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TPD 17A - Reports TO mmIA

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May 16, 1944 - June 28, 1944

Report N°31

To : A.D.C.S. M.M.I.A. Copy A/Q.

From : L.O. M.M.I.A. Ord. BARI.

1. My report 30 para 2 refers.
I have been in touch with Lt BENNET again and I am afraid the shirts ex WILLIAM WILMER have been wrongly delivered although marked ITI. The number of shirts involved is 46,215.
When these are handed over to A.B.D. I understand an approx similar number of NON STANDARD American shirts will be handed over to LA ROCCA by A.B.D.
I have asked BENNET to arrange the change over by FRIDAY at the latest so that it takes place before I leave.

2. I have gone into the question of making use of the leather rifle buckets with MANZONI. His opinion is that the flaps at the top can be used for uppers, either toe caps or heel pieces.
That the bucket itself is unsuitable for anything but welts, as a sort of leather tape, or for the inner soles of new boots.
It is not soft enough for outer soles and in addition the way it has been tanned makes it very absorbent. It is however ideal for the making of sandals and the straps could be most usefully employed for this purpose.
I dont know how interested you are in the manufacture of sandals.
IX Corps could give me no check on the number you mentioned, 80,000, as the Artillery Director is in Taranto.
I have spoken to the local Artillery Commander and he informs that there are 50 buckets at the artillery stores in BARI.

3. Capt MURDELL has so far interviewed two applicants for the post of clerk. So far the female is leading by a furlong. I will let you know as soon as any definite arrangement takes place.

4. We have found one more bale of drawers cotton short amongst the woollen ones, making a total so far of 22 bales, Each bale contains 400 prs drawers so we have 8800 prs altogether and I feel we may still find a few more bales.

4. 75. C (II) and (IV) Surely you mean make issues read 21,820 not 16,820 in each case, as the figure shown as A issues in each case is 11,820 not 6,820 ?

5. 75. D - Depot informed.

6. 76. These went by road in an Italian truck taking other stores. Lt-Col LANDOLFI was a passenger in the truck.

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7. Maj HUSBARD arrived in BARI this afternoon.

8. A further 1200 bales were moved into the Indian Warehouse to-day.

9. 64. Nothing further has happened on this, in view of my instructions to IX Corps.

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Maj.
D.S.L. GREGSON/

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ORD/11/B

To Maj Gregson / from AMM1A(maau) Ord

75 (a) The issue of B.D. 10000 suits on 9 MAY from La Rocca to NAPLES, was thought by us to be a transfer to 591 + from the description in the books "Div Commto Napoli" would seem to La Rocca to have been a transfer However this 10,000 has not been taken up in 591 books, but seems to have been acknowledged by FFAA Campania in one of their returns.

(b) We have asked NAPLES to find out which Div got the 10,000. In the meantime we are assuming they were 'A' issues.

(c) Please adjust your control a/cs thus.

BLOUSES

(i) Strike out transfer entry 9 May for 10,000 – alter total transfers from 43772 to 33772

(ii) make 'A' issues read 16820 instead of 6820 + increase total of issues from 22771 to 32771

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11820? (iv) make issues read 16820 instead of 6820 & alter total issues from 22758 to 32758.

The balances c/d are unaffected.

(d) The depot should make a note that this was not a transfer but a normal issue.

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(c) The waggon numbers were

FO	134806/F	Trousers BD	2500
FC	1005810/F	"	7500
E	1024413/F	Blouses	10000

76/ Your report No 10 para 8. What was the Waggon No ?

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AAM Lumsden Lt Col

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REPORT N°30

To : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q.

From : L.O. M.M.I.A. Ord EARI.

1. As agreed with Col SHIPLEY, I visited R.S.D. 500 A.O.D. to inspect the American boots there. Approx quantity 10,000 prs. I inspected several sacks and talked to the N.C.O. i/c these boots.

As a rough guess he estimates that of these 10,000 prs; 5,000 are repaired and fit for immediate issue to the Italians, 2,000 need only small repairs, 2,000 major repairs and 1,000 are useless.

I rather question this last 1,000 as what British and Americans condemn as useless can very often be repaired by the Italians.

2. Rather a bombshell this morning from Lt BENNET. Apparently there is some doubt as to whether the last consignment of shirts ex WILLIAM WILMER were for the Italians or should have gone to A.B.D. All the bales were marked I.T.I.

I will let you know developements on this but it is going to cause a lot of work and waste of time if we have to extract those particular bales from the various piles.

3. 67. Noted. As you say a nice thought.
69. Noted.
70. I have discussed this previously with D'AGOSTINO and I think all reasonable precautions are taken and my own feeling is that very little is got away with as all the men he employs are hand picked.
73. Noted. Will give you further details later.
74. Thank you.
63. Rifle bucket has arrived and will get hold of MANZONI as soon as possible, I hope to night.

4. Ord/Adm/1 of 26/6/44 refers.
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(6) Being a buffer between the local Italian HQ and OC depot and helping both to get things done on such matters as transport etc.

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(7) Obtaining immediate confirmation from M.M.I.A. of the bulk transferrence of stores suggested or ordered by S.M.R.E. or W.M.

(8) Clearing the many queries that arise between the various British, American and Italian interests involved.

(9) Liaison with local billeting authorities for the provision of better and further accomodation for Italian activitps.

(10) The general supervision of depots in an advisory capacity.

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./... (11) Ditto for repair shops and the putting forward to M.M.I.A. of the various difficulties and lack of repair materials. In fact general help in obtaining these.

(12) A careful watch on Italian Officers with whom he comes in contact. The recommandationfor advance or replacement of such officers.

(13) Close contact with port det. and port authorities so as to obtain early knowledge of the arrival of consignments. A pre knowledge of such arrivals is invaluable to O.C. depots and often prevents delays and extra work in recounting and restacking bales.

(14) To be present as often as possible at the arrival of goods at depots, not so important from local British or American depots as these figures are subsequently checked but much more important for arrivals ex ship.

(15) To report all loss and damage of goods arriving to the Port Det, so that they can investigate.

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(19) In urgent cases to obtain releases of stores from M.M.I.A. by telephone and on certain rare occasions to authorize certain limited issues without reference.

The above is I think a fairly comprehensive list and I will add to it if anything else strikes me.

5. I am in receipt of bombshell AQ/4 of 26/6/44 and although of course anxious to be where most useful I am disappointed to leave Bari before the job is completed ie before the reorganisation of the depots and the physical stocktaking.

I dont know how much HUBBARD will want to see but the actual handover ought not to take much more than a day; so unless any unforseen difficulties crop up I should be with you on Friday evening or Saturday at the latest.

6. Things have gone weal at LA ROCCA to day and the total bales moved to-date is just over 3,000. Not bad when each bale has to be scrutinized and checked before stacking.

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Subject. Change of Station- CMD Officers

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ.(MMIA)
LECCE.(LECCE)
AG/4
6 June 44

1. Major M.Hubbard DADOS, HQ. 33 Mil Mission will take over control BARI installations vice Major D.S.L.Cregson. Major Hubbard will live in BARI.

2. On completion of relief Major Cregson will report to Lt Col. R.A.M.Shutte at LECCE and will be based on Main H.Q.

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Lt Col.
A A & C M G.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

FJN/vtc

Distribution:-
Lt Col. R.A.M. Shutte
Major M.Hubbard.
Major D.S.L. Gregson.

Information:-
MMIA LO. No 2 District
MMIA LO A.C.C. Naples
Camp Comdt MMIA

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ORD/11/B.

Amag GREGSON / from Am. M.I.A (Main) Ord

Your report 28 para 5

67/ We have entered the issue of 350 Blouses & 50 Trousers :—

(a) on depot return to 25 MAY (under the Bernard columns)

(b) on our control afcs, the new balances forward at 25 MAY being

BLOUSES. 43254.

AFHQ 8660 51,914.

TROUSERS. 34,317.

NICE THOUGHT. The Italian Rlys are State Rlys & the ITI Govt will still pay the cost of the lost B.D. plus the cost of the count of enquiry.

68. Your report 28 para 6. Pity we can't fwid 1650 on our Bernard statement, copy of which you had with our ORD/11/B/1 of 20 JUN. There was probably an additional delivery of 400 pieces making the 2050 which we can fwid — however its not worth wasting any more

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69 If anything we put in these notes is of more than passing interest, we will try & remember to give it a heading for easy reference by you

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70. THEFTS FROM DEPOTS After a lot of trouble we did succeed in clearing up TARANTO Boot Stock and when the smoke cleared we found ~~that~~ there had been two separate ~~thefts~~ in the depot of 20 and 9 pairs. Maj Hubbard told the depot to box all the boots in crates of 30 pairs & mark on the outside the contents.

I am quite sure ~~that~~ with boots non existent in ITALY and a black market price equal to the pre-war cost of a pedigree bull, thefts in the depot are bound to occur. They are difficult to stop. AGOSTINO will be anxious about this too — what do you both think can be done? (In departmental stores they search the girls, but many a girl gets away wearing a pair of what-nots not having worn a pair on arrival, but all this is by the way)

71 Your report 27 para 1 Thanx will check A.M.'s later

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74 Your rept 27 para 4. The more we think about this the more we realise the difficulties. Just do the best you can whilst we take up with Chief Accountant ACC

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[signature]
Lt Col.

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B26/6/new 1/

ORD/11/B.

To Mag Gregson / from MMIA(main) ORD

66 AUTHORISATION Attached is a copy of the new authorisation form (MMIA/ORD/2 proforma). It will answer INDENTS from S.M.R.E. or M of W. It will be done in long hand by the DA&MG Q(AE) with the aid of carbons, which will save time of typists. The Italians have been asked to reference wires on their depot returns to these authorisations, which ought to help us to identify them. At the time Q(AE) make the authorisation as 'A', 'B' or 'I'. This will save us a great deal of trouble when we come to analyse the wires as between 'A', 'B' 'I'. All this affects you very little, but we want you to use the word 'authorisat -ion' only in the sense of it being an authorisation from MMIA to SMRE or M of W. The word 'RELEASE' should be used to describe releases by M of W to units In the case of stores from Allied sources, Such releases will normally only be made

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A.H.L. Smith
Lt Col

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Appendix 'B' to S/40/5 19 June 1944.

Serial No.AQ
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Date .....

TO:-

FROM : M.M.I.A.

AUTHORISATION

1. Reference your .....

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/m items from Allied Sources.

TO ..... Stationed

at .....and employed .....

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DESCRIPTION	ITEMS	QUANTITIES

3. Purpose of issue .....

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4. In compliance with para. 5 MMA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. Remarks .....

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DISTRIBUTION

Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Pro Forma MHA/ORD/2.

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A 2616/42 C/

ORD/11/0

To Mag Gregson from AFHQ A(Main) ORD

58 Returns of Italian Clothing under IX Corps Control

At present we get once monthly a consolidated statement of ~~the~~ major items of clothing under Italian control e.g.

Vests wool 250,000.

We are of course totally unable to say where the clothing is. So we are asking M of W to furnish us once a month with the return as submitted by IX Corps. This shows.

Depots	LA ROCCA	MONOPOLI	LECCE	← etc etc (about 20) →	Total
Vests	500	–	1000		250,000
Shirts	20	40	70		
Sox	–	–	100		
etc.					
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Should you visit an Italian depot a find say 20,000 Vests, you have only to report the matter to us & we will see if that quantity or something like it is there. You would of course only deal with major items and approx quantities.

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This return is being called for by us & there is no need for you to say anything to TX Corps about it

59 Your report No 8 para 15. We have cancelled them.

60 Your report No 10 para 5. A 'state' such as you suggest would be most useful. Ask the depot to give you a Stock Statement in DUPLICATE – we suggest as at 2359 hrs weekly on SUNDAYS. giving the stocks at that hour Suggest following pro-forma

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SERIAL NO OF THIS STATE ..... DEPOT .....

STOCK STATE AS AT 2359 hrs SUNDAY .....

(This is not an accounting document. It has been compiled from Depot Books, detailed checking of which has not yet been effected)

Return line No	Description	Quantity

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24 ~~Dec~~ JUN 44

RAMC Lucknow

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A36/16/64

ORD/11/3/1

To Maj Gregson from MMIA(main) Ord

Your report 25.

1/ Your para 5. From the point of view of getting an ACCEPTANCE NOTE, we are not interested in short deliveries prior to the hand over at Acceptance Point, but we do have to try and reconcile outside the Depot books the amounts set up to be shipped from U.K., USA or MIDEAST on "ITI" a/c with those received by MMIA. Diversions & pilferages prior to acceptance do interest us to some extent.

2/ Your para 6. Our gloom is dispelled by your Report 26 para 2. It is not a pea-nut stand problem we fully realise.

Your report 26

3/ Your para 1 9(AE) have made a special authorisation to cover these 40 pairs (A9/15/10 of 23JUN on ORD/2/2 Vol 3 fo 53)

4/ Your para 4 We think it would be more convenient in the long run if you suggest to La Rocca that they make one bulk entry to cover the exit of the 4520L

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P.T.O.

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5 Your para 7. Received

6 To simplify references; in future we will give each item in our notes to you a consecutive number starting with 50 to avoid confusion. It will only be necessary for you to say "your 67". Don't give date. If you like to simplify your references you do same thing but call them "BB" and start at 50. Continue to date your reports.

Our next letter to you will start the new arrangement

24JUN 64

RAM/hutti
LHGI

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R: 26/6/45

C.RD/11/B

To Maj GREGSON from MMIA(Maam) ORD

50. Your Rep 24/7(c) Have a word with IX Corps Dvi Comms

51 Your Rep 24/10. See your report 14 para 3 first sentence. matter now closed (game, set, match to us)

52 Your Rep 24/12. our copy of Your Report 14 para 4 has been amended to read Drawers, woollen. long 15000

53 Buttons are being indented for by Army of War. Our view is ~~that~~ they have plenty of buttons, but we don't really know. Your rebat No 7 2(b) refers to 8000 Quintals of unsorted returned uniform in the prison. There is probably a lot of buttons there which could be salvaged. If you have time you might like to have a look at Maj V.E. in the Elementary School at CASTELLANO (West of MONOPOLI). ON 17 DEC when I saw

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(game, set, match to us)

52. Your Rep 24/12. A Your Report 14 para 4 has been amended to read Drawers, woollen. long 15000

53 Buttons are being indented for by Army of War. Our view is ~~that~~ they have plenty of buttons, but we don't really know. Your rep No 7 2(b) refers to 8000 quintals of unsorted returned uniform in the prison There is probably a lot of buttons there which could be salvaged. If you have time you might like to have a look at Mag V.E. in the Elementary School at CASTELLANO (West of MONOPOLI). ON 17 DEC when I saw it, it contained a mixed & substantial collection of Insignia and at ~~that~~ time was one of the more important depots under control of IV Corps after La Rocca. A remarkably fat Capt was P/c.

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54 Your ref 26/3 Many thanks. Will write again on this.

55 BD Suits issued direct by Bernard to FFAA Campania 3000 on 21 FEB in Waggon 1008151 (Our ref DI/5+6) Confirm tel conv (SHUTTE-GREGSON) 24 JUN 0845 hrs. "Gregson will try and find out what units in Campania were to receive this lot Probably 210 or 212 Dwis which are 'A' or 227 Dwis which is 'B'. If Gregson fails, Shutte will get info from M of W or Naples"

56 Your report No 4/ para 5 We have corrected our copy to show Pullovers as "Br" not "U.S."

57 Your report No 5. We have starred your para 5 and inserted following footnote

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from overseas. They must also be
distinguished as to the last allied
owner "

This is a precaution in case your
successor gets a wrong idea by reading
an isolated para in your reports.

RHW Shutte
Lt Col
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Report So.

ORD/ADM/1

Maj GREGSON
" HEAD

from M.M.I.A (main) ORD.

1. A Staff instruction is about to be published laying down the duties of ORD REPS at substations e.g. responsible to M.M.I.A (main) ORD on technical matters connected with storage, issue & accounting for stores in ITI depots & direct access to M.M.I.A. Ord officers in such matters. Each advises to S.L.O on establishment. Questions involving policy to be put by ORD REP to S.L.O & if it is necessary to refer to this H.Q. such reference will be made by 'staff' not 'service' channels.

2. The above instruction will be followed by an ORD instruction defining the special & out duties of ORD REPS. As a result of your experience as an ORD REP. will you please forward to us a list of the duties you conceive you either could & should undertake in regard to carrying out the

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list of the duties you conceive you either
carry out now or ought to carry out if
you had sufficient basic assistance or not.
This ORD instruction will be confined to lists
of duties & responsibilities rather than
the detailed procedure for carrying them
out.

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[signature] Lt Col

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ORD/11/B.

To Maj Gregson from .m/m 1 A (Maint) Ord

61 Your report 12 para 7. The responsibility for placing a new Dyeing contract with Bernard is ~~that~~ of 6 BSA & 2 DIST not yours.

62 Your report 12 para 9. Are you maintaining Bin Cards for major Italian clothing items? Do you think the work involved pays a satisfactory dividend? (Before answering have a look at the IX Corps Return referred to in 58B). Do not make any change in your procedure until I have had an opportunity to discuss with Col SHIPLEY, if we think in the end ~~that~~ these partial returns have little value.

63 ~~Your report 15 para 12~~ I think Col SHIPLEY has this in hand in a big way.

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1250 X 414

Perhaps DDOS 1DIST would let you have enough of the other items to cover say the

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next two months increased output. Such help would only be temporary and - of course - must not be allowed to jeopardise or prejudice in any way Col SHIPHEY's big scale arrangements. (In fact it could only be an old boy, old school tie arrangement except of course the Italians would be debited with the cost of anything you could get for them)

64 Your report 15 para 5. What is the latest situation re moving the Sal Depot in the prison.

65. Except for item 64 above, I have been through your reports 1 to 26. Is there any question unanswered? Do you want any further directions. If you say 'No' as we hope, we think that our period of heavy correspondence is at an end. We ought to manage current affairs on a very small amount of paper work

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Lt Col.

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REPORT N°29

To : ADOS M.M.I.A. Copy A/Q.

From : LO M.M.I.A. (ORD) BARI

1. I have had AQ/15/10 of 23/6/44 translated into Italian andone copy has been given to Col LA ZARA and one to O.C.LA ROCCA.

2. I am very pleased to be able to inform you that the G.I.L. at ACQUAVIVA has been handed over to us (my report N°24 para 5 refers). I have informed Col LA ZARA of this and am confirming it in writing.

I have asked him to make the change over as soon as possible, consistent with as little disruption of work as possible.

3. In my mind I am rather linking up AQ/15/10 referred to above with para 2, as storage space in BARI is so limited. The great drawback of course is transport. Will you please let me have any views you may have on this.

4. Your Ord/11/B/1 of 22/6/44 refers.
Para 1. Noted
Para 2 and 3. Dealt with.
Para 4 and 5. Noted and explained to O.C. LA ROCCA.
What does effluxion mean ??

5. Have now studied M.M.I.A. Admin Instruction N°5 and as far as I can see our present procedure is in line with this. I have gone through it with O.C. LA ROCCA and I think he understands what is required.

