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INSPECTIONS - Supplies

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Subject: Inspection report -
Food Depot.

117 1. Ash Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
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29 June 45.

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

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68 Food Distribution Depot (MESSINA)

Herewith Inspection Report re the above named Italian Army Food Depot rendered in accordance with M.M.I.A. instruction Appendix "B" to ST/292 dated 21.Nov.45.

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

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MAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
OF INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUTLI'S)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Major S.R. SHANTAM

(b) Date of Inspection 28 June 46

(c) Name of Depot 68 Food Distribution Depot (MUSCINA)

(d) Name of C.C. Maj. CHICAPILLI

(e) Name of Other Officers Capt. MARINA

(f) Stock Position (No. of d ys) 15 days
(checks made)

(g) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Very good - clean and dry
(2) Stacking, height, etc. AV. 300. Flour stacked singly see note (1)
(3) Damage wooden slats

(h) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Local purchase
(2) Bread number of bakeries on contract. See note (2) overleaf

(i) Bally cards On all commodities - 3 checks made and found correct

(j) Detail issue points in Depot (number) CNA

(k) Tools
(1) Food storage 7000 quintals
(2) Coal 34 quintals
(3) "Mignite"

(l) Labour
(1) Civilians employed (numbers) 3 labourers 1 clerk
(2) Guards 1 M.C.O. and 9 men
(3) Fire precautions Adequate
(4) Anti rat precautions 60 rats reported
(5) Other items outstanding see note (3) overleaf
(state how long)

Civil contractor 9765

(10) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Local purchase
 (11) Read Number of bakeries on contract. See note (2) overleaf
On all commodities - 3 checks made and found correct

(h) Billy cards 7000 quintals
21 quintals

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 3

(j) Fuel
 (1) Wood storage
 (11) Coal
 (111) Ignite

(k) Labour 3 labourers 1 clerk
Civilians employed (numbers) 1 H.O.O. and 9 men

(l) Guards Adequate

(m) Fire precautions No rate reported

(n) Armed post precautions see note (3) overleaf

(o) RT Works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot transport Civil contractor
Army RTI-ITI 3874 2765

(q) Feeding strengths
 (1) (Army, Navy, Air)
 (2) (AR-, US-, ITI-ITI)
 (11) Total number of units 25

(r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian
General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters }
Dining } Satisfactory
Recreational }
Cookhouse }
Latrine & ablutions } Satisfactory

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc.
to be implemented efficiently. Everything was well organized and very clean.

Additional Notes.

- 1) The same problem of the flour milled at PALMENO containing a high humidity content is being experienced at this Depot.

Subsequently 2000 quintals of flour had been withdrawn from units owing to the fact that it had become 'hard'.

This was being sifted and dried for reissue.

- 2) The depot possesses excellent bakery equipment.

The Military Bakery at PALMENO are sending loan a detachment which will operate this bakery F.M.F. 1 July 46.

This will considerably improve the system of bread supply on the island this new bakery serving all units in the MESSINA and CALABRIA province.

- 3) R.M.s are at present repairing the mess barracks.

Work to be completed is the retiling of the floor of the mess store and the fitting of electric lights in stores.

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Subject: Ex-Military Flour Mill PALERMO.

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11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
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To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) (ST)
ROME.

25 June 46.

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1. Attached is correspondence received from 11 Territorial Commissariato Directorate regarding the considerable problems caused by the present production, by the civilian flour mill in PALERMO, of flour containing excessive humidity content.
2. The main point brought out by the Director of Commissariato in his letter to the Ministry of War (3489/1 dated 21 May attached herewith) is that the present civilian bakery lacks the necessary machinery capable of drying the flour to the prescribed humidity.

This particular machinery is however contained in the ex-military flour mill of PALERMO hired by a private firm known as S.E.M. (SOCIETA' ESERCIZI MULINI).

The Director of Commissariato suggests the immediate rescinding of the hiring contract to this civilian firm in order that the mill may be used by the Army.

