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Q/OS/14/4 Ordance - Liaison - Visits

Dec. 1945 - July 1946

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Depots.

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ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
Tel:- 55802
ORD 26
24 JUNE 46.

A.D.O.S. HQ, M.M.I.A. —

o/o o.
DATE 14/4
JUN 25 1946
M. I. A.

1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of the following depot:-

591 ITALIAN CLOTHING DEPOT.

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CAPT., RAOC.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
M.W. CLARKE.

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Enclosure:- Inspection Reports.

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OPINIONS OF MAJOR BR. W. O'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit 591 CLOTHING DEPOT.
2. Date of inspection 21 JULY 46.
3. Name of Officer i/c Capt. De Matteo Iurico
(from 1 JULY 46, the O.i/c will be
Capt. Anato Salvatore)

STORES.

- (a) Type of building Four Storey Stone Building
S.G. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of building Good. Walls dirty, the result of a fire
5 years ago.
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 450 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Grade 1 and Part-worn
(ii) Equipment do.
(iii) Other Stores do.
- (e) Are the items of para.(d)
stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Naphthalene and M63
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 10 Tons Daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian Army method
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian
for all items of allied origin? Yes

REPAIR STORES.

- (a) General state of machinery (There is one small wood-sawing machine
at present not working. Primary reason
is that hand-saws are required but there
ARE AVAILABLE. 1505
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Clothing
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Number of employees High. 400 Civilians.

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) Fire-ports consisting of buckets of water and sacks of sand have been

- (b) General condition of building Good. Walls dirty, the result of a fire 3 years ago.
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores 450 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Grade 1 and Part-worn
 (ii) Equipment do.
 (iii) Other Stores do.
- (e) Are the items of para(d) stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Naphthalene and AL63
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 10 Tons daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian Army method
- (i) Are manufacturers written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? Yes

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery (There is one small wood-sawing machine at present not working. Primary reason is that hand-saws are required but are NOT AVAILABLE. 1505)
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Clothing
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Morale of employees High. 400 Civilians.

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) Fire-points consisting of buckets of water and sacks of sand have been erected. There is a fire hydrant on every floor but these need repairing. A letter has been sent to Direzione Lavori Genio through Territorial HQ, Naples to the effect that these hydrants must be repaired immediately.
- (b) The Depot in general shows an improvement since the last inspection.

(Signature)
 Signature of Commanding Officer
 CAPT. R. J. O. C.
 N. I. CLAREN.

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Depots.

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ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
Tel:- 55802
ORD 26
22 JUNE 46.

A.D.O.S. HQ, M.M.I.A. _____

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O/O S.
DATE 14/4
JUN 24 1946
M. M. I. A.

1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of the following depot:-

DEF. SUGGIES CASERMAGGIO 158, NAPLES.

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CAPT., RACC.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N.W. CLARE.

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GENERALANCE OFFICER OR N.O.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit IMP. SUPPLIES CASERMEGGIO 158
2. Date of inspection 20 JUNE 46.
3. Name of Officer 1/c Maresciello Pfr. Festa

STORES.

- (a) Type of building; e.g. house, barn etc. Bomb-damaged school, 3 floors.
- (b) General condition of building Good
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 2000 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Nil
(ii) Equipment Good, few & secondhand
(iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of part (d) stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Naphtalene, Al63
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 20 Tons daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin. No

REPAIR STORES.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Sacks, Shirts, Blankets, Beds 1503
- (c) Any shortages of repair material. No
- (d) Grade of employees Good 2 Military, 50 Civilians

REMARKS GENERAL.

1. Lack of fire-points.

- (b) General condition of building Good
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 2000 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Nil
 (ii) Equipment Good, New & Secondhand
 (iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Naphtalene, Al6j
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 20 Tons daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes
- (i) Are non-English written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? No

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Sacks, Shirts, Blankets, Beds, 1503
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Morale of employees Good 2 Military, 50 Civilians

REMARKS GENERAL.

1. Lack of fire-points.
2. DUT & Al6j required for wooden beds etc. stored here.
3. Stacking neat but difficult to check quantities without breaking down.

CAPT. M. RACC.
 Signature of Commanding Officer

M. W. CLARKE.

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Depots.

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ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
Tel:- 55802
ORD 26
20 JUNE 46.

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A.D.O.S. HQ, M.M.I.A. —

1. Herewith Inspection Reports relating to inspection of the following depots:-

599 ITALIAN SALVAGE DEPOT, NAPLES
10 MAGAZZ. PRINCIPALE CASERMAGGIO, NAPLES.

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DATE 14/4
JUN 24 1946
M. I. I. P.

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CAPT., RACC.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N.W. CLARKE.

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CRIMINAL RECORDS ON U.S.A. REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit 599 ITALIAN SALVAGE DEPOT.
2. Date of inspection 19 JUNE 46.
3. Name of Officer i/c Maggiore Ambrogio

STORES.

- (a) Type of building Ex-Infantry Barracks, Stone Building
C.C. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of building Fair, Walls dirty
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 100 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing New and Salvage
(ii) Equipment Graded
(iii) Other Stores ---
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes, as far as possible
- (f) Method of preservation Mapitalene
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 2 Tons. 100 prs. Boots repaired daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian method
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? No.

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Very good.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Boot and Clothing Repairs.
- (c) Any shortages of repair material? No
- (d) Morale of employees Good

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REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) This depot runs very efficient Boot and Clothing Repair Shops.

- (b) General condition of building Fair, Walls dirty
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 100 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing New and Salvage
 (ii) Equipment Graded
 (iii) Other Stores ---
- (e) Are the items of para.(d) stored separately? Yes, as far as possible.
- (f) Method of preservation Naphtalene
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 2 Tons, 100 prs. Boots-repaired-daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian method
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? No.

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Very good.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Boot and Clothing Repairs.
- (c) Any shortages of repair material? No
- (d) Morale of employees Good

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REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) This depot runs very efficient Boot and Clothing Repair shops.
- (b) Fire points have been erected consisting of numerous sacks of sand and pails of water in the most advantageous places. These arrangements are very satisfactory.
- (c) The main Yard could be cleaner and should be swept at least once a day.
- (d) Corridors and landings are dark. To avoid accidents lights should be fixed up immediately.

