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SUBJECT: Notes on visit to Naples  
Lt. Col. Geo. A. Shipley

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (AMIA)  
HQ., A.C.C.  
ROME  
AG/8/1  
27 August 1944

27 AUG 1944

1. Arrived at Naples at 2030 hrs on 16 August 1944.
2. Made a further check of samples of US needles for boot repair by having them tried out on Italian machines. Visited QM Branch (Lt Col Pinck) AFHQ and checked samples of needles selected by Italians against US QM catalog and nomenclature. An AFHQ draft cable was prepared requesting that needed quantities of each needle be supplied from US sources and confirming that small initial supply could be furnished from SOS stocks provided replacement was assured. Draft cable also included request for composition soles, heels and cement; initial stock 100,000 sets and 50,000 sets per month thereafter.  
This work was done on 19 August 1944.
3. Learned that AFHQ had been informed by SOS WATOUA that Italian Army lacked facilities to receive and process US clothing, and could not accept accumulated stocks from PBS. Upon investigation it was found that:
  - (a) Neither AMIA in Naples or Italian Depot Naples have ever refused to accept any clothing offered by any US agency.
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  - (c) No provision for additional space for clothing had been made.
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6. It was arranged with PBS Salvage Section to start delivery of more than 200 truck loads of repairable US clothing to new Depot at Via FONTE DEL FRANCESI on 25 Aug. Rate of delivery will be up to 20 truck loads per day. Captain Bartone has agreed to provide personnel sufficient to off load at that rate.

All clothing in the lot reported in Par. 6 has been laundered, and is ready to be repaired. Some items may have already been repaired and can be placed direct in issue stocks after sorting. The entire lot will be itemized on US shipping tickets.

8. Incidental to our search for additional warehouse space the Italian Magazine RECUPENI CORSA S. GIOVANNI 251 S. GIOVANNI was inspected by Major Jones and Captain Bernatti. They reported a very large stock of Italian unsorted used clothing on hand, and very little unoccupied storage space. No estimate of the quantity of repairable uniforms could be obtained. Approximately 75 civilian and military personnel are at present employed, but the actual repair of uniforms is at a relatively low rate.

They also learned that the 10,000 Italian Blouses earmarked for repair by CGER were still on hand.

9. Italian Clothing and Equipment Depots now operating in Naples are:

(a) Depot 591, Via MARINA NUOVA  
Main storage and issue depot.

(b) CASERMA GARIBALDI (Depot 593) Via FONIA.  
Used for storage and sorting of US shoes, also storage of tires and US rations.

(c) Depot 582, Via POMERIE DEL FRANCHI 31.  
Used for storage and sorting of Allied clothing.  
Some repair work may also be done here.

(d) MAGAZINE RECUPENI - CORSA S. GIOVANNI 251 S. GIOVANNI (red)  
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10. Departed Naples for Rome on morning of 23 August 44.

Copy to: Col. Kerr  
Col. Hoakes  
MMA LC Naples  
ORD  
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File  
Col. Shipley

Now known  
as Depot 1750  
-see and/or  
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10. Departed Naples for Rome on morning of 26 August 44.

*George A. Shipley*  
GEORGE A. SHIPLEY  
Lt. Col. Q(Inf) 352  
ARMY SUB COMMISSIONER MILIA

Copy to: Col. Kerr  
Col. Noakes  
MILIA LO Naples  
ORD ✓  
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VILLO  
Col. Shipley

ORP VISITS

VISIT TO MAGAZZINO CASSERMAGGIO  
15, VIA LABICANA ROME

1. The above depot was visited by LT COL GRAM Shuttle & Maj Gregson on 27 JUL
2. Part of a considerable area which is only partially built-over, will be used for the reception of Barrack Stores and the rest for Rations. The buildings are mostly of light construction, but are not considered to be unsuitable for Barrack Stores and the area of accommodation available is thought to be adequate.
3. The depot is supervised by the officers at the Magazzino Vestiario, 186 Via Arimateo Armadeo ROME.
4. The Ammunition Staff consists of 1351 NCO's
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RAHJL Hutter  
Lt Col.

Copy to Q (AE)



VISIT TO: - <sup>ORD/VISITS</sup> MAGAZINO DI RICUPERI  
 SCUOLA FERRANTE APORTI  
 91 Via Antonio Senora, ROME  
 (Telephone 393 829)

1 The above was visited by Lt Col Shuttle & Army  
 A region on 27 JUL for the purpose of ascertaining  
 the nature of the enterprises carried on and especially  
 to see if there were any finished goods available  
 to the Italian Army. No interpreter was taken.

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 to the needs of a technical school. The executives  
 and all the employees are civilians. If they  
 have not been screened, they should be as the  
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- (ii) The repair of P/W Boots.
- (iii) The manufacture of new clothing on a small scale.
- (iv) The repair of P/W Clothing.
- (v) The manufacture of simple wooden stores such as litter poles in the Carpenter's shop.

VISITS FILE (21)

VISIT TO MAGAZZINO VESTIARIO

186, VIA PRINCIPE AMADEO

ROME (Telephone Rome Militare  
5195)

1. The above was inspected by Lt Col Shuttle & Maj Gregson on 27 JUL 44.

2. The military staff consists of:—

C.O.

Maj BORGIA, Angelo

Asst.

1/Lt PESCE, Cesare

NCO's

3

The Civilian staff consists of:—

Warehousemen

7

WORKSHOPS

Clerks

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about 20 women.

3. Quite large permanent buildings round a large court-yard for unloading transport make an excellent depot about half the size of LA ROCCA.

4. at present the depot is carrying BARRACK STORES & RATIONS, but there <sup>are</sup> to be moved to 15 VIA LUBICANA and the depot will thus become a clothing Depot only. Thus 1349

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- 5 - The Germans are stated to have taken most of the clothing, but the stocks remaining although small are by no means negligible
- 6 - The 20 ~~men~~ <sup>women</sup> in the workshop are engaged in cutting off buttons & general salvage work rather than repairing clothes.
- 7 - The hours worked by the depot are 0830-1230 and ~~1400-1900~~ hrs.

Copy to Q(AE)

28 JUL 44

W.H. [Signature]

To. Col Shutte.

(28) 1.

According to your instructions I visited the W.M. to settle various queries. My intention was with Nabissi.

1. Nabissi has been promoted & is now a Lt Col. His office is No 137 just S East of Grent Pelligras.

Internal Telephone number. 6323.

2. I gave him the list of types & books & he will hand it to Grent Aliberti.

3. I was informed that as from 28/7/44 the working hours of the Moy would be 0800 - 1400 daily.

4. He will be submit the letter which we could not understand. This was written by a telephone orderly hence its illegibility.

