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6 April 1945.

1. REALLY LALACH DOG No. 48 FOR MIA MISSING 7 APRIL 45.

a. Sunday 1 April. Office routine. Officers and men went to their respective churches today for Communion and Easter worship. Afternoon off.

b. Monday 2 April. Conferred with General Berard on the Call-up for April. It was explained to the General that MIA desired the grand total of 18-000 to reach 17,000 and that 1,000 additional were needed to reach that figure. I further explained that it was more or less left up to me and I as to how to get that number of men, but they must be gotten, then we would not recall anyone unless MIA so directed. The General feels that as soon as Center is passed the number regarding will greatly increase and thus prevent the need of calling up another class. I am a little skeptical that we can get 1000 men in four weeks without calling another class, as it was finally agreed that a more concerted effort would be made to round up survivors. The General further stated that, if by the 20 April it was apparent that we required number would not be reached, then he would call-up out of another class a sufficient number to fill the quota.

I also took up with the General the matter of the reorganization of the 11th Motor Transport Company, 11th Motor Repair Directorate and the 27th Ambulance Car Section. I explained that so far only the 11th Transport Company had been formed, to my knowledge. The Chief of Staff, Colonel Grigilio, was called in and he stated that the other two units had been formed for some time, but under another name. I then explained that orders must be published redesignating these two units and I wished copies of the order. It was promised that this would be done immediately.

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Recently I received a letter from Headquarters, 204 Sub Area regarding an ex-officer of the Italian Army by the name of Musco, Orasso who resides at Messina. It appears that this man was captured on Pantelleria and while a prisoner in Africa and before the invasion of Sicily, he agreed to and did collaborate and assist the Allies. The Italian Military are now investigating his case with a view of taking Court Martial action. The Commanding Officer, 204 Sub Area, in his letter apparently objects to the action being taken against this man. Under separate cover I am forwarding to you the original of all the above correspondence for your complete information.

I took this up too with General Berard and he verified the fact that the man's case is being investigated by direction of the War Ministry and that upon its completion the report will be sent to the War Ministry for their decision and action.

I conferred with Lt. Col. Petti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding clothing. At present there are approximately 1700 cotton jackets and breeches in stock and it is desired to issue these to two Regiments and withdraw all like items, have them repaired and placed in stock in the depot.

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c. Tuesday 3 April. Talked by telephone with Captain Marshall in Rome concerning the expected number of Call-up to be shipped to Reggio for the week 1-6 April. I estimate only between 100-200 because of the Easter season, which those people take most seriously.

Inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery and found it neat, clean and orderly.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 4 April. Called Naples office after receipt of Clothing and Equipment Authorization and asked Lt. Lambrecht to let us know what quantity of the items he had so that I could determine the number of trucks to send after it. He promised to check his inventory and phone me the information. I also informed him that POL for the return journey should be arranged as before.

Coi. Taimone of the Alpini Bn. called at the office and stated that he desired the use of the Navy's small arms range for training his men. I then conferred with Lt. Pennell the Grenade Officer of MOB and arranged for use of the range all of Friday morning.

Office routine.

Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 5 April. Lt. Lt. Garret-Ard of the Engineering Section, Italian Air Force, called at the office for a permit to travel to the island of Pantelleria and return for the purpose of inspecting construction work done at the airport there by Civilian Contractors. I gave him the necessary authority for the journey.

Lt. Lambrecht called from Naples and informed me, per my telephone request yesterday, of the items and quantity he was able to supply on our recently received clothing authorizations.

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Conferred with Automobiles and arranged that six motor vehicles be despatched to Naples to obtain clothing and equipment.

Received phone call from Capt Oliver of the **5610** F.G.S., that Capt. Mooney, G-3, 2nd sub Area desired an appointment with General Berardi for tomorrow probably. Capt Mooney is to call me direct when he reaches Palermo. Capt Oliver stated that British soldiers in Catania have been getting into trouble with Italian troops. I do not have full particulars as to the nature of the trouble as yet.

Cashed enlisted men's checks and paid the payroll.

7. Friday 6 April Lt. Col. Ratti, Deputy Chief of Staff called at the office and stated that he preferred having the clothing and equipment from Naples shipped to Palermo by schooner. I explained that this procedure would have considerable time and would probably result in the shipment being pilfered; that the quickest and surest means of transportation is

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to send motor vehicles as we had done in the past. The Col. stated that the reason for his plan was to save time which was a critical item but that he would have three trucks dispatched from Catania and three from Palermo early Sunday morning. Lt. Col. Fatti suggested that I contact the U.S. Navy in Palermo to secure POL to transport five wood from various parts of the island to the depots. I explained to the colonel that this was unnecessary, that the Navy was not the proper agency to apply to and he could follow one of two lines of action, preferably transport the wood by rail or apply for an increase in his monthly POL allocation. I explained that if his reasons for an increase in the allocation was sufficient, it was probable that he would get it.

I received a phone call from the Automobiles informing me that approximately 700 gallons of gasoline would be needed by the trucks for the return journey from Naples. I tried to convey this information to Naples, but could not get through.

Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary in regards to baking biscuits for travel rations. First samples of the biscuits baked here, turned out very well and it is planned to bake a supply of them for the depots. The biscuits will keep in good condition for about two months.

Colonel Lo Vecchio and Lt. Col. Fatti requested authority to manufacture cotton shirts from salvage shirts and flour sacks. They explained that the shirt would have the regulation Italian color cuffs, collars and front, but the back may be of check. I do not know of anything against it, cotton shirts are hard to get and they are urgently needed and will be worn under the jacket, so I gave my approval to their request. A considerable amount of salvage shirts with good cuffs and collars are in the depot and they can be utilized to good advantage in this manner.

Lt. Under inspected the 25th Motor Transport Unit, Palermo. (See SAT Report No. 39)

8. Saturday 7 April. Captain Mooney, G-5, 204 Sub Area called at the office and showed me a report of the incident

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Lt. Bridger inspected the 22nd Motor Transport Unit, Palermo. (See SAT Report No. 35)

G. Saturday 7 April. Captain Mooney, G-3, 204 Sub Area called at the office and showed me a report of the incident in Catania when an Italian soldier threw a hand grenade at a British G.M.P. and injured him. It seems that about 2300 hours, 1st April 45, two British and two Italian Military Police while patrolling a street in Catania approached the Italian soldiers who appeared to be drunk. The report shows that the soldiers were sitting on a safety island in the street and when the M.P.s checked their papers they found a knife on one of them which was confiscated. One of the soldiers drew a hand grenade from his pocket and threatened to throw it. If the knife was not returned to his companion. The knife was returned and the police withdrew. The police showed the two soldiers and one of them (an M.P.) subsequently fired several shots at them. In retaliation the Italian soldier threw the hand grenade at the Military Police, injuring one of them about the head and hands. It was learned that the two soldiers belonged to the 1st. Sn. 1st Co., 45th Regt. Sabauda Division and on 4 April 45 a stand to or parade was held in the company street and the two soldiers were identified by the M.P.s. The accused both made statements and were placed in arrest. The statements of the accused

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coincided with the story, that they had late passes, that although they were slightly intoxicated they were not molesting anyone nor causing a disturbance. That they willingly showed their passes, but the confiscation of the knife was resented. That they were returning to their barracks and when they were fired upon the hand grenade was thrown. The accused stated he had found the grenade at the Catania airport where he worked.

I accompanied Capt. Mooney to Territorial Hq. and the matter was taken up with General Berardi. The General promised immediate action against the accused by a Military Tribunal.

General Berardi is leaving Palermo by plane at 4.30 today enroute to Rome. In his absence General Von Don Heuvel will assume command.

I phoned Lt. Lambrecht in Naples and informed him of the departure of the Major Vanioles and the gasoline needed for the return journey.

I phoned Lt. Col. Rose concerning the matter of excessive quantities of foodstuffs in the storeroom of the Italian Navy Garrison here in Palermo. Palermo is one of the smaller garrisons and larger quantities may be found in Trapani, Messina, Catania and other ports where the garrisons are much larger. Here at Palermo a large part of the garrison messes at the U.S. Naval Base on American rations, and are therefore not issued rations by their unit. Col. Rose stated I was not to take the same action as I did in reference to the Air Corps and that he would notify me, if any steps were to be taken.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, Liaison Officer for Allied Commission in Sicily and Captain Calvanese, Motor Transportation Officer regarding I.M.F. transportation. Capt. Calvanese is due to leave Sicily in a few days and it is desired to carry out our plan of identifying ex-Military vehicles before he leaves. Lt. Col. Morton and Captain Calvanese explained that Hq. AC, had not given any definite instructions regarding the turnover, but in event of Capt. Calvanese's

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LAND FORCE COMMISSION AG (MILIA)
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No. 1542

1 April 1945.

1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 47 for Week Ending 31 March 45.

a. Sunday 25 March. Office routines. Half day off.

b. Monday 26 March. Automobilitica had informed me that certain motor transport trucks belonging to the Military were located at Villa Sofia. As the Villa is Naval requisitioned I contacted Mr. Buchnerman concerning the matter and he accompanied me to look the vehicles over. One Fiat, 5-ton truck was located which was Military property and arrangements were made to turn it over to the automobilitica. The balances of the vehicles (2) were definitely not military property.

This afternoon the enlisted men were moved from their billet with A.C. to Villa Sofia which is the U.S. ROE billet. Lt. Scider and I moved from the Excelsior Hotel to the Navy's Grande Hotel. Messing will be done with the Navy and motor vehicles will be kept in Navy parks. The men will have nightly movies, messing facilities, library, canteen and recreation all on the base and it is believed the new arrangements will be most satisfactory.

c. Tuesday 27 March. Conferred with Colonel Embardino Director of Automobilitica regarding Motor Transportation and POL for Call-up operations. The regular monthly allocation of POL for April has been received but no additional allocation has been made specifically for Call-up operations. We also discussed the remission of the Monthly Vehicle Return required by your ST/1011 of the 24th.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, A.C. Liaison Officer for Sicily, regarding the moving of our offices to the building now being evacuated by Alcom. Lt. Col. Morton informed me that in due course of time no Alcom personnel but he would be stationed in Sicily and when that time comes he may move his office to his Villa. I then informed the Colonel that we were well established and had good office space in our present location.

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Certain Warner, Billings Officer, of Alcom, was at the office and looked over all our furniture to determine if any of it was Alcom property. None of it was Alcom property.

Conferred with Colonel de Venetio, Director of Commissary and Commissary Officer for the CUKH regarding forage. It is pointed out by both these officers that balanced grain is both difficult and expensive to obtain and they desire a regular allocation. I personally agree with this and my signal Lt/C-4 dated today refers.

d. Wednesday 28 March. 1st Lt Polizzi of Motor Transport Headquarters called at the office and I gave him an authorization to present Mr Auckerman, Transportation Officer of M.O.B. for the purpose of securing the Fiat truck at Villa Sofia.

Half day off.

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e. Thursday 29 March. Lt Snider departed this morning by motor vehicle for Reggio and inspected the Reggio Call-up Camp in the afternoon (see last report No. 35).

Captain Anzon of the Italian Air Force called at the office with a letter from his headquarters in Rome, directing him to make a special issue for Easter of 200 grammes of Pasta per man. This amount was in addition to the regular issue and was to be taken from their excess stock now on hand. I informed the Captain that I would not approve the issue and it was not to be made. I again informed the Captain that the food stuffs now in his depot was inventoried and a record made of the exact numbers of rations on hand. That no like items of excess rations would be issued him until the stores on hand were used up, and our records, of which he has a copy, show the exact number of days the rations are in excess.

Lt McGowan and Corp Arcari arrived this afternoon from Rome.

1. Friday 30 March. I received a memorandum from Alcom Sicily notifying me that, effective 1 April that Headquarters was abolishing their message center. This comes as a complete surprise, as I was given to understand by Brigadier Carr and C.W.O. Leone the Adjutant that communications service would be maintained by them. I immediately visited C.W.O. Leone and was informed by him that Major Alcom has first agreed to leave two men in Sicily to handle communications, but that they had countermanded the order and had ordered all enlisted men returned to Rome. Mr Leone and I then drove to the airport and was their informed by Flight Officer Fiesling, R.A.F., that he did not have the personnel to run a message center and sort mail, that his sole function as far as mail was concerned was to take it off the plane and sort the bags. I then made a trip to Operations U.S. Naval Operating Base to contact Lt Commander Hickey to secure service through him but both he and his assistant had departed for the day. I left word with the Chief Clerk that I would call again the following morning.

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Lt Collier travelled by motor from Reggio-Calabria to Catanzarotta, Sicily.

S. Saturday 31 March. Conferred with Lt Commander Kichey, Communications Officer of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo and he agreed to handle all our incoming and outgoing Signals and Communications which have heretofore been handled by the Allied Commission. Our new signal address therefore is COMUSC Palermo for MIA LO.

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Conferred with Lt (s.g.) Hessler, Supply Officer, of U.S. Naval Operating Base and secured the loan of a Royal standard typewriter for use in the office. Our only typewriter is an Underwood Noisefless which is not suitable for anything other than letters.

Lt Snider inspected the Distribution Depot at Caltanissetta (See E & T Report No. 36) and returned to Palermo.

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No. 1528

25 Mar 48

1. REALLY LIAMSON 100 NO. 10 FOR WHEN EARLY 24 MAR 48

a. Bunday 18 March. Office routine - half day. Lt Col Albert and I visited the Caserma luxury installation. This is the location of our shoe repair shops, clothing repair shops, clothing depot, laundry and salvage depot. An Army Chaplain gave Mass in the courtyard for all the men and women workers. After Mass all the workers went to their usual places and the Priest blessed each room and office of the installation. Following these ceremonies all the workers assembled in the shoe repair shops and short addresses were made by Col la Vecchio, Director of Comm. Messary and Lt Col Giarrizzo, Welfare Officer. Light refreshments were served. The Welfare Officer announced that 10,000 lyre was being distributed in various sums to the workers, based on the quality and quantity of their work production and the personal needs of each individual.

Forty two men of the 16th Artillery Regt were sent from Caltanissetta to Museomali to assist in rounding up Call-up shirkers.

b. Monday 19 March. Conferred with Capt Calvanese, A.C. Motor Transportation Officer, regarding former Military Motor Transportation belonging to A.C. We have agreed to and designed an identification certificate for each such vehicle. Captain Calvanese claims that all such vehicles are captured enemy equipment and little to some is being transferred to the Italian Civil Government following the departure of Alcom from Sicily. The certificate will contain the type, registration number, motor number and chassis number of the vehicle upon which it is installed and will bear both the signature of Capt Calvanese and myself. The Italian Military will then be able to reclaim their vehicles not bearing such certificate. Capt Calvanese although agreeing to this procedure himself, stated that he must have authority to proceed from Headquarters Alcom and agreed to write immediately for the authority.

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Fifty two men of the 16th Artillery Regt were sent from Caltanissetta to Mussomeli to assist in rounding up call-up snirkers.

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General Bernardi returned today from Rome.

Two hundred and fifty men of the Montegranero Alpini Bn., were sent from Palermo to Aicamo to assist in rounding up call-up snirkers.

c. Tuesday 20 March. Visited the Engineer Depot ⁵⁶⁰⁴ Caserma Nuolida Turbo and inspected the crates of Captured Enemy Equipment that has been made ready for shipment to the Replacement and Training Command at Torricola, Italy. Along with Major Scorzari, Engineering Officer, I went on a tour of inspection of the Depot, and was well pleased with its cleanliness. At neat arrangement of stock, efficiency and general appearance. At present time there is not a very large nor assorted supply of stock on hand, but it is being added to all the time. I would like to say here that Major Scorzari has given me prompt and efficient service in the handling of this material.

I visited the Rail Transportation Officer and secured a rail box car in order to ship the above material to Torricola. Arrangements with Territorial Headquarters Palermo has been made for two escorts to accompany the shipment

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and plans are to load tomorrow afternoon. Departure is scheduled for Thursday morning.

Lt Col Alburt departed by motor transportation for Rome.

One hundred troops of the 22nd Regt sent from Trapani to Gibellina to assist in rounding up call-up shirkers.

d. Wednesday 21 March. Conferred with Mr France of Psychological Warfare Branch, concerning relief of Military Guards on duty with his office. Mr France stated that all guards would be released from duty today except 8 at the radio Palermo station and four at the transmitter. He recommended these be retained because in the event of any serious disorders, insurrectionists may try to seize the radio. I have passed this on to Territorial Headquarters Palermo for consideration.

Major Giordano of ~~CHM~~ was in and again discussed rations for his operators. I informed him that, as yet, I had not had a reply from Headquarters as to whether or not they were entitled to draw rations.

Lt Snider enroute to Catania by rail where he took inventory of Air Force Food D.D. in the afternoon (See S & T Report No. 27).

Loaded four crates of captured enemy material and two military escort into a box car this afternoon and despatched to Commanding General, Replacement and Training Command.

e. Thursday 22 March. Conferred with Lt Commander Murphy regarding Internal Security. Received copies of his intelligence reports. Also conferred with Captain Oliver regarding Internal Security and reviewed his reports.

Inspected the San Antonio Bakery and found it neat, clean and orderly.

Lt Snider inspected both the Bulk Food Depot and Food Distribution Depot at Catania (See S & T Report No. 37). Returned to Palermo by rail.

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Conferred with Commander Hoffman, U.S. Naval Operating Base regarding rations and quarters for Lt Snider, the men and myself. Arrangements were made to change over next Monday.

Major Giordano, SMK called at the office and I explained to him that I had received authority to issue rations to his operators and that he could commence drawing on the 25th as he had rations through the 24th March.

f. Friday 23 March. Lt Snider inspected Palermo Garrison of the CC.RA (See S & T Report No. 37).

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6. Saturday 24 March. Conferred with Lt Col Patti Deputy Chief of Staff regarding call-up in April of 2000 additional men, reports and various matters of general interest.

Captain Furiato, Italian Air Force called at the office and stated that the air force had for some time been conducting a call-up, that his orders had been to feed such men from the overages caused by the difference in the Air Force "B" Scale and the Army Single Scale ration. He further stated that Air Corps Headquarters has now ordered him to issue the single scale ration. I explained to him that I know of no provision to feed any men in excess of his authorized ceiling and he should take the matter up with his headquarters to get the ceiling raised. I informed him further that until orders were received to the contrary no additional food stuffs would be issued him until present stocks are depleted at the single scale rate.

Talked by telephone with Lt Col Rose regarding despatch to Palermo of another "Peep" and the return of the one we have now.

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No. 1316

10 March 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIASON LOG NO. 45 FOR WEEK ENDING 17 MARCH 45.

a. Sunday 11 March. Office routine. One half day off.

b. Monday 12 March. Major Long talked with CWJ Lione, Adjutant AC Sicilian Region XI concerning signal facilities after departure of AC and he stated that their signal facilities would remain in Palermo.

