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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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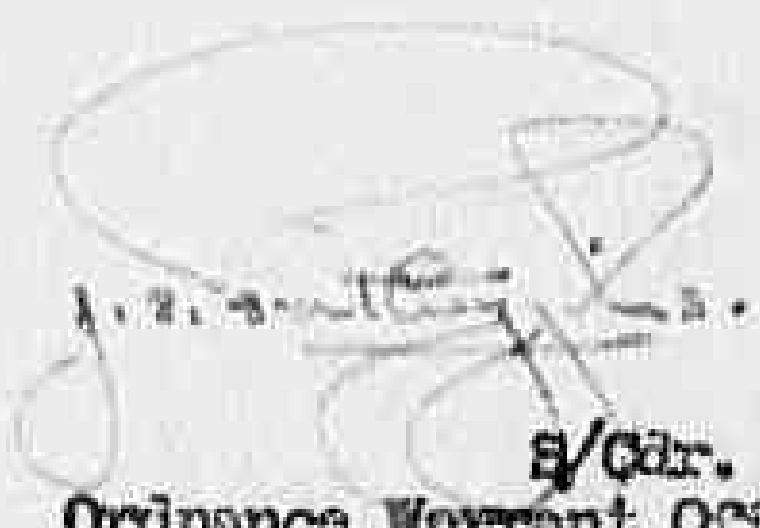
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Subject : Clothing Manufactures - Trials

To : Commissariat Directorate - 7. T.C.

Reference this office letter ORD/6 of 2nd Sept 46.

May a reply now be given please.


S/Cdr.
Ordinance Warrant Officer
7 B.L.U.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
VIETNAM
Tele: 293612-23

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Ref: ORD/52nd Sept '66

Subject: Clothing Manufactures - Trials

To: Commissariat Directorate - 7 T.C.

Ref. your Prot. 5195/3 dated 26 Aug 1966.

I understand that trials are being carried out on the new
Summer and Winter Clothing which is being manufactured for the Italian
Army.

I would be grateful if you could inform me whether such trials
of uniform are being carried out in 7 T.C. and if so, by whom.

[Signature]
S/Oir.
Ordinance Warehouse Officer.

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Appx to 7 B.L.U. letter

HLJ/20 dated Sept 46

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S REPORT
for Month of August 1946

1. 7 REPAIR SHOP

This shop is now engaged in the manufacture of Winter Clothing. A section of the shop is being transferred to IPFOLITO NIEVO, RIFREDI. The remainder to follow in due course. Urgent demands have been presented by HQ. 7 Territorial Command to their Ministry for the release of the required machinery which is to be set up at their new site at RIFREDI. Everything that is possible is being done to obtain this machinery.

The repairs to Boots are now being carried out by this Repair Shop and taken off Civil Contract. Minor repairs are being executed locally by the Units themselves.

As Boots become worn out they are being exchanged on the "one for one" basis. This system is working with every satisfaction.

2. 7. Clothing and Equipment Depot.

3. 7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot

Both still in process of being transferred to RIFREDI.

4. General.

Owing to the transfer of these units to the IPFOLITO NIEVO, RIFREDI, the question of visits must be waived temporarily. A watching brief is of course being kept on the reorganizations.

J. L. J. J. J.

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S REPORT
for Month of JULY 46.

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1. INSPECTIONS.

Inspections were carried out of the following units. The observations raised are as detailed.

General. The Ispolivo Niovo, Ritrredi consists of three main buildings or blocks. Each block has no. been allocated to the units as follows:-

Present Nomenclature.

Future Nomenclature.

- 7 Clothing & Equipment Depot.
- 7 Repair Shop.

Central Military Depot.

7 Recovery & Manufacturing Center.

- 7 Public Barrack Stores Depot.

7 Principal Barrack Stores.

2. 7. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT DEPOT.

At present this unit is situated at the Portezas de Resso but it is in process of being transferred to the Ispolito Niovo, Ritrredi. The transfer is progressing slowly owing to the fact that this new site is still in the hands of the Engineers undergoing repairs. Adequate storage space is in consequence limited temporarily. As the transfer is taking place the Depot is being reorganized and will later be known as the CENTRAL MILITARY DEPOT. There are only three of these Depots in Italy, the other two are located at Naples and Turin. They come immediately under the Ministry of War control.

