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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

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MENTA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS' WEEKLY REPORT

Sector: Sardinia Week Ending: 17 December 1944

Report No. 17

A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

No transactions handled during period under report.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position

1. No. Flour urgently needed.
2. Yes
3. None

- 630,000, shipped 20 Dec.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stack Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some in Bulk Warehouses.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. Adequate guard arrangements exist.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. A number of visits were made to the Bulk and Distributing Depots in Cagliari and records, accounts and stock appear in good order.

F. Units Interior Economy

Following unit messes were visited during the period:

1. Autopark at Poetto.
2. 15th Autieri unit.
3. Special platoon, Allied Commission.

The first and third messes mentioned above were in good condition. The second mess had dirty floors and general disarray. Instructions were given to have it cleaned up at once. All messes visited appeared that the men were receiving rations for which they were entitled.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariate

Several visits have been made regarding the moving of Italian Clothing and Equipment to the Mainland.

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Several conferences have been held with officers in an effort to solve some of the difficulties in making out a correct Model "P". All Food Depots still seem to have confused opinions as to proper functioning of the accounting system as set up by M.M.I.A. Difficulty of communication and general indifference on the part of the depot officers makes it difficult to render accurate reports.

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7 October 1944

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORTSector: SardiniaWeek Ending: 6 October 1944Report No. 12A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
2. None
3. 450,000 net pounds of canned meat received from A.G.S.
Reference No. AQ 1898
4. None
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Yes

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Despatch of rations to Forbase for Italian troops in Corsica has been set up and is progressing satisfactorily.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.
3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover, except some at Bulk Warehouse.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist
8. No cases of labor problems

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

1. No opportunity to inspect

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. Lt. DeStefano visited two (2) unit Messes and unit Ration Books were produced and appeared to be in order

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F. Units Interior Economy

(Lt. DeStefano visited Hq. Co. Mess, 205th Division)

(Lt. DeStefano visited 5th Co., 53rd Gruppo Servizio)

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Anti fly precautions for ration stores but not in kitchen and mess room.
6. Kitchen and mess clean and orderly
7. Bread is well made
8. Rations from store room to kitchen controlled and recorded daily
9. Unit messing Officer appointed
10. The meals I saw served were well prepared, food was served hot and every soldier seemed to be getting what he was entitled to.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Date of visit: 6 October 1944

Discussed with Col. Juliani the clothing set-ups including blankets for men, individual clothing etc. Also discussed contradictory information received from Ministry of War and Hq. MMIA. Any discrepancies in the future will be settled by this office and in every instance upholding Hq. MMIA.

H. Items of General Interest.

1. Lt. DeStefano finally returned from Naples on 5 October. Shoes arrived on 6 October.
2. Major Fossett returned from Rome on 5 October
3. 203,000 net pounds of flour to A.G.S. completed. Ref. No. 7854 - QM-1- 4252
4. The following releases to A.G.S. completed. Ref No. AQ 1899 - QM-1- 4258:
 - 357,000 net pounds of flour
 - 150,000 net pounds of sugar
 - 12,800 net pounds of pasta
5. 637,000 net pounds of flour will be picked up by A.G.S. on 8 or 9 October. Ref No. AQ 1938 - QM-1- 4353
6. 200,000 net pounds of rice for A.G.S. Arrangements being made to transfer this rice. Ref No. AQ 1966 - QM-1- 4411
7. 87,000 net pounds of coffee for A.G.S. Arrangements being made to transfer this coffee. Ref No. AQ 1972
8. Lt. DeStefano visited the clothing Depot of 205th Division at Iglesias and told them that all Allied clothing was frozen. Also secured an inventory of Depot. All was in order.