William
 Signature of Commanding Officer
 CAPT., RAOC.
 N.W. CLARKE.

ORINANCE OFFICER OR M.O.'S REPORTS ON VISITS TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit 10 PRINCIPALE CASERMACCIO
2. Date of inspection 19 JUNE 46.
3. Name of Officer i/c Ten. Col. Ftr. Cagliardi

STORES.

- (a) Type of building Block of houses, ex-Recruiting Centre
 c.g. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of building Good, clean
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores 100 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing —
 (ii) Equipment Good
 (iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes, space permitting
- (f) Method of preservation Neptolane
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 4 Tons daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian method
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? No

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
 (Office furniture, Beds, and various other items are repaired in this depot. Repairs are completely satisfactory.)
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) morale of employees Good

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) This depot is very clean and efficient.
- (b) Repairs are

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- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores 100 Tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing --
 (ii) Equipment Good
 (iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of para. (d) stored separately? Yes, space permitting
- (f) Method of preservation Naphthalene
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 4 Tons daily
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes, Italian method
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? No

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken { Office furniture, Beds, and various other items are repaired in this depot. Repairs are completely satisfactory.
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Morale of employees Good

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REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) This depot is very clean and efficient.
- (b) Repairs are turned out very well, stores and well stacked and tidy.
- (c) The lack of fire equipment is very noticeable. Fire points should be erected as soon as possible.



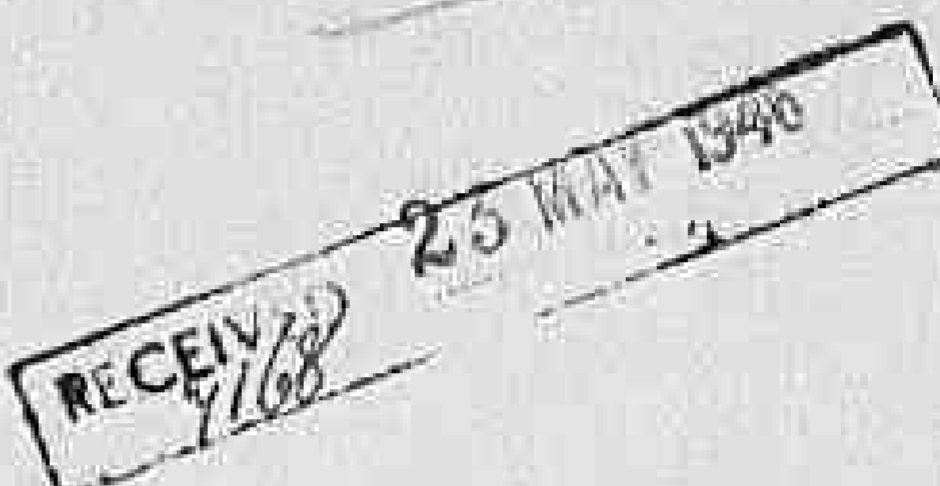
William
 CAPT., RAO.
 Director of Ordnance Stores
 N.W. CLARK.

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ACTIVITY REPORT O.W.O. 4 B. L. U.

Week ending 19.5. 1946

A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. ✓
Copy to: 4/GB/7

- 1.) Visited O.F.Ps of Friuli and Legnano Inf Divs, and have managed to establish Liaison between them in respect of inabilities. Each of ~~these~~ two O.F.Ps is going to forward a list of its inabilities to the other, for issue action if available, in order that full use can be made of present stocks.

Accounting at Friuli O.F.P is excellent, I did not inspect the accounting of Legnano O.F.P. as it is in 3 B.L.U. Area

- 2.) Circulised all Units for a return of Signal controlled stores which is required by M.M.I.A.

- 3.) Had conference with Commissariato 4 Territorial Command, points raised: - shortage of clothing for Friuli Div. Replacement of Camp equipment.

Decided to wait for A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. visit on Tuesday when points can be raised with him.

- 4.) Normal Ord Routine.

P.H. 23/5

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20 May 1946

Subject:- INSPECTION OF DEPOTS.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
Tel:- 55381 - 51530
ORD 26
10 MAY 46.

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DATE 14/4
MAY 13 1946
M. I. A.

A. D. O. S., HQ, M.M.I.A.

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1. Herewith Inspection Reports relating to inspection of the following depots:-

- NO. 8 BRITISH CLOTHING DEPOT, PRATTANAGGIORE.
- 591 ITALIAN CLOTHING DEPOT, NAPLES.
- 1750 BRITISH CLOTHING DEPOT, NAPLES.

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CAPT.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N.W. CLARK 1498

NWC/MSJ.

Enclosures:- 6 copies of Inspection Reports.

ORDNANCE OFFICER OR N.C.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit NO. 8 BRITISH CLOTHING DEPOT, FRATTAMAGGIORE.
 2. Date of inspection 9 MAY 46.
 3. Name of Officer i/c CAPT. SORRENTINO

STORES.

(a) Type of building FACTORY PREMISES
 e.g. house, barn etc.
 (b) General condition of building GOOD
 (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 185
 (d) Condition of (i) Clothing PART WORN, GRADED & NEW
 (ii) Equipment GOOD
 (iii) Other Stores GOOD
 (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? YES
 (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHENE
 (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES
 (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD
 (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? YES

Repair Shops.

(a) General state of machinery ALL IN WORKING ORDER
 (b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING
 (c) Any shortages of repair material TWINE PACKING, HESSIAN SACKING
 (d) Morale of employees VERY GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

(a) FIRE PRECAUTIONS. Fire Points have been erected in all the main magazines and are very satisfactory indeed.

- (b) General condition of buildings GOOD
- (c) Approx. Tenure of Stores 185
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothings PART WORN, GRADED & NEW
 (ii) Equipment GOOD
 (iii) Other Stores GOOD
- (e) Are the items of para(d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHLENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin. YES

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery ALL IN WORKING ORDER
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING
- (c) Any shortages of repair material TWINE PACKING, HESSIAN SACKING
- (d) Acroels of employees VERY GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

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- (a) FIRE PRECAUTIONS. Fire Points have been erected in all the main magazines and are very satisfactory indeed. "NO SMOKING" signs are being made. Stores are well stacked and spaced. Fairly good. All windows are wired and all stores under lock and key.
- (b) STORAGE.
- (c) SECURITY.



