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D.S.R., G.H.Q.

SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of S & T Branch
during month of December 1946.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch R.
MIA for the month of December 1946.

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Lieut. Col.
Major General
GOC, MIA.

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF
DECEMBER 1946

SUPPLIES.

W.T.R.

P.O.L.

Supplies of POL still below requirements. All demands met by half.

TRANSPORT.

Spares situation still very low. Tpt Coys have received further issues of vehicles.

GENERAL.

No courses finished at the School of Motorisation during the month. 28 new vehicles were received by the School during the month.

S & T Liaison Officers with BLUs visited and inspected units regularly during the month.

PERSONNEL.

The Mission is now at full strength. Position is as follows:-

1 BLU (TURIN)	-	Capt. S.O. GIBB (SSRG/5) not yet arrived.
3 BLU (MILAN)	-	Capt. H.F. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years.
4 BLU (BOLZANO)	-	Capt. P.D. HOWATT (A/S 25) deferred 1 year.
5 BLU (UDINE)	-	Capt. A.L. GARY (SSRG/5)
7 BLU (FLORENCE)	-	Capt. G.W. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM (A/S 1) deferred GD.
10 BLU (NAPLES)	-	Capt. L.H. JONES (A/S 26) deferred GD.
12 BLU (ROME)	-	Major G.T. HERRIDGE (SSRG/5)
Staff Capt. HQ MMIA	-	Capt. F.A. MURRAY (A/S 20) applied SSRG.

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LAND FORCES HQ COM. AG. (MIA) GMP

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5 Dec 46

D.S.T., G.H.Q.

SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of S & T Branch
during month of November 1946.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ MIA
for the month of November 1946.

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Major General,
GCHQ, MIA.

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

NOVEMBER 1946

SUPPLIES.

K.F.R.

P.O.L.

Supplies of POL arriving in the country have been below German's. Possibility of cuts in allocations if stocks not made up during December. Ministry of War requested that consideration be given to the possibility of loans from Allied stocks.

TRANSPORT.

Provision of spares reaching Tpt Coys still very slow. Units have been visited during the month by S & T Liaison Officers. At the driving school 339 drivers with civilian experience were graded and passed out from the present course. As recruits finish their course they are issued with special licences stating type of vehicle to which they are recommended. Release of 30 vehicles to the School was promised but so far has not materialized.

PERSONNEL.

The posting in of two officers now brings the Mission up to full strength. The position is as follows:-

1 BLJ (TURIN)	-	Capt. S.C. COBB (A/S 5) deferred CD posted but not yet arrived.
5 BLJ (MILAN)	-	Capt. M.F. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years.
4 BLJ (BOLOGNA)	-	Capt. P.D. HOWATT (A/S 25) deferred 1 year.
5 BLJ (UDINE)	-	Capt. A.L. GARY (SMB/5)
7 BLJ (FLORENCE)	-	Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD-PATHAM (A/S 1) deferred CD.
10 BLJ (NAPLES)	-	Capt. L.N. JONES (A/S 26) deferred CD returned from FVILAVE in U.K.
12 BLJ (ROME)	-	Major G.F. BERRIDGE (SSRC/5).
Staff Capt. in MILA-	-	Capt. P.A. MURRAY (A/S 20) applied for Short Service Regular Commission - returned from Compassionate Leave in U.K.

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| 3 BLU (MILAN) | - | Capt. M.F. HARRIS (A/s 17) deferred 2 years. |
| 4 BLU (BOLEZANG) | - | Capt. P.D. HOWATT (A/s 25) deferred 1 year. |
| 5 BLU (INDINE) | - | Capt. A.L. GARY (SSRG/5) |
| 7 BLU (FLORENOE) | - | Capt. C.W. LOCKWOOD-PATHAM (A/s 1) deferred OD. |
| 10 BLU (WATLES) | - | Capt. L.N. JONES (A/s 26) deferred OD returned from PRIVILEGE in U.K. |
| 12 BLU (ROME) | - | Major C.T. BERKING (SSRG/5). |
| Staff Capt. HQ MILA- | - | Capt. F.A. MURRAY (A/s 20) applied for Short Service Regular Commission - returned from Compassionate Leave in U.K. |

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM AG. (MILA) GWT

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D.S.T.,
C.H.Q.

SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of S & T Branch
during month of October 1946.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ MILA
for the month of October 1946.

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Major General,
GOC, MILA.

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

OCTOBER 1946

SUPPLIES.

No difficulties experienced during the month. Depots were regularly visited by ST Liaison Officers.

P.O.L.

Difficulty is still experienced by Officers of MILA on tour in driving patrol from GIP depots (MIL letter 2413/9/46 of 29 May refers). GIP HQ in NOME agree that such driving is in order but do not appear to have taken adequate action to notify their outlying depots.

Numerous complaints have been received from the Italian Army about the quality of lubricating oils supplied by GIP which appear to be much inferior to Allied lubricants.

TRANSPORT.

A gradual improvement of vehicles maintenance and documentation is being shown. Units were regularly visited by S & T Liaison Officers.

TRAINING.

The Commissariato School at MILAN is still closed but it is hoped to reopen it, either in MILAN or elsewhere by January in time to take the recruits from the next call up.

School of Motorization.

The second drivers training course commenced on October 1st with 1067 recruits 400 of whom have had previous driving experience. It is proposed to pass these 400 out in about five weeks in order that more concentrated instruction can be given to the remainder.

The motor-cyclists course of 155 recruits also started on October 1st.

Information has been received that in November the School will come under direct command of the Ministry of War due to the disbandment of the Central Military Schools.

At situation still very serious with a deficiency of over 300 vehicles.

PERSONNEL.

The situation with regard to ST Officers with MILA is as follows:-

1 BLU (TURIN)	- Capt. HATSON in arrest (at BOLOGNA awaiting trial).	16?
3 BLU (MILAN)	- Capt. HARTIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years	
4 BLU (BOLOGNA)	- MIL	

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PERSONNEL.

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1 MIL (TURIN)	- Capt. WATSON in arrest (at BOLZENA awaiting trial).	16?
3 MIL (MILAN)	- Capt. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years	
4 MIL (BOCCANO)	- MIL	
5 MIL (UDINE)	- Capt. GAY (SMB/5)	
7 MIL (FLORENCE)	- Capt. LONGWOOD TATHAN (A/S 1) deferred ED.	
10 MIL (NAPLES)	- Capt. JONES (A/S 26) deferred ED - at present on PRIVILEGE in UK.	
12 MIL (ROME)	- Major BRIDGES (SMB/5)	
Staff Capt. HQ MILA	- Capt. MURRAY (A/S 20) applied for Short Service Regular Commission - on PRIVILEGE in UK on compassionate grounds.	

GENERAL.

AXST visited MILs and Italian Army units in the north during the period 16 - 26 Oct 46.

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SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of S & T Branch during
the month of September 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(H.M.I.A.).
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D.S.R., G.H.Q.

4 Oct 46.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch
HQ MIA for the month of September 1946.

for

Lt.Col. RASO.
ASST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIA).

SEPTEMBER 1946

SUPPLIES.

No difficulties experienced during the month by the Italian Army in obtaining supplies.

Depots were regularly visited by S & T Liaison Officers. The School at MILAN for Commissariato students has temporarily closed and students are attached to depots for training.

E.O.I.

N.T.R.

TRANSPORT.

All units are still below their W.L. The shortage of British spares is now being increasingly felt.

U.F. units were visited by S & T Liaison Officers who report that units although slow in becoming accustomed to British methods of maintenance are showing a general improvement.

TRAINING.

Satisfactory results were obtained from the last course to finish. Over 75% being passed out in the Driving School and the Specialist Training School.

Practical instruction is likely to be improved if the holdings of vehicles is not increased to 75% of vehicles at present are inefficient.

PERSONNEL.

The situation with regard to the S & T Officers in the ELIA is as follows:-

1 BLJ (TURIN)	- Capt. WATSON in arrest
3 BLJ (MILAN)	- Capt. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years
4 BLJ (BOLOGNA)	- NIL
5 BLJ (UDINE)	- Capt. GARY (SSC/5) at present on leave in UK, due back approx 14 Oct.
7 BLJ (FLORENCE)	- Capt. LONGFORD-TASHIAN (A/S 1) deferred CD.
10 BLJ (NAPLES)	- Capt. JONES (A/S 26) deferred CD.
12 BLJ (ROME)	- M.J. HERRIDGE (SSC/5) at present on leave in UK, due back approx 14 Oct.

GENERAL.

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Practical instruction is likely to be improved if the holdings of vehicles is not increased to 75% of vehicles at present are inefficient.

PERSONNEL

The situation with regard to the S & T Officers in the BLA is as follows:-

1 BLJ (TURNER)	- Capt. WATSON in arrest
3 BLJ (MILLAR)	- Capt. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years
4 BLJ (MILLAR)	- MIL
5 BLJ (MILLAR)	- Capt. GARY (SSC/5) at present on leave in UK, due back approx 14 Oct.
7 BLJ (FLORINER)	- Capt. LONGHEAD-TATHAM (A/S 1) deferred CD.
10 BLJ (HARRIS)	- Capt. JONES (A/S 26) deferred CD.
12 BLJ (HARRIS)	- Maj. HENDERSON (SSC/5) at present on leave in UK, due back approx 14 Oct.

GENERAL

ABST visited various depots, units and OAR's during the month.

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SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of SF Branch
during month of August 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(H.M.I.A.).
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D.S.T., G.H.Q.

27 Aug 46.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ
IMIA for the month of August 1946.

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n Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (IMIA).

NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

AUGUST 1946

SUPPLIES.

No difficulties were experienced during the last month by the Italian Army in obtaining supplies. A question of office supplies in an issue by PSS to No. 7 Bulk Supply Depot during the last December and March was taken up with PSS who have now made good the deficiencies complained of.

The Depots and the Bakeries were visited regularly by S & T Liaison Officers and No. 3 General Supply Coy MILAN was visited by the GOC of the Mission who complimented the G.O. on the efficiency of the organisation, he expressed himself as being very favourably impressed.

P.O.L.

All demands by Territorial Commands for POL were met and reserves are now up to strength. The CIP organisation is to continue as at present until January 1947.

TRANSPORT.

All units are still well below their war establishment. This fact is well known to the Ministry of War but as so few new vehicles are available there is little they can do to ease the position. MT units were visited regularly by S & T Liaison Officers who report that improvement in these units is general but not yet up to the high standard reached by the Supply units.

TRAINING.

Due to interruptions caused by the election and strikes the Driving and Maintenance Course at the School of Motorisation was prolonged two weeks and is now due to terminate on Aug 31st. The Sergeant of the School and the Chief Instructor are pleased with the results which in view of the many difficulties encountered must be considered encouraging. 100% of the recruits taking the motor-cyclists course are expected to pass the final test and approx 75% of the drivers will pass theirs.

PERSONNEL.

The situation with regard to the British Officers in the BLIS is as follows:-

- 1 BLIS (TUNIS) - Capt. WATSON posted but not yet reported for duty. Was interviewed by the Military Secretary on Aug 26 and it is understood that he will be accepting his release now due.
- 3 BLIS (MILAN) - Capt. BARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 months.
- 4 BLIS (BOLEZANO) - 1599
- 5 BLIS - 1599

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PERSONNEL.

The situation with regard to the British Officers in the HLU is as follows:-

1 BLU (TURIN)	-	Capt. WATSON posted but not yet reported for duty. Was interviewed by the Military Secretary on Aug 26 and it is understood that he will be accepting his release now due.
3 BLU (MILAN)	-	Capt. HARRIS (A/S 17) deferred 2 years ¹⁵⁹⁹
4 BLU (BOLOGNA)	-	NIL.
5 BLU (VERONE)	-	Capt. GART (A/S 23) deferred GD - applied for Short Service Commission.
7 BLU (FLORENCE)	-	Capt. LOCKWOOD-LATHAM (A/S 1) deferred GD.
10 BLU (NAPLES)	-	Capt. JONES (A/S 26) deferred GD.
12 BLU (ROME - Central Military Schools)	-	Maj. BURNIDGE (A/S 13) deferred 2 years - applied for Short Service Commission.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT.

