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ST-247 Reports - Lo Naples

May - Sept 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Army Food Depots - NAPLES.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/208

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

26 Sept 1945.

Copy to: MMIA LO NAPLES.

1. Inspection was made of Italian Army Food Depots, Naples Area, on 21 Sept 45 and Salerno 24 Sept 45, by the undersigned.
2. Accompanying the inspecting officer were the following:

Col. Landolfi	-	Director, Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples
Lt. Lambrecht	-	MMIA - Naples
Lt. Col. Lecitra	-	Terr. HQ Naples Italian LO to MMIA Naples
Lt. Malato	-	Rationals Sect., Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples
Lt. Birt	-	Interpreter - ST MMIA Naples.
3. Office of Direzione Commissariato, Depots 890, 890/2, 1270, 583, 594/1, 593 Military Bakery, 10th Supply Co, No 1 Port Detachment and No 63 Food Distribution Depot were inspected. Details of inspection by depots appears below.

a. Office of Direzione Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples.

Office, same building, same floor, adjacent to MMIA LO Naples, appeared well organized and orderly. Officers reported that duties were leveling off and officers not required to work under pressure. Impressed that personnel conscious that office accommodations was good. Director (Col. Landolfi) reported that he desired his complete headquarters in the Provincia Building, if possible. In comparison with previous accommodations of this office, the present set-up leaves little to be desired.

b. Depot 890 (Main Warehouse, No 10 Bulk Feed Depot)

- O.C. - Maj. Fiorani
- Stocks in excellent condition. All stock cards, MMIA Form ST/4, were up-to-date and properly endorsed.
- All old flour, with exception of about 3000 lbs had been removed to the bakery, for processing and immediate use. Balance to be moved on 22 September. No stocks were above 15 feet. Flour had been separated by U.S. and V.E. origin. Depot Commander stated that he had 40 days supply. Floor of flour room clean. Depot Commander was

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Nations Sect., Commissariato Terr. HQ Naples
Interpreter - ST MMIA Naples.

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b. Depot 590 (Main Warehouse, No 10 Bulk Food Depot)

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- Stocks in excellent condition. All stock cards, MMIA Form 37/4, were up-to-date and properly endorsed.
- All old flour, with expiration of about 3000 lbs had been removed to the bakery, for processing and immediate use. Balances to be moved on 22 September. No stocks were above 15 feet. Flour had been separated by U.S. and U.K. origin. Depot Commander stated that he had 40 days supply. Floor of flour room clean. Depot Commander was conscious of necessity rotation of stock.
- Canvas used for cover over leaky parts of roof. Application has been made to Engineers for roof repairs.
- Coffee beans are transported to and from by civil contractor for processing daily with an average 20% loss between the green bean and toasted bean.
- Accounting for all subsidiary depots is accomplished at offices of main depot (Depot 590). Depot Commander indicated two sets of accounting, Italian and "Allied". One of the chief differences, stated by the O/C, was that stock is struck off charge only after receipt by the consignee (Italian system) and a certificate ("verbale") made for any discrepancies; whereas stock is struck off charge upon despatch by the consignor in the "Allied" accounting. There were two distinct rooms for each accounting system with different accountants. Accountants were civilian.
- MMIA Forms ST/5 were seen being used for despatches.
- Guards for all depots, were ex-CCRR men who had been vouched for by the local CCRR HQ as reliable men.

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- Horse and wagon transport still being used for depot to rail transfers.
- Depot Commander still does not have any individual transport available for checking his scattered depots.
- Lt. Gamboni, interpreter, Terr. HQ Naples, is on duty daily to assist in any dealings with Allied agencies.
- O.C. reported that LMIA Form SX/12, Stock Movements Return, for period 8-20 Sept had been completed on evening of 20 Sept.

c. Depot 590/2

- Lt. in charge, neat and alert appearing. Had shack erected near Gate of depot as "Despatch Office" modeled after what he had seen in an American QM Depot.
- U.S. Medical stores stacked in Depot. O/C reported items received ex port in error. It was noted that cases were received in August, but had not been returned to U.S. Depot.
- Stock in depot is small, due to weak flooring of depot.
- Office of depot neat and orderly.
- Two (2) rusty Weiss ovens (bread baking) were in yard of Depot, having been there for several months. No efforts apparent of anyone removing or preserving equipment.
- Large quantity of empty wooden boxes to repack cigarettes stored in depot.
- No labor problems.
- Stack cards up to date.
- Large quantity of empty jute sacks used for recovery.
- Work required on roadway near exit of depot.

d. Depot 583.