3. Could this matter please be discussed with the Ministry of War with a view to obtaining some quick and decisive action.
4. The existence of this problem was first brought to the notice of your H.Q. in Appendix "B" para f (ii) of this office letter ST/9 dated 18 June 46.
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Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.C.

TRANSLATIONMilitary Commissariato DirectoratePALERMO

Ref. 4130/1

Palermo, 19 June 46.

Subject: Military Mill of Palermo.To : 11 B.L.U. PALERMO

Ref. our verbal agreements, herewith copy of folio 3489/1 of 21 May 46.

The inconveniences as shown in the a/q folio, are getting worse and more serious during the hot season.

This H.Q. is kindly requested to inform the Superior Authorities, about the really necessity to have back the Military Mill of Palermo.

We have to inform too, that under the same date, this Directorate has written to the Min. of War, to examine very urgently all the points shown in the a/m folio.

The Colonel i/c the Directorate
(G. Lo Vecchio)

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Military Commissariato DirectoratePALERMO

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Subject: Military Mill in Palermo.To : Min. of War. ROME.

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Not drawing from the 31st Dec. 45 no more Allied Flour, this Directorate, authorized by this Min. of War, took the first steps with the local Intendenza di Finanza, in order to rescind the hiring contract for the a/m mill.

But carrying out the main food Depots the issue of Flour, this Min. with folio 65/S/1 dated 10. Jan. 46 suspended the proper steps.-

As it has been shown previously in other letters, the supplying of flour by the main food depots, afford ground of several inconveniences and among those, the most considerable are:

- big percentage of humidity in the flour. This big percentage especially during the hot season, brings to the fermentation of the flour, with all the consequences. The situation is worse owing to the fact that our depots must, for the feeding situation, store a flour stock bigger than the immediate requirements.-

At the local Military Bakery several quintals of flour are daily shoveled and sifted, dissipating therefore the stocks, and requiring considerable labour. The Units report continually these inconveniences and this Directorate is very often obliged to send its own workers, in order to avoid the wasting of such precious material.-

- Organelectric and chemical deficiencies. In particular, the cellulose and ashes percentages are higher than the prescribed (already so high).

No doubt that the worst inconvenience is the excessive humidity of the flour. This is due to the "wet milling system" of the supplying mills, and the lack of air-conditioning machinery in the mill itself.

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In order to avoid the a/m inconveniences, this Directorate suggests taking at once the necessary steps in order to reconsider the hiring contract of the ex Military Mill of Palermo. For this, two solutions are recommended:

- the mill to be used only by the Military Administration;
- to use the mill for the period necessary to assure the milling of the wheat for the requirements of the area. At the same time it is pointed out that the average daily production power of the ex military mill is of about 250 quintals daily.

The use of the Military Mill, even if partial, can give to this Directorate the possibility to mill the wheat "dryly" (the mill is very well equipped) avoiding all the above shown inconveniences.

Employing the mill we could have the possibility to use the bran as horse feeding.

We are waiting for your kind urgent reply.

The Colonel i/o the Directorate
(G. Lo Vecchio)

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Subjct : Inspection Reports

11A
10 British Liaison Unit
Torre del Greco
Tel. Naples 55802
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25 April 46

Land Forces Sub-Com., AC.
MMIA, ROME

11 BLU.

Please find attached reports in respect of Depots inspected
by Capt F.A.MURRAY RASC - 10 BLU

Signed. F.A. MURRAY

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FOR TRANSPORT REPORTS
SEE FILE - ST/10 FOLIO 16A.

