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INSPECTIONS TRANSPORT

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Reports

10 British Liaison Unit
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26 Oct 46

Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(LMA) ROME (S & T French)

11 British Liaison Unit

Please find attached reports in respect of Depots inspected
by Capt IM JONES RASC 10 BLU.

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LMJ/why

h Jones Captain RASC
Lt col,
CS.

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Supply and Transport Installation in SICILY visited by Capt L.N. JONES RASC
on 16, 17, 18 October 1946

PALERMO

11 Territorial and Admin Tpt Company

The standard of this unit has improved considerably since the last visit in April 1946.

Maintenance and Repairs

These appear to be of a satisfactorily high standard. The task system is being carried out and understood. Well made clock-type task boards have been placed in strategic positions since the last visit.

It is evident that the OC Unit is working well under the new Director of Repairs - Colonel GEMDUSO.

Liaison between OC Unit and Captain MAUTHE' - officer i/c workshops appears good.

Further instruction on compilation of 406 inspections has been given.

Civilians are no longer employed as drivers.

Welfare

Dining, sleeping, recreational quarters and ablutions are of a high standard.

11 Food Distribution Depot

Appears to be working efficiently.

Supplies

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Rat Damage

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This is a major problem which could be controlled by trained ratting dogs.

A request to Ministry of War by the Commissariato for the holding of trained ratting dogs in depots on a fixed W.E. has not yet yielded results.

RE Works

A flyproof department for meat is to be made, work commencing in a few days.

11 Military Bakery

A well run installation.

A flour mill is operating within the depot. This mill at one time belonged to the Italian Army, but has now been leased

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by the Italian Government to Societa' Esercizi Mulini for 360.000 lire per year.

Relevant correspondence giving reasons justifying the return of the mill to the Italian Army was submitted to S & T Branch MMIA by DAA & QMG 44 BLU (Major S.E. SNEELUM). Letter reference ST/9 dated 25 Jun 46.

Soldiers Recreational Centre

Amenities were excellent - consisting of a modern building containing a theatre, canteen, bar, quiet room, writing room and library.

MESSINA

68 Food Distribution Depot

A well organised depot, efficiently run.

The bakery within the depot has been functioning with personnel from the Military Bakery PALERMO since July 1st, 1946.

The quality of the bread is good, conditions are clean and hygienic and the staff appears keen.

Repair work by Engineers has been carried out since the last visit in July 1946. The fitting of electric light in some of the stores is still outstanding, but will be done in the near future.

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A certain amount of whitewashing has been done lately by the Engineers.

Fire precautions are now adequate.

30 M.T. Company

Disbanded.

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CALTANISSETTA

66 Food Distribution Depot

Running satisfactorily under a keen and conscientious type of officer.

CIF
LMJ/ea

Capt,
RASC.

SICILY

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HAISON CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1.	Unit	44 Territorial Admin. Spt. Company - PALERMO
2.	Date of Inspection	16 October 1946
3.	Name of O.C.	Captain PIOTRUKO
4.	Strength	WT 17200000 7 196 5 158
5.	Vehicle (loadcarriers)	30 74 74 27 (4 of these without tyres) (2 Maint) Only when B.I.R. Daily 5-7 Standing 40 2 Satisfactory NIL 2805 Yes

4. Strength
 (a) MP
 (b) Actual Strength

7
5

195
158

5. Vehicles
 (Loades carriers)

- (a) VE
 (b) Actual number held
 (c) " " on charge
 (d) Number V.C.R.
 (e) " beyond unit repair
 have they been evacuated?
 (f) Have vehicles in repair unit
 more than 7 days been
 stric off strength?
 (g) Number of daily and
 standing vehicles
 (h) Number of vehicles not in use
 on date of inspection
 (i) General condition of vans
 (j) " " of types
 number of spare tyres held
 (k) What anti-frost precautions
 are taken?
 (l) Are Tanya numbers and Wind
 screen labels affixed and
 legible?
 (m) Any special difficulties in
 obtaining spare parts, if so
 give details and date of
 documents already submitted

90
74
74
27 (4 of these without tyres) (2 Maint)
Only when B.I.R.

Daily 5-7 Standing 40
2
Satisfactory

Nil 2805

Yes

The lack of spare tyres is an acute problem.

- Vehicle Pool
 (a) Is it cost trace available?
 (General layout)
 (b) Condition of standings
 (c) Guards and pickets
 (d) Condition of P.O.I. store
 (e) Quantities of P.O.I. held
 (f) Fire Precautions
 (g) In place set aside for
 Daily maintenance, minor
 repairs etc.

Yes
None
6 soldiers + HCO - satisfactory
Good
5000 gallons Petrol
Good
Yes - maintenance boy with pump.

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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) Confirmed civilians driving vehicles _____
- (d) Is Daily Test system carried out and understood? _____
- (e) Are petrol and oil accounted for? _____
- (f) Condition of 4x2s _____
- (g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out? _____
- (h) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster, etc) _____
- (i) Are vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals? _____
- (j) Welfare _____

Yes - Up to date

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

Good

No - not correctly since last visit

Yes

Yes - visited every 15 days. Vehicles changed
Welfare and recreational
facilities have now being constructed.
at intervals.

8. Accommodation

- (a) Sleeping quarters (condition) _____
- (b) Dining quarters _____
- (c) Recreation quarters _____
- (d) Cockhouse _____
- (e) Station store _____
- (f) Latrine _____
- (g) Ablutions _____

Good - clean and airy.

Dining quarters and recreational quarters
now completed (see general remarks)

Satisfactory

Good

Very good

Excellent

2803

9. General Remarks

(General turnout of men,
standard of unit etc)

General turnout of men and the standard of the

unit is very high. The dining and recreational

quarters cockhouse and ablutions now completed

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Yes

Yes - visited every 15 days. Vehicles changed
welfare and recreational
facilities have now being constructed.

Good - clear and airy.

Dining quarters and recreational quarters
now completed (see general remarks)

Satisfactory

Good

Very good

Excellent

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General turnout of men and the standard of the
unit is very high. The dining and recreational
quarters cookhouse and ablutions now completed
by the engineers, make this the best unit for
soldiers comfort, yet visited. Decorations and
fittings are well thought out and in good taste.
Further instructions on 406 inspections have
been given.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

The OC unit is now keen and enthusiastic and
there is active co-operation between him and
Capt MAUGHAN the Workshops officer of the
repair unit.

The clock-system of task maintenance has been
inaugurated and is working well.

(g) Are 406 inspections

regularly carried out?