The Clothing and Equipment as it arrives at Ritrredi is being temporarily stored in a part of the Block allocated to 7 Repair Shop.

3. 7. REPAIR SHOP.

This Shop is still engaged on the Manufacture of Summer Clothing for the Italian Army. This new uniform is practically identical to the British Battle Dress except that it is made from a finer cloth. The standard of workmanship in this Manufacture is excellent. It is anticipated that this task will cease in about twenty days time when it is hoped that the Shop will be transferred to Ritrredi. It will then be known as the 7 Recovery & Manufacturing Center. In this connection I would point out that the transfer is being held up owing to the lack of Machinery. The required Machines have been demanded but are still awaited. (See my Report for Month of April)

Accommodation is available to permit the use of 200 Machines.

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7 Repair Shop.

7 Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

7 Principal Barrack Stores Centre.

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4. 7 BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT.

The new site for this unit is nearly ready for accommodation. Transfer should commence ~~now~~ in the very near future.

5. O.F.P., "FOURSCORE".

The Binned Vehicles which were taken from the O.F.P. during the Election period have now been returned. The Bins and Stores have been replaced as before and the Park continues to function to satisfaction.

(P.T.O.)

31st. MAY 1946.

1. 7. BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT.

Inspection carried out of the Mag. Casermaggio at Via Pierluigi da Palestrina, recently vacated by the British R.Es., and now held by 7. Territorial Command.

I had hoped to house the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot at this location in preference to the four Store rooms already earmarked for them at Ippolito Nievo, Rifredi. The Rifredi location is, in my opinion, unsuitable for housing the Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in so much as it consists of only four very large rooms. It will be necessary to partition off these rooms into Sections to ensure adequate security to attractive items and the satisfactory segregation of other items, as necessary in this type of Stores Depot. In addition to this there are two further objections. All issues and receipts of stores will entail the extreme difficulty of man-handling the stores up and down the flight of stone stairs which connects the four rooms allotted, one above the other. The only alternative to this is by means of hauling up or lowering by means of ropes. Both systems are decidedly unsatisfactory considering the type of stores and the danger involved.

The Mag. Casermaggio at Via Pierluigi da Palestrina on the other hand has in point of fact been used as a Bulk Barrack Stores Depot in the past and has the great advantage of having all its rooms on the ground floor with each room already allocated for its purpose and still bearing the original sign boards indicating for what purpose each room was used.

My recommendations on this to H.Q. 7 Territorial Cmd. could not unfortunately be entertained owing to the fact that the Commissariato are interested in keeping their units in one centralised location. I have added greater weight to my recommendations and urged them to reconsider the whole position. Territorial Command's final ruling is now awaited.

2. 7. REPAIR FACTORY.

Hastening of supply of Machinery required.

Items concerned as detailed in my previous Report 6 Month ending April 46 para. 1.

3. 7. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT STORES.

Still in process of being transferred from Fortezza da Basso to Rifredi. Occasional minor transport difficulties being experienced but progressing favourably.

4. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Further to my Report Month Ending March 46 para. 5 (b)

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4. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Further to my Report Month Ending March '46. para. 5.(b). The following Consolidated list shows the extreme shortage within this Command of the Fire Fighting Equipment. This list is complete with the exception of the :-

H.Q. Artillery.

H.Q. 7. Infy. Regt.

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O.W.O. Month ending/beginning M.M.I.A. Report- 31st. May '46.
continued).

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FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.
7. Territorial Command.

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	HELD	STILL REQD.	UNDER REPAIR.
Extinguishers Foam			
Extinguishers Foam.	173 109	336 248	248
" " Mobile 150 Lit.	4 1	4 76	7
" Acid ARDITA.	20 20	- -	-
" " NUTI.	4 4	- -	-
" Refills.	15 15	4 96	-
" Bomb Type.	6 6	67	-
" Smoke Acid.	4 -	5	-
Buckets Fire.	76 20	252 814	-
Axes Pick-	170 120	143 1324	-
Shovels	143 534	216 593	-
Hoses Fire.	11	-	-
Containers Sand.	4	-	-
Sand Bags.	39	1800	-

5. VISITS.

Visit from A.D.O.S., H.Q., M.M.I.A., Lt.Col. A.J. HEAD.
R.A.O.C. on 15th. and 16th. May. 1946.

