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SUBJECT

NUMBER

- 1 Inspection of Italian Navy Food Depots. (Naples)
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- 5 Supply Inspection of Stocks in Italian Royal Navy Food Depots.
- 6 Inspection of the Provision Store, (Taranto).
- 7 Inspection Italian Naval Rations.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission ASD 104.

WD/3691,
4th October, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, HQ, Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Reserves - Inspection of stocks in Italian Navy Base
FOSS LIGORIA.

Reference (a) Allied Force Headquarters Letter No. 1011/2394/C. (main)
dated 20th August, 1945.

With reference to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Letter No. 45/0000/36 dated 19th September, 1945, the procedure proposed by Allied Force Headquarters in reference (a) is considered to be impracticable and no longer necessary for the following reasons.

- (i) A limit has already been established for the number of reserve rations held.
- (ii) Ministry of Marine have already taken steps to ensure that the stocks of reserve rations held are maintained within the established limits.
- (iii) A weekly report showing the days holdings as at 20th of each month is submitted by the Ministry of Marine to the Navy Sub Commission for information and onward transmission to Allied Forces Sub Commission, (M.M.L.C.).
- (iv) The latest report shows rations as having reduced from 11 days in excess to within 1 day of the established level.
- (v) Periodic inspections of depots as suggested in paragraph 2(b) of reference (a) are made by Military Mission Italian Navy Liaison Officer's and immediate action taken on any deficiencies with excellent results.

2. Furthermore, thorough covering of ration interests and periodical checks of depots cannot be undertaken by Navy Sub Commission owing to

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Navy Sub Commission Letter No. 12/3021 of the
6th October, 1945.

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insufficient staff. In any event the present system as outlined in paragraph 1 above together with the increasing of ration strength submitted bi-monthly to Military Mission Italian Army, is considered very satisfactory, and observing that it has always been the policy not to interfere with the internal administration of the Italian Navy it would appear both unnecessary and undesirable, at this late stage, to initiate any further control.

SEC G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY AND MARITIME,
FOR THE COMMISSIONER.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
19th September, 1945.

Med.45/0060/36.
THE NAVY SUB. COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

ITALIAN NAVAL RATIONS.

It is requested that you will
remark on AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) of 20th
August, 1945, (copy attached). It is
noted that copies of previous corres-
pondence referred to in this letter
have already been sent to the Naval
Sub. Commission.

Peter Cazale

for ADMIRAL

Enclosure:

Copy of Allied Force Headquarters'
AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint) of 20th August,
1945, without enclosures.

C O P Y

Subject: Inspections - Italian
Naval Rations.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)

20th August, 1945.

To: C-in-C., Med.

1. Attached are copies of:

- (a) MMIA letter Q/1/10-9 dated 30th July, with enclosures.
- (b) DST letter AFHQ/64/ST6, dated 2nd August.
- (c) MMIA letter Q/1/10-10, dated 9th August.

which are self-explanatory.

2. From our point of view it would be desirable if

(a) Ration indents from the Italian Navy were carefully screened by the Navy Sub Commission and supported by a certificate to the effect that all necessary underdrawals had been made and no surpluses above authorised levels are held.

(b) Periodical physical checks of ration holdings of Italian depots were made against current feeding strengths and authorised reserve levels.

3. If you agree with these steps, we would be grateful if orders could be issued to this effect; may we have your observations?

(Sgd.) T.P. WHITAKER, Lt.Col.,
for Major-General,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ.

ECG/FOE

Copy to:- S.T.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

ISO/440.
1st December, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
(M.M.I.A.)

Subject : Inspection of the Provision Store, Taranto.

With reference to paragraph 2 of Navy Sub Commission's Letter HSC/3205 dated 9th August, 1945, information has now been received from the Ministry of Marine to the effect that the Captain in Charge, Taranto, has approved the release to the Italian Royal Navy of the premises situated above the bakery, referred to in paragraph 2 of section (b), of the appendix to the Military Mission to the Italian Army Liaison Officer Bari's report No. 32/1 dated 24th July, 1945.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FORMER ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 27th November 1945
Ref.: SM/26457

Subject: Inspection of the Provision Store, Taranto.

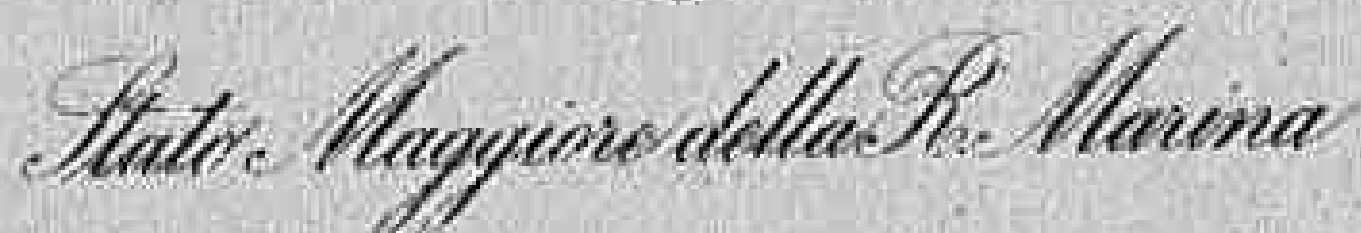
Further reference is made to my letter SM/20525 of 20th September 1945.

In accordance with the undertaking in para.3 of the above letter you are informed that the Commodore-in-Charge, Taranto, has agreed verbally to the return to the I.R.N. of the premises situated above the bakery, which are requisitioned by the Royal Navy.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Reg. M.D.S. *W* P.O.M.2

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prots. N. S. N. 26/5/Allegati

Roma 27 NOV 1945

NAVY SUB COMMISS.
ROMA

ARGOMENTO. Ispezione al magazzino viveri di Taranto.-

Seguito al foglio SM/20525 del 20.9.1945.-

A scioglimento della riserva contenuta nel 3° paragrafo del foglio predetto si comunica che il Comodoro in Charge a Taranto ha verbalmente consen-
tito alla restituzione alla R. Marina Italiana dei locali situati al piano superiore del panificio requisiti dalla Royal Navy.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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(E. ACCONATI)
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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 20th September 1945
Ref.: SM.20525

Subject: Inspection of Provision Store at Taranto.

Reference is made to your letter NSC/3205 of 9th August 1945.

1. As indicated in previous correspondence with the N.S.C. a strong reproof had already been given to the responsible Officers in external stores in order that rations held in excess of the maximum agreed reserve should be eliminated at the earliest possible.

2. In consequence of this reproof and the instructions of the local M.M.I.A. Representatives, the abovementioned surpluses - and in particular that at Taranto - have now been eliminated almost completely, as is shown in the statement forwarded with my letter SM/18415 of 6th instant, in which the reserve stock in the Taranto-Brindisi area is only one day in excess.

