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INSPECTION REPORTS (SUPPLIES)

June 22, 1946 - Jan 30, 1947

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SUBJECT:- S & T Points for January Monthly Report

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1657
ST/35/1/50

30 Jan 47

To: G.S.O. I

P.O.L.

The situation with regard to P.O.L. has remained the same as last month. Territorial Command have not asked for any assistance over Supplies and, though transport details are obviously curtailed, they appear to be carrying out all essential duties on their small allocation.

The question of supply of Tolmanco Bin's requirements by Ullies is still under discussion; release has been obtained for 1,000 gals per month but this is not sufficient for them to carry out their duties.

SUPPLIES Normal.

TRANSPORT.

Spares position still crucial and many vehicles off the road for lack of tyres. Flat tyres not yet received from Ministry of War.

GENERAL

A.D.S.T. accompanied by S/Capt, A.A.S.C. this HQ visited S & T GAs during the month.

No visits have been made to units.

S/Lt, GIBLIN posted to Italian Bulk Depot, MESSINA.

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HQ M.E.I.A.

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Capt,
A.A.S.C.

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Diary

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being to make in order the situation is very bad, as is known to the MILA, Territorial all galleons have been out by 50 seriously injured efficiency of units. Allocation of the patrol this month has been approximately as follows: Motorcycles 3 galleons, Passenger Vehicles 4 galleons and 10 d carriers 2 galleons (serv 3 galleons per day). MILA have been unable to supply any more all.

Once again Tolmazo Battalion requested a loan from Allied sources at the beginning of the month owing to unavailability in C.I.P. This has been requested 3 Territorial units to get permission from Ministry of War to supply from Territorial reserves would this occur again in the future.

Although a special allocation of P.M.L. is made direct to Tolmazo Battalion (not through Territorial Command) by Ministry of War, it is felt that since the Battalion is under operational command of C.I.P., it should be supplied by the allies.

STAFF

In spite of the shortage of P.M.L., supplies have been practically normal, more so than usual has been sale of road transport, and no case of looting trucks has been reported. Large quantities of olive oil have been received in the depots. Supplies are still being sent into the nearer in which the extra ration allowance is employed.

Transport

No improvement in the position regarding spare parts. Shortage of types is affecting this unit as regards domestic transport in loan from Territorial II - a P.I.C. 1100 has now been off the road for the loss of 4, for a considerable two months. The types are available in the area but release from Ministry of War is limited (telephone conversation Capt. Smith, Galt (day after)

Staff Officer

Staff Officer up at half the number of 4 P.M.L. on duty. Capt. MURPHY has now taken over the duties of S & P Officer for 4 Territorial Command and the responsibility in larger room with this II.

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Visited
Month

The following units were visited by S & P Officer during the

- 5 Bulk Depot.
- 73 Distribution Depot, MASHA
- 5 Transport Coy Detachment MASHA
- 5 & 2 Field Division MASHA
- 4 Transport Coy MASHA
- 4 Distribution Depot MASHA

Reports have been rendered on the above.

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 Capt. R. C.

SUBJECT: Visits

5 British Mission Unit.

Tele: 1647

12/35-1/38

20 Dec 46.

FROM: HQ
India

1. On a recent visit to the Detachment of 5 M.I. Coy 108785
C i/c said he had no means of visiting his sub-detachments.

2. I recommended to 5 Territorial Command that he be issued with
a motorcycle for this purpose.

3. As there is only one motorcycle in this Command which is required
for other work, say the question of bringing the M.T. Company here
up to establishment in motorcycles please be taken up with Ministry of
War.

FMHQ

A.L.G./sk

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De Capt
Date: RASC.
12/35-1/38.

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TRANSLATION

5 ITALIAN TERRIT COMMAND UDINE
- Ufficio Servizi -

No. 14930/5/5/3

5 Dec 46

Subject: - Visit to Transport Unit.5 F.I.U. Udine

Ref your ST/35/1/23 dated 29 Nov 46.

It is regretted that there is no possibility of complying with your recommendation, owing to no motor/cycle being at present available for S/Lt DE CUGIS to be supplied with.

by order
Head of "Ufficio Servizi"
Sgd: L. Olivieri Col.

SEEN BY	
CDO I	
CDO II	
DAA & CMG	alc
S. C. FINE	
S. C. S. & I.	<i>(initials)</i>
S. C. ORD.	<i>(initials)</i>
CLERK	

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Any action possible?
on this

I am not satisfied AG.
with the answer.

Have asked for weekly E.V.P. state
from 4 TC

Now to hand - no Motorcycles

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE
- Ufficio Servizi -

N. 14930/S/5/3 di prot. - 7 DIC. 1946

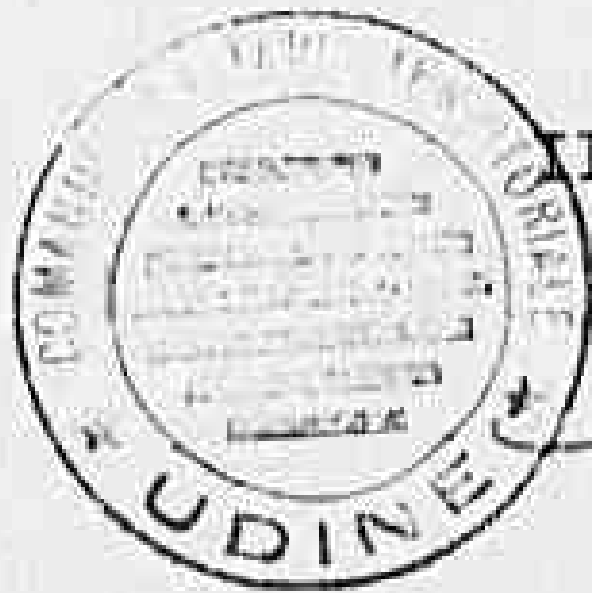
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OGGETTO: Visita al Reparto Trasporti.-

AL COMANDO 5° B.L.U.

S E D ERiferimento foglio N.ST/35/1/23 in data 29/11/ c.a.-

Si è spiacenti non poter aderire alla raccomandazione fatta da co-
desto Comando circa l'assegnazione di un motociclo al sottotenente DE CUGI
comandante del reparto in oggetto, inquanto per il momento non ha disponi-
bilità di motocicli.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(Col. L. Olivieri)*[Handwritten signature]*

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To phone:
Room 485084 Ext 526

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AG. (MRIA) GSF

ST/158

1 Dec 45

Ministry of War.SUBJECT:- Wine Barrels.

1. From a report by the S & T Officer 5 BHM on his inspection of 75 Secondary Distribution Depot it is noted that about 300 empty wine barrels of 350 and 700 litres capacity are held awaiting disposal instructions.
2. Could the necessary disposal instructions please be given this Depot as these barrels are stacked in the depot yard taking up space required for other use.

7 5 DEC 1945

SEEN BY	
GTO I	<i>[Signature]</i>
GTO II	<i>[Signature]</i>
MAJOR GEN.	<i>[Signature]</i>
MAJOR GEN.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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CLERKS	

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[Signature]
Major General,
GOC, MRJA.

Copy to:- 5 BHM for S & T. ←

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SUBJECT: S & P Notes for 5 BLU Monthly Report November 1946

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1657
ST/35/1/26

23 Nov 46.

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SUPPLIES

Visits were made to the Supply Depots at MESSIA where a big improvement was seen. No difficulties were reported.

The extra ration allowance of 15 lire a day is still being investigated and returns have been called for showing the manner in which this spent by units. Opinion varies as to whether it would be advisable to increase the basic ration allowance and cut out the cash allotment or not and there are arguments for and against. Owing to the shortage of transport and railway facilities in the Italian Army, opinion in this Command favours retention of the cash allotment, though varying market prices in different areas affect all units.

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Capt,
RASC.

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SUBJECT: Visit to Supply Unit

5 British Liaison Unit
 Date: 1637
 00/30/47

29 NOV 46.

GSC I

On Nov 27 accompanied by 2/Lt SMITH I visited 73 B.I.D. Depot.
 Lt. COL SMITH also accompanied us.

