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SUBJECT: Reports on Inspections.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
For the
Italian Central Military Schools.
(Tel: HOUN 6631 8/9).

Ref: SM/26/1360

8 April 46.

To: A.D.M.E.
H.Q. Land Forces Sub Com.AC (MMIA).

Reference your MS/43 dated 25 March 46.

1. The situation regarding A.Ba. 406 not accompanying vehicles to Worksops is not yet cleared up. (2B(ii)).

2. With regard to the other queries (viii) and 2D, the Company is now disbanded and a large proportion of the vehicles have been allotted, together with most of the personnel, to the School of Motorisation as the "Autogruppo".

Arthur G. Yeame.
Major R.E.M.E.
D.A.D.M.E.

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Major R.E.M.E.
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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
- Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Auto -

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nº 08/ 1480 /S/AUT. di prot. Cesano di Roma li, 5 Aprile 1946.-

O G G E T T O : Rapporto sull'ispezione della 2ª Compagnia Trasporti Speciali.-

AL COMANDO SCUOLA DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CECCHIGNOLA

....e, per conoscenza:

AL 12º B.L.U. presso COM. SCUOLE CENTR. MILITARI S E D E
(rif. foglio ST/26/1200 data 15/3/46)

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IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- Ten.Col. S. Ompa -

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Reports.

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22 Nov 46

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
RCMS
Tel : Rome 480081 Ext 526

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

From a recent inspection of No 2 Special Tpt Coy by Major HALLETT RASC, our Liaison Officer at 12 MMU the following points are brought to your notice for information and action where you may consider necessary;

1. Abs 412 were not in use although new ones were available in the Coy Office.

2. The 16 Daily Task System was said be carried out only when vehicles were off the road for maintenance day; this should of course be carried out daily whether or not the vehicles are in use.

3. Oil was being kept in the ration store to the possible detriment of some flour also kept there; it is suggested that oil should be placed in the Petrol Point.

4. Vehicles were without tools.

5. There were a few Fire Points, but the number was thought to be inadequate. Water buckets were empty.

6. Latrines were said to be inadequate for the number of men and their condition very dirty on the whole.

7. There were no Welfare amenities for the men.

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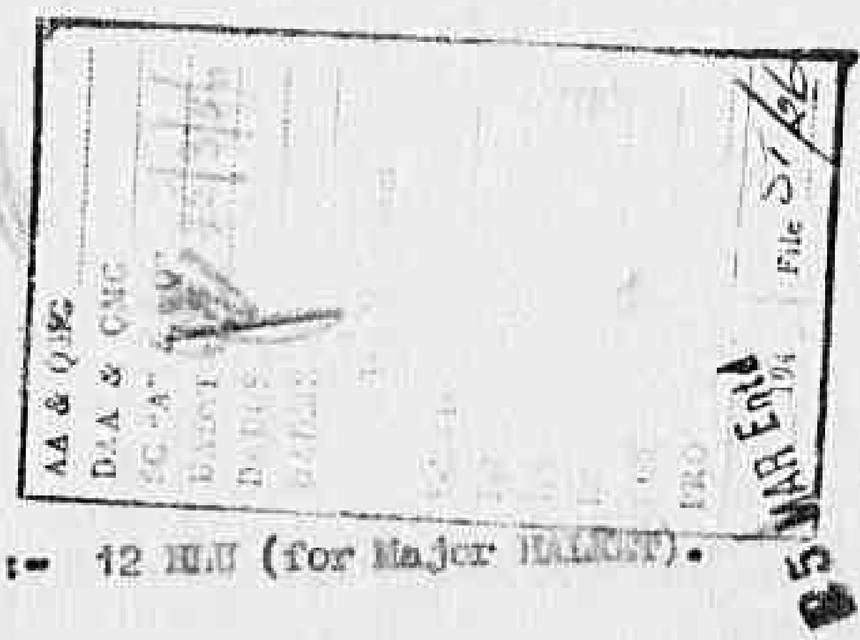

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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to :- 12 MMU (for Major HALLETT).

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SUBJECT :- Reports on Inspections.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel : ROME 66319)

Ref : 3T/26/1222

16 March 1946.

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

Herewith Report on Inspection made by Major J.C. HALKFT, RASC, DADST this H.Q. on No. 2 G.T. Coy and 1500 Independent Transport Platoon on 27 February 1946, together with copy of letter to H.Q. Italian Central Military Schools.

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT:→ Report on Inspection of 2 G.T. Coy & 1500 Independent Transport Platoon.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66519)

Ref: MI/26/1200

13 March 46.

To: H.Q.
Comando Scuola Centrali Militari.

1. Herewith Report on Inspection made by Major J.C. MARKET, RASC, DADST this H.Q. on 2 G.T. Coy and 1500 Independent Transport Platoon.

2. It is suggested that recommendations outlined should be implemented.

Colonel,
Comd, 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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REPORT ON INSPECTION MADE ON 2 G.T. COY. and 1500 INDEPENDENT TRANSPORT PLATOON BY MAJOR J.C. [illegible], R.A.S.C., on 27 FEB.46

1. Introduction.

2 G.T. Coy., commanded by Capt. [illegible], Tank Corps (commissioned 1938, promoted Lieut. 1940 and Capt. 1944. Regular), and 1500 Independent Transport platoon commanded by 2/Lieut. [illegible] (commissioned Jan.45, regular). Automobilisation Corps are stationed in the gas factory at [illegible]. A hard surface track connects the location with the main road through [illegible], a distance of half-a-mile away. The 155 Workshops Platoon, upon which the two units are at present dependent for maintenance, is situated on this track, nearer to the main road. 2 G.T. Coy, though operating, is in process of mobilisation.

2. M.T.

(A) Operation.

All transport details are received from the Transport Section, Central Schools, separately by the two units and the equivalent of A.B.246 is kept showing driver's name, vehicle number, time in and out and distance run. Work tickets are made out and those inspected were in order. In the case of 2 G.T. Coy the work tickets are made out in the Company Office and then passed to platoons. It is felt that this is unnecessarily relieving the platoons of their responsibilities, since separate AB.246 (Work Book) should be maintained by each platoon and work tickets issued by each platoon, Company Office only detailing vehicles from Platoons in accordance with availability.

There were no "Availability Boards" in either 2 G.T. Coy Office or 1500 Transport Platoon. It was suggested by the Inspecting Officer that these should be taken into use forthwith and details were given as to a method of laying out such boards.

(B) Administration.

(i) A.B. 412.

A.B.412 was not in use though new ones were in 2 G.T. Coy office and vehicles had been signed over. The books were not complete. It was suggested that covers be placed over the books to prevent their disintegration through original cover becoming stained with oil and grease.

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These were in use, though when inspected were found to contain only records of platoon inspections and the O.C. 2 G.T. Coy explained that they never accompanied a vehicle to workshops and that neither did workshops demand them for recording workshops' inspections.

(iii) C.810. (Record of future platoon & Workshop Inspections for 1 month).

This form is not in use and there were no records showing when a vehicle was to have platoon or workshop inspection. These should be maintained in each platoon office.

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(iv) Oil Chart.

There were no charts showing various grades of oil to be used in different engines together with mileage changes.

(v) Tyre Charts.

There were no charts showing the number and sizes of tyres issued or on charge to different vehicles.

(vi) Task System.

The 16 Task System is carried out only when vehicles are off the road for a maintenance day. A large chart is displayed showing the different tasks and appropriate days. It was suggested that the task for the following day for lorries and motor cycles be displayed on Coy. Part I orders each day.

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(vii) Oil Store.

There were three 5-gallon drums of oil in the same room used as the ration store (see section 5). In view of the proximity of the petrol point there should be no need for any oil store in Coy lines.

(viii) Tyre Store.

40 Tyres were in the store of various sizes. Two tyres were shown to the Inspecting Officer that were vouchered over with vehicle from an "Efficient Vehicle Park" as 60%, that had large gashes in them, rendering them quite useless. There were a considerable number of damaged tubes in the store. There were 16 U/S tyres in the store.

(ix) Anti-Frost Precautions.

Vehicle radiators are drained every night.

(x) Tools.

There are no tools with vehicles.

(xi) Canopies & superstructures.

Most vehicles are without either superstructures or canopies, though these are on demand.

(C) VEHICLE PARKING.

(i) Parking.

A large proportion of vehicles are parked under cover on hard standing. The rest are parked on hard standing in the open. There is a great deal of dust that blows about when the weather is fine and which will affect maintainence to a considerable degree.

(ii) Fire Points.

There are a few fire points though the number is not adequate. Water buckets were empty.

(iii) Guards.

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(v) Speed Limit.

There is no speed limit laid down for Coy lines and it was suggested that a board be erected displaying a speed limit of 10 kilometres per hour.

(vi) Booking in and out.

There is a man posted at the exit to book vehicles in and out.

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(D) WORKSHOPS.

The two units are at present attached to 155 Platoon Workshops for maintenance and a certain amount of maintenance is done in civilian garages (10,000 lire limit per vehicle per 3 months). 2 G.T. Coy W/S Platoon is in process of forming, though no personnel have been posted so far. Two Workshop Technical Vehicles, one 35 years old and one 32 years old, have been received to date - both very short of tools.

3. RESIDENTIAL:

(A) DISCIPLINE.

The discipline generally appeared lax. N.C.Os. and men were walking around with no hats on, battle dress blouses undone and unshaven. 40 pairs of overalls are badly needed by the Company for men to wear whilst doing maintenance. These have been on indent for one month. The boots of the men inspected were good. One pair is kept in store and one pair with the men.

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(B) MESSING.

(i) Cookhouse.

The men's cookhouse needs improvements. There was only 1 "Soyer Stove" in which a brew of minestroni was cooking for the midday meal. The chimney is not led outside and the whole cookhouse was filled with smoke, producing an atmosphere in which it was impossible to work, since one's eyes became affected almost immediately. The cookhouse was very blackened and needs whitewashing. There was no separate preparation room. The cook sleeps in one corner of the cookhouse. Fresh meat is purchased three times per week

(ii) Mess Room.

There is no mess room for the men. The inspecting officer was present at the midday meal and the men ate their food in the open or in the vehicle sheds or billets. A mess room should be provided, with tables and forms.

(C) RATION STORE.

The ration store is in the same room as the unit store, and was in a dirty condition. The rations were not stacked and a bag of flour was on the floor, 1 inch away from the three drums of oil referred to in Section 2 (B) (vii).

(D) UNIT STORE.

Clothing and boots were in racks though there were no "bin cards" in use. A pile of clothing was in one corner which the Inspecting Officer was informed was to be cleaned. 1157's were found up-to-date. These are maintained in duplicate - 1 with the soldier and 1 with Platoon.

(E) Sleeping Quarters.

Billets were inspected and found to be correctly apportioned to numbers accommodated. Beds were not made up nor kits laid out. The O.C. Coy pointed out that sleeping accommodation is going to be changed. The new billet was inspected and is a large shed with concrete floor. When cleaned out and lighting and heating is installed this should be an improvement.

(F) LATRINES.

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(G) ABLUTIONS.

The ablutions were adjoining the latrines and consist of a large pipe running horizontally round the wall over a trough placed waist high. 40 holes punched in this pipe provide 40 separate washing places. No bowls are held by the Company for men to wash. These should be supplied at the scale of one per ~~[illegible]~~ WASH place.

(H) WELFARE:

There are no welfare amenities for the men. It was suggested that a room might be set aside for recreational purposes, fitted with chairs and a radio applied for.

The O.C. stated that the men have not many family troubles. At the moment two men are up for compassionate release and one man has gone on compassionate release. The special money prizes are, in this unit, allotted to men whose families are in need.

The O.C. asked whether a recreational vehicle could be authorised every two days to convey men to Rome, leaving at 1800 hrs. and returning 2359 hrs.

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4. WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

At the time of the inspection the position was as follows :-

(a) 1500 Independent Transport Platoon.

Personnel.				Vehicles.				
Personnel.	W/E.	On Strength	Deficient	Vehicle.	W.E.	On Strength.	Deficient	Remarks.
Officers (Sub.)	1	1	-	2-str. Utility Austin.	1	1	-	
Sgts.	1	1	-					
Platoon Accountant	1	1	-	15-cwt.	1	1	-	
Platoon Clerk.	1	1	-	M/C.	3	1	2	
Cpl.Magg. or Cpls.	6	5	1	3-ton.	31	26+	5	
Drivers.	37	29	8	Water Trailer 180-gal.	1	1	-	Cpl/Cpl.Magg. responsible 1 vehicle on WE.
Cooks.	1	1	-					
TOTAL	48	39	9		37	30	7	

+2 of this number of vehicles evacuated several months ago have not been struck off strength.