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5 August 1944

ITALY S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY REPORTSector: SardiniaWeek Ending: 4 August 44Report No. 3.A. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. The following cargoes have been ascertained:
 - a. 31 July, S.S. "John Harvard"

Macaroni	360,000 lbs net
Spaghetti	460,000 lbs net

- b. 4 August, S.S. "Daniel Lowndale"

Macaroni	24,000 lbs net
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2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.
3. Cargoes reported ascertained in Report No. 2 are being worked at present.
4. No releases ex Allied Depots.
5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been satisfactory.
6. Labor conditions are favorable.
7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts are favorable.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. An investigation relevant to the excess rations drawn by the Italian Army showed that from 20 March to 20 July, a total of 821,901 excess rations were drawn. In order to reconcile this amount, the President of the Combined Italian Armed Forces Supply Board was instructed to deduct 272,967 rations from each of the next three succeeding issues to the Italian Army.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)

1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation provided.

3. Stock Tally Boards up to date.
4. All stocks under cover.
5. Mutually contaminating goods kept well apart.
6. There is a need for anti vermin.
7. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
8. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)
No opportunity to inspect.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)

1. On 3 August checked ration accounts of 203rd Division Headquarters, Sinal which were in order.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. Rations are being used to best advantage.
2. Kitchen wastage is at a minimum.
3. Unit cooks are inspected monthly by a doctor.
4. Flies constitute a working hazard.
5. Kitchen waste either burned, buried or carted away by civilian garbage collectors.
6. Sanitation is satisfactory.
7. Wood is the standard fuel.
8. Bread is fair.
9. Issues from ration stores to kitchen appear satisfactory.
10. Food cans are crushed and buried.
11. Units have mess officers appointed.
12. Rations are augmented by purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables on the local market.
13. Every attempt is made to use left-overs from meals.
14. Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.
15. Morale is satisfactory.
16. Officer-man relationships are satisfactory.
17. No cases of breaches in security.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariate

Date of Visit: 4 August 1944

Purpose: To arrange for a tour of inspection of Boot and Clothing Repair installations in Sardinia.

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29 July 1944

MMIA S & T Sector Liaison Officer's Weekly Report

Sector: Sardinia. Week Ending: 28 July 44. Report No. 2.

a. Handover of Supplies (ex ships)

1. The following cargoes have been ascertained:

(a) 22 July, S.S. "Howard A. Kelley"

Tomato Paste	27,000 gal (Approx 107,000 lbs.)
Rice	251,000 lbs
Sugar	175,320 lbs
Cheese process	157,955 lbs
Beans	622,000 lbs
Spaghetti.	60,000 lbs
Flour	249,500 lbs
Macaroni	165,000 lbs

(b) 26 July, S.S. "Joel E. Harris"

Beans	160,000 lbs net
Flour	80,000 lbs net
Pepper	1,440 lbs net
Matches	496 cartons

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2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.

3. No cargoes have been worked during this period.

4. No releases ex Allied depots.

5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been satisfactory.

6. Labor conditions are favorable.

7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts have been favorable.

- B. Maintenance of Sector Position.
1. The discrepancy in the food ration strengths as given by the Italian Army is still being checked.
 2. No opportunity to check POL position.
- C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food)
1. Supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
 2. Adequate ventilation provided.
 3. Stack Tally boards were up to date.
 4. All stocks were under cover.
 5. Older stocks are issued before newer stocks.
 6. Mutually contamination foods kept well apart.
 7. Depots inspected were clean and tidy.
 8. There is a need for anti vermin. The Italian Army does not issue any.
 9. Adequate guard arrangements exist.
 10. No cases of labor problems.
- D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)
- No opportunity to inspect during period.
- E. Accounting Position (Food and POL)
1. See B par 1.
 2. 26 July 44 I inspected ration accounts of Internal Carabinieri Company at Cagliari which were in order.
- F. Units Interior Economy
1. Rations are being used to the best advantage.
 2. Kitchen wastage is at an absolute minimum.
 3. Unit cooks are periodically inspected.
 4. Flies constitute a working hazard as no anti fly vermins are issued.
 5. Kitchen wastage is either burned and buried or carted away by civilian garbage collectors.
 6. Sanitation is satisfactory.
 7. Wood is the standard fuel.
 8. Bread is fair and could be improved.
 9. The issues from ration stores to kitchen appears satisfactory.
 10. Food cans are crushed and buried.
 11. All units had mess officers appointed.
 12. Rations are augmented by purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables on the local market.
 13. Every attempt is made to use left-overs from meals.
 14. Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.
 15. Morale is satisfactory.
 16. Officer-men relationships are favorable.
 17. Discipline is very satisfactory.
 18. No cases of breeches in security.

