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Italian Depots - Naples

Aug. 1944 - July 1945

SUBJECT:- Closure of Italian Army Food Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Com. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
SE/187

24 July 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MMLA IO's:

RAPIAS

DISTRIB

DDSA, DISTRIB.

1. Due to the implementation of Italian Army Food Supply Installations in North Italy and reduction of ceiling for personnel category 1(c), No. 59 Food Distribution Depot, CASERTA and No. 60 Food Distribution Depot, MMLA will be closed by 10 August 45.
2. Rations stock will be issued to troops until above date of closure. Surplus rations will be moved to RAPIAS Depots (Bulk or Distribution), as you may desire.
3. Units at present drawing from either of the two above-mentioned depots will be instructed to draw from No. 10 Food Distribution Depot, RAPIAS.
4. Personnel, not surplus to ceiling, Section 2 Commissariato, Part A Supplies Category 1(c), may be utilized in supply installations now being organized in North Italy.

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Lt. Col. RABO.
ASST, Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MMLA).

INTERNAL:-

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Subject: Receipt of Stores from Naples Port.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STH/7

3 July 1945.

Commanding General
Comando Territoriale, Napoli

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) (Your ST/53/14 dated 23 June 45 refers)
Commanding Officer
Peninsular Base Section, Southern District
APO 782, U.S. Army (ATTN: G-4)

1. When stores are off-loaded ex ships or rail cars in Naples Port and despatched to Depots outside port, following provisions apply:-

a. Services receiving shipments will take immediate action to clear all vehicles and rail cars upon receipt, making an accurate check on cargo unloaded against cargo tally, receipting by full signature and a distinctive stamp or symbol on each tally, stating count and time and by properly disposing of tallies.

b. Both copies of the Port Dispatch Ticket must be stamped on the reverse side with a distinctive stamp, the pink copy will be returned immediately after delivery to the port by the driver, and the green copy returned within 36 hours of delivery to the Port Highway Office.

2. The following points require to be particularly observed:-

a. Possible failure to return green copy to Highway Office.

b. Copies are often not properly signed or stamped.

3. You are requested to issue necessary instructions to units under your command, based on the foregoing.

*S & T, MMIA.

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File ST/

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

WHDC/jlm

(For MMIA copy only)

No regulations published by PHS or AFHQ regarding Port Clearance have been published to local command of Italian Army (para 2 of your letter refers).

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Depots, NAPLES.

Land Forces Sub Comd. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/53/14

MMIA LO NAPLES.

23 June 45.

1. Attached hereto unlated report, HQ WFOUSA, subject "Negligence of Depots in Southern District, PBS complying with PBS Supply Memorandum No. 93", for necessary action.
2. Please investigate any regulations published by PBS or Allied HQ in NAPLES Area in so far as it pertains to the operation of Italian Army Food Installations.
3. Advise this HQ of action taken on the attached.

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Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comd. AG. (MMIA).

*Rambert Lanning conference PBS Report Lani.
(Tel. conference Lanning. Crawford 27/4.5) 349*

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C O P Y

FROM : HQ MTOUSA

Log D: 26689

From: G-4
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To MOTA ATTN: US Ln O

Date 20 Jun 45

Subject:- Negligence of Depots in Southern District, PBS complying with
PBS Supply Memorandum No 93.

1. Attention is invited to the negligence of depots in Southern District, Peninsular Base Section area in complying with paragraph 11, Penbase Supply Memorandum No. 93, dated 18 January 1945.

2. Depots listed below have not turned in their green tickets for the 24 hour period from 1800 hours to 1800 hours on the dates indicated:

a. 28 - 29 May	291	590	591
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3. Depots listed below did not use stamps completely or only partially stamped, during a 24 hour period on the date indicated:

a. 25 - 26 May	560			
b. 27 - 28 May	291	590		
c. 28 - 29 May	590	591	291	158

4. Prompt handling of the green copy of dispatch tickets and stamping them completely is most important and essential in the security of cargo delivered by trucks in this area, as has previously been outlined.

5. It is requested that the deficiencies noted above be called to the attention of delinquent depots and action taken to complete the green copies of the M/T dispatch tickets, stamping them correctly and return them to the port within 24 hours of the time of receipt.