(b) 2 G.T. Coy.

Personnel.				Vehicles.				
Personnel.	WE.	On strength.	Deficient.	Vehicle.	W.E.	On strength.	Deficient	Surplus Remarks
Major, OC.	1	-	1	Cars 2-str	16	8	8	-
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or Cpls.	6	5	1	180-gal.	1	1	-	Cpl/Cpl.Mags. responsible 1 vehicle on WE.
Drivers.	37	29	8					
Cooks.	1	1	-					
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Personnel.

Personnel.	WE.	On strength.	Deficient.
Major, OC.	1	-	1
Capt.2 i/c	1	1	-
Subaltern Officers.	7	1	6
Sgt.Admin.	1	1	-
Sgt.Ration.	1	1	-
Sgt.Major.	1	-	1
Sgts.	9	-	9
Admin.Cpl.	1	1	-
Clerks.	5	-	5
Barber.	1	-	1
Cobbler.	1	-	1
Cook.	5	2	3
Dvr.Batmen.	4	-	4
M/Cyclists	16	-	16
Cpl.Mags.	16	4	12
Dvr.Mechs.	18	-	18
Drivers.	128	59	69
TOTAL	216	70	146

Vehicles.

Vehicle.	W.E.	On strength.	Deficient	Surplus	Remarks
Cars 2-str	16	8	8	-	
M/Cs.	20	1	19	-	Acting as OC.
Lorries	104	47	57	-	WE only specifies lorries, no types
6-ton.	-	15	5441		Breakdown of vehicles on charge by types
3-ton.	-	24	-	-	
Autolms.	-	4	-	-	
Water Carts.	-	3	-	-	
	140	56	84	-	

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Workshop Platoon.

Personnel.				Vehicles.					
Personnel.	WE.	On strength.	Deficient.	Vehicle.	WE.	On strength.	Deficient	Surplus	Remarks.
Subaltern i/c.	1	-	1	Tech.Veh.	1	2	-	1	Issued in lieu of trailer.
Sgt.Mech.	1	-	1						
Mechanics	6	-	6	Stores Trailer.	1	-	1	-	
Electricians.	2	-	2						
Welders.	1	-	1						
Vulcanisers.	1	-	1						
TOTAL.	12	-	12		2	2	1	1	

5. INSPECTING OFFICER'S OPINION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

The inspection took place at a time when the accomodation was being re-allotted and a partial re-organisation of the layout was taking place. 2 G.T. Coy is desperately short of personnel, especially of Subaltern Officers, Driver Mechanics, Fitters and other Workshop trades. In addition, a great deal of R.E. work is needed in the way of cookhouse facilities, improvements to billets, etc. However, this does not explain the unsoldierly appearance of the men or the condition of the cookhouse, latrines, ration store, etc. There is need of a tightening of discipline, better lay-out and organisation of cookhouse, billets, latrines, stores, etc., provision of welfare amenities for troops and the bringing up-to-date of the vehicle documentation.

In addition to the above, demands for tools and canopies and superstructures should be hastened.

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SUBJECT: Inspection - Distribution Depot, CESANO.

12 DIVISIONAL ENGINEER UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: SE/26/1125

1 March 46.

To: A.D.S.T.
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMLA).

Herewith two copies of translation of letter received from Chief of Staff, Comando Supremo Centrali Militari, referring to the inspection of the Distribution Depot, CESANO, by D.A.D.S.T., 12 D.I.U., outlining the notice below.

Major R.E.H.C.
D.A.D.S.T.

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Servizi - Ses.Comm/to

TO: COMANDO 12 B.L.U.
and for information to:
Ministry of War.

22 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Inspection of Cesano Distribution Depot by Major J.C.Walket, RASC, 12 BLU.

This H.Q. has received the above report and accordingly has given orders that all the suggestions should be followed.

With particular reference to:

(1) STACKING: All commodities have been high stacked for lack of space, and in consideration that issues are made 15 days after receipt of commodities.

In the future the stacks will be reduced to normal height for all commodities because there will be more space, since the Forage section will be transferred elsewhere.

With reference to the floors of the stores, please note that it was built in a damp-proof manner so that commodities are safe, but, however, since dunnage is not available we will use what we can find (Bricks - Boards, etc).

(2) ANTI-RAT PRECAUTIONS:

This is accomplished by means of cats since this is considered the best way. Rat traps are not efficient and the use of poison is not advisable on account of contamination of foodstuffs.

(3) CLEANING OF PREMISES.

The troops' billets have already been whitewashed and as soon as possible the storerooms will be whitewashed also.

(4) FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

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(5) EXTERNAL LIGHTS: This has been done.

(6) TURN-OVER CHARTS:

These have been instituted, though turn-over of commodities is always strictly observed.

(7) TARPAULINS:

The depot has used tentage to cover commodities in transit when lorries have no canopies.

(8) EXTENSION - RAILWAY TRACK:

The Ministry of War has given authority to start the work immediately.

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(9) CONTROL OF COMMODITIES IN TRANSPORT:

All these suggestions will be followed.

(10) QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES IN STORE:

The differences in the number of rations held of each commodity is due to the fact that the issues are made to round figures and sometimes to use in full the transport available.

(11) GENERAL SERVICES:

(a) The troops billets have been put right and bowls will be supplied to soldiers for washing.

(b) ~~The~~ An improvised cookhouse has been erected under cover.

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(c) For lack of room it is not possible to arrange a canteen for depot personnel.

(d) With reference to duties of depot personnel, the O.C. Depot has been ordered to allocate the different duties to the N.C.O's in a more suitable manner.

(Signed) COL. Lodovico MALAVASI

CHIEF OF STAFF.

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Servizi - Sez. Comm/to
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N° 07/ 1973 /S./Comm. di prot. Cesano di Roma, lì 22 febbraio 1940

OGGETTO: Ispezione al Magazzino Viveri di Cesano da parte del Magg. J.C. HALKET del 12° B.L.U..=

AL COMANDO DEL 12° B. L. U.
SEDE
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.Serv.Comm/to ed Amm/vo
Divisione Sussistenze
ROMA

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Questo Comando ha preso in esame il rapporto in oggetto e comunica di aver disposto perchè il Magazzino Viveri segua i suggerimenti dati.

In particolare si riferisce:

- STIVAGGIO - Le derrate sono state stivate in stive alte per necessità di spazio e nella considerazione che l'entità delle distribuzioni sono tali da imporre la rotazione entro quindici giorni dal ricevimento.
  Per l'avvenire si potranno fare stive normali per tutti i generi avendo maggiore disponibilità di locali in quanto il Magazzino del fieno e della paglia è stato trasferito in altro locale.
  Circa la pavimentazione dei locali si fa rilevare che essa è anti umida e che i generi non soffrono nell'accatastamento senza pedane. In ogni modo non avendo disponibilità di traversini si curerà di coprire la pavimentazione con mezzi di circostanza (mattoni forati - tavole - ecc.).=
- LOTTA CONTRO I TOPI - E' fatta con gatti ritenendosi questo mezzo il migliore. Le trappole non sono sufficientemente efficaci, nè l'uso dei veleni è consigliabile perchè trattandosi di viveri potrebbero verificarsi degli inconvenienti.=
- PULIZIA DEI LOCALI - La camerata della truppa è stata già imbiancata.
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- PULIZIA DEI LOCALI - La camerata della truppa è stata già imbiancata.
  Appena possibile si provvederà anche per i magazzini.=

- MISURE ANTI-INCENDIO - Il Magazzino è stato dotato di pompe a mano, secchi di acqua e cassette di terra per un immediato intervento.
  Gli estintori sono stati richiesti all'Ufficio competente.=

- LUCI ESTERNE - E' stato provveduto.=

- CARTELLI ROTAZIONE DERRATE - E' stato provveduto per quanto la rotazione è stata sempre rigorosamente osservata.=

- TELE CERATE - Il Magazzino è dotato di teli da tenda per coprire le derrate durante i trasporti dalla Stazione qualora gli automezzi non siano provvisti di copertoni.=

- RACCORDO FERROVIARIO - E' già stato assicurato dal Ministero della Guerra che quanto prima saranno ripresi i lavori.=

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SISTEMAZIONE DEL CONTROLLO NEL TRASPORTO DELLE DERRATE - Saranno applicati per quanto possibile i suggerimenti dati.=

- QUANTITATIVI DI VIVERI IN MAGAZZINO - La mancanza di corrispondenza nel numero delle razioni dei vari generi è dovuto ai rifornimenti che vengono effettuati per quantità arrotondate e talvolta per utilizzare a pieno i mezzi di trasporto.=

- SERVIZI VARI - Le camerate dei soldati sono state sistemate. Si procurerà di fornire di bacinelle militari per la pulizia personale.

E' stata installata sotto una tettoia apposita cucina di circostanza.

Per mancanza di locali non è possibile istituire un locale di ritrovo per i soldati del magazzino.

Per quanto riguarda il personale si è interessato il Consegnatario del magazzino viveri di effettuare una più razionale distribuzione dei compiti dei sottufficiali alle sue dipendenze.=

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.Lodovico Malavasi)

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SUBJECT: Report on 152 Ration, POL and Clothing Store.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/200

7 Feb 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

COPY TO: 12 BLU

1. The Distribution Depot of the above mentioned unit was inspected on 15 Jan 46 by Maj HALKET of 12 BLU; it would appear that the depot is functioning well and stock handling is of a high order. The OC unit appears to undertake such detail work in person which might well be done by senior NCOs; It is considered that the standard of this Depot would be even further improved if more attention is given to the men's accomodation etc.

2. From the inspecting officer's report the following suggestions are made for such action as you may consider necessary.

(a) A record of turn-over of stocks especially of sacked goods be maintained.

(b) Dunnage in the form of shallow wooden platforms be obtained.

(c) Rat traps be obtained and set where rats are in evidence.

(d) Fire points consisting of extinguishers, buckets etc.

(e) That vehicles used for ferrying supplies from rail head be issued with tarpaulins until railway sidings to depot are completed.

(f) More sleeping accomodation be obtained, and that at present used be improved by white-washing and better heating.

(g) Cookhouse be improved by the fitting of a permanent cooking range, provision of proper cooking utensils; a mess-room should also be provided.

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(h) Ablutions be improved by provision of suitable covered accomodation and wash bowls.

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(i) A rest-room be provided for men off duty if accomodation available.

(j) A night latrine bucket be provided outside sleeping quarters. This in view of the distance from the sleeping quarters to any existing latrine accomodation.

3. Whilst it may be felt that some of the recommendations listed above may refer to minor detail, it is the view of this branch that units within the training establishment should represent ideal models of a standard to be followed and emulated by outside units.

Lt Col, SASC,
DDST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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SUBJECT :- Petrol Point- CESANO.

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7 Feb 46

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

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

1. Major J.C. Helket DADST 12 BLU visited the Petrol Point at Cesano recently.

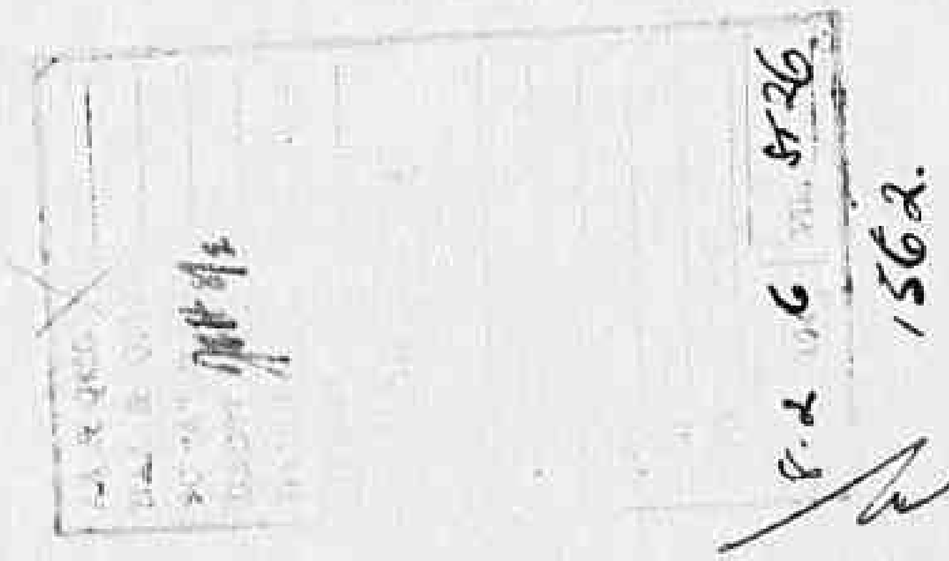
2. The following points from his report are forwarded to you for information and such action as you consider necessary :

(i) Fire Precautions appear to be very inadequate in view of stocks held and it is suggested that immediate steps be taken to remedy this

(ii) That stocks be dispersed over a greater area to reduce the danger of loss by fire.

