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Subject :- Progress Report

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1 British Liaison Unit  
Serial No 9

12 Apr 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG (MILA)  
ROME  
( for S & T )

HQ No 1 B.L.U.  
HQ No 2 B.L.U. ←

1. The following have been inspected during the last period and inspection proformas will be forwarded as soon as possible. (Proformas in respect of No 1 Distribution Depot have already been forwarded.)

No 1 Distribution Depot.  
No 1 Military Bakery.  
No 1 Supply Coy.  
No 1 T.R.A. Coy.

2. Analysis Commission

A Commission was held at No 1 Distribution Depot on the 4 Apr 46. All items were found unfit for human consumption or industrial purposes and were destroyed by fire. Reports have been forwarded to HQ No 1 Territorial Command for counter signature by members.

3. R.E. Services

Ref your ST/96 dated 1 Apr 46  
HQ No 1 & No 2 Territorial Commands are at present compiling a complete list of repairs still outstanding at :-

(a) Supply Depots.

(B) M.T. Units.

This will be forwarded to you as earliest.

4. P.O.L.

The position is still far from satisfactory and a consistent supply of M.T. Spirit is still not forth coming. The average daily requirements of the whole of No 1 Territorial Command is approximately 25,000 litres daily, at present C.I.P. are only able to supply 10,000 litres or 15,000 litres daily. During the month of March the Creams Division were not able to draw 400,000 litres of the 500,000 litres which was their March allocation. The position is still uncertain and any action that can be taken by you to ensure an "even flow" will be most welcome. In addition, ~~present~~ units are not able to build up the reserves which were used during the crisis last month.

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*Shedden*  
 Capt RASC.

Recd 17.4.46



Subject: Progress Report

1 British Liaison Unit  
Serial No 8

28 Mar 46

To: HQ Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MHA)  
(for S & T)

ROME

HQ No 1 B.L.U.  
HQ No 2 B.L.U. <

1. The following Units were inspected on the 20th and 21st Mar 1946. Inspection pro-formae are being submitted earliest.

No 2 Distribution Depot.  
No 2 Increment Military Bakery.  
No 2 Supply Coy.  
No 2 Territorial Admin. Tpt Coy.  
No 104 G.T. Coy (Mantova Division)  
No 5 G.T. Coy "

2. ANALYSIS COMMISSION

A Commission was held at No 2 Distribution Depot (Genoa) on March 20th 46, and reports forwarded to HQ No 2 Territorial Command for counter signature by members. The food stores were found unfit for human consumption and industrial purposes and were destroyed by fire.

3. VEHICLE SPARES

The position at present is of the utmost urgency. All tpt units are in a desperate position for spares and tyres. This position applies especially to No 3 G.T. Coy who have 55 vehicles V.O.R. approx 20 of these vehicles are blocked up without tyres. Demands for tyres and spares have been submitted and no demands met for 3-4 months. May this urgent matter please be taken up and any possible hastening action be taken by you. Lists of spares outstanding will be forwarded to you with Unit inspection pro-formae.

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Many units still have essential R.E. repairs outstanding which have not been approved by the Italian War Ministry. Some of these repairs are urgent. May please these be taken up as some of these repairs have been outstanding for 30



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No 104 G.T. Coy (Mantova Division)  
No 3 G.T. Coy

2. ANALYSIS COMMISSION

A Commission was held at No 2 Distribution Depot (Genoa) on March 20th 46, and reports forwarded to HQ No 2 Territorial Command for counter signature by members. The food stuffs were found unfit for human consumption and industrial purposes and were destroyed by fire.

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Many units still have essential R.E. repairs outstanding which have not been approved by the Italian War Ministry. Some of these repairs are urgent. May please this be taken up as some of these repairs have been outstanding now for over four months.

*Shierlin*  
Capt RASC

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Subject :- Progress Report

1 British Liaison Unit

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)  
ROME (for S & T)

Serial No 7

HQ No 1 BLU

HQ No 2 BLU

1. No inspection reports have as yet been submitted since my taking over from Capt Harper on Mar 7th. I will be inspecting units in No 2 Territorial Command during the next few days.

2. Analysis Commissions

A Commission held and reports forwarded to No 1 Territorial Command for counter-signature by members, as under :-

No 1 Dist Depot TURIN - 12 Mar 46

All foodstuffs found unfit for human consumption and industrial purposes. All items destroyed by fire.

A Commission will be held at No 2 Dist Depot GENOA during my next visit.

