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ST/360 Transport Unit Inap. Reports 11 BLU
 opened Feb. 19, 1946 - Closed May 22, 1946
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TRANSLATION

From :- Ministry of War
To :- MMIA

N) 6/2412/S
Dated 22nd of May 46

Subject:- 30th Auto Section, Sabauda Internal Security Div.

Ref your ST/1021/G of April the 1st 46

We forward herewith attached a copy of letter 3038/03/E here arrived from Palermo Terr Comd.

The instruction given by the a/m Terr Comd and the actions taken for the improvement of the Auto Section, will put, as soon as possible, the Unit in the best working conditions.

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Sgd Colonnello Meloni.

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TRANSLATION

From: -Palermo Terr Comd
To : - Ministry of War SMRE.

N) 3038/03/M
Dated May the 10th 46.

Ref your 6/1698/S of April the 12th 46.

Taking for granted that the inconvenients mentioned in letter ST/1021 of April the 1st 46, refer to a visit effected in the month of March by Maj Sneezum of 11 BLU and that Maj Sneezum in a second visit at the 30th Auto Section found many of them already eliminated, we let you know that:-

1. The 14 Load Carriers which did not appear on charge at 30th Auto Section could not be on charge at the Section because 7 of them were on charge at 28th Auto Section and the other 7 were on charge at 11 Admin Tpt Coy and were temporarily detached in Catania as a reinforcement to the 30 Auto Section for Public Order purposes. Therefore nothing of irregular was to be complained.

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During the inspection I have seen that the O.C. of 30th Auto Section is doing his best in order to eliminate all the inconvenients complained, due, for the most, to the fact that the premises are not suitable for an Automobilistic Unit.

Sed/ Generale Lazzaro dei Castiglione

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Auto

N.6/ 2412 /Serv.di prot.

Roma, li 23 maggio '46

OGGETTO: 30° Autoreparto div. S.I. "Sabauda".--

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (RMIA)
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Risposta f.ST/1021/G data 1° aprile 46.-

Si trasmette, in copia, il foglio 3038/03/M in data 10 maggio del Comando Militare Territoriale di Palermo.

Le disposizioni impartite dal predetto Comando Militare ed i provvedimenti posti in atto per il miglioramento dell'autoreparto in oggetto metteranno al più presto il reparto in questione nelle migliori condizioni di funzionamento.

d'ordine

IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
-Colonnello N.Meloni-



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Allegato al f. 6/2412/S in data 20 maggio 1946
dello S.M.R.E.U. - Servizi

COMANDO MILITARE TERR. LE DI PALERMO
Ufficio Servizi

N. 3038/03/L di prot.
OGGETTO: 30° Autoreparto Divisione S.I. "Sabauda". -
Palermo, li 10 maggio 1946

AL MINISTERO GUERRA-S.M.R.E.-Ufficio Servizi-Sez. Auto R o m a

Rispondo foglio 6/1698/Serv data 12 aprile 46.-

È premesso che gli inconvenienti di cui al foglio ST/1021 data 1/4 della I.F.S.C. si riferiscono ad una visita effettuata nello scorso marzo dal magg. Sneezum della 11° B.I.U. e che lo stesso magg. Sneezum, in una successiva visita al 30° Autoreparto ebbe a constatare che gli inconvenienti in questione erano stati in gran parte eliminati, comunico:

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2.- Il 30° Autoreparto ha provveduto a ripassare con vernice anche le targhe anteriori agli automezzi che ne erano sprovvisti.

3.- Il sistema del compito giornaliero ha ora attuazione. Il manuale "Ispezione, manutenzione e cura degli automezzi militari" manca ancora perché non pervenuto dal Ministero Guerra, essendo lo stesso manuale, come noto, in ristampa.

Il quadro indicatore delle operazioni giornaliero da svolgere per le ispezioni agli automezzi è stato ultimato. Sono stati dati ordini perché ne vengano costruiti altri.

Il reparto ha anche provveduto alla costruzione di un piano a rampa in sostituzione della fossa per ispezione e riparazione automezzi.

4.- Le precauzioni contro incendi sono state prese. Il magazzino carburanti e lubrificanti è stato spostato in locale lontano dalla cucina e dà ogni garanzia.

5.- Le ispezioni agli automezzi (moduli AB 406) vengono ora, presso il reparto, effettuate nel modo stabilito.

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 - 8.- Per le latrine è stato interessato il Genio Militare perché le costruisca "ex novo" in apposito locale. Prattutto quella provvisoria (che è però insufficiente) è tenuta pulita.
- Dalle ispezioni effettuate ho rilevato che il Comandante del 30^o Autoreparto si occupa e fa il possibile per eliminare, nei limiti delle sue possibilità, gli inconvenienti che derivano in gran parte da locali poco adatti ad un reparto automobilistico.

IL GENERALE COM. TE. INTERINALE
f.to Maurizio Iazzaro de Castiglioni

p. c. c.
INTELLIGENCE SECTION AUTOMOB/
Ten. Col. G. Gioia



SUBJECT :- 11 Transport Coy.