(iii) That stricte measures be taken to ensure that stocks of oil and grease are not contaminated by dirt etc. and that various grades of oils and grease are kept separately.

3. You will no doubt agree that it is desirable that this installation existing as it does in a Training Establishment, should be maintained as a model of that a Petrol Point should be.



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

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Copy to :- 12 BLU.

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SUBJECT: Report on 319 Field Bakery.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66349)

Ref: 3E/26/990

7 Feb.46

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) (2 copies)

Herewith copy of translation of letter received by this Unit from the H.Q. Italian Central Military Schools, reference C7/1239/A/Cam dated 4 Feb.46, for your information.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Commander.
DAA & QMG.
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TRANSLATION.

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From: COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALE MILITARI
Ufficio Servizi - Sez.Com/to

Ref: 07/1239/S/Com.Gi prot.

To: COMMISSIONER, TERRITORIAL H.Q., ROME

4 February 1946.

For information to: Ministry of War.
12 BLU.

Subject: Report on the 319 Field Bakery.

With reference to the report of an inspection of the quad of 319 Field Bakery, forwarded by 12 B.L.U.

(a) The inspection was carried out at a critical time for the Bakery, because at that time the civilian oven used for production of bread was under repair. This oven, which had been requisitioned, is very old and greatly needed major repairs and thorough cleaning.

The production of bread had been interrupted, to allow the repairs to be carried out, since the end of December.

The necessary production of bread was carried out in two Weiss Ovens, located in a shed, while the moulding was done in the mechanical moulder situated in the same civilian bakery as the civilian oven. The remaining 1,500 daily rations that could not be produced here were drawn from Rome, as agreed with the local Commissariato Directorate.

Since all repairs and cleaning of the civilian oven have now been effected over 4,000 rations can be produced daily from the civilian oven and no further bread is drawn from ROME, the Weiss ovens having been put out of commission.

(b) A small quantity of infested flour has been sieved and after sieving found to be of best quality and quite clean. This will be used again by mixing it in small proportions with later receipts, and will be completely used by the end of this week.

(c) The Engineers have been requested to supply the Bakery with fire extinguishers. Meanwhile, water buckets with pumps and wooden boxes full of sand in case of urgent necessity have been provided.

(d) The billets for personnel are those that it was possible to obtain in the locality. Some of the personnel has been meanwhile transferred to new billets which were obtained by transferring the flour to a

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(e) A supplementary ration of soap has been obtained for the bakers, bringing them into line with mechanics and cooks, etc.

(f) New clothing has been issued to bakers, according to state of repair and to length of time since previous issue.

(g) Repairs of boots will be effected by local military cobbler.

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(Sgd) General ROMOO

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COMANDO SCUOLE CENTRALI MILITARI
Ufficio Servizi - Sez. Comm/to

N° 07/ 1237 /S./Comm. di pret. Cesano di Roma, li 14 febbraio 1946
OGGETTO: Rapporto sul 319° Panificio da campo.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA
- Ufficio Servizi - Sezione 1^ -
(Risp. foglio n.01/992 del 25/1/46)
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA ROMA
Direz.Gen.Serv.Comm/to ed Amm/vi
Ispettorato Generale Serv.Comm/to

AL COMANDO 12° B. L. U. SEDE
(Rif. foglio in data 8/1/46)

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5 Feb 51/26

In relazione a quanto ha formato oggetto della relazione presentata dal 12° BLU sull'ispezione effettuata alla 319^ Squadra Panettieri, questo Comando riferisce quanto segue:

a) L'ispezione è avvenuta in un momento critico per la Squadra Panettieri, in quanto il forno in muratura presso il quale si effettua la panificazione, era in riparazione. Trattasi di un vecchio forno preso in affitto che per il lungo uso, richiedeva delle riparazioni abbastanza importanti ed una ripulitura generale.
La panificazione era stata sospesa fin dagli ultimi giorni di dicembre ed erano in corso i lavori di riparazione.
Alla necessità della panificazione si provvedeva quindi a mezzo di due forni Weiss, appositamente collocati in una baracca, usufruendo per l'impastamento della impastatrice meccanica sita nel pastino del forno in muratura.
Il completamento del fabbisogno pane per circa 1500 razioni giornaliere veniva effettuato con prelevamenti a Roma previ accordi con la locale Direzione di Commissariato Militare.
Essendosi ormai ultimata la riparazione e ripulitura del forno civile che può produrre oltre 4.000 razioni giornaliere, i forni Weiss sono stati spenti ed è cessato il prelevamento del pane a Roma.

b) E' stato già provveduto alla stacciatura di un piccolo quantitativo di farina che si presentava punteruolata. La farina dopo stacciatura risultava ben pulita ed in ottima condizione di consumazione. E' in atto il suo consumo miscelandola in lieve proporzione con quella di recente arrivo.

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AL COMANDO 12° B. L. U.
(Rif. foglio in data 3/1/46)

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c) E' stato interessato il Genio Militare per dotare la Squadra Panettieri ed i vari Magazzini dipendenti di estintori. Si è provveduto intanto a collocare delle secchie d'acqua munite di pompe e delle cassette di legno ricolme di terra per un primo intervento in caso di necessità.

d) Gli allogiamenti del personale sono in relazione ai locali di cui si dispone. Una parte del personale intanto è stata sistemata in una nuova camerata, spostando in una piccola stanza il deposito di farina la cui entità è stata ridotta, e si cercherà di sistemare il resto degli uomini in una baracca appositamente costruita ed in corso di ultimazione.
Sarà allora possibile disporre anche di sala convegno e collocare anche la radio.

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e) E' stato disposto di una razione supplementare di sapone per i panettieri da trattare nella stessa stregua dei meccanici, cucinieri, ecc..

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f) è provveduto alla rinnovazione degli oggetti di vestiario tenendo conto del loro stato d'uso e del periodo di tempo in cui furono distribuiti.
g) la riparazione delle scarpe verrà effettuata presso il dipendente Laboratorio.=

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Ercole Ronco)

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SUBJECT: Inspection of 319 Field Bakery.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/5/952.
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1 Feb. 46

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

1. Herewith copy of this H.Q. letter ST/5/837, dated 8 Jan.46, for your information.

2. This H.Q. ST/5/838 dated 8 Jan.46 refers.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Petrol Point, CESANO.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66519)

Ref: ST/26/932

29 Jan. 46

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari.

1. Herewith, attached, report on inspection made on petrol point CESANO, by Major J.C. HALLET, R.A.S.C., D.A.D.S.T. this H.Q.

2. It is recommended that proposals outlined in section 4 (b) should be put into effect.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Petrol Point, CESANO.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ET/26/333

29 Jan. 46

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (NMLA)

Herewith, for information, please find copy of report on inspection of Petrol Point at Comando Scuole Centrali Militari made by Major J.C. Walleh, RASC. DADST this H.Q.

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Italian Central Military Schools

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FILE - STORE

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

Ref: SI/26/322

26 January 1946.

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REPORT ON AN INSPECTION MADE ON PETROL POINT AT CESANO ON JANUARY 1946 by MAJOR J.C.HALSET, RASC.

(1) INTRODUCTION:

The petrol point at CESANO (P.O.L. Store) is situated about 1 mile to the North-East of Comando Scuole Centrali Militari and to the East of the road through the camp to ANGUILLARA. It is commanded by Captain LANDI, a Regular Artillery Officer (commissioned October 1937, promoted captain January 1942). The point is under the Ufficio Servizi Sentione Auto technically and the personnel are under the Compagnie Comando for all administration. The petrol point is working on a temporary layout since R.E. work is in progress and when finished the layout will be altered (both layouts are described in report). The point is situated on fairly hard ground and there is one building which is used as an office, sleeping quarters and oil store in separate rooms. Half of this building is at present occupied by other personnel who are being moved out in the near future and the point personnel will then take over the whole accommodation.

(2) TECHNICAL

(A) STORAGE:

The two 25,000 litre tanks (petrol) and the 5,500 litre (Diesel) tank are ready for use, though power is required to operate the electric pump (pump is in possession of point) for filling the tanks from road tankers. The O.C. stated that the power would be laid on in five days' time. There are 4 cisterns which are being used now and will continue to be used in conjunction with the new tanks. The holding and issuing of petrol and diesel in barrels will be discontinued when the new tanks are brought into operation. The capacity of the cisterns and stock of petrol and diesel in barrels at the time of the inspection was :-

(i)	Cistern	7,500	litres	PETROL
(ii)	"	5,500	"	PETROL
(iii)	"	5,500	"	PETROL
(iv)	"	5,500	"	- DIESEL
(v)	Barrels	80,700	"	- PETROL
(vi)	"	1,000	"	- DIESEL

cistern full
. 5500 l.
Barrels 64 x 200 litre

Stock in barrels is

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cistern full
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barrels
but no oil filling

The four cisterns are adjacent to one another and the stock in barrels is close to the cisterns so that any fire started would involve the whole lot.

The oil store was inspected; the different grades of oils were not clearly stacked apart nor were there any notices to indicate the different grades of oil. There were no tally sheets. Tins of grease were left open, exposed to the dirt. Oil measures and ladles for issuing grease (grease was in large PACK.) were not covered when out of use but were exposed to the dirt. The general appearance of the oil store was that it was dirty and badly laid out.

There is a wash down for vehicles maintained by the point, also a greasing pit.

(B) RECEIPTS.

(i) Receiving into Depot.

P.O.L. is received into the point in military tankers and the barrels are filled from the tanker, also the cisterns are filled. The OC himself draws the P.O.L. from G.I.P. every alternate day. Three other points, at BRACCIANO, CIVITAVECCHIA and CERVETERI, for which this point is the accounting unit, send representatives with the O.C. petrol point CESANO, and draw their amounts separately from G.I.P.

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(ii) Demands.

The procedure for demands is as follows:

The Auto Servizi make out a demand for P.O.L. to cover 3 or 4 days, in triplicate.

1st copy to Head Office, C.I.P. Rome.
2nd " " O.C. Petrol Point.
3rd " File.

The O.C. Petrol Point then takes his copy of the demand to C.I.P. Head Office and an indent is made out in triplicate for an amount for immediate drawal only (OC Point signs this indent):

1st copy War Ministry (End month with 1st copy demand)
2nd " O.C. Point.
3rd " Auto Servizi.

The OC Point then draws for the 4 points at the C.I.P. Depot on his copy of the indent and they sign for their amounts from him. The O.C. point can obtain an indent from C.I.P. head office for drawals until original demand satisfied, when the C.I.P. sign the O.C. Point's copy and return it.

At the end of the month the demands received back signed by C.I.P. are sent to Ministry of War.

(c) ISSUES.

Issues are made to unit vehicles in [illegible] area on an average of 1,000 - 1,200 American gallons petrol and 2,000 litres Diesel per day. Vehicles are issued from the barrels or cisterns by hand operated pumps.

A driver enters the point and reports to the office where his tanks are checked and the amount he is to be issued with is entered in a book, kept for each unit (see Accounts - Section "D") and in his work ticket. The driver then draws and returns and signs. The driver is given no chit to the storeman, who issues, neither does the storeman keep a tally of receipts and issues from his "stacks". The only check is that the storeman who issues a particular driver may look at the Work Ticket. There are no guiding signs in the Depot.

When the new tanks are brought into use the driver will draw from one of two points near the tanks. The new layout appears to be hazy since the O.C. Depot stated that the vehicles would enter by the tanks, fill [illegible] to the North of the building, report to the office, sign

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At the end of the month the demands received back signed by G.I.P. are sent to Ministry of War.

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When the new tanks are brought into use the driver will draw from one of two points near the tanks. The new layout appears to be hazy since the O.C. Depot stated that the vehicles would enter by the tanks, fill up and go round to the North of the building, report to the office, sign and then exit. The diesel issues too are in line and very close to the petrol issues.

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(D) ACCOUNTS.

Accounts were inspected and found up-to-date. The following accounts are maintained :

(i) A book is kept for each drawing unit and the driver signs against his vehicle number for amount drawn. The book is ruled off daily, after 1700 hrs. and commenced afresh.

(ii) A Summary of Issues book is kept.

(iii) A Summary of Receipts book is kept, split into 4 sections, one for each petrol point, with a totals column.

The following returns are made :-

(i) Movement and Remains return to Auto Servizi, every evening after 1700 hrs.