REMARKS

03 Lt. COL SMITH has only been with the Depot 3 weeks.
 He appears to be a capable officer and is reported to be an old Supply Officer.

REMARKS

The Depot is not so well housed as the one at BIRM. but it is the only available accommodation and efforts have been made to make the best of it. There are well damaged and special "crab-trap" method (Invented by Capt. LIAISON) was employed for the cheese which was stored on boards raised from the ground by two tiers of empty tins and to be proof against the biggest rats.

REMARKS

Military consist of 2 SSG and 1 LT (Civilian employees 12).
 (1) was quite satisfied.

REMARKS

27 units consisting of about 2,000 men are supplied from this Depot.

REMARKS

There is a considerable quantity of food stored in two depots, but this is being consumed between 2 and 4 ctns of food. In 1946 and 1947.

There are 300 empty wine barrels (wooden) both 700 and 350 gal capacity are lying about the depot waiting for Ministry's disposal.

Can this matter please be taken up by the Ministry of War.

It was thought by Lt. COL SMITH that there is a possibility of Director's Committee 5 have ordered moving to some time in the future in which case this Depot could also move.

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03 is Capt. and the man only been with the Depot 3 weeks. He appears to be a capable officer and is expected to be an old hand by now.

REMARKS

The Depot is not as well housed as the one at Camp, but it is the only available accommodation and efforts have been made to make the best of it. There were well furnished and several "sub-standard" instead (invented by Capt. Lora) was employed for the cheese which was stacked on boards raised from the ground by two tiers of empty tin cans this used to be proof against the highest rodents.

PERSONNEL

Personnel consisted of 2 AGO and 1 US civilian employee L.A. OO was quite satisfied.

REMARKS

27 trucks consisting of about 1,000 tons were supplied from this camp.

REMARKS

There is a considerable quantity of food used in the depot, but this is being distributed between the 5th and 6th of Dec. to the 1st and 2nd Divs.

About 300 empty tin barrels (wooden) both 700 and 550 gal 5134 litre capacity are lying about the depot waiting for the Ministry's instructions. On this matter please be taken up by the 1st with Ministry of War.

It was brought by Lt. Col. mentioned that there is a possibility of Director's (Amphibious) 5 Tank Company moving to Papua some time in the future in which case this Depot would also move.

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Capt.
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SUBJECT: Visit to Sandy Springs

3 Division Liaison Unit
Date: 10/31
10/31/92

23 Nov 92

OSD I

On November 27th accompanied by 2/4th AVN I visited 5 ELLI Depot.

I was met by Lt. Col. AFFORDMENT (Head of Central Communications) who was in his usual vigorous form.

CONCLUSIONS

OS of the Depot, Capt. RICHARD, has only been in office a week when I first visited the Depot in Nov. (by 27/11/92 about 7 am) and I was unable to give a "real picture" of him then. It is obvious now however, that he is a most deeply efficient and has depot and visibly improved since he took over. His 2/4th is very fit and in it present status is 3 Supply Coy which is active in the reorganization. A 3/4th Coy is temporarily leading to Depot in his absence.

REMARKS

State state for 23 Nov 92. It will be seen from this that nearly 4 years work of 2/4th is not well.

REMARKS

The reorganization since my last visit was amazing. All 'major' work I made then covers the correct use of language but been compiled with and checking of compilation is not excellent. Daily work was neatly displayed on all sheets.

REMARKS

Position unchanged, except that on my recommendation 12 trained Larks are now employed instead of 6 as before.

REMARKS

The improvement in this depot is most gratifying. Remarks necessitated by the visit prior to my previous visit had been completed.

I congratulated Lt. Col. AFFORDMENT and 23 Depot on their improvement in general.

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On November 27th (Wednesday) I was met by Lt. Col. RICHARD L. (Head of Central Communications) and was in his usual vigorous form.

CONCLUSION

At the Dept., Lt. Col. RICHARD L. had only been in office a week when I first visited the Dept. (on 11/1/53 dated 7:30p) and I was unable to give a "first picture" of him then; it is obvious now however, that he is a "total supply officer" and the Dept. has visibly improved since he took over. His 2 1/2 is now 4/10 and he is at present detached to 5 Supply (my office is still in the reorganization. A 1/10 comment is temporarily assigned to Dept in his absence.

REMARKS

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I congratulate Lt. Col. RICHARD L. and OG Dept on their reorganization as regards Supply.

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23SUBJECT: Visit to Transport Unit

5 British Liaison Unit
Tele: 1657
ST/35/1/23
29 Nov 46.

HQ
5 Territorial Command

1. On Nov 28th I visited the detachment of 5 Transport Company located at MESSEME and was favourably impressed with the general state of the vehicles and the manner in which the Officer Commanding, S/Lt CURTIS performs his duties.
2. I feel that the OC is seriously handicapped by lack of personal transport to visit his outlying vehicles and would recommend that if possible he be supplied with a motorcycle to enable him more efficiently to fulfil his duties.

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SUBJECT: Report on Visit to Supply Unit

5 Bellish Liaison Unit
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24 Nov 65.

SEC 1 No 4 B.L.U. (3 copies)

FROM HQ Staff, L.A.

On Monday 16 Nov represented by S/Lt Harris I visited 74 Secondary General Supply Depot at VANDAL.

I was met by Major David Smith, National Organization and had a general discussion on supplies with him before proceeding to the Depot. He said no more had no more difficulties involving supplies and that those that did were very easily surmountable. He seemed to be very capable and thoroughly interested in our comments with his job. The only setback was the fact that he had no transport and when he inspected a car, he had to apply to President M., whom with negative results. In view of the fact that his duties included his machine fairly frequent journeys I strongly recommend that he be allotted some form of permanent transport, could this please be taken up with the Headquarters General?

COMMENTS

One of the things I took to heart (MAGNETIC). Judging from the state of the Depot and comments made by Major Smith he is an excellent supply officer. He is credited by S/Lt Williams who was not present at the time of my visit.

REMARKS

2 Military and 9 permanent labourers are employed. I was informed there was only one clerk but when I asked if this was adequate the answer was in the affirmative so our only source was an error in interpretation.

WORK POSITION

In view of the work in this depot there is obviously considerably more of some items.

GENERAL REMARKS

While there is good heavy machinery (the depot is situated in a place that was once a large battery). Communications are very well stocked and things are employed to the fullest advantage. Fully tanks were evident on the way and really attracted.

Other Remarks

There were two of these - one for food and one for fuel. The fuel (wood) was stacked in the open and standing for collection while loading was not good. I suggested that this was not done and that it agreed to this.

Other Remarks

There were no other remarks.

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On January 10, 1945, at Vicksburg, Mississippi

I was met by Major Frank J. ... General Supply Depot at Vicksburg.

OFFICIALS

... of the Supply Depot at Vicksburg, Mississippi. ...

PERSONNEL

... there was only one clerk but when I asked if this was adequate the answer was in the affirmative so we only carried this one to avoid an understatement.

STORAGE

... in view of the amount of material which was to be received in considerably more of same items.

STORAGE

... while space in good brick buildings (the depot is situated in premises about one mile from a large bakery). ...

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STORAGE

... fuel (wood) was stacked in the open and stowage for materials while loading was not good, I suggested that while we put down and be as good as this.

STORAGE

... of 15 tons each.

STORAGE

... traps were in evidence.

STORAGE

... approximately 4000 composed of 20 units, this will increase to about 7000 on an intake of the GM in January.

STORAGE

... There are two bakeries on property. It is hard to start the Military Bakery on the premises shortly, but at present there is difficulty in getting food and they feel that it is more economical for the time being to continue with the civilian bakeries.

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DATE 24

GENERAL

In my opinion this is a well organized group, and the only suggestion I have for its improvement are that the fuel be checked under cover and that Major MONROE of the National Commandants be provided with transport.

As of Clothing Supplies, Maj PINOIA, also accompanied me on my tour of the camp.

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MAY 24

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DIARY

Do
Capt,
A. S. G.

5130

October, 1946

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Copy to: ASD, HQ, MILA.

British Liaison Co.
 U D I N S.
 Tel: 1657

ST/35-1/21

29 Oct 46

1. Diary of Activities

14th Oct. Capt CARR, RASC, returned from 19 days Privilege in UK.