SE/1021/G

11 Apr 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MIA)

ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- 11 P.L.U.

Reference your PAI/SE/10 of 19 Feb 46 and this branch SE/1021/G of 26 Feb 46 to S.M.R.E. copy to you, a copy of Palermo Territorial Command letter N 1907/03/H of 22 Mar has now been received in this office which indicates that some real improvement should be expected in 11 Transport Coy.

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[Signature]
Lt. Col. ADST.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MIA)

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War
To : MMIA

No 5/1551/S
Dated 5 April 46

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Subject:- Inspection report. 11 Transport Company.

Palermo Terr Comd, requested by this MMIA, have answered with the letter herewith attached; (Copy.)

It is thought that by the actions now in course and those which are to be taken by the a/m Terr Comd as soon as possible, the inconvenients shown in the attached letter will be eliminated.

Sgt Colonnello Meloni. 4806

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Recd APR 9 1946

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TRANSLATION

From : Palermo Terr Comd
To : Ministry of War

N) 1907/03/M
Dated 22 March 46

Ref your 284/2/CA of 7 March 46
09589

Subject: - Inspection report; 11 Transport Company.

As regards to what Major Smezzum found during the inspection to 11 Tpt Coy :

1. I confirm that 11 Tpt Coy have in charge 15 civilian drivers. The a/m personnel was appointed further to authority given by Ministry of War; General Directorate of Civilian Personnel. (see folio 40666 of 24 Dec 45) in order to complete part of the deficiencies of the VE complained by the Unit. The said deficiencies are still in act because the Unit have a VE of 157 men and a strength of 134. The appointment of the a/m drivers, all owning a regular brevet, expire on the 1st of April and they will be dismissed.

2. Effectively when Major Smezzum made the inspection the system of daily maintenance was not well fulfilled.
(But it was not true that it was not understood.)
However the regular fulfillment of the system might be justified by :

= the want of pamphlet "Inspection, maintenance and care of vehicles" (wheeled), necessary for the good accomplishment of the daily revision. The pamphlet is in course of printing by care of Ministry of War (Motorization) to which 11 Auto Directorate applied since Dec 45 in order to have 80 copies to be issued to each Unit in the Island, having vehicles.

- The recent replacement in the Command of a Reserve Officer by one of the Regular Army who is not yet perfectly aware of the running of the Unit, where he found a great confusion.

Actions will be taken to eliminate the inconvenience.

3. The 32 Lorries on duty out of Palermo are ^{deducted} ~~allocated~~, at the moment for continuous work, in various Garrisons in the Island as ordered by this Command. As it is known, taking into account the shortage of vehicles on charge at 11 Tpt Coy, the employment and the inefficiencies of the most of them, it is not possible to change them frequently. They are, in their temporary location, trusted to the Commands, which are supposed to take care of the maintenance, inrec-

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The inspection by care of Officers of 11 Tpt Coy cannot, for many reasons, be very frequent. It should be necessary that one Officer of the Coy should be continuously round about the Island, and this is not possible because the shortage of Officers in the Company.

Barracks

4. Effectively in the ~~Barracks~~ "De Maria" there are no recreational rooms for men as before the War. This is due to the fact that the a/m ~~Barracks~~, which was supposed to keep in only the 11 Repair Unit (Repair workshop with the most of civilian personnel) must now keep in also 11 Tpt Coy and 26th Auto Section using all the room available. When the two Auto Sections will be billeted elsewhere and will leave the rooms free, the 11 Tpt Unit will use them for the a/m purpose. The situation of ~~Barracks~~ in Palermo Garrison is very difficult, but the command hope to solve it as soon as possible.

5. In the dormitory there is not much room but we cannot say

that it is too crowded. In the other hand it is impossible to improve the situation for lack of room.

6. The kitchen was really dirty and seemed to be in disorder. The dirtiness was due to the fact that the floor was washed with too much water and not dried, and that every person who came in brought on the shoes a great deal of mud. (being a rainy day.) The disorder was due to the fact that the kitchen is not very large and ~~the kitchen is not very large~~. It is also to be taken into account that three Units are cooking in the same room and each with different personnel. The works for the reorganization of the ~~Barracks~~ ^{Barracks} are now in course, by care of Genio Militare.

7. The ~~Barracks~~ ^{Barracks} was really missing showers, existing before the War, but it is now in course of repair. The work will be finished in this week and the inconvenient complained during the inspection will be eliminated.

Orders have been issued to 11 Repairs Unit in order to make available the bath rooms for the Units billeted in the Barrack "De Maria", with effect from the day following the accomplishment of the work done by Genio Militare.

8. The anti-fire means existing in the Barrack (a few extinguishers and saddle containers) are located in the Petrol Points. There are also some hydrants for small fires. Effectively, in the other rooms, there are no extinguishers nor written instructions, as before the War. Orders have been issued in order to stick up in every room the necessary instructions. Also some chemical extinguishers will be put in every room as soon as the sulphuric acid requested to Ministry of War will arrive.