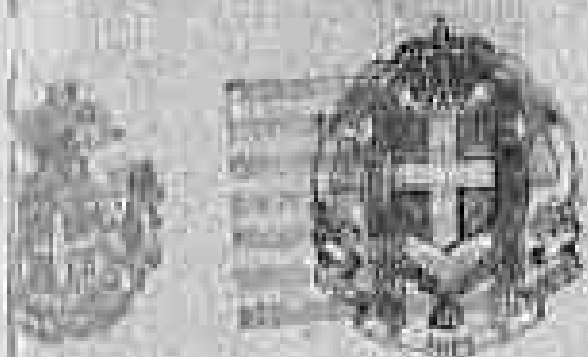
3. Regarding the request for the derequisitioning of the bakery buildings instructions have been given to Maridipart Taranto to approach the British Commodore as you suggest and you will be informed of the outcome.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Maggiore della R. Marina

M.D.S. P.O.M.2

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

7. Sm 20526 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Ispezione al magazzino viveri di Taranto.-

Riferimento al foglio N.S.C./3205 del 9 agosto u.s.-

- 1.- Come da precedenti comunicazioni fatte a codesta N.S.C., era stato già provveduto a richiamare energicamente i responsabili dei magazzini viveri periferici onde ottenere che fossero eliminate al più presto le eccedenze di razioni rispetto alla riserva massima consentita.-
- 2.- In seguito a tali richiami ed alle disposizioni dei locali rappresentanti della N.M.I.A., le predette eccedenze, ed in particolare quella di Taranto, sono state ora eliminate quasi del tutto come risulta dal rendiconto trasmesso col foglio SM/18415 del 6 corrente, nel quale, la scorta di riserva della zona Taranto - Brindisi, alla data del 20.8.45, figura eccedente per una sola giornata.-
- 3.- Per quanto concerne la richiesta di derequisizione, 27330 cali del panificio sono state impartite istruzioni a Maridipart. Taranto affinché interessi il Comodoro Britannico in sede come suggerito da codesta N.S.C. e si fa riserva di comunicare i risultati.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Subject: Inspections - Italian Naval Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.) ROME.
9/1/10-10.

9 Aug 45

To: AFHQ for (Maint) - 2 copies.

Reference is made to MMIA letter 9/1/10-9 of 30 Jul and AFHQ letter AFH/64/ST6 of 2 Aug, copies of which are att for ease of reference.

1. The Italian Navy is under command of C in C Med and there is no direct communication between MMIA and the Italian Ministry of Marine. All matters concerning Italian Naval rations are discussed by MMIA only with the Naval Sub Commission A.C. MMIA takes no part in the internal control of the Italian Navy.
 2. Ration requirements are based entirely on strength figures for ration purposes obtained semi-monthly by the Navy Sub Commission A.C. from the Ministry of Marine and after consideration etc by the Navy Sub Commission are forwarded to MMIA. These requirements are accepted by MMIA as correct and MMIA ensures that rations issued in bulk do not exceed this amount.
 3. By a recent agreement with the Navy Sub Commission A.C. the following bulk Navy Depots are visited by MMIA Officers :-

Brindisi	Maddalena
Bari	Rosa
Barletta	Naples
Sicily (Augusta, Messina, Trapani, Palermo)	La Spezia
Cagliari (Sardinia)	Venice.
- No executive action is taken by MMIA Officers but a report is given to the Navy Sub Commission (one is att to 9/1/10-9 of 30 Jul). Navy Sub Commission take such action as they consider desirable and in agreement with Navy Sub Commission the necessary under-drawings are made.
- The greatest co-operation is invariably given by Navy Sub Commission at any point raised by MMIA.
4. It is emphasised that the present work performed or controlled by MMIA in respect to Italian Naval rations is :-
 - (a) channelling the Navy Sub Commission provisioning demands by including with Italian Army and Air Force demands.
 - (b) The Italian Army draws the rations from Dr Serrone and arranges delivery to Italian Navy Bulk Depots after charging to Italian Government.

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- (c) Providing technical advice to the Navy Sub Commission for the bulk depots given in para 3.

5. The control of rations downwards from Italian Naval Bulk Depots is NOT covered by MMIA but by internal Italian Navy Administration which is NOT under MMIA. STB's are NOT used by the Italian Navy from the Bulk Depots to units. AFHQ/AC.400/105 D-0 of 22 Sep 44 para 8 requires MMIA to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the Br Government. This is interpreted to mean the delivery to Italian Navy Bulk Depots of rations in accordance with the demands of the Allied Agency controlling the Italian Navy and ensuring that such rations are charged in bulk to the Italian Government.

6. Any further extension of MMIA military control over the internal ration administration of the Italian Navy together with the extra RASG personnel who would be required is a matter upon which further AFHQ and G in C Med instructions will be required.

P. J. Noan
P. J. Noan Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Navy Sub Commission, A.C. ~~SECRET~~
MMIA ST.

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C O P YALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSS. T. BRANCH

AFHQ/64/SP6

Tel. Freedom 499

2 August 45.

Subject: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot,
TARANTO .

Land Forces Sub Commission,
AG (MMIA) ROME.

Reference your 0/1/40-9 of 30 July 45, addressed to Navy Sub Commission, AG, copy to us.

1. We are grateful for the information contained in that letter, but frankly we are very disturbed at the state of affairs it reveals.
2. It is difficult to see what sort of accounting system it is that allows such surpluses as 2,000,000 rations of Tomato Paste and 3,000,000 rations of Vegetables to accumulate without anyone outside the Depot being any the wiser.
3. Up to now, your demands for supplies to meet the Italian Navy's requirements have been met as bona fide indents for supplies actually required. In point of fact, these indents would now appear to have been routine demands, in no way related to stocks and in no way checked by MMIA.
4. We would like your assurance that some form of periodic check will in future be exercised by you to ensure that Depot commanders are not hoarding. We note your recommendation for disciplinary action. It is suggested that indents in future contain a certificate to the effect that all necessary understocks have been made and no surpluses above authorized reserves are held.

For Major General
Director of Supplies and Transport.

Copy to: G(Maint) AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/3205.
9th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

FILE

Subject : Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, Taranto.

The attached copy of Military Mission to the Italian Army's letter No. 6/1/10-9 of 30th July, 1945, with enclosures, is forwarded for information and appropriate action in accordance with paragraph 5 fully concurring in the remarks therein.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of section (b) of the Inspecting Officers report, it is requested, that the Italian Naval Authorities at Taranto be instructed to take the matter up with the Commodore Taranto with a view to obtaining the release of the premises in question, informing this Sub Commission of the result in due course.

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H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to :- Military Mission to the Italian Army.)



11 AUG 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection of Italian Navy Depot, TARANTO.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/10-9
30 July 1945

TO : Navy Sub Commission, AC.