(ii) Each month a Summary of Issues by units. This is supported by a summary of drawals made out for each unit in triplicate, one copy of which the unit retains, to support its POL account and

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two copies of which, signed by unit cond. are sent back to Petrol Point to support monthly issue Summary.

(iii) Return to Auto Service daily for 12 B.L.U. of issues made during previous day by units.

Stock checks are made every evening after 1700 hours by O.C. Point. Periodic checks are made by higher authority.

(E) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

There were no foam extinguishers and the only fire points were two sets of 4 tins, one at each end of the building on the West side. The tins were almost full with wet earth. There was one small inconspicuous "No smoking" notice in (Italian) on the West side of the building. The O.C. argued with the inspecting officer that the point was in fact totally incapable of fighting a fire. He stated however that there was a 500 litre extinguisher in the stores but that it had not yet been issued.

(F) SUMMARY OF WORK OUTSTANDING:

The O.C. point stated that the civilian workers had only worked 8 days in January and the trouble appeared to be financial.

The work still to be done is :-

(i) R.E. Work.

(a) Power to be laid on for operating pump.
(b) Roof to be constructed over tanks.
(c) Siting of second tank to be finished.
(d) Completion of issue points.
(e) Certain other general work connected with layout - repairs to Buildings, fences, etc.

(ii) Other Work:

(a) "No smoking" notices.
(b) Fire Points.
(c) Guiding notices.

(G) GUARDS:

An armed guard consisting of 1 N.C.O. (Cpl. or Cpl.Magg) and 3 men [illegible] 07.00 hrs. Guard commander

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(G) GUARDS:

An armed guard consisting of 1 N.C.O. (Cpl. or Cpl.Magg) and 3 men is placed on the depot between 17.30 hrs and 07.00 hrs. Guard commander signs for stock on taking over and stock is signed back when guard is relieved.

(3) PERSONNEL:

(A) STRENGTH:

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The personnel are on the strength of the Compagnie Commando and all administration is done by that unit. There are no "unit stores" etc.

There is no War Establishment as yet for the petrol point.

The following personnel are permanently employed there :-

1 Officer (Captain)	Artillery.
1 Maresciallo.	Auto Corps.
1 Sgt. Magg.	Artillery.
1 Sgt.	Auto Corps
1 Cpl.	" "
7 men	" "

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(B) Messing Arrangements:

The men feed at the Compagnie Commando Mess, 200 yards away, and the senior N.C.Os. in the central Sergeants Mess. The officer messes in the central Officers Mess.

(C) Sleeping Accommodation:

The men sleep in a room on the South of the building. This room was quite clean though slightly overcrowded. Kits were not laid out, though, beds were tidy. This sleeping accommodation is temporary and the men will sleep in the Paint Room when that part of the building is vacated.

(D) Latrines:

There is a latrine on the North side of the building.

(E) Welfare:

Hours of work are from 07.00 - 12.00 and 13.00 - 17.00 hours. There are no recreational amenities for the men and no canteen run by the parent unit. The Compagnie Commando occasionally ask the O.C. for the name of a good soldier, who is paid a bonus. The O.C. stated that his men had no particular trouble at the time, though receive no trade pay for doing a R.C.L. storeman's job.

(4) INSPECTING OFFICER'S OPINION AND PROPOSALS.

(A) Opinion:

The general opinion gained was that the point was being run reasonably well, although much more organising drive is necessary before it could be called efficient. One part of the trouble is placing a non-technical officer and O.Rs. from various arms, whether technical or not, to run a technical unit which should be run by a technical officer and O.Rs. all of the same Arm of the Service. A lack of spirit was noticed which is not the case in other supply units where the officers and men all belong to a particular corps and are doing a job for which they have been selected and trained.

(B) Proposals:

The following technical proposals are made :-

(1) As a first priority, that efficient fire precautions be

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(B) Proposals:

The following technical proposals are made :-

(i) As a first priority, that efficient fire precautions be instituted immediately, equipment provided, fire orders drawn up and personnel frequently practised. O.C. should certify to higher authority that fire practices are carried out at dates to be laid down by higher authority. Fire points should be constructed, each with 1 small foam extinguisher, 4 buckets (old oil drums with lids removed and a piece of wood across to form a handle will suffice), filled two-thirds with sand (NOT EARTH) and covered to protect the contents from the rain, which renders the sand useless for the purpose. The fire points should also have two choppers, 1 axe falling and two spades. Fire gongs (made from a piece of old railway rail or an empty shell case mounted on a wooden frame) are also recommended. At least two large capacity foam filled extinguishers should be provided and personnel trained to handle them. Rubbish lying around and loose vegetation helps fires and should be cleaned away. "NO SMOKING" notices should be displayed prominently.

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(ii) That a storeman is placed in charge of a specific stack or issue point and keeps an issue and receipts tally.

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(iii) That drivers sign before drawing P.O.L. and take a chit to the storeman, who then issues amount. These chits should support storeman's bally.

(iv) That gudding signs are erected to enable drivers to go to the right issue points.

(v) That oil store is improved with the different oils stacked/GREASE TINS apart and notices displayed as to type of oil. Open ~~[illegible]~~ and measures should be kept in a covered box when not in use, free from dirt.

(vi) That contractor is urged to finish R.M. work on point without further delay.

(vii) That more dispersion of stocks is instituted to enable fires to be isolated.

No Regimental proposals can be made since the men belong to the Compagnie Commdo, which is outside the scope of this inspection. However, it is strongly recommended that urgent steps be taken to provide recreational facilities for the men, such as canteen, rest room, etc.

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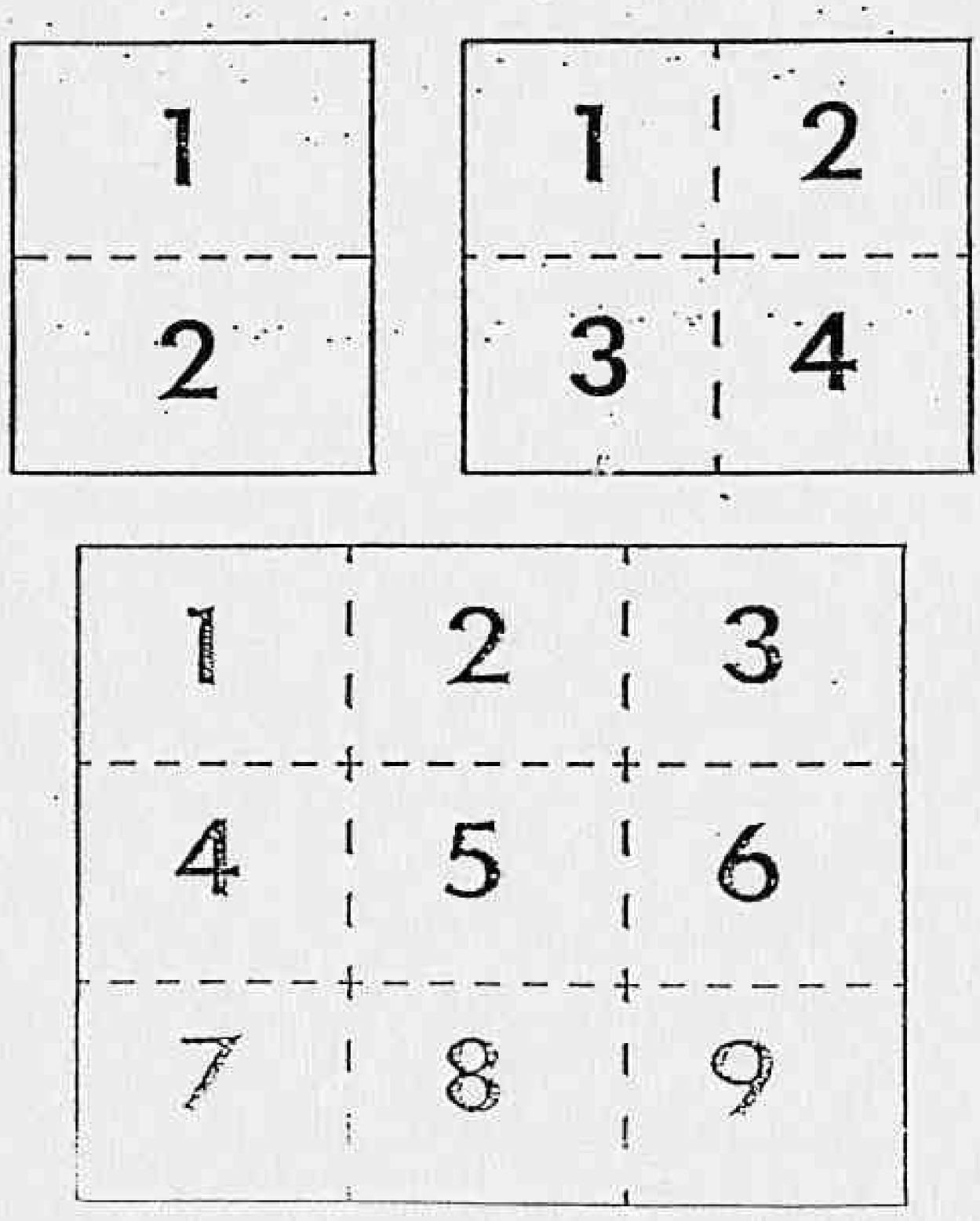

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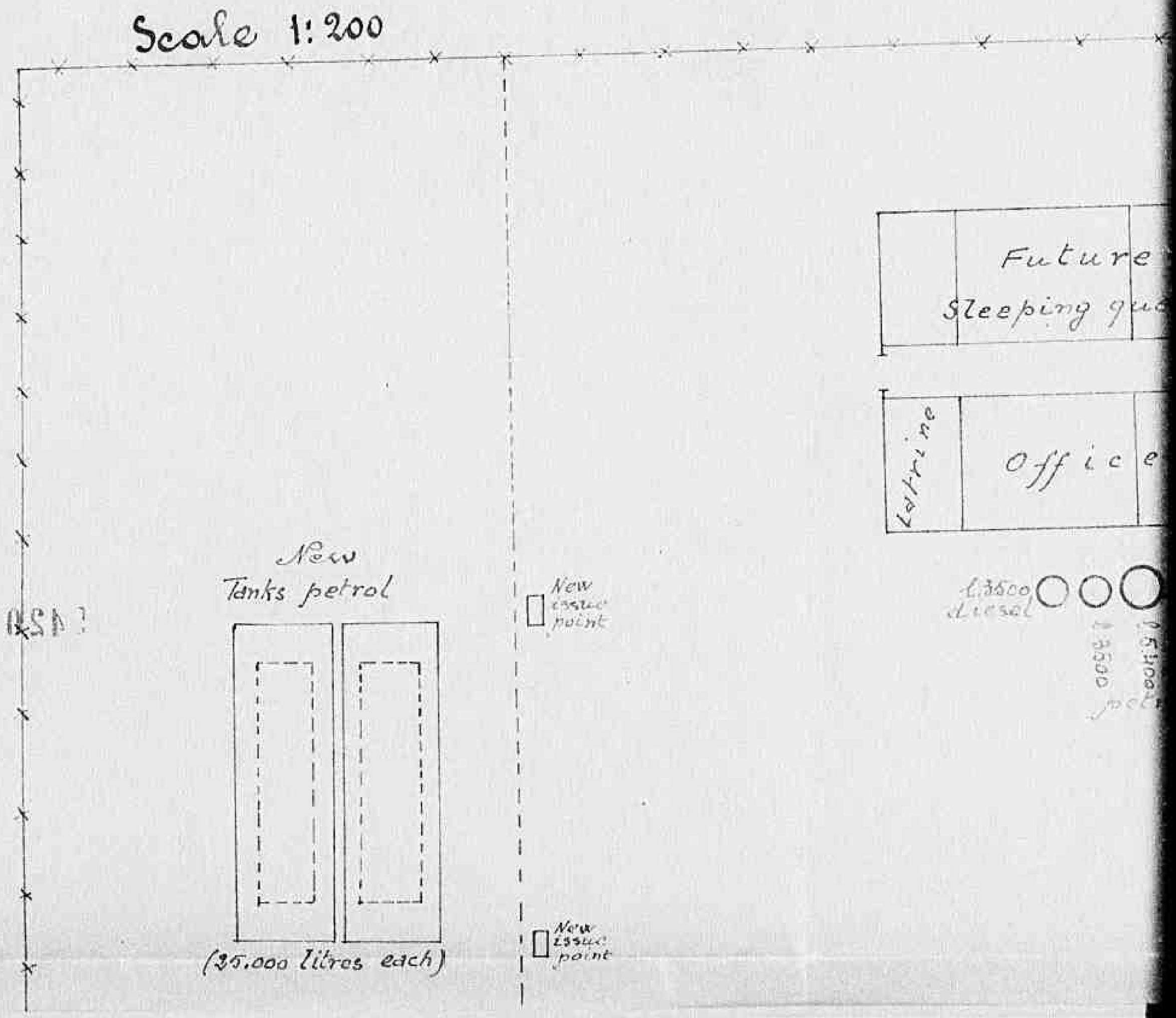