CAPT.
 Adjutant General's Office
 N.W. CLARKE.

ORIGINATOR OFFICER OR I.C.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO DETERMINE SHORTS, ETC.

1. Unit 1750 ERI. INTI CLOTHING DEPOT.

2. Date of inspection 7 MAY 46.

3. Name of Officer i/c TEM. NICRI

STORES.

(a) Type of building FACTORY BUILDING
e.g. house, barn etc.

(b) General condition of building DIRTY

(c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 200

(d) Condition of (i) Clothing SAVAGE & GRADED
(ii) Equipment do do
(iii) Other Stores do do

(e) Are the items of para.(d) stored separately? MIXED

(f) Method of preservation AL 63 - NAPHTHALENE

(g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 5 TONS DAILY

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? NO - IN ITALIAN ONLY

Repair Shops.

(a) General state of machinery GOOD

(b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING

(c) Any shortages of repair material NIL

(d) Morale of employees GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

The Fire Equipment held at 1750 Depot is inadequate to meet the great fire risk.

- (b) General condition of building DIRTY
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 200
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing SALVAGE & GRADED
- (ii) Equipment do do
- (iii) Other Stores do do
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? MIXED
- (f) Method of preservation UL 63 - NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 5 TONS DAILY
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? NO - IN ITALIAN ONLY

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery GOOD
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING
- (c) Any shortages of repair material NIL
- (d) Morale of employees GOOD

REPAIRS GENERAL.

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FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

The Fire Equipment held at 1750 Depot is inadequate to meet the great fire risks. There are no Fire Points, and although there are 6 fire extinguishers in the depot they are not maintained very well. Employees were seen smoking in all magazines. O.C. instructed to erect FIRE POINTS and to report completion.

GENERAL.

Floors were dirty and the tidiness of the magazines left much to be desired. Bin cards giving designations of stores are only made out in Italian and not in English as M.L.I.A. desires.

N.W. Clarke
 CAPT.
 N.W. CLARKE.

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ORDNANCE OFFICER OR N.O.'S REPORTS ON VISITS TO CLOTHING SHOPS, ETC.

1. Unit O.C. 591 ITALIAN CLOTHING DEPOT.
2. Date of inspection 7 MAY 46.
3. Name of Officer i/c CAPT. DE MATTEO ENRICO.

STORES.

- (a) Type of building, e.g. house, barn etc. Four floored building.
- (b) General condition of building Good Walls dirty.
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 450 Tons.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing New and graded.
 (ii) Equipment " "
 (iii) Other Stores " "
- (e) Are the items of para.(d) stored separately? Yes.
- (f) Method of preservation Napthalene.
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 10 Tons.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes Italian Army Method.
- (i) Are numerolatures written in English and Italian No In Italian only.
 For all items of allied origin?

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Clothing.
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Morale of employees Good.

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REMARKS GENERAL.

- C.G. house, barn etc. Four floored building.
- (b) General condition of building Good Walls dirty.
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 450 Tons.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing New and graded.
 (ii) Equipment "
 (iii) Other Stores "
- (e) Are the items of value (i) stored separately? Yes.
- (f) Method of preservation Naphthalene.
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage 10 Tons.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes Italian Army Method.
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No In Italian only.
 for all items of allied origin.

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Clothing.
- (c) Any shortages of repair material No
- (d) Morale of employees Good.

REMARKS GENERAL.FIRE EQUIPMENT.

Fire equipment at 591 Italian Clothing Depot is completely inadequate there being only four fire points in the whole of the depot consisting of eight fire extinguishers. Fire points consisting of buckets of water and sand should be erected immediately. To lessen the risk of fire, timber (broken boxes etc) should be removed from the main building.

SANITARY.

Sanitary conditions leave much to be desired. Lavatories are dirty and water covers the floor in most places, and owing to the lack of disinfectants W.C.s have an unpleasant smell.

N.W. Clarke
 Signature of Commanding Officer
 CAPT.
 N.W. CLARKE.
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Subject:- INSPECTION OF 10 EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARK.

ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U. 13
Tel:- 55381 - 51530
ORD 26
7 MAY 46.

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A. D. O. S., HQ., M.M.I.A.

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- 1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of NO. 10 Efficient Vehicle Park, BAGNOLI.

Q/O.S.
MTE 14/4
MAY 10 1946
M. M. I. A.

N.W. Clarke
CAPT.
ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
N.W. CLARKE.

NWC/MJ.

Enclosures:- 2 copies of Inspection Report.

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APPENDIX " B "

Combaire Officer or WO's reports on visit to clothing stores etc.

1. Unit 10 EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARK
2. Date of Inspection 6 MAY 46
3. Name of Officer i/c Capitano Renato Tortino

Stores.

- (a) Type of Building Open space
c.g. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of Building Only office buildings built by personnel
- (c) Approx Tonnage of Stores Vehicles
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing _____
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii) Other Stores _____
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Normal M.T.
- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage As required
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Normal Italian
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? _____

Repairs Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery _____
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken _____
- (c) Any shortages of repairs material 1/2

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- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage As required
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Normal Italian
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? _____

Repairs Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery _____
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken _____
- (c) Any shortages of repairs material 16

(d) Morale of employees 1 Officer 21 O.R.s Civilian Police O.K.

Remarks General

Park always clean and neat.
In absence of O/c, N.C.O.s are always in the picture.
This Captain runs a very efficient park and his staff are keen in their work.

[Signature]
is/s

CAPT.
Signature of Ordnance Officer
10 B.L.U.

SUBJECT :- 3 C.T. Coy.

ST/1021/A

8 APR 46

LAND FORKERS SUB OCEAN A.C. (M.I.I.)
ROME
Tel : Rome 439081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.M., Ufficio Automobiliamo.Copy to :- 1 I.M.U.

The S.T. Officer with 1 I.M.U. visited 3 C.T. Coy on 21st Mar 46. It appears from his report that there has been some slight improvement in the general administration of the Company and that there is a possibility of the position improving further owing to replacement in personnel now being received.

