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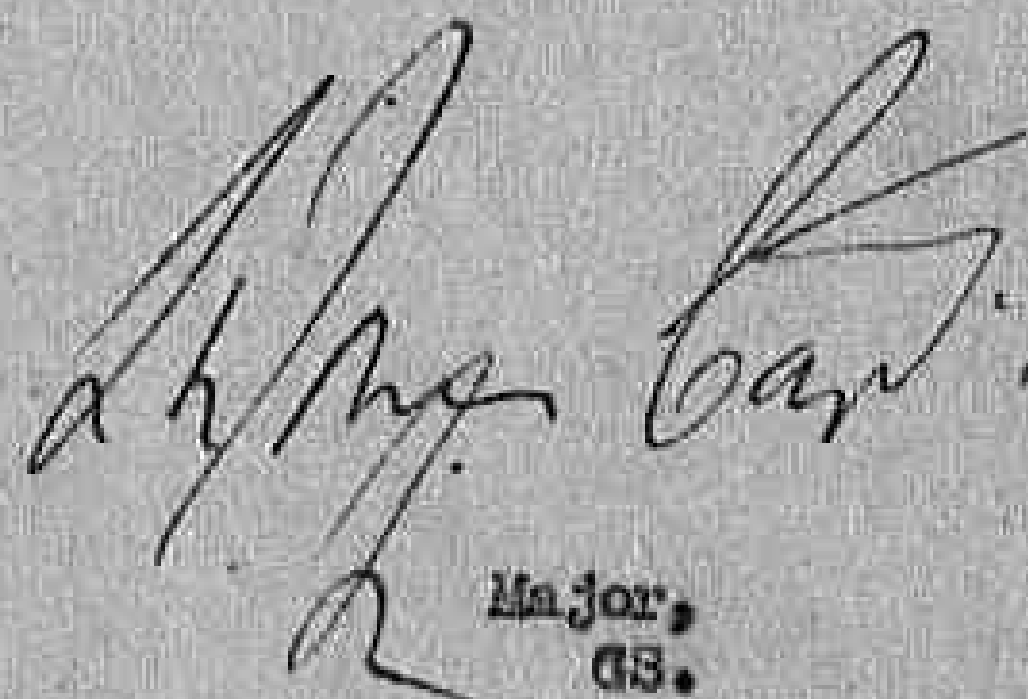
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Jan. - Sept. 1946

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SUBJECT :- Visit to BARI S & T Installations10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55802 NAPLES
41 ST17 Sept 469 MLU
BARI

1. May accommodation please be arranged for Capt LH JONES RASO who, with Lt GAMBONI and one driver, will be visiting S & T installations in BARI Area during the week commencing 16 Sept 46.
2. Accommodation will be required for 4 or 5 days, the officers arriving 16 Sept 46 at approximately 1300 hrs.

CMR
LNJ/why
Major,
GS.

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SUBJECT : - Inspection of MT Unit

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele : 55802 NAPLES
44 BT

30 Aug 46

Territorial HQ
NAPLES

1. No 10 Main Transport Unit was visited by Capt LN JONES RASC on 22 Aug 46.
2. The attached extracts from the inspection report are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

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LNJ/vhy

Major,
GS

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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19 Feb. 46.

Subject: Inspection Report
Transport Coy.

File : PAL/ST/10

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Herewith Inspection Report on 11 Terr. Adm. Tpt. Coy (A)
rendered in accordance with Appendix "C" M.M.I.A. letter
ST/292 dated 21. Nov. 45.

[Signature]

S.E. SUTHERUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

Copy to: 10 B.L.U.
C.M.F.

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[Signature]

23 FEB 1946

ST APPENDIX 'O'

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT OF INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

1. Unit.	11 Terr. Adm. Tpt. Coy. (A)										
2. Date of Inspection.	18 Feb. 48										
3. Name of O.C.	Capt. Picinato										
4. Strength.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>OF PERSONS</td> <td>ONS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>167 (a)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>418</td> </tr> </table>	OF PERSONS	ONS	7	167 (a)	4	418				
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6. Have they been evacuated?	No - this system does not appear to exist - strength when L.L.M'd										
7. Have vehicles in repairs Unit more than 7 days been started of strength?	40 daily - 15 Standing										
8. Number of daily and Standing details.	5										
9. Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection.	Quite good - clean										
10. General condition of vehs.	Good.										
11. " " tyres-	50										
12. Number of spare tyres held											
13. Last anti-frost precautions used taken?	Not necessary - mild climate.										
14. Are spare numbers and wind-up numbers affixed and legible?	YES										
15. Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted.	Unit does not hold spare parts vehs. requiring spare parts have to go into workshops. (Letter following concerning shortage of spare parts).										
Vehicle Park.	2795										
a) Is it best space available?	Yes - vehicle park is large garage ex-railway warehouse.										
b) Condition of standings.	Progress										
c) Repairs and maintenance	No maintenance appeared to be in progress										

3. <u>Plans of C.C.</u>		Capt. Plominato		CMS
4. <u>Strength.</u>		Officers		167 (a)
a) <u>W.S.</u>		7		118
b) <u>Actual strength</u>		4		
5. <u>Vehicles.</u>		30		
(Loadcarriers)		34 (b)		
a) <u>T.B.</u>		24		
b) <u>Actual number held</u>		33		
c) <u>" " on charge</u>		NIL		
d) <u>Number T.O.R.</u>				
e) <u>" Beyond unit repair</u>				
f) <u>Have they been evacuated?</u>				
g) <u>Have vans in repair Unit</u>				
h) <u>more than 7 days been</u>				
i) <u>struck off strength?</u>				
j) <u>Number of Daily and</u>				
k) <u>Standings details.</u>				
l) <u>Number of vans not in use</u>				
m) <u>on date of inspection.</u>				
n) <u>General condition of vans.</u>				
o) <u>" " tyres-</u>				
p) <u>number of spare tyres held</u>				
q) <u>that anti-fire precautions</u>				
r) <u>are taken?</u>				
s) <u>Are Targa numbers and wind-</u>				
t) <u>screen labels affixed and</u>				
u) <u>legible?</u>				
v) <u>Any special difficulties in</u>				
w) <u>obtaining spare parts, if</u>				
x) <u>so give details and date</u>				
y) <u>of demands already submitted.</u>				
Vehicle Park.		2795		
a) <u>Is it best space available?</u>		Yes - vehicle park is large garage		
b) <u>(General layout)</u>		ex-railway warehouse.		
c) <u>Condition of standings.</u>		No maintenance appeared to be in		
d) <u>Garage and picnics.</u>		3 posts - 4 picnics.		
e) <u>Condition of P.O.L. store</u>		Requires painting.		
f) <u>Condition of P.O.L. held.</u>		5000 gals. petrol.		
g) <u>Time Precautions.</u>		Fire extinguisher for P.O.L. stored		
h) <u>Is place set aside for</u>		This is done in the Vehicle Park.		
i) <u>Daily Maintenance, minor</u>		i.e. the garage.		
j) <u>repairs etc</u>				

See notes overleaf.