5. They have some adding machines which are fully employed, but they will explore the possibility of getting you one. - Stock on hand 3/8/44  
Gen Shutte 3/8/44

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Gen Pelligras 3/8/44
6. a full list of clothing depots will be  
furnished in due course.
7. The list of clothing received in Rome

is not yet complete as fresh articles are discovered daily.

They are being shot by transport to new stores found. to the central depot. Can we help in this?

8. 1438 prs of books ex Jaranto have arrived in Bani, Nabasi' wrote 26/7 informing us of this.

9. He agreed that the stores ex Cibitakecha should go into the warehouse via Principe Amedeo.

10. He would like to see the names listed by depots for allied stores before finally deciding the official nomenclature. I will take these down & give the names. 1347

11. He talked at length to S/Sgt de Vuon about the Signal you sent him. De Vuon will explain to you.

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8. 1438 pts of boots ex Taranto have arrived in Bari, Nahunsi wrote 26/7 informing us of this.

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B.H. Wray

27/7/44



26 July 44


Memo: To Col Shipley

Subject: Investigation of Italian Supplies at CIVITAVECCHIA

1. Pursuant to your instructions Major Cresson and myself visited the Class II and IV Depot at Civitavecchia on 25 July. We found the following Italian equipment there:-

Blouses - B.D. Green	Large Size	7 Bundles of 50	-	350
" " " "	Med "	19 " "	-	950
" " " "	Small "	40 " "	-	2000
Trousers " " "	Assorted "	99 " "	-	4950
Caps-Wool CCC Green	12 cases	" 400	-	4800
Boots, Ankle	2 "	" 12 prs	-	24 prs -
Belts, Web - Green	8 "	" 600	-	4800
Comforters				

approx 5000 bundles 10 - 50000

2. All above equipment was well packed and in tight bundles or wooden cases. Containers are marked with an hourglass design  in red. Equipment was received and stocked in Civitavecchia at time 5th Army was operating the port, and present GM Organisation does not know from what ships the consignment was unloaded. The above equipment is occupying considerable space in warehouses, and C.O. of 70th Base Depot is most anxious to have it moved. Before releasing the above equipment the C.O. of 70th GM Base Depot would like a communication from this office:-

- (a) Authorising their release of the equipment.
- (b) Rome address of Depot to which delivery is to be made.
- (c) Description of identification markings i.e. (red hourglass design)

This communication should be addressed to:-

C.O. 70th GM Base Depot  
Supply Point 3

In as much as they are still getting their mail thru APO 782 NAPLES considerable delay may be expected and it is suggested to either deliver or send up by P.D.S. daily courier who leaves from Rome Ration Depot.

### 3. TRANSPORTATION


Organisational transport at 70th Base Depot is very busy and is being used on priority basis and it will require release from 5th Army to use their transport to move this equipment. **1346**

We therefore visited Capt Yost of 6th Port Transport Tel. Vital 205, who indicated that they would be glad to handle on their returning South Bound P.D.S. Convoys. Arrangements would have to insure being able to load and unload on a 24 hr basis. The Convoys consist of 15 to 20 Trucks and it is estimated it would take about a week to complete the move by this method. Basis 60 bales per 2 1/2 Ton truck.

Movement could be made by rail but this would require double handling plus

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8 " " 600 4300  
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Movement could be made by rail but this would require double handling plus required motor transport at both ends.

If arrangements can be completed for receiving at this end a Telephone Call to Capt Yost will start the move.

### 4. Status of Port as of 25 July -

LEONARD, KILMER and HOGAN	-	in Port and Working
SHAIN	-	Berthing
SMITH, MOSLEY, MEDOWAL	-	off shore

The MOSLEY and MEDOWAL carry ACC supplies but have mixed cargo including Tanks for which suitable discharge gear is not available, and these ships will probably be discharged at another Port.

### 5. OTHER SUPPLIES

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## 5. (cont)

Coal Forges - Hand Tools and Penetrating Asphalt are all engineering items marked for Italian. We notified Lt Kreighoff at Vital 140 who is passing the information on to MARLES where items will probably be unloaded.

Data on Dye was given to Col Berry Vital 85, Operations Officer 70th Base Depot who has agreed to call this office as soon as the shipment shows up.

## 6. Review of contacts for future reference:

Lt. Col Dennis - C. G.	70th Base Depot	-	Tel Vital 85
Lt. Col Berry - Operations	70th Base Depot	-	Tel Vital 85 or 86
Capt Bartren - C. G.	Class II & IV Dump	-	Tel Vital 143
Col Streck - C. G.	E274 Eng. Dump	-	Tel Vital 140
Maj McDonald - Eng	" "	-	Tel Vital 140
Lt Kreighoff - Asst	" "	-	Tel Vital 140
Capt Yost C. G.	6th Port (AES) Transportation	-	Tel Vital 205
Lt Phillips " "	" " " at Night	-	Tel Vital 204

7. Recommend consideration be given to establishing a bulk Italian Depot at Civitanova for receiving of/ loaded supplies at that point direct.

Raymond E. Jones  
Major GSU

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FOR PTV CORRESPONDENCE - see GROISEC (251)  
 REGION VISIT TO CIVITAVECCHIA 25/7/44  
~~SECRET~~ ~~copy 9 (44)~~

1. In conjunction with Major Jones I visited NO 3 Supply Point (US) at the above town. The Supply Point has developed into a base depot & its number is 70 & its official title will be NO 70 Base Depot, they are awaiting confirmation of this title.

2. Contacts Lt-Colt Berry, Operations Officer

OC. Depot Class II & III Capt BARTON

Tel. VITAL. 143. or 85 or 86

3. We examined the files of Com for Ind 9. Although they are not marked ITI, or had hang tags on its side as shown earlier. The folder by Base Report No. 18, para. 4 refers. The Com for Ind has

Copy file in other volume being out not been under Capt Barton estimates that there are 5000 files. See ST. 6/0 (10ME) 1344

4. An another volume has been found the following



with Capt. Berry that he was unable to  
2.  
help, but advised us to go & see Capt YOST  
at 6th Port building Tel Vital 205, or  
night Lt. Phillips Vital 204.  
We saw Capt Yost & he thought he could  
help us by utilizing empty containers  
behind South, 15-20 2 1/2 ton trunks  
would be used at a time.

To lift the stores at 70 Base depot approx  
100 trunks will be required.

5. We next visited 271 Engineers depot (U.S.)  
situated on Route 1 about 6 miles N of  
the town.

LT KRIEGHOFF Tel Vital 140.