- Warrant Officer in charge of depot.
- Large stocks of cigarettes on second floor of building.
- Storage for cigarettes, matches, salt, nuts, and soap.
- Quantity of cigarettes received from Port in August still awaiting checking by "commission".
- Warrant Officer knew all particulars about stock in depot.
- Buckets of sand and water around depot for anti-fire measures.

e. Depot 1270.

- O/C - Lieutenant.
- Flour well stacked.
- Roof of depot needs repairs.
- Cats used as anti-rat measure. O/C reported no vermin in depots.
- Telephone and electricity available.
- Creosol used in latrine.
- All stock within enclosure.

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- Used for recovery of barrels. Open Air.
- In the process of being converted to fire-wood depot - will become part of No 10 Food Distribution Depot (Perage and Firewood).
- Adequate supply of firewood.

g. No 1 Port Detachment - Commissariato di Stazioni.

- Capt. ORSINI O/C, Lt. Petrozella 2i/c (English-speaking).
- At present located at railyards - Naples Central Station. Office is in an enclosed "baggage" car, equipped with telephone and electricity.
- The Detachment has dual role of rail receipts and despatches and port receipts and despatches. O/C stated that Detachment could execute both duties adequately.
- Civil labor employed for loading and off-loading rail cars. Soldier labor used exclusively for decanting wine cistern wagons into barrels at rail siding. Approximately 60000 litres decanted daily.

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- Through agreement with station authorities, two tracks are reserved for Italian Army use.
- Complete cooperation between American ETO and Detachment. Difficulties experienced between Italian Station Master and Detachment.
- Detachment has full complement of W/S strength.
- Escorts provided by 10 Supply Co. and personnel from 31 Infantry Depot.
- CCHR in area for guard purposes.
- Documents for rail despatches and receipts made at Detachment Office.
- h. Depot 595 - (No 10 Food Distribution Depot)
 - O/C - Maj. De Majo - Lt. Biavaschi assistant.
 - Depot located in Italian barracks adjacent to Port entrance.
 - Observed detailed issues to units.
 - 155 units being maintained from depot, with average total feeding strength of 27000 including all categories of troops. US-ITIs of 212 Italian Command draw complete ration from depot W.S.F. 6 Sept 45.
 - Schedule maintained for ration withdrawals.
 - Ration issue room orderly with covered receptacles for small issues of sacked items; e.g. coffee, beans, cheese, etc. Issues well controlled and no evidence of confusion.
 - Ration withdrawals from Bulk Depot by schedule prepared by Direzione Commissariato, are on a day to day basis. (Bulk Depot is approximately 3 mile distance away).
 - Ration storage space neat and orderly. Stock cards up to date. Fire prevention measures evident.
 - Dual set of accounting.

1. Military Bakery (No 10 Military Bakery)

- Located in barracks with Food Distribution Depot.
- Lt. Col. TRIOLA - O/C - capable officer, proud of his bakery and work.
- All bread in Naples area is prepared in Bakery. At present baking 19000 rations daily. Capacity is 32000. Previously part of bread making was contracted through civil bakeries. Director Commissariato (Col. Landolfi) cancelled contracts due to unhygienic conditions of civil bakeries.
- Storage capacity for flour is 900 tons. Present stock is approximately 500 tons. Storage rooms clean.
- Conveyor belt has been constructed under direction of O/C from salvaged equipment, for flour to be taken to storage space on second floor of building. A spiral chute has also been constructed for despatches.
- Bread is being baked at 500 grams (present 10% reduction for ITL-ITI units).
- Civil bakers are employed.
- Baking outside of Naples proper is done through civil bakeries at site of each Military District. An officer of the Direzione Commissariato inspects civil bakeries frequently.
- O/C stated that work was required for drainage outside building. Request has been made to Engineers without result.
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- j. No 10 Supply Company (No 10 Sussistenza Company)
- O/C - Captain.
 - Inspected meal in preparation. Tasted Minestrone.
 - Kitchen was dark and utensil coated with black ash.
 - 250 are fed from this kitchen.
 - Quarters of troops clean. Beds orderly arranged. Blankets not clean.
 - Two soldiers (malaria) in one room which is set aside as infirmary with soldier on duty as attendant.
 - Construction in progress on repair of two rooms for improvement.
 - Mess hall gaily decorated with paintings on wall, to produce a cheerful atmosphere.
 - Latrines clean. Creosol used. Sanitary smell.
 - O/C demonstrated much initiative and interest in the welfare of the troops.