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NOTES.

- (a) Increase in H.B. authorised in S.M.E.E. letter 8/11428/ dated 8.Dec.
- (b) 4 vehicles held surplus to W.E. awaiting disposal instructions for transfer to another unit.
- (c) Apart from the P.C.L. fire precautions there were no other precautions i.e. in the vehicle park mens barracks, cookhouse etc. No written orders. Very inefficient in this respect.
- (d) It was freely admitted that daily task system was not employed and it was obvious that it was not really understood. They were not in possession of appropriate manuals but said they had been indented for. Seemed to have the idea that if vehicles were continually out on duty task system could not be employed owing to difficulty of control i.e. do not realise that task system is designed to cater for control by driver.
Had no alternative system of their own.
- e) In some cases 412's were not sent into workshops with vehicle when under repair.
- f) There appeared to be no official system of routine inspections vehicles are supposed to be taken off the road one day a week for complete overhaul by unit mechanics.
There are only 4 qualified fitters and with some 80 vehicles to inspect it is difficult to understand the practicability of this system. 406s not done possibly due to short period that they have been in possession of 406 manuals. Coy. Command did not appreciate that 406's should be done once a month and that all 406's should come into his office for inspection and signature.
Vehicles are never sent into workshops for monthly routine inspections. A vehicle only goes to workshops for repair.
This H.B. has now instructed them on British system of vehicle inspection and given them specimens of Vehicle Inspection chart.

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7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?
 b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?
 c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles.
 d) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood?
 e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
 f) Condition of 412s.
 g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?
 h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc.)
 i) Are vans on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
 j) Welfare.

8. Accommodation.

- a) Sleeping quarters. (condition)
 b) Dining quarters.
 c) Recreation "
 d) Canteenhouse.
 e) Ration Store
 f) Lavatories.
 g) Ablutions.

9. General Remarks.

(General turnout of men, standard of unit etc).

Yes they keep a register.

Yes.

15 civilian drivers employed - authorized by S.M.P.E.

No. (d)

Yes.

Only lately arrived - those seen were complete (e)

No. (f)

No bath book kept. Other records as far as could be judged were kept.

32 on detachment. Seldom visited. Vehicles never changed - reason given was that they could not afford loss of time incurred during change over.

Unit welfare non-existent. No indoor or outdoor sport of any kind. Say they lack funds. Quite evident that no effort had been made to organise any sort of welfare.

Inadequate - very cramped. Barrack rooms clean but require smartening up e.g. whitewashing, passable

NIL

Adequate facilities but kept dirty and untidy
Satisfactory.

No bath in unit. Waiting 4 months for H.F.s to repair existing shower baths.

Commanding officer lacks drive and enthusiasm. Handicapped to an extent by poor accommodation and fact that his unit is mixed up with 11 Repairs Unit who share the same buildings. Turn-out of men average. No spare boots held in store and no leather for repairs with result that the boots of some men in very bad condition.

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No. (f)	Inadequate - very cramped. Barrack rooms clean but require smartening up e.g. whitewashing passable
No. (f)	Nil
No. (f)	Adequate facilities but kept dirty and untidy
No. (f)	Satisfactory.
No. (f)	No bath in unit. Waiting 4 months for R.E.s to repair existing shower baths.
No. (f)	Commanding officer lacks drive and enthusiasm. Handicapped to an extent by poor accommodation and fact that his unit is mixed up with 11 Repairs Unit who share the same buildings.
No. (f)	Turn-out of men average. No spare boots held in store and no leather for repairs with result that the boots of some men in very bad condition.
No. (f)	Definite need for improvement in unit.
No. (f)	and first step would be to separate it from 11 Repairs Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Inspecting Officer

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Signature of Inspecting Officer

- 15 civilian dtrs employed - authorized by S.M.P.E.
- a) Is Daily Task system carried out and understood?
- b) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
- c) Condition of 412s.
- d) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?
- e) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc.)
- f) Are vans on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
- g) Welfare.
- h) Accommodation.
- i) Sleeping quarters. (condition)
- j) Dining quarters.
- k) Recreation.
- l) Cookhouse.
- m) Ration Store.
- n) Latrines.
- o) Ablutions.
- p) General Remarks. (General turnout of men, standard of unit etc).

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

14 Feb. 46.

Subject: Depot Inspection report (supplies)
File : PAL/ST/9
To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

11 D.I.D., Palermo.

Herewith Inspection Report with regard to a/m unit of 11
Territorial Command rendered in accordance with Appendix "B" to
M.M.I.A. Instruction ST/292 dated 4.Dec.45.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

[Signature]
S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

Copy to: 10 B.L.U.
C.M.F.

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1 FEB 1946

ST APPENDIX "B"

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major S. E. SNEEZUM

(b) Date of Inspection 12. Feb. 46

(c) Name of Depot 11 D.I.D. (PALERMO)

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Capt. Nativagna Francesco
Lt. Grocchiolo Francesco

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made) Approx: 30 days. Coffee and sugar 20 days.

(f) Physical Accommodation
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good. Ex-It. Arty. Gun and wagon store
(ii) Stocking, height, etc. Average 12 - pillow system employed.
(iii) Dunnage Buck-boards

(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Fruit and Veg. bought locally by units - not supplied by D.I.D.
(ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. Bakeries normally supplied by 11 B.S.D. Catania. Sometimes supplies made to 11 P.A. Bky.

(h) Tally cards On all commodities - 3 checks made - all correct.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 2

(j) Stores
(i) Food storage Stored at sub-depot San Lorenzo Colli 7 Km.
(ii) Coal 40 quintals stored at depot.
(iii) Lignite 60 " " " San Lorenzo Colli

(k) Labour 7

(l) Civilians employed (numbers) 14

(m) Guards

(n) Fire precautions 2 Fire extinguishers in office - no anti fire material in forage store - no written orders traps or cats

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) Bands to be reinforced - 1 month

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) Army, Navy, Air Civil Contractor - no transport held by depot either mech or horse
(ii) ER, US, IRI, IPI (Air & Navy) (Army) IPI-IRI 7617
(iii) Total number of units Br-IRI 2340

(r) Accountancy 29
Applied system Both system employed
Italian system
General remarks

(c) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made)

(f) Physical Shorthousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc.
(ii) Stacking, height, etc.
(iii) Dunnage

(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
(ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Tools
(i) Food storage
(ii) Coll
(iii) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) PS Forks outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
(i) Army, Navy, Air
(ii) BR, US, ITI-ITI

(r) Total number of units

(s) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(t) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
Dining
Recreational
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(u) General turnout of men
Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot. suggestions etc. for improvement: The depot is clean and tidy. All walls have been whitewashed. General impression was very good and that the commander is a keen and efficient officer. He has been advised to give immediate attention to improving and organising fire precautions.

