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S.T. Liaison Reports

Sept. 17, 1945 - Nov. 16, 1945

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Subject: Liaison Report (S & T No 10)

S&T NMIA LO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Senior NMIA LO
N. Italy.
MILAN.

STG/26

16 Nov 45

To: HQ. M.E.A.A. ROME

Copy to: HQ NMIA (for S&T)
Senior NMIA LO N. Italy.

Herewith at appendix "A" Liaison Report for
week ending 17 Nov 45.

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S/Capt. RASG
S&T NMIA LO
N.W. Italy.

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Appendix "A"S U P P L I E S

1. Move of Bulk Depots can now be considered complete. The depot is taking shape satisfactorily. Lt.Col. Fellina is in Milan for handover to Lt.Col. Sessa.
2. (a) 2 Distribution Depot is now established on the site of the late Bulk Depot. Comm. Genoa advises that the engineer work required to the Billets and Cookhouse has been commenced.
 (b) The analysis Commission for rations lost by flood is being held on Monday 19 Nov. Final figures of losses will be signalled then.
 Major Newton MIA LO Genoa will be in attendance.
3. Close Liaison has been effected with ST 59 Area on maintenance of M-III Army units. A list of units and strength figures as follows have been given:

Milan	1,593
Turin	130
Genoa	234
4. War Ministry have asked Major GE if he would be Liaison Officer for all North Italy. He asked this office if there was any objection and I said there were none.
5. Sst Officer M. N. Italy is now located in the office of Senior MIA LO N. Italy - Telephone 23.986

TRANSPORT & POL.

Nothing important to report.

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S/Capt. HADG.
ST. MIA LO
N. N. ITALY.

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Subject:- Liaison Report (SAT No.9).

SAT HQIA IO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office
GENOA

→ STC/26

10 November 1945

To:- MC. M.M.I.A., ROBE

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (for SAT)
Senior HQIA IO North Italy

Herewith SAT Liaison Report for weekending 10 Nov 45.

Appendix "A" : Supplies
Appendix "B" : Transport & P.O.L.

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S/Captain, *BAleland*
SAT HQIA IO.,
N.W. Italy

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Appendix "A"

3 U P L I E S1. 2 BULK DEPOT - SUPPLIES

Move of Bulk Depot is proceeding according to this office Admin. Instruction No. 1 with the following amendments:-

- (a) Due to a breakdown in rail communication between Genoa and Milan the movement programme will not be completed till 14 Nov.
- (b) 2 Distribution Depot will occupy the premises of 2 Bulk Depot on 15 Nov and will be ready to issue supplies on the 16th Nov.
- (c) I have cancelled para 2 of Administration. Stocks States will be tendered to Commissariato Milan as at 20 Nov and forwarded to you through usual channels.
- (d) I hope to transfer the MAT Office from Genoa to Milan on 14th Nov 45.

2. Lt Col Sanna (Regular Army) has been appointed CG 2 Bulk Depot Milan by War Ministry and is on the site with Lieut A.N. Other (Regular Army). Both these officers are reported to be capable and efficient by Major Ge.

For the purpose of the move however Lt Col Pelizza, present CG 2 Bulk Depot, will be responsible for transfer of stocks and he will hand over to Lt Col Sanna in Milan.

3. TEMPORARY DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

The temporary Distribution Depot of Genoa Giulio Cesare has functioned well; stocks will be cleared by 10th Nov and building handed back to O i/c Workshop 765 Coy HASC (Com Rpt) who has shown great co-operation. He uses the building for workshop inspections and evacuated them to accommodate us.

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For the purpose of the move however Lt Col Bellizzi, present CC 2 Bulk Depot, will be responsible for transfer of stocks and he will hand over to Lt Col Sessa in Milan.

3. TEMPORARY DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

The temporary Distribution Depot of Corso Giulio Cesare has functioned well; stocks will be cleared by 10th Nov and building handed back to C I/O Workshop 785 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt) who has shown great co-operation. He uses the building for workshop inspections and evacuated them to accommodate us.