(h) Personnel records - are they

up to date (Bath book, guard

register etc)

(i) Are vehicles on detachment

visited and changed at

intervals?

(j) Welfare

Accommodation

(a) Sleeping quarters

(condition)

(b) Dining quarters

(c) Recreation quarters

(d) Cookhouse

(e) Latrine store

(f) Latrines

(g) Ablutions

General Remarks

(General turnout of men,
standard of unit etc)

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer	Captain L.N. JONES RASC
(b) Date of Inspection	16 October 1946
(c) Name of Depot	11 Food Distribution Depot FALMERD
(d) Name of OC (Other Officers)	Captain BENTIVEGNA Captain CROUCHIOLD
(e) Stock Position (No of Days) (Checks made)	30 days x 10500 2
(f) Physical Warehousing (1) Accommodation, Cover etc. Good (11) Stacking, height etc. Satisfactory, height not excessive (111) Damage Duck boards used.	
(g) (1) Fresh Fruit and Veg method of procurement Purchased locally under unit arrangements (11) Bread, No. of bakeries No 11 Military Bakery on contract	
(h) Tally cards	Up to date
(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)	Three - one each for meat, groceries, oil etc.
(j) Fuels (1) Wood Storage NIL (11) Coal " NIL (111) Lignite " NIL	2803
(k) Labour Civilians employed (numbers)	2 Clerks - 10 Labourers
(l) Guards	12 Soldiers - 24 hour duty
(m) Fire Precautions	Satisfactory
(n) Anti rat precautions	Traps and cats (not adequate) see over
(o) R.R. Work outstanding (state how long)	Construction of flyproof department for meat now authorized and work to be started in a few days.

procurement
(11) Bread, No. of bakeries on contract

Purchased locally under unit arrangements
No 11 Military Bakery

Up to date

Three - one each for meat, groceries, oil etc.

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood Storage
(11) Coal " " NIL
(111) Lignite " NIL
NIL 2803

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 2 Clerks - 10 Labourers

(l) Guards 12 Soldiers - 24 hour duty

(m) Fire Precautions Satisfactory

(n) Anti rat precautions
Traps and cats (not adequate) see over

(o) RE Works outstanding
(state how long)
Construction of flyproof department for meat now authorized and work to be started in a few days.
Civilian Contractor - when required.

(p) Depot Transportation
Italian Army 10500
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(r) Accountancy Allied System
Italian System
General remarks
Combined British-Italian system of accountancy in operation working satisfactorily.

(s) Accommodation Sleeping quarters) at Supply Company
Dining " ")
Recreational " Good welfare and recreational facilities in the town
Cookhouse " at Supply Coy.
Latrine & Ablutions Satisfactory.

(t) General turnout of men Good

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

P.T.O.

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Captain L.H. JONES RASC

(b) Date of Inspection 17 October 1946

(c) Name of Depot 44 Military Bakery and 22 Supply Company DMLTD

(d) Name of CC
(Other Officers) Lt Col WILKINSON
Captain LEFORE - OC Supply Coy

(e) Stock Position (No of Days)
(Checks made) 4 days

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Very good
(ii) Stacking, height etc. Pillar system in use
(iii) Damage In use

(g) (1) Fresh fruit and Veg method of procurement
(ii) Bread, No. of bakeries on contract

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood Storage
(ii) Coal " "
(iii) Lignite " " 2802

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire Precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)

40 Civilian Bakers 3 Military (supervisory capacity)
6 Military Personnel
Satisfactory
Traps used - inadequate
Working on depot now - nearly completed necessary repairs

(11) Bread, No. of bakeries
on contract

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels

(1) Wood Storage
(11) Coal "
(111) Lignite "

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(k) Labour

Civilians employed (numbers)

40 Civilian Bakers 3 Military (supervisory capacity)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire Precautions

Satisfactory

(n) Anti rat precautions

Traps used - inadequate

(o) RM Works outstanding
(state how long)

Working on depot now - nearly completed necessary repairs

(p) Depot Transport

Civilian Contractors when required

(q) Fooding Strengths

(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(R-, US-, ITH-TH)

Italian Army 9000

(11) Total number of units

20

(r) Accountancy Allied System

Combined British-Italian system of accountancy in use working satisfactorily.

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters

Dining " " Good

Recreational " } New dining and recreational quarters for the

Kitchenhouse " } Winter not completed yet.

Latrine & Ablutions Excellent

Good

(t) General turnout of men

Clean and tidy

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

P.T.O.

The bakery is in good order, clean and hygienic.

Three modern type draw-plate ovens are in use.

Bakers are medically examined weekly.

Dining quarters and recreation room are being worked on by engineers.

There is a flour mill which did at one time belong to the Italian Army, within the premises. This is functioning and has been let to a civilian firm (Societa' Esercizi Mulini) for 360,000 lire per year by government authority. It would appear that the return of this mill to the Italian Army would be beneficial economically, and control could be exercised in the milling of the flour.

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

Sicily

(a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>Captain L.W. JONES RASC</u>
(b) <u>Date of Inspection</u>	<u>18 October 1946</u>
(c) <u>Name of Depot</u>	<u>65 Food Distribution Depot CATANIA</u>
(d) <u>Name of CO</u> <u>(Other Officers)</u>	<u>Captain NICOLOSI</u> <u>2/Lt ZACCO (Sick)</u>
(e) <u>Stock Position (No of Days)</u> <u>(Checks made)</u>	<u>15 days</u> <u>2</u>
(f) <u>Physical Warehousing</u> <u>(i) Accommodation, Cover etc.</u> <u>(ii) Stacking, height etc.</u> <u>(iii) Damage</u>	<u>Good</u> <u>Good</u> <u>Good</u>
(g) (i) <u>Fresh fruit and Veg method of procurement</u> (ii) <u>Bread, No. of bakeries on contract</u>	<u>Local purchase by units under own arrangements</u> <u>one civilian bakery</u>
(h) <u>Tally cards</u>	<u>In use and up-to-date</u>
(i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot</u> <u>(number)</u>	<u>One</u>
(j) <u>Fuels</u> <u>(i) Wood Storage</u> <u>(ii) Coal "</u> <u>(iii) Lignite "</u>	<u>6000 gals</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u>
(k) <u>Labour</u> <u>Civilians employed (numbers)</u>	<u>2801</u>
(l) <u>Guards</u>	<u>1 Clerk & labourers</u>
(m) <u>Fire Precautions</u>	<u>1 NCO and 6 men</u>
(n) <u>Anti rat precautions</u>	<u>Satisfactory - Fire order visible</u>
(o) <u>All Works outstanding</u> <u>(state how long)</u>	<u>Cats, dogs and traps in use</u>
(p) <u>Depot Transport</u>	<u>Whitewashing has been carried out since last visit</u>

on contract

Local purchase by units under own arrangements

(h) Tally cards one civilian bakery

(i) Detail issue points in Depot In use and up-to-date
(number)