The general state of affairs is, however, still far from satisfactory as the following extracts from the report indicate:

- (1). On the day of the visit 55 vehicles out of 122 held on charge were V.O.R.
- (2). Vehicles that have been in the Repair Unit for more than 7 days have not been struck off strength in accordance with the standard practice.
- (3). The general condition of the vehicles was bad and of the tyres vary bad. No spare tyres were held.
- (4). Schedules of spare parts awaited for the Company's vehicle (1) for Load carriers and (2) for Motor Cycles, are attached. It is apparent that unless something is done urgently to remedy these deficiencies the unit will soon cease to operate.
- (5). The condition of the P.O.L. store could be improved.
- (6). Fire precautions are inadequate and steps should be taken to remedy this.
- (7). While it was apparent that some steps were being taken on paper to operate the Task System of Maintenance it was apparent that the actual work and supervision of maintenance was of a very poor order.
- (8). Army Books 412 were not up to date.
- (9). The general administrative and personnel records were also not up to date.
- (10). The comments on accommodation of personnel are on the whole favorable.

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M. Shaw 25/10/51

Lt. Col. ADFT.,
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

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3 Reparto Trasporti (3 G.T. Coy)

List of spare parts required to repair the vehicles off the road.
(Cars and trucks)

Required spare parts	DODGE 3 ton	AUSTIN 3 ton	DODGE 15 cwt	DODGE 15 cwt	FORDSON 15 cwt	AUSTIN P.U.	HAIFORD 15 cwt	SCAMMEL Recovery
Engine Assys	3	1	=	=	1	1	1	1
Dynamos 12 Volt	=	3	=	=	=	=	2	1
" 6 Volt	15							
Clutches	3	2						
Petrol pump	13	2						
Sparking plugs	36	18					12	
Complete front								
Head-lamps	28	7	2	2	4	2	2	2
Rear lamps	60	10	1	2	2	2	3	2
6 volt bulbs	106	-	2	4				
12 " "	-	16		-	4	4	4	4
Cylinder-head gasket	4	5						
Starter motor	8	4			1		2	
Petrol taps	3	1						
Out outs	6	3						
Complete distr, shaft	4	4						
6 volt coil	4							
12 volt coil		3						
carburettor	4	2			2			
fan belts	9	5						1
radiator	6	1			1			
crankshaft bearings	18	6						
connecting road bear.	15	3						
piston rings	36	18						
scraper rings	18	9						
Brake master cylinder	3		1					
Transmission shaft				1				
Inlet valves	36	18		6				
exhaust valve	36	18		6				
fron springs	2	2				2	2	1
rear spring						2	2	
6 Volt batteries	60	18	1	1	2	2	2	
Steering-gear bear						1		
front wheel bearings						4		
outer cover 10,50x16	100	20					2	
out. cov. 9,00x16								
out. cov. 6,00x16						6		
inner tube 10,50x16	100	20					4	
inner tube 9,00x16								
inner tube 6,00x16								
out. cov. 13,50x20								2
brake linings	10	4	1		1	2	2	1491

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3 Reparto Trasporti (3 G.T. Coy)

List of the spare parts required to repair the vehicles off the road.
Motor-Cycles.

Required spare parts	B.S.A. 500 cc.	NORTON 500 cc.	350 cc. Matchless
Forks	5	1	1
Front mud-guards	4	2	1
rear " "	2		
Saddles	2		
Carburetors	8	1	1
M/C batteries	16	2	2
M/C head-lamps	8	1	2
Throttle cable	10	2	1
Air cable	10	2	1
Front brake cable	10	2	1
Magnets	6		1
Cylinder	4	2	1
Pistons complete with rings	4	2	1
Cylinder-head gasket	6	1	1
sump-gasket			2
gear-box Assy.	7	2	
Transmission chain	5		1
Front wheels	5	1	1
Rear wheels	1		1
Silencer	4	1	
Outer cover 3,25x19	10	2	4
inner tubes 3,25x19	10	2	2

(signed)

for the Major O.C.
Capitano FOCE GIUSTO.

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CHANCE OFFICER ON U.S. AIRCRAFTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, EWG.

1. Unit 10 Salvage Unit
2. Date of inspection 29 Mar 46
3. Name of Officer i/c LT NIGRID

STORES.

- (a) Type of building c.s. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of building 2 Story Warehouse
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores Good
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing 200
(ii) Equipment Salvage
(iii) Other Stores
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately?
- (f) Method of preservation Very mixed
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage AL63
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? 5 Tons daily
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English for all items of allied origin? Italian

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery No
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Good
- (c) Any shortages of repair material Clothing
- (d) Morale of employees 1489

REMARKS GENERAL.

Good

e.g. house, barn, etc.

- (b) General condition of building 2 Story Warehouse
- (c) Approx. Range of Stores Good
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(ii) Equipment Salvage
(iii) Other Stores
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- (f) Method of preservation Very mixed
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Repair Shops. No

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken Clothing
- (c) Any shortages of repair material 1489
- (d) Morale of employees Good

REMARKS GENERAL.

New Stores are being shipped to this Depot for onward transmission. Due to lack of space these are mixed with salvage about the floor. Suggest other depot be used for this purpose.

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Signature of Ordnance Officer
or W.O.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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20 March 1946.

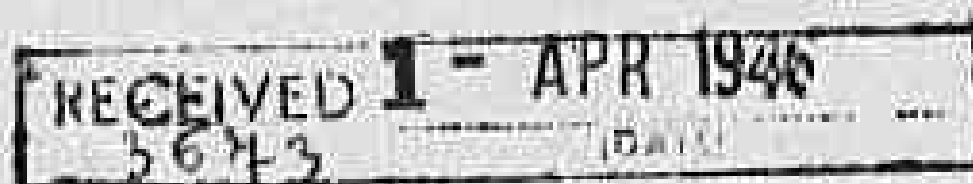
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Clothing Depot

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11 Clothing and Equipment Depot

Ref. M.M.I.A. Ord. instruction QOS/11/1 dated 6.Dec.45.