Talked with Commander Hoffman, 32. Officer U.S. NOB regarding billets and rationing of our officers and enlisted men. Commander Hoffman said he have headquarters issue orders attaching the officers and men to NOB for rations, quarters and administration and that they would take care of us.

Lt. Commander Murphy, Intelligence Officer of NOB called at the office and discussed Internal Security and Italian Army.

Lt. Snider enroute by motor to Messina and Reggio, jeep broke down and he returned by rail for other transportation.

c. Tuesday 13 March. Colonel Marcellin, Artillery Officer, Palermo Territorial Hq. called at the office to discuss the subject of fire arms on the island of Pantelleria. The Colonel stated that the Military detail which had gone to Pantelleria had tried to arrange movement of the firearms to Sicily, but that the Civil Commissioner would not permit it. I informed the Colonel that the function of the detail was to collect, clean and store the firearms and their shipment to Sicily or the Mainland had not been ordered.

Lt. Snider moved by motor to Reggio. U.S. Navy returned broken down jeep to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 14 March. Attended conference of Allied Commission Office.

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c. Thursday 13 March. Colonel Marcolin, Artillery Officer, Palermo Territorial HQ, called at the office to discuss the subject of fire arms on the island of Pantelleria. The Colonel stated that the Military detail which had gone to Pantelleria had tried to arrange movement of the firearms to Sicily, but that the Civil Commissioner would not permit it. I informed the Colonel that the function of the detail was to collect, clean and store the firearms and their shipment to Sicily or the mainland had not been ordered.

Lt. Snider moved by motor to Reggio. U.S. Navy returned broken down jeep to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 14 March. Attended conference of Allied Commission Officers; presided over by Brigadier Carr. It is planned to move the bulk of AG personnel by 31 March. One supply accountant officer, one transportation officer, one property control officer and the officer in charge of INT will remain until April 30 after which only 8 liaison officers will remain in Palermo. One liaison officer will be stationed in Catania. One Civil Affairs officer will remain on the island of Lampedusa and one on the island of Pantelleria. The INT organization will be transferred to the Civil Authorities as will all Italian Motor Vehicles except a few being taken to the mainland. It is further planned to retain signal service in Palermo.

Major Long visited the Caserma della Maria which now houses the Motor Transport Sq. also the 28th Motor Transport Section. At the time of the invasion this installation was the location of the main repair garages for all of Sicily. Repairs were in progress on a number of vehicles. This is quite a large installation and well suited for Motor Transport purposes. Civilian repair units are being moved into the buildings to carry out vehicle repair without taking the vehicles out.

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d. (continued)

Major Giordano of the Italian Intelligence Service called at the office and stated that he was in charge of about fifty agents in Sicily and Calabria; that heretofore they had been subsisted by the COHA, but had been cut off from drawing rations upon orders of the General Commanding the COHA Hq. He asks to draw rations direct from our depots. As I had never before heard of this unit I have forwarded the matter for liaison, to Headquarters. (My No. 32/31 refers).

Contacted Mr. Galatelli, CIP concerning quantities of petrol and Gasoli issued to COHA for the months of December, January and February. Figures were not immediately available and it may take a couple of days to get complete information.

Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected LD and Transient Camp for Call-ups at Leggion. (See S&T Report No. 38).

e. Thursday 15 March. Colonel Zambardino, Director of Motor Transportation and myself visited the Basile's foundry. Mr. Basile has several hundred tons of junk which he had purchased from Island Base Section and which Colonel Zambardino had frozen claiming that it was M/T parts held illegally and belonged to the Italian Military. Several weeks ago at the request of M/T Hq. I looked over this material and satisfied myself that it was junk, of no value to the Italian Military and after seeing the receipts, that Mr. Basile had legal title to all of it. I had then informed M/T Hq. of my findings and asked them to unfreeze the material or have an officer point out to me the material claimed to be the property of the Military. Colonel Zambardino finally agreed to view the material with me and after doing so, he was convinced that none of it belonged to or was ever wanted by him. He thereafter unfroze the stock.

Office routine.

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Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected 40th I.S. Regt. at Messina, (See GAF Report No. 36) and returned to Palermo by motor.

f. Friday 16 March. Major Long conferred with Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary concerning incidents from units for what I consider an excessive amount of clothing and equipment. The Colonel stated that such had always been the practise of the Italians and it may possibly have grown worse because the Allies were controlling it. Nevertheless considerable screening is necessary on all incidents before they can be forwarded your Headquarters. We also discussed an incident for 15 men who had their entire clothing and equipment contaminated with mustard gas due to an explosion of an ammunition dump. No report of explosion has been received in this office and I have asked the Chief of Staff for a full and complete report.

Major Long conferred with Capt. Peristo, Italian Air Force concerning drawing of rations. Capt. Peristo informed me that the ration rations are drawn in bulk in that, small units of 20 to 30 men are scattered over Sicily without motor transportation and that they are unable to come into Catania or Palermo and make the draw; that under the present system the rations are delivered to them. I also learned that the Air Force, after drawing rations on the Army scale, issues it to their units on a scale prescribed by the Air Corps which is lower. I have asked for a copy of the Air Corps ration scale and will forward copy to your Headquarters. In the meantime I believe the best policy

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f. (continued) is to continue to issue rations in bulk because of the small isolated units and transportation problem, but that units should be issued the full Army scale.

Colonel Albert returned from Hospital to duty at 1800 hrs. Conferred with Brig. Carr, Comdr. AC Sicily re movement of practically all AC from Sicily April 1st. He stated there would be four or five AC officers here until May 1st then only a liaison officer. He suggested MHLA move their office to the present AC building. I replied we were very conveniently settled where we are but if it were to AC's advantage to have a move we would consider it when the AC liaison officer arrived. I advised Brig. Carr that the MHLA personnel would be quartered and mess with the U.S. Navy at Palermo.

g. Saturday 17 March. Lt. Col. Giordano, CO, Military Transport Unit, Territorial Hq. reported that furniture was being removed from building occupied by AC units at No. 3 Via Garibaldi which was a military building. He was advised to report to this office a list of furniture removed and we would contact AC.

Conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq. re early matters in general. I informed him I was to be transferred from Sicily and Major Long would succeed me.

Lt. Snider took inventory of ration storeroom, Italian Air Corps at Palermo. Full report to follow when inventory is taken at Catania.

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LIASON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (AMLA)
* AC SICILY REGION HQ.
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No. 1503

11 March 1945

1. WEEKLY LIASON LOG No. 54 FOR WEEK ENDING 10 MAR. 45.

a. Sunday 4 March. Conferred with General Berardi, regarding Salvage Material from the British 22nd. Salvage Depot Catania. As reported in my previous Liaison Log, the local M/T Hq. are requesting possession of some Salvage which is absolutely worthless in its present state and reports have been made to the effect that some of it has been sold or offered for sale to civilians. The General stated that he would instruct the M/T Hq. to insist for only that type of material which has a potential usable value in its present state. He also stated that he would have the O.C., M/T Hq. investigate the alleged sales or offers of sales of the material.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Call-up. Colonel Patti informed me that a signal from the Ministry of War had been received postponing the Call-up of the classes 1914-17. I have had no confirmation from Malta on this, so I asked for a copy of the Warain signal.

Office routine.

b. Monday 5 March. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 6 March. Discussed with Captain Oliver, O.C. 51st Field Security Section a matter concerning the apprehension, by his agents, of an Italian Army deserter. Capt. Oliver stated that the man had applied for a pass to enter NOB and subsequently he had learned of his Army status. He, Capt. Oliver, is to inform me when he apprehends this man.

Discussed with Major Mignall, Public Safety Director A.C., the matter of AMG yellow pass for an Italian soldier who desires compassionate leave to a town north of the Army

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Discussed with Major Mighall, Public Safety Director A.O.; the matter of AMG yellow pass for an Italian soldier who desires compassionate leave to a town north of the Army Security Control Line. I was informed by Major Mighall that all such requests must go to MECO, 15th Army Group.

Conferred with Major Oliver, Commissariato, concerning issues of clothing and equipment. He also discussed the dispatch of trucks to the mainland to return clothing & equipment when our latest invents are approved.

d. Wednesday 7 March. Arrived at 1800 hrs. at Palermo by air from 30 days TD in USA.

In the afternoon conferred with Major Long on various matters getting myself into the Sicilian picture again. Conferred with Major Oliver, charge of clothing under the 1st Director of Commissary is the collection of clothing at Naples. He was instructed to arrange for motor transportation, without delay, and proceed to Naples to collect same and to advise this office the amount of POL necessary for the return trip which we would arrange for at Naples.

e. Thursday 8 March. On the first of April the hotel, where our officers live and mess, operated by AG will close,

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e. Thursday 8 March (continued)

likewise the 40 enlisted unit's mess will be discontinued. I contacted Commander Hoffman, 2x. Oftr., Naval Operating Base at Palermo, for housing and quarters accommodations for both officers and EM. He gave me a favorable opinion but would have to consult Capt. Nichols the C.O. for a final decision. The MOB here at Palermo have always cooperated with this small unit and provided us with many necessities to add to our comfort and make it easier to carry out our duties.

A 'US-111' officer here from mainland on leave applied for an extension, claiming he was ill. Advised him that this office had no authority to extend his leave and if he were ill to get a doctors certificate concerning same, presenting it to his unit on return.

Conferred with General Brance, U.S. 88th Brigade, re organization and function of the Montegrenaro Bn., which recently came to Sicily. It is organized into two mobile bns. under command of Lt. Col. Tolman the former Bn. Commander. One Bn. located at Palermo and the other at Catania. Each Bn. is composed of two (2) companies of the former Bn. and one company of CO. 44 attached, commanded by CO. 44 officers. The Palermo Bn. is commanded by Col. Tolman and the Catania Bn. is commanded by an Alpin Major. The Palermo and Catania Legion Hq. CO. 44 control each Bn. respectively for operations. I instructed him, General Brance, to allow the original Bn. to keep its identity and not to be broken up into smaller units, to which he agreed. He advised me that only 19 of the 24 vehicles sent here to mobilized two battalions had been received. I told him I would investigate the matter. He stated there had been no serious trouble in Sicily since January, but the CO. 44 were on the alert to quell riots as they may arise. As of the opinion that the two mobile Bns. are not properly located geographically in Sicily to operate quickly against disturbances, and when we are provided with their station list will take the matter up with General Brance, in recommendation form only.

Lt. Salzer inspected the Distribution Depot at Palermo. (See S&T Report NO. 35)

company of CCNR attached, commanded by Col. Lombardo, Palermo Bn. is commanded by Col. Tolmeche and the Catania Bn. is commanded by an Alpini Major. The Palermo and Catania Legion Hq. CCNR control each Bn. respectively for operations. I instructed him, General Bracco, to allow the original Bn. to keep its identity and not to be broken up into smaller units, to which he agreed. He advised me that only 15 of the 24 vehicles sent here to mobilized two battalions had been received. I told him I would investigate the matter. He stated there had been no serious trouble in Sicily since January, but the CCNR were on the alert to quell riots so they may arise. As of the opinion that the two mobile Bns. are not properly located geographically in Sicily to operate quickly against disturbances, and when we are provided with their station list will take the matter up with General Bracco, in recommendation form only.

Lt. Snider inspected the Distribution Depot at Palermo. (See S&T Report NO.35)

F. Friday 9 March. Conferred with Col. Lombardo, M/T officer, Territorial Hq. re the disappearance of 5 vehicles sent from Naples to mobilize two CCNR Bns. He stated they were loaded with flour at Naples, one vehicle and cargo burned enroute, nineteen turned over to the CCNR and four became immobile in Calabria and he did not know where they were. However, the flour on the four vehicles was transferred to other vehicles and brought to Sicily. He was instructed to immediately locate the four vehicles and turn some over to the CCNR. A further check up is being made at Territorial Hq. regarding the four lost vehicles.

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Afternoon - sick in quarters.

Lt. Snider inspected the 6th I.S. Regt. at Palermo. (See S&T Report No.35)

Saturday 10 March. Lt. Col. Albert sick in quarters. Major Long called on Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq., and discussed the redistribution of Motor

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g. Saturday 16 March. (continued)

Transportation and organization of Motor Transport Companies under the new Tables of Organization. This reorganization is to be carried out immediately and orders are now being prepared. Surplus transportation and Motor Transport personnel will be centered in Palermo upon completion of the reorganization.

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No. 1430

4 March 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAMSON LOG No. 43 FOR WEEK ENDING 3 MARCH 45.

a. Sunday 25 February Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 26 February Talked by phone with Captain Pocklington, O.C. 23rd. Salvage Depot, British, at Catania, in regards to salvage items made available to Italian Military. Motor transport Headquarters is slow in accepting or refusing salvage offered them and Capt. Pocklington desires to dispose of all his salvage as soon as possible. Motor transport HQ. is also accepting some type of salvage that is considered unusable in its present form via. scrap rubber, scrap canvas etc. Capt Pocklington has received reports that some of this type salvage is being offered for sale to civilians by the Military. Capt. Pocklington states that if the Military do not need the salvage for use then he refers to sell it to civilians direct. Therefore I have directed a letter to the Commanding General of Territorial Headquarters requesting that cause an investigation of the matter and also that in the future requests be confined to usable items.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 27 February Dr. Miss Maria Rossi, local representative of the Italian Red Cross, called at the office and discussed a couple of cases where Italian Co-operators are in Sicily on leave and were in need of an extension of their leave because of conditions in their home requiring their further attention. I informed Miss Rossi to have the men secure a Doctor's statement as to any illness and one herself make a statement regarding conditions in the home which may require their attention. These statements to be given to the co-operator for submission to his Commanding Officer upon his return.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Peiti, Deputy Chief of

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Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq. regarding paper for his office. Allied Commission no longer controls paper in fact there is no paper in Sicily to control. I was able to locate 20 kgm. of finished paper for him.

Conferred with Captain Scottari, Italian Engineering headquarters, regarding release of captured enemy equipment and its shipment to the Mainland.

Office Routine.

d. Wednesday 28 February Lt. Collier departed by rail for Catania and inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. (See S & T Report No. 24)

Office Routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 1 March. Visited the Engineer Warehouse and inspected the items made ready for shipment to the mainland for the Replenishment and Training Command. All the items were Italian except five large phonos which were German. There is now no captured enemy material at this depot. My signal 1440/2 dated today refers.

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Lt. Oliver inspected the 40th I.S. Regt. at Catania in the morning, returned to Palermo this afternoon.

I visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and found it neat and orderly even though issued of rations were being made. Sicily Depots now have a large and adequate stock of foodstuffs. In fact, I have requested Major Nelson by phone to discontinue shipment of flour, rice and cheese for a while and he has done this.

I also inspected the B. Antonino bakery. I found it dirty, disorderly, full of smoke and so dark that the bakers could hardly see to work. The officer in charge blamed its condition on the smoke from the furnace, but that could not have caused all the filth and objectionable condition in which I found it. There are two shifts working and I left orders that the bakery would be thoroughly cleaned and policed before each shift goes to work. I reported my findings immediately to the Chief of Staff, and he and General BELLASDE immediately made a personal visit to the bakery and confirmed my findings and report. The General also ordered an immediate cleaning up of the place and threatened to replace all officers connected with the bakery, if it was not kept clean and orderly.

A unit of 100 men of the 140th I.S. Regt. were moved from Syracuse to Palmarolo Airole to assist the mopping up of Call-ups who have not reported.

f. Friday 2 March Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 51st Field Security Section regarding internal security and Italian Army. Also discussed the case of Giuseppe Rizzardi, a former Army Chaplain who is being held in prison for Fascist activities. This man is believed to be a mental case, therefore the Church is offering to take him over and take care of him. Capt. Oliver agrees with the proposal and is taking the matter up with Headquarters, 6 District.

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g. Saturday 3 March Captain Foclington, O.C. 22nd

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A unit of 100 men of the 148th I.S. Regt. were moved from Syracuse to Palazzolo Acrelle to assist the mopping up of Call-ups who have not reported.

f. Friday 2 March Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 61st Field Security Section regarding internal security and Italian Army. Also discussed the case of Giuseppe Rizzardi, former Army Chaplain who is being held in prison for Fascist activities. This man is believed to be a mental case, therefore the Church is offering to take him over and take care of him. Capt. Oliver agrees with the proposal and is taking the matter up with Headquarters, 3 District.

Lt. Col. Pettit called at the office and we discussed various matters of general interest between our two offices.

g. Saturday 3 March Captain Romington, O.C. 2nd Salvage Depot, Catania phoned me that the Air Corps has offered various aircraft scrap for sale to a civilian in Catania. This is the same material that has been asked for and tendered to the Italian Military. I have already asked General Rizzardi to cause an investigation to be made, but I think a personal visit with him tomorrow will be well worth while.

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No. 1454

25 February 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 42 FOR WEEK ENDING 24 FEBRUARY 45.

a. Sunday 19 February. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 19 February Conferred with Lt. Col. Marcellino O.C. Operations Military Hq. reference to Call-up report forms and statistics. Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff. Met and discussed with General Bazzani various matters concerning our offices. The Call-up III phase was the main topic of conversation and the General has some well formulated plans of action which should conduct it to a successful conclusion. We also discussed the use of the Montegrone Battalion. The General desires to clothe and equip these troops now from present stocks, to be replaced later by the CC.BK. This action he stated is in order to have the troops ready to take to the field by the beginning of the Call-up, which I informed him had been postponed to 15 - 21 March. I informed the General that orders for this would have to come from Hq. MIA, but that in the meantime the Lns' demands for clothing and equipment was nominal and that shortages should not prevent them from undertaking any assignment he desired to give them.

Pfc. Dominiani, who speaks Italian, was placed in the Clothing Depot today. Not only can he now have complete control of issues but a closer contact can be kept with the clothing and shoe repair depots.

Lt. Snider and I attended a dinner at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Patti this evening. Colonel Viano-Balleviano Executive Officer to Gen. Berard was also present.

c. Tuesday 20 February Visited the Palermo cigarette factory and made arrangements to withdraw sixty (60) quintals of cigarettes for the Italian Military, for the months of February and March.

Conferred with Col. Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary

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Conferred with Col. Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary concerning issue of food and clothing. The matter of officers in his department was also discussed. The colonel had made a tour of his depots and was not satisfied with the efficiency of a few of his officers. The Colonel and I visited the Military Bakery. We found it neat, clean and orderly. The quality of bread being produced is much better than ever before. A very competent officer is in charge of the bakery and he is running it very efficiently.