The eight German cars received from MILAN prove to be a poor lot and only two will be at all reliable. The establishment for a MTO has now been approved by GHQ.

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SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of ST Branch
during month of July 1946.

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D.S.T., G.H.Q.

31 July 46.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ MMLA
for the month of July 46.

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Lt. Col. RASG.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMLA).

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

JULY 1946

SUPPLIES.

General supervision was given to the maintenance of the Italian Army throughout the month; all requirements were met by the Italian High Commissioner for Food.

Depots were visited throughout Italy by Liaison Officers of the Mission, and their reports show that the supply system of the Italian Army is running smoothly and, apart from a few accommodation difficulties, is generally satisfactory.

The Bakery at FLORENCE was handed back to the Italians during the month.

P.O.L.

Supplies were generally satisfactory during the month in spite of another short strike by the CIP workers, and Territorial Commands have been able to build up small reserves amounting to approximately 15 days.

Complaints about the quality of oils issued by CIP have now ceased.

TRANSPORT.

The transport position has not altered much since June, Italian units were visited regularly throughout the month and advice given on maintenance etc. Improvement in the efficiency of these units is marked in spite of difficulties in obtaining new vehicles, spare parts and tyres.

TRAINING.

Approximately 80% of the recruits at the School of Motorisation will pass out as fit to drive, failure on the part of the remainder being due mainly to physical disability. The first course finishes early in August, and a further course for recruits will commence in September.

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The situation with regard to British Officers in the RM's is as follows:-

1 RMJ (TURIN)	-	No S & T Officer
3 RMJ (MILAN)	-	Capt. HARTIS - deferred two years
4 RMJ (BOLZANO)	-	Capt. WATSON - application received and not recommended for deferment of a further 5 years

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PERSONNEL.

The situation with regard to British Officers in the BEUs is as follows:-

1 BEU (TURIN)	-	Mo S & T Officer
3 BEU (MILAN)	-	Capt. HARRIS - deferred two years
4 BEU (BOLOGNA)	-	Capt. WATSON - application received and 1597 not recommended for deferment of a further 12 months.
5 BEU (UDINE)	-	Capt. GARY - deferred 10, applied for Short Service Commission.
7 BEU (FLORENCE)	-	Capt. LOCKWOOD TATHAM - Gp 1 deferred 10
10 BEU (NAPLES)	-	Capt. JAMES - deferred 10
12 BEU (ROME)	-	Maj. BURNING Gp 10 - deferred 2 years, applied for Short Service Commission.

Major HAYTER has returned from LILLOP and is temporarily in command of 64 OT Coy while awaiting posting.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT.

Eight German cars were collected from MILAN. These have yet to be inspected and put on the road. Position otherwise unchanged.

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SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of ST Branch
during month of June 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
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D.S.T., G.H.Q.

3 July 46.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ
MMA for the month of June 1946.

J. A. Sandhu

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

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF S & T BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

JUNE 1946

SUPPLIES.

General supervision was given to the maintenance of the Italian Interim Army throughout the month and all requirements were met by the Italian High Commissioner for Food.

Reports from the Territorial Commands of inspection carried out by S & T Liaison Officers show, with few exceptions, a marked and steady improvement in the standard of efficiency attained in Supply Depots, Supply Units and Bakeries throughout Italy.

P.O.L.

The effect of the C.I.P. strike last month is still being felt throughout the Territorial Commands who are having difficulty in the rebuilding up of their reserves, but the situation is improving.

There is a general shortage of SAE 50 oil and the matter was taken up with C.I.P. who are making special issues from their very small stocks to the Territorial Commands most affected. The shortage appears to be general in this theatre. The analysis report on the Italian oil issued by C.I.P. in lieu of SAE 50 has been received from 302 RPSS and CIP have been informed that the Italian oil is not suitable as a substitute. C.I.P. have agreed to release a certain amount of AV 1420 oil to ease the situation.

TRANSPORT.

The strength of units holding vehicles is still well below 75%. The War Ministry are being pressed to bring these units up to full 75% but the release of new vehicles of Italian manufacture is slow owing to the small number turned out by the factories.

TRAINING.

Instructions at the School of Motorisation were considerably interfered with during the elections period. 280 recruits were removed for guard duties in Rome and were kept away for three weeks.

Practical training was curtailed through the withholding of petrol issues to build up a reserve to cover any emergency.

Things, however, have now returned to normal and the course is progressing smoothly.

PERSONNEL (British).

The situation with regard to British Officers in the BLUs is as follows:-

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| 3 BLU (MILAN) | - | Capt. HARRIS - deferred two years |
| 4 BLU (BOLZANO) | - | Capt. WATSON - application received and not recommended for deferment of a further 12 months |

TRANSPORT.

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4 BLU (BOLOGNA)	-	Capt. WATSON - application received and not recommended for deferment of a further 12 months.
5 BLU (UDINE)	-	Capt. JONES posted not yet joined.
7 BLU (FLORENCE)	-	Capt. LOCKWOOD-TATHAM - Gp 1 deferred 1595
10 BLU (NAPLES)	-	Capt. MURRAY - Gp 20 - deferred 1595
12 BLU (ROME)	-	Maj. HARKER is expected to return early this month. Maj. HERRIDGE at present with 12 BLU.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT.

The vehicles collected during the month to replace the class IV vehicles proved to be in good order.

GENERAL.

Owing to the state of alarm that existed over the elections period it was not considered advisable to carry out the usual inspections of Italian units, however the School of Motorisation at OSTIA and the Bulk Petrol Storage at OSTIA were visited.

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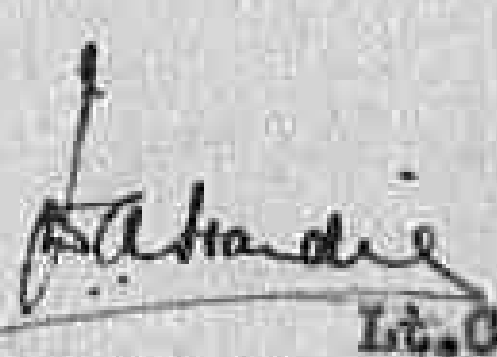
SUBJECT:- Notes on activities of ST Branch
during month of May 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
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D.S.T., G.H.Q.

31 May 46.

Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch ~~REJIRKIA~~
for the month of May 1946.


Lt. Col. RASO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MMIA).

NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF ST BRANCH DURING MONTH OF

MAY 1946

SUPPLIES.

General supervision has been given to the maintenance of the Italian Interim Army throughout the month, and all requirements were met by the Italian High Commissioner for Food who has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force v.e.f. 1st June.

P.O.L.

Supplies during the month were considerably delayed by a strike of CIP personnel, and plans were made by the Italian War Ministry to man the CIP depots with their own personnel in the event of any further trouble; the dispute was settled, however, before it was necessary to bring this plan into effect. Supplies are now normal again.

Complaints were received from Italian Territorial Commands of the quality of oils issued to them by CIP, the matter is being taken up in conjunction with REE branch this HQ, and samples have been sent to 302 BPSS for analysis.

TRANSPORT.

Unit holdings of vehicles against WEs are still unsatisfactory, but receipt of new vehicles ex Italian Manufacturers has now commenced though none of these have so far been issued to S & T Units, priority at present being given to the Carabinieri.

Q Branch have now relieved this branch of the responsibility for the supervision of vehicles of the Italian Army other than S & T Units.

TRAINING.

The School of Motorisation at Cecchignola near Rome commenced its first driving course on May 16th with a larger number of recruits than was originally expected. Most of the outstanding repair work to the school has been completed, but the coddhouse is not yet finished; this matter is in hand.

A training establishment has been opened at Milan for butchers, bakers and issuers. The first course of approx 600 students commenced early in the month. It is intended that these courses should last eight weeks. This is a new venture and I think it will require careful supervision if it is to be a success.

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PERSONNEL (British)

The situation with regard to British Officers in the BLUs is as follows:-

- 1 BLU (TURIN) Capt. LOCKWOOD-TATHAN - Gp 1 deferred GD.
- 3 BLU (MILAN) Capt. HARRIS - deferred 2 yrs
- 4 BLU (BOZZANO) Capt. WATSON - Gp 1 deferred 2 yrs
- 5 BLU (UDINE) Recently put on higher establishment - RASC officer required.
- 7 BLU (FLORENCE) Capt. MORROW - Gp 29

The question of this officers release is still under discussion.

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He has been DOV 3 months on instructions ST Branch GHQ and has appealed as he has accepted a contract with UNRA and has given up his civilian job in consequence. No decision has been received from the DOV Committee, in fact the matter seems to have been referred to A Branch here.

I feel that considerable hardship will be caused to the Officer if he is DOV'd.

10 BLU (NAPLES) Capt. MURRAY - Gp 20 deferred CD (at present on LIAF).

12 BLU (ROME) Major HERRIDGE (Maj. HARKET on LIAF).

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT (British)

This is still a constant headache.

REME classification of all vehicles has been sent to GHQ as requested. So far release of 4 Light Utilities and 2 Heavy Utilities has been received to replace Class IV vehicles. These are being collected next week. Whether the condition of these vehicles will be any better than those which are being handed it remains to be seen.

The recommendations for the reorganisation of the Domestic Transport personnel which were submitted to G Branch were put up as an Amendment to the WE of this HQ. They have been approved only in part and as the original recommendations were what was considered the absolute minimum it seems doubtful if there will be much improvement.

GENERAL

ADST carried out a tour of inspection in the North during the early part of the month.

Territorial Command HQs and various units were visited in the following Territorial Commands:-

No. 1 TURIN	No. 5 UDINE
No. 3 MILAN	No. 6 BOLOGNA
No. 4 BOLZANO	No. 7 FLORENCE

In general the supply units were found to be good whilst the transport units still have room for improvement although shortage of spares, particularly tyres makes this task difficult.

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SUBJECT: Notes on activities of ST Branch
during month of April 1946.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478194
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D.S.F., G.H.Q.

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Herewith brief notes on the activities of S & T Branch HQ MMTA
for the month of April 1946.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MMTA).
Lt.Col. RASC.

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SUPPLIES

The maintenance of the Italian Interim Army through Italian sources of supply has continued satisfactorily throughout this month. It is anticipated that the maintenance of the Italian Navy and Air Force will cease to be a British responsibility w.e.f. 1 June 1946. Meanwhile the Italian Ministry of Food has continued to maintain the Italian Navy and Air Force with Flour and P.Meat in pursuance of the policy to repay loans made in previous months from British sources for the maintenance of the Italian Army.

P.O.L.

As you will be aware P.O.L. for the Italian Army is released through the Italian civilian organisation C.I.P. Considerable delays have been experienced recently in the delivery of P.O.L. to units. This is believed to be due to the non-receipt of release authorities ex Allied sources. This matter is at present being investigated in conjunction with Combined Petroleum Committee.

TRANSPORT

Unit holdings of vehicles against War Establishments are not altogether satisfactory. The shortage is mainly due to lack of spare parts and tyres. This aspect is being followed up through the proper channels.

It is hoped that the general position will be improved by the anticipated receipt of new vehicles ex Italian manufacturers. The reconditioning of recovered vehicles which is now proceeding is also likely to alleviate the situation.

TRAINING

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The School will also enter for the training of Junior Officers and NCO's.