Remarks: Every unit inspected had an accumulation of dehydrated carrots. Commanding officers stated that they had made many attempts to remove the sweet taste by soaking the carrots for two and three days but to little avail. They have prepared them in soup, in salads, and with the meat. In all cases it was stated that the sweet taste permeated the entire dish and was unpalatable.

G. Visit to Head Sector Commissariato

Date of visit 24 July 1944.

Points Raised.

1. Question of reducing depot military personnel to essential minimum: At present there is no over-strength of operation military personnel; however, the military can only be replaced by civilians upon orders from Italian Army Headquarters which are being expected.

2. Question of eliminating need for any particular depot: Effective 1 August 44, six secondary depots will cease to function, in relationship to the amount of troops leaving the island.

3. Question of possibility of grouping smaller units around a larger "parent" unit for the purpose of simplifying the ration distribution and economizing transportation. It is possible but not practical. Actually it would take more time. The parent unit thus functions as a depot itself and incurs upon itself the duty and responsibility of weighing and accounting for rations distributed.

4. Question of pooling certain unit transport in the hands of depot commanders so as to arrange a "milk round" delivery to units: This would be the ideal situation providing adequate and sufficient transportation is furnished the depot commanders. With the limited amount of vehicles it is not possible at present.

5. Question of placing units close to railroads and so organize a mobile issue depot: Both the Commissariato and the Intendente have already proposed this plan to Italian Army Headquarters. The plan consists of organizing four (4) primary ration dumps on the main land highway-railroad line from Cagliari north to Olbia, and also to have as many units as possible displaced along this line. Italian Army Headquarters is at present considering the plan.

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24 July 1944

MMIA S & T SECTOR LIAISON OFFICER'S WEEKLY
REPORT

Sector: Sardinia. Week Ending: 21 July 44. Report No. 1

Units inspected during period.

- (1) 416th Labor Regiment, Decimomannu.
- (2) 1020th Truck Company, Elmas.
- (3) Civilian Bakery, 227 Via San Avendrace (bakes bread for thirty-eight (38) Italian units.
- (4) 757th Battery, 5th Group, San Antioco.
- (5) Secondary Ration Dump, San Antioco.
- (6) 4th Bersaglieri Company, 4 Cycle Bn, San Antioco.
- (7) 13th Autieri Regiment, Cagliari.
- (8) Staging Area, Cagliari.
- (9) Primary ration Dump, Cagliari.
- (10) Headquarters Company, Italian Hq, Cagliari.
- (11) 11th Co, 4th Machine Gun Bn, 32nd Armored Regt, Cagliari.
- (12) Secondary Ration Dump, Villasor.
- (13) 2nd Bn, 526th Infantry Regiment, Cagliari.

A. Handover of Supplies (Ex ships or Allied depots)

1. No new cargoes have been ascertained.
2. No supplies have been notified for release from Allied depots.
3. The following Cargo from the "Lucretia Mo" 1716 have been worked during this period:

ITEM	QUANTITY		
Flour.....	3,168,000	pounds	net
Peas, dry.....	401,500	"	"
Beans, dry.....	180,000	"	"
Rice.....	290,000	"	"
Spaghetti.....	90,000	"	"
Macaroni.....	225,000	"	"
Sugar.....	290,000	"	"
Coffee.....	145,404	"	"
Potatoes (Dehyd).....	145,184	"	"
Cabbage (Dehyd).....	17,052	"	"
Onions (Dehyd).....	25,425	"	"
Rutabaga (Dehyd).....	1,920	"	"

UNIT	QUANTITY		
Sweet Potatoes (Dehyd).....	31,060	pounds	net
Hominy (Dehyd).....	23,560	"	"
Carrots (Dehyd).....	46,520	"	"
Cheese.....	414,960	"	"
Tomato Paste.....	20,958	U.S.	gallons
Comforters, cotton filled.....	2,808	each	

4. No releases ex Allied Depots.
5. Markings of incoming cargoes have been adequate.
6. Working conditions are favorable.
7. Documentation of handover and creation of official receipts has been favorable.