3. Bulk Petrol Tanks

Ref progress report serial No 6 para 6. Orders have been given to No 1 Territorial Command to move tanks from Aeronautica, to CLP MILAN. The tanks were moved to Aeronautica in error.

4. POL Allocations

Ref your ST/1601 dated 2 Mar 46. Advice on the best method of distribution, bearing in mind that the unit with the most vehs is not always the one requiring the most POL has been given in this office letter ST/POL/1 dated 7 Mar 46. addressed to HQ Nos 1 & 2 Territorial Commands.

14 March 46.

*Shierman*  
Capt RASC 5820

Recd 15.3.46



Subj: Progress Report.HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MILA)  
Rome. for S & THQ No 1 HLJ. ✓  
HQ No 2 HLJ. ✓

S &amp; T No 1 British Liaison Unit

Serial No 6.

1. The following Units have been inspected and Inspection Pro-Formas submitted:

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No 2 Distribution Depot  
No 2 Supply Coy  
No 2 Instrument Mil Bty  
No 2 Terr Adm Tpt Coy

2. No 2 Amb Car Sec. This section has become part of No 2 Terr Adm Tpt Coy, on orders received from Ministry of War through Terr Comd. This office letter ST/1/2 of 14 Feb refers.

3. No. 318 Pz Bty. This unit is still not operating; personnel on posted str are att to Mantova Inf Div Supply Point and employed as issuers.

4. No 2 Supply Coy. The general standard of this unit continues to improve. This office letter ST/1/2 of 15 Feb refers.

5. Analysis Commissions. Commissions have been held and reports submitted as under:

No 2 Distribution Depot Genoa. 13 Feb 46  
No 1 Distribution Depot Turin. 31 Jan 46

6. Bulk Pet Tanks. In this office report serial No 5 para 7, it was reported that tanks on loan ex 128 Pet Depot(Br) had been returned. It now appears that this is not the case, but tanks were delivered in error to somewhere else. This matter has been taken up and a further report will be submitted.

28 Feb 46  
HM/MPF

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*W. H. H. H.*  
Capt RASC.  
No 1 British Liaison Unit.



2. No 2 Amb Car Sec. This section has become part of No 2 Terr Adm Tpt Coy, on orders received from Ministry of War through Terr Comd. This office letter ST/1/2 of 14 Feb refers.

3. No. 248 PM Coy. This unit is still not operating: personnel on posted str are att to Lantova Inf Div Supply Point and employed as issuers.

4. No 2 Supply Coy. The general standard of this unit continues to improve. This office letter ST/1/2 of 15 Feb refers.

5. Analysis Commissions. Commissions have been held and reports submitted as under:

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| No 2 Distribution Depot Genoa. | 13 Feb 46 |
| No 1 Distribution Depot Turin. | 31 Jan 46 |

6. Bulk Pet Tanks. In this office report serial No 5 para 7, it was reported that tanks on loan ex 428 Pet Depot(Br) had been returned. It now appears that this is not the case, but tanks were delivered in order to somewhere else. This matter has been taken up and a further report will be submitted.

28 Feb 46  
HM/EPF

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*[Signature]*  
Capt RASG.  
No 1 British Liaison Unit.

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Subject : Progress Report

S & T No 1 British Liaison Unit

Serial No 5.

Hq Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA)  
Romo. for SAT

Hq No 1 BLU.  
Hq No 2 BLU.

1. The following units have been inspected and inspection reports submitted :

No 104 Tpt & Sup Coy.  
No 1 Distribution Depot.  
No 1 Terr. Arm Tpt Coy.  
No 1 Amb Car Sec.  
No 1 Supply Coy  
A. S.V.F.

2. No 3 G.T. Coy (MIA) has been inspected and a special report submitted. This office ref ST/1/2 of 7 Feb 46.

3. No 1 Increment Mill Rly. This office letter ST/1/1 of 11 Feb 46 refers.

W.C.F. 15 Feb 46 it is expected that No 1 Terr Mill Rly will open. At present civilian Rly is under contract, but by end of Feb it is hoped to produce sufficient supplies of bread for all Turin Garrison Troops.

4. Anti-Freeze. Hq MIA have now obtained a release of Anti-Freeze ex Allied sources and distribution authorised. No 1 and No 2 It Terr Comds have been informed. Hq MIA letter ST/1610 of 29 Jan 46 refers.

5. M/c for CC.RR. Collection of M/c as detailed by Hq MIA has been laid on. CC.RR. M/c Setup is attached for information. No 6 BLU, BOLOGNA, is arranging collection of M/c ex GENOA by rail.