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k. Depot 594/1 - Naples.

- Located adjacent to Naples Port.
- Storage of wine and olive oil exclusively.
- Storage space adequate.
- Barrels being repaired.
- Stack cards up-to-date.

1. No 63 Food Distribution Depot - Salerno.

- Located in Caserma Vicinanza, in center of Salerno.
- Lt. Col. PONTANOVA - O/C Depot.
- Staff - 2 Officers, 11 ORs, 4 WO's and 2 Sgt. Majors supplemented by 2 civilian accountants.
- Feeding strength 1800 to 2000, 28 to 30 units.
- Stock received from No 10 Bulk Food Depot Naples by rail and/or road.
- S4 Sub Area loan truck to Depot for movement of stock from Naples to Salerno, as requested. O/C stated no Italian Army vehicle was available to him for depot service, though requested. Off-loading of rail cars accomplished through civil contract.
- Bread is made through civil bakeries - flour collected and bread delivered by civil contractor.
- No pasta manufactured locally. Full supply received ex Naples.
- Depot stores in excellent condition. Stack cards not on stacks, but held by storemen in office. Instructed O/C to post cards on individual stacks.
- All sacked items raised off floor about 1 1/2 feet as a rat-preventive measure.
- Disinfectants used in depot.
- In general, depot very orderly.
- Depot Commander was well-posted on all matters of depot.
- Depot on military telephone exchange.
- Forage and firewood storage warehouse located about four blocks from depot.
- Meeting with Italian Navy Port Commandant (Lt. Col. GIUSTO) in order that depot be permitted to off-load wagons in port area for forage and firewood warehouse. Previously no agreement could be reached to off-load wagons in port area due to Port Commandant's refusal to permit civil contractors off-load wagons. It was arranged that Port Labor would off-load wagons and arrangements to transport lead into depot.
- Depot also holds barracks stores for which the Depot Commander is responsible.

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K. C. Leland
Major,
D.A.D.S.

KRM/jec

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

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

File: ST/208

Date: 7 Sept 45

SUBJECT:-- Report of Inspection of Food Depot - NAPLES.

To :-- 'Q'

1. On 4 Sept 45 Lt.Col. J.W.R. FERGUSSE, RASC and Lt.Col. W.H.M. WILCOCK, RASC inspected Italian Army Food Depots, NAPLES.

2. Comments on individual depots are as follows:

- a. Depot 590/2: Approx 300 ton capacity (?).
Depot outside stores untidy.
Open shed still required to be walled in or boarded up on one side.
Very large number of sacks untidy condition.
Sacked peas in open, unprotected.
Peas and beans infested.
Reported shortage of labor.
- b. Depot 590 : Approx 5000 ton capacity (?).
Flour in stacks of colossal height. Estimated 1200 tons. Not turned over for over five months.
Ordered immediate breakdown of stack and physical check as soon as possible.
- c. Depot 594 : No covered accommodation.
Wood stacked on grounds.
Wine barrels being repaired.
Stack of preserved meat still in area.
Dried peas (infested) and being sieved 60 tons.
- d. Depot 683 : Accommodation good.
General appearance tidy (nuts, soap, cigarettes).
Large amount of broken cases of soap being received.
Soap is being sacked by depot but on loading into rail cars loses a very considerable weight from shrinkage, also soap becomes one solid lump. Tally cards at depot show shortages as soap has been taken on by weight.
Depot commander reported that soap had been received from BARI.
- e. Depot 1270 : Accommodation was good.
600 tons flour in stock.