4. 2 DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

To date 10th Nov, only the flour remains to be turned over i.e. the flour that was under water level. In my opinion a good percentage of the flour will be recovered as the outside bags of flour when wet made a protective wall and kept the water from going far into the stack. It will take a little time to turn it over. The Commissariato Genoa, through Lieut Striglias have made an excellent effort at salvage and results will be much better than originally estimated. There are still lots of mud and slime while chaff has been spread to absorb some of the moisture. Part of the depot personnel are employed on salvage and remainder staffed the temporary depot. The lists will be available by 12 Nov and will be signalled to you immediately on receipt.

5. PLAZZETTA DEPOT

(a) This depot is functioning very well and is a model depot. The engineer work to billets and cockhouse etc could be hastened and would appreciate if you would take up with War Ministry.

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(b) Due to the recent flooding traffic across river PO was impossible in certain areas. I gave authority for units, approximately in the triangle PAVIA - CREMA - ORZINUOVI to draw from Milan for period 6-20 Nov. ✓

6. US-IT's & BR-IT's

Commissariato Genoa advised this office that a signal had been received from War Ministry to the effect that all US-IT's and BR-IT's would draw from Allied Depots. Can you advise further please. No action has been taken. ✓

7. SUPPLY CONFERENCE AT WAR MINISTRY

Lt Col Ratture left Genoa 9 Nov to attend supply conference in Rome. Representatives from Milan and Turin will also be in attendance. ✓

8. SUPPLY CONFERENCE N.V. ITALY

I have postponed the monthly supply conference, due to be held in Turin on 14 Nov. to a date to be notified later in view of above para 5. ✓

9. RETURNS

A summary of the system employed by the Commissariato Genoa for consolidating reports, maintenance programmes etc has been forwarded to Commissariato Milan for their guidance. ✓

10. MILK ROUND DAILY

This system has not been made full use of in the past. Commissioners have been requested to lay down a regular and firm procedure in order to reduce dead mileage and save petrol. ✓

11. ORDAN

It is suggested that the Distribution of the Ordan should be increased so that all Commissioners receive a copy. This is essential for the control of the issue of ration cards but it will eliminate the necessity of advising the Commissioners the correct category of units. ✓

12. REFERENCE PARA 1 (a) OF ITALIAN REPORT TO C

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Mr. Col. Retura left Genoa 5 Nov to attend supply conference in Rome. Representatives from Milan and Turin will also be in attendance. ✓

8. SUPPLY CONFERENCE R.F. ITALY

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9. REMARKS

A summary of the system employed by the Commissariato Genoa for consolidating reports, maintenance programmes etc has been forwarded to Commissariato Milan for their guidance. ✓

10. MILK ROUND DELIVERIES

This system has not been made full use of in the past. Commissariatos have been requested to lay down a regular and firm procedure in order to reduce dead mileage and save petrol. ✓

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It is suggested that the Distribution of the Orbit should be increased so that all Commissariatos receive a copy. Net daily in this essential for the control of the issue of rations but it will eliminate the necessity of advising the Commissariatos the correct category of units. ✓

12. REFERENCE PARA 1 (d) OF LIAISON REPORT TO 8

This suggestion was put forward for all Bulk Depots to be equipped, if possible, with Roller Conveyors. The present idea is to have civilian labourers and when unloading a railway wagon it is one man to one cart. If Bulk Depots were equipped with sufficient conveyors and stands it would eliminate civilian labourers from the depots, make less handling and a quicker turn-around of rail wagons and vehicles. ✓

13. MAJOR GE'S CAR

The car allotted to this officer is very unreliable mechanically and requires new tyres. Considering the distances involved in his Liaison duties it is requested that Ministry of War be asked to provide a replacement.

14. OFFICE TRANSPORT

B.L.R. certificate for Standard has been forwarded to Rome and a replacement is urgently required. See this office letter GEN/2/2 dated 6 Nov 45.