U.I.A. LIAISON OFFICERS'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt F.A. MURRAY, RASC

(b) Date of Inspection 9 April '46

(c) Name of Depot 65 Food Distribution Depot

(d) Name of O.C. Capt NICOLASI
(Other Officers) 2nd Lt ZACCO

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) 15 Days
(check name) 2

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good - peacetime warehouse
(ii) Stacking, height, etc. Pillar system in use
(iii) Drainage Yes

(g) (i) Local purchase and Veg method of procurement Local purchase
(ii) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract. 1 Bakery

(h) Daily cards In use and found to be correct

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

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood storage 9555 quintals
(ii) Coal " NIL
(iii) Lignite " NIL 2757

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) NIL

(l) Guards Military Guard provided day and night

(m) Fire precautions Adequate - Fire orders issued since last inspection

(n) Anti rat precautions Cats, dogs and traps have been tried but found to be inadequate.

(o) Outdocks outstanding (state how long) No work commenced yet

(p) Depot transport Mostly civilian contractors

(iii) Damage yes

(g) (2) Fresh Fruit and Veg method of procurement Local purchase

(11) Bread, Number of bakeries on contract. 1 Bakery

(h) Tally cards In use and found to be correct

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

(j) Fuels 9555 quintals

(1) Wood storage NIL

(11) Coal " " NIL

(111) Limits " " 2557

(k) Labour NIL

Civilians employed (numbers) NIL

(l) Currency Military Guard provided day and night

(m) Fire precautions Adequate - Fire orders issued since last inspection

(n) Anti rat precautions Cats, dogs and traps have been tried but found to be inadequate.

(o) RF Works outstanding (state how long) No work commenced yet

(p) Depot transport Mostly civilian contractors

(q) Feeding strengths ITI-ITI 4500

(1) (Army, Navy, Air)

(11) (Bt, US, IIT-ITI)

(11) Total number of units 28

(r) Accountancy Alloed system Beth systems in use and found to be working correctly

Italian system

General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters Fair

Dining " " "

Recreational " " "

Cookhouse Fair

Latrine & ablutions Fair

(t) General turnout of men Average

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement Certain personnel and stores are in the process of being moved to HSSSIA to open up 68 Distributor Depot consequently stacks etc were in certain instances being remade. The present OC, however, seems a capable officer and

capable of running the depot. A quantity of Corned Beef was seen that had been returned by Units advised that this be put up for condemnation board together with a quantity of P.B.L. Suggested that 11 BLU take up question of supplying rat dogs with Territorial Bq as no other system has proved sufficient to cope with quantity of rats in their premises.

U.S. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOSITS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt F.A. MURRAY, RASC
(b) Date of Inspection	10 April '46
(c) Name of Depot	11 Distribution Depot
(d) Name of C.O.	Capt HENTIVEGIA
(e) Name of C.O. (if different)	Lt CROCCIOLO
(f) Length of stay (in days)	30 days
(g) Length of stay (in days)	3
(h) General description of depot	Good - clean and dry Pillar system in use Boards
(i) (1) Type of depot and type of method of storage	Bought locally
(j) (2) General description of bunkeries and stores	1 Military Bakery
(k) (3) Type of goods	In use and found correct on those checked
(l) (4) Nature and quantity of goods in depot	1 for supplies and 1 for fuel
(m) (5) Details of goods	800 quintals 100 quintals NIL
(n) (6) Details of goods (numbers)	2756
(o) (7) Details of goods	7
(p) (8) Details of goods	16 Military on day and night
(q) (9) Details of goods	Firepoints were in evidence but not sufficient
(r) (10) Details of goods	Traps and cat.

Work has now commenced and at present roof is being repaired.

Station commander

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Bought locally

1 Military Bakery

In use and found correct on those checked
1 for supplies and 1 for fuel

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800 quintals	
100 quintals	
NIL	2756
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7	275b
16 Military on day and night	

16 Military on day and night

Fireprints were in evidence but not sufficient
Thompson and cat.

Traps and cat.

Work has now commenced and at present roof is being repaired.

Civilian contractor

ITI-IFI	11,970
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Both systems in use

Checks made and found to be correct.

At Supply Coy.
Midday meal sent up from billets
-
At Supply Coy
Latrines only at Depot

Good

(4) Inspector Morrison's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement: This Depot was found to be running smoothly and with the one exception of insufficient firepoints no other faults were found. The OC appeared to be capable and knew his work and also the answers to the various questions put to him.

