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TO MMIA HQ ROME

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ROUTINE

(ST/249)

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A. H. Hargis
Lt. Col.

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Subject: - Inspection Report - S & T units

2 BIJ,
GENOVA.
Tel: 52278
ST 2/2
7 Dec 45.

S.T.

2 COMILITER (attention GOC)

MMIA -
1 BIJ

1. Herewith copies of inspection reports on inspections recently carried out by S/Capt S & T, 1 BIJ of the following units:-

- (a) 2 Iner Mil Bakery - 4 dec 45
- (b) 3 GT Coy (Coy HQ, 2, 3 and part of 1 Pl)- 3 Dec 45

2. As 2 Iner Mil Bakery has only been in op for 2 days it is considered that the unit is in a fairly efficient state and that, with the improvements now in progress, it should soon reach a high standard.

3. The same cannot be said, however, for 3 GT Coy. It is evident that this is a thoroughly bad unit and that a great deal of its usefulness is being dissipated through slothful and inefficient management.

4. It is realized that the unit has only been under your comd for a short time and that up to now its supervision has not been your responsibility.

5. In the opinion of this HQ the most energetic action is now necessary on your part to bring this unit to a state of real efficiency. This is particularly in view of the difficulties now being experienced in obtaining adequate MT for essential purposes.

6. Please infm this HQ of what action you take in the matter.

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Major,
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Subject: Liaison Report (S & T No 10)

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S&T MMIA IO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Senior MMIA IO
N. Italy.
MILAN.

STG/26
16 Nov 45

To: HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME ✓

Copy to:- HQ MMIA (for S&T)
Senior MMIA IO N. Italy.

Herewith at appendix "A" Liaison Report for
week ending 17 Nov 45.

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S/Capt. RASO
S&T MMIA IO
N.W. Italy.

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Appendix "A"

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SUBJECT:- Robbery - 3 Food Depot - MILAN.

Land Forces Sub Comd. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

Ministry of War.

17 Nov 45.

Attached for information is copy of a report received from
MIIA ST Liaison Officer MILAN giving details of a robbery that took
place at 3 Distribution Depot MILAN.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comd. AC. (MIIA).
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SUBJECT :- Transport.

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15 Nov 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

ROME

Tel : Rome 489084 Ext 526

To :- D.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobili.

Ref this office signal ST/1110 of 25 August and confirming telephone conversation of 14 Nov Maj FICRE - Maj MILES.

1. It is reported that the car in use by the War Ministry supply representative M.W. ITALY is in poor condition and not suitable for the long journeys which this officer has to travel.
2. Will you please therefore arrange for the vehicle to be exchanged by No 3 Admin Tpt Coy for a more suitable one.

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WME
for Lt. Col. AIME.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

Copies to :- ST MMIA LO, M.W. ITALY.
MMIA LO MILAN.

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SUBJECT:- ST Liaison Report.

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

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MMIA LO ST MILAN.

15 Nov 45.

Reference contents of para 12 of your Liaison Report (ST No. 9).

1. The question of transferring a Roller Conveyor from BOLOGNA or another Depot to the Bulk Depot at MILAN is receiving the attention of the War Ministry.
 2. So far as para 13 is concerned the question of providing a replacement car for Major GE is being taken by this Branch with the War Ministry.
- see 58*

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Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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Subject:- Robbery at 3 Food Depot - Milan.

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ST.MMIA. LO. N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

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10 Nov 45

To:- ADST HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (2)
Senior MMIA. LO. N. ITALY MILAN (1)

Herewith details of robbery at the 3 Distribution
Depot Milan for information.

Shang Shuns
S/Capt. RASC.
ST.MMIA. LO.
N.W. ITALY.

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DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO
M I L A N

No. 2599/1^a

Milan, 6 November 1945

Subject:- Robbery at Food Depot - Milan.

To :- M.M.I.A. LO. GENOVA

You are informed that on the night 31 Oct/ 1 Nov a robbery took place at Food Depot Milan.

Robbery in question was effected in the premises at the ground-floor (corner Via Vincenzo Monti-Via Giorgio Pallavicino) used as Food Depot. Grating of window facing Via Pallavicino was found forced; from such grating a rectangle of cm.80x50 has been taken away following the cutting by means of shears of 4 iron bars 2 cm. thick; also the metal net after the grating has been cut.

The hole effected in the grating is about 2 meters high from the ground floor and through this hole were taken away sacks and cases. Foodstuffs stolen were the following:-

- Herrings, in tins - 49 cases containing 100 3 1/4 ozs.
tins each = Kgs. 450,800
- Toasted coffee beans - 22 bags " 665
- Ground coffee - 7 cases (30 lbs. each plus one tin
and a half) " 98,698
- Sugar - 41 boxes (25 lbs. each) " 464,325
- Pepper - 1 case (24 tins, 1 lb. each) plus 13 tins
1 1/2 lb. each " 16,996
- 4 cases (14 compo rations each) intended for Allied
Forces.
- 40 empty bags.

It is presumed that the pilferage has been effected by unknown persons after midnight of 31 Oct inasmuch as the Offr i/o of the Depot Lt. Longo Enrico after his usual inspection at 2130 hrs. and the closing of the street door of billet in Via Pallavicino, II at about 2400 hrs. remarked no abnormalities.

Since the door of the depot inside the Barracks was found intact, it has resulted from the investigation carried out by Lt. Longo with OC the Barracks Major Pacifico Giuseppe (Supply Corps) that the stolen items have been carried away through the hole effected from the outside and this in fact is evidenced by pieces of cases, tags and empty bags found in Via G. Pallavicini and on the meadow nearby where presumably the foodstuffs have been loaded on some vehicle.

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As soon as Lt. Longo had knowledge of the robbery he informed forthwith the OC the Besozzi Barracks and CC.RR. Station of Porta Magenta by telephone, and this Directorate.

After the investigation effected on the spot by a N.C.O. of the said CC.RR. Station and Major Catalisano Giuseppe of this Directorate, the Offr i/c of the Depot arranged to stop provisionally the hold and ordered that a N.C.O. and two soldiers sleep in the depot until repair works were finished and this in order to avoid other eventual pilferages.

Lt. Longo got in touch with the "Squadra Volante" of the Police and successively with the Squadra Mobile of the R. Questura of Milan and on the 2nd inst. disposed for the withdrawal from the Depot of the R. Questura of the following items which formed part of the robbery:-

- Sugar - 10 cases (25 lbs. each)	Kgs. 113,250
- Herrings, in tins - 10 cases (100 tins each)	" 92,500
- Toasted coffee beans - 13 bags (net weight)	" 372,500
- Ground coffee - 1 case (30 lbs. net weight)	" 13,590
- Pepper - 1 box containing 24 tins 1 lb. each	" 10,872

Above items, as reported by Dr. Grego commanding the Squadra Mobile of the R. Questura, have been requisitioned in a Depot located in Via Olmetto, 3 where they have been stored by a person up to now unknown.

To sum up, the following items have been lost:-

- Herrings	Kgs. 358,800 = Lbs. 792
- Toasted coffee beans	" 292,500 = " 645
- Ground coffee	" 85,108 = " 187
- Sugar in lumps	" 351,075 = " 775
- Pepper	" 6,124 = " 13
- 4 boxes compo rations for Allied troops (14 rations each)	
- 40 empty bags.	

Guards belonged to the 4 Coy 502 Terr.Guard Bn and were the following:-

- Caporale	Garabella Mario	
- Pt.	Vaghi	Pt. Giudice
- "	Veronese	" Giuliani
- "	Giuliano	" Zudas.

N.C.O. charged for the inspection of the guards was Sgt. Egiziano Amerigo who, from the results of the first investigation, absented himself without leave from 2330 hrs. of 31 Oct to 0800 hrs. of 1st inst. so rendering possible the robbery for the missing inspections outside the Barracks

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as laid down in the written orders.

Above Sgt. has been confined pending final responsibilities to his charge.

Night guard service has been now intensified with personnel ordered daily by OC Besozzi Barracks, Major Pacifico.

s/ Colonel Director

A. Grippo

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.9).

S&T MMIA LO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office
GENOA
STG/26
10 November 1945

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A., ROME ←

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (for S&T)
Senior MMIA LO North Italy

S.T.

Herewith S&T Liaison Report for weekending 10 Nov 45.