16th Oct.

Visited 5 Distribution Depot and 5 Supply Coy UDIE.
 The latter complained that they had no glass in the windows of the billeting; this I obtained for them from British sources and gave to them on Oct 24th for which they were very grateful.

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21st Oct.

Capt RASC proceeds BOLLARD with ASDT and DADST to visit 3 & 7 Units of 4 Territorial Command.

23rd Oct.

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24th Oct.

Company sign appears on road leading to 5 Transport Coy - this had been "suggested" several times.

25th Oct.

Attended Court of Inquiry as Member on Traffic Accident.

26th Oct.

Completed Court of Inquiry.

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2. Summary.

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continued throughout the month from Italian sources. There are still various items of Allied origin in the Depots, but these are old stocks and are being turned over.

I am making enquiries as to how the 15 Lire per day extra ration allowance is being utilised within the Territorial Command and have asked Head of Commissariato to let me have local purchase prices; if these are to hand I will attach them to this report, but, if not, they will be the subject of a special report.

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4. POL.

Nothing to report and supplies normal.

5. General.

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Further to ADM's visit I propose taking up the question of 5 Supply Company, which shows a very poor state of discipline and lack of occupation for the men, with Territorial Command.

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Capt, RASC.

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5 British Liaison Unit
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SUBJECT:- S & T Installations - (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel 1657

SI/35-1/20

25 Sep 46.

Direzione Comissariato
5 Territorial Command.

As requested in your 4715/1 of 20 Sept 46, attached is
a further copy of our SI/35/1/14 dated 7 Sept 46.

JHR/IV

JP Capt.
R.A.S.C.

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TRANSLATION

5 COMILITER'S "Q" BRANCH
AT CORPS → UDINE

No. 4715/1

Subject:- Supplies Report

5 B.L.U. Udine

20 Sept 46

Ref ST 35-1/15 of 13 Sept 46.

1. Tinned meat rations are not to be issued for consumption, owing to their being kept for emergency purposes. So fresh meat has been issued from the month of Jun 46 on. Only once a week issue of tinned fish takes place, because of its liability to easy deterioration.
2. A surplus of two employees have been required from 5 Comiliter to be on duty at the Ration Depot.
3. Another 6 sworn watchmen have been requested from above mentioned Comiliter to be on duty at the same Ration Depot, but there is doubt whether the Ministry of War will agree to it, following its directives against employment of new personnel.

Please forward copy of folio ST/35-1/14 of 7 Sept 46, that has not been received.

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Sgd:- Acting Director
Lt Col Adalberto GALLONE

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Recd on 33/9/40 1940

Udine, 20 sett. 1940

all 5° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO
DEL
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
DI UDINE

U D I N E

Prot. N. 4415/1 Allegati
Risposta al foglio del 13 c.m. N. ST 35-1/I5
Rapporto sul magazzino viveri.

OGGETTO:

1. La carne in scatola costituisce riserva e non genere di consumo, in quanto dal mese di giugno viene distribuita carne fresca. Una sola volta alla settimana vengono consumati generi scatola= ti costituiti da pesce in salameia il cui consumo deve avere la precedenza perchè di difficile conservazione.
2. Sono stati richiesti al V Comando Militare Territoriale i due impiegati in più per il Magazzino Viveri.
3. Sono anche state richieste allo stesso Comando altre 6 guardie giurate per lo stesso magazzino. Si hanno però motivi di dubbio sull'accoglimento della richiesta stante l'assoluto divieto da parte del Ministero della Guerra di assumere altro personale.

Si prega inviare copia del foglio ST/35-1/I4 del 7 corrente non essendo pervenuto.

IL T. COLONNELLO COMISS. DIRETTORE II.
- Adalberto Gallone -

13
 1. REPORTS ON U.S. T. INSTALLATIONS (SOURCES).

5 British Liaison Unit.
 Tel.: 1057

at 25-4/18

13 Sep 16.

4 British Liaison Unit.
 C.M.F.

I visited No. 4 Distribution Depot, Soltau, accompanied by 3/Lt. MALLI on the 11th Sept., and have the following observations to make.

1. OFFICERS. The Depot is commanded by Lt. Col. MALLI who was away at the time of my visit; a Distribution Depot is normally a Captain's command, and I could not understand why in this instance a Lt. Col. should be O.C. His assistant Lt. MALLI stood in for him.

2. STOCKS AVAILABLE. In general 15 days supplies were held, but there were 4 months stocks of olive oil which is obtained through the Ministry of War from Bari. There were approximately 250 casks of American Flour that had been in stock since Jan 31st., and I suggested that turnover should be speedier to prevent possibility of decomposition.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are purchased locally by individual units.

3. PHYSICAL SECURITY. Accession was good in dry areas, but stacking of commodities was not, to my mind, up to standard, and I noticed various items heaped tightly against the wall. I pointed this out to Lt. MALLI particularly a stack of salt without dunnage, but he thought it was in the most suitable position.

Barriers were not properly employed in all cases, and I pointed this out.

4. TRAINING. There were in evidence on all stocks.

5. DETAILED LIAISON UNIT. There were 4 detail teams posted.

6. LABOR. 3 civilian clerks were employed and 13 laborers; the latter seemed a somewhat high figure to be in view of the fact that 13 military 3120 personnel are employed on internal work in the depot, however Lt. MALLI thought this rather low.

7. GUARDS. Only 3 civilian guards were employed and this number is obviously insufficient, Lt. MALLI agreed and asked me to take the matter up with Territorial Command. (See letter attached).

8. WATER SUPPLY. There was adequate and consistent of 1000 extinguishers.

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11. UNIT TRACKING. This is obtained as desired from the Territorial Transport Coy, and no difficulties were reported to me.

12. PACKING STATION. Approximately 9,000 consisting of 37 units all of which collect except those at Trento to which supplies are despatched by rail.

13. ACCOMMODATION. Military personnel are billeted with No. 4 Company Subalterns; I did not on this occasion have time to visit the billeting, but will make a point of doing so when next in Bolzano.

14. GENERAL. The depot is situated on good hard standings, but the general tidiness did not strike me as being quite up to the standard of other depots I have visited.

I have written to 4 Territorial Command references points in paras 2, 3 and 7, and a copy of this letter is attached for your information.

[Signature]

Capt.
R.A.F.C.

C IV to 98 T.H.A. M.B.L.A.

• 3121

SUBJECT: - Reports on R & F Installations (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1657

ST 35-1/17 / 13 Sep 46.

Direzione Comandante
4 Territorial Command.

On Sept. 11th I visited No. 4 Distribution Depot, Bolzano and, in consequence of my visit, I feel the following observations may be of some use to you.

1. There were approximately 250 cwt of American flour that had been in stock since Jan 31st. I would suggest that this is issued at an early date to ensure that there is no wastage through decomposition.
2. Stacking of commodities was inclined to be tight and drainage was not properly employed. You will, of course, appreciate the necessity for the free circulation of air throughout perishable foodstuffs, and I suggest that more use is made of drainage, and that stacks of items such as salt are not packed against walls.
3. Only 3 civilian guards were employed. This number would definitely appear to be insufficient to me, and I strongly recommend that they be enforced.

Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

Capt.
R.A.S.C.

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Subject:- S & T Installations.

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 4657
SE 35-1/16

13 Sept 46

Direzione Genle
5 Territorial Command

1. On Sept 12th I visited No. 5 Distribution Depot and noticed that many of the windows in the storage sheds were missing.

2. In view of the fact that valuable and perishable foodstuffs are stored in these sheds, and that darkness might do considerable damage to these stocks, I would suggest that priority be given to the outstanding repairs in this Depot.

3. May this HQ please be notified what date it is decided to commence work on these repairs.

Leamy
Capt.
R.A.S.C.

Copy to:- Direzione Commissariato

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Subject: Report on S & T Installations
(Suppl. 69).

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1657
SE 35-1/15
13 Sept 46

Divisione Comandante
5 Territorial Command

On Sept 12th I visited No. 5 Distribution Depot, UDINE and, in consequence of my visit, I feel that the following observations might be of some use to you.