6. This morning I have completed the arrangements for the move into the Indian warehouse which started at 0800 to-morrow.

7. I enclose copy of a letter with enclosure received from Ord Officer 6 B.S.A.

I have pointed out to him the difference of actual recoveries referred to in note (a), my report N°27 para 1, serial 12 refers.

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REPORT N°29 continued

Ord/11/B of 24 June 44 refers.
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B 55. Will go into this as soon as I have time.
Buttons are always removed from garments at repair shops and used again.
B 57. Not understood. Report N°5 has no para 5, to what does this refer please.
B 58. Noted. Will report on my visits to depots.
B 59. Noted.
B 60. I will arrange this, but with your permission not until after the move and physical stocktaking has taken place. If he gets too much on his plate he may get rattled.

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./... I presume you only want this return for Allied stores ?
ORD/11/B/1 of 24/6/44 refers.
Para 4. Will go into this with D'AGOSTINO and write you further later.
Para 6. Noted, I will continue as at present for my reports.
Ord/9 - 24/6/44 copy to me. Many thanks.
B 61. Noted.
B 62. NO, it was agreed that it was not worth while.
B 63. Awaiting arrival of bucket from you.
Part 2. Quite hopless, see report 28, para 1.
B 64. Have heard nothing further, will investigate.
B 65. NO, Hurray!
B 66. Noted.

8. Visisted 2 Sub Depot and agreed with them the deliveries into LA ROCCA and source of supply up to 25/6/44.

9. Ord/6 of 21/6 refers.
O.C.depot was unfortunately away inspecting with C.O.C., but I saw the Chief Clerk, sub-conductor BASSET.
The appendecies referred to are merely the split up of the stores ie:-

A & Boots
B = Clothing
C = Any other items.

The return is intended primarily for D.O.S. or A.A.I. and they merely make an extra copy for M.M.I.A. The former do not call for the details required by you and Mr BASSET was loath, in the absence of Major HUTCHISON to give me his assurance that they will be supplied in the future.
Frankly I do not se much purpose in the return now there is an ordnance liaison officer here.
At the end of each bimonthly period & usually more often I check with 2 Sub Depot, the deliveries and source of supply of stores sent into LA ROCCA, as shown by Bincards, acceptance notes and LA ROCCA's figures.
This return merely duplicates the above and appears to me to be redundant. Please let me have a ruling on this.

10. Things after a somewhat sticky start have gone well at LA ROCCA, some 2000 bales being moved and stacked in the new warehouse.
Nothing very startling has come to light except that amongst the drawers woollen long, we have discovered 21 bales of drawers cotton short.

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B 65. NO, Hurray!
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Subject:- Issues to Italians -Dyed BD. 2y GIU 1944 6 BSA/730/3/ORD.

DDOS HQ AAI

1. Ref DDOS 2 District letter OS/1056 dated 15 June 44.

2. Herewith return showing stocks as at 06.00 hrs 22 June 44 and issues during period 15th - 22nd June 44.

22 June 44

Capt.
Ord. Officer.
HQ 6 Base Sub-Area.
(J.J. Mullins).

Copy to:- DDOS 2 District - your a/m letter refers.

:- MMIA LO 2 District.

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APPENDIX "A"

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APPENDIX "B"

Clothing

Period ending 15th - 22end June 44

Item	Issued during period to Italian Army.	Dyed ready for issue to Italian Army.	At Dyework for Italian Army.	Awaiting issue to Dywork for Italian Army.
Blouses	7,990 (a)	NIL	3375	
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ORD/11/3/

To Maj Gregson — from NMIA (Amain) Ord

1/ AT TARANTO we took a physical count of Boots P/W yesterday & found 1340 pairs. The control account prepared from M. of W returns showed a balance of 379 only. We are clearing this with Am. of W. It has brought to light the which are also M. of W + not Debot stocking which of the LECCE returns, under suspicion & therefore we have decided to take a physical check of the LECCE stocks at once. Maj Hubbard will do this. You can therefore defer your visit to LECCE for some time.

2 BOOTS FOR PORT LAB. BARI

Confirmation phone talk (SHUTTE - GREGSON).

Shutte An A/2 authorisation to SMRE of 1700 pairs Boots for Lavoratori BARI has been refused by La Rocca on grounds that SMRE release is now automatically cancelled by effluxion of time MMIA has put no time limit on drawings.

(a) See DD LAB 2 DIST. Confirm need for boots & instruct La Rocca to honour the SMRE release up to 1700 pairs to meet what you consider to be

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(a) Sqn DD LAB & DIST. Confirm need for
boots (X) instruct La Rocca to honour the SMRE release up to
1700 pairs (X) to meet what you consider to be
poverty needs.

(b) Ask depot what instructions they have
received from Min of War as to "Statute
of limitations" 44

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Note Lavoratori should not put in 2nd
indent for same requirement. If they have done so
they should cancel it. in view of (X) above

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3. Same as 2

Phone - conversation GREGSON - SHUTTE

Gregson. This is a fwit-class havoc. The boots were issued by La Rocca on 21 MAY & are duly entered on the bin cards. They now want some more boots - 40 pairs urgently. I have told La Rocca to issue the 40 pairs.

Shutte I will ask 2(AE) to give an authorisation for 40 pairs without INDENT

Gregson I have instructed the unit to make a requisition through normal Italian channels for their new requirement less the 40 pairs already issued.

4. POOL OF B.D. for Internal Security Duis

(a) A 2/15/11 of 5 MAY authorises Min of War to hold a pool of 5,000 BD Suits for issue to ISD's whilst their own clothing is taken off them for cleaning and repair. When this has been done units must return the BD to the pool, which is under control of M of W

(b) Please see that depot marks all such issues on the return of allied controlled stocks as POOL

5. POOL OF BOOTS FOR ITALIAN FORMATIONS

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AQ/15/10 of 22 MAY authorises a similar pool of 5000 pairs of boots under control of Min of War, whilst boots of "Italian formations" are being repaired.

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Lt Col

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ORD/6 ~~ORD/6/BIA~~

To Maj GREGSON from NMIA(Main) ORD

Ref our ORD/6 of 14 JUN & 500 AOD

Copy to you

We have received a return from 500 AOD under their reference 2/80(23) of 16 JUN which purports to show wires etc 6-15 JUN under 3 Appendices.

What do these appendices mean? In Appendix A, if it is anything to do with us, it does not state whether new or P/W, nor does it show whether boots were from outside or re-appropriated in theatre. Nor does it show whether British or American

Appendix C, which we think is certainly to do with us shows wires to Italian Army (presumably La Rocca)

Boots Ankle P/W.	Ex	ME	c/s marked	ITI	2298
Blouses BD	"	UK	"	ITI	150
Trousers BD	"	"	"	"	350

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Please see 500 AOD + ask them to be certain to put on all the information they can. and to explain the meanning of the 3 appendices. A, B + C

21 JUN 44.

Hamilton
Lt Col.

A2/8/64/1

ORD/9

To A/2 in absence of Lt-Col Shipley away on duty.

Maj Gregson has reported (Base Report 24 June 44)
~~that~~ Capt. GRAMEGNA, OC the Italian
R.S.D. at BARI is too old and is
inefficient and does not co-operate with
2/Lt MANZONI, O/C Whsps. On this latter
pt Maj Gregson has reported very favourably
"mad keen on his job" "knows his job backwards"
"has shops well organised".

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could handle do better than give Capt
Gramegna a job to Manzoni.

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to inefficiency in connection with
repairing some wooden lighters & he is
probably still inefficient.

It would be helpful if this were conformed
that you would wish to have GRAMEGNA removed

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Copy to Maj Greyson

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REPORT N°28

To : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q.

From : L.O. M.M.I.A. Ord.BARI

1. I spent the morning with Col SHIPLEY interviewing various people with regard to the issuing of American boots to the Italians. You are doubtless familiar with the idea so I wont go into details except to say that the scheme is eminently pratical given two essentials.

(a) an adequate supply of repairing materials.
(b) the appointment of a good Italian supervising officer.

In the case of BARI, if any quantity of boots are to be handled. extra storage will be needed.

Ref (a) above Maj Whittles told Col SHIPLEY and myself that some days ago he was absolutely out of cobblers thread and had to borrow a dozen spools from A.B.D!!

Immediate contacts for the scheme are :
Major WHITTLES R.S.D. 500 A.O.D.
Capt EVANS (U.S.) Salvage officer, A.B.D.
Tel ADVENT 5 or 10727.

2. Ref telephone conversation of this morning Col SHUTTE - GRIGSON, I confirm that there are no trousers K.D. at LA ROCCA.

3. O.C. LA ROCCA is unable to help as regards the ultimate r recipients of the 3000 suits B.D. shipped from BERNARD to NAPLES. All he knows is that they were consigned to FF.AA.

4. I have stopped the bulk transfer of various stores to VASTO. In fact I stopped it las night pending further instructions from you.

5. ORD/11/B/1D dated 20/6/44 refers.
Most grateful for your pointing this out. I have had th -se entired as an issue on LA ROCCA records andhave also done so on my Bin Cards.
These were issued by LA ROCCA to compensate for items stolen from the Ry waggons in BARI station.
A Court of Enquiry was held and the Ry Coy will eventually pay.

6. ORD/11/B/1C dated 20/6/44 refers.
A pretty Problem! However the answer is as follows:-
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(c) In order to save transport O.C. LA ROCCA decided to take these suits direct from the dyeworks to BARI station for shipment to NAPLES.

(d) BERNARD was however rather short of dyed B.D. so the trucks called first at LA ROCCA and picked up the 850 blouses and 800 trousers referred to in (a) above. They then went to the dyeworks and picked up from there a further 2150 blouses and 2200 trousers making a total of 3000 suits.

(e) By an error BERNARD was credited in LA ROCCA's books for that day with having supplied the full 3000 suits, ./...1

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./...whereas he had only in realty Supplied 2150 blouses and 2200 trousers.

(f) On going through the books at the end of Feb d'AGOSTINO discovered the error

(g) It was adjusted on 7/3/44 when 2350 Blouses ~~and 2350 Blouses~~ and 2150 trousers were in fact delivered to LA ROCCA from the dyeworks but the receipt of only 1500 blouses (2350 less 850) and 1350 trousers (2150 less 800) was entered in LA ROCCA's books.

This was agreed by D'AGOSTINO with BERNARD and the corresponding receipt was given to him.

From the above yourwill see that as far as this transaction is concerned the books are straight.

7. I hope to straighten out Ord/6 of 21/6/44 to-morrow.

Major
D.S.L. GREGSON

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ORD/11/B/1D

To Maj Greyson from MMIA(Main) Ord.

A la Rocca issues return enclosed with Capt Hellar's BARI report Not shows an issue on 22 FEB of :—

B D Blouses.	350 *
Trousers	50 *

to compensate for items loaded direct from Bernard at BARI STN for FFAA Campania on TRUCK 1008151, the above quantities having been stolen.

Our control a/c's do not show these in the Issues A, B & I. They do not appear at all. We think they should be in our accounts and in ~~BA~~ La Rocca Depot returns *

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RAMS Lewis Lt Col

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Dispatcher took Orders to Bernard
loaded - next day found
Stakes missing & returned
from depot.
Cover by engine Railway
Co pay.
Shown how to issue on ha
Rocca Records & buy bill
Cards.

Advise Ry receiver Conn.

ORD/11/3/1 C

To Maj Greason from Orel

A la Rocca return we received with Capt Heller's Buri Report No1 dated 4 MAR shows:—

Received from Comando Inglese.

	BLOUSES		TROUSERS	
	FROM BERNARD	INDIA	FROM BERNARD	INDIA
10 FEB			2000	
11 "	4000		4000	
21 "	850		800	
23 "	950		1100	
22 "	3000		3000	
26 "		3853		5033
28 "		550		1150
29 "		1750		3550
1 MAR	3350		2650	

We can trace into the La Rocca books all the entries just as they are except those marked with a circle. No similar figures appear in 6 BSA returns.

(i) Did La Rocca in fact receive these quantities
(ii) If so were they in fact from Bernard and

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(ii) If so were they in fact from Bernard and in what larger La Rocca Receipt figures 438 are they shown on the returns.

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RHH Hunter Lt Col.

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27th.

When 3000 Units going to Naples

850 & 800 already at La Rocca

were used towards the 3000 which

went direct from Bernards.

On 22nd a further but wrong

entry was made of 3000 Units

thus Showed have been 3000

less 850 & 800

This was adjusted at

when arrived from

Bernard & only (less 850 & 800

accounted for.

3000
850
2150

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when annual bar

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REPORT N°27

To ADOS MMIA copy AQ.
From LO MMIA Ord RARI.

1. Enclosed please find A.N. serials 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 and 17.

I have checked with Bin cards and also records at L.R. 2000A and think all outstanding receipts have been covered and as far as the figures are concerned I am confident they are correct. All A.N. are countersigned.

You will see that I have begun at Serial 10. This is because the last 100 sent you was N°9.

Serial 10. This is merely to keep record of receipts into depot straight. I realise that for accounting purposes the EXPRESS A.N. will be used.

Serial 12. You will note that only 6690 pieces were returned as against 6650 pieces originally mentioned, but 50 prs trousers were returned from Base Laundry in addition to the 6650 blouses (see serial 13 line 1). I think this occured through an error in counting originally and propose to take no further notice of the discrepency.

Serials 12, 13, 17. I think col 2 of these serials is accurate but you will appreciate that it is difficult to say with absolute accuracy that these pieces, when they leave the dyers are the identical ones out of such and such a parcel.

I have made all possible enquiries both at 4 sub depot and the dyeworks and am reasonably satisfied that they are as shown.

Serial 15. Three copies of this have been handed to C.F., one for retention and two for forwarding to K.M.

Serial 16. It has just come to light that the bale mark "INDIA" is a shipping mark for stores ex U.K.

The name "INDIAN" for this D.D. arose from this marking and in the past we have thought that stores with this marking came from K.M., whereas in fact they have come direct from U.K.

I dont think this makes any difference to our records as whether the stores come from U.K. or K.M. they still come from outside this theatre.

With the exception of serial 15, 3 copies of all serials were given to C.O. L.R. 2000A, one for retention and two for transmission to K.M.

You will notice that I use the abbreviation A.N. for acceptance note and C.F. for clothing factory.

I hope themselves are in the form and contain all necessary information.

2. The "Indian" warehouse is practically finished, the lime washing fixing of locks, &c, will be completed this morning. 437

We are starting to move in at 0600 hrs on Monday next.

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Serial 15. Three copies of this have been handed to D.T., one for retention and two for forwarding to W.M.

Serial 16. It has just come to light that the ~~Ind~~ mark "IND" is a shipping mark for stores ex U.K.

The name "INDIA" for this D.D. arose from this marking and in the past we have thought that stores with this marking came from A.K., whereas in fact they have come direct from U.K.

I dont think this makes any difference to our records as whether the stores come from U.K. or A.K. they still come from outside this theatre.

With the exception of serial 15, 3 copies of all serials were given to O.C. LA 6660A, one for retention and two for transmission to W.M.

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We are starting to move in at 0800 hrs on monday next.

I am linking up this move with the physical stocktaking moving those stores which are packed in bales containing irregular numbers. They will be sorted into stacks of bales whose contents are like in quantity, thus making a physical count possible.

On completion of the move, the existing warehouses will be rearranged and a physical check taken.

I have gone into this at some length as I wish you to appreciate that the stocktaking will take a considerable time.

Under these circumstances I have dispensed with the idea of a board of officers from IX Corps, but have arranged to borrow an officer from them for a week.

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./... The stocktaking will be carried out by myself , the 3 officers of LA ROCCA depot and one from IX CORPS.

I shall spend as much time there as possible and shall of course always be present when actual checks are being made.

I have arranged for 6 horse drawn waggons to be available at LA ROCCA for the whole of next week.

3. Your Ord/11/B/1B of 20/6/44 refers.
There is no chance of anyone from 500 A.O.D.
Col CAMERON tells me they are very short themselves.
I am going to see D.A.D.L. (Civil) to see if I can get a civilian. If I can get one will M.M.I.A. be able to pay him?

4. ORD/11/B/1 of 20 June 44 refers.
Para 1 a and b. Many thanks, will be most useful.
Para 2 (a) Yes as far as D.A.D.O.S. 2 District knows they were from this theatre.
(b) See A.M.serial 12 attached.
(c) Noted
(d) Many thanks.
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(III) BERNARD does not normally get issues from anyone except 2 Sub Depot 500 A.O.D. and he of course has no idea where the pieces originally came from.
I think to set up machinery to definitely determine this,as between 2 Sub Depot 6 B.S.A. and BERNARD would be cumbersome and difficult.
The chief stumbling block being that often 2 Sub Depot dont know where the B.D. they send to BERNARD comes from.
In other words they stack all their B.D. together and it is all B.D. P/# to them wherever it came from and they are working at high pressure.
I always try and get as much information as is reasonably possible, but if you like I will try with 2 Sub Depot and 6 B.S.A. to see if more can be done. Please let me know.
In this connection please see para 1, serials 12, 13 and 17.

5. Your ORD/11/B/1 dated 21 June 44 refers.
Para 1. Noted, many thanks for suggestions, I will work something on these lines.
Para 3. Adjusted.

6. ORD/6 of 21/6. ORD/11/B/10 and 1D in hand.

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Maj.
D.S.L. GREGSON.

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REPORT N°26

To ADOS MMIA. copy to A/Q

From LO MMIA. (Ord) BARI

1. Ref telephone conversation this morning Col SHUTTE - GREGSON.

I checked up with D.A.D.L. re 1700 prs of boots supposed to have been refused issue by OC. LA ROCCA.

The whole story is nonsence and due to a wrong telephone message from 64 Pioneer Gp.

The 1700 prs of boots were drawn from LA ROCCA in May and have actually been distributed.

I have with your permission authorized an emergency issue of 40 pts of boots to H.Q. 64 Gp Pioneer Corps.

2. I am afraid I was a little pessimistic in my views as regards a physical stock taking at LA ROCCA. I am now of the opinion that it is quite possible, but will take a long time, upwards of a month. Will send you further details when my ideas are more crystalized.

3. Attached herewith please find schedule showing official nomenclature of Allied stores at present in this depot.

You will notice that some spaces are blank ie no entry under British Headings, for coats mackinaw. In this case British Ordnance would, if they had to deal with mackinaws, use the American official term and vice versa, e;g. in the case of battle dress.

In the case where British terms are used for American articles "U.S.A. pattern" is added i.e. Drawers cotton short (U.S.A. pattern), belts waist web (U.S.A.pattern) etc.

These terms andprocedure have been discussed and confirmed by 500 A.O.D., O.C. LA ROCCA and A.B.D. O.C. LA ROCCA has a copy of the schedule.