(j) Fuels One
(1) Wood Storage
(11) Coal 6000 qll
(111) Lignite -

(k) Labour 2801
Civilians employed (numbers)

(l) Guards 1 Clerk & labourers

(m) Fire Precautions 1 NCO and 6 men

(n) Anti rat precautions Satisfactory - Fire order visible

(o) RE Works outstanding Cats, dogs and traps in use
(state how long)

(p) Depot Transport Whitewashing has been carried out since last visit

(q) Feeding Strengths Civilian contractor when required.
(1) (Army, Navy, Air)
(11) (ER-, US-, ITH-ITL) Italian Army - 3500

(r) Accountancy 20
Allied System
Italian System
General remarks

(s) Accommodation Combined British-Italian system in operation
Sleeping quarters and working satisfactorily
Dining "
Recreational " Adequate
Cookhouse "
Latrines & Ablutions Nil.

(t) General turnout of men Fair
Fair

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

P.T.O.

The depot appears to be running satisfactorily. It is believed that new and better accommodation will be found for this installation in the near future.

No major repairs have been carried out or recreational facilities made in this depot, as it is to be handed back to its civilian owners in a month or two.

^{New}
Fire precautions are satisfactory.

a month or two.

Now

Fire precautions are satisfactory.

(11) Bread, No. of bakeries on contract

(h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

(j) Fuels

(k) Labour

(l) Guards

(m) Fire Precautions

(n) Anti rat precautions

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long)

(p) Depot Transport

(q) Fooding Strengths

(r) Accountancy

(s) Accommodation

(t) General turnout of men

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

Procured daily from civilian bakery

In use and up to date

One

400 Oil

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Adequate - 10 Military Personnel

Good

Cats - not many rats here

Depot could be improved by whitewashing

Civilian transport when required.

Italian Army 1800

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Combined British-Italian system of accountancy in use and working satisfactorily.

Accommodation feeding and welfare of depot personnel is catered for by the unit stationed in the town.

Clear and tidy

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

P.T.O.

The depot appears to be well organized. The OC being a conscientious type of officer.

Summary

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Captain L.H. JONES RASC

(b) Date of Inspection 17 October 1946

(c) Name of Depot 68 Food Distribution Depot, MESSINA

(d) Name of OC Major CRISAFULLI
(Other Officers) Lt GARAFFA

(e) Stock Position (No of Days) 15 days
(Checks made) 2

(f) Physical Warehousing
(i) Accommodation, Cover etc. Very good
(ii) Stacking, height etc. Pillar system in use - height not excessive
(iii) Dunnage In use.

(g) (1) Fresh fruit and Veg method of procurement Purchased locally under Unit arrangements.
(ii) Bread, No. of bakeries on contract See note (1) overleaf.

(h) Tally cards In use and up-to-date

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

(j) Fuels
(i) Wood Storage 2000 Q11
(ii) Coal " " 30 Q11
(iii) Lignite " "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 4 Clerks 10 Labourers (Inc: bakery) 2140

(l) Guards 1 NCO and 3 men - Adequate

(m) Fire Precautions Satisfactory

(n) Anti rat precautions Cat and Dog - No trouble with rats.

(o) RE Works outstanding Fitting of electric light to stores, outstanding
(state how long)

procurement
(11) Bread, No. of batteries on contract

Purchased locally under Unit arrangements.
See note (1) overleaf.

In use and up-to-date

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

(j) Fuels
(1) Wood Storage 2000 Qli
(11) Coal " 30 Qli
(111) Lignite "

(k) Labour
Civilians employed (numbers) 4 Clerks 10 Labourers (Inc: bakers) 2799

(l) Guards 1 NCO and 3 men - Adequate

(m) Fire Precautions Satisfactory

(n) Anti rat precautions Cat and Dog - No trouble with rats.

(o) RE Works outstanding (state how long) Fitting of electric light to stores, outstanding

(p) Depot Transport Civilian Contractor when required.

(q) Feeding Strengths
(1) (Army, Navy, Air) Italian Army - 3500
(11) Total number of units 24

(r) Accountancy Allied System Combined British-Italian system of accounting
Italian System in operation and working satisfactorily.
General remarks

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

(t) General turnout of men Good

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

P.T.O.

This depot appears to be running very efficiently. Stacking of all commodities was good.

The OC seems a very capable and conscientious type of officer.

OBSERVATIONS

1. A detachment from the Military Bakery at PALERMO has been operating the bakery contained in this depot, since 1 Jul 46, serving all units in the CALABRIA & MESSINA Provinces.

There are three modern draw-plate ovens in use, the staff appear keen, the quality of the bread is good and conditions are clean and hygienic.

There has been no trouble experienced regarding conservation of flour milling of which is now controlled to contain not more than 14.5% humidity content.

2. Engineer repair-work has been done within the depot since the last visit in July 1946.

It is believed that the fitting of electric light to some of the stores will be done in the near future.

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Subject: Maintenance Handbooks.

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To : 11 Territorial H.Q.
PALERMO

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
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3 June 46. (19A)

Herewith copy of letter received from H.Q., M.M.I.A. passed to you for information.

W. Sykes

W. SYKES, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT :- Maintenance Handbooks.

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23rd May 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)
ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- 11 B.L.U. ←

Further to this office letter to S.M.R.E. under above reference dated 11 April, copy of which was sent to you, this Branch has to-day been informed by the Ministry of War that further copies of the booklet " Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled) " are being printed and, as soon as available, will be distributed to 11 Territorial Command.

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[Signature]
Capt
Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Report.

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29 APR 46

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.F.A)
ROME

Tel : 489084 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.L. Ufficio Automobilismo.

No 30 M.T. Coy and No 11 Terr Admin Tpt Coy were recently inspected by Capt. MURRAY RASO, our Liaison Officer at 10 BLU, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

1. 30 M.T. COY.

- (2) There was a great all round improvement evident in this Coy since the last inspection due to the efforts of the O.C.
- (11) The O.C. asked whether it would be possible for an officer to be attached to assist in supervision on H; as one of his officers was away on detachment.