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Talked with Lt. Col. Shipley concerning issue of clothing and equipment to Montegranaro Battalion. Also discussed issue of Barrack Stores for a Military Prison opening at Catania.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 21 February Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 22 February Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 1st Field Security Section regarding internal security and Italian Army. Also discussed G-2 matters, with Lt. Commander Murphy of U.S. Naval Operating Base.

Office routine.

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Weekly Ln. Log No. 42 (continued)

1. Friday 23 February Lt. Snider traveled to Caltanissetta by rail and inspected the Food Distribution Depot and 16th I.S. Regiment. (See S & T Report No. 33)

Conferred with Colonel Zambarino, Director of Automobiliation regarding Motor transportation and reports, particularly motor transport and POI for forth coming Call-up operations. Also discussed submission of requests and collection of material from the British 32nd Salvage Depot Catania. Conferred with Lt. Col. Marcellino regarding statistics and report forms on Call-up operations.

Office routine.

2. Saturday 24 February. Office routine.

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PACIFIC REGION HQ.

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No. 1424

16 February 1946

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG HQ. 41 FOR WEEK ENDING 17 FEBRUARY 46.

a. Sunday 11 February. Office routine. One half day off.

b. Monday 12 February. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 12 February. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti concerning leave of troops to visit Corvinia. Also discussed the arming of guards on Military installations. Recently Military Hq. has been requesting authority to arm practically all guards on Italian barracks and offices. In most of these cases an armed guard is not deemed necessary. The G.O. troops Palermo has been disapproving such requests. Military Hq. desires to give ammunition to all guards, therefore I explained the orders of AMIA and AMIA on the subject to the Colonel. These orders have been given to Military Hq., but before Lt. Col. Patti's turn of office, therefore he was not acquainted with them.

Colonel Le Veschio and the officers of the Commissariato gave a dinner at Commissary Hq. at 1800 hours celebrating the last day of Carnevale. Lt. Snider and I attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Conferred by phone with Major Nelson on the subject of local purchase items.

Conferred with Major Nathan, G.O. No. 3 account and Purchasing Commission concerning seizure of Italian Military horses and mules. Major Nathan stated that the Commission has been operating in Sicily since October 1942, during which time they had seized from private individuals some 800 such animals. He further stated that these animals are not kept in the island but are shipped soon after recovery to the mainland. At first he agreed to furnish me a list of all such animals, but later phoned back and stated that he had talked by phone with AFHQ, V and H Section and if AMIA wanted any information it would have to be obtained from AFHQ. This information was signified your headquarters in my No. 1424/1 dated today.

day of Carnival. Lt. Snider and I attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Conferred by phone with Major Watson on the subject of local purchase items.

Conferred with Major Watson, O.C. No. 2, Remount and Purchasing Commission concerning seizure of Italian Military horses and mules. Major Watson stated that the Commission has been operating in Sicily since October 1943, during which time they had seized from private individuals some 300 such animals. He further stated that these animals are not kept in the island but are shipped soon after recovery to the mainland. At first he agreed to furnish me a list of all such animals, but later phoned back and stated that he had talked by phone with AFHQ, V and A section and if AFHQ wanted any information it would have to be obtained from AFHQ. This information was signaled your headquarters in my No. 1318/1 dated today.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 14 February. Lt. Snider departed for Reggio by motor transportation.

Office routine. One half day off.

e. Thursday 15 February. Office routine.

Discussed internal security, rumors, Italian Army with Captain Oliver, OC 51st Field Security Service.

Lt. Snider inspected Food Distribution Depot and Bakery at Reggio. (See S & T Report No. 32) Lt. Snider also inspected Reggio Call-up Camp.

f. Friday 16 February. Inspected two railway cars which arrived in the yards from Taranto today. No signs of pilfering was evident. Inspected Italian Distribution Depot and found it clean orderly. Inspected Clothing depot. A recent shipment from Bari, of meat cans and shelter quarters contained a good amount of salvage. Some meat cans had not handles and lids, others were full of holes. Quite a number of shelter quarters were of German origin

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and do not match the Italian ones, others were badly torn and full of holes. An exact figure was not available as yet on these items.

Lt. Snider inspected 46th I.S. Regt. at Messina. (See S&F Report No. 32) Lt. Snider returned to Palermo.

g. Saturday 17 February. General Berardi arrived in Palermo and assumed command of Territorial Headquarters.

Conferred with Colonel Le Vecchio concerning preparation of 'F' forms. Arrangements were made to place one of my men in the clothing depot to control issues. Issues are being made to units that do not have an approved authorization, to the detriment of units that do have an authorization. We also discussed what disposition is to be made of troop escorts on the daily train. It was explained to the Colonel that the foodstuffs are Italian Military property when it is loaded onto the train. Therefore action against the escorts for shortages in the shipment is primarily an Italian responsibility. Colonel Le Vecchio stated that each case would be thoroughly investigated and proper action instigated against the escort where the shortage was found to be the fault of such escort.

Office routine.

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Major QMC
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AG (MALA)
AG SICILY REGION HQ.
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No. 1365

11 February 1943.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 46 FOR WEEK ENDING 10 FEB. 1943.

a. Sunday 8 February. Conferred with Lt. Col. Snook, Executive Officer, A.C. Sicily Region, concerning return to home of five (5) Medical Officers and nine (9) Hospital Orderlies now P.W. on the Island of Pantelleria. Col. Snook has correspondence indicating that HQ. Land Forces Sub Commission desires this personnel returned to the mainland. 1-1024M

The schooner, Vincenzo Onorato, arrived from Naples with 300 tons of flour aboard docked at 1100 hrs. this morning. Off-loading of the flour began at 1300 hours.

Visited the S. Antonino bakery this afternoon. Heat has been started in the ovens, and everything is in readiness to begin baking bread tomorrow.

One hundred (100) troops of the 139th Regt. moved from Palermo to Agrigento as reinforcements to the Garrison there, in order to help the CC. It is no ping up operations of Military Call-ups who did not report in Agrigento Province as well as stopping up rioters and confiscation of illegal arms and ammunition. A similar procedure has been ordered by General Mariotti for Girgenti Province.

Office routine.

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Brigadier Carr gave a dinner for General Mariotti at the Hotel Excelsior this evening at 2000 hours. Present were General Ponso, Mr. Adaisio the High Commissioner, and officers of A.C. Sicilian Region Hq. Lt. Snider and myself attended. After dinner, the guests played bridge and poker.

c. Tuesday 6 February. Office routine.

d. Wednesday 7 February. Col. Goodwin, Commanding Officer, 204 Sub Area and Capt. Mooney, called at the office and discussed various matters concerning the Italian military.

Office routine - half day off.

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Sicily Sector Weekly Liaison Log No. 40 (Continued)

e. Thursday 8 February. Visited the Palermo Clothing depot, selvege depot, shoe repair shop and clothing repair shop. Additional women have been put to work in clothing repair also. Additional men have been employed in shoe repair to step up production.

Made a tour of the motor repair shops used by Military Hq. All these shops are civilian operation and in none of them did I find Military supervision, the number of civilian supervisors however far out numbered the actual mechanics. A number of Military vehicles were in the shop for repair, but in only two was work in progress on such vehicles. I have directed a letter to the Automobilistica asking several recommendations, i.e., pooling all permanently off the road vehicles in one place, reducing the number of shops doing work to one or two instead of twelve as there are now, closer Military supervision of all shops so as to speed repair of Military vehicles.

f. Friday 9 February Col. Goodwin called me from Catania and stated that the 1st Regimental prisoners of war in Teormina, about 60 in number, were causing trouble in the town. It is reported that they are calling hotel furnishings, coats, glasses, etc. Also they have threatened to crash all usages, cinemas and social functions given by the British troops. The Colonel requested that I contact Military Authorities here, explain the situation to them and ask in his behalf that they take corrective measures. I then conferred with Lt. Col. Petti, Deputy C/S and Lt. Col. Tomicille, Chief Medical Officer, and was informed that Lt. Col. Barone, Director of Sanitation would investigate Messina and Treponti for possibilities of moving the repatriates to these two places. In the meantime, Col. Petti stated, he would ask Gen. Mariotti's permission to move the men to Palermo to avoid any further trouble. The Italian Military have requisitioned six (6) hotels in Teormina as convalescent homes for repatriated P.Ws.

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Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (See O & T Report No. 31)

G. Saturday 10 February. Lt. Snider inspected the 26th Engineer Bn. at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 31)

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1. BRITISH LIAISON HQ NO. 39 FOR AREA BRITAIN 3 FEB. 45.

a. Sunday 29 January Office routine. The 1st Bn., 46th I.S. Regt. moved from Messina to Regusa replacing the 1st Bn., 189th Regt. which is returning to Palermo. Half day off.

b. Monday 29 January Traveled by rail to Caltanissetta. Inspected the food distribution depot and records. After four days the foodstuffs are still being moved from the old depot. The depot was cluttered up and very untidy and sufficient ammunition was not available. Several weeks ago Territorial HQ. had ordered the engineers to make quinnage for this depot. I therefore gave orders that a truck would be dispatched to Palermo to secure same. As to it records appeared to be in order and I found the 'Marsden' to be a very efficient and cooperative Non-Commissioned Officer. I told the Officer in charge that I would return to the depot before train time and I expected the depot to be clean and tidy. After lunch I visited the 16th F.A. Battalion. Lt. Col. Ching, in command of this unit and I found him to be very affable and cooperative. The Colonel conducted me on a detailed inspection tour of his Garrison and I found it to be one of the best organized and efficiently run units that I have as yet visited. In the afternoon I found approximately forty pairs of boots in need of repair. I requested that these be turned in. Upon my return to Palermo I called this matter to the attention of the Director of Commissary and suggested he contact all his units with a view of calling in all boots and clothing in need of repair now in the possession of the units. The unit has an efficient motor repair section which is capable of doing minor fourth echelon maintenance. Upon my return to the food depot I found it clean, neat and orderly. Returned to Palermo.

c. Tuesday 30 January One hundred men of the 1st Bn., 46th I.S. Regt. returned from Messina.

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d. Tuesday 20 January One hundred men of the 1st Bn., 8th A.C. Regt. returned from Ragusa to their base at Agrigento. Conferred with Captain Hayward, A.C. regarding coal and secured an allotment for operation of the B. Antonio Bakery. General Mariotti has ordered the Director of Commissary to get the Bakery into operation on Monday, February 6, 1944. Talked by phone at 7:30 pm with Lt. Col. Howell and was in Reggio. Office routine.

e. Wednesday 21 January Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary called at the office and we discussed clothing inventory, clothing authorizations, coal for the bakery, crates for canteen in the bakery and various other matters.

Commander Murphy, Intelligence Officer at Palermo N.O.B., called at the office and we discussed various matters of general interest. Office routine.

f. Thursday 1 February Made a tour of inspection of the Clothing Dep. of and shoes and clothing repair shops.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Pasquonorio, Adjutant of the Corps Hq. of the CCRA and the Adjutant Palermo Legion CCRA, regarding status of motor vehicles and motor vehicle repair facilities in Sicily.

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2. Thursday 1 February. (continued)

Conferred with Captain Calverese of A.C., regarding motor vehicles belonging to the Italian Military now in the hands of I.A.F. Nothing definite was decided upon at this meeting but the Captain is to get his papers in order for another get together.

Lt. Collier inspected 2nd I.A. Regt. at Treponti.
(See GAF Report No. 38)

3. Friday 2 February. Conferred with Lt. Col. Pettit, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding clothing and equipment, operation of the 6. Antenna Battery and various matters.

At 1400 hours I inspected the 2nd. Bn. of the 5th I.A. Regt. which recently arrived from Calabria. Lt. Col. Bertine is the commanding officer. The unit has drawn very little clothing while on the mainland and for the most part I found them badly in need of clothing and boots. The officers too, were poorly dressed.

Office routine.

4. Saturday 3 February. Lt. Col. Appicciatelli, Asst. Director of Commissary called at the office. We discussed the procurement of olive oil and increasing the ration to 1 ounce. The main topic of discussion was the loss of foodstuffs from point of loading to unloading. Heretofore the Military authorities have accepted the shortage as a matter of course with a shrug of the shoulders, and returned the escort to the mainland without taking action. It has been decided upon that in the future when material shortages are found, the escort will be detained until a full and complete investigation is made. In this manner, it is hoped to put a stop to what has become a serious situation.

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20 January 1943.

1. REALLY LIABOOK 100 No. 20 FOR WEEK ENDING 27 JAN. 43.

a. Sunday 21 January. Returned to Palermo from Reggio, Calabria by Motor Vehicle.

b. Monday 22 January. Conferred with Captain Oliver, Officer in Charge of the 51st. P.S.G. His agents do not report any further disturbances. On Sunday 21 January, one of Captain Oliver's Sergeants, while traveling between Caltanissetta and Palermo in the company of an Italian special agent and an Italian chauffeur, were held up and robbed by an armed mob of about 30 men. The Sergeant was dressed in British battle dress and was riding in a British Jeep. The hold-up took place at about 1400 hrs., but the victims were not released until after dark or a bit later. The bandits robbed the sergeant and his two passengers of all their money and valuables. During the four hour detention of the Sergeant, two civilian vehicles came along and both of these were stopped and the occupants robbed.

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c. Tuesday 23 January. Lt. Colonel Talmone, Commanding Officer of the Monte Granero "Alpine" Battalion, called at the office and conferred with me in reference to Clothing and Equipment for his troops. The Alpine troops have not been used so far in conjunction with the Carabiniere, instead they are being used on various guard details. Lt. Col. Talmone informs me that his men are old veterans for the most part and have to be somewhat consoled. He states that they do not like the Carabiniere and do not like to work or associate with them. They do like the guard details and work which they are now doing. He dislikes the idea of joining the Carabiniere for this reason and also he would lose control he now has of the Battalion for it would be broken up into smaller groups and dispersed over the entire island. He stated further that the Battalion at the present has a high esprit de Corps and are perfectly satisfied, but that if it is broken up, a lot of the men, due to their age and service, could end

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I called on General Mariotti and discussed various matters pertaining to the Italian Military. The General informed me that some arrests have been made of Call-up shirkers, but he did not have any figures available. He stated that the same procedure of Military Tribunals was being followed as before. He further discussed the Monte Granero "Alpine" Battalion. The General stated that he was in accord with Lt. Col. Talmone regarding use of the Battalion. He stated that he was in favor of using the two battalions of Infantry, recently returned from Calabria, in conjunction with the Carabinieri, instead of the Alpini. He feels that the efficiency of the Alpini would be greatly impaired if they were put with the C.C.N.R. and he stated he was making these recommendations to the War Ministry.

Lt. Colonel Parnenicero, Executive Officer of the Finance Guards, called at the office in reference to obtaining a supply of coal. I directed the Colonel to the proper office of A.C., to obtain his coal.

Lieut. Snider traveled by rail to Catania and inspected the bulk Food Depot in the afternoon (See S & T report No. 29).

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MMIA L.O. SALLY LIAISON LOG No. 38 (continued)

d. Wednesday 24 January. Lieut Col. Howard arrived in Palermo.

The second battalion, 16th. Regiment, Salento Division, arrived in Messina from Crotone, Calabria.

Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, to General Mariotti, called at the office. We discussed various matters, then proceeded to the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. The depot was clean and stock piles were well stacked and neat. The Lieut. in charge of the Depot has been ordered by the War Ministry, to join a combat unit on the main-land. He had been in the office earlier in the day soliciting my help in getting the orders revoked. I refused to help him as I feel it is none of my business. He can be replaced very easily and he can do more good for the War effort in a combat group than back here running a food depot.

Arrangements were made between Lt. Col. Patti and myself, to use a small section of the depot building for the storage of staff vehicles of Military Headquarters. This arrangement will in no way interfere with the Depot itself.

There have from time to time, been young Italians come to the office claiming American Citizenship and enquiring as to the possibility of their enlisting in the American Army. I conferred with the American Counsel, Mr. Nester, in reference to these so-called Americans. I am of the opinion that these people are only trying to avoid the Call-up, because none of them can speak English, they having left the States when quite young. Mr. Nester states that such people have a dual citizenship and are subject to service in the Italian Armed Forces. The same instances give all the more reason why the arrests of shirkers should be general. The present Martial plans are to arrest only the ring-leaders of the disturbances, which is only a small percentage of the draft dodgers.

Lt. Snider inspected the Daily Issue Depot and Civilian Bakery in Catania in the morning and returned to Palermo by train in the afternoon. (See S & T report No. 29)

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I inspected the Forage Warehouse this afternoon. Lt. Snider conferred with the Director of the Commissary in regards to the condition of records and food supplied in the Catania D.D.

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f. Friday 26 January. The Director of the Automobilities, had written me that a Mr. Basile of Palermo was holding illegally, 200 tons of Motor Transport parts and that the Military Command had frozen them. I visited the establishment of Mr. Basile and was unable to find any M/T parts that could be considered usable even by the greatest amount of imagination. Everything I viewed was mostly junk, consisting of gasoline drums full of bullet and shrapnel holes, former airplane motors, destroyed cannon barrels, motor cycle frames, etc. Mr. Basile operates a foundry where he makes horse shoes, anchors and the like. The junk I saw would have to be melted to be of any benefit and that is what is being done with it. Furthermore Mr. Basile has numerous receipts to show that the junk he has was purchased from I.B.S., early in 1944.

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Received a telephone call from Captain Armstrong, Hdqrs. 204 th. Sub-Area, complaining that the Military had confiscated a truck from a Civilian and that the truck was needed by that Headquarters to dispose of garbage and trash. The civilian who had the truck has a contract with 204 Sub-Area, to haul these items away. Captain Armstrong stated that he had no other truck suitable for the purpose and asked me to obtain release of the truck for one week and that during that time he would make other arrangements and would release the truck to the Italian Military. I secured from Military Headquarters the release of the truck for 10 days to Hdqrs 204 Sub-Area, on the promise that it would definitely be returned at the end of that period. This is one of the trucks formerly held by the Marchese San Juliano and mentioned in my 861, Subject, Salvage Vehicles dated 10 January 1945. The truck had been left in the hands of a Mr. E. Felicie, a partner of San Juliano, since last October, because of the work he was doing with it for 204 Sub-Area, on the promise that he would get another truck to do the work, this he never has done so the truck was picked up.

Lieut. Snider inspected the 139th. I.S. Regiment at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 29)

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LIAISON OFFICE

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. HQ (MILIA)
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No. 1292

21 January 1943

1. WEEKLY LIAISON 100 NO. 37 FOR WEEK ENDING 20 JANUARY 1943.

a. Sunday 14 January. Talked by telephone with Major Smith regarding shipment flour by schooner. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 15 January. Conferred with Lt. Col. Appli-colutoli, Asst. Director of Commissary regarding flour estate. Again issued orders to issue flour for next period, at reduced scale of 6 ounces and increase Pasta scale to 7 1/2 ounces. It was agreed that flour must be provided for Call-up travel ration due to the shortage of biscuits.

