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Feb. 21, 1946 - May 13, 1946

SUBJECT:- Deficiencies in Releases

10 British Liaison Unit
TORRE DEL GRECO
Tele: 55802 NAPLES
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Direzione Commissariato
NAPLES

1. Ref under weight releases of certain types of flour sacks from Allied Sources.
2. Policy letter dated 25 Sep 44 from MEIA - ROMA to Ministry of War laid down that all flour received from Allied Sources would be accepted and registered exactly as to net weight shown on sacks. Any damaged sacks were to be weighted and taken on charge at that weight.
3. Ministry of War was also instructed to inform all Territorial HQs of this policy for onward transmission to Depots etc.

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H.A. May Capt.
Lit Col,
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Subject: Military Bakery. MESSINA.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
ST/13

To : Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
(S.T. Branch)

21 May 46.

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1. Attached is copy of letter written by 11 Terr. H.Q. to Ministry of War requesting authority to open up a former Military Bakery at MESSINA.
2. From a conversation with Col. Lo Vecchio Director of Commissariato 11 Terr. H.Q. it appeared that he had some doubts as to whether Ministry of War would approve the reopening of this bakery on economic grounds i.e. that the change over involving extra employment of military personnel and the actual cost of running and maintaining the bakery would cause a considerable expenditure in excess of what is at present being paid to civil bakeries.

However it is explained in attached letter that the opening of this bakery would in fact be more economical and also that being a military bakery the bread supply to the troops would be more securely assured.

3. It is suggested that this matter be discussed with the Ministry of War by M.M.I.A. in order to ascertain that a correct decision is given on this very important question by the Ministry.

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major, 2848
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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11 TERRITORIAL H.Q.
Services Office

Ref. No. 3179/03/G

Palermo, 11 May 46.

Subject: Military Bakery of Messina

To : Ministry of War

In the month of January 1946, according to the directives given by the G.O.C., General Berardi, this H.Q. studied the opportunity of putting the Military bakery of Messina in working order again. This was found convenient not only to avoid the spoiling of the industrial machinery, but also to assure the baking service at any time according to the particular situation of the Island.

From the work that has been done, the bakery will be in condition to work at the end of this month.

Having heard the opinion of the Commissariat Direction and being convinced to make the a/m bakery work, the following plan is forwarded for the approval:

- to bake the bread necessary for the troops of Messina District (about 2500 men):
- if considered convenient, to bake also the necessary bread for the troops of R. Calabria District (about 500 men) in which case the service could be organised perfectly carrying daily the bread from Messina to R. Calabria by means of the Ferry-boat.
- to employ, as bakery personnel, the military personnel (Officers, N.C.Os and men) of the 68 Magazzino Secondario of Messina. (Major Grisafulli Giuseppe, permanent officer of Sussistenza, actually in charge of the food supplies of Messina, could be put in charge of the bakery).

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- above-all for the increasing of salary and of the electric power, it is presumed that the cost for baking bread for Military Units not using a military bakery is on the base of 500 lire per Quintal;
- the cost for baking in the Messina Military Bakery, instead, would be less then the cost for baking realized by the Military Bakery of Palermo (436 lire per Ql.) because to the same expense would not be added the daily allowance of 1000 lire for the Military personnel of the Direzione & Inquadramento.

Please examine and urgently decide the question because soon the contract of baking for the Messina Military District will expire.

For the Commanding General
s/ M.I. de Castiglioni.

TRANSLATION C.P.

11 Territorial H.Q.
Service Office.

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Ref 3218/03/C

Palermo 13 May '46.

Subject:- Bakery.

To:- 11 B.L.U.

PALERMO.

Ref your verbal request, ~~now~~ with copy of folio 3179/03/C
fwd. to Min. of War.

We will be grateful if L.F.S.C. (M.M.I.A.) will be
informed on the subject by you.

By order
Il Sottocapo di Stato Maggiore
(S. Inghilleri Lieut. Col)

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Translation C.P.

11 Territorial H.Q.
Service Office.

COPY

Ref 3179/03/C.

Palermo 11 May 1946.

Subject:- Military Bakery in Messina.

To:- Ministry of War
Commissariato General Directorate. Supplying Service

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copy :

Army Chief Deputy -Service Office
c/o. Min. of War

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During the month of January 1946, by order of General Berardi, at that time G.O.C. 11 Territorial H.Q., this H.Q. began to study the opportunity to put again in efficiency the Military Bakery in Messina.