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The suggestion of 11 BLU to separate 11 Tpt Coy from 11 Repair Unit is agreed by this Command.

As it has been said the matter has been examined.

Sgt: Generale Maurizio Lazzaro de Castiglioni.

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MINISTERO GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI
Sezione Auto

N. 6/1551 /S di prot.

Roma ~~XXXXXX~~ 11 5 aprile 1946

Risposta al foglio N. ST/1021/G del 26 marzo Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Rapporto ispezione 11^a Compagnia trasporti.-

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA)

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Il Comando Militare di Palermo,
interessato da questo S.M., ha risposto con
il foglio che si allega in copia.

E' da ritenere che con i prov-
vedimenti in corso e con quelli che succes-
sivamente verranno adottati dal predetto Co-
mando Militare Territoriale, non appena le pos-
sibilità lo consentiranno, gli inconvenienti
di cui al foglio al quale si risponde verran-
no eliminati.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
-Colonnello N. Meloni-

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE PALERMO
Ufficio Servizi

Palermo, li 22 marzo 946

N. 1907/03/M

Risposta foglio 284/2-CA del 7/3/1946
09589

AL MINISTERO GUERRA -Dir.Gen.Art.e Mot.

p.c.: AL MINISTERO GUERRA -S.M.R.E.-Uff.Serv.-Sez.Auto
(riferimento f.6/992 del 5/3/46)OGGETTO: Rapporto ispezione 11^a C.T.-In merito a quanto rilevato dal maggiore Sneezum dell'11^a
B.L.U. nella sua ispezione all'11^a Compagnia trasporti rappresento:

1)- Confermo che l'11^a Cp.Trasporti ha in servizio 15 autisti civili. Il suddetto personale fu assunto in seguito ad autorizzazione del Ministero Guerra - Direz.Gen.Pers.Civile-Divis.salariati - (foglio n.40666 del 24/11/45) per ripianare in parte la deficienza di organico che lamentava il reparto, deficienza ancora in atto (la Compagnia ha una forza effettiva di 134 truppa su una forza organica di 167). L'assunzione degli autisti in parola - tutti forniti di patentino - scade il 1° aprile p.v. e sotto la tale data essi verranno licenziati.

2)- Effettivamente, allorchè il maggiore Sneezum effettuò l'ispezione, il sistema di revisione giornaliera non era applicata regolarmente (non è, peraltro esatto, che non fosse stato compreso).

Giustificano tuttavia, almeno in parte l'irregolare applicazione:

- la mancanza del libretto " ispezione, manutenzione e cura dei veicoli (a ruote) dell'Esercito", base per bene effettuare le revisioni giornaliere.

Il libretto è in corso di ristampa presso il Ministero della Guerra - Motorizzazione - al quale l'11^a Direz.Auto si è rivolta sin dal dicembre 45 per averne 80 copie si da distribuire ai corpi e reparti dell'Isola dotati di automezzi;

- il trapasso recente, nel comando, dell'11^a Comp.Trasporti da un capitano di compl. ad un cap. in spe, che ancora non si era perfettamente orientato nel reparto, dove aveva trovato parecchia confusione.

Sono state date disposizioni per eliminare l'inconveniente.

3) - I 32 autocarri in servizio fuori Palermo sono dislocati - a carattere fisso per il momento - nei vari presidi dell'Isola giusta ordine di questo Comando. Come è noto, dato il numero limitato degli

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automezzi in carico nell'11^a Cp. Trasp., l'impiego di essi e l'inefficienza di molti, non è possibile cambiarli, tanto meno frequentemente. Essi poi nella loro sede provvisoria sono affidati a comandi - che ne dovrebbero curare la manutenzione, l'ispezione e l'impiego - e non abbandonati agli autieri.

L'ispezione dal parte di ufficiali dell'11^a Cp. Trasp. non possono per necessità di cose essere frequenti; occorrerebbe che un ufficiale della Cp. fosse sempre in giro per l'isola e l'organico ristretto ~~univaxw~~ di ufficiali della Cp. non consente ciò.

- 4) - Effettivamente nella Caserma "De Maria" non vi sono locali di ricreazione e convegno per i soldati come vi erano in anteguerra. Ciò principalmente dovuto al fatto che detta caserma destinata all'11^a Rep-
Riparaz. (laboratorio di riparazioni con prevalenza di operai civili più che unità d'impiego), oggi ospita, sfruttando tutti i locali anche l'11^a Cp. Trasp. ed il 28 Autoreparto che vi sono alloggiati provvisoriamente. L'11^a Rep. Riparazioni quando le 2 unità automobilistiche d'impiego di cui sopra, saranno alloggiate altrove e lasceranno liberi i locali da poter adibire allo scopo.
Il problema data la situazione caserme nel presidio di Palermo è di difficile soluzione, ma questo comando - che da tempo lo ha posto allo studio - farà tutto il possibile per risolverlo.

