by day. 2 armed sentries by night.

(m) Fire precautions — 6 fire points - Extinguishers, sand buckets picks and shovels.

(n) Anti rat precautions — No sign of rate - Doors metalled.

(o) AE Works outstanding (state how long) — Nil.

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(b) Depot transport — Nil. Transport is supplied when required by 6 Tpr. Command.

(c) Feeding strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air Force) — 4,500.

(ii) Total number of units — 6 Units and sub Units.

(d) Accountancy — Allied system / Italian system / General remarks — Combined system as laid down by A.F.H.Q. in use. Accounts are well kept.

(e) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters — Good. Clean and adequate.
Dining quarters — Excellent.
Recreational quarters — None considered necessary.
Cookhouse — Adequate. Kept clean.
Latrines & Ablutions — Adequate. Efforts have been made and results satisfactory.

(f) General turnout of men — Vests and shorts or fatigues worn on depot duty. Turn out of men off duty in town, well up to standard.

(g) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement.

A satisfactory and well run Depot.

Lieut Colonel

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(ii) Total number of units — 6 Units and sub Units.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system: Combined system as laid down by MAIA in use.
Italian system:
General remarks: Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters: Good. Clean and adequate.
Dining quarters: Excellent.
Recreational quarters: None considered necessary.
Cookhouse: Adequate. Kept clean.
Latrines & Ablutions: Adequate. Efforts have been made and results satisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men — Vests and shorts or fatigues worn on depot duty. Turn out of men off duty in town, well up to standard.

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

A satisfactory and well run Depot.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.I.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

Tel : 29561.8/23

26 September 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

6 Food Distribution Depot, BOLOGNA

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.O.C.
S & T Officer
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Subject : Report on visit.

To : A.D.S.T., N.W.I.A.

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

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C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)
VISIT TO

(a)	Name of Visiting Officer	C.W. LOCKWOOD - TARNHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Inspection	23 September 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	No. 6 Food Distribution Depot - ECLOMUS
(d)	Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Major PERRIN 2 Officers - 6 W.O.s Sgts and ORs.
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (check with ledger)	15/30 days.
(f)	Physical Surroundings (i) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 Sacks.
	(iii) Dunnage	Battens and ebunite cartons.
(g)	(i) Stock limit & Method of procurement	Local purchase by units.
	(ii) Brand number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakeries on contract.
(k)	Bulk cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4. Meat store, clean and fly proof.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	12,000 quintals
	(ii) Forage	2,000 "
	(iii) Lignite	200 "
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers)	10 clerks. 95 Labourers.

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	(Check with)	
(g)	Physical Surroundings (i) Ventilation, Sewerage etc.	Excellent. Spacious and well laid out.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 Sacks.
	(iii) Drums	Battens and ebonite cartons.
(j)	(i) Branch Depot & Ration method of procurement	Local purchase by units.
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread. Civilian bakeries on contract.
(k)	Tally cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4. Meat store, clean and fly proof.
(m)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	12,000 quintals
	(ii) Forage	2,000 "
	(iii) Lignite	200 "
(n)	Labour (Civilians employed ;(numbers)	? See last half 10 clerks. 95 Labourers.
(o)	Guards	1 NCO 30 ORs Armed 2 LMGs. Orders and duties typed and exhibited on walls.
(p)	Fire precautions	16 x 3 gall Extinguishers. 8 Fire points Fire orders posted on walls.
(q)	Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled doors.
(r)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Workers mess room mentioned in last report not yet completed. Work is in hand and should be finished about 15 Oct. '46.

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(p) Depot transport — No domestic vehicles. Supplied when required by G Serv. Command.

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) [illegible]

9,000

(ii) Total number of units — 50 Units and Subunits.

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system in accordance with MMTA instructions.
~~Italian System~~
~~General Necessity~~

Well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse — Not applicable. Personnel live and feed out.
Latrines & Ablutions

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

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

A well run and efficient depot.

Capt. Tatham, Cdt.

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(ii) Total number of units — 50 Units and Submits.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system / ~~Italian system~~ / ~~General remarks~~ — Combined system in accordance with LMTA instructions.

Well kept.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters

Dining quarters

Recreational quarters

Cookhouse — Not applicable. Personnel live and feed out.

Latrines & Ablutions

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

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

A well run and efficient depot.

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
BELGRADE

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

Tel : 293613/25

26 September 1946

Subject : Report on visit

To : A.D.S.T., M.M.L.A.

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :-

7 Food Distribution Depot, ANCONA

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
7 B.L.U.

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Subject : Report on visit

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7/Food Distribution Depot, ANCONA

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C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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ST APPENDIX "B"

II ISCH OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTIONS/VISITS (SUPPLIES)
VISIT TO

(a) Name of Visiting Officer ... C.V. LOCKWOOD - CAPTAIN R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection ... 19 September 1946.

(c) Name of Depot ... No. 76 Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA

(d) Name of I.C.
(Other Officers) ... Ten. MACIOCE DINO) 3 NCOs
Ten. SILISCALCHI A.)
S/Ten. PIZZICHELLA C.) 5 ORs

(e) Stock Position (No of Days)
(Wheels made) ... 5/6 weeks.

(f) Physical Surroundings ...
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. ... Excellent buildings, spacious and airy.

(ii) Stacking height etc. ... 8/10 Sacks high.

(iii) Dunnage ... Wooden Battens and Cartons.

(g) (i) Bread Limit & Method of Procurement ... Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract ... Civil bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.

(h) Tally cards ... Clean and up to date.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number) ... 1 for fresh meat - 2 for other supplies.

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood stores ... 1,600 quintals

(ii) Forage ... 60/70 quintals. 8 horses on feeding strength.

(iii) [illegible]

(k) Labour
(Civilians employed)(numbers) ... 4 Clerks - 12 workers.

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(c)	Stock Position (No of Days) (checks made)	.....
		5/6 weeks.
(g)	Physical Requirements (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings, spacious and airy.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 Sacks high.
	(iii) Drums	Wooden Bottons and Cartons.
(j)	(i) Fresh Units & Method of Procurement	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.
	(ii) Brand number of bakeries on contract	Civil bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.
(k)	Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	1 for fresh meat - 2 for other supplies.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	1,600 quintals
	(ii) Forage	60/70 quintals. 3 horses on feeding strength.
	(iii) ~~Charcoal~~	
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers)	4 Clerks - 12 workers.
(l)	Guards	3 (civilian) armed guards by night.
(m)	Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers adequate and fire points set up. Sand and sand bags, picks and shovels at points.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	1 dog and 1 cat keeping rats down.
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See under "m".

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(s) Depot transport

2 - 30 Cwts.
1 x 50 Cwt with 5 ton trailer.

(q) Pooling strengths
(i) (Army, [illegible])

1,200.

(ii) Total number of units

10 Units and subunits.

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

Combined system as laid down by MMIA in use. Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters

Excellent - Large and clean.

Dining quarters

Excellent.

Recreational quarters

Not considered necessary.

Cookhouse

Excellent.

Latrines & Ablutions

Clean and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men

Well up to standard. Smart when in town, off duty.

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

Approval and financial sanction for repair of storage Depot at VIA CASSERTO has not yet been received by 6 Terr. Command from Ministry of War. Work has not yet been started. 6 Terr. Command has sent two reminders to PCRE, but to date no satisfactory reply has been received.

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(ii) Total number of units — 10 Units and subunits.

(r) Accountancy
Allied system
Italian system — Combined system as laid down by MMIA in use. Accounts are well kept.
General remarks

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Excellent - Large and clean.
Dining quarters — Excellent.
Recreational quarters — Not considered necessary.
Cookhouse — Excellent.
Latrines & Ablutions — Clean and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men — Well up to standard. Smart when in town, off duty.

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

Approval and financial sanction for repair of storage Depot at VIA CASSIETTO has not yet been received by 6 Terr. Command from Ministry of War. Work has not yet been started. 6 Terr. Command has sent two reminders to ROME, but to date no satisfactory reply has been received.

Chas. Tatham. Capt

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

Tel : 295610/23

19 Sept. 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith we forward report on visit to :-

7 Food Distribution Depot, Florence.

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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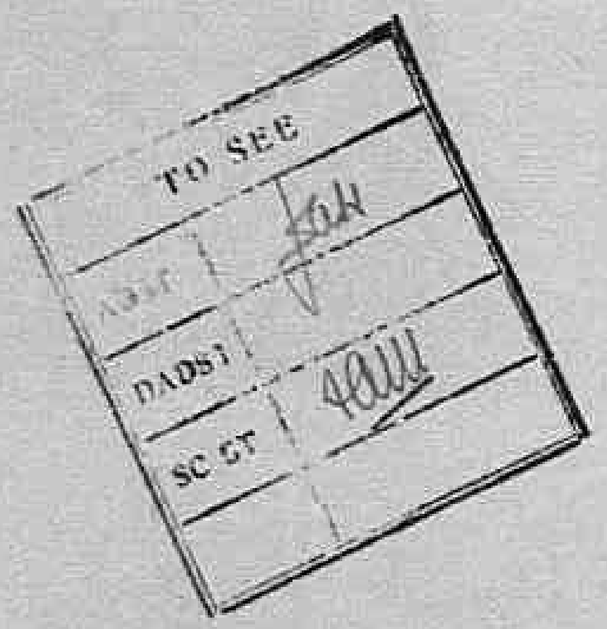
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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of inspection	17 Sept. 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7 Food Distribution Depot, Florence.
(d) Name of C.O. (Other Officers)	Lt.Col. TUCCI S.Lt. LEONE (Rations Food Depot) S/Lt. MEDI (Fuel and Forage Depot)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made)	15c days
(f) Physical Warehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building, but still cramped for space.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) Fresh Fruit & Veg Method of Procurement. (i)	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Flour drawn by Units and baking by local civilian bakeries. Excellent bread.
(h) Tally cards.	Are kept. Are accurate and up to date.
(i) Details issue points in Depot (number)	4 Issue Points.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	400 quintals.
(ii) Forage	1215 "
(iii) Lignite	5 "
(iv) Coke	20 "
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	5 clerks. 41 manual labourers. This number is consi-

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(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building, but still crammed for space.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) Fresh Fruit & Veg Method of procurement. (i)	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Flour drawn by Units and baking by local civilian bakeries. Excellent bread.
(h) Tally cards.	Are kept. Are accurate and up to date.
(i) Details issue points in Depot (number)	4 Issue Points.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	400 quintals.
(ii) Forage	1215 "
(iii) Lignite	5 "
(iv) Coke	20 "
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	3 clerks. 41 manual labourers. This number is considered necessary as it includes both food and Fuel Depots. Also loading and unloading rail trucks at sidings.
(l) Guards.	1 NCO and 14 soldiers. 4 Civilian Armed caretakers. Stock sentry by day. Armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	Fire Piquet in Guardroom. Typed fire orders. 2 Extinguishers in Food and 10 in Fuel Depots. Buckets with water and sand, picks, mattocks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Trained terriers. Rat traps. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See general remarks under "U".

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(p) Depot Transport — No domestic transport. Supplies are collected by vehicles detailed by No.7 Territorial Comd.

(q) Feeding strengths (Army - Italian) (i) — 16,000

(ii) Total number of Units — 28. "COLCHESTER" Div. draws bulk.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system / Italian system / General remarks — Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A. in use.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters. — Overcrowded.
Dining quarters — Small but clean mess room.
Recreational " — Nil.
Cookhouse — Primitive, but as good as can be expected in present accomodation.
Latrines & Ablutions — Unsatisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men. — Overalls or vests and shorts worn during working hours. Morale seem good and men turned out well when off duty.

(u) Waiting — Commanding Officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement.

Since last inspection, financial approval for repairs to accomodation has been received, and work is proceeding well.

The 400,000 repair estimate for the Stores Supply Depot at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO has not yet been approved by War Ministry but tenders have been asked for from local contractors, and it is expected that repair work may commence shortly.

Lt. Col. TUCCI is employing some of his labourers as in (h) above on cleaning up the flour mill and bakeries at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO, ready to take them into use.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T Officer 7 B.L.U.

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(Ref your 2417/IC/Rin of 31/8/46)
MMIA (for information) Date: 13/9/46

Subject: 78 Ration, Forage and Fuel Sub Depot.

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Further to letter 3073/Ord/II
dated 8th June 1946.-

In view of the difficulties (reported in a/m letters) met in obtaining a suitable sight at PISA, the a/m Depot will be located at Leghorn.

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Gen.Dir.Comm. & Admin. Services
(Ref your 247/TC/Mia of 31/8/46)
MMIA (for information) Date: 13/9/46

Subject: 70 Ration, Forage and Fuel Sub Depot.

NT

Further to letter 3073/Ord/II
dated 8th June 1946.-

In view of the difficulties (reported in a/m letters) met in obtaining a suitable sight at PISA, the a/m Depot will be located at Leghorn.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/SF/G 10

Tel: 293618-25

5 Sept. 1946

Subject : Report on visit.

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

Herewith we forward report on visit to :

No.7 Admn. Transport Coy (Includes Amb. Car Plat.)

Capt. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

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No.7 Admn. Transport Coy (Includes Amb. Car Plat.)

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ST APPENDIX "C"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit — No.7 Admn. Transport Coy (Includes Amb.Car Platoon)

2. Date of Inspection — 4 Sept. 1946

3. Name of O.C. — Capt. LANKACE

4. Strength

	Officers	NCOs	ORs
(a) W.E.	9	12	204
(b) Actual strength	7	12	37

5. Vehicles (loadcarriers)

	Trucks	Cars	M/C	Ambulances
(a) W.E.	64+1 W/S Veh.	16	17	20
(b) Actual number held	65+1 W/S Veh. 12 trailers 1 autobus 2 trucks attached	15 2 attached	16	15+3 Bath Units
(c) Number V.O.R.	16	4	6	7
(d) Number beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Yes. 13 trucks in W/Ss.		4 in Unit W/S. 3 in Plat. W/S.	
(e) Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Yes.			
(f) Number of Daily and standing details.	26 local details (Trucks, Cars and M/cycles). 24 on detachment. (AREZZO - LIVORNO - SIENA - PISTOIA)			
(g) Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection	19.			
(h) General conditions of vehs.	Mechanically sound and well maintained.			
(i) General conditions of tyres, number of spares tyres held.	Fair to good. 4 Pass.cars and 6 M/Cs are off road due to lack of tyres. Each truck and Amb. has 1 good spare.			
(j) Are Targa Numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible?	Yes. Complete.			
(k) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Situation has improved since last inspection. Spare parts are coming through and repair work being maintained.			

6. Vehicle Park

(a) Is it the best space

(b) Actual number held

(c) Number V.C.R.
(d) Number beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?

(e) Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?
(f) Number of Daily and standing details.

(g) Number of vehicles not in use or date of inspection
(h) General conditions of vehs.
(i) General conditions of tyres, number of spares tyres held.

(j) Are Targa Numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible?
(k) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.

6. Vehicle Park:

(a) Is it the best space available? (General layout)

(b) Condition of standings

(c) Guards and picquets

(d) Condition of POL store

(e) Quantities of POL held.

(f) Fire precautions

65+1 W/S Veh. 15 16 15+3 Bath Units
12 trailers 2 attached
1 autobus
2 trucks attached

16 4 6 7

Yes. 18 trucks in W/Ss. 4 in Unit W/S. 5 in Plat. W/S.

Yes.

28 local details (Trucks, Cars and M/cycles).
24 on detachment. (AREZZO - LIVORNO - SIENA - PISTOIA)

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Mechanically sound and well maintained.

Fair to good. 4 Pass.cars and 6 M/Cs are off road due to lack of tyres.
Each truck and Amb. has 1 good spare.

Yes. Complete.
Situation has improved since last inspection.
Spare parts are coming through and repair work being maintained.

Yes. Good. Vehicles stand under cover.

Good.

2 Armed - 24 hours guards.

Excellent - 3 months POL holds.

Petrol	Deisel	Kero	Oils
122,225 Kilos	99020	1635	Stocks low. Approx. 1½

12 x 3 gall. Hand Ext. 1 x 3½ gall. Mobile Foam Ext. recently received. Considered adequate.

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(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc? — Yes. Good wash. Ramps and pits.

7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes. Individual vehicle records. Milage details etc. recorded.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — None.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood? — Yes and notified daily in orders.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — Yes in 442s.

(f) Condition of 442s. — Satisfactory.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes.

(h) Personnel records - Are they up to date (bath book, guard roster etc?) — Yes. Hot showers twice weekly. Platoon Officers keep guard bath roster.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals? — Visited fortnightly. Vehicles changed monthly.

(j) Welfare. — Unit canteen. Beer, Coffee, Sandwiches, and fruit on sale. Cards etc. Football is played. Daily newspapers supplied.

8. Accomodation

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Satisfactory and clean.

(b) Dining quarters — Good. Clean and free from flies.

(c) Recreation quarters — Unit canteen. Football ground. Excellent club vacated by British recently. - taken over by Italian Army.

(d) Ration store — Clean and well laid down.

(e) Latrines — Clean - Automatic flushing.

(f) Ablution

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out and undressed.	Yes and not [illegible] early on orders.
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?	Yes in 442s.
(f) Condition of 442s.	Satisfactory.
(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?	Yes.
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(e) Latrines	Clean - Automatic flushing.
(f) Ablutions	Satisfactory. Barbers shop.
(g) Cookhouse	Small but adequate. Excellent meal served. No complaints

9. General remarks. (General turnout of men, standard of Units etc.)

Very good on the whole. The Unit is losing many of its seasoned personnel on discharge. Recruits seem keen and of good physical standard. This Unit is now working to new provisional War Establishment. (Pub.No. 16/a - Edition 1946)

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.D.

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FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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REF: BLU/S&T/G 10

31 August 1946

Subject : Report on visit

To : A.D.S.T. MTA

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :

No. 6 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT BOLOGNA

C.W. Lockwood Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD TATHAM
Capt R.A.S.C.
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LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. C.W. Lockwood TATHAM - R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 29 Aug. 46.

(c) Name of Depot. — No. 6 Food Distribution Depot BOLOGNA

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Major PEREZ
4 officers 6 W.O.s Sgts and ORs

(e) Stock Position (No of Days) (Wheat only) — 1 month - most items

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Ventilation, cover etc. — Excellent . Spacious and well laid out

(ii) Stacking height etc. — 8/10 Sacks

(iii) Dunnage — Battens and eburite cartons

(g) (i) Bread Unit & Method of Procurement — Local puchase by units

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Excellent bread - Civilian Bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally cards — Well kept, accurate and up to date.

(i) Detail Issue points in Depot (number) — 4 Meat store, clean and fly proof

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood stores — 12,000 quintals

(ii) Forage — 3500 "

(iii) Lignite — 200 "

(k) Labour
(Civilians employed) (numbers) — 10 clerks 95 Labourers

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(c)	Stock Position (No of days) (check rate)	1 month - most items
(d)	Physical Warehousing (i) Ventilation, Cover etc.	Excellent . Spacious and well laid out
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 Sacks
	(iii) Drums	Battens and eburite cartons
(e)	(i) Bread Contract (Yes) method of Procurement	Local puchase by units
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Excellent bread - Civilian Bakeries on contract.
(k)	Bin cards	Well kept, accurate and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4 Meat store, clean and fly proof
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	12,000 quintals
	(ii) Forage	3500 "
	(iii) Lignite	200 "
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	10 clerks 95 Labourers
(l)	Guards	1 NCO 30 ORs Armed, 2 LMGs.
(.)	Fire precautions	Orders and duties typed and exhibited on walls 16x3 gall Extinguishers. 8 Fire points fire orders posted on walls.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	Rat traps. 3 Cats. Metalled doors.
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Workers Mess rooms and kitchens in hand Will be finished in about 3/4 weeks time.

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(p) Depot transport — No domestic vehicles. Supplied when required by 6 Terr. Command.

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air) (BR-US-ITI-IMI) — 8500 Army.

(ii) Total number of units — 45 Units and Sub Units.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system; Italian system; General remarks — Combined System in accordance with AMIA instructions

Well kept.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters; Dining quarters; Recreational quarters; Cookhouse; Latrines & Ablutions — Not applicable. Personnel live and feed out.

(t) General turnout of men — Good.

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

A well run and efficient depot.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tel: 293618-23

Ref: BLU/9

31 August 1946

Subject : Accommodation - Visiting Officers

To : M.M.I.A.

Copies : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Blus

1. As intimated in this HQ. letter BLU/9 dated 29 August the Excelsior Hotel, and garage will close down for British Officers as from Sept. 11 next.
The OR's transit Hotel also close down from the same date.

2. 7 BLU Officer Mess will open w.e.f. 11 Sept next.
The address of this Mess is No.10 Via Lorenzo Magnifico, Piazza della Liberta.

3. Accommodation will be available at the above Mess for visiting British Officers from the 16 Sept next up to a maximum of 2 at any one time.

4. Rations and bedding must be brought.

5. No accommodation is available in the Mess for visiting officers wives or families.

6. Visiting Italian Officers can be accommodated at the Italian officers transit Hotel, Albergo CORONA D'ITALIA - Via Nazionale.
This Hotel supplies sleeping accommodation only, but meals can be obtained at CIRCOLO UFFICIALI - Via Degli Arazieri.

7. British ORs will be accommodated at 7 BLU OR Billet - Villa Primavera No. 4 Piazzale Galileo.

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9. Italian Civilian personnel can be accommodated at the Pensione PRIMAVERA No. 2 Via Finiguerra.
Charge per night L. 150 - L. 200 exclusive of meals.

10. For British Officers wishing to bring their families with them to FLORENCE the following arrangements have been made.

ALBERGO ANGLO AMERICANO (UNRRA Hotel)
Via Garibaldi (Tel: 21900-28432-28433)

(a) Provided full rations per person are handed in to the management:-
Double Room, Inclusive of Meals L. 1600 per day for both persons.

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(b) If no rations are handed in:-
Double room inclusive of meals for both L.2220 per day
" " exclusive " " L. 550 " "

(c) If full rations are handed in:-
Single room inclusive of meals L. 850 per person per day.

(d) If no rations are handed in:-
Single room inclusive of meals L. 1200 per person per day
" " exclusive " " L. 380 " " " "

11. Vehicles can be parked either at the officers Mess, the OR's Billet or the ANGLO AMERICAN Hotel, whichever is the more convenient.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

NOTE:- Para 9 - It is suggested that if HQ. MMIA approached the Ministry of War, they would agree to treat drivers and other Italian civilian employees of MMIA as "Militarised" personnel, in which case they could be treated as Italian ORs, see para 8

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SUBJECT:- Battalion HE-III.

Land Forces Sub Comn. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 439061 Ext 525
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6 B.L.H.

30 Aug 46.

Ref your G/2/2 of 27 Aug and attached correspondence which is returned herewith.

1. The matter is referred to our S & T Liaison Officer Capt. LOCKWOOD TATHAM 7 DLI who covers your area for S & T matters and who will investigate and report if further assistance can be given.

GCB/gmc

for Lt.Col. BASC.
ADGT, Land Forces Sub Comn. AG.(MMIA).

Copy to :- Capt. LOCKWOOD TATHAM (for action).

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — 29 Aug 46

TO : MMIA — 14998/S/1

SUBJECT:- 78 Secondary Food Distribution Depot.

Modifying previous verbal information we inform you that the 78 Food Distribution Depot will be located at LEGHORN (Cosimo del Fante Barracks) and not at PISA.

We have come to this decision owing to the requirements of the service and to the high expenses for the works to be carried out in the premises at PISA.

Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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Informed by Col Fiscano 29/8

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO E AMM/VI

- Divisione Sussistenze -

S.T.

N° 14998/S/1 di prot.

Roma, li 29 AGO

OGGETTO: sistemazione 78° Magazzino Secondario Distribuzione Viveri.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

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A modifica di quanto precedentemente comunicato via breve, si porta a conoscenza di codesta Sottocommissione che il 78° Magazzino Secondario Distribuzione Viveri verrà sistemato in Livorno (caserma Cosimo del Fante) anzichè in Pisa.-

Quanto sopra per sopravvenute esigenze di servizio e per l'elevato importo dei lavori da eseguirsi nei locali già designati in Pisa.-

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Subject : Rations - BRI-ITI

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel : 217 Area 119
Ref : Q/2/2
27 Aug 46

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm, AC
(M M I A) R O M E
for : A.D.S.T.

Reference attached correspondence (which is self-explanatory), regarding rations issued to BRI-ITI units during the period 1 May - 31 May 46.

May this HQ be advised please, if any assistance can be given by you, as local efforts have failed to adjust this matter.

Return of applicable correspondence, in due course, will be appreciated.

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Major DAA & QMG
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618- 23

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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

26 August 1946

Subject : Report on visit

To : A.D.S.T. MMIA ✓

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Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :

78 FOOD DIST. DEPOT - LIVORNO

C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "S"

INSPECTION OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer. Capt. Cmdr. Tatham RASC.

(b) Date of Inspection 20/8/1946

(c) Name of Depot. 78 Food Dist Depot - LIVORNO

(d) Name of I.O. (Other Officers) Capt. BERGONZANI B. } 3 NCOs
Lt. BELLUCCI }
" CHECCHERINI }

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (check with cards) 15/20 days

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good building - clean and weather proof Floors dry.

(ii) Stacking height etc. 8/10 sacks high

(iii) Dunnage Good - on wooden Battens

(g) (i) Bread Supply & Method of Procurement Units purchase locally

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract Civilian Bakeries on contract. Bread is excellent

(k) Tally cards Yes. Accurate and up to date.

(l) Detail issue points in Depot (number) One. Considered adequate.