For the AC/S, G-4:

Sgt. F.W. FISH
for HOUSTON V. EVANS
Colonel, GSC
Chief, G-4 Opns Branch

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INTER-OFFICE-MINUTE

REF: ST/53/14

6 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Thefts of Foodstuffs - Naples

TO : Q1

1. Herewith copy translation of letter 2/5314/00 dated 26 April 1945 from Naples Commissariato, reporting three (3) thefts.
2. Reference para 1 (c):- it is not possible to give details of commodities and quantities. LC Naples states that goods were consigned ex PBS and advised on Shipping Ticket as "34 boxes - various". Boxes were stolen before being sorted out.

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

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Subject: Depot Inspections.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/12

29 April 1945.

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

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Ref. this office STN/12 dated 14 Apr 45.

Copies of Com-ndo Territoriale Di Napoli letters, No. 2/3241/CO dated 24th April 1945, No. 2/3314/CO dated 26th April 1945 are forwarded for your information.

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

KF/jlm

"S & T, MMIA.

Good *O'Henry*

THE STT *53/14*

SC
Before giving a copy of ltr 2/3314/CO to Q1 check with LO Naples re exact amount and commodities stolen from Depot 158 *KRN-45*

-BF-45

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DDDS KRN-45

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Do we see CR Rose
about three before

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(SC/S)

See 347

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE di NAPOLI

UFFICIO SERVIZI

N. 2/3241/CO di prot.

P.M. 3400,24/4/945

OGGETTO- Deposito Viveri Napoli.

ALLA M. M. I. A.

N A P O L I

1. Non appena ricevuto il foglio STN/12 del 16 corrente, interessai la dipendente Direzione di Commissariato circa le manchevolezze riscontrate da cotesta M.M.I.A. sul funzionamento dei servizi dei depositi viveri di Napoli.

2. La predetta Direzione, nel trasmettermi un promemoria sugli inconvenienti rilevati, ha omesso di ragguagliarmi sui furti avvenuti, ritenendo che le pratiche relative fossero di esclusiva competenza del Tribunale Militare.

3. Nuovamente interessata al riguardo mi ha trasmesso una relazione incompleta sui furti stessi, per cui ho dovuto richiedere maggiori chiarimenti e precisazioni. Non appena in possesso di un rapporto concreto e dettagliato provvedero' ad inviarlo a cotesta M.M.I.A.

4.- Con l'occasione comunico che per tali manchevolezze non mancherò di adottare severi provvedimenti disciplinari a carico dei responsabili.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

(F.to) Giuseppe Romano

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

(F.to) Giuseppe Romano

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TRANSLATION

COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
UFFICIO SERVIZI

No. 2/3241/CO di prot.

P.M. 3400, 24/4/1945.

Subject: Food Depot, Naples.

ALLA M.M.I.A.

N A P O L I

1. As soon as your letter STN/12 dated 16th instant was received, I have drawn the Direzione Commissariato's attention to the faulty service noted by M.M.I.A. regarding the Naples Food Depots.
2. The said Direzione, while sending in a pro-memoria about the inconveniences found, did not inform me in regard to the robberies that have taken place thinking that the matter was for the Military Tribunal's exclusive attention.
3. Furthering the matter, an incomplete statement has been sent to me in regard to the said robberies, therefore, I have had to ask for more and precise particulars - as soon as I receive a full statement I shall send it to M.M.I.A.
4. With this opportunity, I beg to communicate that for all faults I shall not fail to take severe measures against the persons responsible.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
(sd) GIUSEPPE ROMANO

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

UFFICIO SERVIZI

N.2/3314/CO di prot.

P.M. 3400, 26/4/45

OGGETTO- Deposito Viveri di Napoli.

ALLA M. M. I. A.

N A P O L I

Faccio seguito al foglio 2/324I/CO del 24 corrente, pari oggetto.

I. Da ulteriori accertamenti eseguiti e' risultato che i furti sono stati tre, e precisamente:

- a) Furto al Deposito 594 - avvenuto il 29 Marzo 1945, di 19 casse di corned-beef da libbre 72 e tre barattoli di Sausage di Vienna. Venne fatta denuncia ai CC.RR. di S.Giovanniello.
 - b) Furto al Deposito 594 - avvenuto il 12 Aprile, di 6 casse di Meat vegetable Hasch di libbre 40,8 ciascuna, pari a Kg.110,076. Venne fatta denuncia alla Stazione dei CC.RR. di S. Giovanniello.
 - c) Furto al Deposito 158 - avvenuto il 21 Marzo, di n.34 casse di derrate varie. Venne fatta denuncia alla Stazione CC.RR. di Villanova di Posillipo.
2. Di tutte e tre i furti i rispettivi consegnatari dei magazzini avevano reso edotto per iscritto la dipendente Direzione di Commissariato, che aveva omesso di fare le necessarie segnalazioni sia a questo Comando che a codesta M. M. I. A. Per tale mancata comunicazione ho inflitto un rimprovero al Direttore di Commissariat dell'epoca, Colonnello Occhipinti Giuseppe.