1. I noticed that 72 lbs of American corned beef had just been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This had been in the Depot since July 23rd and I feel that had this been issued sooner and not kept in stock so long this wastage might have been avoided.

2. Only 3 civilian clerks were employed and I feel this number is not sufficient. Should one clerk become ill at the moment it would be difficult to train another person for their job. I suggest you employ at least two more.

3. I noted that only 6 civilian guards are employed and feel that this number should be doubled in view of the fact that there is no military guard and these men are on duty day and night.

Your comments on the above and on my letter SE 35-1/14 of 7 Sept would be appreciated.

Capt.
R.A.S.C.

5118

Subject:- Reports on S & T Installations
(Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1657
AT 35-1/14

13 Sept 46

GSO 1

I visited No. 5 Distribution Depot, Uline accompanied by S/Lt GUSMAN on 12th Sept, and have the following observations to make.

1. Officers. The Depot is commanded by Capt RUBINI. This officer appeared to me to be quite efficient and "on top of the job", he was assisted by a S/Lt PAULPOLI who was however on leave at the time of my visit.

2. Other Ranks. Only 3 soldiers who are employed on issuing meat; since meat issues finish daily at 1100 hrs theirs would appear to be an easy life!

3. Stock Position. As a general rule 15 days rations are held, but considerably more of some commodities are in stock on the date of my visit, for example there were three months supply of flour and two years of matches.

72 lbs of American tinned meat had just been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This had been received from the Bulk Depots (Italian) at Bari and Naples on July 23rd so there is no question of credit involved. I suggested that the turnover was probably too slow, but Capt RUBINI said that issue was controlled by War Ministry.

4. Physical Warehousing. The accommodation, though cramped, is good, but a serious defect to my mind is the fact that many of the windows were lacking glass; good efforts had been made to rectify this deficiency by fitting cardboard in all the gaps, but in the winter this will not suffice. Capt RUBINI agreed with me and asked me to take the matter up with Territorial Command, saying he had applied on 1st Sept but had heard nothing.

The various sheds were clean and tidy and stacking of commodities the best I have seen so far. The use of damage was obviously understood, though not applied in all cases owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary timber.

Tally cards were in evidence on all stacks.

No fresh fruit or vegetables are kept, these are purchased locally by individual units.

Flour is issued to units who make their own arrangements for baking.

The wool storage was cramped but in the best space available.

5. Labour. 3 civilian clerks were employed and 12 labourers. When I asked the OC if he found these sufficient he said that he needed at least 2 more clerks; if one were to go sick at present things would be extremely difficult; he thought that 12 labourers were sufficient.

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6. Guards. Only 6 trusted civilian guards (no military) were employed. I feel that this is definitely insufficient, as these men are on duty day and night, however I was told that there had been no thefts to date.

7. Fire Precautions. These were adequate, and the 30 foam extinguishers they had were advantageously distributed throughout the depot. Personnel were trained in Fire Precautions.

8. Anti-rat Precautions. The OC said that they were not troubled by rats and that traps were laid out. I had a look at one of these and suggested that some bait was used since the thing was empty.

9. Engineer Work Outstanding. The only matter requiring attention is the glass for the windows mentioned in para 4. Application has been made for this and I am taking it up with Territorial Command.

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10. Accountancy. The standard Br - It. system is in use but separate offices are used for each side of it.

11. Accommodation. The three military personnel live with 5 Campagna Sussistenza (comprising all men of the Services side of this Territorial Command). I visited the billets and met the OC Capt VIDA; sleeping accommodation was tidy and the latrines had been cleaned out; in fact the whole atmosphere of the place suggested that a high ranking officer was expected to pay a visit, and I hope it will be the same when the General is there tomorrow!

12. General. It may be that I fortunately struck a day when issues were not in progress and consequently everything appeared spick and span. I was rather impressed by the system of lockers employed for any surplus items from bulk after break down, which is done when units actually collect.

I have written to Direzione Commissariato 5 Territorial Command regarding points in paras 3, 5, 6 and 9 and copy of letter is attached to this report for your information.

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Capt,
R.A.S.G.

Copy to:- S & T Branch
MMIA R O M E

• 5110

Subject: Reports on S & I Installations (Supplies).

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 1555
SF 35/1/13

7 Sept 46

G.S.O. 1.

I visited No. 5 Bulk Food Depot, MESSERS accompanied by S/Lt CHAMBERLAIN, on 5th Sept and have the following observations to make.

1. OFFICERS. The Depot is now commanded by Capt RUGGIERI who has recently taken over from Capt GRAY. It is difficult to give a "pen picture" of this officer yet since he has only been in office approximately one week, but he already appeared to have quite a good grip on things; he is assisted by another new officer - a S/Lt SPIDIO - who had only arrived the day prior to my visit. The Depot is one S/Lt under establishment.

2. OTHER HANDS. consist of 5 NCO's and 2 private soldiers, 2 of the NCO's are employed on clerical duties and the remainder on physical work in the Depot.

3. STOCK POSITION. Stock state for Sept 3rd is attached. Large quantities of flour are no longer kept in the depot; instead stocks of this commodity are stored at the Mill.

4. PHYSICAL WORKING.

a) The Depot is ideally situated in a disused aluminium factory, accommodation in use being two large covered sheds approximately 80 yards long by 25 yards wide.

b) The recent gale in the Venice Area had blown away a large proportion of the roof of one shed, but fortunately the only damage incurred to stocks was about 30 lbs of cigarettes. Had the flour been stacked as previously however, and not in the Mill, losses would have reached quite a high figure in lire. This damage was already undergoing repair by the owners of the factory at the time of my visit.

c) Stacking could be improved as all commodities were tightly packed, and I explained the advantages of air space between items.

d) The correct method of employing damage did not appear to be understood; damage was not in use on all stacks and, where it was, merely consisted of boards laid flat on the floor giving no air draft underneath the stacks whatsoever, in fact the boards might just as well not have been in use. I explained the correct method and suggested that it should be brought into operation as soon as possible.

e) Tally cards were in evidence on all stacks; but none were checked since Allied accounting is not involved.

5. LABOUR. 40 civilians were employed, 5 as clerks, and the remaining 35 as labourers.

1. OFFICERS. The Depot is now commanded by Capt RUCCHIERI who has recently taken over from Capt GRUO. It is difficult to give a "pen picture" of this Officer yet since he has only been in office approximately one week, but he already appeared to have quite a good grip on things; he is assisted by another new officer - a S/Lt SPIDIO - who had only arrived the day prior to my visit. The Depot is one S/Lt under establishment.

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4. PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE.

a) The Depot is ideally situated in a disused aluminium factory, accommodation in use being two large covered sheds approximately 60 yards long by 25 yards wide.

b) The recent gale in the Venice area had blown away a large proportion of the roof of one shed, but fortunately the only damage incurred to stocks was about 30 Kgs of cigarettes. Half the flour been stacked as previously however, and not in the Mill, losses would have reached quite a high figure in lire. This damage was already undergoing repair by the owners of the factory at the time of my visit.

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e) Tally cards were in evidence on all stacks; but none were checked since Allied accounting is not involved.

5. LABOUR. 40 civilians were employed, 5 as clerks, and the remaining 35 as labourers I feel that this is rather a high figure in comparison to the size of the depot and considering that flour is no longer stored.

6. GUARDS. 6 Armed civilian guards are employed, they are supplemented at night by a military guard consisting of 1 NCO and 6 men. The O.C. feels, and I agree with him, that 6 civilians are not sufficient since it means each pair doing 8 hours duty in 24. I would suggest either that 12 civilian trusted guards are employed or that a military guard of equal strength to the night guard is laid on during the day.

7. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. 24 foam type extinguishers are laid out in the depot. I consider this adequate and the employees are trained in Fire Precautions.

8. ANTI RAT PRECAUTIONS. The O.C. stated that they were not troubled at all by rats, and traps were laid out. When I asked to see them they were conspicuous by their absence! (Both traps and rats).

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9. DEPOT TRANSPORT. 3 Vehicles are available to the depot. On the detachment of 5 Transport Coy situated next to the depot. Approximately 10 journeys are involved daily.