31st. May. 1946.

J. 2. 3. S. S. S. S.
S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S MONTH ENDING REPORT - APRIL '46.

7. BRITISH LIAISON UNIT,
FLORENCE.

1. 7. REPAIR FACTORY.

A conference was held to determine the date of the transfer of 7 Repair Factory to Rifredi. Col. Ducceri and Major Bardi confirmed that repairs to the new Factory were still being executed. In addition to this they stated that they are also awaiting the arrival of the various machinery necessary for the functioning of the new Factory. This machinery is being supplied through their Ministry of War. M of W letter 1482/1.C. of the 7th March refers. The machinery in question is as follows:-

Sewing Machines Necchi B.V.	192
B.D.L. (zig-zag)	4
Tables Sewing Machine Necchi B.V.	32
Sewing Machines, Equipment, Necchi O.P.	8
Machines Elastic w/Pedal.	2
Motors for Tables Sewing Machine Necchi, B.V. 1 H.P.	32
Motors for Sewing Machine Necchi, O.P. 1 1/2.	8
Machines Elect. Cutting, Large.	4
Small.	4
Machines Sewing Leather, Rapid.	1
Machines Brushing w/ Benches.	1
Milling Machine.	1
Machines Manufacturing Socks. 5x70.	1
7x70.	3
8x70.	4
10x70.	2
Kit Of Spare Parts for "Rapid" Machines.	1

It would be appreciated if hastening action could be taken to obtain these .

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The Clothing & Equipment Stores are being transferred from the Fortezza da Basso to Rifredi. The movement commenced on the 2nd May and it is anticipated that it will be completed by 23rd May.

3. "FOLGORE" Italn. Infy. Divn.

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2nd. May '46.

[Signature]
S/Cdr.

Ordnance Warrant Officer.

Ord. 7. British Liaison Unit,
FLORENCE

Ref:- 000/6.

Tel:- 1113.

24th April '46.

Subject:-

Accommodation - Taking-over of BANQUIONI Barracks.

To:-

D.A.A. & C.M.S., 7. B.I.U.

In accordance with the instructions contained in your B.I.U/36, dated 4th April '46, herewith Report of my inspection of Scandisco Barracks during the 'hand-over' to 7 Territorial Command, at 0900 hours on 5th April 46.

1. Representatives Present.

Col. Chiarinotti.	-	4/Chief of Staff, 7 Terr. Command.
Col. Di Martino.	-	Chief of Staff, Polgore.
Capt. K. Marshall (USA)	-	Auxiliary Troops Command, U.S.A.
S/Cdr. Ratheyjohns, J. B.	-	Grainco Warrant Officer, 7 B.I.U.

2. Accommodation.

Type.	-	Barracks.
Storage - Covered.	-	Satisfactory.
Uncovered.	-	Not a great deal available.
Living.	-	Excellent.
Offices.	-	Excellent.

3. Security.

Perimeter Wall.	-	Surrounds 90% of the area. In good condition and surmounted by barbed wire.
Windows and Doors.	-	Generally good with minor repairs necessary.
Entrances.	-	In need of repairs.

4. Sanitation.

Drains.	-	Good.
Ablutions.	-	Good.
Showers.	-	Satisfactory.
Latrines.	-	Satisfactory. Contract for emptying of the Cess Pits necessary.

5. Water Supply.

Self contained Pumping and Purifying Station in situ, in perfect working order. Will accommodate 10,000 men. (see remarks at "A" & "B")

6. Electricity Supply.

Self contained Power Plant in excellent working order.

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| S/Odr. Rothery Jones, J.E. | - | Ordinance Warrant Officer, 7 B.L.U. |

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7. Cooking & Dining Facilities.

Ample and hygienic.

8. Vehicle Parks.

Not ample. Bad in Winter owing to lack of 'hard standing'.

9. Parade Grounds.

Only sufficient for small parades.