Appendix "A" : Supplies
Appendix "B" : Transport & P.O.L.

for S/Captain, RAS6
S&T MMIA LO.,
N.W. Italy

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Appendix "A"

S U P P L I E S

1. 2 BULK DEPOT - SUPPLIES

Move of Bulk Depot is proceeding according to this office Admin. Instruction No.1 with the following amendments:-

- (a) Due to a breakdown in rail communication between Genoa and Milan the movement programme will not be completed till 14 Nov.
- (b) 2 Distribution Depot will occupy the premises of 2 Bulk Depot on 15 Nov and will be ready to issue supplies on the 21st Nov.
- (c) I have cancelled para 2 of Administration. Stocks States will be forwarded to Commissariato Milan as at 20 Nov and forwarded to you through usual channels.
- (d) I hope to transfer the S&T Office from Genoa to Milan on 14th Nov 45.

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For the purpose of the move however Lt Col Pelizza, present OC 2 Bulk Depot, will be responsible for transfer of stocks and he will hand over to Lt Col Sessa in Milan.

3. TEMPORARY DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

The temporary Distribution Depot of Corso Giulio Cesare has functioned well; stocks will be cleared by 10th Nov and building handed back to O i/c Workshop 765 Coy RASC (Gen. Tp) who has shown great co-operation. He uses the building for workshop inspections and evacuated them to accommodate us.

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5. PIACENZA DEPOT

(a) This depot is functioning very well and is a model depot. The engineer work to billets and cookhouse etc could be hastened and would appreciate if you would take up with War Ministry.

(b) Due to the recent flooding traffic across river PO was impossible in certain areas. I gave authority for units, approximately in the triangle PAVIA - CREMA - CREMONA to draw from Milan for period 6-20 Nov.

6. US-IMI's & BR-IMI's

Commissariato Genoa advised this office that a signal had been received from War Ministry to the effect that all US-IMI's and BR-IMI's would draw from Allied Depots. Can you advise further please. No action has been taken.

7. SUPPLY CONFERENCE AT WAR MINISTRY

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9. RETURNS

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10. MILK ROUND DELIVERIES

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12. REFERENCE PARA 1 (d) OF LIAISON REPORT LO 8

This suggestion was put forward for all Bulk Depots to be equipped, if possible, with Roller Conveyors. The present idea is to have civilian labourers and when unloading a railway wagon it is one man to one carton. If Bulk Depots were equipped with sufficient conveyors and stands it would eliminate civilian labourers from the depots, make less handling and a quicker turn-around of rail wagons and vehicles.

44-38861-1000
The car allotted to this officer is very unreliable mechanically and requires new tyres. Considering the distances involved in his Liaison duties it is requested that Ministry of War be asked to provide a replacement.

B.L.R. certificate for Standard has been forwarded to Rome and a replacement is urgently required. See this office letter GEN/2/D dated 6 Nov 45.

15. Major Ge visited this office on 8 Nov 45 to co-ordinate outstanding work.

Appendix "B"

TRANSPORT & P.O.L.

1. TRANSPORT - 3 G.T. COY

(a) The British CSM & Sgt from a redundant Italian Guard Bn training increment have made some progress during the past week. Hygiene and interior economy have improved under their guidance. A weekly report will be rendered by the CSM and a copy will be forwarded to you.

(b) The state of the Coy as at 10 Nov 45 is as follows:-

W.E.	132
Strength	128
V.O.R.	17
Leghorn Detach.	33
Naples "	31
Available for }	
Detail	35

(c) Copy of inspection report by S&T 56 BU forwarded to you under reference STG/11 dated 8 Nov 45.

2. P.O.L.

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3. P.O.L. for MOVEMENT of AMMUNITION

There are 2 Forts in Genoa area containing Italian ammunition and another 7 which contain Italian and German Ammunition.

Discussions are taking place between MMIA IO Genoa (Major Newton), Regional Commissioner A.M.G. and I.O.O. 2 District for the movement of this ammunition to safer areas. Since the Territorial HQ. ceased using military vehicles for this purpose they have been employing a limited number of hired civilian vehicles. It is now desired to speed up the movement and it has been proposed to use military vehicles, but I have informed Major Newton that no P.O.L. is available under the Nov allotment for any large scale programme. The estimated amount of P.O.L. required to move all

the ammunition is 15,000 galls. See this office letter reference STG/101 dated 8 Nov 45 addressed to 2 Territorial Command, copy to you, which refers. If that scheme is agreed by Territorial HQ. and you, it will produce 4,000 galls, which together with the use of A.M.G. controlled civilian transport plus Territorial Command hired transport may be sufficient to complete the movement.

No military vehicles will be used for the movement of ammunition without prior authority from you.

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Subject:- Lieison Report (S&T No.8).-

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S&T MILIA IO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office,
GENOA

STG/26

3 November 1945

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME. - (1 copy)

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (for S&T)

Senior MILIA IO North Italy.

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DAOS

1. SUPPLIES

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2. TRANSPORT & P.O.I.

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3. GENERAL

Capt Cotton will be proceeding on 14 days Compassionate Leave on 4 Nov. Major Ge and SQMS Laing have been put fully into the picture and will continue to look after SAT matters.-

-S & T, MMIA.

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Major Ge's movements next week are as under:-

MILAN:	5, 10, 11 November
GENOA:	6, 7 November
PLACENZA:	8 November

SQMS Laing will proceed to establish S&T LO N.W. Italy
office in Milan on 7 Nov.-

[Signature]
S/Captain, RASC.,
S&T MMIA LO.,
N.W. Italy

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SUBJECT:- Bulk and Distribution Depots - GENOA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).
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Ministry of War.

17 Nov 45.

Attached for your information is copy of MHLA Liaison Officer's report of the flooding of Genoa Distribution Depot.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MHLA).

Capt Stuart Dyke.

Have we any idea of number of rations involved? Has consideration been given to this loss in stock statement recently given to now?

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Subject: Bulk and Distribution Depots, Genoa.

S&T MILITARY CO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office,
GENOA

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31 October 1945

To: HQ. N.M.I.A. (for S&T).

DISTRIBUTION DEPOT.

1. At approx 1630 hours 29 October, Commissariato Genoa informed this office that the river POLOVERA which runs alongside the Distribution Depot Genoa had burst its banks and smashed the wall surrounding the depot; the depot was flooded to a depth of approx 8 ft, the heavy rains commenced at approx 1930 hours 28 October and continued until 1400 hours 30 Oct. -

2. Capt Cotton endeavoured to reach the depot using all routes leading there-to, but the routes were either closed by landslides or the depth of water was such that it was impossible to get a vehicle through.

3. The Commissariato Genoa in the meantime managed to get a detachment of the Civilian Fire Brigade and some Army Engineers to the depot in an attempt to carry out salvage work, but this had to be abandoned in view of rising water and mud.

4. At 0030 hours 30 October Capt Cotton accompanied by Colonel Gagliardi (Comm. Genoa) and SQMS Laing visited the depot which was found under approx three feet of mud and water, and to enter the depot it was necessary to climb in over roof tops and down ladders; the road leading into the depot still being under water.

5. All store rooms were visited and it was found that the majority of stacks had collapsed through the force of water, and the contents were lying in three feet of ~~1824~~ ¹⁸²⁴ The only stacks remaining standing were flour; the water had risen to a height of nine sacks. The opinion of this office is that the majority of cased commodities and approx 33 1/3 % of the sacked items will be salvaged.

6. As soon as the entrance and yard of the depot has been cleared of mud...

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6. As soon as the entrance and yard of the depot has been cleared of mud, vehicles will transport the salvaged commodities to the Maggiasini Generali and for their purpose SQMS Laing is representing this office. This work will proceed as and when weather condition permit.-
7. In view of the outside wall of the Distribution Depot being damaged the guard posts have been strengthened.-

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1. Program to Hq 20 July 94
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for action 20 July 94

BULK DEPOT.--

1. The only damage to the Bulk Depot was that the roof (approx 5 square feet) blew off but the personnel covered all threatened commodities with tarpaulins and built channels with saw dust. Negligible damage was caused due to the efforts of the depot staff. At the time of visit 1030 hours 30 Oct the roof was being repaired.--

2. Due to this storm, the already dilapidated billets of depot personnel are uninhabitable; steps must be taken by the Ministry of War to speed up provision of better accommodation.

GENERAL.--

1. Detailed lists of stock lost through the storm will be notified as soon as possible but it is pointed out that salvage work is going to be extremely difficult.

2. In view of the fact that it will not be possible to use the Distribution Depot for issues on the 6th Nov, it is hoped to procure a part of Sturla Barracks for a short period, and when 2 Bulk Depot moves to Milan it is suggested that the Distribution Depot moves to the former's location.

3. Details regarding move of Bulk Depot, stocks, etc. will be forwarded as soon as prepared.--

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S/Captain, RASC.,
SMT MMIA IO.,
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Subject: LIAISON REPORT (S & T No. 7)

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BT.MMA.LO. N.W.ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

G.M./13/G(SD)

27 Sept 1945

To: HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME (4)

one copy to 7

1. SUPPLIES

(a) Owing to Major Ge's vehicle being VOR it was not possible for him to visit Ancona. It is hoped that he will be able to go towards the end of next week.

