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Q105/10/3 Ordance Reports from
Adv. Ord 40 (Cap. K. Heller)
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To: Senior Liaison Officer MIA, H.Q., Allied Control Commission.

Co to: A.D.S.T., M.M.E.A.,
D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A.

From: Adv. Off. Liaison Officer Naples Area.

Subject: Report No. 8.

1. Arrival of material from BARI: The railway trucks P 575450 and E 101461, dispatched from Bari on 1 Apr 44, containing 5000 complete Battledresses each, have arrived here to-day, and will be unloaded to-morrow by the Italians. The difficulty seems to be that the Commissariate of Basso has no lorries available, and it is difficult to obtain outside transport (either from PBS or ST 57 Area). I shall see T.Col. Riso to-morrow on this subject.

No news yet of the two wagons despatched from Bari on 2 Apr 44, and no signal indicating the numbers of trucks despatched from Bari on 3 April 44.

2. Releases given to Basso's H.Q.: We have informed Basso's Intendenza that the following overall releases should be made:

- 240 Div 6386 prs,
- 242 Div 1500 prs,
- 227 Div 1500 prs.

The following specific releases were given to Basso:

- 850 prs for civilians recruited and posted as reinforcements to 242 Div, for service with PBS
- 260 prs for 227 Div (901 and 902 Cin. Genio Artieri,)
- 450 prs 242 Div for 1104 Cin. Artieri.

It is obvious that the first 850 prs cannot be issued on the one for one basis but the other two releases are made on condition as outlined in para. 5 Admin. Instruction No. 1.

3000 prs for 240 Div, for the equipment of units of that Div going to ANZIO.

2. Inventory of material ex SS "Empire Opposing":

The following material has arrived on the above ship, ex Midcast (Captured Army Stores):

- 4500 greatcoats (cappotti di panno) grey green
- 12800 tunics (giuppe di panno) grey green
- 16500 breeches (pantaloni corti di panno) grey green
- 10500 prs putties (fascie di gambe) grey green
- 17000 tunics drill (giuppe di tela) mixed khaki and grey
- 20000 slacks drill (pantaloni di tela) "
- 12000 body belts (ventriere di lana)
- 11500 colonial shirts (camicie di tela coloniale)
- 5500 pullovers (fascetti a maglia)
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3. Inventory of material ex SS "Empire Oppressum":

The following material has arrived on the above ship, ex Mideast (Captured Enemy Stores):

4500 greatcoats { cappotti di panno } grey green
12800 tunics { giuppe di panno } grey green
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10500 prs putties { fasce di gambe } grey green
17000 tunics drill { giuppe di tela } mixed khaki and grey
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The following English material, not dyed, was included in the ship *242 Div* by error, and it is suggested that we may cut arise *22* 2 Sub-Depot, 557 AOD, requesting the removal of this material:

84 parcels, 50 to 75 ea. K/A Khaki drill tunics
158 parcels, 50 each 1/4 shorts
12 parcels, forage caps, 300 per parcel
67 parcels, 55 to 40 each slacks, 1/4
gloves, woolen, 33 parcels, 700 prs each.
1 parcel, 14 prs boots
30 parcels, 50 prs each gym shoes,
15 parcels, 100 water bottles each
miscellaneous British equipment, 4 parcels,
65 parcels, iron for boots
1 parcel, officers valises
1 parcel, 25 prs leggings
7 parcels webbing
1 parcel, nine umbrellas,

*To 242 Div
Sub-Depot
15/4*

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XXXXXXXXXXXX, 26 parcels, each 500 Field dressings,
1 parcel, car chains,

Please signal your decision in this matter.

4. US Material for Italians:

PBS, Major Smith (QM Branch) informed this office, that 30 (thirty) truck of American clothing, dyed green, had arrived in the American Quartermaster Dump in AVERSA. This material is being sent now to the Italian Clothing store (Depot 591 and to the new clothing depot (formerly premises of E.A. Schmid, Ponte Rossi, Naples. The inventory of the material arrive will be submitted as soon as possible.

5. Please give instructions as to the disposal of material mentioned under par ex SS "Empire Opposum".

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To: Senior Liaison Officer, MIA, AGC Headquarters.

