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ANALYSIS OF STOCKS

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Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Report i.e. Bulk, P.B., P.O.D. or Porage	Rank and Name of Inspector
No 4 Magazzino Viveri <i>Not Jan.</i>	6 Nov. 45	D.D.	Capt. J.M. CRAIG

(a) Maintenance of Stock Position

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Inventory Position

Satisfactory.

(c) Accounting Position

Unable to check any stock as issues were in progress.

DATE: 7/11/1945

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

NOTE: - Analysis Commission was held certificates to follow.

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(a) Examination of Stock Holdings

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Examination of Position

Satisfactory.

(c) Accounting Position

Unable to check any stock as issues were in progress.

DATE: 7/11/1945

Signature of Inspecting Officer *J. Henry Lake*
Rank *Capt. RACE*

NOTE: - Analysis Commission was held certificates to follow.

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MIA 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 Inspector : Officer
74 MAG. VIVIERI	30		Capt. J.M. CRAIG
VERONA	Oct.	D.D.	Capt. I. TRELEAVEN

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory except that stocks of Fish was low. This has since be rectified by despatches from Bulk Depot MESTRE.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

A great improvement in tidyness and cleanliness from previous inspection. Fire points and bins for loose commodities have been established.

(c) Accounting Position.

Satisfactory. Stocks of Salmon and Cheese were checked. A discrepancy of 1.45 Kilos was found in the former. Due to over issue. This was adjusted.

DATE: 2 Nov. '45

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

NOTE: - A slight improvement was noted in the men billets but is not yet up to standard.

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Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of i.e. Bulk, D.D. : Inspecting Officer
4 Mag. Viveri	31		Capt. J.M. CRAIG
BOLZANO	Oct.	D.D.	Capt. I. TRELEAVEN

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position

Fair very little improvement has taken place since last inspection one stack card still used for a computer room filled with flour. This depot gives a general air of carelessness.

(c) Accounting Position

Stocks of P.B.L. and cheese were checked. The former showed 100 Kilos more in the commodity account than what was held in physical stock. This was explained that a surplus had been obtained by under issue, and the amount entered had only been estimated.

Signature of Inspecting Officer *J.M. Craig*

Rank

DATE: 2 Nov. 1945

BOLZANO

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Signature of Inspecting Officer *[Signature]*

Rank *[Signature]*

DATE: 2 Nov. 1945

NOTE: - 500 empty barrels (vino) are in the above depot. Mov has been applied for to M/W by 4th Territorial Command, but appears to be very slow in coming through. More space has been obtained from the adjoining Folgore barracks and is at present being prepared for receiving sups.

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The release of the Caserma Mignoni to the Italian Army has been cancelled owing to the movement into this Area of British Troops. From previous reports it will be remembered that it was proposed to house the D.D. 4 ADMIN Tpt Coy and the W/SHOPS in the above barracks.

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ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot S.S. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
UDINE D. D.	22 Oct.	D.D.	Capt. CRAIG

(e) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Depot was making issues for 5,000 Slavs and
(was not quite as today as usual.)
All commodities were neatly stacked.

(c) Accounting Position.

Checked stock of Tomato Paste and P. Meat.
All tallied with commodity account.

DATE: 25 October 1945

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

Feeding Strength of UDINE D.D. as at 20th October

ARMY 3319

AIR FORCE

(a) Performance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

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(c) Accounting Position.

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All tallied with commodity account.

DATE: 25 October 1945

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Name

Feeding Strength of UDINE D.D. as at 20th October

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. OR Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
5 Deposito Speciale	9 Oct.		Capt.
Viveri MESTRE	'45	Bulk	J.M. CRAIG

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Excellent. All Italian Supply Officer should visit this depot to see how one should be run.

(c) Accounting Position.

Good.
Checked Stock of Meat and Cheese.
All figures tallied with commodity account.

DATE: 9 October 1945

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

Rank

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Excellent. All Italian Supply Officer should visit this depot to see how one should be run.

(c) Accounting Position.

Good.
Checked Stock of Meat and Cheese.
All figures tallied with commodity account.

Signature of Inspecting

Officer

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DATE: 9 October 1945

Rank

Capt

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ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type Of Depot i.e. Bulk.D.D. P.O.L. or Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
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UDINE D.D.	2 Oct. 45	D.D.	Capt. J.M. CRAIG
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(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position

Very good. All sups neatly stacked and the Depot was very clean.

(c) Accounting Position.Physical stock taken of sugar and cheese.
All figures agreed with Commodity Account.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer _____
Rank _____

J. M. Craig

Date: 3 Oct. 45

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SUBJECT:- Inspection of Supply Installations - BOLZANO.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/289

Ministry of War.