Colonel Zambardino called at office and discussed vehicle census. Colonel Zambardino is of the opinion that a number of Italian Motor vehicles are operating on the island bearing Allied Commission signs without authority. A.C. Region #1 has been asked permission, by P.T.M., to halt all vehicles bearing such signs to ascertain if the Card is bona fide.

Talked by phone with Lt. Col. Howard this evening. He informed me that General Rocco had recommended to him, that the Call-up for classes 1914-15-16- and 17 be put off. In order to feel out General Mariotti of the subject I told Lt. Col. Howard that I would see him in the morning.

c. Tuesday 16 January. Conferred with General Mariotti regarding Call-up. The General informed me that he had ordered postponement of the Call-up for the classes of 1914-15-16 and 17 and that, in fact, he had not sent out the cards ordering them to report. He stated, he had orders from the Prime Minister through the High Commissioner to do this. I informed the General that Mr. MIA directs that the call-up continue. He stated he would continue the call-up on orders of the Ministry of War, but that he was not in favor of going so until tanks and reinforcements arrive, due to the many serious disturbances. He stated further that there are in the classes...

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Tried to see the High Commissioner for a copy of Prime Minister's orders on the call up, but he was not in.

The Italian Bakery at San Antonio was burned by the Italian Military today. This bakery should be ready to begin baking bread in about another week.

Captain Oliver, Blet P.O.S. informed me that ten high Resolute were arrested in Caltoniasetta today.

Conferred with Mr. Galtbell and Mr. Catolli, Mr. of C.I.P. The grease and oil allotted for the Assets Division in December was not delivered. C.I.P. had informed Territorial Headquarters that the allotment was forfeited. It resulted that the primary fuel oil line with the railroad, as the oil was shipped out not delivered. Mr. Catolli agreed to issue the oil when the car reached its destination.

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Talked with Lt. Col. Ross by phone regarding my conversation with General Mariotti.

Conferred again with General Mariotti, at his home, regarding the Call-up. The General again stated he had authority of the Prime Minister to discontinue the Call-up, but would begin it again, if so ordered by the War Ministry. I telephoned this information to Colonel Kerr.

d. Wednesday 17 January. Conferred with Mr. Aldisio, High Commissioner of Sicily and secured copies of signals sent by him to the Prime Minister concerning Call-up. Also secured copies of signals received from the Prime Minister ordering the Call-up stopped. I asked the Commissioner how he felt about a resting all call-up orders. He stated he was not in favor of that, but was in favor of arresting only the ring leaders of the disturbances and then only in districts not getting results, mainly because.

Talked with Major Atkinson by phone re Call-up.

Talked with Lt. Col. Ingledew by phone re Call-up.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Peck, Deputy C/o Territorial Hq. re clothing and equipment issues in emergency to troops sent into the field during disturbances.

Mr. Salatoll of C.I.R. called at office and informed me that he had issued the orders and all in the Asolo Division for December.

e. Thursday 18 January. Office routine. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo Distribution Depot (See ref report No. 28) Half day off for office staff.

f. Friday 19 January. The 2nd Bn., 5th Regt., Asolo Division arrived in Palermo from Catanzaro. Lt. Snider inspected Montegranaro Alghisi Bn. today (See A & T report #23). I traveled by 'Peep' to Reggio for purpose of inspecting Call-up Comm. and Asolo Distribution Depot.

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Hq. re clothing and equipment issued in emergency to troops
sent into the field during disturbances.

Mr. Galtall of C.I.P. called at office and informed me that he had passed the address and bill to the Assets Division for December.

a. Thursday 18 January. Office routine. Lt. Snider inspected Parents Distribution Depot (See Sat Report No. 28) half day off for office staff.

f. Friday 18 January. The 2nd Bn., 3th Regt., 2nd
Division arrived in Palermo from Casertano. Lt. Snider in-
spected Montegraro Alpine Bn. today (see S & T report #22).
I traveled by 'Peep' to Reggio for purpose of inspecting Cell-up
Camp and Food Distribution Dept.

5. Saturday 20 January. Conferred with Colonel Filsova, Commanding Officer, Camp 5089 (Call-up concentration center). The camp grounds were remarkably clean although a great deal of improvement can be made in the cleanliness of the latrines or buildings. The men sleep on the floor between two blankets. Although latrines are provided the men do not always use them. There were 1,402 men in the camp and they all appeared to be decent farmers or of the poorer class of Russian. This camp makes no concealment of the well dressed and so call students are and how they manage to avoid the Call-up. The average stay in the camp is 4 to five days. An adequate stock of blankets and food stuffs are on hand at the camp. One thousand three hundred men are estimated to be equipped for the winter. Upon departure each man is issued a travel ration and the balance of the rations are issued to an officer in charge of the troops; these then are issued out each day and any balance is turned in at destination.

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Visited Reggio Distribution Depot. This depot was not clean and stock records cards were not up to date. I gave specific orders to Lt. Verduci the officer in charge, that these deficiencies would be corrected immediately. Called on the Director of Commissary to register my complaint on the depot management and to discuss other matters of supply and accounting but he nor any of his officers were in. Visited the Civilian Military Bakery and pasta factory.

Conferred with Lt. Grassi, Italian Movements. The 2nd Bn., 5th Regt. Aosta Div. departed for Sicily 19 January and the 2nd Bn., 45th Regt. Sabaudo Division will be shipped 23rd January.

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No. 1263

14 January 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIASON LOG No. 36 FOR AREA ENDING 12 JAN. 45.

a. Sunday 7 January. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on Call-up and particularly on reported disturbances in Comiso. Disorders also reported in Vittoria, Ragusa and vicinity of Gela. Trouble in Vittoria began when COCK arrested 20 persons in the streets after Curlew and nine for ignoring Call-up. One hundred troops sent from Galtanissetta to Ragusa were dispersed by crowd on road near Vittoria. Capt. Higginson of Palermo Territorial Headquarters, brought a message to me from General Mariotti at 10:45 P.M., requesting assistance in getting one hundred troops of the 6th Regt., four field pieces and four lorries moved by rail to Vittoria. The rail transportation office was contacted and the necessary rail transportation was arranged for departure from Palermo at 6:00 A.M. the 8th January.

b. Monday 8 January. General Mariotti is taking a firm stand toward quelling of disturbances and he informed me that he had ordered General Ronco from Syracuse to Ragusa to take charge of the situation in that area. Conferred with Captain Oliver, C.C. Field Security Section, Palermo. All reported disturbances are in Ragusa Province. This Province only produced three men for the Military during the entire first phase of the Call-up. Pursuant to orders issued by General Mariotti the following troops were moved today for security reasons:

One hundred troops of the 6th Regt. from Palermo to Vittoria, two hundred 32nd Regt. troops from Agrigento to Vittoria, thirty troops 16th Regt. from Galtanissetta to Vittoria and 236 troops of the 145th Regt. from Syracuse to Ragusa.

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Captain Diegle, O.C. British POL installations Palermo called at the office and informed me that both the Petrol and Diesel pipe lines had been tapped near Malsapina. The tapping was accomplished by tunneling from the basement of a house situated near the lines. The guard post at that point is less than 50 yards distant. Territorial Headquarters has been requested to investigate the guard as it is not likely that the guards were not aware of what was going on so close to their post. Routine office work.

d. Wednesday 10 January. Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. Field Security Section, Palermo regarding disturbances on the island. All reports on disturbances continue to come from Ragusa province. Most are armed with small arms and machine guns. Lt Snider inspected the Call-up transient Camp at Reggio today. (See bar report No. 27) Office routine.

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e. Thursday 11 January Allied Commission Region #1 consented to release COHH employed by them on guard duty, to General Mariotti, to be used during Call-up. The COHH are to be replaced temporarily by Italian soldiers. Brigadier Carr is co-operating to the fullest extent with General Mariotti and myself in respect to the Call-up. I contacted him or some member of his staff every day. Visited the Palermo Military Hospital today and conferred with Lt. Col. Giezzero the officer in charge. Whenever a drafted recruits and there is any question as to his physical qualifications he is sent to the hospital under observation. Although there is a Medical Officer at each district reception camp, he cannot according to Army regulations, reject a man; only the hospital can do that. Heretofore no reports have been received from the hospitals at Palermo and Messina as to the disposition made by them of such cases. Arrangements were then made to have a daily report sent to Territoria Hq. at Palermo. While at the hospital, I made a tour of the wards, kitchen, store rooms and grounds. I found everything very clean, neat and orderly. The only discouraging situation found was the cooking facilities. The hospital has a large and modern kitchen, equipped with steam cookers, but these cannot be used because of the lack of coal therefore cooking is done on open ranges. The coal allowance is for short of most urgent needs. I asked Lt. Col. Giezzero to give Territorial Hq. a list showing the minimum quantity of coal needed for cooking, laundry and operation of sterilizing equipment. I may be able to get A.C. to increase the allowance. At the time the hospital has 450 patients under the care of nineteen medical officers and twenty two nurses and nurses.

Lt. Snider traveled from Reggio to Catania by motor vehicle.

f. Friday 12 January Lt. Snider inspected Detail Issue Depot at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No 27) and returned to Palermo.

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Lt. Snider traveled from Reggio to Catania by motor vehicle.

f. Friday 12 January Lt. Snider inspected Detail Issue Depot at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No 27) and returned to Palermo.

Conferred with Lt Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Call-up and other matters. Routine office work.

g. Saturday 13 January Conferred with Lt Col. Appicciutoli Director of Commissary regarding flour situation on the Island. The colonel is in full accord on the substitution of Pasta in lieu of flour for the troops, but the furnishing of bread for travel rations for Call-ups still remains a necessity. However stock on hand and shipments due within a few days should see us through the next issue period. Fourteen of the twenty trucks despatched from Naples n loaded with flour have not arrived.

Conferred with Col Zambardino Director of Automobiles. I suggested that he investigate the cause of fourteen trucks loaded with flour and reported broken down between Naples and the Island with a view toward repairing the trucks or transferring the load. The colonel said he would do so. We also discussed the P.O.L. situation and Vehicle Census.

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Due to the disturbances a greater demand for POL is made. However it is felt that the only actual shortage will be on Diesel fuel and lubricating oils. Vehicle Census forms have reached this office incorrect from several Units, and Colonel Zambardino agreed to detail one officer of his staff to straighten out the discrepancies. Office Routine.

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Remarks

Lt. Col. Shipley

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Maj. Pinkley

Maj. Byrnes

Lt. Col. Ross

Capt. Bird

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Wade. - Medical matter settled as far as MIA
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No. 1227

7 January 1945

1. KARALL LIASON LOG No. 25 FOR WITH ENDING 8 JAN. 45.

- a. Sunday 31 December. Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 1 January. Office routine. The Montegrano Alpini Bn. was taken under jurisdiction of Palermo Territorial Bq. from the CC.HR. I have had no correspondence on this move, but General Mariotti has asked the War Ministry to approve his action. The 705 Coy., Montegrano Alpini Bn. was moved from Messina to Catania. Headquarters of the Battalion is in Palermo and all companies are here except the one moved to Messina.

c. Tuesday 2 January. Received information that the Navy is moving out of the San Tantonino bakery, located in Palermo. I visited the bakery and confirmed that they are moving. Conferred with Lt. Lezeer of N.O.B. regarding to de-requisitioning the bakery so that the Italian Military can take it over. This bakery has two large and one small gas heated ovens and one large dough mixer. The building is large and clean and will be a great improvement over the present bakery, where the building is small, poorly lighted and bread is baked in brush heated ovens.

Lt. Snider inspected the clothing and equipment of a company of the Montegrano Alpini Bn. which arrived in Palermo from Messina.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, P.T.Hq. in regards to flour situation, also rations for call-ups. I issued an order that the flour issue for the next period would be reduced to six ounces and the macaroni issue increased to seven and one half ounces. Expected flour shipment from Taranto has not arrived so in order to alleviate the situation I contacted N.O.B. and arranged to borrow approximately forty tons. Talked with Lt. Col. Percival by phone and explained the flour situation and requested that at least

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Lt. Snider inspected the clothing and equipment of a company of the Montegranero Alpini Bn. which arrived in Palermo from Messina.

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Conferred with General Mariotti and he has ordered arrests of Call-up shirkers to begin again. The General is now taking decisive action and it is getting results. More call-ups are coming in now, in one day, in some districts than all other previous days combined. The district of Ragusa still wins the booty prize with a grand total of three call-ups accepted. Ragusa may cause trouble and General Mariotti has moved the 1st Bn., 139 I.S. Regt. from Palermo to Ragusa. The 500 Spec. Guard Coy (Strength 153) arrived from Jesi to Palermo.

a. Wednesday 2 January. Travelled by train to Catania. Conferred with Captain Mooney, G-3, 204 Sub Area regarding matters of interest between our two offices and arranged to see

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d. Colonel Goodwin later in the afternoon. Met and discussed P.O.L. with Captain Geary, O.C., POL, 204 Sub Area. Conferred with Lt.Col. Howard regards to Call-up. Conferred with Lt.Col. Walker, Allied Commission, regards to December disturbances in Catania, also discussed sale of and title to Italian junk vehicles seized from Marquis A. San Juliana. Visited the British Sand. Salvage Depot and conferred with Captain Jeffercutt in regards to salvage made available by AFHQ for sale to the Italian Military. I secured a list of all such material, but feel that very little if any of it is of value except as absolute junk. However, I am submitting it to Military Headquarters for whatever it may be worth to them. Also secured from Captain Jeffercutt a list of salvage he has sold to Military Headquarters. I have already asked Headquarters for such a list, together with information as to what use or disposition they made of it. Captain Jeffercutt is of the opinion that the transportation smells, that is, as to what happened to the salvage after it left his depot and I intend to trace it down.

At 3:30 I returned to 204 Sub Area Headquarters and conferred with Colonel Goodwin. Colonel Goodwin had that afternoon visited the Remount Depot. He said there are many fine jacks there, but he would like to see the whole outfit moved off the island because of the great quantity of forage they consume. He was very critical of the manner in which the Civil authorities handled the January riots. He said there was no organization and authority over the troops therefore the troops did nothing. I later viewed two public buildings that had been attacked and the damage was quite extensive. I was informed by Colonel Goodwin that the damage to the buildings was nothing compared to the destruction of public records, automobiles and other property. Colonel Goodwin has been very generous toward the Italian Military in and around Catania especially in respect to the loan of motor vehicles and furnishing them with POL. The Italian Military has established a rest camp in a hotel at Taormina for convalescent repatriates. Colonel Goodwin informed me that the Italians had requisitioned five hotels there and as the British are using the town as a rest camp for the Navy, Air Force and Army he felt that Italian Military and British Military should not be mixed in such a small town. He asked my assistance in getting Headquarters to de-requisition one or two of the hotels as he needed them for his own troops. He stated he had sent a letter to General Mariotti on the matter. The Colonel contends that in the past he had not received the co-operation he should have.

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a. Thursday 4 January. Inspection both the Bulk and Distribution depots. Stock cards were posted correctly and spot checking found them correct. Much more damage is needed

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e..... in the bulk food depot and I have taken this matter up with military Headquarters. The only complaint the O.C. has was about the shortage of flour and the poor quality of olive oil. I explained to him the plan for substituting pasta and he had already received that order. It seems that the olive oil is just too new.

I called on General Antonio Ceseretti, Catania Garrison Commander and his Chief of Staff Luigi Guzzanti and discussed some of their problems. I then called on Colonel Milozzi, O.C. Military District, conversed with him.

I visited the 2nd Battalion of the 45th I.S. Regt., talked with Lt. Col. Pistoli and made a tour of his Battalion area. The noon meal was being served and consisted of rice and beans. Food was being placed in marine cans for transportation to troops out on guard duties. The food was hot and troops said it was good. The clothing and equipment of the troops was spot checked. The command has indicated for clothing and boot replacements and I find that they need all they can get. Although the Battalion as a whole was not too badly dressed a large percentage of boots and clothing are needed for replacement. Also observed a review of a company of the Montenegro Alpini Battalion. These soldiers make a good appearance and seem to have a very high esprit de corps. Returned to Palermo by train.

7. Friday 5 January. Lt. Snider inspected the Palermo Distribution Depot and the 8th I.S. Regiment at Palermo (see SAT Report No. 26). Routine office work.

8. Saturday 6 January. Major Manuel, A.C. Security Officer, phoned me regarding disturbances in Cosmo, Ragusa province. In contemplation of uprisings one hundred troops were transferred from Messina to Siracusa, one hundred troops transferred from Caltagirone to Ragusa, fifty troops from Catania to Siracusa and one hundred CC. SA were transferred from Palermo to Ragusa. Conferred with Brig. Carr in regards to reported disturbances over the island and matters of general interest between his office and mine. Routine office work.

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No 1201

31 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 24 FOR WEEK ENDING 30 DEC 1944.

- a. Sunday 24 December. Office routine. Half day off for office staff.
- b. Monday 25 December. Office routine. Office staff took the whole day off.

c. Tuesday 26 December. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on matters of general interest between his headquarters and this office. Talked to Lt Col Rose, by phone, regarding shipping tickets. Also talked with Major Papinian regarding P.O.L. for call-up and Vehicle Census. Visited Military Headquarters Sicily and conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff on various matters. Conferred with Commissariato regarding distribution of food, blankets and mess equipment for Call-up and Volunteers in January.

d. Wednesday 27 December. Conferred with Lt Commander Murphy of M.O.B. regarding G-2 matters. Conferred with Automobilistica Headquarters, Sicily, concerning Vehicle Census. Lt Snider departed today for Messina by rail and inspected Catania Bulk Depot. (See S & T report No. 25) Lt Col Howard arrived from Reggio by motor. Office routine.

e. Thursday 28 December. Lt Col Howard and I conferred with General Mariotti and members of his staff regarding call-up in December and plans for conducting call-up in January. I conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff on various matters concerning M.H.S. and M.A. Lt Col Howard and I had dinner with General Mariotti and his Staff. The Marquis San Juliano conferred with me regarding Italian Motor Vehicles which he had bought and repaired. These vehicles have been taken from him by the Italian Military. Lt Snider inspected 1st Bn 45 I.S. Regt (See S & T report No. 25) and returned to Palermo. Office Routine.

f. Friday 29 December. Conferred again with Commander Murphy regarding G-2 matters. Conferred with Captain Diagle concerning P.O.L. Visited Italian Military Motor Park. Lt Snider inspected clothing and equipment of the Montegrano Bn of Alpine troops which is assigned to the CC.RR. One company of this battalion is in Messina and Lt Snider is to go there tomorrow for purpose of inspection.

g. Saturday 30 December. Lt Col Howard departed this morning for Reggio. Conferred with Capt Ragginoni, Military Headquarters of Sicily regarding call-up reports and military matters.