15. Major Ge visited this office on 8 Nov 45 to co-ordinate outstanding work.

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TRANSPORT & P.O.L.1. TRANSPORT - 3 C.I.P. COY

(a) The British CSM & Sgt from a redundant Italian Guard Bn training increment have made some progress during the past week. Hygiene and interior economy have improved under their guidance. A weekly report will be rendered by the CSM and a copy will be forwarded to you.

(b) The state of the Coy as at 10 Nov 45 is as follows:-

V.B.	132
Strength	126
V.O.R.	17
Leghorn Detach.	33
Naples "	31
Available for	
Detail	35

(c) Copy of inspection report by SMT 56 BH forwarded to you under reference STG/11 dated 8 Nov 45.

2. P.O.L.

Difficulty still experienced by this office for the supply of P.O.L. through C.I.P. Genoa. Two examples are given below:

(a) C.I.P. refused to issue P.O.L. to 2 Territorial Command on 3rd Nov 45 because they had not received the authority from C.I.P. Head Office.

(b) Mantova Division went to Genoa ^{on 31st Oct} to draw balance of October allotment of 400 gallons petrol. C.I.P. had a strike that day and no issue was made. When Mantova went later to collect they were informed that it would only be issued against the November allotment as supplies not drawn during October were automatically forfeited.

In the case of (a) I saw Mr. Ricciardi, C.I.P. and after a short polite discussion he agreed to issue.

In the case of (b) I understood that Mantova Division ¹²⁰⁴

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In the case of (a) I saw Mr. Niccerfi, C.I.P. and after a short polite discussion he agreed to issue.

In the case of (b) I understand that Mantova Division ¹²⁰⁴ is writing to you requesting authority for the issue to be counted against the October allotment.

3. P.O.L. for MOVEMENT of AMMUNITION

There are 2 Forts in Genoa area containing Italian ammunition and another 7 which contain Italian and German Ammunition. Discussions are taking place between MIA LO Genoa (Major Newton), Regional Commissioner A.M.G. and I.C.C. 2 District for the movement of this ammunition to safer areas. Since the Territorial

Hq. ceased using military vehicles for this purpose they have been employing a limited number of hired civilian vehicles. It is now desired to speed up the movement and it has been proposed to use military vehicles, but I have informed Major Newton that no P.O.L. is available under the Nov allotment for any large scale programme. The estimated amount of P.O.L. required to move all

the ammunition is 15,000 galls. See this office letter reference STG/101 dated 3 Nov 45 addressed to 2 Territorial Command, copy to you, which refers. If that scheme is agreed by Territorial HQ. and you, it will produce 4,000 galls, which together with the use of A.M.G. controlled civilian transport plus Territorial Command hired transport may be sufficient to complete the movement.

No military vehicles will be used for the movement of ammunition without prior authority from you.

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Subject- Misuse Report (SAT No. 8).

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SAT MILA LO., N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office,
GERONA

STC/26

2 November 1945

To: Mr. M.M.I.A., ROME.

Copy to: M.M.I.A. (for SAT)
Senior MILA LO North Italy.

1. SUPPLIES

(a) Considerable damage was done to the Distribution Depot Gerona through floods during Sunday night 28th and Monday 29th Oct. A temporary depot is being prepared for issue on the 6 Nov. (STC/14 dated 31 Oct refers).

(b) Instruction was issued for the move of 2 Bulk Depot to Milan, the move to be completed by 10th Nov. (Again, Instr. No. 1 refers).

Premises at present occupied by the Bulk Depot will be used for the new Distribution Depot which is necessary through (a) above.

(c) Considerable difficulty experienced with the Acting Garrison Commander regarding the use of Stalla Barns (STC/14 dated 2 Nov refers).

(d) It is suggested in order to reduce labour steps be taken to procure for the Bulk Depot a supply of roller conveyors as issued/British installations.