(b) The Supply Conference originally to be held on the 31st Oct has been postponed until 14 Nov due to next week being the formation anniversary of the Comm. branch and "Festa" are taking place and with Major Ge pending visit to Ancona it is thought that it would be better to have the conference on his return.

(c) Engineer works required at Piacenza has not yet started. Engineers have required submittance of contracts from Civilian Firms.

(d) Bulk Depot Genoa inspected. Wagons ex Ancona unserviceable; Supplies not being stacked properly; this has been taken up with Comm. Ancona. Compo Packs were received ex Ancona in lieu of Flour. Referred to 13 GRASS(S.V.).

2. TRANSPORT

(a) Local difficulties regarding P.O.L. ex C.I.F. now adjusted. Mainly due to movement of Combat Troops from Genoa Command to Turin Command.

(b) Commands again informed of the proper procedure regarding the handling of inefficient vehicles.

(c) An improvement in the standard of vehicle maintenance of 3 GT Coy is noticed.

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24 Oct 45

Ammunition Lift - GENOA.

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1. ST LO GENOA reported on 19 Oct that Genoa Territorial Comd have used 80% of their monthly POW allotment in the first 18 days of the month because of large lift of ammunition from Ports in GENOA town to dumps outside.
2. This ammunition is of Italian and German origin and Ord Offr 2 Dist has classified it is dangerous as three explosions have occurred recently.
3. It is understood from ST LO GENOA that authority to use vehicles for move of ammunition was given by

Territorial Hq	to Territorial Adm Coy vehs
ST LO GENOA	" 3 C.T. Coy vehs
2 District	" vehs under British control.
4. In view of the grave petrol shortage I instructed ST LO to stop this ammunition lift by Italian vehicles.
5. ST LO states that there is still approx 5,000 tons to be moved.
6. Will you please say if you agree with action taken in para 4 above as I am unaware of any instructions having gone out from MEIA for the use of Italian vehicles for this ammunition clearance.

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Lt. Col.
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Subject: - Liaison Report (Sat No. 5)

ST. MIA. IO. N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

GEN/13/G (SD)

20 Oct 1945

To: - HQ. M.E.I.A. ROME (4) *one copy forwarded to T*

1. SUPPLIES

(a) Normal Maintenance being carried out. Supplies ex 13 CRASC (Sup. Units) continue to arrive in a broken condition due to bad loading at the point of acceptance. Major Ge will be visiting Ancona early next week.

(b) Second Supply Conference was held on the 16th Oct and minutes have been forwarded to HQ.

(c) The new Depot at Piacenza was visited on the 18th Oct is being properly laid out and will be ready for issues on the 21st. Oct.

(d) Agreement has been reached between OC RASC Genoa Garrison regarding the use of ovens (ex Genoa Military Bakery) in the bakery at present being used by British 12 Fd Bakery.

2. TRANSPORT & P.O.L.

(a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced by Mantova Group in obtaining Lubricant from CIP. Piacenza none available. Genoa only received 35% of their requirements. (This confirm verbal message to ADST 19 Oct).

(b) Owing to the movement of dangerous Italian Ammunition on a large scale from Genoa City, the Territorial Command used 80% of its entitlement in 18 days, and it was suggested that if they were to remain mobile the remaining 20% would have to be strictly rationed. It is pointed out that if Ammunition is to be cleared a large allotment of POL will have to be given to this Command. At the moment the movement of Ammunition has ceased owing to ~~1820~~ shortage of Petrol (Confirm verbal message to ADST 19 Oct.).

(c) At a conference with the Territorial Command it was suggested by them that as 3 GT Coy was under command of Mantova...

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(c) At a conference with the Territorial Command it was suggested by them that as 3 GT Coy was under command of Mantova Group for Administration and discipline the Group should draw the company's allotment of POL; much greater control of POL could then be exercised. This office is in agreement with the Territorial Command. Can this be arranged please?

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S/Capt. RASC. *Alam*
ST. MILA. IO.
N.W. ITALY.

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Senior MILIA. IO. N.W. ITALY MILAN
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-S & T. MMIA.

Recd 23 Oct

File ST 1 *249*

SUBJECT: Observations - Italian Army Food Depots
Northwest Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm, LG.
(A.L.I.I.).
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Ministry of War.

20 Oct 45.

Copy to: MILA LO (ST) N.W. ITALY c/o 60 SUB AREA
" " " N.E. ITALY c/o 86 AREA (for information)
" " " N.W. ITALY MILAN (for information)
" " " TURIN (for information)

1. In inspection was made of Italian Army Food Depots in Northwest Italy on 10 - 11 - 12 Oct by Major K.R. NELSON, this HQ, and observations appear below:

NORTHWEST (ITALY) SECTOR

I. TURIN Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 1430 hrs, 10 Oct 45.

4. Directorate, Commissariato: Col. VIOLENTI - Director
Maj. CAPEUCCIO - Head, 1st Section.

B. No. 1 Food Distribution Depot, TURIN.

1. O/C - S/Ten. BONILLI.

Appeared efficient and competent. Unmilitary bearing.

2. Accommodation: Adequate space within area for requirements. Construction in progress for additional space. Negotiations being made for storage space for forage opposite depot. Space at present occupied by Supply and Tpt Co CHERMONA Div.

3. Plan of Depot: Excellent. Stacks orderly and stack cards up to date. Lack of individual covered compartments for detail issues of broken cases/sacks/tins. Exposure in open of opened tins of cheese, coffee, dried vegetables, etc to be corrected by use of improvised covered compartments.

4. Stock Position.

Adequate supplies. Large amount of surrogate being issued and despatched to other depots in Sector. Replenishment of supplies being received ex GENOVA and ANCONA.

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Copy to: MILA LO (ST) N.W. IMIA c/o 60 SUB AREA
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 Maj. CAFFUCCIO - Head, 1st Section.

B. No. 1 Food Distribution Depot, TURIN.

1. O/C - S/Ten. BOMILI.

Appeared efficient and competent. Unmilitary bearing.

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5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. Bread/Pasta Making. Civil contracts satisfactory.

7. Living Conditions for Personnel.

Fair. Improvements could be made to provide recreation facilities for depot personnel.

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8. General.

Depot in excellent condition, with exception of remarks listed above. Director and Head 1st Section accompanied Inspecting Officer. Maj. CAPPUCCIO appears to be a very competent and alert administrator. Adequate guards available to depot from the Territorial Guard Co.

II. GENOA Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 0930 hrs, 11 Oct 45.

A. Directorate Commissariato: Col. GIULIANI - Director
Lt.Col. ROTTURA - Head 1st Section

B. No. 2 Bulk Food Depot, GENOA.

1. O/C - Lt.Col. FELLIZZA

Appeared efficient. Complained lack of officer assistants.

2. Accommodations:

Adequate space in buildings occupied, using additional space of another warehouse for flour. Rail served.

3. Plan of Depot.

Good. Stacks orderly and stock cords up to date. Depot organized well for average movement of stock.

4. Stock Position.

Adequate reserve being held. Replenishment stocks being received ex GENOA during period.

5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. Living Conditions of Personnel.

Very unsatisfactory. Crowded and insanitary quarters. Much improvement desired. No recreation facilities available.

7. General.

Depot supervision satisfactory. ¹⁸¹⁸Subsidiary flour depot properly safeguarded. Head 1st Section Commissariato accompanied officer to all GENOA installations.

C. No. 2 Food Distribution Depot, GENOA CORNICIANO.

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II. GENOA Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 0930 hrs, 11 Oct 45.

A. Directorate Commissariato : Col. CHULIANI - Director
Lt.Col. ROTTURA - Head 1st Section

B. No. 2 Bulk Food Depot, GENOA.

1. O/C - Lt.Col. FELIZZA

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3. Plan of Depot.

Good. Stacks orderly and stock cards up to date. Depot organized well for average movement of stock.

4. Stock Position.

Adequate reserve being held. Replenishment stocks being received ex ALGERIA during period.

5. Accounting. Satisfactory.

6. Living Conditions of Personnel.

Very unsatisfactory. Crowded and insanitary quarters. Much improvement desired. No recreation facilities available.

7. General.

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Depot supervision satisfactory. Subsidiary flour depot properly safeguarded. Head 1st Section Commissariato accompanied officer to all GENOA installations.

C. No. 2 Food Distribution Depot, GENOA COCCIGLIANO.

1. O/C - Capt. ZANELLO

Appearance and atmosphere of depot indicated that this officer is efficient and conscientious.