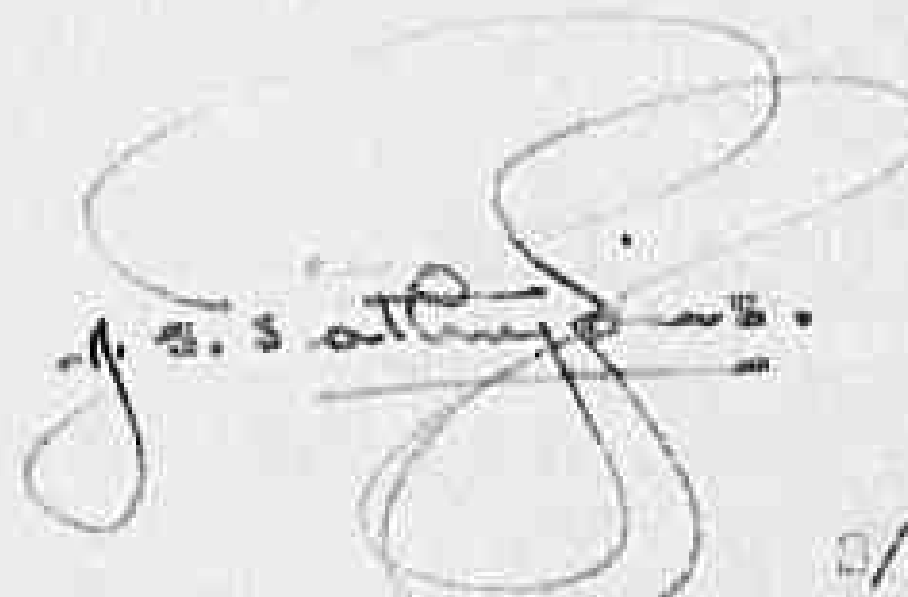
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10. GENERAL REMARKS.

(A) It is of the utmost importance that ably qualified Engineers be placed in charge of the Water and Electricity Supply Units. These units are of American manufacture and absolutely essential to the accommodation.

(B) Strict supervision in the correct maintenance of the Water and Electricity Supply Units is urged. The availability of SPARES for this equipment is nil and not likely to improve.

(C) The 'hand-over' was carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned.



S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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7 TERRITORIAL LAUNCH UNIT
FLORIDA

URGENT

REF: HJ/34

Flamenco, 4 April 1946

Subject : SCANDIUM Barracks

To : 7 Territorial Command (By hand)

1. It has been arranged with P.B.S. that the above barracks will be handed over to 7 T.C. on Friday 5 May 1946 at 0900 hrs.
2. Your representatives should meet 7 HJ ordnance representative (Mr. PATTERSON) at 7 HJ office at 0830 hrs to morning April 5th, when the whole party will proceed to SCANDIUM barracks to take over from the P.B.S. representative, Capt. MORTIMER.
3. Your representatives should include a Senior Officer, empowered to sign for the valuable stores that will be left in these barracks, pending their disposal by P.B.S.
4. A guard should be detailed by you and this guard should be ready to mount, immediately the hand over is complete; possibly at approximately 1200 hrs April 5th.

D.S.L. GIBSON
Major
DAA & QM

Copy : MHA (Attn Lt. Col. ALBERT)
Internal : CC.MR.
BOWO
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See 170011

ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

- Month Ending March.

1. Further Inspection carried out of No.7. Repair Shop at Piazza di San Pancrazio.

Conference held with Col. Bucceri regarding the following:-

(a) Anticipated transfer of Repair Shop to Rifredi. Appointment made for an Inspection of the new Site.

(See para 4.)

(b) System of Manufacture and Repair.

(c) Future submission to me of:-

i Weekly Activity Reports.

ii Weekly Tonnage Reports.

iii Distribution and Grade of Personnel employed.

iv Machinery in use.

3. Inspection of Chemical Test Laboratory - No.7. Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Bucceri and Major Bardi I inspected the Chemical Test Lab. at No.7. Repair Shop. The function of this Department is the testing of the materials, as supplied by Civilian Firms, used in the Manufacture and Repair of Clothing. Test carried out are:-

(a) Tension of Fibres.

(b) Microscopic Test.

(c) Water Resisting.

(d) Composition of Materials.

(e) Fibre Counting to conform to standard.

4. Inspection of Newly Approved Site. - No.7. Repair Shop.

(a) Accompanied by Col. Bucceri and Major Bardi I inspected the newly approved site for No.7. Repair Shop at Rifredi. The building is still being repaired but it is hoped that preparations will be completed by May.