3 Oct 45.

Copy to:- MIA LO (XX) M.E. ITALY o/o 86 Area.

1. Forwarded herewith copy of report of inspection by ST LO MIA RE ITALY of No. 4 Food Distribution Depot BOLZANO.

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

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SUBJECT: Supply Position BOLZANO Command

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm AC MMIA
c/o HQ 86 Area

ST/35

29 Sept. 45

HQ M.M.I.A.

I visited 50 BLU on 27 and BOLZANO on 27 and 28 Sept., and report as follows:

1. Issue to FRIULI Gp. on 4 and 19 of each month (my signal ST/34 dated 26 Sept. refers) : - In order to show on the Form P a true position for provisioning, it was agreed to show on the reverse Side thereof the number of days rations which would have been held if issues were not made till 21 and 5 of each month.
2. Acceptance notes for Rome Depot requiring Correction (your RLO/1 dated 10 Sept. refers) : I saw Captain MARCIANO, who was not at VERONA when I visited it on 21 Sept. and left acceptance notes there. He was due to go to VERONA on 28 Sept. and undertook to sign and forward notes direct to you from there.
3. Issue to units of FRIULI Gp. remaining in VERONA Area:
 - (a) 50 BLU stated that supply sec. in VERONA Area had not enough space to take in 15 days rations, and wished to draw every 5 days. This was agreed to, and BOLZANO Commissariat were told to instruct VERONA Depot accordingly.
 - (b) 50 BLU also stated that a/m units wished to draw over their authorised strength, because they had personnel attached to them from units further North. I explained that this difficulty should be overcome by preparing separate ST 8's for the attached personnel.
4. Deduction of 10% rations for ITI ITI: -
Director of Commissariat stated that the order for deduction had not reached him until 8 Sept. Consequently, in order to complete the reduction by 5 Oct. as ordered, he had instructed Depot to deduct 20% during the period 21 Sept. to 5 Oct. The appeared oblivious of the fact that hardship on the men would be thus caused. I ordered him to cancel the order and to issue 10% rations to units from whom 20% had already been deducted, remaining 10% to be deducted during following period.

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5. Enclosed is report on inspection of DD. Confusion as to accounting appears to exist in mind of O.C. Stock was taken in the first instance of sugar and cheese. Apparent surpluses of 282 Kg. and 335 Kg. were found. O.C.'s explanation for these was that units had signed for but not drawn rations. This explanation was not accepted. Surplus receipts were entered in the books.

Some hours later, when I was at the Commissariato, O.C. telephoned to explain that when making the 20% reduction for ITI ITIs, he had entered in his books not the actual amounts drawn, but the amounts that would have been drawn had no reduction taken place. This was checked up and found to account for the surpluses. The entries of surplus receipts were therefore cancelled.

It was pointed out to O.C. that all accounts for all other commodities would thus be wrong. He accordingly corrected same. Stock was then taken of coffee and tomato, and was found to correspond with books.

I explained to O.C. that such errors would never occur if:

- (a) "Remains column in commodity a/c were brought up to date at close of business each day.
- (b) Constant "spot checks" were made by him or his 2 i/c of physical stock. I stressed to him that the keeping of commodity account was not an academic pastime, but was to enable him to give at any moment the actual stock position in his depot.

I am of the opinion that many Depot commanders still think on the lines of the old accounting system, which never does give a true picture: if the old system were abolished then perhaps they would "think straight", but its retention is a clog.

6. Summing up, BOLZANO is still not in a very healthy state, and more intelligent supervision is required by O.C. Depot and Direzione Commissariato.

7. All above points have been discussed with Terr. Command BOLZANO.

W.H.S. Lawford
Major RASC
Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.M.M.I.A.

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APPENDIX 1

MIA SET LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk.D.D P.O.L. OR. Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
BOLZANO	27 and 28 Sep 45	D.D.	Maj W.H.D CRAWFORD RASC

(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Having regard to amounts on rail, SATISFACTORY

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

EXCELLENT, except for lack of fire precautions.

(c) Accounting Position.

See accompanying letter (ST/35)

Signature of Inspecting

Officer

Rank

Maj RASC

DATE: 29 Sep 45

BOLZANO	:	27 and	:	Maj W.H.D	:
	:	28 Sep	:	CRAWFORD	:
	:	45	:	RASC	:
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(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Having regard to amounts on rail, SATISFACTORY

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

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(c) Accounting Position.

See accompanying letter (ST/35)

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W. Shawford.
Rank Maj RASC

DATE: 29 Sep 45

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Name of Depot Inspected : Date : Type of Depot : Rank and Name :
 : : i.e. Bulk.D.D : of Inspecting :
 : : P.O.L. OR. Forage : Officer :
 : : : :
 UDINE : : : WHD CRAWFORD :
 : 18 Sep DD : MAJOR :
 : 45 : RASC :
 : : : :

(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Good

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Very good

No precaution against fire were seen. O.C. promised to instal.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of P. Meat and Fish. Both correct.

