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LIAISON DIVISION
War Diary

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2 May 1944.

Concluding Note.

1. This "War Diary" was initiated for the purpose of keeping a record of work done in the newly established Liaison Division for a sufficient period of time to determine whether the volume and character of services performed were sufficient to justify the continuance of the Division as a separate component of the Civil Affairs Branch, the Regional Control and Military Government Section, and the Commission.

2. As of this date, the Diary covers a period of about three months and is believed to reflect a fair cross-section of the type of work in which the Division has engaged. The desirability of continuing liaison work as a special activity seems to be generally accepted, and the original reason for initiating and maintaining the Diary has accordingly largely disappeared.

3. Officers engaged in liaison work have also become well-acquainted with the personnel at this Headquarters and at headquarters of "liaisees" and the collateral function of the Diary as a reminder of names of persons dealt with, has consequently become less important.

4. Lt. Col. Bowman, Chief, Liaison Division, has assumed additional duties to a degree intermingling with and separable from liaison per se, and it is felt that as far as his work is concerned the Diary as a report of liaison work, as such, would from this time on be more misleading than helpful.

5. Major Enoch Brown, who will henceforth handle the bulk of the daily work of the Liaison Division has been requested to continue to maintain a day-to-day record of matters handled by him. Liaison engaged in in the future by Colonel Bowman will, if of sufficient importance, be reflected by memoranda and letters in the Civil Affairs Branch and Liaison Division files.

6. The War Diary as such has for the reasons indicated been discontinued this date.

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ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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LT. COL. ALFRED C. BOWMAN

War diary

Tuesday , 2 May 1944

Attended meeting of R.C. & M.G. Staff.

Conference with Col. Offenhauer re deferiment of call-up of Italian soldier-agricultural workers in Foggia province.

Conference with Col. Whilley.

Conference with Col. Offenhauer, Capt. Mitchell and Capt. Holt re military Italian army fire equipment.

Conference with Major Collins re liaison with 5th Army.

Conference with Col. Shipp and Capt. Cunlippe and Major Doe re letter by Labor Sub-Commission, approving Royal Commission for social insurance.

Prepared memo to Col. Fiske re coordination of Travel.

Conference with Maj. Fuller and assisted in preparation of letter to A.A.I., asking for directive re tree-cutting.

Prepared note to Reg. Commissioner Region 3, re allotment of theatres in Naples.

Conference with Col. Poletti and Lt. Col. Robertson re proposed move of Italian war ministry to Nocera Inferiore.

Prepared note for file.

Prepared memo to Col. Zellars (Reg. Comm. Region 2) re use of fire boats at Bari for setting off mines.

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LT. COL. ALFRED C. BOWMAN
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Saturday, 29 April 1944

Attended R.C. & M.G. Staff meeting.

Conference with Col. Mc Cleary (Region 2), re

- a) Supplies of lymph for smallpox inoculator.
(Called medical Subcommission.)
- b) Col. Fiske bringing Sconimiglia to Naples.
(Called Col. Spicer at Salerno)
- c) Nomination of Lt. Bricknell for Interior school.
(Called Maj. Driffield White).

Conference with Ward Perkins re museum building occupied by 10 medical stores. (Called Mj. Fletcher.)

Conference with Maj. Friend James, Capt. Talbot and Maj. Brown, re obtaining tires for Italian navy.

Conference with Maj. Friend James re:

- a) disposition of Lt. MacNamara.
- b) Forest(tree-cutting) incident. (Called Maj. Fuller.)

Conference with Maj. Campbell (C.I.C.) re circular on control of civilian movement.

Conference with Maj. Fletcher (Region I) re disposition of Rofolph Dozack O/R and Aleksa Milijevic, Lt. (Yugo-Slav) in Sicily.

Conference with Capt. Talbot re Villa Giulia matter.

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Conference with Maj. Friend James re Egyptian displaced person.