(j) Fuels No issues fresh meat. Units purchase locally.
(i) Wood storage 1280 qlts
(ii) Charcoal 206 qlts
(iii) Lignite 50 qlts

(h) Labour
(Civilians employed) (numbers) 2 clerks - 9 workers

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	(check rate)	15/20 days
(e)	Physical Safeguarding (i) Fencing, Lighting etc.	Good building - clean and weather proof Floors dry.
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 sacks high
	(iii) Dunnage	Good - on wooden Battens
(f)	(i) Bread Unit & Method of Procurement	Units purchase locally
	(ii) Brand number of bakeries on contract	Civilian Bakeries on contract. Bread is excellent
(g)	Tally cards	Yes. Accurate and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One. Considered adequate.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	No issues fresh meat. Units purchase locally. 1280 qlts
	(ii) Forage	206 qlts
	(iii) Limits	50 qlts
(k)	Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	2 clerks - 9 workers
(l)	Guards	1 NCO and 12 by night. Provided by No. 7 Terr. Command
(m)	Fire precautions	Adequate 15x3 gall. Extinguishers. Static water tank and pump.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	Rats still bad. Probably situation will improve in new site.
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil.

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(s) Depot transport — Nil

(q) Fooding strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air) (AM-US-RAI-RAI) — 3800 Army

(ii) Total number of units — 24 Units and sub Units

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system according to MMTA Instructions
Italian system
General remarks — Accounts are up to date and well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions — Not applicable, Personnel are attached to another unit for accommodation etc.

(t) General turnout of men — Good

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

This unit is shortly moving to new location at Via Badoglio, Cosipo del Fante LIVORNO, recently vacated by U.S. Army. Doors and windows being repaired and walls etc colour washed.
Move should take place within 1/2 weeks.

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(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

AT Depot

Combined system according to MMIA Instructions
Accounts are up to date and well kept.

(3) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreational quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & ablutions

Not applicable,
Personnel are attached to another unit for accommodation etc.

(t) General turnout of men

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FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

REF: HLU/ST/G 10

26 August 1946

Subject : Report on visit

To : A.D.S.T. MILITA

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Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to:

7th EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARK

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 HLU.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 BLU.

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1.	Unit	7th Efficient Vehicle Park
2.	Date of inspection	23/8/46
3.	Name of O.C.	Capt. Picone A.
4.	Strength	Officers / O.R.s
(a)	W.E.	1 / 3 NCOs / 17 ORs
(b)	Actual strength	1 / 3 NCOs / 3 ORs
5.	Vehicles (load carriers) (a) W.E.	1x3 tonnes 3/m/c / 2 Pass Cars
	(b) Actual number held on charge	1x3 " " / 1 " "
	(c) Actual number held on charge from Repair Units awaiting disposal instructions	13x3 tonnes (includes 2 Amb. Cars) 1x10 Ton. 4x G.M.C. light recovery trucks 24 Jeeps 10x L3 (light carriers) 1 x Fiat 1100
6.	Vehicle Park	
(a)	Is it best space available ? (general layout)	Excellent. Under cover in permanent buildings.
(b)	Conditions of standings	all under cover
(c)	Guards and picquets	Civilian Guards only
(d)	Fire precautions	Adequate. 8x1 gall. Extinguishers, Picks and Shovels.

6. (g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.	Yes. In vehicle shed under cover.
7. Administration	
(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out ?	Yes
(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers ?	Yes.
(c) Confirm no civilian driving vehicles.	No.
(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood.	Yes.
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for ?	Yes. in 412s
(f) Condition of M 2s	Good
(g) Are 06 inspections regularly carried out ?	Yes.
(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Both book, Guard Roster etc.)	Yes.
(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals	Nil.
(j) Welfare	[redacted]
8. Accomodation	
(a) Sleeping quarters (condition)	Good. Have mosquito nets now.
(b) Dining quarters	Good.
(c) Recreation quarters	No amenities
(d) Cookhouse	Good. Rations adequate
(e) Ration store	In cookhouse ? Drawn daily
(f) Latrines	Dry type latrines now in use.
(g) Ablutions	Improvised bench -satisfactory.

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(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for ?

Yes. in 412s

(f) Condition of 412s

Good

(g) Are 06 inspections regularly carried out ?

Yes.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Both book, guard roster etc.)

Yes.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals

Nil.

(j) Welfare

8. Accomodation.

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(b) Dining quarters

Good.

(c) Recreation quarters

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(d) Cookhouse

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(e) Ration store

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(f) Latrines

Dry type latrines now in use.

(g) Ablutions

Improvised bench -satisfactory.

9. General remarks (General turnout of men, standard of units etc.)

Morale seems good
Turn out good.

C.W.H. Tatham Capt.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tel : 293618-23

Ref : BLU/57

20 August 1946

Subject : P.O.L.

To : M.M.I.A.

Copies : 1.2.3.4.5.6.8.9.10.11.12 B.L.Us

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This HQ letter BLU/57 dated 2 August refers.

1. Arrangements have been made for this unit to operate its own petrol pump and storage tank.

2. The petrol is situated in the barracks of No 7 Admin Transport Coy, FORTEZZA DA BASSO, FLORENCE.

3. The NCO i/c MT of this HQ., will be present at the petrol pump and will issue both petrol and lubricants at the following times:-

Mon and Sat both inclusive 0800 - 0930 hrs

Sundays N I L

4. As only small stocks are held, visiting Officers requiring P.O.L. are requested to notify thier approximate requirements at least 48 hour in advance.

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Subject : P.O.L.

To : M.M.I.A.

Copies : 1.2.3.4.5.6.8.9.10.11.12 B.L.Us

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This HQ letter BLU/57 dated 2 August refers.

1. Arrangements have been made for this unit to operate its own petrol pump and storage tank.

2. The petrol is situated in the barracks of No 7 Admin Transport Coy, FORTEZZA DA BASSO, FLORENCE.

3. The NCO i/c MT of this HQ., will be present at the petrol pump and will issue both petrol and lubricants at the following times:-

Mon and Sat both inclusive 0800 - 0930 hrs

Sundays N I L

4. As only small stocks are held, visiting Officers requiring P.O.L. are requested to notify thier approximate requirements at least 48 hour in advance.

XXXXXXXXXXXX
D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

'Q' DISTRIBUTION: LIST 'A'

*S & T. MMA.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Tele: No. 293618

22 August 1946

Subject : Report on visit

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :

77 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - PESARO

C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 BLU

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HQ. No. 6 BLU

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ST APPENDL. "B"

II ISON OFFICER REPORT
ON I [illegible] OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a)	Name of visiting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM - R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Inspection	16-3-46
(c)	Name of Depot	77 Food Distribution Depot - PESARO
(d)	Name of I.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. SOSTEGNI " LORENZETTI
(e)	Stock Position (No of Days) (check in cards)	15/20 days
(f)	Physical Accommodation (i) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings - Ample accommodation
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 Sacks high.
	(iii) Drums	Battens & Cartons
(g)	(i) Bread Unit & Method of Procurement	Units purchase locally on contract - ample supplies available
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civilian Bakery on contract. Bread is good.
(k)	Daily cards	Clean and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	3. - 1 for fresh meat, 2 for other supplies.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	Well stocked.
	(ii) Forage	Satisfactory - Ample space.
	(iii) Limits	
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed)(numbers)	3 clerks - 10 labourers.

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(c)	Stock position (No of days) (check with AA)	15/20 days
(e)	Physical Housekeeping... (i) Ventilation, Cover etc.	Excellent buildings - Ample accommodation
	(ii) Stacking height etc.	8/10 Sacks high.
	(iii) Drums	Battens & Cartons
(g)	(i) Bread Unit & Method of Procurement	Units purchase locally on contract ample supplies available
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civilian Bakery on contract. Bread is good.
(k)	Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	3. - 1 for fresh meat, 2 for other supplies.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	Well stocked.
	(ii) Power	Satisfactory - Ample space.
	(iii) Limits	
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers)	3 clerks - 10 labourers.
(i)	Guards	~~1 NCO & 12 men of 6 Guard Regt.~~ 1 stick sentry by day. 2 armed sentries by night.
(m)	Fire precautions	~~6 fire points - Extinguishers, sand buckets, picks and shovels.~~
(n)	Anti rat precautions	~~No sign of rats - Doors metalled.~~
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	NIL

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(o) Depot transport — Nil. Transport is supplied when required by 6 Terr. Cond.

(n) Feeding strengths
(i) (Army, ~~Navy, Air~~) — 4/5000 Army
(~~RN, USN, RAF~~)

(ii) Total number of units — 6 Units and Sub Units.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system — Combined system as laid down by MMIA in use.
Italian system
General remarks — Accounts are well kept.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters — Good - clean and adequate
Dining quarters — Excellent
Recreational quarters — None considered necessary
Cookhouse — Adequate - Kept clean.
Latrines & Ablutions — Adequate - Efforts have been made and results satisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men — Vests and shorts or fatigues worn on depot duty. Turn out of men off duty in town, well up to standard.

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

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" - H.Q. No 6 B.L.U.
" - S.O.I. No 7 B.L.U.
" - Sr T File

Cmdt. Tatham. Capt.
Sr T. O.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele: 293618-23

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REF: BLU/ST G 6

23 August 1946

Subject : Over -drawals by South African Hospital

To : A.D.S.T. HQ. MMIA

Ref. your ST/139 dated 13 August 46.

1. The original indents in question were forwarded by 7 Terr. Command on 21 July 46 to Capt. NATHANSON - (U.S. Army) - Army Divn. Equipment Park - GENOA, as requested by him.

2. On their return from GENOA, copies will be forwarded to you, as required.

Cwh. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T - 7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

ST 10

RECEIVED 26 AUG 1946
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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Tele: No. 293618

22 August 1946

Subject : Report on visit

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on visit to :

76th FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - ANCONA

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : - GSO I - 7 BLU
HQ. No. 6 BLU

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76th FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - ANCONA

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : - GSO I - 7 BLU
HQ. No. 6 BLU

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*S & T, MMIA.
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ST APPENDIX "B"

INSPECTION OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a)	Name of Inspecting visiting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD TATHAM - RASC.
(b)	Date of Inspection	19 th August 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	76th Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA
(d)	Name of I.O. (Other Officers)	Ten. MACIOCE Dino) 3 N.C.O.S. S/ Ten PIZZICHELLO G.) S/ Ten. SENIGHESSI A.) 8. O.Rs
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (check cards)	15/20 days
(f)	Physical Surroundings (i) Accommodation, cover etc.	Excellent buildings, spacious and airy
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
	(iii) Drainage	Wooden Battens and Cartons
(g)	(i) Bench Limit & Method of Measurement	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civil Bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.
(k)	Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	1 for fresh meat - 2 for other supplies.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	180 quintals - Well stocked in open covered shed.
	(ii) Forage	300 quintals - 15 horses on feeding strength.
	(iii) Limite	NIL
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed)(number)	Clerks - 12 workers

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(e)	Stock position (No of days) (checks made)	15/20 days
(f)	Physical Housekeeping	
	(i) Accommodation, cover etc.	Excellent buildings, spacious and airy
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8/10 sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	Wooden Battens and Cartons
(g)	(i) Bench Audit & Verification method of procurement	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.
	(ii) Brand number of bakeries on contract	Civil Bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.
(k)	Tally cards	Clean and up to date.
(l)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	1 for fresh meat - 2 for other supplies.
(j)	Fuels	
	(i) Wood storage	180 quintals - Well stocked in open covered shed.
	(ii) Forage	300 quintals - 15 horses on feeding strength.
	(iii) Limits	NIL
(h)	Labour (Civilians employed) (numbers)	4 Clerks - 12 workers
(l)	Guards	3 (civilian) armed guards by night.
(-)	Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers adequate & fire points being set up. Sand and sand bags, picks and shovels at points.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	1 dog and 1 cat keeping rats down. see under "U"
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil at present depot. See under "U"

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(p) Depot transport — 2 x 30 cwt plus 2 x 5 ton trailers. 1 x 50 cwt

(q) Pooling strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air)
(UK-US-ITI-ITI) — 2000/2100 ITI (Army)

(ii) Total number of units — 7 Units and sub-units

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Combined system as laid down by M.M.I.A in use. Accounts are well kept.
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters — Excellent - large and clean
Dining quarters — do. see under "U"
Recreational quarters — Not considered necessary.
Cookhouse — Excellent
Latrines & Ablutions — New latrines and ablution benches being constructed. should be quite adequate.

(t) General turnout of men — Well up to standard. Smart when in town, off duty.

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

The personnel of this unit had moved, on day of visit, from the poor accomodation previously occupied, to new quarters in Via Cadetto. Ample accomodation for all ranks in excellent barrack rooms. Freshly painted and spotlessly clean. Junior Officers quarters are provided and mess rooms are well up to standard.

The storage accomodation at Via Cadetto is not ready and the undersigned will contact No 6 Territorial Command regarding the necessary repair work.

Major [illegible]

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(AR-US-MTI-MI)

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Major Monaco, the Commissariato is to be congratulated on getting the barrack accomodation ready for occupation. The work has been done by the unit personnel under his supervision.

Regarding "V". Rats will present no problem when the depot moves to new location

Copy to S.T. M.M.I.A. H.Q.
" - H.Q. No 6. B.L.U.
" " S.O.I. No 7 B.L.U.
" - S.T. File.

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt
S.T.O.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — 22 Aug 46

TO : Engineers General Directorate — 12910/S/1

INFO : MMIA further to 11191/S/1 of 1/7/46)

SUBJECT:- Secondary Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA.

The Military Territorial Command of BOLOGNA has informed us that the estimate for the works to be carried out at the a/m Depots has been forwarded to your directorate under letter 12660/SER of 15/7/46.

Owing to the urgency of this question please inform us on the action taken.

gmo

Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

"S & T. MMIA.
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZ.GENER.SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI
- Divisione Sussistenze -

N. 12910 /S/I di prot. SIT Roma, li 22 AG. 946

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
SEDE

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) 51 ROMA
(a seg.foglio nº 11191/S/I del 1 luglio u.s.

OGGETTO: sistemazione magazzino Secondario Distribuzione Viveri di Ancona.-

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Il Comando Militare territoriale di Bologna comunica di aver trasmesso a codesta Direzione Generale, con foglio nº 12660/STR. del 15 luglio 1946, il preventivo di spesa per la sistemazione del magazzino in oggetto.

Dato che la pratica riveste carattere d'urgenza si prega far conoscere quanto é stato fatto in merito.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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e, per conoscenza:

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SUBJECT:- Report on visit to 7 BLU - FLORENCE
Aug 1st to Aug 5th.

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Encl

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 489081 Ext 526
ST/139

8 Aug 46.

A.D.S.T. ←

Copy to:- 7 BLU

1. ACCOMMODATION.

The barracks at Via Ponte di Mezzo are untenable at present owing to lack of doors and windows and RE work to put this matter right is suspended owing to lack of funds.

An allotment of 800,000 lire has been requested by the Territorial Command to Ministry of War to enable the work to proceed and it is suggested that this request is supported by MMIA as at the moment no action appears to be taken by Ministry of War.

It appears useless to move the Bakery from its present location to Ponte di Mezzo some three miles away until such time as the Depot is able to move also as the question of flour and bread shortage would be very acute.

I was informed that when 105 DID vacated the Bakery they took with them the machinery driving belts. O.C. 105 HID has been requested to return these belts.

2. SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

I inspected this system very closely and I find that as in the case of 8 Food Distribution Depot the combined Allied and Italian system is in use as laid down by Ministry of War after agreement with the Allies dating from March 31st 1945.

This system is not a British form of accounting and it would appear that inspecting officers are in error when they state that both Italian and British systems are in use. The combined system consists in the use of Italian Army Forms N.1270, N.1271, and N.1273 and the MMIA Forms ST/5 and ST/11 which are a literal translation of the Italian forms. Both nos. 7 and 8 Food Distribution Depots consider the system highly satisfactory and most practical.

3. RATION DEFICIENCIES.

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The practice of 7 Bulk Depot of drawing in bulk without checking contents appears most unsatisfactory and gives unlimited scope for dishonesty after delivery has been accepted and I do feel that hey should be instructed to make a much closer inspection when drawing from PBS.

Major, DADST,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

CTB/gmc

INTERNAL:- Q(A/cs)

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W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 10-145
28 August 1944
(Old W. D., Q. M. C. Form No. 490,
8 February 1938)

TALLY-OUT

(Packing or Loading List)

Serial No. .....
Req. No. .....
No. of sheets .....
Sheet No. 1

(Station)

Warehouse ABC 51
Consignee Italian Army Depot
Destination Leghorn Italy
Routing Direct

Date .....
Carrier Truck
B/L No. .....
Car No., Initials, ...
Seals No. .....
Authority C.L. 49

U. S. Nos. on Packages	Number and Kind of Packages	CONTENTS	Gross Weight (Pounds) Unit	Gross Weight (Pounds) Total	Cubic Measure
	55 C/S	Hash M+V	6/6 3/4 #		
	2 C/S	Coffee sol	30/2 #		
	4 C/S	Pork Tongue	9/6 #		
	16 C/S	Chilli Con Carne	6/6 1/2 #		
	27 C/S	Hash Corn Beef	6/5 3/4 #		
	34 C/S	M+V Stew	24/30 #		
Sanitary	9 Cans	Luncheon Meat	4 #		
"	11 Cans	Stew M+V	24/30		
"	2 Cans	Hash Corn Beef	5 3/4 #		
"	2 Cans	Pork Tongue	6 #		
"	3 Cans	Hash M+V	6 3/4 #		

Checker.

Packer.

Shipper.

Received the above articles in apparent good order and condition (except as noted) this date .....

(Signature)

(Designation)

2602 P.D. 9-45 - 500,000

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SUBJECT:- 76 Distribution Depot.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Pal : AG9081 Met 526
SM/139

I.D.L.U. Cor HT.

13 Aug 46.

Ref your inspection report on 76 Distribution Depot ARMERA Team (u).

1. The Ministry of War inform us that they are contacting the authorities responsible for the MT work to expedite completion. You are however advised to request the Territorial Command concerned to take this matter up themselves with the Ministry of War.

JB.

for Lt.Col. RAEC.
ADOF, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMLA).

CTB/gmc

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SUBJECT:- Over-Grounds by South African Hospital.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 489001 Ext 526
SF/139

13 Aug 46.

7 R.A.M.C. for SF.

Ref your letter MMI/SF/6 6 dated 15 July 46.

1. In view of the fact that this over-ground is between Italian units you are requested to forward copies of the indent referred to in para 2.

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Lt.Col. RAMC.
AAQMG, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

CEL/gmc

ENCLOSURE:- Q (A/cs)

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SUBJECT:- Report on visit to 7 BAU - FLORENCE
Aug 1st to Aug 7th.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.L.A.).
Tel : 469081 Ext 526
SF/139

8 Aug 46.

A.D.S.T.

Copy to:- 7 BAU

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I was informed that when 105 MRD vacated the Bakery they took with them the machinery driving belts. G.O. 105 MRD has been requested to return these belts.

2. SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING.

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3. BRITISH REPRESENTATION.

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An allotment of 600,000 lire has been requested by the Territorial Command to Ministry of War to enable the work to proceed and it is suggested that this request is supported by MMIA as at the moment no action appears to be taken by Ministry of War.

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3. RATION DEFICIENCIES.

I inspected all correspondence, in relation to the above, in the files of the SI French Class I (Miss Jones) at PMG LEGHORN and it would appear that on June 1st 1946 deficiencies in question covering requisition nos. 7349 and 7357 were made up by PMG as per their shipping document no. C.3234 of 1/6/46 and in confirmation of this I was given a copy of the Tally-Out form signed by a representative of 7 Bulk Supply Depot for commodities drawn by them to cover the a/m deficiencies which is a form of receipt. PMG inform me that no further deficiencies are outstanding.

The practice of 7 Bulk Depot of drawing in bulk without checking contents appears most unsatisfactory and gives unlimited scope for dishonesty after delivery has been accepted and I do feel that they should be instructed to make a much closer inspection when drawing from PMG.

Major, RASC,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Tel : No.293618

5 August 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on inspection of :

"TOLGORE" D.M.A. (184 Transport Supply Coy)

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APPENDIX "B"

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

(a)	Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Inspection	2nd August 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	"FOLGORE" D.M.A. (184 Transport & Supply Coy)
(d)	Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten. ACCARDI S/Lt. LUCA (Supplies and Rations)
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days normally. Units were drawing on day of inspection.
(f)	Physical Wharehousing	
	(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good and adequate.
	(ii) Stocking height etc	6/8 sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	Cartons and wood battens. Good dry concrete floors.
(g)	(i) Fresh fruit & Veg method of procurement.	Local purchase by Units; plentiful supply.
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Local bakery on contract. No RE work being done at site recently vacated by D.I.D. and Field Bakery.
(h)	Tally cards.	In use and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One.
(j)	P. O. L.	Repair work to Depot is in hand. Exterior walls. Office building and water mains.
	(i) P.O.L. held	Petrol 120,000 Litres; Derv. 35,000; Kero. 4,000; Lubs. Less than 4% Divisional reserve.
(k)	Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	None.

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	(checks made)	15 days normally. Units were drawing on day of inspection.
(f)	Physical Wharehousing	
	(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good and adequate.
	(ii) Stocking height etc	6/8 sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	Cartons and wood battens. Good dry concrete floors.
(g)	(i) Fresh fruit & Veg method of procurement.	Local purchase by Units; plentiful supply.
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Local bakery on contract. No RE work being done at site recently vacated by R.I.D. and Field Bakery.
(h)	Tally cards.	In use and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One.
(j)	P. O. L.	Repair work to Depot is in hand. Exterior walls. Office building and water mains.
	(i) P.O.L. held	Petrol: 120,000 Litres; Derv.: 35,000; Kero.: 4,000; Lubs.: Less than 4% Divisional reserve.
(k)	Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	None.
(l)	Guards.	Store is alongside main Guardroom. 2 armed sentries patrol by night.
(m)	Fire precautions	4 Fire points; NCO & 5 ORs as Fire Picquet. Appliances held: 1 x 34 gall. Mobile Foam; 4 x 20 litre hand; 7 x 1 gall. Do
(n)	Anti rat precautions	None necessary. No sign of rats.
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	None

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(p) Depot transport — 2 x 3 ton Dodge; 1 Pass. car

(q) Feeding strengths.

(i) Army, ITI — 3165 in FLORENCE; 2965 in PISTOIA

(ii) Total number of Units and sub-units — 24 in FLORENCE. 25 in PISTOIA.

(r) Accountancy. Italian system — No difficulties.

(s) Accomodation

Sleeping quarters — Good accomodation. Clean and tidy.

Dining quarters — Men feed with their own Platoons.

Recreational quarters — Have use of amenities of Transport Coy.

Cookhouse — None. See above.

Latrines & Ablutions — Men use main latrines and showers. Quite satisfactory and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men. — Good. During working hours men use overalls or vests and shorts.

Cmdr. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 5 August 1946

Tel : 293618

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on inspection to :

184 Transport Supply Coy ("TOLCORE" Divn).

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ST APPENDIX "C"

LIAISON OFFICER REPORT ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit — 184 Transport Supply Coy ("FOLGORE" Divn.)

2. Date of Inspection — 1st AugustM 1946

3. Name of C.C. — Major DE ALFARO

4. Strength.

	Officers	N.C.O.s	Ptes.
(a) W.E.	14	26	336
(b) Actual strength	15	34	177

(One additional Officer on Admn.)

5. Vehicles (Loadcarriers)

	3 ton.	15 cwt	Cars	M/Cycles
(a) W.E.	105 plus 2(W/S Plat)	7	8	---
(b) Actual number held	90 x 3 ton Dodge	-	9	22
(c) Number V.O.R.	17 x 3 ton.			

(d) Number beyond Unit repair, have they been evacuated? — Yes. 6 x 3 ton. 1 Pass. car.

(e) Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength ? — Yes.

(f) Number of Daily and Standing Details. — 4 vehicles only. Balance as detailed by Div. Comnd.

(g) Number of vehs. not in use on date of inspection — 41 x 3 tonners. (17 drivers under requirements)

(h) General condition of vehs. — Good. Situation much improved since last inspection Several new vehicles and many engine replacements have been received.

(i) General conditions of tyres.number of spares tyres held — Good. Several consignments tyres received recently. 1 per load carrier.

(j) Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible ? — Yes.

(k) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already — Situation much improved. Spares and replacements have been coming through in fair quantity since last report.

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		2	15 cwt	Ours	M/Cycles
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(b)	Actual number held	90 x 3 ton Dodge	-	9	22
(c)	Number V.C.R.	17 x 3 ton.			
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(e)	Have vehs. in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength ?	Yes.			
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(i)	General conditions of tyres.number of spares tyres held	Good. Several consignments tyres received recently. 1 per load carrier.			
(j)	Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible ?	Yes.			
(k)	Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Situation much improved. Spares and replacements have been coming through in fair quantity since last report.			

6. Vehicle Park.

(a)	Is it the best space available? (general layout)	Yes.
(b)	Condition of standings	Good, altho' no overhead cover available.
(c)	Guards and piccuets	2 Sentries by day. 1 N.C.O. and 8 armed sentries by night.
(d)	Condition of POL store.	See report on D.M.A. - 184 Transport Coy
(e)	Quantities of POL held.	

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6. (f)	Fire precautions	4 Fire points. NCO and 5 ORs as Fire Picquet. Appliances held. 1 x 34 gallon Mobile Foam 4 x 20 litre hand. 7 x 1 gall. "
(g)	Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance minor repairs etc.	Vehicle Park is used for greasing and daily tasks.
7.	Administration.	
(a)	Is a record kept of all details carried out?	Yes.
(b)	Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?	Yes.
(c)	Confirm no civilians driving vehicles.	None employed.
(d)	Is Daily Task system carried out and understood?	Yes and initialled by Platoon Officers.
(e)	Are Petrol and oil accounted for ?	Yes in 412s.
(f) (g)	Conditions of 412s. Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?	Clean and up to date. Yes.
(h)	Personnel records- are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc).	Yes. by Admn. Officer on H.Q. Bath roster kept by Platoon Officers.
(i)	Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals ?	No detachments out.
(j)	Welfare	Small temporary canteen still being used. Sanitary Section of "GARIBALDI" Regt. still occupying large Unit Canteen. 2 Unit Radios.
8.	Accomodation.	
(a)	Sleeping quarters (condition)	- Very good. Clean and well looked after.
(b) (c)	Dining quarters Recreation quarters	- Good. Accomodation and food excellent. No complaints. Football. Boxing and fancing kits. Men seem in good physical condition.
(d)	Cookhouse	- Good. Clean and cooking excellent. Fly proof netting purchased from Unit funds.
(e) (f) (g)	Ration store Latrines Ablutions	- Satisfactory. Fly proofing in use. - Clean. Good water supply and automatic flushing. - Satisfactory. 2 separate sets showers, and baths available daily.