4. Whilst bringing Bin Cards up to date this morning, I discovered a transfer of B.D. to LECCE.

On further investigation I discovered a letter from the W.M. or S.M.R.E. (in Italian) stating that with the authority of M.M.I.A., the following stocks were permitted to be held in reserve:

LECCE depot	1000	prs	boots	P.W.	1000	suits	B.D.
CATANZARO depot	2000	"	"	"	2000	"	"
BARI depot	2000	"	"	"	2000	"	"

I have no recollection of any such arrangement being agreed to, nor do I find any confirmation in my files. Will you please confirm if this arrangement has been made. I understand this reserve

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I have no recollection of any such arrangement being agreed to, nor do I find any confirmation in my files. Will you please confirm if this arrangement has been made. I understand this reserve is to be issued for the period during which units are being re-equipped the articles being returned subsequently to the depot from which they were issued? 435

If this is in fact correct, I propose as far as LA ROCCA is concerned to account for such stores as ordinary issues and receipts as they occur and NOT to show as an issue 2000 prs boots P.W. and 2000 suits BD.

5. I am in receipt of your ORD/11/B/1. 1A. 1B. IC. ID. all of 20/6/44.

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./... I will deal with these as soon as possible but am concentrating at the moment on acceptance notes.

6. I have seen Town Major and "Q" 6 B.S.A. My hopes of getting G.I.L. at ACQUAVIVA for repair shop are running high.

7. I have sent you 100 acceptance note proformas.

Major,
D.S.L. GREGSON.

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OFFICIAL NOMECLATURE OF ALLIED STORES

	BRITISH.	AMERICAN	IT
1	Boots ankle hol.	Shoes Service	Stiva
2	Drawers woolen Long.	Drawers wool	Mutan
3	Drawers cotton short	Drawers cotton.	mutande c
4		Coat mackinaw C.C.C.	Cappo
5		caps wool green C.C.C.	Busti
6		comforters cotton.	coperte
7	Blouses Battledress.		Giub
8	Trousers Battledress		Panta
9	Belts waist web.	Belts web waist	cinghia
10	Shorts Khaki Drill		Pantal
11	Jerseys Pullover	Sweaters wool V. Neck	mag
12	Socks worsted	Socks cotton - Socks wool light	Cal
13	Shirts Cotton Khaki	Shirts cotton Khaki.	Cam
14.			

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NOMECLATURE OF ALLIED STORES

.	AMERICAN	ITALIAN
l.	Shoes Service	Stivaletti
Long.	Drawers wool	mutande di lana
Short	Drawers cotton.	mutande di cotone
	Coat mackinaw C.C.C.	Cappotto
	Caps wool green C.C.C.	Bustine Panno
	comforters cotton.	Coperte imbottite
dress.		Giubbotti
athdress		Pantaloni
Web.	Belts web waist	cinghia per Pantaloni
ki Drill		Pantaloncini
llover	Sweaters wool V. neck	maglioni
led	Socks cotton - Socks wool light	Calze
Khaki	Shirts cotton Khaki.	Camicie

REPORT N°25

To : A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q.

From : L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI.

1. The acceptance notes have been delivered and I will startmaking them up to-night.

2. I am in receipt of your Ord/11/B/13 of 19 June and will procure acceptance notes from the Italians for the stores referred to.

The 2nd copy of the above noted letter has been sent to C.O.O. 500 A.O.D.

3. Ord/11/B/1 dated 19 June received and contents noted.

I have marked my copies of the letters concerned with the references given.

4. I have received copies of Ord/9 and Ord/9a both of 19 June 44.

5. A further 16 bales and 2 cases ex the "WILLIAM WILLMER" of shirts A.D. have been received by LA SCOGA. Unfortunately several of them were damaged and pilfered.

Although strictly we are not interested until the point of acceptance, in this case LA SCOGA depot, I have taken up the matter with our Port Detachment who are investigating it with the Port Authorities. Total arrivals to date is 373 packages as against 375 on ship's manifest.

6. The quantities marked on the bales of this total consignment vary considerably, varying as they do from 47 to 125 shirts per bale.

This in itself is immaterial but it raises the whole question of a physical stocktaking to which I have been giving considerable thought.

I find that some of the other stores are the same, ie the number of articles per bale vary.

This means that one cannot count a stock of bales, say 500, multiply by the number in each bale, say 10 and give the answer as 5000, as some bales may contain 6 articles, others 8 etc.

I am sure you will appreciate my problem and I should be most grateful for any suggestion that you could make.

The only solutions that so far have occured to me are :

(a) To take stock bale by bale;

(b) To restock all bales by the numbers they contain, with a separate stock per article, for bales containing odd quantities.

I think you will agree that either of these solutions would be a stupendous task, if indeed possible consistent with the

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3. Ord/11/2/1 dated 19 June received and contents noted.

I have marked my copies of the letters concerned with the references given.

4. I have received copies of Ord/3 and Ord/3a both of 19 June 44.

5. A further 16 bales and 2 cases ex the "[illegible] WILLIAM" of shirts K.D. have been received by LA ROCCA. Unfortunately several of them were damaged and pilfered.

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As I told you on the telephone I had realized that boots P.W. would be a big problem as they were in sacks with no markings but I had not realized the other difficulty.

I am as anxious as you to have a proper payload check as this should relieve all our anxieties, but so far I dont see how it can be carried out.

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7. ORD/11/B/1A refers.
Para 1 (b) noted.
Para 4 (b) Will obtain all possible information (See para 11)
Para 5 I presume these must have been two different transactions ?

8. ORD/11/B/IC refers.
Para 1 noted
Para 2 noted
Para 3 noted
Para 4 Will investigate when I visit LECCE.

9. ORD/11/B/IC refers.
Noted, have taken up with Port Det.

10. Para 2 above refers. Acceptance notes signed by DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI and will forward them when others are completed so as to give them their correct serial number.

11. Ord/11/B1A para 4 (b) refers.
I attach herewith copies of letters from ADOS 2 District and DADOS 5 B.S.A. which together with note of my to-day's telephone conversation with "X" Coy proves that the BD were 500 suits and is I think sufficient evidence for you to ask U.K. to sign an acceptance note.

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Major,
D.S.D. GRUGEON.

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D.H.Gryden

Major,
D.S.L. GRIGSON.

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1°) SUBJECT: B.D. for Italian Crews - Water Tpt Coys R.A.S.C.

HQ N°2 District C/M.F.
OS/1056
5 Feb 44

D.A.D.O.S. 6 B.S.A.

Will you please arrange to draw 300 suits of P.W.B.D., have them dyed green and issued to "X" Water Transport Coy R.A.S.C. for the use of civilian italian crews

(s???)
for Col D.D.O.S.

copy to "X" Water Tpt Coy

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2) SUBJECT: B.D. for Italian Crews - Water Tpt Coys R.A.S.C.

6 B.S.A/730/3/ORD

O.C.
"X" Water Transport Coy

1. Ref D.D.O.S. HQ 2 District letter OS/1056 dated 3 Feb 44.

2. Please arrange collection of 300 dyed suits of P.W. Battle Dress from D.A.D.O.S. Dump via Quintina Sella, BARI.

(s ???)
D.A.D.O.S.
6 B.S.A.

20 Feb 44

copy to D.D.O.S. 2 District - your above mentioned letter refers.

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3)

Major GREGSON D.S.L.
MMIA LO (ORD)
2 District
21 JUNE 44

ARMY SUB COMMISSION, ACC
LEQUILE (LECCE)

Ref two letters above, I have to-day telephoned "X" Water Transport Coy R.A.S.C. who inform me that they drew the 300 suits referred to.

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6 B.S.A.

20 Feb 44

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2 District
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ORD/11/B/1.

To: Major Gregson. from. 11th I.A. (Malaia.) Ord.

Reference your Report No. 21.

Your para 1. Quite agree. All letters will be referenced in future, and so that you can refer to the correspondence letters in future, here are references.

Date of Letter.	Subject.	Reference Allotted.
12 JUN.	Enclosing copy of 11th I.A. Orders Orders No. 3.	ORD/11/B/1.
12 JUN.	Your Report No. 18 para 7.	ORD/11/B/1A.
12 JUN.	" " No. 17	ORD/11/B/1B
12 JUN	" " No. 18 para 6.	ORD/11/B/1C.
12 JUN.	Serial 2 of Bulk Acceptance Note.	ORD/11/B/1D.
13 JUN.	Your Bulk Acceptance Note	ORD/11/B/1.
13 JUN.	" of your Report No. 12 para 5.	ORD/11/B/1A.
13 JUN.	Your Bulk Receipt Serial 10.	ORD/11/B/1B.
14 JUN.	"C.O.O. 500 H.O.D. Serial ---------"	ORD/11/B/1.
15 JUN.	"Us Issues at present. ------" (No letter already referenced)	ORD/11/B/1.
16 JUN.	"Hearth return of Stock Control Accounts.	ORD/11/B/1.

Subsequent letters are referenced

The normal reference is ORD/11/B/1.

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Letter.	Subject.	Referred.
12 JUN.	Enclosing copy of letter G.A. Atlee Instr. file 3.	ORD/11/B/1
12 JUN.	Your Report No 16 para 7	ORD/11/B/1A.
12 JUN.	" " No 17	ORD/11/B/1B
12 JUN.	" " No 18 para 6.	ORD/11/B/1C.
12 JUN.	Serial 2 of Bulk Acceptance Note.	ORD/11/B/1D.
13 JUN.	Your Bulk Acceptance Note	ORD/11/B/1.
13 JUN.	" of your Report No 12 para 5.	ORD/11/B/1A.
13 JUN.	Your Bulk Receipt Serial 10.	ORD/11/B/1B.
14 JUN.	"C.O.O. 500 HQD. Said ----------"	ORD/11/B/1.
15 JUN.	"As Above. it already forwarded. ....." (Your letter is already referred).	ORD/11/B/1
16 JUN.	"Herewith return of Stock Control Accounts.	ORD/11/B/1.

Subsequent Letters are referred

The normal reference is ORD/11/B/1.

If we write a second Letter on the same file we give the addition of the Letter A, a third Letter B, and so on.

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M.M. Hunter
Lt. Col.

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ORD/9.

To Q(AE) from ORD.

1. BAM REPORT No 9, para 5 refers to a special consignment of 20,000 pieces of B.D from NAPLES. Maj Gregson send DDOS 2 Dist could he had received a signal from FILPOT saying that AFHQ are interested in these 20000 pieces and none is to be issued without further instructions.

2. To the best of our knowledge the 20,000 BLOUSES are of ARMY include 2,000 Blouses and of the above 21,000 pieces. There are, we believe, a further 6,000 blouses in AFBase Laundry, which under control of 2 DIST. and, of course, not included in our stock.

3. Do you wish any instructions to be put in the 2000 as para 2.

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COPY to Maj GREGSON — WAR Room 428 WAI.

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ORD/9A

To Q(AE) Item ORD.

PULLOVERS JERSEY. 19 JUN 44

1 Up to 25 MAY 44, La Rochea has received 94,844 pullovers, and an acceptance note has been signed for them.

FACTS. 1 These pullovers were made in U.S.A. The evidence being PACKING SLIPS issued by the Q.M. Depot at PHILADELPHIA.

2 They came from MIDEAST, in 2 lots.

Lot 1. delivered to:—
2nd Depot 500 A.C.D. 18,123
who state this lot declared to come from
4 B.O.D MIDEAST. (This is a BRITISH
Ordnance Depot)

Lot 2 unloaded at TORONTO ex
SS SAMARITAN (40232) & after
much pilferage sent to La Rochea 76,721
94,844

2 On the face of it, it seems likely that lot 1 has been declared to the BRITISH under lend/lease. lot 2 may be in the same class

3 I think this should be checked by Q2A & Signal to MIDEAST. If you agree I will draft it.

Copy to MAJ GREGSON. (Your report Alberia) W/A Shuttle

ORD/11/B/1A

To Maj Gregson from Am Am 1a (Main) Ord

Ref your Report No 21

1 (a) Your para 4 We note that in future dyed BD will be sent direct to La Rocca (DDOS letter 2DIST/OS/1056 15JUN refers a for copy of which thanx) The 2000 pieces referred to in our ORD/11/B/1C of 12JUN are already included in your bulk acceptance note, which is where they should now be

(b) When you get the acceptance note for the 6.660 pieces will you please make a pencil entry on the face of the acceptance note that they are part of the 20,000 pieces which may have to be earmarked for AFHQ. (Our ORD/9 of 19JUN to Q(AE) copy to you refers.)

2 Your para 7 See our ORD/9A of 19 JUN to Q(AE) Copy to you

3 Your para 8 Noted

4(a) Your para 9(a) a(b). We have other evidence that the 400 pieces were in fact, 200 SUITS & were issued as you suggest at request of D.D.O.S. 13 Corps. We propose to treat the 400 pieces as 200 Suits. and we will be responsible for trying to get an acceptance note

(b) As regards the 600 pieces issued to "X" Water Coy (your report 12 para 5) we think this is probably 300 suits. Please see DDOS 2 DIST and see if you can get any information which will enable us to get an acceptance note (DDOS 2 DIST OS/1056 of 3 FEB refers)

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NOTE It may subsequently be decided that the
financial accounting for items such as 4(a) a(b)
be done direct between Br Fin Adv & ACC. & that
MMIA does not come into it However we want
full information to ensure that such charges
do not fall between two stools & get overlooked.

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5. Your para 9(c). The BARI Control a/cs show 3,000 of each of BD Blouses & Trousers as having been transferred to NAPLES on 22 FEB.

If Bernard made a direct issue on 23 FEB to NAPLES, how did the 3000 of each get into the LA ROCCA Books on 22 FEB.

We now know that we were wrong in linking the 6,000 pieces issued by Bernard with what is really a normal LA ROCCA – NAPLES transfer and we must now get an acceptance from the Ministry of War for 3000 Blouses & 3000 Trousers issued direct by Bernard to FFAA CAMPANIA. (i.e. not passed through NAPLES 591)

IX Corps Commissariato Directorate letter addressed to Capt Heller dated 4 MAR says.

TRANSLATION. "It is hereby stated ~~that~~ Truck No 1008151 was loaded at P.U Line BARI STN with 3000 Blouses and 3000 Trousers by Messrs Bernard. Loading took place on 22 FEB and goods were consigned to HQ Armed Forces CAMPANIA, NAPLES STN"

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ORD/C/B/1C.

To Major GREGSON from M.M.I.A. (Main) ORD.

Your Report No. 21.

1. Your para 10: It will make no difference.
2. Your para 11: Noted. If an acceptance note is needed it will be our responsibility to make the necessary arrangements.
3. Your para 12: The Depot has been visited but it is not being supervised at present. 10 day will be ample time
4. In one of the many overlapping records we receive from NAPLES, they claim that Belts, Web, Waist 10,000 were transferred to LECCE on 2 JUN and 20,000 shirts Cotton Khaki on same date. The M. of W return at 10 JUN does not report these as having been received. Please make a note to investigate.
5. Your para 14 Thanx for clearing this horror.
6. Thanx for the invaluable information in report 21.

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ORD/11/B/1D.

To Maj GREGSON. from MMIA (main) Ord

SECRET.

1/ SS EZRA CORNELL due BARI on KMS 53 ex USA about 21 JUN. We have no details but she may have 1T1 Stores. (IFS No 977)

2/ SS WILLIAM CODY also due BARI same data in KMS 53 loaded in NORTH AFRICA with SOS Cargo. (IFS No 978) Not likely to have 1T1 stores, but check as we have no details.

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RHW Hunter Lt Col

REPORT N°24

To : A.D.C.S. M.M.I.A. Copy A/C.

From : L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI

1. I have to-day inspected the repair shop at ACQUAVIVA (P3958); the Commandant is Lieut PUMA.

He appears to be a good man, keen on his job and in spite of various difficulties runs an efficient show.

2. The repair shop is in six different houses or buildings.

(a) Villa PIETRO FORTE, via BARI

This is about half a mile from the village and is where the military personnel sleep and eat.

The Comdt has his office here and 5 soldier cobblers are employed in resorting and doing a certain amount of preliminary work on the boots received from R.S.D. (Italian) BARI.

The number of boots dealt with is approx 2000 prs per month.

Boots arriving from BARI are supposed to have already been sorted and only-repairable boots should arrive, but this is not in fact the case.

(b) Formerly shop of Sig.CASUCCI in the PIAZZA.

Main boot repairing shop, where 60 cobblers are employed approximately half civilians and half soldiers.

There is one finishing machine.

The average ~~output~~ output is 1500 prs of repaired boots per month.

Quite serviceable sandals for hospital patients are also made from boots too far gone for repairs.

(c) 42 Via PARJOLA.

This is an ironing and cutting out shop, where the old uniforms sorted and sent by R.S.D. BARI are dealt with, having been washed at the local laundry.

35 women are employed here.

(d) 21 Via PARJOLA.

Is the main clothing shop where the cloth from (c) above is dealt with and either the garments repaired or made into new ones, ie one coat into two caps etc.

40 women each owing their own sewing machines are employed here, and the standard of work appeared to be high.

150 - 200 articles are produced daily.

(e) 24 Via MOLO.

This is the finishing shop for clothing where buttons are sewn on, button holes made etc.

23 women are employed here.

(f) 12 Via JEAN BATISTE.

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25 women are employed here.

(f) 12 Via JEAN BATISTE.

This is a tinsmith's shop that has just been started. 423

1 Civilian tinsmith and four soldiers ~~tinmen~~ are employed here.

Their work consists of making mess tins and spoons from discarded allied biscuit tins. The mess tins are very well made and the spoons although rough are quite serviceable.

Lieut PUMA hopes to enlarge considerably the activities of this shop.

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3. I should like to say that the making of sandals and the setting up of 2 (f) are due entirely to the initiative of the Commandant.

4. I questioned him closely as regards the help and cooperation he received from Capt GRAMEGNA O.C. R.S.D. BARI. My report N° 15 refers.

Although most unwilling to say anything against his commanding officer, I gather that the cooperation he receives leaves a lot to be desired.

Incidentally Capt GRAMEGNA is under arrest for making a nonsense of repairing some barrels for wine.

I have come to the conclusion that it is high time he was replaced by a younger and more efficient man.

The man I should like to get the job is 2/Lt my report N° 15 para 10 refers.

If this appointment could be made I think it would achieve two objects.

1st We would get a man who is very keen and capable and who does this sort of work in peace time.

2nd It would bring home to the Italian Authorities that officers of the Mission are on the look out for merit and would like to see it suitably rewarded. This would, I think, help to put many officers on their toes.

Perhaps you will be good enough to let me have your views on this subject.

5. Lt PUMA is very keen to get a building big enough to house all his workshops under one roof. The only two places I found suitable were the G.I.L. and the school, both of which were requisitioned by the Allies in February but have not been used.

The G.I.L. is the much more suitable building and I am getting into touch with 6 B.C.A. to see if we can have the building.

The idea has merit in that it would ensure central control over all workers and in addition PUMA assures me that given more room he could step up considerably the output of clothing as workers for this department are comparatively easy to obtain. As to whether the boot production could be stepped up is dependant of whether the W.O. can produce more military cobblers, civilian ones are not available.

The present shops are rather crowded.