2. TRANSPORT & P.O.L.

(a) Difficulty still being experienced by this office and Combat Division regarding the supply of P.O.L. through C.I.P.

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(c) Considerable difficulty experienced with the Acting Garrison Commander regarding the use of Giulia Barracks (STG/14 dated 2 Nov refers).--

(d) It is suggested in order to reduce labour steps be taken to procure for the Bulk Depot a supply of roller conveyors as issued British Installations.--

2. TRANSPORT & P.O.L.

(a) Difficulty still being experienced by this office and Combat Divisions regarding the supply of P.O.L. through C.I.P. Understand 51 BLM writing you direct.--

(b) SM 56 NW carried out an inspection of 3 BT Coy on 31st Oct and a full report is being forwarded. It was arranged for a British Warrent Officer and Sergeant from a training increment to visit the company daily in order to try and effect an improvement in the standard of hygiene and cleanliness which is badly needed also to endeavour to instill a little discipline.--

3. GENERAL

Capt Cotton will be proceeding on 14 days compassionate leave on 4 Nov. Major He and SGTs being have been put fully into the picture and will continue to look after SM matters.--

Major Ce's movements next week are as under:-

MILAN:	5, 10, 11 November
GENOA:	6, 7 November
PIACENZA:	8 November

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S/Captain, RASC.,
SAT IO N.W. Italy

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Subject: LIAISON REPORT (S & T No. 7)

ST. MIA. I.O. N.W. ITALY
c/o Signal Office Genoa

/ GTF/13/C(SD)

27 ^{Oct} Sept 1945

To: HQ. M.K.I.A. Rome (4)

1. SUPPLY

(a) Owing to Major Ge's vehicle being VOR it was not possible for him to visit Ancona. It is hoped that he will be able to go towards the end of next week.

(b) The Supply Conference originally to be held on the 1st Oct has been postponed until 14 Nov due to next week being the formation anniversary of the Coma. branch and "festa" are taking place and with Major Ge pending visit to Ancona it is thought that it would be better to have the conference on his return.

(c) Engineer works required at Piacenza has not yet started. Engineers have required submission of contracts from Civilian Firms.

(d) Bulk Depot Genoa inspected. Wagons ex Ancona unserviceable; Supplies not being stacked properly; this has been taken up with Coma. Ancona. Cargo Packs were received ex Ancona in lieu of Flour. Referred to 13 CRASH(S.U.) .

2. TRANSPORT

(a) Local difficulties regarding P.O.L. ex G.I.E. now adjusted. Mainly due to movement of Combat Troops from Genoa Command to Turin Command.

(b) Commands again informed of the proper procedure regarding the handling of inefficient vehicles.

(c) An improvement in the standard of vehicle maintenance of 3 GT Coy is noticed.

J. H. M.
S/Capt. RASC.
ST. MIA. I.O.
N.W. ITALY.

Copy to: MIA (for SAT)
Senior MIA. I.O. N.W. ITALY MILAN

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Subject: Liaison Report (Ref No. 5)

SE. BATA. 20. W. V. 1945
C/O Signal Office Genoa

020/13/0 (53)

20 Oct 1945

To: HO. M.P.I.A. 2001 (4)

1. SUMMARY

(a) Normal maintenance being carried out. Supplies ex 13 CRAG (Sup. Units) continue to arrive in a broken condition due to bad landing at the point of acceptance. Major Co will be visiting Ancona early next week.

(b) Second supply conference was held on the 16th Oct and minutes have been forwarded to HQ.

(c) The new Depot at Fianona was visited on the 16th Oct is being properly laid out and will be ready for issues on the 21st Oct.

(d) Agreement has been reached between CC MABO Genoa Garrison regarding the use of ovens (ex Italian Military Bakery) in the bakery at present being used by British in Pd Bakery.

2. TRANSMITTAL

(a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced by Mantova Group in obtaining lubricant from CIP, Florence none available. Genoa only received 35 % of their requirements. (This confirms verbal message to HQ 19 Oct).