(b) A considerable quantity of various items of Stores, such as, Cuttlery, Ground Sheets, Anti Gas Capes, Part Worn Boots and Captured German Special Winter Clothing are being sorted and repacked into sacks according to their respective condition. This work is being done by Male and Female Sorters and Male Packers the total of which is 46.

(c) The building will be admirable for the purpose, giving promise of an Ideal Lay-out. In this connection I have offered to assist Col. Bucceri, giving him the benefit of my personal experience, in the Organisation and Planning of his new Shop.

5. Fire Fighting Equipment.

(a) It is becoming increasingly apparent that an extreme shortage is being felt of adequate Fire Fighting Equipment within this Command. Can Ministry of Supply assist in this matter please?

(b) A Statement of deficiencies is being called for from each unit within the Command. Upon receipt these will be consolidated and the complete picture made subject to a special paragraph in a later Report.

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(c) The recommendations that I have made during my Inspections of Installations are already bearing fruit, an example of this is shown as Appendix "A" to this Report, but it is felt that to really 'break the back' of this acute shortage of Equipment, further assistance must be sought from the Ministry of Supply.

7. T.C. 3411/Secv. of 28/5/46 - ORD/12 (7)

31st. March 1946.

Ordnance Warrant Officer. S/cdr.

Ordn., 7. British Liaison Unit
FLORENCE.

Ref:- ORD/6.

Tel:- 1113.

16th. March 46.

SUBJECT:- Inspections - No.7. Repair Shop.

To:- O.C. No.7. Repair Shop, 7. Terr. Command.

1. On 13th; March 46 I carried out an Inspection of your Repair Shop under the guidance of S/Ten. Cataldo. Being my first visit, I was primarily interested to learn the size, Machinery, and the functionings of the various Departments.

2. I was keenly interested and look forward to a further visit when I hope to view the system you are employing in your Manufactures and Repairs.

3. On completion of my second visit I would welcome the opportunity of discussing with you any points which I may raise in my Findings.

J. Z. S. Arthur

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Ord., 7. British Liaison Unit,
Florence.

Ref:- ORD/6.

Tel:- Florence 1113.

15th. March 1946.

SUBJECT:- Stores - Provision.

To:- Direz: Artiglieria - 7. Terr; Command.
 Commissariato Directorate - 7. Terr: Command.
 Ufficio Servizi - 7. Territorial Command.

Reference my letter of even reference dated 2nd.March.46.

May a reply now be given please?

S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER'S MID MONTH REPORT.

MARCH 1946.

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Inspections were carried out of the following units:-

No. 7. Repair Shop.

No. 7. Bulk Barrack Stores Depot.

2. No. 7. REPAIR SHOP.

Both Manufactures and Repairs are being carried out here.

The Shop is divided into three Sections as follows:-

- (i) General Repairs Section.
- (ii) Woollen Repairs only.
- (iii) Boot Repairs only.

General Repairs Section.

as Repairs. Executing Manufactures as well

Machines -	Machines Sewing -	50
Personnel -	Machinists Female -	50
	Hand Sewing Female -	12
	Sorters Female -	4

Woollen Repairs Section.

as well as Repairs to woollen garments. Executing Manufactures of Socks

Machines -	Mach. Manufacturing -	15
	Winding -	8
	Knitting -	1
Personnel -	Machinists Female -	26
	Hand Sewing Female -	12

Boot Repairs Section.

Studding only. Executing Light Repairs and

Machines -	NIL.	
Personnel -	Boot Repairers -	25.

In addition to these there is a Pattern Cutters Room in which is employed Male Tailor Cutters - 10.

Machines Cutting Pattern 1;

An Expense Store supplies the materials and spares etc; as required.

The system of Manufacture and Repair as adopted at present in this Repair Shop, does not, in my opinion, lend itself to speedy

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2. No.7.BULK BARRACK STORES DEPOT.

A rather unsatisfactory Store which anticipates a transfer to another Location in May.

At the moment this Store is divided and,owing to its expected transfer, was only given the briefest of Inspections.

At the time of Inspection it had a holding of 150 Tons.

J. J. J. J. J.
S/Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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Sheet 1

ORDINANCE OFFICER OR H.Q.'S REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT No 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot (Clothing)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 27 February 1946
3. NAME OF OFFICER/XXX i/c. CAPT. PUGLISI, STEFANO.