U.S. MILITARY LIAISON OFFICERS'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEFENSE (SEPTILES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Capt F.A. MURRAY, RASC
(b) Date of Inspection	10 April '46
(c) Name of Depot	11 Military Bakery and 22 Supply Coy
(d) Name of C.O. (Rank and Name)	Lt-Col MAIRA Capt LEFORE (Supply Coy)
(e) Length of stay (no. of days) (Check box)	12 days 2
(f) Remarks on equipment (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. (2) Sanitation, Hygiene, etc. (3) Barracks	Very good Good pillar system in force
(g) (1) Bread quality and Veg method of procurement (2) Bread. Number of bakeries on contract.	- - - -
(h) Daily output	-
(i) Baked goods weights in Depot (Number)	-
(j) Baked goods weights (1) Bread average (2) Total weight (3) Baked goods	- - -
(k) Baked goods weights (Number)	2755
(l) Baked goods weights (Number)	43 Civilians 55 Military personnel
(m) Baked goods weights (Number)	8 Military personnel
(n) Baked goods weights (Number)	Traps used - not a great success
(o) Baked goods weights (Number)	awaiting M.O.W. authority to commence work.

- (g) (1) How many family and dog method of
the depot _____
- (17) How many number of bakeries
on contract. _____
- (h) Water supply _____
- (k) Detail about repairs in Depot
(supply) _____
- (l) How many wood storage
(fuel) _____
- (11) How many _____ 2755
- (m) How many _____ 43 Civilians 55 Military personnel
- (12) How many _____ 8 Military personnel
- (n) How many _____
- (o) How many _____ Tents used - not a great success
- (p) How many _____ awaiting M.O.W. authority to commence work.
- (q) How many _____ Civilian Contractor
- (r) How many _____ Army ITI-ITI 9000 (average)
Air Force ITI-ITI 1000
(21) Total number of units 22
- (s) How many _____ Both systems used
- (t) How many _____ Excellent - Tidy and airy
Nil.) Being laid on
Nil.)
Excellent
Good
- (u) How many _____ Good - Clean and tidy in appearance
- (v) How many _____ Inspection officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for
improvement: This Depot has the advantage of being located in a building which
is in a very good state of repair. The Depot is kept clean and tidy. It is
obvious that Capt LEPORE takes more than the usual interest in his men's appearance
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and body comforts from their general appearance and turnout.
Efforts are being made to obtain more mosquito netting to cover all doors and windows.

U.S. I. A. LIAISON OFFICERS'S REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt F. A. MURRAY, RASC

(b) Date of Inspection 12 April 46

(c) Name of Depot 66 Distribution Depot

(d) Name of O.C. Capt BIANCO
(Other Officers) None only other officer attached to CATANIA

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) 15 Days
(checks made) 4

(f) Physical Warehousing
 (i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good
 (ii) Stacking, height, etc. Approx 12 rows high
 (iii) Drainage Boards

(g) (i) Pres. Fruit and Veg method of
procurement Local purchases
 (ii) Bread. Number of bakeries
on contract. Drawn by Depot from Civilian bakery

(h) Tally cords Correct and properly placed

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number) 1

(j) Fuels
 (i) Wood storage 8000 quintals, a small additional quantity at
 (ii) Coal " " AGRIGENTO and ENNA
 (iii) Lignite " " NIL

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) -

(l) Guards 10 Military personnel 2754

(m) Fire precautions Good

(n) Anti rat precautions Cat. Not troubled very much.