Lt. Grocchiolo Francesco

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On all commodities - 3 checks made - all correct.
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Stored at sub-depot San Lorenzo Colla 7 Km.
40 quintals stored at depot.
50 " " " San Lorenzo Colla

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2 Fire extinguishers in office - no anti fire material in forage store - no written orders traps or cats
Roofs to be reinforced - 1 month

Civil Contractor - no transport held by depot either mech or horse
(Air & Navy) (Army)
Br-ITI 2340 ITI-ITI 7617
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Both system employed

Men sleep in Coy. billets 1 Km. from depot
Mid-day meal at store - evening at billet
Canteen in Coy.
At Coy. billets
" " 1 latrine in depot
Average

78
SUBJECT :- S A T Visit.

9 BLU

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10 British Indian Unit
Tel: HAPLES 15744
41 ST

4 Feb 46

Herewith copy of report for information on visit of Capt MURRAY
to 9 BLU.

CMP
FAM/sjw

Yall
Lt Col
GS

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Tour of Inspections etc - 9 BLU

Visited BSD with Major FERRO to check that sacks were being weighed prior to issue to Italian Commissariato - 1000 present. Any shortages being made up by BSD. Later complaint that tonnage loaded was being slowed, agreed that more transport be made available.

9 DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

This depot was being satisfactorily run - stacking was good and buildings were clean and in most cases airy. Due to recent rains the yard had become very muddy and considerable potholes were to be seen. Suggested that Commissariato arrange to get sufficient gravel to cover entire yard. Officers and ORs appeared clean and tidy and were showing an interest in their various duties.

9 MILK FOOD DEPOT

This depot consisted of a large number of large buildings satisfactory for stacking flour etc although the roof needed repair in a number of bays. Suggested that during dry fine weather, doors are opened for period to allow more through air. Yard in very bad state of muddiness, consequently large quantities being carried into bays. Difficulty in obtaining sufficient transport when loading to rail. Suggested to Commissariato that they obtain the use of a recently requisitioned depot nearby which in addition had a rail siding.

9 REPAIR UNIT

This workshop was running smoothly and was efficiently laid out. Fair quantity of spares were held (although still difficult to obtain and large deficiencies of certain items) and were correctly binned and bin cards were available to show holdings. A quantity of paint was available in the paintshops and vehicles were seen in the process of being sprayed. In the carpenters shop a number of vehicles were seen in for new framework for bodies etc but it was stated that there were difficulties in obtaining sufficient and correct type of timber and especially so in case of plywood.

Blacksmith shop - Difficulties in obtaining leaves for springs thus necessitating the making of new leaves from old broken springs to replace others.

Electric and battery charging shops were visited as were also engine repair, motor cycle shops and work was seen to be progressing satisfactorily. A quantity of motor cycles and bicycles were seen in store without sufficient tyres for number seen.

General - Difficulty in obtaining tradesmen. More hard standings are required where mechanics can work in the open. Suggested that Transport Directorate obtain these from Engineers. Officers and men in most cases very clean and smart.

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2 BULK FOOD DEPOT

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2 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DEPOT

This depot was visited at the request of Major FERGUSON. No repairs appear to be carried out in the depot except for officers and WRM. All clothing etc when handed in by units is dumped in large piles and then sorted through and in the case of boots paired off in a very unsatisfactory manner. It seems that in most cases a soldier would get back a worse article than that which he had handed in for repair. A small stock of new coverlets had been held. The stores were tidy and stock accounting was in operation.

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It is agreed that the system proposed by Major VERNON, that men be issued with two items instead of one and a unit laundry, boot repair shop etc. The officers at this depot did not appear very keen and were poorly turned out.

2 TERRITORIAL ADMIN TPT COY & 84 AMBULANCE CAR SEC.

Although this location was far from being a good one the CC Coy was making every endeavour to improve matters and work was seen in progress as follows :-

✓
Showers for the men.

✓
Washing bay for vehicles.

✓
Filling in of potholes and covering of yard with rubble.

The offices appeared to be efficiently run chiefly by civilian clerks. Daily availabilities were kept, booking out and in system and detail charts were in use. A Sgt and 8 men were available for unit inspections but only managed to get about six vehicles a week completed (this was due to the system in use). Suggested that the British system be adopted and would draft out something on these lines for translation. CC stated that he was still waiting for copies of the 16 Task system of daily maintenance and that these would not be available before 1st February. (T.C. have had copies for some time but have not yet done much about it). Pools and a quantity of spares were seen which had recently been bought in the North and were being issued on signature.

Nearly all the ambulances that were seen could do with a considerable amount of repairs to the bodies and/or paint.

There was no mess room for the men who had to sit around anywhere to eat their meals. Suggested that one be provided as soon as possible.

General - The CC and officers appeared to be trying and under the circumstances these two units were doing their work very well.

3 PETROL DEPOT

This was situated to the rear of the transport coy. No stock was stacked higher than one barrel. Issues were made once a day on signature. When seen only a small stock was held.

4 MILITARY BAKERY

✓
Located in an old fashioned disused bakery. Although working under a number of lighting and space difficulties the bread is of good quality and well baked.

Depots at BRIMPTON - TARRANT and POOLE. Although working under a number of lighting and space difficulties the bread is of good quality and well baked. Details see page 10.

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2 PRIME DEPOT

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2 MILITARY BAKERY

Located in an old fashioned disused bakery. Although working under a number of lighting and space difficulties the bread is of good quality and well baked.

Depots at BRINDISI - TARANTO and POGGIA, NAPLES and SALERNO were inspected in addition to the above with Major HART-DYKE from HQ MILIA POME - for full details see reports.

General

Altogether 15 Depots etc were visited during my tour and apart from POGGIA (see report) the remainder was very good and keenness was being shown out of locations for the benefit of the men - this was seen more especially in these cases where the Engineers had been persuaded to carry out a certain amount of work.

General appearance of the troops seen in the BARI area seemed better than that of NAPLES.

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SUBJECT :- Italian Supply Depots and Installations.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 478207
ST/208

25 Jan 46

10 BLU. (for Capt MURRAY RASC.) ←

Attached for information and retention are :-

- (a) 1 Copy of Inspection Reports of all Depots visited by Major HART DYKE and Capt MURRAY during period 12 - 17 Jan 46.
- (b) 1 Copy of notes on conferences held at Bari and Naples with local CRASC and Commissariato.
- (c) 1 Copy of Report submitted to the Ministry of War. A further copy is attached of Report in respect to Naples Commissariato depots and it is suggested that you hand this to Col Landolfi for information.

Copies of relevant Reports etc have been forwarded to 9 BLU.

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Alb Hm
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST., Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.) 2788

29 JAN 1946

M.H.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major Hart-Dyke - Capt Murray.

(b) Date of Inspection 15 Jan 46.