(b) Owing to the movement of dangerous Italian Ammunition on a large scale from Genoa City, the Territorial Command used 20% of its entitlement in 13 days, and it was suggested that if they were to remain mobile the remaining 80% would have to be strictly rationed. It is pointed out that if ammunition is to be cleared a large allotment of PCI will have to be given to this Command. At the moment the movement of ammunition has caused owing to the shortage of petrol (confirming verbal message to HQ 19 Oct).

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(c) At a conference with the Territorial Command it was suggested by them that as 3rd Coy was under command of Mantova Group for administration and discipline the Group should draw the company's allotment of POL much greater control of POL could then be exercised. This office is in agreement with the Territorial Command. Can this be arranged please?

AG/LR

Copy to:- SMLA (for set)
SENIOR SMLA. CO. N. W. ITALY MILAN
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S/Capt. RASC.
S. ITALIA. CO.
N. W. ITALY.

Subject- Idelson Report (Ref No. 3)

REF NO. 3
a/o Samuel Idelson,
SINCE

DATE/11/80
15 October 1945

Ref- EC-100, 1000

1. INTRODUCTION

(a) During the week a visit was paid to this area by the DMS (Major Nelson) and during all under were visited:

10th - 11th - Distribution Depot
11th - 12th - Bulk Depot, Dist. Depot, Bakery
12th - 13th - New Depot
13th - 14th - Distribution Depot, Bakery

Various points were brought out and are being passed to the responsible authorities at the supply center in the 20 Oct 1945.

(b) During the week 8th - 15th, the following quantities were sent to the 10th Oct 45:

10th - 11th - 12th - 13th - 14th - 15th

(c) The number of 15 tons sent from the 10th Oct 45 to the 11th Oct 45, and the report of the 11th Oct 45 will be sent to the 12th Oct 45.

2. CONCLUSION

Visit was paid to the 10th Oct 45 and a report was sent to the 11th Oct 45.

by the DASH (Major Holmes) and depots in which were visited:

10th - TWIN - Distribution Depot
 11th - GANDY - Bulk Supply, Distrib. Depot, Bakery
 12th - PLANCHON - New Depot
 13th - MILLAN - Distribution Depot, Bakery

Various permits were brought out and are being passed to the respective Comminations at the Supply Conference in Geneva on the 16 Oct 1945.

(b) During the period 8th - 15th, the following designations in Geneva have been notified:

GANDY 447 TWIN -- MILLAN 450 TWIN

(c) The transfer of 75 food boxes from Alexandria to Hiseboun commenced on the 13th Oct, and the Depot at Hiseboun will make the first issue on the 21st Oct 45.

2. FINANCIAL

Yacht was paid to 2 CIA TWIN on the 17th Oct. A report on the report has been forwarded to HQ.

3. GENERAL

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 10th being arrived in Geneva from Rome on the 14th Oct.

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Subject: LIAISON REPORT (Sat No. 4)

To: HQ. MILIA ROME

Copy to: MILIA (for Sat)

Senior I.C.O. (N.W. ITALY)

ST. MILIA, I.C. N.W. ITALY
60 Sub Area
C.M.F.

SEN/13/11 (SD)

9 Oct 1945

1. SUPPLIES

(a) The co-ordinating conference referred to in L.M. No. 3 was duly held and a separate report has been submitted to HQ.

(b) During the period 30th Sept-7th Oct the following despatches have been notified *as above*

Genoa	625 tons	Milan	175 tons
Turin	23 tons	Alessandria	45 tons.

(c) A visit was paid to the new depot at Piacenza and is most suitable. It is hoped to commence issuing on the 21st Oct. Certain repair work is required, and Major Co has informed the Ministry of War, could HQ. Request the work be carried out immediately, priority as under

- (i) Billet and canteen for Personnel
- (ii) Repairs to roof, provision of locks
- (iii) Electric light, water and repairs to windows.