2. No 11 TERR. ADMIN TPT COY.

- (i) This Unit was holding 4 vehicles surplus to establishment; there were 33 vehicles off the road, 31 of which were awaiting spares.
- (ii) Daily Tank roster was not completely understood by all drivers of the Unit.
- (iii) There were 14 civilian drivers employed - this would appear to be against your policy.
- (iv) Vehicles away on detachment were not being visited.
- (v) There were no recreation quarters for the men.

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[Signature]
Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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10 British Liaison Unit
Torre del Greco
Tel. Naples 55802
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Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.,
MILA, ROME.

25 Apr 46

11 BLU

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

AJW/bb

F.A. Murray
Lt-Col.
GS.

FOR DEPOT SUPPLIES REPORTS
SEE FILE ST/9 - FOLIO 11A.

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STANDARD 101

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit 30 HT Coy "SABANDA" Division

2. Date of Inspection 9 April '46

3. Name of D.O.C. Capt PAROA

4. Strength

Officers	ORs
<u>3</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>405</u>

5. Vehicles (Loadcarriers)

(a) WE 44

(b) Actual number held 52

(c) " " on charge 38 + 14 attached from 11 Admin Coy.

(d) Number M.O.R. 9 - 8 on unit repairs, 1 awaiting spares

(e) " beyond unit repair

(f) Have vehicles in repair that more than 7 days been struck off strength? No, as generally 8 to 10 days are required for most large repairs; difficult to get replacements if struck off strength.

(g) Number of Daily and Standing details Daily details vary up to about 25 Detachments of 50 vehicles.

(h) Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection

(1) General condition of vehicle

(j) " of tyres

(2) Number of spare tyres held

(3) What anti-front precautions are taken? Average

(4) Are P.O.s in cars and kind screen labels affixed and legible? Fair - improvement on last inspection.

(5) Quantity of reconditioned tyres in process of being unloaded at time of inspection. None at present

(6) All vehicles seen now have targa numbers and all were legible.

4. Strength

- (a) Actual Strength
- (b) Actual Strength

3 72

3 105

5. Vehicles

(loadcarriers)

- (a) Actual number held
- (b) " " on charge
- (c) Number V.O.R.
- (d) " beyond unit repair
- (e) have they been evacuated?
- (f) Have vehicles in repair unit more than 7 days been struck off strength?
- (g) Number of Daily and standing details
- (h) Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection
- (i) General condition of vehicle
- (j) " " of tyres
- (k) Number of spare tyres held
- (l) That anti-frost precautions are taken?
- (m) Are Targa numbers and Wind screen labels affixed and legible?
- (n) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and note of demands already submitted

Vehicle Park

- (a) Is it best space available?
- (b) (General layout)
- (c) Condition of standings
- (d) Guards and pickets
- (e) Condition of P.O.L. signs
- (f) Quantities of P.O.L. held
- (g) Fire precautions
- (h) Is place set aside for Daily maintenance, minor repairs etc.

44

52

38 + 14 attached from 11 Admin Coy.

9 - 8 on unit repairs, 1 awaiting spares

No, as generally 8 to 10 days are required for most large repairs; difficult to get replacements if struck off strength. Daily details vary up to about 25 Detachments of 30 vehicles.

8

Fair - improvement on last inspection.

Average

Quantity of reconditioned tyres in process of being unloaded at time of inspection.

None at present

All vehicles seen now have targa numbers and all were legible.

None at present. Arrangements have been made to purchase spares locally.

12

Yes - great improvement shown

Good

Guards day and night.

Fair

Petrol 800 litres. Dew 2000 litres.

Sand & water points were set up & found to be adequate.

Yes. Inspection pit now in use, an additional pit is almost completed for the use of workshop. Ramp also nearly finished.

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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 test system carried out and maintained?
 (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 vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
 (j) Welfare

8.

Accommodation

- (a) Sleeping quarters (condition)
 (b) Dining quarters
 (c) Recreation quarters
 (d) Cookhouse
 (e) Ration store
 (f) Latrines
 (g) Ablutions

9.

General Remarks
 (General comment of unit, standard of unit etc)
YesYesNoneThis has now commencedYesAll vehicles now have 412YesYes

All detachments visited and changed except those at SIRACUSA. Suggested that vehicles be changed over in small numbers in order to allow work to continue at deta & HQ

Improved since last inspection. All driving school students being moved out by end of month. Satisfactory

None at present

Good. New cookhouse now in use.

Fair

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2793

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OC Coy reported that quantity of tyres received (reconditioned) are bolted and that although passed by SURE are far from satisfactory and that he has experimented with tyres that have been seen and found them to be much more lasting. It is suggested that this be investigated as it has possibilities and

taken up with SURE.

Y.A. J. J. J.

up to date (with back, guard roster etc)

- (i) Are vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
- (ii) Welfare

B. Accommodation

- (a) Sleeping quarters (condition)
- (b) Dining quarters
- (c) Recreation quarters
- (d) Cookhouse
- (e) Bathing quarters
- (f) Latrines
- (g) Ablutions

2. General Remarks
(General turnout of men; standard of unit etc)

ST ANDREWS 'C'

BIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Unit 11 Terr Admin Tpt Coy

2. Date of Inspection 13 April '46

3. Name of O.C. Capt. PICCINATO

4. Strength 7 Officers 167

(a) 4 + 1 att for 105 + 11 att for

(b) Lt. W/S Lt. W/S

5. Vehicles (load carriers)

(a) 80

(b) 84

(c) 80 + 4 held surplus

(d) 33 2 maint 34 awaiting spares

(e) Only when B.L. Rd

(f) Daily 37 dB Standing 5 819

(g) 9

(h) Pair

(i) average

(j) 1 per vehicle

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Yes

Is it

4. Strength	Officers	167
(a) Actual strength	4 + 1 att for Lt. W/S	105 + 11 att for Lt. W/S
5. Vehicles (loadcarriers)		
(a) Actual number held	80	
(b) " " on charge	34	
(c) Number V.O.L.	80 + 4 held surplus	
(d) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?	53 2 maint 34 awaiting spares	
(e) Have vehicles in repair unit more than 7 days been struck off strength?		
(f) Number of daily and standing details	Only when B.L.R'd	
(g) Number of vehicles not in use on date of inspection	Daily 37 + 3 Standing 3 119	
(h) General condition of vehs	9	
(i) " " of tyres	Fair	
(j) number of spare tyres held	average	
(k) What anti-frost precautions are taken?	1 per vehicle	
(l) Are Targa numbers and Wind screen labels affixed and legible?	2792	
(m) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date of demands already submitted	Yes	
Vehicle Fee	Spares	
(a) Is it best spare available?	Yes	
(b) Condition of standings	Good	
(c) Guards and placards	4 Military guards	
(d) Condition of P.O.L. store	Good	
(e) Quantity of P.O.L. held	7000 gallons petrol	
(f) Fire precautions	Good	
(g) Is place set aside for daily maintenance, minor repairs etc.	Yes	