(o) W. Works outstanding
(state how long) Two rooms used as billets require whitewashing

(p) Depot transport Civilian Transport used when required

- (g) (i) Local purchase
Drum by Depot from Civilian bakery
Co-reed and properly placed
- (h) Tally cards
- (i) Detail issue points in Depot
 (number) 1
- (j) Fuels
 (I) Wood storage 3000 quintals, a small additional quantity at
 (II) Coal " " AGRICULTURAL and MILITARY
 (III) Lignite " " NIL
- (k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) -
- (l) Guards 10 Military personnel 2754
- (m) Fire precautions Good
- (n) Anti rat precautions Cat. Not troubled very much.
- (o) PT Works outstanding
 (state how long) Two rooms used as billets require whitewashing
- (p) Depot transport Civilian Transport used when required
- (q) Feeding strengths
 (I) Army, Navy, Air ITI-ITI 2190
 (II) Total number of units 9
- (r) Accountancy Allied system Both systems used
Italian system
General remarks
- (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters Majority of men sleep and feed at
Dining " " 145 Inf Regt.
Recreational " " Midway meal provided in containers.
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men Pair
- (u) Inspecting: officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for
improvement: General layout of Depot good. OC appears to know his job and capable
of running a much larger depot. Domestic side of this unit is chiefly catered
for by 145 Inf Regt.

Subject: Inspection Report -
Food Depot

11 British Liaison Unit

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(2 June 46. 9A)

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

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

(b) Date of Inspection 18 June 46.

(c) Name of Depot 11 Food Distribution Depot (PALERMO)

(d) Name of C.O. Capt. BENNIVOGNA
(Other Officers) 2/Lt. AVERSAHO Lt. ORCONIHOLO

(e) Stock Position (No. of days) 30
(checks made) 3

(f) Physical Warehousing
(1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good - clean and airy
(2) Stacking, height, etc. Stacks NOT stacked - see note (a) overleaf
(3) Damage Back-boards

(g) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement Purchased locally
(2) Bread Number of bakeries on contract. 1 MIL. BKY

(h) Belly cards In use - checked and found correct

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 1 for supplies and 1 for fuel

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood storage 2000 quintals
(2) Coal 100 "
(3) Lignite Nil

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 7 (2 in office & labourers)

(l) Guards 15 military day and night 2752

(m) Fire precautions Now adequate.

(n) Anti rat precautions Traps and cats - see note (b)

(o) RT works outstanding (state how long) Roofs now repaired. Windows in process of being replaced by R.E.D.

procurement

(11) Bread number of bakeries
on cont. act.

Purchased locally

1 Mil. Bty

(12) Belly cards

In use - checked and found correct

(13) Total issue points in Depot
(number)

1 for supplies and 1 for fuel

(14) Fuels

(1) Wood storage

(11) Coal "

(111) Ignite "

2000 quintals

100 "

Nil

(15) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers) 7 (2 in office 5 labourers)

(16) Guards

15 military day and night

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(17) Fire precautions

Now adequate.

(18) Anti rat precautions

Traps and cats - see note (b)

(19) PT Works outstanding
(state how long)

Roofs now repaired. Windows in process of being replaced by R.S.S

(20) Port transport

Civilian contractor

(21) Feeding strengths

(1) (Army, Navy, Air)

(2) (US, ITI-ITI)

(11) Total number of units

144-111 1239

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(22) Accountancy Allied system
Italian "

Both systems employed

General remarks

(23) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters Clean and tidy

Dining

" No dining hall at present

Recreational

Cookhouse

Clean - Satisfactory

Latrine & ablutions

Satisfactory

(24) General turnout of men

Good

(25) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc.

for improvement : The depot continues to run efficiently under the command of Capt. BERTI VAGLIA

NOTES.

(a) The Commissariato states that the flour milled at the local mill has a high humidity which results in the flour being rendered hard very quickly. For this reason all stacking is avoided in the depot and all sacks are stored singly.

The humidity of locally produced flour is presenting a considerable problem since with the heat all the flour is turning hard making the production of paste and bread extremely difficult.

Evidently the civilian mill in PALERMO (MOLINO G.B. VIGGA & Co.) lacks the necessary machine for controlling the humidity of the flour to the approved 11%.

A full report on this matter has been sent by the Commissariato to Ministry of War.

A copy of this report has been requested and will be forwarded as receipt.

(b) Data continue to be considerable damage in all food depots.