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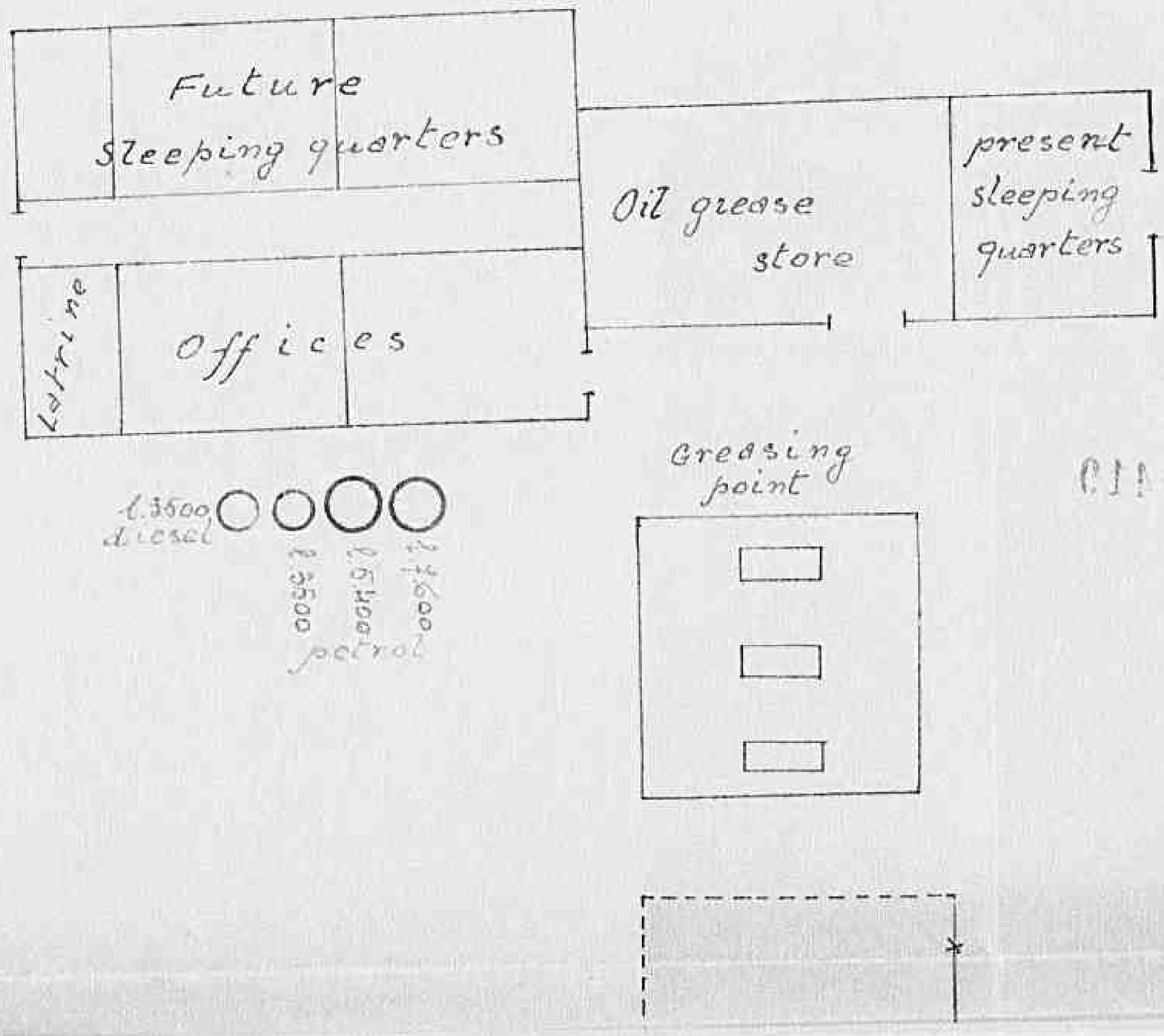

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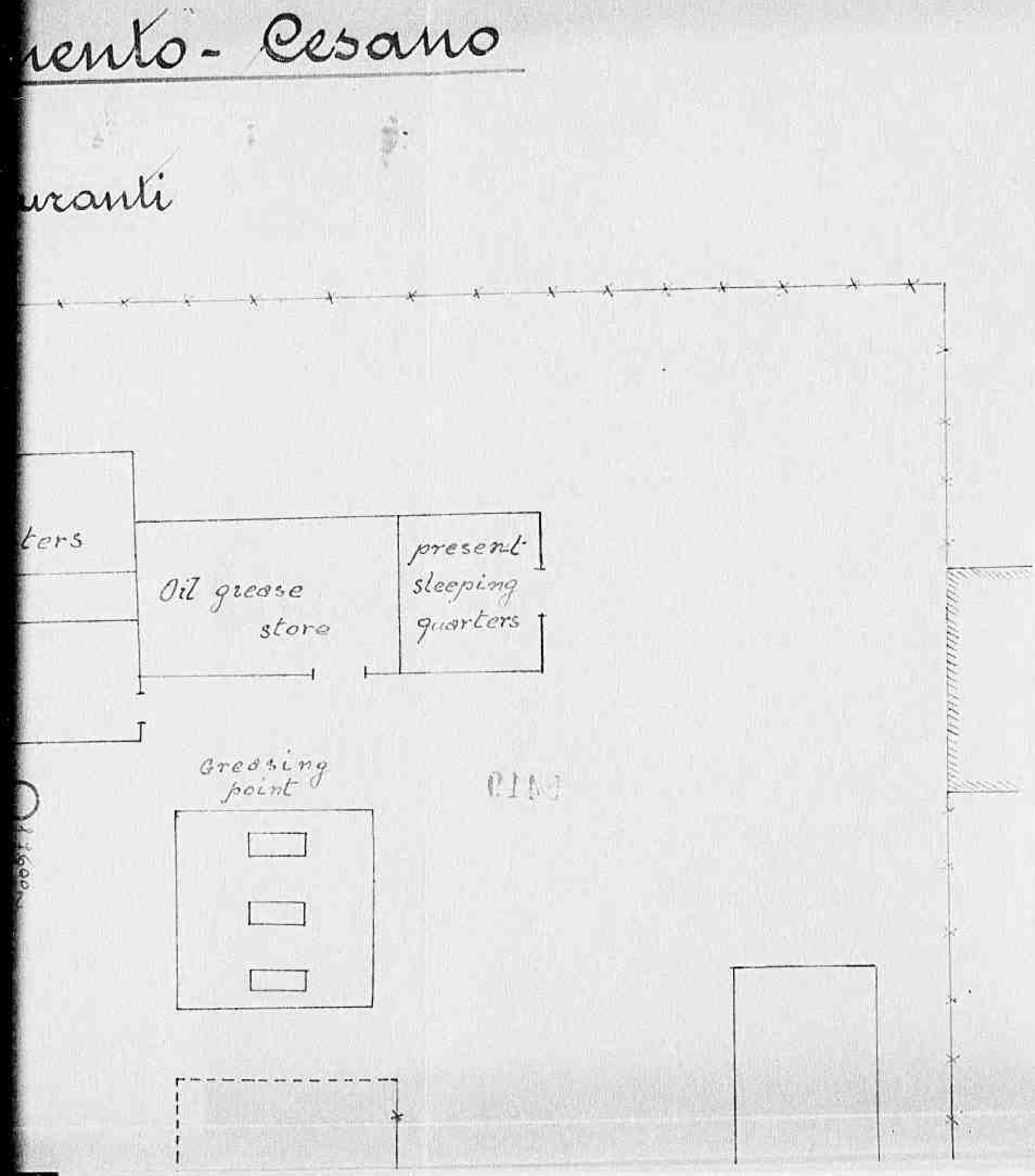

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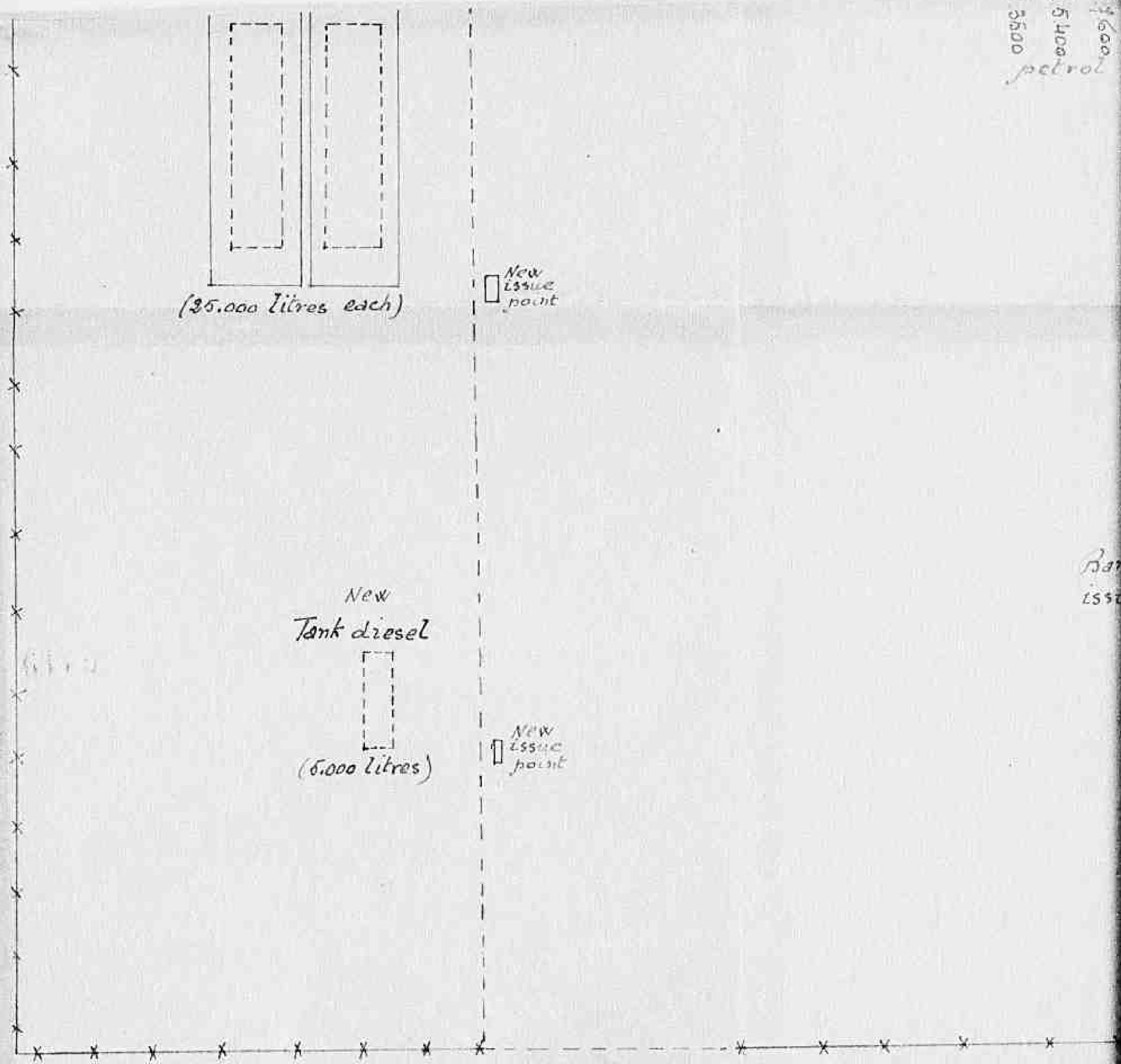