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Administration

- (a) Is a record kept of all outfalls carried out?
- (b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?
- (c) Confirm no civilians driving vehicles
- (d) Is Daily Test report carried out and understood?
- (e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
- (f) Condition of L2s
- (g) Are L2s inspections regularly carried out?
- (h) Personnel resources - are they up to date (Dish book, guard roster etc)
- (i) Are vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
- (j) Welfare

8. Accommodation

- (a) Sleeping quarters (condition)
- (b) Dining quarters
- (c) Recreation quarters
- (d) Cookhouse
- (e) Station store
- (f) Latrines
- (g) Ablutions

9. General Remarks
(General comment of men, standard of unit etc)

Yes, but not up to date on data of inspection

Yes

14. civilians employed

Yes, but not completely understood by all drivers

Yes

Good

Yes

Yes

Not at present. Suggested visits and also change over by using vehicles "not in use".

Great improvement on last inspection

In process of being made

New cookhouse now in use. Improvement from last inspection.

Fair

Satisfactory

2791

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Good

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4.0.1 J. May Capt.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

(f) Condition of 412s

(g) Are 406 inspections

(h) regularly carried out?

(i) Personnel records - are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc)?

(j) Are vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals?

(k) Welfare

B. Accommodation

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(c) Recreation quarters

(d) Cookhouse

(e) Bathing area

(f) Latrines

(g) Ablutions

C. General Remarks

(General comment of men, standard of unit etc)

SUBJECT :- Maintenance Handbooks.

ST/1004

11 Apr 46

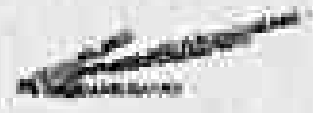
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Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.I.A)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

TO : S.M.R.A., Ufficio Automobiliamo.

1. Further to our letter dated 8th April under the above reference, it has now been reported to us by No 11 BLU, that units under 11 Territorial Command are not carrying out the Daily Task system on vehicles.
2. The reason for this is stated to be because no copies of the handbook " Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (wheeled) " are available in the Command.
3. Will you please expedite this matter.

ALC/eg

Boes
Capt
Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.I.A.)

Copy to :- 11 BLU. 

Internal:- ROME.

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Subject: Inspections - Transport Units

To : 11 Territorial H.Q.

PALERMO

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 11393 PALERMO
ST/10

18 April 46.

30 Motor Transport Coy (CATANIA)

1. As a result of an inspection, made by Major S.E. Smezzano, of the above named Coy. on 9 April 46 the following points are brought to your notice:-

- a) A considerable improvement had been made since the last inspection for which, credit is attributed to the O/C Capt. Tesoro who seems an efficient and conscientious officer.
- b) The O/C stated that it was difficult to devote the necessary amount of time and attention to supervising inspections, maintenance etc., and the visiting of vehicles on detachment owing to insufficient officers on the war establishment.

Since it is unlikely that the Ministry of War would approve of an actual increase in the officer war establishment of the unit, it is suggested that the possibility of attaching an officer from another unit in this Terr. Command be investigated.

11 Transport Coy.

This unit was inspected by Major S.E. Smezzano on 13 Apr. 46 and the following points were revealed:-

- a) Definite improvement since last inspection.
- b) The O/C must make sure that when vehicles are due for inspection they are taken off the road on the day of inspection even if the number of details appear to require vehicles due for inspections. This will necessitate a careful scrupulousness of transport demands whereby certain vehicles may have to do two or three trips on one particular

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It is appreciated that this will not always be possible but it is thought that there is room for more economy, whereby vehicles do not miss their inspections.

- c) Vehicles on detachment are not being changed round periodically. It is suggested that this can be done by changing over vehicles one or two at a time. This can also be effected when vehicles come in for monthly inspections by sending a fresh vehicle back to the unit whose vehicle is in for inspection.

M.P. It is considered a bad policy to change round drivers and not vehicles.

S.E. SNEEZY,

Major,

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SRS/SI
C.P.T.

ST/10
1307

11 Apr 46

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- 11 B.L.U.

Reference your PAL/ST/10 of 19 Feb 46 and this branch ST/1021/G of 26 Feb 46 to S.M.R.E. copy to you, a copy of Palermo Territorial Command letter N 1907/03/M of 22 Mar has now been received in this office which indicates that some real improvement should be expected in 11 Transport Coy.

MPHD/ag

Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MIA)

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TRANSLATION MV/PD

SUBJECT: - M.T. Inspection

11 Territorial H.Q.

Ref. 2459/03

10 April 46

To:- 11 British Liaison Unit

Ref. your PAL/ST/10 dated 27 March 46

1. The tyre deficiency at our M.T. Section in Sicily is seriously worrying our command and the 11 Repair Workshops. The small supply on hand has been used on emergency cases by the depending sections.
2. The Regional Workshops here have no tyres available.
3. We have been obliged to remove the spare wheels from the unserviceable vehicles and put them on the vehicles used for public operations.
4. We are trying to increase the number of vehicles by repairing and using the tyres of the unserviceable spare wheels.
5. It is not possible now to stack any tyres to build up a supply, but it will be effected as soon as there are any available.
6. 91 overalls that were available at the clothing depot have been distributed at the M.T. Section.
7. A request for a great number of overalls has been forwarded to the War Ministry through our Directorate, to enable an issue of overalls to each driver on the Island

SEE 28

ST/21.

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Chief Deputy of Staff
Col. S. Inghilleri.

SUBJECT :- Inspection of M.T. Units.

ST/1021/G

1st Apr 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.M., Ufficio Automobiliaco.