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The situation with regard to RASC officers in the ELUs is as follows:-

- 1 ELU (TURIN) Capt. WILKINSON - Op 27
- 3 ELU (MILAN) Capt. HARRIS recently posted and understood to be deferring.
- 4 ELU (MILANO) Capt. WATSON - Op 1 W 1 year - due to go in June.
- 7 ELU (FLORENCE) Capt. MURROW due for release to UERRA - Op 29
- 10 ELU (NAPLES) Capt. MURRAY deferred until GD.
- 5 ELU is at present a B Type ELU but it is expected that it will shortly be put on the higher establishment (A Type) and will then require an RASC Officer.

Dr. Hawley.

DOMESTIC TRANSPORT (British)

The domestic transport of the HQ and the ELUs is a constant source of trouble. CHQ have asked for a RASC classification of the vehicles and this being carried out at present and the results will be forwarded as soon

as they are ready. It is then hoped that some assistance will be forthcoming.

It is felt that the situation will never improve until (a) adequate personnel are provided for supervision until (b) reliable vehicles are provided.

In connection with (a) recommendations have been submitted to G Branch for an ascribed US of the Domestic Transport personnel.

GENERAL.

The following units have been visited during April 1946.

- 8 Distribution Depot ROMA
- Military and Civilian Bakeries ROMA
- 1 Special Transport Coy ROMA
- 8 Admin Transport Coy ROMA
- School of Motorisation GECCHIGHOLA
- Central Military Schools CRESANO
- Bulk Pet Storage at OSIA.

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Major FIELD reported for duty as DADST(F) on 10th Dec, vice Maj. MILES. Maj. MILES proceeded on release 14 Dec.
Major COTTON reported back to this branch from duty in Northern Italy 7 Dec.

2. SUPPLIES.

(a) Maintenance Jan-March is being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks, the exception was Flour and P.Meat/Fish which were obtained from British and American depots.

(b) Requirements for the Italian Army for the next three months (Jan 1 - March 31) are approximately as follows.

- (i) Flour, incl Macaroni 10,350 tons - 3,000 tons obtainable from surplus Allied stocks, balance hoped to be obtainable from civil imports.
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|-------------|---------|---|---|
| P.Meat/Fish | 1,725 " | - | } obtainable from surplus Allied stocks |
| Coffee | 285 " | - | |
| Pepper | 2.7 " | - | |
- (ii) Rice 570 tons - }
Cheese 570 " - } can be obtained from local resources
Tomato Paste 285 " - }
- (iii) Sugar 570 tons - 380 tons obtainable from civil imports, the balance from surplus Allied stocks.
Veg Dried 1,164 " 775 tons obtainable from civil imports, balance from surplus Allied stocks.

(c) Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining releases of food-stuffs from Ministry of Food depots in Northern Italy, e.g. cheese is being released from 15 different warehouses in the MILAN area thus necessitating considerable rail and road movement.

(d) Ministry of War is experiencing difficulty in obtaining forage, this branch has been instrumental in obtaining an additional allotment of bren to assist the Ministry of War. 1538

(e) Maintenance of Air Force for February has already been agreed, it is hoped to agree the Navy maintenance for the same month in early Jan 46.

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(f) During the month the FORLI Distribution Depot was inspected by Major COTTON (DAGST(S)) and was found to be unsatisfactory.

3. TRANSPORT.

(a) Vehicles ex German Tpt Coys are being issued to the Army and most units in Southern Italy are now up to establishment. A further 450 are being released in Central Italy.

(b) The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of motor-cycles and vehicles for the Mobile Battalions.

(c) War Establishment have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

(d) Whilst Italian officers on Headquarters agree that the Task System is good it has been found that little enthusiasm is shown on unit level. O.C. units usually excuse themselves for not using this system by saying that they are unable to trust their drivers or junior NCOs to ensure that daily tasks are carried out.

4. P.O.L.

(a) POL for December was "bid" for through this Branch, the same procedure will apply for January 1946. The Ministry of War now "bid" for the Carabinieri Mobile Battalion.

(b) An improvement in the C.I.P. Distribution system was noted during the month.


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November Monthly Report.

G-3(Int) MMIA.

Herewith report in respect of ST Branch for the month of
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PROGRESS REPORT ON HANDOVER OF ITALIAN INTERIM ARMY

NOVEMBER 1945

1. SUPPLIES.

(a) Maintenance of US-ITI categories ex US depots commenced w.e.f. 1 Nov 45.

(b) On 10 Nov 45 Food Sub Commission AG notified that it would be possible to obtain from civil imports or indigenous resources all Interim Army requirements of supplies previously of Allied origin excepting Flour (including Macaroni requirements), P/Meat & Fish and Pepper. It was stated however that these last named items could be repayed from civil imports in the new year.

(c) Maintenance of MR-ITI Service Troops ex British Depots commenced w.e.f. 15 Nov 45.

(d) By 23 Nov 45 releases had been made of Flour, P/Meat and Fish ex US OM Depots NAPLES and LERNO and ex British Base Supply Depots MESTRE, RAVI and ANCONA to cover Interim Army requirements for month of December 1945. Pepper was not available.

(e) The Ministry of War has been experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining release of the items from civil depots as only a portion of December requirements had been delivered by 30 Nov 45. Every effort is being made by this Branch through AG and AMI channels to expedite these deliveries.

2. TRANSPORT.

(a) The issue of vehicles to formations, units etc is now being done by S.M.R.E. but in very close liaison with this Branch as no issue has been made without SF guidance. It has been found unnecessary to make any amendment to the last two lists of proposed allocations submitted by S.M.R.E. as programme was considered satisfactory.

(b) Complete control of No. 1 Special Transport Company has been handed over to S.M.R.E.

3. P.O.L.

(a) The final bid for P.O.L. for Army requirements for December was made on 12 November on AMHQ Pet Sec by this Branch. Ministry of War have been informed of their responsibilities for December P.O.L. requirements.

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been informed of their responsibilities for demanding P.O.L. requirements
for January and onward. Should Ministry of War experience difficulty in
obtaining release of requirements the matter is to be referred to this
Branch for assistance.

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October Monthly Report.

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MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER

HO MEIA (ST BRANCH)

1. PERSONNEL

Capt. A.L. CAREY resumed duty with this HQ on 24 Oct on return from LILCP. Orders were received posting Capt. A.H. SIMPSON to A.C. AUSTRIA whence he will proceed on the 3rd November.

2. SUPPLIES.

(a) General.

(i) Normal supply functions have continued during the month of October.

(ii) Following a meeting at CASERTA a conference was held on 27 Oct with Supply Representatives of the Ministry of War at which the new policy proposals for maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces w.e.f. 1 November were outlined.

These are summarized as under.

(a) W.e.f. 1 Nov all US-IMI categories will be maintained direct from US OM depots.

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- (ii) by purchase or loan from Allied surplus stocks;
- (iii) through Italian Government import programme.

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(b) Forage.

The Ministry of War will assume responsibility for procurement of forage w.e.f. 1 November 1945.

(c) Moves.

Oct. The new Distribution Depot at Piacenza commenced operation on 21. This replaced the depot at Alessandria.

Owing to inundation of Distribution Depot GENOVA by river flood water, salvaged stocks are being removed to an alternative site in GENOVA.

57 Distribution Depot is now located at PESCARA.

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(d) Inspections.

DADS carried out inspection of depots in N.W. and N.E. ITALY
10 - 16 October 1945.

3. TRANSPORT.

(a) Recovery of Transport.

500 vehicles of Italian Army type were handed back to the Italian Army by German Tpt Coys in the Naples area who had been operating under P.B.S. Arrangements were made for these vehicles to be "vetted" by repair units, re-marked with Italian Army registration numbers and issued to units through Efficient Vehicle Parks.

(b) A further 450 Italian Army vehicles are being taken over from similar units in the Leghorn area and will be similarly dealt with. In order to handle them, arrangements were made to move No. 4 Efficient Vehicle Park into a larger site in the Florence area.

(c) Final agreement was reached with Allied Commission whereby they would hand over to the Italian Army vehicles of Allied manufacture, to compensate for Italian Army vehicles still in the hands of civilian transport organisations. The first block of Tpt was scheduled to be handed over on 29 October, with further blocks of approx 500 vehicles per month. Up to the end of October, however, no vehicles had been received.

(d) P.O.L.

Distribution was disorganised for several days in the Rome and Naples areas due to strikes of C.I.P. employees.

(e) The northern Territorial Commands were affected by a shortage of lubricants in all C.I.P. depots; AFHQ Pet Sec on being informed, obtained the release of lubricants from Allied sources to the C.I.P. depots at Venice and Leghorn and Territorial Commands and Combat Groups affected were instructed by this HQ to draw from these depots.

(f) Some confusion was caused among the Combat Divs at the beginning of the month by the change over from Allied sources to C.I.P. As the decision to make Combat Divisions draw from C.I.P. and BR-ITI Service troops to continue to draw from Allied sources was taken late in the month it was not possible to inform the gruppi of this allocation until 27 Sept.

(g) A coupon system has now been introduced to obviate the difficulties involved in carrying P.O.L. requirements on long journeys. Books of coupons are being distributed to the C.I.P. depots concerned by C.I.P. Rome, and the system will operate w.e.f. 1st November.

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(h) AFHQ Pet Sec have made a considerable reduction in the quantities of P.O.L. allocated for November basing their figures on $\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$ gals per day per motor-cycle, car, and load-carrier respectively instead of the previous basis of 1, $3\frac{1}{2}$, and 6.

It is anticipated that difficulty will be experienced in operating satisfactorily on this allotment, and the question of obtaining an increased allotment has been taken up by this Hq with HQ CMF.

(i) MISCELLANEOUS.

Draft instructions were received from CMF, CMF ordering the transfer of the Combat Divisions to ITI-ITI category w.e.f. 15 November. Efforts

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were made to discuss what provision had been made for the transfer of vehicles to cover "wastage", and whether vehicles spares would be handed over in block or demanded from Allied sources on repayment as required. Precise rulings on these points have not yet been given.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

File: ST/12

SUBJECT: September Monthly Report

Date: 4 Oct. 45

TO : G-3(Int) MMIA

Herewith report in respect of ST Branch for the month of September 1945.

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Lt. Col.
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MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER

HQ MMIA (ST BRANCH)

1. PERSONNEL

Capt. A.H. SIMPSON returned to duty from LIAP on 10 Sept. 45.
Capt. J.M. CRAIG proceeded for duty as MMIA S&T Liaison Officer to
MESTRE on 22 Sept. vice Maj. W.H. CRAWFORD, who is due to return to U.K. shortly
for release.

Capt. H.A.F. WARD JACKSON reported for duty as Capt. Supplies on 26
Aug. 45 and proceeded to MILAN for return to U.K. on 1 October 45.
Maj. S.W. GANN was struck off strength on 13 Sept. on proceeding to U.K.
for release.

Capt. M.P. HART DYKE reported for duty on 29 Sept. vice Capt. H.A.F.
WARD JACKSON.

2. SUPPLIES

(a) General

(i) Normal supply functions have continued during the month of September.
Distribution of rations ex Italian Army Depots has been completed throughout
Italy for all services of the Italian Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, and Navy).
No. 76 Food Distribution Depot, Ancona was the last depot to commence feeding
w.o.f. 1 September.

(ii) National supply responsibilities have been established. Subsistence
ex British sources is being received in Bari, Ancona, (for NW Italy, Ancona and
Forli) and Mestre (for NE Italy). Subsistence ex U.S. sources is being received
in Naples and Leghorn.

(iii) Liaison and study has been maintained with the Ministry of War for
supply and supply personnel for the Interim Army.

(iv) All depots issued 10% reduction to units of ITI-III category during
the month in accordance with directive issued by this headquarters.

(v) Italian Provided Items in RASC depots have been returned to Italian
Army Depots.

(vi) Policy was established for maintenance of stock in depots as follows:
Bulk Food Depots

30 days reserve	
15 days working stock	
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Food Distribution Depots

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Ministry of War has been advised that...

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(b) Forage:

Ministry of War has been advised that procurement of forage for Italian Army will be taken over by them w.e.f. 1 November 45.