3. Sulle manchevolezze riscontrate ho richiamato l'attenzione del nuovo direttore, impartendo ordini precisi per la migliore sistemazione di tutti i magazzini e richiedendo assicurazione entro il 15 maggio p.v. sulla totale esecuzione delle disposizioni date.

4. Mi riservo, dopo tale data, di visitare personalmente i dipendenti magazzini per sincerarmi se sono state attuate tutte le provvidenze atte a rimuovere gli inconvenienti segnalati da codesta M.M.I.A.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

(F.to) Giuseppe Romano

TRANSLATION

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
UFFICIO SERVIZI

NO. 2/3314/CO DI PROT.

P.M. 3400, 26/4/1945.

Subject: Food Depot, Naples.

ALLA M.M.I.A.

NAPLES

Further to letter 2/3241/CO dated 24th instant.

1. From further inquiries it has resulted that the robberies have been three precisely:

a. Robbery at Depot 594 - which took place the 29th March 1945 of 19 boxes Corned Beef - 72 lbs each - and three tins Vienna Sausages. Report was made to CC.RR of S. Giovanniello.

b. Robbery at Depot 594 - which took place the 12th April consisting of 6 boxes Meat Vegetable Hash each 40.8 lbs equal to 110,076 Kg. Report was made to CC.RR Stazioni of S. Giovanniello.

c. Robbery at Depot 158 - which took place the 21st March consisting of (34 boxes of various foodstuff.) Report was made to CC.RR of Villanova di Posillipo.

2. Of such robberies the respective Depots Commanders have informed in writing the dependent Direzione Commissariato who had omitted to give the necessary information to this command and MMIA. For such omission I have inflicted a reproach to the Direttore of Commissariato acting at the time, Colonel Occhipinti Giuseppe.

3. As regards the delinquencies pointed out, I have drawn the attention of the new Direttore to this matter, giving precise order for a better layout of all Depots and asking for an assurance on the total execution of the given orders by 15th May next.

4. I shall make a point, after such date, to visit myself the dependent depot to see if such orders have been fulfilled and the matters indicated by MMIA rectified.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER
(sd) GIUSEPPE ROMANO

TRANSLATION

received as various foods 45343
robbery occurred before it could
be sorted out

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Subject:- Naples Food Depots.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/12

16 April 1945.

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Commanding Generale,
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.
Direzione Commissariato Comando Territoriale, Napoli.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA). (This office letter STN/12 dated 14 April 45 refers)

1. Recent inspections of Italian Army Food Depots in Naples have proved that certain of them are most unsatisfactory.
2. To support this statement, translation of a report on an inspection made of Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 594 on 5 April 45 is forwarded herewith.
3. You are requested to forward an immediate report to this office in respect of the robbery which occurred at Depot 594. It is understood that a further robbery involving a large quantity of rations took place at Depot 158 about one month ago. If this is correct, please furnish full particulars as no report has been received by this office.
4. All matters raised in the attached report point to lack of supervision. Please take such steps as you consider necessary to place the Depots in order and ensure that proper control is exercised in the future.

*Copy sent 18/4
Spoke to Major
P. Carrara
Concerning
Robbery at
will send
report to us
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-S & T, MMIA.

Recd 18 Apr

File STI 53/14

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George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

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ADDS KRN 19/4

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*W. want
a copy
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Subject: - Depot Inspections.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/12

14 April 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)

1. Attached copy of report on Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 594 is forwarded for your information.
2. The majority of the delinquencies as numerated have been referred to Commissariate on previous occasions.
3. As a result of this report and failings on other matters a request for the removal of the Chief of Commissariate Naples has been already submitted to you.
4. Since the rendition of this report, a new O.C., (Major FIORANI) Bulk Depots has been appointed and commenced his duties. This officer has been interviewed and the existing problems of the Depots were discussed with him.
5. This office was favourable impressed by this officer and given time, it is anticipated that he will do all within his power to raise the standard of efficiency in the Depots under his command.

