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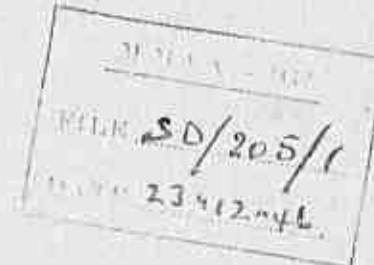
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The attached I.G. report was sent from the Chief of Staff, P.B.S., to Commanding Officer; Auxiliary Troops Command, on 14 December 1946, with the instructions:

"Please prepare suggested 1st Ind to CG, MTOUSA, and submit to this office."

/s/ PMS

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REPORT OF "SPECIAL INSPECTION, US-ITI UNITS", DATED 13 DEC 46.

From Office of Inspector General, MTCUSA, to CG,
MTCUSA, through CG, P.B.S.

Inspection of US-ITI units of 6th Prov. Group,
made by Col. C.E. COTTER, 1 G D, during period 9-13 Dec 46.

Standards of efficiency of US-ITI far below those
expected of US Troops.

Administrative efficiency of units, cleanliness of
quarters, neatness of men "are not better than in good
German Service units."

Paragraph 3. b.

"It is considered that the US-ITI units are doing
as well as could be expected with the limited means available."

- " (1) Discipline is satisfactory."
- " (2) Morale is satisfactory".
- " (3) Camp sanitation is satisfactory under winter
conditions but would be unsatisfactory in
summer."
- " (4) Crude, but adequate, medical facilities and
care are provided."
- " (5) Cleanliness of quarters and kitchens and care
of individual equipment are undesirably low
because of lack of effort on the part of officers
and men."
- " (6) Replacements in adequate numbers and reasonably
satisfactory quality are being provided by the
Italian Army at proper times to insure maintenance
of units at present strength."
- " (7) Tasks and duties assigned by U.S. Army are not
excessively onerous."

Paragraph 4.a.

"Individual weapons and ammunition are loosely handled
under semi-field procedures and in most cases, are
accessible to the men at all times. Secure storage
of weapons and cartridges not in use is desirable as
a precaution against subversive elements."

Paragraph 4.b. "At least 15% of the men have entirely unmanageable

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shoes. Many others have shoes in need of repair. Repairs cannot be made at present because each individual has but one pair of shoes and no replacements are available. There have been practically no issues of shoes in the past 10 weeks. The shoeless men are not available for duty and effectiveness of units is reduced proportionally.

Paragraph 4.d.

"The supply procedures in Hq PBS, applicable to US-ITI units, are not well adapted either for economy in issues to US-ITI units or for insuring prompt and adequate supply. Requisitions for individual equipment are submitted direct to chiefs of supply services, by the Italian supply officers, without coordination with the CO Auxiliary Troop Command or G-4 and without approval by any CO, Italian or U.S. Organizational equipment and repairs and utilities are obtained by the U.S. Army units employing the US-ITI companies with no overall coordination from either U.S. or Italian commanders."

Paragraph 4.e.

"The US-ITI ration prescribed in Supply Directive 46 MTCUSA 1945 is in need of revision to bring the fresh meat and perishable components into, at least, equality with the ITI-ITI ration."

Paragraph 4.h.

"The policies for supply of clothing and equipment, as stated in supply Directive 46 MTCUSA 1945 have been outmoded by events. The revision and liberalization are desirable."

Paragraphs 5 and 6 are given in their entirety.

"5. Suggested improvements. In the interests of obtaining maximum efficiency from US-ITI units and maximum returns from the manpower being supported in part by the U.S. Army, consideration should be given to improving the morale of the US-ITI units and to removing any grounds for feeling of discrimination.

Suggested for consideration are:

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"a. Improvement of appearance and morale of Italian officers by placing them more nearly on the level of Allied officers. To this end, they should be given respect due Allied officers from all ranks of U.S. Army and arrangements made whereby they can obtain and wear some articles of U.S. uniform in Class A condition. Italian uniforms are said to be unobtainable.

"b. Enabling officers to obtain U.S. Army P X supplies in reasonable quantities through dollar-reimbursed requisitions from Italian sources.