STORES.

- (a) Type of Building c.g. house, barn etc. Barrack Stores
- (b) General condition of Building Good, but. Lighting inadequate
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing Italian and grade III (British) - Good
- (ii) Equipment See Reports attached at Shants 2-3
- (iii) Other stores Grease (Boot Preservation) and Candles
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? Yes
- (f) Method of preservation Napthalene
- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage N.A.
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian. No In Italian only for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

- (a) General state of machinery See Report attached - in covering letter.
- (b) Type of Repairs undertaken
- (c) Any shortage of materials?
- (d) Morale of employees

GENERAL REMARKS.

No Fire Fighting Equipment or Instructions in use.

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(b) General condition of Building Good, but. Lighting inadequate
(c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores
(d) Condition of (i) Clothing Italian and grade III (British) - Good
(ii) Equipment See Reports attached at Sheets 2-3

(c) are the items of para (d) stored separately?

(f) Method of preservation Napthalene

(5) Turnover, approx tonnage

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian.No In Italian only for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for the inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

(a) General state of machinery } See Report attached in covering letter.

(b) Type of Repairs undertaken

(c) Any shortage of materials?

(d) Morale of employees

GENERAL REMARKS.

No Fire Fighting Equipment or Instructions in use.

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Signature of Ordnance Officer
of Warrant Officer.

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UNIT NAME OFFICER OR AGENT REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT No 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot (Equipment)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28th February 1946
3. NAME OF OFFICER/AG. i/c. FALCIANI, SILVIO.
CIVILIAN

STORES.

- (a) Type of Building Barrack Stores
G.S. house, barn etc.
- (b) General condition of Building Good but lighting inadequate
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 180 tons
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii) Other stores NIL

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

- (f) Method of preservation By brushing only . No preservatives

- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage Closer detailed examination necessary

- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Closer detailed examination necessary

- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No . In Italian only for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

- (a) General state of machinery Three Sewing Machines (Heavy) Good.
- (b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovation by Cannibalisation
- (c) Any shortage of materials? Leather . Preserves and Tela (Saddle Canvas) 5
Needles
- (d) Morale of employees Good

GENERAL REMARKS.

An efficient Department, well organised and executing excellent work. No Fire Fighting Equipment or Instructions Inadequate lighting in Stores.

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(c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 180 tons
(d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
(ii) Equipment Good
(iii) Other stores NIL

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

(f) Method of preservation By brushing only . No preservatives

(g) Turnover, approx tonnage Closer detailed examination necessary

(h) Is accounting satisfactory? YES

(i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No . In Italian only for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

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- (d) Morale of employees Good

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ORDNANCE OFFICER OR I.C.'s REPORTS ON VISIT TO CLOTHING STORES ETC.

1. UNIT no 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot (Arms)
2. DATE OF INSPECTION. 28 February 1946
3. NAME OF ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ i/c. FALCIANI, SILVIO.
Civil Armourer

STORES.

- (a) Type of Building
c.s. house, barn etc. Barrack Armoury
- (b) General condition of Building Good but lighting inadequate
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores
162 TONS
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
(ii) Equipment NIL
(iii) Other stores Arms. Excellent.
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? yes
- (f) Method of preservation Mineral Oil
- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No in Italian only. Instructions given for inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

- (a) General state of machinery NIL
- (b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation
- (c) Any shortage of materials? Tools, Pistol, Spares and Preservative Oils
- (d) Morale of employees Good

GENERAL REMARKS. A very good standard of efficiency in Storage and Repairs alike. A model Department spoilt only by the lack of Fire Fighting Equipment and Instructions and sufficient lighting.

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- (b) General condition of Building Good but lighting inadequate
- (c) Approx. Tonnage of Stores 175 TONS
- (d) Condition of (i) Clothing NIL
- (ii) Equipment NIL
- (iii) Other stores Arms. Excellent.
- (e) Are the items of para (d) stored separately? yes
- (f) Method of preservation Mineral Oil
- (g) Turnover, approx tonnage to be detailed separately
- (h) Is accounting satisfactory? Yes
- (i) Are nomenclatures written in English and Italian No in Italian only. of English for all items of Allied origin? Instructions given for inclusion of English interpretation of nomenclatures

REPAIRS SHOPS.