Copy to :- 11 B.L.U. ←

No 30 M.T. Coy (Catania) was inspected by Major STEPHEN DRAGAGE of 11 BLU on the 20th March, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and any action you may consider necessary :-

1. The actual number of vehicles held was stated to be 52 and only 38 of these had been taken on charge; this state of affairs requires clarifying and some explanation should be forthcoming.
2. Some vehicles had Targa numbers at the rear but not in front. Targa numbers should be clearly visible at each end of the vehicle.
3. Daily Task system was not being carried out, the reason given for this was that the hand-book "Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (wheeled)" had not yet been received in spite of the fact that these handbooks had been indented for by 11 Territorial Command. It is thought that they should be an automatic distribution with ABs 412 and 406.
4. There was no evidence of theoretical or practical Fire Precautions of any kind being in existence and the P.O.L. store was situated in close proximity to the cookhouse.
5. Inspections of vehicles in AB 406 were not being properly carried out.
6. There was no Unit Welfare.
7. Sleeping quarters were said to be overcrowded.
8. The latrines were in a very bad state and were thought to be unhygienic and inadequate, and there was rubbish lying about under the ablution benches.
9. The Engineers were engaged on converting a number of outhouse building into garages and workshops. Outstanding work to be done as planned by the C.O., but for which he cannot obtain additional labour and material to that which is authorized at present is as follows:-

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- a) Construction of new Kitchen, present one being a very unsatisfactory improvisation owing to an open wood fire being used for which an adequate chimney cannot be provided.
- b) Construction of new latrines.
- c) Construction of more adequate ablutions.
- d) Construction of Fire Point.
- e) Fitting up a men's dining room.

All these points are considered to be essential and should be expedited as soon as possible.

In connection with paras 2,3,4,5 and 6 we would draw your attention to our letter ST/1001 dated 19th March.

It was further pointed out by Major SHIMZUM that in his opinion the faults found during his inspection were not entirely due to the O.C. who had initiated works to improve both the transport and domestic efficiency of his unit, but to a great extent by lack of interest or supervision from above.

ALG/ag


Lt. Col. ABST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Internal :- S.O.R.E.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

9A

27 March 46.

Subject: Inspection Transport Unit
File : PAL/ST/10
To : 11 Territorial H.Q.

30 M.T. Coy (CATANIA)

1. Following an inspection of the above named unit by Major S.E. SNEEZUM of this H.Q. the following questions are raised:

- a) It was noted that 20 vehicles were without spare tyres and that vehicles on long runs were provided by spare tyres taken from inefficient vehicles.

The latter practice is unsatisfactory and it is suggested that an investigation be made to see if 11 Repair Unit hold sufficient tyres in stock to provide each vehicle of this Coy with a spare tyre.

The unit ought to hold also a small reserve stock of tyres if possible which should be taken into consideration when the tyre availability of 11 Repair Unit has been examined.

- b) Drivers are without ~~/~~ canvas fatigue uniforms. It is noted that many Infantry Regts. are provided with these fatigue uniforms and it is suggested that their availability be examined with regard to issuing them to personnel of transport units.

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

SES/SI
G.M.F.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

26 March 46.

Subject: Inspection Report -
Tpt Unit.

File : PAL/ST/10

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

10 B.L.U.

10 M.I. Coy (CANTANIA)

1. Attached is Inspection Report re above named Italian Army
Tpt. Coy rendered in accordance with Appendix "C" to
M.M.I.A. instruction E/T.

2. It is thought that much of the inefficiency apparent in
Tpt. units in this Terr. Command is due to the fact that
there is not anything like sufficient control and
supervision exercised by senior and staff officers' up-top.
Presumably the Director of Repairs is responsible for
the inspection and maintenance side regarding tpt. units
but it is quite obvious that he is not making any attempt
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Also it is quite obvious that in view of the domestic
failings in above named unit, (see attached report) that
neither the Brigade commander (Gen. Brig. Pizzani) or the
Divisional commander commanding Sabauda Div (Gen. Brig.
Lazzarini) could have inspected the unit.

3. It is pointed out that under the existing Italian Army
organisation there appears to be no staff officer who is
directly responsible for supervising the tpt. branch of
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3. It is pointed out that under the existing Italian Army organization there appears to be no staff officer who is directly responsible for supervising the tpt. branch of S and T since tpt is a separate corps to supply.
Agreed that there is an Administrative tpt. Coy. with each Terr. Command but this is commanded by a Capt. who merely has the duties of a unit commander.
4. Observations made in attached report have been brought to the notice of Terr. H.Q. and also the fact of apparent lack of supervision, (expressed in para 2. above).

JH
S.E. SNEZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

SES/91
C.M.F.

27 APR 68 DIA '0'.

ILLINOIS OFFICER'S REPORT
OF INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT.

30 M.T. COY (CANALIA)

1. Unit.	30 M.T. COY.
2. Date of Inspection.	27 APR 68
3. Name of O.C.	100
4. Strength.	100
5. Actual Strength	100
6. Vehicles (loadcarriers)	44
a) T.E.	30
b) Actual number held	30
c) " " on charge	30
d) Number T.E.	30
e) " beyond unit repair	30
f) Have they been evacuated?	30
g) Have vehicles in Repair Unit	30
h) more than 7 days been	30
i) struts of strength?	30
j) Number of Daily and	30
k) Standing details.	30
l) Number of vehicles not in use	30
m) on date of inspection.	30
n) General condition of vehicles.	30
o) " " tyres-	30
p) number of spare tyres held	30
q) that anti-freeze precautions	30
r) are taken?	30
s) Are Targa numbers and wind-	30
t) screen labels affixed and	30
u) legible?	30
v) Any special difficulties in	30
w) obtaining spare parts, if	30
x) obtainable?	30
y) and date	30

Officers

CRS

plus 4 civilian mechanics (attached by R.A.F.)

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HLL
NO
- in vans on detachment, driving school. Other details vary between
- see para (1) additional notes at end
- Not necessary
- Some vans had target numbers at rear but not in front.
- Vans been off road for because cylinder heads type Lancia 1/20
- 2782
- See para 1) above
- Construction unnecessary (see para 2)
- Not at present in position pits being constructed - 1 for servicing and 1 in shape for repair.
- 7.E.
- a) Actual number held
- b) " " on charge
- c) Number T.O.L.
- d) " beyond unit repair have they been evacuated?
- e) Have vans in repairs Unit come then 7 days been struck of strength?
- f) Number of Daily and Standing details.
- g) Number of vans not in use on date of inspection.
- h) General condition of vans.
- i) " " tyres-number of spare tyres held
- j) That anti-freeze precautions are taken?
- k) Are Targa numbers and Windscreen labels affixed and legible?
- l) Any special difficulties in obtaining spare parts, if so give details and date or demands already submitted.

Vehicle Park.

- a) Is it best space available? (General layout)
- b) Condition of standings.
- c) Guards and pickets.
- d) Condition of T.O.L. store
- e) Condition of T.O.L. field.
- f) Fire Precautions.
- g) Is place set aside for Daily Maintenance, minor repairs etc.

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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) Compare no civilians arriving 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 vehicles on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
- j) Welfare.