2. Accommodations.

Adequate space. Damaged portion of buildings should be repaired thereby providing more space.

3. Plan of Depot.

Good. Stacks in orderly condition. Distribution points decentralized and commodities issued posted.

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4. Stock Position.

Adequate. Replenishment by road transport ex Bulk Depot. Certain amount of ex-German foodstuffs awaiting instructions from Ministry of War for distribution.

5. Accounting.

Books are up to date. O.C. has improvised a consolidated commodity account for easier reference.

6. Living Conditions of Personnel.

Good. No recreation facilities appeared to be available. With engineer assistance showers could be repaired for use by men.

7. General.

MAIL (ST) IO reported that this officer has worked very diligently to establish depot on firm footing. It is highly desirable that Capt. ZANELLO be retained as O.C.

Directional signs to depot seen along route. Guard has been augmented to meet any future raids by thieves.

D. No. 2 Military Bakery, GENOA.

1. O/C - S/Ten. LIGUORI.

2. Accommodations.

Located in a requisitioned civil bakery. Baking facilities adequate for GENOA requirements. Bakery located too far from Food Distribution Depot. Contact will be made by I.O. and Director Commissariato with British Bakery now occupying Italian Army Bakery, adjacent to Food Depot, for joint use.

3. Capacity of Bakery.

Very limited flour storage space available. Ovens can produce 7,000 rations daily. At present 4000 - 4500 rations being baked.

4. General.

Bakers are civilian with soldier supervisors.

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4. General.

Bakers are civilian with soldier supervisors.

III. MILAN Territorial Command: Time/Date Inspection: 1430 hrs 12 Oct 45.

4. Directorate Commissariato : Col. GRIPPO - Director
Maj. CAMMILLISANO - Head 1st Section.
Director Commissariato reported that he desired 25 officers for duties of his office. At present he has 15.

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B. No. 3 Food Distribution Depot, MILAN.

1. O/C - Lt. LONGO.

2. Accommodations.

Adequate rooms available of Italian barracks (Caserma BESOZZI) for stock. Centrally located.

3. Plan of Depot.

Well organized with decentralised system for distribution of commodities. Stocks are very orderly and neat. Stack cards up to date. Individual bins for broken tins of cheese, coffee, etc.

4. Stock Position.

Well stocked. Supplies received on GENOA. Reserve being held in Magazzino Generale (MILAN) as a potential Bulk Food Depot N.Y. ITALY.

5. Accounting.

Satisfactory.

6. General.

Depot appeared to be well organized and supervised. O.C. had procured some salvaged canvas cloth with which jackets had been made for food issuers. The Depot Commander was commended for his initiative and imagination. Director and Head of 1st Section accompanied inspecting officer.

C. No. 3 Military Bakery, MILAN.

1. O/C - Major PACHECO

2. Accommodations.

Located in Caserma BESOZZI with Food Distribution Depot. 1816 Using pre-war Italian Army bakery. All facilities of plant are operative. Conditions are ideal.

3. Capacity of Bakery.

60,000 rations daily. At present approximately 6,000 rations being baked. All facilities are available for mechanical sifting and cleaning flour. Large flour storage capacity in upper floors of bakery.

3. Plan of Depot.
Well organized with decentralized system for distribution of commodities. Stocks are very orderly and neat. Stack cards up to date. Individual bins for broken tins of cheese, coffee, etc.

4. Stock Position.
Well stocked. Supplies received ex GENOA. Reserve being held in Magazzino Generale (MILAN) as a potential bulk food depot N.W. ITALY.

5. Accounting. Satisfactory.

6. General.
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C. No. 5 Military Bakery, MILAN.

1. O/C - Major PACINOTTI

2. Accommodations.

Located in Caserma DESOZZI with Food Distribution Depot. 1816 Using pre-war Italian Army bakery. All facilities of plant are operative. Conditions are ideal.

3. Capacity of Bakery.

60,000 rations daily. It present approximately 6,000 rations being baked. All facilities are available for mechanical sifting and cleaning flour. Large flour storage capacity in upper floors of bakery.

4. Accounting. Satisfactory.

5. General.

Bakery was in excellent condition. O.C. appeared to be very able and efficient.

D. No. 5 Supply Company, MILAN.

1. O/C - Capt. D'IPPOLITO

2. Accommodations.

Troops located third floor of Caserma DESOZZI. Adequate

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space. Latrine was smelly - need for creosol. Kitchen was clean.

3. General.

No recreation facilities available for troops.

2. The Northwest Sector was, as a whole, in very good condition. The work of Major GE as M/W IO N.W. ITALY is considered excellent and productive. It is believed that if the MILA IO were taken from the sector Major GE could carry on very well. The new site for No. 75 Food Distribution Depot at PIACENZA on Via Indila, Mellino Degli Orti ex 3 Autocentro was inspected. Major GE was ably supervising and coordinated move. The new site for the Depot, after minor repairs, will be very good and well located.

3. The potential Bulk Food Depot at MILAN is ready for occupation. The Director of the Territorial Commissariato MILAN was advised that no definite policy had been established as yet; however, that an early decision was expected and that premises should be occupied for the present. The capacity of the site is approx 4,000 tons, rail served, facilities for off-loading and loading rail cars (40 per day), and elevators operative.

K. Robert Helmer Major

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MIL).

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K. Robert Helman Major
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ADST, Land Forces Sub:Comm. AC. (MILIA).

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.5)-

S&T MILIA IO., N.W ITALY
c/o Signal Office,
GENOA

GEN/13/SD
15 October 1945

To:- HQ. MILIA, ROME.

1. SUPPLIES.

(a) During the week a visit was paid to this area by the DADS (Major Nelson) and depots an under were visited:

10th - TURIN - Distribution Depot
11th - GENOA - Bulk Depot, Distr. Depot, Bakery
12th - PIACENZA - New Depot
13th - MILAN - Distribution Depot, Bakery

Various points were brought out and are being passed to the respective Commissariates at the Supply conference in Genoa on the 16 Oct 1945.+

(b) During the period 8th - 15th, the following despatches ex Ancona have been notified:

GENOA 447 TONS - MILAN 69 TONS

(c) The transfer of 75 Food Depot from Alessandria to Piacenza commenced on the 13th Oct, and the Depot at Piacenza will make its first issue on the 21st Oct '45.

2. TRANSPORT.

Visit was paid to 1 CTA Turin on the 10th Oct; a separate report has been forwarded to HQ.

3. GENERAL.

SQM3 Laing arrived in Genoa from Rome on the 14th Oct.

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3. GENERAL.

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S. Captain, RASC.,
SAT MILA IC.,
N.W. ITALY

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SUBJECT:- Report on N.W. ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
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Ministry of War.

15 Oct 45.

The following extracts from a report made by MMIA LO (ST) N.W. ITALY, are forwarded for your information and action as necessary.

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15 Oct 45

Incident in N.W. ITALY.

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Mr.
Lt. Col.
A.D.S. 1812

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Episode number two is the following.

In an industrial factory at Sampierdarena the small garrison billeted there goes through daily drills (not trifling military drills) but canorous drills.

The invariable tune is the song "Giovinezza".

The workers of the factory hear and

We could say that they hear and are stung if this last word were not melodramatic.

Anyway, as a matter of fact, they could oppose a phonetical contradictory by singing the old and glorious "Hymn of the Labourers". This could eventually divert their attention from the duty of the necessary reconstruction.

Two episodes and two forebodings.

The Royal Navy represented by the W.O. of the "S. Giorgio" and the none the less Royal Army represented by the military songsters under command of Maj. Vincentelli appear to be visibly bound by a common bond.

The W.O. by spitting, the soldiers of the "transport Unit" by singing the refrains of the gallant fascist hymn express the very same reactionary feeling. May be without being aware; but facts remain as such.

And Furthermore we can imagine (behind all this) the remote inspirors who can be traced up in the very smart figure of "Vita di Vespa".

*Pass copy together with Press cutting to I Branch
stating brief which we have on this subject*

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Subject: LIASON REPORT (SAT No. 4)

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ST. MILA. I.O. N.W. ITALY
60 Sub Area
C.M.F.

GEN/13/G(SD)

9 Oct 1945

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To: HQ. MILA ROME

Copy to: MILIA (for SAT)

Senior I.O. (N.W. ITALY)

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(a) The co-ordinating conference referred to in L.R. No. 3 was duly held and a separate report has been submitted to HQ.

(b) During the period 30th Sept-7th Oct the following despatches have been notified *etc*

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S & T. M.M.M.

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60 Sub Area required what action has been taken against these soldiers; this will be passed to you as soon as received.