(c) Moves

No. 57 Food Distribution Depot Ortona is being moved to Pescara for better accommodations.

(d) Fresh Meat.

ST, AFHQ, has suggested issue of fresh meat in lieu of preserved meat/fish. Reply has been made that Italian Army can not receive fresh meat due to lack of refrigerating plants, 15 day food distribution system, and that QM, MTOUSA is continuing to provision preserved fish/meat. It was emphasized to ST AFHQ if fresh meat was to be issued it must be agreed with QM, MTOUSA so that equitable distribution could be maintained for all.

(e) Inspections

ALST inspected depots NW Italy 9-12 September.
DADE inspected depots Naples area and Salerno 21 & 24 September.

2. SUPPLIES(Cont'd)

(f) No firm steps have been taken with reference to future supply system of Italian Armed Forces due to lack of established policy. Plans have been made to implement recommendations made by higher headquarters for supply.

3. TRANSPORT

(a) Organisation of Units

Proposals were prepared in respect of the Tpt organisation required for the Interim Army. New WE/TOs were evolved for all existing ITI-ITI MT Units, in order to reorganise them on standard "platoon block" lines, and certain increases in personnel were recommended. It was decided that, subject to approval being given to their new WEs, P.O.L. reserve posts could be abolished as separate units and territorial P.O.L. reserves held by the local Admin Tpt Coys. Proposals were also submitted to cater for driver--training.

(b) Recovery of Tpt.

The number of efficient vehicles recovered was still disappointingly low, and transport units in the North are still considerably under strength in load-carriers. This it appears is mainly due to the failure of the North Commands to secure Tpt of Italian Army type in the hands of ex-partisan civilians, and partly to the acute shortage of tyres.

(c) P.O.L.

Instructions were received that, w.e.f. 1st October 45, Italian Combat Groups would no longer obtain their P.O.L. from Allied Sources, but through the C.I.P. organisation. Bids were prepared accordingly, on the basis of demands from the British authorities concerned. Amounts actually made available by AFHQ Pet Sec were between 20% and 25% lower than quantities requested. It is understood from AFHQ Pet Sec that allocations for November will be still further reduced.

(d) Miscellaneous.

E.A.D.F. proceeded on a liaison tour of the 6 North Territorial Cnds, on 3 Sept. and returned on 19 Sept., with the object of inspecting and reporting on Territorial MT Units.

4 Oct. 45

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

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

LIED PARADO AND COMMUNICATIONS C.C.
R.M.I.A.

File : 31
Date: 3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Supply Activities - Italy

TO : A.D.S.S. M.M.I.A.

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Liaison and study has been maintained with the Ministry of War for supply and supply personnel for the Italian Army.

Ministry of War has been advised that procurement of storage for Italian Army will be taken over by them v.o.f. 1 November 45.

No. 57 Food Distribution Depot Ortura is being moved to Pescara for better accommodations.

Mr. APH, has suggested issue of fresh meat in lieu of preserved meat/fish. Reply has been made that Italian Army can not receive fresh meat due to lack of refrigerating plants, 15 day food distribution system, and that Mr. MONTANA is continuing to provision preserved fish/meat. It was explained to Mr. APH if fresh meat was to be issued it must be agreed with Mr. MONTANA so that equitable distribution could be maintained for all.

All depots issued 10% reduction to units of III-XXI category during the month in accordance with directive issued by this headquarters.

AMST inspected depots NW Italy 9-12 September. 1577
DAMS inspected depots Naples area and Salerno 21 & 24 September.

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No. 57 Food Distribution Depot Ortona is being moved to Pescara for better accommodations.

ST. AMO, has suggested issue of fresh meat in lieu of preserved meat/fish. Reply has been made that Italian Army can not receive fresh meat due to lack of refrigerating plants, 15 day food distribution system, and that AMO, ITALIA is continuing to provision preserved fish/meat. It was emphasized to ST. AMO, if fresh meat was to be issued it must be agreed with AMO, ITALIA as that equitable distribution could be maintained for all.

All depots issued 90% reduction to units of III-ARMY category during the month in accordance with directive issued by this headquarters.

AMST inspected depots NW Italy

DACS inspected depots Naples area and Salerno 21 & 24 September.

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Italian Provided Items in NASO depots have been returned to Italian Army Depots.

Policy was established for maintenance of stock in depots as follows:

Bulk Food Depots

Food Distribution Depots

30 days reserve
15 days working stock
15 days reserve
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No firm stops have been taken with reference to future supply system of Italian Armed Forces due to lack of established policy. Plans have been made to implement recommendations made by higher headquarters for supply.

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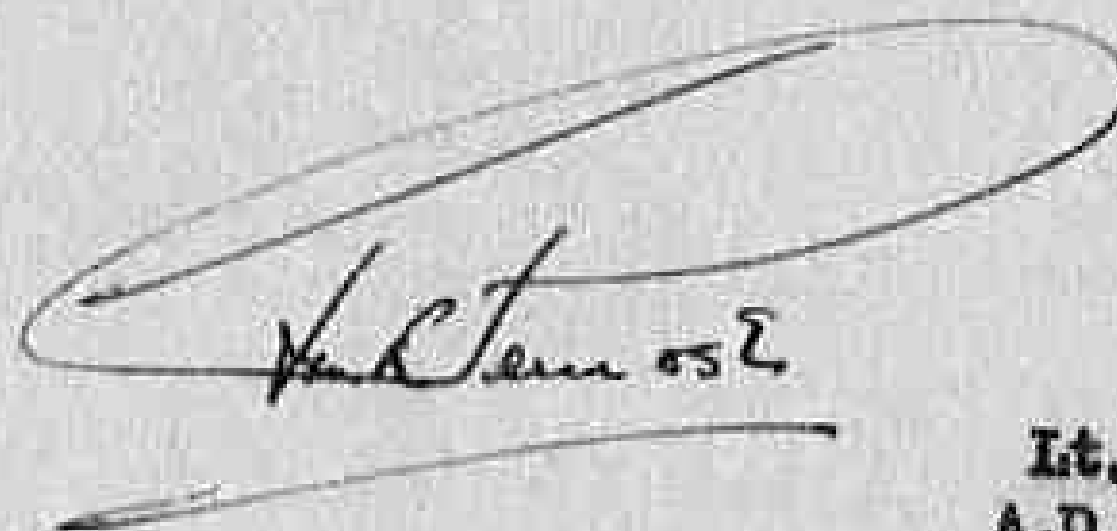
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Reference your letter Int/107 dated 29 August 1945 herewith
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MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST
HQ MMIA (ST BRANCH)

PERSONNEL.

Lt.Col. W.H.M. WILCOX reported for duty on 28 August 45. He will replace Lt.Col. J.W.R. PENROSE as ADST on posting of the last named officer to U.K. for release from Military Service.

Capt. J.M. CRAIG (S/Capt 'T') returned from LIAP on 27 Aug 45.

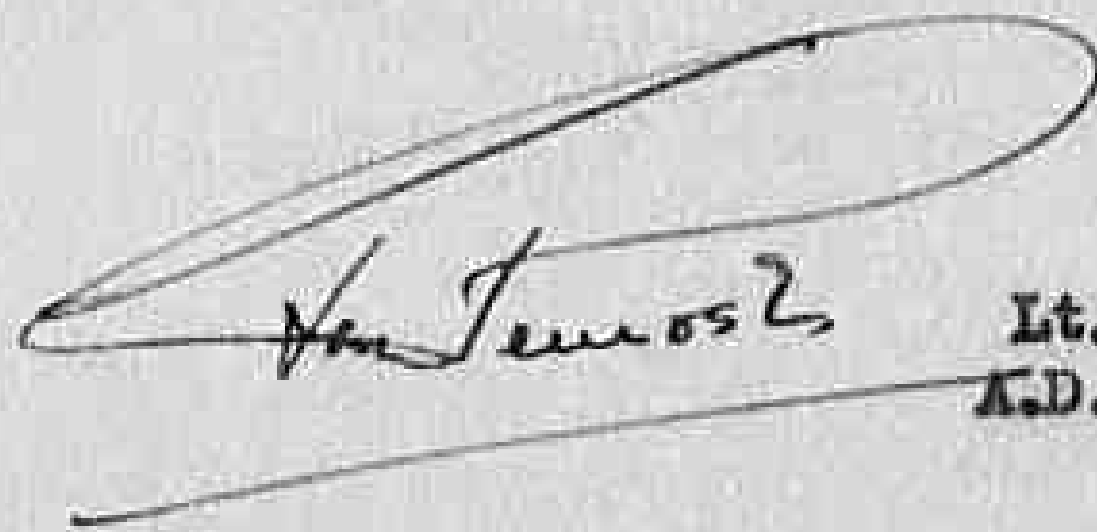
Maj. B.B. KYLE was struck off strength on 25 August prior to his return to U.K. for release from Military Service.

Capt. A. COTTON (S/Capt 'S') proceeded to GENOA on 23 August for temporary duty vice Maj. B.B. KYLE, pending the arrival of a reinforcement officer.

Capt. J.S.L. SMITH relinquished his appointment as S/Capt 'S' on 14 August, prior to his return to U.K. for release from Military Service.

Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD was transferred from the NAPLES office to MESTRE for supply duties, and left ROME for MESTRE on 3 August 45.
Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD promoted Major vice Maj. B.B. KYLE.

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MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST

HQ MILA (ST BRANCH) TRANSPORT.

1. ORGANISATION OF UNITS. - Authority was given on 13 August for the formation of Nos 3 and 4 Ambulance Car Sections, to be formed in MILAN and BOLZANO respectively (SD/12/2 of 13 August refers). It was considered that No 3 Amb Car Section should serve the Territorial Commands of MILAN, TURIN and GENOA, and No 4 Amb Car Section the Commands of BOLZANO and UDINE.
2. Formation of 'A' and 'B' efficient vehicle parks was completed in ROME, and these units moved forward to TURIN and UDINE respectively on 24 August.
3. Orders were given for the move of No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park from MILAN to a more suitable site at PIACENZA. This Park will eventually receive the output of efficient vehicles from both the GENOA and the MILAN repair units.

4. RECOVERY OF TRANSPORT.

The number of efficient vehicles made available from those recovered in the North was low, and Tpt units in the North are still only in possession of approx one third of their authorised holdings. As a result of this, AFHQ agreed to postpone the disbandment of 3 G.T. Coy (BR-ITI) which was originally to have taken place on 1st September.

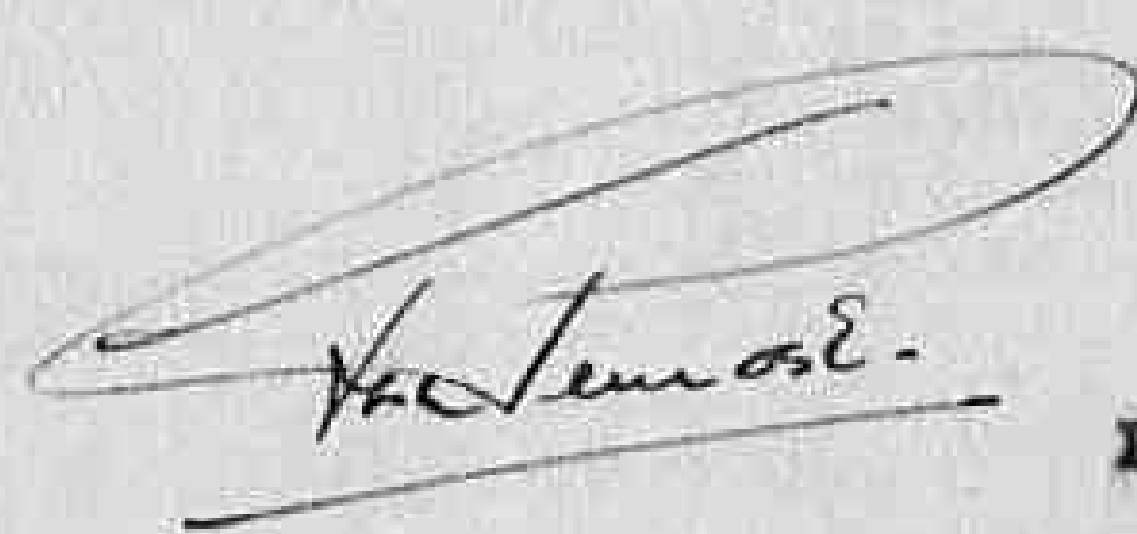
5. VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND VEHICLE RELEASES.

