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ST/257 Analysis Reports - Bari Sector

July - Nov. 1944

APPENDIX "A"

PRO-FORMA

UNFIT SUBSISTENCE REPORT

1. Foodstuffs found unfit.

<u>Commodity.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Approx weight.</u>
Corned Beef Hash	159.5	Italian canned meat	38
Hash Meat and Vegetable	148.5	Italian Biscuits	364.5
Corned Beef	454	Pork Sausage Meat	23.5
Pork Luncheon Meat	102		
Stew Meat and Vegetable	30		
Chili Con Carne	256		
Sausage "VIENNA"	51		
Cheese	77		
Tomato Paste	232		
Salmon	336		
Peas	591.5		
Beans	307		
Macaroni	26.5		
Flour	285		
Biscuits	328		
Sugar	183.		
Sweet Corn Cream	35		

2. Date reported to you as unfit. 3 Dec 44.

3. Reported to Direzione Commissariato. ☒ yes ☐ no

4. Location of unfit commodities. BARI B.D.

REMARKS

Analysis Commission has been arranged.

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8 Dec 44.

S & T MMIA
Reel 13 Dec
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H. D. L. C. P.
MMIA Sector Liaison Officer.
% 54 AREA.

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MMIA

Subject: Food unfit for Consumption

S & T, MMIA.

Read 26 Nov

File ST/ 77/2

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
ST/8
22 Nov 44. 1944

Commissariato, Bari

Ref your 1/21875 dated 18 November 1944.

1. It is agreed that all unfit food in Distribution Depots may be sent back to BARI DEPOSITO SPECIALE VIVIERI (unless of large quantity) as previously, in order to hold central Analysis Commissions. Such food must be kept in separate "dumps" when received back by a/m Depots (that is, one "dump" for each Depot).
2. Will you kindly ensure however, that all unfit food is reported immediately by Distribution Depots to you and in turn to this office in order that the necessary proforma A required by H.Q. MMIA may be completed.
3. It is suggested that Distribution Depots render a periodical report to you (in duplicate), possibly fortnightly, on lines of Annex 1. The duplicate copy of the above report could be forwarded by you to this office immediately upon receipt. This would enable us both to be kept in the picture and also assist in establishing whether responsibility for the loss is Allied or Italian.
4. This arrangement would not preclude you from making an additional report to this office in urgent circumstances if you so desired. Please say if you are agreeable and forward a copy of your instructions on this subject.

Copy to:
MMIA., ROME ✓

KF/baw

K. Freeland
K. Freeland, Capt.
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
C/o 54 Area. CMF

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DEPOT

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DATE _____

Signature of Depot Commander

DATE _____

Counter-signature of Commissariato

ANNEX NO. 1

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ANNEX NO. 1

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Subject:- Food unfit for Consumption.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area.
ST/8
11 NOV 44

*S & T. MMA.

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File ST

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

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Further ref this office letter ST/8 dated 4 NOV 44, addressed to Comm. BARI, copy to you.

1. Translation of Comm. reply No. 589/UCA dated 6 NOV 44 is forwarded for your information.

You will observe that the whole point of this office letter has been missed i.e. that there is no proof at all as to condition of the fish in question when received by LOCOROTONDO D.D.

2. Since receipt of a/m reply, MAJOR MURCELL and CAPT. FREELAND paid a joint visit to Comm. BARI and informed him that they were NOT agreeable to his proposal. Analysis Reports have been amended therefore in accordance with para. 4 of this office letter a/m. These have been since signed, four copies of which are enclosed herewith.

ADST
DADS

[Signature]

K. Freeland. Capt.
for Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
C/o 54 Area.

KF/jmr

(then pass Anal Reports to A/Q)

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11/11

COPY-TRANSLATION

COMANDO LITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
Direzioe di Commissariato
Ufficio del Direttore

Bari 6 Nov 44

Subject: Damaged foods.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O. C/o 54 Area
(ref. letter 5T/8 of 4 inst - Capt Freeland)

1. The stock of 80 lbs of damaged salted fishes in the Magazzino Viveri of I52 Sez. Sussistenza of Locorotondo has been notified to me for the 1st time during the visit of Captain Freeland on the 7 October. I52 Sez. Sussistenza at that time was dependent from 5I Corpo d'Armata.
- This Direction is making enquiries if the Consegnatario of the a/m depot immediately notified to the 5I Corpo d'Armata, from which he depended.

2. All the above answers your question of the 2 paragraph of your letter.

3. The 80 Pds of salted fishes in question come from a stock of 1930 barrels and cans, taken from SS. "DALLAS", arrived in Bari on the 25th May and delivered to our Deposito Speciale Viveri through the American Depot.

On the arrival of the stock both your office and the Ministry of War were informed that it was ~~about goods~~ in very bad conditions, contained in salvaged cans, old, bad and part broken and containing salted fishes very old and dangerous to be eaten.