6. Analysis Commissions. Commissions have been held and reports forwarded to Terr Comds for counter-signature by members, as under;

|                               |           |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| No 1 Distribution Depot Turin | 31 Jan 46 | 58.8 |
| No 2 Distribution Depot Genoa | 29 Jan 46 |      |

7. Bulk Pot Tanks. Pot Tanks which were on temporary loan ex 126 Pot Depot (Ar) have now been returned in accordance with CC.RR. Duties (Turin) letter ST 1005 of 11 Jan 46.



2. No 3 G.T. Coy (GASHOA) has been inspected and a special report submitted. This office ref ST/1/2 of 7 Feb 46.

3. No 1 Increment Hill Mky. This office letter ST/1/1 of 11 Feb 46 refers.

W.c.f. 16 Feb 46 it is expected that No 1 Terr Hill Mky will open. At present civilian Mky is under contract, but by end of Feb it is hoped to produce sufficient supplies of bread for all Turin Garrison Troops.

4. Anti-Freeze. HQ MIA have now obtained a release of Anti-Freeze or Allied sources and distribution authorised. No 1 and No 2 It Terr Comds have been informed. HQ MIA letter ST/1610 of 25 Jan 46 refers.

5. M/c for CC.RR. Collection of M/c as detailed by HQ MIA has been laid on. CC.RR. M/c set up is attached for information. No 6 RLU, BOLOGNA, is arranging collection of M/c ex GENOA by rail.

6. Analysis Commissions. Commissions have been held and reports forwarded to Terr Coms for counter-signature by members, as under:

|                               |           |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| No 1 Distribution Depot Turin | 31 Jan 46 | 58.8 |
| No 2 Distribution Depot Genoa | 29 Jan 46 |      |

7. Bulk Pet Tanks. Pet Tanks which were on temporary loan ex 128 Pet Depot (Br) have now been returned in accordance with COMSEC Duties (Turin) letter ST 1003 of 14 Jan 46.

Field  
11 Feb 46  
HR/HRF

*W. Walker*  
Capt RASC.  
No 1 British Liaison Unit.

*Recd 13.2.46*



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TERRITORIAL HQ.  
TURIN

Turin. 9 Feb 46.

Memo for Capt FARBER.

The following M/cs out of the 60 allotted to CC.ME. Mobile Bn, TURIN, have been withdrawn:

from Milan : 31 Nortons, already in Turin  
8 " withdrawn, but will only arrive in Turin  
on 11 Feb.

from Piacenza (3rd BVP)  
10 Attila, already in Turin.

In course of withdrawal:

from Genoa : 11 Attila, will arrive in Turin on 10 Feb.

The M/cs withdrawn to this date are in good condition. They require some small adjustments (paint, head-lamp, tanks) which will be carried out as soon as the vehicles are fitted with Targa Nos.

According to rules from S.E.R.S., the R.E. license plate number will be painted on the tank and if possible, on the rear mudguard.

The Targa Numbers are from R.E. 10451 to R.E. 10510.

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Subject : "A" E.V.P.

1 British Liaison Unit

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HQ Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMA) for S & T  
HQ 1 BLU  
HQ 2 BLU  
HQ 1 Italian Territorial Command.

This unit appears to be efficiently organised and records as inspected were found to be in order.

The following is reported :-

- (a) 4 vchs are held. Since last inspection on 9 Jan 46 the following vch movements have taken place.  
3 vchs received. 7 vchs issued.
- (b) M/C for CC.RR. on instructions HQ MMA. 39 ex MILAN are being collected by No. 1 Territorial Command, and Capt CUPPETA is prepared to carry out initial inspections, issues of Targa Nos, etc immediately on arrival.
- (c) Unit location at present too small but arrangements have been made by Territorial Command to allocate a new site. Unit move expected to be complete within 14 days.

Field  
1 Feb 46

*[Signature]*  
Capt RASC.  
1 B. L. U.

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*Recd 4.2.46*



Subject :- Progress Report

SAT 1 British Liaison Unit

Serial No 4

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMIA)  
Rome. for SAT

HQ No 1 BLU  
HQ No 2 BLU

1. The following units have been inspected and Inspection Pro-Formae submitted :-

No 2 Iner Mil Bty  
No 2 Supply Coy  
No 2 Distribution Depot  
No 2 Terr Adm Tpt Coy  
No 2 Amb Car Section

2. No 2 Port Det has moved to MILAN Area, and is no longer under command of No 2 Italian Terr Comd.

3. Anti-Freeze. Ref para 2 of Progress Report serial 3. This matter is being taken up by SAT HQ MMIA.

4. M/Cs for Carabinieri. Ref para 3 of Progress Report serial 3. No further action has been taken by this office. It is understood however that original arrangements re distribution etc were not carried out by Dist 2, and that ST Officer 3 BLU is dealing with this matter direct with S & T HQ MMIA.