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Peas and beans infested.
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d. Depot 633 : Accommodation good. General appearance tidy (nuts, soap, cigarettes). Large amount of broken cases of soap being received. Soap is being sacked by depot but on loading into rail cars loses a very considerable weight from shrinkage, also soap becomes one solid lump. Tally cards at depot show shortages as soap has been taken on by weight.
Depot commander reported that soap had been received from BARI.

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e. Depot 1270 : Accommodation was good. 800 tons flour in stock. Depot well kept.

3. GENERAL.

Depots 594/2, 158, and Wine Depot at Santa Maria were not visited. Italian Depot commander, Maj. PIORANI, stated that there was insufficient labor available. Position had been referred to Senior MILIA LO NAPLES who stated that labor could have been made available, if requested.

O.J. Depot has no transportation and can only visit his scattered Depots when Sgt. RECK (American MCO - MILIA, NAPLES) makes his vehicle available.

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Transport for depot consists of carts and about once a week motor vehicles are available.

ST IO NAPLES had not visited depots for the last three weeks and it is apparent that the Italian Depot Commander had not received advice on the operation of his depots (turn-over of supplies, stock plans, W/R dates etc).

Uncertainty expressed as to feeding strength for NAPLES Bulk Depots.

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

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

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Subject: Depot Inspections.

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

26 July 1945.

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

1. Enclosed is report on inspection of Caserta Distribution Depot, and Naples Distribution Depot 593, carried out on 24th and 25th of July 1945.

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

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Depot Inspection - Caserta
Depot Inspection - 593, Naples

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"APPENDIX 1"

IMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected :	Date :	Type of Depot :	Rank and Name of :
Caserta	25/7/45	Distribution Depot	Capt. W.H.D. Crawford

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Pillar pile system in operation with cased commodities, but not with sacks. Stacking indifferent.

(c) Accounting Position.

Tally Cards not kept up to date. Took stock of sugar (substantially correct) and Tomatoes (surplus receipt of 23 Kgs. This was explained by O.C. to be due to the fact that certain units on the move had returned unused rations, which had not been booked in. I amended books to prevent unauthorized disposal).

Signature of Inspecting Officer

Rank

W.H.D. Crawford
Capt. R.A.S.C.

DATE: 25 July 1945.

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MEMA SET LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of
		i.e. Bulk, D.D.	Inspecting Officer
		P.O.L. or Forage	
Naples	24/7/45	Distribution	Capt. W.H.D.
		Depot 593	Crawford

Notes 26.7/7

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Very Good.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of P.Meat (correct) and Tomato (entered surplus receipt of 35 Kgs).

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

W.H.D. Crawford
Capt R.A.S.

DATE: 24 July 1945.

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Subject:- Depot Inspection.

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

20 July 1945.

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

1. Enclosed is report on inspection of NOLA Distribution Depot, carried out on 19 July 45.

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

WHDC/bc

S & T, MIMA.

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Depot to be closed

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot: Inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
NOLA	19 July 45	Distribution Depot	CAPT. W.H.D. CRAWFORD.

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(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Satisfactory with exception of (a) Pepper, which had run out owing to general shortage (b) Coffee, said to have expired owing to influx of Co-operators. Have stressed to Commissariato importance of holding balanced rations.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Much improved since last inspection on 22 May 45.
All adverse points set out in last report have been cleared up.

(c) Accounting Position

Took stock of Tomatoes and Sugar; they corresponded substantially with balances shown in Depot Accounts.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer *W.H.D. Crawford*
Rank *Capt. W.H.D. Crawford*

Date 20 July 45.

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SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Food Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.E.I.A.).
SE/209

Navy Sub Commission AC.

16 July 45.

Copy to:- MIA LO NAPLES.

Reference our letter SE/179 of 2 July 45.

1. Herewith copy of General Inspection Report made by MIA LO NAPLES of the Naples Navy Food Depot on 12 July 45 for your information.