- (a) General state of machinery NIL
- (b) Type of Repairs undertaken Renovations by Cannibalisation
- (c) Any shortage of materials? Tools, Pistol, Spares and Preservative Oils
- (d) Morale of employees Good 0012

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Signature of ~~Ordnance Officer~~
of Warrant Officer.

7. B. L. V.

ORD. , 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ORD/6

Florence, 2 March 1946

Subject : Stores Provision

To : Dires. Artiglieria - 7 Territorial Command
Commissariato Directorate - 7 Territorial Command
Ufficio Servizi - 7 Territorial Command

1. Reference my ORD/6 dated 1st March para 5.
Will you please state position with regard to the possibility of obtaining the under mentioned equipment and expendable stores for use in your respective Storehouses and Repair Departments: -

(a) Fire Fighting Equipment

- (1) Buckets
- (2) Shovels
- (3) Axes Felling
- (4) Axes Hand
- (5) Extinguishers Fire
- (6) Axes Pick complete
- (7) You should contact the local Fire Brigade with the view to exalting the Civil Fire Hydrants, if any, within range of your Storehouses etc.

(b) Tools and Spares as required in Armoury Repair Departments.

(c) Tools as required in Equipment Repair Departments.

(d) Preservatives as required in all Storehouses, Armoury and Repair Departments.

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ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

ORD. 7

REF: ORD/6 ✓

Florence, 1 March 1946

Subject : Grannace Warrant Officers Inspections

To : Direttore Artiglieria - 7 Territorial Command
Commissariato Directorate - 7 Territorial Command
Ufficio Servizi - 7 Territorial Command

1. On 27th and 28th February 1946 I carried out inspections of the following Storehouses and Repair Departments.
 1. 7 Clothing Stores
 2. 7 Equipment Stores.
 3. Repair Department.
 4. 7 Armoury.
 5. Repair Department.
2. I was greatly impressed by the keenness and efficiency with which these Branches are executing their services. The storage and preservation of the various items of stores is very good. I was pleased to note that all items were carefully stored in racks, each item being segregated and bearing Stock Stock Cards. The sorting and segregation of unserviceable and repairable stores was also satisfactory. The Storehouses were both clean and tidy. Especial praise perhaps may be given to the Armoury wherein one meets, a very nearly, ideal store.
3. The accounting procedure appears to be quite satisfactory but I hope to give closer attention to this subject at a later date.
4. I was also keenly interested in the Repair Departments wherein your transformation of a hardly recognisable object, into a brand new shiny Rifle or Saddle, gives proof in itself of the skill and hard work being executed there.
5. I forward the following recommendations for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (a) There is no Fire Fighting Equipment or Fire Fighting Instructions available for immediate use at any of the Storehouses or Repair Departments. I would very strongly recommend that immediate action be taken to obtain this most essential equipment and, upon receipt, the setting up of Fire Points at places within easy access of all rooms and outhouses.

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- (b) Greater provision of Spares and Tools generally in the Armoury Repair Departments.
- (c) Greater provision of Preserving materials in all Repair Departments. Especially Leather Preservatives.
- (d) More lighting in Storerooms and Repair Departments.
- (e) Each Stock Book Card should have the nomenclatures of Stores written both in English and Italian.

These points will later be made subject to separate letters.

6. In conclusion I would tender my sincere thanks for your kind cooperation and assistance to me during my Inspections. I look forward to rendering my favourable Report to Hq. M.M.I.A.

J. I. S. Atherton Esq.

R/C.M.
ORDNANCE WARRANT OFFICER

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ORD. 7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: ORD/6

Florence, 25 Feb. 1946

Subject : Accommodation (Coverciano Barracks)-Report on Hand-over

In accordance with 7 BLU letter BLU/36 dated 20 Feb. 1946.

Herewith report of my inspection of COVERCIANO Barracks during "hand over" to 7 Territorial Command at 10.30 hours on 25 Feb. 1946.