We discussed items marked A & C with  
him, both the ships containing these stores  
will discharge at NAPLES.

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He is telephoning Naples to warn them  
that these stores are probably marked 171

in error & are in fact for Allied

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Engineers.

He thought however that they may be  
intended for the Italians. The figures  
for making horse shoes & the asphalt  
for road repairs

3.  
 6. Sgt Bering in form mentioned that as they had signed for add. stores he would be given a letter from M.M.P.A. asking for their release.

7. at each visit we left our names & also that of Col Skyles, our address & telephone numbers.

8. owing to the greatly increased number of computers & papers making the Station depot in Rome to check the logs

gr  
 P.H. G. W. W. W.



To Col Stutte.

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In accordance with your instructions I visited the W.M. & the following are the answers to your questions (and).

(a) They can make use of practically any salvage material for foot cloths & would be glad to have it.  
(b). They suggest the use of cotton materials for the Summer & to use any woolen materials for the winter.

(c) A footcloth is merely any piece of cloth 45 x 45 Cus. & given the necessary material output is practically unlimited. With present facilities W.M. reckon that they could produce 100,000 in the first month. ORR/9 of 21/3/41

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Later the territory covered by the enquiry will be extended outside <sup>Rome</sup> & a report

sent to M.M.I.A.

4. Genl Pelligrin will arrange this week Great pleasure, once they have details of

2  
depots.  
5. No definite news as yet, but Major Nabissi thinks they have arrived as before leaving because he was told that road transport for the boots was being provided.

6. Done.

7. The star sent by D.D.O.S. as a sample is an officers pattern one. They are NOT available in the quantities required. The O.R. Star shanked out of his command quickly made available in the quantities required. (Suspect you sent these facts before D.D.O.S. when Boga H returns the letter which he has promised to do this evening.)

8. There is no clothing depot at the moment at C. The W.M. are looking for one, but are having difficulty as the place has been so knocked about.

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G. R. Stokes visited the Scuola. The grapefruit for which no written authority can be found (Whe - Gregson). Nabissi is still enquiring into this & believes that the S.M. used his home when telephoning the head depot & ordering release. (List of stores issued with Byatt)

21/7/44

W. H. G. W. G.

(23)

- 3 Detail from the Italian Army gained as a result of the occupation of Rome  
 (a) Clothing Stock  
 (b) Repair facilities in general terms.
- 4 Coverage for inspection of 4 (a) (b) at an early date with Italian officer.
- 5 Have the Coxs P/W at TARRANTO been moved.
- 6 Date incoming to instruct LECCE depot to send depot returns to us at the bi-monthly periods 14th - 25th (incl) - 26th to 10th (incl). The next return we require is that for 11 JUL - 25 JUL (incl) as soon as possible after the 25th - same form as last time.

B STAIRS

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4 (5) ... in ... of ...  
early drafts with Italian Officer.

5 Have the Cooks P/V at TARANTO been moved.

6 Ask Ammiraglio to instruct LECCO depot to send depot return to us at the to monthly periods 10th - 25th (incl) - 26th to 10th (incl). The next return we receive is that for

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REPORT

Report at Ciccurechia?

with NAI. **Q** Nabissi be Return.

1. Confirm that NAI ...  
left ... to be ready for ...

ORD/VISITS

ARMY FORM 02156 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time at Origin	Office Date Stamp
	M M I A	12 1300	
TO	For Action	Message Instructions	GR
	M M I A L O Taranb		
	(W) For Information (INFO)		

P.S.B. e.s. (5000 parts of 100) 15-44

Originator's No.

ORD/SI ~~cancelled~~ accommodation no longer required for major Gregsons car as journey cancelled

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODES UNLESS SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODES

SIGNED

SIGNED

*[Handwritten signature]*

Time	System	Op.
THI or TOR		
Time cleared		

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## NOTES COVERING CONFERENCE ON 13 MAY ATTENDED BY:

Lt. Col. NOAKES.  
 Lt. Col. SHIPLEY.  
 Maj. HUBBARD  
 Maj. GREGSON.

Important points discussed and decisions made were: -

1. Inventories of Stocks.

An inventory of items from Allied sources will be rendered by Depots as of the 15th, the 25th and the 30th day of each calendar month.

An inventory of items from Italian sources will be rendered as of the last day of each calendar month.

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- (e) Lending any possible assistance that will improve their repair operations.

twv.G.A.S.

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## REPORT OF VISIT TO BARI AND NAPLES - MAJOR HUBBARD AND MAJOR HEAD.

ROCCA DEPOT, BARI.

1. Accommodation is quite inadequate. The lack of storage space is a definite handicap and must lead to unnecessary work and loss of time in issues.
2. Stores are not stored by items and even Italian and Allied stores are hopelessly mixed. An accurate physical stock check will not be possible until stores are sorted and restacked. The evacuation of artillery stores which is progressing will give a little extra space for clothing.
3. There are no fire points, and in view of the fact that stores are stacked solidly to the roof there exists an enormous fire risk.
4. The accounting at La Rocca, though clumsy, is reasonably accurate. A complete check of one item (Boots, ankle, part worn) was made, both at the Italian and British depot, and an agreed figure has been posted as at 30th April. Figures given for other stores which have not been fast moving items may be taken as correct. 500 A.O.D. have promised to move in future all A.B. 103's will be numbered consecutively and La Rocca will in future post them separately. This will facilitate checking in the event of future discrepancies. In addition tally sheets have been introduced and these are being into use immediately.

N.B. It is understood that Lt. Col. Shipley is approaching Ministry of War regarding 1. and 2. above.

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NAPLES DEPOT.

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- 6. The return required by A.F.H.Q. letter is in course of consolidation, necessary data for U.S. and British Equipment has been obtained, stocks of Italians equipment will be ready in a few days.

Report by Lt. Col. Geo. A. Shipley. "Q" Branch, covering trip to Taranto and Bari in company with Major Hubbard and Major Head on 1 May - 2 May.

TARANTO.

I. S & T Base Depot. The physical lay-out and space is adequate for present stock and can accommodate considerable additional stock. The warehouse and area were clean and orderly. An adequate number of guards were posted in the warehouse and area. All stocks were sorted and neatly piled. All stocks were under cover and protected from weather even though there are no side walls on a large portion of the warehouse.

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Fire precautions are nil.

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The aisle space is insufficient. Movement of items being issued or re-arranged, can only be done under difficulties. It would be impossible to take an accurate inventory before sorting and restocking. Much of the clothing and other items is exposed to dust and requires further protection against deterioration and damage.

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  - c) A small stock of leather other than sole leather.
  - d) An appreciable stock of clothing especially Greatcoats and some Uniforms.
  - e) A few accommodation stores including cookers and utensils.