From: Adv.Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples District.

Sir,

Subject: Report No. 7.

1. Releases of clothing and boots:

Your Signal Aq 883, authorising Lt. Col. Offenbauer to release material for Italian Army use, and to transfer, if necessary, such material from Bari to Naples, has been noted. We are immediately communicating with PBS Quartermaster, regarding the fitting out of reinforcements arrived for PBS, and with Basso's Headquarters, to obtain their demands. The releases will then be made, and of course notified to you.

Your signal Ord 49 informing this office of the dispatch from Bari of two waggons of 5000 uniforms each (number of trucks given) and 9000 uniforms in trucks whose number we expect, has also been noted.

We are taking the necessary steps at Basso's H.Q. for reception and re-distribution of this clothing, as well as the proper accounting of it.

2. Battledresses in "A" Base Laundry: Reference Para 2, Sub-Para "c" of my report No. 5:

DADG3 IP & P (Major Elborne) 7 Corso Umberto Naples (Tel. No. 54061) reports that there has been a holdup, the original contract with the dyeworks had to be cancelled, and a new one has now been concluded.

The dyeing will be done at a rate of about 1600-1700 pieces per week, that is to say, that the whole consignment will be available in four to five weeks time from now, and not as stated in the above report, in one week. This refers to 4000 complete battledresses only, there is not yet enough dye arrived here for the dyeing of the remaining quantity of B/D (at present approximately 6000 further suits.)

3. Stock and releases ex Italian warehouse:

The complete inventory of the Italian warehouse, as far as Allied material is concerned, per 31 Mar 44, is enclosed for your information and perusal.

4. Replacement: I have been told that I shall have to leave Naples probably on Saturday 8 Apr 44. So far nobody has arrived here to take over from me.

Naples, 3 April 1944.

Copy to: A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.,
D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A.

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Capt. A.A.S.C.,
Adv.Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples.

Signal ORD/52

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Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples.

Signal ORD/52
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Recd. ORD
5 April 44

To: Senior Liaison Officer, Army Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.C.

(Copy to: A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A., H.Q.)

D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A., H.Q.

Report No. 6

From: Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples Area.

1. Intendenza, Basso's H.Q. Seen again Major Forlana and Lt. Col. Riso, Director of Basso's Commissariato. Up to this day, neither Intendenza, nor Commissariato have received from Stato Maggiore or Ministry of War, the global authorities to issue material to the troops in Naples area, as stated by Capt. Bird when he arrived in Naples about ten days ago. I repeat these authorities:

Battle-dress, dyed... 9772 tunics and trousers, 210 Div, + 3000
A 3000 tunics and trousers, 227 Div,
A 3000 tunics and trousers, 212 Div.

Boots: 100 prs, Pack Unit, 10 Corps (already issued) } these releases
350 prs, 58 Arty Group (already issued) } have arrived.

The remaining releases, as quoted below, have not yet arrived. Please urge immediately ~~SMH~~ to wire the releases to Basso.

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At the present moment, the Italian clothing depot in Naples holds approximately 32,000 pairs of boots.

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3. Stores ex SS "Empire Opposum": These stores are now being unloaded at the Italian clothing depot, and it seems that apart from quite a quantity of perished and bad equipment, f.i. respirators anti-gas, there will be an appreciable quantity of part worn, repaired and cleaned Italian grey green uniforms (tunics, trousers and greatcoats) and also of tropical uniforms.

The Italian Commissariato is at present taking the stores over, and I shall send an inventory as soon as possible.

4. Emergency release: An officer from 210 Div (which according to Capt. Bird is to have the highest priority in re-equipment after the 1st Motor Brigade) visits Naples to-day, demanding 500 pairs of boots, bringing a truck to collect the stores. As this unit works in an operational area, I have released the above quantity, to be deducted from the total allotment of boots to the above formation.

5. Conclusion: All the work I can do here is now limited to admonish the Italians to patience. It seems that their administrative channels are clogged up, and unless the authorities for release as above arrive, nothing more can be done at this end. please see to it that S.M.R.E. does wire the releases as in para 1 to Basso's

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Naples,
30 Mar 44.

Capt. R.A.S.C.,
Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples Area.