8. Accommodation.

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

9. General Remarks.
(General comments of non,

No (see para (3) additional notes attached)

Received a few days ago - not yet issued

to drive

No (see para (4) additional notes attached)

Personnel records etc. appeared to be up to date - no bath book kept.

visited once a month but vehicles not changed.

No visit welfare - no open air recreation organised. Complaint of lack of welfare funds.

(over-crowded. Suggested that they

45 Regt. Hqn. to relieve situation

see para (3) above

see para (4) additional notes attached

substantive

substantive - especially in separate - rubbering

open air trough system - rubbish lying about underneath.

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g) Are 406 inspections regular.

h) Are 406 inspections regular.

i) Are 406 inspections regular.

j) Are 406 inspections regular.

k) Are 406 inspections regular.

l) Are 406 inspections regular.

m) Are 406 inspections regular.

n) Are 406 inspections regular.

o) Are 406 inspections regular.

1. Accommodation.

a) Sleeping quarters.

(condition)

b) Dining quarters.

c) Recreation "

d) Cuckhouse.

e) Action Store

f) Lavatories.

g) Ablutions.

2. General Remarks.

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

to 406

No (see para (4) additional notes attached)

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to date - no bath book kept.

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changed.

Re-unit welfare - no open air recreation

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funds.

(over-crowded, suggested that they

be sent to a better place of residence at

45 Regt. Bks. to relieve situation

and to be able to take in more

and more.

See para (4) additional notes attached.

Additional notes.

Widely - widely - inessence - unhygienic

Open air trash operator - rubbish lying

about underneath.

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Signature of Inspecting Of

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

(1)

TYRES.

20 vehicles lack spare tyres. When vehicles go on a long run they are supplied with a spare tyre taken from a V.O.R. No reserve store of tyres held. Reason given was that spares in addition to quota already received are not available at 11 Repair Unit.

O/C states that system of repairing tyres with nuts and bolts, as authorised by S.M.R.F., is unsatisfactory since in the event of an inner tube puncturing it general happens that it gets ripped by the smooth head of the bolt protruding in the inside of the tyre cover. He prefers that the tyres are repaired by sewing a piece of old tyre on to the inside of the cover. He has tried this system and states that it is far more satisfactory.

(2)

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

Neither any theoretical or practical fire precautions of any kind were evident.

The P.O.L. store is situated 10 yds from the cookhouse in the same building, there being a small ration store in between. Sparks from the wood fire can be seen coming out of the cookhouse chimney and could conceivably enter the rear grid window of the P.O.L. store.

(3)

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- (5) R.E. WORKS. The R.Es are at present engaged on converting a number of outhouse buildings into garages and workshops.
Outstanding work to be done as planned by the C/C, but for which he cannot obtain additional R.E. labour and material to that which is authorised at present, is as follows:
- (i) Construction of new kitchen, present one being a very unsatisfactory improvisation owing to an open wood fire being used for which an adequate chimney cannot be provided.
 - (ii) Construction of new latrines.
 - (iii) Construction of more adequate ablutions.
 - (iv) Construction of Fire Point
 - (v) Pitting up a new dining room.
- (6) GENERAL REMARKS.
Although the unit was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition

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domestically the impression was that the O/C, Capt. PASCA, is not a bad officer. He was well informed as to all detail concerning his unit and had definitely initiated works to improve both the transport and domestic efficiency of his unit. He is undoubtedly handicapped by shortage of R.E. assistance (on whom the demand from all units is far greater than they can supply).

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

7A

21 Mar. 46.

Subject : Inspection of No. 11 Admin. Tpt. Coy.
File : PAL/ST/10
To : Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

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Ref. your ST/1021/G dated 13. Mar. 46.

1. The fact that vehicle inspection and maintenance was not being carried out has been brought to the notice of Terr. H.Q.
2. It was noted that your letter under reference was sent to SMRE for action and therefore no further action was taken by this H.Q. than that of para 1. above.

WJ.

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

SES/MV
C.M.F.

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SUBJECT :- Inspection of No 11 Admin Tpt Coy:

ST/1021/G.

13 Mar 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
ROME

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

Further to our letter of Feb 26 reference ST/1021/G
may this office please be informed what action if any has
been taken by you in this matter.

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Copy to :- 11 BLU.

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Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

May Enclosure

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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14 Feb. 48.

Subject: Vehicle Inspections.

File : PAL/ST/5

To : Comando Territoriale, Palermo.

3A

1. Attached is a summary of the British system of vehicle inspection which is being submitted with a view to adoption by units under your command subject of course to your careful consideration and approval.
2. It is thought that the introduction of a regular monthly inspection system, carried out by workshops and all transport units, will increase the availability of vehicles.
3. If this system is enforced rigidly a better availability should result and also workshops should be relieved of a certain amount of work the principle being "prevention is better than cure".
4. Your views on the possibility of adopting this system would be appreciated.

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

SES/SI
C.M.F.

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INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF INSPECTION CHART

1. Copies of the chart will be held by workshops and all units holding vehicles.
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3. Workshops will inform units of dates on which they require vehicles in for inspections. These dates will be shown on the chart with an 'X' in the date square in column 2.
4. Vehicle numbers will be shown in column 1.
5. 14 days after workshops inspection an inspection will be carried out by the Section (Unit) and will be shown on the chart with an 'M'. (When this system is first put into use it will be seen that a number of Section inspections will have to be carried out before the workshops inspection, this will then ensure that all vehicles will have two inspections each month).
6. The use of 'O' 'N' 'B' & 'C' are self explanatory on the chart.
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8. In order to carry out inspections on all vehicles in a unit it will require atleast three vehicles to be sent into workshops each day.
9. It is to be noted that vehicles after having a Section inspection which necessitate major repairs will be sent to workshops and will not be carried out by unit mechanics.

TRANSLATION

MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND OF PALERMO
(Service Office)

Reg 1192/03/M.
Palermo 21 Febbraio 1946

Subject: Vehicles inspection.

Answering to folio PAL/ST, 5 dated 14 Feb. 1946.
The system suggested to the Units for the vehicles inspection,
is in full accordance and results very practical for strenghtening
the enfficiency of the said vehicles.
It will be immediately done.

We thank

d'ordine 2774
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten. COL. Giacomo Piraino)

SEE 18
ST/21

SUBJECT :- Vehicle Inspections.