KRM/gac

Lt. Col. RASU.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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Subject:- Depot Inspection.

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

13 July 1945.

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

1. Enclosed is report on inspection of Naval Victualling Depot, carried out on 11 July 45.

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

WHDC/bc

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"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 14 July

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MLIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of
		i.e. Bulk, D.D.	Inspecting Officer:
		P.O.L. OR Forgo:	
Maples	11/7/45	Naval Victuelling Depot	Capt. W.H.D. Crawford

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(a) Maintenance of ^{AREA} ~~sector~~ position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Gravely handicapped by lack of space. Former depots are all being used by Royal Navy. Proper spacing and stacking impossible. No proper tally boards are in use - recommended use of similar type as used by Army. Dunnage is insufficient.

Anti-fly)
Fire) Precautions not adequate.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of coffee, which corresponded substantially with amount shown in books of account.

Signature of Inspecting Officer W.H.D. Crawford
Rank Capt.

DATE: 12 July 45.

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
HAPLES Depot 590	12 June 45	Bulk	CAPT. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

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(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good

(c) Accounting Position.

It is not practicable at present to take stock of commodities, which are spread out among 9 different warehouses. O.C. Depot is w.e.f. 1 July instituting separate accounting system for each warehouse.

Signature of Inspecting Officer W.H.D. Crawford.

Rank Capt RASC.

DATE 16 July 45.

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7 July

BF with notes Report.

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SALERNO	16 June 45	D.D.	CAPT. W.H.D. CRAWFORD.

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position

Holding's of stocks very unbalanced (see Mod P) Matter taken up with local Commissariato.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Pillar-pile system not used at all, though space considered available.

(c) Accounting Position.

In order. Tins of Tomato Paste (see report on NAPLES D.D. dated 16 June 45) have been taken on charge at gross weight, but a "verbaie" had been made out reporting weight of tins. I entered a surplus issue in commodity account to correct matter.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

DATE 16 June 45

W.H.D. Crawford.
Capt. A.A.D.C.

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"APPENDIX 1"

Recd 15 June 1945 DATA SAT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

File ST/ 7811 ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected :	Date :	Type of Depot :	Rank and Name of :
		i.e. Bulk, D.D. :	Inspecting Officer :
		P.O.L. OR Forage :	
NAPLES	12 June 45	D.D.	CAPT. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good

No fire precautions apparent.

(c) Accounting Position.

Unsatisfactory. Stocks taken of Tomato and Sugar revealed:-

(a) Tomato: an apparent discrepancy of 3472 Kgs is so far explained by fact that Italian Tomato had been taken on charge at gross weight, but issued at net weight, as "this had been customary in Italian Army" previously. Investigation is being made so that account can be written up again with receipts at net weight.

(b) Sugar: an apparent discrepancy of about 4000 Kgs was result of a clerical error.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

Rank CAPT. R.A.S.C.

DATE: 13 June 1945.

DATA KRN 15/6

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SUBJECT: Stock of Oatmeal - No 64 Food Dist Depot CATANIA

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.)
SE/6

15 JUNE 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: MRIA LO NAPLES (Your Inspection Report dated 11 June 45
refers)

Further to our letter SE/6 of 14 June 45.

1. MRIA LO NAPLES, during an inspection of No 64 Food Dist Depot, CATANIA, found 1566 lbs OATMEAL (Breakfast Food) on stock in the depot. It was reported to the Inspecting Officer that this amount of Oatmeal had been handed over to the C.O. of the depot by Eighth Army in 1943.
2. Please arrange to move this quantity of Oatmeal to No. 10 Bull Food Depot, NAPLES at which place the Oatmeal may be returned to a British depot. This can be included with the movement of surplus stocks referred to in the above-mentioned letter.

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Lt. Col. HARG.
ADJUT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (MRIA).

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"APPENDIX 1"

MIA SET LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
CATANZARO (2/Lt. SCOPERTONE)	7 June 45	D.D.	Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD.

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good.

(c) Accounting Position.

In order.