Enclosed: Release demand of Basso's Intendenza for
250 prs boots for 227 Div and 150 pairs for 212 Div.
Please wire decision, quoting Italian refno 6016/CO.

Offenbacher came from 4/4/44 (Red + X)
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in Italy
S.M.R.E.
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included in
news for
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To: Senior Liaison Officer, Army Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.C.
(Copy to: A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.,
D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A.)

From: Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples Area.

Sir,

Subject: Report No. 5.

1. Personal: With reference to the visit of Lt. Col. Finch, and the letter giving my new employment, I regret that I cannot leave Naples any longer. I have been informed by G-1, Allied Control Commission, that my name is on the list of officers posted to Civil Affairs, U.K., and that I would sail from here probably in the beginning of April. More detailed instructions to follow yet. Under these circumstances I cannot leave Naples for any period longer than half a day.

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For this reason, I have sent yesterday a signal to Leguille stating that Basso had not yet had the authority to issue boots. Please prod S.M.R.E.

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a) No consignment of dyed battle-dresses has arrived in Naples yet, apart from the first lot (see my report No. 1), and I recommend that some of the battle-dresses be diverted from Bari or Taranto. The position of clothing for troops on this side of the Peninsula is very difficult.

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17 Feb 44.....500 jackets and 500 trousers, with special marking
27 Feb 44.....950 jackets and 950 trousers, dyed green.
This material was drawn by 10 Corps from 2 Sub-Depot, and released to Italian units under control 10 Corps.

I tried to visit 10 Corps, but the mechanical state of the Humber Snipe is not good enough to risk a trip into the location of the above formation, and I wrote therefore to 10 Corps for receipts or duplicate receipts signed by the respective Italian Unit commanders.

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4. Arrival of material ex SS "Empire Oppressum" This ship docked yesterday, 27 Mar. It holds, according to the manifest 3185 packages, 130 tons "Italian equipment". No further specification is given in the ship's papers. The provisional inspection of packages showed that some of the contents are Italian tropical uniforms, and infantry webbing equipment. **945**

The material is being sent to the Italian clothing depot, Corso Garibaldi (Depot 591) and as soon as taken over, I shall send an exact inventory.

Subsequent 5th Avenue

Await Acknowledgment

28 Mar 44.

5. Items other than B/D and boots
for Italian Army.

Could I be informed, please, whether there is any hope of materials other than Battledress and boots arriving for Italian units? (S.C. shirts, undervests, undershirts, stockings or footings, caps, overcoats etc.)

There are troops arriving in Naples (from Sardinia) and newly called up soldiers, which have only their (bad) civilian clothing to wear, and P.D.S. 5th Army etc. send constantly demands for complete outfits to this office. I return these demands, and let them send the infants to Basso, but it would be a good thing if I could be told what the future position is going to be.

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To: Senior Liaison Officer,
Army Sub-Commission.

From: Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer, Naples Area.

Subject: Report No. 4.

1. Visit to Maj. Perry, GM Class 3 Officer, 5th Army.

Discussed with this officer, and the Italian Liaison Officer to G-4, 5th Army, Capt. Cicogna, the procedure of Italian units under command 5th Army, to obtain their supply of materials.

So far, the units have indented on GM, 5th Army, which passed the demands on to GM, PBS, and then the stuff is supposed to be issued. I pointed out to Capt. Cicogna and Maj. Perry, that this system was not satisfactory, and not in accordance with the demands of the new Italian organization. I asked him, to instruct units to submit their demands to 210 Div, 210 Div to submit theirs to FFAA Campania, and this again to SCAR. SCAR would then, in agreement with MIA give releases to be carried out from Italian Commissariato Warehouse in Naples.

They agree with the system, in practice, however, there are no D/D at the Naples warehouse available at this moment.

During this visit, I also talked with Lt. Col. Pollock (Chief Inspector, New Scotland Yard in civilian life) at present i/c Police preparing for Rome City. This officer stated that his force of Carabinieri being prepared for this task, has no good boots. I pointed out to him, that as the RMC (Carabinieri) are also part of the Italian Armed Forces, the one and only means of obtaining a release of repaired or new Allied Boots is a demand of the Command of the Carabinieri for Liberated Italy to the SMR.