9. General

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carried out and understood?

(e) Are Petrol and oil accounted for ? — Yes and initialled by Platoon Officers.

(f) Conditions of 412s. — Yes in 412s.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Clean and up to date. Yes

(h) Personnel records- are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc). — Yes.

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(j) Welfare — Small temporary canteen still being used. Sanitary Section of "GARIBALDI" Regt. still occupying large Unit Canteen. 2 Unit Radios.

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(d) Cookhouse - Good. Clean and cooking excellent. Fly proof netting purchased from Unit funds.

(e) Ration store - Satisfactory. Fly proofing in use.

(f) Latrines - Clean. Good water supply and automatic flushing.

(g) Ablutions - Satisfactory. 2 separate sets showers, and baths available daily.

9. General remarks.
(General turnout of men, standard of units etc).

High average. Men turn out is excellent in town.

C.W. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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FLORENCE
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Ref : BLU/57

2 Aug 1946

SUBJECT:- P.O.L.

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. BLUs.

1. Petrol Point, FLORENCE will close w.e.f. 3 August 46.

2. This B.L.U. will supply petrol to visiting officers.

3. As only a small stock of petrol is held will you please notify this HQ of your requirements at least 48 hours in advance.

/s/ H.W. HAMILTON
Major
GSO II

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Tel : 293618

20 July 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed we forward report on inspection performed to:

NO.7 ADMN. TRANSPORT COY (Includes Amb.Car Platoon)

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C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM

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LIAISON OFFICER REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit — No.7 Admn. Transport Coy (Includes Amb. Car Platoon)

2. Date of Inspection — 29 July 1946

3. Name of O.C. — Capt. LAWRACE

4. Strength

	Officers	N.C.O.s	O.R.s
(a)- W.E.	9	12	204
(b)- Actual number	7	14	123

5. Vehicles (loadcarriers)

	Trucks	Cars	M/cycles	Ambulances
(a)- W.E.	80+1 W/S Veh.	17	17	20
(b)- Actual number held	65+1 W/S Veh. 12 trailers 1 autobus 7 trucks attached	16 7attached	17 2 attd/-	13 + 3 Mobile Bath Units
(c)- Number V.O.R.	26	18 in W/S		5 in Unit W/shop 3 in Platoon W/S.
(d)- " beyond unit repair	Nil.			
(e)- Have vehs. in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Nil.			
(f)- Number of Daily and Standing details	20 local details (Trucks, Cars, and M/cycles) 24 on detachment (AREZZO, LIVORNO, SIENA PISTOIA)			
(g)- Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection	24 - 37 out on detail by No.7 Terr. Comd.			
(h)- General conditions of vehs.	Mechanically sound and well maintained.			
(i)- General conditions of tyres number of spares tyres held	Fair to good. Situation improved recently. Each vehicle has 1 good spare.			
(j)- Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible?	Yes. Complete.			
(k)- Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Situation has improved since last inspection. Spare parts are coming through and repair work being maintained.			

6. Vehicle Park.
(a)- Is it the best space available? (General layout) Yes. Good

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6. Vehicle Park.

(a)- Is it the best space available? (General layout)	Yes. Good - Vehicles stand under cover.
(b)- Condition of standings	Good.
(c)- Guards and picquets	2 Armed - 24 hours guards.
(d)- Condition of POL store	Excellent - 3 months POL held.
(e)- Quantities of POL held.	Petrol: 12,500 kilos; Diesel: 82,000 kilos; Oils: 3%
(f)- Fire precautions	6 hand extinguishers - 4 gallons. Mobile foam Units not yet received.

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6.(g)- Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.? — Yes. Good wash . Ramos & pits.

7. Administration

(a)- Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes. Individual vehicle records. Milage details etc. recorded.

(b)- Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes.

(c)- Confirm no civiliens driving vehicles. — None.

(d)- Is Daily Task system carried out and understood? — Yes and notified daily in orders.

(e)- Area petrol and oil accounted for? — Yes in 412s.

(f)- Condition of 412s. — Satisfactory.

(g)- Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes.

(h)- Personnel records- Are they up to date (bath book, guard roster etc). — Yes. Hot showers twice weekly. Platoon Officers keep guard and bath roster.

(i)- Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals? — Visited fortnightly. Vehicles changed monthly.

(j)- Welfare. — Unit canteen. Beer, Coffee, Sandwiches, and fruit on sale. Cards etc. Football is played. Daily newspapers supplied.

8. Accomodation

(a)- Sleeping quarters (conditions) — Satisfactory and clean.

(b)- Dining quarters — Good, clean and free from flies.

(c)- Recreation quarters. — Unit canteen. Football ground. Excellent club vacated by British recently. - taken OVER by Italian Army.

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(d)- Ration store — Clean and well laid down.

(e)- Latrines — Clean - Automatic flushing.

(f)- Ablutions — Satisfactory. Barbers shop.

(g)- Cookhouse — Small but adequate. Excellent meal served. No complaints.

9. General remarks. (General turnout of men, standard of Units etc) — Very good on the whole. The Unit is losing many of its seasoned personnel on discharge. Recruits seem keen and of good physical standard. This Unit is now working to new provisional War Establishment. (Pub.No.16/s - Edition 1946)

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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7 British Liaison Unit
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To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

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Reference your ST/139 Para I, dated 11th July regarding provision of latrines for E.V. Park.

Territorial Command has been contacted and we are informed that as the "GARIBALDI" Regt. is actually moving out of COVERCIANO Barracks this week E.V. Park will move from present location into part of the accomodation vacated.

In the meantime, a Sanitary Squad has been detailed to dig "deep trench" type latrines at RIFREDI.

C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE

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ST APPENDIX "I"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of Inspection	22 July 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7 Food Distribution Depot, Florence.
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Lt.Col. TUCCI S.Ten. LEONE (Ration Food Depot) S.Ten. ACCARDI (Fuel & Forage Depot)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days.
(f) Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building, but still cramped for space.
(ii) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) Fresh Fruit & Veh Method of procurement. (i)	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Flour drawn by Units and baking by local civilian bakeries. Excellent bread.
(h) Tally cards.	Are kept. Are accurate and up to date.
(i) Detail Issue Points in Depot (number)	4 Issue Points.
(j) Fuels. (i) Wood storage	4,600 quintals.
(ii) Forage	Hay and straw. 290 qtls. Grain and feeding stuffs. 600 qtls. approx. 320 Animals on feeding strength.
(iii) Lignite	33 qtls.
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	3 clerks. 41 manual labourers. This number is considered necessary as it includes both food and Fuel depots. Also loading and unloading

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(f) Physical Warehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent building, but still cramped for space .
(ii) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(iii) Dunnage	Dunnage is being made good use of.
(g) Fresh Fruit & Veh Method of procurement. (i)	Purchased locally by Units. Good and plentiful supply .
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Flour drawn by Units and baking by local civilian bakeries. Excellent bread.
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(ii) Forage	Hay and straw. 290 qtls. Grain and feeding stuffs. 600 qtls. approx. 320 Animals on feeding strength.
(iii) Lignite	33 qtls.
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (number)	3 clerks. 41 manual labourers. This number is considered necessary as it includes both food and Fuel depots. Also loading and unloading rail trucks at sidings.
(l) Guards.	1 NCO and 14 soldiers. 4 Civilian Armed caretakers. Stick sentry by day. Armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	Fire Piquet in Guardroom. Typed fire orders . 2 Extinguishers in Food and 10 in Fuel Depots. Buckets with water and sand, picks, mattocks and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Trained terriers. Rat traps. Doors metalled.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	See general remarks under. (u)

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(p) Depot Transport — No domestic transport. Supplies are collected by vehicles detailed by No.7 Territorial Comd.

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) Army, Navy, Air (BR-US-ITI-ITI) — ITI Army. Down to 9/10000 due to unit discharges. Expected to rise to 15/16000 shortly on arrival of recruits.

(ii) Total number of units. — 28 Units. "EOLGORE" Div. draws Bulk.

(r) Accountancy
Allied system — Allied for internal purposes.
Italian system — Italian for returns to Ministry of War.
General remarks

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Overcrowded.
Dining quarters — Small but clean mess room.
Recreational " — Nil.
Cookhouse — Primitive, but as good as can be expected in present accomodation.
Latrines & Ablutions — Unsatisfactory. See remarks under (u).

(t) General turnout of men — Overalls or vests and shorts worn during working hours. Morale seems good and men turned out well when off duty.

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

Despite the belief that this Depot would shortly move from present location to its prewar installation (including Bakery and Flour Mill, Offices and Barrack accomodation) in VIA PONTE DI MEZZO, vacated over a month ago by 105 D.I.D., (See Liaison Officers Reports dated 3rd May and 17th June 46), there is no sign of such a move being made possible. No engineering work is being done at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO, and no financial sanction has been received from Ministry of War, or contracts placed with building contractors.

7 Territorial Command was visited today and it was ascertained that a project of repairs to existing accomodation amounting to Lire 800,000 had been forwarded to Ministry of War on 15th May '46, followed by further details as required on 28th June '46.

An additional project for repairs to stores depot sliding metal doors, windows etc. for Lire 400,000 was forwarded to Rome on Jul 7,46,but to date, no sanction or authority for the work to commence has been received.

Reference is made to this H.Q. letter BLU/ST/G 6 dated 27th March '46, also to your ST/139 (para 3) dated 21st June and your ST/134 (para 2, 4 and 5) dated 18th May '46 both addressed to Ministry of War.

The location at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO is also the site of the Military Bakery, which only requires some driving belting to enable it to be taken into use. This Office letter BLU/ST/G 6 dated 7th May 46 and your ST/139 of 16th May 46 refers.

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Cookhouse	Primitive, but as good as can be expected in present accomodation.
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Lt.Col. TUCCI also informed the undersigned that 19,000 quintals of grain has been allocated to his Depot by Ministry of War and this will have to be milled. The only Mill available is also located in the above mentioned Barracks at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO and he is anxious that there is no further delay in getting into the new location.

It is requested that you make strong representation to Ministry of War so as to get the Barracks at VIA PONTE DI MEZZO ready for occupation by No.7 Food Distribution Depot as little delay as possible.

Lieut. Tatham, Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Tel: 293618

22 July 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed report on inspection performed to :

76 Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA.

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed report on inspection performed to :

76 Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA.

Capt. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of inspecting Officer	Captain C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.	
(b) Date of inspection	17 July 1946	
(c) Name of Depot	76 Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA	
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten. MACIOCE DINO S/Ten. PIZZICHELLA GILBERTO S/Ten. SINISCALCHI ANELLO	3 N.C.O.s 8 O.R.s
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15/20 days	
(f) Physical Wharehousing (1) Accomodation, cover etc.	Excellent buildings, spacious and airy.	
(2) Stockingheight etc.	8/10 sacks high.	
(3) Dunnage	Wooden Battens and Cartons	
(g) (1) Fresh fruit & Veg Methad of procurement	Units purchase locally. Good supplies available.	
(2) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Civil bakeries on contract. Excellent bread.	
(h) Tally cards	Accurate and up to date.	
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	1 for fresh meat . 2 for other supplies - 3 in all	
(j) Fuels (1) Wood storage	150 quintals. Stacked in covered, open shed.	
(2) Forage	250 quintals. 15 horses on feeding strength.	
(3) Lignite	Nil.	
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (numbers)	4 clerks. 12 workers.	
(l) Guards	3 (Civilian) Armed guards by night.	

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(Circuit made)

	15/20 days
(f) Physical Wharehousing (1) Accomodation, cover etc.	Excellent buildings, spacious and airy.
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(2) Forage	250 quintals. 15 horses on feeding strength
(3) Lignite	Nil.
(k) Labour (Civilian employed) (numbers)	4 clerks. 12 workers.
(l) Guards	3 (Civilian) Armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	No mains or static water. Extinguishers demanded from BOLOGNA (6 Terr.Comd) 7.11.45. Reminded 15th July 1946. No response to date. Sand and sandbags, picks, and shovels available.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Rats in ANCONA are enormous. Poison has been tried, but with little success. 1 dog and 1 cat are kept; the rat problem is a difficult one.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil at present Depot. See under (n).

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(p) Depot transport — 2 x 30 cwts, plus 2 x 5 ton trailers. 1 x 50 cwt.

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air (BR-US-ITI-ITI) — 2000/2100 ITI (Army.

(2) Total number of units — 7 Units and sub-units. Also partially supplies 77 Depot in PESARO.

(r) Accountancy
Allied system — Both in use. Allied for internal working. Italian for returns etc. to Ministry of War. Accounts seem well kept.
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Overcrowded.
Dining quarters — Small but clean mess room.
Recreational " — Nil.
Cookhouse — Primitive, but as good as can be expected in present accomodation.
Letrines & Ablutions — Unsatisfactory. See remarks under (u).

(t) General turnout of men. — Overalls or vests and shorts worn during working hours. Morale seems good and men turned out well when off duty.

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

From the Depot point of view, accomodation is ample and satisfactory. But men and Officers accomodation and amenities is quite inadequate.

The intention is to move the old Military Barracks and stores in VIA CADETTO, ANCONA. R.E. Work is in hand, but proceeding slowly. Unfortunately it was not possible to contact Major MORRO, the Commissario, but he is fully aware of the existing lack of accomodation and is very anxious to get the Depot moved. May M.M.I.A. please take the matter up with Ministry of War, so as to get the move expedited.

There is only one weighing machine available and two additional ones considered essential to enable issues to be made more speedily.

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C.W. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/SI/G 10

Florence, 13 July 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed report on inspection performed to :

76 Food Distribution Depot, LEGHORN.

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C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.

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

(a)	Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of inspection	12th July 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	78 Food Distribution Depot, LEGHORN.
(d)	Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. BERGONZANI, S/Ten. DALTUCCI, S/Ten. CECCHERINI — 3 N.C.O.s; 1 Pte Soldier
(e)	Stock position (No of days) (checks made)	40/45 days - Issues fortnightly
(f)	Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good buildings, clean and weatherproof. Floors bad but dry. Unit moving to site in PISA, in 1 to 2 months time.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8 to 10 sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	Good. On wooden Battens.
(g)	(i) Fresh fruit & Veg method of procurement.	Units purchease locally.
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Units draw flour. Bread is baked by civilian bakeries under contract.
(k)	Tally cards	Yes. Accurate and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One. Considered sufficient. No fresh meat issued. Units purchease locally.
(j)	Fuels (i) Wood storage	600 quintals - 1000 qts due this week.
	(ii) Forage	100 qts. This unit draws from No.7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE.
	(iii) Lignite	Nil.
(k)	Labour Civilians employed (number)	2 clerks - 10 workers.
(l)	Guards	1 NCO and 12 by night provided by 7 Terr.

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		28/31 days - Issues fortnightly
(f)	Physical Wharehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good buildings, clean and weatherproof. Floors bad but dry. Unit moving to site in PISA, in 1 to 2 months time.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8 to 10 sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	Good. On wooden Battens.
(g)	(i) Fresh fruit & Veg method of procurement.	Units purchease locally.
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	(iii) Lignite	Nil.
(k)	Labour Civilians employed (number)	2 clerks - 10 workers.
(l)	Guards	1 NCO and 12 by night provided by7 Terr. Command.
(m)	Fire precautions	Adequate. 15 x 3 gall extinguishers. Static water tank and pump. Water Buckets
(n)	Anti rat precautions	An almost impossible task in this location. 1 Dog, 1 cat and abundance of traps. LEGHORN in general is infested by rats..
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Nil.

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(p) Depot transport — No domestic vehicle.

(q) Fooding strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air) (RR-US-ITI-ITI)

US-ITI 1200
Army 3200

(ii) Total number of units — 26

(r) Accountancy — Allied system / Italian system / General remarks — Both systems in use. Allied for internal and Italian for returns to Ministry of War.

(s) Accomodation — Personnel are attached to another unit for accomodation, feeding etc.

(t) General turnout of men — Good. Capable.

(u) Stocks. — Stocks held are large, but considered necessary now that 7 Bulk Depot has closed down. Reserves considered reasonable.

(v) Impending change of location. — RE works essential at new location in PISA. Doors, windows, and general repairs. Before this unit can move, from LEGHORN. Present site, is not good, being practically surrounded by water-canals and docks and infested with rats. Fair in Summer, but very bad in Winter and wet weather.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 13 July 1946

Subject : 7 Bulk Depot, LEGHORN.

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

The a.m. Depot has closed down w.e.f. 1st July, so no further visits will be made, or reports rendered.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

S. T. 62

Ref: BLU/ST/G 6

Florence, 15 July 1946

Subject : Over-drawals flour by 107 South African Hospital in 1945 from No.7 Food Distribution Depot - FLORENCE.

To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A. ✓

Ref. attached translation of original letter dated 27th June 1946 from Military Commissariat, 1st Section FLORENCE.

1. It would appear from the facts that 107 S.A. Hospital did over-draw 386,688 kilos of flour in Aug. last year, as it was also drawing its normal ration.

2. The flour issues were made in good faith by No.7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE against indents duly signed by a Capt. Quarter-master for the O.C. 107 S.A. Hospital.

3. As 107 S.A. Hospital has left this area many months ago, it is not now possible for this H.Q. to take any action to have the matter adjusted.

4. Will you please take the matter up with the authorities concerned with a view to obtaining refund of the flour to No.7 Food Distribution Depot or for a write off to enable the unit to clear its a/es.

"S & T. MMIA.
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Lt Col R.A.S.C.

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Translation

COMMISSARIAT DIRECTORATE FLORENCE
1st Section

Ref: 4585/1

Florence, 27 June 1946

Subject : Wrong flour withdrawal made by 107 South African Hospital.

To : H.Q. 7 B.L.U.

On the 13th July 1945, 105 D.I.D. informed us that effective 15th of same month it would no more supply with rations the Cooperators Section attached to 107 South African Hosp. and therefore a.m. Section should be supply by Italian Depots.

107 South African therefore continued its withdrawals from No.7 Food Distribution Depot - FLORENCE with the same rules used when drawing rations from 105 D.I.D. and especially with forms signed by a British Officer of the Hospital Captain and QM for Off.Commanding 107 S.A. General Hospital (V) Wonces.

When revisioning the accountability it resulted that on the 21st August 1945 a.m. Hosp. with form 3058/82 drew from 7th Food Distribution Depot FLORENCE Kilos 386,688 of flour and in the meantime, with separate forms, still signed by the British Capt. No.3060/964 and 3275/82, it daily drew the bread to which it was entitled.

As there is no doubt that the wrong withdrawal is due to the Officer who signed these forms, excluding any responsability due to fault or negligence of Italian personnel and being obliged to settle the accountant matter, we beg you to dispose for the restitution of the 386,688 kilos of flour unduly withdrawn by a.m. Hosp. from 7 Food Dist. Depot of FLORENCE.

We beg you for a kind, prompt answer.

The Commissariat Col. Director
G. FEDELE

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

S.T.

Ref: BLU/ST/G 6

Florence, 15 July 1946

Subject : Rations - Deficiencies. (56)

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

Reference our BLU/ST/G 6 dated 4 July 1946, we forward herewith, list of deficiencies reported by No.7 Bulk Supply Depot, LEGHORN, with translation of covering letter No.2182 dated 16th June 1946.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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7 BULK SUPPLY DEPOT LEGHORN

Ref: 2182

Leghorn, 15 June 1946

Subject : Deficiencies checked on ration withdrawal from American Depot 5 L 51 of TOMBOLO on account of requisition No.7848 dated 20 Dec. 1945 and No.7937 dated 8 Jan 1946.

To : 7 B.L.U. FLORENCE

Info to : Commissariat Detached Section LEGHORN.

Sequence what pointed out to your B.L.U. by Lt. GUERRIERI MANLIO of this Depot, on delivering of letter 1431 dated 28 March 1946 we forward herewith enclosed list of deficiencies checked on arrival of rations withdrawn from Depot 5 L 51 of TOMBOLO which completes previous list forwarded with a.m. letter and for which M.M.I.A. already obtained.

Enclosed list shows shortages checked by Recovering Depots and is including only shortages checked in cases arrived in perfect packing conditions and without external trace of forcing.

Whilst proper documents are at disposal of your Office for any control, we beg you to get MMIA interested on the matter and obtain delivery of the deficiencies.

The Captain Consignee
GIOVANNI ROSA.

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2nd LIST OF DEFICIENCIES CHECKED ON RATION WITHDRAWAL FROM AMERICAN DEPOT 5 L 51 OF TOMBOLO ON ACCOUNT OF REQUISITIONS NO. 7848 AND 7937.

PANCETTA DI MAIALE (Bacon)

5/3/46	Roma	Kgs.	214,042	
16/2	Catania	"	135,900	
21/2	Bari	"	156,285	
13/3	Ancona	"	33,975	
16/2	Bari	"	122,310	
26/2	Napoli	"	13,590	
6/3	Bari	"	190,232	
21/2	Napoli	"	156,285	
27/2	Napoli	"	40,770	
5/3	Bolzano	"	220,837	
5/4	Firenze	"	23,330	
1/2	Napoli	"	19,026	
	Total	Kgs.	1325,582	= 2926.3 lbs.

CARNE CON VEGETALI (Meat & Vegetables)

12/12	Torino	Kgs.	24,462	
8/1	Bari	"	20,385	
19/12	Mestre	"	55,038	
12/2.	Genova	"	116,204	
5/1	Verona	"	0,845	
27/12	Genova	"	27,220	
30/12	Torino	"	16,308	
5/3	Bolzano	"	12,230	
21/2	Bolzano	"	9,171	
15/1	Roma	"	14,382	
26/2	Bolzano	"	6,116	
29/1	Napoli	"	103,958	
19/2	Napoli	"	12,231	
18/2	Napoli	"	24,462	
	Total	Kgs.	443,012	= lbs. 997.4

CARNE DI MAIALE (Luncheon Meat)

8/1	Bari	Kgs.	26,043	
23/3	Firenze	"	9,060	
23/2	Catanzaro	"	20,385	
7/3	Milano	"	29,445	
5/4	Firenze	"	4,530	
9/3	Firenze	"	6,795	
	Total	Kgs.	96,262	= lbs. 212.8

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CARNE SCATOLATA (Corned beef)

5/3	Roma	Kgs.	168,516	
7/3	Bari	"	312,570	
27/2	Napoli	"	10,873	
7/3	Milano	"	16,308	
28/1	Milano	"	5,436	
28/2	Catania	"	2,718	
	Total	Kgs.	516,421	= lbs.1140

CHILI CON CARNE

12/2	Genova	Kgs.	17,667	
29/1	Bari	"	2,944	
23/3	Firenze	"	5,889	
27/2	Napoli	"	8,833	
27/2	Napoli	"	23,566	
1/3	Milano	"	2,721	
29/1	Napoli	"	76,556	
1/3	Catania	"	2,944	
20/2	Genova	"	11,768	
19/2	Napoli	"	20,611	
18/2	Napoli	"	17,667	
	Total	Kgs.	191,166	= lbs. 422.

SALSICCIA (Vienna Sausages)

29/1	Bari	Kgs.	37,372	
6/3	Bari	"	7,392	
5/3	Bolzano	"	81,540	
27/2	Napoli	"	42,129	
28/1	Ancona	"	2,031	
28/1	Milano	"	4,077	
1/3	Catania	"	1,359	
1/2	Napoli	"	8,154	
	Total	Kgs.	184,154	= lbs. 406.4

CAFFE' SOLUBILE (Soluable coffee)

7/3	Bari	Kgs.	14,949	= lbs. 33.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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ST APPENDIX "I"

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

(a)	Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of inspection	9 July 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	No.6 Food Distribution Depot
(d)	Name of O.C. Other Officers	Major PEREZ 4 Officers - 6 WOs. Sgts. and ORs.
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	1 month reserve most items. Italian supplies from SHAEF.
(f)	Physical Warehousing (i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Excellent sheds, good roofs, newly repaired, and white washed.
	(ii) Stocking height etc.	8 to 10 sacks. Ample gangways and air space allowed
	(iii) Damage	Ebusite suttons and battens used.
	(iv) Meat store	Floors clean and dry. Clean and fly proof. Fresh meat drawn and issued daily.
(g)	(i) Fresh fruit and Veg. method of procurement.	Units purchase locally. Good and plentiful supply
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Civilian bakery on contract, excellent bread.
(k)	Tally cards.	Kept. Clear, accurate and up to date.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (Number) (i) Wood (ii) Forage (iii) Lignite	Four. Units drawing during inspection 6000 quintals 3500 " } In damaged sheds. No overhead 200 " } cover
(k)	Labour (Civilian employed (Numbers)	10 clerks - 95 labourers
(l)	Guards	1 Officer - 30 ORs armed, Infantry. 2 L.M.G.s Guard orders and duties neatly typed and posted on walls. Seem adequate. By day armed sentry on entrance gate. By night 1 NCO and 5 armed sentries and patrol.

(f) Physical Warehousing

(i) Accomodation, Cover etc. — Excellent sheds, good roofs, newly repaired, and white washed.

(ii) Stocking height etc. — 8 to 10 sacks. Ample gangways and air space allowed

(iii) Dammage — Ebusite curtons and battens used.

(iv) Meat store — Floors clean and dry. Clean and fly proof. Fresh meat drawn and issued daily.