In view of the importance of the matter I asked and obtained from Comando 9 Corpo d'Armata, a Special Commission composed of L.Col. M. Officer, a Major (veterinary) and a Capitano Commissario. This commission wrote a report on the 30 May, in which they said in their opinion that all the stock of 1930 barrels of suspected or damaged goods were not to be issued to the troops. The Ministry of War, waiting for instructions from M.M.I.A., instructed meanwhile the goods should be sent to Depots and issued, leaving the quantity obviously damaged. It was so, that for various days the troops received as rations in the place of meat salted fish, which however were not all consumed.

Some Magazzini Presidiari using lorries, sent back a part of
--those goods to our Depot of Bari, as they had been impossible to issue.
Capt. Sellers and Capt. Guthrie made a report to destroy the

goods μ/m .

In the presence of Capt Guthrie were destroyed:

On the 7 July: salted fishes I257 lbs.

2 Salted fishes I39I lbs.

depended.

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Capt. Sellers and Capt. Guthrie made a report to ~~destroy~~ the goods *supra*.

In the presence of Capt Guthrie were destroyed:

On the 7 July: Salted fishes 1257 lbs.

" " 2 Sept: Salted fishes 1391 lbs.

As reason of damage, they specified:

LEAKAGE OF BARRELS

Capt. Bettinardi, knowing ~~from~~ the origin in all the particulars ~~all~~ about the salted fish in question, did not think opportune to sign the paper in which now it is said to be Italian Responsibility the damage of 80 pounds.

4. We think that the damage of a so little remnant of stock cannot be addressed to Italian responsibility or negligence, when everything testifies that the goods were in bad conditions at the moment of distribution and that consequently some quantity was not issued.

For that, I propose to use also for this little remnant the

LEAKAGE OF BARRELS already used in the paper signed by Capt. Sellers and Capt. Guthrie.

I hope you will agree.

IL COLONNELLO COMMISSARIO DIRETTORE
(A. Ia Zara)

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Subject:- Reporting of food Unfit for Consumption.

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DATE REC'D
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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
ST/8
4 NOV 44

Commissariato, BARI.

1. Please explain why 80 lbs of unfit SALTED FISH discovered by Capt. FREELAND in LOCOROTONDO D.D. on 11 Sep.44 had not been reported previously to this office.
2. The fact that part of a consignment of fish in barrels which arrived in BARI during the month of MAY 44 was found unfit, does not relidave you of the responsibility for requesting an Analysis Commission immediately the a/m was received by the Depot.
3. Analysis Reports (para.7) requires an opinion as to responsibility and/or negligence, i.e. Italian or Allied. Those prepared by this office in respect of the 80 lbs. of SALTED FISH state the loss to be an Italian one in view of the incriminating circumstances. CAPT BETTINARDI however, refuses to sign the Analysis Reports alleging the loss to be an Allied responsibility.
4. If you wish the reports to be amended to read "Condition at time of receipt by Depot unestablished due to negligence of Italian authorities in failing to report the case to MMIA" then please return same to this office immediately.

KF/jmr

ac15.
K. Freeland
K. Freeland. Capt.
for Senior M.M.I.A.
C/o 54 Area.

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

ABST ✓
S/C ush *gemm.*

per 14
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Subject:- Foodstuffs unfit for Human Consumption.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF
ST/8
10 NOV 44

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

Ref your ST/77/2 dated 7 NOV 44.

This office ST/8 dated 4 NOV 44, para.3, refers.

KF/jmr

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K. Freeland. Capt.
for Senior MMIA L.O.
C/o 54 Area

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SUBJECT:- Foodstuffs unfit for human consumption.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.).
c/o HQ 5th Area.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.).
ST/71/2

7 Nov 44

1. Reference Unfit Subsistence Report Appendix 'A', dated 26 Oct 44, please arrange to hold an Analysis Commission in conjunction with Italian Commissariato, as laid down in our ST/71 dated 2 Oct 44. (para 3 & 4).

E.L. Munn-Munn
Capt.

for R.I. PERCEVAL,
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.).

KLM/jc

See (14)
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"S & T. MIA."

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File ST/ 772

PROFORMA

APPENDIX "A"

UNFIT SUBSISTENCE REPORT

1. Foodstuffs found unfit.

Commodity.

- (a) FLOUR (See this office letter ST/1 dated 10 Oct 44., copy to you)
(b) SALTED FISH

Approx weight.

UNKNOWN
80 lbs.

(ST/ blind)

2. Date reported to you as unfit.

- (a) During unloading of SS "SOLOMON" & SS "BACON".
(b) 11 Sep 44.

3. Reported to Direzione Commissariato.

☒ yes

☐ No

4. Location of unfit commodities.

- (a) BARI BULK DEPOT, BARI DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, BARI MILITARY BAKERY.
(b) LOCOROTONDO DISTRIBUTION DEPOT.

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26 OCT 44.

DAYS 8mm

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K. Freeland

K. Freeland, Capt.
MIA Sector Liaison Officer.
C/o 54 Area.

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SUBJECT:- Analysis Commission - Bari.

file
Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
Hq, ACC, Rome.
ST/77/2.

29th Aug. 44.

MMIA Sector LO, Bari.