1. Herewith Inspection Report made by Major S.E. Sneezum in respect of the above named Italian Depot.



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

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APPENDIX " B "

Ordnance Officer or WO's reports on visit to clothing stores etc.

1. Unit 11 Clothing and Equipment Depot
2. Date of Inspection 19 March 46.
3. Name of Officer i/c Maresciallo DONATO

Stores.

- (a) Type of Building
e.g. house, barn etc. Ex-Inf. Barracks
- (b) General condition of Building Very Good
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores No system of calculating wt. of Stores in bulk.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Good
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? As far as is possible in very limited space.
- (f) Method of preservation Napthalene
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage see para (c)
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Italian system
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? NIL items of allied origin

Repairs Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery Good
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken NIL all repairs done by 11 Repair shop located in same building.
- (c) Any shortages of repairs Material NO
- (d) Morale of employees 200 civilians.

- (b) General condition of Building Very Good
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores No system of calculating wt. of Stores in bulk.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Good
 (ii) Equipment Good
 (iii) Other Stores Good
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? As far as is possible in very limited space.
- (f) Method of preservation Napthalene
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage see para (c)
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Italian system
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Repairs Shops.

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- (c) Any shortages of repairs Material NO
- (d) Morale of employees 200 civilians.

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Remarks General.

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Signature of Ordnance Officer
or W.O.

SUBJECT :- Inspection Report.



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

8th Mar 46

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

Copy to :- 7 ELU.

Capt. STROMB RASO our Liaison Officer at 7 ELU inspected 184 Supply and Transport Coy (FORGOM Division) on Feb 28th, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and action where you consider necessary.

1. There were four officers held surplus to War Establishment.
2. Targa numbers had only just been notified and were being painted.
3. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining spares for the Dodge vehicles, and no spare tyres were held.
4. Fire precautions were not seen.
5. Daily Task System of maintenance was in force, and records kept of details carried out.
6. Sleeping quarters were said to be good but somewhat crowded.
7. In many cases where the speedometers were not working no attempt had been made to estimate mileages in the AEs 412.
8. In general this company was thought to be above the average and discipline and morale of the men was good.

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 Lt. Col. ADGE.,
 Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (LFMIA)

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Subject:- INSPECTION OF NO. 8 BR. ITI DEPOT.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U. (NAPLES)
Tel: 15781
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- 1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of No. 8 BR. ITI Clothing Depot, PRATTAMAGGIORE.

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P.A. Murray
CAPT.
for ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U. 1485
P.A. MURRAY

Enclosures:- 2 copies of Inspection Report.

ORINANCE OFFICER OR W.O.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.1. Unit No. 8 ER. IPI CLOTHING DEPOT, FRATTAMAGGIORE2. Date of inspection 20 FEB 463. Name of Officer i/c CAPTAIN SORRENTINESTORES.

- (a) Type of building FACTORY PREMISES
e.g. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of building GOOD
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 185
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing PART WORN, GRADED and NEW.
(ii) Equipment GOOD
(iii) Other Stores GOOD
- (e) Are the items of para.(d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? YES

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery ALL IN WORKING ORDER
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING
- (c) Any shortages of repair material NO
- (d) Morale of employees GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) Storehouses very clean & tidy, barbed wire cages are still being erected to prevent any thefts. **1484**
- (b) Rat menace unchanged. Depot instructed to obtain Rat Poison.
- (c) Fire equipment being checked, fire points to be erected in all storehouses and a list of fire equipment required is to be sent to Ferr. Command HQ.
- (d) Automatic telephone still required at main depot for direct contact.

- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 185
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing PART WORN, GRADED and NEW.
(ii) Equipment GOOD
(iii) Other Stores GOOD
- (e) Are the items of part (d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? YES

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- (c) Fire equipment being checked, fire points to be erected in all storehouses and a list of fire equipment required is to be sent to Terr. Command HQ.
- (d) Automatic telephone still required at main depot for direct liaison with 10 BLU.
- (e) Security measures are very strong, all windows and doors have barbed wire cages either in front or behind them.
- (f) Holding a surplus of graded boots (large sizes).

W. O. D.
 Signature of Warehouse Officer.
 W. O. D.

Subject:- INSPECTION OF 10 SALVAGE DEPOT.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U. (NAPLES)

Tel: 15781

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- 1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of No. 10 Italian Salvage Depot, SAN GIOVANI.

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M. M. Davie

MAJOR
for ORDNANCE OFFICER, 10 B.L.U.
M.M. DAVIE

Enclosures:- 2 copies of inspection report.

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ORIGINATOR OFFICER OR S.O.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit No. 10 ITALIAN SALVAGE DEPOT (1750 BR. ITHI DEPOT).
2. Date of inspection 22 FEB 46
3. Name of Officer i/c LIEUT NIGRO

STORES.

- (a) Type of building
S.O. house, barn etc. FACTORY & WORKSHOP PREMISES
- (b) General condition of building GOOD (Ceilings & walls dirty)
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores 170
- (d) Condition of (i) clothing SALVAGED & GRADED
(ii) Equipment NIL
(iii) Other stores NIL
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage VARIOUS
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? YES

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery NIL
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken NIL
- (c) Any shortages of repair material NAPHTHALENE, TWINE PACKING
- (d) Morale of employees GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (c) Approx. Percentage of Stores 170
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing SALVAGED & GRADED
 (ii) Equipment NIL
 (iii) Other Stores NIL
- (e) Are the items of para.(d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage VARIOUS
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES - ITALIAN METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of allied origin? YES

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery NIL
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken NIL
- (c) Any shortages of repair material NAPHTHALENE, TWINE PACKING
- (d) Morale of employees GOOD

REPAIRS GENERAL.

- (a) FIRE EQUIPMENT. ^{148;} Lack of fire equipments, fire points in all storehouses. Only 6 fire extinguishers working. Depot instructed to take action.
- (b) RAT MENACE. Rat menace still serious. Traps & rat poison used.
- (c) STORAGE. Clothing stored tidily in stacks. Storehouses kept very clean.
- (d) CLOTHING. Most of the clothing is used for repairing Ital. Army uniforms after it is washed & disinfected. Only a small quantity can be issued as serviceable clothing.