1. We are enclosing herewith copy of letter and inspection report covering the inspection of the Italian Navy Bulk Depot at Taranto by our Liaison Officer at Bari.
2. It can readily be seen that excessive stocks are held in the depot. In some instances as much as 140 days surplus rations for the strength being rationed by the depot is surplus to their 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve holding.
3. Due to the fact that there is a nation-wide shortage of food, and since the responsibility for the supplying of rations for the Italian Navy is a British responsibility, they would not concur in having excessive stocks carried in an Italian depot, which does not even show in the theater reserve stocks.
4. There will be no rations withdrawn from MMIA depots covering the items which are shown to be in surplus stock until the rations are balanced in the Italian depot on the basis of 15 day maintenance and 15 day reserve.
5. We cannot understand why the Depot Commander would allow such surplus to accumulate in his depot. We recommend that some disciplinary action be taken against the responsible officer in charge to prevent such over-stocking from occurring in the future.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: DDST, AFHQ
MMIA LO 54 Area
ST Section, MMIA

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Encl: Ltr. ST/1, MMIA LO Bari, dated 24-7-45, with attached Inspection Report.

C O P Y

Tel; Bari 13869

Subject;- Visit to Italian Royal Navy, TARANTO

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
C/o 54 Area; C.M.F.

ST/1
24 July 45.

To: ADST, HQ, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)

1. In accordance with instructions issued in HQ, MMIA's letter, ST/179 dated 2 July 45, a visit was made on 21 July 45, to the Italian Naval Commissariat's Depot at TARANTO, in company with Ten Col MEALE of 9 Terr. HQ Commissariat.
2. After discussion with the Vice-director of Naval Commissariat, accurate figures were obtained in relation to feeding strengths and existing stocks (see attached statement).
3. Steps have now been taken to balance out the surplus items held in this depot. (my ST/10/1 dated 24 July, copy to you refers).
4. Report of my inspection of the depot, in which we were also accompanied by the officer i/c, Ten Col ROSSINI, is attached in duplicate.

/s/ E.L. Monk-Mason Capt RASC
For Senior IO
Eastern Italy

ELMM/Bsw

APPENDIX "1"

COPY

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOTS.

Name of depot inspected	Date	Type of Dept: i.e. Bulk D.D.POL or Forage	Rank & Name of Inspecting Officer
MAGAZZINO DELLA MARINA DI TARANTO (Italian Royal Navy Depot, TARANTO)	21/7/45	Bulk & Distribution Depots: Bakery, & Plant for Refrigeration.	Capt. E.L. Monck- Mason R.A.S.C.

- (a) Maintenance of Stock Position: Approx. Feeding Str:- 21,000 (see para (c) below)
 Large surpluses of a number of items held (see attached statements, Arrangements being made to adjust and put down NAVY Pack from BSD, BRINDISI. Weekly pack will recommence, w.e.f. 6th Aug, with certain items only, and subsequent packs will be balanced in accordance with surpluses still in existence.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Satisfactory, though Depot appeared to be rather overcrowded. Tally-cards were in use on all stacks, but in some cases, were pieces of cardboard or paper, extremely difficult to decipher. Suggested to Col. MEAL that D/Com. BARI should supply a quantity of MMIA printed Tally-cards to remedy this (ST/4s).

Ten. Col. ROSSINI stated that the 1st Floor, above the Bakery had been requisitioned by the Royal Navy, but that it was not being utilized by them. He wanted to know if these premises could be handed back to them as he could put them to good use. Navy Sub Commission please note.

The Bakery was also visited: an excellent loaf of 240 gms, weight produced (2 per man per day).

(c) Accounting Position.

Satisfactory, though MMIA accounting procedure is naturally not in force. Strength Records for previous day were up as under:

On land	Officers and men	10,760
On board	" " "	9,590
		400
Personnel at Gallipoli		<u>20,750</u>

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Date 22nd July 45

/s/ E. L. Monck-Mason
 Capt. R.A.S.C.,
 Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
 M.M.I.A. c/o 54 Area.

COPY
STOCK STATE AS AT 19 JULY 1945

IN RATIONS

COMMODITY	Remains as at 19/7/45	30 days requirements allocation & 15 days reserve holdings) total 630,000 rations calculated in basis of daily feeding strength of 21,000 men.	DIFFERENCE Commodi- ties to be with- drawn	SURPLUS		REMARK
				RATIONS	DAYS	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COFFEE Daily rat.	1,431,702	630,000	-	801,702	38	
MEAT OR FISH "	775,895	630,000	-	145,895	7	
TOMATO PASTE "	2,751,773	630,000	-	2,121,773	101	
FLOUR "	717,511	630,000	"	77,511	4	
MATCHES Monthly	16,655	21,000	4,345	-	-	
CHEESE "	725,978	630,000	-	95,978	4	
P/B/L "	880,782	630,000	"	250,782	12	
OLIVE OIL "	427,464	630,000	202,536	-	-	
CASTA "	386,322	630,000	243,678	-	-	
PEPPER "	617,022	630,000	12,978	-	-	
RICE "	-	630,000	630,000	-	-	
VEGETABLES "	3,566,868	630,000	-	2,936,868	140	
SUGAR "	926,797	630,000	-	296,797	14	

COPY
ALLIED PROVIDED ITEMS STOCK STATE
AS AT 19 JULY 1945

IN KGS

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COMMODITY	Remains as at 19/7/45	30 days require- ments (15 days allocation + 15 days reserve holdings) total 630,000 rations calculated on basis of 21,000 rations daily.	Kgs	Kgs	Commodi- ties to be with- drawn. MIA Depots.	DIFFERENCE		REMARKS
						Kgs	Days	
COFFEE	20187	8883	-	-	-	11304	38	
MEAT AND FISH	65408	53109	-	-	-	12299	7	
TOMATO PASTE	38800	8883	-	-	-	29917	101	
FLOUR	304440	267309	-	-	-	37131	4	
MATCHES (40 singles a week)	2664800	3360000	-	695200	-	-	-	
CHEESE	20400	17703	-	-	-	2697	4	
C/B/L	49500	35406	-	-	-	14094	12	
OLIVE OIL	11969	17640	-	5671	-	-	-	
PASTA	32567	53109	-	20542	-	-	-	
PEPPER	87	88.200	-	1.200	-	-	-	
RICE	-	17703	-	17703	-	-	-	
VEGETABLES	100229	17703	-	-	-	82526	140	
SUGAR	26043	17703	-	-	-	8340	14	

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

HSC/2690.
9th July, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

FILE

Subject : Supplies - Inspection of Stocks in Italian Royal
Navy Food Depots.

The enclosed copy of a communication received from
Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, is forwarded
for the information of the Ministry of Marine, with reference
to Navy Sub Commission's letter No. HSC/2752 of 26th June,
1945.