2. Visit to Intendenza, FFAA Campania.

Seen Maj. Forlenza on same points as Capt. Cicogna. At the same time, ascertained also strength of 1st Motorbrigade and sent corresponding signal to HQ, MIA.

3. Clothing warehouse for Italian Army:

Lt. Col. Riso accepts warehouse EA Schmid 46, Via A. Senovesi, Naples. I have informed Capt. Curren (O i/c warehouse accommodation, Naples, PBS G-4) to earmark this warehouse for Italian Army.

Italians setting their Engineers to repair roof to this warehouse.

4. Visited Maj. McKay, Q(AK) AAI regarding transport of Army equipment from Sardinia, informed him that Air Mission, ACC could not get Air space for transportation of their own stores, and that therefore the stores would have to go by sea. Maj. McKay asked us therefore to make a bid for necessary tonnage to Mov & Tr.

Seen Maj. Benedictus, D.A.D.O.S. (3 Vehicles), Ord. 3, AAI. regarding demand of jeep or PU tyres for Italian requisitioned staff cars. Told that no demands could be entertained at present, that Italians should make best use

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Seen PBS, G-4, regarding same question. PBS stated that only tyres for essential public utilities vehicles had been released by NATOUSA, and that only after similar release by NATOUSA PBS could make issue to Italian for their requisitioned staff cars. This information reported to H.Q. in separate letter.

5. Conference with Capt. Bird: Noted his information, and the releases already given by MMIA with SMRE for Italian troops in Naples area. However, no B/A except as stocks mentioned in report No. 1 have so far arrived in Naples, and therefore sent signal to H.Q.

6. Boots: Are being withdrawn by Italians from 2 Sub Depot 557 AOD. There seem to be considerable deficiencies in quantities. Italian Board of officers checking boots in found on 19 Mar 44 only 1507 pairs as against 1675 pairs consigned to t en 2 Sub Depot.

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Please instruct whether the present system of Italian checking in can be continued or whether it will be necessary to detail Cpl. Goodwin(who at present is not very busy with his Port Detachment duties) to be present in the Italian warehouse.

7. SS"Empire Opussum"

This ship has not yet arrived here. *W. H. H. H. H.*

8. Visit to *QM* dump 560, Averea.

Together with Major Smith, *QM* Branch, PBS, I visited the US *QM* Depot 560, Averea, to see the 5 boxes of US Material CCC arrived for the Itis. The stuff was erroneously taken into the above depot. As, however, the material is required for Italian troops under 5th Army and PBS, it is suggested that the material need not be transported back to Naples, to the Italian depot, and then again be carted forward to Averea, Caserta and other Italian locations in the area of the present depot.

The material consists of 1975 cases, each about 15 coats medicament(kind of abbreviated British name) and an unspecified number of Garrison caps. There are also 4400 shirts, khaki, cotton.

I have sent a signal in this connection to Headquarters, *MEIA*.

W. H. H. H. H.
Capt. R. A. S. C.,
Advanced Ordnance Liaison Officer,
Naples Area.

20 Mar 44.

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Capt. R.A.S.C.,
Advanced Ordnance Liaison Officer,
Naples Area.

20 Mar 44

To: Senior Liaison Officer,
Army Sub-Commission.

From: Adv. Off. Liaison Officer.

Subject: Report No. 5.

1. Inspected the Caserma Garibaldi for suitability as use as Italian clothing depot. This building is at present occupied by 1000 US Engineers, which use only a small part of the building. Of the unit moves out, or if the engineers are redeployed relinquishing their claim to the small part of the outbuildings of this barracks, and are content with the main building only, the Italians could per se occupy the outbuilding.

Saw Col. P.B.S. (Capt. Curran) on that question, turned down, as long as above Engineer Unit in occupation.

2. On days trip with Maj. Papineau, showed Port and other transport installations and officers. Saw Maj. Lewis, Motor Division, and Capt. Grell, Highway Division, Saw British Tpt Officer in Port, Capt. Brown.