This has been recognized as convenient, not only to avoid the sure wasting of that valuable factory, but also, relating to the particular situation of the island, to assure in anyway the bread - supply.

The works to put the bakery again in efficiency are now finish, and it will start to work at the end of the present month. Stated the above, this H.Q., always sure about the opportunity to have the a/m. bakery working, and questioned the Commissariato Directorate, proposes the followings:

- to let the bakery make the bread rations necessary to the Units in Messina, (about 2500 men);
 - if convenient to have manufactured also the bread rations for the Units in Reggio Calabria, (about 500 men). In such a way, this service could be perfectly organised supplying daily the rations from Messina to Reggio Calabria by ferry-boat.
 - to use for the needings of the bakery, the military personell (Officers, N.C.Os. and O.R.'s.) of the 68 Secondary D.I.D. in Messina (O.C. of the bakery could be Major CRISAFULLI Giuseppe, Regular Officer, who is i/c. at the moment of the Messina D.I.D.)
- The Messina Military Bakery working, could enable to consider, with more tranquillity and safety, the bread question for the Army in Sicily.

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Anyway, with a full working of the bakeries in Palermo and Messina, we could assure the bread supply in Sicily, assuring in this way, the normal running of a such important service.

If any economic reasons, could not allow the use of the Military Bakery of Messina, this H.Q. reports:

- in consequence of increasing of the pays and of the cost of the electric power, it is believed that the rewards to give to the contractors for that Garrisons not supplied by Military bakery, will be about 500 lire per quintal;
- at the contrary the manufacturing cost at the military bakery in Messina will be less than Palermo (436 lire per quintal) not being requested 1000 liras daily as allowance to the directive and general personell.

Will you please study the question, and give us the answer as soon as possible, being near the expitiation of the bakery contraction for the Units in Messina.

The G.O.C.
M. L. de Castiglioni.

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IA/ds

Palermo 30 April 1946

Comando Militare Territoriale di Palermo.
(Ufficio Servizi)

Ref 2974/03/C

Subject:- D.I.D. in Messina

To:- ll B.L.U.

Ref your request of 26th April 1946.

The D.I.D. in Messina has been opened on 1st April 1946.

Sgd:- Sottocapo di S.M.
(S. Inghilleri Lieut. Col.)

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SUBJECT: Food Depot - MESSINA

(LA)
11 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 11393 PALERMO
ST/13

26 April 46

To: 11 Territorial H.Q.
PALERMO

1. It is understood that the proposed new Food Distribution Depot at MESSINA is opening this month. Will you please confirm this in writing, giving the date of opening.

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

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11-RLU

SUBJECT:- Accounting Procedure.Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).
Tel : 478207
ST/20612 Feb 46.List "B".

Ref Chapter III of "Supply Organisation and Accounting Instructions for the Provision of Food to the Italian Armed Forces".

1. Confusion has recently arisen through Acceptance Notes MHA Form ST/3 being completed with insufficient accuracy in description of the items to which they refer. In certain classes of commodity there are various items which fall under a single main classification but are distinct products variously priced.

2. Thus if proper accounting and pricing are to be realised it is not sufficient to specify on Acceptance Notes 'Tinned Fish' or 'Tinned Meat' and the full description of the item e.g. 'Herrings Tinned' or 'Prepared Meat' should be given.

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Ry Strong
Lt. Col. RAFC.
AGST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MHA).

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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5 March 46.

Subject: Supply Depots - Sicily.

File : PAL/ST/13

To : 11 Territorial H.Q.
Palermo

1. Herewith copy of M.M.I.A. letter regarding the proposed closing of the Bulk Food Depot at CATANIA and opening of a Food Distribution Depot at MESSINA.
2. This letter is submitted for information only.

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

SES/SI
C.H.F.

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SUBJECT :- Supply Depots - Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Tel : 478207
ST/180

11 B.L.U.

21. Feb 46

Copies to :- Ministry of War
10 HLU for ST.

Reference Para 4b(3) of your fortnightly progress report No 4 for period ending 31 Jan 46.

1. This matter has been discussed with the Ministry of War and a proposal is being submitted through the normal channels to close the Bulk Depot CATANIA and open a Distribution Depot at MESSINA.
2. Neither this Branch nor the Ministry of War were aware that the Train Ferry is not being used to convey loaded Railcars of Supplies from Reggio to Messina and the War Ministry is pursuing this aspect of the case.

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

Internal :- 'Q'2.