6. All operatives work 8 1/2 (eight and half) hrs per day.

7. The principal difficulties were:-

(a) lack of space (para 5 above)

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(c) PUMA asked for another officer to assist him, at the moment he has a Sgt Major. I am prepared to back up this request

8. Finished products are sent to LA ROCCA.

9. The following stores were drawn from LA ROCCA on 19 and 20th by 19th Pioneer Gp:-

ALLIED			ALLIED	
Trousers	B.D.	3000	Belts web	3000
Blouses	B.D.	3000	Boots P/W	1000
Shirts	K.D.	6000	Socks	3000

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ITALIAN		ITALIAN	
./... Cups	3000	Buttons	3000
Housewives ~~4mpty~~	3000	Mess tins	1500
Needles	15000	Soap	~~1500~~ 1200 Kgs.

10. Ref your ord/11/B/1 of 18 June.
I cannot see where I say the belts arrived here on the 30th May. The report is dated 1/6/44. I note that acceptance notes will be obtained by NAPLES for these belts.

11. The acceptance notes have not yet been received from the printers, so Capt BARBARITO is sitting on the printer's door ~~shop~~ hurrying them up.

12. Ord/11/B/1 of 17 June 44 refers.
I must apologise for the mistake I must have overlooked it when reading through, socks was a mistake, it should have read drawerswoollen long 15,000. Both LA ROCCA figures and bin cards have been checked and they are correct.

13. Attached herewith is the return up to and including 10 June which you asked for. I have just received it and have not checked at all.

Major,
D.S.L.GREGSON.

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The following received 19th & 20th June.

Africa

Trousers Bd 3000
Blouses Bd 3000
Shirts Kd 6000
Belts web 3000
Berets P/W 1000
Socks 3000

Italian.

Cups ~~1200~~ 5000
Handkerchiefs cotton 3000
Needles 15000
Buttons 3000
Mess tins 1500
Soaps 1200 kg.

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19 Sp. B.C.

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Trasmesso per ogni lettera un modo irregolare ed irdicare nella risposta il numero di r...

Indirizzo telegrafico: ... c/o posta

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ORD/11/B/1

To Maj Gregson from MMIA(Maui) Ord

Report 14 para 4 says 15,000 Socks were included in Waggon No F117742 as a transfer to LECCE on 30 MAY.

La Rocca's return for period 26 MAY to ~~5~~ 5 JUN does not show any transfer of Socks, but it does show a transfer of 15,000 Drawers woollen which you do not mention in your reports. Did you say 'Socks' by mistake or is La Rocca wrong

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The 28,800 Socks mentioned in your Rebt 16 para 4 is a separate transaction, which seems to be perfectly clear.

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RA Hunter Lt Col.

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ORD/11/B/1

TO MAJ GREGSON from MMIA (Main) ORD

Your question in your report
No 14, para 3.

The NAPLES returns show a transfer to BARI on 31 MAY of 10,000. You say 10,000 lbs arrived on 30 MAY by road.

We think there is little doubt that these are one and the same transaction in spite of the fact that you got them 24 hours before they started!!!

An acceptance note will be obtained in NAPLES, not by you.

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R A M Hunter 418
Lt Col

REPORT N°23

To : A.D.C.S. M.M.I.A. Comy A/Q.

From L.O. M.M.I.A. Ord.BARI

1. I have to-day checked all the figures on the stock control accounts forwarded with your ORD/11/S/1 of 16 June with the figures at LA ROCCA depot and the Bin Cards.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that with 2 exceptions they tally exactly, the exceptions being :

(a) Boots new: Yours show a balance of 3542 whereas the true balance is 4642; this is merely a mistake in arithmetic !!!, if you check your figures, I am sure you will agree.

(b) Shirts cotton khaki: You show a balance of 143,626 whereas the true balance is 145,426, a difference of 1800. This is accounted for by the transfer ex NAPLES of 1800 shirts received here on 13/5/44. My report N°21 para 8 refers.

You realise of course that all the figures referred to are from paper records, but from actual numbers of articles checked into the depot and I dont think we ought to find any awful surprises at the actual physical check.

With regard to the physical check, I am afraid that I wont be ready to carry it out at 25/6/44, would you therefore prefer me to wait until 10/7/44, the next accounting date or shall I go ahead as soon as I am ready?

2. I acknowledge receipt of copy of letter HQ AAI 5407/Q (AM) of 12/6/44.

3. M.M.I.A. Admin Instruction N°3 refers.

As agreed with you on the telephone yesterday Col SHUTTS-GREGSON speaking, it is utterly impossible for me to carry out Appx F para 9 sub para C in so far as it affects para 4 sub para b of this Appx.

The most one can do is constantly to remind the Italians of their responsibilities in this respect.

4. Both Major ARCHDALE and his Q.M. were in this morning As you know it had been decreed by the M.M. that part of the indent, both as regards Allied and Italian stores, was to be fulfilled from LA ROCCA and part from LECCE depots.

At the last moment Major ARCHDALE's transport was withdrawn, so it was agreed with Col SHIPLEY that part of the LECCE indent should be filled from LA ROCCA. 9000 prs socks and 3000 prs P.T.boots, both allied were to have been drawn from LECCE, so I authorised O.C.LA ROCCA to issue 1000 prs boots and 3000 prs socks.

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3. M.M.I.A. Admin Instruction N°5 refers.

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Maj ARCHDALE hopes to draw the balance of the LECCE indent from there in the near future.

5. The cleaning and white washing of the Indian warehouse is going ahead.

6. So far 355 bales ex ss"WILLIAM WILMER" have been delivered to LA ROCCA. The schedule quantity is 375, leaving 20 still to be delivered.

All bales are in good condition and have not been tampered with.

On the bales I have had time to examine I could find no markingsshowing the number of shirts in each bale.

It is obviously impractical to open up and count the shirts in each bale; so I propose to open up 5 bales and if

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./... consistent, take the contents of the balance to be the same.

7. I shall probably go to ACQUAVITA to-morrow.

8. I have been able to "scrounge" quite a number of old table tops and am using these to keep the bales off the floor in the new warehouse.

9. The 6660 pieces B.D. have been returned by Base Laundry to LA ROCCA and when I receive the new acceptance notes they will be entered.
These are promised for to-night.

Major.
D.S.L. GREGSON.

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D.S.L. Major.
GREGSON.

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To MAJ GREGSON from MMIA (Main) Ord.

1/ Herewith copies of the stock control accounts we have raised in respect of LA ROCCA.

2/ Receipts agree with your bulk acceptance note.

3/ The split of wines as between 'A' 'B' & I is something we have done here. The Totals should agree with the total wines from the depot.

4/ In our present belief the balance of stock at 25 MAY should agree with the balances AS SHOWN IN THE DEPOT Books. Will you please check?

5/ Please check the stock control accounts as far as you can & let us have them back.

6/ What chance is there of making a 'physical check' as at the 25 MAY using the depot figures of subsequent receipts and wines to reconcile the present stocks with what they ought to have been on 25 MAY?

7/ We are very hopeful that as a result of all the work you have put in, that our stock control

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7 We are very hopeful that as a result of all the work you have put in, that our stock control a/c's are accurate We shall be surprised if there is anything very much wrong. However, we can take a surprise, if necessary

16 JUN 44.

RAH/hmtte
Lt Col.

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REPORT N°22

To A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q.
From L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord.) BARI

1. I am in receipt of your ord/11/B/1 of 16/6/44 enclosing stock control sheets.

I am returning these herewith as I have to day made copies of them; I will go into the figures to-morrow and let you have answers as soon as completed.

2. (a) Telephone Col SHUTTE - MURCELL refers.

I have given instructions to O.C. LA ROCCA to prepare and forward stock returns up to and including 10/6/44.

(b) That in future the only such returns that ~~be~~ need render will be as at midnight the 10th and 25th of each month.

3. I tried to get the small alterations made on the acceptance notes, ie 5 copies instead of 4, the extra one for the W.M. They are however in print so the small alterations will have to be made by hand.

4. (a) When these are available do you want any sent to H.Q., if so how many.

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9. As agreed with you on the telephone I will not do anything about the LECCE depot till things here are quite straight.

Even after the movethere will be no spare room for the LECCE stores in the existing warehouses here.

My suggestion would be to move all stores from there and probably some from here a good deal further North.

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10. I have heard from the O.O.Docks that 575 packages shirts K.D. S.R.2675 are arriving here in the near future. I have informed our Port Det. of this and they are on the look out for them.

11. Maj ARCHDALE has been here to-day about the large indent for his new camp and I think every thing is now in hand. and He is sending in his QM for the stores to-morrow.

12. If it is your intention to open up a depot further North I suggest that a good man to run it would be captain BARBARITO 2 i/c of LA ROCCA, who could I think be spared from here.

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D.S.L. GREGSON.

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D.S.L.

Major,
GREGSON.

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ORD/11/B/15

To Maj Gregson from MMIA(Main) Ord

Your report 22

1 Your 4(a) 100 if you can spare them.

2 Your 4(b). Thanks, but it probably would not help. We have made up some acceptance notes & stick the 108's on the back.

3 Your para 6 S/Sgt Grimshaw has been re-called to 500 A.O.D — is there any chance of borrowing him or somebody else from 500 A.O.D. Prospect of you getting any help from here about MIL.

4. Your para 7. Yes. Noted

5 " " 10 Noted

6 " " 12 Noted

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MAW Smith
Lt Col

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Report No 21

To A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q
From L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI

1. I am now replying to various pf your memos several of which do not appear to have a ref number, so I will give my ref which you quoted. As a suggestion I think a serial number would make for ready reference, especially at this end where I do my own filing.

2. Ref your memo 12/6/44 I have received copy of M.M.I.A. Admin Instruction N°3 and am studying it. I note ordnance instructions will follow shortly.

3. I have to day passed the proof of the new ACCEPTANCE note and delivered the balance of paper (1500 sheets) to LA ROCCA.
The new notes will be brought into force as from Monday next, 19th.

4. Your memo 12/6/44 and my report 18 para. 6 refers.
I attach copy of a letter from D.D.O.S. 2 DISTRICT received this morning.
This appears to be a reversal to the original plan, therefore the question of the credit note for the 2000 pieces does not arise as these were held at LA ROCCA pending your instructions.
With regard to the 6660 pieces at Base Laundry I will arrange for their return to LA ROCCA and have the proper acceptance note made out and countersigned for them.

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5. Your memo 12/6/44 and my report 18 para 7 refers.
10 Tools twisting and sealing and ℔ 4000 seals ry waggon have been taken over by the DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI.
I have spoken to Col CAMERON 500 A.O.D. with regard to accounting for these stores.

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4. Ref your memo 1/5/44 and my report 18 para. 6 refers.
I attach copy of a letter from A.D.S. - Printer received this morning.
This appears to be a reversal to the original plan, therefore the question of the stores for the 500 places does not arise as these were held in reserve pending your instructions.
With regard to the 5000 issues at one time - also will arrange for their return to [illegible] and counterfoil for them.

5. Your memo 1/5/44 and my report 18 para 7 refers.
10 tons of [illegible] and 4000 seals by wagon have been taken over by the [illegible] DI ROMA 500 A.C.S. with regard to accounting for these stores. ./...1
Whilst all depots make a monthly return to D.C.S. of stores issued, including those to the Italians, his impression is that this is more of a stock record than an accounting document. As I drew the stores from 500 A.C.S. and signed for them, perhaps the simplest plan would be for me to make out an acceptance note and have the Italians countersigne it.
Please let me have your ruling on this.

6. Ref your memo 12.5.44 and my report 17 para 4 (2) I have instructed C.O. LA ROCCA to inform me of any orders he receives for transfer of stores. I will get in touch with you by telephone and find out if the transfer has been initiated by you or not.

7. (a) Your memo 12/5/44

note and delivered the balance of paper (1500 sheets) to M. ROCCA.

4. The new moves will be brought into force as from Monday next, 15th.

7. (a) Your memo 12/6/44 and my report 18 para. 6 refers.
I attach copy of a letter from D.D.S. 2 received this morning.

This appears to be a reversal to the original plan, therefore the handing over of the 6600 pieces does not arise as these were held at the ROCCA centre for this- as it looks as if your suggestion with regard to this lot may be correct and perhaps in regard to the total quantity also.

In order to help your check on this, I attach a tag taken from one of the pullovers, a packing slip from one of the cases and give below the marking on one of the cases :

" Cont M.O.W.669 - QM - 24565 Dec 29, 1942.
Sweaters wool V neck, O.D., WA.
Spec P.Q.D. - 251 - B
KNITTER knitting mills "

./...1

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7. (a) Your memo 13/6/44 - my bulk receipt serial 10.
I have gone into this question as thoroughly as possible with both O.C. LA ROCCA and #°2 Sub Depot.

The pullovers handed over by 2 Sub Depot came there by rail, ship not known. These definitely came from 4 B.D.D. M.E. so it looks as if your suggestion with regard to this lot may be correct and perhaps in regard to the total quantity also.

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./... This is only of course an example of the lettering on the bales and cases, other numbers and other millsare marked on other cases.

Some are marked 50% wool - 50% cotton, as to whether they were part of a W.O. contract lodged in U.S. I am afraid I have no means of finding out and 500 A.O.D. have no idea.

(b) With regard to the balance, these were received into LA ROCCA ex train from TARANTO but no one here has any idea how they arrived at TARANTO.

I suggest the O.C. TARANTO Docks be approached or our Port Det. They can probably let you know what ship they arrived in and from where.

There is considerable correspondence in your office about this lot, as some of the Rly waggons were pilfered during the journey TARANTO-BARI.

Lt BENNET 2 Sub Depot has seen a great number of similar pullovers and he is of the opinion that they were all manufactured in AMERICA. I brought a sample one to LEQUILE to show Col NOAKES and this is probably in a sack in Capt BIRD's office, if this has been mislaid I can easily forward you a further sample on demand, or you can obtain one at LECCE.

8. Your memo 13/6/44 and my bulk acceptance note refer. Shirts cotton. I ~~have~~ marked A is a transfer ie 4500 + 1800 = 6300. clear

9. (a) Your memo 13/6/44 and my report 12 para 5 refer. You cannot assume that this represent 3500 suits, nor it is possible for me to give you the splitas between blouses and trousers. BERNARD merely deals in pieces and keeps no record as between the two.

(b) I have been all through BERNARD's receipts with Cpl GAUCI and can find no trace of a direct issue of 600 pieces around the date mentioned.

There is however a record of :
17/1/44 - 200 pieces to "F" Recce Squadron 13th Group - SQUINZANO;
and a similar entry for the 18/1/44 and this may easily be the 400 pieces referred to.

(c) I think your assumption here is correct as BERNARD shows an issue to NAPLES of 6000 pieces on the same date, 23/2/44. In this number and especially with the journey and transfers involved, a mistake of 32 pieces could easily take place.

10. Ref your ORD/6 dated 14/6/44 to 500 A.O.D., copy to me. NOTED. I presume this makes no difference in the procedure as betwwen myself and H.Q. M.M.I.A. Ord?

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11. Your memo Ord/11/B/1 of 14/6/44 and C.O.O. 500/8/11 of 5 April refer.

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Your supposition is correct - A direct issue of 5000 prs boots new was made to 52 Area for TARANTO Labour.

Here again the accounting is difficult as over the seals. etc. 2 Sub Depot issued Direct to 52 Area and mentioned this issue in 2/80 (3) of 3/4/44. Whether they have been accounted for or not is impossible to say. My personal opinion is that unless 52 Area made a point of it with A.A.I., they will not have been accounted for and that an acceptance note should be made out through the TARANTO Office.

Total new boots issued = 12,637 pairs.

12. I note I am to take over supervision of the LECCE depot.

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./... As I wish to get LA ROCCA depot sorted out and the move to the warehouse occupied by the Ind engineers carried out it will probably be some 10 days before I visit LUCCA. Will this be satisfactory? And is anyone supervising it at the moment ?

13. The Ind engineers left last evening and the Italians have already started cleaning the place up. It will need quite a lot of this, but I hope to start the move on Tuesday and I reckon it will take us a good week to get the existing warehouses and the new one into proper shape.

14. Your memo 12/6/44 and serial 2 of Bulk acceptance note refer.

Through a lot of help from Lt BENNET 2 Sub Depot I have been able to acquire the required information.

The total quantity of boots up to and including 21/5/44 (date of bulk acceptance note) repaired at R.S.D. and reissued to LA ROCCA via 2 Sub Depot was 20,996. These are boots from this theatre, the balance are from M.E.Stocks.

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SUBJECT: Issues to Italians - Dyed Battle Dress

C o p y

Hq N°2 DISTRICT
Tel No 12999
OS/1056
15 June 44

DADOS 6 Base Sub Area

Further to this Office letter OS/1056 dated 5 June 44.

DDOS A.A.I now requires that the B.D. after dyeing be handed over direct to the local Italian Army Aurthorities and not to 21 Base Laundry as at present.

This reversion to the original drill causing as it must much unnecessary trouble and labour is regretted.

Will you please arrange for all B.D. dyed under the authority of our letter OS/1056 dated 10 May 44 to be handed over, as previously, to the local Italian Army Authorities.

Will yourplease also render a return direct to DDOS A.A.I. copy to this office, in accordance with the attached instruction. No other return is required in this connection.

(s.) Col. D.D.O.S.

HMY/HRH
Copy to DDOS HQ A.A.I.
DDOS L of C (Depots)
OC 21 Base Laundry
M.M.I.A.L.O

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To Maj D.S.L. GREGSON. —
From MMIA (Main) Ord.

A copy of MMIA Admn Instr No 3
is enclosed for your office. Section V
deals with accounting and we hope
shortly to issue Ord instructions
implementing these principles.
The new acceptance note which you
are starting to use will be incorporated
as part of our new instructions.

In the field

12 JUN 44

RAVS Shuttle
Lt Col.

ORD/M/B/1

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To. Maj D S L GREGSON.—
From MMIA(main) Ord. ORD/H/B/C

Your report No 18 para 6.

1. The 2000 pieces of Battle dress wrongly delivered to LA ROCCA instead of to 21 Base Laundry may be picked up 21 B Ldry.

2. Arrange for credit note in following form:—

CREDIT NOTE FOR ALLIED STORES
ACCEPTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES
BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED TO
BE RETURNED TO ALLIES.

Insert full details & have it signed by yourself & the Italians. Distribution as per Acceptance Notes.

In the Field.
12 JUN 44

RA Glutts
Lt Col

Co-ordinated with 2(AE) [illegible]
12 JUN 44

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To MAJOR D.S.L. GREGSON — 2 Sub.

From MMIA (Maciu) Ord. ORD/III/B/ID

Serial 2 of the BULK ACCEPTANCE NOTE.

Shows a total of 164,610 Book P/W as having been received and agrees in total with 45 separate receipts entered on the Italian returns between 16 FEB & 11 MAY. So far, good.