Major Head and Major Hubbard checked the accounting procedure and will submit recommendations. They consider the system to be reasonably good.

2. Italian Army Salvage Depot at Bari.

The salvage operation appeared to be reasonably well organised and well directed.

Sheet (ii)

Salvaged uniforms are being sorted. Those suitable for repairs are baled or placed in sacks and stored. The accumulation of sorted clothing is substantial but no estimate could be made. A small quantity are regularly despatched to a tailoring and repair shop which is operating in Bari, but the present capacity of which is limited due largely to shortages of repair materials and facilities.

Salvaged boots are sorted and those repairable are stored. A substantial stock has accumulated. Some are regularly despatched to a repair shop, the present capacity of which is 50 pairs per day.

The Salvage Depot now has on hand approximately 100,000 burlap sacks of I quintal capacity. These have been sorted, cleaned and repaired. They were instructed by me to hold present stock of sacks for instruction as to disposition, I propose to take the matter up with the Minister of War. If they are not needed for Military use, they will undoubtedly be needed by ACC for moving the season's grain harvest.

The Salvage Depot also has on hand a stock of empty bottles, the majority of which are crated.

Estimated stocks are:-

50,000	.....	2 litre size.
25,000	.....	1 litre size.
15,000	.....	3/4 litre size.
10,000	.....	1/2 litre size, and Misc.

The Ministry of War advise that these bottles are not needed for Military use. They can be offered to ACC and later sold if ACC does not need them.

4. Contact with HQ, Adriatic Base Depot.

In company with Col. Pidsley and Major Moeglein a visit was paid to HQ, Adriatic Base Depot. Various matters of common interest were discussed, the most important being matters of accounting which were of special interest to Col. Pidsley.

To: M/2From: Maj. D.S.L. GREGSON.9th April 44.

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Subject: Extra accomodation for Ordnance Stores.

Reference extract from Lieut FRESLAND's Report, a copy of which is attached.

In company with Lieut FRESLAND, I today visited the premises referred to in a/m extract.

Across the road & actually alongside the Railway is a Building 155 ft. long: 45 ft. broad & 20 ft. high. It has a cement floor & the windows are some 15 ft. from the ground.

There are two Vats in this building which it would be difficult to move, but they would interfere very little with it's usefulness as a Clothing Store.

Actually within the Supply Depot itself is another Building, 72 ft. long: 33 ft. broad & 15 ft. high. The floor of this Building is tiled but the windows would require Bars or Netting to render them thief-proof.

Use could be made of these two Buildings without interfering with the production of the Distillery.


Excellent Office accomodation is available on the Site & there is a permanent Guard on the Depot.

I bring to your notice the possibility of using this place in view of:-

- (a) The expected arrival of large quantities of Stores (APPX. "A" to AQ/15/44 dated 4/4/44 refers).
- (b) The present somewhat congested state of LA ROCCA Depot.
- (c) The Reinforcement Centre located at GALANINA referred in the attached Report (extract).

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In the Field.  
9th April 44.

  
Major.  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.  
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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To: D.A.D.O.S.

Copy to: MG

From: Maj. D.S.L. GREGGSON.

Subject: Visit to LA FOCCA Depot, BARI on 31st April 44.

As requested I today visited the above Depot and found them taking in quantities of Clothing ex S.S. "SAMANNAN" & "EMPIRE DUCHESS" now discharging at BARI.

I give below the articles and quantities checked into the Warehouse at 1600 hrs today. These, of course, only represent a portion of the total Shipment:

Coats, Machinaw, CCC	42,000
Drawers, Wollen	46,600
Shirts, Khaki	6,100
Caps, spruce green, CCC	1,100
Comforters, Cotton	12,200

A sample of each of the above and one of the Pullovers from a previous Shipment were brought back to this HQ and are available for inspection.

A point that struck me at once is the most excellent quality of the Stores, especially the Shirts & Cotton Comforters. I consider that the Comforters are exceptional & far superior to anything issued to Allied troops. If you agree with this opinion, it might be worth considering the possibility of issuing them to Allied troops and giving Blankets to the Italians.

The bales themselves in which the Stores were wrapped, appeared to be of excellent quality & I am confident can be put to some useful purpose.

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Owing to the intake of these Stores it was impossible to check the figures of Returns previously submitted by the Depot.

I met Major CARENINI in BARI. He is now at the Convalescent Home, FABANO and hopes to be back at HQ within a week.

*Handwritten notes:*  
 I have a small quantity of material...  
 I should like to see...  
 to be sent to...  
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In the Field.  
21 April 44

Major.  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.  
(D.S.I. GREGSON)

INSPECTION REPORT

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Unit Inspected..... 336 Inf. Regt.

Date " ..... 7/14/46

Commanding Officer - COL. SIMONELLI.

The Regt. consists of two Bns:

1st & 2nd Bn. Stationed at FARMO.  
1st " " GUSTHARD.

STRENGTH

Actual Strength & not W.M. are given below:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.Ms.</u>
1st & Mortar Coy. ....	29.	426.
1st Bn.....	35.	751.
2nd Bn.....	42.	757.
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>106.</u>	<u>1,934.</u>
Sick in Hospital.....	NIL.	172.

There were 78 Officers & O.Ms on Short Leave.

STRENGTH  
ANIMALS

	<u>Officers'</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Ducks</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Horses.....	2.	23.	NIL.
Mules.....	NIL.	10.	295.

The condition of the Horses was very fair, but the great majority of the mules were in very poor condition.

Animals were fed and watered twice daily. The poor condition of the Mules was due largely due to the lack of Bulk Feeding Stuffs, Hay, Straw etc.  
Shoing was good, but the supply of Nails, Shoes & Coal for Farriers was very limited.

VETERINARY

There were small No. Veterinary Hospitals, but supplies of Medicines very low.

Some use was made of the main Veterinary Hospital at FARMO VINA & Animals were evacuated there by train.

CLOSURE &

Boots.

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There were 73 Officers & O.R.s on Short Leave.

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CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT.

Boots. 600/700 men were without Boots at all & the existing Boots were in a bad state of repair. Cobblers were available but no repairing material of any sort.

Clothing. This was both short & very threadbare; many of the men wearing Civilian Shirts. Tailors available but no repairing material. Actually clothing was so worn that repairs would not be worth while

The points raised with regard to equipment were:-

Ground Sheets.

50% shortage; those existing being very worn

(2)

Blankets.

Scale two per man & these were in fair condition.

Water Bottles.

Only a few short.

Wool Ties.

Some short, but had been made up by improvisation.