1. Representatives Present

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| - Col. FARONATO | - 7 Territorial Command |
| - Maj. GALLIACCA | - Engineers Officer |
| - Maj. TROLANI | - Supply Officer |
| - Capt. PALLA | - 7 Territorial Command |
| - S/Cdr PATESHJOEN | - O.W.O. 7 B.L.U. |
| - PTE O' CONNELL | - Rep. Town Major |

2. Accommodation

- | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Type | - Barracks |
| Storage | |
| covered | - Ample and Satisfactory. |
| uncovered | - Satisfactory. |
| Living | - Good. |

3. Security

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Perimeter wall | - Satisfactory. |
| Windows & Doors | - Generally in need of minor repairs. |
| Entrances | - Bad state. |

4. Sanitation.

- | | |
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| Drains | - Good |
| Lavatories | - Very Good |
| Ablutions | - Very Good |
| Showers | - Very Good |

5. Water Supply - Satisfactory

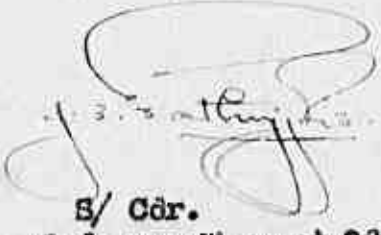
6. Electricity - Satisfactory

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|----------|---------------------------|
| Fittings | - minor repairs required. |
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7. Cooking Facilities. - Good.
8. Dining Facilities ^{Stores} - In working order.
- Good.
9. Offices - Ample and Satisfactory.
10. Vehicle Parks - Hard Standing . Satisfactory.
11. Parade Ground. - Ample.
12. Canteen)
Cinema (- Available if required.
Theatre } Good.
13. GENERAL REMARKS

An excellent Barracks with fluid possibilities.
The handing-over was executed to satisfaction of all concerned.


S/ Cdr.
Ordnance Warrant Officer.

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ORD. 7 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DEPT.
SECRET

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REF: H4/32

RECEIVED: 31 Feb. 1946

Subject: Maintenance - 716 Ital. Regt.

To: 7 Territorial Command

File 3-4/32 and

In accordance with M.M.I.A instructions contained in their 30/35/2 dated 24th Dec. 1945 - para 3.

1. Will you please instruct 716 Ital. Adm. Regt. to transfer all clothing and equipment held by them to No. 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot. Items and quantities concerned are as detailed in para 12 of this letter.
2. Upon receipt of these stores, No. 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot are to be instructed to act under those items pending further instructions from this office. Under no circumstances will these stores be issued to any other unit.
3. Original Receipt Vouchers will be viewed and a check made against the stores returned, all deficiencies being noted.

J. I. Sathiyans.
 S. I.

CHIEF OF STAFF OFFICER

Copy: HQ. 716 Ital. Adm. Regt.
 No 7 Clothing and Equipment Depot
 File H4/32
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See 344/42
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AREA "A" - 11/1/32 dated 11/2/46

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ITALIAN
CHIEF III
(mixed)

ITALIAN

Artists Web per	1396
Boots Artists per	2.7
Marine U.S. (green)	1,241
Trousers "	692
Socks woolen per	152
Jackets Canvas	343
Shirts	48
Shoes	9,933
Drawers Woolen	13,648
Hats canvas	6,476
" " gales	12,622
Gloves woolen per	4,444
Kit Bags	1,111
Restaurants U.S.	444

Drawers Cotton	7
Leaves	per 4,768
Towels	138
H/Chiefs	13
Belts wrist Web	367
Covers Mattresses	62
Cups	2,997
Shoes	640
Shirts	949

Marine (mixed) - 135

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7 BRITISH LEAGUE UNIT
FLORENCE

REF: BLJ/36

Florence, 20 Feb. 1946

Subject : Accommodation 5A Rest Camp (COVERCIANO Barracks)

To : 7 Territorial Command (By hand)

1. At a conference held at 211 Sub. Area this morning it was agreed that the above barracks would be handed over to 7 Territorial Command on Monday 25 Feb.
2. Your representatives should meet the Town Major at the main entrance to the Camp at 10-30 hrs on the 25th.
3. S/Cdr FARMINGTON of 7 BLU will also be present at the hand over.
4. Conclusion should be reported to this HQ.

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See BLJ/36 and

D. S. J. CHITSON
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Major
7 BLU

Copy: LMCIA
211 Sub Area
S/Cdr Anthony Johns ✓

20/2/46

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