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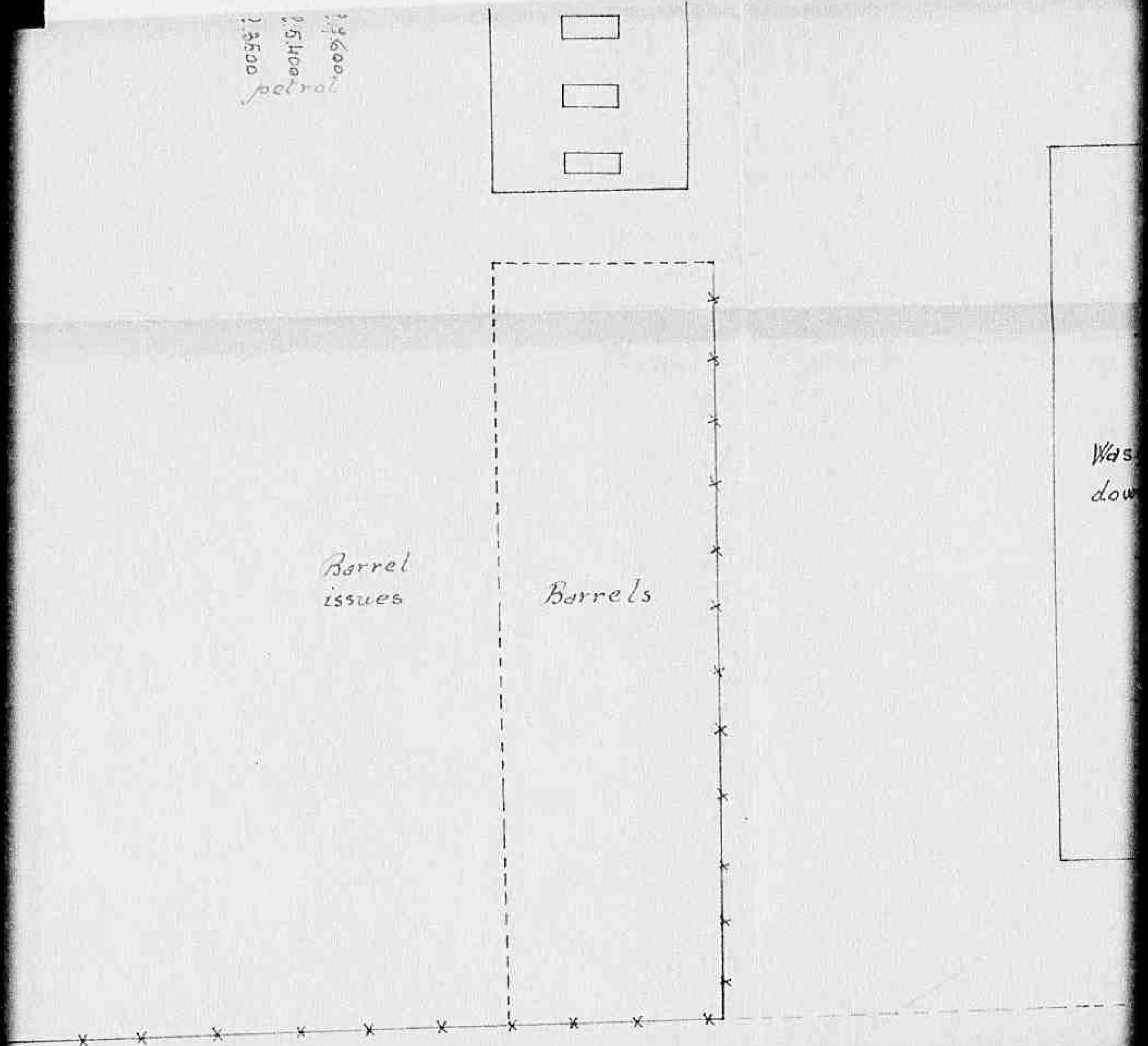

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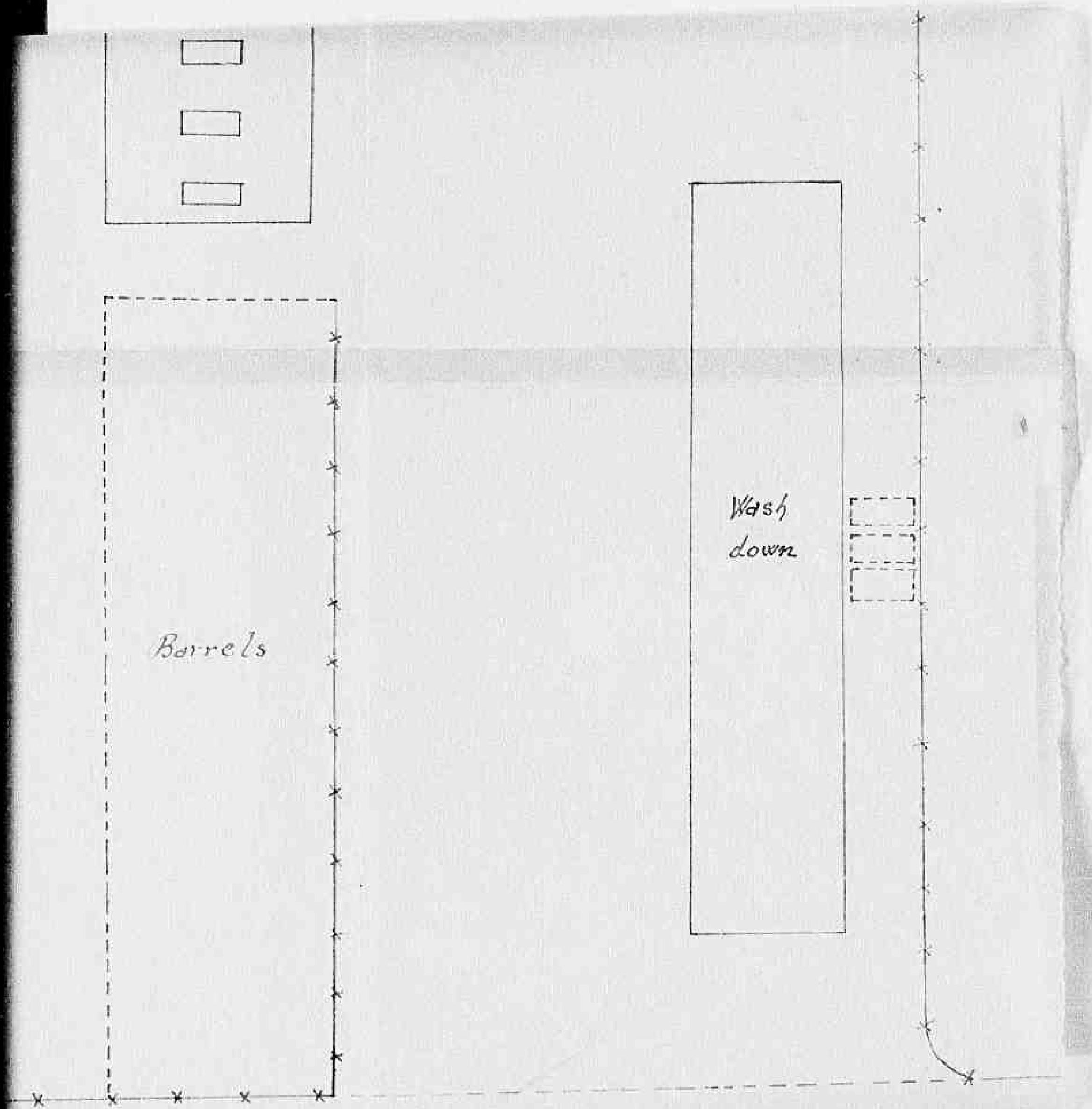

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Distribution Depot, CESANO
(152 Ration, POL & Clothing Stores).

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/26/928

28 Jan. 46

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

Herewith two copies of report on Inspection of Distribution Depot, CESANO, on 15 Jan. 46 by D.A.D.S.T., this H.Q., for your information please.

Maj. Colonel
Cond. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Inspection of Distribution Depot, CESANO (152 Ration, P.O.L. & Clothing Store).

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: CME 66319)

Ref: ST/26/929

28 Jan. 46

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari.

1. Herewith report on inspection made on the Distribution Depot, CESANO, on 15 Jan. 1946 by Major J.C. Halket, R.A.S.C., D.A.D.S.T., this H.Q.

2. It is suggested that proposals outlined in paragraph 4 are put into effect.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Burgess Halket

SUBJECT :- Visit of the Minister of War.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 66319)

Ref : G/A.14/961

25 January 1946.

To: All Officers,
12 British Liaison Unit.

1. On Saturday 26 January '46 the Minister of War, Avv. BROSIO, will inspect Units as per the following programme :-

0900 hrs	Arrive at MANZIANA.
0900 - 0930 hrs	Parade and presentation of Officers Instructors and Students.
0930 - 0950 hrs	Inspection of Officers' Mess - School HQ - Officers' Billets.
1000 hrs	Arrive at BRACCIANO.
1000 - 1030 hrs	Barracks and Ranges of Field Engineers School.
1040 - 1115 hrs	Artillery School.
1200 - 1300 hrs	Lunch at CESANO
1300 - 1400 hrs	Inspection of 1st Lot (Officers and NCOs Huts, Workshops, 2 M.T. Company, 1500 Transport Platoon).
1410 - 1440 hrs	Infantry School.
1445 - 1500 hrs	P.T. School.
1500 - 1540 hrs	NCOs School and New Offices of the Central Military Schools HQ,
1545 - 1600 hrs	Visit to the Police School.

W.L. PRICE,
Major GSO II
Trg & Inf Trg
12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

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SUBJECT: Inspections.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS

Ref: ST/26/927

28 Jan. 46

To: Commander,
12 B.L.U.

DMA & QMG.
12 B.L.U.

Herewith copy of report on Inspection of Distribution Depot on 15 January 46. Copies have been forwarded to M.M.I.A. and Comando Supremo Centrali Military.

Major R.A.S.O.
D.A.D.O.T.

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12 BRITISH REGION UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY MISSION.

22 January 1946.

REPORT ON INSPECTION MADE ON DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, GRAMO (152 RATION, P.O.L. AND CLOTHING DEPOT) BY MAJOR J. C. HALKER, R.A.S.C., ON 15 JANUARY, 1946.

(1) INTRODUCTION:

The Distribution Depot of 152 Ration, P.O.L. & Clothing Store is situated to the East and adjacent to Comando Reparto Centrali Militari, and adjacent to and on the North side of the main road to GRAMO village. The accommodation consists of one long shed that is sub-divided into rooms used for storage, offices and accommodation for personnel, built on a ramp the height of a British railway platform and running East-West. A similar shed, built parallel, about 20 yards to the North, is used as the clothing store. The Distribution Depot is commanded by 2/Lieut. MIRROSI, aged 25, a regular Officer of the SUSSISTENZA, (commissioned 1942).

(2) TERRITORIAL.

(A) Storage.

(i) Depot Organisation and Accommodation:

The Depot is divided into four working sections, each occupying a room in the shed :-

(a) General commodity section: This is run by the officer himself and four storemen. (one a Cpl.Maggs.)

(b) Flour Section: 1 Maresciallo and 2 Storemen.

(c) Wine Section: 1 Cpl.Maggs storeman and 1 storeman.

(d) Forage Section: 1 Maresciallo.

The accommodation is good, the shed being of good height, well lighted by day time, airy and dry. An electrician was giving permanent lights for night work during the inspection, which will be finished in three days. The sheds are kept clean, though they need whitewashing. Doors are of the "roll-up" type, metal and in good repair, and fitted at intervals each side of the building. There are three each side of the General Commodity Store and one for the other stores. Empty barrels are stored in a covered passage that runs across the shed in the middle. This passage is open at both ends, though covered by the main shed roof, which is continuous.

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(d) Forage Section: 1 Maresciallo.

The accommodation is good, the shed being of good height, well lighted by day time, airy and dry. An electrician was fitting permanent lights for night work during the inspection, which will be finished in three days. The floors are kept clean, though they need whitewashing. Doors are of the "roll-up" type, metal and in good repair, and fitted at intervals each side of the building. There are three each side of the General Commodity Store and one for the other stores. Empty barrels are stored in a covered passage that runs across the shed in the middle. This passage is open at both ends, though covered by the main shed roof, which is continuous.

(ii) Stacking:

The stacking was on the whole good. The sugar inspected was found to be hard about half-way down, the bottom sacks having become very hard, and was stacked too high. Macaroni was also stacked too high. Warranties were mixed in stacks, though only close warranties. No extended warranties or R.M.D. markings were found on any supplies. Matches were close-stacked, although there was at the time only a small stock. Supplies were, to a large extent, stacked by [redacted] BRANDS. The dunnage used was bricks, which are not satisfactory. The O.C. stated that wood was not obtainable.

(iii) Tally Sheets.

There were tally sheets for each stack, the headings being correctly made out, and the transactions entered to date. There was no "running column or line" shown on tally sheets (M/4 not in use) and to arrive at the tally sheet figure one had to do computations with regard to movements since the figure first entered when stack was commenced. The computations checked were correct as per tally sheet. Stacks were not numbered.

(iv) Anti-Rat Precautions.