- 5) - Nei dormitori non vi è certamente molto spazio libero, ma neanche può dirsi che essi siano troppo affollati.
D'altra parte per i militari presenti non vi è possibilità di migliorare sistemazione, per mancanza di locali.

- 6) - La cucina era effettivamente poco pulita e dava la sensazione di disordine. La poca pulizia era dovuta all'acqua eccessiva con la quale avevano lavato il pavimento senza poi curare di asciugarla pienamente, e al fango - era una giornata di pioggia - che tutti quelli che entravano in cucina vi portavano; il disordine era dovuto al fatto che nella cucina, unico locale, e non ampio e privo di cappa (è da tenere presente che i lavori di riattamento della caserma da parte del genio sono ancora in corso) provvedono a cucinare tre reparti diversi, e ciascuno con proprio personale.

- 7) - La caserma mancava effettivamente del bagno e doccia che vi esisteva anteguerra. Esso era in via di riattamento ad opera del genio. I lavori si presume saranno terminati entro questa settimana e l'inconveniente segnalato ora dall'ufficiale della 11^a BLU, ma già noto a questo comando, sarà presto eliminato.

Ordini sono stati dati all'11^o reparto riparazioni perchè faccia funzionare in pieno il bagno per i reparti alloggiati nella caserma "De Maria" e cominciare dal giorno successivo a quello della consegna del bagno da parte del genio.

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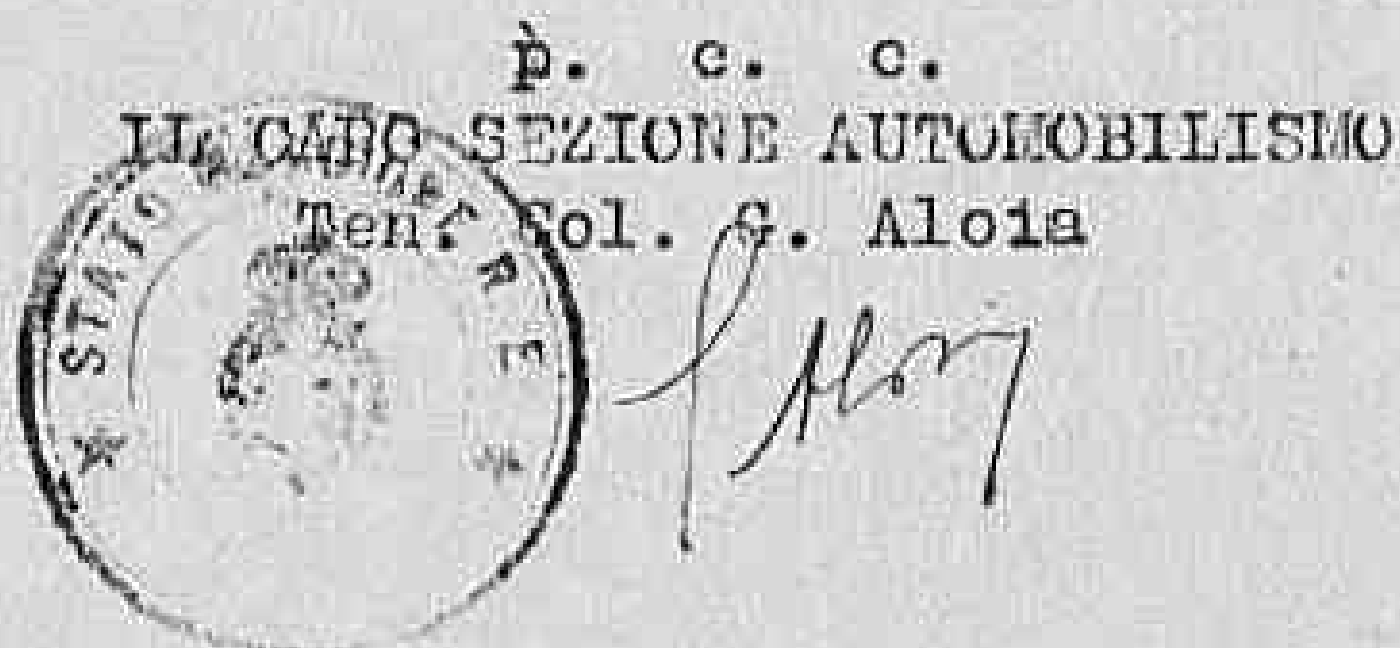
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- 8) - I mezzi antincendio esistenti nella caserma - pochi estintori, recipienti con sabbia, etc. - sono dislocati presso i depositi carburanti. Vi sono poi gli idranti per gli incendi comuni. Effettivamente negli altri locali non vi sono estintori nè istruzioni scritte, come vi erano anteguerra. Si è provveduto a dare ordine perchè le istruzioni siano compilate ed affisse in ogni locale.
- Si provvederà anche a collocare estintori a liquido da installare nei locali, appena giungeranno le cariche di acido solforico da tempo richieste, e recentemen e sollecitate, al Ministero della Guerra.