SWC/vc

Further 345
Further 346
George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR,
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

S & T. MMMA.

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File STJ

16 Apr
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to have now know
action have been
15341
for Col Q. W. PD

MAPLES FOOD DEPOTS

NOTES ON INSPECTION
MADE BY CAPT. K. FREELAND, RASC
On 5th April 1945

DEPOT 590/1.

Observations were as follows:-

1. LAYOUT.

Depot was not laid out on any defined plan, i.e. - stacks were irregularly placed and little thought had been given to gangways etc. Movable machinery, etc. had been left in the Depot, obstructing stacking.

2. STACKS.

Stacking was bad generally. Only a few were "pillar-piled", and it would have been an impossibility to check the number of cases/sacks actually existing in many of the stacks. Some stacks were close against walls, leaving no air circulation. Soap in cartons was stacked close against futs without shells (in sacks).

3. DAMAGE.

Practically non-existent; a few pieces of thin box-wood were in use under some stacks, but these were totally inadequate.
(NOTE - Good damage was released to Commissariat by this office over a month ago).

4. STACK CARDS.

All stack cards were incomplete. No Warranty Expiration Dates were shown. Manufacturer's name was shown as: "ER-IT", or "14 CRASO" in many instances. Some receipts were shown in kilos, and others in pounds; some issues were shown in number of sacks only. The "amount remaining" was not shown on any of the stack cards. Some stacks had no cards.

5. CLEANLINESS.

The whole Depot requires white-washing. Windows were covered with cobwebs. The flour-store was ankle-deep in good flour (near the roller chute).

6. VERMIN.

There was evidence of many rats and mice. No anti-vermin measures were in existence.

7. CONTAINERS.

A stack of empty Tobacno cartons was noticed. Officer i/o Depot stated

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7. CONTAINERS.

A stack of empty Tobacco cartons was noticed. Officer i/o Depot stated that these had to be returned to the Tobacco Factory. (NOTE - In the meantime, cigarettes are being sent to forward troops in sacks).

8. LABOUR.

This was very poor. Many young boys are employed.

9. ACCOUNTS.

The majority of MILA Accounting Forms were up to date, except the "Commodity Account", which was also incorrectly compiled. The Officers and clerical staff of the Depot who were present at the time of my inspection declared that they had never seen the booklet, "Supply Organisation & Accounting Instructions for the Provision of Food to the Italian Armed Forces", until a few weeks ago. The system being used whereby balances of stocks in Depots are ascertained, accounts for the reason why Depot Stock Returns are always inaccurate.

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10. TRANSPORT.

MOTOR-CYCLE - R.M. 42C45 (& SIDE-CAR).

The a/m was observed in the Depot. Tires were flat and the engine was stated to be out of order. It was alleged to be on the strength of the Depot.

11. GENERAL.

(a) A new O.C. Depot to replace Lt. Col. Giugni is still awaited. At present a Lieut. is in charge.

(b) Major Buanno, the previous C.C. to Lt. Col. Giugni, was present at the Depot. He has been "handing over" since last December.

(c) After local purchase items, e.g., nuts have been received at the Depot, it is understood that a "Commission" has to be held to ascertain the condition, etc. of the items concerned. This necessitates each consignment being stacked separately, and involves maintaining many unnecessary stacks. It is considered that it should not be necessary to hold this "Commission" at the Depot after purchase.

DEPOT 590/2.

The following observations were made:-

1. LAYOUT.

A slight improvement on Depot 590/1.

2. STACKS.

Slightly better than Depot 590/1, but plenty of room for improvement.

3. DUNNAGE.

Worse than Depot 590/1. In some instances, Dehydrated Vegetables in cartons was used for dunnage.

4. STACK CARDS.

As Depot 590/1.

5. CLEANLINESS.

Depot requires white-washing. Cleaner generally than Depot 590/1, but not ideal.

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As Depot 590/1.
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Depot requires white-washing. Cleaner generally than Depot 590/1, but not ideal.
6. VERMIN.
As Depot 590/1.
7. CONTAINERS.
As Depot 590/1.
8. SCALES.
Weighing machine was inaccurate and unsuitable for requirements of Depot.
9. GENERAL.
(a) It was stated that Mag. Vivari di Napoli would not accept feed in broken containers. It was customary to sort out good containers for this Depot and thereby waste much time, besides leaving the Depot with broken containers on hand.

Issuing

(b) The following items (ex Sardinia) were still located at this Depot:-

Bakery Equipment
17 sacks of Italian Army Packs
Small quantity of Tents

DEPOT 694.