O.C. complained that recently he had been allotted leading red trucks in which he had to load flour. I saw the R.T.O. MESSERS on this point who explained that, though he was not responsible for supplying the actual trucks, a statement for what type of load is to be carried should be made when tonnage is applied for which would obviate leading trucks being supplied for perishable goods.

10. GENERAL. I cannot report on the general turnout of the men since none were in evidence during my visit.

The mens billets are situated about a mile from the depot in the Serione Commissariato. I did not have time to visit them, but understand from Lt. GEMIN that the accommodation is reasonable though Welfare is not looked after. I will go into this matter on my next visit.

I have written to Direzione Commissariato, 5 Terr. Command regarding paras 1, 4(c) and (d), 5, 6 and 9, copy of letter is attached for your information.

[Signature]

Capt R.A.S.C.

Copy to:- ST Branch
HQ MIA REB

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Subject: Report on S & T Installation (Supplies)

5 British Liaison Unit
Tel 153
SU35/1/14

7 Sept 46

Divisione Comissariato
5 Territorial Command

On Sept 5th I visited No. 5 Bulk Distribution Depot, MESERE and, in consequence of my visit, I feel that the following observations might be of some use to you.

1. The Depot is one Officer under establishment.
2. Stacking of commodities could be improved. The advantages of air circulation between items is obvious and I would suggest that commodities be stacked in such a way as to permit free circulation of air between each individual box or case.
3. The correct method of employing dunnage did not appear to be completely understood. Boards were placed under many of the stacks but they did not serve any useful purpose as packed items were still in direct contact with the floor.
4. 35 civilian labourers are employed. I feel in view of the fact that flour is no longer stored in bulk but kept at the mill, that this number is excessive.
5. 6 civilian armed guards are employed. I feel that this number should be doubled as it entails each pair of men doing 8 hours duty in 24 and with the cold weather approaching this will be excessive. An alternative would be for a further military guard of 1 MCO and 6 men to be mounted by day as well as by night.

In general the Depot was ideally situated; damage done to the roof of one of the sheds by the recent storm was in course of repair, and losses of foodstuffs were a minimum owing to the recent decision to store flour at the mill.

On Sept 5th I visited No. 5 Bulk Distribution Depot, MATRE and, in consequence of my visit, I feel that the following observations might be of some use to you.

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2. Stacking of commodities could be improved. The advantages of air circulation between items is obvious and I would suggest that commodities be stacked in such a way as to permit free circulation of air between each individual box or case.
3. The correct method of employing damage did not appear to be completely understood. Boards were placed under many of the stacks but they did not serve any useful purpose as stacked items were still in direct contact with the floor.
4. 25 civilian labourers are employed. I feel in view of the fact that flour is no longer stored in bulk but kept at the mill, that this number is excessive.
5. 6 civilian armed guards are employed. I feel that this number should be doubled as it entails each pair of men doing 8 hours duty in 24, and with the cold weather approaching this will be excessive. An alternative would be for a further military guard of 4 MCO and 6 men to be mounted by day as well as by night.

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Capt,
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Copy to:- GSO 4
SE Branch
HQ MILA ROSE

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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Subject: Inspection Reports

Headquarters
4 B.L.U.
HOLZANO
Ref: Q 14

30 August 46.

To: S & T Officer
4 & 5 B.L.U.
UDINE

Herewith copy of this HQ letter 4/GB/10-213
addressed to 4 Terr.Cmd. and copy of 4 Terr.Cmd. letter
04/12975/Serv. for your information.

E. W. Bradley
E.W. BRADLEY
Major INNISKS
For Lt.Col.G. 5112

CONFIDENTIAL

4 BLU
4/22/10-123
22 July 45

Inspection Report.

To: 4 Comando Militar Territoriale

Copy to : MILIA -ROND

Ref. the inspection report dated 5 July 45 on the 4
Magasin Vivier-PONZANO.

1. Your attention is drawn to points, and of the above
quoted report.
2. Para(s) states that (1) sleeping quarters and blankets
are dirty.
(2) The dining quarters are too small.
(3) Better recreation quarters are needed
(4) the temporary cookhouse should be
changed as soon as possible.
(5) Many improvement are necessary to the
latrines and ablutions. The water does
not run properly.
3. Para 2 states that the depot appears to be well run-
The two warrant officers are particularly recommended. they appear
to be efficient and capable men. the inspecting officer also states
that there is insufficient space in the depot for stock held. Gen.
PRISOTTO of the Presidio is apparently looking for new quarters for
the depot. The stairs in the men's quarters are broken and dangerous.
The men's quarters and bookhouses are stated, in general, to be
dirty; the unit states that this is due to the presence of Alpinist
troops. Baths or showers should be made available at this quarters
as soon as possible.
4. Please forward to this HQ a list of any improvements you may
be able to effect.

L.W. FRANKLIN
Major Inspects
for Lt. Col. C.S. 3111

TRANSLATION

4 TERRIT. HQ - BOLZANO
Staff - Services Office

No. 04/12976/Serv

Reply to 4/GB/10-218 dated 22.7.1946.

Subject:- Inspection reports on 4 Magazzino Viveri
(Ration Depot) BOLZANO.

To:- 4 B.L.U. BOLZANO

As far as it concerns your remarks on the a/m inspection it has been provided as follows:-

- 1) Sleeping quarters and blankets: provided according;Y.
- 2) Dining quarters and recreation rooms: new ones have been foreseen in a plan which is being studied and drawn; but there is a canteen in the barracks provided with marble-topped tables, where the servicemen on the strength of that Unit may have good time.
- 3) Cookhouse: the main cockhouse for the Unit is already working at the ground-floor of 4 M.T. Unit. There has been too a check-up and clearing of small wells and canals that had been dug underground in order to drain water coming from the cockhouse.
- 4) Latrines: repaired.
- 5) Ablutions: in course reconditioning.
- 6) Stairs: Their repairing has been taken into consideration and included in the a/m plan.
- 7) Offices: it has been complied with.

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C.O.P.I.A.

COMANDO MILITARE PER L'ITOMIALE DI BOLZANO (IV)

Stato Maggiore-Ufficio Servizi

Bolzano li 28 Agosto 46.

N. 04/12975/Serv.

Risposta al foglio N. 4/GS/10-218

del 22/7/1946

OGGETTO: Relazione ispezione magazzino viveri di Bolzano

AL COMANDO 4 B.L.U.

BBDE

In merito a quanto rilevato nella suddetta ispezione sono stati presi i seguenti provvedimenti:

- 1) Dormitori e cucine: provveduto in merito;
- 2) Refettori e sale di ricreazione: nel prossimo generale di sistemazione, in corso di compilazione, sono previsti nuovi refettori e sale di ricreazione; nella caserma esiste già però un locale appeso con tavole di marmo di lastre di marmo dove i 30 uomini di quel reparto trovano ottima ricreazione;
- 3) Cucina: il reparto ha ora la cucina centrale a piano terra già del 4 autoreparto. È stata pure fatta una revisione e svuotatura dei pozzi e dei canali interrati per lo scopo delle acque di rifiuto della cucina;
- 4) Latrine: sono state riparate;
- 5) bagni e docce: sono in corso i lavori per il ripristino dei bagni e delle docce;
- 6) scale: la riparazione è compresa nel progetto generale di sistemazione;
- 7) uffici: provveduto in merito.

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IL COMANDANTE MILITARE

(Gen. di Div. ff. S. S. Giacomo Nazvoni)

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785020

Subject: Reports on Inspection of Depots.

Headquarters
4 P.L.U.
Belknap
Ref 4/GS/10-212

To : S & T 4 B.L.U. ✓
VENICE.

15 July 1946.

Ref. to conversation with you of 12 inst. re your reports on Inspection of Depots etc. I confirm that I wish you to render to the D.C. of the unit inspected a written report in Italian in confirmation of the points that you bring to his notice verbally.

Copy to: ADST (194A).

Wm. Taylor
Lt. Col.
General Staff

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SI/SS/1

4 BLU
4/GB/10-223
24 July 46

Subject: Inspection "eports.