(Sgd) G. L. WOODWARD
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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12 JUL 1945

SUBJECT:- Supplies - Inspection of Stocks in Italian
Royal Navy Food Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.L.I.A.).
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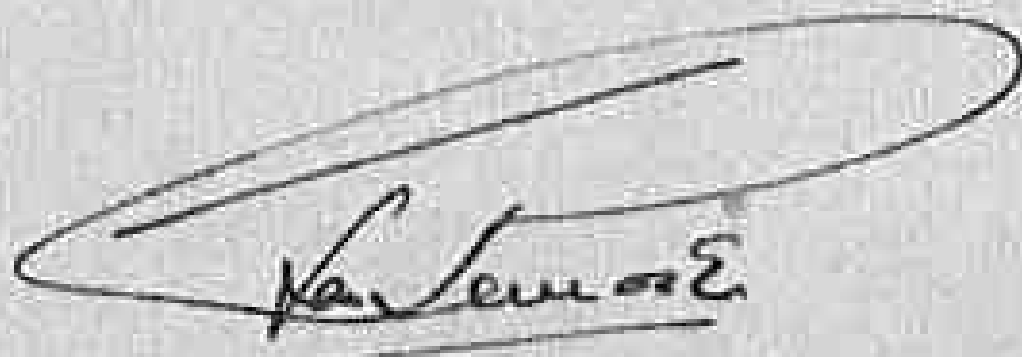
MMIA IO's:
BARI NAPLES PBS
SICILY SARDINIA 1 DISTRICT
M.W. ITALY (3)

✓ July 45.

Copy to:- Navy Sub Commission AG. ←
Ministry of War.
Ministry of Marine.

1. In view of the responsibility of the Military Mission Italian Army for the Bulk Supplies of foodstuffs to all Italian Armed Forces, it is considered desirable to inspect Italian Bulk Naval Depots from time to time and to observe on the actual stocks held.
2. The Navy Sub Commission AG in their letter NSC/2752 dated 25 June 45 have requested the Ministry of Marine to offer facilities to MMIA IO's to carry out these inspections and to furnish the visiting officer with (a) the number of personnel victualled from the base, (b) stocks of food held on charge at the time.
3. It is particularly stressed that the IO's should not issue corrective orders at the time of their visit but submit a report to this HQ in duplicate so that any matter may then be brought to the attention of the Navy Sub Commission.
4. Depot Commanders will no doubt appreciate advice on depot organisation, stacking and general care of foodstuffs, but these matters should be reported as in para 3 above.
5. Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depots are situated at TARANTO, BRINDISI, BARI, NAPLES, LA SPEZIA, VENICE, MESSINA, CASLINARI and NADDAIONA.
6. Reports should be rendered on usual Depot Inspection Forms not less than once a month.
7. It is hoped that the above inspection will prove of mutual assistance and that any problems experienced by the Navy can be ventilated direct to the source of supplies.
8. Addresses will be responsible for inspection of Depots underlined.

JWRP/gao


Lt. Col. RASO.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MMIA).

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2734.
25th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Military Mission to the Italian Army.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and
Liaison, Italy, Taranto).

Subject : Periodic inspections of Royal Italian Navy Bulk
Food Depots.

The enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Ministry
of Marine is forwarded for your information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2752.
25th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission,
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Periodic inspections of Italian Royal Navy Bulk
Food Depots.

In order that periodic inspections of Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depots may be carried out from time to time by officers of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, who are primarily responsible for all bulk supplies of foodstuffs to the Italian Armed Forces, it is requested you will advise the appropriate authorities at Taranto, Brindisi, Bari, Naples, La Spezia, Venice, Messina, Cagliari and Maddalena that such inspections are contemplated and that every facility should be afforded these officers to enable them to perform their duties.

2. It would be appreciated if Officers-in-Charge of the above named depots could furnish the inspecting officer with a statement at the time of the inspection showing :-

- (a) The number of personnel victualled from the base.
- (b) The stocks of food held on charge at the time.

(Sgd) G. E. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 324

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18th June, 1945.

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From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission,
To: Military Mission to the Italian Army.

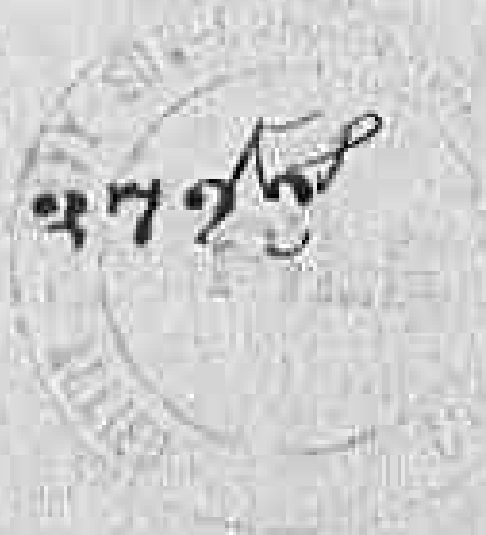
Subject: Supply of Army Rations to the Italian Royal Navy -
Investigations.

It is understood that the Military Mission to the Italian Army are prepared to extend the scope of their investigations regarding stocks of foods held by the Italians to Italian Royal Navy establishments.

2. In order that any tendency to overstock may be brought to light, it would be appreciated if Italian Naval Bulk Depots could be inspected from time to time by Military Mission to the Italian Army officers and the results of such inspections reported to the Navy Sub Commission.

3. As regards into the detailed distribution of rations within the Italian Navy itself is, however, considered most undesirable as the policy has been not to interfere with their internal administration, ✓

(Sgd) G. E. WARDEN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION



28 JUN 1945

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SUPPLY OF ARMY RATIONS TO THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.-
INVESTIGATIONS.

(Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission's No.
NSC/2455, dated 23rd May, 1945.)

II.

No. T.A.1030/81.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

In view of the remarks in Minute I, I have no
objection to Italian Bulk Depots being inspected from
time to time.

TARANTO.
8th June, 1945.

C. Morgan.

VICE-ADMIRAL.

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SUPPLY OF ARMY RATIONS TO THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.
(Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission's No.
NEC/2432 dated 17th May 1945.)

II.

No. T.A. 1030/81.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

Reply to your letter No. 2216 of 25th
April 1945, was made under cover of my Minute No.
T.A.1030/81 dated 3rd May 1945 copy of which is
attached.

C. Morgan

TARANTO.
28th May 1945.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-

Flag Officer, Taranto and
Adriatic's No. T.A.1030/81 dated 3rd May 1945 2721

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

MSC/2455.
23rd May, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.
(Copy to :- Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean.)

Subject : Supply of Army Rations to the Italian Navy - Investigation.

With reference to your Minute No. T.A. 1030/81 of 3rd May, 1945, it was the intention that the Italian Bulk Depots should be subject to occasional inspection with a view to checking any tendency to overstock. There is no question of investigating the detailed distribution of rations within the Italian Navy itself.

2. It is agreed that Army rations are supplied on the basis of periodic statements of strength of the Italian Navy, but as these statements are produced by the Italian Navy, no independent check is provided thereby. Furthermore, the greatly increased Allied food commitments in Europe which have now arisen make it necessary to prevent stockpiling, a tendency to which you have already drawn attention in paragraph 2(a) of your 251650 April, net to Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean, with regard to demands for clothing submitted by the Ministry of Marine. It is requested, therefore, that the case for introducing an independent check may be reconsidered.

1945 G. L. WARREN

SENA ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

26 MAY 1945

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

File
HSC/2432.
17th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject : Supply of Army Rations to the Italian Royal Navy.