(c) Name of Depot 2 Italian Military Bakery & Flour Depot - 3441

(d) Name of O.C.
(other Officers) 1. Via CRISPI
Lt. Col. Gimpaolo
Lt. Bocuni

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made) Separate Stocks of Flour held in Flour depot
in Piazza Garibaldi for use in Bakery.

(f) Physical Warehousing of Flour Depot
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good
(11) Stacking, Height, etc. Satisfactory
(111) Damage Satisfactory

(g) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 40 Civilians including Bakers

(h) Depot Transport
Civilian Contractor provides Horse Transport as required

(i) Feeding Strengths
(1) (Army, Navy, Air) 5,800 - 6,000
(HR, US, ITI-ITI) 600 HR-ITI
(11) Total number of units 70

This Bakery is situated in Via Crispi near the Piazza Garibaldi in the centre of Bari.

The premises are extremely old fashioned and would be improved if regularly whitewashed.

There are two old pattern ovens operated on the Aldershot system that first have to be heated with solid fuel. The fire is then drawn and the Dough is inserted for baking.

There is a third modern Draw Plate oven used entirely for baking Army biscuits.

The quality of the bread produced in the bakery appears good.

There is one mechanical dough mixer employed in the bakery. 2786

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer
Major HART DICK and Capt MERRAY.

(b) Date of Inspection
15 Jan 46.

(c) Name of Depot
9 Bulk Food Depot RHEI 487 Via Re David.

(d) Name of O.S.
(Other Officers)
Lt. Col. VITTAL,
Capt. Oly. alumi - Lt. SIVAZA - Lt. MERO.

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made)
15 days x 22,000 Rations approx. Holdings
were unbalanced due to excess of flour and
shortage of cheese.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) accommodation, cover etc.
(11) Stacking, height, etc.
(111) Damage
Large warehouses employed - might be better
Good. Though considered unconsistently high in
satisfactory. view of small stocks
held.

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of
procurement
(11) Bread Number of bakeries
on contract.

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels
(1) food storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards
None held in this Depot

(m) Fire precautions
Civilian Armed Guard. 1 by day 3 by night.
Might be increased. 2005

(n) Anti rat precautions
A few improvised traps in evidence.

(o) RE Works outstanding
(state how long)
Roof requires repairs and the Depot yard was
little short of a quagmire.

(p) Depot transport
Civil Horse and Motor Transport.

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(11) BS, IRI-ITI
(111) Total number of units
59,000

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system

(f) Physical Warehousing
 (1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
 (11) Stacking, height, etc.
 (111) Dunnage

(g) (3) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Garages

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works Outstanding
 (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
 (1) Army, Navy, Air
 (BR, US, IWI, ITH)
 (11) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining "
 Recreation "
 Cookhouse
 Latrine & Ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspection of Tiger's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

shrage of cheese.

Large warehouses employed - might be better
 Good. Though considered unnecessarily high in
 Satisfactory. view of small stocks held.

In order.

None held in this Depot

Office workers and from 20/40 Labourers from
 Civilian Armed Guard. 4 By day 3 by night.
 Might be increased. 21.05

A few improvised traps in evidence.

Roof requires repairs and the Depot yard was
 little short of a quagmire.

Civil Horse and Motor Transport.

59,000

Both systems maintained and functioning
 satisfactorily.

Port.
 Port.
 Port and not clean.
 Port and require attention

It is considered it
 of the depot, suggestions etc., for

See CV

The Depot is situated to the South of the station in Bari and approached by a narrow road.

The Depot is in two portions one on each side of the road.

The yard to the West was found in a very bad state of repair and waterlogged. This naturally makes the cleanliness of a Depot of this nature an almost impossible task.

Unfortunately the O.C. Depot and 2 1/2 were absent from the Depot the former on compassionate leave and the latter on duty when the Depot was inspected.

In the existing Bulk Depot portions of the warehouse roof require attention as they are not waterproofed. The Steading in the stores was on the whole satisfactory but the areas round the stacks in one store in particular were not clean and the floors of the warehouses in general were naturally not improved by mud etc. brought in by labourers from the yard already referred to.

The men's living accommodation is not good and the standard of the kitchen and latrines could be considerably improved.

There is a civilian on the clerical staff who speaks good English and appears very intelligent.

It was subsequently learned from Col MALE of the Commandant's representative that a proposal was a foot to close this Depot and re-open it in an area on the Brindisi Road in the outskirts of Bari known as Villa STORVALLA. This new Depot was intended to include both the existing Bulk and Distribution Depots. Provided the proposed new accommodations which was not inspected is satisfactory it is considered that the scheme is a good one.

- (f) Physical Warehousing
 (1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
 (11) Stacking, height, etc.
 (111) Damage
- (g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.
- (h) Tally Cards
- (i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)
- (j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "
- (k) Labour
 Civilians employed (numbers)
- (l) Guards
- (m) Fire precautions
- (n) Anti riot precautions
- (o) RE Works outstanding
 (state how long)
- (p) Depot transport
- (q) Feeding strengths
 (1) Army, Navy, Air
 (11) US, IRI, IRI
 (111) Total number of units
- (r) Accountancy Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks
- (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining "
 Recreation "
 Cockhouse
 Latrine & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men
- (u) Inspector's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

See over

made accommodation in satisfactory buildings satisfactory. Correct standing employed in satisfactory. Some 8 inch. planking also used.

Provisioned twenty water unit arrangements.

W.C.T. 1 Jan 45 based in Naval Bakery. arrangement is working satisfactorily. Satisfactory and up to date.

One only for all commodities.

Approx 2000 potatoes stored in Via Appia.

Approx 2000 potatoes stored in Via Teresiana.

3 civilian clerks, 10-20 labourers supplied as required.

6 Italian guards (armed) on shifts - written orders. Satisfactory

1 Day and 2 Nats. Huts and mice in evidence.

ML.

2784

Italian Mtn of Mountain Camp supply horses transport as required.

Army and Navy. 934 (M-T-11)

Both systems maintained

Records up to date.

Fair

Fair

Fair

Fair

Latrines in bad condition no running water available for flushing.

Fair.

Inspector's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

This Distribution Depot is situated near the center of the town of Bristol.

The depot is compact and the stores are situated around a rectangular court yard. The buildings are old which accounts for the fact the accommodation for personnel is only classified fair.

The stores were all clean with the exception of the floor of one store.

Fire Fountains were well maintained.

The depot appears efficient and well conducted.

A portion of the depot is employed as a Barracks Store.

It is considered that the Engineer Services should take some action to remedy the exceedingly bad condition of the latrines.

The generally satisfactory state of this depot reflects credit on the O.C. and Depot personnel.