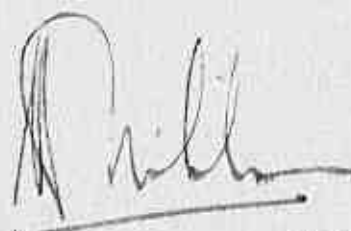
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10 British Liaison Unit
Tel: NAPLES 15744
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1. It is thought that the introduction of a regular monthly inspection system, carried out both by Workshops and all transport units will increase the availability of vehicles.
2. Some transport units have already a system of sorts in force whereby a number of vehicles are inspected each week, but, this is only being carried out when vehicles are not on detail, consequently only a very small number of vehicles are completed each month.
3. If the system suggested as per attached is brought into use and fairly rigidly adhered to, a better availability should result and also relieve workshops of a considerable amount of work.
4. In view of the above could respective Commands be approached and asked to consider and introduce this system.

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Instructions for use of Chart

M = Section Inspector

X = Workshop Inspector

[illegible]

MONTH OF

M = Section Inspection due

X = Workshops Inspection due

[illegible]

SUBJECT :- Inspection Report.

ST/1021/G

26 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 439081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

Copy to :- 11 ELU (Your PAL/ST/10 Feb 19 refers)

No 11 Adm Tpt Coy was inspected by Major SWEZUM, D.A.A. & Q.M.G. of 11 ELU on the 16th Feb, and the following comments resulting from his inspection are passed on to you for your information and action where you may consider necessary.

1. It is noted that 15 civilian drivers are employed.
2. The Daily Task System was not being properly carried out and did not appear to be understood; this is possibly due to the fact that
3. Vehicle inspections in AB 406 were not being regularly performed.
4. There were 32 vehicles on detachment at the time of the inspection and these were seldom visited and never changed; it is thought that vehicle maintenance would be considerably improved if these detachments were visited regularly by an officer of the unit, and frequently changed round.
5. There were no organised arrangements for Unit Welfare, and no recreational quarters for the men.
6. The sleeping quarters were said to be very cramped.
7. The cookhouse was found to have adequate facilities, but was in a dirty and untidy state.
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9. Apart from the PUL Fire Precautions there were no other precautions i.e. in the vehicle park, men's barracks, cookhouse, etc., there were no written fire orders.

It is suggested that if possible this unit should be separated from 14 Repairs Unit, and fresh accommodation found for it, and that an officer from the Territorial Command should inspect it at an early date.

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Deary
Lt. Col. ADST.
Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MIA).

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

19 Feb. 46.

Subject: Inspection Report
Transport Coy.

File : PAL/ST/10

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

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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.

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

SES/SI
C.M.F.

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10 APR 1946

RELATIONSHIP OF TRANSPORT UNIT
OF INSPECTION OF TRANSPORT UNIT

11 Terr. Adm. Tpt. Coy. (A)

16 Feb. 46

Capt. Picinato

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1. Unit.

2. Date of Inspection.

3. Name of C.O.

4. Signature.

a) Tpt.

b) Actual Strength

5. Vehicles.

(Loadcarriers)

a) Tpt.

b) Actual number held

c) " " on charge

d) Number T. R.

e) " beyond unit repair

f) Have they been evacuated?

g) Have vehicles in repairs Unit

more than 7 days been

struck off strength?

h) Number of Daily and

standing details.

i) Number of vehicles not in use

on date of inspection.

j) General condition of vehicles.

k) " " types-

number of spare tyres held

l) What maintenance precautions

are taken?

m) Are there numbers and wind-

direction labels affixed and

legible?

n) Any special difficulties in

obtaining spare parts, if

so give details and date

80

84 (b)

84

32

NIL

No - this system does not appear
to exist struck off strength when
B.L.R'd

40 daily - 15 Standing

5

Quite good - clean

Good.

80

Not necessary - mild climate.

YES

Unit does not hold spare parts vehs.
requiring spare parts have to go into
shops. (Letter following concerning
shortage of spare parts).

a) T.E.
 b) Actual number held
 c) " " on charge
 d) Number " " T.
 e) " " beyond unit repair
 f) " " they have been repaired?
 g) " " in repairs Unit
 more than 7 days been
 struck off strength?
 h) Number of " " and
 Standing details.
 i) Number of " " in use
 on date of inspection.
 j) General condition of " " types-
 number of spare tyres held
 k) " " anti-frost precautions
 are taken?
 l) Are Targa numbers and " " and
 " " labels affixed and
 legible?
 m) Any special difficulties in
 obtaining spare parts, if
 so give details and date
 of demands already submitted.

84 (b)
 84
 32
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Yes - vehicle park is large garage
 ex-railway warehouse. progress
 No maintenance appeared to be in
 3 posts - 4 picquets.
 Requires painting.
 5000 gals. petrol.
 Fire extinguisher for P.O.L. stored.
 This is done in the Vehicle Park.
 i.e. the garage.

See notes overleaf.

NOTES.

- (a) Increase in W.E. authorised in SMRE letter 6/11426/ dated 8.Dec.
- (b) 4 vehicles held surplus to W.E. awaiting disposal instructions for transfer to another unit.
- (c) Apart from the P.O.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.
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7. Administration.

- a) Is a record kept of all details carried out?
Yes they keep a register.
- b) Are all vehicles correctly signed over to drivers?
Yes.
- c) Compare no civilians driving vehicles.
15 civilian drivers employed - authorized by S.A.P.V.
- d) Is daily cash system carried out and understood?
No. (d)
- e) Are petrol and oil accounted for?
Yes.

f) Condition of 412s.

- g) Are 406 inspections regularly carried out?
No. (f)
- h) Personnel records- are they up to date (Bath book, guard roster etc.)
No bath book kept. Other records as far as could be judged were kept.
- i) Are vohs on detachment visited and changed at intervals?
32 on detachment. Seldom visited. Vehicles never changed - reason given was that they could not afford loss of time incurred during change over.
- j) Welfare.
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

8. Accommodation.

- a) sleeping quarters.
Inadequate - very cramped. Barrack rooms clean but require smartening up e.g. whitewashing
- b) dining quarters.
Passable
- c) Recreation
NIL
- d) Conditions.
Adequate facilities but kept dirty and unsatisfactory.
- e) Ration store
untidy
- f) Lavatories.
No bath in unit. Waiting 4 months for R.E.s to repair existing shower baths.
- g) Ablutions.
Commanding officer lacks drive and enthusiasm. Handicapped to an extent by poor

9. General Remarks.

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 - Sanitation Store
 - Laundry.
 - Washhouse.

9. General Remarks.
(General remarks of men, standard of unit etc).

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Satisfactory.

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Pls 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.
Definite need for improvement in unit.
and first step would be to separate it from 11 Repairs Unit.

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Signature of Inspecting Officer