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3. GENERAL

(a) Owing to both staff cars being in workshop the whole of the week, and it being impossible to obtain any transport whatsoever, this office has been "immobile" most of the week. If SET L.O. is to be highly mobile a reliable vehicle must be issued in lieu of the cars at present here. Local RASC W/Shop agree that the vehicles are unreliable but say they do not warrant a RMR certificate. The past fortnight have brought numerous punctures and mechanical breakdown requiring RMR assistance.

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St. Maria
S/Capt. RASC.
ST. MARIA. IO.
N. W. ITALY.

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EXTRACT FROM THE "IL LAVORO NUOVO" OF 6 OCTOBER 1945

" S P I T T L E A N D S O N G S "

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..... Story number two consists in the following:

" In the Industrial Factory at Sampierdarena the small Garrison of soldiers living there are giving every day some exhibitions, not in spitting training as per story No.1, but in singing training which is about the same: Tune unchangeable - GIOVINEZZA SONG -

Labours working in the Factory are listening and We would say that they listen to them chafing at it if according to the "verb" it wouldn't be too much melodramatic. (1) The thing is, however, that they could suddenly cause a conflicting phonetic with the old and glorious "Anthem of Labours", which possibly would divert their attention from the duty of the essential reconstructing program.

Two stories and two symptoms: the Royal Navy represented by the Maresciallo (W.O.) of the S. GIORGIO and the Royal Army represented by the singing-soldiers under Major Vincitelli's command appear to be tied up each other by a common bond.

The Maresciallo through the "spittle" and the soldiers through the "refrains" of the bold fascist song are expressing the same reactionary feeling. May be unawares but the fact still stand.

- (1) The verbs "Ascoltare (to listen) and Fremere (to chafe at) are used together in dramas.

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Report (S & T No. 3).

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

MMIA LO (ST) N.W. ITALY c/o 60 Sub Area.

8 Oct 45.

1. Suggested letter of commendation for Commanding Officer, 579 Guard Bn for work in connection with guard duty of depot should be written by you, with copy to this Hq.

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

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TRANSLATION

Attempted pillage in CORNIGLIANO Food Depot

The numerous gang was dispersed by Carabinieri after
an intensive musketry-fire

About midnight of the 26th Sept 45 intensive musketry-fire
was heard in the vicinity of CORNIGLIANO bridge, where the Food
Depot is located.

For the third time in a short period, a gang of armed
unknown people - this time more numerous and determined than before -
approached the Depot trying to enter and pillage it.

The Military Guard fired at the aggressors who returned the
fire; after a few minutes Carabinieri, who had been advised by phone,
arrived from SESTRI, so that the gang had to leave rapidly across the
sandy ground of the Polcevera river.

It appeared that some of the gangsters were wounded.

The grave fact had been gravely commented on by the local
population who, even after the end of the war cannot ~~leave~~ live in peace.

*Translation of
Newspaper Clipping*

Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No. 3).-

S&T MMIA LO., N.W. ITALY,
60 Sub Area,
C.M.F.

GEN/13/SD
29 September 1945

To:- M.M.I.A., ROME (4 copies).

1. Supplies.-

a. General

(i) During the week notification has been received that the under mentioned tonnage (gross) has been despatched ex 13 CRASC (Supply Unit) on account of Maintenance 21 Sept - 5 Oct.-:

GENOA 360
MILAN 123

TURIN 47
ALESSANDRIA 33

(ii) Commencing Monday 1st Oct the first of the co-ordinating conference is being held in Milan, this office STG/14 dated 25 Sept refers.

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b. Visits and Inspections.-

(i) During the week visits have been paid to the Genoa Bulk Depot, Distribution Depot and Bakery accompanied by Major Ge; various points were brought out.

(ii) Major Ge visited the Turin Installation and will be rendering a separate report; in this connection additional premises have been found and are being put in order by the Engineers.

S & T. MMIA.

Recd 1 Oct

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(iii) The following depots were inspected during the week by Capt Cotton; separate reports have been rendered: Genoa Bulk Depot, Milan Distribution Depot.

2. Transport.-

a. A visit to 3 G.T. Coy showed a certain amount of improvement. The OC Coy is visiting his platoon at Leghorn and Naples, and as he has many points for discussion he hopes to call on the ADST about the 2nd Oct.

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c. Attached is a statement from 200 Prov. Coy Rome. I have requested the SID to make enquiries in view of the fact that the vehicle was not authorized to make a journey from Genoa to Rome neither was it necessary for flour to be transported between these places.

/bhm
S/Captain, RASC.,
S&T MMIA LO.,
N.W. Italy

Copy: Senior EO (NW Italy)
MMIA for S&T
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Appendix 1.--

Attempted raid on 2 Distribution Depot Genoa

At approx 2315 hours on the 25th Sept, some unknown civilians armed with automatic weapons attacked the sentries. The attack came from the shore of the river and the rubble and banks formed excellent cover for the attacking party.

The guard from 519 Guard Bn., consisting of 1 officer and 35 ORs assisted by Depot personnel searched the immediate area and arrested 8 civilians who were released after questioning by the Military Police. The Depot informed the Territorial Command, CC.RR. and 519 Guard Battalion and reinforcement were despatched but the attackers withdrew and got away.

The opinion is that these attacks are not designed in order to obtain foodstuffs but in order to test the re-action of the Italian Guards.

R E P O R T

To:- THE OFFICER COMMANDING
200 PROTEST COMPANY,
C.M. POLICE.

Sir, I have to report that at ROME on the 23rd September 1945, at about 2045 hrs, I was on duty in Via SPALLERIA, accompanied by I/Cpl. S. GRAYSON - C.M. POLICE, where I saw a 3 ton Truck standing unattended at the side of the road. Upon examination I found it to be a DODGE No. I.5689281 and that it had been immobilised. At this moment an Italian soldier appeared and I asked him if he was the driver of the vehicle, to which he replied, "No." I then asked him if he knew the driver and he replied, "Yes I will get him."

A few minutes later another Italian soldier appeared and said he was the driver. I pointed out the offence to him and asked him if he was in possession of an AF G3518, whereupon he produced one which was quite in order for a journey from GENOA to ROME.

I then examined the rear of the vehicle and found it to contain 30 sacks of flour.

The particulars of the driver were then obtained verbally and checked from his Identity Card as follows:-

Sold. BRUNO GIOVANNI,
2nd PLATONE, 3rd REPARTO TRASPORTI,
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Serg. MAGG. PARISI GIUSEPPE,
of the same unit.

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There is nothing further to report.

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ROME
23rd September 1945

W. Load
Cpl.,
200 Trovost Company.
(D.S. TODD).

Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No. 3).

S&T NEMIA IO., N.W. ITALY,
60 Sub Area,
G.M.P.

GEN/13/SD
29 September 1945

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S/Captain, RASC.,
S&T MMIA IO.,
N.W. Italy

Copy: Senior LC (NW Italy)
MMIA for S&T
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M.M.I.A.
To:- HQ. ROME (for S&T)

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOT

Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
2 Bulk Food Depot, Genoa	29 Sept 1945	Bulk	Capt A. Cotton, RASC

(a) Maintenance of Stock position.

Reserves as per ST/191 dated 6 Sept now being received ex 13 CRASC

(b) Physical Marshalling position.

Cleanliness and running of Depot: Good.- More dunnage required for sacked commodities - Same being obtained ex Milan.

(c) Accounting position.

Cheese and Salmon checked; Tally board and Ground Stock agree but on checking with commodity account found to disagree; adjustments made and OC Depot instructed on accounting procedure.

(d) General.- Billets (lean to shed) and Cookhouse: Good - Steps should be taken to provide some form of heating in the billet before the winter arrives.

DATE: 29 Sept 45

Signature of Inspecting Officer

Capt, RASC

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TO VIQ. MMIA (for S&T)

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS BUREAU
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, S.S. (P.S.I. or Private)	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
Distribution Depot, Milan	24 Sept 1945	Distribution	Capt A. Cotton, RASC <i>Noted 26/10</i>

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

Maintenance up to 5 Nov practically completed; the following yet to be despatched: Cheese 15366 lbs, Tinned Fish 50000 lbs

(b) Physical Purchasing Position.

Much improved since Inspection report of 18th Aug 45

(c) Accounting Position.

Satisfactory

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DATE: 25 Sept 45

Signature of Inspecting
Officer
Rank

[Signature]
Capt A. Cotton
RASC

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.2)

c/o 60 Sub Area
C.M.F.

GEN/13/SD
25 September 1945

To:- M.M.I.A., Rome (4 copies).

One copy sent to T-289

1. Supplies.

a. General.

(i) During the week ending 23rd September supplies have been distributed to all Distribution Depots ex 42 B.S.D. and the program laid down in ST/191 dated 6 September, para 1A is complete with the exception of certain items which are being despatched ex Ancona.