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>Major Hart-Dyke - Capt Murray</u>
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	<u>14 Jan 46.</u>
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	<u>No 51 Distribution Depot Taranto Via Orsini</u>
(d) <u>Name of O.C.</u> <u>(Other Officers)</u>	<u>Lt. Maggi i/c</u> <u>Lt. Radice 2 i/c</u>
(e) <u>Stock Position (No. of days)</u> <u>(checks made)</u>	<u>25 days @ 1,000 rations (Salt unbalanced surplus)</u>
(f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u> <u>(i) Accommodation, Cover etc.</u> <u>(ii) Stacking, height, etc.</u> <u>(iii) Funnage</u>	<u>Good</u> <u>Satisfactory</u> <u>Satisfactory</u>
(g) (i) <u>Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement</u> (ii) <u>Bread Number of bakeries on contract.</u>	<u>Procured locally under unit arrangements.</u> <u>One local civilian contractor Santoma</u> <u>Via Crespi Taranto</u> <u>Well maintained and up to date</u>
(h) <u>Tally cards</u>	<u>(1) Timed goods (2) Sacked goods (3) Oil/salt etc</u>
(i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot (number)</u>	<u>800 quintals in Depot garden</u> <u>10 quintals Carbodiella stored in Depot</u> <u>nil</u>
(j) <u>Fuels</u> (i) <u>Wood storage</u> (ii) <u>Coal "</u> (iii) <u>Lignite "</u>	<u>5 civilian clerks - no labourers employed at present depot. Staff do guard duties. Authority received for employment of 3 civilian guards being implemented.</u> <u>Adequate.</u> <u>Traps in order (on inspection one found to contain rat)</u> <u>Roadway outside depot - Stone delivered work should now be completed shortly - other minor works in progress.</u> <u>Civilian horse transport - But no motor available for 0 i/c or domestic use.</u>
(k) <u>Labour</u> <u>Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	
(l) <u>Guards</u>	
(m) <u>Fire precautions</u>	
(n) <u>Anti rat precautions</u>	
(o) <u>RE Works outstanding (state how long)</u>	
(p) <u>Depot transport</u>	
(q) <u>Feeding strengths</u> (i) <u>Army, Navy, Air</u> (ii) <u>BR, US, ITI-ITI</u>	

750-IT-IT-IT-256 BR-IT-IT (Italian portion of ration)

No 51 Distribution Depot Taranto Via Orsini
 Lt. Nigeli 1/c
 Lt. Radice 2 i/c
 25 days # 1,000 rations (Salt unbalanced surplus)
 Good
 Satisfactory
 Satisfactory
 Procured locally under unit arrangements.
 One local civilian contractor Santomaso
 Via Crespi Taranto
 Well maintained and up to date
 (1) Tinned goods (2) Sacked goods (3) Oil/salt etc
 800 quintals in Depot garden
 10 quintals Carbonella stored in Depot
 nil
 5 civilian clerks - no labourers employed at
 present depot. Staff as guard duties. Authority
 received for employment of 3 civilian guards being
 implemented.
 Adequate.
 Traps in order (on inspection one found to contain
 rat)
 Roadway outside Depot - Stone delivered work should
 now be completed shortly - other minor works in
 progress.
 Civilian horse transport - but no motor available
 for 0 i/c or domestic use.
 750 LMI-IMI - 256 RS-IMI (Italian portion of ration,
 6 Army 24 CHER 1 BR-IMI
 Bathrooms maintained
 Up to date and satisfactory
 Satisfactory
 Satisfactory
 Recreation room and facilities in Taranto
 Satisfactory
 Satisfactory
 Satisfactory and apparently keen and well
 Inspecting officer's general opinion of depot, suggestions etc., for
 improvement:

(c) Name of Depot
 (d) Name of O.C.
 (Other Officers)
 (e) Stock Position (No. of days)
 (checks made)
 (f) Physical Warehousing
 (1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
 (11) Stacking, height, etc.
 (111) Damage
 (g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of
 procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries
 on contract.
 (h) Tally cards
 (i) Detail issue points in Depot
 (number)
 (j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "
 (k) Labour
 Civilians employed (numbers)
 (l) Guards
 (m) Fire precautions
 (n) Anti rat precautions
 (o) RE Works outstanding
 (state how long)
 (p) Depot transport
 (q) Feeding strengths
 (1) (Army, Navy, Air)
 (BR-, US-, ITI-ITI)
 (11) Total number of units
 (r) Accountancy Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks
 (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining
 Recreational
 Cookhouse
 Latrines & ablutions
 (t) General turnout of men
 (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of depot, suggestions etc., for
 improvement:

This Distribution Depot is situated in the section of the town to the west of the swing bridge.

The buildings occupied were formerly an Infirmary.

The food stores and offices lead off a long passage and are such as one would expect to find in a building designed as an Infirmary.

The stores were clean and the stacks in good order excepting one consignment of P.B.L. received ex Bari which was badly infested with insects. This however was stored away from other commodities likely to be infested.

There is a main doorway to the Depot. This leads into the packing area the surface of which is to be repaired by the Engineer Services.

The three issue points are in rooms adjacent to the main doorway.

Depot personnel are housed in a separate building situated in the Depot Garden which is cultivated by the men.

The living quarters are well cared for and a hot-water installation provides showers or Baths one per week.

The Discipline and morale of the unit appeared high and this together with the satisfactory state of the Depot as a whole reflects credit on the S.G. and his 2 I/O.

It is understood that recommendation for promotion of Lt. MICHELI to the rank of Captain has been forwarded through Italian channels to the War Ministry.

The Inspecting Officer undertook to inquire into the reason for the delay in agreeing to this promotion.

M.A.L.A. HILSON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major HART DIKE - Capt. MURRAY.

(b) Date of Inspection 16 Jan 46.

(c) Name of Depot 55 Distribution Depot - FORTIA.

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Lt. Casterline
Lt. Spinkell.

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made) 50 days ± 1800 (approx)

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Very poor (See over)
(11) Stacking, height, etc. Stacking could be improved.
(111) Damage Damage in use.

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Purchased under unit arrangements
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. 1 Civilian Bakery - Morisco - Satisfactory.

(h) Tally Cards In order.

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) One.

(j) Fuels
(1) Food storage No stocks held.
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) One on clerical duties - No labourers.

(l) Guards 3 Armed Guards - Depot Personnel.

(m) Fire precautions Sand and Water.

(n) Anti rat precautions Treps used. 2782

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) See general remarks overleaf.

(p) Depot transport Civilian Horses Transport as required.

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(BR, HS, ITI-ITI)
(11) Total number of units 246 ITI-ITI - 684 CG, BR. 574 HS - 305 BR-ITI.
19 Units

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made) 50 days x 1800 (approx)

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
(11) Stacking, height, etc.
(111) Dunnage
Very poor (See over)
Stacking could be improved.
Dunnage in use.

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.
Purchased under unit arrangements

(h) Tally Cards
1 Civilian Bakery - Havana - Satisfactory.

(i) Destil issue points in Depot (number)
In order.

(j) Fuels
(1) Food storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "
No Stocks held.

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)
One on clerical duties - No labourers.

(l) Guards
3 Armed Guards - Depot Personnel.