In early reply to Navy Sub Commission's letter No. 2216
of 25th April, 1945, would be appreciated.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



21 MAY 1945

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Office of Flag Officer,
Northern Area,
Mediterranean.

At NAPLES. 5th May, 1945.

No. FONAM.464-1-3.
NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to: Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy).

RATION STRENGTHS TO ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

In reply to NSC/2216 dated 25th April, 1945 it is considered that the activities of the Military Mission could profitably be extended to cover investigation of Italian Naval Establishments.

C. Apple

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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SUPPLY OF ARMY RATIONS TO THE ITALIAN NAVY - INVESTIGATIONS.
(Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission's No.NSC/2216,
dated 25th April, 1945.)

II.

No. T.A.1030/81.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
(Copy to:- Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean.)

I am averse to allowing enquiries to be made into the distribution of food within the Italian Navy and cannot see what advantage is to be gained therefrom. It has always been the policy not to interfere with the internal administration of the Italian Navy and for this reason food, clothing, stores, etc., are supplied in bulk and the internal distribution left to the Italians.

2. The supplies of Army rations are based on a periodical statement of the strength of the Italian Navy and this ensures that bulk issues are correct. It would appear both unnecessary and undesirable, at this late stage, to enquire into how the supplies are distributed.

TARANTO.
3rd May, 1945.

E. S. Morgan.
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission HQ 194.

HMC/2216.

25th April, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Toronto, Adriatic and Ionian,
Italy.
Flag Officer Northern Area Mediterranean.

Copy to each.

Subject : Supply of Army Rations to the Italian Navy -
Investigations.

The problem of effecting a more satisfactory control of the supply of Army rations to the Italian Royal Navy has been under consideration and it has been ascertained that the Military Mission to the Italian Army have officers in the field for the purpose of investigating the quantities of food supplied to and held by Italian Army Establishments.

2. The Military Mission are prepared to extend the scope of their investigations to include Italian Naval Establishments and it is considered that advantage should be taken of this offer.

3. Your early remarks are requested.



(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

HEAD, MISSION,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

27 APR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 384HSC/3639.
28th September, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
(X.M.I.A.)

Subject : Inspection of Italian Royal Navy Provision stores.

The enclosed translation of a letter No. 24/18615 dated 9th September, 1945, received from the Ministry of Marine is forwarded for information in continuation of Navy Sub Commission letter No. HSC/3435 dated 2nd September, 1945.

(Sgt) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

3 OCT 1945

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date : 9th September 45
Ref. : SM/18615

Subject : Inspection of I.R.N. Provision stores
(Inspection at Messina)

1. In accordance with the undertaking in my SM/17683 of 26th August last the following information given by the Military Maritime Command, Sicily, upon this matter is brought to your attention:

a) - at the beginning of May this year an Allied officer visited the Directorate of Supply at Messina and said that he wished to take advantage of his passing through Messina by inspecting the Provision stores. He was told that it was regretted that this could not be allowed him as there were no instructions in this respect. Nevertheless he was provided with information and explanations.

b) - This officer returned to Messina for the inspection of the provision stores in the first half of July and since there were still no relative instructions they were requested by telephone to the Ministry. After a wait of half an hour the authorisation was given personally by the Admiral in Charge who explained the reason for this short delay to the officer.

c) - The officer carried out his inspection, documents and officers being placed at his disposal. At the end of his work he made no protest and said that he was fully satisfied.

d) - Subsequently the Ministry's instructions of 19th July were received at Messina.

2. In view of the above it is considered that your remarks must refer to the instance mentioned in sub-para (a) of the above paragraph.

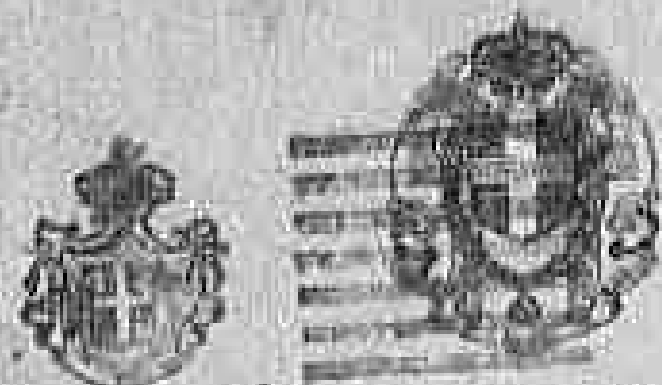
While expressing every regret at these events it is again confirmed that all assistance will be given in these inspections.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. M.D.S. *uff* P.O.M.2

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. SM/18615 Allegati

Roma, 9 SET. 1946 19 A

// NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ARGOMENTO: Ispezioni ai depositi viveri della R. Marina
(Isp. a Messina). =

1. = A scioglimento della riserva contenuta nel foglio SM/17683 del 26 agosto u.s. si comunica quanto il Coman-
do M.M. della Sicilia ha riferito in merito:
- a) - ai primi di maggio c.a. si presentò alla Direzione di Commissariato di Messina un Ufficiale alleato di-
cendo che, trovandosi di passaggio per Messina, vole-
va approfittarne per compiere una ispezione ai magaz-
zini viveri. - Gli venne fatto conoscere che si era do-
lenti di non poterlo accontentare perché non esisteva-
no disposizioni al riguardo. - Purtuttavia gli furono
forniti chiarimenti e notizie:-
 - b) - l'Ufficiale ritornò a Messina per l'ispezione ai ma-
gazzeni viveri, nella prima metà di luglio e poiché non
esistevano ancora disposizioni in merito, furono chie-
ste, telefonicamente, istruzioni al Ministero e dopo
mezz'ora di attesa l'autorizzazione fu data direttamen-
te dall'Ammiraglio Comandante il quale spiegò all'Uffi-
ciale i motivi del breve ritardo;
 - c) - l'Ufficiale eseguì l'ispezione e furono messi a sua
disposizione Ufficiali e documenti. - Al termine del la-
voro non fece obiezioni di sorta e si dichiarò piena-
mente soddisfatto;
 - d) - giunsero in seguito a Messina le istruzioni emanate
dal Ministero in data 19 luglio. -

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2.- Per quanto sopra si ha motivo di ritenere che l'osservazione debba riferirsi al periodo citato alla lettera a) del precedente paragrafo.-

Nel mentre si esprime rincrescimento per quanto si è verificato si assicura nuovamente che le depensioni di cui trattasi saranno agevolate in tutti i modi.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L. L. Corra

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

WSS/3455.

2nd September, 1945

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.H.I.A.)

Subject : Disposition of Italian Royal Navy Provision Stores.

Further to Navy Sub Commission letter No. WSS/3243 of 11th August, 1945, the enclosed translation of a letter No. 17683 dated 26th August, 1945 received from the Ministry of Marine is forwarded for the information of the Land Forces Sub Commission (M.H.I.A.).

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

4 SEP 1945
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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
 To : N.S.C.
 Date: 26 August 1945
 Ref.: SM.17683

Subject: Inspection of I.R.N. provision stores.