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28 April 1944.

Lt. Col. BOWMAN

Attended R.C. & M.G. meeting.

Col. Fiske called from Bari re Seonimiglia appointment as prefect Campobasso. Called Group CMDR Benson and talked to Major Nichols of Potenza. Tried to get through to Matera but impossible.

Conference: Maj. Ward Parkins and Lt. Col. Jeffriess (PBS) re villa Floridiana. Made appointment for domani mattina.

Memo to Lt. Col. Poletti re Lt. Col. Chapman complaint on cooperation of M.Ps in Naples.

Conference: Lt. Col. White re candidate for Interior School. Discussed will Brig. Lush, Lt. Col. Shipp, and Lt. Col. Kincaid.

Conference: Col. Albright and Major Reakes re decree for reg. of Italian motor vehicles. Research.

Conference: Maj. Collins 5 the Army to M.I. re fire brigade for Rome. Called Col. Fiske and referred to Lt. Col. Offenhauer.

Conference: Maj. Rorimer re lost Red Cross Clothing, and port matters generally.

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LT COL ALFRED C. BOWMAN
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Thursday, 27 April 1944

Attended R.C. & M.G. Staff meeting.

Moved Liaison and personal offices.

Conference with Captain Noe re tentage for schools.
Was informed same had been obtained. Papers filed.

Conference with Capt. Neufeld re Sersante Franco affidavits.

Prepared 1st Ind. to C.G., PBS and memo to Regional Commissioner, Region 3, re failure of MP witnesses to cooperate in prostitution cases.

Prepared 1st Ind. to Commanding General, PBS covering Report from Regional Commissioner, Region 3, on smallpox situation.

Conference with Captain Oden re:

- (1) Matter of Marchessa's car.
- (2) Location of Lt. Morgan O. Preston.
- (3) Problem of Professor Mobile (advised this matter finished)
- (4) Location of "Major Sincok" (advised this matter finished)
- (5) Disposition of Lt. Macnamara.
- (6) Abatement of unnecessary three-cutting in Army areas.

Conference with Captain Noe re:

- (1) Matter of requisitioning of Institute of Arts (says Major Fletcher is handling)
- (2) Tentage for schools (informed had been obtained).

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26 April 1944.

Attended R.C. & M.G. Section meeting.

Conference with Lt. Col. Jeffriess (Deputy Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section) and Major Ward Perkins, re plan to use Villa Floridiana as asylum for violently insane.

Conference with Major Andrews (Agriculture Sub-Commission) and Colonel Leehey (PBS - Italian Army liaison) re sacks for grain.

Conference with Colonel Shipp, Captain Cunliffe and Colonel Albright re office space. Arranged this, prepared charts, and completed work.

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23 April 1944

Colonel BOWMAN:

Attended R.C. & H.G. staff meeting.

Conference with Lt. Col. Shipp and Col. Flake, re

- (1) Assumption of duties as chief of staff officer.
- (2) Physical move of liaison div. Surveyed space and talked with Capt. Gillette.

Called Capt. Blum, Col. Arnest, et al re getting Lt. Col. Miller on hospital ship. Trip to ship with Col. Albright and Lt. Goodlow.

Conference with Maj. Washburne re phonograph for language records.

Conference with Capt. Gillette and Capt. Arn re

- (1) Information from PBS to AGC, and
- (2) Coordination on Civil defense and PND matters with Region 3 (called Capt. Campbell)

Conference with Signora and Signor Raja re job for latter.

Called Lt. Col. Polatti and Col. Lohar.

Conference with Maj. Fuller re forestry problems.

Conference with Maj. Brown and Maj. Kiefee re various AGC --- PBS problems

Conference with Capt. Heilman re school tents. Informed him they'd be ready to pick up on Monday.

Conference with Maj. Guy Region 3 re irrigation and malarial control problems. Made appointment for 10 A.M. Monday for further discussion.

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