(d) Visits were paid to Bulk Depot, Distribution Depot and Bakery, Genoa on 6th Oct and all the points requiring attention have been carried out. The installation in Genoa improve daily.

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(e) Standard of bread being baked in civilian Bakery in Genoa is bad; instructions have been issued that all troops within a reasonable distance of Genoa will draw bread from the Military Bakery.

2. TRANSPORT

(a) MAF 56 HU has now returned from LIAP and he has been informed of the condition of 3 OT Coyt understood he carried out an inspection, the report will be forwarded as soon as received.

(b) Ref para 2(c) Liaison Report No. 3. Two soldiers have been charged by the GIB for illegal use of WD transport for the purpose of carrying 30 sacks of flour for Italian civilians. This has been passed to 56 HU for attention.

60 Sub Area required what action has been taken against these soldiers; this will be passed to you as soon as received.

(c) During the week three members of 3 GT Coy sang the "Giovinezza" Anthem whilst on parade; the result is shown in attached press cutting.

3. GENERAL

(a) Owing to both staff cars being in Workshop the whole of the week, and it being impossible to obtain any transport whatsoever, this office has been "immobile" most of the week. If MAT L.O. is to be highly mobile a reliable vehicle must be issued in lieu of the cars at present here. Local RASC W/shop agree that the vehicles are unreliable but say they do not warrant a RER certificate. The past fortnight have brought numerous punctures and mechanical breakdown requiring RASC assistance.

(b) The past month has seen considerable improvement in the work of Lt.Col. Rottura. Both Major Ge and myself agree that he should remain in Genoa if the Ministry of War will consent. The Commissariato Milan unless an improvement takes place will have to be charged. They do not comply with instructions regarding the submitting of informations promptly and in most cases the information is unreliable.

AC/1r

S/Capt. RASC.
ST. EMILIA. IO.
N. V. ITALY.

EXTRACT FROM THE "IL LAVORO NUOVO" OF 6 OCTOBER 1945

" S P I T T L E A N D S O N G S "

..... Story number two consists in the following:

" In the Industrial Factory at Sampierdarena the small Garrison of soldiers living there are giving every day some exhibitions, not in spitting training as per story No.1, but in singing training which is about the same: Tune unchangeable - GIOVINEZZA SONG -

Labours working in the Factory are listening and We would say that they listen to them chafing at it if according to the "verb" it wouldn't be too much melodramatic. (1) The thing is, however, that they could suddenly cause a conflicting phonetic with the old and glorious "Anthem of Labours", which possibly would divert their attention from the duty of the essential reconstructing program.

Two stories and two symptoms: the Royal Navy represented by the Maresciallo (W.O.) of the S. GIORGIO and the Royal Army represented by the singing-soldiers under Major Vincitelli's command appear to be tied up each other by a common bond.

The Maresciallo through the "spittle" and the soldiers through the "refrains" of the bold fascist song are expressing the same reactionary feeling. May be unawares but the fact still stand.

- (1) The verbs "Ascoltare (to listen) and Fremere (to chafe at) are used together in dramas.

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Subject:- Liaison Report (SMT No. 3).

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SMT MILA 10., F.O. ITALY,
60 Sub Area,
C.M.F.

GRM/13/83

23 September 1942

To:- M.M.L.A., RMHM (4 copies).

1. Supplies.

a. General

(i) During the week notification has been received that the under mentioned tonnage (gross) has been despatched ex 13 CRASC (Supply Unit) on account of Maintenance 21 Sept - 5 Oct.:-

GENOA 350
MILAN 123

TURIN 47
ALESSANDRIA 33

(ii) Commencing Monday 1st Oct the first of the co-ordinating conference is being held in Milan, this office SMT/14 dated 25 Sept refers.