Reply is made to NSC/3243² of 13th inst.

Upon the basis of a previous letter, No.NSC/2752 of 25th June, the Ministry of Marine issued explicit orders to all external departments concerned in order that the inspection of I.R.N. provision stores should be assisted in every manner, extending to the M.M.I.A. representatives every possible facility and aid.

Indeed, from several bases satisfactory reports upon the results of these inspections have been received.

In consequence great surprise was caused by the information contained in the above letter concerning the happenings at Messina.

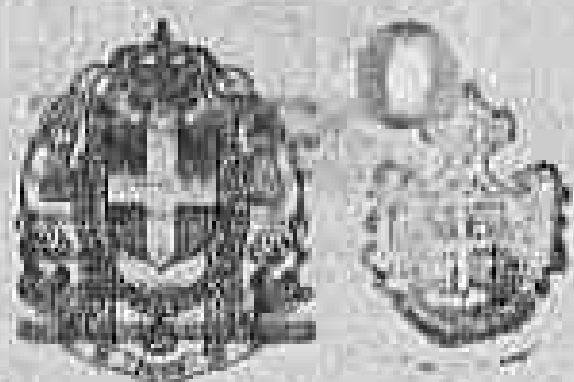
The Military Maritime Command of Sicily has been requested to provide an early explanation of this, and as soon as this is received it will be communicated to the N.S.C.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M. 2

Roma, 26 AGO. 1946 19 A

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 19683 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Ispezioni ai depositi viveri della R. Marina.-

Risposta al foglio NSC/3242 del 13 corrente.-

In base alla precedente comunicazione di cui al foglio NSC/2752 del 25 giugno, il Ministero della Marina impartì subito tassative disposizioni a tutti gli enti periferici interessati affinché le ispezioni di cui trattasi ai depositi viveri della R. Marina Italiana fossero agevolate in tutti i modi fornendo ai rappresentanti della M.M.I.A. ogni possibile facilitazione ed assistenza.

Sono infatti già pervenuti da alcune sedi soddisfacenti rapporti sul risultato delle ispezioni stesse.

Ha sorpreso quindi vivamente ciò che viene comunicato con la lettera in riferimento circa quanto si è verificato a Messina.

Sono stati richiesti al Comando Militare Marittimo in Sicilia urgenti chiarimenti in proposito e si fa riserva di darne notizia a codesta NSC. appena perverranno.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

WSC/3243.
13th August, 1945.

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FIRST RESPONSEMENT ON
Navy Sub Commission letter No.
WSC/3242 of 13th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub Commission (NMFIA).

Subject : Supplies - Inspection of Stocks in Italian Royal Navy Food
Depots.

Forwarded for information with references to your ST/179
dated 5th August 1945, fully concurring in paragraphs 3 and 4
thereof.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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16 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission

WMO/3442.

1-18 August, 1945.

FILE

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hqs., Allied Commission,
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Supplies - Inspection of Stocks in Italian Royal Navy Food
Depots.

It has been brought to my notice that the Italian Navy Headquarters at Messina refused to furnish the Food Bulk Depot Inspecting Officer of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, with a statement showing the number of personnel detailed from the base which was required to enable him to carry out an efficient inspection.

2. I am informed, furthermore, that whereas the Italian Naval authorities at Augusta were willing to supply the Inspecting Officer of the Military Mission to the Italian Army with the information required on the Depot at Augusta, at the time of a Food Bulk Depot inspection, the Italian Navy Headquarters at Messina caused this information to be withheld.

3. The conduct of the Naval Officers concerned at Italian Navy Headquarters Messina is not understood, since it would appear to be contrary to the spirit of letter No. WMO/2732 dated 23rd June 1945, from the Chief of the Navy Sub Commission.

4. It is requested therefore, that the Commanding Officer, Italian Navy Headquarters Messina, be directed immediately to issue instructions forthwith, in order that Military Mission to the Italian Army, Liaison Officer, Sicily, may be furnished with the information desired by him in accordance with paragraph 2 of the above mentioned letter, and that he may be afforded every facility in future in connection with his inspecting duties.

5. It is expected that all Italian Royal Navy bases concerned have been made cognizant of the contents of letter No. WMO/2732 of 23rd June, 1945, in order to prevent a recurrence.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR HEAD OFFICE,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



16 AUG 1945

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SUBJECT:- Rations - Italian Navy - Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/179

Navy Sub Commission AC.

5 Aug 45.

Copy to :- LO Sicily

1. Herewith copy of letter from MMIA LO Sicily, dated 4 August 45, which is self-explanatory.
2. Request that Italian Ministry of Marine be instructed to comply with request contained, para 2, letter attached.
3. Ten (10) day reserve, as agreed in our letter ST/6 of 19 May 45, contemplated a reserve based on the actual strength of the area, e.g. for Sicily including Trapani, Messina, and Augusta. This reserve is believed to be adequate to meet any unforeseen circumstances; e.g. "ships afloat" or transportation difficulties.
4. For closer supervision of ration issues, proposal in para 3 of attached letter, will be implemented, with your concurrence.

KRN/ms

R. Robert Helms
for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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LIAISON OFFICER

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A. C. (M.M.I.A.)

c/o U. S. NOB PALERMO

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Rations-Italian Royal NavyTO : COMMANDING GENERAL
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

1. In order to establish a ten (10) day reserve of rations in Italian Royal Navy Depots at Messina and Augusta; it is necessary to know the strength of Navy troops actually assigned and drawing rations from these two Depots: Qrafani also has a depot, but they are cooperating and I have their assigned strength. The Navy Headquarters at Messina have requested an issue of rations to establish a reserve, at Messina and Augusta but it is based not only on the assigned strength but also a contemplated strength of ships afloat that may ask for rations. I feel that the basis of issue should be on assigned garrison strength; to be used for ships afloat, as garrison troops certainly do not need a reserve.
2. I have called on Navy Headquarters at Messina to give me their assigned strength and was informed that they were not obligated to give MMIA any information. Augusta was willing to supply me information on their depot, but before they could do so; Headquarters Messina told them not to. It is therefore requested that the Italian Royal Navy in Sicily be required to furnish me with the desired information.
3. It is also strongly recommended that whenever any Navy Depot in Sicily, issues rations to ships afloat, that an indent for replacement of stock be submitted to my office for approval. Only in this manner can issues be controlled. It has been the practice of the Navy to draw from our depots without any checking or approval from Italian or Allied sources.

HOMER E. LONG
Major NSA
Sr. L/D Sicily

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS
Navy Sub Commission AGO 374

NAV/3491
7th September, 1945.

NAV/3491
Ministry of Marine's letter
No. 18127 of the
2nd September, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, HQ, Allied Commissions
To: Land Forces Sub Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commissions (M.H.L.A.)

Subject: Disposition of Italian Naval Navy Provision Stores

Forwarded for information with reference to Land Forces
Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commissions (M.H.L.A.) letter
No. 18/210 dated 5th August, 1945.