Signature of Inspecting

Officer

W.H. Crawford

Rank

Major RASC.

DATE: 19 Sep 45.

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(a) Maintenance of Sector position

Good

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Very good

No precaution against fire were seen. O.C. promised to instal.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of P. Meat and Fish. Both correct.

DATE: 19 Sep 45.

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Signature of Inspecting
Officer Wm. Lawford.

Rank Major RASC.

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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
MESTRE	19 SEP 45	BULK DEPOT	Major W.H.D. Crawford R.A.S.C.

(a) Maintenance of Sector position

SATISFACTORY

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

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(c) Accounting Position.

In order. Took stock of PBL and sugar.
 Both correct

Signature of Inspecting

Officer W.H.D. Crawford

S & T, MMIA

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Rank Major

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Date: 20 Sep 45

SUBJECT:- Forage for BOLZANO.

MMIA LO (ST) NE ITALY c/o 86 Area.
(Ref para 5, your ST/38 of 13 Sept 45)

Copy to:- MMIA LO BOLZANO.

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

ST/289

17 Sept 1945.

1. Demands by the Ministry of War for Forage requirements, Bolzano, have been as follows:

PERIOD	STRENGTH PACK TRANSPORT MULES	HORSES AND MOUNTAIN ARTILLERY MULES	HAY/TIMBER DEMANDED (TONS)	GRAIN DEMANDED (TONS)
17-23 Sept	58			
24-30 Sept	58	14	3	2
1-7 Oct	58	14	3	2
		14	3	3

2. Amounts indicated above have been released by DST AFHQ.
3. In order to consolidate small despatches, in agreement with the Ministry of War, Forage for Udine and Bolzano will be railed ex British Depot (Barletta) to No. 5 Bulk Food Depot Mestre (period 1-7 Oct) for onward despatch to depots where required.
4. Requirements for Bolzano and Udine will be railed to Bologna and thence to depots of Bolzano and Udine (periods 17-23, 24-30 Sept 45).

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

Lt.Col. RASC,

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SUBJECT:- Supply position at BOLZANO.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. MMIA.
N.E. ITALY
c/o HQ 80 Area
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HQ MMIA.

13 Sep 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO with 4 Terr Command,
BOLZANO.

I visited BOLZANO on 11 and 12 Sep, and report as follows:-

1. The new director of Commissariato, Col. CATALONO, has arrived. He was hitherto in Rome Commissariato, engaged on Barrack stores work.
2. A new O.C. of the DD, Major BONANNO, has also arrived. He was late O.C. of NAPLES forage Depot. He is assisted by 2/Lt IUCCA, who has recently served an attachment with MESTRE Depots.
3. The original two officers of the DD were a Lt de VIVO and 2/Lt IUCCA: the former was after the first few days found to be incompetent, and was removed. A 2/Lt RICCA took his place. 2/Lt IUCCA went to MESTRE about 23 Aug and 2/Lt RICCA became ill on 28 Aug. During the period 21 Aug to 5 Sep, the books of account of the Depot were not kept up at all. Fortunately the stack cards were properly entered up in most cases. The new O.C. and 2/Lt IUCCA are now faced with the problem of getting the books straight for the first period: As a result, it is thought that the Model P form will not be ready before 15 Sep.
4. I complained that the Commissariato had sent to MESTRE only one daily Stock State Signal since 21 Aug. Their explanation was that as no accounts were being kept, it was impossible to work out holdings. I pointed out that such calculations were based on the physical stock, a fact which did not unfortunately appear obvious to them.
5. Forage: Director said he had sent in to War Ministry the number of animals in the command requiring to be fed. This information was not forthcoming on my last visit on 22 Aug, and probably explains why no grain has been received yet. Will you please confirm that arrangements are being made to despatch grain in due course.

MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot Inspected :	Date :	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. R.O.L.O.R. Forage :	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer :
BOLZANO	12 Sep 45	DD	Major. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Very good

(c) Accounting Position

See attached letter. Took stock of sugar (correct with stock card) and tomato (not correct: in view of facts raised in attached letter, will re-check on next visit).

DATE: 13 Sep 45.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W.H.D. Crawford

Rank Major R.D.Sc.

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DATE: 13 Sep 45

Signature of Inspecting Officer: W.H.D. Crawford
 Rank: Major R.H.Sc.

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4 Sept 45

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : MMIA (in reply to ST/289 dated 28 August 45)

SUBJECT:- VERONA Distribution Depot.