It was agreed that the responsibility for maintaining detailed records of individual vehicle holdings, and for the issue of Italian Army vehicle circulation permits ("Windshield Labels") should be taken over by the Ministry of War. Similarly, that the detailed preparation of Vehicle Release Notes should become a War Ministry responsibility, but that all proposed vehicle issues must be agreed by this H.Q. before being implemented.

6. Steps were, accordingly, taken to transfer the vehicle records section of this office (staffed by Italian personnel) to the War Ministry, and to start the new system w.e.f. 1st Sept 45.

7. P.O.L.

Nothing to report.



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MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST
HQ MILIA (ST BRANCH)
SUPPLIES

1. ADST and Capt. COTTON left ROME 1 Aug to check final arrangements for the opening of ITI-ITI Distribution Depots in the N.W. of Italy on 6 Aug and in preparation for the opening of further depots in the N.E. on 24 Aug.
2. The location of the Bulk Food Depot at LEGHORN was found to be unsuitable and steps were taken to find alternative accommodation which has since been found.
3. Supplies were being despatched to BOLOGNA and FLORENCE and no difficulty was anticipated in opening the BOLOGNA depot on 6 Aug.
4. Bulk & Distribution Depots were inspected at GENOA and Italian provided items were arriving slowly from LEGHORN. The lack of supervision and organisation of the two Pls of 3 GT Coy was deplorable and many hours were wasted as no senior officer from the Coy was present to iron out domestic difficulties. Although this unit has practically new vehicles they were only averaging 18 vehicles per Pl available each day and later in the month it was learnt that they had dropped below this figure.
In view of the lack of time Italian items were being delivered direct from LEGHORN to TURIN, MILAN and ALESSANDRIA Distribution Depots. Major KYLS had no doubt that all these depots would operate on the 6th, this was subsequently proved to be correct.
5. On the North East side considerable difficulty was experienced in persuading the section of Commissariato of the UDINE Territorial HQs to commence functioning at MESTRE. The ADST arrived in MESTRE 8 Aug and found that only one officer from the Commissariato had arrived. On eventual arrival of Commissariato staff they were incapable of dealing with the situation due to lack of interpreters, furniture and individual officers had little knowledge of their duties. Considerable changes have been made in the staff and owing to Major CRAWFORD's efforts it is now running fairly smoothly. The Swiss Aluminium Works have been occupied as a Food Bulk Depot in lieu of the premises of 44 BSD previously offered and countermanded by AFHQ. No official authority for the use of the Swiss Aluminium Works has yet been received.
6. ADST visited 13 CRASO (Sup Units) ANCONA and arranged for the direct provisioning with Allied items of FORLI and ANCONA Distribution Depots from 38 BSD. Italian items are being sent direct to these depots from the South. The BOLOGNA Commissariato have installed a section at ANCONA to supervise the maintenance of these two depots. Information was received on 17 Aug that the BOLOGNA depot had failed to

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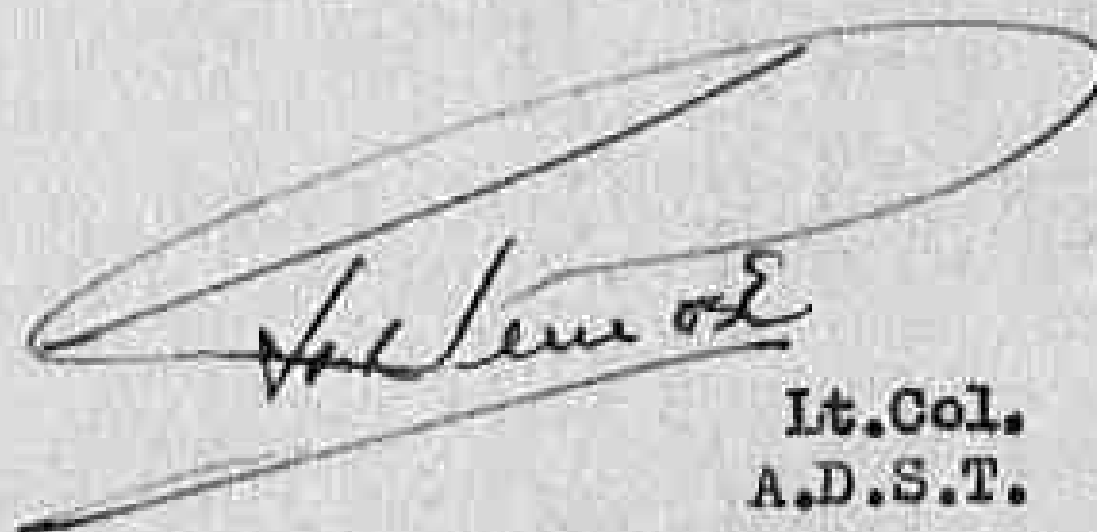
7. ANCONA Depot will commence to issue on 1 Sept as 61 Sub Area were unable to release premises to the Distribution Depot until 20 Aug.

8. Application has been made and granted for the formation of a forage increment to each Terr. Command and to be attached to the most suitable depot within the Comd. Ministry of War will demand through MMIA for such quantities of forage as they are unable to obtain locally and this will be supplied from Allied sources for approx. 3 months, after which period Ministry of War will be expected to provide all their own forage requirements.

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9. Distribution Depots at CASERTA, NOLA and BARIETTA have been closed.
10. Owing to considerable losses of Allied items under Italian control, the Ministry of War have been directed that it will be necessary for them to decrease all ITI-ITI rations by ten per cent during the month of September.

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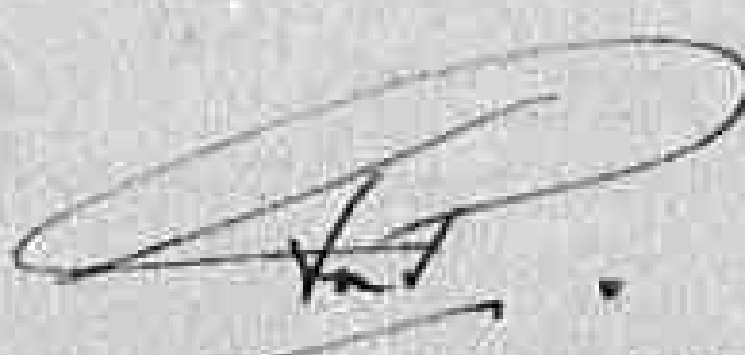
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Please submit the report for August on the activities of your respective sub-branches to ADST not later than 2 Sept 45.


ADST., Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.,
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TO :- G3 (Int) MEMA.

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Reference your letter INT/107 dated 30 July 45, herewith report in respect of ST Branch for the month of July 45.

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MONTHLY REPORT - JULY

HQ MIA (ST BRANCH)

SUPPLIES

1. The two main items of interest on supplies during the month of July were (1) the transfer of British Co-operator and U.S. Italian Service Units to BR-III and US-III categories respectively; (2) the formation and provisioning of Italian Depots in N.W. and N.E. Italy.
As far as feeding ex-cooperator and Service units was concerned this went off smoothly except in 56 Area where it was not found possible to implement the scheme until approximately the 7th of the month. In view of short notice given, this is understandable.
2. A.D.S.T. and Major MAMICO proceeded by air on 9 July to the North to ensure that there were no difficulties in carrying out the formation of Italian Bulk and Distribution Depots mentioned in last report and also to liaise with LO's and S & T officers on the spot re transfer of rations from Allied Depots. On the West side practically no difficulties were encountered and all the depots needed had been found. Arrangements were made for forty-five days of Italian provided items for a strength of 50,000 to be based on GENOA and sent to LEGHORN for onward transmission by road to avoid delay of railings via BOLOGNA, VERONA and MILAN. In future, however, items will be railed to Food Distribution Depots direct where possible. Arrangements made with 2 District and D.S.T., A.F.H.Q. to release 50 days' Allied items between 17 July and 10 August. Italian Depots will be ready in this sector to operate on 6 August which is the beginning of the first fifteen day period. Major KYLE moved to GENOA on 15 July to supervise the arrangements and has done excellent work there.
3. Bulk and Distribution Depots have been found at LEGHORN and will be maintained by T.D.S. with Allied rations. It appears practically certain that BOLOGNA and LEGHORN Food Distribution Depots will commence to function on 6 August.
4. A.D.S.T. and Major MAMICO moved to 1 District and Eight Army areas on 12 July. Here more difficulty was being experienced in finding depots. All distribution depots were eventually found or promised but the Eastern Bulk Depot was not finalised owing to the freezing of all accommodation in VENICE area. It has therefore been impossible to commence delivery of supplies as soon as was expected. Authority for the release of premises previously used by 44 B.S.D. at VENICE was eventually received on 28 July from A.F.H.Q., signal PX 29170 dated 28 July. Arrangements have been made with A.F.H.Q. to assist by handing over 15 days Italian items and to release 30 days Allied items immediately. All depots will therefore be operating on 21 August. IW 580

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5. The purchase and movement of wine and olive oil have been our two biggest headaches mainly due to shortage of barrels and a restriction imposed on the number of cistern wagons which may be used by the Italian Forces; namely, forty. When a better scheme of local purchase is complete as a result of having the Territorial HQs set-up all over Italy, it should not be necessary to send such large quantities for such long distances. The stocking of new depots has also meant a certain amount of duplication which has thrown a great strain on the system.

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PERSONNEL.

Increasingly difficult to build up continuity owing to constant postings of officers and OEs on L.I.A.P., L.I.L.O.P. Release etc. At the moment without either Transport Officer or S/Capt. Transport. It is hoped that shortly more responsibility can be thrown on Ministry of War for supply and transport activities.

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2 August 45.

MONTHLY REPORT (7)

1. ORGANIZATION OF UNITS.

As a result of more detailed information becoming available regarding the areas in which recovered Italian Army transport was being assembled, and those in which facilities for vehicle repair can be developed, the Ministry of War were instructed to change the dispositions of Efficient Vehicle Parks as follows :-

- (a) Move No 6 E.V.P. from Turin to Verona
- (b) Close No 5 E.V.P. in Sardinia, and re-constitute it at Bologna
- (c) Reduce the personnel strength of Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 E.V.Ps., thereby providing sufficient men for the formation in Rome of 2 new E.V.Ps. for eventual operation in Genoa and Turin.

2. Orders were issued on 3 July for the Rome Driving School, formerly used for training III-IV MT personnel, to be closed.

3. RECOVERY OF TRANSPORT.

Approximately 340 Italian Army vehicles were released to the Italian Army by 1 District on 18 July, and arrangements were made for their collection by appropriate Italian Territorial Commands. Priority of issue is being given to the Northern Commands, since the transport cars of these commands are entirely dependent on recovered vehicles to fill their 500 TON.

4. OPERATION OF TRANSPORT.

Authority was obtained from ASHQ for No 3 Italian C T Coy to pass to operational command of this HQ, in order to assist in stocking the new Italian Bulk Supply Depots in the North. It was agreed that the two other 3rd Line Gruppo MT units - Nos 1 and 2 G.T. Coys - could be disbanded.

5. Considerable use was made of No 1 Special Tpt Coy (III-IV) for lifting personnel of disbanding IB-III units to appropriate maintenance depots.