To : 5 B.L.U. Udine

Copy to: S and T 4 B.L.U. Venice —

Herewith inspection report on

73 FOOD DISTRIBUTION DEPOT. MESTRE
sent to this unit in error.

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E.W. Bradley Major

E.W. BRADLEY

Major INNISKS

for Lt. Col. G.S.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

Subject: Damaged Cheese.

To : G.S.I.U.-3 & T
MESTRE.

57/35/1 (9)
Headquarters
L. B.I.N.
Belgrade
Ref 4 / 45/10-211

14 July 1946

Herewith copy of translation received by M.M.I.A.
from Ministry of War, for your information.

Elv. Bradley Mayor.

Lt. Col.
General Staff

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KEY OF TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

25 June 1946

TO : MILA

10631/5/1

SUBJECT: Bacon and Cheese.

Further to letter 9544/3/1 of 31 May 46 we inform you that as regards the matter pointed out by you in your letter 57/138 of 21 May 46, the following points have been ascertained:-

- The 25 lbs of soft cheese received by INFANTRY Food Depot in a very bad condition were part of a lot of 45 lbs which had been despatched by rail by MILAN Commandant's Directorate to INFANTRY Food Depot directly from GEMO (VARESE) where the supplying firm is located.
- The despatch from INFANTRY to INFANTRY Food Depot was necessary as the item should have been issued for consumption as soon as possible in order to avoid a further stay in depot.
- After having checked, on arrival at INFANTRY, that the cheese was not fit for consumption because mouldy, the whole lot had to be sent back to INFANTRY owing to the lack of refrigerators on the place.
- It must be explained that the cheese had first been sent to BOLOGNA and after to MILAN because, as already pointed out above, the item had been despatched to INFANTRY directly from the supplying firm.
- The whole lot of 45 lbs has however been issued after the part not fit for consumption had been taken away.

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Sgt. Gen. Pelligrini.

Subject:-Inspection Report.

Headquarters

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BOLZANO

Ref: 4/GE/10-210

13 July 46

To:- HQ 4 Terr Comd.

The attached extracts from my S & T Officer Reports on recent inspection of Depots are forwarded for your information:-

1 July 46. 73 Distribution Food Depot - Mestre.

"The Depot was inspected during issuing period.

The large stock of fire wood is being gradually issued to units.

My general opinion of this depot is that it is very efficiently run by Lt. Cervo who is a good type of officer."

4 July 46. 74 Distribution Food Depot - Verona.

"Fire precautions. It was noted that fire extinguishers have not been supplied in spite of my previous recommendations. It is absolutely essential that extinguishers be supplied without any further delay. 25 extinguishers are necessary for this depot but all applications made heretofore have been without result. Only sand buckets and barrels with water are available."

Lt Col

Lt Col

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Copy to:-ADST MMIA - (N.B. Other points have been taken up direct with the units concerned).

S & T: 4 BLU - Venice.

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SUBJECT: Report on 5 Distribution Depot - Udine

S&T Office

4&5 B.L.U.

CORNOLDI Barracks

VENICE - Tel. 27244

ST/35/1-19 Jul '46

A.D.S.&T. - M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- GSO I - 5 B.L.U.

Further to my report dated 25 June '46 (para 5 & 6) I visited 5 Distribution Depot - Udine on 9th July '46 regarding the differences between the stocks of sugar and pasta and the quantities shown in the books.-

Pasta stocks:- The difference found between stocks and the pasta account was due to an error in the accountancy. This has now been rectified after an enquiry held by the C.O. of Commissariato Udine, and a surplus of 12 Kg has been entered in the books.-

Sugar stocks:- In future checks on stocks will be calculated on the actual weight of each sack and not on the nominal.-

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Capt. R.A.S.C.

S&T 4 & 5 B.L.U.S-

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SUBJECT: Inspection Report.

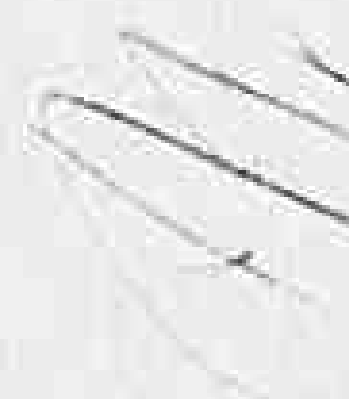
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GSO I - 4 B.L.U.

Referring to copy of your letter ref 4/GS/10-210 I noticed that the report on 73 Distribution Depot - Mestre dated 1 July '46, was sent to you in error.

This should have been despatched to GSO I - 3 B.L.U. Udine and I should be obliged if you have this sent to him as soon as possible.-

Capt. R.A.S.C.


S&T 4 B.L.U.

15-7-46

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS (SUPPLIES)

a) <u>Name of Inspecting Officer</u>	J.N. WATSON Capt R.A.S.C. -
b) <u>Date of inspection</u>	12 July 1946 -
c) <u>Name of depot</u>	4 Magazzino Vivieri - BOLLANO
d) <u>Name of O.C. (other officers)</u>	Lt Col MARZANASCO - Ten. BASTIANI Giovanni - S. Ten. POLICELLI Vincenzo -
e) <u>Stock position - n° of days - checks made</u>	20 days - Sugar, rice, coffee found correct -
f) <u>Physical Warehousing -</u>	
1) <u>Accommodation, cover, etc.</u>	Satisfactory -
2) <u>Stacking, height, etc.</u>	Sugar 15 sacks, coffee 10 sacks, rice 3 sacks, pasta 10 -
3) <u>Dunnage</u>	In course of construction -
g) <u>Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement</u>	Each unit makes its own purchases on open market -
<u>Bread - number of bakeries on contract - Meat</u>	} Private contracts -
h) <u>Tally cards</u>	Well kept -
i) <u>Detail issue points in Depot (number)</u>	3 : one for flour one for wine & oil one for general issues
j) <u>Fuels</u>	Issued direct from Saw-mill Nil Nil
k) <u>Labour</u>	Labourers: 7 - Clerical: 2 -
1) <u>Guards</u>	2 civil guards (night) - Also 1 full guard Alpini Bat -
m) <u>Fire precautions</u>	3 fire extinguishers - 14 new ones expected in few days -
n) <u>Anti rats precautions</u>	Few rats - Traps & baits are in use -
o) <u>R.E. works outstanding</u>	New windows, new doors, etc.

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e) Stock position - n° of days -
checks made

f) Physical Warehousing -
1) Accommodation, cover; etc.
2) Stacking, height, etc.
3) Dunnage

g) Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement
Bread - number of bakeries on contract -
Meat

h) Tally cards

i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)

j) Fuels
1) Wood storage
2) Coal storage
3) Lignite storage

k) Labour
Civilian employed (number)

l) Guards

m) Fire precautions

n) Anti rats precautions

o) R.E. works outstanding (state how long)
Depot transport

q) Feeding strengths
1) (Army navy air)
(BR-US-ITI-ITI)
2) Total number of units

S. ten. Rossini Vincenzo -
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Satisfactory -
Sugar 15 sacks, coffee 10 sacks, rice 8 sacks, pasta 10 -
in course of construction -

Each unit makes its own purchases on open market -
} Private contracts -
}

Well kept -

3 : one for flour
one for wine & oil
one for general issues

Issued direct from Saw-mill
Nil
Nil

Labourers: 7 - Clerical: 2 -

2 civil guards (night) - Also 1 full guard Alpini Regt -

8 fire extinguishers - 14 new ones expected in few days -

Paw rats - Traps & baits are in use -
New windows, new doors, etc.
Requested daily from 4 Antonsenarts -
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r) Accountancy

Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

) Both well kept -

Nil

s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreation quarters
Cockhouse
Latrines & Ablut.

Not clean: Blankets dirty -
Too small -
Better quarters should be found -
(Temporary) Should be changed as soon
as possible -
Water not running properly - many
improvements necessary -

t) General turnout of men

Satisfactory -

u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc.
for improvement:

The depot appears to be well run - I particularly
recommend the 2 W.O.s who are efficient and capable men.