3. Further visit to 557 A.O.D., 2 Sub Depot:

This officer informed us that 200,000 B/D dyed had arrived, probably all on East side, as under:

10,000 KMS 36 Rustian
90,000 KMS 38 Rustian
20,000 KMS 39 Macle
20,000 KMS 40 Macle

that "A" base Laundry had issued directly to 10 Corps, for re-issue to Italian Engineer Troops under their command

1000 complete dyed Battle dresses, and
that 1000 further complete B/D are to be issued in the near future.

that the SS "Fort Letratte", KMS 35 had carried 60000 BD Blouses, not marked and 40000 BD trousers, "III"

that the Fort St. Regis KMS 35 had carried 952 cases of boots
SS De Puce Cas 26.....68 cases of boots.

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4. Visit to Capt. Gregory, British Port Movements: The above information was given in addition to that, the officer stated that the SS "Empire Opposum" carrying 130 tons clothing and equipment (your signal Ord /50 dated 12 Mar 44) is due here about the 20 Mar 44, and I shall then see to its discharge into the Italian depot.

5. Warehouse for Italians: Capt. Curran, G-4, P.B.S. suggested as further possible warehouse for the Italians the warehouse of the firm B.A. Schmid, 46 Via A. Genovesi, Naples (map ref. 225520) which needs slight roof repairs. I have communicated this to Direzione di Commissariato, Lt. Col. Riso.

See ORD 16/11/N.

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 D.S.T. Sec 437 20/3
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2. One days trip with Maj. Repineau, showed Port and other transport installations and officers. Saw Maj. Lawrie, Water Division, and Capt. Grell, Highway Division, saw British Tpt Officer in Port, Capt. Brown.

3. Further visit to 557 A.O.D., 2 Sub Depot:

This officer informed me that 200,000 B/D dyed had arrived, probably all on West side, as under:

10,000 KMS 38 Rustian
90,000 KMS 38 Rustian
20,000 KMS 39 Hackle
20,000 KMS 40 Hackle

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that "A" base laundry had issued directly to 16 Corps, for re-issue to Italian Engineer troops under their command

1000 complete dyed battle dresses, and

that 1000 further complete B/D are to be issued in the near future.

that the 35th Port Battalion, KMS 35 had carried 60000 in floures, not marked and 40000 in trousers, "III"

that the Port St. Regis KMS 35 had carried 952 cases of boots
SS De Fuen Cas 25.....258 cases of boots.

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4. Visit to Capt. Gregory, British Port Movements: The above information was given in addition to that, the officer stated that the SS "Empire Opposum" carrying 130 tons clothing and equipment (year signal Ord /30 dated 12 Mar 44) is due here about the 20 Mar 44, and I shall then see to its discharge into the Italian depot.

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See ORD/10/11/N.

6. Italian Clothing Depot: Enclosed detailed state of present material in Italian clothing depot. The withdrawal of the approx. 15,000 pairs of boots from 2 Sub Depot, 557 A.O.D. did not begin yet, owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Italian but starts to-day, 15 Mar 44.

7. I regret that I cannot do any more work, owing to lack of transport. 941

Naples,
15 Mar 44.

Capt. R.A.S.C.,
Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer.

To: Senior Liaison Officer,
Army Sub-Commission.

From: Adv. Ord. Liaison Officer.

Sir,

Subject: Report No. 2.

Visit to Major Smith, Q.M., P.B.S.

This officer 'phoned that he had received an indent from 5th Army, for clothing for troops under their command, which he could not fill, and that the Italian depot stated that they did not have any availability.

I visited his office, and found out that he had not been informed of the issue made by Italian depot to 240 Div of 500 blouses and 2500 trousers.

Computing figures of demand, and of availability in Naples Italian depot, the following signal was then sent to LEQUILLE:

Value require urgently for IPI units under command Lightning 1445 trousers of which 487 available here and 2921 jackets of which stocked 2481 and 4884 prs boots all available (.) please signal decision".

Major Smith stated also that if I did not have transportation which should be forthcoming as stated by Maj. Moeglein, and if I intended to visit 210 Div and 5th Army I could obtain it in an emergency from PBS, for the trip to Caserta.