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g. Saturday 30 December. Lt. Col. Howard departed this morning for Reggio. Conferred with Capt. Raggiacani, Military Headquarters of Sicily regarding call-up reports and Military Tribunals which are conducting trials of call-up who failed to report. Districts are still reporting recruits. In some districts reports are better now than while the call-up was actually in progress. General Mariotti believes this to be due to the fact that they are waiting for Christmas to pass. This may be partly true, but on December 23, thirteen were arrested in Palermo, eight in Caltanissetta, six in Messina, thirty three in Enna and thirteen in Catania and immediately recruiting improved. No disturbances anywhere have been reported by Intelligence. Of the seventy three arrested, fifty two were convicted and received sentences. Talked by phone with Major Stainton regarding call-up. Lt. Snider went to Messina today and inspected the clothing and equipment of one company of the Montegranaro Battalion. He also received the state for the whole of Calabria and phoned this information to Palermo. Returned to Palermo by rail. Office routine.

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No 1187

24 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 33 FOR WFLA ENDING 23 DEC 1944.

a. Sunday 17 December. Conferred with Gen Mariotti regards running of special trains. It had been reported to me by Major Taylor, C.O. Rail Transportation, that at least one special train for call-ups was run to Messina on the 16th December without a pay load. It had been agreed on 12 December (see my Weekly Liaison Log No 32), that due to the shortage of coal, discretion would be used in running of the special trains. It was then agreed between the General and myself that in the event the number of call-ups was too small to warrant shipment by special train they would either be held over one day, sent on the regular train or sent by vehicular transportation. Office routine. Talked to Col Kerr by telephone. One half day off.

b. Monday 18 December. Conferred with Captain D.C. Orbeck, Press Censor for A.F.H.Q. concerning political situation in Sicily. Capt Orbeck stated that, frequently attempts had been made to attack the Italian Army in the newspapers, but that he had suppressed all such attacks. He enquired as to whether I was in favor of such attacks being printed and I told him I certainly was not. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 19 December. Lieutenant Snider departed today for Reggio Calabria by rail. I inspected the bulk clothing depot, salvage depot, laundry and shoe repair shops at Palermo. I was very much impressed by each of these places. The clothing depot was clean and orderly, all items were stocked well and stock record cards were neat and up to date. The new addition to the laundry was in use and working conditions were much improved from what they must have been in the old section. In the clothing repair section about ninety women are employed operating their own foot power sewing machines and are certainly turning out very good work. A separate room is provided for stocking all completed work and once each fifteen days it is inspected before being transferred to the issue depot. Besides the repair of uniforms, these uniforms which cannot be repaired are cut up into garrison caps. Handkerchiefs and foot cloths are also made here. In the shoe repair shop the work is extremely

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Office routine.

d. Wednesday 20 December. Lt Snider inspected the Distribution Depot, Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factory at Reggio-Calabria. (See S & T report No 24). I conferred with C.I.F. concerning P.O.L. for call-up. Discussed vehicle census with Deputy Chief of Staff Military Hq of Sicily. Office routine.

e. Thursday 21 December. Attended "Bambini" party, held by the Commandant N.O.B. Lieutenant Snider inspected 46 I.S. Regt at Messina (See S & T Report No 24) Enroute to Palermo by rail. Routine office work.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 32 (Continued)

F. Friday 22 December. Conferred with Captain Oliver, Field Security Officer regards to disturbances throughout the island during the call-up. Further discussed the Separatist movement and other matters which I can use in my Intelligence report. Conferred with Capt Waldrapper O.C. troops Palermo, concerning arming of guards. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on the same subject. Talked by phone with Lt Col Ingledew regards to replacements for CC.RR. Lt Snider conferred with Director of Commissary regards to movement of D.D. at Caltanissetta and food supplies.

G. Saturday 23 December. Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily regarding call-ups. Also went over the plans for conducting the roll call of Volunteers. I was informed that call-ups who failed to report would begin to be brought in on 27 December. We further discussed call-up for January and laid plans to avoid errors and mistakes experienced during December call-up. Office routine.

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17 December 1944

No 1163

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 32 FOR WEEK ENDING 16 DEC 1944.

a. Sunday 10 December. Arrived at Palermo on the Cruiser Abruzzi at 8:00 A.M. Lieutenant Salder met me at the hotel and took me to the office where I became acquainted with office staff. Familiarized myself with Lt Col Albert's filing system and matters that were being held pending my arrival. Got myself settled in Hotel Excelsior.

b. Monday 11 December. Made courtesy call on General Mariotti, G.O.C. Military Hqs Sicily, Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff; Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff and the Director of Commissary, Colonel Lo Vecchio. Discussed call-up and matters of general interest with each of these officers.

Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hqs of Sicily at great length regarding Call-up-i.e., Method of conducting call-up, action to be taken in event men do not report, vehicle and rail transportation, messing arrangements and bedding.

Conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hqs of Sicily re messing of call-ups. Also ration scale for Xmas issue. Routine office work.

c. Tuesday 12 December. Conferred with Major Taylor, G.O. Rail Transportation Sicily; Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily; Civilian Rail Transport representative and representative C.I.P., concerning road vehicle and rail transportation of call-ups.

Made courtesy call on Commandant of H.Q.B., his Executive Officer and Intelligence Officer.

Routine Office work.

d. Wednesday 13 December. Routine office work. Received a visit from Capt Carlato, Italian Air Force. Discussed their ration ceiling. Capt Carlato stated that as ceiling is based on feeding strength of previous period, it does not allow for feeding of increases in strength during next 15 day period.

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e. Thursday 14 December. Office routine. Colonel Lo Vecchio Director of Commissary called at office and discussed Christmas ration issue and Stock State Returns. Ministry of War had not informed his office concerning Allied portion of Xmas ration. Lt Col Patti, Deputy C/S called at Office and discussed call-up. Lt Snider inspected 6th Inf Regt Palermo. (See S & T Report No 23).

f. Friday 15 December. Office routine. Made a courtesy call on Brig General Carr of Allied Commission. We talked about matters of general interest to us both, especially the call-up. Colonel Clough (A) was also present. I had become acquainted with Colonel Clough earlier in the week. I inspected the bulk food depot also the bakery at Palermo. That part of the new food depot being used was clean, walls were white washed, stock was stacked neat and properly and on excellent dunnage. Stock record cards were on each stock pile and a spot check showed them to be correct and up-to-date. A section of the depot was still being prepared for use i.e., walls were being white washed, broken sky lights repaired and holes in floor were being filled in and concreted. Practically all sacks of flour and pasta, which arrived from Naples by trucks had gotten wet enroute and a great quantity was spoiled. I was informed that the trucks were covered with canvas, but that the rain and wind was general all the way from Naples to Palermo and that the rain blew in regardless of their precautions. The pasta had been spread out on dunnage to dry and the greater quantity of it was being saved. The flour was being sieved at the bakery and the greater portion of it was being saved. The bakery was clean and well organized. Bread was being baked at the time of my visit and was of uniform size and weight. Had dinner in the evening at the home of Lt Col and Mrs Patti.

Lieutenant Snider inspected the D.D. and Civilian Military Bakery at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No. 23).

g. Saturday 16 December. Office routine. Visited supply offices at N.O.B. and discussed supply etc., of our detachment.

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No. 1127

10 December 1944

1. SECRETARY LIAISON LOG NO. 01 FOR WEEK ENDING 9 DEC. 1944.
 - a. Sunday 3 Dec. Enroute, by air, to ROME.
 - b. Monday 4 Dec. Enroute, by air, to ROME. Arrived Rome 1300 hrs. Attended conference at Main Hq. MMIA.
 - c. Tuesday 5 Dec. Enroute by air from ROME to Palermo.
 - d. Wednesday 6 Dec. Enroute by air from Naples to Palermo. Arrived at Palermo 1100 hrs. Afternoon - routine office work.
 - e. Thursday 7 Dec. Conferred with C.G. Military Hq of Sicily and A.T.O. Officer, A.C. Region 1, re to rail and vehicle transportation for Call-up.
 - f. Friday 8 Dec. Conferred with Director of Commissary, M.H.S. re to rations for Call-up.
 - g. Saturday 9 Dec. Conferred with C.I.F., Palermo, in regards to fuel and lubricants for vehicle transportation for Call-up.

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No 1085

2 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 30 FOR WEEK ENDING 2 DECEMBER 1944.

a. Sunday 26 November. Attended a review 6 I.S. Regt at Palermo. They made a good appearance. 1/2 day off.

b. Monday 27 November. Routine office work. Lt Snider inspected 139 I.S. Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 21).

c. Tuesday 28 November. Conferred with Director of Commissary Military Hq Sicily re clothing, salvage and collecting clothing at Naples that was recently authorized. Also re shortage of olive oil. There is no old stock olive oil in Sicily. Lt Snider went to Catania by rail and inspected Bulk and D.D. (See S & T Report No. 21).

d. Wednesday 29 November. Routine office work. Lt Snider inspected 2d Bn 45 Regt at Catania and obtained clothing and equipment inventory at 45 Regt and returned to Palermo by rail. (See S & T Report No. 21).

e. Thursday 30 November. Conferred with Director of Commissary Military Hq Sicily and Representative AC Region 1 re supplies available from local sources (see our No 1017 of 30 November). Conferred with G.C. Head-quarters re purchase of mules, he stated none had been purchased in Sicily. Also conferred with G.C. Military Hq Sicily re purchase of mules and his reply was negative likewise.

f. Friday 1 December. Conferred with Sanitary Section Military Hq Sicily in regards to medical supplies and disinfectants. He stated they had not received any disinfectants since August allotment but had had sufficient for Units from supply (Allied and ITI) on hand. Now had notice to collect some at Naples, believed to be Sept, Oct and Nov. *Allotment*

g. Saturday 2 December. Col Albert and Lt Snider departed for Rome by air.

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Maj. Cole.	
Maj. Pindley <i>Seymour</i>	
Maj. Byatt.	5/12
Maj. Rose	
Capt. Bird	
Capt. Archer	
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No. 1047

26 November 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 89 FOR WEEK ENDING 26 NOV. 44.

a. Sunday 19 Nov. Conferred with representative ITI Navy re rations for ITI ship DECA DELCI ABRUZZI (See our No. 1025/1 dated 19 Nov.) Accompanied a U.S. Navy Admiral and Ex. Officer, M.O.B., in the afternoon on an inspection trip to the six soup kitchens in Palermo that the U.S. Navy is fostering. They are giving a bowl of soup, made from scraps and left overs, daily to approx 2000 needy children and adults. An excellent job to cement friendly relations.

b. Monday 20 Nov. Conference with Gen. CASTELLANO, Comdr. 4001A Div. re matters in general concerning his division.

c. Tuesday 21 Nov. Motored from Palermo to Catania via Messina and contacted enroute CCHN Legion, Hq. Sabauca Div., 46 Inf Regt. and Military Hosp all at Messina.

(1) The CCHN are well satisfied with rations and were advised to contact M.H.S. to obtain their disinfectants. The C.O. stated they need boots, only have one pair per man - advised him to contact their own higher Hqs. He also stated small bands of outlaws had arms and ammunition and were operating in the eastern part of the island and the CCHN were gradually reducing them.

(2) Gen. AMMA, C.O. Sabauca Div., was away, contacted the Ex. Officer, Col. Lay. He stated they were receiving their rations and disinfectants. They were having a bomb building repaired for a Hq as they recently moved from Enna. He asked about oil and grease for gun cleaning and was advised to contact Director of Commissary, M.H.S., as a quantity was recently obtained. He mentioned lack of boot repair material and was advised to have his rations to arrange with D/C, MHS, to have an exchange of repairable boots for repaired boots and secure available shoe repair material for the units to repair their own boots.

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(3) Lt. Col. Alfieri who recently came to the 46 Inf Regt. has made marked improvement with the regiment. Rations and disinfectants coming all right, but the men didn't like army carrots - told him there was no remedy. The regiment had recently received some clothing that was authorized. Nearly all the men have 2 pair boots, repair material lacking. He stated he could keep his men booting if he could get the material. Men have two light blankets per man.

(4) Lt. Col. Dinabio, Ex. Off. Messina Mil. Hospital, stated rations were being received alright but medicine demands, a month ago had not been filled. They had received instructions from Ministry of War re. Hosp. Diet which amounts of issue varied. M.H.S. instructions. I advised him to comply with M.H.S. instructions until further orders. (See our 835 dated 23 Nov). All the discrepancies of this inspection trip will be brought to the attention of M.H.S. for correction. Lt. Snider inspected 5 I.S. Regt. at Palermo. (See 831 Report No. 50).

5 Wednesday 22 Nov. (1) Inspected Bulk and D.D. at Catania. Examined 6 cases of Macaroni and 2 cases of Dehyd. Potatoes that had been replaced with stones and grass, the stones were of a cylinder type like found along a railroad track. The cases were found resealed, but some of these bands are loose and can be slipped off or on easily. I am of the opinion that the pilferage was done before it arrived at Catania.

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(2) Inspected 45 I.S. Regt. at Catania. Col. DeCarli: commanding. Nations and disinfectants arriving airtight. Short of boot repair material, could repair all their own boots if furnished repair material. Going to send some repairable boots to repair shop at Palermo for exchange. 250 soldiers recently been processed from the Mainland. They have 3 blankets per man including 726 barrack (heavy), ap.rox. 20% need repair and they are to be shipped to Palermo repair shop.

(3) Contacted Hq. 70 Sub Area re: (a) IRI soldiers taking over police duties, from CORR - recommended that the soldiers do guard duty instead to relieve the CORR. (b) Rifles for IRI C.M.F. (former IRI 88 W doing MP duty for Brit) and CORR from Italian stock. (c) Abolishing smoke pot detail at Palermo.

Lt. Snider inspected DD & Mil. Bary. at Palermo. (See RPT Report No. 20)

3 Thursday 23 Nov. Returned to Palermo by motor.

Lt. Snider contacted B/C re Engr. repair building for new DD at Palermo.

4 Friday 24 Nov. Conferred with Dep C/S MHS. re status Vet and Remount unit at Catania. (See our 985 dated 24 Nov.). A bomb was exploded in the Olympia Cinema at Palermo at 1645 hr., wounding two people. The picture showing was "The Dictator." The theater was opened next day, no further incidents. Fourteen people with Fascist sympathies were arrested next day.

5 Saturday 25 Nov. Routine Office work.

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did they come from*

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No. 1024

19 November 1944.

1. REAILY LIAISON LOG NO. 20 FOR MESS MESSING 10 NOV. 44.

2 Sunday 12 Nov. Routine office work and one half day off.

3 Monday 13 Nov. Hq. Sabauda div moved from Anna to Messina. Lt. Snider enroute by motor to Reggio.

4 Tuesday 14 Nov. Conferred with Director of Commissary, M.H.E., re movement of Palermo H.Q. Gave instructions for no movement of flour and sugar be made until adjoining rooms are cleared of rubbish, as it would be a nesting place for rats. Lt. Snider inspected Reggio I.D., Bakery and Pasta Factories. (See 3 & 4 report No. 19)

5 Wednesday 15 Nov. Conferred with D/C, M.H.E., re retention of rats from spoiled food for soap making. Advised it would be kept but no credit would be given the Italian Government for same and that the spoiled food must not be allowed to accumulate at the Depot. The D/C stated it would be crated with lime and shipped in vans to Palermo soap factory. Conferred with Col. Snook, G 2 (I) AC Region 1, re intelligence matters. (See our No. 1021 dated 20 Nov. - Intelligence Report). Lt. Snider inspected 46 I.O. Regt at Messina and returned to Palermo. (See 3 & 4 report No. 19)

6 Thursday 16 Nov. Made a check on Salvage and Repair facilities at Palermo. (See our No. 1017 dated 17 Nov.). Conferred with Chief of Staff, M.H.E., on general matters.

7 Friday 17 Nov. Routine office work.

8 Saturday 18 Nov. Conferred with Ex. Off., N.O.B., and G 2 AC Region 1 regarding the 6 I.S. Regt holding a review in the central square at Palermo 20 Nov. Due to the ill feeling the populace has at present toward the ITI Army on account of the riot 19 Oct. and the temperment of the ITI people it was decided not to permit a review where a number of people

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Friday 17 Nov. Routine office work.

Saturday 18 Nov. Conferred with Mr. Orr, N.O.B., and G 2 AC Region 1 regarding the 6 I.C. Regt holding a review in the central square at Palermo 20 Nov. Due to the ill feeling the populace has at present toward the IRI Army on account of the riot 18 Oct. and the temperment of the IRI people it was decided not to permit a review where a number of people would gather. Recommended for the unit to hold the review at their ~~base~~ grounds which has a high fence around it and on the outskirts of the city where there would be no gathering of crowds of people.

Conferred with D/C, M.H.B., re their request to Min. War for 10,000 blankets, which was submitted 25 Aug. before IRI Clothing and Equipment was frozen. Again instructed D/C to contact this office regarding all requests to Min. War for clothing and equipment. The IRI's have two type of blankets, a heavy called 'Barrack Stores Blanket' and a light called 'Field Blanket'. The former is considered barracks stores and about the same weight as U.S. Army blanket, the latter is individual equipment. I advise them that I would not authorize more than two blankets, either type, per man until approval from MMIA for more as recommended by Par 4 c of our No. 1017 dated 17 Nov. Do not consider 2 light blankets sufficient in this climate, especially for troops quartered inland in the mountains.

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Maj. Cole. <i>MO</i>	
Maj. Pinkley.	
Maj. Byatt.	
Maj. Rose	
Maj. Gregson. <i>se</i>	
Capt. Bird	
Capt. Archer <i>PA</i>	
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*OK 18 Nov**To see report dated 12 Nov*

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No. 995

12 November 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 27 FOR WEEK ENDING 11 NOV. 1944.a Sunday 5 Nov. Routine office work and one half day
off.

b Monday 6 Nov. Conference with Director of Commissary, M.H.C., re (1) To stop issue at once rations to Stallion Depot at Catania as they are under control Ministry of Agriculture since 1 Oct. M.H.C. failed to advise this office or D/C and did not include them on the order of cattle submitted to this office at any time. to avoid a recurrence of the above, instructed the D/C to get from Ophe, M.H.C., a copy of Order of cattle showing location of units and strength as at 23 each month and changes as they occur and to pass this info on to the D.Ds. and Bakers who issue feed. Also instructed Ophe, M.H.C., to send same info to D/C.