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S. H. Blackburn
for HEAD, ALLIED,
NAVY, NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : M.S.G.
Date: 2 September 1945
Ref.: SM/18127

Subject: Inspection of I.R.N. Provision Stores.

Reply is made to your NBC/5206 of 10th instant.

Information already received in reply to the instructions mentioned in my SM/15453 of 20th July '45 indicates that the surpluses of provisions above the authorized reserves are in course of elimination.

The precise details will appear in the next monthly report.

However, I have to point out that owing to the necessity of forwarding the victualling estimates several days in advance and to the variations in the strength of departments during the fortnight's consumption, which cannot always be foretold exactly, it may result that reserves still exceed the maximum authorized upon occasion.

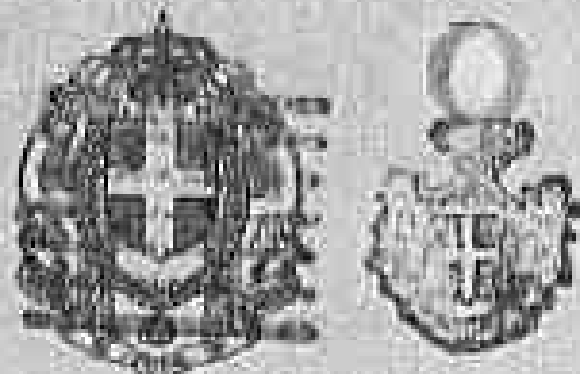
Orders have been given, however, that in such event the surplus is to be eliminated by decreasing the withdrawal immediately following by a corresponding quantity.

Regarding the unsatisfactory conditions of order and cleanliness in which some stores were found - and in particular that at Brindisi - I have ordered that the persons responsible be warned and have given explicit instructions for these undesirable circumstances to be remedied at once and that they shall not re-occur.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. P.O.M.2

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° SM/18127 Allegati

Roma. 2 SET. 1945 19 A

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ARGOMENTO. Ispezioni ai depositi viveri della Marina Italiana.-

Risposta al foglio NSC/3206 del IO corrente.-

Da notizie già pervenute in risposta alle disposizioni emanate e delle quali ho dato notizia col foglio SM/I5453 del 20 luglio u.s. risulterebbe che le eccedenze di viveri rispetto alle giornate di scorta stabilite sono in corso di eliminazione.-

I dati precisi al riguardo saranno peraltro forniti col prossimo rendiconto mensile.-

Debbo tuttavia far presente che per la necessità di inoltrare il preventivo di vettovagliamento con alcuni giorni di anticipo e per le oscillazioni nella forza dei reparti durante la quindicina di consumo, non sempre esattamente prevedibile, potrà verificarsi ancora che le scorte superino qualche volta il massimo autorizzato.-

Sono state però impartite disposizioni affinché, in tali casi, l'eccedenza venga eliminata diminuendo il prelevamento immediatamente successivo di un corrispondente quantitativo.-

Quanto alle poco soddisfacenti condizioni di ordine e di pulizia nelle quali sono stati trovati alcuni magazzini, ed in particolare quello di Brindisi, ho provveduto a richiamare i responsabili e ad impartire tassative istruzioni affinché l'inconveniente venga eliminato immediatamente e non si ripeta.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L. L. L. L. L.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission 420 394

USN/1346,
30th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject : Inspection of Italian Navy Depot - Bardonia.

The enclosed copy of Military Mission to the Italian Army's letter No. MT/212 dated 13th August, 1945, is forwarded for information in continuation of Navy Sub Commission letter No. USN/1306 of 10th August, 1945.

2. Except for the excessive stock reported in paragraph (a) of the enclosure hereto, which, it is expected, will be reduced as soon as possible, the good condition and accounting position of this food depot and bakery have been noted with much pleasure and satisfaction.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
HEAD AIRMAIL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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3 SEP 1945



SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Depots - SARDINIA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/212

Navy Sub Commission AC.

13 Aug 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SARDINIA.

1. Forwarded herewith copy of Report of Inspection of Italian Navy Depot MADDALENA by MMIA LO SARDINIA.
2. It is noted that agreement has been reached between Italian Navy Personnel and MMIA LO for the reduction of excessive stock.

K. Robert Hebron

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).
Lt. Col. RASC.

KRV/gmc

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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APPENDIX 1.

MMIA S & T LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT
ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

<u>Name Depot Insp.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Depot</u>	<u>Name and Rank Insp Off.</u>
1. Italian Navy Food Depot at la Maddalena	10 Aug	Food Depot	Lt.Col. Albert
2. Italian Navy Bakery at La Maddalena	10 Aug.	Bakery	Lt.Col. Albert

(a) Maintenance of Sector Position.

- (1) Satisfactory. However they are holding reserve rations for 19 days instead of 15 for 2500 personnel. Their explanation is that their strength has been recently reduced. Checked meat and flour in addition to reserve and found they have sufficient to last 2500 personnel until approximately 14 September.

Advised - Instructed them to make corrections re both reserve and regular rations when they drew for September and in future to maintain reserve and draw regular rations in accordance with existing strength.

- (2) Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

- (1) Very satisfactory. Best Depot I have inspected in Sardinia.
(2) Very Satisfactory. Best Bakery I have inspected in Sardinia.

(c) Accounting Position.

- (1) Very satisfactory.
(2) Very satisfactory.

Signature of Inspecting Officer

/s/ LESTER R. ALBERT LT.COL.

Date: 11 August 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/3206
10th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Re., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

FILE

Subject : Inspection of Italian Navy Depots.

The enclosed copy of Military Mission to the Italian Army's letter No. ST/210 dated 5th August 1945, is forwarded for information and appropriate action in continuation of Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/3205 of the 9th August, 1945.

2. The inclination to over stock Allied rations in Italian Naval Food bulk Depots, and the general unsatisfactory and dirty condition of these Depots at Brindisi, Palermo and Augusta in particular, is to be deplored.

3. While the action taken in the ultimate paragraph of Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM.19451 dated 10th July, 1945 is appreciated, it is requested that immediate instructions be issued to all Italian Royal Navy bases concerned in order to rectify these deficiencies, emphasizing that greater care and attention should be given to the maintenance and efficiency of these depots and that a higher standard of cleanliness should be maintained and a better storage system implemented.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to :- Military Mission to the Italian Army.)



11 AUG 1945

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/210

5 Aug 45.

Navy Sub Commission AC.

Copy to:- MMIA LO BARI.

1. Forwarded herewith report of inspection by MMIA LO BARI of the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot on 31 July 45.
2. Information contained therein is for your information and appropriate action.
3. MMIA LO BARI will take action, para a, Inspection Report concerning surplus rations.

KBN/gmc

L. Robert Nelson
for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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MMIA S&T LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
ON VISIT OF INSPECTION OF DEPOT.

Appendix '1'.

File Ref: ST/1.