No clothing or equipment from Allied sources had been received & the last Italian issue to the Regt. was 60 pairs of boots in August 1943.

ARTILLERY.

6 x 84 mm Mortars.

Mortar Coy.....	6.
1st Bn.....	4.
2nd Bn.....	4.
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>14.</u>

Old type but serviceable. Four have been away for 25 days for repair.

17 x 32 mm Guns

1st Bn.....	4.
2nd Bn.....	4.
<u>TOTAL</u> .....	<u>8.</u>

Five of these require repairs.

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With the exception of the 47 x 32 mm Gun, for which there is none, Ammunition is to scale, both as regards that with the Regt. & that in the Regimental Reserve.

GENERAL.

No Oil, Lubricant or other cleaning materials were available, & in consequence Harms, Scaffolding & in fact, all maintenance was by hand. 1328

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COMMENTS

No Oil, Dublin or other cleaning materials were available, & in consequence Horsess, Sullivan & in total, all leather was dry & hard. 1329

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*Handwritten signature*

Major,  
 Army Sub Comd. A.S.C.  
 (D.S.I. (GENERAL))

In the Field,  
 7 April 44

Visit to FICMCO Division - 3 April 44

## 1. Called on the Divisional Commander - General SUCCIONE:-

The General asks for a complete set of clothing per man - Boots especially being asked for - to allow the training of the Division to be carried out.

<u>Strength</u>	Officers.....	438
	NOO's .....	559
	OR's.....	2,003
	<u>TOTAL.....</u>	<u>10,002</u>

Men. Shortage considered due to lack of transport.

There is also a shortage of Horse and Mule Shoes and Nails and a dearth of cleaning Materials for Guns and Harness.

Animals, Strength      Horses... 754  
Mules... 1,101

Nasto

A certain amount of harness requires changing.

## 2. Visited 151 Regt of Arty - Col PASQUALE in Command:-

Batteries	107/17	-	2
"	75/27	-	1
Troops	20mm	-	1

I went round a Battery at Uffeln, and found the Gun clean, but the working parts dry through lack of oil and grease. This, in action, would tend to slow down the rate of fire.

The men were poorly clad. The Horses in poor condition due to reason already mentioned.

There were horsebags deficient; the fodder being, for some animals, thrown into a long trough. Thus allowing fast eating of food by some horses and giving opportunity for this type of horse to steal the food of slow feeders, which might be on either side.

It was noticed too that the animals had been clipped all over and had been left in the open.

Clipping of this kind coupled with exposure would be a "long step" towards their present poor condition

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Ammunition-250 Rounds per Gun has been issued and drawn for ops. purposes. 30 Rounds extra per Gun had been drawn for practice.

*Flashed*

Animals, Strength Horses... 554  
Mules... 1,101

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2. Visited 151 Regt of Arty - Col PASQUALE in Command:-

Batteries 10/17 - 2  
" 75/27 - 1  
Troops 20m - 1

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*S. Pasquale*  
Major,  
Arty Sub Comm, AGC.

*PAC*

*From Report of Major Pasquale  
to the Commanding Officer  
of the 151st Artillery Regiment  
dated 3 April 1944*

To: D.A.D.O.S.

From: Major D.S.L. GREGSON.

Subject: Visit to BARI 14/3/44.

1. The first visit I paid was to Capt. THRUPP's Office. He lent me a Corporal Interpreter. He had no information except to inform me that the leaking roof at LA ROCCA had been repaired.
2. I next visited LA ROCCA and inspected the roof referred to. It is now practically weatherproof, but some cement is required to complete the work. This has been asked for. Whilst the roof is repaired the yard outside this Warehouse is in an appalling state; there being 6" of mud everywhere. O.C. Depot has asked for 40 loads of stone to put down in this yard and this has been promised by the Italian Military Authorities before the end of this week. I then investigated Signals 2/974 of 11/3 and 2/976 of 12/3 - both attached. The quantities shown in the Signals agreed with those actually delivered, except that 4,600 Blouses B/D had been delivered and not 3,600 as shown in the first Signal. The B/D is referred to as LA ROCCA as "Indian" pattern. It is of smooth -er texture than that delivered from the Dye Works and not so worn. It is also considerably darker in colour and marked "Reconditioned". The next item investigated was the Signal from O.O. TARANTO DOCK. O.C. LA ROCCA was not sure that these Waggon were for him, but a comparison of the Waggon numbers proved they were. The contents were Grand Pullovers from the MIDEAST. O.C. LA ROCCA was going to see the War Ministry as to whether these Pullovers should be dyed or not. From his first inspection he thought that all Pullovers were new. I confirmed the arrangement made by Capt. MILLER that a bi-monthly account of Receipts and Issues of Goods from Allied Sources, should be furnished to this HQ. A point raised by O.C. LA ROCCA was that the Waggon were not sealed, merely closed by a piece of wire. He was very nervous of pilfering and as soon as it was established that the Waggon were for him an Italian Guard was posted over them. This will always be done in future.
3. I then visited the Dye Works and interviewed the Italian Lieut. in charge. He had no difficulties and the work appeared to be proceeding smoothly. I told him to finish the B/D for dyeing before proceeding with the pieces that have to be done again. They are maintaining the output of 6,000 pieces per day and 45,080 pieces have <sup>WEEK</sup> 1327 been delivered to date, practically all to LA ROCCA. There are at the Dye Works 100 Bales each of 50 pieces for re-dyeing and probably some more at LA ROCCA.
4. At 500 A.O.D. Major CAMERON was out but I saw his 2nd i/c. On the question of closer identification of articles delivered he could not help, as for example Battledresses to Ordnance were all Battledresses and the only distinction they could give was as between new or part worn ~~or~~ dyed or undyed. He showed me a Signal to MIDEAST from FREEDOM (copy attached) from which it would appear that the 7 Waggon now at BARI should contain 100,000 Pullovers. In view of this Signal perhaps it would be as well to inform the War Ministry that the Pullovers need not be dyed. Ordnance are checking and will inform us as to whether 3,600 or 4,600 Blouses B/D were issued on 10/3.

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5. From 500 A.O.D. I telephoned to Major WHITTLES who informed me that the Generator was no longer available. He also informed me that he wished the Italians to collect various items such as Saddles and Signalling Equipment from his Depot, but that the difficulty was lack of transport. He would like the Italians to take delivery of Stores two or three times a week.

In conclusion, I am not certain of the degree of control required by this HQ over LA ROCCA or of the Liaison required between 500 A.O.D., M.M.I.A. and the Italian Depots in BARI, but I am certain that a high standard cannot be maintained by occasional one day visits.

In the Field.  
15 March, 44.