(m) Fire precautions
Sand and Water.

(n) Anti rat precautions
Traps used.
2782

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)
See general remarks overleaf.

(p) Depot transport
Civilian Horse Transport as required.

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(BR, US, IRI-ITI)
(11) Total number of units
246 IRI-ITI - 684 BR, 574 US - 305 IRI-ITI.
19 Units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks
Both maintained - Satisfactory.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters Poor
Dining " Poor
Recreation " "
Cookhouse Med
Latrine & ablutions Poor

(t) General turnout of men
Not good.

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:
See over.

This Depot is situated on the West side of the town of Foggia.

It is housed in a very old and dilapidated building which appears to have been part of a monastery.

It consists of a number of small rooms round a small old fashioned courtyard. Part of the buildings are occupied by civilians which is considered unsatisfactory.

It is strongly recommended that in view of the allies releasing a number of prisoners in Foggia that immediate steps be taken to seek new and more suitable accommodation.

The present premises are so poor that it is considered difficult for the Unit personnel to maintain the Depot at a reasonable standard.

The living accommodation of the unit personnel being in the same building is equally bad and the cookhouse was considered to be by far the worst inspected in Southern Italy.

The presence of civilians in the Depot was considered to be most undesirable.

For the reasons already stated it is considered that active steps should be taken to secure better and more suitable accommodation. It is then thought that there is no reason why the C.C. should now be able to produce results comparable with other Depots in the area.

M.M.L.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major Hart-Dyke - Capt Murray

(b) Date of Inspection 17 Jan 46.

(c) Name of Depot 10 Distribution Depot Naples

(d) Name of C.O. (Other Officers) Majob De Maio
Lt. Biavaschi

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made) Approx 15 days x 13,000 rations

(f) Physical Warehousing:
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Satisfactory
(11) Stacking, height, etc. Good
(111) Dunnage Employed

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Under unit arrangements from one civilian contractor. Bread supplied by No 10 Military bakery.
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally Cards Well maintained and up to date

(i) Desbil issue points in Depot one

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood storage (None held in depot)
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 2 civilian clerks and 21 Labourers

(l) Guards Supplied from 10 Supply Coy plus 4 civilian armed guards - issued with written orders
Fire precautions evident

(m) Fire precautions Suggested that more active precautions should be taken.
Whitewashing repairs to windows etc.

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport Civilian horse transport as relayed

(q) Feeding strengths
(1) Army, Navy, Air 9,800 ITI - ITI 1400 BR-ITI 1630 HS-ITI
(11) Total number of units Force 70 - 80 (Italian items only)

(r) Accountancy Allied system Both systems employed and operating satisfactorily
Italian system

Approx 15 days x 13,000 rations

(f) Physical Warehousing
 (1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
 (1i) Stacking, height, etc.
 (1ii) Dunnage

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (1i) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally Cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (1i) Coal
 (1ii) Lignite

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
 (1) Army, Navy, Air
 (2) BR, US, ITI-ITI
 (1ii) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining "
 Recreation "
 Cookhouse
 Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

Satisfactory
 Good
 Employed

Under unit arrangements from one civilian contractor. Bread supplied by No 10 Military bakery.

Well maintained and up to date
 one

(None held in depot)

2 civilian clerks and 21 labourers

Supplied from 10 Supply Coy plus 4 civilian armed guards - issued with written orders
 Fire precautions evident

Suggested that more active precautions should be taken.
 Whitewashing repairs to windows etc.

Civilian horse transport as required

2,800 ITI - ITI 1400 BR-ITI 1530 US-ITI
 Force 70 - 80
 (Italian items only)

Both systems employed and operating satisfactorily

Good - no glass in windows
 Satisfactory
 Accommodation exists
 Satisfactory though required whitewashing
 Satisfactory. Disinfectant in evidence

Satisfactory

This Distribution Depot is situated near the dock area in Mayles and together with the Military Bakery is housed in old fashioned buildings which however provides reasonable accommodation for the installations.

The stores are clean and well cared for although the standard of the Depot would be greatly improved if certain outstanding Engineering Works and whitewashing already referred to were completed.

The issue store had a number of metal bins adjacent to the issue counter to facilitate issue of commodities such as pasta P.B.L. etc.

The Military personnel of the unit and bakery are housed with personnel of 10 Supply Coy on the first floor of the Depot.

A considerable amount of imagination and thought has been given by O.O. 10 Supply Coy in the organisation of accommodation etc.

A unit Tailor and shoe maker are employed in the unit and this is believed to be the first experiment of this kind in the Italian Army. The turnout of the men is favourably reflected in the project. The standard of discipline is also good.

Due to War damage there is practically no glass in the buildings.

Col. Landolfi kindly arranged the services of a very efficient member of his civilian staff to act as interpreter.

It was understood that application has been made to the Ministry of War, ^{to} reveal the scale of rations issued to Military personnel acting as train guards. The travelling scale being considered inadequate in view of the fact that the men receive a better and larger ration when in barracks and not employed on such arduous duties.

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

- (a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major Hart-Dyke and Capt Murray
- (b) Date of Inspection 17 Jan 46.
- (c) Name of Depot 10 Military Bakery Naples
- (d) Name of O.C.
(other officers) Lt. Col. Traiola
Lt. Frazzini
- (e) Stock Position (No of days)
(checks made) 15 days approx Flour held in Bakery stores
- (f) Physical Warehousing of Flour Store
(1) Accommodation, Cover, etc.
(11) Stacking, Height, etc.
(111) Dunnage.
- (g) Bread Number of Bakeries on contract.
- (h) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)
- (i) Depot Transport
- (j) Feeding Strengths
(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR-, US-, ITI-ITI)
(11) Total number of units.

Satisfactory

Dunnage is not used in the Flour store. It is considered that it would be advisable despite explanation offered that the turn over is so speedy.

Flour for US and BR-ITI. Bread is stored separately.

12 Military supervising, 74 civilians who include 3 clerical workers.

Civilian contractor provides horse transport as required.

10,267 ITI-ITI also 415 BR-ITI and 2134 US-ITI the latter flour being supplied from British and U.S. sources respectively.

This Bakery is situated in the same block of buildings as the Distribution Depot.

The buildings are old fashioned but clean bearing in mind the war damage. Application has been made for Engineers to Whitewash the premises and replace damaged windows etc.

There are 4 modern ovens and 4 electrically driven mechanical dough mixers.

Flour is stored on the first floor and a mechanical belt elevator exists to raise it from the depot courtyard, a gravity chute takes the sacks from the store down to the bakery.

The depot also has an ingenious mechanical device for brushing residue of flour from empty sacks, by this method approx 4 to 5 kilos of flour are recovered from 100

Lt. Frazzini

- (e) Stock Position (No of days)
(checks made)
- (f) Physical Warehousing of Flour Store
(1) Accommodation, Cover, etc.
(11) Stacking, Height, etc.
(111) Dunnage.
- (g) Bread Number of Bakeries on contract.
- (h) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)
- (i) Depot Transport
- (j) Feeding Strengths
(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(BR, US, ITI-ITI)
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The bakery appears well organised and the labor employed is keen.