Il suggerimento infine dell'11° BLU, di separare l'11ª compagnia trasporti dall'11° reparto riparazioni, è condiviso da questo comando.

Come ho già detto il problema è allo studio.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE INTERINALE
f.to Maurizio Lazzaro de Castiglioni



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SUBJECT :- Inspection of M.T. Units.

ST/1021/G

1st Apr 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (13 IA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

Copy to :- 11 B.L.U.

No 30 M.T. Coy (Catania) was inspected by Major SNEEZUM DAA&QMS of 11 BLU on the 20th March, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary :-

1. The actual number of vehicles held was states to be 52 and only 38 of these had been taken on charge; this state of affairs requires clarifying and some explanation should be forthcoming.
2. Some vehicles had Targa numbers at the rear but not in front. Targa numbers should be clearly visible at each end of the vehicle.
3. Daily Task system was not being carried out, the reason given for this was that the handbook "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (wheeled)" had not yet been received in spite of the fact that these handbooks had been indented for by 11 Territorial Command. It is thought that they should be an automatic distribution with ABs 412 and 406.
4. There was no evidence of theoretical or practical Fire Precautions of any kind being in existence and the P.O.L. store was situated in close proximity to the cookhouse.
5. Inspection of vehicles in AB 406 were not being properly carried out.
6. There was no Unit Welfare.
7. Sleeping quarters were said to be overcrowded.
8. The latrines were in a very bad state and were thought to be unhygienic and inadequate, and there was rubbish lying about under the ablution benches.
9. The Engineers were engaged on converting a number of outhouses into garages and workshops. Outstanding work to be done as planned by the O.C., but for which he cannot obtain additional labour and material to that which is authorised at present is as follows :-

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- a) Construction of new kitchen, present one being a very unsatisfactory improvisation owing to an open wood fire being used for which an adequate chimney cannot be provided.
- b) Construction of new latrines.
- c) Construction of more adequate ablutions.
- d) Construction of Fire Point.
- e) Fitting up a men's dining room.

All these points are considered to be essential and should be expedited as soon as possible.

In connection with paras 2,3,4,5 and 6 we would draw your attention to our letter ST/1001 dated 19th March.

It was further pointed out by Major SNEEZUM that in his opinion the faults found during his inspection were not entirely due to the O.C. who had initiated works to improve both the transport and domestic efficiency of his unit, but to a great extent by lack of interest or supervision from above.

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

Internal :- S.O.R.E.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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26 March 46

Subject: Inspection Report -
Tpt Unit.

File : PAL/ST/10

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.O.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

10 B.L.U.

30 M.T. Coy (CATANIA)

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4. Observations made in attached report have been brought to the notice of Terr. H.Q. and also the fact of apparent lack of supervision, (expressed in para 2. above).

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C.M.F.

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Copy to
Chief Clerk
H.Q.
10/12/15

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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ST APPENDIX 'G'.

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	30 M.T. COY. (CATANIA)
2. Date of Inspection.	20. Mch. 46.
3. Name of O.C.	Capt. PASCA
4. Strength.	Officers 3 CRs 72
5. Actual Strength.	3 103 plus 4 civilian mechs. (stated authorized by SURE)
6. Vehicles. (loadcarriers)	44 52 38 9 NIL
a) T.T.	NO
b) Actual number held	30 vehs on detachment. 3 driving school. Other details vary between 2-22
c) " " on charge	11 Below British standard
d) Number V.V.R.	see para (1) additional notes attached
e) " " beyond unit repair	Not necessary
f) Have they been evacuated?	Some vehs had targa numbers at rear but not in front.
g) Have vehs in Repaire Unit more than 7 days been struck of strength?	2 vehs been off road for 1 month because cylinder heads unobtainable
h) Number of Daily and Standing details.	type Lancia 3/RO
i) Number of vehs not in use on date of inspection.	
j) General condition of vehs.	
k) " " " tyres - number of spare tyres held	
l) That anti-frost precautions are taken?	
m) Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible?	
n) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	
Vehicle Park.	
a) Is it best space available?	YES
(General layout)	4798

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YES

See para i) above
2 guards
Condition satisfactory (see para (2))
300 litres petrol - 200 litres motor oil
see para (2) additional notes atchd
Not at present 2 inspection pits being constructed - 1 for servicing and 1 in wkshp for repairs.

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(Loadcarriers)

- a) T.P.
- b) Actual number held
- c) " " on charge
- d) Number V.P.R.
- e) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?
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- i) General condition of vehs.
- j) " " " tyres - number of spare tyres held
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- l) Are Targa numbers and "windscreen labels affixed and legible?
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Vehicle Park.