This Ministry has sent a copy of the letter above with relative appendix to the BOLZANO Territorial Command, so that immediate action may be taken to remove the difficulties mentioned.

It is added that on the 3rd Sept a vehicle left with Capt. DONATO MAROLANO of the ROE Commissariat Directorate to VERONA to regularise and normalise the situation at the 74th Distribution Depot, VERONA.

We take the opportunity of saying that the following officers have been recently allocated to BOLZANO.

Col. SALVATORE CATALANO - Director of VERONA Commissariat. Left ROE 3 Sept
 Major MICHELE MARANO - Left GENOA 30 Aug.
 Capt. SALVATORE CANTAVO - Left ROE 15 Aug
 Major GENNARO BONANNI - *no good - Ex holder*
 (officer i/c 4th Distribu-
 tion Depot, BOLZANO) - Left ROE 5 Sept.

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Gen. Pelligra

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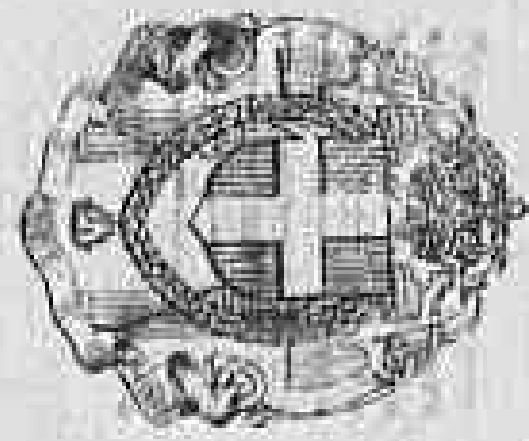
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*S & T. ROMA.

Recd 6 Sep

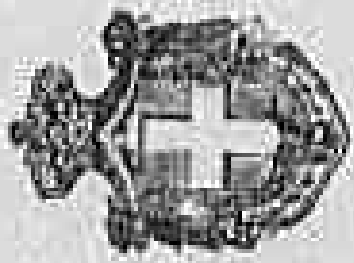
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Roma, 11 Settembre 1945

ST AL LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

ROMA

Oggetto: Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri di Verona.

Riferimento lettera n.º ST/289 - data 23 agosto u.s. di codesta Missione.

Questo Ministero ha provveduto senz'altro ad inviare copia della lettera a riferimento, con relativo rapporto allegato, al Comando Militare Territoriale di Bolzano perchè siano subito adottati i provvedimenti atti a rimpuovere gli inconvenienti segnalati.

Si soggiunge che, in data 3 c.m., è stato avviato con apposito automezzo a Verona il cap.suss.s.p.e. MARCIANO Donato, della Direzione di Commissariato di Roma, per assicurare un più regolare funzionamento e normalizzare la situazione del 74º Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri Presidiario di Verona.

Con l'occasione si comunica anche che sono stati recentemente assegnati a Bolzano i sottordinati ufficiali:

- col.commiss.s.p.e. CATALANO Salvatore - Direttore di Commissariato di Bolzano - partito da Roma il 3 c.m.
- magg.commiss.s.p.e. MARANO Michele; partito da Genova il 30 agosto u.s.
- cap.commiss.s.p.e. CANNARO Salvatore; partito da Roma il 15 agosto u.s.
- magg.suss.ca s.p.e. EDUARDO Gennaro (consegretario del 4º Magazzino

Riferimento lettera n° 37/289 - data 28 agosto u.s. di codesta Missione.

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- col.commiss.s.p.e. CATIANO Salvatore - partito da Roma il 3 c.m.
- magg.commiss.s.p.e. MARANO Michele; partito da Genova il 30 agosto u.s.
- magg.commiss.s.p.e. CARNAVO Salvatore; partito da Roma il 15 agosto u.s.
- cap.commiss.s.p.e. BONARNO Gennaro (consegretario del 4° Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri di Bolzano); partito da Roma
- magg.suss.s.p.e. Distribuzione Viveri di Bolzano); partito da Roma il 3 c.m.

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ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
		i.e. Bulk, D.D. or P.O.L. OR Forage:	
MESTRE	01 Sep	B.D	Major W.H.D CRAWFORD RASC.

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Excellent
Depot is now on telephone (51016)

(c) Accounting Position.

In order. Took stock of coffee and cheese (both correct).

Signature of Inspecting Officer Mrs. Crawford

Rank Major RASC.

DATE: 1 Sep. 45

MESTRE

:01 Sep: B.D

Major W.H.D CRAWFORD

RASC.

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Excellent

Depot is now on telephone (51016)

(c) Accounting Position.

In order. Took stock of coffee and cheese (both correct).

DATE: 1 Sep. 45

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W.H.D. CrawfordRank Major RASC.