<u>Name of Depot Inspected.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Type of Depot:-</u> i.e., BULK, D.D., P.O.L., or FORAGE.	<u>Rank & Name of Inspecting Officer.</u>
MAGALIZINO VIVERRI DELLA MARINA DI BRINDISI.	31/7/45.	Food Bulk Depot and Issue Store: And Bakery.	Capt. E. L. Monok- Mason, R.A.S.C
(Italian Royal Navy Depot, BRINDISI.)			Ten. MINNITI, of Dir. Comm. 9 Terr. HQ, and Ten. CINQUE (interpret- ing) accompanied.

(a). Maintenance of Stock Position: Average Daily Feeding Str.- 4000.-4500.

As in case of Navy Depot, TARANTO, this Depot has been holding large surpluses of nearly all items of the Allied portion of the Italian Ration Scale. 21/C. Depot (Capt. PETRONELLI, Inigi), who escorted me round the depot, stated that on 28 July, approx. 147000 balanced Rations were held in this Depot. Taking into consideration, say, 75000 Rations (15-days x 5000) as a maximum Reserve permissible, this still leaves a surplus of 72000 Rations to be absorbed. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A detailed statement certifying number of Rations held as at 5 AUG; (the end of current period has been requested to be forwarded to Dir. Comm. 9 Terr. HQ (SARI), so that necessary adjustments and balances can be effected. Copy of this statement will be forwarded to you when received, together with details of items to be suspended from next issues.

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(d). General. Appointment to visit this Depot was made by telephone 1-hour previous to arrival at the premises. As stated above, 2 i/c accompanied us round.

Date... 1. 4. 45.

E.L. Munn-Munn

Capt., R.A.S.C.

ADST, Land Forces Sub-Commission. A.C., (M.M.I.A.)

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LAND FORCES

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SUBJECT:- Inspection Italian Navy Food Depots -
SICILY.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/211

Navy Sub Commission AC.

20 July 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO SICILY.

1. Herewith copies of report of inspections of Italian Navy Depots by MMIA LO SICILY during period 9 - 14 July 45.
2. It appears that depots are holding excessive stocks, particularly MESSINA, AUGUSTA and TRAPANI (for some items). It is noted, however, that the total strength for the four (4) depots is 2266 whereas reported ration strength by Ministry of Marine is approximately 5000 for SICILY.

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R. Robert Nelson Major
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).
Lt. Col. RASC.

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File : ST/71

16 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Rations in Italian Navy Food Depots

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (NMIA), Rome

1. Reference your ST/79 of 2 July 45, the following inspections were made of the Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depot and the Unit Distribution Depots during the period 9 - 14 July 45.

2. The following stocks are held in the Italian Royal Navy Bulk Food Depot in Messina. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 1000, as of 12 July 45.

Commodity	Weight in lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 1000	No. of days on hand
Coffee	1545	31	49
Meat and Fish	9271	187	49
Tomato Paste	1545	31	49
Flour	41500	938	45
Cheese	3090	62	49
Pulses	6180	124	49
Macaroni	17770	187	95
Pepper	15	5 oz.	48
Sugar	3090	62	49
Dely. Veg.	3090	62	49

3. Stocks held in the Italian Royal Navy Unit Distribution Food Depot, Palermo. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 315 as of 9 July 45.

Commodity	Weight in lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 315	No. of days on hand
Flour	1432	295	15
Meat and Fish	2758	59	46
Tomato Catsup	165	10	16
Coffee	129	10	12
Dely. Veg.	1575	20	79
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Sugar	195	20	10

4. Stocks held in the Italian Royal Navy Unit Distribution Food Depot, Augusta. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 500 as of 11 July 45.

Commodity	Weight in lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 500	No. of days on hand
Flour	34780	469	74
Meat and Fish	20743	94	220
Tomato Catsup	5203	15	341
Coffee	1552	15	103
Pulses	3900	60	65
Dairy. Veg.	11765	30	392
Cheese	2544	30	84
Pepper	21	21/2 oz.	134

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Commodity	Weight in Lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 500	No. of days on hand
Macaroni	3310	125	27
Sugar	1040	30	34
Rice	1750	30	58

5. Stocks held in the Italian Royal Navy Unit Distribution Depot, Trapani. The number of days are based on a feeding strength of 451 as of 14 July 1945.

Commodity	Weight in Lbs.	Lbs used per day-based on strength of 451	No. of days on hand
Meat and Fish	5000	84	60
Tomato Catsup	437	14	31
Cheese	159	28	5
Dely. Veg.	1319	28	66
Flour	4339	122	10
Pulses	3739	56	66
Coffee	382	14	27
Sugar	382	28	13
Olive Oil	189	28	7
Rice	189	28	7
Macaroni	396	112	3

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MMIA SET LIAISON OFFICER REPORT ON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.L. or Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
1. ITI Royal Navy Palermo	9-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
2. ITI Royal Navy Augusta	11-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
3. ITI Royal Navy Messina	12-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS
4. ITI Royal Navy Trapani	14-7-45	Unit D.D.	EDWIN T SNIDER 1st Lt AUS

(a) Maintenance of Area position.

- a-1. Satisfactory
- a-2. Satisfactory
- a-3. Satisfactory
- a-4. Satisfactory

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

- b-1. Floor of depot was dirty. Stocks of supplies were not neatly stacked. Cans of foodstuffs were in disorder on the shelves. Cans of spoiled meat were stored in the depot, causing a bad odor.
- b-2. Stocks of supplies were not neatly arranged and the floor of the depot was very dirty. This depot also stored their spoiled food meat in the depot causing a bad odor.
- b-3. Satisfactory
- b-4. Satisfactory.

(c) Accounting Position.

- c-1. Satisfactory
- c-2. Satisfactory
- c-3. Satisfactory
- c-4. Satisfactory

Signature of Inspecting
Officer /s/ EDWIN T SNIDER

Rank 1st Lt. AUS

DATE: 16 July 1945

SUBJECT:- Inspection of Italian Navy Food Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/209

Navy Sub Commission AC.

16 July 45.

Copy to:- MMIA IO NAPLES.

Reference our letter ST/179 of 2 July 45.

1. Herewith copy of General Inspection Report made by MMIA IO NAPLES of the Naples Navy Food Depot on 12 July 45 for your information.

KRW/gmc

K. Robert Nelson Major
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA).

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MILIA SAT LIAISON OFFICERS REPORTON INSPECTION OF DEPOTS

Name of Depot Inspected	Date	Type of Depot i.e. Bulk, D.D. P.O.I. or Forage	Rank and Name of Inspecting Officer
NAPIES	11/7/45	Naval Victualling Depot	Capt. W.H.D. CRAWFORD

(a) Maintenance of Area position.

Satisfactory.

(b) Physical Warehousing Position.

Gravely handicapped by lack of space, Former depots are all being used by Royal Navy. Proper spacing and stacking impossible. No proper tally boards. Dunnage is insufficient.

Anti-fly }
Fire } Precautions not adequate.

(c) Accounting Position.

Took stock of coffee, which corresponded substantially with amount shown in books of account.

Signature of Inspecting
Officer W.H.D. CRAWFORD

DATE: 12 July 45Rank Capt.

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