The Commissariato have requested that the Ministry of War investigate the possibility of training retting dogs and each depot holding an appropriate number on a fixed V.S. This was in fact the system employed previously by the Italian Army.

This is quite an urgent matter and it is suggested that the suggestion of training these dogs be discussed with the Ministry.

(b) Rate continue to do considerable damage in all food depots.

The Commissariate have requested that the Ministry of War investigate the possibility of training ratting dogs and each depot holding an appropriate number on a fixed V.E. This was in fact the system employed previously by the Italian Army.

This is quite an urgent matter and it is suggested that the suggestion of training these dogs be discussed with the Ministry.

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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
BT/300

Ministry of War.

29 Apr 46.

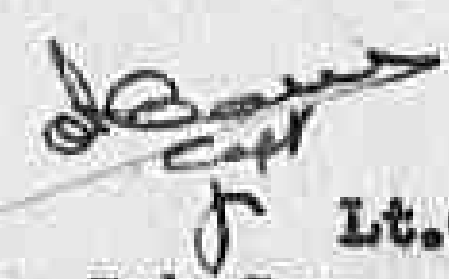
COPY TO:- 10 BLU for ST.
11 BLU

No. 65 Distribution Depot was recently inspected by Capt. MURRAY RASC our Liaison Officer with 10 BLU, and the following extracts from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

1. Anti-rat precautions were stated to be inadequate.
2. No work had yet been started by the Engineers on repairs to the depot.

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ALG/gmo


Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL: S.O.R.E.

ST/9

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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AO.
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/300

Ministry of War.

29 Apr 46.

Copy to:- 10 BLU for ST
11 BLU

1. No. 11 Distribution Depot was recently inspected by Capt. MURRAY RASC our Liaison Officer at 10 BLU, and the only fault found by the inspecting officer was that there were insufficient fire points.
2. The Engineers were working on repairs to the roof of the depot, and it is suggested that when this work is finished some form of recreational quarters for the men are erected.

ALC/gmc

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Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm, AC. (M.M.I.A.).

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INTERNAL: S.O.R.E.

ST/9

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SUBJECT:- Distribution Depot.

Land Forces Sub Com. AG.
(M.H.L.A.).
Tel: 473237
82/300

Ministry of War.29 Mar 46.Copy to:- 10 BMU 11 BMU

Major Croshaw of 11 BMU visited 65 Distribution Depot on 28 March.
The following extracts from his report are submitted for your
information and such action as you consider necessary.

1. Fire precautions are considered inadequate and the Depot staff does not appear to have a clear idea of what their individual duties would be in the event of a fire.
2. The Depot holds a stock of Concentrated Soap, details of which are given below. The consignment would appear to have been despatched in error to Naples.

Quantity	85 cases of 52.5 lbs
Supplied by	R.S.D. Naples
Despatched	27/12/45
Received	2/1/46
Consignment Voucher No	2450/1
Wagon No	39741

From a conversation with Col. Minicore it is understood that he will arrange for this matter to be investigated. 2749

3. The Depot could be improved by whitewashing the walls of stores and other minor repairs.
4. The general state of the Depot was considered good and the O.C. Capt. Nicolosi appears a keen and efficient officer.

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Alan Dyer
Lt Col, RASC.
AGC, Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (M.H.L.A.).

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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25 March 46.

Subject: Inspection Report -
Food Depot

File : PAL/ST/9

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

10 B.L.U.

65 Food Distribution Depot (CATANIA)

Herewith Inspection Report re the above named Italian
Army Food Depot rendered in accordance with M.M.I.A.
instruction Appendix "B" to ST/292 dated 21.Nov.45.

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

SES/SI
C.M.P.