There are 4566 lbs OATMEAL (Australian) which were said by O.C. Depot to have been handed over by 8 Army in 1943. Italians do not have any use for same. May steps be taken to hand back to, say, a D.I.D. in 3 District.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

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W.H.D. Crawford.

DATE: 11 June 1945

Rank Capt. R.A.S.C.

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Recd 14 June

File ST/ 151

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
CCEENZA (Lt. CAVAGNOLI)	6 June 45	D.D.	Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD.

- (a) Maintenance of Sector position. Depot over stocked with many commodities; see latest Table of Movement. Due to diminution of feeding strength (to about 1200 men).

Action: Have instructed W/M to reduce holdings Catanzaro sector to 45 days.

- (b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good. This depot has always maintained a high standard under Lt. CAVAGNOLI.

- (c) Accounting Position. Stock taken of various commodities, which corresponded to amounts shown in Depot accounts. 159 days of Italian Sugar was found, as well as 95 days Allied Stock. Due to fact that substantial amount of Allied Sugar had been despatched to Depot from TARANTO in Sept 44, when Depot already held large supply of Italian Sugar. O.C. has been issuing only Italian Sugar. I arranged with Sezione Commissariato CATANZARO to move 3/4 of Sugar to CATANZARO to expedite issue.

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Signature of Inspecting
Officer

W.H.D. Crawford.

DATE: 11 June 1945

Rank Capt. R.A.S.C.

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Subject: Depot Inspections.

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

23 May 1945.

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

- Notes by [unclear]*
1. Enclosed is report on inspection of Mola DD, carried out on 22 May 1945.
 2. All adverse matters are being taken up direct with Commissariato, Naples.

S. L. Smith Naples.

1/11 GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Lt. Col., Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

WHDC/jlm

1/11 DASS KRN 1/6

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MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

NOLA DISTRIBUTION DEPOT - O.C. CAPITANO DE RASI ANTONIO (Infantry).

DATE INSPECTED 22 MAY 1945.

PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING POSITION (FOOD).

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked?
This is a small depot feeding about 2000 men, but the space available for storage is not enough. Consequently pillar pile system is not possible. I saw the Colonel Commanding local Presidio, and suggested he find at least one more room for storage; there appeared to be 2 on the premises which might be available. Dunnage satisfactory, but flour was not properly ventilated, see above.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage?
In existence, but not on stacks. Not all were up to date.
All goods under cover.
3. Are Stack tally boards in existence and in use?
Not all.
4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?
Depot Commander knows nothing about case markings.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates?
No. Depot handicapped by lack of space, but could be more satisfactory, even so - In one small room found:
(a) Bad tinned food, (b) Olive Oil, (c) Empty sacks and fig containers, (d) forage.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?
No outdoor stacks.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart?
(e.g. Onions & Flour)
No: not considered necessary.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?
420 lbs P. Meat: 120 lbs Cheese, secure
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?
Fair: room for improvement.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?
What anti vermin measures
12. What anti vermin measures

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8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? No outdoor stacks.
9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks? No: not considered necessary.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? 420 lbs P. Meat: 120 lbs Cheese, secure Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market? 624
11. Is depot clean and tidy? Fair: room for improvement.
12. What anti vermin measures are used? None. Rat hunts are organised periodically.
13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc? All rooms are kept locked up.
14. What guard arrangements exist & do you consider them adequate? 2 men on all the time (Civilians: no soldiers available).
15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them? There were none.
16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone? No precautions or phone. Depot is adjacent to HQ Distretto, which has no phone either.

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17. "Spot Check"?

Took stock of P. Meat and Tomato Paste, but then found that commodity accounts were not posted up to date; last entry of Meat issue was 9 May.

18. What is the handling capacity of Depot in 2 1/2 ton trucks per hour for:

a. Receipts.

b. Despatches.

Not considered relevant in depot of such a small size.

19. Any labour problems?

Staff is: (a) Military 1 Captain 4 Marshals
(b) Civil 3 clerks
3 labourers

considered adequate.

20. Are rail cars loaded from Depot properly documented and sealed?

Not applicable.

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of trucks or rail car guards?

Not applicable.

Wm. Lawford. Apr.
Liaison Officer M.M.I.A.
NAPLES.

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