(g) (i) Fresh fruit and Veg. method of procurement. — Units purchease locally. Good and plentiful supply

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract. — Civilian bakery on contract. excellent bread.

(k) Tally cards. — Kept. Clear, accurate and up to date.

(l) Detail issue points in Depot (Number)

(i) Wood — Four. Units drawing during inspection

(ii) Forage — 6000 quintals

(iii) Lignite — 3500 " In damaged sheds. No overhead cover

200 "

(k) Labour (Civilian employed (Numbers) — 10 clerks - 95 labourers

(l) Guards — 1 Officer - 30 ORs armed, Infantry. 2 L.M.G.s Guard orders and duties neatly typed and posted on walls. Seem adequate. By day armed sentry on entrance gate. By night 1 NCO and 5 armed sentries and patrol.

(m) Fire precautions — 16 x 3 gall. Extinguishers. Picks shovels and sand bags. 8 Fire points. Fire order typed and posted on walls.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Rat traps - 3 cats. No rats seen in present location.

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)

(i) — Repairs to exterior walls of Depot in hand and proceeding slowly.

(ii) — Repairs to storage sheds for Forage Wood and lignite very necessary before winter season. This work is not yet authorised.

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(Cont'd) (o) RE Works outstanding (iii) Workers mess rooms are required and considered necessary.

(p) Depot transport — No domestic vehicles. Vehicles are demanded when required from 6 Terr. Command.

(q) Feeding strengths (Army) (No. of Units) (i) 9,000 (ii) 45 units and sub units. This depot also partly supplies 76 Food Distribution Depot PGSARO.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system / Italian system / General remarks: Both systems in use - Allied system internally, but Italian system for returns to Ministry of War.

(s) Accomodation — Sleeping quarters / Dining quarters / Recreational quarters / Cookhouse / Latrines & Ablutions: Not applicable as personnel (6 only) live and feed out.

(t) General turnout of men — Not applicable.

(u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvement. — Well run and efficient depot - a great improvement on last inspection.

C.W. Lockwood-Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed report on inspection performed to : -

"TOLGORE" D.M.A. (184 Transport & Supply Coy).

Cmdr. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM

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ST APPENDIX 'B'

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

(a)	Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b)	Date of Inspection.	5 July 1946
(c)	Name of Depot	"TOLGORE" D.M.A. (184 Transport & Supply Coy)
(d)	Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten. ASCANTI S/Lt. ZUCA (Supplies & Rations) S/Lt. CIMOLINO (Ammo)
(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days normally. Issues to units every 15 days.
(f)	Physical Wharehousing	
	(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good. Spacious and airy.
	(ii) Stocking heigh etc.	6 Sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	None in use. Milan has promised to supply dunnage but none received.
(g)	(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Local Bakery on contract. Military Bakery will function from 15 July.
(k)	Tally cards.	Not in use. Supply Officer will start tally cards right away.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One.
(j)	P. O. L.	Petrol and Derv. issued by S/R pumps from barrels. Storage tanks and electric pumps should be put in order, as it is understood that this site may be permanent. At one time it must have been an excellent Depot. Repairs awaiting approval of 7 Territorial Command. 100,000 kilos Petrol, 25,000 kilos Derv. 4% Oil reserve held.
(k)	Labour	

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(e)	Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days normally. Issues to units every 15 days.
(f)	Physical Wharehousing	
	(i) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Good. Spacious and airy.
	(ii) Stocking heigh etc.	6 Sacks high.
	(iii) Dunnage	None in use. Milan has promised to supply dunnage but none received.
(g)	(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	
	(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract.	Local Bakery on contract. Military Bakery will function from 15 July.
(k)	Tally cards.	Not in use. Supply Officer will start tally cards right away.
(i)	Detail issue points in Depot (number)	One.
(j)	P. O. L.	Petrol and Derv. issued by S/R pumps from barrels. Storage tanks and electric pumps should be put in order, as it is understood that this site may be permanent. At one time it must have been an excellent Depot. Repairs awaiting approval of 7 Territorial Command. 100,000 kilos Petrol, 25,000 kilos Derv. 4½ Oil Drums reserve held.
(k)	Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	None
(l)	Guards	Store is alongside main Guardroom. 2 armed sentries patrol by night.
(m)	Fire Precautions	Adequate extinguishers, picks and shovels. Covered by Fire Piquet at Vehicle Park.
(n)	Anti rat precautions	None necessary - No sign of rats
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	None.

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(p) Depot Transport — 2 x 3 ton Dodge
1 Car

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) Army. — 21,000
(ii) Total number of Units — 27 Units and sub units

(r) Accountancy
Italian system — No difficulties

(s) Accomodation
Sleeping quarters — Good accomodation. Clean and tidy.
Dining " — Man feed with their own Flatoons.
Recreational" — Have use of amenities of Transport Coy.
Cookhouse — None. See above.
Latrines & Ablutions — Men use main latrines and showers. Quite satisfactory and adequate.

(t) General turnout of men. — Good. During working hours men use overalls or vest and shorts.

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

Excellent. The O.C. of the Company seems a very "live wire" and takes a keen interest in the well being of the men.

Accomodation and administration appear to be above average.

Cush. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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SUBJECT:- Rations - Deficiencies.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 489063 Ext 526
ST/159

7.B.I.U. for ST.

11 July 46.

1. Ref your ALG/ST/C 6 dated 4 July 46 the list of deficiencies referred to has not reached this office and would appear to have been inadvertantly omitted from your letter.

2. Will you please send a copy of this when the matter will be taken up.

for Lt.Col. PASC.
ASST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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SUBJECT:- Inspection Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 489081 Ext 326
31/139

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

11 July 46.

1. Reference your report on inspection of 7 INF sent to this office under cover of your BLU/SC/4 10 dated 6 July, will you please advise this HQ whether the question of the Intrines has been taken up with Territorial Command and what action they are taking in the matter.

2. For your information the vehicle establishment of an INF is 1 landrover, 2 cars and 3 motorcycles (War Ministry's 33/148/1 of 1 Jan 46).

3. Inspection report on 164 Tpt and Supply Coy on 27 June and 3rd July is acknowledged.

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADQT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(M.M.I.A.).

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 6

Florence, 4 July 1946

Subject : Rations - Deficiencies.

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

Copy to : 7 Bulk Supply Depot - LEGHORN.

1. Further to previous correspondence on this subject (this Office BLU/ST/G 6 dated 9 April and attachments, and BLU/ST/G 6 dated 5th June '46 refers) herewith further list of deficiencies reported by No.7 Bulk Supply Depot, LEGHORN, with translation of covering letter No.2182 dated 16th June 46.

2. It is requested that you take the matter up with QM P.B.S. so that arrangements may be made to make good the deficiencies, from Depot 5 L 51, TOMBOLO.

Spoke Capt Hanson (now with UNRRA) who said that he had seen QMG at Leghorn (Livorno) who were seeking to replace deficiencies. Passed this information on to Maj Hamilton 5 BLU for action ST.

12 July.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
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FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 5 July 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Enclosed herewith report of inspection performed to :
184 Transport & Supply Coy
("FOLGORE" Divn.)

Cwh. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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To : A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

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184 Transport & Supply Coy
("TOLGORE" Divn.)

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit. — 184 Transport & Supply Coy ("FOLGORE" Div)
2. Date of Inspection — 27th June & 3rd July 46.
3. Name of O.C. — Major DE ALFARO
4. Strength.

	Officers	ORs	NCOs	ORs
(a) W.E.	14	362	26	336
(b) Actual strength	15	298	34	264

(One additional Officer on Admn.)

5. Vehicles. (loadcarriers)

	3 ton	15 cwt	Cars
(a) W.E.	105 plus W/S Plat. 2	7	8
(b) Actual number held	73 x 3 ton Dodge.		
(c) " " on charge	30		

(d) Number V.O.R. — 20. Class VI
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated? — Yes
(f) Have vhls in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength? — 10 Class II now in W/S BOLOGNA
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details. — Yes.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection. — 7
(i) General conditions of vehs — 3 days off road. Granted by Div. H.Q. for
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held — 38. maintenance. After moving units from PISTOI
Good. Although most vehicles have done over 40,000 miles.
Less than 1 complete spare wheel for 5 vehicles which is the minimum laid down by Terr.Comd.
(k) ~~What anti-frost precautions are taken~~ — 65 covers & tubes recently received.
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — Yes.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of — ~~Still having difficulty in obtaining electrical~~ spares, Fan belts - Radiators - Canopies - (Tarpaulins).

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5. Vehicles.
(Roadcarriers)

(a) W.E. (additional Officer on Admn.)
(b) Actual number held — 3 ton: 105 plus W/S Plat. 2; 15 cwt: 7; Cars: 8
(c) " " on charge) — 73 x 3 ton Dodge.
(d) Number V.O.R. — 30
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated? — 20. Class VI
(f) Have vhls in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength? — Yes. 10 Class II now in W/S BOLOGNA
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details. — Yes.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection. — 7
(i) General conditions of vehs — 3 days off road. Granted by Div. H.Q. for maintenance. After moving units from PISTOIA Good. Although most vehicles have done over 40,000 miles.
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held — Less than 1 complete spare wheel for 5 vehicles which is the minimum laid down by Terr.Comd.
(k) ~~What anti-frost precautions are taken~~ — 65 covers & tubes recently received.

(l) Arb Targe number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — Yes.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted — ~~Still having difficulty in obtaining electrical~~ spares. Fan belts - Radiators - Canopies - (Tarpaulins).

6. Vehicle Park.
(a) Is it best space available? (General layout) — Yes.
(b) Condition of standings — Good although no overhead cover available.
(c) Guards and picquets — 2 sentries by day. 1 NCO & 8 armed sentries by night
(d) Condition of POL store — Good. In & out circuit maintained.
(e) Quantities of POL held — Petrol: 26,000 kilos. Dary: 985 kilos. Oils: in proportion about 5%
(f) Fire Precautions — 4 Fire Points. Appliances Held. 1x34 gall. Mobile Foam. 4x20 litres Hand. 7x1 Gall. Hand.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. — NCO & 5 as Fire Piquet. Vehicle park is used for greasing & daily tasks.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — None employed.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood — Yes.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — Yes. in 412s.

(f) Condition of 412s. — Clean & tasks' initialled by Officers.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc). — Yes. in detail by Admn. Officer in Coy HQ. Bath Roster kept by Platoon Officers.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals — No detachments out.

(j) Welfare. — Small temporary canteen in use as large unit canteen is occupied. Sanitary Sect. will be vacated in 10/15 days.

8. Accommodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — 2 Unit Radio sets. Very good. Clean & well looked after.

(b) Dining quarters — Good. Accommodation and food excellent. No complaints.

(c) Recreation " — Football - boxing and fencing kits. Men seem in good physical condition.

(d) Cookhouse — Good. Clean, and cooks make very good use of rations.

(e) Ration store — Satisfactory. Fly proofing in use.

(f) Latrines — Clean - Good water supply and automatic flushing.

(g) Ablutions — 2 separate sets of showers - Baths available daily and rosters kept by Platoon Officers.

9. General remarks. — High average. Men are cheerful and take a pride

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(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc).
Yes. in detail by Admn. Officer in Coy HQ. Bath Roster kept by Platoon Officers.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals
No detachments out.

(j) Welfare.
Small temporary canteen in use as large unit canteen is occupied. Sanitary Sect. will be vacated in 10/15 days.

8. Accommodation.
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Very good. Clean & well looked after. 2 Unit Radio sets.

(b) Dining quarters
Good. Accommodation and food excellent. No complaints.

(c) Recreation "
Football - boxing and fencing kits. Men seem in good physical condition.

(d) Cookhouse
Good. Clean, and cooks make very good use of rations.

(e) Ration store
Satisfactory. Fly proofing in use.

(f) Latrines
Clean - Good water supply and automatic flushing.

(g) Ablutions
2 separate sets of showers- Baths available daily and rosters kept by Platoon Officers.

9. General remarks.
(general turnout of men, standard of units etc.)
High average. Men are cheerful and take a pride in their turnout. Only 1 shirt and slacks K.D. per head which is insufficient in hot weather. Unit is also short of denims or dungarees for working on vehicles.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 6 July 1946

Subject : Inspection report.

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

Herewith enclosed report of inspection performed to
7 Efficient Vehicle Park.

C.W. Tatham, Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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S. APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT —

1. Unit — 7 Efficient Vehicle Park
2. Date of Inspection — 5 July 1946
3. Name of Officer Commanding — Capt. PICONE ANGELO
4. Strength

	Officers	NCOs	ORs
(a) W.E.	1	3	17
(b) Actual strength	1	2	14

5. Vehicles (Domestic) (loadcarriers)

(a) W.E.	2 x 3 tonner. 3 M/C 1 Car
(b) Actual number held	1 x 3 " Nil 1 "
(c) Actual number on charge from Repair Unit awaiting disposal instructions	

Fiat 626 (3 ton)	6
Lancia 3 RO (6 ton)	2
Light Recovery Trucks	2
G.M.C. (3 ton)	2
Fiat 1100 (Pass)	2
Ambulance SPA 25G10	1
M/C	2
Jeeps	3
Water Tanker on Trailer	1

6. Vehicle Park

(a) Is it best space available?	Excellent - Under cover in permanent buildings.
(b) Condition of standings	All under cover
(c) Guards and picquets	1 Armed Sentry by day - 2 by night and 2 civilian guards.
(d) Fire Precautions	Adequate. 8 x 1 gall. Extinguishers.
(e) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.	Picks Mattocks : 12 each.
	In vehicle shed under covers.

7. Administration

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?	Yes.
(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?	Yes.
(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles	None
(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood	Yes
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?	Yes in 412s.
(f) Condition of tires	

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(c) Actual number on charge from Repair Unit awaiting disposal instructions

Fiat 626 (3 ton)	6
Lancia 3 RO (6 ton)	2
Light Recovery Trucks	2
G.M.C. (3 ton)	2
Fiat 1100 (Pass)	2
Ambulance SPA 25G10	1
M/C	2
Jeeps	3
Water Tanker on Trailer	1

6. Vehicle Park

(a) Is it best space available? — Excellent - Under cover in permanent buildings.

(b) Condition of standings — All under cover

(c) Guards and picquets — 1 Armed Sentry by day - 2 by night and 2 civilian guards.

(d) Fire Precautions — Adequate. 8 x 1 gall. Extinguishers. Picks Mattocks : 12 each.

(e) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. — In vehicle shed under covers.

7. Administration

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — None

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood — Yes

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — Yes in 412s.

(f) Condition of 412s. — Good.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc). — Yes. No mains water - Water tanker is used for ablution and bathing water.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals — Nil

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(j) Welfare. — Nil

8. Accomodation

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Good - No mosquito nets, which it is considered ought to be provided.
(b) Dining quarters — Good.
(c) Recreation quarters — No amenities
(d) Cookhouse — Good and rations adequate.
(e) Ration store — In cookhouse - Rations drawn daily.
(f) Latrines — No latrines - All ranks use surrounding fields - Engineers should construct deep dry type latrines. Considered essential.

9. General remarks. (general turnout of men, standard of units etc.) — Morale seems good. Turnout good.

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C.W.h. Tatham Capt.
Signature of Inspecting Officer

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SUBJECT:- Food Depots.

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

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 489081 Ext 526
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2 July 46.

Attached herewith for your information is copy of letter 1132 dated 6 July 46 received by this HQ from Italian Ministry of War.

Lt.Col. RABO.
ADJT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War — 6 July 46

TO : NMIA (in reply to letter ST/299 of 20/3/46) — 11312

SUBJECT:- Food Depots.

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Ref letter ST/299 of 20 March 46, same subject, we forward to you information received by BOLOGNA Military Territorial Command in respect of comments made by ST Liaison Officer with 7 BLU.

a) 6 Distribution Depot - BOLOGNA.

The conditions of the Food Depot have not sensibly improved by the handing over of the shed used at present as Clothing and Equipment Depot, because of its limited capacity and in which no adequate dunnage had been put for technical reasons.

The sleeping accommodation of 6 Supply Coy have improved by whitewashing and repairs to doors, windows and beds.

The cookhouse has been whitewashed and more utensils have been provided.

Latrines have been repaired and whitewashed.

b) 77 Distribution Depot - FORLI (at present part of 6 Food Depot), is due to be disbanded within two or three weeks.

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Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

"S & T, NMIA.
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Ministero della Guerra

Roma, 31 LUG 1946

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Direzione Sussist.za Sez. I^
Prot. N. 11312 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del 20/3/1946
Div. Sez. N. ST/299

OGGETTO Magazzini di distribuzione.

Con riferimento alla lettera, pari oggetto, ST/299 in data 20 marzo scorso, si partecipa quanto la Direzione di Commissariato del Comando Militare Territoriale di Bologna ha comunicato in merito ai rilievi mossi dall'Ufficiale di Collegamento addetto ai rifornimenti e trasporti presso il 7° Blu:

a) 6° Magazzino Principale Distribuzione viveri di Bologna:

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Le condizioni delle camerate occupate dai militari della 6^ Compagnia Sussistenza sono migliorate, mediante imbiancatura e riparazioni varie agli infissi e grande.

La cucina è stata ripulita e provvista di altri mezzi di cottura occasionali.

Le latrine sono state riparate e tinteggiate.

b) 77° Magazzino Secondario Distribuzione Foraggi di Forlì (ora frazione del 6° Magazzino Viveri) è in via di scioglimento entro due o tre

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War 11191/S/1

TO : MMIA 1 July 46

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Food Depots at FLORENCE and ANCONA.

Ref letters ST/139 of 17 May and ST/139 of 21 June.

Florence Territorial Command has informed us by letter 6513/Serv dated 19 June that the movement of 7 Principal Food Distribution Depot is imminent from the premises occupied at the moment in Via Tripoli (provisional arrangement) to the "Generale Guidobono" buildings in Via Ponte di Mezzo for as a definitive location.

All the inconveniences will be eliminated by the arrangement and organisation of the depot in new premises, more suitable for the various exigences of the service.

We take the ooportunity of informing you that Bologna Territorial Command has been required to issue the necessary instructions for the good running of 76 Secondary Food Distribution Depot Ancona in order to eliminate as much as possible the deficiencies noticed by 7 BLU Liaison Officer during his inspection.

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Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

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Ministero della Guerra

Roma, 1 LUG 1946

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A)
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Direzione Sussist. Sez. I^a
Prot. N.^ 11191 S/I Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.^

OGGETTO : Ispezioni ai magazzini distribuzione viveri di Firenze ed Ancona.

Con riferimento alle lettere ST/I39 del I7 maggio scorso e ST/I39 del 2I corrente si comunica che il Comando Militare Territoriale di Firenze, con foglio n. 6513/Serv. in data I9 corrente, ha fatto presente che è imminente il trasferimento del 7° Magazzino Principale Distribuzione Viveri dai locali occupati in via Tripoli (sistemazione provvisoria) nel complesso dei fabbricati "Generale Guidobono" in via Ponte di Mezzo ove troverà sistemazione definitiva.

Con la sistemazione e l'organizzazione del magazzino nei nuovi locali, più idonei e rispondenti alle varie esigenze del servizio, saranno eliminati gli inconvenienti lamentati.

Con l'occasione si fa presente che il Comando Militare Territoriale di Bologna è stato interessato perché dia disposizioni per il regolare funzionamento del 76° Magazzino Secondario Distribuzione Viveri di Ancona per eliminare, nei limiti del possibile, quanto è stato rilevato nell'ispezione compiuta dall'ufficiale di collegamento del 7° Blu.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 20 June 1946

Subject : Inspection.

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

Enclosed herewith report on inspection performed to No. 7 Admn. Transport Coy (incl. Amb. Car Platoon).

C.W. Tatham, Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT -

1. Unit		No. 7 Admn. Transport Coy (includes Amb. Car Platoon)
2. Date of Inspection		18 June 1946
3. Name of O.C.		Capt. JANNACE
4. Strength		
(a) W.E.	Officers 9	13 NCOs ORs. 195
(b) Actual strength	7	23 NCOs 186X
5. Vehicles.		
(loadcarriers) (a) W.E.		20 M/C
(b) Actual number held		80 load carriers 16 pass.cars 20 ambulances
(c) " " on charge		76 " " 15 " " 15 " 15 M/C
		In addition 1 Mobile Workshop 1 Autobus 3 Mobile Bath Units and 12 Jeeps attached.
(d) Number V.O.R.		20. 8 for maintenance. Nil awaiting spares 4 Unit repairs.
(e) Number beyond Unit repair. have they been evacuated ?		8
		Yes 6 to No. 7 Repair Unit. 2 in Civilian W/S (detachments)
(f) Have Vehs in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength ?		None exceeding 7 days.
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.		55. Number is high, due to political situation.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection		28. Number is low due to political situation.
(i) General conditions of vehs		Mechanically sound and well maintained.
(j) " " of tyres		Poor.
number of spare tyres held.		Nil.
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken.		Nil during summer.
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen labels affixed and legible ?		Yes - Complete.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so, give details and date of demands already submitted ?		Spare parts supplied from Stores Unit, Piacenza Small percentage of demands are met. Tyres and electrical parts and equipment most urgently required.
6. Vehicle Park.		
(a) Is it best space available ? (General layout)		Yes - Very good considering the site.
(b) Condition of standings		See under "General remarks"
(c) Guards and piquets		Very good. Hard Brick standing under Cover.
(d) Condition of POL store.		2 armed 24 hours guards.
(e) Quantities of POL held		Excellent. 3 Months POL reserve held. Petrol 130 000 litres - Diesel 83 000 litres.

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(f) Fire Precautions.	6 hand Extinguishers held. Still awaiting release of 34 gallon mobile foam extinguishers.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.	Yes - Good water pressure for washing. Ramps and pits for greasing.
7. Administration	
(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out ?	Yes - Individual vehicle records, showing milage details etc. recorded.
(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers ?	Yes.
(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles.	None.

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(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood ?	Yes. Notified task No in daily orders.
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for ?	Yes.
(f) Condition of 4l2s.	Satisfactory.
(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out ?	Yes.
(h) Personnel record - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc.)	Yes. Baths available (Hot showers) twice weekly. Platoon Officers keep bath book roster.
(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals ?	Detachments visited and inspected fortnightly. Vehicles changed round monthly.
(j) Welfare.	Unit canteen - Beer, Coffee, Sandwiches, and fruit on sale, cards etc. Football is played. Daily newspapers supplied.
8. Accomodation. (a) Sleeping quarters. (condition)	Satisfactory and kept reasonably clean. Sheets in addition to 2 blankets in use. 43 recruits at present - men seem keen and good standard.
(b) Dining quarters.& recreation quarters.	Good. Clean and free from flies.
(c) Cookhouse	W.O. in charge - Cookhouse. Very keen on his job - No complaints re rations but young recruits find rations insufficient.
(d) Ration store	Clean and well laid out.
(e) Latrines	Clean and generally well kept. Automatic flushing.
(f) Ablutions.	Satisfactory - a barbers shop is available.
9. General remarks. (general turnout of men, standard of Units etc.)	In general this Unit is in good shape. The O.C. is "live" and men appear to take a pride in their vehicles and an interest in their job. The young recruits in particular seem keen and of good physical standard.

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C.W.H. Tatham Capt.
Signature of Inspecting Officer

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SECRET:- 7 Fwd Distribution Sheets.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 459091 Ext 526
MT/439

Ministry of War.

21 June 46.

Copy to:- 7 BAU for RE.

Capt. LOCKWOOD TATHAM R[illegible], our Liaison Officer at 7 BAU, inspected the above unit on June 17th, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and whatever action you may consider necessary.

1. Although efforts have been made to improve damage it is still not adequate.

2. 41 civilian labourers were employed, and it is considered that this number is excessive.

3. The O.C. was anxious to move to better accommodation at Forte di Nomo, but the move is being held up owing to the delay in necessary engineering work outstanding there; it is suggested that this work is expedited in order to accelerate the move.

AIG/gms

Lt.Col. EAST.
AD/ST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(MMIA).

INTERNAL:- S.C.R.E.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref: BLU/ST/GAO

Florence, 18 June 1946

Subject : Inspection.

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

Herewith enclosed report on inspection performed to No.7 Food Distribution Depot, FLORENCE.

Cuth. Tatham. Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD - TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD TATHAM R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of inspection	17th June '46
(c) Name of Depot	No. 7 Food Distribution Depot
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Lt. Col. TUCCI S.Lt. LEONE (Ration Food Depot) S.Lt. ACCARDI (Fuel & Storage Depot)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days reserve. Units now drawing fortnights supplies.
(f) Physical Warehousing (I) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Cover Good. Still cramped for storage space, but storage improved generally.
(II) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(III) Dunnage	Efforts have been made to improve dunnage but still insufficient.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Purchased locally by Units, under contract.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Flour supplied by Units to local bakeries. This system seems to be satisfactory.
(h) Tally cards	Are kept, are clean and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	4 issue points.
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage	Good. Well stacked for movement and inspection.
(II) Forage	Good.
(III) ~~Kerosene~~ Coal.	Nil.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	3 clerks. 41 manual labourers.
(l) Guards	1 N.C.O. + 14 Soldiers. 4 civilian caretakers. Stick Sentry by day. Armed guards by night.
(m) Fire precautions	

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(m) Fire precautions — Fire piquet in guardroom. Typed fire Orders. 2 Extinguishers in Food and 10 in Fuel Depots. Buckets with water and sand, picks, mattocks and shovels.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Trained terriers. Rat traps - doors metalled.

(o) R.E. Works outstanding (state how long) — The new site at PONTE DI MEZZO has been taken over by 7 Territorial Command from 105 D.I.D. R.E. works is in progress and it is expected that No. 7 Food Distribution Depot will move to new location, middle of July.

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(p) Unit transport — No unit transport. Supplies are collected by vehicles detailed by 7 Terr.Comd.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-US-ITI-ITI) — 15,000 approx. Italian Army Units only.