2. Visit to Port with Capt. Benatti and Capt. Orsini (Italian Port Officer)

a) The empty storehouse" immediately adjoining the inner Port wire " mentioned by Lt. Col. Riso was inspected. It is unsuitable as it is at least 150 yds distant from the Port wire, well within the Port area, and for security reasons obviously unsuitable for Italian demands.

b) The offices of the Italian Port Detachment were inspected. Three little rooms, require still the finishing of painting and installation of electric light in one room.

c) Visited once more the Italian clothing depot (Depot No. 591), and found out that No. 28(US) Motor Pool occupies the ground floor. Shall endeavour to see that Motor Pool changes location and so obtain 1/3 more storage space.

3. Visit to 2 Sub Depot 557 A.O.D., R.A.O.C.

Lt. Emsley states that the 8500 battledresses to be dyed are available in the Depot. (RSD). There is, however, no dye available, and none can be found in Naples at present. D.D.O.S., AFHQ has sent a priority indent for dye to Mideast, and if the dye arrives we shall receive further information as to when the dyed B/D will be made available for the Italian Army.

4. Conversation with G-4, P.B.S.

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H.D.S.T. Sec H.B.F. 2/3
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1 sec command
1 sec 1st

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4. Conversation with G-4, P.B.S.

a) Change of wiring in Italian Depot 590 has to be done by Port Provost Marshall.

b) G-4, P.B.S. do not, under any circumstances, agree with the removal of the 28 Motor Pool from the ground floor of Depot 590. The entire building was originally requisitioned for the U.S. Army, and the upper floors were de-requisitioned for Italian use on the express condition that 28 Motor Pool remains in its present location.

c) Capt. Curran, storage space officer in this branch, suggested, however, that the Italians should store the hard rations held in Depot 51, Via Nécata Nicolini in open space across the street, and thus make about 2/3 of storage space of this depot available for clothing storage.

Capt. Curran stated also that there are still a number of smaller warehouses in Naples sidestreets which cannot be taken by Army because they are too small, but might be very useful for Italian Army requirements. He is willing to earmark them for Italian Army if they are found in US area of Naples.

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5. Visit to US Port Provost Marshall.

Explained Italian demands to APM, and went out to inspect the depot on the spot. Then saw Provost Marshall, who was unwilling to help, but finally promised to put the matter before the Port Security Committee which meets every Friday afternoon, if I submitted a memorandum on the matter in time for this meeting. (Copy of memo enclosed).

6. Visit to Water Division, Transportation Branch, P.B.S.:

Interviewed Lt. Laub. Agreed with him that a few days before arrival of convoys we should be called by phone, to send NCO of Port Detachment across to PBS, to look through ships manifests and write out from them all items marked "TPI", and the warehouse to which this material is to be sent. Next convoy due in ~~beginning~~ in near future, Col. Goodwin or other ICO to go and see it. Laub on Friday or Saturday this week.

Naples,
13 Mar 44.

R. Kelly
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To: Senior Liaison Officer, Flauto, Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

From: Capt. K. Heller, R.A.S.C.

Sir,

28 21 MAR. 44.

Subject: Report No. 1.

1. Arrived in NAPLES on 8 Mar 44, afternoon, I started work, accompanied by Major Moeglein, and Major Chown, in the morning of 9 Mar 44.

2. Visit to Italian Q.M. Depot: (Designation Depot 591, nr. Corso Garibaldi, Via Marina.)

Officer Commanding: Maggiore Ambrogio,
2/4/0..... Capitano de Matteo.

The depot was inspected. On 9 Mar 44, the state of Allied Material in this depot was as follows:-

a) Battle dress dyed, from BARI:

Received:.....2987 trousers
2984 blouses

Issued to 240 Inf.Div., ..500 blouses
Posta Militare 179 ..2500 trousers.

b) Boots, ankle, new, Indian pattern:

Received:.....2997 pairs
(three pairs not paired,
sizes or both lefts)

Issued.....nil

c) Boots, repaired:

Received 643 sacks,12.260 pairs, Issued to 1 Regt. Motorizzato 100 prs.

d) Camp beds, US pattern, from PHS:

Received.....230 beds, Issued.....nil.

At the moment there is a certain amount of storage space available. However, this will not be sufficient when supplies begin to arrive in quantities from overseas, and additional space will be required.