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ADST W.H.D.DADS K.R.D.SC'S W.H.D.

C & I. 4/10/45.

Sent to W.H.D.

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SUBJECT:- Supply Situation at Udine.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm; A.C. MMIA
N.E. Italy
c/o HQ 86 Area
ST/35

31 Aug 45

HQ. M.M.I.A.

1. While at Udine on 29 and 30 Aug; I dealt with the following points:-

(a) Tpt requirements at MESTRE: one of the officers of 5 Territorial Command had drawn up a plan shewing such requirements. The plan was entirely wrong in several instances. I gave the Chief of Staff the correct position.
There are at present 11 load carriers at MESTRE (5 from BOLOGNA, remainder from UDINE).

These are adequate for present circumstances.

The Sezione was allocated a Fiat Balilla Staff car, but two of its tyres have burst while bringing Capt. AUTIERO from ANCONA. The Sezione is being allotted a CITROEN instead.

(b) I insisted on the instant removal from the Sezione of Capt. DI GIACOMO, whose removal was requested by ADST. Chief of Staff agreed to act.

2. I inspected UDINE Depot on 30 Aug. Report is enclosed.

3. I found that the O.C. had been calculating his days holdings of each commodity on the old estimated strength instead of the actual strength.

4. I contacted O.C. 57 D.I.D to ensure that hand-over of Italian items would take place. Hand-over starts to-day.

5. I was shewn a letter from AMG, UDINE requesting the Depot to feed 110 C.R.I. personnel, hitherto fed out of BR. Depots on Italian Army scale. I pointed out that such request was invalid and that no food should be given them. Unfortunately O.C. had already issued rations, but acted in good faith on the AMG letter. I took up the matter with AMG and suggested they contact 201 Sub Area for continuance of issue from 1100.

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GENERAL. UDINE is the only "outstation" depot which is sending in its daily situation. Communication difficulties prevent BOLZANO from doing so, but I am of the opinion that Major ROSSI of VERONA could be more persistent in his efforts. I have already stressed the importance of these situations to him, and to the Sezione, but without receiving them we are at present working in semi-darkness.

WHDC/sc

Wm. Lawford
Land Forces Sub Comm; AC.
MMIA.

W & T, MMIA.

Recd 3 Aug

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" APPENDIX 1 "

MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot	Rank and Name of
		i.e. Bulk, D.D	Inspecting Officer
		P.O.L. OR Forage	
UDINE	30 Aug 45	D.D.	Capt. W. H. D. Crawford.

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory, taking into consideration amount of sups on rail.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Excellent.

(c) Accounting Position.

Tally boards did not show no. of cases

or sacks.

Took stock of coffee and cheese (both correct). See accompanying letter for further remarks.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W. H. D.

Rank Capt. R. A. S. G.

DATE: 31 Aug. 45

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Signature of Inspecting
Officer W. A. S. C.Rank Capt. R. A. S. C.DATE: 31 Aug. 45

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : DIA

Ref : 4639/IC/Ris.

Dtd : 30 Aug 45

Subject : Report on the situation of food-supplies for the Italian Army in North-Eastern Italy.

Reference : Letter No ST/289 dtd 24 Aug 45.

The difficulties observed in the report attached to the above-mentioned letter were already known to this Ministry, which has adopted the following measures to improve the position of the food-supply service for the Italian Army stationed in North-Eastern Italy :

1°- The sending to Mestre of Lieut. Col of the Commissariat (regular army) Domenico APPICCIUTOLI, as Chief of the Detached Section of the Commissariat at Mestre. This officer is now there, while, Lieut. Col GALLONE has been made to return to Udine.

2°- The substitution, at the Special Food Stores, Mestre, of Supply Captain Francesco DI GIACOMO with 2nd Lt. Federico MUTO, who left BARI on the 21st of this month.

3°- Substitution of Commissariat Lieut. Aldo BONREGNA, commanding the 5th Port Detachment of Mestre with 2nd ^{Supply} Lieut. Vincenzo DAVIONI. The latter will leave tomorrow by air, as ~~authorized~~ ^{ordered} by DIA.

4°- The assigning to the Detached Section of the Commissariat, Mestre, of the ~~war~~ ^{Supply} war-establishment of Commissariat Lieut. Antonio PERRANI, who will leave Bari tomorrow with the first transport available. This officer will come under the quota of 50 officers available to this Ministry for posting to the Territorial Commissariat Directorates.

5°- The telegram, dated 25th of this month, has ~~indicated~~ ^{ordered} the urgent posting of 6 commissariat officers to the Commissariat Directorates.