(ii) Flour ex Naples referred to in teleprint ST/989 dated 5 September has all arrived with exception of that for Alessandria, this is being checked with IO Naples.

b. Visits and Inspections.

(i) Inspection of Alessandria Distribution Depot was carried out on the 19th Sept; please see separate report forwarded 20th Sept.

(ii) Visit was paid to Milan on the 21st Sept when a discussion was held with Major Ge (Italian "S" Representative N.W. Italy); it was decided that he would return to Genoa with Capt Cotton on the 24th Sept.

(iii) A short visit was paid to Distribution Depot Milan and an improvement since my last visit was noticed.

2. Transport.

A visit was paid to 3 G.T. Coy- complete "chaos".

X. What does he mean by this?

S & T. M.M.A.

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Recd 28 Sept

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3. General.-

CSM Tudor has been called to Rome for release and will be leaving for Rome on the 25th Sept.

W.H.M.
S/Captain, RASC.
S&T MMIA IO,
N.W. Italy

Copy to:- IO N.W. Italy (1)
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*Capt Cotton stated
Depot had - o/c doing
best with difficult mt.
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"APPENDIX 1"

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MMIA 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
75 Deposito Distribuzione Viveri, Alessandria	19 Sept 1945	Distribution Depot	CSM Tudor, Rasc (Capt Cotton sick)

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

No reserves held at present

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*MM. agree this is
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(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Cleanliness of Depot leaves much to be desired. - No Guard and Fire Orders displayed in Depot. Owing to the smallness of the Depot it is not certain that Supplies are "turned over" regularly.

(c) Accounting Position. - Stacks cards on commodities but not up to date. Spot check "Tomatoe Paste". Tally cards after being up to date agree with Stock account - 1149,690 kilos.

(d) General Transport for Supplies from railhead to Depot is by horse & carts, too slow. Steps should be taken to provide M/T; Being taken up with Territorial Command; Billets unsatisfactory. Whole depot could do with a clean out and a spot of white-wash.

DATE: 20 Sept 45

Signature of
Countersignature

Signature of
Officer
Rank

CSM
Tudor, Rasc

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Subject:- Liaison Report (S&T No.1)

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c/o 60 SUB AREA
C.M.F.

GG(SD)13b
17 September 1945

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To:- HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME.

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DADS KRN 20/9
DADT own copy.

1. Supplies.

a. Visits and Inspections.

(i) Visits were paid on the 10th September, accompanied by the ADST, to Distribution Depots at Alessandria and Milan.

(ii) Alessandria Depot is most unsatisfactory as such, but it is understood that other premises have been found but the Engineer work required to make them habitable is likely to take up to two months.

(iii) It has been suggested that Alessandria be closed and Piacenza be opened up, this would solve the problem referred to in para (ii) in addition would help to relieve the strain on Milan Distribution Depot which at the moment is handling 50% of the Feeding Strength of N.W. Italy. Capt Cotton carried out a Recce of Piacenza on the 15th September but found that all suitable accommodation had been taken by 10 Indian Division who are establishing their Hq. in addition to all their Maintenance Dumps in this Area. If any accommodation is requested in this town the matter will have to be taken up with higher authority.

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release

(iv) On visiting Turin Distribution Depot on the 11th September it can be confirmed that the capacity of this Depot is approx 500,000 rations.

(v) Inspection of 2 Panificio Militare carried out on 14th September; please see separate report despatched to you on that date.

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b. General.

(i) Distribution of supplies for October Maintenance is progre-

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[Signature]

Used satisfactory during the week. 800 tons have been despatched ex 42 B.S.D.- 42 BSD informed this office that they could not meet their commitment as laid down in your ST/191, para 1 A, dated 6 September; AFHQ have been informed of deficiencies by commodities.

(ii). Attached at appx 1 is a report in connection with an attempted raid on Distribution Depot Genoa.-

2. Transport.

(i) HQ. 3 G.T. Coy now established in new location at SIAC Coke-Ovens Blast, Furnaces and Rolling Mills, Genoa.

(ii) Dvr Ficchi of 3 G.T. Coy was detained with 2 civilian employees of 42 BSD on the 11th September for stealing 112 lbs of sugar. The OC 42 BSD requested I visit him as on that day he had lost 7 sacks of sugar each containing 112 lbs. Apparently the method adopted was when a vehicle was loaded civilian employees aided by the Italian driver would load on a sack of sugar; same would be disposed of by the driver outside the British Depot.

(iii) Discipline of the Company gets worse every day; set out below are details of charge preferred against members of the company by the British Military Police, Genoa during the month of September:

Traffic Offences:	6 OR's
Improper use of W/D vehicles	1 officer carrying civilian furniture
and Improper possession of)	
money and improper use of)	1 OR carrying civilian for hire
W/D vehicles	) for about 70,000 lire

(iv) Vehicle State (load carriers) as at 15th September is as under:

	W/E	Strength	V.O.R.	Detailed
3 G.T. Company	132	129	15	64
2 Territorial Hq.,				
Admin. Coy	60	35	14	-

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Copy to:- MMIA LO, NW Italy (1)
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Altm
 Captain, RA3C
 S&T MMIA LO
 N.W. Italy

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Incident at 2 Distribution Depot Genoa.-

At approx 0140 hours 10 Sept 45 a hand-grenade was thrown by some unknown persons (approx 6 men) at two sentries on duty at the rear of the Distribution Depot which backs on to a path alongside the river and divide the Depot with 12 British Field Bakery. The sentries replied with rifle fire and were joined by the sentry stationed on the roof. After he had given the alarm. NCO Gregoria Vincenzo immediately phoned CC.RR. Sampierdarena for assistance but was informed none was available. In the meantime Lieut Mirabile of the Distribution Depot despatched all troops to vulnerable points, reinforcing the attacked sentries and informed 2 Guard Coy (1st Guard Regt) by telephone, Hq 2 Territorial Command and Direzione Commissariato. Some soldiers crossed the river-bridge and attempted to apprehend the attackers in the rear but after an exchange of fire the attackers withdrew and escaped.

At approx 0230 hours an armoured car and 30 carabinieri arrived and searched the area without success, and at 0300 hours Capt Regardi Luigi of 2 Guard Coy arrived with 54 reinforcements and carried out another unsuccessful search in the area and reinforced the Guard.

It is pointed out that the guard under Cpl/Major Di Giambattista Nicola of 519 Guard Bn. was very active in successfully warding off the attack and endeavoring to apprehend the attackers. Further it has since been learnt that an attack was planned on 42 B.S.D. on the night of 9/10 Sept but that did not materialize owing to the fact that the O.C. had "wind" of this and reinforced his Guards by Indian Troops.

To:- HQ. M.H.I.A. (for SET)

MMIA SET LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot visited	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
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2 PANIFICIO MILITARE	14/9/45	Bakery	Capt A. Cotton
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(a) Maintenance of Section Position.

No reserves held, draws flour direct from Bulk Depot when required.
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(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Generally fair. Floors clean. Utensils, bread racks, dough machines, scales dirty coated with hard flour. Room for considerable improvement.

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DATE: 14 September 1945

Signature of Visiting
Officer A. L. H. Smith
Rank RASC

Copy to: - Commissariato Genoa

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ADST WJ

-S. T. MMIA.

Reed W. L. H.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- IO Report - No. 2 Food Distribution Depot - GENOA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

MICIA LO GENOA.

10 Sept 45.

1. Ref para 19, detailed report, Sect D "Physical Warehousing Position (Food)". The employment of civil labor to supplement Italian Army labor is a local problem to be arranged by Depot Commander and local Commissariate. If no laborers are authorized, and you believe Depot Commander's request legitimate, take problem up with Commissariate Directorate.
2. Ref para 22(b). Italian Army responsible for provision of accounting forms. See Appendices of "Supply Organization and Accounting Instructions for Provision of Food to the Italian Armed Forces" for established Italian Army Forms.
3. It is pointed out that only "Appendix 1" Form for Depot reports is required by this HQ. Detailed report; e.g. "Physical Warehousing Position (Food)" is a "memory tickler" or guide for inspections and need not be forwarded to this HQ.

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Lt. Col. also.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.).

"APPENDIX 1"

AMIA SET LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot : i.e. Bulk, D.D., P.C.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
<i>Major Special</i> 2 Deposito Distribuzione Viveri, Genova	5 Sept 45	Distribution Depot	Capt A. Cotton <i>not off 9/4</i>

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Satisfactory

(c) Accounting Position.

Fair, please see attached para 17.