The O.C. Depot stated that there were a great number of rats and that the commodity that they attacked most was the pasta. The only Anti-Rat precautions being taken was the keeping of two cats; though poison and traps have been demanded but not yet received.

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(v) Fire Precautions.

There were no fire points or extinguishers. Extinguishers are on demand. There were no "NO SMOKING" notices displayed.

(vi) Labour.

No civilian labour is employed; a certain number of infantrymen and artilleymen are attached to act as labour.

(vii) Guards.

There is a combined guard; a combined guard is also present when railway trucks are being off-loaded at GISAN Station.

(B) STORES.

(i) Stock Position.

At the time of the inspection the position, based on feeding strength of 10,000 per day was as follows, (at Single Ration Scale) :-

Flour	20 Days.	
Pasta (macaroni)	60 "	
Rice	10 "	
P. Meat	10 "	(Pork L.M. since received)
Pulses (Dried peas)	150 "	(Drd.veg. NIL)
Cheese	20 "	
Tomato preserve	45 "	
Sugar	90 "	
Coffee	29 "	
Pepper	NIL	
Matches	60 "	
Olive Oil ...	30 "	
Nuts (Almonds W/o shells)	NIL	(Since received)
Salt	45 "	
Wine	NIL	
Beer	150 "	
Tobacco	90 "	

NOTE: Stocks very unbalanced.

Forage — only two bales of straw were in the forage section plus some loose straw. Normal commodities held are straw plus barley, and also condemned pulses (peas) are held for issue.

(ii) Hospital Supplies.

[illegible] are as above.

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Cheese	20	"	
Tomato preserve	45	"	
Sugar	90	"	
Coffee	29	"	
Pepper	NIL		
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Olive Oil ...	30	"	
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Tobacco	90	"	

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(ii) Hospital Supplies.

No Hospital supplies are on charge.

(iii) Checks.

Stocks of P.Meat and Cheese were checked (see Accounts Section (3)). Ground stock checks are made by the commissariate once a month.

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(iv) Turn-over Charts.

No turn-over charts are kept for sacked commodities; in view of the large stocks of sugar and pulses and possibly of flour (flour was being received during the inspection) it would be wise to keep turn-over charts (Appendix I).

(v) The last board for condemning supplies was held early in December 1945.

(c) [illegible].

Commodities are received as follows :-

(i) Transfer by rail from 10 Bulk Depot, HAIFA (consigned on RE/5).

(ii) Wine is transferred from 9 Bulk Depot, BARI.

(iii) Wine is received from Italian sources in the North.

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(iv) Straw and hay are purchased locally by commissariats and, if possible, units collect in their own transport. When forage is purchased, a Forage Board, consisting of three Officers - one a commissariat officer and two from other Arms, is held to ensure that forage conforms to contract standards.

(v) Wood is purchased locally by commissariats and if possible units collect.

(vi) Fresh vegetables are purchased by units locally from allowances credited for the purpose to unit funds. On occasions when wine is not available from the Distribution Depot, units also purchase wine locally.

(vii) Coffee is transferred with other supplies, from 10 Bulk Depot, already roasted under supervision of 10 Bulk Depot.

All rail receipts arrive at [illegible] station and R.T.O. informs O.C. Depot of arrival. Transport is then allocated from the Transport Platoon to transfer supplies from the siding in [illegible] station to the Depot, a distance of approximately 1 mile. The trucks are unsealed in the presence of the carabiniari, who, if there are deficiencies, arrest the escort. (The escort was arrested five days before inspection, two sacks of flour being deficient). If there are any discrepancies the O.C. Depot renders a statement to the Commissariats, which is signed by himself, the R.T.O., the carabiniari and the escort.

The only documentation from rail to road is that the officer or N.C.O. checking supplies from the trucks to the M.T., hands a chit of the details of the load to a carabiniari soldier, who is placed in charge of each lorry.

The Depot possesses no tarpaulins, though old tents have been used. Tarpaulins are on demand. Most vehicles are uncovered.

A spur, running from [illegible] Station to the Depot, has been laid, though is not finished. Work has stopped at a distance of approximately 100 yards from the Depot, where a point would be required to be laid to enable trucks containing either supplies or clothing to be placed on the Distribution Depot and Clothing Depots respectively. The lines in the depot would have to be constructed at ground level to enable M.T. to cross them easily and also to back up to the Distribution Depot for off-loading any road receipts, and for issues to units. The work to be done for both the Distribution Depot and the Clothing Store would be as follows:- The construction of a point, for 100-yard length of track

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The only documentation from rail to road is that the officer or N.C.O. checking supplies from the trucks to the M.T., hands a list of the details of the load to a carabiniari soldier, who is placed in charge of each lorry.

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A spur, running from CSMMO Station to the Depot, has been laid, though is not finished. Work has stopped at a distance of approximately 100 yards from the Depot, where a point would be required to be laid to enable trucks containing either supplies or clothing to be placed on the Distribution Depot and Clothing Depots respectively. The lines in the depot would have to be constructed at ground level to enable M.T. to cross them easily and also to back up to the Distribution Depot for off-loading any road receipts, and for issues to units. The work to be done for both the Distribution Depot and the Clothing Store would be :- the construction of a point, two 100-yard lengths of track and two buffer stops.

The completion of this work is very urgent since it would save the double handling of rail to road, possible damage to supplies and possible pilferage of supplies. Much delay is caused at present by having to use road transport to clear the rail traffic and the limited number of storemen in the Depot has to be further reduced by a certain number being employed to off-check the railway trucks. The fact that the shed is built on a ramp is a further advantage, since all supplies can be handled at the height of the floor of the wagon. In addition, a considerable amount of M.T. and P.O.L. would be saved. In general, the cost of the completion of this work would be paid back in the long run by a saving in M.T., P.O.L., tyres and supplies damaged.

(b) **ISSUES:**

(i) Normal Issues (single scale).

The present feeding strength is 10,000 approx. per day (issues are made twice a month - 15th and 30th) and the number of "splits" is 32. All issues, except wine and flour, are made from the General Commodity section from one door, two tables being placed across the door to prevent unit representatives from entering. The issues are controlled entirely by the O.C. Depot, he himself calling forward amounts of various commodities

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from the stacks, as per RE/O's (see Accounts Section) and ensuring that unit representatives sign. The units being their own containers. An "overs and unders" book is maintained. A chart of Kilo-Pound conversion is at hand also for easy reference. The scales used for issues are checked periodically by qualified personnel.

(ii) Other Scales:

Issues are made on the travelling scale at various times (e.g. when courses end). NO hospital scale issues are made. The hospital at [illegible] purchases locally from funds provided.

(iii) Flour Issues.

Flour is issued to 319 Field Bakery at [illegible] and to units not supplied by 319 Field Bakery, at [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]. These units then hand the flour over to the civilian bakeries at these places for baking into bread.

(iv) Empty Sacks.

These are made into bundles of 25 (24 in one sack) and returned to 10 Bulk Depot.

(v) Forage Issues.

Forage issues are made periodically for a strength of 36 mules and 23 horses (P.T. School).

(vi) Unit's Complaints.

Units are complaining that the bash corn beef and M & V issues are made at 3-one; the same as if the contents were all meat (e.g. P. Meat). The result is that the men do not get their full ration of meat. This is a general complaint, although the issue is correct, as per single ration scale.

(B) ARMOURED.

(i) Organisation:

(a) The office is under the control of a Marechalle and duties are split up as follows :-

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to 10 Bulk Depot.

(v) Forage Issues.

Forage issues are made periodically for a strength of 56 mules and 23 horses (P.T. School).

(vi) Unit's Complaints.

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(E) ACCOUNTS.

(i) Organisation:

(a) The office is under the control of a Maresciallo and duties are split up as follows :-

Maresciallo — SE/10 and SE/12 (previously). Stock movement returns to Commissariato daily.

1st Sgt.Magg. — SE/11, SE/7 (from SE/5's received), and SE/6.

2nd Sgt.Magg. — SE/9 and calculation of amounts of various commodities to be issued, as per Ration Scale on SE/8's received. (This is checked by Maresciallo)

In addition, an Italian register of issues and receipts, showing complete stock movements during financial year (ending June) has to be maintained and despatched each year to Higher Authority, (Finance Department, Ministry of War).

(b) There is a Depot at CIVITAVECCHIA with a feeding strength of 2,000 for which the Distribution Depot at CERVETO is the accounting unit. There were no separate column in the SE/11 to show the stock at CERVETO and the stock (very small) at CIVITAVECCHIA; nor a supporting stock book showing the two figures.

(ii) Indents (SE/8).

These are made out by units in quadruplicate, the ration strength not being entered, and passed to commissariato 5 days in advance. The Commissariato enter the ration strength (daily strength and period strength), stamp the indents and pass them to Depot, where they are serially numbered and entered in SE/9. The amounts to be issued are

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then worked out (see para (e) above) and the M/O's passed to the Section and issues made accordingly, the unit representative and Officer i/c Depot signing. One copy is handed to unit representative, one sent to M.M.I.A. and two kept in Depot - one for permanent record and one to support the Italian stock movement return sent in at the end of the year.

(iii) Stock Books.

No section stock books are kept. It is not normal to keep stock books in a detail depot though it advisable if any stocks are held over and above stock required for current issues.

(iv) The accounts were inspected and found up-to-date.

(3) PERSONNEL.

(A) The unit is not self accounting and is under the Compagni Comando for all administration.

(B) Strength:

W. E.	On Strength.
2 Officers - 1 Major 1 2/Lieut. 4 N.C.Os. (Sgts. & above) 30 O.Rs. (O.R. ranks not specified on W.E. with exception of senior NCOs, which are only specified as Sgts. and above).	1 Officer (2/Lieut) 3 Marescialle's. 2 Serg. Maggs. 3 Cap. Maggs. 1 Supply Clerk (SUSSISTENZA) 8 Sanitarium Stevenen. 14 Infantry & Artillery men (Labour)

The personnel of the Depot at CIVITAVECCHIA do not count against above W.E.

(C) Sleeping Quarters.

The room at the East end is used as sleeping quarters for depot personnel. The room is airy, though very cheerless and needs whitewashing badly. The men are too crowded, the beds nearly touching. The only means of heating was one small wood-fired stove, which is quite inadequate. Kits were not laid out, some beds were untidy and the room was dirty. The electrician was fitting a permanent lighting system in the room, although bulbs are needed.

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(D) Dining Quarters.

There are no separate dining quarters; the only place where the men can eat is at a small trestle table near the entrance of the room. The table is inadequate for the number of men and there are no seats.

(E) Cookhouse.

The Southern end of the passage, where the empty barrels are stored, is used as a cookhouse. This passage is open at both ends to the weather. There is no stove, nor has any attempt been made to improvise one. Petrol tins (non-returnable) each supported on three old milk tins and fired by wood laid underneath are used for cooking the food. The smoke was swirling round and has blackened the wall and roof in parts; no covers were over the tins. A brew of "Hinkato" was being cooked for the men's evening meal at the time of the inspection.

The officer explained that there was no cooking equipment allowed since the men were supposed to feed at the Campgrd.Gerrulo, but were unable to do so since the hours of meals there clash with working hours in the Depot.

(F) Latrines.

The latrine is of the German type and at the far Western end of the depot. It is cleaned out each day by Depot personnel. There is NO night latrine bucket for the men's billet.

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(G) Ablutions:

The only means of washing for the men is a tap out in the open on the side of the shed wall, near the door of the sleeping quarters. There were no bowls. The men are able to get hot showers at the Compagni Comando twice a week.

(H) Laundry.

The men do their own laundry and have to make the ration of soap (250 gms) do for laundry and personal washing.

(I) Unit Stores.

There are no unit stores - the unit is dependent on the stores at the Compagni Comando.

(J) Welfare.

There are no welfare arrangements within the unit. The men can go to 506 Regt canteen, half-a-mile away, although only wine is obtainable. Hours of work are from 08.00 hrs. till quite often 21.00 hrs. The men, according to the O.C., have many family troubles, the chief of which seems to be inability to obtain a home or adequate shelter for their families. The senior N.C.Os. feed at the central Egto Mess. The Warrant Officers were questioned about their mess and expressed dissatisfaction, the food being inadequate and badly cooked. The officer messes in the central officers' mess.

The sickness rate is very low; at the time of the inspection one man was excused duty and attending for treatment for a boil on the leg.

The general turn-out of the men was average. The boots of the men who were inspected were in good repair.

The question of trade pay crops up again. The storeman and clerks are doing a technical job and receiving no trade pay.

(4) INSPECTING OFFICER'S PROPOSALS.

(A) Technical.