6. REMARKS.

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4. OPERATION OF TRANSPORT.

Authority was obtained from ARHQ for No 3 Italian G T Coy to pass to operational command of this HQ, in order to assist in stocking the new Italian Bulk Supply Depots in the North. It was agreed that the two other 3rd line Gruppo MT units - Nos 1 and 2 G.T. Coys - could be disbanded.

5. Considerable use was made of No 1 Special Tpt Coy (III-IVV) for lifting personnel of disbanding US-IVV units to appropriate reinforcement depots.

6. REGISTRATION.

The War Ministry were instructed (under ref Q/5 dated 24 July 45) to issue orders extending the Windshield Label control system to include all the Northern territories.

7. P. C. L.

Nothing to report.

8. REINFORCEMENTS III-IVV.

As a result of the closing of the III-IVV reinforcement depot, arrangements

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were made to obtain outstanding reinforcements from A.C. Tpt Coy's, which are being converted into civilian operated units.

9. S.T. PERSONNEL.

Capt J.M. Craig relinquished his appointment as Staff Capt 'gt' W.E.F. 2 July, on proceeding to V.K. under "LILIP".

Capt A.H. Simpson assumed the appointment on the same day, and subsequently relinquished it on 22 July, on proceeding to V.K. under "LILIP".

Capt. A.L. Carby, (H.Q. Transport Officer) proceeded to V.K. on 23 July under "LILIP".

No reinforcement officers have so far been received in replacement on the last named two officers.

Capt. A. Cotton arrived on 10 July 45 to understudy Capt J.S.L. Smith as Staff Capt 'gt'.

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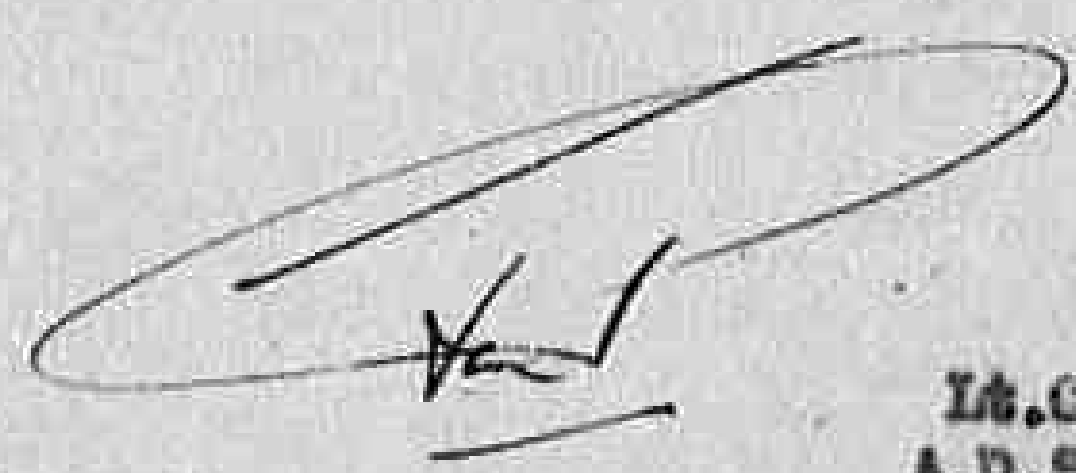
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Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

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MONTHLY REPORT - JUNEHQ MILA (ST BRANCH)
SUPPLIES

1. Contracts for macaroni by British Forces discontinued w.e.f. 1 July. Arrangements for the manufacture of above will become ITI-ITI or BR-ITI responsibility. Flour to be issued in lieu. (AFHQ Letter AFHQ/64/11/STG(a) dated 30 June refers).
2. D.S.T., A.F.H.Q. (Local Resources) have arranged a contract that will enable them to supply all tomato paste required by Br-ITIs, from Italian tomato crop. When co-operators and US-ITIs become BR-ITIs they will still be able to supply. Delivery will be in barrels and thus make considerable saving in tinning.
3. Arrangements have been made w.e.f. 1 July that all co-operators becoming BR-ITI will go on to Italian Army ration scale and draw from ITI-ITI Depots where possible; where not possible they will draw from D.I.Ds but on Italian Army ration scale and in lieu on ST/8. (AFHQ signal PX 13744 dated 27 June refers).
4. Arrangements made as result of conference with General FELLIGRA on 28 June that three new Bulk Depots be opened at GENOA, VENICE and LEGHORN with new Distribution Depots at GENOA, ALESSANDRIA, MILAN, TURIN, BOLZANO, VERONA, UDINE and VERONE to operate w.e.f. 1 August, if possible. This will mean that with the exception of a small area near ANCONA and near LEGHORN provision will have been made for the final distribution of food to all the Land Forces from Italian Depots.
5. The distribution of Forage will also be made on similar lines in the very near future and will probably be based on Dist Depots. Firm figures for final holdings and location of quadrupeds required first.
6. Inspections of ITI-ITI Supply installations, Tpt Companies and Efficient Vehicle Parks made by A.D.S.T. in FLORENCE, ROME, NAPLES, BARI, TARANTO, BRINDISI, FOGGIA, BARLETTA, PALERMO and CATANIA.
7. Italian Navy rations now delivered direct from British B.S.D. 1567 BRINDISI by week train to TARANTO. Italian portion of the ration from

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7. Italian Navy rations now delivered direct from British B.S.D. 156% BRINDISI by pack train to TARANTO. Italian portion of the ration from Italian Bulk Depot RARI.
8. Permission received from Naval Sub Commission for representatives of M.M.I.A. to inspect Italian Naval Bulk Depots.

MR. MILA ST(1) REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 19451. Organization of Units.

Arrangements were made for the formation of three new ITI-ITI Territorial Admin: Transport Coys, for Turin, Bologna and Udine Territorial Commands. This was effected without any net increase in the number of personnel authorized to be held against ITI-ITI MT Units, by the disbandment of No 3 Special Transport Coy, and the conversion of No 4 Special Transport Coy to the RR-ITI Gattagory. Owing to demobilization, some difficulties were experienced in the provision of personnel for these Units, but it was anticipated that deficiencies would be made up from disbanded Allied Commission Transport Coys, during the month of July.

2. No 6 Efficient Vehicle Park was established in Turin by 1 June, and No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park moved to Milan on 2 June.

3. Proposed Establishment of co-operator Tpt Units were revised in order to ascertain their suitability on conversion to RR-ITI status.

4. Provision and recovery of Tpt.

The amount of Italian Army Tpt becoming available as a result of recovery and repair was still insufficient both to provide replacement for vehicles becoming beyond local repair and to complete existing ITI-ITI Units to WE/TO.

5. MILA LOs reported difficulty in obtaining replacements for British vehicles in use by RR-ITI service troops. It was confirmed, however, by AFHQ, that any replacements required should be demanded in the usual way through British channels. LOs were advised accordingly.

6. The quantity of Italian Army Tpt recovered in the North, up to the end of June, was negligible; the only Command which had made any appreciable progress in this direction being Genoa, who reported their holding as:

30	Load Carriers
8	Cars
10	Motorcycles

7. The provision of Tpt which will be required as a result of the opening of new bulk and distribution depots in the North was reviewed, and it was considered that the commitment would be too great to be met initially by ITI-ITI MT Units. It was hoped that authority would be granted for the temporary use of RR-ITI L of C MT Coys for this duty, which is due to commence on 15 July.

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9. Registration.

Distribution of windshield labels for MT of authorized ITI-III MT Units in the North was commenced.

10. As a result of discussions with the Ministry of War and CO.RR., it was agreed that requisitioned vehicles bearing civilian targa numbers, operated by CO.RR., should, in addition to their civilian registration number, bear a separate number plate displaying the letters "CO.RR.", in order that they could be easily recognised by military repairs Units as entitled to military repair facilities.

11. P.O.L.

Estimates were prepared to show the probable future requirements of P.O.L. by the Italian Army. These were based on the assumption that all Italian Army Units with the exception of BR-III and US-III service troops would be required to draw from C.I.P. depots against a bulk allotment given to the Italian Government. Hitherto only ITI-III Units have drawn P.O.L. in this manner, BR-III US-III Tpt being provided from Allied sources.

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With reference to your letter dated 30 May 45, regarding
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Monthly Report

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7 June 45.

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With reference to your letter INT/107 dated 30 May 45, herewith report appertaining to "ST" matters for the month of May 1945.

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Lt. Col.
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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

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TO:- ADST, MMIA.

SUBJECT:- Activities - ST(8) MMIA - May 1945.

1. Activities during this month have been of a routine nature.
 - a. Due to a shortage of cigarette paper the repayment cigarette ration for the Italian Armed Forces was stopped w.e.f. 1 June until sufficient stocks of paper have been procured.
 - b. It was agreed with the Food Sub Commission AC, Italian War Ministry and AFHQ that one half ounce of shelled nuts would be provided in lieu of the increase of one half ounce of olive oil, which is not available, of the ration scale.
 - c. With the opening of Northern Italy Italian Supply personnel were sent forward with the respective Territorial Commands. No food depots will be established in the North of Florence until a later date. Italian troops operating in forward areas will continue to be rationed from Allied depots.
 - d. No. 7 Distribution Depot was activated in Florence. This depot will not commence to distribute rations until 6 June 45.
 - e. With the decreasing number of troops in South Italy No. 12 Bulk Food Depot, CATANZARO was closed on 15 May 45. Orders were issued that No. 13 Bulk Food Depot, TARANTO, will close by 15 June 45.
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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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TO :- ADST, MILIA

SUBJECT :- Activities "T" - May 1945.

The following have been the main activities of the "T" Office during the month under review :-

- (a) Block distribution of windshield labels to cover Italian Army Vehicles was completed; in all a total of 4974 have been issued.
- (b) The transfer of Italian Territorial Commands to the North was continued, and the greater part of the following Commands had been lifted by the end of the month :- BOLOGNA, GENOA, TURIN and MONZA. There was insufficient accommodation in MILAN to accommodate more than approximately one third of Cmd MILAN, and authority for the move of Cmd UDINE to UDINE had not been received by the end of the month. Arrangements were, however, in hand to move this command to PADUA as a first step.
- (c) Italian Territorial HQs were made responsible for receiving Italian Army Transport in the North (Letter Q/5 of 12 May refers) and arrangements were made for specified Italian Army MT Units to receive such vehicles. Action was taken to ensure that elements of units responsible for receiving vehicles so recovered were sent forward with the appropriate Italian Command. It was agreed that the 3 Territorial ITI-MT MT Coys should have first priority in the assignment of recovered Italian Army vehicles, since these Companies were sent forward virtually without vehicles.
- (d) Instructions were issued on the 1st May (Q/5 dated 1 May refers) to the Italian War Ministry that w.e.f. 16 May all Italian Army vehicles, operating without Windshield Labels within Territorial Commands to the South of and including, Rome, should be impounded.
- (e) Arrangements were made for revised Italian editions of standard MT documents to be prepared, and for ITI-MT Units to be included in the distribution of such documents. Distribution had formerly been restricted to US and BR-ITI units.
- (f) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles in possession of RVC ICF, CESSANO was effected. Final agreement was reached regarding the return of 110 Italian Army vehicles in the hands of Civil Contractors working for Allied Commission. It is anticipated that the return of these vehicles to the Italian Army will commence during the early part of June.
- (g) No 4 Efficient Vehicle Park was established in FLORENCE, and ready to receive vehicles from No 5 Repairs Unit on 26 May.
- (h) No 3 Special Transport Company moved from RARI to ROME on 24 May and has been employed to assist No 1 Special Transport Company in moving Territorial Commands to the North.

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(j) P.O.L. Arrangements were made for TMI-TMI units in the North to obtain PUL products from Allied sources until the establishment of C.I.P. depots. AMHQ Petroleum Section advised that PUL should be available for the Italian Army from CIP depots with effect from 15 June 45.