A hurried inspection revealed the following facts:-

1. EMPTY WINE BARRELS.

A large number of empty wine barrels were awaiting repair. Only one civilian is employed on this necessary task and progress is slow.

2. FULL WINE BARRELS.

Many of these were leaking due to the fact that they required hosing down with water.

3. STACKS.

There were large quantities of Dehydrated Vegetables (part in cartons) stacked in the open with no covering or damage.

4. UNFIT FOOD.

There was a small amount of bad food awaiting condemnation. This was placed on top of cases containing food in good condition.

5. LABOUR.

This was very poor. Here again, young boys were employed.

6. THEFT.

Officer I/O stated that a robbery had occurred at this Depot about 4 days previously. 20 cases x 72 lbs. Meat were stolen. (NOTE:- This has not been reported by Commissariat to this office).

7. GENERAL.

(a) Depot was almost full to capacity.

(b) Considered an unsuitable Depot for the storage of wine in warm weather (not actively open).

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2. FULL WINE BARRELS.

Many of these were leaking due to the fact that they required hosing down with water.

3. STACKS.

There were large quantities of Dehydrated Vegetables (part in cartons) stacked in the open with no covering or dunnage.

4. WEIGHT FOOD.

There was a small amount of bad food awaiting condemnation. This was placed on top of cases containing food in good condition.

5. LABOUR.

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10 April 1945.

K. FREEMAN, Capt., RASC.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

Distribution: Lt. Col. Smith, Senior L.O. Nages.
: Major Lamm, D.A.D.S. (2 copies).

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SUBJECT: Warehouse 1270 - Naples

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STW/4

11 February 1945

O. G., Warehouse 676, Naples

Copy to: Commanding General,
Comando Territoriale Napoli
Direzione Commissariato,
Comando Territoriale Napoli
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ✓

(Reference your V. 35 dated 9 February 1945 and telephone conversation Major Martin - Captain Freeland of today)

1. It is agreed that MMIA wishes to take over formally the a/a warehouse which has been occupied for some time by Italian Military and which is essential for operational purposes.
2. Would you kindly confirm that this can be accomplished and inform this office of your requirements in respect of official hand-over.

George D. Smith Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Major Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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O. G. T. MIA

13 Feb.

File 53/14

D. A. D. S. KEN 5337

Subject: Operation of Italian Army Bulk Depots.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STN/4

19 December 1944.

To: 14 C.R.A.S.C.

Copy: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. _____
(M.M.I.A.)

1. Acknowledgement is made of your letter ST/109 of 17 December 1944.
2. The delay of transport in loading and unloading at the Italian Army Depot 590 and satellite bulk depots has been the subject of personal attention of this office. Every effort has been made to instruct the Italian Military in the avoidance of loss of valuable transport caused by delay in either unloading or loading.
3. Two American non-commissioned officers are on duty each day to expedite off loading and/or loading and for verification of any discrepancies.
4. Reference to par 1, (ii), your letter, there was no reason for use by the Italians of your vehicle to go to No. 2 Sub Depot 567 S.O.D. No one at Depot 590 had any knowledge of the incident.

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"S & T, MMIA.

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GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Direzione, Commissariato
Comando Militare, Campania.

1. A complaint has been received from 14 GRASC concerning delay for loading and unloading at your Bulk Depots.

5. This office is cognizant of your difficulties of loading and unloading space at your depots; however, this must be borne in mind by the depot commander in providing a despatcher in order to send vehicles to other satellite depots when there are too many trucks at the main depot.

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GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry

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Subject: Operation of Retion Bulk Depots.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STW/L

20 November 1944.

To: Direzione, Commissariato
Comando Militare, Carpania

Copy: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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1. This afternoon an inspection was made of your bulk depots by Capt. Nelson of this office.
2. It was evident that reorganization of your bulk depot is mandatory to perform more efficiently the responsibilities of your depot operation. There was a lack of supervision of all personnel.
3. Telephone service has been made available to all bulk depots in order to exercise more control and effect better supervision.
4. Three shoots were constructed in the rear of Depot 590/1 with additional entrance and exit to expedite unloading. This aid to discharging has been unused while trucks have been delayed for lack of space. It is evident that the use of trucks is very valuable, and non-use by delay is a serious matter.
5. It is appreciated that working conditions at your bulk depots are not ideal; however, it is evident that your depot commander has not utilized to a large extent the possibilities available.
6. It is anticipated that more allied personnel will come in contact with your bulk depots. Due to the language barrier it seems advisable that you employ an interpreter at your depot.
7. The difficulties of despatching and receiving subsistence simultaneously are obvious; however, these difficulties can be effectively met if your depot commander properly organizes his depot with an active despatcher and makes prior plans for the day's work.
8. You are requested to investigate the operation of your bulk depots in the light of the remarks above and report to this office by 23 November

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8. You are requested to investigate the operation of your bulk depots in the light of the remarks above and report to this office by 23 November of action taken.