5482	6/1 31.330	6/1 61.474	6/1 80,066	6/1 140.825
7202	200	1.917	5.604	3.998
440	5952	6.[illegible]4	4.220	5.833
8.113	3.924	4.[illegible]62	6.290	7.159
2.165	4.204	[illegible]65	5.701	2.456
1.608	4.413	4.660	3.155	1.926
2.495	3 527	925	8.243	968
1.000	1.964	4.015	5,570	1.000
2.075	3.226	3.551	5.851	415
750	2.134	2.963	5,625	
31.330	61.474	80.066	140,825	164.610

You give the source of supply as "British ex ME and CME Stocks".

Is it possible from 2 Sub-Depot e.g. 404 to distinguish between the stock that came from overseas and that which was re-appropriated in the Theatre. Very difficult, but please try

In the Field 12 JUN 44 WA Shuttle Lt Col.

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To MAJ. D.S.L. CREGSON. —
From MMIA (Main) Ord. 2 Sub.

Your report No 18 para 7.

1, Movements MMIA are instructing the DELEGAZIONE TRANSPORTI at BARI to collect the

Tools twisting + sealing 10
Seals Rly Waggon 4000

now lying at your villa.

2. Accounting is a matter for 2 Sub-depot through British channels. Please inform them that MMIA will not process acceptance notes.

In the field.
12 JUN 44.

R.H.L/Lutte
Lt Col.

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ORD/M/B/1A.

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To Maj D.S.L. Gregson from NMIA (Maj Ord)

ref Your report No 17 ORD/W/B/1B

1/ Ref your para 1. With regret, non possible.

2/ " " " 3 Noted.

3/ " " " 4. These items are either not approved for issue during APR—OCT or Italian stocks are judged adequate. eg Italians declared to have plenty of blankets for summer use.

4/ Ref your para 4 (No 2). Transfers will almost certainly have to take place in the future to keep stocks balanced, but we would like to be informed in advance if we do not initiate such transfers ourselves.

5/ Your para 6.. Yes but long with new acceptance form as agreed HUBBARD - GREGSON 11 JUN & SHUTTE - GREGSON 12 JUN.

6/ Your para 7. (Sig Safeguards instructions). The three bold movements here is by a hammer & chisel instead of CRIPPERS BOLT.

In the field.

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RAA Shutte Lt Col

P.S I am very sorry that para 1 above has to be what it is.

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To Maj D.S.L Gregson from MMIA(Main) Ord 14 GIU 1944

Your Bulk Receipt Serial 10 2 Sub.

shows 94 SHH Pullovers as "American"
Your report No 6 para 6 suggests that
Some came from 2 Sub Depot & some from
Taranto. We think this is true
But are these pullovers American or
British? We suggest they all came
from M.E. and are probably of British
pattern and ~~that~~ the last owner
was 'B' not 'A'. Please have
a look at the pullovers & advise us

Date field
13 JUN 44

[illegible] Hunter
Lt Col.

P.S. Can you find out where the 18,223 Pullovers invoiced 9 Oct by 2 Sub Depot to LA ROCCA, came from? 1840?

ORD/11/B/1B

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Originally manufactured in America - Samples in offices. It Beirut been a great number are American manufactures 18.223. from 4 BOD ME.

Bal Direct Shipment into Toronto? 500 don't know.

0.0 Docks.

Samples at Legaire.

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Maj GREGSON from MMIA (main) Otd

Your bulk acceptance Note

a/Serial 12 shows Shirts, Cotton 147,146.
& in the relevant note in your report
No 6 para 6, You say the above
figure includes 6300 transferred
from NAPLES.

The depot reports Receipts

	39 311	1 MAY	
	17.780	2 "	
NAPLES TFR	4500	10 "	DRD/11/B/1
	34.755	14 "	
	49 000	15 "	
(A)	1800	19 "	
	147.146		

Is the item marked (A) also a transfer 400
4500 + 1800 = 6300. If not, where is the
6,300 included. (Mid East refer to a transfer
of 6,500.)

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14 GIU 1944

May D.S.L Gregson from Am Mn I A (main) Ord.

ref your Report 12 para 5.

1/ Can we assume that these represent 3500 SUITS? If not give split between trousers & blouses.

ORD/III/E/IA

2/ We have no record of the unit to whom the 400 PIECES were issued. We think Bernard may be able to supply the answer & give the split.

3/ We have a record of a receipt in NAPLES from. IX Corps on 4 MAR of

Blouses BD	2981	5968
Trousers BD	2987	

We think this must be the 6000 pieces which you say were authorised for issue on 28 FEB 44. In the field

(13) JUN 44

RHM Smith Lt Col

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Subject: Issued to Italians

~~To SOO A.O.D~~ from MMIF(main) Ord.

our ref ORD/6.

Ref your SOO/190 of 12JUN44.

We are quite prepared to accept a copy of the return of issues to Italians which you send regarding to DUKE Refs. on hands of the returns on 5th, 10th & 12th which You have been unable specially to us, subject to the usual reservations regarding essential information as to source i.e. A British OVERSEAS on which can rely for the of possible American British RE-APPROPRIATED IN THEATRE quoting relevant details. American ditto.

B. The classification to be Nmlor P/W

14 JUN 44.

Copy to Maj Gregson

RHM Smith
LtCol

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To Maj Gregson from MMIA (Macmillan) ORD/11/B/1

C.O.O. 500 A.O.D. in his letter to DDOS Flambo 500/8/11 of 5 APR 44 says he has issued new book to the Italians 12637 prs.

La Rocca had ORD/11/B/11.
& we hold an acceptance note. 9637
Who had the remaining 3,000?
We suggest 5 Q Area for Taranto labour. Please confirm. And if it is, can you arrange otherwise that we get an acceptance note. It is possible 500 A.O.D. may have made the issue direct to British Area & will debit (T) Govt outside MMIA

(14) JUN 44

RAMillington
Lt Col 397

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Yes to Bowles Lab Jamaica.
Direct to 32 area.
Included in Return to MMIA
3/4/44. 2/80(3)
Mid Zeh.

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ORD/11/B/1

To MAJ GREGSON from MMIA(Main) Ord

As LECCE is at present authorised for the reception of allied stores, it will be necessary to keep the depot under supervision. It is understood to be at (?140) Via Francesco Crispi LECCE. Will you please be responsible for it in future. We think about 2 visits a month is all that is necessary at present, but make it less or more as you think necessary.

15 JUN 44

R A Mc Shutte Lt Col

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ORD/11/B/1.

ORD/11/B/1

To Maj Gregson from AMMA(Maau) Otd

BERNARD.

1/(a) See attached statement to 25 MAY 44. It shows:—

DELIVERIES to Bernard for dyeing pieces		87.415
" by " to LA ROCCA		77.992
Your bulk acceptance Note shows Receipts by LA ROCCA from BERNARD of:—		
Blouses	40,450	
plus earmarked AFHQ and included in La Rocca stocks	2.000	
plus earmarked AFHQ, held in La Rocca but not reported as a receipt.	6660 49110	
Trousers	28,950	78.060
DIFFERENCE LOST		68

(All this agrees with your Report 12)

(b) The statement is to help you if you have to discuss these matters at any time.

2(a). Ref your report 21 para 4 and our ORD/11/B/1A of 19 JUN, ~~two~~ one question still remain to be settled

~~(i) Were the 2,000 blouses New or P/W?~~

~~(ii)~~ Were they from stocks re-appropriated wi the Theatre?

D.D.O.S. 2 Dist may be able to tell you, as find out from DDOS AAI, who probably ordered the move ~~abroad~~

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Blouses	40,450	
plus earmarked AFHQ and included in La Rocca stocks.	2.000	
plus earmarked AFHQ, held in La Rocca but not reported as a receipt.	6660	49,110
		28,950 78.060
Trousers		
Difference LOST		68

(All this agrees with your Report 12)

(b) The statement is to help you if you have to discuss these matters at any time.

2(a). Ref your report 21 para 4 and our ORD/11/B/1A of 19 JUN, ~~two~~ one question still remain to be settled

~~(i) Were the 2000 blouses New or P/W?~~

~~(iii)~~ Were they from stocks re-appropriated in the Theatre?

D.D.O.S. 2 Dist may be able to tell you, or find out from DDOS AA1, who probably ordered the move ✓ above.

(b) The same questions apply to the 6660 Blouses in para 2(a) ✓

(c) In the meantime we have marked on the acceptance note for 42,450 B.D ~~that~~ 2,000 may be British 395 re-appropriated stocks ✓

(d) Herewith a copy for your retention of the BAA1 BD Blouse Control A/c with necessary amendment. ✓

P.T.O

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3 Our interests in the doings of Bernard, who is really controlled by 6BSA, are confined to:-

(i) Any direct issues he may make for which MMIA may have to account

(ii) His issues to La Rocca. There seems to be no reason why an issue by Bernard to La Rocca should not correspond exactly with the receipt in the La Rocca Books. Can you do anything to improve this?

(iii) determining whether issues made by Bernard to La Rocca etc are from stocks, which he got from overseas, or, which ~~it~~ were re-appropriated in the Theatre. To this extent we are interested in what Bernard receives for dyeing. The procedure set up in DDOS 2 DIST 05/1056 of 8 Jan to D.ADOS 6BSA (on MMIA Ord/2/D folio 13) does not quite cover this, then unforseen requirement. Please discuss with DDOS 2 DIST.

20 JUN 44.

[signature]
Lt Col.

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BATTLE DRESS blouses

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(2nd State)

RECEIPTS.		
Bernard, Brit Overseas from 60000 w BRINDISI part by direct & part thr via 500 ADD	40450	
Bernard Brit ? Overseas on RA from 10000 for AFHQ from NAPLES	2000	
do do.	6660	8660
BRIT Overseas IND.		69697
		118,807

TRANSFERS.				
22 FEB	NAPLES	22	3,000	
9 MAY	"	26	10,000	
21 "	"	33	21,000	
1 APR	"	24	9.772	43,772
ISSUES		A	11.820	
		B	9.379	
		1	1.572	23,771
Balance			43604	
Earmarked AFHQ			8660	52,264
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26 MAY NAPLES. 28 10,000

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REPORT NO 20.

To. A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. Copy A/S.
From. L.O. M.M.I.A. (Cd) Bari

1. We have today changed our office to room no1. first floor. our telephone number remains the same. (11458)

2. I have been in touch with the Italian movements authorities & they are coming forwards. to pick up the Scots Ray wagon & the tools Leaving.

3. This morning I visited BERNARD'S dye works & inspected a considerable quantity of the 20,000 pieces of B.D. Sent from Naples for dying under the instructions of A.A.I.
The speedy action of this Consignment has been noted as the Clothing factory Naples has run out of dyes

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3. This morning I visited BERNARD'S dye works & inspected a considerable quantity of the 20,000 pieces of B.D. Sent from Naples for dyeing under the instructions of A.A.I.
The greater portion of this consignment has been issued as the clothing factory staples, many of the pieces having large patches & being considerably more worn than the B.D. which was dyed originally.
Sig Bernard was most anxious to have news of a new contract, but

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I could of course give him no information on this subject.

4. I have arranged with O.C. La Rocca to have the Acceptance Notes printed. I am supplying the paper & today am giving him 500 sheets. I am drawing a further 1500 sheets from the Stationery office tomorrow & will hand them over to him.

I hope to have the 1st 500 sheets printed by Thursday morning & the balance by Friday morning.

As the new form will, I hope, be printed before the end of the week, I am not making out 105's for stores arriving at La Rocca, but will send a consolidated Acceptance note as

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soon as they are printed.

5. There are still some garments at
La Rocca which have the Andjo
C.C.C. on them, & I have today

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arranged for 4 women to unpack the rest.

Those that have already been taken off have been burnt.

6. I am going to TARANTO in the near future as I hear the A.O.D. there has a considerable quantity of mess Crockery, of which we are badly in need.

13/6/44

Love
truly my
Sue

for R.I.D.G.

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has a considerable quantity of mess
crockery, of which we are badly in
need.

13/6/44

Lieut. [illegible]
for R.I.D.G.

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REPORT NO 19

1. Collected the balance of seals by waggon from 2 Sub depot.
4000 Seals & 10 tools finishing Sealing Now await your instructions at 3140 via Carbonara.
I am keeping the vouchers in this office until the Stores are collected.

2. I am in receipt of a copy of AG/15 dated 8/6/44 to A.F.S.C.

3. As advised to G Branch Hq M.M.M.A. we have been ordered to leave this office. Our first instructions were to leave the building altogether, but this has been cancelled. We are moving to Room NO1. on the first floor of this building, probably tomorrow. I will let you have further information as to telephone numbers etc in due course.

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I am keeping the books in this office
until the Stores are collected.

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4. I have today contacted the M.O. in
charge of Cpl GAUCI.
He informed me that he hopes that Gauci
will be able to leave hospital at the
end of this week, but will then require
about a weeks Sick leave.

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5. Maj Hubbard called at this office yesterday & gave me the proforma for acceptance notes. My talk on the phone this morning with Col SHUTE has cleared up any doubts I had about this form.

I am arranging to have 2000 forms printed. I am endeavouring to do this through Italian Channels, as the British printing unit have to get sanction from A.A.I. before they can carry out this work.

6. Maj Hubbard confirmed that no change was to be made in accounting or procedure, until the directive was received from H.Q. This does not of course refer to para 5 above as we put these into operation as soon as they are printed

7. I have today interviewed the Coy Comdr of the Indian engineers who are occupying the building but are taking over 384 on extra Charges & Rates

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7. I have today interviewed the Coy Comdr
of the Indian engineers who are occupying
the building we are taking over for extra
Storage Space.
He tells me that his main body moves
out within the next two days & the rear
party before the end of the week.
I've seen A/Q at 6 B.S.A. & have got it
in writing from him that we shall
be given the building as soon as

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it is evacuated by the Indians.
I took the Indian officer i/c the recce party to La Rocca & introduced him to Capt D'AGOSTINO (O.C. La Rocca). He is going to warn D'agostino when he leaves so that an Italian Guard can be put on the building straight away.
As soon as the Indians have gone D'agostino & I will do a thorough recce of the place & decide what to put where.
If all goes well I hope to start moving Stores by Monday next at the latest.
Once this move has taken place I hope to be able to start an actual physical check on some at least of the Allied Stores.

8. Rec Telephone by this evening Col SHUTE-GREGSON. I note Ref Base Laundry may take the 2000 pieces B. [illegible] 388 loaned here at La Rocca. Subject to a credit note being Signed.

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8. Rf Telephone of this evening Col SHUTE —
GREGSON. I note that Base Laundry
may take the 2000 pieces B.D388ed
linen at la Rocca. Subject to a credit note
being Signed.

9. I will endeavour to trace enquiry of
boots P.W. on multiple receipt.

12/6/44.

D.H.Q. Major
for R.I.D.G.

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Report No 18

TO. A.D.O.S M.M.I.A. Copy A/Q

From. L.O. M.M.I.A. (rd) Bari.

1. Have again contacted the Town Mayor on the subject of other accomodation.

I had eventually found a suitable place which was occupied by Italians. I applied for a requisition order but owing to the expected move of Naval units from this area, no more requisitions are being Granted.

We are on the Town Mayors list & he hopes to offer us alternative accomodation within a week.

I dont think, as was suggested by Col Hoskins, that it is worth improving our present billet, for as it gets light the earlier each morning, so does the traffic start earlier, making it difficult to sleep after 0500 hrs.

2. Ref telephone conversation of this morning HUBBARD - MURCELL. I have today given instructions to Lt. La Rocca that the Q.C.

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each morning, so does the traffic start
earlier, making it difficult to sleep after
0500 hrs.

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2. Ref telephone conversation of this morning
. HUBBARD - MURCELL. I have today given
instructions to O.C. La Rocca that the C.C.C.
emblems were to be burnt.

3. I attach herewith a statement from O.C.
La Rocca, of all the ITALIAN Stores
held by that depot as at 3/6/44.
This is only forwarded as a matter of

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interest & to give you an idea of the articles held by him.

4. The Port Det will inform me that Stores destined for the Stations will in future be marked with a RED horn glass five inches high. The letters "T" will then appear on the packages but they will be comparatively small. No packages bearing the horn glass have as yet been received at this port.

5. IX Corps have been asked to furnish a complete list of all ordnance depots, artillery or otherwise, that come under their jurisdiction, also a list of all repair shops for boots & clothing.

6. Ref telephone of this morning Col SHIPLEY - & REASON with regard to the 6660 blouses B.D. dyed. attd copy of a letter from H.Q. A.A.I. to DDOS. 2 Dist. also refers. These blouses are a part of the 20,000 pieces referred to in the letter sent to Bari for dying under instructions of A.A.I.

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These blouses are a part of the 20,000 pieces referred to in the letter sent to Bari for dying under instructions of A.A.I.

It was the original intention to have them dyed in Naples, but this fell through owing to lack of dying & additives in Naples.

These 6660 blouses have been collected by 6 B.S.A. & stored in 21 Base Laundry Bari pending further instructions from A.A.I.

In addition to these a further 2000 pieces (my report No 12 para 4 refers) were delivered

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in error to La Rocca on 22/5. As I say in error as they are part of the 20,000 pieces referred to above, under special instruction from A.A.I. & accordingly should have gone direct from the dye works to 21 Base Laundry.
6 B.S.A. wish to collect these and hand them over to the Laundry, but I have held up this transfer pending further instructions from you.
You will appreciate that the 6660 pieces will not affect the Stock figures at La Rocca as they were never taken into Stock, but the transfer of the 2000 pieces will as they are reflected in the Stock figures of La Rocca.
The balance of the 20,000 pieces are, either being dyed, awaiting dyeing in the dye works or at 2 Sub Depot awaiting transfer to the dye works.
The balance of the 20,000 pieces when dyed will be held by 21 Base Laundry pending disposal instructions from A.A.I.
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The 20,000 pieces are apart from those originally arranged to be dyed at Bernards but are being dyed under the same Contract. I have checked all above with D.A.D.Q.S. 2 distinct figures that these are the facts.
7. I have today collected from 2 Sub depot 10 (ten) tools twisting & Sealing & 2000 seals Rymagon. I will collect

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The balance (2000) of the Leads tomorrow.
They will be in four boxes of 1000
each & each box weighs 4 Cwt 0 Qrs 5 Cwt.
I have ~~had~~ these Stores put in our
bills & NOT as 2 district.
I will forward vouchers tomorrow when I
have collected balance of Leads.

10/6/44.

W H Lyon Major

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10/6/44.

Hilgard Hyer Mayer

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COPY

H.Q. A.A.I. (ORDNANCE BRANCH)

Subject: Clothing for Italians
To: DDOS 2 District
Copy: DDOS L of C (Depots)

OND 1/2063/1(42)

18 May 44.

Ref. DDOS L of C Depots 6119 of 14 May 44.

2. Please note that the 10,000 Trousers and Blouses B.D. despatched or in course of despatch to you for dyeing in Bari will not be handed over to Italians without the authority of this H.Q.

3. Will you please arrange for this office to be signalled weekly details of clothing available for issue when disposal instructions will be issued.

4. Please state quantities of any of this consignment which have been dyed and handed to Italian Clothing Depot already.

Sgd: XXXXXXXXX Lt Col
for Brigadier, DDOS.

Report NO 17.