- a) Is it best space available? (General layout)
- b) Condition of standings.
- c) Guards and picnics.
- d) Condition of P.O.L. store
- e) Quantity of P.O.L. held.
- f) Fire Precautions.
- g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.

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7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out? YES
- b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers? YES
- c) Do any no civilians driving vehicles. NIL
- d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood? NO (see para (3) additional notes attached)
- e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? YES
- f) Condition of 413a. Received a few days ago - not yet issued to drivers
- g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? NO (see para (4) additional notes attached)
- h) Personnel records are they up to date (Bath book, Guard roster etc.) Personnel records etc. appeared to be up to date - no bath book kept.
- i) Are vans on attachment visited and changed at intervals? Visited once a month but vehicles not changed.
- j) Welfare. No unit welfare - no open air recreation organised. Complain of lack of welfare funds.

8. Accommodation.

- a) Sleeping quarters. Over-crowded. Suggested that they accommodate 60 driving school students at 45 Regt. Bks. to relieve situation
- b) Dining quarters. NIL. Men eat in their bk rooms see para J above
- c) Recreation " see para (5) additional notes attached
- d) Canteen. Satisfactory
- e) Station store Filthy - smelly - inadequate - unhygienic
- f) Inclusion. Open-air trough system - rubbish lying about underneath.
- g) Sanitary. about underneath.

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- 1) Are 405 inspections regular-ly carried out?
- 2) Personnel records- are they up to date (Birth book, Guard roster etc.)
- 3) Are visits on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
- 4) Welfare.

C. Accommodation.

- a) Sleeping quarters. (communitarian)
- 1) Dining quarters.
- 2) Recreation "
- 3) Canteen.
- 4) Station Store
- 5) Lavatories.
- 6) Ablutions.

General Remarks.
(General comment or non, standard of unit etc).

To (see para (4) additional notes attchd)

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Signature of Inspecting Officer

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

(1)

TYRES.

20 vehicles lack spare tyres. When vehicles go on a long run they are supplied with a spare tyre taken from a V.O.R. No reserve store of tyres held. Reason given was that spares in addition to quota already received are not available at 11 Repair Unit.

O/C states that system of repairing tyres with nuts and bolts, as authorised by S.M.R.E., is unsatisfactory since in the event of an inner tube puncturing it general happens that it gets ripped by the smooth head of the bolt protruding in the inside of the tyre cover. He prefers that the tyres are repaired by sewing a piece of old tyre on to the inside of the cover. He has tried this system and states that it is far more satisfactory.

(2)

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

Neither any theoretical or practical fire precautions of any kind were evicent.

The P.O.L. store is situated 10 yds from the cookhouse in the same building, there being a small ration store in between. Sparks from the wood fire can be seen coming out of the cookhouse chimney and could conceivably enter the rear grid window of the P.O.L. store.

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(4)

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS. A.Bs 406 only just received and subsequently relative inspections have not been done.

No system of routine inspections of their own.

British system of routine inspection sent out from this office as a directive to Terr. H.Q. on 14.Feb. and passed on to Sabauda Div. by the latter H.Q. on 26.Feb. (30 M.T. Coy under command of Sabauda Div.) had not reached 30 M.T. Coy on date of inspection 20.Mch.

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Outstanding work to be done as planned by the O/C, but for

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Outstanding work to be done as planned by the O/C, but for which he cannot obtain additional R.E. labour and material to that which is authorised at present, is as follows:

- (i) Construction of new kitchen, present one being a very unsatisfactory improvisation owing to an open wood fire being used for which an adequate chimney cannot be provided.
- (ii) Construction of new latrines.
- (iii) Construction of more adequate ablutions.

(IV) Construction of Fire Point

(V) Fitting up a mens dining room.

- (6) GENERAL REMARKS.

Although the unit was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition

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domestically the impression was that the O/C, Capt. PASCA, is not a bad officer. He was well informed as to all detail concerning his unit and had definitely initiated works to improve both the transport and domestic efficiency of his unit. He is undoubtedly handicapped by shortage of R.E. assistance (on whom the demand from all units is far greater than they can supply).

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

21 Mar. 46.

Subject : Inspection of No.11 Admin. Tpt. Coy.
File : PAL/ST/10
To : Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Ref. your ST/1021/G dated 13.Mch.46. *folio 6*

1. The fact that vehicle inspection and maintenance was not being carried out has been brought to the notice of Terr. H.Q.
2. It was noted that your letter under reference was sent to SMRE for action and therefore no further action was taken by this H.Q. than that of para 1. above.

SES/MV
C.M.F.

[Signature]
S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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SUBJECT :- Inspection of No 11 Admin Tpt Coy

ST/1021/G.

13 Mar 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.M., Ufficio Automobiliamo.

Further to our letter of Feb 26 reference ST/1021/G
may this office please be informed what action if any has
been taken by you in this matter.

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Copy to :- 11 RU.

De Lt. Col. ADST.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA) 4793

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SUBJECT: No 11 Territorial Admin. Tpt. Coy.
(11 Co. Transp. Admin.)