"c. Making some slight modicum of off-duty entertainment available to US-ITI units, such as loan of band instruments or salvaged special service supplies.

"d. Greater effort by U.S. supply agencies is needed to insure that US-ITI units are adequately provided with beds, serviceable blankets or comforters, stove pipe for quarters, shower baths, water heater and rainproof quarters.

"6. It is recommended that the CG P.B.S. :

"a. Take steps to release US-ITI units from service with U.S. Army as rapidly as their services can be dispensed with.

"b. Take action to the extent feasible within his jurisdiction on the irregularities noted in Par. 4 above and submit to higher authority recommendations for further action deemed appropriate."

/S/ C.E. COTTER.

C.E. COTTER
Colonel, 1 G D
Inspector General.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

December 1946

G-5: 250.11

SUBJECT: Italian Armed Forces under U.S. Control

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Request attached correspondence, above subject, dated 13 December 1946 be transmitted to Colonel Norman Fiske of the Land Forces Sub-Commission, in connection with discussions previously held between him and Colonel Hamblen, G-5, MTO.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encl:
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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13 December 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Armed Forces under US Control

TO : Colonel E. W. Goodrich, Commanding Officer EATS Capodichino
Air Base, APO 550, U. S. Army

1. It has been reported to this Headquarters that the morale of the Italian Armed Forces under U. S. control (US-ITI's) in this Theater is not at a desired standard as a result of:

- a. Lack of adequate clothing and equipment
- b. Poor accommodations, and
- c. Insufficient rations.

Such a state of morale may become detrimental to the economical and efficient use of US-ITI's and to the discharge of the Theater mission.

2. The limited number of U. S. military personnel and the limited amount of funds available to this Theater for the performance of its mission make it imperative that the maximum benefit be derived from the use of US-ITI's. Such benefit can only be derived by the maintenance of the highest possible state of morale among these troops.

3. Under the provisions of MTOUSA Supply Directive No. 46, 1945, the supply and maintenance of US-ITI's is a U. S. responsibility to the extent that supply cannot be accomplished by the Italian Government. That directive prescribes in detail the procedures by which such responsibility will be discharged.

4. It is considered that the reported morale of US-ITI's may be due to lack of supervision on the part of those commanders, immediate and superior, under whose control US-ITI's are employed and the failure of such commanders to appreciate the conditions under which such troops are required to live and work.

5. Commanders of all grades concerned are, therefore, directed to:

- a. Investigate the status of clothing, accommodations, rations, and the welfare of the US-ITI's under their control;
- b. Take corrective measures to insure the maintenance of the highest possible state of morale among these troops;

c. Make frequent inspections in order to make certain that proper and adequate measures are enforced to maintain their morale at its peak.

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6. Major Commanders will report to this Headquarters promptly any situation which cannot be rectified within their commands.

7. Inspections as to the conditions under which US-ITI's are employed in the several major commands will be made from time to time by Staff Officers of this Headquarters.


L. C. JAYNES
Major General, U. S. Army
Deputy Theater Commander

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9 November 1946.

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MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel FISKE

SUBJECT : Inspection of Italian Companies at CAPODICHINO.

1. On the morning of Thursday 7 November 1946 I inspected the following four Italian companies situated at CAPODICHINO airport, NAPOLI, in company with Major H.S. PALMER, who is the liaison officer between Colonel D.W. GOODRICH, Commanding officer at CAPODICHINO, and the Italian troops:

2nd AIR SERVICE COMPANY
4th AIR SERVICE COMPANY
8th AIR SERVICE COMPANY
16th AIR SERVICE COMPANY

2. This inspection was made with the approval of Lt. Col. DAVIS, the Auxiliary Troops Command senior officer at BAGNOLI Railhead, who said he could not accompany me, and had no other officer to send. He suggested that I make the inspections in company with Major Palmer.

3. Colonel GOODRICH was not in his office, so I talked with the Deputy Commanding Officer, Colonel R.E. DAVENPORT, who felt that the Italian troops were usefully employed on the airport. Col. DAVENPORT referred me to Major PALMER.