Major Ambrogio also requested a shifting of the barbed wire near the entrance, separating the depot from the ground allotted to 28 Motor pool, and stated, that the space available for lorries to unload is extremely limited, and that the access to the depot is difficult.

It is suggested that this demand be, if possible granted. I am going to see G-4, P.B.S. on this subject to-morrow, 12 Mar 44, also in connection with the warehouse demanded by the Direzione di Commissariato.

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Commanding Officer (Direttore).....Lt. Col. Riso
 i/c Clothing and equipment.....Maggiore Bollone
 Officer i/c Port Detachment.....Capt. Orsini
 Personal Aide to C.O.....Mr. Nuziante.

(Telephone 51818, PPA Campania and ask for Direzione Camiseabrito)

A. ~~DEFINITION OF THE PORT DETACHMENT~~ Col. Riso complained that his Port Detachment established in accordance with orders received from the and Ministero di Guerra had not been recognised officially by 6th Port, Naples, and that the counting and checking of stores arriving at the dock side was impossible, as it delayed the unloading of ships and clearing of quays. He suggests that the Italian responsibility should begin with the receipt of the supplies in their stores, where a board of officers would be established to take on charge.

It is recommended that this suggestion be accepted.

It is, however, also suggested that the Italian Port Detachment be established, to be in contact with port authorities, and to see that supplies marked "ITA" go to the acquired Italian depots, and to provide escorts for such lorries, railway trucks etc.

B. Discussed arrangements for supplies

Requested Col. Riso, and agreed by him, that a fortnightly statement in detail, showing all receipts and issues in detail, of all items of allied origin be supplied to me. This will be done, on 1st and 15th of each month.

IX c) Remaining storage space for future supplies, Col. Riso pointed out that the present storage space would be insufficient. He knows of a building, at present in the Port wire erimeter, which is empty. Am going to inspect this building, and if necessary and considered suitable, suggest to MIB, C-4, that the wire round this building be shifted so as to make it accessible without entering the Port area. Propose to inspect this building 11 Mar 44 afternoon.

d) Requested Col. Riso to start withdrawing the boats from 2 Sub Depot, 597 A.O. They start preparations, work with civilian contractor and horse drawn waggon, work to begin on Monday 13 Mar 44.

5. Visit to P.D.S. Major Smith, Quartermaster Dept: (Tel. Value 320)

a) Major Smith gave Maj. Magliola list of material required, and not yet to hand for Italian units under control PDS and 5th Army.

b) Maj. Smith will inform me of materials of US origin arriving for, and handed over to Italian Army.

c) Maj. Smith will help in recommending our suggestions re storage space etc. to G-4 of P.D.S.

d) All dyeing work under control PDS is done by 6696 QM Base Depot (Lt. Col. Miller, Tel. Value 320).

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It is recommended that this suggestion be accepted.

It is, however, also suggested that the Italian Port Detachment be established, to be in contact with port authorities, and to see that supplies marked "III" go to the required Italian depots, and to provide escorts for such lorries, railway trucks etc.

3. Discussed accounting for supplies?

Requested Col. Riso(and answered by him, that a fortnightly statement in detail, showing all receipts and issues in detail, of all items of allied origin be supplied to me. This will be done, on 1st and 15th of each month.

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4) Returned Col. Riso to start withdrawing the boots from 2 Sub Depot, 557 A.O. They start preparations, work with civilian contractor and horse drawn wagons, work to begin on Monday 13 Mar 44.

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6. Applied for Port Pass for myself. Procedure complicated, have to send demand in writing signed by Superior Officer. Lt. Col. Offender will sign.

7. Visit to Port Commandant, 6th Port. (Telephone Value 405 or Vacant 105 or 106)

Spoken to Lt. Col. Henderson, Assistant Port Commandant re:

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a) Possibility of Italian Port Detachment, for providing escorts to lorries going to Italian depots, and directing of supplies

b) Information by breakdown of, r extracts from manifests of ships arriving Naples, and information to Adv. Ord. 10, of all items marked "III".

Am going to visit again to-morrow for decision on these requests.

Naples, 11 Mar 44.

Capt. R.A.S.

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