(2) Re eye for faded B.D. (See our No. 964 of 6 Nov)
(3) D/C did not fully follow instructions in MMIA of 9 dated 19 & 21 Oct. re disposal of Hospital Diet - they sent one third of the amount collected at Syracuse direct to the Messina Hosp. To save reshipment from Messina Hosp to Catania D.D. I told them to keep it at Messina but for the Catania D.D. and Messina Hosp to prepare the necessary accounting transactions.

(4) D/C stated they were calling in all extra boots over 1 pair per man, as instructed by Ministry War to call in all extra clothing and equipment. For economical reasons I suggested that units should retain, if already issued to units, at least 25 % surplus boots to give them an exchange working base for repair either in the units or at MHE repair shop, otherwise due to time consumed in transporting boots for exchange and the fact that boots are continually wearing out with only one pair per man they would become irreparable before the exchange could be made.

General Browning arrived by motor.

Lt. Snider inspected D.D. & Bakery at Galtanissetta, also 16 I.C. Regt. (See L&F Report No. 16)

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Lt. Snider inspected D.D. & Bakery at Caltanissetta,
also 16 I.S. Regt. (See Cat Report No. 18)

6 Tuesday 7 Nov. Conference Gen Browning and Gen Mariotti re (1) Reorganization progress (2) Specialist (3) Return of 2 Bns from Calabria and other matters. Accompanied Gen Browning at lunch with Gen Mariotti. One half day off.

7 Wednesday 8 Nov. General Browning departed by motor.
Routine office work.

8 Thursday 9 Nov. Conferred with EA Off., 5 BRIG, CCMR, re movement of 1000 Pieno Div to Palermo and Messina. Arranged to make clothing and equipment inspection upon arrival. Lt. 3337 inspected 22 I.S. Regt at Trapani (See 5 & 7 Report No. 16)

9 Friday 10 Nov. Inspected M.H.C. Hospital at Palermo. Found it to be a fairly efficient organization. The pharmacy, wards and kitchen were clean and orderly. They need glass for some windows in the wards. They ask if they should draw the full single ration as some times the full amount was not consumed by the patients. Upon advise I received from MHA bat while at HOME last month I told them to draw the entire ration and hold in reserve any unconsumed amounts, which upon further questioning I learned was not a great amount.

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They had not received the items in the Host Diet as they were only arriving at the Palermo D.D. this date. They had submitted an indent to Ministry War for X-Ray film which is urgently required - I obtained a loan for a quantity from U.S. Naval Hosp at Palermo. They require coal for cooking, laundry and heating bath water - taken this matter up with M.H.S. for a regular monthly allotment. They have sufficient medical supplies and disinfectants were received for Oct. They were shipping some surplus Med. Supplies to Naples.

g Saturday 11 Nov. Routine office work.

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Maj. Cole.	
Maj. Pinkley	
Maj. Byatt	
Maj. Rose	
Capt. Bird 11/11	
Capt. Archer 11/11 TPA	
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To see Report dated 5 Nov 44	
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No. 557

5 November 1944

1. REBELL BLAISON LOG NO. 26 FOR WEEK ENDING 4 NOV. '44.

a Sunday 19 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 20 Oct. (1) Conferred with Representative AC Region I re artillery or lighter under AC control at Messina. They reported none. *AC Control*

(2) Inspected two proposed locations for movement of Palermo Distribution Depot. One is very satisfactory as to location, convenience and rail facilities but occupied by elements of III Air Force who do not wish to move. The other not as satisfactory but a great improvement over the present location. It is located just across the street from HQ. M.H.S. and Gen. Mariotti approves of it because it is near his HQ. and could more easily be protected in case of food riots later. So the latter is selected.

c Tuesday 21 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected Catania Bulk and B.D. and 55 I.S. Regt. at Catania. (See BAR Report No. 17) 58 III personnel arrived by motor from Guardia via Naples, for HQ. ABOLIA Div.

d Wednesday 1 Nov. Conferred with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S. re: (A) III personnel moving from Messina to Syracuse and Catania in conjunction with reorganization.

(2) Surplus rifles in Sicily. (3) Information re 2000 volunteers for combat duty - no more information, expect more info 5 or 6 Nov. (4) Dying faded Battle Dress. (5) To expedite collection and distribution of Hospital Diet and matters in general. Lt. Snider inspected III Depots in Messina to locate artillery. None located as previously reported.

e Thursday 2 Nov. Conferred with Dep. C/S, M.H.S. re matters in general. Represented U.S. Army at ceremony Gen. Mariotti placed wreath of flowers on U.S. Cemetery No. 4, Palermo in behalf

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e Tuesday 21 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected Catania Bulk and B.D. and to I.C. Regt. at Catania. (see SAT Report No. 17) 88 III personnel arrived by motor from Sardinia via Naples, for Rq. ACCIA Div.

e Wednesday 1 Nov. Conferred with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.B. re: (1) III personnel moving from Messina to Syracuse and Catania in conjunction with reorganization.

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e Thursday 2 Nov. Conferred with Dep. C/S, M.H.B. re matters in General. Represented U.S. Army at ceremony Gen. Meriotti placed wreath of flowers on U.S. Cemetery No. 4, Palermo in behalf of the III Army.

f Friday 3 Nov. Inspected Palermo Clothing Depot. They had a great quantity of salvaged III uniforms, blankets and shoes which they were disinfecting, washing and repairing. Approx 80 women were employed in the Clothing Repair Shop and they were mending blankets, overcoats and caps principally. Approx 80 men were employed in the Boot Repair Shop and they rebuild approx 30 pair Boots per day. The number of civilian employees could be increased to 100 if sufficient repair material were available. The officer from Director of Commissary stated that leather in the open market had been frozen, that is where they have been getting most of their leather, and they had requested Ministry War to have released 20 tons to Sicily that they may carry on their repair work. Have contacted AC Region 1 re regarding the freezing and was advised the shortage of leather is due to the lack of tannin material and AC Rq. It was advised the local AC Office there was no hope of getting the tannin for some time. Advised Director Commissary were to take immediate steps to secure leather from Ministry War in order that the great number of Boots held by units will be repaired and made serviceable. Urgently

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suggested that the matter of exchanging repaired Boots with units for reparable boots be expedited and that when this office authorizes an issue of clothing and equipment that it be filled without delay where items are available. They are serving the 7 Lira mid-shift meal to heavy workers and they seem satisfied but would like it varied. The bean soup powdered base, no matter what vegetable they use always tastes like bean soup. Lt. Snider contacted Palermo D.D., Bakery and Pasta Factory re issue rations to III Navy month of October.

2 Saturday 4 Nov. Routine office work and preparation of reports.

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No. 410

29 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIBERATION LOG NO. 25 FOR WEEK ENDING 29 Oct. 44.

2 Sunday 24 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

3 Monday 25 Oct. Col Albert returned from Rome by air and conferred with Chief of Staff, M.H.B., re enrollment of 2000 civilians for combat duty (see our No. 201) and matters in General. Lt. Snider inspects 6th I.O. Regt. at Palermo (see B & T Report No. 18).

4 Tuesday 26 Oct. Conferred with Comdr. 70 Sub Area and Representative, N.O.B., re supplying III Group, security policy and matters in General. 6th I.O. Regt. (III) to be attached to N.O.B. for swarm and security reserve, also furnish necessary guard for ACC Region I. Lt Snider contacted III Officer in charge Palermo Food Depot re duplication in shipping tickets last day.

5 Wednesday 27 Oct. Conferred with D/C, M.H.B., re new clothing policy in Sicily. Conferred with Comdr. ACC Region I re policy of employing III Troops to quell riots. One half day off.

6 Thursday 28 Oct. Routine office work. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (see B & T Report No. 16) and also inspected building for new location of Palermo D.D.

7 Friday 29 Oct. (1) Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.B., re progress of reorganization - which should be completed by end of Oct. Also requested that the D/C expedite the demands for emergency clothing.

(2) Conferred with Executive, N.O.B. Palermo, re clothing situation of 6th I.O. Regt (III) - now last shipment had arrived from Naples the day before for the unit would be filled, as far as stock available, without delay.

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furnish necessary guard for ACC Region I. Lt. Snider contacted III Officer in charge Palermo Food Depot re duplication in shipping tickets last May.

4 Wednesday 25 Oct. Conferred with D/C, M.H.S., re new clothing policy in Sicily. Conferred with Comdr. ACC Region I re policy of employing III Troops to quell riots. One half day off.

5 Thursday 26 Oct. Routine office work. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (See LRI Report No. 16) and also inspected building for new location of Palermo D.D.

6 Friday 27 Oct. (1) Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re progress of reorganization - which should be completed by end of Oct. Also requested that the D/C expedite the demands for emergency clothing.

(2) Conferred with Executive, N.O.D., Palermo, re clothing situation of 6th I.C. Regt (III) - now that shipment had arrived from Naples the demands for the unit would be filled, so far as stock available, without delay.

(3) Conferred with Representative III Air Force re Italian Military Bakery at Palermo to make bread for 48,000 400 III Air Force personnel. Agreed to some providing flour already drawn by Air Force up to and including 8 Nov. be properly turned over to the bakery and the Air Force to draw the bread at the bakery in bulk. After 8 Nov the Air Force to draw no flour but bread at bakery in lieu thereof and in bulk.

(4) (a) Conferred with Representative D/C, M.H.S., and prepared requests for clothing and equipment for emergency needs and 10 x stock on hand.

(b) The rail wagon, No. 777, of clothing (authorized by NMIA Serial NO. 2/ 51/134 of 13 Aug 44) was shipped from Naples 14 Oct. It arrived at Messina 15 Oct where it was stopped to check on escort. The escort infantryman GPECO, Macerato abandoned the rail wagon at about 1000 hrs 21 Oct. and did not return. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. M.H.S. placed a guard on the rail wagon and it arrived at Palermo late 25 Oct. Upon checking the following was missing:

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Boots	878 pr
Shirts, cotton	300 each
belts, web	39 "
Socks	930 pr

M.H.S. was advised to make a full report on the incident.

8 Saturday 28 Oct. Upon the arrival of clothing from Naples and demands from units, authorization has been given this date to issue to units clothing and equipment as far as stock is available. Lt. Smith inspected records at Palermo Distribution Depot.

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No. 910

29 October 1944

1. Weekly Liaison 100 No. 20 For Week Ending 28 Oct. 44.

a Sunday 24 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 25 Oct. Col Albert returned from home by air and conferred with Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re enrollment of 2000 civilians for combat duty (see our No. 881) and matters in general. Lt. Snider inspected 8th I.S. Regt. at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 18).

c Tuesday 26 Oct. Conferred with Comdr. 70 Sub Area and Representative, M.O.B., re supplying IRI guards, security policy and matters in general. 8th I.S. Regt. (III) to be attached to M.O.B. for guard and security reserve, also furnish necessary guard for ACC Region I. Lt Snider contacted IRI Officer in charge Palermo Food Depot re duplication in Shipping tickets last May.

d Wednesday 27 Oct. Conferred with D/C, M.H.S., re new clothing policy in Sicily. Conferred with Comdr. ACC Region I re policy of employing IRI Troops to quell riots. One half day off.

e Thursday 28 Oct. Routine office work. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.P. (see our Report No. 18) and also inspected building for new location of Palermo D.P.

f Friday 29 Oct. (1) Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re progress of reorganization - which should be completed by end of Oct. Also requested that the D/C expedite the demands for emergency clothing.

(2) Conferred with Executive, M.O.B. Palermo, re clothing situation of 8th I.S. Regt (III) - now that shipment had arrived from Naples the demands for the unit would be filled, as far as stock available, without delay.

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5 Thursday 24 Oct. Routine office work. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (See SW Report No. 16) and also inspected building for new location of Palermo D.D.

6 Friday 27 Oct. (1) Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re progress of reorganization - which should be completed by end of Oct. Also requested that the D/O expedite the demands for emergency supplies.

(2) Conferred with Executive, R.O.B. Palermo, re clothing situation of 6th I.S. Regt (III) - now that shipment had arrived from Naples the demands for the unit would be filled, as far as stock available, without delay.

(3) Conferred with Representative III Air Force re Italian Military Bakery at Palermo to make bread for approx 400 III Air Force personnel. Agreed to make providing flour already drawn by Air Force up to and including 9 Nov. be properly turned over to the bakery and the Air Force to draw the bread at the bakery in bulk. After 9 Nov the Air Force to draw no flour but bread at bakery in lieu thereof and in bulk. 5550

(4) (a) Conferred with Representative D/C, M.H.S., and prepared plans for clothing and equipment for emergency needs and 10 % stock on hand.

(b) The rail wagon, No. 777, of clothing (authorized by MMLA Serial No. A/4 61/106 of 13 Aug 44) was shipped from Naples 14 Oct. It arrived at Messina 18 Oct where it was stopped to check on escort. The escort infantryman GALEO, Macario stationed the rail wagon at about 1800 hrs 21 Oct. and did not return. A warrant had been issued for his arrest. M.H.S. placed a guard on the rail wagon and it arrived at Palermo late 23 Oct. Upon checking the following was missing:

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Boots	378 pr
Shirts, cotton	300 each
Belts, web	39 "
Socks	930 pr

M.H.S. was advised to make a full report on the incident.

On Saturday 28 Oct. Upon the arrival of clothing from Naples and demands from units, authorization has been given this date to issue to units clothing and equipment as far as stock is available. Lt. Snider inspected records at Palermo Distribution Depot.

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No. 077

28 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 24 FOR WEEK ENDING 21 OCT. 1944.

a Sunday 15 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 16 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with representative Military Hq. Sicily re movement of 10 Co., 1st Inf Regt. from Acirale to Reggio. The 508 TFI Line Sec., minus four men, moved from island this date. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Reggio and inspected the Reggio Food Depot. (See Staff Report No. 13).

c Tuesday 17 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with the following: (1) Representative Director of Commissary re ratione for civilian heavy laborers working for III Army.

(2) C.G., Military Hq. Sicily, re visit to Comdr. 70 Sub Area.

(3) Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re Italian soldiers to relieve dock workers, who were threatening to strike. Also re reorganization of two divisions.

(4) Executive Officer, N.O.B. Palermo, re release of III soldiers for labor at dock if civilian dock workers striked.

Col. Albert met Gen. Caballone, Comdr. 800th Div. Lt. Snider inspected Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factories at Reggio and returned, by rail, to Palermo.

d Wednesday 18 Oct. Routine office work and the preparing of signal of stock state as at close of 15 Oct.

e Thursday 19 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re request for additional troops in Sicily. Col. Albert departed for Rome by air transport. Half day off.

(3) Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re Italian soldiers to relieve dock workers, who were threatening to strike. Also re reorganization of two divisions.

(4) Executive Officer, M.O.B. Palermo, re release of 111 soldiers for labor at dock if civilian dock workers struck.

Col. Albert met Gen. CARDILLONE, Comar. AOCIA Div. Lt. Snider inspected Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factories at Reggio and returned, by rail, to Palermo.

Wednesday 18 Oct. Routine office work and the preparing of signal of stock state as at close of 18 Oct.

Thursday 19 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re request for additional troops in Sicily. Col. Albert departed for home by air transport. Half day off.

Friday 20 Oct. Lt. Snider attended conference with Col. Brooks, Public Safety Officer, ACC Region I, and Italian Army officers re to riot in Palermo. Afternoon routine office work.

Saturday 21 Oct. Lt. Snider routine office and preparing of weekly reports.

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No. 802

18 October 1944.

1. MILITARY MISSION LOG NO. 802 FOR PERIOD ENDING 14 OCT. 1944.

A Sunday 8 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

B Monday 9 Oct. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff Military HQ. Sicily, re receipt of Medical Supplies and disinfectants and matters in general. Conferred with M.H.S. Welfare Officer re lists of Italians buried in American Military Cemeteries in Sicily. Lt. Snider inspected D.D. and Civilian bakery at Caltanissetta. (See S & T Report No. 14)

C Tuesday 10 Oct. Conferred with Director of Commissary M.H.S., re the submitting of incorrect strength state as at 24 Sept and matters in general. The Director of Commissary, M.H.S. was advised that the Allied Clothing authorized by MMIA Ref Serial No. AG/61/104 dated 18 Aug. 44 would be shipped from Naples 10 Oct. To date same has not arrived at Palermo.

D Wednesday 11 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider collected data on rations issued III Navy period 1 Aug. to 30 Sept inclusive from Palermo Bulk and D.D. In afternoon motorcade to Catania on same mission.

E Thursday 12 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected 3rd Bn. 43 Inf Regt at Syracuse. (See S & T Report No. 14) Collected data re issue to III Navy from D.D. at Syracuse and Messina (both defects are now closed but the records for Aug. & Sept. were still held there), and returned to Palermo.

F Friday 13 Oct. Checked, consolidated and signalled reports to MMIA re rations issued to III Navy 1 Aug. to 30 Sept. Inclusive and stock movements return (1st Form). A number of errors, some minor, are appearing in the 1st Form which we are calling to the attention of the Director of Commissary and Depot Command attention.

G Saturday 14 Oct. Routine office work.

a Wednesday 11 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider collected data on rations issued IRI Navy period 1 Aug. to 30 Sept inclusive from Palermo Bulk and D.D. In afternoon motored to Catania on same mission.

a Thursday 12 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected 3rd Bn. 43 Inf Regt at Syracuse. (See S & T Report No. 14) Collected data re issue to IRI Navy from D.D. at Syracuse and Messina (both depots are now closed but the records for Aug. & Sept. were still held there), and returned to Palermo.

a Friday 13 Oct. Checked, consolidated and signalled reports to MILA re rations issued to IRI Navy 1 Aug. to 30 Sept. inclusive and stock movements return (IRI Forms). A number of errors, some minor, are appearing in the IRI Forms which we are calling to the attention of the Director of Com-missary and Depot Command attention.

a Saturday 14 Oct. Routine office work.

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No. 840

8 October 1944

1. DAILY LIASON LOG NO. 22 FOR AREA ENDING 7 OCT. 1944.

a Sunday 1 Oct. 143 IRI AA Co moved by rail from Syracuse to Benevento. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 2 Oct. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff and C/S, Military Hq of Sicily re organization and general matters. Conference with representative following: 70 Sub Area, N.O.B., British O.C. 2ps, Palermo re IRI guards and security matters.

c Tuesday 3 Oct. Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.MR Legion re clothing and boots for CC.MR. Advised him all issues must have approval MMIA.

d Wednesday 4 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Catania and inspected Bulk and D.D. (See SAT Report No. 13)

e Thursday 5 Oct. 908 Ingr. Unit moved from Syracuse to Naples. Lt. Snider inspected 1st. Bn., 43 Inf. Regt. and returned to Palermo by rail. (See SAT Report No. 13)

f Friday 6 Oct. Conferred with Comdr 70 Sub Area re "Chain of command of IRI troops in Sicily". Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS, re mid-shift meal for heavy civilian workers, status of 1st Bn, 40 Inf Regt. and reorganization Sabauda and Costa Dives.

g Saturday 7 Oct. Inspected pasta factory at Palermo that is making one batch of macaroni for the IRI Army. They were informed to comply with instructions on accounting. Lt. Snider contacted D of C re speeding up repairs, by engineers, to new D.D. at Caltanissetta and moving same to new location.