(II) Total number of units — 26 Units. "FOLGORE" Div. draws bulk

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Uses both Allied and Italian systems.
Italian system — Allied for internal purposes.
General remarks — Italian for returns to Ministry of War.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters — Satisfactory for small number of personnel.

Dining " — Extension of cookhouse used.

Recreational" — Nil. But good facilities exist close to depot in the recently vacated "Robertson Club".

Cookhouse — Satisfactory for small number of personnel.

Latrines & ablutions — Outdoor ablutions. Latrines clean.

(t) General turn out of men — Uniforms and boots in good condition.

Fatigue dress worn in working hours.

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

(f) Physical Warehousing (Contd)
(IV)

The part of the depot below ground level, mentioned in Inspection Report of 3rd May, is used for wine and oil stores. No deterioration is noticeable. Temperature cool - no sign of humidity.

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It is suggested that M.M.I.A. recommend expedition of the Engineering work at PONTE DI MEZZO. Lack of sanction of funds may be delaying the contractors.

Cuth. Tatham Capt.

C.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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SUBJECT:- Bakery - FLORENCE.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/139

Ministry of War.

27 May 46.

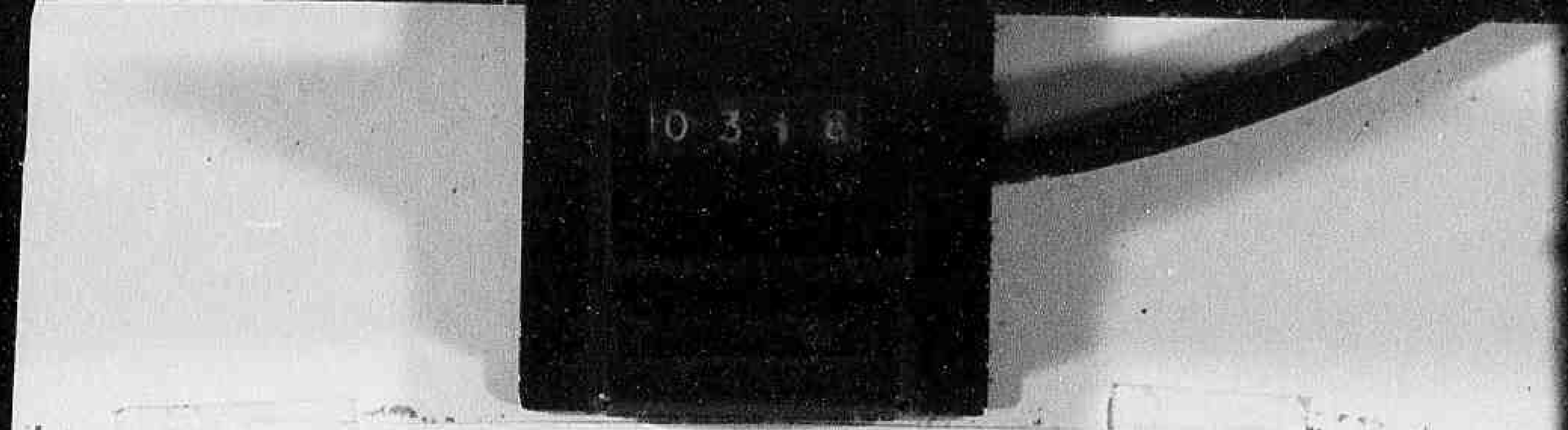
1. For your information it is understood that the British Military Bakery at 105 DDD will finish working in Florence w.e.f. 31 May, and that the premises will be clear by 7 June.

2. This information has been passed on to 7 Territorial Command by 7 HLL.

ALC/gms

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

Copy to:- 7 HLL (this HQ Q.216 dated 25 May refers).



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SUBJECT :- Inspection Report.

ST/1021/D

17th May 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 693265 Ext 526

To :- S.M.L.O.s. Officio Automobilismo.

Copy to :- 7 D.L.U. for MF's.

Capt. WYNNE RASC, our Liaison Officer at 7 DLU inspected No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park on May 3rd, and the following extracts from his report are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary :-

1. Parts numbers were complete, but there were no windscreen labels.

2. No recreation facilities.

3. It was stated by the inspecting officer that alterations and improvements which were in hand at the time of the last inspection have been interrupted due to the failure of the Ministry of War to provide the necessary funds.

4. Only one vehicle was on charge at the time of the inspection.

ALO/cg

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

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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
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17 May 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 7 BLU for SE.

The u/m depots were visited by Capt. MORROW, RASC, our Liaison Officer at 7 BLU, on the dates indicated. Extracts from his reports are forwarded herewith for your information and any action that you may consider necessary.

7 Food Distribution Depot - 3rd May.

1. Cover for rations good, but building too small for good storage.
2. Drainage was generally insufficient consisting of one plank's tidal, on stone floor, or sacks without planks.
3. There were only two Fire Extinguishers at the Food Depot.
4. Sleeping quarters were only 'fair'.
5. There were no dining or recreational quarters for the men.
6. The cookhouse was poor.
7. Part of the depot is below ground level; stocks should be at least six inches from the walls which will become humid during hot weather.

76 Food Distribution Depot - 10 May.

1. Drainage was said to be insufficient.
2. There were only two night guards which would appear to be insufficient.
3. The sleeping quarters were overcrowded.
4. There were no recreational or dining quarters, and the cookhouse was poor.
5. In general the warehouse accommodation was ample and fairly well in order; the fresh meat detail issue store was not as clean as is desirable, dried blood, etc., still being in evidence.

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The chief cause for criticism was the accomodation of the military personnel, the ablutions consisted of a 5 gallon oil drum under a tap fixed 2 feet from the ground and just inside the entrance; there were no wash-benches or facilities for shaving, no bath and an ordinary W.C. of which the wooden seat appears to be permanently saturated - no disinfectants were in use.

The cooking arrangements were primitive, too much attention being given to the provision of facilities for the civilian employees' at the expense of the soldiers accomodation.

It is suggested that you make arrangements for the above depots to be visited by an Officer of the Territorial Command with a view to effecting some considerable improvement at an early date.

Lt.Col. RASC.
[illegible], Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMEA).

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 13 May 1946

Subject : Inspection.

To : M.M.I.A., C.M.F. (A.D.S.T.)

Enclosed herewith report on inspection performed on the 7th Efficient Vehicle Park, FLORENCE.

G.A. MORROW
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	7th Efficient Vehicle Park	
2. Date of Inspection	3 May 1946	
3. Name of O.C.	Capt. Borselli	
4. Strength.	Officers	Ors
(a) W.E.	1	20
(b) Actual strength	1	20
5. Vehicles, (loadcarriers)		
(a) W.E.		
(b) Actual number held	1 x GMC 2½ tons 6 x 6	
(c) " " on charge		
(d) Number W.O.R.		
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been accounted?		
(f) Have vehs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?		
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.		
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.		
(i) General condition of vehs		
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held		
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken		
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	Targa numbers complete No windscreen labels.	
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of		

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(loadcarriers)

(a) W.E. — 1 x GMC 2½ tons 6 x 6
(b) Actual number held
(c) " " on charge
(d) Number V.C.H.
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been accounted?
(f) Have vehs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.
(i) General conditions of vehs
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken

(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — Targa numbers complete
No windscreen labels.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted

6. Vehicle Park.
(a) Is it best space available? (General layout) — 3 large sheds used - Sufficient space for parking.
(b) Condition of standings
(c) Guards and picquets — 1 Offr. - 20 men
(d) Condition of POL store
(e) Quantities of POL held
(f) Fire Precautions — Extinguishers in adequate quantity.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?
(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?
(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles
(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
(f) Condition of 4128.
(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?
(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (daily book, guard roster etc)
(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals
(j) Welfare.

8. Accomodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Good.

(b) Dining quarters — Good.

(c) Recreation " — Nil.

(d) Cookhouse — Good.

(e) Ration store — Rations kept in cookhouse.

(f) Latrines — Good.

(g) Ablutions — Good.

9. General remarks.

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(d) Cookhouse — Good.

(e) Ration store — Rations kept in cookhouse.

(f) Latrines — Good.

(g) Ablutions — Good.

9. General remarks.
(general turnout of men, standard of quarters etc.)

Signature of Inspecting Officer

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The movement of this Unit as mentioned in previous report was subsequently revoked, the proposed new site being allocated to the "Folgore" Division.

The alterations and improvements which were in hand at the time of the last inspection have been interrupted due to the failure on the part of the Ministry of War to provide the necessary funds.

Only one vehicle was on charge at the time of the inspection.

G.A. MORROW
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

S.T.

Ref : BLU/ST/G 10

Florence, 13 May 1946

Subject : Inspection

To : M.M.I.A., C.M.F. (A.D.S.T.)

Enclosed herewith report on inspection performed on 76
Food Distribution Depot - ANCONA.

G.A. MORROW
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "3"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. G.A. MORROW

(b) Date of inspection — 10 May 1946

(c) Name of Depot — 76 Food Distribution Depot - Ancona

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Tenente Maciocu
S/Ten. Pizzichella

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made) — 50 days Average

(f) Physical Warehousing
(I) Accomodation, Cover etc. — Good - Previously Military Medical Store

(II) Stocking height etc. — 10 sacks

(III) Damnage — Not sufficient

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units make own arrangements

(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Unit arrangement.

(h) Tally cards — Up to date

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — Three

(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage — 2500 qtl Well stocked

(II) Forage — Small qty - Only 8 horses on strength

(III) Lignite — None

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) — 34

(l) Guards — Two night guards.

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(II) Stocking height etc. — 10 sacks

(III) Damage — Not sufficient

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units make own arrangements

(II) Broad number of bakeries on contract — Unit arrangement.

(k) Tally cards — Up to date

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — Three

(j) Fuels

(I) Wood storage — 2500 qtl Well stacked

(II) Forage — Small qty - Only 8 horses on strength

(III) Lignite — None

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers) — 34

(l) Guards — Two night guards.

(m) Fire precautions — Fire extinguishers ; fire buckets and sand.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Cats and traps

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — None

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(p) Depot transport

1 Fiat 66 5 tons
1 Fiat 26 2 tons } Petrol allotment small.
1 Esaro 2½ tons

(q) Feeding strengths
(I)(Army, Navy, Air)
(ER-US-ITI-ITI)

2000 ITI-ITI

(II) Total number of units

8

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

Both in use - prefer Allied system.

Well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters

Overcrowded.

Dining "

None

Recreational"

None

Cookhouse

Poor.

Latrines & ablutions

Ablutions no existent : W.C. filthy.

(t) General turnout of men

Fatigues worn.

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

The warehouse accomodation is ample and fairly well in order : the fresh meat detail issue store was not as clean as is desirable, dried blood etc. still being in evidence.

The chief cause for criticism is the accomodation of the military personnel. Eight soldiers are housed in a small villa; the "ablutions" consist of a 5 gallon oil drum under a tap fixed 2 ft from the ground and just inside the entrance, there is no bench or facilities for shaving, no bath and an ordinary W.C.; of which the wooden seat appears to be permanently saturated - no disinfectants were in use.

The cooking arrangements were primitive, too much attention being given to the provision of facilities for the midday meal for the civilian employees at the expense of the soldiers' accomodation.

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Dining " None

Recreational" None

Cookhouse Poor.

Latrines & ablutions Ablutions no existent : W.C. filthy.

(t) General turnout of men Fatigues worn.

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

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The cooking arrangements were primitive, too much attention being given to the provision of facilities for the midday meal for the civilian employees at the expense of the soldiers' accomodation.

Maggiore MORO, the Commissariato, is concerned at this lack of accomodation for troops as he requires additional men for local defense measures.

The original bakery and warehouse (Forno Militare, Ancona) is occupied in part by Polish Troops, but the tendency appears to be that as part becomes derequisitioned the local authorities are making it available for civilian organizations.

In a circular letter number 2364 of 28 April, this depot advised all Units that Chili con Carne and M & V only would be issued, all P.Meat being retained "in reserve".

This local instructipn appears to have emanated as the result of a signal (not available) from Ministry of War.

G.A. MORROW
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Florence, 13 May 1946

Subject : Inspection.

To : M.M.I.A., C.M.F. (A.D.S.T.)

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Capt. R.A.S.C.
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Capt. R.A.S.C.
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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. G.A. MORROW
(b) Date of inspection	3 May 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7 Food Distribution Depot
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Ten.Col. Tucci S.Ten. Leone (Ration Food Depot)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	15 days. Units fortnightly withdrawals already made.
(f) Physical Warehousing (I) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Cover good. But building too small for good storage.
(II) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(III) Damage	Generally insufficient. One plank thick on stone floor or sacks without planks.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Purchased locally by Units.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Local contract by Units.
(h) Tally cards	Being kept clear and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Four.
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage	Good.
(II) Forage	Good.
(III) Lignite	Good.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	3 clerks - 28 labours.
(l) Guards	14 military - 4 civilians; one sentry by day and 2 at night at both food and fuel depot.

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(II) Stocking height etc.	12 sacks high.
(III) Damage	Generally insufficient. One plank thick on stone floor or sacks without planks.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Purchased locally by Units.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Local contract by Units.
(h) Tally cards	Being kept clear and up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Four.
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage	Good.
(II) Forage	Good.
(III) Lignite	Good.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	3 clerks - 28 labours.
(l) Guards	14 military - 4 civilians; one sentry by day and 2 at night at both food and fuel depot.
(m) Fire precautions	Extinguishers : 2 at Food and 10 at Fuel Depot buckets with water sand, pick mattock and shovels.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Trained dogs - Tin sheet on doors - Traps
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	No RE works outstanding or foreseen Depot expected to move in Via Ponte Di Mezzo, its prewar installation (including bakery) at present occupied by 105 D.I.D.

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(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
(I)(Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-US-ITI-ITI)

20,000
Navy 16

(II) Total number of units

Ai : "Tolgore" Div. draws in bulks

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

Both systems are kept.

Italian system preferred.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters

Dining "

Recreational"

Cookhouse

Latrines & ablutions

Fair.

Nil.

Nil.

Poor.

Outdoor ablutions without cover.
Latrines clean.

(t) General turnout of men

Uniforms and boots in good condition
Fatigues used while working.

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

(f) - Part of the Depot is below ground level : stocks should be at least 6 ins. from walls which will become humid during hot weather.

One barrack, part of prewar installation of 7 Distribution Depot and Bakery, has been released by 105 D.I.D.; Engrs. works are in hand and expected to be finished in a short time; these barracks will accomodate satisfactorily all S & T personnel.

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Dining " — Nil.

Recreational" — Nil.

Cookhouse — Poor.

Latrines & ablutions — Outdoor ablutions without cover. Latrines clean.

(t) General turnout of men — Uniforms and boots in good condition. Fatigues used while working.

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

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SUBJECT :- Bakery.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 4.78207
MI/A39

7 MAY.

16 May '46

1. Reference your letter MAJ/SM/C4 dated 7 May attached for your information is a copy of letter from Q Branch this HQ to E.A.A.C. regarding the Bakery at 105 D.I.D.

2. You will be informed of any further developments in the matter.

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

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S.T. (37)

Subject : Bakery.

7 British Liaison Unit
Florence,
BLU/ST/G 6
7 May 1946

To : ADST, M.M.I.A.

Taken up by Q with RAPC 14 May (D)

1. Application has been received from the 7 Territorial Command, for # permission to use two of the ovens at the Bakery of 105 D.I.D. in the event of strikes occurring during the period of the forthcoming elections, and the consequent interruption of supplies from the civil contractor.

2. At the present time only two of the four ovens at the Bakery are in use, and whilst a little confusion may be caused, this could probably be alleviated by allocating alternate days to the R.A.S.C. and Italian Bakery.

G.A. MORROW
Capt. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Bakery 105 DID

Bakers Ovens 2,000

Capt Markland RAPC 13/5/46 Q Action

who advised no supplies available

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SUBJECT:- Supply Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.E. I.A.).
Tel. : 473207
ME/299

7 B.L.s. for E.

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Further to this branch ME/299 of 26 Nov. copy to you.

1. The Ministry of War state that while they are not in a position to obtain alternative accommodation for no. 7 Bulk and 78 Distribution Depots at LYDDA they propose engaging in an intensive anti-rat campaign. Please bear this in mind when LYDDA is next visited.

Lt.-Col. RADC.
ME/0/gmc AIVE, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MEEA).

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TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War 11 Apr 46

TO : MMIA (ref ST/299 of 26 Mar 46) 6465/S/1

SUBJECT:- Supply Depots.

This Ministry is not in the position of moving 7 Bulk Depot and 78 Distribution Depot to other premises owing to the particular situation of the town of LEGHORN, due to destructions for war actions.

We assure anyhow that we will do our best for a complete anti-rat campaign in the premises.

C Sgd. Gen. Pelligra

"S & T. MMIA.
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Ministero della Guerra
Direz.Gen.Serv.Comm.Am.

Risposta Succ.ze Div. 1ª
Prot. N. 5465/S/1 Allegati

A/LA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
R O M A

Riferimento Lett. del 26 marzo
Div. Sez. N° ST/299

Oggetto: Depositi riformimenti

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Questo Ministero non prevede di poter effattuare lo spostamento del 7° Deposito speciale viveri e del 78° Magazzino Distr. Viveri in altri locali, data la particolare situazione della città di Livorno, a seguito delle distruzioni di immobili verificatesi per eventi bellici.

Si assicura, comunque, che sarà tentato ogni mezzo per ottenere una completa derattizzazione degli ambienti.

p. IL MINISTRO

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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REF: BLU/ST/G 6

Florence, 9 April 1946

Subject : Rations

To : MMIA ADST

12 APR 1946

Tel. conversation GREGSON - HART-DYKE of 9 April refers.

1. Enclosed is copy translation of a report received from 7 Bulk Supply Depot.

2. Please state any action you wish taken in this matter.

3. As you are aware there is no RASC officer with this HQ. at the moment and unless Capt. MORROW or another is appointed, it is suggested that an RASC officer from HQ. M.M.I.A. should visit this HQ. to investigate this matter.
This action is especially urged as Lieut. APOSTOLI the S.T interpreter is going on leave on 15 April.

D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
DAA & QMG

Capt Morrow to investigate & report.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Florence, 4 April 1946

Letter HLU/ST G 10 dtd. 21 March 1946 refers.

Further notice has been received from 7th Bulk Supply Depot, of cases containing stones and cases with missing cans.

7th Bulk Supply Depot is rather worried about the increase and frequency with which such discrepancies are happening.

It appears that 7th Bulk Supply Depot has not the possibility to check the content of each case received from P.B.S. owing to the fact that stocks received are to be immediatly forwarded to Distribution Depots over all Italy, being at the moment 7th Bulk Supply Depot supplying Allied part of ration for the whole Italian Army; and so commodities withdrawn from P.B.S. are not stocked but directly loaded on train or ship and forwarded.

Distribution Depots on arrival of commodities check the content of the cases and if some stuff results missing, list is sent to 7th Bulk Supply Depot . Herewith enclosed list of commodities found missing by Distribution Depots shown aside, on stocks forwarded by 7th Bulk Supply Depot, corresponding to requisitions.

I. 7937 dtd 8 March 1946 and I 7948 dtd 20th Dec 1945.

BACON

			Quantity missing in sealed cases
19.2.46	Genova	Kgs.	5,794
12.2.46	Bologna	"	156,285
31.1.46	Bologna	"	159,524
7.2.46	Florence	"	27,180
16.2.46	Salerno	"	3,400
1.2.46	Forli'	"	23,782
6.2.46	Florence	"	69,762
19.2.46	Torino	"	50,962
26.2.46	Milan	"	78,142
1.3.46	Florence	"	30,577
4.3.46	Florence	"	16,978
12.2.46	Catania	"	122,310
16.2.46	Rome	"	123,465
7.2.46	Rome	"	83,420

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I. 7937 dtd 8 March 1946 and I 7348 dtd 20th Dec 1945.

BACON

			Quantity missing in sealed cases
19.2.46	Genova	Kgs.	5,794
12.2.46	Bologna	"	156,285
31.1.46	Bologna	"	159,324
7.2.46	Florence	"	27,180
18.2.46	Bolzano	"	3,400
1.2.46	Forli'	"	23,782
6.2.46	Florence	"	69,752
19.2.46	Torino	"	50,962
26.2.46	Milan	"	78,142
1.3.46	Florence	"	30,577
4.3.46	Florence	"	16,978
12.2.46	Catania	"	122,510
18.2.46	Rome	"	183,465
7.2.46	Rome	"	65,420
28.2.46	Rome	"	47,565
	Total	Kgs.	1019,146 = lbs 2242

SOLUABLE COFFEE

			Quantity missing in sealed cases
11.3.46	Milan	Kgs.	5,662
2.2.46	Genua	"	4,985
4.3.46	Florence	"	19,252
20.2.46	Rome	"	0,906
	Total	Kgs.	30,803 = lbs 67.

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COMED ROME

9.1.45	Bari	Quantity missing in sealed cases
12.2.45	Bologna	Kgs. 4,756
27.2.45	Turin	" 70,358
		" 27,180
	Total	Kgs. 102,504 = lbs 225

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23.1.45	Genoa	Quantity missing in sealed cases
15.2.45	Bari	Kgs. 11,763
21.2.45	Bolzano	" 58,590
22.2.45	Milan	" 2,944
23.2.45	Milan	" 57,735
22.2.45	Turin	" 25,505
19.2.45	Bari	" 2,915
12.2.45	Bari	" 20,394
4.2.45	Rome	" 36,245
22.2.45	Naples	" 23,555
14.2.45	Rome	" 3,833
		" 17,557
	Total	Kgs. 259,985 = lbs 613

AIRMA SIRSAS

7.2.45	Florence	Quantity missing in sealed cases
19.2.45	Genoa	Kgs. 43,482
22.2.45	Turin	" 1,152
23.1.45	Como	" 27,200
5.2.45	Bologna	" 155,934
		" 193,536
	Total	Kgs. 425,510 = lbs 939

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5.1.45	Bolzano	Quantity missing in sealed cases
22.12.45	Bari	Kgs. 15,285
28.12.45	Venice	" 11,047
7.1.45	Milan	" 14,245
7.1.45	Milan	" 6,116
11.1.45	Milan	" 3,401
10.1.45	Rome	" 3,958
9.1.45	Bari	" 15,638

Unsatisfactory

12.2.46	Bari	"	58,246	
4.2.46	Rome	"	23,556	
22.2.46	Naples	"	8,833	
14.2.46	Rome	"	17,667	
Total		Kgs.	279,985	= lbs 618

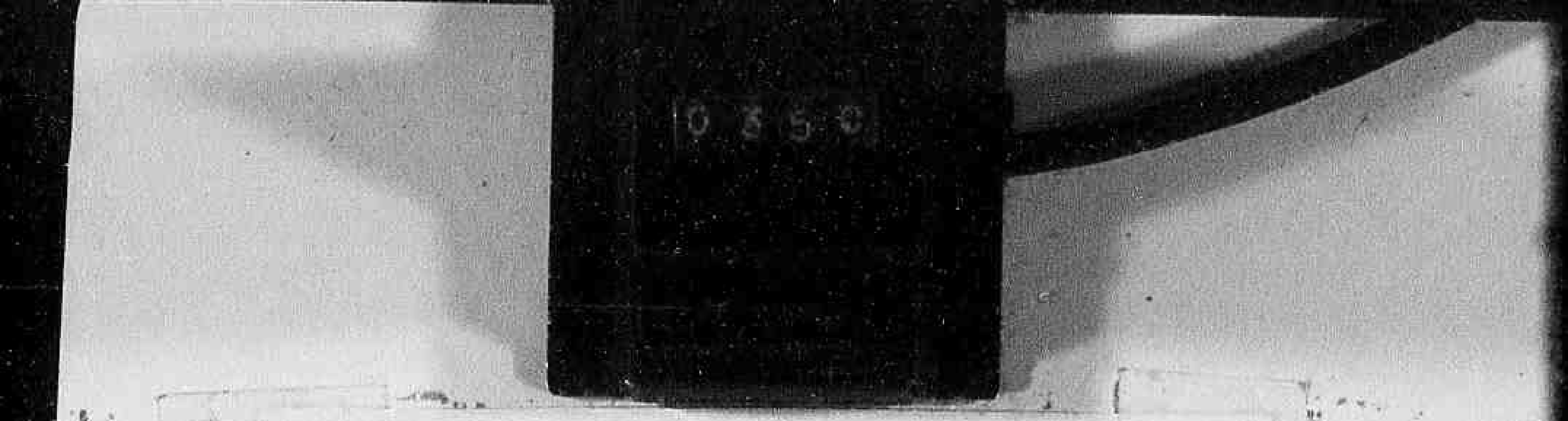
VIENNA SAUSAGE

		Quantity missing in sealed cases	
7.2.46	Florence	Kgs.	43,488
19.2.46	Genoa	"	4,162
22.2.46	Turin	"	27,200
29.1.46	Rome	"	156,954
5.3.46	Bologna	"	193,696
Total		Kgs.	425,510 = lbs 959

HASH M & V

		Quantity missing in sealed cases		Uneatable
5.1.45	Bolzano	Kgs.	15,285	
29.12.45	Bari	"	11,047	
28.12.45	Naples	"	4,245	
7.1.46	Milan	"	6,116	
7.1.46	Milan	"	3,401	
11.1.46	Milan	"	2,038	
10.1.46	Rome	"	15,639	
9.1.46	Bari	"	4,245	
31.1.45	Florence	"		18,347
25.1.46	Milan	"	42,212	
29.1.46	Genoa	"	6,116	
2.2.46	Milan	"	15,290	
6.2.46	Piacenza	"		30,580
20.2.46	Genoa	"	9,162	
28.1.46	Ancona	"	3,058	
22.2.46	Milan	"	120,456	
23.2.46	Milan	"	21,406	
25.1.46	Bari	"	18,347	
28.12.45	Naples	"	13,584	
1.2.46	Bolzano	"	7,500	
1.3.46	Florence	"	55,141	
4.3.46	Florence	"	3,058	
12.2.46	Bari	"	29,502	
30.1.46	Rome	"	60,746	
4.2.46	Rome	"	0,175	

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Kgs. 117,485
= 48,821

Total Kgs. 550,075
= lbs 485,

Quantity missing in sealed cases

Kgs. 5,662
= 4,330

Total Kgs. 10,192
= lbs 22,4

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3.1.46 Naples
9.1.46 Naples

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

Ref : BLU / ST C 6

Florence, 27 March 1946

Subject : 7 Distribution Depot.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(M.M.I.A.) Rome

Ref your ST/299 dated 4 March 1946 addressed to Ministry of War.