Major.

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INFORMATION GATHERED BY Major MOEGLI  
Major CHOWN.  
Capt. HELLER.  
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**BASE: Capt. HELLER:** Result of investigation regards to discrepancies in numbers on hand, and issued, Battle dress and boots La Rocca Depot - Italian figures shown in Capt. HELLER's report is correct, and in addition 20,000 suits battledress received since reports.

**NAPLES:** Visited Italian warehouse marked P.B.S. 519, found the following: The depot is quite large and has room for additional stores and repairs are being made. Entrance to and from the building is made difficult because the lower floor and grounds surrounding is at present used for workshops, American. However, this problem and the problem of additional warehousing I took up with G-4 P.B.S. and it was agreed that action would be taken on both counts. The Italian depot was quite well handled and records were well kept. Officer in charge seemed capable. We found them bundling clothes for shipments and questioned them regards size and it appeared that they had no method or system of so doing. Major CHOWN instructed them on a method. Receipts and issues from this depot have been, to date:

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- 2981 Blouses.

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" repaired - 12,260

Issued to Date.  
to 210 DIV - { 500 Blouses,  
2500 Trousers.

Boots new - None.  
" repaired - 100 pr - 1st Motor Bde.

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P.B.S. QM. Let me see a signal from FLAMBO in which FLAMBO signalled Italians take over ration issue on March 15. Expressed opinion that policy would be to turn over issuing all items to Italians soon and issue to the, in bulk only. Promised all help he could give to us. P.B.S. QM has been dyeing salvage American clothing and issuing to troops with 5 Army on strictly gift basis to keep them warm only. P.B.S., on 7 March, had attached 6025 ITI Troops - 212 Div will be under P.B.S. on arrival. The clothing of ITI troops with P.B.S. at present is fair (requirements attached.)

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VISITED ORD FLAMBO Col.

Expressed opinion that bottleneck of whole situation will be the dyeing industry - at present there is no dye available. A small quantity, some 1½ tons is due in but that will do little from then on it's a matter of waiting for normal supply channels. The capacity of all dyeworks available is very small, some 10,000 uniforms monthly. ORD FLAMBO will send us all particulars on capacity, locations etc. There remains some repaired American salvage clothing in NAPLES awaiting dyeing for issue. Large quantities of American clothing are going to be shipped addressed direct to ITI QM. There will also be clothing for civilians to be dyed therefore, all arrangements have to be made with department controlling Civil industries.

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Major.

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Receipt for 1 (sample) ALUMINIUM 13  
CONTAINER

Ricevo dalla Frazione Magazzino Genio- S. Pietro Vernotico -

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*M. Chowmator*  
M. CHOWMATOR

S. Pietro Vernotico, li 4/1/944.

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*(Receipt for samples  
of ANILINE DYES*

*60 Sgt. Stone (Jr.)  
GALLIPOLI*

D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

LEQUILE (Lecce)

Rievo dalla Frazione Magazzino Genio Militare Italiano di Gallipoli il sotto-notato materiale :

10 (dieci) scatole di ANILINA in polvere tedesca da	
gr. 500 ognuna pari a .....	Kg. 5,00
1 (una) scatola di ANILINA in polvere tedesca da ....	" 1,00

II *Bboxes or Cartons*

Totale Kg. 6,00

Gallipoli, 3 gennaio 1943

(Major M. CHOWN )

*M. Chown Maj Gen*

FRAZIONE MAGAZZINO GENIO  
GALLIPOLI

PER CONCORDANZA :

IL CONSEGNATARIO  
(Ten. Giuseppe Cimorra)

*Fr. S. Cimorra*

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(1). MANUFACTURING PLANT (Case Ref. P. 3988)

An old convent is used for the work. There is room for expansion, subject to area available for expansion.

MANUFACTURING PLANT

Sole cutting machine..... 1 (in a small extension area in a main building building)

Stock of materials..... 15,000  
No. of men employed..... 10  
(over 1000 sq. ft.)

Output..... 1000 units daily  
Work of machinery performed..... 1000 units daily  
Detailed notes sent to head of the plant, subject to area of expansion.

Production equipment used, therefore slow. Military work needed materials. Some available in other works be explored if equipment / work available in other works from military equipment. In spite of the fact that the work is in the plant and the distribution to be concentrated in performing a reducing area of work, large new work, the work done in the work area, have shown and equipment improvement in equipment. The military equipment was provided in having to work in the building, resulting in slow production in their work.

MANUFACTURING PLANT  
The above plant is the largest and is used for the manufacture of clothing. Clothing factory has been started. It has only been in operation for a few days as no production will be obtained.

Equipment..... 100 units  
Building (existing)..... 100

The Government has equipped production machine and building a production of their machine.

The real industry is being started. It has been established by the State and is being used by the State.

(2). MANUFACTURING PLANT (Case Ref. P. 3988)

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New divisions have been created to employ all unemployed persons who are willing to accept the following conditions:

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(3) THE FACTORY - INDIA (See Ref. 2, 3, 4, 5)

WORKING CONDITIONS - INDIA (See Ref. 2, 3, 4, 5)

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 Boot Factory: Jazano

Map Ref P 8353

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Buildings.

an old convent is used for the work.  
 There is room for expansion, another 100 men could  
 be employed

Machinery

Sole cutting machines - 1  
 + Stitching machines - 1  
 \* In a small Bootmaker's shop in a side street  
 nearby.

Stock of Repairable + New Boots 12,000

No of men employed Mil. 10 Civil 20

Output :: Daily. 40 pairs

Stock of Repairing material :: 14,000 pairs Boots.  
 Repaired Boots sent to Bai: as ~~required~~ <sup>when demanded</sup>

Remarks: Civilian employees aged. therefore slow.  
 Military work whilst watched.  
 More civilian labour could be employed if  
 transport was available to bring them  
 from outlying districts.

In spite of the bad state of the boots  
 sent in for repair, and the difficulties to be  
 surmounted reprofiling + reducing size  
 of extra large new boots, the work  
 done is far too slow. More men + constant  
 supervision is required.

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The military personnel are disgruntled  
 at having to work beside civilians receiv-  
 ing £80 per diem to their fit

Visited this factory 31st Jan  
 accompanied by Capt Newton MMIA  
 Lt Lopez Lt army P.I.O.

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### Laundry & Clothing Repair Factory.

On the upper floor in the convent previously mentioned as a boat repair factory a Laundry & Clothing Repair Factory has been started. It has only been in vogue for a few days. So no statistics re output could be obtained.

Employees 108 women

Machines (Sewing) 100.

The seamstresses are employed part time washing & ironing and part time at their machines.