To. A.D.O.S. / M.M.I.A. copy A/Cy
From. L.O. M.M.I.A. (ord) Bari

1. Please excuse Longhand report but CPL GAUCI is still in hospital & is unlikely to be back at the office for at least a week as I understand that when he leaves hospital he will be sent to a Convalescent Camp for a few days.
Owing to my eyes I am supposed to do the minimum of reading & writing. They are much better but I still attend hospital 3 times a day for treatment.
In view of the above would it be possible for t/c DAVIDSON to be spared for a few days?

2. The copy of my report NO 16 has been received by me.

3. Ref Signal A/Cy 1297 of 7/6/44.
I have frozen the issue of cotton 382 underwear, this will only be released on approval by you.
Unfortunately an issue was made of 424

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convalescent camp for a few days.

Owing to my eyes I am supposed to do the maximum of reading & writing. They are much better but I still attend hospital 3 times a day for treatment.

In view of the above would it be possible for L/C DAVIDSON to be spared for a few days?

2. File copy of my report no 16 has been received by me.

3. Ref Signal A/491297 of 7/6/44.

I have frozen the issue of cotton 382 underwear, this will only be released on approval by you.

Unfortunately an issue was made of 424 prs of drawers cotton Shirt to P.L. Brindisi whilst I was at HQ.

This only leaves a balance of 336 prs of this Store, the only cotton underwear held by La Rocca

4. Ref telephone conversation, HUBBARD-GREGSON of evening 8/6/44. On my

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had my visit to La Rocca I arranged that no further transfer of winter Scale articles Should be made from La Rocca to either NAPLES or LECCE. I laid down that the articles Covered by this ban Should include - Pullovers - Drawers woollen long - Mackinaws & Comforters Cotton. I hope this Coincides with your wishes?

4. Actually O.C. La Rocca had received orders from W.M. that NO Transfers of any Stores were to take place to NAPLES. Please inform me if this is in accordance with your wishes?

5. The following Stores were transferred from La Rocca to LECCE on 7/6/44 :-

Waggon no E 1006175.

Comforters Cotton 1500

Waggon no G 7201384.

Boots P.W. prs. 3145
Shirts K.D. 1700

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Comforters Cotton 1500

& Waggon No G 7201384.

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Boots P.W. prs.	3145
Shirts K.D.	1700
Pullovers.	2640

I was fortunate in being able to stop a further consignment of comforters, some of which were already at the Station.

6. As agreed at the conference at H.Q. I am making no changes in the accounting

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procedure or the documents tendered until such time as a Direction concerning the various points is received from H.Q.

7. Second telephone conversations 8/6/44 9/6/44
HUBBARD - GREGSON refer.
I have contacted C.O.O. 500 A.O.D. (Col CAMERON) both by telephone & personally with regard to the:-

40 Tools twisting & Sealing
40. 30" Croppers Bolt
8000 Seals Rly Waggon.

You asked me to procure for you.
Col Cameron was very surprised at the numbers asked for & telephoned Col McCARTHY (MOV) on this subject.
He (Col Cameron) has only prepared to release - Seals 4000 - Tools twisting & Sealing 20. I have arranged to collect these tomorrow morning & will hold them pending instructions from you.
There are NO Croppers bolt in Stock, but he hopes to have some in a few days.

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40 Tools twisting & Sealing
40. 30" Croppers Bolt
5000 Seals Ry Waggon.
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He Col Cameron has only prepared to release - Seals 4000 - Tools twisting & Sealing 20. I have arranged to collect these tomorrow morning & will hold them pending instructions from you.
There are NO Croppers bolt in Stock, but he hopes to have some in a few days & when he will let me have some. He pointed out that it was extremely unlikely that the other 40 asked for, would ever be available.
The work done by these croppers Can be carried out with reasonable efficiency by a hammer & cold Chisel.

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8. Attd herewith please find countersigned 108 Serial 9. in triplicate for Stores delivered to La Rocca during my absence at HQ. Please inform me if it is still necessary to render these in triplicate, as I q attend at HQ that duplicate would be sufficient?

9. In accordance with instructions from Col Noakes, I have spent some considerable time looking for alternative house accomodation, so far unsuccessfully.

I am seeing the Town Major again tomorrow & will give you further details in my tomorrows report.

10. Ref AQ/15/11 of 6/6/44.

I note that A.A.I. ORD. have been asked to Ship. Blouses B.D. dyed. 49549 &
Trousers " " SD 190 ex
Sicily into La Rocca depot.
Also that the 820 pieces at L of C Factory May Come to La Rocca also.

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Major.

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REPORT No. 16.

To: D.A.D.C.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/C M.M.I.A. (GRD), BARI.

1. Ref. Report No 15. A further talk with 2/Lt MANZONI disclosed another difficulty in carrying out his work at the Repair Shops. That is, the amount of "Red Tape", paper work & the consequent delay in even the smallest Indents for repair materials being sanctioned by the War Ministry.

This frequently delays repair work.

I fully realise how scarce material is & that great care must be used in the sanctioning of issues, but perhaps the War Ministry could speed up their approvals or it might be possible for them to sanction local purchases.

2. Visited LA ROCCA & brought all Allied Bin Cards up to date.

108's (Serial No 5) in triplicate in respect of 3,500 Dyed B.D.Blouses "India" and 2,650 ditto Trousers from BRITISH sources and 6,349 Drawers, woollen, long from U.S. sources, signed & countersigned, are forwarded herewith. Also 108's (Serials Nos 6, 7 & 8).

3. All "C.C.C." Badges have been taken off the garments supplied from Civilian Conservation Corps stocks.

Please ask Col SHIPLEY for disposal instructions for the Badges.

4. The following Stores left for LECCE on evening 2/6/44:-

Waggon no. 1012425.	Waggon no. 203097.
28,800 prs. Socks.	1,300 Comforters, Cotton.
4,050 Shirts, K.D.	1,200 Pullovers.
1,650 Boots (prs) P.W.	

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

DG/DD

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REPORT No. 15.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/O M.M.I.A. (ORD), BARI.

1. This Report consists almost exclusively of my investigations into the workings of the various branches of the Italian R.S.D.

As I believe Col SHIPLEY thought, given certain facilities & essential Stores the work of this branch can, I consider, be considerably stepped up.

2. THE PRISON.

This is used for what we in the British Army would call a Salvage Dump.

All Stores, comprising many articles other than the various items of Uniform, are sent here in the first instance.

Uniform - This is sorted by a mixed Staff of Soldiers & ~~Civilians~~ Prisoners into "repairable" and "useless".

The repairable stuff is sent to the R.S.D. and the useless held, pending orders from the WAR MINISTRY.

3. R.S.D. - via PASUBIO 127, BARI (tel. BARI 11697)

(a) At the R.S.D. the articles of Uniform are again sorted. Some minor repairs are carried out at the R.S.D. but the bulk of the work is sent out to the Main Repair Depot (see para 8).

(b) I found a quantity of serviceable clothing at the ~~Depot~~ R.S.D. & was told that this had come from Units that had been broken up.

This stuff when sorted is sent direct to LA ROCCA or first washed & then sent to LA ROCCA.

(c) There is a quantity of G.I.L. (Fascist) uniform in the building. The Badges are removed & the uniform held at the disposal of the Ministry of the Interior. It is used for refugees; being too small for Soldiers.

(d) Fascist Black material is used for making Overalls for Sorters & women doing the repairing.

(e) There are some 200 Blankets which have been picked up from time to time and are awaiting disposal.

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(a) At the R.S.D. the articles of Uniform are again sorted. Some minor repairs are carried out at the R.S.D. but the bulk of the work is sent out to the Main Repair Depot (see para 8).

(b) I found a quantity of serviceable clothing at the ~~Depot~~ R.S.D. & was told that this had come from Units that had been broken up.

This stuff when sorted is sent direct to LA ROCCA or first washed & then sent to LA ROCCA.

(c) There is a quantity of G.I.L. (Fascist) uniform in the building. The Badges are removed & the uniform held at the disposal of the Ministry of the Interior. It is used for refugees; being too small for Soldiers.

(d) Fascist Black material is used for making Overalls for Sorters & women doing the repairing.

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(e) There are some 200 Blankets which have been picked up from time to time and are awaiting disposal.

4. The C.O. of the R.S.D. and in fact the Officer responsible for the various work and departments mentioned in this Report is Capt GRAMEGNA.

He is an oldish man, with oldfashioned ideas, & his replacement by a younger & more energetic man would speed matters up.

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One of his requests was for more space, but as I pointed out to him, there was considerable waste space in the Warehouse which by a little re-arrangement could be much better employed. He states he requires at least 3 more Officers, from the Admin. Corps if possible

5. He informed me that he had received orders from IX CORPS to move his Salvage Dump from the Prison.

This will seriously interfere with the work of his department as there is nowhere else to stack the stuff.

In addition to this, he estimates that it will take 2 months using 15 Lorries a day to clear the Prison.

Unless the removal is absolutely essential, for some reason unknown to me, I think it should be avoided as it will disorganise his department and involve a great deal of wastage both of labour & transport.

6. Col SHIPLEY queried what the 8,000 Quintals referred to in Report No. 7, para 2b consisted of.

They consist of all articles of Clothing - Tunics, Trousers, Caps, Puttees etc but Boots are NOT included. See para 7.

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There is one Boot Sewing Machine (out of action for lack of Spares) and one Finishing Machine in this Shop.

The output may appear small but the Boots arriving for repair all require a great deal of doing to them.

(b) Clothing - This Shop makes new Clothing, repairs P.W. stuff & also converts P.W. Clothing into small articles, i.e; Jackets into Puttees or Caps.

It employs 105 women, 61 of whom have Sewing Machines. They hope to take on more woman & machines shortly.

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An average output is difficult to compute owing to the diversity of garments made. The output for May was:=

Tunics Repaired.....	150.
Trousers "	150.
Shirts,Cotton Repaired.....	52.
Jackets, " "	43.
Trousers " "	111.
Blankets " .....6,673.	
Caps.....Made.....7,389.	
Puttees, prs "	313.
Toe Bandages " .....3,340.	
Jackets, New "	400.

I was very impressed at the work carried out by this Shop, as the P.W. Clothing they receive to repair or make new articles out of is very P.W. indeed!

9. Regtl. Workshops. (9th Artillery Barracks, Via CAMBONARA).

This is a Boot Repair Shop only & was opened on 17/5/44 with 20 Cobblers. It now employs 31 & has been promised 9 more by IX CORPS.

All Cobblers are Military personnel.

There are no Machines of any sort in this Shop. Output 30 - 40 pairs per day.

The output from 17/5/44 to 1/6/44 was 300 pairs.

They have requisitioned a Boot Finishing Machine & hope to have it installed within 14 days.

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10. 2/Lt MANZONI is the Officer i/c all the Workshops. I was VERY impressed with him. He is an Italian from the North. Mad keen on his job & in spite of many difficulties he has the Shops well organised & knows his job backwards.

He states that if the Boot Sewing Machine at REDENTORE was provided with the necessary equipment the production of that Boot Repair Shop could be at least trebled, & that when the Boot Finish -ing Machine is installed at the Artillery Barracks their product

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11. The above covers the activities in BARI: there are other Repair Shops both for Boots & Clothing at AQUAVIVA (P.4059) & FASANO (P.8354). A Boot Repairing Shop has just been started at BRINDISI & this will deal with Clothing in due course.

There is a Boot Sewing Machine at FASANO but here again it is not functioning for lack of essential components.

I will inspect all the above in due course.

12. The most urgent needs are as follows:-

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(a) Leather for Soles.
(b) " " patching Uppers.
(c) Cobblers Wax.
(d) " Thread. Two sorts, samples under separate cover.
(e) Small Boot Nails.
(f) Needles for Boot Sewing Machines. Samples under sep. cover.
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(h) Needles for Clothing Sewing Machines.
(i) Thread " " " "

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14. There is no shortage of workers & they have experienced no transport difficulties.

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IX CORPS inform him of the issues made to various Units & it is his responsibility to see that an equal number of P.W. or U/S articles are returned ~~xxx~~ to the R.S.D.

Where Units fail to do this he reports the matter to IX CORPS, who see that the necessary articles are forthcoming.

I cannot, of course, check this statement, but he was most positive that this order was being faithfully carried out.

17. Clothing & Boots are not selected & sorted by a Board of Officers, but by a group of Tailors or Shoemakers - each headed by a Technical Sgt-Major.

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In conclusion, I would again stress the importance of your taking up with the WAR MINISTRY the question of not moving the Salvage Depot from the Prison unless absolutely essential.

Major.
Ord. L/C.
(D.S.L. GREGSON).

In the Field.

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REPORT No. 14.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/C M.M.I.A. (ORD), CARL.

1. I have spent some considerable time investigating the misdirection of two Lorries from the Docks:

(a) 5/5/44 Convoy Note 119/994 ex S.S."LIVERMORE", this lorry -load is said to have contained 31 bales of Comforters, Cotton. I think we have traced this to A.B.D. & will let you have confirmation as soon as possible.

(b) 6/5/44 Convoy Note 67/994 ex S.S."LIVERMORE", this load is also said to have contained 31 bales Comforters, Cotton, & so far I have been unable to find any trace of it.

(c) In addition to the above, on 12/5/44 a Lorry (Convoy Note No.1021/44) was supposed to have left the Docks according to the '108' for LA ROCCA with 31 Cases & 21 Bales each containing Comforters, Cotton.

On arrival at LA ROCCA there were however found to be only 27 Bales & 20 Cases.

I am going into this with the various people concerned & will let you know results in due course.

I am finding out what Ship (c) were out of, as the Convoy Note merely gives "O.O. DOCKS" as the Consignor "ex Berth 5".

2. 54 bales Drawers, Woollen, Long ex "SAMFIELD" have been delivered to LA ROCCA, many of them damaged.

The 65th bale - also badly damaged, & probably pilfered - was taken into the Ord. office at the Docks for safe custody (it was unloaded by itself) & I will pick it up & deliver to LA ROCCA.

I will prepare & forward countersigned 108's as soon as a physical count has been made of the damaged bales.

3. 10,000 Belts, Web, U.S.pattern, dyed green have arrived in LA ROCCA by road from NAPLES.

From the labels on the Cases, I should judge that these Belts were dyed in U.S. before shipment.

Please inform me whether 108's for these Belts should be made out by me or whether they are merely a transfer from NAPLES for which Major READ will forward Receipts.

4. The following Stores from Allied sources were dispatched by LA ROCCA to LECCE on 30/5/44:

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Waggon No. F.117742.

Caps..... 5,000.
Sacks, kit..... 15,000.
Pullovers..... 3,000.

Waggon No. F.133085.

Comforters..... 1,480.

Waggon No. F. 1123364.

Comforters..... 1,550.

Waggon No. F. 7104891.

Comforters..... 1,400.

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5. On 31/5/44 the following Stores were sent to NAPLES:

Waggon No	1010490	150 bales	Comforters	Total	1,500.
" "	E.1000204	150 "	"	"	1,500.
" "	F.164463	150 "	"	"	1,500.

SynSignal ORD/B/5 of todays date refers.

6. Visited LA ROCCA & brought Bin Cards up to date. Bin Cards for all Italian Stores at LA ROCCA will be completed by the weekend.

7. 20 Fire. Buckets filled with Sand are now in the Warehouses. I have asked O.C. to produce 20 more.

8. Italian Engineers have been to LA ROCCA to measure up for Hoses.

9. I think I have secured the services of an Interpreter for tomorrow, if so I shall investigate the Italian R.S.D.

10. Cpl GAUCI not likely to be back in the office before Monday week.

11. Ref para 5 above: In view of the large quantity of Blankets stated by Col SHIPLEY to be in the NAPLES Depot, I cannot understand the transference of the comparatively large number of Comforters to NAPLES. No orders for any transferences have been given by this office.

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(D.S.L. GREGSON)

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REPORT No. 13.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/C M.M.I.A. (ORD), BARI.

1. Visited Air Sub-Commission with Col SHIPLEY.

2. He informed me that Dyeing Contracts have nothing to do with us.

3. He wishes Bin Cards made out & kept up for the ITALIAN Stores in LA ROCCA. I have started on this.

4. He is not asking FILPOT for the release of Braces & Haversacks at 2 Sub-Depot (my Report No.1, para 3a refers).
He is willing however to take them over if 2 Sub-Depot are very anxious to get rid of them & they will ask for the release from FILPOT. I will go into this with 2 Sub-Depot.

5. I have received notice from Capt BIRD that Driver ROYD stays with me.

6. 140 bales, each containing 10 Comforters, total 1,400, left here for LECCE on the evening of 29/5. Waggon No. F.7104391.

7. A few more bales of Drawers have come off the "SAMFIELD", which is still unloading.

8. Confirmed with 6 B.S.A. that the 2,000 pieces dyed B.D. were delivered into LA ROCCA from BERNARD on 20/5. (my Report No.12 para 4 refers).
They had no notice of this as it was a collection by the Italians direct & not through 6 B.S.A.
I will take this up with IX CORPS as it leads to confusion & unnecessary correspondence.

9. Confirmed that the 6,660 pieces B.D. (my Report No.9, para 5 & my Report No.12, para 2 refer) are still to be kept on one side & held by LA ROCCA.
I hear they may be transferred back to 2 Sub-Depot for some special purpose.

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31 May 44.

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON).

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(D.S.L. GREGSON). Major.

In the Field.

31 May 44.

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REPORT No. 12.

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To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/O M.M.I.A. (ORD), BARI.

1. According to 6 B.S.A. figures, the total number of PIECES of B.D. delivered to BERNARD for dyeing was 87,415. All figures referred to in this Report, as far as B.D. is concerned, are up to, & including, 25/5/44.
The a/m figure is made up of:

(a) B.D. delivered direct to BERNARD ex Ship.
(b) B.D. " via 500 A.O.D. to BERNARD.

2. 6 B.S.A. figure of pieces dyed and delivered into LA ROCCA is 75,992. This figure includes 6,660 pieces held in LA ROCCA but not taken on to Stock. My Report No.9, para 5 refers.

3. O.C. LA ROCCA's figure of dyed pieces delivered to his Depot is 71,400. This figure does NOT include the 6,660 pieces referred to above.
Therefore, if we add these two figures together - 71,400 plus 6,660 - we get a total of 78,060 pieces, which gives us a figure admitted to by O.C. LA ROCCA (always provided the 6,660 are added) of Receipts of 2,068 pieces in excess of the figure shown to have been delivered by 6 B.S.A. records i.e. the difference between 78,060 and 75,992.

4. On 20/5 2,000 pieces of dyed B.D. were delivered to LA ROCCA from the Dyers, and these 2,000 pieces are not yet shown on 6 B.S.A's Return.
They were, however, quite definitely delivered & I have seen the Convoy Note.
If we add these 2,000 pieces to 6 B.S.A. figure of 75,992 we get a total of 77,992 as against O.C. LA ROCCA's figure of 78,060 - a difference of only 68 pieces.
Taking into consideration the quantity of B.D. handled, I think this difference can be ignored & that we were quite right to work on O.C. LA ROCCA's figures.