1. Every effort has been made by Commissariato 7 Territorial Command, to find a more suitable site for the above named Unit without success. It is believed at this office that the only suitable site is that at the present occupied by 105 D.I.D. and it is intended to move to this site as soon as it becomes available.

2. Some improvement will be realized in the near future when the personnel are accomodated in a barrack recently vacated by British Troops and presently being repaired.

3. It is again pointed out that H.Q. 7 Territorial Command is fully alive to the situation but that the receipt of letter of encouragement from the War Ministry does not enable them to achieve the impossible.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : - 7 Territorial Command (your letter 3146/serv. dated 25 March refers & conversation Lt.Col. Capitani - Capt. Strong refers.)

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Ref : BLU / ST G 10

Florence, 30 March 1946

Subject : 7 C.A.R. Siena.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMLA) Rome /

1. The S & T Officer of this B.L.U. visited 7 C.A.R. on Thusday 28 March. 1946.

2. The rationing and messing arrangements appeared to be very satisfactory and the previously expressed opinion is confirmed that there is no object in opening a Food Distribution Depot in Siena.

3. Messing appears to be of a high standard and a considerable interest in this matter is taken by senior Officers of the C.A.R. ; it was urged that the current ration of salt and olive oil should be increased.

4. The inspecting officer was much impressed by the very healthy and cheerful appearance of the recruits; a fair proportion of them are said to be volunteers.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : H.Q. 7 Territorial Command.

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

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Major M. HART DYKE RASC & Maj.HARVEY RAMC
(b) Date of Inspection	23 March 1946
(c) Name of Depot	57 Distribution Depot - PESCARA
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Lt. MASCIA Angelo
(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	Approx 30 days - stocks cheese small - Pepper correct.
(f) Physical Warehousing	
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Very good considering bomb damaged location
(11) Stacking, height.etc.	Very satisfactory
(111) Dunnage	In use
(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Under unit arrangement
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.	Under unit arrangement
(h) Tally Cards	In order and up to date
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Two (second for olive oil only)
(j) Fuels	
(1) Wood storage	Not stocked
(11) Coal "	
(111) Lignite "	
(k) Labour · Civilians employed (numbers)	2 civilian clerks only
(l) Guards	Unit guard (24 hrs) Strength 1. No cases of theft or pilferage reported.
(m) Fire precautions	NIL
(n) Anti rat precautions	Poison used
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	The depot is in need of repairs to doors, windows etc.
(p) Depot transport	One vehicle available
(q) Pay Parade strength	

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	(i) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Very good considering bomb damaged location
	(ii) Stacking, height.etc.	Very satisfactory
	(iii) Dunnage	In use
(g)	(i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Under unit arrangement
	(ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.	Under unit arrangement
(h)	Tally Cards	In order and up to date
(i)	Dental issue points in Depot (number)	Two (second for olive oil only)
(j)	Fuels	
	(i) Wood storage	Not stocked
	(ii) Coal "	
	(iii) Lignite "	
(k)	Labour. Civilians employed (numbers)	2 civilian clerks only
(l)	Guards	Unit guard (24 hrs) Strength 1. No cases of theft or pilferage reported.
(m)	Fire precautions	NIL
(n)	Anti rat precautions	Poison used
(o)	RE Works outstanding (state how long)	The depot is in need of repairs to doors, windows etc.
(p)	Depot transport	One vehicle available
(q)	Feeding strengths	
	(i) Army, Navy, Air) (BR-,US-,ITI-ITI)	2,000 ITI-ITI
	(ii) Total number of units	18 units spread over radius of approx 70 miles
(r)	Accountancy Allied system	Up to date and functioning satisfactorily
	Italian system	
	General remarks	
(s)	Accommodation Sleeping quarters	Satisfactory
	Dining "	NIL (See General Remarks)
	Recreation "	NIL (" " ")
	Cookhouse	Satisfactory
	Latrine & ablutions	Satisfactory
(t)	General turnout of men	Good

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

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The Depot is situated in the Caserma TITO ACERBO PESCARA to the south of the river.

It is accommodated in comparatively modern buildings which have however been badly damaged in parts owing to the war.

The best sections however were being utilised for storage of supplies and the living accommodation for the men.

All supplies are housed in one large store which is very clean and the most suitable location in the depot for the purpose.

The stacking and general layout of the commodities in the store is excellent. The system of Pillar stacking is employed throughout though dunnage in the form of packs of dehydrated vegetables is used. It is considered that this be replaced as soon as possible with dunnage of similar dimensions but of a more suitable nature.

The issues to all units are completed in approximately two days and they are all made from the main store with the exception of olive oil which is issued from a small adjacent room to preserve the cleanliness of the main store.

The strength of the guard appears to be small although the depot is totally enclosed. No thefts have taken place. The Depot Commander has pointed out that 2 light automatic weapons would be an advantage in the event of a raid on the depot as the personnel are at the moment only equipped with rifles.

A refrigerator plant size approx 6' x 6' x 8' has recently been installed in the depot. The belts for the motor drive are still awaited.

Fire precautions relied on the local brigade. The necessity for provision of sand and water in the depot was stressed.

The quality of the living accommodation of the unit personnel is somewhat limited by the damaged state of the buildings. The best rooms have however been selected for sleeping quarters. The rooms were clean, well cared for and not overcrowded. The cookhouse was clean and the quality of the meals produced was stated to be good.

The latrines were in a very sanitary condition.

The lack of dining room and welfare accommodation was said to be due to the difficulty in obtaining equipment, chairs, etc. From contact made by the inspecting officer with the Town Major (Br) it is hoped that this will be remedied.

The general turnout of the men was well above average despite the fact that they asked whether new uniforms could be supplied for them.

The state of the depot generally was most satisfactory and it was considered to be one of the best in Southern Italy.

It is considered that great credit is due to the Officer Commanding, Lt. MASCIA, particularly as, owing to the geographical situation of PESCARA, he receives little direct supervision from the Commissariato HQ.

Major HARVEY RAMC who also visited the depot considered that the hygienic arrangements generally compared very favourably with those in British units.

A. Hunt Deputy Major.
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M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

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(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Lt. MASCIA Angelo
(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	Approx: 30 days - stocks cheese small - Pepper correct.
(f) Physical Warehousing (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. (11) Stacking, height.etc. (111) Dunnage	Very good except ceiling bomb damaged location. Very satisfactory In use
(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.	Under unit arrangement Under unit arrangement
(h) Tally Cards	In order and up to date
(i) Dectil issue points in Depot (number)	Two (second for olive oil only)
(j) Fuels (1) Wood storage (11) Coal " (111) Lignite "	Not stocked
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 civilian clerks only
(l) Guards	Unit guard (24 hrs) Strength 1. No cases of theft or pilferage reported.
(m) Fire precautions	NIL
(n) Anti rat precautions	Poison used
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	The depot in need of repairs to doors, windows etc.
(p) Depot transport	One vehicle available
(q) Feeding strengths (1) (Army, Navy, Air)	

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(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — ~~Under unit arrangement~~

(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. — ~~Under unit arrangement~~

(h) Tally Cards — ~~In order and up to date~~

(i) Dental issue points in Depot (number) — ~~Two (second for olive oil only)~~

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "
— Not stocked

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) — ~~2 civilian clerks only~~

(l) Guards — ~~Unit guard (24 hrs) Strength 1. No cases of theft or pilferage reported.~~

(m) Fire precautions — ~~NIL~~

(n) Anti rat precautions — Poison used

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — ~~The depot is in need of repairs to doors, windows etc.~~

(p) Depot transport — ~~One vehicle available~~

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air) (BR-,US-,ITI-ITI)
(11) Total number of units — ~~2,000 ITI-ITI~~ ~~12 units spread over radius of approx 7 miles~~

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks — ~~Up to date and forthcoming satisfactorily~~

(s) Accommodation
Sleeping quarters — ~~Satisfactory~~
Dining " — ~~NIL (See General Remarks)~~
Recreation " — ~~NIL (" " ")~~
Cookhouse — ~~Satisfactory~~
Latrine & ablutions — ~~Satisfactory~~

(t) General turnout of men — ~~Good~~

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

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Lt. Col. Hare Doyle
D.A.D.S.T.

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SUBJECT:- Supply Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. MG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
GT/299

26 Mar 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 7 MLU for GT.

The u/m depots were visited by the S.T. Officer within 7 MLU on the date indicated. The following comments are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider necessary.

7 Bulk Depot - [illegible] - 18 March 1946.

The storage accommodation is dilapidated but weather-proof. Minor repairs are outstanding to windows and doors.

The major concern at the depot is the very high degree of rat infestation. Traps are in use but inadequate. The inspecting officer is of the opinion that the position is such that the number of rats constitute a danger to health irrespective to the wastage of supplies.

It is thought that consideration might be given to the possibility of moving this depot to a more suitable site.

With the above exception the general administration of the depot is however considered to be satisfactory.

71 Food Distribution Depot - [illegible] - 18 March 1946.

This depot being accommodated in the same block of buildings as 7 Bulk Depot is also rat infested and the above remarks therefore apply.

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Lt.Col. RAMC.
ADMS, Land Forces Sub Comm. MC.(MMIA).

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

P.T.

Ref : BLU / ST G 10

Florence, 21 March 1945

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (AMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of 7 Bulk Food Depot, Leghorn, and 78 Food Distribution Depot, Leghorn.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

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CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX "D"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. R.C. Strong R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of inspection	18 March 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7 Bulk Food Depot Leghorn
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. Rosa Ten. Gambino Ten. Guerrieri S/Ten.Serra
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	45 days approx. but stocks received ex PBS for depots over whole country.
(f) Physical Warehousing (I) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Warehouses delapidated but weather proof.
(II) Stocking height etc.	Up to ten high: stacking very neat.
(III) Damage	Not sufficient held for whole depot ; stocks to be moved earliest without.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	
(h) Tally cards	Clear and initialled up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Six warehouses (two floors)
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage (II) Forage (III) Lignite	Nil.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 clerks 11 labours
(l) Guards	1 Corporal and 12 men 6 men at night only.
(m) Fire precautions	Fire points of sand and water buckets

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(II) Stocking height etc.	Up to ten high: stacking very neat.
(III) Damage	Not sufficient held for whole depot ; stocks to be moved earliest without.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	
(k) Tally cards	Clear and initialled up to date.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Six warehouses (two floors)
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage	Nil.
(II) Forage	
(III) Lignite	
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 clerks 11 labours
(l) Guards	1 Corporal and 12 men 6 men at night only.
(m) Fire precautions	Fire points of sand and water buckets Extinguishers on demand.
(n) Anti rat precautions	About 30 traps in use : not effective . Bigger and better traps being brought
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Major repairs to windows and doors outstanding about two months.

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(p) Mot transport — 10 x 6 tons attached from 7 Admn. Tpt. Coy.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I)(Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-US-ITI-ITI)

(II) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks — Both systems in use : Italian system preferred.

Clear and well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreational"
Cookhouse
Latrines & ablutions — Personnel are attached to another unit for domestic administration.

(t) General turnout of men — Fair to good.
Men appeared clean and cheerful.

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement : This unit is located near the Port Area of Leghorn; the whole area has been severely damaged by bombing and is intersected by waterways. The buildings in which stocks are held are water-proof but old and delapidated . In these conditions as would be expected the site is infested with rats against which ordinary spring traps have proved ineffective. Neither cats, nor dogs are kept and it is felt that immediate and energetic action must be taken. Rats already account for appreciable wasteage.

The O.C. of the Depot expressed concern at the percentage of cases received ex PBS which on opening are found to be filled with stones etc. It was urged that a more exacting initial examination be instituted.

The stacking and handling of stocks appeared to be very good and store rooms were kept clean and well swept in spite of the activity of the rats. There was not sufficient

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(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters

Dining "

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Cookhouse

Latrines & ablutions

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The stacking and handling of stocks appeared to be very good and store rooms were kept clean and well swept in spite of the activity of the rats. There was not sufficient dunnage for all stocks of sacked goods, but only stocks to be moved at an early date stored on the first floor were without dunnage.

The accounts and tally cards were clear and well kept.

It is urged that until a better site become available a vigorous programme of rat destruction be instituted immediately and if possible a professional rat catcher be employed ; rat infestation of the present scale is considered a danger to health.

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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. R.G. Strong P.A.S.C.
(b) Date of inspection	18 March 1946
(c) Name of Depot	78 Food Distribution Depot - Leghorn
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. Bergamzani S/Ten. Daltucci S/Ten. Ceccherini
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	Only remnants from 15 day issue
(f) Physical Warehousing	
(I) Accomodation, Cover etc.	Warehouses delapidated but weather proof.
(II) Stocking height etc.	Up to 10 high.
(III) Dunnage	Good.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Units purchase locally.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	One bakery for units in Leghorn ; these outside draw flour in lieu.
(h) Tally cards	Accurate but not on stocks at time of visit.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Two
(j) Fuels	
(I) Wood storage	1700 quintals) neatly stored under
(II) Forage	3d quintals) cover.
(III) Liguite	Nil.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 clerks 11 labours.
(l) Guards	1 Corporal 12 men 6 men on guard at night only.
(m) Fire precautions	Water buckets only chemical extinguishers

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(I) Accomodation, Cover etc.	
(II) Stocking height etc.	Up to 10 high.
(III) Dennage	Good.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Units purchase locally.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	One bakery for units in Leghorn ; these outside draw flour in lieu.
(h) Tally cards	Accurate but not on stocks at time of visit.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Two
(j) Fuels (I) Wood storage	1700 quintals) neatly stored under
(II) Forage	38 quintals) cover.
(III) Lignite	Nil.
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 clerks 11 labours.
(l) Guards	1 Corporal 12 men 6 men on guard at night only.
(m) Fire precautions	Water buckets only,chemical extinguishers on demand.
(n) Anti rat precautions	Spring traps in use but not effective.
(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)	Repairs to windows etc. proceeding.

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(p) Depot transport — Vehicles borrowed as required (if available) from 7 Bulk Depot.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I)(Army, Navy, Air) (ER-US-ITI-PTI) — Army 3598
US-PTI 948

(II) Total number of units — 29

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Not in use w.e.f. Nov. 15th
Italian system
General remarks — Accounts neatly kept and appeared to be in order.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters
Dining "
Recreational"
Cookhouse
Latrines & ablutions — Personnel attached to another unit for domestic administration.

(t) General turnout of men — Average to good.

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement : Accounts : Italian system only in use (see this office letter BLU/ST.G 6 dated 19 March 1946) and ledgers etc. appeared to be in order. Tally cards were not on stocks at the time of the visit. The C.C. stated that they had been removed for accounting purposes when stocks were at their lowest.

Handling of stocks. Stocks were very low at the time of the visit issues having been just completed. No reserves are held by this depot since it is sited in the same block of buildings as 7 Bulk Depot from which replenishment can be obtained at short notice.

Stacking of such stocks as were held was good and adequate dunnage in use .

Rats. Infestation by rats is serious and it is urged that an intensive campaign of vermin extermination be instituted in conjunction with 7 Bulk Food Depot.

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Dining "

Recreational"

Cookhouse

Latrines & ablutions

Personnel attached to another unit for domestic administration.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

(1.)

Ref : BLU/ST.66

Florence, 19 March 1946

Subject : Supply Accounting.

To : Commissary Directorate - 7th Terr. Comd.

It has been brought to notice in recent inspections that 73 Distribution Depot and Bolgore D.M.A. are keeping only one supply account on the Italian system.

Since there seems to be some doubt concerning the correct accounting procedure it would be appreciated if you would give the necessary instructions to the a.m. units sending a copy to this office.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : - ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

S & T. MMIA.

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L.T.

Ref : MIU/ST.C6

Florence, 17 March 1946

Subject : Supply Accounting.

To : Commissary Directorate - 7th Terr. Comd.

It has been brought to notice in recent inspections that 78 Distribution Depot and Bolgore D.M.A. are keeping only one supply account on the Italian system.

Since there seems to be some doubt concerning the correct accounting procedure it would be appreciated if you would give the necessary instructions to the a.M. units sending a copy to this office.

R J Stacey
CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

Copy to : - ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (NMIA)

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S & T. NMIA.
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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 47/2207
ST/299

20 Mar 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 7 B.L.E.

The undermentioned depots were visited on the dates indicated by the ST Liaison Officer with 7 B.L.E. The following comments on the depots concerned are forwarded for your information and such action as consider necessary.

6 DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - BALOCHA - 12 Mar 46.

(1) It is anticipated that the warehouse accommodation will be increased by the end of April when the repairs to an additional building are completed. This will be an advantage as the existing space is inadequate.

(2) The provision of adequate drainage should receive attention as early as possible.

(3) The accommodation occupied by the depot staff which however is not under direct control of CC depot is considered most unsatisfactory. The cookhouse was dirty and the utensils inadequate. The ablutions were in poor order and the latrines filthy. No proper dining room or recreational facilities exist.

77 DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - FOULI - 13 Mar 46.

In view of the fact that this depot is shortly to be moved to PEVRO no detailed suggestions are made. It was however noted that the policy to issue a variety of available Preserved Meats with each 15 day pack was not being adhered to.

Generally speaking the existing depot was considered to be well organised although it is thought that more attention should be given to the mess accommodation and welfare.

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MH:D/gmc

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces [illegible] Comd. AC. (MMIA).

DISTRIBUTION:- Med.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

S-T.

Ref : BLU/3T.G 4

Florence, 15 March 1946

Subject : 7 Efficient Vehicle Park.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MAIA)

Ref . your ST/1021/D dated 8 March 1946. — foto 9

1. It is confirmed that cooling system of vehicles held by this Unit are kept drained.

2. Batteries are disconnected in view of the short time vehicles are held in the Park this should be adequate precautions against deterioration.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

S.T.

Ref : MIU/SW. G 10

Florence, 15 March 1946

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : 6 B.L.U. - Bologna.

AMGOT, Land Forces Sub Comm.AC. (MMIA) Rome.

Herewith report on inspection on 6 Distribution Depot, Bologna, and 77 Distribution Depot, Forli'.

Capt. H.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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To : 6 B.L.U. - Bologna.

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CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX "5"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. R.G. Strong R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 12 March 1946

(c) Name of Depot — 6 Distribution Depot

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Maj. Parra; Ten. Haupt; S/Ten. Nascimbene; S/Ten. Anmiraglia

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made) — Not balanced : stocks high : e.g. rice 33 days meat - 50 days.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good cover : but ground floor storage space inadequate.

(II) Stacking height etc. — Up to 20 high.

(III) Damage — Inadequate : ebarite cartons on stone floor (dug) doubtful if timber could be obtained.

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units purchase locally.

(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract — One for units in Bologna : those outside city draw flour & salt in lieu.

(h) Tally cards — Clear and accurate.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — Five.

(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage — 40,000 quintals

(II) Coal "

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(checks made)

not balanced : stocks high : e.g. rice 33 days meat = 80 days.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc.

Good cover : but ground floor storage space inadequate.

(II) Stocking height etc.

Up to 20 high.

(III) Damage

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(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

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(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage

40,000 quintals

(II) ~~Coal~~ " Forage

8,000

(III) Lignite

4,000 quintals

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

4 clerks : 44 labours

(l) Guards

4 Officer & 20 men with personal weapons and 2 L.M.G.s : defence scheme being arranged.

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(m) Fire precautions — Good : extinguishers at issue points : fire buckets being made.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Numerous traps seen : 4 cats kept : rats attack tobacco.

(o) RE Tanks outstanding (state how long) — Large building presently being repaired expected to be finished by end of April.

(p) Depot transport — Nil : demanded as required from HQ. 6 Territorial Command.

(q) Feeding Strengths
(I) Army, Navy, Air
(BE-IS-IPI-YGI)

Army : 2140
Navy : 32
BE-PPI : 95

(II) Total number of units — 51

(r) Accountancy Allied system)
Italian system)
General remarks — Both systems in use : Allied system preferred but clerks accustomed to Italian.

Accounts clear and well kept.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters — Fair : dreary and overcrowded.

Dining " — Nil.

Recreational — Nil.

Cookhouse — Poor.

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(q) Feeding Strength
(I. Army, Navy, AF)
(BR-US-FFI-IGI)

Army : 2140
Navy : 32
BR-FFI : 96

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General remarks

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Accounts clear and well kept.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters

Fair : dreary and overcrowded.

Dining "

Nil.

Recreational

Nil.

Cookhouse

Poor.

Bathing & Ablutions

Filthy.

(t) General turnout of men

The men were found well clothed and surprisingly clean and well shaved in view of para above.

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

~~The Depot is located in what was once a large military depot and barracks; this is now reduced to rubble and the building in use stand in depressing and vermin ridden surroundings of desolation. The supplies are stored in a building consisting of two floors ; it is satisfactory for the purpose but too small and proper stacking is not possible . However, the best use has been made of what is available.~~

~~Tally cards were in use on all stacks and were clear and accurate.~~ Plain paper is in use at present, but 1000 printed forms are on demand.

Rats cause some troble, attacking especially tobacco, but cats are kept and the traps set were said to take a regular toll.

The only dunnage in use consisted of cardboard cartons laid on the stone floor which was however, dry. These appeared to be no deterioration on this account and in view of the large amount of rebuilding to be donne, the inspecting officer, was disinclined to urge the use of timber ; the question should however, be borne in mind when the great bulk of higher priorities has been met.

A stock of P.Meat was seen of which the fitness for issue was in doubt : a number of tins were opened and some were good ; some bad and other, while the meat at the outside was discoloured was without doubt wholesome after ½ inch had been trimmed all round . It was emphasized that no waste of any edible food must be permitted ; units are unwilling to accept tins of doubleful condition since those found to be bad are not replaced by the Distribution Depot ; an instruction to this effect was said to have been received from the Ministry of War . The correctness of this procedure is questioned since it results in a reduction of the ration scale. It was urged that confirmation of this instruction be sought and that early issue of all doubleful stock be made.

The accounts and stocks records etc. of this unit were clear and appeared to be very well kept.

The accomodation and domestic arrangments of this unit together with other troops totalling about 100 men, rests with a Camp Commandant. The billets were found to be gloomy, not too clean and overcowded ; there no recreational facilities and the area of the camp is depressing.

The cookhouse was smoke blackned and dirty. Cooking utensiles were inadequate and a rather poor meal of pasta was being served out of half of a 44 gallon barrel. If the cookhouse were whitewashed and cleaned, a cooking range and utensiles provided there seems no reason why good meals should not be produced.

Ablutions were dirty and drains blocked while the latrines were too

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Ablutions were dirty and drains blocked while the latrines were too filthy for close inspection . It was said that latrines and ablutions had been cleaned in the morning ; it was suggested that an orderly be detailed to keep them clean all day.

In general the Depot itself seems to be efficiently run in the face of considerable difficulties in the matter of accomodation ; the living conditions of the men are overcrowded , depressing and insanitary and should receive urgent attention.

ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. R.G. Strong R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 13 March 1946

(c) Name of Depot — 77 Distribution Depot, Forli.

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Maj. Fano
S/Ten. Ghini (absent on course)

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made) — Not balanced - varying 100-200 days
Flour 230 days.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Fair : buildings delapidated.

(ii) Stacking height etc. — Good : up to 15 high.

(iii) Damage — Good .

(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units purchase locally.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — One for units in Forli' ; units outside draw flour in lieu.

(h) IN/IN cards — Clear and well kept.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (Number) — Three.

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood storage — 400 quintals.

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(checks made)

Mixed grading 100-250 days
Flour 250 days.

(f) Physical Warehousing

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(ii) Stocking height etc. — Good : up to 15 high.

(iii) Damage — Good.

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(h) Tally cards — Clear and well kept.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — Three.

(j) Fuels

(i) Wood storage — 500 quintals.

(ii) ~~Kerosene~~ Forage — ~~5000 quintals (for forwarding to other areas)~~ Nil.

(iii) Lignite

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers) — 3 clerks - 10 labourers.

(l) Guards — ~~1 Corporal & 12 men of 6 Cmnd Regt.~~ ~~1 sentry by day - 2 at night.~~

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(m) Fire precautions — 6 fire points . Each with extinguisher and bucket of sand.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Traps used but apparently do not catch any rats.

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — Nil. : Depot to be moved to another site.

(p) Depot transport — 1 x 6 ton lorry attached from 6 Admn. Transport Coy.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air) (BR-US-ITI-IH) — Army : 1500 / Navy : 55 / BR-ITI 58

(II) Total number of units — 21

(r) Accountancy Allied system / Italian system / General remarks — Both in use : Italian system preferred being more familiar. Accounts were clear, neat and well kept.

(s) Accomodation Sleeping quarters — Fair : could be cleaner.

Dining " / Recreational — One rooms available for dining, reading, writing etc. men prefer sleeping accomodation as there are no chairs.

Cookhouse — Small with few utensils.

Laundering (Clothing

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(g) Feeding strengths
(i) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-US-ITL-IT)

Army : 1500
Navy : 33
BR-ITI 58

(ii) Total number of units

24

(h) Accountancy (Allied system
Italian system
General remarks)

Both in use : Italian system preferred being more familiar.
Accounts were clear, neat and well kept.