B. Maintenance of Sector Position.

1. Food stocks position for this sector is at present under serious investigation. A discrepancy has been noted between the figures given as ration strengths by the Administration Office and the Intendent, Italian Army Headquarters in Sardinia. As yet, no conclusions have been determined.

2. There has been no opportunity to check the POL position.

C. Physical Warehousing Position (Food).

1. All supplies checked were properly and neatly stacked.
2. Adequate ventilation was provided.
3. Stack Tally boards were up to date and in use.
4. All stocks were under cover.
5. Turnover is assured by issuing from oldest stocks first.
6. Mutually contamination stocks were kept well apart.
7. There were no outdoor stacks.
8. There are recovery and Salvage Sections to sort and re-case broken stocks.
9. Depots inspected were clean and tidy.
10. Anti Vermin issued by the Italian Army is nil. At best depots use home-made rat traps.
11. Depots inspected were adequately protected against theft.
12. Existing guard arrangements were considered adequate.

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13. Fire precautions could stand much improvement. Depots have telephone communications.

14. "Spot Check"

Commodity Checked
Meat and stew

Surplus Found
None

Deficiency Found
None

15. No cases of labor problems.

D. Physical Warehousing Position (POL)

During this period there was no opportunity to inspect the POL position.

E. Accounting Position (Food and POL Depots)

1. During this period an investigation was initiated concerning the fact that the Italian Army has been issued an excess of one hundred fifty eight thousand nine hundred ten (158,910) rations. The matter is still being investigated.

2. On 17 July 1944 I inspected the ration accounts of the 13th Auto Regiment at Cagliari and cross-checked these with the corresponding ration accounts held at the Primary Ration Depot at Cagliari. The accounts were found to be in order.

F. Units Interior Economy

1. In my opinion, rations are being used to the best advantage.

2. Kitchen and mess room wastage is at a minimum.

3. All unit ration store arrangements are satisfactory.

4. Unit cooks are inspected bi-monthly by medical officers.

5. Anti fly precautions issued are nil.

6. Kitchen and mess room waste is burned and buried.

7. Sanitation in all messes and kitchens can be improved.

All commanding officers have been advised.

8. Wood is the only fuel used for cooking.

9. The bread made in Army bakeries is much better than that made in civilian bakeries for Italian Army units. I weighed several loaves of bread and the weight was almost exact. 018

10. The issues from ration stores to kitchens are satisfactorily controlled.

11. Food cans are crushed and buried to prevent breeding of flies.

12. All units had an appointed mess officer.

13. Units are augmenting the ration by buying fruit and vegetables on the local markets.

14. I witnessed the noon day meal served at the Command Post, 2nd Battalion, 526th Infantry Regiment at Cagliari. The menu consisted of soup (macaroni and fresh squash), sweet potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad, and bread.

15. Attempts are made to use up left overs from meals.

16. Some units have their own motor transportation and others have horse and wagon which are used to draw rations from the main depots.

Maintenance of transportation is satisfactory.

17. Of the units inspected the only one training drivers was the 13th Auto Regiment at Cagliari.

18. The morale of the men is satisfactory. There is no over optimism.

19. Relationships between officers and men appear favorable.

20. Discipline is very satisfactory.

21. No cases of breeches in security, pro-Fascist, pro-German, or anti Allied activities were noted.

22. The predominant complaint among officers and men was the issue of dehydrated carrots. The majority complained about the sweet, nauseating taste.

G. Visit to Head of Sector Commissariato

<u>Date of Visit</u>	<u>Points Raised</u>	<u>Action taken</u>	<u>Action required by MMIA</u>
19 July	Procedure regarding receipt and distribution of rations.	None	None

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