The Presidio is searching for more spacious quarters
for this depot. This was suggested by me on my last visit. There is
in general inefficient space for stocks held. Gen. BRISOTTO, the
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Men's quarters. - New stairs necessary. Slabs worn and
broken. Very dangerous. General condition of barracks: Dirty. This
is stated to be due to presence of Alpini Rgt. - No baths or showers
in this quarters.

Cookhouse. - As above.

Blankets. - Require washing once monthly.

Sugar. - Much variations in weights of sacks. In one
consignment from Rome of 100 qls a loss of Kg 25,530 was found. This
is probably due to weights of sacks.

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Recitation of contents
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablut.
(Temporary) Should be changed as soon as possible -
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[Signature]
S. BRISOTTO
5. DIVISION MILITARE

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1-7-46

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer J.N. WATSON - Capt. R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of inspection 1st July 1946

(c) Name of depot 73 Distribution Food Depot - Mestre

(d) Name of O.C. (other officers) 2/Lt CERVO G. Nil

(e) Stock position - n° of days - checks made As per attached list - Sugar, coffee, pasta and physical stocks checked and found correct -

(f) Physical Warehousing
 1) Accommodation, cover, etc. Satisfactory -
 2) Stacking, height, etc. Good - height 12 sacks -
 3) Dunrage Good - As suggested by DGM -

(g) I) Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement Each unit buys locally from civilian firms -
 II) Bread - number of bakeries on contract Only flour issued - Bought locally by individual units -

h) Tally cards Very good and up to date -

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)
 1 for flour - 1 for wine and oil -
 1 for general issues -

(j) Fuels
 1) Wood storage Well stacked in aboven yard: Qls 14, 116
 2) Coal storage Nil
 3) Lignite storage Nil

(k) Labour Clerical 3 - Labourers: 11 -

(l) Guards 1 M.C.O. + 3 men of "PELURE" Bn Guards
4 civilian are employed as trusted guards - No pilferage -

(m) Fire precautions Good - 11 foam extinguishers - 1 fire brigade -

(n) Anti rats precautions No rats but 2 cats are kept -

(o) RE. works outstanding (state how long) A surrounding wall to be repaired -

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(e) Stock position - n° of days -
checks made

(f) Physical Warehousing
1) Accommodation, cover, etc.
2) Stacking, height, etc.
3) Dunnage

(g) I) Fresh Fruit & Veg - method
of procurement
II) Bread - number of bakeries on
contract

h) Tally cards

(i) Detail issue points in Depot
(number)

(j) Fuels
1) Wood storage
2) Coal storage
3) Lignite storage

(k) Labour
Civilian employed (numbers)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) RE. works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths
1) { Army Navy Air }
{ BR-US-ITI-ITI }
2) Total number of Units

As per attached list - Sugar, coffee, pasta and physical stocks checked and found correct -

Satisfactory -
Good - height 12 sacks -
Good - as suggested by KBCG -

Each unit buys locally from civilian firms -
Only flour issued - Bought locally by individual units -

Very good and up to date -

1 for flour - 1 for wine and oil -
1 for general issues -

Well stacked in open yard: Qls 14, 116
Nil
Nil

Clerical 3 - Labourers: 11 -

1 M.C.O. + 3 men of "FELTRE" Bn Guards
4 civilian are employed as trusted guards - No dilferage -

Good - 11 foam extinguishers - 1 fire brigade -

No rats but 2 cats are kept -

A surrounding wall to be repaired -

Requested daily from 5 Admin Tpt Det Me-
stre -

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(r) Accountancy

Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

} Both satisfactorily kept

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters

Dining quarters
Recreation quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablutions

Men are quartered in Comandariato
barracks - Marghera - Satisfactory
Fair -
Fair -
Not very clean -
Fairly clean

(t) General turnout of men

Fair -

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

The Depot was inspected during issuing period. -
The large stock of fire wood is being gradually
issued to units. - My general opinion of this depot is that it is
very efficiently run by Lt Cervo who is a good type of officer. -
Lt Cervo is not responsible for men's accommodation

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Living quarters	Fair -
Recreation quarters	Fair -
Cookhouse	Not very clean
Latrines & Ablutions	Fairly clean
(t) General turnout of men	Fair -

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

The Depot was inspected during issuing period. -
The large stock of fire wood is being gradually
issued to units. - My general opinion of this depot is that it is
very efficiently run by Lt Cerro who is a good type of officer. -
Lt Cerro is not responsible for men's accommodation

W. H. ...
5 OCT 1947

73 MAGAZZINO SECONDARIO DISTRIBUZIONE VIVERI FORAGGI E COMBUSTIBILI

M E S T R EAutosufficienza in data 1° luglio 1946Per una forza presunta di:
4000 ITI e 200 BR-ITI

GENERI	N° GIORNATE	Note
Tarina	14,6	
Pasta	14,6	
Carne	3,3	
Pesce	15,=	
Zucchero	15,2	Una volta allasettimana
Legumi	14,=	
Caffé	25,5	
Surrogato	18,5	
Formaggio	21,3	
Salsa pomodoro	15,1	
Olio	13,=	
Nociuole con guscio	15,=	
Sigarette	15,=	
Pianniferi	87,1	
Sale	14,8	
Vino	0,2	

Mestre 1° Luglio 1946

Il S. Ten. Consegnatario

CERVO Gemaro

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NUMERO DEI REPARTI VETTOVAGLIATI DA QUESTO MAGAZZINO NEL PERIODO

16/30 GIUGNO 1946

Categoria

N° dei reparti

Forza

3096

3.733

Una volta alla settimana

Carne	14,6
Pesce	3,3
Zuccheri	15,=
Legumi	15,2
Caffè	14,=
Surrogato	25,5
Formaggio	18,5
Salsa pomodoro	21,3
Olio	15,1
Nociule con guscio	13,=
Sigarette	15,=
Pianmiferi	37,1
Sale	14,8
Vino	0,2

Mestre I° Luglio 1946

Il S.Ten. Consegnatario

CERVO Gennaro

NUMERO DEI REPARTI VETTOVAGLIATI DA QUESTO MAGAZZINO NEL PERIODO

16/30 GIUGNO 1946

Categoria	N° dei reparti	Forza
ITI-ITI	25	3.733
BR-ITI	3	94
T o t a l e	28	3.827

Mestre I° Luglio 1946

Il S.Ten. Consegnatario
CERVO Gennaro

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

5-7-46

(6)

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt. J.N. WATSON - R.A.S.C.

(b) Date of inspection 4 July 1946 -

(c) Name of depot 74 Distribution Food Depot - VERONA

(d) Name of O.C. (other officers) S. Ten. MORMILE Rocco
Nil

(e) Stock position - n° of days - checks made 15 days - Sugar, rice and pasta care-
fully checked and found correct -

(f) Physical Warehousing
 1) Accommodation, cover, etc. Satisfactory -
 2) Stacking, height, etc. Good - Height of sacks 12 max -
 3) Dunnage Very good, as suggested by ADST - A
 good type of dunnage has now been
 constructed and all stacks have been
 built on this -

(g) I - Fresh Fruit & Veg - method of procurement Each unit buys locally -
 II - Bread - number of bakeries on contract Sezione Comm. have one contract for
 unit in the area in the area of Pre-
 sidio Mil. Venezia, and another one
 for C.A.R. (Montorio) - Depot issues
 only flour which is delivered by each
 unit to the bakeries according to the
 bread requirements -
 9 issues every fortnight -
 Is bought locally by contract made
 between the Commissariato and local
 suppliers -

III - Meat
 IV - Wine

(h) Tally cards Well kept and up to date -

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number) 1 for wine and oil - 1 for general
 items - one for flour -

(j) Fuels
 1) Wood storage Qls 1500 well stacked ^{under} in the cover &
 also in the open yard -
 2) Coal storage Nil
 3) Lignite storage Nil

(k) Labour - Civilian employed - (number) Clerical: nil - Labourers: Permanent
 9 - Daily: 9 -

(e) Stock position - n° of days -
checks made

(f) Physical Warehousing

- 1) Accommodation, cover, etc.
- 2) Stacking, height, etc.
- 3) Durrage

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on contract

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(number)

(j) Fuels

- 1) Wood storage
- 2) Coal storage
- 3) Lignite storage

(k) Labour - Civilian employed -
(number)

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

Satisfactory -
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items - one for flour -

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Clerical: nil - Labourers: Permanent
9 - Daily: 9 -
1 N.C.O. + 5 men of "Friuli" Div -

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have not been supplied in spite of my
previous recommendations. It is absol-
utely essential that extinguishers be
supplied without any further delay. 25
extinguishers are necessary for this
depot but all applications made there-
before have been without result. Only
sand buckets and barrels ^{of} water
are available -

(n) Anti rats precautions
 Very few rats - Traps and baits.