5. In addition to the above, the following direct issues were made ex the dyeing factory:-

Date.	To Whom.	Quantity.	Authority.
23/1/44.	Not known.	400 pieces.	D.A.D.O.S. MMIA.
19/2/44.	"X" Water Tpt. Coy (Civ.Crews)	600 "	d.3/2 DDOS 2 Dist. OS/1056/
23/2/44.	NAPLES (It.Dept)	6,000 "	DADOS MMIA, ORD/26 d. 23/2.
	TOTAL.	7,000 pieces.	

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As a suggestion - you might have them prepared & countersigned by the WAR MINISTRY.

One cannot, of course, expect O.C. LA ROCCA to sign for B.D. he has never even seen.

M Care should be taken that NAPLES do'nt also submit a Receipt for this lot, as it was a transfer to Naples Depot.

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6. Our figures have now been agreed with 6 B.S.A. & the difference arose through their having failed to send us various Signals in February.

7. The original Contract was for 100,000 pieces & I hear that BERNARD is trying to secure a new Contract at a higher price. I take it that any further Contract is the responsibility of 2 District or 6 B.S.A. & not mine. Please confirm. Nothing to do with us.

8. Visited LA ROCCA & brought all Bin Cards up to date.

9. In my Report No.7 (paras. 2(b) & 2(c)) I gave the Stock figures of ITALIAN Uniforms in the various Depots here.
This was at the special request of Col SHIPLEY.
I have been asked on several other occasions (our telephone conversation HUBBARD - GREGSON of this morning refers) for Stocks of various Italian Stores.
Normally I do'nt know these without a reference to the Italian Stock Cards kept at LA ROCCA.
Do you wish Bin Cards made up & a day-to-day balance kept of Italian Stores in LA ROCCA, as is done in the case of Stores from Allied Sources?

10. I have arranged for O.C. LA ROCCA to procure a number of BUCKETS, which will be filled with Sand or Water & Fire Points established in the various Warehouses.

11. Have again reminded IX CORPS about providing Hoses for LA ROCCA.

12. I am anxious to give you further information on the Italian R.S.DS function & how we can help to speed up production.
As ~~Capt~~ Cpl GAUCI is still in Hospital I am rather held up for an Intepreter but will go into the question thoroughly as soon as possible.

13. There is as yet no sign of the Drawers ex the "SAMFIELD".

14. Visited Cpl GAUCI in Hospital, & I believe it will be a week before he is back at work.

D.S.L. Gregson

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

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12. I am anxious to give you further information on the Italian R.S.DS function & how we can help to speed up production.

As ~~Capt~~ Cpl GAUCI is still in Hospital I am rather held up for an Intepreter but will go into the question thoroughly as soon as possible.

13. There is as yet no sign of the Drawers ex the "SAMFIELD".

14. Visited Cpl GAUCI in Hospital, & I believe it will be a week before he is back at work.

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

In the Field.
30 May 44.

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REPORT No. 11.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/O M.M.I.A. (ORD), BARI.

1. Visited the Docks. Still no sign of any further bales of Drawers. The Ship is still unloading.

2. Contacted the O.C. Indian Company occupying the Warehouse we are going to take over. They are definitely moving sometime soon although they have not been given an exact date yet. O.C.Company's opinion is that they will move at the end of this week. He will let me know as soon as he receives definite orders.

3. Have gone through the "BERNARD" file and all the figures have been extracted. Unfortunately, I do'nt think the file contains a record of all the transactions that have taken place.
I arranged with D.A.D.O.S., 6 B.S.A. for L/Cpl DAVIDSON to check our file against theirs & hope to get to the bottom of the matter ~~xxxxx~~ tomorrow.
Once the figures are agreed I will check up with LA ROCCA and the Dyeworks.

4. I have agreed with IX CORPS that they should requisition the LA ROCCA factory at MOLA di BARI.
Even if you decide not to move Stores there from LA ROCCA, it will be very useful to IX CORPS, but I think it would be a good idea to move Stores there and thus spread our risk a little.

D.S.L. Gregson

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON).

In the Field.
29 May 44.

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REPORT No 10. File.

D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: M.M.I.A. L/O (ORD), BARI.

1. Do you wish me to come to LEQUILE on 30th or 31st to discuss various points?

2. Please let me have your views on Warehouse at MOLA di BARI as soon as possible.

3. A further search of the Ship's Manifest does not disclose the 65 Bales of Drawers, Woollen, Long; however a search of the Bills of Lading does so.

4. Visited the Docks again, but the S.S."SAMFIELD" has been moved to another berth, so unloading operations are suspended. There is no doubt however in my mind that we shall find the 65 Bales on board.

5. Visited LA ROCCA and brought all Bin Cards up to date.
It struck me that you might like to have a return from me showing Stocks available at LA ROCCA once a week or bi-monthly. Please let me know what you think about this - or, of course, if desirable I could Signal them daily.

6. I have raised a real "hornets nest" about taking over more of LA ROCCA's premises - they are buzzing like flies, but please leave it in my hands for another day or two, when I hope to give you a definite answer.

7. The following Stores were sent ex LA ROCCA by Rail to LECCE yesterday, 27/5/44:-

			In Waggon No. N.F.122527.	Total Quantity.
(a)	30	bales	Drawers, Woollen, Long.	3,000.
(b)	20	"	Blouses BD,dyed (ex BERNARD)	1,000.
(c)	20	"	Trousers " " " "	1,000.
(d)	30	"	Caps, Forage, Green.	15,000.
(e)	30	"	Pullovers, Jersey.	3,600.
			In Waggon No. N.E.1016354.	
(f)	80	bales	Comforters, Cotton.	800.
(g)	60	"	Mackinaws.	1,200.
(h)	30	"	Shirts K.D.	4,182.

8. In addition to the above Stores sent to LECCE, the following were sent to Italian Ordnance Depot (no. 591),NAPLES:-

(i)	15	bales	Comforters, Cotton	- 150.

9. The Shorts, K.D. from A.B.D. referred to in my Report No. 9 have now been counted & I attach herewith 108's in triplicate 366

10. (Telephone conversation HUBBARD - GREGSON 18.15 hrs, 28/5). You will telephone me tomorrow as to whether you wish me to come to HQ

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10. (Telephone conversation HUBBARD - GREGSON 18.15 hrs. 28/5). You will telephone me tomorrow as to whether you wish me to come to HQ 31st or not.

11. You will see that a box of Mess Crockery is sent over to us tomorrow.

12. L/Cpl DAVIDSON to stay a few more days as Cpl GAUCI is in Hospital. If I come to HQ 31/5/44 I shall bring him back with me.

In the Field
28 May 44.

Major.
(D.S.L. GREGSON)

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REPORT No 9. File

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to: A/Q M.M.I.A.

From: L/O M.M.I.A. (ORD) BARI

1. L/Cpl DAVIDSON arrived yesterday afternoon & is doing our typing as Cpl GAUCI is still sick and will probably not start work before Monday next.

2. (For CAMP COMMANDANT): The Driver of the Truck had a vague message about Piston Rings for a Lancia Car. It was so vague that I could do nothing to help nor had L/Cpl Davidson been given clear instructions.

I suggest that if any subject is not perfectly clear to anyone coming over here, he should bring written instructions.

3. (a) 2 Sub-Depot hold for delivery to BERNARDI the Dyers:

Blouses B.D., P.W. - 3,250.

On 24/5 and 25/5 they delivered to him for dying:

Blouses B.D., P.W. - 1,750.
Trousers " " - 5,000.

All the above came from the Clothing Factory, NAPLES & are the first consignment 2 Sub-Depot have received from there.

(b) 2 Sub-Depot also hold for delivery to LA ROCCA:

1,200 prs Boots P.W. ex R.S.D. 500 A.C.D. i.e. from this theatre.

500 prs Boots P.W. ex M.E.

4. R.S.D., 500 A.C.D. hold no Stores for delivery to the Italians.

5. 20,000 pieces B.D. have partly come & the rest are coming from NAPLES to be dyed at BERNARDI's.

of this Lot 6,660 Blouses have been dyed and delivered to LA ROCCA.

D.A.D.O.S. 2 District informs me that he has had a Signal from FILPOT, saying that as A.F.H.Q. are interested in these 20,000 pieces none of them are to be issued pending further instructions.

I have accordingly instructed O.C. LA ROCCA to put on one side and hold these 6,660 dyed Blouses until further instructions are received.

As there is some doubt as to whether these Blouses will be issued via LA ROCCA, I am not for the moment obtaining 108's in respect of these 6,660 Blouses from LA ROCCA.

I want to make it quite clear that this restriction applies only to the 20,000 pieces referred to, and not to locally dyed B.D. as a whole.

6. Although not on the Ship's Manifest or reported to Port Detachment, I discovered that there were supposed to be 65 Bales marked "ITI" each containing 100 prs Drawers Woollen on board the S.S."SAXFIELD" now unloading here.

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Went to the Docks this morning and discovered one Bale of Drawers already unloaded.
The ship is only half unloaded & I think it likely that the balance is on board.
These Stores have been ordered direct into LA ROCCA.
Further details as available

7. Visited A.B.D. & they have no Stores awaiting delivery to Italians. Discovered 2 more Bales of Shorts K.D. marked "ITI", making a total of 5 Bales. Collected & signed for these Bales & delivered them to LA ROCCA. 108's will be forwarded when Shorts have been counted.

8. I confirm the Signal sent you this morning"ORD/B/4. Confid
-ential (o) Reference AQ1230 dated 26 May (o) 10,000 repeat 10,000 Suits
/Suits

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Battledress left for NAPLES yesterday in two Waggons (o) Waggon numbers 260163 and 174177.

9. Have found what I think is what we want for a further Warehouse. It is adjacent to LA ROCCA and, from a cursory look round, I should say is exactly what we want.

Unless a great meny more Stores come into BARI, this Warehouse plus the one at MOLA di BARI should give us ample room for expansion.

The Warehouse is at present occupied by an/~~Italian~~ Indian Unit.

10. Visited "Q" 6 B.S.A. & have been promised the Warehouse if, & when, the Indian Unit in occupation moves out. I hear that this Unit is very likely to move within the next 10 days.

Even if the Unit doesn't move, I think alternative accomodation can be found for ~~them~~. it.

11. IX CORPS telephoned to say that they had received a Signal from the War Ministry (GEN. PELLIGRA), saying that they could go ahead and requisition another part of the LA ROCCA factory.

I have told them to do nothing ~~further~~ for the moment, until they hear further from me.

I think the whole situation will be cleared up by Monday next.

In the Field.
27 May 44

D.S.L. Gregson.
Major.
(D.S.L.GREGSON)

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REPORT No 8.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to A/Q.

From: L/O M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI.

1. I have informed IX CORPS that the Clothing Return rendered by them is no longer necessary.

2. Visited A.D.B. and have arranged with Lieut GARDENER, O.C. Clothing Section, to visit him on 6th - 16th & 26th to obtain:-

(a) Stocks held by him for transfer to the Italians.

(b) Any Stores marked "ITI" he is holding.

(c) Check Stores delivered to LA ROCCA during previous period.

3. Arranged with Lieut BENNET, 2 Sub-Depot, as in 2 above

4. Discovered A.B.D. were holding 290 prs Shorts K.D. for transfer to LA ROCCA. Will arrange for their transfer.

5. Both O.C. LA ROCCA & his 2 i/c consider that the U.S. Socks held by them for issue to the Italians are much too good for the purpose and that they will wear out in a few days. I remember some correspondence from the War Ministry on this subject. Has A/Q reached any decision on this subject?

6. The P.U. & Driver for me arrived yesterday & I have sent Pte. WIGGINS and A/Q's Car back to HQ this morning.
Whilst I was out yesterday, Camp Commandant telephoned asking if I could return Pte ROYD, driver of P.U.
Whilst I think we can manage to maintain the P.U. between the people already here, it would mean that I should, on practically all occasions, have to drive it myself.
At one of the last Conferences I attended at HQ, Col NOAKES told us that further, and stricter, orders had been received forbidding Officers to drive Cars.
Will you please ask Col NOAKES, or the COMMANDER, to give a Ruling on this point.
Until I receive instructions from you I am keeping Pte ROYD here.

7. No 1 Sub-Depot, 500 A.O.D. has closed down & in future all Spares for Cars must be obtained from 557 A.O.D. NAPLES.

8. (For CHIEF CLERK.) I return herewith receipt, duly signed, for personal Registered Letter. Many thanks for sending over.

9. Yesterday I visited an outlying Warehouse belonging to Signor LA ROCCA, at MOLA di BARI - 18.3 Kilometres from Bari on the Brindisi Road.
The Warehouse consists of:-

Room 1. 6 x 11 Yds.
" 2. 6 x 18 "

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" 3.	6 x 6	"
" 4.	8 x 32	"
" 5.	5 x 11	"

The approximate height of all the above is 20 ft.

There is also an excellent Office & a small room where the Guard could sleep.

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Should it be decided to take over this Warehouse it could be made available within about a week.

I took O.C. LA ROCCA with me & on our return, I discussed the matter with him & Col La ZARA. They are both in favour of requisitioning it.

Will you please let me have your views as to whether you think it desirable to take over this place or not.

CAPACITY: 400 - 500 Tons.

O.C. LA ROCCA's idea is to have a Q.M. Sgt-Major in charge & that he would visit it once a week.

My own opinion is that it should be taken over.

* It has running water & electric light.

10. I discovered that at night the various Warehouses at LA ROCCA were locked up & Sentries posted outside them.

I considered this unsatisfactory as if a fire started, it would only be seen by the Sentry after it had gained a considerable hold.

I have arranged that two men shall be on duty inside each Warehouse during the night.

These are men especially picked by O.C. LA ROCCA & are searched for cigarettes & matches when they go on duty.

11. I have asked Col La ZARA to press strongly for the issue of Hoses to the various Warehouses.

12. Brought Bin Cards up to date and O.C. LA ROCCA is sending off Return showing balances today.

13. I forward herewith Receipts for Allied Stores into LA ROCCA up to Midnight 25/5/44 in Triplicate, signed & countersigned.

They cover the period from the date of the Consolidated Receipts given by me to Major HUBBARD.

These Boots were ~~ex~~ BRITISH ex M.E., repaired at R.S.D. 500 AOD & then sent to 2 Sub-Depot, whence they were issued to LA ROCCA.

14. Lt. BENNET agrees these figures.

15. Please inform me if you have cancelled the 108 for 306 Comforters and 49,000 Shirts K.D. as I want to adjust my 108 book.

*. This in no way does away with the necessity of obtaining more Space in Bari itself. I hope to write you further on this tomorrow.

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Major.
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(D.S.L. GREGSON)

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REPORT No. 7A.

To: D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. Copy to A/Q.

From: L/C M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI.

I confirm herewith the various points discussed & agreed during your visit to BARI:-

1. It is impossible for HQ to supply me with a Clerk, but you will send L/Cpl DAVIDSON over from time to time.

2. Receipts for Stores into LA ROCCA to be forwarded as soon as possible after check. The Form 108 is acceptable as a receipt & they are to be forwarded in TRIPLICATE. You to send over more books of Form 108.

3. You to collect the available Ford spare parts from No. 1 Sub-Depot.

4. You will inform Major COLE that a copy of all my Reports to you goes to A/Q, where he can see them.

5. You to give me as soon as possible a ruling on the Braces & Haversacks at 2 Sub-Depot. My Report No 1, para 3a refers. O.C. 2 Sub Depot is very anxious to clear these.

6. You'll send over the Mess Box as soon as possible. My Report No 1, para 5c, refers.

7. You are prepared to accept the LA ROCCA figures, I whenever possible to check these.

8. You to keep me in touch, or send me a copy of correspondence, of matters affecting Stores in BARI (e.g. 21,000 B.D. transferred to NAPLES).

9. You to decide as to what Stocks are to be transferred as between Depots.

10. I to inform IX CORPS that their Return is no longer ~~required~~ necessary.

Major.
(D.S.L.GREGSON)

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3. You to collect [illegible] Sub-Depot.

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REPORT NO7

To D.A.D.C.S. M.M.I.B. COPY AFS 1.

From L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ad) Bari.

I must apologise for this being in longhand, but there is no one here to do any typing.

1. I have spent most of the last two days in trying to solve the warehouse problem & hope I have succeeded.

It is a somewhat long & involved story, which I will explain to Col Shipley when he comes here tomorrow & confirm in writing as soon as I have someone to type.

I am completing this report to the most urgent matters & will let you have details of other activities later.

2. I give below figures Col Shipley asked for (telephone conversation Col Shipley - Gregson 24/5/55 refers)

(a) Italian R.S.D. 127 via PASUBIO Tel Bari 11697 - Capt GRAMEGNA.

On arrival of P.W. clothing from Reg'ts it is sorted - washed & then resorted & sent to a workshop in an old Church to be repaired.

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At tonights visit there were 20 Tonnes & 20 tonnes repaired & ready for despatch to La Rocca.
There are some 400 Tonnes & 4000 blank

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under repair at the church at the moment.
They are are mixed types of uniform.
(b). In the prison here are 8000 quantals of
P.W. uniform returned from units & awaiting
Sorting by (a) above.
It is impossible to give an estimate of how
many uniforms these will make up into, as
for example out of one tunic or blouse, there
may be only enough good material to make a
forage Cap.
The average number of blouses & trousers repaired
& Sent to La Rocca is 150. per month
(c) I next visited the barracks of the 9th
AUTIERI & talked to their Quartermaster.
Major TRAMONTANA. NO3 Via TANZI Tel
Bari 14204.
He has in his depot.

1200 blouses. Grey Cotton. new.
47. blouses Grey green wool. new.
400 Trousers " " " . new.

In addition to the above, there are in
the making, in his tailors Shop in the
barracks

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In addition to the above, there are in the making, in his Tailors Shop in the barracks.

3000 Trousers K.O. cotton.
3000 Blouses. " "

These are being made from rolls of new material.

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(d) In La Rocca itself are the following:-

1000 blouses K.O. cotton. new.
1000 " " " P.W. but in good condition
1000 Trousers " " new.

5200 Trousers K.O. woolen. new.
3500 blouses " " ".

7000. Shorts K.O. cotton.

500 Trousers. G.G. wool. } P.W. but in good condition
1500 Blouses G.G. wool }

2500 B-louses G.G. cotton. new.
200 Trousers G G cotton. P W but in good condition.

3000 B-louses grey. cotton. mostly new but are in good condition.

I will of course investigate the R.S.D. in much greater detail as soon as I have time

All uniforms referred to in this report are ITALIAN.

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7000. Shorts K.D. cotton.

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1500 Blouses G.G. wool }

2500 Blouses G.G. cotton. new.

200 Trousers G.G. cotton. P.W. but in good condition.

3000 Blouses Grey. Cotton. mostly new but all in good condition.

I will of course investigate the R.S.D. in much greater detail as soon as I have time

All uniforms referred to in this report are ITALIAN.

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Lt Col
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25/5/44.

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REPORT No6

To : D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. Copy A/Q
From : L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI

1. I have managed to get the gear lever of my car repaired, but it is impossible to say how long it will last, and the sooner a new lever can be procured, the better.