M. M. Davis Major

Signature of Ordnance Officer
 or V.O.

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Ordnance Officer or WO's reports on visit to Clothing stores etc.

- 1. Unit. 4 Territorial Command (Caserma Santa Marta
Centro Confezioni e Ricupero Clothing } VERONA
& Equipment }
- 2. Date of Inspection. 7th February, 1946.
- 3. Name of Officer i/c. Major FERIOLO.

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Stores.

- (a) Type of Building
e.g. house, barn etc., Barracks and Flour Mill.....
- (b) General condition of Building, Sound... Windows being glazed...
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores.....
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing for repair, repaired and new.....
(ii) Equipment.....
(iii) Other stores.....
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately?
- (f) Method of preservation Naphthalene being obtained and Fire Points being installed.
Production
- (g) Numerical quantity, 300 each Jackets, Trousers & Caps...
50 coats per day.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory?
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin?

Repairs shops.

- (a) General state of machinery. Machines in use are property of workers.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken. General clothing repairs & manufacture.
- (c) Any shortages of repairs materials being received on hand to month's scale. Source of future supplies apparently a little obscure.
- (d) Morale of employees..... High.....

Remarks General.

Stock of items fit for issue being cleared to Deposito

- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing for repair, repaired, and new.....
- (ii) Equipment.....
- (iii) Other stores.....
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately?
- (f) Method of preservation, Naphthalene, being obtained, and Fire Points being installed.....
- Production
- (g) Turnover approximately 300 each. Jackets, Trousers & Caps.....
- 50 coats per day.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory?
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin?

Repairs shops...

- (a) General state of machinery, Machines in use are property of workers.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken. General clothing repairs & manufacture.
- (c) Any shortages of repairs materials being received, on hand to month's scale. Source of future supplies apparently a little obscure.
- (d) Morale of employees.....High.....

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Repairs General. Stock of items fit for issue being cleared to Deposito Speciale Casermaaggio.

Whole repair and manufacturing organisation being consolidated in Caserma Sante Marte.

Military sewing machines recovered from enemy being repaired for use.

Major Perolo has only recently taken over. He shows great interest and has sound plans for the future.

[Signature]
 Capt.,
 Ordnance Officer.

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Ordnance Officer or WO's reports on visit to Clothing stores etc.

- 1. Unit... 4. Territorial Command Deposito Speciale Casermaggio Verona
- 2. Date of Inspection... 8th February 1945
- 3. Name of Officer i/c. Lt. Col. IUCIANI

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Stores.

- (a) Type of Building
 c. d. house, barn etc. Etc stores brick building and stable,....
- (b) General condition of Building. Very suitable for purpose,.....
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores. 200 Light Tons,.....
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing.....
 (ii) Equipment.....
 (iii) Other Stores. Beds in course of repair. Very good job being done. Remainder serviceable and fit stored separately?
- (e) Are the items of para (d) for immediate issue.
- (f) Method of preservation. Nephthalene in use for blankets, ... Fire Points being installed.
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage. Small and spasmodic so impossible to give average figure.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? .. Very! ... Bin Cards, Ledgers, and Unit pads scrupulously maintained.
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No! ... Few items of Allied origin.

Repairs shops.

- (a) General state of machinery... NIL,.....
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken. Repairs and painting of metal bed frames,
- (c) Any shortages of repairs Material. Canvases to complete are in course of receipt.
- (d) Morale of employees. High,.....

Remarks General.

- (b) General condition of Building. Very suitable for purpose.
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of stores. 200 Light Tons.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing. (ii) Equipment. (iii) Other Stores. Reps. in course of repair. Very good job being done. Remainder serviceable and fit for immediate issue.
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately?
- (f) Method of preservation. Naphthalene use for blankets. Five Points being installed.
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage. Small and spasmodic so impossible to give average figure.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Very. Bin Cards, Ledgers, and Unit pads scrupulously maintained.
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? No. Few items of Allied origin.

Repairs shops.

- (a) General state of machinery. Nil.
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken. Repairs and painting of metal bed frames.
- (c) Any shortages of repairs material. Canvas, to complete, are in course of receipt.
- (d) Morale of employees. High.

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Remarks General.

Whole store clean, tidy and running in business-like manner.

Suggest blankets be rolled in tens to facilitate stacking and stocktaking. At present neatly stacked spread out flat.

[Signature]
 Capt.,
 Ordnance Officer.

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Subject :- Report on Visit.

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Please find attached Report No.1 submitted by Ordnance this
Unit in accordance with QOS/11/1 dated 6 Dec., 45.

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S. S. Chapman
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Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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ADVANCE OFFICER ON WARRANT OFFICERS REPORT ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES.

1. Unit Clothing & Equipment Depot, No. 1 Territorial Command, TURIN.
2. Date of inspection 12 February 1946.
3. Name of Officer i/c Captain, L. PAVIA.

Stores.

- (a) Type of building S. G. House, barn etc. Cavalry Barracks, Basement and 2 floors, Stables.
- (b) General condition of building Good, Slightly damp, but clothing is racked.
- (c) Approx. tonnage of stores 600 Tons.
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing 75% New, recovered from Republican Stores.
 Other 25% is cleaned and repaired by Opificio.
 (ii) Equipment 90% New, recovered from Repub. sources.
- (iii) Other stores Cooking Equipmt. Lacking Grease for cleaning and preservation. Part worn.
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes.
- (f) Method preservation Clothing for issue is stacked, remainder is baled and cased. Boots require grease - dubbin. All metal items
- (g) Turnover approx. tonnage require overhaul and greasing.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory Very accurate, but at present complicated.
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian ONLY
 for all items of Allied origin American Patt. Boots have been received, but require repairs before putting to stock. Bin card for these will be prepared.

Repairs Shops.

(Military Factory)

- (a) General state of Machinery
- Excellent.

- (b) Type of repairs undertaken
- Boots and clothing.

- (c) Any shortages of repair materials
- Needles for both Boot and Sewing Machines.

- (d) Morale of employees
- Good.
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Remarks General

factory

The repairs undertaken by the Military/are apart from the normal manufacture of Boots and Clothing. The factory produces boots at the rate of 400 pairs per day. Only the cutting of clothing is done at present, sewing being sent out to private firms.