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

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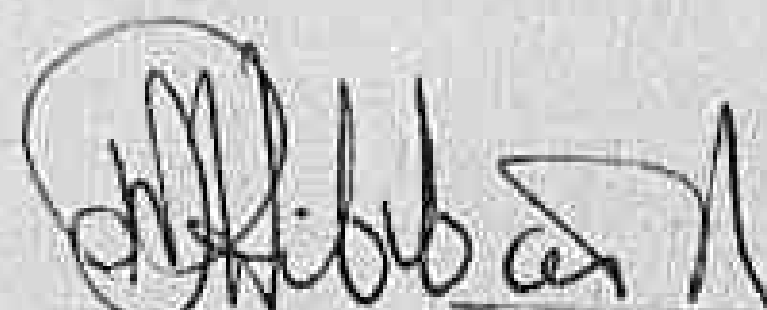
26 Feb 45.

TO: Ministry of War.

1. It is reported by 11 B.I.U. that the subject unit at Palermo are without adequate bathing facilities, in that there is no bath available for the use of the personnel concerned, and that the shower baths have been out of order for a very considerable time.

2. Since the hygiene of a unit is so important it is requested that, with the minimum of delay, the necessary engineer works be undertaken.

see folio 3


R.N.J. HIRSH, Major,
S.O.R.E.,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: S & T.

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26 Feb.

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Report

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26 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Comd A.S.O. (MILIA)

ROMS

Ref : Base AB90M Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobiliato.

Copy to :- 11 ECU (Your RAL/ST/10 Feb 19 refers)

No 11 Adm Apt Coy was inspected by Major SUMMUM, D.A.A. & Q.M.G. of 11 ECU on the 16th Feb, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and action where you may consider necessary.

1. It is noted that 15 civilian drivers are employed.
2. The Daily Task System was not being properly carried out and did not appear to be understood; this is possibly due to the fact that
3. Vehicle inspections in AB 406 were not being regularly performed.
4. There were 32 vehicles on detachment at the time of the inspection and these were seldom visited and never changed; it is thought that vehicle maintenance would be considerably improved if these detachments were visited regularly by an officer of the unit, and frequently changed round.
5. There were no organised arrangements for Unit Welfare, and no recreational quarters for the men.
6. The sleeping quarters were said to be very cramped.
7. The cookhouse was found to have adequate facilities, but was in a dirty and untidy state.
8. There was no bath in the unit which had been waiting for four months for the Engineers to repair existing shower baths. It is suggested that the unit should endeavour to use their own bathing and washing facilities until such time as the Engineers can do the necessary repairs.
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It is suggested that if possible this unit should be separated from 11 Repairs Unit, and fresh accommodation found for it, and that an officer from the Territorial Command should inspect it at an early date.

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De Lt. Col. AUST.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AG. (MFA).

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FILE NO ST/1021/G.

DATE	SEPARATION OR SERVICE		ACTION REQUIRED
FROM	TO		
26/2/46.	ST	SORE	folio No 7 11 BLV reports that NO 11 Troop Adm Tpt Coy has no bath in the unit and that the unit has been waiting 4 months to have repairs done to shower bath Can you please help to expedite <i>Wm Whitworth</i>
23/2/46	SORE	ST	The matter will be taken up immediately with staff Copy of letter will be sent in due course 4790 <i>Wm Whitworth</i>

File

Book 1001 to 1002 re Saffron work to
Sharon Butler. 25/2.

25 FEB 45 ST Q.

Subject: - Employment of Civilians

During 2006 11 BCU reports in his inspection
report of 11 Feb 45 that
15 civilian drivers are employed having
been authorized by S M R. E.

Some time ago I wrote S M R E
concerning the undesirability of employing
civilian drivers in this instance it referred
to N° 4 Adam Fern Tpt Coy.

Col Piesley has confirmed that it
is undesirable and also that there
will probably be a count against them
W E strength.

Line M plw be informed under
"Q" letter concerning the employment
of civilians as drivers please.

Amw N 14509
APST

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file

ST/1021/6.

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of civilian drivers in this instance it referred
to NC # Adam Terrill Coy.

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WE strength.

Since MPW be informed under a
Q letter concerning the employment
of civilians as drivers please.

Am-1414503
APST

S/C. Draft letter to now incorporating items
marked in pencil - please see remarks

tristfully
MPW

Winter 1958

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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19 Feb. 46.

Subject: Inspection Report
Transport Coy.

File : PAL/ST/10

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Herewith Inspection Report on 11 Terr. Adm. Tpt. Coy (A)
rendered in accordance with Appendix "C" M.M.I.A. letter
ST/292 dated 21. Nov. 45.