(i) Accommodation Sleeping quarters

Fair : could be cleaner.

Dining "
Recreational

One rooms available for dining, reading, writing etc. men prefer sleeping accomodation as there are no chairs.

Cookhouse

Small with few utensils.

Latrines & Ablutions

Fair : no disinfectants available.

(j) General turnout of men

Fair : uniforms and boots require replacement and repair : boots can be repaired locally but not uniforms.

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

~~Maj. Pere had arrived only a few days prior to date of inspection and had taken over from S/Ten. Guard, who was away on a fourteen day course on accounts. The O.C. stated that in various respects he was not satisfied with Unit but he did not anticipate taking rigorous action at present as the Depot is to be moved in about 4 weeks ; it is intended to visit the new location when permission is received from HQ 6 Territorial Command when detailed plans for~~ improvements will be made. The site of the Depot is a former Police Barracks which is somewhat delapidated and war-damaged. The storage accomodation is adequate, although stocks holdings are high at the present feeding strength of 1500 at 1600. Handling and stacking appeared to be very satisfactory and dunnage was unvariably in use for sacked goods. A good deal of c.r. was being done by rats and although a number of traps were seen, these were said to be ineffective. It was suggested that a cat be obtained forthwith and in general the destruction of vermin persued with greater enthusiasm.

Of general cleanliness of the Depot it was difficult to judge since supplies were being issued and received at the time of the visit; through sweeping was all that was required.

The present system of issuing fish and meat laid down by Commissariato 6 Territorial Command appears to be irregular. Each fifteen day pack is made up of half fish and half one type only tinned meat issued in rotation. i.e. only one type of tinned meat is available for each fifteen day period :(ST/ MMIA letter ST/140 dated 21 Feb 45 refers).

The sleeping quarters give ample accomodation for the twenty one men of the unit : the rooms were fairly tidy but not too clean. Passage ways and stairs would aslo have been better for being swept out.

The accomodation equipment and layout of the cookhouse was poor and required thorough cleaning ; these seemed no efficient escape for the smoke.

On the whole the unit is well organized but there is considerable room for improvement ; it is suggested the rectification at the majority of the points noted above should not be pressed , at the moment, but that should be new site appear satisfactory, an all round improvement in domestic administration should be expected after the move of the unit to Pesaro.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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Ref : BLU/ST.G10

8 March 1946

Subject : Accomodation. - Italian Units.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.(MMIA)

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Ref your ST/1021/D dated 4 March 1946 and further to this office letter BLU/ST.G10 dated 28 Feb & 3 March 46.

It has now been decided to move the "Garibaldi" Rgt. and "Folgore" Div. workshops into COVERCIANO Barracks recently vacated by 54 Rest Camp and it is therefore understood that 7 Admin. Transport Coy and 7 Efficient Vehicle Park will remain in their present locations.

CAPT. R.A.S.C.
S & T 7 B.L.U.

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(7th Territorial Command)

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Report.

ST/1021/D

8th Mar 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm A.C. (MMLA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

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

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Capt. STRONG RASC our Liaison Officer at 7 BLU inspected 184 Supply and Transport Coy (FOLIGNO Division) on Feb 28th, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and action where you consider necessary.

1. There were four officers held surplus to War Establishment.

2. Targa numbers had only just been notified and were being painted.

3. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining spares for the Dodge vehicles, and no spare tyres were held.

4. Fire precautions were not seen.

5. Daily Task System of maintenance eas in force, and records kept of details carried out.

6. Sleeping quarters were said to be good but somewhat crowded.

7. In many cases where the spedometers were not working no attempt had been made to estimate mileages in the ASs 412.

8. In general this company was thought to be above the average and discipline and morale of men was good.

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

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5. Daily Task System of maintenance was in force, and records kept of details carried out.

6. Sleeping quarters were said to be good but somewhat crowded.

7. In many cases where the speedometers were not working no attempt had been made to estimate mileages in the ABs 442.

8. In general this company was thought to be above the average and discipline and morale of men was good.

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

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Internal :- Ord.

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SUBJECT :- Inspection No 7 M.V.P.

ST/1021/D

8 March 46

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (H.Q.)
ROME
Tel : Rome 1.83004 Ext 516

To :- 7 MLU (For Capt. STRONG).

Reference report on inspection of No 7 M.V.P. forwarded under cover of your MLU/ST. 010 dated 3rd March, you make no mention of anti-frost precautions. Would you please report on this next time you are in the vicinity of the M.V.P., and also ascertain what maintenance is laid on for batteries on vehicles that may remain in the park for some time.

Lt. Col. AIRY.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (H.Q.).

AIC/sgt

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SUBJECT :- Inspection of 7 Admin Tpt Coy.

ST/1021/D

4th March 46

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 469087 Ext 526

To :- H.M.R.F.s. Ufficio Automobilismo.

No 7 Admin Tpt Coy (with 1182 Ambulance Car Section attached) was inspected by Capt STRONG RASC, our Liaison Officer at 7 HQ on Feb 26 and he found the general standard of this unit to be good and above the average.

The following comments resulting from Capt. Strong's inspection are passed on to you for your information and action where you may consider necessary.

1. The O.C. was worried about the precarious position of supply of spares and particularly of tyres.

2. In the next two or three weeks it was hoped that a great improvement in domestic arrangements would be realised when the Unit moves to barracks recently vacated by 24 Rest Camp.

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Lt. Col. AMST.
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCIA).

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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Ref : BLU/ST. G10

3 March 1946

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of 7th Efficient Vehicle Park.

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of 7th Efficient Vehicle Park.

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	7 Efficient Vehicle Park.
2. Date of Inspection	1 March 46.
3. Name of C.O.	Capt. Rosselli
4. Strength.	Officers / OIs
(a) W.E.	1 / 20
(b) Actual strength	1 / 20
5. Vehicles. (lorrycarriers)	
(a) W.E.	1 x Spa 25 Ambulance
(b) Actual number held	31 x GMC 2½ ton 5x6
(c) " " on charge	5 x Alfa Romeo 3 RO
(d) Number V.O.R.	1 x Alfa Romeo 6 RO
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	4 x CM Taurus
(f) Have vehs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	1 x Fiat 626
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.	2 x Fiat 1100
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	3 x m/cycles(various)
(i) General conditions of vehs	
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held	Fair.
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken	
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	Targa numbers complete No windscreen labels.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted	

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(loadcarriers)

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(j) " " " tyres
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(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken

(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — Targa numbers complete
No windscreen labels.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted

6. Vehicle Park.

(a) Is it best space available? (General layout) — 3 large sheds in use : ample parking space in open.
(b) Condition of standings
(c) Guards and picquets — 1 Offrs. & 20 men.
(d) Condition of POL store
(e) Quantities of POL held
(f) Fire Precautions — Chemical estinguishers adequate.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, Minor repairs etc.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?	
(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?	
(c) Confirm no offences during vehicles	
(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and undertaken	
(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?	
(f) Condition of 413s.	
(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?	
(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc).	
(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals	
(j) Welfare.	

8. Accommodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition)	Excellent.
(b) Dining quarters	Excellent.
(c) Recreation "	None separate from sleeping accommodation
(d) Cookhouse	Good.
(e) Ration store	None separate from cookhouse.
(f) Latrines	Good.
(g) Ablutions	Good.

9. General remarks.

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(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc).

(i) Are rear detachment visited and changed at intervals

(j) Welfare.

8. Accommodation.

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(b) Dining quarters — Excellent.

(c) Recreation " — None separate from sleeping accommodation.

(d) Cookhouse — Good.

(e) Ration store — None separate from cookhouse.

(f) Latrines — Good.

(g) Ablutions — Good.

9. General remarks. (general turnout of men, standard of units etc.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

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Park.

The main parking space for vehicles consists three large sheds capable of helding about 25 3 tons vehicles ; there is ample accomodation in the open with hard standing for any overflow from the sheds.

Vehicles.

The vehicles appeares to be in very satisfactory condition and were all completely repainted with a dark green paint of good quality. The G.M.C.s were said to be the most satisfactory vehicles owing to the availability of spares in workshops and the strength of design.

A maintenance squad is at work daily and is equipped with a mechanical compressor which enables tyre pressures to be maintained and pressure lubrication to be carried out. Vehicles receive maintenance on arrival and battery leads are disconnected. No petrol is issued for the purpose of testing vehicles.

Issue of vehicles.

Release orders for vehicles are sent from the Ministry of War to the M.V.P. and to the Unit concerned. It is then the responsibility of the unit to despatch drivers with the necessary P.O.L. to collect the vehicles. Between the date of receipt of the issue order and the collection of vehicles there is a lapse of anything from seven to thirty days; Carabinieri Units lose least time in collecting vehicles. The turnover of vehicles was said to be 25-30 per week. The inspecting Officer was satisfied that vehicles held in the Park were well cared for.

Accomodation.

A large sum of money has been spent on the billets etc. occupied by this unit and new cookhouse, ablutions and latrines built ; these are now in the process of being occupied and are virtually in new condition.
A large room provides ample sleeping accomodation ; in the centre a stove has been installed and it is proposed to provide chairs, tables, newspapers and magazines. This is important since the unit is located some four miles from the centre of Florence and the return journey on a tram costs the equivalent of four days pay for a private soldier.

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Baker maintenance ? Base personnel

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It was understood from the O.C. that Hq. 7 Territorial Command were considering moving the unit to a different location ; the present site is very suitable and the domestic accomodation excellent and the matter will therefore be taken up with the Chief of Staff at a conference to be held on 4th March.

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7th B.L.U.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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1 March 1946

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of 184 Supply & Transport Coy ("Folgore"Div).

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Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	184 Transport & Supply Coy (Folgore Div)
2. Date of Inspection	28 Feb 46.
3. Name of O.C.	Maj. Dealfo Guerrini.
4. Strength.	Officers / ORs
(a) W.E.	11 / 318
(b) Actual strength	154 / 278
5. Vehicles. (loadcarriers)	
(a) W.E.	105
(b) Actual number held	105 (Almost all 3 ton Dodge).
(c) " " on charge	105
(d) Number V.O.R.	45
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Nil
(f) Have vhhs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Yes
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.	Nil.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	20
(i) General conditions of vehs	Good in view of average mileage 40/50 thousand
(j) " " " tyres	Bad.
number of spare tyres held	Nil
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken	Radiators drained nightly.
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	Targa numbers just notified and being painted; windscreen labels are not used; all vehicles have "Folgore" sign
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of	Dynamoes batteries starters radiators fan belts tarpaulins bulbs and tyres are

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(b) Actual number held — 105 (Almost all 3 ton Dodge).
(c) " " on charge — 105
(d) Number V.O.R. — 45
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated? — Nil.
(f) Have vhls in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength? — Yes.
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details. — Nil.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection. — 20
(i) General conditions of vehs — Good in view of average mileage thousand
(j) " " " tyres — 40/50 Bad.
number of spare tyres held — Nil
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken — Radiators drained nightly.

(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — Targa numbers just notified and being painted; windscreen labels are not used; all vehicles have "Folgore" sign
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted — Dynamoes batteries starters radiators fan belts tarpaulins bulbs and tyres are under deficiencies.

6. Vehicle Park.
(a) Is it best space available? (General Layout) — Yes.
(b) Condition of standings — Good.
(c) Guards and picquets — (20) sentries by day : NCOs & eight men at night/
(d) Condition of POL store) — POL held by DMA operated by
(e) Quantities of POL held) — Company : this will be inspected and a separate report rendered.
(f) Fire Precautions — Not seen.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. — Vehicles Park used. Drivers have grease guns and some tools.

(2) Two awaiting release.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — None.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood — Yes. "Task indicator" on vehicle park.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — In 412s.

(f) Condition of 412s. — Clean.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Daily book, guard roster etc). — Yes. Kept by Admn. Officer.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals — No local detachments : one platoon in Sicily.

(j) Welfare. — Unit canteen.

8. Accommodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Good : kit layout in force clean but rather crowded.

(b) Dining quarters — Nil.

(c) Recreation " — Unit canteen.

(d) Cookhouse — Platoon cookhouse : meal seen very good.

(e) Ration store — Satisfactory.

(f) Latrines — Not seen.

(g) Ablutions — Not covered : no main water supply water trailers in use : hot showers improvised.

9. General remarks.

(General turnout etc being

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9. General remarks. (general turnout of men, standard of units etc.) — Above average : discipline and morale appear good : men get leave regularly.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
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GENERAL.

This report covers the transport platoons only : the unit also operates the D.M.A. which will be inspected separately and a report rendered. One transport platoon is on detachment in Sicily.

VEHICLES.

The unit is equipped almost entirely with 3 ton Dodges ; the average mileage of these vehicles was said to be as high as from fourty to fifty thousand miles. On the whole the appearance of the vehicles was creditable, but badly worn shackle pins, U.J.s steering joints etc. indicate that general overhauld is in many cases overdue.

The O.C. Company said his Dodges had rendered excellent service but that they had now reached a troublesome age. In general vehicles were clean and drivers not on detail were engaged in maintenance when the inspecting Officer arrived: no notice of the inspection had been given. On one Dodge 15 cwt however which looked very clean superficially, the rear U - bolts were found to be so loose that the rear axle had moved forward on the left hand rear spring ; this was the only serious defect found on about a dozen vehicles inspected. Several vehicles had tracked tyres on the front axle and sand track tyres on the rear axle ; this will be rectified.

SPARES.

The following are urgently required in order to put vehicles on the road : - batteries, dynamoes radiators fan belts and tyres : tarpaulins and starter motors are also urgently required. These items account for the majority of the defects among the V.C.R.s but many of the runners have badly worn parts which should be replaced.

A.B.s 406 & 412.

These books were up to date and in clean condition ; some of them were of the old type with English headings but the new type are now coming to hand. Inspections appear to be carried out regularly. In the 412 the tasks were initialled up to date in most cases, and the changes of drivers recorded on the appropriate page. In many cases where the speedemeters were not working (most of them were out of order) no attempt had been made to estimate mileage.

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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION.

Sleeping accomodation was clean and airy and beds were neatly made up with a uniform layout ; the rooms were however rather overcrawded.

The condition of uniforms and boots was fairly good generally; discipline and saluting were above average and the men had an air of cheerfulness and purpose.

The platoon cookhouses were better equipped than most previously seen although the scale was not generous by British Army standards. The meals seen served were excellent and were appreciated by the men as such.

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Washing facilities were limited by the lack of a main water supply but water trailers were held and being used for this purpose. It was hoped that hot showers would be improvised and put into use shortly.

A very pleasant room was set aside for use as a unit canteen but much of the forniture had not arrived at the time of the inspection but will have been received by the present date. This canteen was said to be in use every evening offering for sale , coffee, wine, etc. also cakes and sandwiches, items being priced at seven to nine lire.

GENERAL.

This unit was considered to be well administred and above average in efficiency. The O.C. appeared to know the names of all his men and to be conversant with mattersof detail ; so much so that the impression was given that the unit was run as a "one man show" and that the O.C. was doing work which showed be delegated to junior Officers if they are to acquire experience.

This Company has now been operating for about two years.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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To : ADST, Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of Folgore D.M.A.
(184 Tpt. & Supply Coy).

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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. R.G. STRONG R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 4 March 46.

(c) Name of Depot — Folgore D.M.A. (184 Tpt & Supply Coy)

(d) Name of C.O. (Other Officers) — Ten. Accardi
S/Ten. Jacca (Supply)

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made) — 2 days ; 15 days supply being received at time of inspection

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good : buildings in good conditions.

(ii) Stocking height etc. — Sacks up to 12 height

(iii) Damage — Not in use owing to rapid turn over will be improvised as soon as timber can be obtained.

(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Local purchease by Units.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Local contract by units.

(h) Tally cards — Not in use : will be put into use and any difficulties reported.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — One.

(j) Fuels (Forward stores)
(i) Petrol, Oil, Kerosene — Petrol and derv are issued direct to vehicle tanks by some rotary pump :

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(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made)	2 days : 15 days supply being received at time of inspection
(f) Physical Warehousing	
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Good : buildings in good conditions.
(II) Stocking height etc.	Sacks up to 12 height.
(III) Damage	Not in use owing to rapid turn over will be improvised as soon as timber can be obtained.
(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Local purchease by Units.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Local contract by units.
(h) Tally cards	Not in use : will be put into use and any difficulties reported.
(i) Petrol issue points in Depot (number)	One.
(j) Fuels (I) Petrol stored:	Petrol and derv are issued direct to vehicle tanks by some rotary pump : site should be cleaned up and instructional signs painted. This will be done shortly.
(II) Coal " P.O.L.	
(III) Lignite	
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	None.
(l) Guards	One Officer and infantry platoon.

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(m) Fire precautions — Extinguishers and fire backets~~x~~ at petrol point : extinguishers on demand for supply accomodation.

(n) Anti rat precautions — ~~One cat kept : building are modern and no rats have been seen.~~

(o) RE works outstanding (state how long) — Repairs requested to showers and bathrooms some of which are out of order.

(p) Depot transport — 2 x 3 ton lorries
1 car.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air) (BR-US-ITI-UK) — Folgore only 2500.

(II) Total number of units — 20 including sub-units drawing separately.

(r) Accountancy Allied system — Used up to Feb 28th.
Italian system — Coming into use w.e.f. March 1st.
General remarks — Allied system preferred.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters — Pleasant rooms, kept clean; beds neatly made up.
Dining " — Nil.
Recreational (— No recreation room : facilities available for boxing fensing and roller skating. Swiming bath in depot will be filled in the summer.
Cookhouse + — + Good : Modern cooking, arrangements, kept clean.
Latrines & Ablutions — Good : disinfections

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(q) Feeding arrangements
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Cookhouse +

+ Good : Modern cooking, arrangements, kept clean.

Latrine & Ablutions

Good : disinfections required to latrines : shawers and filled wash basins available but no hot water at present.

(t) General turnout of men

Men are well turned out and appears cheerful. The accommodation of the unit is good and general administration appear to be above average.

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SUBJECT:- 7th Distribution Depot - EXCETER.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AO.
(M.E.I.).
Tel : 473207
MT/293

4 Mar 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 7 MEI.

1. From a recent report received as a result of the visit of the MT Liaison Officer 7 BIU to the above depot, it appears desirable that the policy already initiated by the Territorial Command to transfer the depot to a new site should be implemented as soon as possible.

2. The quality of the present depot accommodation is very poor and the living accommodation of the depot personnel leaves much to be desired.

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Lt.Col. RASC.
ADMT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AO.(MEIA).

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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28 February 1946

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST - Land Forces Sub Commission AC.(MMIA)

Herewith report on inspection of 7th Admn. Tpt. Coy (1182 Amb. Cay Sec. Attd.F.A.P.).-

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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ST APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	7 Admn. Tpt. Coy (1182 Amb Ca Sec Attd F.A.P.)	
2. Date of Inspection	26 Feb. 46	
3. Name of O.C.	Capt. Iannace	
4. Strength.	Officers	ORs
(a) W.E.	5	115
(b) Actual strength	5	101

5. Vehicles. (loadcarriers)	Loadcarriers	M/cycles	Cars	Ambulances
(a) W.E.	80	18	16	—
(b) Actual number held	61+14 trailers	14	11	14
(c) " " on charge	27			
(d) Number V.O.R.	Nil			
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Nil			
(f) Have vhhs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	46			
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.	4 + 21 + 3 trailers(a)			
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	Mechanically sound.			
(i) General conditions of vehs	Poor.			
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held	Nil.			
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken	Radiators drained nightly : this was seen done.			
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	Numbers complete ; some labels still			
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands	on demand // Spares are normally obtained from low category vehicles in Inefficient Vehicle Park and supply if			

(Roadcarriers)

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(b) Actual number held	61+14 trailers 14 11 14
(c) " " on charge	
(d) Number V.O.R.	27
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Nil
(f) Have vehs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	Nil
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(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	4 + 21 + 3 trailers(a)
(i) General conditions of vehs	Mechanically sound.
(j) " " " tyres number of spare tyres held	Poor. Nil.
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken	Radiators drained nightly : this was seen done.
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	Numbers complete : some labels still
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted	on demand // Spares are normally obtained from low category vehicles in Inefficient Vehicle Park and supply is precarious. Very few tyres available not always of correct size.

6. Vehicle Park.

(a) Is it best space available? (General layout)	Yes : very good
(b) Condition of standings	Very good : 3/4 of vehicles parked
(c) Guards and picquets	under cover : 2 guards 24 hours per day.
(d) Condition of POL store)	Not seen : will be visited shortly and
(e) Quantities of POL held)	separate report sended
(f) Fire Precautions	6 extinguishers held: 12 on demand;
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.	sand bags available.
	Yes : with washing and greasing facilities.

(a) included details completed.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — Yes : clear and easily followed mileage details, etc. sended.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — Yes.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — None.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood — Yes and notified daily in order.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — Yes.

(f) Condition of 413s. — Satisfactory.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — Yes

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc). — Baths available twice per week. Platoon Officers check that all men bath : no record kept.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals — Yes monthly or more frequently if required.

(j) Welfare. — None at present (see over)

8. Accommodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — Satosfactory and kept clean.

(b) Dining quarters — Nil. (see over)

(c) Recreation " — Nil. (see over)

(d) Cookhouse — Poor (see over) but meal seen was attractive and appetizing and several men questioned said food was excellent and better than they would get as civilians.

(e) Ration store — Could be improved.

(f) Latrines — Showers being repaired : ablutions fair but no wash bowls provided.

(g) Ablutions

9. General remarks.

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up to date (Death book, guard roster etc).
(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals
(j) Welfare.

Platoon Officers check that all men bath : no record kept.

Yes monthly or more frequently if required.

8. Accommodation.
(a) Sleeping quarters (condition)

None at present (see over)

(b) Dining quarters

Satosfactory and kept clean.

(c) Recreation "

(d) C. House

Nil. (see over)

(e) Ration store

Nil. (see over)

(f) Latrines

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(g) Ablutions

Could be improved.

Showers being repaired : ablutions fair but no wash bowls provided.

9. General remarks.
(General turnout of men, standard of units etc.)

Turn out about average but morale appeared very good especially among the drivers : food and accommodation above average.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

R.G. STRONG
Capt S & T
7th B.L.U.

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GENERAL REMARKS

1. 1182 Amb. Coy Section is attached to this Unit for all purposes.

2. Vehicles.

The load carriers are almost all "FIAT"s of prewar manufacture which has been recovered from the enemy. On the whole their condition is very good in view of their age and the general disign and layout appears to be very sound.

All vehicles are smart in appearance and paint work is in good condition and signs well painted; the condition of the under chassis was disappointing by comparison. The difficulties of doing thorough maintenances, however, should not be overlooked and the provision of a rag for the inspecting Officer to wipe his hands was a matter of some difficulty. Further the number of "TECALMIT" grease guns held was inadequate for every driver to ensure proper lubrication.

The O.C. is obviously very "keen" on his vehicles and is learning English technical teams ; he listens to suggestions and the painting of tyre pressures on wings which was suggested a week ago has now been completed. A platoon Officers Motor cycle which was inspected was an excellent example of maintenance to the drivers.

Spares.

The O.C. was worried about the precarious supply of spares and particularly of tyres ; the inspecting Officer was unable to pass on any reassuring information from the Ord. representative at 7 B.L.U. The non availability of brake fluid was also causing some concern; it is thought that stocks may be held by "Folgore" O.F.P. but failing this source, HQ. 7 Territorial Command will be advised to indent on the War Ministry (Telephone conversation Major Hart Dyke-Capt. Strong refers).

Transport Administration

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Transport Administration

A separate transport office housed in a large trailer is established overlooking the vehicle park ; at this office all transport details and vehicle records are dealt with. Records are well kept and clear.

POL Store & Petrol Point.

Was closed at the time of the inspection but will be visited shortly and a report rendered as required.

Domestic Administration.

Is clearly above average and the men smarter and more cheerful than in many units.

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The billets are clean and fairly confortable and provide ample accommodation. The cookhouse is housed in a quite unsuitable building but in spite the lack of materials the food was said to be good and as evidence of this, asmost appetizing pie was being served which had been made with "Meat and Vegetable hash". No dining room was available and this resulted in swell being disposed of, amongst other places, in the ablutions, in spite of proper receptacles being provided.

In the next two or three weeks it is hoped that a great improvement in domestic arrangments will be realized when the Company moves to a barrack recently vacated by 54 Rest Camp. The O.C. stated that in the new location it will be possible to provide dining and recreation rooms.

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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in Supply file

SUBJECT:- Mid-month Report as at 15 Feb 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/1021/D

27 Feb 46.

7 B.L.O.

Reference para 3(a) of the above report MMRE have been informed that the monthly POL allotment should be made to Territorial Commands and that Territorial Commands should be responsible for subsequent allocation to units including Infantry Divisions.

MF4D/gms

Lt.col. RASC.
ADST. Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

RECEIVED 2 MAR 1946
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Ref : BLU/ST.G10

27 February 1946

Subject : Inspection of Units.

To : ADST - Land Forces Sub Commission AC. (MMIA)

Herewith report of inspection of 7th Distribution Depot, Florence.

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

Suggest that new premises be found
108 DID asks when they move out
might answer.

ADST
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S & T. MMIA.
MAR 2 1946
Read
File ST/ 297

ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. R.G. STRONG RASC
(1) Date of Inspection	25 Feb 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7th Distribution Depot
(d) Name of C.O. & Other Officers	Ten. Col. Tucci S/Ten . Leone (Ration Food Depot) S/Ten . Acardi (Fuel & Forage Depot)
(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made)	15 days? Units in process of drawing.
(f) Physical Warehousing	
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc.	Good cover but stores houses too small for good layout .
(II) Stocking height etc.	Sacks 12 height.
(III) Damnage	Generally insufficient being I inch planks on stone floor.
(g) (I) Fresh fruit & Veg method of Procurement	Local purchease by units.
(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Local contract by units.
(h) Tally cards	Clear and up to date..
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Four.
(j) Fuels	
(I) Wood storage	Excellent.
(II) Coal "	

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(Checks made)

(f) Physical Warehousing

(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good cover but stores houses too small for good layout.