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2 Thursday 5 Oct. 903 Inex. Unit moved from Syracuse to Naples. Lt. Snider inspected 1st. Bn., 46 Inf. Regt. and returned to Palermo by rail. (See JMT Report No. 10)

3 Friday 6 Oct. Conferred with Comdr 70 Sub Area re "Chain of command of III Troops in Sicily". Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHO, re mid-shift meal for heavy civilian workers, status of 1st Bn, 46 Inf Regt. and reorganization Mabauda and Acosta Dive.

4 Saturday 7 Oct. Inspected pasta factory at Palermo that is making one batch of macaroni for the IRI Army. They were informed to comply with instructions on accounting. Lt. Snider contacted E of C re speeding up repairs, by engineers, to new D.D. at Caltenialetta and moving same to new location.

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1 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 21 FOR WEEK ENDING 30 SEPT. 44.

2. SUNDAY 24 SEPT. Routine office work and one half day off.

3. MONDAY 25 SEPT. Conferred with O/C, MHB, re proposed taking over guard etc. in Calabria. Inspected 1st Bn 45 Inf at Palermo Railroad Station before departure for Crotone, Calabria - spot checked individuals for carrying ammunition and found none, not too well disciplined. Lt. Snider traveled by motor to Mesima-Peggio and inspected 2nd Bn 45 Inf Regt. (See S & T report No. 12)

4. TUESDAY 26 SEPT. Conferred with representative MHB re movement 1 officer and 14 M (Engr) from Sura to Mainland. Two Cos. 45 Inf Regt moved from Catania to Palermo by rail. Lt Snider inspected D.D., Bakery and Pasta Factory at Mesima. (See S & T report No. 12)

5. WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT. Inspected Palermo Military Bakery - found unsanitary and fire hazard conditions which I reported to MHB to correct, book accounts seemed to be in good shape. Conferred with representative U.S. Claims Service re IXX Ammunition Dump # 9 at Giarrafina. Lt Snider inspected the 60.82 Legion at Mesima and found the organization in good condition. Lt Snider returned to Palermo by motor.

6. THURSDAY 28 SEPT. Conferred with Director Concise re inventory of IXX clothing (See our No. 807 dated 29 Sept.) Conferred with Comdr Palermo (C. 82 Legion re boots for unit. Told him to submit emergency requirements to D/C Military HQ Sicily.

7. FRIDAY 29 SEPT. Routine office work, preparing monthly reports.

8. SATURDAY 30 SEPT. Routine office work, preparing

d Wednesday 27 Sept. Inspected Palermo Military Bakery - found unsanitary and fire hazard conditions which I reported to WFO to correct. Took account seemed to be in good shape. Conferred with representative U.S. Claims Service re III Ammunition Dump # 9 at Siliadali. Lt Snider inspected the CC.MR Legion at Messina and found the organization in good condition. Lt Snider returned to Palermo by motor.

e Thursday 28 Sept. Conferred with Director Commissary re inventory of III clothing (see our No. 807 dated 29 Sept.) Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.MR Legion re boots for unit. Told him to submit emergency requirements to D/C Military Hq Sicily.

f Friday 29 Sept. Routine office work, preparing monthly reports.

g Saturday 30 Sept. Routine office work, preparing weekly reports.

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No. 700

24 Sept 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 20 FOR WEEK ENDING 23 SEPT 1944.

a Sunday 17 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region I re consolidating base to conserve guards and with Capt Delais re release of guard at San Lorenzo Oss Station. Conferred with representative 7 BWFC, HASC, Palermo re III Guards not doing their duty, a report was received in writing and forwarded to MHS for necessary disciplinary action. One half day off.

b Monday 18 Sept. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, MHS, re movement of a Bn of the Subaeca Div from Sicily. Conferred with U.S. Claims re reduction of guards. Lt. Childer inspected D.D., Bakery and 16 Arty. Regt HQ and ord Cp at Caltanissetta. (See 2 & 3 report No. 11)

c Tuesday 19 Sept. Conferred with N.O.B., Palermo re guards release of guards. Also with Comdr ACC Region I re separatist meeting in Sicily. Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS re movement 1st Bn, 48th Regt from Sicily to Calabria. Unit to move 25 September by rail. Conferred with G 3 (I) ACC Region I re security measures in Sicily. (See 2 & 3 report No. 776 dated 20 Sept Security Intel Report for Aug.)

d Wednesday 20 Sept. Conferred with representative MHS re late arrival of reports from the latter and requested more promptness, which was promised. Lt Salner contacted Mil Bury at Palermo to ascertain if they were keeping accounts in accordance with the new acct system. One half day off.

e Thursday 21 Sept. Routine office work.

f Friday 22 Sept. Conferred with Dep C/S, MHS re change in movement 1/40 Regt and issue of BD for same. Was advised that reorganization of III Corps in Sicily would be completed by 1st Oct 44. Conferred with ACC Region I re securing industrial system for life to use in garages to repair motor vehicles. Conferred with Division.

several, removal of guards. Also with Omar ACC Region I re Separatist meeting in Sicily. Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS re movement 1st Bn, 46th Regt from Sicily to Calabria. Unit to move 23 September by rail. Conferred with G 2 (I) ACC Region I re security measures in Sicily. (See Par A 1 d of our No. 770 dated 20 Sept Security Intel Report for Aug.)

4 Wednesday 20 Sept. Conferred with representative MHS re late arrival of reports from the latter and requested more expeditious, which was promised. Lt Snider contacted Mil 2ary at Palermo to ascertain if they were keeping accounts in accordance with the new acct system. One half day off.

5 Thursday 21 Sept. Routine office work.

6 Friday 22 Sept. Conferred with Dep C/S, MHS re change in movement 1/46 Regt and issue of BD for same. Was advised that reorganization of III Corps in Sicily would be completed by 1st Oct 44. Conferred with ACC Region I re securing industrial system for III to use in garages to repair motor vehicles. Conferred with Director Commissary, MHS, re the clothing situation of the III Army. When the 1st Bn, 46 Inf was ordered to move it was brought to light that the unit had 64 EM who recently joined the unit and were in civilian clothes. The D of C was not aware of this before. The 64 EM were issued BD this week. Instructed the D of C to check for similar cases and advise this office. Advised the D of C to again to ascertain the "poverty" needs of boots and shirts units down to and including Bn or separate units. To date clothing (Ref your A-1/104 of 10 Aug 44) reported on way from Naples but not arrived. Doubt if it will meet existing "poverty" needs. It will be issued on my order in accordance with verbal instruction from Col Chalpley when in Rome. Lt Snider checked CC-18 at Palermo re strength of Gp 4 drawing of rations.

7 Saturday 23 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region I re return of III Military vehs. Conferred with Brig. Carr, Omar ACC Region I, re the movement of 1/46 Regt from Sicily. He was much concerned regarding the diminishing of troops in Sicily on account of the element in the collection

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of grain and for security purposes, due to the increase unrest
here in Sicily. Again invite your attention to our No. 770 dated
20 Sept 44 Security Intel Report for Aug, pointing out especially
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No. 756

17 Sept 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 19 FOR AREA ENDING 16 SEPT 44.

a Sunday 10 Sept Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 11 Sept. Conferred with Representative Military Hq Sicily and Manager Fiat Garage re Italians collecting certain auto parts at the Fiat Garage from M.O.B. Capt Craig and Lt Snider gave series of lectures to new EM on the new accounting system.

c Tuesday 12 Sept Capt Craig and Lt Snider departed by rail for Catania to inspect Bulk and D.B. (See Weekly S & T Report No. 10).

d Wednesday 13 Sept. Office work and one half day off. Capt Craig and Lt Snider inspected 1st Bn 45 Inf Regt at Catania (See S&T Report No. 10) and returned to Palermo by rail.

e Thursday 14 Sept Conferred with Asst Chief of Staff Military Hq of Sicily re the progress of reorganization of ITI Army in Sicily, general routine matters and which Bn of the Sabauda Div they would desire to move from Sicily when called upon (request for this info came from Hq 58 Area). Conferred with ACC Region 1 re consolidating whse to conserve ITI guards. Capt Craig & Lt Snider gave instructions on new accounting system to the new enlisted men.

f Friday 15 Sept Inspected Palermo Clothing Whse (See Par G, S & T Report No. 10). Conferred with an ITI officer regarding release of POW. Conferred with Director Commissary Military Hq of Sicily, re progress in reorganization of depots, clothing situation (see Par G, S & T Report No. 10). Lt Snider gave written examination to EM on accounting.

g Saturday 16 Sept Lay out inspection of EM's clothing and equipment. Gave written examination to EM on accounting and instructions on same. Conferred with...

8 Thursday 14 Sept Conferred with Asst Chief of Staff Military Hq of Sicily re the programs of reorganization of ITI Army in Sicily, general routine matters and which En of the Labauda Div they would desire to move from Sicily when called upon (Request for this info came from Hq 56 Area). Conferred with ACC Region 1 re consolidating those to conserve ITI guards. Capt Craig & Lt Snider gave instructions on new accounting system to the new enlisted men.

9 Friday 15 Sept Inspected Palermo Clothing Warehouse (See Par G, S & T Report No.10). Conferred with an ITI officer regarding release of PSM. Conferred with Director Commissary Military Hq of Sicily, re progress in reorganization of assets, clothing situation (See Par G, S & T Report No.10). Lt Snider gave written explanation to EM on accounting.

10 Saturday 16 Sept Lay out inspection of EM's clothing and equipment. Gave written examination to EM on accounting and instructions on same. Conferred with ACC Region 1 re ITI guards. Capt Craig departed for home by motor.

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No. 738

10 Sept 1944

1. DAILY LIAISON LOG NO. 10 FOR WEEK ENDING 9 SEPT 44

A Sunday 3 Sept Routine office work and one half day off. On 2 Sept 500 Italian Line Section arrived at Messina (under comd Brit) approx 2 offrs and 60 EM.

B Monday 4 Sept Major Rossett and Capt Craig conferred with Military Hq of Sicily Director of Camisary. Lt Snider arrives by air from Rome. Col Albert, Maj Rossett and Lt Snider inspected bulk Depot at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 9). Capt Craig contacted Lt Hartough, Camisary Officer U.S. Navy, to arrange handover of flour from U.S. Navy to Italian Army. This is the flour on Shipping Order RA 100000 M - 1-3785 dated 10 July for 405,000 lbs for the Italian military. The following amounts of flour were turned over to the Italian army this week and Acceptance Notes are being prepared and will be forwarded to AMIA in due time:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flour in lbs</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Place</u>
2 Sept 44	105,950	(Ship) Domenico Padre Palermo	
6 Sept 44	31,450	(Ship) Salvatore Palermo	
9 Sept 44	505,650	U.S. Navy Palermo	
<u>Total</u>	<u>643,050</u>		

C Tuesday 5 Sept Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily re: reorganization Italian Army in Sicily, recommended that General's assistance staff be transferred to Military Hq Sicily Camisary (agreed by C/S), to speed up requisition of warehouses at Catania and Galanisecca (C/S stated action had been taken) and movement 10 Ingr Co (Infantry Div) to under Comd AMIA at Piedmonte. Maj Rossett and Lt Snider inspected Distribution Depot at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 9). Six EM (U.S.) arrived by air from Rome.

D Wednesday 6 Sept Maj Rossett departed by air for Rome. Capt Gable attends analysis Commission at Palermo. AMIA

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Acceptance Notes are being prepared and will be forwarded to MIA in due time.

Date	Amount in Lira	Source	Place
2 Sept 44	103,800	(Ship) Domenico Pardo Palermo	Palermo
6 Sept 44	41,430	(Ship) Salvatore	Palermo
9 Sept 44	225,830	U.S. Navy	Palermo
Total	371,060		

c Tuesday 5 Sept. Conferred with C/3, Military Hq of Sicily re: reorganization Italian Army in Sicily. Recommended that Calabria Subdivision staff be transferred to Military Hq Sicily (Commissary (agreed by C/3), to speed up requisition of warehouses at Catania and Calvanissita (C/3 stated action has been taken) and movement to Ingr Co (Calabria Div) to under Command at Piedimonte. Maj Fossitt and Lt Snider inspected Distribution Depot at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 2). Air M (U.S.) arrived by air from Rome.

d Wednesday 6 Sept. Maj Fossitt departed by air for Rome. Capt Craig attends Analysis Commission at Palermo D.D. for questioning and despoiling spilled food. Lt Snider sick in quarters 6 & 7 Sept. One half day off.

e Thursday 7 Sept. Conferred with Brig Nalke, Cmdr 73 AA Brig re pay and allowances for 145 Italian AA Gp under command. Arranged for construction with C/3, Military Hq of Sicily on same. Also re reduction in strength of the 145 Italian AA Gp. Informed Brig Nalke that rationing would be issued to the unit in accordance with Appendix "C" to MIA ltr C/3/1/2 dated 13 Aug 44 effective 1 Sept 44 unless otherwise authorized by MIA. (See our No. 830 dated 1 Sept 44 and Cable No. 600/1 dated 7 Sept for details). Capt Craig commenced series of lectures on organization and function of MIA and staff to the personnel just arrived at this office.

f Friday 8 Sept. Conferred with Brig Nalke, C/3 and Finance Officer, Military Hq of Sicily, re pay and allowances for 145 AA Gp. Agreed that Brig Nalke send ltr to Military Hq of Sicily through MIA to Sicily and instructions would be requested from Ministry of War re same. Capt Craig assigned responsibility for from U.S. Navy Depot to IFL Army and discharge of personnel.

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Salvatore with Flour to the 141 Army. (See Par 1 b above).

g. Saturday 9 Sept. Capt Craig completed transfer of Flour from U.S. Navy to 141 Army. Lt Snider studied file to obtain a background for LO work here.

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No. 687

3 Sept 1944

1/WEDNESDAY 30 AUG NO. 17 FOR WHEAT BIDDING 3 SEPT 1944

a Sunday 27 Aug Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 28 Aug Major Fosssett attended school that has been set up for the training of Italian supply Officers in the new supply instructions. Capt Craig conferred with representative ACC Region I re the turn over of vehicles to Italian Army.

c Tuesday 29 Aug Conferred with Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily, regarding matters in general affecting the Italian Army in Sicily. Major Fosssett attended same school as stated on Monday above. Capt Craig contacted 73 AA Bde re pick up clothing at Italian Bari warehouse for 145 AA GZ. A revised list of reports required from Military Hq of Sicily was prepared.

d Wednesday 30 Aug Major Fosssett flew to Catania & inspected B.D. (See S & T Report No. 6) One half day off.

e Thursday 31 Aug Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily, re compliance with AMIA C/S/L/F dated 15 Aug 1944. This communication was not received at this office until 20 Aug. Military Hq of Sicily had had no instructions to date from Ministry of War concerning the reorganizing of the Italian Army in Sicily. Ref your of 1573 dated 2 Sept in reply to our 552/1 dated 1 Sept you evidently misunderstood date extended in Ref 12 of your 6/6/2/F dated 15 Aug 1944. The date referred to was 23 Aug where it states "Not later than 23 Aug a list of units carried under categories (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) etc". This date could not be complied with because the communication with the instructions were received on 30 Aug. No dates governing the effective date of 31 Aug for drawing rations was received. Hq of Sicily was advised that effective 1 Sept

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was prepared.

1 Wednesday 30 Aug. Major Fossett flew to Catania & inspected D.D. (see S & T Report No. 8) One half day off.

2 Thursday 31 Aug. Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily, re compliance with MMIA C/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. This communication was not received at this office until 30 Aug. Military Hq of Sicily had had no instructions to date from Ministry of War concerning the reorganizing of the Italian Army in Sicily. Re: your air 1975 dated 3 Sept in reply to our 200/1 dated 1 Sept you evidently misunderstood date extended in par 13 of your C/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. The date referred to was 23 Aug where it states "not later than 23 Aug a list of units carried under categories (1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) etc". This date could not be complied with because the communication with the instructions were required on 30 Aug. No dates governing the effective date of Aug for drawing rations was changed. Military Hq of Sicily was advised that effective 1 Sept the number of rations drawn by the Italian Army in Sicily will be in accordance with AG annex "B" to MMIA letter C/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944, unless otherwise authorized by MMIA. Capt Craig inspected and on 46 Inr Regt (see S & T Report No. 8 enclosed)

3 Friday 1 Sept. Conferred with Signal Section 100 Region 1 re rations for 300 Italian line men (2 office & 280 049) arriving at Sicily west coast. Advised them this office had no authority to leave rations to them but I would cable MMIA for instructions.

4 Saturday 2 Sept. Major Fossett had conference with Director of Commissary re new reorganization of Commissariato Sussistenza in Sicily.

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27 Aug 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 16 FOR WEEK ENDING 26 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 28 Aug Routine office work and 1 day off.

b Monday 31 Aug Office work.

c Tuesday 22 Aug Major Fossett and I went to Caltanissetta by rail inspected the Distributing Depot and 16 Arty Regt. (See S & T Report No. 7 enclosed) Made a reconnaissance for new distributing depot and recommend to the Director of Commissary, Military Hq. of Sicily, that Palazzo Siveri on Via Cavour adjacent to the railroad station be obtained.

d Wednesday 23 Aug Capt Craig inspected 3rd Bn 46 Inf Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 7) One half day off.

e Thursday 24 Aug Office work.

f Friday 25 Aug Major Fossett conferred with M.C.B. regarding trial test base list Bill 28 Aug.

g Saturday 26 Aug Preparation of reports and routine office work. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary re establishing new bulk depot and distributing depots without delay, shipment canned spread and stop issue of rations to Red Cross personnel except those in the two Military Hospitals at Palermo and Catania.