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4°- The assigning to the Detached Section of the Commissariat, Mestre, of the ^{Supply} ~~war~~ war-establishment of Commissariat Lieut. Antonio FERRARI, who will leave Bari tomorrow with the first transport available. This officer will come under the quota of 60 officers available to this Ministry for Posting to the Territorial Commissariat Directorates.

5°- The telegram, dated 25th of this month, ^{ordered} ~~announced~~ the urgent posting of 6 commissariat officers to the Commissariat Directorates of Udine; they are to be drawn from the Administrative Divisions, and to be employed in the reinforcement and eventual substitutions necessary to the units in the ~~xxxxxx~~ administrative area of Udine.

This Ministry will, in addition, arrange to send a copy of the report referred to above, to the Military Territorial H.Q. of Udine, in order that the all measures necessary for avoiding the future repetition of the difficulties observed, may be taken.

For the Minister

Gen. Pelligra.

ADOT

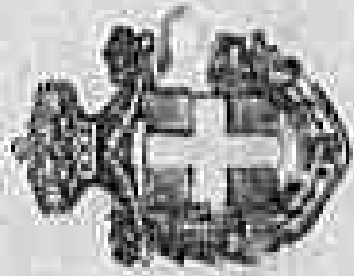
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Recd 1 July

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 18

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI/ COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Sezione

Prot. N.º 4669/IC/Ri-Allegati

Risposta al f.º del

Div. Sez.

N.º

Roma, 30 agosto 1945

A/LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Oggetto: Rapporto sulla situazione dei rifornimenti viveri per

l'Esercito Italiano nell'Italia Nord-Orientale. *S.T.*

Riferimento lettera n.º ST/289 - data 24 agosto u.s.

Gli inconvenienti rilevati nel rapporto allegato al foglio a riferimento erano già noti a questo Ministero, che ha adottato i sottindicati provvedimenti per migliorare la situazione del servizio rifornimenti viveri per l'Esercito Italiano nell'Italia Nord-Orientale:

- 1º - Avviamento a Mestre del ten.col. commiss. s.p.e. APPICCIUTOLI Domenico, quale Capo della Sezione Steccata di Commissariato di Mestre. L'ufficiale trovavasi ora sul posto, mentre il ten. col. GALLONE è stato fatto rientrare ad Udine.
- 2º - Sostituzione, presso il Deposito Speciale Viveri di Mestre, del cap. suss.za DI GIACOMO Francesco con il sottot. suss.za MUFO Federico, il quale è partito da Bari il giorno 21 c.m..
- 3º - Sostituzione del ten.commiss. BONSEGNA Aldo, comandante, del 5º Distaccamento Portuale di Mestre con il sottot. suss.za DANIONI *333*

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3° - Sostituzione del ten.commiss. BONSEGNA Aldo, comandante del 5° Distaccamento Portuale di Mestre con il sottot. suss.za DANIONI Vincenzo. Quest'ultimo ufficiale partirà domani in aereo, in seguito a concessione di codesta Missione.

4° - Assegnazione extra organico alla Sezione Staccata di Commissariato di Mestre del ten. comm. FERRARI Antonio, che partirà da Bari col primo mezzo utile. L'ufficiale farà carico sull'aliquota di n. 60 ufficiali a disposizione di questo Ministero per la

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI LOGISTICI

ripartizione alle Direzioni di Commissariato Territoriali.

5°- Con telegramma in data 25 corrente mese è stato disposto l'ur-
gente avviamento alla Direzione di Commissariato di Udine di n. 6
ufficiali commissari, tratti dalle Divisioni amministrative, con
i quali provvedere al ripianamento ed alle eventuali sostituzio-
ni necessarie per gli enti della circoscrizione di Udine.

Questo Ministero provvederà inoltre a trasmettere copia del rap-
porto a riferimento al Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine, perchè
siano adottati tutti i provvedimenti atti ad evitare per l'avvenire il
ripetersi degli inconvenienti rilevati.

PEL MINISTRO

"APPENDIX 1"

MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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MESTRE	28 AUG	DD	CAPT W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of coffee (correct) and cheese
(surplus receipt entered for 13.440 kg) O.C. said he had probably
been slightly under issuing cheese

Signature of Inspecting
Officer

W.H.D. Crawford

Rank

Capt.

DATE: 29 Aug 45

S & T, MMIA.

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MMIA SAT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

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VERONA	27 AUG	DD	Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

*Noted
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(a) Maintenance of Sector position.

Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Good, except that exterior of depot was dirty.

(c) Accounting Position.Satisfactory. Check taken of stock of cheese and coffee:
found correctGeneral:-

Ref my ST/35 of 24 Aug, para 8. All points except
(c) cleared up. The depot will be on the telephone wef to-
day. Officer i/c Sez. at VERONA will have his office there,
and not in the Presidio.

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

DATE: 28 Aug 45

Rank

Capt.