(iii) Another attempted raid was made on the Distribution Depot on the night of 26/27 Sept; report attached, including a press report from "IL LAVORO NUOVO" dated 28 Sept 45. This is the third attack against this Depot and on each occasion the Guard have acted well and it is suggested that some congratulating message be sent to the Commanding Officer of 515 Guard Bn.

b. Visits and Inspections.

(i) During the week visits have been paid to the Genoa Bulk Depot, Distribution Depot and Bakery accompanied by Major Ge; various points were brought out.

(ii) Major Ge visited the Turin Installation and will be rendering a separate report; in this connection additional premises have been found and are being put in order by the Engineers.

(iii) The following depots were inspected during the week by Capt Cotton; separate reports have been rendered: Genoa Bulk Depot, Milan Distribution Depot.

2. Transport.

a. A visit to J G.E. Coy showed a certain amount of improvement. The CO Coy is visiting his platoon at Leghorn and Paglia, and as he has many points for discussion he hopes to call on the ADST about the 2nd Coy.

b. During the week an anonymous letter was received concerning the company's activities in Leghorn; this was passed to Co. ADST for any necessary action.

c. Attached is a statement from 200 Prov. Coy Rome. I have requested the ADST to make inquiries in view of the fact that the vehicle was not authorized to make a journey from Genoa to Rome neither was it necessary for flour to be transported between these places.

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The ADST, AD.,
R.M. Italy

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Appendix 1.-Attempted raid on 2 Distribution Depot Genoa

At approx 2315 hours on the 26th Sept, some unknown civilians armed with automatic weapons attacked the sentries. The attack came from the shore of the river and the rubble and banks formed excellent cover for the attacking party.

The guard from 515 Guard Bn., consisting of 1 officer and 35 ORs assisted by Depot personnel searched the immediate area and arrested 8 civilians who were released after questioning by the Military Police. The Depot informed the Territorial Command, CC.RR. and 515 Guard Battalion and reinforcement were despatched but the attackers withdrew and got away.

The opinion is that these attacks are not designed in order to obtain foodstuffs but in order to test the reaction of the Italian Guards.

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Subject:-- Lincoln Report (SME No.2)

c/c SO Sub Area
G.M.T.

CHS/11/30
27 September 1945

To:-- H.M. Secy, Rome (4 copies).--

1. Supplies.

a. General.

(i) During the week ending 13th September supplies have been distributed to all Distribution Depots ex 12 H.M.T. and the program laid down in CHS/11/1 dated 6 September, para 1A is complete with the exception of certain items which are being despatched ex Amoy.

(ii) Flour ex Naples referred to in teleprint CHS/11/1 dated 5 September has all arrived with exception of that for Alexandria, this is being checked with IO Naples.

b. Visits and Inspections.

(i) Inspection of Alexandria Distribution Depot was carried out on the 19th Sept; please see separate report forwarded 26th Sept.

(ii) Visit was paid to Milan on the 21st Sept when a discussion was held with Major Ge (Italian "2" Representative M.G. Italy); it was decided that he would return to Genoa with Capt Cotton on the 24th Sept.

(iii) A short visit was paid to Distribution Depot Milan and an improvement since my last visit was noticed.

2. Transport.

A visit was paid to J G.T. Coy- complete "phases" 1191

3. General.--

G3E Tudor has been called to Rome for release and will be leaving for Rome on the 25th Sept.

W. H. M.
S/Captain, RASC.
SET MIA LO,
N.W. Italy

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Subject:- Liaison Report (SAT No.1)

c/o 60 SUB AREA
C.M.F.

GG(SD)13b
17 September 1945

To:- HQ. M.M.I.A. ROME.-

1. Supplies.-

a. Visits and Inspections.

(i) Visits were paid on the 10th September, accompanied by the ADST, to Distribution Depots at Alessandria and Milan.

(ii) Alessandria Depot is most unsatisfactory as such, but it is understood that other premises have been found but the Engineer work required to make them habitable is likely to take up to two months.