All bakers are medically inspected once a fortnight.

It is considered that the completion of the Engineering Works already referred to would be advantageous and improve an already efficient installation.

M.A.L.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major Hart-Dyke - Capt Murray

(b) Date of Inspection 19 Jan 46

(c) Name of Depot NO 10 Bulk Depot Naples

(d) Name of O.C. Major Fiorani
(Other Officers) Lt. Santorelli - Lt. Silvestri - Lt. de la Ville
 Lt. De Leo - Lt. De Paolo

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checks made) Approx 30 days x 70,000
 Unbalanced to extent of only 7 days Flour and
 No cheese

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Satisfactory - some engineering works required
(11) Stacking, height, etc. Fair
(111) Dunnage TW only in absence of standard Italian pattern

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.

(h) Tally Cards In order

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage None held in main Bulk Depot
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "

(k) Labor 10 clerks and 40 labourers
Civilians employed (numbers)
 (1) Guards Civilian guards (ex CORB)
 (11) Fire precautions Fair
 (111) Anti rat precautions Sugrest sho ld be intensified
 (1111) EE Works outstanding General whitewashing and some roof repairs
 (state how long)

(l) Depot transport

(m) Feeding strengths
 (1) Army, Navy, Air Horse and motor civilian transport. Sometimes
 (11) US, ITI - ITI Difficult to obtain. Depot officers have extreme
 (111) Total number of units difficulty in visiting depots etc due to lack
 of transport.
 70,000

(n) Depot system Both systems operating satisfactory.

- (f) Physical Warehousing
 (1) Accommodation, Cover etc.
 (11) Stacking, height, etc.
 (111) Dunnage
- (g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
 (11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.
- (h) Tally Cards
- (i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)
- (j) Fuels
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal "
 (111) Lignite "
- (k) Labour
 Civilians employed (numbers)
- (l) Guards
- (m) Fire precautions
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 General remarks
- (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
 Dining "
 Recreation "
 Cookhouse
 Latrine & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men
- (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

Satisfactory-some engineering works required
 Fair

1st only in absence of standard Italian pattern

In order

None held in main Bulk Depot

10 clerks and 40 labourers

Civilian guards (ex OCOR)

Fair

Suggest should be intensified

General whitewashing and some roof repairs

Horse and motor civilian transport. Sometimes difficult to obtain. Depot officers have extreme difficulty in visiting depots etc due to lack of transport.

70,000

Both systems operating satisfactory

No Military personnel

accommodated in this depot

very fair

Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for improvement:

The depot inspected is the main Bulk installation it is accommodated in premises formally used as a Tomato Paste factory.

There is a large covered area in the Depot with 3 or 4 independent stores leading off this main storage area.

The premises as a whole would be improved by certain minor Engineer works such as whitewashing and sundry repairs to roofs etc.

The depot at the moment is employed mainly as a transit shed and this is given as the excuse for the fact that pillar stacking was not employed throughout. The stacks were however reasonably neat and well organised. However it is thought that some improvement can be made in the general physical warehousing arrangements.

It was considered that both rat and fire precautions should be intensified.

Considerable difficulty is reported as being experienced by the depot officers in visiting out depots and Commissariato Directorate owing to lack of Domestic Transport.

This is a common complaint throughout Southern Italy.

M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major HART DYKE & Capt MURRAY Accompanied by Col Landolin.

(b) Date of Inspection 18 Jan 46.

(c) Name of Depot No 63 Distribution Depot - SALERNO

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Lt. Col FORTANOVA - Lt. CRASSIA.

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made) 20 days x 2,200 approx
Macaroni - Correct.

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good and recently whitewashed and repaired.
(11) Stacking, height, etc. Good but pillar stacking not used but advocated.
(111) Damage Good, improvised steel supports, reising stacks 2 feet from ground more or less inscaleable by rats or mice.
Purchased locally under unit arrangements.

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement One civilian Baker - AUCERI - Bread issue in Distribution Depot. Quality good.
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. In order.

(h) Tally Cards One.

(i) Destil issue points in Depot (number) One.

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood storage Stored in Forage Depot 3,200 dls.
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour 1 Civilian Clerk (Female)
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards 1 NCO and 3 men provided by local unit.

(m) Fire precautions Satisfactory.

(n) Anti rat precautions No traps in evidence but see remarks para(111)

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) Works still in progress which show better the standard of a depot can be improved by accommodation in a good state of repair.
Civil horse transport as required.

(p) Depot transport No domestic M.T. available for Depot use.

(q) Feeding strengths 2778
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(11) US, IRI-III
(111) Total number of units

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 Both satisfactorily maintained
 Satisfactory.
 Small necessitating feeding in relays
 To be improved by engineers.
 Satisfactory.
 Fair.
 Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc., for
 improvement:
 See over.

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This Depot is situated in the main street of Salerno and accommodated in what was formerly a monastery, the standard of accommodation however is good.

As in the majority of these Depots there is a central stone paved courtyard from which access is obtained to the various stores and living accommodation.

All the buildings were ~~new~~ clean and had been much improved by recent engineering works carried out. The kitchen while clean was due for whitewashing which was much needed.

The whole depot appeared well organised and efficiently run.

The standard of the O.R.'s dress might be improved.

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NOTES on Conference attended by Major LEAH DICK and Capt. MURRAY.COMMISSARIAT H.Q. BARI.

This HQ was visited on 12 Jan 46 and again on 15 Jan 46 and a conference was held with Col Occhipinti and Meale.

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22 CRASO BARI.

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Notes on conferences attended by Major Hart-Dyke and Capt Murray.

Commissariat HQ Naples.

This HQ was visited on 17 and 19 Jan. Col. Landolfi had no particular difficulties to discuss. The deliveries from Allied Sources for Army, Navy, and Air Force appear to be coming through satisfactorily in Naples ex Allied Depots in that area.

The suggestion was offered that Col. Landolfi should consider the advisability of closing either or both of the Distribution Depots at Cosenza and Reggio with a view to concentrating distribution on Catanzaro. This suggestion was made in view of the very small feeding strengths of the two depots concerned. It was stated that the matter would be examined.

The question of non-supply of pepper against Navy and Air Force releases was raised and enquires made show that this commodity has not been released by CHQ through 14 CRASC owing to extreme shortage of supplies. Col. Landolfi was informed accordingly.

Col. Landolfi accompanied MMIA Officers to visit Salerno depots on 18 Jan and also gave every assistance for inspection of depots in Naples including the services of an excellent interpreter who is a member of his civilian staff.

14 CRASC Supply Units Naples.

Lt. Col. Davidson was visited and stated that so far as his units were concerned the transfer of supplies to the Italian Armed Forces was proceeding satisfactorily. There were no comments to raise on the Italian organisation for accepting these supplies.