S & T, Min.

Recd 31 Aug

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DADS

R.R.N. 31/8

SUBJECT:- VERONA Distribution Depot.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).
ST/289

Ministry of War.

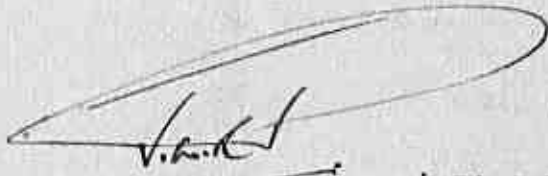
28 Aug 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO (ST) N.E. ITALY c/o 86 AREA.

The attached copy of a report on an inspection of VERONA Distribution Depot made by MMIA LO (ST) North East Italy on 21 Aug 45, is forwarded for information, guidance and corrective action where necessary.

Ref at (10)

HFC/gmc


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

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SUBJECT:- Report on VERONA Distribution Depot.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. IMAIA.
N.E. ITALY
c/o HQ 86 Area
ST/35

24 AUG 45.

HQ IMAIA.

1. I visited the a/m Depot on 21 Aug. Col. LANDOLFI had visited it on 20 Aug, and considerable apprehension was felt when he reported that none of the Italian items despatched by 38 BSD on 4 Aug had arrived, but that he was obtaining all possible of such items from A Sec, 69 DID. Sufficient allied items were reported to have arrived to cover the first period, but in fact I found they were still being offloaded when I arrived at midday.

2. My first concern was to trace the 4 wagons despatched from 38 BSD. These had originally been wrongly labelled POZZI but had luckily been seen on 15 Aug in TREVISO station by an Italian Officer of MESTRE Commissariato, and re-addressed to VERONA.

3. C.O. Depot (2/Lt PARATA) stated he was awaiting notification from Italian Railway Authorities as to when the wagons had been found. I told him he must get after the wagons himself, as he could not rely on the Italians at the station. I then took him to the station. After being a little more persistent than he had been, I found all four in an American Depot's siding. They had, as far as we could ascertain, been in VERONA about 4 days.

4. Thus, if O.C. Depot had shown more initiative, he would have had all the items on 21 Aug except wine, salt and soap. I had already made arrangements for having these sent up at once from MESTRE. Unfortunately the ship carrying 30 days supply from BARI did not dock till 20 Aug, thus preventing their being sent previously.

5. I met the Italian Major i/c Commissariato of PRIULI Gp at the DD. He had already arranged with 69 DID to be rationed from there till 24 Aug.

6. The Warehousing conditions at the Depot were good.

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7. The Depot is not on the telephone: I contacted local PRESIDIO and arranged for messages to be transmitted and received, as the Depot is situated in a bombed area, and all phone wires are down. Major ROSSI had proposed to establish his section office in a place with no telephone, and I therefore recommended strongly in the PRESIDIO.

8. O.C. Depot complained that following had not been provided:-

- (a) Typewriter
- (b) 5 men under strength (1MGO - 4 ORs)
- (c) Clothing for men
- (d) Furniture for office
- (e) MIA ST Forms
- (f) Authority to employ civilian clerks

S & T, MIA.

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O.C. said he had applied to No 4 Terr. Command for all the above but had received no reply. He has been in VERONA since 9 July. Major ROSSI, had been there a month.

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9. I took up the a/m matters with Direz. Comm of No 4 Terr. Command on 22 Aug: I was assured that all would be put right. The usual lack of forethought has been shown.

WHDC/bc

*WMS. Stanford.*Capt. RASC.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. IA.

ADST

DAOS

KRN 27/8

shall this be
Sent to W/M
for info, guidance,
and corrective
action? while necessary

YES!

SUBJECT:- Report on BOLZANO Distribution Depot.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.MLIA.
N.M. ITALY
c/o HQ 86 Area
ST/35

24 Aug 45.

HQ MLIA.

1. I visited BOLZANO Commissariato and Depot on 22 and 23 Aug. The Depot had 15 days supplies on 21 Aug for the estimated strength of 12000, with the exception of soap.

2. I arranged that 2 vehicles from POLGORE Gp should go and fetch soap from MESTRE, as the railway is not to secure at present, and had in fact been "out" for about 3 days during the previous week.

3. DADST 53 MLU informed me that the POLGORE were very dissatisfied at not receiving any pasta; on enquiring from Commissariato as to the position, I was informed that the contract for making pasta had been placed at VERONA. The Commissariato had not however told this to Sez. Comm. at MESTRE, who otherwise have despatched flour for BOLZANO's pasta - making to VERONA instead of BOLZANO.

4. 4 wagons of flour consigned by O.C. VENICE Port Detachment from ship STUCCO PARK on 14 and 15 Aug had not yet arrived. I contacted local MRS, who promised to assist Italian Rail Authorities to trace.