DATE: 5 Sept 1945

Signature of Inspecting
Officer *[Signature]* 788

Rank Captain, RASC

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[Signature]

C. Physical Warehousing Position. (Food)-

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|--|--|
| 1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked ? | Yes |
| 2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage ? | Yes, but no dunnage for cased commodities. |
| 3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use ? | Yes, on each commodity. |
| 4. Are cartons packed & sacked goods under cover ? | All supplies under cover. |
| 5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates ? | Yes, except Italian Items. |
| 6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first ? | Yes |
| 7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart ?
(eg. Onions & Flour) | Yes, Separate Stores for wine, Olive Oil, etc. |
| 8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather ? | see 4 above |
| 9. Is there a Recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stock ? | Yes, one available but at present no broken cases. |
| 10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption ?
It is secured that it cannot reach civilian black market ? | None, but separate store available. |

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4. Are carton packed & sacked goods under cover?

Yes, ~~except~~ Italian Items.

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Yes, Separate Stores for wine,
Olive Oil, etc.

see 4 above

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None, but separate store available.

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As well as can be expected in view of the shortage of labours.

No sign of vermin in depot.

Steps have been taken to improve protection since the pilferage of 28th August 45.

1 NCO & 15 men: 3 beats $\frac{1}{4}$ by day
night
Considered adequate

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

12. What anti vermin measures are used ?

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc.?

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

C. (continued)

15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

Guard Orders are read to Sentries by Guard Commander. Guard provided by 519 Guard Bn.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

No. - being dealt with by O.C. Depot.

17. "Spot check?"

Commodities Checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Records not complete and Depot doing detail issue at time of inspection; Capt Zanello only took command of the depot on 1st September and is at present endeavoring to get records up to date; previously Lieut Miranile was responsible and account have not been kept in accordance with Supply Accounting Instructions.		

Remarks: -

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

(a) 5 tons

- a. Receipts
- b. Despatches

(b) 5 tons

19. Any labour problems?

Italian Army Personnel are inexperienced and require more training in supply work. Genoa Comm. have previously been informed of this but no improvement is shown. It is suggested that the depot be authorized to employ 3 civilian labourers

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

22. General. (a) - Guard: - A member of the Guard stated that they were not receiving their full rations whilst on Guard Duties at the Depot; this was investigated and there appears to be a certain amount of truth in the statement. Territorial Command have been requested to enquire into this and inform this office.

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(b) Manuscript Books are being kept for Stock transactions; can the Ministry of War provide proper printed Army Forms ? O.C. Depot was instructed by Commissariato Genoa that no forms are available. Is this correct please ?-

(c) There are approx 100 wine barrels in the depot; the O.C. informed ~~that~~ the Commissariato Genoa and was told to wait further instruction. Instructions were issued for these to be returned to Bulk Depot forthwith.

W.H.M.
Captain, RASC.
STAMIA IO., NW ITALY

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Ref 4719/IC/Rls.

4 Sept 45

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Mo/M Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Sezione

Roma, 11 Settembre 1945

Prot. N° 4719/IC/RM magli

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OGGETTO Ispezione al 2° Deposito Speciale Viveri
di Genova.

e, per conoscenza:

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

Si trasmette, in copia, l'unito foglio n. ST/249
- data 25 c.m. (con un rapporto allegato) della M.M.I.A.
di Roma per conoscenza e con preghiera di adottare i
provvedimenti atti a rimuovere gli inconvenienti rile-
vati presso il 2° Deposito Speciale Viveri di Genova
dall'Ufficiale di Collegamento ST-M.M.I.A. dell'Italia
Nord-Occidentale.

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SUBJECT:- Depots N.W. ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

Ministry of War.

3 Sept 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO (ST) GENOA
(your STG/11 of 29 Aug 45 refers).

1. Herewith copy of report rendered by MMIA ST LO GENOA concerning depots N.W. ITALY.
2. Your attention is invited to paras 3c, d, and e for corrective action.

KRM/gmc

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

NOTE. Ref para 4 your a/m letter, see MMIA letter G/35 of 30 Aug 45.

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Subject: - Report.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
GENOA

STG/11

29 August, 1945

To: - HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME

Set out below are notes regarding S&T Matters affecting E.W. Italy which are passed to you for action as deemed necessary.

1. Milan -

a) A visit was paid accompanied by Major Kyle to Milan Distribution Depot, and it was found that the various points raised in Major Kyle report of the 20th August are at last receiving attention.

2. Turin and Alessandria - Satisfactory.

3. Genoa -

a) Visit to Bulk Depot and Distribution Depot was made yesterday and the condition of these depots is satisfactory.

b) Loading for September maintenance commences 30th August, and in view of the fact that Depots are not holding reserves it is difficult to even out despatches, it is hoped however to spread out despatches after the first 15 days of September Maintenance has been completed.

c) 12x3 Ton Lorries will be required daily if (b) is put into operation. It is pointed out that the transport situation when 3 G.T. Coy is disbanded will be serious as the Administrative Transport Coy 2 Territorial Command have only at present 3 serviceable vehicles.

d) A pilferage occurred at Genoa Distribution Depot on the night 27/28 August in which 2000 lbs. of Tinned Cheese was stolen. It is my opinion that it is an "inside job". The Italian Police and Commissariato are investigating and a report is awaited.

e) Personnel - At the present both the Bulk and Distribution Depots are working reasonably well but if the standard is to be maintained or improved steps will have to be taken to make up the deficiencies Personnel as under

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Bulk Depot: NCO's 7
Privates 2

Dist. Depot: NCO's 4

4. General

Could I be informed please as to my position as ST Liaison Officer with that of Senior LO N.W. Italy (Major Bird). Also am I permitted to utilise LO's at Turin, Genoa and Milan for any urgent ST queries, it appears that Milan has no LO if this is not the case may I be informed who the LO is? (Telephone conversation Major Nelson - Capt. Cotton refers).

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"S & T. MMIA.

ST. MILA. LO., GENOA.
Capt. RASC.

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(6)
SUBJECT:- Inspection - Italian Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(N.M.I.A.).
ST/249

Ministry of War.

25 Aug 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO's:
N.W. ITALY MILAN
GENOA c/o 60 SLS AREA

(5)
The attached report on inspection of No. 2 Bulk Food Depot, GENOA made by ST MMIA LO North West Italy, is forwarded for your information and guidance.

a. of W. action at (9)

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Lt. Col. RASE,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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"APPENDIX 1"

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
2 Bulk Food Depot Genoa	21.8.45	Bulk	Major B.B.Kyle

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

15 days to Distribution Depots despatch completed.

No reserves held.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Generally fair; requires tidying up, which will be done within next few days when present emergency over wine stocks N.W. Italy has passed.

(c) Accounting Position.

Good.

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Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

DATE: 21st August 1945

S & T, MMIA.

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Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? No. Insufficient systemization and supervision.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and in suitable dunnage? Not internally ventilated in every case.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use? Yes.
4. Are cartons packed & sacked goods under cover? Yes.
5. Are goods marked with Warranty Expiry dates? Italian Items not yet marked.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first? Insufficient stocks held to be considered yet.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (e.g. Onions & Flour) Yes.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? None.
9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks? No: this is responsible for untidiness etc. in the depot. Lack of space is one reason why this has not been done.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market? None.
11. Is depot clean and tidy? Due to arrival of ex German stocks in broken condition, spreading of wine in progress, could have appeared tidier.
12. What anti vermin measure are used? Cats are used, but no vermin apparent.
13. Is Depot adequately

6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?

Insufficient stocks held to be considered yet.

7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart?
(e.g. Onions & Flour)

Yes.

8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?

None.

9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & recase broken stocks?

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10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption?
Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?

None.

11. Is depot clean and tidy?

Due to arrival of ex German stocks in broken condition, and loading of wine in progress, could have appeared tidier.

12. What anti vermin measure are used?

Cats are used, but no vermin apparent.

13. Is Depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lighting, etc.?

Yes.

14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?

Adequate.

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15. Are orders for sentries posted up where sentries can see them?

Yes.

16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

No. Engineer services have not yet carried out requests.
No telephone

17. "Spot check"?

Commodities checked	Surpluses found	Deficiencies found
Coffee 6563.970 Kilos		correct
P/Meat 26.679.888 Kilos	80x12 oz.	

Remarks:-

18. What is the handling capacity of depot in 2 1/2 ten truck per hour for:

(a) 16 x 3T per hour

(b) 12 x 3T per hour

19. Any labour problems?

No

20. Are rail cars loaded from depot properly documented & sealed?

Yes

21. Any difficulties regarding provision of truck or rail cars guards?

Not at present.

22. General

Present state of untidiness appears in a large part due to large commitments for small number of efficient personnel. Three officers, one employed in accounting duties appear insufficient, especially as many of the ORs are unsuitable because of a low educational standard.