The needles for the machines can be found in Turin, but demand at present exceeds supply.

The Factory is without power for 2 days of the week, but still manages 48 hours - 4 at 10 and Sunday at 8.

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Remarks General

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 The needles for the machines can be found in Turin, but demand at present exceeds supply.
 The Factory is without power for 2 days of the week, but still manages 48 hours - 4 at 10 and Sunday at 8.

The clothing equipment left maintain "Bin Cards" and remaining stock figures for all items per day

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Ordinance Warrant Officer.

Copy to :- D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
 1 B.L.U., C.M.F.

Subject:- INSPECTION OF NO. 8 BR.ITI DEPOT.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U. (NAPLES)
Tel: 15781
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- 1. Herewith Inspection Report relating to inspection of No. 8 BR.ITI Clothing Depot.

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Enclosures:- 2 copies of Inspection Report.

M. M. Davie
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MAJOR
ORDNANCE OFFICE, 10 B.L.U.
M.M. DAVIE

QUARTERMASTER OFFICER OR W.O.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES, ETC.

1. Unit No. 8 BR. ITI CLOTHING DEPOT, FRATTAMAGGIORE
2. Date of inspection 23 JAN 46
3. Name of Officer i/c CAPTAIN SORRENTINE

STORES.

- (a) Type of building FACTORY PREMISES
e.g. house, barn, etc.
- (b) General condition of building GOOD
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 800
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing PART WORN, GRADED and NEW
(ii) Equipment GOOD
(iii) Other Stores GOOD
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? YES
- (f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? yes - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian NO - ITALIAN ONLY
for all items of allied origin? INDEX OF NOMENCLATURES IN BOTH LANGUAGES IN ACCOUNT BOOKS

Repair Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery GOOD
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken CLOTHING REPAIRS
- (c) Any shortages of repair material SHORTAGE OF TWINE PACKING FOR RAILING.
- (d) morale of employees GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) Storehouses in tidy & clean condition. Bails stacked and stock tags pinned to each stack giving stock position.
- (b) Rat menace in storehouses. Precautions taken:- Rat traps set in all storehouses.

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(b) General condition of building GOOD

(c) Approx. Tonnage of stores 800

(d) Condition of (i) Clothing PART WORN, GRADED and NEW
 (ii) Equipment GOOD
 (iii) Other stores GOOD

(e) Are the items of para(d) stored separately? YES

(f) Method of preservation NAPHTHALENE

(g) Turnover, approx. tonnage TONNAGE VARIES.

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? yes - ITALIAN ARMY METHOD

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English, Italian and Italian for all items of allied origin? NO - ITALIAN ONLY
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Repair Shops.

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(d) Morale of employees GOOD

REMARKS GENERAL.

- (a) Storehouses in tidy & clean condition. Bails stacked and stock tags pinned to each stack giving stock position.
- (b) Rat menace in storehouses. Precautions taken:- Rat traps set in all storehouses but not very successful, Rat poison may prove more successful.
- (c) Fire equipment needs re-inforcing. At main depot only 4 fire extinguishers. More fire extinguishers & buckets for sand & water required.
- (d) O.C. asked if more Naphthalene could be released to prevent damage by moths.
- (e) O.C. suggested that an automatic telephone be installed for direct contact with 10 B.L.U.
- (f) Arranged that a representative of ORD 10 BLU visit the depot each week to discuss any problems and suggestions.
- (g) All storehouses were securely locked when not used. Keys retained by O.C. ~~doors~~ sealed every night, also barbed wire cages been erected.

D. A. A. + P. M. G.
 Signature of Finance Officer
 D. A. A. + P. M. G.

Subject: Reports.

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Herewith enclosed is the Ordnance Officer Report on his visit to the Clothing Depot Milan in accordance with your QOS/11/1 dated 6 Dec 45.

To see: AQM 4

DAQM 4(1)

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for Ordnance Officer.

Ordnance Officers Report on visit to Clothing Stores Etc

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1. Unit Centro Confezioni e Recupero. Faggio, Milan
2. Date of Inspection 11 Dec 45
3. Name of Officer i/o Major D'Aprile
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Stores

- (a) Type Of Building Peace Time Depot
- (b) General Condition of Building Excellent
- (c) Approx tonnage of Stores 300 tons (my estimate)
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Good
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii), Other Stores Good repaired and rendered serviable
- (e) Are the items stored separately Yes in the Italian system
- (f) Method of preservation Not necessary as yet as the items are mostly fast moving
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage Too variable to assess
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory Yes
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied Origin:- All Italian Origin save 200 Green BD in repair shop
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Repair Shops

- (a) General state of Machinery:- That implemented - good. Other machinery not yet implemented i,e, boot repair machinery seems visually to be in order. Sewing machines mostly US
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken:- Boots, clothing and general RSD work
- (c) Any shortage of repair material:- Sufficient for repair work involved - generally very short however 1474
- (d) Morale of employees:- Civilians save for a handful of Italians who take an interest in their work.

For general remarks see sheet '2'

General Remarks

The Depot which is the main Depot is as large as 2 Sub Depot 35 AOD and all under walled cover. It is an excellently built site and inaccessible from the outside other than the main entrance. It could easily hold enough Vote 7 and 8 stores to equip 100,000 men and all items held in the Depot are very well stacked indeed. The Depot is functioning as a Depot and as an RSD. Italian Fascist uniforms are being converted and there is a tailors cutting shop where cuttings are made and passed out to the trade for making up. The boot repair shop is using about 15 persons but when the machinery is up and materials are available they could manufacture 400 pair a day. There is lots of empty space and the range items is very small. The following items were particularly noted with approximate stocks which, in many cases, are earmarked entirely and awaiting collection.