Special arrangements have been made for the release of a pack to meet the requirements of the Italian Air Force for separate shipment to Sardinia.

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SUBJECT :- Italian Supply Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Tel : 478207

ST/208

21 Jan 46

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. You will be aware that an officer of this HQ - Major M. HART DYKE RASC - has recently visited certain Italian Supply Depots and Installations in Southern Italy. The intention of these visits was to see whether any assistance could be given in order to ensure the smooth hand over of supplies from Allied to Italian Depots and also to offer opinions and advice on the present state of the Depots and Installations visited.

2. Attached are comments on Depots under the Bari and Naples Territorial Commands respectively with the exceptions noted the general state of the Depots visited was considered satisfactory.

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Atty Major
Lt. Col. RASC.
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Military Bakery - Bari
(visited 15 Jan 46)

(i) It is considered that this bakery would be improved if regularly whitewashed, particularly in view of the fact that it is accommodated in an old building.

(ii) The standard of the bread and biscuits produced appear good.

2 Bulk Food Depot - Bari.
(visited 15 Jan 46.)

(i) In this depot various repairs to warehouse, roofs, etc., are still outstanding. The condition of the depot yard to the west of the main road is little short of a quagmire.

(ii) It is suggested that both rat and fire precautions might be intensified.

(iii) The living and sleeping accommodation in this depot is poor and the canteen was not clean.

(iv) The latrine accommodation is very poor and required repairs.

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(vi) In this depot also the majority of the points referred to above would be obviated provided more satisfactory accommodation can be obtained at the Villa Stopello.

53 Distribution Depot - BRINDISI.
(visited 14 Jan 46)

(i) Anti-rat precautions might be intensified.

(ii) Latrines in bad condition. No running water available for flushing.

(iii) The general standard of this installation is considered satisfactory. It appears efficient and well conducted.

51 Distribution Depot - TARANTO.
(visited 14 Jan 46)

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 - (iii) It was understood that recommendation had been forwarded to the Ministry of War through Commissariat HQ for the promotion of the O.C. Lt. MIERLI to the rank of Capt. This promotion has apparently not yet been confirmed.
 - (iv) No domestic motor transport is allocated to this depot and difficulty is experienced by the O.C. in arranging collection of fresh supplies for his personnel.

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25 Distribution Depot - FOGGIA.
(visited 16 Jan 46)

- (1) It is considered that the premises occupied by this depot are unsuitable owing to their age, condition and the general arrangement of the accommodation.
- (ii) The position is not improved by the fact that civilians are housed in rooms within the depot.
- (iii) It is strongly recommended that in view of the fact that the Allies will presumably be releasing accommodation in FOGGIA, active steps be taken with a view to securing an alternative site.
- (17) If this is done there would appear to be no reason why the O.C. Depot should not produce results comparable with other depots.

Comments on Supply Installations in 10 Territorial Command visited by
Major HART DIKE RASC HQ. MAIA and Capt. MURRAY RASC 10 ELU.

Commissariat HQ. NAPLES.
(visited 17 & 19 Jan 46)

- (1) Col LANDOLFI indicated that the transfer of supplies from Allied to Italian Depots was proceeding smoothly.
- (11) The Non-Supply of pepper to meet Navy and Air Force requirements was referred to and it was pointed out that this was due to the extreme shortage of supplies.
- (111) Col. Landolfi was present when 63 Distribution Depot at Salerno was visited.

10 Distribution Depot NAPLES
(visited 17 January 46)

- (1) It is suggested that both fire and anti rat precautions are intensified.
- (11) Repairs are still outstanding to Depot premises including windows etc. It is also considered that regular whitewashing of the accommodation would be an advantage. The kitchen premises in particular required whitewashing.
- (111) The Depot as a whole was considered to be satisfactory and the efforts of O.O. 10 Supply Coy for the welfare of his men appear to favorably reflected in their discipline and turn out.
- (1V) It was understood that Application has been submitted for a review of the travelling scale of rations supplied to TRAIN Guards.

10 Military Bakery NAPLES.
(visited 17 January 46)

- (1) Damage is not used in the flour store. It is considered, despite the fact that the turnover is said to be speedy, that use of damage is a principle which should be maintained.
- (11) Repairs to premises are outstanding and here again regular whitewashing is considered advantageous.
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- (1) This Depot in view of the general supply situation, appears to be used mainly as a transit depot and this was given as the reason for some of the stacking not being as good as it might have been.
- (11) Repairs to Roofs and miscellaneous engineering works are still outstanding.
- (111) It is suggested that both anti rat and fire precautions should be intensified.
- (14) The O.C. and his officers are apparently experiencing great difficulty in visiting out Depots etc. due to lack of motor transport.

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No 63 Distribution Depot Salerno

- (1) Considerable engineering works have been completed both at this Distribution Depot and the Forage Depot. This demonstrated how much the standard of a depot can be improved by accommodation in a good state of repair.
- (11) The Cockhouse however is still due for attention by Engineers.
- (111) Piller Stacking was not used but instructions to remedy this were issued by Col Landolfi who was present.
- (1V) The General Standard of this depot was considered good.

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Comments on visits to Italian Supply Installation in 2 Territorial Command visited by Major Hart-Dyke RASC HQ MMIA and Capt Murray RASC 10 BLU

Commissariat HQ Bari
(visited 12 and 15 Jan/45)

- (1) It was confirmed that considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining rail cars for transfer of supplies from South to North on War Ministry instructions. It was suggested that the Ministry of War should take immediate action with a view to instructions being issued to the State Railway authority in Bari that the Italian Armed Forces demands for rail cars must be met without delay.
- (11) It was suggested that rail cars to be used for direct transfer of supplies from Allied Depots should be loaded at the British Base Supply Depot concerned and thus avoid unnecessary handling.
- (111) The transfer of supplies from British Depots appear to be proceeding smoothly with the exception of the rail car difficulties already referred to.
- (1V) It was learned that this Commissariat HQ is experiencing extreme difficulty in obtaining supplies of straw in Foggia area. The difficulty is mainly due to the excessive price required by contractors.
- (V) It was also learned that a scheme is under consideration for the transfer of both existing Bulk and Distribution Depots in Bari to a new area on the Drindisi road known as Villa Stopalli. While the site was not inspected it is considered that there would be much to be gained by this proposal assuming that the area and accommodation is satisfactory.

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(visited 12 Jan 45)

- (1) Repairs to certain buildings and to surface of courtyard have not been completed.
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- (VI) There is no cookhouse in the depot all food has to be carried by hand from the bakery a distance of approx 1 kilometer. It is thought this should be remedied.
- (VI1) The latrine accommodation is also in poor condition.
- (VI11) The general state of the depot was considered to be satisfactory and the majority of the points referred to above would no doubt be obviated if the new accommodation proposed by the Commissariat HQ is obtained.