Lt. Col. Palizza has been instructed to

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P/Meat 26.679.888 Kilos

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General impression :- Fair.

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SUBJECT:- Depot Inspection - MILAN.

Land Forces Sub Com. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

Ministry of War.

24 Aug 45.

Copy to:- MILIA LO N.W. ITALY MILAN
MILIA LO GENOA C/O 60 SUB AREA.

Reference conversation (ADST MILIA - Col. FISCIGARO) of 23 Aug, and further to this HQ letter ST/249 dated 21 August 45.

1. From the attached report on the inspection of the Distribution Depot MILAN, made by ST MILIA LO N.W. Italy, it is obvious that a high ranking officer from the Ministry of War should investigate conditions at this depot.

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Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MILIA).

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Subject:- Inspection to Distribution Depot, Milan.

MMIA.LO.
GENOA

STG/11/4

20 August, 1945

To:- HQ. MMIA ROME -

Copy to:- Sr MMIA.LO. N.W. Italy MILAN

(1) On 18 August 45 an inspection was made of Distribution Depot, Caserma Besozzi, Milan, as attached report.

(2) It will be seen from the attached report that this Depot is still "operating" in a most unsatisfactory manner.

(3) The attitude of the officers can hardly be disclosed as cooperative. For instance two different statements were made as to who was officer i/c Distribution Depot:

(4) It is considered that:

- a) The Depot Officers are inefficient, lacking elementary organising ability, initiative and power of discipline.
- b) Insufficient supervision is being carried out by Direzione di Commissariato.

(5) It is recommended that an immediate change of officers be effected.

[Signature]
Major.
ST MMIA.LO.
N.W. Italy, GENOA.

"S & T. MMIA. 1776

Recd 23 Aug

File ST/ 249

Shall we send a copy of this to M/W - further
to our files? *KRN 23/8*
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yes

"APPENDIX 1"

MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTS
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:
Distribution Depot MILAN	18.8.45	Distribution	Major B.P.Kyle <i>[Signature]</i> 13/8

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

15 days maintenance for 21st Aug - 5th Sept New arriving
No Reserves held.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Insufficient space available for storage of reserves
other than for this Depot.

(c) Accounting Position.

Owing to confusion reigning supreme at the time of inspection,
no check was made of the accounting.

Signature of 1775
Officer *[Signature]*

DATE: 18th August, 1945

Rank _____

6. Physical Warehousing Penetration (Food)

1. Are supplies properly and neatly stacked? Unsystematic and untidy
Generally unsatisfactory.
2. Are stacks internally ventilated and on suitable dunnage? One stack only was pillar stacked; available dunnage was not used to best advantage.
3. Are stacks tally boards in existence and in use? In existence, but not on stacks. There does not appear to be one for each stack.
4. Are cartons packed & sealed goods under cover? Yes.
5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates? Yes.
6. Is turnover assessed by issuing from oldest stocks first? Only bare maintenance stocks available for issue.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? Wine and flour stored in same shed.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather? None
9. Is there a recovery Salvage Section to sort & resack broken stocks? No; although previously mentioned, no attempt has been made to establish one.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Small quantity of Pres. Meat from stocks now arriving.
- Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market? Yes.
11. Is depot clean and tidy? No

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each stack.	
4. Are cartons packed & sealed goods under cover?	Yes.
5. Are goods marked with warranty expiry dates?	Yes.
6. Is turnover assured by issuing from oldest stocks first?	Only bare maintenance stocks available for issue.
7. Are mutually contaminating goods kept well apart? (eg. Oils & Flour)	Wine and flour stored in same shed.
8. Are outdoor stacks on firm ground which will stand up to truck traffic in wet weather?	None
9. Is there a recovery & Salvage Section to sort & reuse broken stocks?	No; although previously mentioned, no attempt has been made to establish one.
10. How much stock is there awaiting disposal as suspected unfit for human consumption? Is it so secured that it cannot reach civilian black market?	Small quantity of Pres. Meat from stocks now arriving.
11. Is depot clean and tidy?	Yes.
12. What anti vermin measure are used?	Cats and poison against rats, with which Depot is infested.
13. Is depot adequately protected against theft by barbed wire, night lightning, etc.?	In course of being improved.
14. What guard arrangements exist, & do you consider them adequate?	I.N.C.O. and 12 O.R.s permanent guards. Considered adequate.

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16. Are fire precautions adequate & is depot on the telephone?

17. "Spot" 1005

**Conditioning
Program**

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23. Are rail cars
loaded with goods
None

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due to arrival of supplies ex Genoa,
no check was possible.

Commodities Checked	Surpluses Found	Deficiencies Found
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Remarks :-

18. What is the
handling capacity
of depot in 2 1/2
ton trucks per
hour for:
a. Recyclable
b. Demolished
(a) 6 - 8
(b) 70-80 units per day.

19. Any labour
problems?
No

20. Are rail cars
loaded from depot
properly documented
& sealed?
None
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21. Any difficulties
regarding provision
of trucks or rail cars
guards?
None

22. General

This Depot was in a most unsatisfactory
state of confusion; as far as could be seen
none of the recommendations made on my pre-
vious visits have been acted upon e.g.

p.t.o.

The Depot resembles an untidy wood yard more than a Distribution Depot and NO system of traffic circulation has been organized. The Depot is not signposted. Discipline is slack and the cookhouse was dirty. Officers were not clear as to their responsibilities. The process of baking bread appears to receive priority in every way than the operation of ration storage and distribution.

Volume 1200 of 1200
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NO CHECK WAS POSSIBLE.
ONE PO ARRIVED AT 10:00 PM
DUE TO CONTINUOUS RAIN.

2-3.

NO-30 RATES PER DAY.

NO

SUBJECT:- Depot Inspection - MILAN.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- MILIA LO's:

GENOVA MILAN.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/249

21 AUG 45.

1. An extract of a report made by ST MILIA LO N.W. ITALY appears below:

"Yesterday 1st August inspection was made of Distribution Depot, Caserma BASOZZI, 59 Vincenzo Monti, MILAN, with Maggiore CARTALISANO of the Direzione of Commissariato, MILAN.

A quantity of hitherto undisclosed supplies was found; some acquired by local purchase. These are in complete confusion and no preparation has been made or was being made for the receipt and issue of supplies, which were then arriving on trains.

The area and buildings were on the whole very dirty and untidy; and as far as could be seen organisation and/or accountability was non-existent.

Maggiore CARTALISANO mentioned when questioned that supplies were also being placed in another depot, rail served, which he inferred was larger. Accordingly, at my request, a visit was paid to this depot. The Magazzini Generali Decker, Via Delfico, MILAN. This was found to be a general foodstuffs warehouse, one half of which has been requisitioned by the U.S. Army and is operating as a food depot.

It was found that the Italian Army supplies, ex 42 ASD were being unloaded into the civil portion of the warehouse and stacked amongst the civilian foodstuffs.

Instructions were issued that the Italian Army foodstuffs should be moved immediately to the Caserma BASOZZI, and reconnaissance made for another depot."

2. It is desired that necessary action will be taken by you promptly to correct this situation.

Below:

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KRM/gmc

ADST, Land Forces Sr

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Subject:- Depot Inspections

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M. M. I. A. L.O.
GENOA

STG/II

2 August 1945

To: M. M. I. A. HQ. ROME.

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" Yesterday Ist. August inspection was made of Distribution Depot, Caserma BESOZZI, 59 Vincenzo Monti, Milan, with Maggiore CARTALISANO of the Direzione of Commissariato, Milan.

A quantity of hitherto undisclosed supplies was found; some acquired by local purchase. These are in complete confusion and no preparation has been made or was being made for the receipt and issue of supplies, which were then arriving ex train.

The area and buildings were on the whole very dirty and untidy; and as far as could be seen organization and/or accountability was non-existent.

Maggiore CARTALISANO mentioned when questioned that supplies were also being placed in another depot, rail served, which he inferred was larger. Accordingly, at my request, a visit was paid to this depot. The Magazzini Generali Docks, Via Delfico, Milan. This was found to be a general foodstuffs warehouse, one half of which has been requisitioned by the U.S. Army and is operating as a food Depot.

It was found that the Italian Army supplies, ex 42 B.S.D., were being unloaded into the civil portion of the warehouse and stacked amongst the civilian foodstuffs.

Instructions were issued that the Italian Army foodstuffs should be moved immediately to the Caserma BESOZZI, and reconnaissance made for another Depot.

It is my opinion that:-

- a) The Distribution Depot Commander and the responsible portion of the Commissariato staff are completely inefficient and useless,
- b) That the only explanation for the unloading of Army supplies to the civil warehouse is that illicit and unauthorized disposal of these supplies was being effected.

Please take any action you deem necessary.

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