4. Major PALMER took up his duties as I/O with the Italian troops the end of September, 1946, and has sincere interest in the welfare of the Italians, reflected in the improved living conditions of the troops, who know that he is helping them. It is lack of clothing and shoes, and inadequate rations, which is holding down the morale of the troops.

5. Major PALMER explained that upon his recommendation the 16th Air Service Company was made into "a general service" company, while the other three companies have been

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kept entirely on guard duties. As an example of the works of the 16th Air Service Company:

a. Two men permanently maintain weapons for the entire post, and the Post Provost Marshal says the men "know their weapons" and do a fine job.

b. Two men permanently maintain telephone lines.

c. Ten men are permanent "mechanics' helpers" in maintaining aircraft.

d. Ten men permanently wash aircraft and work around hangars.

e. Ten men permanently do carpentry and general repair work.

6. Major PALMER said that an emergency situation existed when water came through a roof on a supply of parachutes numbering more than 7000. A detail of 20 men from the 16th Air Service Company was given the job of sorting them, re-piling the dry parachutes, and turning over the wet ones to the "parachute department". Every parachute was examined, and the entire job was completed in less than nine hours. The dry ones were stacked to shed water, like the Italians stack hay, and on platforms instead of on the ground as they formerly were. It was an important mission, because all of the parachutes were in danger of mildewing.

7. Major PALMER said two things are important:

a. He insists that all the Italian troops be employed "as soldiers", and not be treated as civilian labor.

b. When the Italians are given a job and left somewhat "on their own" to work it out, far better results are secured than when they are "bossed" at every turn.

8. Major PALMER has secured basket balls and nets, volley balls and nets, ping pong sets, and other recreational equipment. The men appreciate this.

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9. There is one medical officer for the four companies at the airport.

10. Major PALMER states that it would help the Italian officers considerably if they could buy some articles of clothing, toilet articles, and a smoking ration at the American PX. The officers are having a difficult time clothing themselves. Prices in civilian shops are excessive for them on the salaries they receive.

11. It is the opinion of the inspecting officer that Major PALMER has his heart in his work, and is increasing the efficiency of the Italian troops. It is important to assist him in getting the required supplies.

ALBERT WHIPPLE MORSE Jr.,
Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy G-3, NMIA.

1 November 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel WHEAT

SUBJECT: Inspection of new Camp Area, NAPOLI.

1. On the morning of Tues. 29 Oct. 46 I inspected the Camp Area of the following companies with CESTARIO DE RIVO *not* Giulio, the Commanding Officer of 2nd Provisional Group, NAPOLI, and with MAJOR CHENNI, who was acting c/o Auxiliary Troop Command at BACOLI RAILROAD (in the absence of Lt.-Col. DAVIS, on a court at TRIESTE):

1st AIR SERVICE COMPANY
10th AIR SERVICE COMPANY
15th AIR SERVICE COMPANY
19th A.S. SERVICE COMPANY
71st A.S. SERVICE COMPANY

2. The above companies were moved about 10 days previous to my visit into the camp area from a building. This was done upon the initiative of BACOLI RAILROAD in order to demolish the building, according to Major CHENNI. He admitted that they were not agreed to make the move. He did admit, however, that the situation as it existed with all five companies in one building was not sanitary.

3. The following is true in regard to preparations for the move:

- a. Major CHENNI told me that Auxiliary Troop Command notified both the Provost Marshall and the Italian 2nd Provisional Group that the move would be made, and the specific camp area was explained to them at that time.
- b. Colonel de RIVO told me that 20 days previous to my visit he had appealed to Major JONES, the BACOLI RAILROAD Provost Marshall, for the installation of

LIGHT and WATER.

There still is no light or water (except for one outlet, only one pipe).

4. The camp site is the one formerly occupied by the 319th **264th** Service Co., and after they evacuated it, Italian civilians "invaded" the place (un-guarded) and stripped it of such things as pipes (water), fixtures in the shower bath, and boards from tent platforms and frames. Now all this must be replaced.