Copy to:- Italian War Ministry (Direz. Gen. Comm. (ref
8341/1/S dated 27 Aug 44)

1. Italian War Ministry report that the following rations require examination by an Analysis Commission, please contact Bari Mil. Comm. Dir. and arrange accordingly.

Salmon	Kgs. 622
Sausage	19
M & V	268
Corned Beef	265
Chili con Carne	26
"Carne Farcita"	107
Pepper	1
Coffee	72
Biscuits	315

S. L. Bann
for B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

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8841 /1/SA prot.

P. M. 107, li 27 agosto 1945

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: derrate avariate di provenienza alleata.-

Mad. Hadstoll

"S & T. MMIA" LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.G.

ROMA

Rec. 18 Aug

File ST 77/2

Presso il Deposito Speciale Viveri di Ba-
ri si sono accumulati i seguenti quantitativi di
derrate avariate per i quali è necessario provve-
dere alla verbalizzazione:

- salmone	Kg. 622.420
- salsiccia	" 19.025
- carne e vegetali	" 268.458
- corned beef	" 265.900
- chili con carne	" 26.500
- carne farcita	" 107.130
- pepe	" 0.906
- caffè tostato	" 72.480
- biscotti	" 815.000

*Action
at (A)*

Si prega voler incaricare l'ufficiale di
collegamento competente per riunire la Commissio-
ne secondo le note modalità.

*Above is a request for the
Analysis Commission at
Bari to examine above ration*

IL MINISTRO

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: MF ST/4/42
Aug 44

Subject: Certificate to accompany
Analysis Reports.

To : A.D.S.T. Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

(6)
1. Attached herewith certificate covering the destruction
of food supplies listed in Analysis Reports attached to my letter
Ref: ST/4 Dated 19 Aug 1944.

2. This is in accordance with Appendix "E" Administration
Instructions No 3.

For M.M.I.A. L.O.
George C. GUTHRIE,
Captain, Infantry.

Basic + encls

to Q 27 Aug 44

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SUBJECT: - Analysis Report.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
HQ MMIA
ROME
AQ/2/17
8 August 1944

TO : - Liaison Officer, Bari, Italy.
Attn: Captain Guthrie.

1. We are returning herewith Analysis Reports covering food unfit for human consumption for corrections as follows:
 - a. The proforma used will not be written in Italian but will be written in English.
 - b. Quantities will be shown in net lbs and not in Kg.
2. Your prompt attention to the matter is requested.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

Copy S/T

AX 18 Aug
26 Aug

"S & T. MMIA.

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8 Aug
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DIREZIONE I C. M. S. M. S. M. S. MILITARE

Ufficio C. M. S. M. S. M. S. MILITARE

Via San Francesco D'Assisi, 6

Telefono 11074

BARI

N. 396/UCA

BARI, 11 10 luglio 1944

AL "M.M.I.A.L.O." 2° DISTRICT

B A R I

OGGETTO: Rapporto di analisi chimica.-

e, per conoscenza;

ALL'UFFICIO 1° SEZIONE

S E D E

In conformità alle disposizioni del paragrafo c) 2° capoverso delle Istruzioni Amministrative della "M.M.I.A.", si trasmette in quattro copie un rapporto di analisi chimica relativo ad una partita avariata di sardine salate, - per il seguito che essa comporta.-

IL CAPITANO COMMISSARIO CAPO UFFICIO

(Bettinardi A.)

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Subject:- Disposal of Unfit Food.

file
Army Sub Comm. ACC.
Main HQ. INDIA.
LACQUEL (LACQUEL)
ST/7/2.

INDIA. Sector 10. c/o HQ, 2 District.

4 July 44.

Copy to:- Diras. Gen. Commissariat, (Reference your 6702/3 of 3 July 44).
Italian War Ministry.

1. Italian War Ministry report there are 2 barrels of Sardines at the Bulk Depot BAMI which are unfit for human consumption.
2. Please arrange for an Analysis Commission to examine the Sardines.
3. Your attention is invited to SOP (INDIA Adm Bureau No.3) Appendix 'E' para 4.

DN/BC

"Q" - Major Rose

B.I. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission. ACC.

Ref
AN/552

Translation
War Ministry Ref 670215
To WWSA 51 3/17 Date July 3
Subject Damaged foodstuffs of Allied origin

There are 2 barrels of salted sardines
(total weight 5 quintals) at the Special Depot
at BARI which are unfit for consumption.

According to orders in force,
please designated Liaison officer
concerned, who is to preside over the
permanent Commission for examination
of the foodstuffs
apl 60 Pelligrà

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ST/77/5
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Rp

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 6702 di prot.

P. M. 107. II 3 luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: Derrate avariate di provenienza alleata.-

Damaged foodstuff of allied origin

ALA. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.G.

+Comando Principale-

LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE
(rif. 1/11316 del 24/6/44)

B A R I

Presso il Deposito Speciale di Bari sono giacenti due fusti per un peso complessivo di 5 gli. contenenti sarde salate, risultate incommestibili.-

Giusta disposizioni vigenti, si prega voler designare l'Ufficiale di Collegamento competente che dovrà presiedere la Commissione permanente per l'esame della derrata.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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