5. The warehousing position at the Depot was satisfactory, but the commodities were not stacked correctly. It appeared clear that neither of the two Depot Officers, both 2/Lt's, had much supply experience, and I am arranging for one of them to be attached for a few days to Capt GRIGIO at MESTRE.

6. The situation here compared to VERONA was good. Further inspections will be reported on MLIA pro-forma.

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W.H. Crawford.
Capt. PASS.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. I.A.

"B & T. MORA.

Reel 27 Aug

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SUBJECT:- Report on Supply Position - Italian Army
Northeast Italy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(H.M.I.A.).
ST/289

Ministry of War.

24 Aug 45.

Copy to:- IMIA LO (SF) N.E. ITALY c/o 16 Area
(your BE/25 of 20 Aug 45 refers).

1. Your attention is invited to copy of report made by IMIA LO NESTEN concerning an observation of delinquencies of supply responsibilities in UDINE area.
2. It would appear that officers responsible are lacking in any conscientious attention to duty and elementary responsibilities.
3. It is desired that corrective action be taken to avoid any future occurrence of delinquencies as indicated in attached report.
4. Your attention is further invited to our ST/249 of 21 Aug with reference to similar conditions existent in Northwest Italy.

Further at (8)

IRM/gmc

LT. COL. RAGO.
AGC, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (IMIA).

INTERNAL:- '9'

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SUBJECT:- Report on Supply Position:
Italian Army in 13 Corps Area.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. MMIA.
N.E. ITALY
c/o HQ 86 Area
ST/35

20 Aug 45.

HQ MMIA.

1. I paid a visit to 5 Territorial Command on 18 Aug 45, in order to ascertain the position of UDINE Distribution Depot.

2. I was met by the Director of the Commissariat, the Major i/c Food Sec, and O.C. Depot. I was emphatically assured that the Depot contained enough food for 15 days consumption.

3. On checking through the stock accounts and physical stock, however, I discovered the following shortages:

Cheese	417 lbs	(two wagons: see 4 below)
Flour	54924 "	
Salt	1918 "	
Soap	800 kg	

4. Two wagons of flour consigned from MESTRE on 14 and 16 Aug had yet to arrive. O.C. Depot had not received telegrams despatched from Sez. Comm. MESTRE advising despatch. As I had the wagon numbers noted, I was able to start checking up with Movements. It took however some twenty minutes to convince O.C. Depot that he did therefore only about 8 days supply of flour. As to salt, he did not appear to know the correct ration scale. No very intelligible explanation could be given as to the soap.

5. I subsequently made arrangements with DADS 13 Corps that 2000 lbs each of salt and soap be sent up from TRIESTE. It may be possible to borrow flour from 57 DID at UDINE if the rail wagons do not arrive in time.

6. I wish to stress paras 3 and 4 above, as I consider (a) more care should have been taken by O.C. Depot (Capt RUBINI) in his calculations, and (b) more active interest in checking up on the position should have been shown by the Commissariato Staff.

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7. The warehousing conditions of the Depot were excellent. Proforma report will be used after next visit.

8. On 19 AUG I visited ST 13 Corps. DNST wished to know if I still needed transport from 86 Area for docks clearance. I informed him that for the time being there was a need of it. Of the 5 lorries to come from BOLOGNA, only 4 have arrived, but one had to be towed the last 18 Km and is still off the road. The other 3 are fully committed. They are being supplemented by civilian transport, but this is a makeshift arrangement subject to AMG cancellation.

9. I then saw DADS, and arranged that I be furnished a statement of all Italian items in British Depots as on 21 AUG, and for their subsequent transfer to Italian Depots. I also informed him of the total amounts of Allied items received up to end of 16 AUG.

S & T, MMIA.

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10. General.

The Sezione Commissariato are not functioning any better since ADST's departure. Lt. Col. GALLONE works hard and tries to be very helpful, but he does not appear to have any idea of decentralization. Much too long a time is spent in awaiting information as to progress reports, etc, and it has nearly always been found necessary to do the job ourselves, as (a) it is quicker and (b) it is essential to check up on any figures given by the section in view of the mistakes found up to now.

No changes in the staff have been made, and the section is still carrying one "useless" Captain.

I have already signalled you as to replacement of O.C. Port Detachment.

11. Position at MESTRE DD was also checked up by Cpl GOODWIN yesterday. A substantial deficiency was found in salt (ration scale had been taken at 1/2 oz) and nuts. Both have now been put right.

12. In spite of the above, the situation in 13 Corps Area is, however, in hand.

WHDC/bg

Wm. R. Ford

Capt. RASC.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. AREA.

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(Scribble)

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