The real Laundry & Repair Factory at Bari has been requisitioned by the Allies & is now being used by R.S.D. 500 F.O.D.

Boot Repair Factory Aquariva d. Fonte Cap. Ref. P 3958.

Buildings 9

The building in use was the business premises of a local boot maker & repairer. It has been requisitioned by the Italian authorities.

Area 60' x 20' plus a small room at back for storing repaired boots & some of the boots awaiting repair.

Machinery.

Finishing machines - In use.

Stock of Repairable Boots 2000.

No of men employed Mil 24 bio 23

Output Daily 70 pairs.

Stock of Repairing Material :- For 500 pairs.

Repaired Boots sent to Base :- as required. how often?

Remarks. Repairing material sent monthly. No difficulty in obtaining supply at present. Some difficulty expected in near future.

Civilian employees on the whole good. Soldiers slow. - Reason: - as they do not get trade rates of pay similar to the civilians they do not take sufficient interest in their work.

Rate of pay Civ £80: Mil £11

X Who by?

Efforts are reported of giving civilians £100 per day. by 0% of Factory.

In spite of lack of machinery, poor state of boots to be repaired, effort should be made to speed up output. 1319

Visited by <sup>on Jan 31st</sup> Maj. Brown M.M.I.A.  
Capt. Newton  
Lt. Lopez R.A.M.C.

## Clothing & Repair Factory

It is expected that within the next few days that a small laundry & repair factory will be started in the town.

Fifty women have been earmarked for the work.

The clothing is being sent from a salvage depot in Bari.

The factory is being organized on the same lines as that in vogue at Fasano i.e. The women to do sock washing & repairing.

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Boot Repair Factory. Lecce Imp Ref 15043<sup>8</sup>  
 via Battisti, via Francesco Crispi 12.

Buildings

Rooms of an elementary school.

Machinery

NIL.

Stock of Repairable Boots. 5000

No of men employed Mik-Nik Civ 32.

Output: - Daily 40 pairs.

Stock of Repairing Material Soles 1500

Repaired Boots issued as required - Base & locally.

Remarks: The shop is controlled by Capt E  
 Bortoni. This officer volunteered  
 for this type of work, somewhat on  
 the lines of our old R.S.P. He did  
 similar work with Italian troops in  
 the Spanish Civil War

More workers could be obtained  
 if material & machinery warranted  
 the expansion.

Brads for boots are being made  
 either of very hard wood or leather &  
 Brads have not been supplied

late on Feb 1st.  
 visited by Maj M Chown MMIA  
 Capt Newton Lt Army  
 Lt Lopez Lt Army  
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## Clothing Factory.

A couple of rooms are occupied by workers - women. fifty in number who "take down" clothing, reassembling it with whole pieces. Ragged or badly worn pieces are cut up, the best parts being made into caps, collars etc.

Small pieces of grey cloth are used for linings of repaired boots. Some of the repair of clothing is done by women outwith the premises.

The washing is also done elsewhere. Issue of repaired clothing are made as when, required either to Baii or to units in the Leese area.

# Do you know whether this is checked for leakage. Good chance  
no!

Military have been given a few £  
8100 per day as pay as traders  
not. has not got much. This is thought  
to be reason why they are not working  
as hard as they might.



ClothingBattle Dress for dyeing

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13-1-44 - DQ 4<sup>th</sup> Transit Group would not issue Battle Dress without authority for release. This was eventually obtained from D705 Two Dist (Maj Young - Maj shown at place).

The outcome was:- 45 Bales B.D. Blouses & 45 Bales Trousers = 2250 each. Tomorrow four lorries will be loaded with suits of clothing.

→ The six lorries is two today & four tomorrow, after reporting D705 Two Dist will proceed to the dye works of Pio Bernardi 51 Corso Sicilia BARI.

The remainder about 90 tons dead weight will be sent by rail, loading commencing tomorrow. Loading will take two days. Four days

→ will be taken by rail. Clothing should reach Bari about 20th Jan.

Two Dist being signalled as the 4500 pieces sent today. Copies to 6 BSA & 2 SF. 500 A.O.Y. Min of War & SM.R.C. will also be informed.

Acceptance Note  
BAR/IM Ser 345

J. Brown. Maj.

Agct.

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View to Brindisi 11-9-44

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The 100,000 pieces of BT are in the Transit Shed on the docks at Brindisi. Disposal Instructions are being called for today from 2 Jt.

Regarding the message from Trump on Sunday last. Two Dist. has been asked to confirm the withholding of 6000 pro. Two Dist. will not authorize "withholding" as costs are new. An allotment will be made when the next convoy comes in 12-14th Jan 44.

Any information required re Vet. Equip. or demands made, must be made thro RA V.C. not Finance.

Overalls for MT drivers & mechanics in short supply. - Suggest issue of Tackets & Trousers St. K.O. in lieu of

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1/44.



Circular

1316

Visit to Bari 14-10-44.

Dyes - The samples taken were not disposed of PAVOS  
TWO P.S. suggested landing them to 500 A.O.P.  
which dept would not accept as they were from  
It stores. Contact for drying clothing not yet completed.  
Clothing - 600. 500 A.O.P. has at R.S.P. 120 Tons of it clothing  
which disposal instructions (verbally) were asked for, as  
the space occupied is urgently required.

Clothing consists of:-

K.P. Jackets	32,869	Overcoats	600
Trousers	22,887	Overcoats w/hood	5,995
Shirts	11,960	Blankets	8,935
Caps	36,500		

Winter clothing - Jackets 5500, Trousers 1380, Hats 1500  
The whole contained in 1185 Bales from Syracuse.

Boots & BD Information from PAVOS office Bari, 500 A.O.P.  
60000 B.P. Blouses, 40000 B.P. Trousers. Boots P.W. = due 12/1/44  
Boots Ank. Rs 100000 due 14th Feb. = all to 500 A.O.P.  
Rs 50,000 Boots Ank. = due 14/2/44 at 507 A.O.P. Naples.

Boots Visitation of Repair Factories - Waiting decision of Brig  
Brawford. re Maj Whittle's accompanying PAVOS M.M.I.A.  
The factory at ACQUA di FONTI was recently visited by  
Maj Whittle, unofficially - Has no statistics but stated.  
There was no machinery. The men sat on the floor &  
the estimated production was 2 1/2 P's per man.

Bottle Alum. The bottle is of German make. It has 2 1/4 lit is of wrong  
for air brew. Shape & size to be checked conveniently by a man.  
Could be used in planes, in a rack so placed near exhaust  
to keep hand warm or used at dipping station.

which represent the

the space occupied is accordingly required.