Socks, Italian wool-cotton type, very poor		32,000
Hose-tops - snow type, rather more wool		54,000
Shirts KD - stiff material Italian make		5,000
Belts Fair		86,000
Pullovers poor quality		10,000
" high neck		5,000
Body Belts		1,000
Under pants poor quality wool		2,000
" cotton type		3,000
Blankets		50,000
Cotton Comforters American Pattern		1,000
Furniture, Assorted civilian type		500 items
Beds, Assorted		5,000
Aluminium Mess Tins etc		excess quantity
Winter Equipment (skis etc)		considerable
Vote 8 Section J		practically NIL
Cloth Suiting etc		Fair stock (100 tons)
Civilian shirts and greatcoats		10 Tons
Soap		4 100 tons
Uniforms, Italian pattern Grey/Green	Jackets	2,000
	Trousers	2,000
Boots		2,000 (earmarked)

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With reference to Land Forces Sub Commission (M.S.I.A.) Directive N.2 dated 16th Nov 45 the following notes on Ordnance procedure are issued for guidance.

1. For Type B.L.U.'s requiring technical information or advice on Ordnance matters should obtain same from the Ordnance Officer or Ord W.O. of their parent B.L.U.

At present an Ord Warrant Officer is on the strength of a Type B.L.U. and it is hoped that an Ordnance Officer will be attached in the near future to No. 1, 3 and 6 B.L.U.'s.

2. Clothing and/or equipment Depots are maintained under the Ministry of War at the places shown in appendix "A" and these should be frequently visited by the Ordnance Officer or O.W.O. of the B.L.U. and additional reports on the problems or supplies "B" submitted to HQ B.L.U.

3. The Ordnance Officer or W.O. will assist in an advisory capacity in:

- (a) - Selection of sites for dumps;
- (b) - Method of storing different types of Stores;
- (c) - Repairs;
- (d) - Maintenance;
- (e) - Accounting;

and in introducing a simple "Bin Card" System, so that each article handled may be readily identifiable by name in both English and Italian.

4. He should at all times be conversant with the needs of Units in his (territorial) Command in order to be able to advise on either the increase or decrease of certain items from time to time as conditions vary, in the interests of economy and the needs of the Italian Army as a whole.

Any tendency to "hoard" stores in Units or Sub Depots will be strongly discouraged but as necessary specific examples brought to the notice of the territorial Headquarters concerned.

5. On matters of policy or change of system H.Q. S.M.I.A. will invariably be kept informed, the Ordnance Officer, or O.W.O. reporting in the first instance to HQ B.L.U. (M.S.I.A.).

6. The position regarding the supply of stores for British M.A. and

1. Type B.L.U.'s requiring technical information or advice on all matters should obtain same from the Ordnance Officer or Ord W.O. of their parent B.L.U.

At present an Ord Forward Officer is on the strength of a type "A" B.L.U. and it is hoped that an Ordnance Officer will be attached in the near future to No. 1, 2 and 6 B.L.U.'s.

2. Clothing and/or Equipment Depots are maintained under the Ministry of War at the places shown in appendix "A" and these should be immediately visited by the Ordnance Officer or O.W.O. of the B.L.U. and periodic reports on the progress of appendix "B" submitted to HQS B.L.U.'s.

3. The Ordnance Officer or W.O. will assist in an advisory capacity in:

- (a) - Selection of sites for dumps;
- (b) - Method of storing different types of stores;
- (c) - Repair;
- (d) - Maintenance;
- (e) - Accounting;

and in introducing a simple "Pin Code" system, so that each article located may be readily identifiable by name in both English and Italian.

4. He should at all times be conversant with the V.B. of India in the Territorial Command in order to be able to advise on either the increase or decrease of certain items from time to time as circumstances necessary, in the interests of economy and the needs of the Italian Army as a whole.

Any tendency to "hoard" stores in Unit or Sub Depot will be strongly discouraged and if necessary specific examples brought to the notice of the Territorial Headquarters concerned.

5. On matters of policy or change of system H.O. B.L.U.'s will invariably be kept informed, the Ordnance Officer, or O.W.O. reporting in the form of a memo to HQS B.L.U.'s.

6. The position regarding the supply of stores for British V.L. and other Warlike stores is at present being discussed.

For the time being, the system ruling prior to Nov 1900 will remain in force. It is proposed that the system will be changed to the Italian system in the near future a bulk allotment of stores. It is his intention that these shall be handled at No. 6 B.L.U. Special Depot at Bologna.

Further instructions on this matter will be issued when the present position has been clarified.

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7. Spares for Italian M.T. are handled by the Repairs Organisation of the Italian Army. Stocks are held at No. 3 M.T. Spares Depot at Piacenza and No. 8 M.T. Spares Depot Rome. Issues are made to Repairs Units only, against fortnightly demands made by them through their Territorial Repairs Director.

Tyres for Italian Army M.T. are in very short supply. Issues are controlled by the War Ministry and effected only through Repairs Units.

8. The question of spares has also been raised in R.F.M.E. Directive No. 1, para 4, and close liaison with F.M.E.'s on this subject will be necessary.

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APPENDIX "A"

Depots are established at :-

- TURIN +
- MILAN =
- BOLZANO
- UDINE
- TRESCA +
- BOLOGNA +
- FLORENCE =
- ROME +
- TRBI +
- NAPLES =
- PALERMO +
- CATANZARO +

+ Major Principal Depots with repair facilities.

= Donated Central workshop.

UBINE

DEVOL +

BELACNA +

FLORENCE =

ROME +

FARI +

MAPLES =

PALMBO +

CASLARI +

+ Casco Principal depots with repair facilities.

+ Casco Central warehouses.

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APPENDIX "B"

Guidance Officer, to file reports on visit to Clothing stores etc.

- 1. Date _____
- 2. Date of Inspection _____
- 3. Name of Officer &c _____

Stores

- (a) Type of Building
G.I. house, barn etc. _____
- (b) General condition of Building _____
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores _____
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing
(ii) Equipment
(iii) Other Stores _____
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? _____
- (f) Method of preservation _____
- (g) Turnover, approx. tonnage _____
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? _____
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian for all items of Allied origin? _____

Repairs Shops

- (a) General state of machinery _____
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken _____
- (c) Any shortage of repair material _____

u.S. house, barn etc.

- (b) General condition of Building _____
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Repairs Shops.

- (a) General state of machinery _____
- (b) Type of repairs undertaken _____
- (c) Any shortages of repair material _____
- (d) Morale of employees _____

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Remarks General.

Signature of Ordnance Officer
of W.O.

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