(iii) It has been suggested that Alessandria be closed and Piacenza be opened up, this would solve the problem referred to in para (ii) in addition would help to relieve the strain on Milan Distribution Depot which at the moment is handling 50% of the Feeding Strength of N.W. Italy. Capt Cotton carried out a Recon of Piacenza on the 15th September but found that all suitable accommodation had been taken by 10 Indian Division who are establishing their Hq. in addition to all their Maintenance Dump in this Area. If any accommodation is requested in this town the matter will have to be taken up with higher authority.

(iv) On visiting Turin Distribution Depot on the 11th September it can be confirmed that the capacity of this Depot is approx 500,000 rations.

(v) Inspection of 2 Fanificio Militare carried out on 14th September; please see separate report despatched to you on that date.

b. General.-

(1) Distribution of supplies for October Maintenance is progre-

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used satisfactory during the week. 800 tons have been despatched ex 42 B.S.D.- 42 BSD informed this office that they could not meet their commitment as laid down in your ST/191, para 1 A, dated 6 September; AFHQ have been informed of deficiencies by commodities.

(ii). Attached at appx 1 is a report in connection with an attempted raid on Distribution Depot Genoa.-

2. Transport.

(i) HQ. 3 G.T. Coy now established in new location at SIAC Coke-Ovens Blast, Furnaces and Rolling Mills, Genoa.

(ii) Dvr Picchi of 3 G.T. Coy was detained with 2 civilians employees of 42 BSD on the 11th September for stealing 112 lbs of sugar. The OC 42 BSD requested I visit him as on that day he had lost 7 sacks of sugar each containing 112 lbs. Apparently the method adopted was when a vehicle was loaded civilian employee, aided by the Italian driver would load on a sack of sugar; same would be disposed of by the driver outside the British Depot.

(iii) Discipline of the Company gets worse every day; set out below are details of charge preferred against members of the company by the British Military Police, Genoa during the month of September:

Traffic Offences:	6 OR's
Improper use of W/D vehicles	1 officer carrying civilian furniture
Improper possession of)	
money and improper use of)	1 OR carrying civilian for hire
W/D vehicles	) for about 70,000 lire

(iv) Vehicle State (load carriers) as at 15th September is as under:

	W/E	Strength	V.O.R.	Detailed
3 G.T. Company	132	129	15	64
2 Territorial Hq.,				
Admin. Coy	60	35	14	

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 Captain, RASC
 SAT MMIA LO
 N.W. Italy

APPX "1"Incident at 2 Distribution Depot Genoa.-

At approx 0140 hours 10 Sept 45 a hand-grenade was thrown by some unknown persons (approx 6 men) at two sentries on duty at the rear of the Distribution Depot which looks on to a path alongside the river and divide the Depot with 12 British Field Bakery. The sentries replied with rifle fire and were joined by the sentry stationed on the roof. After he had given the alarm, MCC Gregorio Vincenzo immediately phoned CC.RR. Sampierdarena for assistance but was informed none was available. In the meantime Lieut Mirabile of the Distribution Depot despatched all troops to vulnerable points, reinforcing the attacked sentries and informed 2 Guard Coy (1st Guard Regt) by telephone, Hq 2 Territorial Command and Direzione Commissariato. Some soldiers crossed the river-bridge and attempted to apprehend the attackers in the rear but after an exchange of fire the attackers withdrew and escaped.

At approx 0230 hours an armoured car and 30 carabinieri arrived and searched the area without success, and at 0300 hours Capt Regerdi Luigi of 2 Guard Coy arrived with 94 reinforcements and carried out another unsuccessful search in the area and reinforced the Guard.

It is pointed out that the guard under Cpl/Major Di Giambattista Nicola of 519 Guard Bn. was very active in successfully warding off the attack and endeavoring to apprehend the attackers. Further it has since been learnt that an attack was planned on 42 B.S.D. on the night of 9/10 Sept but that it did not materialize owing to the fact that the C.C. had "warned" of this and reinforced his Guards by Indian Troops.

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