(o) Re works outstanding
 (state how long)
 NIL

(p) Depot transport
 Daily request to Presidio HQ-

(q) Feeding strengths
 1) - {Army Navy Air}
 {PR-US-ITI-ITI}
 2) Total number of units
 7066 - ITI-ITI only -
 27

(r) Accountancy
 Allied system
 Italian system
 General remarks
 } Both systems well kept
 NIL

(s) Accommodation
 Sleeping quarters
 Clean- Walls have been distempered since my last visit as suggested by me
 Blankets - It was noted that the men blankets are never washed. It was suggested that all blankets should be washed at least once a month -
 } Clean and nice -
 Clean -
 Clean -
 Dining quarters
 Recreation quarters
 Cookhouse
 Latrines and Ablut
 Satisfactory -

(t) General turnout of men

(u) Inspecting officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvement:-
 Depot clean and well supervised - A new officer Cap. BRANCACCIO has been posted to this depot and will take over on about 17 July. The present officer will be second in command.

Coffee - It was not found possible to check the stock of coffee on account of the fact that a quantity had been put aside for toasting. However the quantity handed over for this purpose had not been weighed. It was recommended that in future the exact quantity taken from the store room for toasting should be weighed before and after toasting. This should be noted on the tally cards.

(BR-US-ITI-ITI)
2) Total number of units

(r) Accountancy

Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

} Both systems well kept

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters

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Recreation quarters
Coolhouse
Latrines and Ablut

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[Signature]
S. OFFICER,
5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

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

(a) Name of Inspecting Officer Capt. J.W. WATSON

(b) Date of inspection 25 June 1946

(c) Name of Depot 5 Distribution Food Depot - Udine

(d) Name of O.C. (Other Officers) Cap. RUBINI F. Nil

(e) Stock position (n° of days - checks made) 15 days -
Pasta, sugar and coffee stocks taken
and found surplus. 2 kilos
Surplus of sugar: 2 kilos
" " coffee: 1 kilo
" " pasta: 201 kilos

(f) Physical Warehousing
1) Accommodation, cover, etc. Satisfactory -
2) Stacking, height, etc. Satisfactory -
3) Dunnage Fair -

(g) I- Fresh Fruit & Veg. - method of procurement Units have their own contract with civil firms -
II-Bread - number of bakeries on contract Only flour issued - Units have own private contract -
III-Meat - W.e.f. 1st July '46 meat will be issued direct from the Depot -

(h) Tally cards Stacks of pasta were without tally cards - All others correct -

(i) Detail issue points in Depot (number)
1 for general issues -
1 for wine & oil -
1 for meat -
1 for wood -

(j) Fuels
1) Wood storage Qls 10,672 stacked in the open -
2) Coal storage Nil
3)ignite storage Nil

(k) Labour Clerical: 3 - Labourers: 7 (daily) -

(l) Guards Alpini Bn "Feltre" is on guard at all barracks - 3 trusted men guard the Depot -

(m) Fire precautions 20 foam extinguishers -

(n) Anti rats precautions No rats -

(e) Stock balance (in 1000s)
checks made)

(f) Physical Warehousing

- 1} Accommodation, cover, etc.
- 2} Stacking, height, etc.
- 3} Dunnage

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II- Bread - number of bakeries on contract
III- Meat -

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(number)

(j) Fuels

- 1} Wood storage
- 2} Coal storage
- 3} Highnite storage

(k) Labour

(l) Guards

(m) Fire precautions

(n) Anti rats precautions

(o) Re works outstanding
(state how long)

(p) Depot transport

(q) Feeding strengths

1- {Army Navy Air}
{BR-US-ITII-ITI}

2- Total number of Units

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Satisfactory -

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1 for meat -

1 for wood -

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Nil

Nil

Clerical: 3 - Labourers: 7 (daily) -

Alpini Bn "Teltre" is on guard at

all barracks - 3 trusted men guard

the Depot -

20 foam extinguishers -

No rats -

An electric sawing machine is going to be installed as soon as possible

Vehicles supplied by civilian firm under contract - 2000

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(r) Accountancy

Allied system
Italian system
General remarks

} Both systems employed -
Not very efficient -

(s) Accommodation

Sleeping quarters
Dining quarters
Recreation quarters
Cookhouse
Latrines & Ablut.

Floor dirty -
No dining room is existing -
No recreation room is existing -
Clean -
Clean -

(t) General turnout of men

Satisfactory -

(u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvements:GENERAL REMARKS: 5 Distribution Food Depot - Udine

- 1) Many flies were noted in the depot and it is evident that no disinfection is carried out.
- 2) The sleeping quarters of the men on the 1st floor and the corridors were not clean and beds had not been made. This fact was reported to the Chief of Staff who promised to appoint another M.C.O. to supervise the barracks.
- 3) Bread - The bread supplied to the men was examined and found to be very dark and of a bad odour. As this is made by private contract and as 10% white flour is issued to the bakery I came to the conclusion that the bakeries were disposing of the white flour. I drew the attention of the Chief of Staff to this fact and he stated that the inspection Staff would be warned to make a stricter control at the bakery.
- 4) I consider that the General Distribution point is too small and I suggest that another point should be used if possible.
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Latrines & Ablut.

Clean -

Satisfactory -

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- (u) Inspecting Officer's general opinion of the Depot, suggestions etc. for improvements:

GENERAL REMARKS: 5 Distribution Food Depot - Udine

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5 ENEMY UNITS

SUBJECT: Reports.-

S&T Officer
4&5 B.L.U.
CORNOLDI Barracks
VENICE -Tel.27244
ST/35/1 - 24/6/46

GSO I - 4 B.L.U. BOLLANO

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S&T 4&5 B.L.U. -

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SA&T Office
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VENICE
SST/35/1 - 22 Jun 46

Ref your ST/138 dated 30 May 46 received by me on the 17th June '46 through 4 B.L.U. HQ. -

4 C.A.R. (S&T Section)

1. Para 1 (i) - Strong recommendations were made to improve fire precautions. I discussed this with the C.O. of the C.A.R. and he promised me that immediate action would be taken.-
2. Para II, 2 (a) - W.E. is: Offs W.O. ORs
 3 15 125
(b)- Actual strength is: 3 15 125
3. The information about the vehs W.E. of a Service Coy for 4 C.A.R. were received by me from the adjutant of 4 C.A.R.
4. Number of vehicles O.R. para II, 3 (d) - 2 loadcarriers were in workshop at the date of inspection for small repairs; 2 cars were O.R. because they were without tyres; 2 motorcycles were O.R. for minor repairs.-
5. Para II, 3 (e) - Number of vehicles beyond unit repair that have been evacuated: 2 . They were sent to civil W/S.-
6. Para II, 5 (c) - No civilian are permitted to drive vehs.-
7. Para II, 5 (f) - ABs 406 have been requested from 4 Terr. Hq. and have since been supplied.-
8. Para II, 5 (i) - Recreational and writing rooms are going to be set up in the near future.-
9. Para II, 6 (b) - No dining quarters were in existence but the men are at present using the Canteen.-
10. Ref para 4 (page 3) - 3 barber shops with six chairs each.- Para 5 - as explained in para 9.-

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74 Distribution Depot.

1. Para f (2) - 12 refers to "sacks".-
2. Delete "adjusted" and insert "correct".-
3. Para (r) - Add: Both Italian and allied Systems are used.-
4. A small recreation room is in existence.-
5. The cookhouse is not located in the premises of the Depot as it is the responsibility of 4 Reparto Rifornimenti. It has therefore nothing to do with the cleanliness of the Depot.-

(Signature)
Capt. R.A.S.C.
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