5. No 2 Supply Coy. A considerable improvement was found on inspection of this unit since last inspection made on 22 Dec 45.

Field  
28 Jan 46

*[Signature]*  
Capt RASC

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Recd 28.1.46



SUBJECT:- Progress Report.

ST/2/5  
(3)  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)  
ST/296

17 Jan 46

To :- 1 BLU (for Capt HARPER).

Your progress report Serial 3.

1. Ref para 2. - Efforts are being made by this H.Q. to obtain release of Anti-freeze from Allied Sources.
2. Ref para 3. - Please ensure that correct procedure is adopted on paper for issue of motorcycles to CC. RH. from E.V.P.
3. Ref para 5. - It is understood from ADCS this H.Q. that AFHQ are at present working on a programme for issue of spare parts to Italian units with British transport, and nothing can be done for the time being.

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St. Col. ADST.  
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.H.I.A.)

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Copy to :- 2 BLU.

Recd 21.1.46







2. The following is reported :-

(i) Ref para 2 of Serial No 2. Anti-Freeze is still not available at CIP for issue to Gremona although application has been made through CIP and HQ MELA informed. The undermentioned dates are thought to be of interest :-

15 Nov 45 AMHQ Pat Sec allocation of Anti-Freeze received through HQ MELA.

16 Nov 45 Allocation passed to Terr Comd.

10 Dec 45 HQ MELA informed that Anti-Freeze N/A at CIP.

23 Dec 45 The undersigned was informed by Turin Area Manager CIP, that application had been made to CIP Head Office.

'8 Jan 46 Application for expedition made by Gremona.

(ii) Ref para 4 of Serial No 2. The new release authority for Hosp Sups has been received and duly passed to Commissariato for action.

3. Liaison is being made by Servizi Det of No 1 Terr Comd with HQ Carabinieri Turin regarding 50 M/C released ex Br stocks. It is hoped to effect delivery direct to Carabinieri HQ lines and to complete RVP initial inspection and issue of Targa numbers in said M/C Lines as present location of A M/C is insufficient to accommodate these M/C under cover.

4. An Analyst Commission was held at No 1 Dist Depot and foodstuffs found unfit for human consumption and industrial purposes destroyed by fire. Necessary reports and certificates have been forwarded to HQ MELA.

5. A very bad Veh Availability is being shown by No 14 CT Coy. This is mainly due to a lack of MT spares and Tyres, it is understood however that Br MT spares will shortly become available through normal channels but the position regarding tyres is steadily becoming more acute, this applies to all MT Units inspected by the undersigned.

Field

12 Jan 46

*W. H. H. H.*

Capt RA-C

Ref-14.1.46

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Subject :- Progress Report

S & T 1 British Liaison Unit

Serial No 2

To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm AG (MIA)  
Rome (for S & T)  
HQ No 1 BLU  
HQ No 2 BLU

ST 2/15  
Reports

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1. The following units have been inspected and Inspection Pro-formas submitted :

No 318 Pz Bty  
No 2 Amb Car Sec  
No 2 Supply Coy  
No 104 Tpt and Sup Coy

2. The following is also reported :-

ref para 2 of Progress Report serial No 1. This release has now been received and although release for POL (for Jan) has not yet arrived, Area Manager CIP has agreed to issue wof 1 Jan 46.

ref para 5 of serial No 1. Anti-Freeze is still not available at CIP, the undersigned was informed by Area Manager CIP TURIN that application has been made to CIP Head Office.

3. No 2 Supply Coy (GEMOA) was found to be unsatisfactory, various suggestions were submitted in Inspection Report and this matter is being followed up by the DAA & MG No 2 BLU in the absence of the undersigned.

4. Rations. Liaison was made with S/Capt Sups 2 District regarding certain Hosp Items for No 1 Terr Comd. These items had been released ex 42 BND GEMOA but release authy was received by Terr Comd after closing of 42 BND. A new release authy ex Sup Dpt MILAN is awaited.

Field  
28 Dec 45

*[Signature]*  
Capt RMO  
No 1 BLU

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