The following suggestions for improvements are made :-

(i) That the stack of sugar is restacked at the lowest possible height, the bard sacks thereby coming on top and having the pressure taken

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The following suggestions for improvements are made :-

(i) That the stack of sugar is restacked at the lowest possible height, the hard sacks thereby coming on top and having the pressure taken off them. (8 high if possible, owing to hardening).

(ii) That the meatrail be reduced to 10 high.

(iii) That matches are open-stacked.

(iv) That more suitable damage is obtained (wooden bateau is possible).

(v) That further anti-rat precautions are instituted and traps and poison are made available.

(vi) That the stores are whitewashed.

(vii) That fire extinguishers are supplied and fire points laid out. Each point should have 1 extinguisher, 3 buckets water and 1 sand (2/3rds. full), 2 choppers, 1 axe felling (or pick axe) and 2 spades. Buckets can be made from old oil tins, the top being removed and a piece of wood fixed across to form a handle. In addition, "NO SMOKING" notices should be displayed prominently. Fire orders should be drawn up.

(viii) That outside lighting is provided for night work.

(ix) That a turn-over chart is instituted for tinned commodities (Appx.I)

(x) That tarpaulins are issued to depot.

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(xii) That construction of railway track is completed (a point and 200 yds of track could surely be taken from some unused siding elsewhere).

(xiii) That while the present system of checking railhead is in vogue, Loading Lists are issued to each driver (made out in duplicate) - one to driver and one kept as record.

(xiii) That a separate figure is shown in commodity account (XC/11) for stock at UMTENWODEMA, or a separate supporting book maintained showing the two figures.

(xiv) That a stock book is commenced and stocks are all numbered.

(xv) That peak demands and transfers are made so as to keep stock more balanced.

(B) PERSONNEL.

(i) That the men's sleeping quarters are white-washed or painted and made more cheerful. More accommodation needs to be found since men are too crowded. It is essential that kits are laid out each day and the Orderly Sergeant should see to this.

(ii) That an ablution bench and shelter are provided, together with bowls. The inspecting officer showed the O.C. Depot how improvised bowls could be made out of old petrol or coffee tins until proper ones could be provided.

(iii) That proper cooking facilities are provided and also messing accommodation, with tables and forms. The inspecting officer gave the O.C. Depot an idea of how to construct a temporary cooker (hot plate type) until a permanent one could be created. The cookhouse should have shelter and also a preparation room and table.

(iv) That since the latrines are so far away a night bucket (emptied each morning) should be placed by the men's billets since no man is going to walk the distance to the latrines on a cold night. (This was suggested to O.C. Depot).

(v) That a rest room be provided for the men, or the central canteen

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(v) That a rest room be provided for the men, or the central canteen improved and that men's family difficulties be looked into, since a man cannot concentrate on his job if he knows his family is in trouble.

(5) INSPECTING OFFICER'S OPINION.

The general opinion gained is that the Depot is functioning very well technically and that stock control is good. But the conditions under which the men are living need great improvement. The depot is deficient in Establishment and one officer has to do two jobs. However, one officer could do the two jobs if the Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. did jobs appertaining to their rank and carried more responsibility. The establishment organization is that the Major runs the regimental and accounts side, and the 2/Lieut the Depot. Another officer has since been posted, though in an infantry officer and will work under the present O.C. It is suggested that this officer could, as his first job, put the Regimental side right.

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It is evident that the officer is doing too much detail work, in that he is controlling issues which a Mercendillo could do and it is evident that the N.C.Os. are not pulling their weight when a Mercendillo is in charge of the Garage section - a job that a Cpl or Senior aircraftsman could do. Also that the officer has to go to railhead and an NCO is not trusted with this job.

It is therefore suggested that the present Warrant Officers not pulling their weight are either given more responsibility or replaced.

The completion of the railway track is of vital importance in improving the efficiency of the Depot.

Major R.A.A.C.
D.A.D.A.P., 12 R.A.F.

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APPENDIX I

To: Report by D.A.D.S.T., 12 B.L.U.
on 152 Ration POL & Clothing Store.

TURN-OVER CHART FOR ANY GIVEN COMMODITY.

(Each month's receipts to be stacked separately.)

COMMODITY: Flour. ACCOUNTING UNIT: Miles.

RECEIPTS.			ISSUES.			Initials of NCO i/c Section.
Month rec'd.	Stack No.	Amount	Month & date issued	Stack No.	Amount.	
JAN.	1 2	6,000 4,000	MAR. 2 16 APR. 1 17	1 1 2 2	3,000 3,000 2,000 2,000	
FEB.	3 4	5,000 4,000	APR.30	3 (AND SO ON)	1,000	
MAR.	5 (AND SO ON)	2,000				

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rec'd.	No.		date issued	No.	
JAN.	1	6,000	MAR. 2	1	3,000
	2	4,000	16	1	3,000
			APR. 1	2	2,000
			17	2	2,000
FEB.	3	5,000	APR.30	3	1,000
	4	4,000	(AND SO ON)		
MAR.	5	2,000			
	(AND SO ON)				

Receipts are entered by months, the stock numbers showing where each particular month's receipts are stored. In order to effect proper turn-over the earliest month's receipts are issued first and amounts as issued are entered in "Issues column together with the number of the stack" from which issues are made. Thus it is impossible to issue later receipts first. The example will make this clear, where all the January receipts have been issued before the February receipts are touched. This chart can apply to oil and wine also where no packing dates are evident.

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SUBJECT:- Report on 319 Field Bakery.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/302
10 Jan 46.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 12 BLU.

1. The above unit was inspected by Major J.C. HALLET on 3 Jan 46. The unit operates efficiently in the face of difficulties and is well supervised.

2. In view of the observations of the inspecting officer the following improvements are suggested for your consideration and such action as you may consider desirable.

(a) The static oven in the civilian bakery and at least two of the mobile ovens should be repaired at an early date and made ready for use; increased shelter is required for the mobile ovens. In this way the present production figure can be maintained or increased by working two eight-hour shifts daily.

(b) Infested and clean flour should be stored separately.

(c) Precautions against fire and vermin should be instituted.

(d) Improved accommodation for personnel, cookhouse and ablutions should be found and kept cleaner and a suitably seated rest room with radio provided.

(e) A more generous scale of issue of soap should be made and arrangements put in hand for the washing of bakers clothing.

(f) Arrangements should be made for the replacement and repair of boots.

Lt.Col. RASC.
ADJT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MIA).

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12 Jan 46 ST/11 1177

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SUBJECT: Inspection of 319 Italian Field Bakery.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/5/838

8 Jan. 46.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMLA).

Herewith copy of report on Inspection of 319 Italian Field Bakery by Major J.C. Halket, R.A.S.C., D.A.D.S.T. this H.Q., on 3 Jan. 46, for information.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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SUBJECT: Inspection of 319 Field Bakery.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.
(Tel: ROME 66319)

Ref: ST/5/837

8 Jan. 46

To: Comando
Scuole Centrali Militari.

1. Attached herewith copy of report on inspection of 319 Field Bakery, Cesano, by Major J.C. Halket, R.A.S.C., D.A.D.S.T. of this H.Q., on 3 Jan.46.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 12 of the report, containing suggestions for improvement.

3. You should take into account the fact that by March the ration strength to be supplied daily by the bakery will have reached the 6,000 mark and that the War Establishment of the squad by that time will, in all probability, have been implemented. This should be borne in mind when arranging to bring further ovens into use and when seeking fresh accommodation.

Colonel
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS.

REPORT ON INSPECTION MADE ON 319 FIELD BAKERY, CESANO,
BY MAJOR J.C. HALNOT, R.A.S.C., ON 3 JANUARY, 1946.

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(1) INTRODUCTION:

One squad (equivalent to half a section) of 319 Field Bakery, commanded by 2/Lieut. RABARBERI is situated in Cesano village. The squad occupies a requisitioned school as billets and offices, with a Nissen Hut in the grounds containing two mobile ovens, and a nearby building as a bread store, commodity store and issue bay. In addition the squad runs a requisitioned civilian bakery which is further in the village and some half-a-mile away from the main area. It is manned entirely by military personnel in three 8-hour shifts, extending over 24 hours.

(2) EQUIPMENT AND CAPACITY:

The equipment of the squad is as follows :

6 mobile ovens each with a capacity of 750 kilos per 24 hours.

1 permanent oven in the civilian bakery with a capacity of 2,000 kilos per 24 hours.

(Thus the total capacity is 6,500 kilos per 24 hours).

1 kneading machine situated in the civilian bakery, with a capacity of approximately 300 kilos per hour.

At present, however, only two of the mobile ovens are working, since there is no covered accommodation under which to set up the others, and the civilian oven is out of order.

Therefore the present capacity of the bakery is 1,500 kilos per 24 hours.

(3) LAYOUT AND ORGANISATION:

(a) Commodities are received into the commodity store as follows :-

(i) Flour & Salt: From transfers made by 152 Ration & F.O.L. Store, CESANO. These commodities originally are transferred from 10 Bulk Depot, Naples.

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(ii) Yeast: Fresh yeast is received from a civilian brewery in Rome, packed in solid paste form in half-kilo packets.

If flour should require sieving it is sent to a civilian miller in the town, though while the military flour is being milled soldiers are present and also carabinieri are posted, to ensure that no civilians loiter around. Authority is then requested by O.C. Bakery to write-off any amount thus lost (always very small).

Test weighings are carried out on properly sealed flour sacks on receipt and 100% weighings on all re-sewn sacks.

(b) Commodities are transferred to the civilian bakery where a Sergeant Baker supervises the mixing. A trough of prepared yeast is adjacent to the mixing machine and a tap over the machine supplies water. The machine is operated for 20 minutes and then the dough is allowed to settle. The dough is then placed in a long wicker basket and carried along the road to the nissen hut. Here the dough is hand-moulded, allowed to settle for 20 minutes and then fed into the ovens. The fuel used in the ovens is wood and the dough is baked for 20 minutes at 220° C.

(4) BREAD PRODUCTION:

The dough is moulded into single loaves, each loaf representing one man's ration for one day, and the yield is as follows :

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100 Kilos Flour)
1 " Salt) Yields 130 Kilos of Bread.
½ " Yeast)

If the dough is baked as two half rations the yield is 127 to 128 Kilos of bread.

In the Summer the amount of yeast used is reduced to 500 grammes.

(5) PHYSICAL WAREHOUSING:

(a) The commodity store was inspected and stacking and dunnage were in order. There was, however, a stack of infested flour in the same room as the good flour. Separate accommodation for this should be found. Tally cards were up-to-date.

(b) The Bread store was inspected and found in order. A tally card is maintained for recording receipts and issues through store.

(6) FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

At present there are no fire points or any fire extinguishers, though application has been made.

(7) ANTI-RAT PRECAUTIONS:

No anti-rat precautions are being taken. No trouble has so far been experienced.

(8) R.E. WORKS OUTSTANDING:

The Engineers have inspected the civilian oven but work has not yet commenced.

(9) DEPOT TRANSPORT:

There is one 15-cwt. water tanker attached to the squad, with a driver of the Automobilistici also attached.

(10) ACCOUNTANCY:

The commodity account and bread account were checked and found up-to-date. Every month a board of three officers is held which passes the monthly return before this is despatched to the Ministry of War, and also passes the commodity and bread accounts. (Books were stamped).

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(11) REGIMENTAL.

(a) Strength:

Against an authorised War Establishment of 2 Officers and 183 O.Rs. there is at present on the strength of the squad 1 Officer and 58 O.Rs :-

1 2/Lieut.
1 Sgt.Major.
3 Sgts.
3 Cpl. Mags.
3 Cpls.
48 Bakers.

There are no supply clerks, the whole of the book work being done by soldiers of baker trade.

(b) Sleeping Quarters:

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The sleeping quarters for the men are totally unsuitable, being in a basement beneath the school, and damp, dark and cold. Only the ground floor and basement of the school are requisitioned.

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c) Messing arrangements:

The cooking facilities comprise one stove fired by wood. When inspected there was one large pot of a brew of beans and pasta on the fire and the whole place was filled with smoke. The preparation room and ration store were filthy. The 2/Lieut explained that the chimney, which is of a very complicated type, was blocked. It was suggested that there might be a sweep in the village and that anyway the whole matter should be reported at once.

(d) Latrines and Ablutions.

The latrines are on the ground floor of the school and were locked when the inspecting party arrived. The keys were produced by the billet orderly. Washing facilities are only one tap on the outside wall of the school in the yard.

(e) Welfare.

No welfare arrangements are made for the men at all. It appears that they proceed to the village cafes and inns when off duty.

(f) Turn-out of Men.

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(b) Regimental.

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