- clothing consists of:
  - eyeglasses \$600
  - K.I. Jackets 32,869
  - Coats w/hood 5,795
  - Trousers 23,887
  - Blankets 8,935
  - Shirts 11,960
  - Coats 36,500

Winter clothing: - Jackets 5000, Trousers 1380, Suits 2500

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**BOOTS & BD** Information from 7705 Office Bari, + 500 A.O.V.  
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 for air tests. Shape + size to be carried conveniently by a man.  
 Could be used in planes, in a rack so placed near exhaust  
 to keep liquid warm, say used at dressing stations, in  
 heavy boxes. No in Stock at S. PIETRO V. - 10000.

**Dye** - Hoped to be placed in next few days. copy of pro  
**Contract** readings to us from 2710. = Dyer Bernard 710 has 13415  
 necessary dye, and can dye 500 suits or 1000 pieces  
 per day - Suit has been dyed as sample

Visit to "Lithuan" ~~Queen~~ ~~Communist~~ Depot. 12-12-43.

5. Repro. equipm. depot was first visited. at items of interest:-

A number of cases of aluminum cylinders cal containers. Left by the Germans. These are about a foot long and three inches in diameter. The lids are air watertight. Satisfactory for carrying liquid food, oil etc. not suited for conveying hot food or drink.

Twenty German field forges - now, some ~~toasters~~ bridging gear, anchors - Lavers, etc were also neatly stored.

A number of sacks containing canvas tins, food containers & water chargals designed for carrying by mules in N.F. - all new. - German. at S. Panerajio a Communist Depot was inspected. only rations for men & forage for horses.

Rations 20000 men - 20 days.

Forage 99 dip, 3400 animals 2 months.

Tall ~~Hay~~ ~~done~~.

12/12/43.

To ~~look~~ hay.

X S. Panerajio.

For Lt Col Moriarty

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|| Rations 20000 men - 20 days.  
Forage 9000 3700 animals 2 months.

Tall High ~~...~~   
pen.   
12/10/43.   
T. J. ... hay

x S. Paneragio.

Pa. Lt. Col. ...

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Circulation ...   
[Signature]

Stores in Trece visited 10/12-14/53.

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A number of depots of Kalain stores were visited in the main they were amtn depots & artillery stores. In all about 2000 rifles were seen and about 100 KMG Breda 8<sup>mm</sup> which may prove useful. There were also 40,000 rds of 6.5<sup>mm</sup> S.F.A. and a few thousand rds of 8<sup>mm</sup> amtn useful for Breda KMG. What few guns seen were out of date.

In a training depot a number of men were working round the square. Saw these get them fall out on the soles of their boots were leaving the uppers.

The chemical warfare store was, last, visited. There were a few cases of gasmasks & pouches for gasmasks. There were very few masks!

The Commissariat Depot had a stock of food for 5000 men which would last a few days longer. There was about 200 tons of grain & fodder.

The clothing depot had very little in it. 2000 blankets - the main this & wore 100 Cartridges 12 Cal. w/ Hoods attached and two or three hundred grey summer suits, useless at the moment.

100 pairs boots of a very large size.

A number of men who had got back from the war, by divers means, had that working been clothed throughout. They had been in 0890.

It would appear that what little clothing & necessities there are will soon be used up. For men in the area. In the tailors shop were rolls of grey-green cloth which was estimated would make suits for 1000 men? Civilian tailors under a master tailors were cutting out garments at the time of the visit.

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The Bonassarial Depot had a stock of food for 50,000 men which would last a few days longer. There was about 300 tons of grain, food days longer. There was about 300 tons of grain, food days longer. There was about 300 tons of grain, food days longer.

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rolls of grey-green cloth which was estimated would make suits for 1000 men? Civilian tailors make a master tailor were cutting out garments at the time of the visit. The lack of clothing also the drying of B or 134.34

The lack of clothing brings forward one suggestion. What difficulties can be "gathered in" be sent to the area where Italians are fighting or working in forward areas. Those in back areas - doctors etc. be clothed in P.W. Br. clothing using their regimental badges & stripes

A. J. Power Major

10/12/43 For HQ Col vicinity



Visit to Italian Republics 9-12-43

Commencing 9 am - Inspected Amun Depot at  
Tome Badeela, on coast, about 3 km south of  
Bindisi. Items of interest were.

37 (Br) AA, HF Amun - 1600 rounds cases  
and in good condition - Amun has already  
been seen by a Br AA Officer.

88<sup>107</sup> (Br) AA - 1600 La single cylinders,  
all in good condition

Amun Amun Dump, Amun in open, Ballistite in  
shed. Main Store:-

220000 Ras 20mg pm Breda. On charge of  
571 Acty Gp. This amun is issued to ships. Gun  
was from the Gp. doing duty on ships. Some of  
this amun could be used by our small  
RN-craft. H.M.T. Morquits, Alex. sets this type  
of gun up on small craft.

First SAA. Seen was at this dump. 200000  
vols. One machine was being loaded for Naples  
whiles M.M. inspection was going on.

Arrived at MAFSA GME at 100hrs. There are  
ten stores in various parts of the town; there are  
two important as far as we are concerned.

The workshops were being got together. But  
are short of machinery & power. In a park were  
180 vehicles (various) some in very poor condition. May  
get 40 vehicles on road again. Also 40 M/c.

There were 1800 tyres - raw (various), but very few  
types were tubes in stock. In the salvaged tyre  
shed were a number of tyres which way we made  
"S". No tyre repair factory is known to exist in S.  
Italy. Stores containing spares were well laid out.

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 RN craft. H.M. T. Mosquito, Alex. sets this type  
 of gun up on small craft.

First S.A.F. seen was at this dump. 200000  
 rds. One machine was being loaded for Naples  
 while M.M. inspection was going on.

Arrived at MAFSA GME at 180hrs. There are  
 ten stores in various parts of the town: Three are  
 of no importance as far as we are concerned.

Three workshops were being got together. But  
 are short of machinery & power. In a park were  
 180 vehicles (various) some in very poor condition. May  
 get 40 vehicles or more again. Also 40 M/Cs.  
 There were 1800 tyres - new (various), but very few  
 tubes were in stock. In the salvaged tyre  
 shed were a number of tyres which way we made  
 "S". No tyre repair factory is known to exist in S.  
 Italy. Stores containing spares were well laid out.  
 compare with Bin Cardos.

Printed forms will be to hand tomorrow. S.A.F.S.  
 to receive one showing report on each depot visited.  
 Work sheet attached.

Depot report stocks on 1st-10th + end of each  
 month. Latest stock return is being appended to  
 report.

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A. P. Major  
 TADOS.

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