(k) Personnel (T)
DADI was called forward for return to UK under "PYXION", and his duties taken over by S/Capt 'T' on 16 May.
A new officer was posted and arrived on 28 May to take over the duties of Domestic Transport Officer, and the previous Transport Officer commenced his duties as S/Capt 'T' on the same date.

5 June 45.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MCLA)

ST/99

May 45

TO : 'G' Branch,
MCLA

With reference to your letter, INT/107 dated 26 Apr 45, herewith
report appertaining to "ST" matters for the month of ~~March~~ ^{April} 45.

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

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I.O.M.

TO : ADST, MATIA.

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SUBJECT: Activities "S" - April 1945.

1. There has been continued supervision of the activities of the Supplies Branch of the Italian War Ministry by this section. Telephone and personal conferences with the head of the Supplies Branch of the War Ministry have been held concerning difficulties encountered in executing policies of this Headquarters.
2. Orders were given during March that all Italian Air Force Food Depots be closed, and that units of the Italian Air Force will draw rations from Italian Army Depots. Under the supervision of the MATIA Sector ST Liaison Officers all such depots were closed by 9 April 1945.
3. Provision was made for the release of certain rations to Italian Army Canteens during the month. Allied Headquarters supervising canteens were advised of amounts of items released for respective canteens.
4. Due to a world shortage of rice, substitution of flour or macaroni has been authorized, as the same scale.
5. All MATIA Sector ST LO's were instructed to inspect Italian food depots to ensure that rations of Italian origin which can be substituted for items of Allied origin be issued to units immediately. In some cases large quantities of Italian and German foodstuffs were found, and depots were instructed, on the spot, to issue in precedence ^{to} like Allied foodstuffs.
6. Due to issue of a total of 11500 rations to unauthorized units in Sardinia, ration issues for the whole island were reduced by 10% over a 22 day period. MATIA LO effected strict supervision of this measure by a check of the Ration Issue Notes.
7. A large number of ration thefts from depots and stores in transit were reported. A record is being maintained of amounts of all thefts of Allied items, and the Italian War Ministry has been advised to observe stricter supervision.
8. ADST inspected Cesano Reinforcement Training Camp, 803 BRD (Ravascenina), Naples Depots, and visited ST Branch AFHQ during the course of the month.
9. With a reduction in the number of troops in Southern Italy and Sardinia, more ration depots were ordered to be closed. No. 7 Territorial Commissariato Florence commenced operation 1 April 45, and No. 7 Supply ⁹⁵⁷

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10. Provision of Part B (Italian Provided Items) of the ration scale by the Italian Government has improved considerably. Demands from forward formations have been met on time and in all cases, in full.
11. Difficulty is anticipated for the provision of cigarettes for June or July due to the shortage of cigarette paper. Due to the high morale factor of cigarettes for troops representation has been made to AFHQ to accelerate shipment of the paper from the U.S.A.

12. A conference was held on 27 April with Lt.Col. ROSE, this HQ, Col. LECG, Director Food Sub Commission AC, General PAULICIA Italian War Ministry, and Major NELSON this HQ for the purpose of agreements and recommendations to AFHQ concerning a substitute for the one half (1/2) ounce of olive oil, increased by the Combined Chiefs of Staff but not available in Italy. It was agreed that additional quantity of nuts could be procured in Italy to provide for a substitution of the one half increase of olive oil, until the latter became available.. This recommendation will be sent to AFHQ for consideration.

4 May 1945.

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Monthly Report
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With reference to your letter INT/107 dated 29 Mar 45, herewith
report appertaining to "ST" matters for the month of March 45.

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Lt. Col.
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MMIA HQ/Supplies & Transport Branch/Transport Section
Report for Month of March 1945

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1. An internal minute dated 2 Mar 45 listed the following main elements in MMIA current work on Italian Army road transport:-
 - (a) reorganisation of layout of ITI-ITI MT units, in order to secure efficient integration of transport and repairs functions and a productive circulation of vehicles within the system
 - (b) procedure for operation of ITI-ITI Efficient Vehicle Parks and ITI-ITI Transport Operating Companies
 - (c) internal reorganisation of ITI-ITI Repairs Units to increase output, and arrangements for handling MT material (Tyres, Spare Parts)
 - (d) review and adjustment of vehicle holdings by ITI-ITI non-MT units and by US-ITI and BR-ITI units
 - (e) review of repairs and maintenance organisation for Italian Army vehicles in possession of US-ITI and BR-ITI units
 - (f) provision and supply organisation for POL particularly for ITI-ITI units
 - (g) registration and statistical control of Italian Army vehicles and operation of system of Windshield Certificates
 - (h) action to recover Italian Army vehicles in possession of non-authorised holders
 - (i) organisation, training and operation of Italian military road transport personnel and units using non-Italian vehicles in the US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of the Italian Army.
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3. Chronological summary as follows:-

- 3 Mar 45 Three letters to War Ministry prescribing reorganization arrangements for Italian Army MT in Calabria - Sicily - Sardinia respectively (other areas having been previously covered by visits in February)
- 7 Mar 45 Meeting at MMIA HQ presided by DAAWG to initiate Transport reinforcement officers
- 12 Mar 45 Meeting at War Ministry to examine first draft of War Ministry directive covering the reorganisation of ITI-IVI MT units (based on MMIA letter AQ/5 of 6 Feb 45)
- 16 Mar 45 ADST and other officers of MMIA HQ inspect reorganised ITI-IVI MT units in Rome

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- 17 Mar 45 Letter to War Ministry summarising procedure for control of Efficient Vehicle Parks and release of vehicles to approved units
- 19-23 Mar 45 DADT and DADMS(II) visit Siena - Florence - Perugia in connection with MT reorganisation in northern areas
- 20 Mar 45 Letter to War Ministry re-emphasising policy regarding recovery of Italian Army vehicles in possession of unauthorised holders
- 20 Mar 45 Letter to War Ministry summarising procedure for Units' Monthly Vehicle Returns
- 26 Mar 45 Final draft approved of War Ministry directive on reorganisation of ITI-ITI MT units
- 27 Mar 45 ST(T) move into larger offices
- 28-31 Mar 45 Organisation of Italian Military clerks working under MMIA control on registration of Italian Army vehicles and issue of Windshield Certificates.
4. It has become apparent during the month of March that the more difficult part of the work of bringing Italian Army MT under effective control has now been accomplished. The acceptance by the War Ministry sections concerned of the MMIA plan of reorganisation has by all indications been complete. As a result it is safe to anticipate that the productive and controlled employment of available Italian Army MT will from now on be constantly extended. In the month of March the 1 Special Transport Company Rome carried out 65 missions directly initiated by the Allied authorities, while a steady flow of vehicles was maintained away from non-productive employment into productive assignments with Italian units working directly under Allied command. These processes will be continued and accelerated.

6 Mar 45.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Activities - "G" March 1945.

This branch has been occupied, for the most part, with routine duties during the month of March.

A proposal was made to the Italian War Ministry to consider a central purchasing agency in the territorial areas (and Administrative Division areas forward) for the acquisition of fresh fruit and vegetable components of the ration. Food Sub-Commission A.C. has requested that control be exercised by the Italian Army to avoid excessive and high-price purchases by individual units which disrupts civilian supply. The proposal is still under review by the Ministry.

An orientation course for officers in supply and accounting was planned to take place of fortnight duration commencing on 3 April at Taranto Bulk Food Depot. Officers from each territorial headquarters were detailed to attend.

A course of instruction was arranged through ADST, Rome Allied Area Command, for supplies personnel of the Cesano Reinforcement Camp. Italian personnel will work with British depot personnel at a Rome DID.

Revision of the scheme for supply of Italian Provided Items for BR-ITIs, supplied through British RASC channels was effected during the month. All supplies were sent forward during March for April consumption.

Close liaison was maintained between ST AFHQ and DDAST forward formations on supply questions throughout the month.

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Instructions were issued to the War Ministry to close certain ITI-ITIs Food Distribution Depots by 31 March. Liaison Officers, in the field, followed up on the program. Closing of these depots was prompted by reason of troop movements and man-power economy of ITI-ITIs personnel.

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Instructions were given for the units of Italian Air Force to draw rations from Italian Army Depots in detail. Hitherto, Air Force has been withdrawing in bulk and distributing through its own depots. The latter will be closed w.e.f. 9 April 1945.

6 April 1945.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Activity - "S"

February 1945.

This branch has been concerned, for the most part, with the provision of the Italian component of the ration during the course of the month. Unlike the items of the Allied portion of the ration, the Italian provided items have been in consistent short-supply. In order to put the provision of these items on a better footing the following action has been taken :-

(a) SOAP: Conferences have been held by the ADST, with representatives of the War Ministry, Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Industry and Commerce Sub Commission A.C. The whole position was discussed, and the provision of raw materials was clarified and agreements reached as to delivery of the same to factories selected in Naples, Bari, Rome, and Brindisi. During the latter part of the month soap was being manufactured in all the establishments.

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The position of repayment type cigarettes was clarified to all concerned in MIA Administrative Instruction 22.

In all cases the respective MIA LO's were advised of proceedings and requested to follow-up to ensure that production and priority of issues were made, as agreed. Movement of the supplies was accelerated to meet commitments for provisioning Italian troops in forward areas.

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System of supply of ER-ITIS in forward areas has been received with Lt. Col. WHITE ST Branch, AFHQ. Difficulties arising out of the present system have been rectified and clarified, through MIA Administrative Instruction 22.

Supply of US-ITIS in forward areas has continued without difficulties.

War Establishments of Commissariato personnel and establishments for occupied Italy have been studied. A detailed study of existing Commissariato establishments has been made and instructions issued to close certain establishments believed to be surplus.

Liaison Officers were instructed to follow up on receipts of Italian provided items and to exercise more local control.

Several conferences have been had with Lt. Col. FISICARO, War Ministry, for the execution of ST MIA directives and general information concerning existing Italian Army supply.

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Close liaison has been maintained with Sector LO's concerning respective local problems and expediting movement of stores to areas where the same is in short supply. Weekly reports have been asked for from Sector LO's, in order to keep this Hq's better informed concerning the supply of Italian Provided Items.

The position of wine in the forward areas has been rectified by using Italian Military personnel to decant and barrel wine received in bulk at forward Rail Heads.

It has been learned that provision of the Italian Provided Items can not be left entirely to the Italian Military. Constant supervision must be exercised by MIA officers of Italian military supply activity in order to meet commitments made by MIA for Italian War Ministry.

6 March 1945.
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ST BLANKH MIA - TRANSPORT SECTION

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1945

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The month has been mainly devoted to a reorganisation of MI services in the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army. Letter AQ/5 of 6 February 1945 from MMIA HQ to Italian War Ministry established the plan of reorganisation, which was subsequently implemented in detail at a series of conferences in Rome - Naples - Bari. Calabria, Sicily, Sardinia were dealt with by means of written instructions to the MMIA LO's concerned. The plan of reorganisation aimed to secure a clearer distinction than existed previously between the functions of transport operating and repairs and recovery. Within the field of transport operating the plan provides for the creations of territorial administrative transport companies responsible for providing transport for the routine administrative services of the authorised Italian territorial commands, and separately from these a limited number of special transport companies available for urgent special moves of personnel and stores.

As at the end of February the ground work of this reorganisation had been completed for the territories controlled by Comando Roma - Napoli - Bari.

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Land Forces Sub Com. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).

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1 Feb 55.

Please submit to me by the 5th of March a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of February.

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

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SUBJECT: February Monthly Report

Land Forces Sub Com. A.G.
(M.H.I.A.)
S/I/107
28 Feb 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of February.
2. The Summary should be set out in chronological order showing dates against all conferences and visits of importance, policy changes, Directives, etc.
3. The importance of these summaries cannot be too greatly stressed as the consolidated MMIA report goes to WASHINGTON, LONDON and AFHQ. Brevity should not be used at the expense of clarity.
4. Please submit your February reports NOT LATER THAN 2 March 45.