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5. Whereas, utilities and engineer units always performed their normal functions for US troops, the US-III troops at bent are only furnished material, and while they must do their normal work of guarding and performing MP duties, they must also act as carpenters, plumbers and electricians, even though they are for the most part unqualified for those trades. The result is a mis-
shift camp (if any at all).

6. On the afternoon of Tues. 29 Oct. 46 I arranged for a meeting with Col. De SIVO, Maj. CUNNINGHAM and Maj. JONES, in the office of Maj. JONES, and brought up the following points about the camp:-

- a. LIGHTS. There were no lights. Jones said that he had told Lt. Col. GALLIANT (c/o 1st U.S. Service Battalion, the 1st, containing the five companies in new camp site) that if GALLIANT would submit a list of materials needed, that Jones would have utilities furnish the materials. Jones said the list had not been submitted. Jones said that GALLIANT had agreed to do all the work. To this, De SIVO said the Italian soldiers were not qualified to act as electricians, but that they would do the best they could, and De SIVO said he did not know the list had not been submitted, and would investigate. Still, there were NO LIGHTS, one month after the camp site had been chosen and announced.
- b. HEATING. There was only one outlet in the camp area (a large area). It was a single pipe protruding from the ground. Previously piping had been installed throughout the camp, but after the American moved out the place was unguarded and civilians stole it. Jones said he told GALLIANT to submit a list of materials needed. Jones said GALLIANT was supposed to do the work, but he could not say GALLIANT promised to do so (as Jones had said about lighting). De SIVO declared definitely and clearly that the Italian soldiers were not qualified to do the plumbing. I asked Jones why U.S. utilities did not do the work, and he said there were only two or three men at utilities and they were busy. The fact remained that one month after selection and announcement of the Camp Site, there was practically no heating.
- c. TENTS. The tents are G.I., are worn T.H.H., are not waterproof, and I saw many holes in the tops. I asked CUNNINGHAM about it, and he said that WHILE the TENTS are NOT NEW, THEY are CLASS "A". I asked Jones, and he said they are NOT CLASS "A". I asked Jones if he would exchange some of the worst ones (it will be necessary to get them from LIVINGS). He said "NO" because three companies will be disbanded and their tents can be used for exchange with others. Date of disbandment is not known. Finally, Jones said he will check into the matter.

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6. STOVES. A very few tents had stoves from junk heaps, rusted, bent, inadequate, and a fire hazard. I pointed this out to CHURCH. CHURCH said that very day, - no previous provision. CHURCH told me the Railroad Co had stated to him, the day before, that "tent stoves will not be available for quarters for US-IT's, but only for hospitals, dispensaries, and headquarters of US-IT's", - that there would not be enough stoves for US-IT's after Americans had been taken care of.
7. GRAVEL for ROADS. The camp site is muddy. I asked CHURCH about gravel for some roads. He said that he had told the Italians they could go out and find gravel on dry stream beds. I asked JONES, about getting gravel, and he said he will "see what he can do".
8. WATERPROOFING liquid for tents. CHURCH and JONES said it was "on requisition".
9. WATERPROOFING to use in covering the wooden sides of winterized tents, to keep out the wind. I saw requisition, which was admitted that very day.
10. ROOF. The HQ mess hall has for its roof sheet metal which Italians got from salvages. Roof leaks, and is by no means weather proof. I asked Church and Jones about ROOF, which they both said was on requisition.
11. CHURCH and JONES are in deplorable condition. I asked Church if any requisition had been submitted for overcoats, and he said NO. He then asked de SIVO to have a requisition submitted. I told CHURCH that winter clothing was not received last winter at the proper time.
12. Liaison with US-IT troops at MARI is unsatisfactory. Col. de SIVO asked me (in presence of Maj. CHURCH) to recommend that ATC detail an American officer whose sole duty will be liaison with the Italian units. Col. de SIVO said that he spends much time every day at the new camp area, but much is needed.
13. The move of the five US-IT companies from the building into the camp area was made without provision for LIME, WATER, and in proper condition, guarantee that tent stoves would be available, and NOW the RAIDS have not in.

MOORE,
Lt.-Col.
Deputy G-3
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