[Signature]
S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SES/SI
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Copy to: 10 E.L.U.
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28 Feb

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF TROOP REPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	11 Terr. Adm. Tpt. Coy. (A)												
2. Date of Inspection.	16 Feb. 46												
3. Name of C.O.	Capt. Picinato												
4. Strength.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>ORs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>167 (a)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>118</td> </tr> </table>	Officers	ORs	7	167 (a)	4	118						
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d) Number V. V.	32												
e) " beyond unit repair	NIL												
6. Have they been evacuated?	No - this system does not appear to exist. Struck off strength when B.L.R'd												
7. Have vehicles in Repair Unit more than 7 days been struck off strength?	40 daily - 15 Standing												
8. Number of daily and standing details.	5												
9. Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection.	Quite good - clean												
10. General condition of vehs.	Good.												
11. " " tyres - number of spare tyres held	80												
12. That anti-frost precautions are taken?	Not necessary - mild climate.												
13. Are target numbers and wind-up numbers labels affixed and legible?	YES												
14. Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Unit does not hold spare parts vehs. requiring spare parts have to go into wkshps. (Letter following concerning shortage of spare parts)												

Vehicle Park.

Yes - vehicle park is large garage

(loadcarriers.)

a) T.I.
b) Actual number held
c) " " on charge
d) Fused " T.I.
e) " beyond unit reported?
f) Have they been accounted?
g) Have vels in Reserve Unit
more than 7 days been
checked for strength?
h) Number of "bells" and
standing details.
i) Number of vels not in use
or date of inspection.
j) General condition of vels.
" " " tyres-
number of spare tyres held
k) Tires and crest precautions
use taken?
l) Are large numbers and "wind-
broken" labels affixed and
legible?
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Yes

Yes - vehicle park is large garage.
ex-railway warehouse. progress
No maintenance appeared to be in
3 posts - 4 picquets.
Requires painting.
5000 gals. petrol.
Fire extinguisher for P.O.L. store(c)

This is done in the Vehicle Park.
i.e. the garage.

See notes overleaf.

NOTES.

- (a) Increase in W.E. authorised in SMRE letter 6/11426/ dated 8.Dec.
- (b) 4 vehicles held surplus to W.E. awaiting disposal instructions for transfer to another unit.
- (c) Apart from the P.O.L. fire precautions there were no other precautions i.e. in the vehicle park, mens barracks, cookhouse etc. No written orders. Very inefficient in this respect.
- (d) It was freely admitted that daily task system was not employed and it was obvious that it was not really understood. They were not in possession of appropriate manuals but said they had been indented for. Seemed to have the idea that if vehicles were continually out on duty task system could not be employed owing to difficulty of control i.e. do not realise that task system is designed to cater for control by driver.
Had no alternative system of their own.
- e) In some cases 412's were not sent into wkshps. with vehicle when under repair.
- f) There appeared to be no official system of routine inspections vehicles are supposed to be taken off the road one day a week for complete overhaul by unit mechanics.
There are only 4 qualified fitters and with some 80 vehicles to inspect it is difficult to understand the practicability of this system. 406s not done possibly due to short period that they have been in possession of 406 manuals. Coy. Command did not appreciate that 406's should be done once a month and that all 406's should come into his office for inspection and signature.
Vehicles are never sent into wkshps. for monthly routine inspections
A vehicle only goes to wkshps. for repair.
This H.Q. has now instructed them on British system of vehicle inspection and given them specimens of Vehicle Inspection chart.

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7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?
 b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?
 c) Confirm no civilians arriving vehicles.
 d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood?
 e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
 f) Condition of 412s.

- g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?
 h) Personnel records- are they up to date (Bath book, Guard roster etc.)
 i) Are visits on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
 j) Welfare.

8. Accommodation.

- a) Sleeping quarters.
 (condition)
 b) Dining quarters.
 c) Recreation "
 d) Canteen.
 e) Station Store
 f) Lavatories.
 g) Ablutions.

General Remarks.
 (General turnout of men, standard of unit etc).

Yes they keep a register.

Yes.

15 civilian dvr's employed - authorized by S.M.R.F.

No. (d)

Yes.

Only lately arrived - those seen were complete (e)

No. (f)

No bath book kept. Other records as far as could be judged were kept.

32 on detachment. Seldom visited. Vehicles never changed - reason given was that they could not afford loss of time incurred during change over.

Unit welfare non-existent. No indoor or outdoor sport of any kind. Say they lack funds. Quite evident that no effort had been made to organise any sort of welfare.

Inadequate - very cramped. Barrack rooms clean but require smartening up e.g. whitewashing

Passable

NIL

Adequate facilities but kept dirty and untidy

Satisfactory.

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Commanding officer lacks drive and enthusiasm. Handicapped to an extent by poor accommodation and fact that his unit is mixed up with 11 Repairs Unit who share the same buildings

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mixed up with 11 Repairs Unit who share the same buildings.

Turn-out of men average. No spare boots

held in store and no leather for repairs

with result that the boots of same men in

very bad condition.

Definite need for improvement in unit.

and first step would be to separate it

from 11 Repairs Unit.

Bluespinner Major

Signature of Inspecting Of

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