Action @ 18.19.20

W. Selby
+ Lt Col. GSO 1

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SUBJECT:- January Monthly Report.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)
(For attention of G-3)1

10 Feb 45.

Herewith main events which occurred during January 45.

1. The furnishing of sufficient amounts of items on the Italian side of the ration scale has given rise to a certain amount of difficulties.
 - (a) Soap: Sufficient raw materials have not been forthcoming and efforts are still being made to press the Ministry of Industry to release these to the factories.
 - (b) Cigarettes: There has not been sufficient factory production to meet demands. To make matters worse a strike occurred at end of month at the BARI factory; it still continues. Italian Cabinet increased scale for operational troops from 5 per day to 10, without consulting this HQ or apparently considering whether enough cigarettes could be produced. At present it appears that production will enable increased scale to start w.e.f. March 1.
 - (c) Wine: Transportation is chief difficulty here, though War Ministry had been underbidding for supply into Naples Area by about 50%. The Army is short of barrels and the railway of tank cars. It is hoped to overcome difficulty by sea transportation.
2. Change of ration scale :-
 - (a) Cigarettes : see 1 (b) above.
 - (b) Nuts : without shells, reduced from 60 grammes to 14 grammes.

HDG/jc

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K. Robert Helmuth
for K.F. CURTIS.
Lt. Col. RASO,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.).

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SUBJECT: January Monthly Report

LAND FORCE SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/1/107
31 Jan 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of January.
2. The Summary should be set out in chronological order showing dates against all conferences and visits of importance, policy changes, Directives, etc.
3. The importance of these summaries cannot be too greatly stressed as the consolidated MMIA report goes to WASHINGTON, LONDON and AFHQ. Brevity should not be used at the expense of clarity.
4. Please submit your January reports NOT LATER THAN 9 FEB 45.

W. B. Selley
Lt. Col. Capt
CDS 1

Distribution:

Spec Sec	-	Maj DOWNS
BORE	-	Maj COFFELSTON
SEC Sigs	-	Maj CALVELEY
"A" Branch	-	Capt ARCHER
MOG	-	Maj REGGIE
S&T	-	Maj GANN
ORD	-	Lt. WARD
MOV	-	Capt Lord WESTBURY
LAB	-	Maj GUYE

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W. B. Selley

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SUBJECT:-- December Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).
(For attention of G331)

ST/99

5 Jan 45.

Herewith main events which occurred during December 44.

1. 13 Nov.
Increase in Ration Scale of Flour 6 ozs P. Meat 1 ozs
for Italian troops operating in forward areas.
2. 2 Dec.
Additional Christmas rations (one day only) authorized
by AFHQ.
3. 4 Dec.
Introduction of Movement Orders MIA Form ST/17 for
dispatch of supplies by rail and sea.
4. 4 Dec.
CIVITAVECCHIA Depot closed and all stocks withdrawn
to Rome Depot. Port no longer used for discharge of ITI supplies.
5. 10 Dec.
Monthly allocation of new season crop Olive Oil for
Italian Military authorized.
6. 18 Dec.
15 Tons Yeast (monthly requirements of Italian Forces)
released from civilian requirements by Local Resources Meeting
held 18 December subject to molasses being made available.
7. 22 Dec.
Rail Head DID opened at FALIPORO for maintenance of
LEGnano Division and GENANO Training Camp.

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3. 4 Dec.
Introduction of Movement Orders MIA Form ST/17 for dispatch of supplies by rail and sea.
4. 4 Dec.
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5. 10 Dec.
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6. 18 Dec.
18 Tons Yeast (monthly requirements of Italian Forces) released from civilian requirements by local Resources Meeting held 18 December subject to releases being made available.
7. 22 Dec.
Rail Head DTD opened at PALIDORO for maintenance of LECORNO Division and DEATO Training Camp.

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V. L. Barr *hays*

for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

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SUBJECT: Land Forces Sub Com. A.O.
(M.E.I.A.) Monthly Report

Ref:- 3/1/107

1. Would you please let me have a brief typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch for the month of December.
2. The summary should be set out in chronological order, showing dates against any conferences or visits of importance.
3. Great importance should be given to these summaries as the consolidated Monthly Report goes to LONDON and WASHINGTON.
4. Please submit your summary by 5 Jan 48.

31 Dec 47

W. B. L. R.
Lt Col
QSO 1

Distribution:-

Special Section
SCIC
SIC Sig
'A' Branch
ACD
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Major LORRA
Major CUFFLETON
Major CALVELEY
Capt ARTHUR
Major MORGAN
Major GANN
Lieut BARD
Capt Lord BENTLEY

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S & T. M.O.A.
31 Dec
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AGST 8
BND 16

SUBJECT: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Monthly Report

Ref: S/I/107

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2. The summary should be set out in chronological order, showing dates against any conferences or visits of importance.
3. Great importance should be given to these summaries as the consolidated monthly report goes to LONDON and WASHINGTON.
4. Please submit your summary by 8 Dec 44.

30 Nov 44

V. Bell
Lt Col
GSO 1

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Special Section
SORS
SQR Sigs
'A' Branch
MMD
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MOV

Major DORRIS
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Major CALVERTLEY
Capt ARTHUR
Major HEGGIE
Major GANE
Lieut WARD
Capt Lord WESTBURY

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT. 0 10

TO : SOR Sigs
S & T

Ref my S/1/107 of 31 Oct 44.

Please expedite your monthly report which was
due in on 8 Nov 44.

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Not required.

*Capt
Month Master*

*W. K. Selby Capt Selby
for Lt. Col. Cane Spoke
G.S.*

"S & T, MWA.

Recd 10 Nov

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SUBJECT: Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (MMIA) Monthly Report

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
S/I/107
31 Oct 44

1. Would you please let me have a brief typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch for the month of October.
2. The summary should be set out in chronological order, showing dates against any conferences or visits of importance.
3. Great importance should be given to these summaries as the consolidated Monthly Report goes to London and Washington.
4. Please submit your summary by 8 Nov 44.

"S & T. MMIA.

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J.R. Selley
for Lt Col
GSO I

DISTRIBUTION:

Special Section
SORE
SOR Sigs
"A" Branch
MED
S & T
ORD
MOV

Major DOBBS
Major PHILLIPS
Major CALVERLEY
Capt ARCHER
Major HEDGIE
Major GANN
Lieut WARD
Capt Lord WESTBURY

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STAFF CAPT. 'S'.

D.A.E.T. ST Section for dealing with Italian Army Transport started work on 19 Sep 44. Detailed Terms of Reference drafted & submitted 22 Sep 44, approved 28 Sep 44. Pro Memoria handed to Gen. Alberti and Col. Balduino 29 Sep 44. 30 Sep 44 - 6 Oct 44 discussions with War Ministry and STRE arising out of replies to Pro Memoria. War Ministry conducting routine Vehicle Census as of 1 Oct 44. Draft letter reference Vehicle Registration Control System STAFF CAPT. 'T'. (from Ministry) under consideration by AFHR.

STAFF LT. 'L'.

Capt. VENTRELLA finally left W/M and his place was taken by Capt. LI VOLSI.

Capt. MARAMOTTI and 2/Lt. ZUCCHETTI have set up in an office of their own and are now handling all the accounting for the Commissariat, including clothing, fuel and Barrack stores, as well as food and rations and forage.

In several conferences throughout the month the organisation of Commissariat Coys in the Combat Groups and the new division of the Italian Army were discussed.

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SUBJECT: MMA War Diary and
Monthly Report

29 Sept 44

- 1/ Would you please let me have a brief summary of the main events and activities in your branch during Sept., to be incorporated in the Monthly Report.
- 2/ Dates, where possible, should be shown against all conferences - visits etc.
- 3/ May I please have this report as soon as possible.

W. R. Selley
Captain
G S (I)

DISTRIBUTION:

A/Q	Capt Bird
Engrs.	Maj Phillips
Sigs	Maj Fleming
Medical	Maj Haggie
S & T	Maj Cann
Ord	Lt Ward
Mov	Capt the Lord Westbury
Spec Sec	Maj Gregson

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"S & T, MMA"

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29 Sep

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Monthly Report - Aug 44.

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14 Sep 44.

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SUBJECT: Army Sub Commission
Monthly Report

31 Aug 44

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1. Would you please let me have a brief summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of AUGUST, to be incorporated in the Monthly Report.
2. Will you please include dates where possible against all conferences - visits etc.
3. Report must be handed in by 7 September.

W. Selby

Captain
G 3 (I)
Army Sub Commission

DISTRIBUTION:-

A/Q
Engineers
Signals
Medical
SMT
Ord
Mov

Capt BIRD
Major PHIL IPS
Major FLEMING
Major HEGGIE
Major CANN
Major GREGSON
Capt SPEARING

"S & T. MMIA.

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Subject:- Monthly report - July 44.

ST/99.

"G" (I) MBIA.

Following points are forwarded:-

1. RATIONING OF ITALIAN NAVY.

Being fed from rations received from British sources effective 1 Aug, 44. Advanced arrangements made.

2. NEW SINGLE RATION SCALE.

Effective 1 August 44. Advanced arrangements made.

3. COMMISSARIATO SERVICES.

Various conferences held during month with Italian War Ministry regarding W/E and reorganization.

4. OLIVE OIL.

Stocks for Italian Armed Forces exhausted. Lt. TONKS, RASC, together with Italian Officers sent to CALABRIA to reconce undisclosed civilian stocks and requisition same.

5. ITALIAN DEPOTS.

Opened in ROME area and commenced functioning.

6. STAFF.

Lt. HOPLICK assumed duty, as Staff Lt. (Liaison).

B.L. PERCIVAL
Lt. Col. RASC.

ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MBIA).

6 August 44.
DW/BC

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SUBJECT: Army Sub Commission
Monthly Report

1/107
1 July 44

Would you please let me have a summary of the main events and activities in your branch during June, including dates against all conferences - visits etc. to reach me not later than 6 July.

CGL.

J.R. Selby Capt
for Lt Col GS
Army Sub Comd AEC

Recd 1 July

DISTRIBUTION:

A/Q	Capt Bird
Engineers	Major Phillips
Medical	Major Hoggis
S & T	Major Cann
Labour	Major Suye
Mrv	Capt Lord Westbury
Sigs	Major Fleming

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SUBJECT: Army Sub Commission
Monthly Report

4 Aug 44

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2. Will you please include dates where possible against all conferences - visits etc.

W. A. Selby
Captain
G 3 (I)

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DISTRIBUTION:

A/Q	Capt BIRD
Arty	Major DEERS
Engineers	Major PHILIPS
Medical	Major HENRIE
S & T	Major CANN
Ord. Labour	Major SUTTON
Mov	Captain SPENCER

"S & T," MMIA.

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Subject:- Monthly Report.

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G (I). LMTA.

Reference your I/107 of 1 July 44.
Following points are forwarded:-

1. SALTED SARDINES.

Consignments of these arrived in early June and a certain amount of bad feeling was caused with Italian War Ministry due to the fact that AMI issued instructions these Sardines would be issued in lieu of P. Meat and consumed as quickly as possible by the Italian Armed Forces.

2. OLIVE OIL.

Stocks exhausted 30 June and no provision made for an equivalent to be issued from Allied sources.

3. S.O.P. (Adm Instr No.3) came into operation.

4. CHANGES IN COMMAND.

Lt. Col. B.L. PERCIVAL, RASC, arrived 24 June and took over duties of ADST from Lt. Col. H.B. PINCH, MC, RASC, posted.

5. New Single Ration Scale approved to come into effect 1st Aug.

12 July 44.
DW/BC

(20) *lwt*
B.L. PERCIVAL,
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. AGC.

Subject:- Monthly Report.

ST/92.

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17 July 44.
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B.L. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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