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- Truck boards
- (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) 2747
- (l) Guards
- (m) Piro precautions
- (n) Anti rat precautions
- (o) RT works outstanding (state how long)
- (p) Depot transport
- (q) Feeding strengths
- (1) (ARMY, NAVY, AIR)
- (PR-, US-, ITI-ITI)
- (11) total number of units
- (r) Accountancy Allied system
- Italian "
- General remarks
- (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
- Dining "
- Recreational "
- Cockhouse
- Latrine & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men
- (u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the depot, suggestions etc. for improvement :

see para (g) overleaf

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- (1) 11 B.S.D. has now been closed and 65 food Dis. Depot is now dealing with bulk supply and distribution to units. They are still in the process of transferring stock from the former depot to the latter. This amalgamation has been organised whereby the bulk supply stocks are kept in an entirely separate building to stocks for distribution to units and this set-up appears satisfactory.
- The combining of the tasks of these two units demands a revision of the W.D. in which question there is some confusion at present.
- (2) Capt. Nicolosi in process of taking over from Maj. Crisafulli who was commanding 11 B.S.D. 2/Lt. Zacco due for release.
- (3) Depot had in stock a consignment of CONCENTRATED SOUP. This is not an Italian Army ration and it was not known as to what quantities per man and to whom it should be distributed. It is thought that this commodity has been sent in error from the depot in Naples who also possibly received it in error.
- Particulars of consignment are as follows:-
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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Quantity - | 25 cases of 52.8 lbs |
| Supplied by | B.S.D. Naples |
| Despatched | 27/12/45 |
| Received | 2/1/46 |
| Consigner Voucher No | 3459/1 |
| Wagon No | 39741 |

Clarification is required as to whether this stock holding is in order or not.

- (4) Rats have given serious trouble and at times caused considerable damage and loss of stock especially with regard to rice. Use of traps was evidently unsuccessful. Cats also tried but rats estimated to be too big.
- A dog is now being employed and evidently with more success.
- A system of raising up all feed stocks on polished cylindrical metal poles to about 18" above the ground was suggested to them but they state that they could not obtain either the R.N. assistance or material for its construction.
- (5) Office accommodation requires glass for windows. Depot could be improved by whitewashing walls of stores. O/C states that he entirely agrees but War Ministry unwilling to authorise expenditure on civilian property which is not a permanent occupation by the Army.
- (6) General opinion of depot was good. Stores are stacked neatly, plenty

Quantity - 86 cases of 52.5 lbs
Supplied by B.S.D. Naples
Despatched 27/12/45
Received 2/1/46
Comsigner Voucher No 3459/1
Wagon No 39741

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- (6) General opinion of depot was good. Stores are stacked neatly, plenty of space taken and everywhere very clean.

Improvements can only be made if necessary R.M. labour and material is granted.

Capt. Niccolosi seems a keen and efficient officer.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

5 March 46.

Subject: Inspection Report -
Food Depot.

File : PAL/ST/9

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.E.I.A.)
ROME
10 B.L.U.

66 Food Dis. Depot. (CALTANISSETTA).

Herewith Inspection Report re above named It. Depot
rendered in accordance with M.E.I.A. Directive ST/292
dated 21.Nov.45.


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

SES/SI
C.M.P.

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ST APPENDIX "B"

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

Major S.E. SHEDDEN

2 March 46.

66 Food Depot (CAZANISSETTA)

Capt. Bianco Vito

Nil

15 days.

(i) Large civilian house
(ii) Between 10 and 12
(iii) Duck-boards

Purchased locally by units

1 civilian Mv - at Bocca Luigi

Not all up to date - some left lying about instead of being attached to stores

Central

10000 quintals kept in yard and at small forage depot.

2745

Nil

1 & 11 at Main depot - 1 & 1.1 & 1 at wood and forage depot.

Sand and water kept centrally in depot written orders kept.

14400 treble from rats. Cats kept.

Depot needs whitewashing - some quarters lack windows. O/C states that he doesn't get H.E. assistance if he asks for it.