2. Visited LA ROCCA and brought all Bin Cards up to date.

3. Went through figures of all deliveries from Allied Sources into LA ROCCA from the inception of the Scheme up to and including 21/5/44. Receipts in quadruplicate are attached herewith, fifth copy with O.C. LA ROCCA and sixth filed in this office. All receipts are signed and countersigned.

4. Lt BENNET 2 Sub Depot has been liaison officer with LA ROCCA and in most cases has checked American as well as British goods into that warehouse.

He has always been able to do this when the stores arrived by ship at BARI, but not when they arrived at other ports and came to LA ROCCA by road or rail.

5. I have been able to reconcile most of the figures with Lt BENNET and think that this report, plus the signed receipts gives an accurate picture up to date. You will notice that I have been able to give greater details as to source of supply than I had previously hoped for.

6. I give below various notes on the receipts, not covered on the receipts themselves.

Serial 3 (a) It is not possible to agree these figures, without a check of what BERNARD has on hand. I will go into the whole BERNARD position later and reconcile deliveries to him, stocks held by him and his deliveries to LA ROCCA.

All Blouses ex BERNARD are from M.E.

Serial 3 (b) It is not possible to agree these figures as those listed as "INDIA" came to LA ROCCA without Lt BENNET's knowledge. I think some of these came direct from U.K. (20,000 suits from DEWSBURY) and some ex M.E., perhaps your records at H.Q. can tell you this.

Serial 4 (a) and (b) exactly as for Serial 3 (a) and (b)

Lt BENNET is prepared to accept O.C. LA ROCCA's figures for B.D., and I think this is much the best thing to do.

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Serial 10. 2 Sub Depot shows a figure of only 18223 delivered to LA ROCCA, these were ex M.E.

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I remember a large quantity went by rail from TARANTO to LA ROCCA (HQ have the figures) but I am unable to discover whether these were ex M.E. or direct shipment from U.S.

Serial 12. (1) The rue figure from which you will consolidate your receipts will be 140,846 ie 147,146 less 6,300 transferred from NAPLES; always provided of course, that L.O.NAPLES has obtained a countersigned receipt for these 6300 shirts.

(II) The figure 140,846 is some 1,300 less than

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./... that shown by U.S. records at A.B.D.

These shirts were part of a larger consignment for both A.B.D. and the Italians, the whole of which went into A.B.D. ex ship.

Under supervision and check of 2 Sub Depot, those for the Italians were collected from A.B.D., and delivered to LA ROCCA. Here again they were checked into the warehouse. LA ROCCA and 2 Sub Depot agree to a shirt.

Under these circumstances, I feel we can accept the figure 140,846 and Lt BENNET agrees with me.

(III) This figure <u>includes</u> the 49,000 for which I forwarded Countersigned receipts with my report No4 para 7. That receipt should therefore be cancelled.

<u>General</u>. I have accepted O.C.LA ROCCA's classification as to whether the sotres were new or not, as it was quite impossible to check them all.

D.S.L. Gregson.

<u>23 MAY 44</u>

Major,
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Return showing TOTAL of Stores received from:Allied sources, into LA ROCCA depot BARI, fr
inception of Scheme up to and including 21 MAY 44, attd TO Report N°6 of 23 MAY 44

SERIAL No	A R T I C L E	Number	Source of Supply		R E M A R KS
1	Boots, new	9637	British, Indian Pattern	✓	Originally from I transferred ex M. Agreed 2 Sub Depo
2	Boots, P.W.	164610	British ex M.E. and C.M.F. Stocks.	✓	agreed 2 Sub depot
3.	(a) Trousers BD Dyed ex BERNARD 28950 (b) Ditto India 71947 Total 100897		British	✓	See para 6 report All part worn.
4	(a) Blouses BD Dyed ex BERNARD 42450 (b) Ditto India 69697 Total 112147		British	✓	See para 6 report
5	Comforters cotton	104374	American, direct shipment from U.S.	✓	All these were ne See para 6 Report
6	Caps Forage green	71000	American, direct shipment from U.S.	✓	Agreed 2 Sub Dep All new
7	Mackinaws	99060	American, direct shipment from U.S.	✓	Agreed 2 Sub Dep All new.

Ostlgmsen
major
23/5/44 M.M.I.A.

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a) Trousers BD Dyed ex ERNARD	28950	British	See para 6 report.
b) Ditto India	71947		All part worn.
Total	100897		
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Major
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UCE IL CAPITANO DI FANTERIA
Segretario del Deputato V. E. Diana
(Cap. Comm.to D'Agostino)
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of scheme up to and including 21 MAY 44, attd 7LO Report N°6 of 23 MAY 44

Serial No	A R T I C L E S	NUMBER	Source of Supply	R E M A R K S
8	Drawers woolen long.	150910	American, direct shipment ex U.S.	Agreed 2 Sub De All new.
9	Drawers cotton short.	2300	American, direct shipment from U.S.	Agreed 2 Sub De All new.
10	Jerseys Pullover.	94844	American	See para 6 Rep All new.
11	Socks cotton	226800	American, direct shipment from U.S.	Agreed 2 Sub De All new.
12	Shirts cotton kaki	+ 147146	American, direct shipment from U.S.	Agreed 2 Sub De Great majority have been washe excellent condi + Includes 6300 from NAPLES

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Il Brigadiere Maggiore
M.M.I.R.
23/5/44 GG

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Il Sergente Maggiore
M.M.I.R.
23/5/44

Col. I.S. Agostinelli

CAPITANO DI FANTERIA
(illegible)

REPORT N°5

To : D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A. copy A/Q
From : L.O. M.M.I.A. (Ord) BARI

1. Both cars are off the road and have been since yesterday.

Capt MURCELL's car should be back to-morrow night but the gear lever of the "Q" car has shapped off.

I tried unsuccessafully to have it repaired and an exhaustive search of BARI failed to find a spare lever.

I have asked Camp Comdt by telephone to see if he can find one, if he is successful will you please bring it over.

Although it is possible to do a certain amount by telephone and walking, one is severely handicaped and I have had to postpone the two inspections arranged for to-day.

2. Lt Col HAMPTON called here last night and was of the opinion that owing to arrivals of troops from SARDINIA, considerable stocks of clothing would have to be moved to NAPLES.

Perhaps you will investigate the stock and storage position at NAPLES and on Tuesday we can make a plan for moving the requisite stocks across.

3. I received your signal Ord/77 dated 20 May. I spoke to Col SHIPLEY and yourself on the telephone on this subject and hope to have the information ready for your arrival on Tuesday morning.

Col SHIPLEY agreed that we should accept the LA ROCCA figures and possibly try to check them subsequently.

He also agreed that it would be sufficient to give the original source of supply, ie British or American and to waive the point as to whether they were from this theatre or not.

4. I heard this morning through Italian channels that Sig LA ROCCA has been to the Town Major and is doing all in his power to prevent the requisitioning of the locked warehouse.

I immediately get in touch with A/Q 6 B.S.A. and told him what I had heard.

He is taking the matter up with the Town Major and warning other people concerned of la ROCCA's attitude and will help me all he can. Please see that the T.M. do their share in getting the requisition put through.

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Major
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21/5/44.

Major
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REPORT N°4

To : HQ. MMIA. copy A/Q
From : LO. MMIA (ord) BARI

1. (For Maj COLE) I visited N4 23 Base Salvage Depot ADELFIA to inspect the 4000 prs of boots.

Both lots are in need of repair, some of class B being beyond it. In view of the present large stocks of boots held, the poor state in which these 4000 are and the difficulties of repair, I turned down the DAD Salvage's offer and have advised him of this.

2. I again visited IX Corps and attach copies of a letter that they have written in regard to taking over the locked warehouse at LA ROCCA. You will notice that they have sent a copy to the War Ministry, so please keep the pressure up with them.

3. I have received the Bin Cards you sent and have brought them up to date, showing all receipts and issues.

In several instances the opening stock as at 1/5/44 inserted by you on the cards does not agree with the stock figure at LA ROCCA, viz :

ARTICLE	Entered on Card by MMIA	Stock record LA ROCCA	DIFFERENCE
Pullovers	92,174	91,685	- 489
Blouses B.D. from BERNARD	10,140	15,699	+ 5,559
Blouses B.D.INDIA	59,646	54,426	- 5,220
Trousers B.D.INDIA	61,746	56,526	- 5,220
Trousers B.D. BERNARD	4,623	10,212	+ 5,589
Comforters	89,390	90,560	+ 1,170
Boots P.W.	123,614	124,854	+ 1,240

With regard to the boots P.W.2 Sub Depot agree the figure 123614, but Lt BENNET is checking upon this. For the moment, I am working off the figure 123614.

You showed a figure of 89390 Blankets. There are no blankets, but according to LA ROCCA figures there are 90560 comforters.

In addition there is a total of 147146 Khaki shirts, of which 6300 were transfered from the Italian Depot NAPLES. 120016 from U.S.Ordnance and 20830 from 500 AOD. I think these latter were of American origin, but will confirm this with 500 AOD

The W.W. figures inserted by you by mistake

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The W.M. figures inserted in red by you vary in some cases with the LA ROCCA figures, but I am ignoring them as they probably include authorisations, instead of actual stock.

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Unless you decide to the contrary, or reconciled other figures on your tour, I propose to accept the LA ROCCA stock figures.

I hope at a future date to take actual physical stock of the various articles.

4. There are in LA ROCCA 800 metres of cloth K.D. suitabl for making Tunics and Breeches for Italian Officers.

There are also 600 metres of cloth K.D. for making officers shirts.

./... T.O.P.

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Previously there was a considerable quantity of cloth for for making or repairing other ranks uniforms. All this has now bee been issued as follows :

(a) Depot Speciale LECCE : 19000 metres
(b) 9th Automobilisti Shop BARI : 19000 "
(c) Italian R.S.D. BARI : 19000 "

I understand (b) is an establishment for making new clothing and that (c) carries out much the same function as a British R.S.D.

I have arranged to inspect B & C to-morrow morning and will let you have full details when I have done so.

I will also be able to answer your queries about repair facilities and what is urgently needed to speed up repairs.

5. I went into the question of the origin of the various stocks and think the following is accurate :

Boots new Br.
Boots P.W.Br.
Trousers B.D. Br.
Blouses B.D. Br.
Comforters U.S.
Caps Forage U.S.
Mackinaws U.S.
Drawers wool, long U.S.
Drawers cotton, short U.S.
Pullovers, U.S.
Socks U.S.

Shirts I have referred to above.

Do you wish me to try and differentiate as to whether the articles listed above are from this theatre or from U.S. or Great Britain? I think there is sufficient data at HQ for you to state this.

I will endeavour to give you full details of origin of all future arrivals.

6. I note that you will probably arrive in this office on Tuesday next 25rd at approx noon.

7. I enclose copies in duplicate of goods received by LA ROCCA since my arrival, signed by me and countersigned by O.C.LA ROCCA.

Will you please inform me if this form of Receipts is satisfactory? If not, please have some done on duplicator and bring over. In futures these will be forwarded as soo n after the arrival of the goods as possible.

In addition to the shirts for which I enclose receipt, on the 19th, 1800 shirts were received from Italian depot, NAPLES. I have not made out a receipt for these as presumably they have been accounted for by Maj HEAD.

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REPORT N°3

To : D.A.D.O.S. MMIA copy A/Q
From : L.O. MMIA (Ord) BARI

1. Took up the question of "one for one" (Administration instruction refers) with O.C. LA ROCCA.
He informed me that this was handled by Italian R.S.D. and not by him.
I will visit this in due course and let you know the position.

2. (For Col SHIPLEY) 86 prs boots have been returned by 502 Smoke Coy.

3. Please send over 100 proformas. (Receipts and issues with Box on back) and also one dozen file covers.

4. Locked warehouse LA ROCCA. I saw Col LA ZARA and explained the situation to him. He is at once taking up the matter with G.O.C.1X CORPS and the Italian Requisitioning Authorities.
I will keep the pressure on, but I think it would be a good idea for you to go to the W.M. and arrange with them to have the matter settled as soon as possible, as I have heard that AMGOT are after it for a food store.
Whether we eventually decide, for safety's sake, to spread Stores out or not, we will still require this building to allow of expansion of the present very overcrowded warehouses.

5. I think it would be a good idea if, whilst you have S/Sgt GRIMSHAW with you, for you to send L/C DAVIDSON over here one day a week.
I could then explain to him what had happened during the week and put him in the picture, in case GAUCI's depart.
He could always come over with someone visiting BARI and return with them, but please give me a day or two's notice of his arrival, so that I can arrange to be in, as generally I am out most of the day.
I would like him or someone else to see my system of correspondence and filing, which is particularly my own!!

6. Col CAMERON told me that Maj CHOWN had been transfered to NAPLES as a Captain.

7. Visited 21 BASE LAUNDRY (Maj SELWOOD) Via BRIGATA, Tel BARI 12346. My report No1 refers.
I arranged with him to send me copies of consignment notes for the goods he sends over to L of C Clothing Factory, LANZA Sidings NAPLES.
The stores that have been sent to date are at Appx A.

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He has a considerable stock of articles ready washed and awaiting dispatch to the Clothing Factory. These are shown at Appx B.

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The reason that such a large stock is held is that for the time being the Clothing Factory is full up and cannot accept any further consignments.

I will send you monthly, a return showing stocks sent to NAPLES and those held in 21 BASE LAUNDRY.

I inspected some of the washed articles and found them in very fair condition, noticeably socks woolen; many of which required little or no repair.

T.O.P./...1

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./... 20 BASE LAUNDRY, POGGIA road NAPLES is doing similar work for the NAPLES area and I suggest you let Maj HEAD know this.

Incidentally Maj SELWOOD controls BERNARD who is dying the battledress, and in case of trouble with BERNARD, is quite prepared to help.

18/5/44.

Major,
D.S.L. GREGSON.

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Appx A. attd to report No3, dated 18 May 44

B.D. Trousers	B.D. Blouses	Great Coats	Overalls one piece	Denhim Trousers	Drawers wool long	Vests wool	Shirts A.D.	Shirts Flannel	Jersey Pullovers	Denhim Blouses
20120	6910	I495	930	470	2692	1040	5060	470	2950	N11

Appx B.

37324	4705	675	4260	2280	1700	1130	7530	2660	3570	735

Appx B contd

Pyjama Jkts	Pyjama Trousers	Vests Cotton	Drawers Cell	Drawers woolen short
40	270	1170	1500	1150

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eport No3, dated 18 May 44

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675	4260	2280	1700	1130	7530	2660	3570	735	3090

rs	Vests Cotton	Drawers Cell	Drawers woolen short
	1170	1500	1150

REPORT N°2

To : DADOS MMIA copy A/Q

From : L.O. MMIA

1. (For MajCOLE). I saw the D.A.D.Salvage this morning about the 4000 Boots held by him at Salvage Depot ADELPHIA.

These are single boots and not pairs and are in various shapes of repair.

I have arranged with him to hold them until I have time to inspect them. I will then decide whether we will take them over or not.

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Please, let me know your views on this.

g) I think the fire precautions at LA ROCCA are reasonably adequate, as they have 16 large pyrenes and water points both in the building and just outside. In addition the main Bari Fire Station, manned day and night, is only 100 yards away.

h) Whilst at LA ROCCA I met Lt BENNET R.A.O.C. who is a liaison officer between 2 Sub Depot 500 A.O.D. and LA ROCCA.

He spoke in the highest terms of the O.C.Depot and has found him most accurate in his accounting etc.

i) LA ROCCA were not aware that they were to render returns of Allied Articles received, on the 5th, 15th and 25th, but will do so in future.

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./... This requires checking with the W.M. to see that they forward the returns to M.M.I.A.

GENERAL. There is a great deal to be done here, but for the moment I am concentrating on finding warehouse space, as I consider this of vital importance, since if ordnance stores arrive there isn't anywhere to put them.

You will probably think my report on the warehouse problem somewhat long winded (I know Col NOAKES will!!) but I have done it purposely in view of the fact that I have no clerk, Cpl GAUCI and my own possible departure; I think therefore that it is essential that you are fully in the picture.

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From : L.O. M.M.I.A. (ord) BARI

1. Visited H.Q.500 A.O.D. (Lt.Col CAMERON), Tel Bari Central 132 & 135.

There is no chance of getting a clerk from 500 A.O.D. who are themselves very short of personnel.

2. Visited R.S.D. 500 A.O.D. (Maj WHITTLES), Tel through H.Q. 500 A.O.D.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Confirmed that no repaired articles from either British or U.S. sources have been sent from R.S.D. to LA ROSSA.

The procedure is as follows :-

American articles for R.S.D. come in clean and are checked and forwarded by R.S.D. direct to L of C Clothing factory NAPLES for repair and issue to Italians.

British articles come in dirty and are sorted into two lots.

(a) For repair and re issue to British tps.
(b) For repair and issue to Italians.

Both lots are then sent to 21 base laundry for cleaning (a) returning to 500 A.O.D. and (b) being sent direct from the laundry to L of C clothing factory for repair and issue to Italians.

I suggest you let Maj HEAD know of this arrangement, s so that he can check up on quantities.

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Maj WHITTLES could not give me any idea of quantites of British articles in R.S.D. that might eventually be re issued to Italians.

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None of these are repaired at R.S.D. here, but are sent direct to R.S.D. 557 who are liasing with Americans in NAPLES with a view to repairing these boots.

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5. Visited 2 Sub Depot 500 A.O.D. (Maj HUTCHISON), tel through H.Q. 500 A.O.D. or through SAN SPIRITO 21 & 23.

(a) There are NO belts waist web in the depot for issue to the Italians, but there are haversacks 54276 and braces 64000 Both these articles are of an old pattern and will probably not

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./... be required for issue to British tps.

Originally they were earmarked for P of W Sub-Commission.

The Braces ar not ~~a~~ a great deal of use without belts; they do however fit the haversacks and could be used as slings for them.

If you want these braces and haversacks for the Italians you should apply to FILPOT for their release.

(b) These are no stocks of anything held for delivery to LA ROCCA as the last of the P.W. boots were delivered recently.

(c) There are no packages marked ITI in 2 Sub Depot, there have been from time to time but all have been cleared to LA ROCCA.

(d) I will visit the American Q.M. Depot in due course and let you know if they have any packages marked ITI and what if any articles they hold for transfer to LA ROCCA.

(e) A new rule has been brought into force.

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4. (for Col SHIPLEY) The 86 prs of boots have not yet been returned to LA ROCCA by 502 Smoke Coy. I have contacted them and asked them to expedite.

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5. GENERAL.

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In order to work here efficiently it is absolutely essential for me to have a vehicle at my disposal.

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Apart from office work a good man would be invaluable in checking the arrival (ex ship) of stores into LA ROCCA.

A clerk with a knowledge of Italian would be a great advantage for my dealings with LA ROCCA.

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Failing all else the only suggestion I can make is for me to see the Civil D.A.D.L. and ask if he can supply a civilian. Please let me have your views on this.

(e) I hope to spend a considerable amount of time at LA ROCCA to-morrow.

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