(ii) Stocking height etc. — Sacks 12 height.

(iii) Damage — Generally insufficient being 1 inch planks on stone floor.

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement — Local purchase by units.

(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract — Local contract by units.

(h) Tally cards — Clear and up to date.

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

(j) Fuels

(I) Wood storage — Excellent.

(II) Coal " — Nil.

(III) ~~Lignite~~ Forage — Excellent.

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers) — 3 Clerks - 28 Labours

(l) Guards — 14 military - 4 civilians : one ~~acting~~ by day & 2 at night at both food and fuel Depots.

No pilferage experienced.

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(m) Fire Service

(n) Anti-gas measures

(o) Air raid warning

(p) Dental treatment

(q) Medical arrangements
(Gen. Hosp., Army, Air Force, BR-ITI, etc.)

Extinguishers : 2 at Food Depot, 10 at Fuel Depot : Fire buckets ; no hoses for main hydrants.
Rat traps in use : also ~~untrained~~ trained dogs : doors not proofed with sheet metal.

Nil.

M.T. Demanded from Hq. Tenderal Command Territorial Command as required.

Army 14000
Navy 12
BR-ITI 50 (unit being disbanded)

(r) Total number of units

50 : Folgore Div draws in bulks.

(r) Accountancy Allied system)
Italian system)
General remarks

Both systems in use : Allied system found simpler
Various items of tinned meat are issued to each unit in proportion to depot stocks.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters Fair.

Dining " Nil.

Recreational Nil.

Cookhouse Poor.

Latrine & Ablutions Outdoor ablutions withour cover. Latrines fair.

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(q) [illegible]
([illegible] Army, Navy, Air
(Ex-S-ITI-I.

Army 14000
Navy 12
BR-ITI 50 (unit being disbanded)

(II) Total number of units 50 : Folgore Div draws in bulks.

(r) Accountancy Allied system) Both systems in use : Allied
Italian system) system found simpler.
General remarks. Various items of tinned meat are issued to each unit in proportion to depot stocks.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters Fair.
Dining " Nil.
Recreational Nil.
Cookhouse Poor.
Latrines & Ablutions Outdoor ablutions withour covers Latrines fair.

(t) General turnout of men Good : uniforms and boots all were in good conditions : fatigues worn for depot work.

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

On the operational side of this Unit there is little to comment upon : better dunnage should be improvised to raise stocks off stone floor although no signs of deterioration through dampness were observed. Stacking expecially of sacked items was not as good as it might have been but the store rooms are small and cramped and issues were in progress at the time of the inspection.

The great fault of the depot lies in the site; the buildings are unsuitable and delapidated ; ablutions and latrines and cookhouse primitive; sleeping accommodation was clean but dreary. Cooking utensiles were inadequate but well kept.

Improvements to buildings are not contemplated owing to the extent of the repairs required and the present site is regarded as temporary. Further engeneers services are fully occupied on other work and it is anticipated that the site at present occupied by 105 D.I.D. will be available before very much, could be done in the way of repair in the present location.

The fuel and forage depot is located some 3 miles distant from the food depot ; S/Ten. Acardi in charge. The storage of the forage indoors and of the wood outside is excellent and is an example of what can be done to achieve neatness and good order with "untidy" items as hay and fuel wood.

S/Ten Acardi took great pride in showing the inspecting officer round his depot and his pleasure at being commended suggested that the high standard achieved is due to his own efforts.

R.G. STRONG
Capt. S & T
7th B.L.U.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
F L O R E N C E

Ref : BLU/ST.G10

8 February 1946

Subject : S & T Inspections.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7th Terr. Comd.
HQ. 7th B.L.U.

1. No.3 Port Detachment at Leghorn are not operating at present, but are supplying escorts ~~from~~ for vehs collecting rations from the 61 QMBD 5-L-51 Dump to the 7th Bulk Dist. Depot.

C.M. GARDNER
Capt. 7 BLU
S & T Branch

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FLORENCE

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Ref:BLU/ST.G10

6 February 1946

Subject : S & T Inspections.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7 Terr. Comd.
HQ. 7 B.L.U.

1. Attached is report on the inspection of 78 Food Dist. Depot in Leghorn.

2. This Depot is housed in the same building as No. 7 Bulk Dist. Depot, and the same remarks apply concerning rats etc.
There is one point that should receive R.E. attention however, and that is water. There is only one small stand-pipe in the whole building, and is practically useless for filling buckets for fire precautions.

3. The WE of this unit is 2 Officers & 18 ORs. At present the strength is 3 Officers & 12 ORs.

C.M. GARDNER
Capt. 7 BLU
S & T Branch

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FLORENCE

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6 February 1946

Subject : S & T Inspections.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7 Terr. Comd.
HQ. 7 B.L.U.

Ref attached report of the inspection of 7 Bulk Distribution Depot, Leghorn.

para (d) Strength at present is 5 Officers, 4 NCOs & 4 privates. As the WE is shown as 3 Officers 30 ORs, it is suggested that an adjustment be made.

para (e) Reserves are only held for 6 & 7 Terr.Comds. all other items are despatched as soon as received to Depots covering the whole of Italy.

para (f-III) It is considered essential that some form of dunnage be used owing to the damp nature of the floors.

para (r) MMIA Forms ST/3 have been rendered monthly, but w.e.f. 22 December they will be submitted daily.

C.M. GARDNER
Capt. 7 BLU
S & T Branch

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S & T. MMIA.
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ST APPENDIX "E"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt. C.M. GARDNER R.A.S.C.
(b) Date of Inspection	5 February 1946
(c) Name of Depot	7 Bulk Dist. Depot, Leghorn.
(d) Name of C.O. Other Officers	Capt. ROSA Giovanni Lt. GUERRINI Mario Lt. GAMBINO Giovanni S/Lt. SESSA Ottavio S/Lt. CAMPANELLI Nicola.
(e) Stock Position (No of days) which made)	One months supply for Florence & Bologna. No reserve is held for other districts.
(f) Physical Warehousing (i) Accommodation, Cover etc,	Good.
(ii) Stacking height etc,	Approx 8 to 10 high. - Good.
(iii) Damage	Nil. Essential that they have some.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg. method of Procurement	Not applicable.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Not applicable.
(h) Tally Cards	Yes. In good condition.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Six.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	

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S/Lt. CAMPANELLI Nicola.

(e) Bread Position (No of days) stocks held	One months supply for Florence & Bologna. No reserve is held for other districts.
(f) Physical Warehousing (i) Accommodation, cover etc.	Good.
(ii) Stacking height etc.	Approx 8 to 10 high, - Good.
(iii) Damage	Nil. Essential that they have some.
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement	Not applicable.
(ii) Bread number of bakeries on contract	Not applicable.
(h) Tally cards	Yes. In good condition.
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Six.
(j) Fuels (i) Wood storage	Nil.
(ii) Coal "	
(iii) Lignite	
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	15 labourers.
(l) Guards	1 NCO & 12 men - only at night. Six men on sentry go at once.

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(k) Fire precautions — Poor - Have demanded equipment from 7 Terr. Comd.

(l) Anti rat precautions — Very poor - rat traps, are very few and far between.

(m) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — Nothing outstanding.

(n) Means of transport — Nil. They have 5 trucks on detachment from 7 Admn.Tpt.Coy Have asked 7 Terr.Comd. to increase to 12 for ~~XX~~ rail loading.

(o) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air) (Br-US-Pol-Civ) — Not applicable.

(II) Total number of units — Not applicable.

(r) Accountancy Allied system) Good.
Italian system)
General remarks — Records appear well maintained.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters — Only 4 men sleep on the premises. Fair.
Dining " — Clean. Fair.
Recreational — Nil.
Cookhouse — Clean.
Latrine & Ablutions — Clean.

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(q) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air)
(Br-US-Yll-Yll)

Not applicable.

(II) Total number of units

Not applicable.

(r) Accountancy Allied system)
Italian system)

Good.

General remarks

Records appear well maintained.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters

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Dining "

Clean. Fair.

Recreational

Nil.

Cookhouse

Clean.

Latrine & Ablutions

Clean.

(t) General turn-out of men

Men seen working were clean.

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

The location of this depot is not all that could be desired. It is at the intersection of two canals and naturally the danger of rat infestation is very great.

Carl Gardner Capt RAOC

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APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. C.M. GARDNER R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 5 February 1946

(c) Name of Depot — 78 Food Distribution Depot, Leghorn

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) — Capt. BERGONZANI Bernardino
Lt. COCCHERINI
Lt. BELLUCCI Aldo

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made) — 15 days (four)

(f) Physical Warehousing
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good.

(II) Stacking height etc. — Approx 10 high - Good.

(III) Damage — Good.

(g) (I) Fresh fruit & Veg method of procurement — Units purchase out of own funds.

(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract — One contract - Units near Leghorn are issued with bread - Units away from Leghorn are issued with flour.

(h) Tally cards — Not in use.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — 3

(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage — Nil.

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(e) Stock Position (No of days) (checks made) — 15 days (four)

(f) Physical Warehousing
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(h) Rally cards — Not in use.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) — 3

(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage — Nil.

(II) Coal " — Nil.

(III) Lignite — Nil.

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) — 14 Laboures

(l) Guards — As for 7 Bulk Dist. Depot.

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(m) Fire precautions — Poor - Have demanded equipment from 7 Terr. Comd.

(n) Anti rat precautions — As for 7 Bulk Dist. Depot.

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — " " " " " " "

(p) Depot transport — Nil.

(q) Feeding strengths
(I) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR "S-ITI-ITI)

	Army	Navy	Airforce
BR-ITI	-	-	-
US-ITI	770	-	-
ITI-ITI	3331	-	-

(II) Total number of units — 24

(r) Accountancy Allied system) Good except for the tally cards - (para (h)
Italian system)
General remarks — It is suggested that a Tally card system be instituted, at once .

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters — The men of this Unit are accomodated in a central Barracks in Leghorn

Dining "

Recreational

Cookhouse — No accomodation on the Depot premises.

Latrine & Ablutions

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(I) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-US-ITI-Int)

	Army	Navy	Airforce
BR-ITI	-	-	-
US-ITI	770	-	-
ITI-ITI	3331	-	-

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Dining "

Recreational

Cookhouse: No accomodation on the Depot premises.

Latrine & Ablutions

(t) General turnout of men: Good. Businesslike.

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

This Depot is very well organized as far as issues etc. are concerned, but it is felt that a little more time could be put in on the accounts especially in view of para (h) & (r) above.

Lt Col RASC

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
F L O R E N C E

Ref: BLU/ST.G1O

RECEIVED 14 FEB 1946 1182

1 February 1946

Subject : S & T Inspections.

ST.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7th Terr. Comd.
HQ. 7th B.L.U.

Herewith report on inspection carried out on 1182 Amb. Car Coy on 31st January 1946.

1. (a) This Coy has been redesignated 7 ADM. TPT. COY (Amb.Sec) and is under command of Capt. Iannace, O.C. 7 Adm. Tpt. Coy.

2.

	Vehicles	Ambulances	Bath Units
(a)	W.E.	20	NIL
(b)	No. held on charge	10	3
(c)	No. VOR	1	-
(d)	B.U.R.	Nil	Nil
(e)	Daily/Standing details	1	-
(f)	No. Not in use	6	1
(g)	No. on detachment	3	2
(h)	Cond. of tyres	Fair	Fair
(i)	Cond. of vehicles	Good	Good
(j)	Anti Frost precautions	Draining of radiators	
(k)	Targa Nos plain?	Yes	Yes
(h)	W/Screen Labels	Yes	Yes

3. Vehicle Park
(a) Vehicles are parked in some stables and in good conditions.

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4. Ref. para 2 (j) above, draining Ambulance radiaters is not very satisfactory owing to the nature of their work and it is suggested that possibly enough anti-freeze mixture could be obtained for at least five of these Ambulances including the three on detachment.

S. to R.E. contacted with a view to arranging this.

C.M. GARDNER Capt. R.A.S.C.
~~Capt.~~ 7 B.L.U.
S & T Branch

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SUBJECT :- No 7 Admin Tpt Coy - Inspection Report.

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29 Jan 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel 1 Rome AFO 391 Brch 526

To :- S.M.H.Q., Ufficio Automobilismo.

No 7 Admin Tpt Coy was inspected by Capt GARDNER RASC our Liaison Officer at Florence on Jan 24th and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on for your information and action where you consider necessary.

1. At the time of the inspection 15 vehicles were off the road for minor repairs, this is considered to be rather a high percentage.

2. Targa numbers were legible on every vehicle seen, but windscreen labels were not available for all vehicles, and steps should be taken to rectify this.

3. Fire precautions were stated to be poor and equipment from the Territorial Command was being awaited. The inspecting officer suggested that in the meantime large numbers of small containers (such as empty oil drums etc) be filled with sand and water and distributed about the vehicle park.

4. Billets for the men were poor, but the company was shortly moving to better accomodation where the O.C. said that more attention would be paid to the mens' Welfare.

5. In general the standard of this company was stated to be good, and the records well kept.

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[signature]
Lt.Col. ADJT.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Copy to :- HQ MLO for Capt GARDNER.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

RECEIVED 999 30 JAN 1946

S.T.

Ref: BLU/ ST.C 10 -

28 January 1946

Subject : Inspection of Installations.

To : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA for ST.)

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Ref. your ST/299 of 25 Jan 46.

1. Since the date of the inspection, enquires have been made, and it is unlikely that the Depot will move to the site thay had in mind, it being occupied by 105 D.I.D. at present.

2. Attached is a copy of a letter that has been sent out on this subject.

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Capt. / B.I.U. R.A.S.C.
ST/ Branch

DADST Sec
SCS

Encl attached

R.M.P. 67.

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
F L O R E N C E

Ref: BLU/ST.G10

28 January 946

Subject : Inspection of Installations.

To : 7th Terr. Comd. Hq.

Ref. this office letter of even ref. dated 23 Jan 1946 with report attached.

1. It was understood from Lt.Col. Tucci that the Depot was hoping to move into the premises at present occupied by the British D.I.D. It has now been confirmed that this site will not be available for some time to come.

2. Will you, please, therefore, instruct 7th Dist.Depot to make better arrangements concerning para 5 of the above mentioned report.

3. It is anticipated that a further inspection will take place early in February when an improvement should be seen.

C.M. GARDNER
Capt.7 B.L.U.
ST/ Btanch

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A. for ST.

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SUBJECT:- Inspection of Installations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel: 478207
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21 Jan 46.

7 E.L.U.

Reference your ELU/ST/G.10 of 23 Jan can you please say when it is thought that the proposed new site for no. 7 Distribution Depot will be occupied.

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

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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RECEIVED 28 JAN 1945 (DATE)

Ref: BLU/ST/G.10

24 Jan 1946

Subject : S & T Inspections.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7th Terr. Comd.
HQ. 7TH B.L.U.

Herewith report on Inspection carried out on 7th Adm. Tpt. Coy, on 24 January 1946.
The following observations are submitted in clarification.

para 5(m) A consolidated list of indents is being sent to this Office by 28th Jan 1946.

para 6(f) Fire precautions are poor and it is suggested that a large number of small countainers (ie. empty oil drums) be filled with sand or water and distributed about the vehicle park.

para 7(j)) para 8) Owing to an impending move of the men's quarters, no amenities are available in their present billets; I am assured by the O.C. that welfare of the men will receive his personal attention after the move which should take place within the next week.

General. S.Ten. Matteoni Ugo who has commanding this Unit for the past three months would appear to have been very diligent, judging by the present standard of the Company.

for D.A.A.G.
H.M. GARDNER
Capt. 7 BLU
S/T Branch.

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ANNEXURE 'T' APPENDIX 'C'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNITS

1. Unit.	7 Adm. Tpt. Coy.
2. Date of Inspection	24 January 1946
3. Name of O.C.	Capt. Iannace Armando
4. Strength.	Officers / ORs
(a) W.E.	7 / 157
(b) Actual strength	6 / 140
5. Vehicles. (Loadcarriers)	
(a) W.E.	80
(b) Actual number held	78 — 10 Trailers
(c) " " on charge	78 — 10 Trailers
(d) Number V.O.R.	15
(e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	Nil.
(f) Have vehs in Repairs Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	When occasion arises - Yes.
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details.	30.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	11.
(i) General conditions of vehs	Good.
(j) " " " tyres	Poor.
(k) number of spare tyres held	Nil.
(k) What anti-theft precautions are taken	Vehicles are drained each night.
(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible?	TARGA numbers - Yes; but windscreen labels are not available for all Vehicles. Being obtained.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts. If so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Tyres, batteries, & electrical parts are N/A.

5. Vehicles.
(Loadcarriers)

(a) W.E. — 140
(b) Actual number held — 80
(c) " " on charge — 78 — 10 Trailers
(d) Number V.O.R. — 78 — 10 Trailers
(e) " beyond unit repair — 15
have they been evacuated?
(f) Have vehs in Repair Unit — Nil.
more than 7 days been
struck of strength?
(g) Number of Daily and Standing details. — When occasion arises - Yes.
(h) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection. — 30.
(i) General conditions of vehs — 11.
(j) " " " tyres — Good.
number of spare tyres held — Poor.
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken — Nil.

Vehicles are drained each night.

(l) Are Targa number and Windscreen Labels affixed and legible? — TARGA numbers - Yes; but windscreen labels are not available for all Vehicles. Being obtained.
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted — Tyres, batteries, & electrical parts are N/A. Indents have been placed & copies being forwarded.

6. Vehicle Park.
(a) Is it hard space available? (General layout) — Yes.
(b) Condition of standings — Good.
(c) Guards and picquets — ADEQUATE. Self provided.
(d) Condition of POL store — GOOD.
(e) Quantities of POL held — Approx 5,000 Litres Benzine
Approx.5,000 Litres Diesel.
(f) Fire Precautions — Poor; awaiting equipment from VII° Terr. Comd.
(g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc. — Yes.

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7. Administration.

(a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? — YES, in good condition.

(b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? — YES.

(c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles — NO & none in evidence.

(d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood — YES.

(e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? — YES;

(f) Condition of 112s. — GOOD.

(g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? — YES.

(h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc). — No bath book, other records are in good order.

(i) Are vehs detachment visited and changed at intervals — YES. every 15 days.

(j) Welfare. — (See separate report)

8. Accommodation.

(a) Sleeping quarters (condition) — (See separate report)

(b) Dining quarters — (" " ")

(c) Recreation " — (" " ")

(d) Cookhouse — (" " ")

(e) Ration store — (" " ")

(f) Latrines — GOOD(" " ")

(g) Ablutions — Insufficient: see separate report.

9. General Remarks. — General standard of this Unit

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(e) Ration store — (" " ")

(f) Latrines — GOOD(" " ")

(g) Ablutions — Insufficient: see separate report.

9. General remarks. (general turnout of men, standard of units etc.) — General standard of this Unit appears to be fairly high. The men appear to take an intelligent interest in their work and vehicles.

Capt RASC.
Signature of Inspecting Officer

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7TH BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

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RECEIVED 25 JAN 1945 DATE

Ref: BLU/ST/G.10

23 January 1946

Subject : Inspection of Installations.

To : HQ. M.M.I.A. CMF.

Ref. attached report on 7th Food Distribution Depot, Florence.

para (e) All units are rationed up to the end of January and 15 days stocks remain. A further 15 days is as present being received by rail.

para (g) (II) There is a No. 7 Inc. Mil. Bky. in Florence at present but non operative. All Units are issued with flour and do their own baking. It is hoped to have the Italian Bky personnel attached to a Bky for training.

para (l) 1 NCO & 8 soldiers are on guard as follows :
1 Sentry is stationed on the main gate during the day.
1 Sentry is stationed on the gate at night and in addition there are employed 2 night-watchmen who patrol the buildings.

para (s) Owing to the temporary nature of this site, no effort has been made to establish really good quarters for the men.

C.H. GARDNER Capt. RASC
Capt. 7 BLU
ST/ Branch

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HQ. M.M.I.A.
HQ. 7 TERR. COMD.
HQ. 7 B.L.U.

ST APPENDIX "B"

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer — Capt. C.M. CARDNER R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of Inspection — 1st January 1946

(c) Name of Depot — 7th Food Distribution Depot

(d) Name of C.O. (Other Officers) — Lt. Col. TUCCI MARIO
S.Ten. LEONE LUIGI
S.Ten. ACCARDI SALVATORE

(e) Stock Position (No of days) (Checks made) — 15 days (See separate report)
4.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(I) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good.

(II) Stocking height etc. — Average of 10 high.

(III) Dammage — Fair - Could be improved especially in the tobacco store.

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of Procurement — None held. All units purchase separately out of their own funds.

(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract — (See separate report).

(h) Tally cards — Well maintained.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (Number) — 4.

(j) Fuels
(I) Wood storage — 3,000 quintals. Fair.

(II) Coal "

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(e) Stock Position (No of days) Checks made) — 15 days (See separate report)

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(I) Accommodation, Cover etc. — Good.

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(III) Damage — Fair - Could be improved especially in the tobacco store.

(g) (I) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of Procurement — None held. All units purchase separately out of their own funds.

(II) Bread number of bakeries on contract — (See separate report).

(h) Tally cards — Well maintained.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

4.

(j) Fuels

(I) Wood storage — 3,000 quintals. Fair.

(II) Coal " — Nil.

(III) Lignite — 1,000 quintals. Fair.

(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers) — 3 Clerks - 28 labours.

(l) Guards — (See separate report).

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(m) Fire precautions — Adequate. 13x4 Gals Extinguishers.

(n) Anti rat precautions — Cats & dogs. Fair.

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) — Owing to premises being only temporary. No REworks are oustanding.

(p) Depot transport — Nil. Indents on 7th Terr. Hq. when required.

(q) Feeding strengths (I) (Army, Navy, Air) (BR-US-ITI-IIT)

Army	Navy	Air.
BR-ITI 523.		
US-ITI Nil.		
ITI-ITI 13077.60.	165.	

(II) Total number of units — 45 Average.

(r) Accountancy — Allied system, Italian system, General remarks: Good. Accounts are well kept and very clear.

(s) Accommodation — Sleeping quarters: Fair. Dining: Nil. Recreational: Nil. Cookhouse: Room for improvement. Latrine & Ab[illegible]

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		Army	Navy	Air.
(q) Feeding strengths (I) (Army, Navy, Air) (BR-US-ITI-ITF)		BR-ITI 523.		
		US-ITI Nil.		
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(s) Accommodation	Sleeping quarters	Fair.		
	Dining	Nil.		
	Recreational	Nil.		
	Cookhouse	Room for improvement.		
	Latrine & Ablutions	Poor.		
(t) General turnout of men		Average.		

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

The Depot appears to be run in an efficient manner. When new site is allocated it is hoped that a better lay-out will be devised with more "yard" room.

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ALLA DIREZ.DI COMM/TO
DEL C/DO MIL.TERR.LE
DI BOLOGNA

Risposta al f.° del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO: rapporto sul 77° Magazz.Distrib.Viveri di Forlì.-
Report on 77 Food Distribution Depot FORLI'.

e,per conoscenza:
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(MMIA) R O M A
(rif.ST/208 del 17 c;m.)
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE MILITARE
BOLOGNA

Si trasmette copia della lettera ST/208 in data 17 corrente della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.(MMIA) perchè vengano eliminati gli inconvenienti in essa rilevati.

p.IL MINISTRO
Pellizza

Attached is copy of MMIA letter ST/208 of 17 Dec 45, in order to eliminate inconveniencies notified therein.

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Subject : 77 Magazzino Viveri - P O R L I'.

6 British Liaison Unit.
Tel : Vicksburg 119.
Ref. I/5/1.
2 Jan 46.

To : Direzione di Commissariato
H.Q. VI Territorial Command.

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The following points have been noted during the visits of two officers to the s/m Magazzino - that of Major Cotton, MMIA, on 15 Dec. 1945 and that of Major Thrupp, 6 BLU, on 28 Dec. 1945. They are forwarded for your informations and whatever action you deem necessary.

1. An noticeable improvement of the standard reported by the first visiting officer as regards the cleanliness and tidiness of the stores, offices staying accomodation and latrines was reported by the second visiting officer.

2. Fire precautions were non - existent on both occasions. Application had been made for apparatus but no improvisation had taken plan to meet the deficiency meanwhile.

3. The inner yard which vehicles must enter for loading and unloading was inundated with water - the drain being blocked - and little attempt has been made to make a hard - standing by laying down bricks and rubble.

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4. It is considered that this depot is not up to the standard of the others in the Territorial Command.

DADS.
SC 'S" 4th January 46

FDHP/AM
CMF

Major
G.S.O. II (1 copy)

Copy to : H.Q. M.M.I.A. S. & T. Branch (your letter ST/208 dated 17 Dec. refers.)

H.Q. VI Territorial Command. (1 copy)

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SUBJECT:- Report on 77 Distribution Depot - FORLI.

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

17 Dec 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 3 BLU
6 BLU

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

1. O.C. Capt. LOMBARDETTI. Strength 3 officers, 9 Other Ranks, 20 civilians. Feeding strength. ITI-ITI 1512, BR-ITI 849, total number of units served 22.

2. Depot is entirely undercover - stacking was not good - very little dunnage being used - Olive Oil was stored next to the flour - considerable room for improvement in the cleanliness of the depot - numerous empty wine barrels lying around the depot - issues are made from two points.

3. Tally cards in use and appear to be up to date - accounting system satisfactory.

4. Fire and anti-vermin precautions - NIL.

5. Sleeping and cookhouse accommodation - fair; latrines - filthy; no recreational facilities.

6. Turnout of depot personnel was good but that of the guard provided by 522 Guard Battalion was bad.

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

Lt.Col. MASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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