Nil. All fuel supplied by civil contractors

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer

(b) Date of Inspection

(c) Name of Depot

(d) Name of O.C.
(Other Officer)

(e) Stock Position (No. of days)
(checka memo)

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

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

(h) Rally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (numbers)

(j) (i) Fuel
(ii) Wood storage
(iii) Coal
(iv) Lignite

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) PE Works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(11) Steadings, height, etc.
(111) Dummies

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

(s) Rally cards

(t) Detail same points in Depot (number)

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

(v) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(1) Guards

(u) Fire precautions

(u) Anti rat precautions

(o) PE Works outstundion (state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Loading strength
(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(11) Total number of units

(r) Accommodation Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
Bathing
Recreational "
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions

(t) General turnout of men

(u) In-charge official's general opinion of the depot. Recommendation etc. for up but it seems a sensible officer. Depot requires smartening. It is not certain if Italian rule that R.E.'s are not very cooperative. It should have R.E. priority (i.e. on a par with C.A.R. demands at present). General opinion of depot - satisfactory.

Purchased locally by units

1 civilian Rky - at Bocca Lusa

Not all up to date - some left lying about instead of being attached to stocks

Central

10000 quintals kept in yard and at small forage depot.

2745

Nil

1 & 11 at main depot - 1 & 3, 1 & 1 at wood and forage depot.
Send and water kept centrally in depot written orders kept.
Latrine creche from rats. Cats kept.
Depot needs whitewashing - some quarters look windows. O/C states that he doesn't get R.E. assistance if he asks for it.
Nil. All tpt. supplied by civil contractors - horse drawn.
Army Nil
Navy 444
2010 Nil
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Both systems employed - very much in favour of Allied system.

Men sleep in small room at depot.
Food cooked at 145 Regt. and drawn in 145 Regt. facilities used. Confirms

Satisfactory

New
file S/T 9 Inspection - Supplies (14)

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

Subject: Depot Inspection report (supplies)

14 Feb. 46.

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.

S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

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

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ST APPENDIX "B"

REPORT FROM OFFICER'S REPORT ON INSPECTION OF DEPOT (SUPPLIES)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Major S. B. [unclear]
(b) Date of Inspection	12 Feb 46
(c) Name of Depot	11 D.I.D. (D.I.D.)
(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers)	Capt. Battistone, Francesco Lt. Gracchiolo, Francesco
(e) Stock Position (No. of days) (checks made)	Approx: 30 days. Coffee and sugar 20 days.
(f) Physical Warehousing (i) Accommodation, Cover etc. (ii) Stacking, height, etc. (iii) Dunnage	Good. Ex-lt. Army. Can and wagon store Average 12 - pillar system employed Duck-boards
(g) (i) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement (ii) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.	Fruit and Veg. bought locally by units - not supplied by D.I.D. Bakeries normally supplied by 11 B.S.D. Catenia. Sometimes supplies made to 11 F.R. Bky. On all commodities - 3 checks made - all correct.
(h) Tally cards	
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	
(j) (i) [unclear] Wood storage (ii) Coal (iii) Lignite	Stored at sub-depot San Lorenzo Colla 7 km. 40 quintals stored at depot. 40 " " 21. Lorenzo Colla
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	7
(l) Guards	14
(m) Fire precautions	2 Fire extinguishers in office - no ent fire material in ferrous store - no written orders traps or cats to be extinguished 1 month
(n) Depot transport	Civil Contractor - no transport held by

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- (p) (1) Fresh Fruit & Veg method of procurement
(11) Bread Number of bakeries on contract.
- (q) Tally cards
- (r) Detail issue points in Depot (number)
- (s) Tools
(1) Food storage
(11) Coal
(111) Lignite
- (t) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)
- (u) Guards
- (v) Fire precautions
- (w) Anti rat precautions
- (x) SS Works outstanding (state how long)
- (y) Depot transport
- (z) Feeding arrangements
(1) Army, Navy, Air
(BR, JB, INF, ITI)
- (11) Total number of units
- (r) Accountancy Allied system
Italian system
General remarks
- (s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters
Dining
Recreational
Cookhouse
Latrine & ablutions
- (t) General turnout of men
- (u) 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.