9. It is pointed out that a letter of instruction should not be sufficient assurance that your orders are being executed. There is no substitution for periodic inspections.

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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Subject:- Depot 1270 - Naples.

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Army Sub Commission, (NMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/53/14.

NMIA LO, NAPLES.

Copy to:- Food Sub Commission, HQ, ACC
(ref conversation Capt KLEIN
and MONCK-MASON)
"Q", NMIA

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8 Sep 44.

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Reference your STN/4 dated 19 Aug 44.

1. It has been ascertained from Food Sub-Commission, ACC, that this Depot can be released to the Italian Army on a month-to-month basis only.

KLM/jc

E.L. Monck-Mason
capt.
for B.L. FERREVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (NMIA).

17/15 Sep 44
Amend further action
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Cap Klein
Br 2917
Ext 408 mt
Defence
Subject: Depot 1270 - Naples

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HQ. MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
Ref: STN/4

To: ADST MMIA HQ

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Further to your ST/53 of 16 August 44 and our STN/4 of 10 August 1944.

1. In a conversation (Maj. Rorimer - Capt. Nelson) Maj. Rorimer stated that he believed there was no future use of Depot 1270 to ACC Food Sub-Commission and could see no objection to having this depot released to the Italian Army permanently.
2. In view of the above it is requested that you approach the Food Sub-Commission HQ ACC concerning this further proposal.

"S & T. MMIA.

Recd *W. H. H.*

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K. Robert Nelson
for ST LIAISON OFFICER
MMIA, NAPLES.

ADST *X*

DADST *16*

H. H. Food Sub Com.

Capt. CURRAN
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B7-29 Aug

See (338)

*Can't give a decision until
Capt Klein returns 5332
Hospital. - B. F. 21 Aug.*

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SUBJECT:- Depot 1270; Naples.

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Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
Hq, ACC, Rome.
ST/53.

16 AUG; 44.

MMIA Sector 10, Naples.

Reference your STN/4 of 10 Aug, 44.

1. ACC Food Sub Commission (in their letter No ACC/60-1/FOOD dated 14 Aug 44, a copy of which was sent to Lt Ramsey, O.I/c ACC Food Depot, Naples) have given authority for the 1270 Depot at Naples to be made available to MMIA Naples Sector until 15 Sep 44.

(B385) *St. Lann Napoli*

for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,

ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

SWC/dvw

B25 Sep

Reply

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ACC/60-1/FOOD

14 August 1944

SUBJECT : Depot 1270, Naples

TO : ACST, MMIA, HQ.

Refers to encls (34)

1. This will confirm verbal agreement between Maj. Borner, Food S/C and MMIA HQ Naples sector whereby Depot 1270, Naples is made available to MMIA Naples sector until 15 September 1944.

W. J. Legg
for
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

"S. & T. MMIA.

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15 Aug

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Copy to:

Lt. Ramsey, Officer i/c ACC Food Depots, Naples

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DADST —

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MMIA HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES SECTOR
APO 394

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Ref: STN/4

10 August 1944

Subject : Depot 1270

To : ADST, MMIA, HQ.

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DA DGT

1. On 15 July 1944 by verbal agreement between the Food Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC and this Office, Depot 1270 (Naples) was loaned to the Italian Army for a period of thirty (30) days for the storage of rations.

2. Conferring with Maj. Rorimer, Naples office, Food Sub Commission, on this date, it was agreed subject to the approval of his headquarters to extend the loan of this depot for an additional thirty (30) days; i.e., until 15 September 1944.

3. Request that you approach the Food Sub Commission Hq A.C.C. for endorsement of the proposal in para 2 above. //

*Ask if they can
complement for 30 days.*

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S & T, MMIA.

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12 Aug

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K. Robert Helton
Capt

for St. Liaison Officer
M.M.I.A., Naples.

KRN/lt

Reply

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