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10 AUG 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 15 FOR WEEK ENDING 18 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 13 Aug Office work. Major Fossett arranged for movement of 303 B.S. Bn - liaison with Movements & Military Hq. of Sicily. One half day off.

b Monday 14 Aug Major Fossett inspected departure of 503 B.S. Bn, who cleared Palermo by rail 1100 hrs to under Command Eight Army. The movement to train and loading was carried out efficiently. Capt Craig took over files from Maj Thrupp at Catania and contacted various branches of 36 Area advising them where to contact MILIA LO at Sicily.

c Tuesday 15 Aug Major Fossett conferred with Director Commissary, Military Hq of Sicily re reorganizing of depots, issue of canned spread and shipment of canned spread to Taranto. Major Thrupp departed for Dischiree. Capt. Craig returned by motor from Catania.

d Wednesday 16 Aug Col Albert returned by air from Rome. Major Fossett reconciled accounts between ACC and Italian Depot on canned butter. Vouchers were transferred from ACC for fish and P.Meat. One half day off.

e Thursday 17 Aug Had a long conference with Director Commissary regarding reorganizing of depots in Sicily. The Director Commissary desired to make a personal reconnaissance to Mesina re the bulk depot before a decision could be made, which was agreed to but must be expedited. It was decided to recommend Palermo, Catania and Caltanissetta for the three D.Ds. and no more.

f Friday 18 Aug Major Fossett inspected the DID, and the Italian Military Bakery at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 6 Incl.) Capt Craig inspected 1st Bn 48 Inf Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 5 Incl.).

motor from Catania.

d Wednesday 16 Aug Col Albert returned by air from Rome. Major Fossett reconciled accounts between ACC and Italians Depot on canned butter. Vouchers were transferred from ACC for fish and P.Meat. One half day off.

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f Friday 18 Aug Major Fossett inspected the DID. and the Italian Military Bakery at Palermo. (See S & T Report No.6 Encl.) Capt Craig inspected 1st Bn 45 Inf Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report No.6 Encl.).

g Saturday 19 Aug Preparing reports and routine office work.

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No. 608

15 Aug 1944

1. WEEKLY FLATIRON LOG NO. 14 FOR WEEK ENDING 15 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 6 Aug Office work. One half day off.

b Monday 7 Aug Col Albert attended conference held by QSO (2) 56 Area re guards required from the Sebasta Div for Palermo area. Capt Craig held a conference at which the O.C. British Tps and the Engineer Officer Military Hq of Sicily were represented. Purpose of conference was to set up a program and establish channels for the requisitioning of property required by Allied Forces. Major Fossett supervised completion of transfer of canned spread from ACC stocks to Italian Army Bulk Depot at Palermo.

2 Tuesday 8 Aug. Col Albert attended conference with representatives from Maj Hq of 51st, HQB, and ACC regarding return of Fiat Factory to Italy. HQB unable to grant request at this time but did permit some files, office furniture and a Fiat 11 automobile to be turned over on proper receipt. Col Albert conferred with C.O. 505th & 5th re guards the 5th was furnishing in Palermo vicinity and also conferred with Maj Bellamy G 3 C (2) 56 Area re guards for Palermo area. Capt Craig also attended conference concerning return of Fiat Factory.

4 Wednesday 9 Aug. Col Albert conferred with following: (1) Brig Cripps, 12 Cadr 56 Area re matters in general. (2) Representative M.H.C., 505th & 5th and QSO (2) 56 Area re guards for Palermo area. (3) Asst C/O M.H.C. re movement 309 5th Bn to under Command 5th Army by 14 Aug. Capt Craig represented MMIA at an inventory of files, account books and other miscellaneous papers at the Fiat plant. One half day off.

5 Thursday 10 Aug. Col Albert left for Rome by air. Capt Craig started to Trentini to inspect a unit but was delayed

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at this time but did permit some rifles, machine guns and
a Fiat 11 automobile to be turned over on proper receipt.
Col Albert conferred with C.O. 500 B & Bn re guards the Bn
was furnishing in Palermo vicinity and also conferred with
Maj Bellamy G S O (2) 56 Area re guards for Palermo area.
Capt Craig also attended conference concerning return of Fiat
factory.

Wednesday 9 Aug. Col Albert conferred with following:
(1) Brig Cripps, re Cmdr 56 Area re matters in general. (2) Re-
presentative M.A.S., Cmdr 505 S S Bn and GSO (2) 56 Area re
guards for Palermo area. (3) Asst C/L M.A.S. re movement 505
S S Bn to under Command 6th Army by 14 Aug. Capt Craig re-
presented MIA at an inventory of files, account books and
other miscellaneous papers at the Fiat plant. One half day off.

Thursday 10 Aug. Col Albert left for Rome by air.
Capt Craig started to Tripoli to inspect a unit but was delayed
by motor trouble and was forced to return. Major Fossett con-
ferred with a representative of the III Navy re an increase
in the number of rations the Navy would be authorized to draw.
Navy officer instructed that this matter must be taken up by
him through the Navy sub Commission.

Friday 11 Aug. Capt Craig inspected 2nd Gp 18th Arty
Regt. (Sabalaus Div) at Trapani. Major Fossett completed stock
state data and transmitted signal for same. Also completed
duration data chart. Col Albert called from Rome re investi-
gating possibilities of finding suitable space for Bulk Depot
in Messina.

Saturday 12 Aug. Capt Craig travelled to Messina to
investigate possibilities of finding suitable space for Bulk
Depot. Major Fossett conferred with the Director Commissariato
re reorganization of Commissariato in Sicily.

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No. 538

7 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports - Weekly Ln. Log No. 13

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (AMIA)

1. Ref our No. 535 dated 6 Aug '44. Add following
to Par 1 a of Weekly Ln Log No. 13:

"3rd Bn 45 Inf Regt (Sabaudo Div) moved from
Acireale to Syracuse".

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No. 500

5 AUG 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 10 FOR WASH HEADQUARTERS 5 AUG 1944.

4 Sunday 30 July Office work, 1 day off.

5 Monday 31 July. Office work. Major Fossett went by rail to Catania.

6 Tuesday 1 Aug. Major Fossett conferred with representative Italian Navy at Messina re Italian Navy drawing rations in bulk from Italian army at Catania and Palermo and distributing same to their own units. Palermo bulk depot to serve Navy at Palermo and Trapani; Catania bulk depot to serve Messina and Augusta. This plan to go into effect 9 - 24 August period. Major Fossett also visited Messina Distributing Depot and found it in poor condition (See S & T in Offr Weekly Report No. 4 enclosed herewith).

7 Wednesday 2 Aug. Conferred with OC IN re return of Italian POWs with illegal certificates. 1 day off. Major Fossett inspected 3rd BN, 45th Inf. and P.D. at Syracuse (See S & T in Offr Weekly Report No. 4 enclosed herewith).

8 Thursday 3 Aug. Conferred with Capt. Hie, Joint Army & Navy Intelligence Collecting Agency (JICA) from Washington re Intelligence matters in Sicily. Agreed to supply each other with Intelligence info. Conferred with British O.C. troops at Palermo and arranged for conference between British, Italians and this office regarding requisition & derequisitioning property. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

9 Friday 4 Aug. Conferred with C.O., C/S and Der C/S Military HQ of Sicily re matters in general. The railroad situation in Sicily was discussed - it is estimated that one

4 Wednesday 3 Aug. Conferred with CC FR re return of Italian paroled with illegal certifications. 3 day off. Major Fossett inspected 4th BN, 45th Inf. and B.D. at Syracuse (see 3 & 4 in Offr Weekly Report No. 4 enclosed herewith).

5 Thursday 4 Aug. Conferred with Camp Miv, Joint Army & Navy Intelligence Collecting Agency (JICA) from Washington re intelligence matters in Sicily. Agreed to supply each other with intelligence info. Conferred with British O.C. troops at Palermo and arranged for conference between British, Italians and this office regarding requisition & derequisitioning property. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

6 Friday 5 Aug. Conferred with C.G., C/S and Dep C/S Military Hq of Sicily re matters in general. The railroad situation in Sicily was discussed - it is estimated that the railway between Messina and Palermo will be open about 30 Aug and between Messina and Catania about 30 Sept. When this is done it will greatly relieve the transfer situation in bringing rations from the Mezzogiorno by rail. Other matters discussed: anticipated civil disturbance, which didn't materialize at Palermo (a full report will be made in the Aug Intel Report to follow); return to Italian Army Captains' ambulances now held by Allies; Vehicles situation in general, which is very critical, ACC Region I have volunteered to return a number of unserviceable captured vehicles that will enable the Italian Army to use for spare parts and put more vehicles on the road; Real Estate, requisition & derequisition; Italian blankets held at Syracuse. Conferred with Cmdr Naval Gun Base re Flat Garage, also orthopaedic for Italians. Maj Fossett checked movement of earned spread from ACC to Italian Palermo Bulk Depot. The Italians require continuous supervision to get a job done. They lack initiative and ~~responsibility~~ ^{show}. Capt Cruid returned from Rome by air.

7 Saturday 6 Aug. Conferred with an investigator from 53 Area re the shooting of an Italian officer alleged by an American soldier. The officer later died. Shore Patrol H.O.B. had already started an investigation. A full report will be made of the incident. ~~The following Intel Report to follow.~~

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Capt. Craig had conference with representatives of Military Hq of Sicily and ACC Region I and arranged for ACC to return to Italians 19 Captured Italian ambulances - 5 serviceable, 9 need heavy repairs and 5 are just junk. This office was in accord with ACC's desire to retain 4 captured Italian ambulances upon which ACC had expended considerable in converting into carrying vehicles. In exchange ACC will turn over to the Italians some unserviceable vehicles that may be used for spare parts.

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No. 6.9

20 July 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 12 FOR WEEK ENDING 29 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 22 July. Office work and 1 day off. *

b Monday 24 July. Conferred with Caser Shore Patrol, Naval Gun Base, Palermo re petty disturbances between Allied personnel and Italian Army. Italians to report all incidents at once to Shore Patrol and the Shore Patrol to investigate all cases without delay. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hq of Sicily, re new single ration scale and with Italian Naval L.O. re single ration scale and Naval Distributing Depot at Palermo, and at Catania or Augusta.

c Tuesday 25 July. Conference with representative M.O.D. re exactions at Naval Gun Base at Palermo and conferred with Col Snook ACC re illegal percolated Italians. Col Snook to assist in locating same and when found will be turned over to the Carabinieri Police to be returned to their unit. Capt Craig inspected 30 Mortar Bn (Sabauda Div) at Agrigento, (see M.A. 7 In Off Report No. 3).

d Wednesday 26 July. Office work and 1 day off. Major Fossett checked on delivery of canned meat from ACC stocks. **

e Thursday 28 July. Conferred with C/S and Asst C/S Military Hq of Sicily discussing many general matters that came up during the past week. Capt Craig arranged real estate turnover between British Lt Col unit and Italians.

f Friday 29 July. Checked Italians moving canned meat from ACC Warehouse, pointing out to them where they could be more efficient in using the transportation available. Major Fossett inspected warehouse where Italians desire to move the Bull and B.D. Co, and approved same. Capt Craig reported by air for Hq. MIA Rome.

g Saturday 29 July. Inspected camp around that place.

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Thursday 27 July Conferred with C/O and Asst C/O Military
 HQ of Sicily discussing many general matters that came up during
 the past week. Capt Craig arranged real estate turnover between
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ACO Warehouse, pointing out to them where they could be more
efficient in using the transportation available. Major Forsett
inspected warehouse where Italians desire to move the Bull and
D B to, and approved same. Capt Craig departed by air for HQ.
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6 Saturday 28 July Inspected camp ground that elements of the 48 Inf Regt (1st) had left in an unsanitary condition. Same had been corrected. Major Kosselt checked on delivery of canned meat from AVO mess. The Italians continually in an unsanitary manner. in moving goods in an effective manner.

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23 July 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 11, 201, WMA, DATED 22 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 16 July. Office work, one half day off.

b Monday 17 July. Major Fosssett checked strength return of Hq. Guardia Finanza at Palermo, found to be correct. Captain Craig straightened out a misunderstanding between U.S. Navy and Military Hq of Sicily re transfer of some real estate.

c Tuesday 18 July. Contacted M.O. Naval Operating Base re medical service for Italian PW attached to Navy. Due to shortage of Italian Medical personnel the Navy will give them medical service, at least until the Italians receive sufficient personnel to take the work over.

Major Fosssett inspected Distributing Depots at Anna and Caltanissetta (see a & f report enclosed herewith). Captain Craig witnessed the destruction of a quantity of condemned canned food at Palermo Depot.

d Wednesday 19 July. Office work. Major Fosssett contacted Italian Director of Commissary re turning over canned meat from ACC and other matters. One half day off.

e Thursday 20 July. Attended conference between ACC Region 1, Italian Army and Civil representatives re forced collection of grain in Sicily. The Italian Army are disposing troops to assist the Police in the collecting of the grain. Orders to be issued in each Province that all grain must be consumed by 15 days after turning in. Contacted ACC Region 1 re the continuance of USS S.S. Bn as guards for ACC installations. (See our No. 318 dated 21 July) Capt Craig inspected Hq 46 Inf Regt at Palermo. (See CAT report enclosed)

f Friday 21 July. Conference with G.O. 46 Inf Regt re general matters concerning the regiment. Weekly conference with Asst. C/S Military Hq of Sicily re matters in general pertaining to the Italians. Conference with GAO (S) 46 Area re employment of Italian guards in the Palermo area.

Captain Craig attended conference with U.S. M.O.P. and

Major Robert Connelley
Italian Director of Commissary is turning over canned meat from
ACC and other matters. One half day off.

Thursday 20 July. attended conference between ACC Region
1, Italian Army and Civil representatives to forced collection of
grain in Sicily. The Italian Army are disposing troops to assist
the Police in the collecting of the grain. Orders to be issued in
each Province that all grain must be amassed by 10 days after
threatening. Contacted ACC Region 1 re the continuance of 303 S.S.
Bn as guards for ACC installations. (see our No. 516 dated 21 July)
Capt Craig inspected Hq 46 Inf Regt at Palermo. (see our report enclosed
Friday 21 July. Conference with C.O. 46 Inf Regt re
general matters concerning the regiment. Weekly conference with
Asst. C/S Military Hq of Sicily re matters in general pertaining to
the Italians. Conference with GSO (2) re area re employment of
Italian guards in the Palermo area.
Captain Craig attended conference with U.S. E.O.B. and
Military Hq of Sicily re to turning over Italian Government real
estate to the Italians, formerly occupied by U.S. troops.

Saturday 22 July. Routine office work and preparation of
weekly reports.

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No. 489

18 July 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 18 FOR WEEK ENDING 18 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 9 July Office work AM, 1/2 day off. The 330th 20mm AA Btry (Sabauda Div) closed at MAGUSA, moving by rail from AGRIGENTO.

b Monday 10 July Conference with Signal Officer ACC re material for XII Italian Corps to build high frequency circuit between Palermo and Corleone - XII Corps to submit list of requirements. Major Fossett returned from HQ MIA by air.

c Tuesday 11 July Checked plans with XII Corps re distribution of food arriving from Taranto to Sicily by rail.

d Twa Wednesday 12 July Moved office to 2nd floor (British 1st floor) 5 Via Bari. Phone Palermo 15689 Ext 48. Conference with M.O. XII Corps re Medical personnel for Italian P.W. No. 7606, recently turned over to XII Corps. Medical personnel to operate the hospital is urgently required - see our Ref No. 18376 of 12 July.

e Thursday 13 July Office work and 1/2 day off. Major Fossett conferred with ACC re availability of canned meat from ACC stocks in Sicily. Capt Craig arranged meeting between XII Corps and US Navy re transfer to Italians of Caproni Aircraft Works.

f Friday 14 July Office work. Major Fossett inspected bulk and distributing depots at Palermo, found to be in good condition.

g Saturday 15 July Conference with M.O. XII Corps re release of 14 Medical personnel from Hospital No. 7606 - request came too late as the personnel were "ear marked" for operation and were being sent from Palermo this date.

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9 July 1944

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 9 FOR WEEK ENDING 8 JULY 1944

a Sunday 2 July Office work. One half day off.

b Monday 3 July Office work. Capt Craiz contacted 110 H.U. RAF re Italian Military truck in their possession, to be returned to Italian Military at an early date.

c Tuesday 4 July Office work. One half day off Independence Day.

d Wednesday 5 July. Conference with HQ ACC re return of Italian medical equipment and supplies turned over to elements of an Italian Field Hospital by AMOBI. XII Corps advised to collect same under authority Hq MIA No. M/4/1238 dated 20 June '44. Effort was made to locate shipping order 44-1-3555 to obtain 400,000 lbs flour authorizing 125 by MIA to be turned over to the Italians. The flour situation is grave in Sicily as shown by our various signals. (See S AF Report enclosed - for Wednesday).

Capt Craiz condemned a quantity of damaged food in accordance with existing instructions.

Approximately 70 tons of tinned meat loaned from ACC in accordance with your AM 1657 of 4 July.

e Thursday 6 July Conference C/S XII Italian Corps re vehicles for 600th Gas Bn and movement of the Bn into Palermo to be nearer their assignments for guard duty. They are guarding ACC installations. Conference with Executive Officer Naval Operating Base re exemptions from Italian Army call to the colors. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re cribed items flour and fish to be shipped from Tarento to Catania by Ministry of War.

Major Fossett departed by air (Italian plane) for HQ MIA.

f Friday 7 July. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re flour shortage. Flour stocks in

Capt Craig condemned a quantity of damaged food in accordance with existing instructions.

Approximately 75 tons of damaged food were learned from AGC in accordance with your AC 1007 of 4 July.

Thursday 6 July Conference with XII Italian Corps re vehicles for 350th Gas Bn and movement of the Bn into Palermo to be nearer their assignments for guard duty. They are guarding the AGC installations. Conference with Executive Officer Naval Operating Base re exemptions from Italian Army call to the colors. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re critical items flour and rice to be shipped from Taranto to Catania by Ministry of War.

Major Fossett departed by air (Italian plane) for HQ MIA.

Friday 7 July Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re flour shortage. Flour stocks in Sicily will be exhausted about 10 July and there is no flour on the island to be loaned. Told the Director of Commissary to contact Ministry of War to hurry shipment from Taranto.

Capt Craig made tour with Chief Engr. XII Corps re premises about to be vacated by IBA and turned back to XII Corps.

Saturday 8 July Conference with O-2 AGC re Italian troops to be stationed in each Province to assist in collecting grain.

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No. 332 REALLY LIAISON LOG No. 5 FOR MILITARY, ENCL. 1 JULY 1944.

Sunday 28 June. Office work. One half day off.

Monday 29 June. Quarter ton trailer recovered, that was removed from IBS parking lot by Claims Section without authority. Major Fossett visited Palermo Bulk and Distributing Depot, discovered some fish oil and arranged to distribute at once. Stocks on hand low especially canned meat (which has been substituted for fish) and flour as mentioned in our cables to MHA.

Capt Craig arranged transfer of Italian Government properties to XII Corps being vacated by IBS.

Tuesday 17 June. Office work. Major Fossett traveled to Catania by rail. Capt Craig arranged transfer of care building to XII Corps.

Wednesday 24 June. Office work and half day off. Major Fossett visited Catania Food Depot and found conditions to be below standard, see S/T report enclosed for details. These discrepancies are being brought to the attention of XII Corps for correction and a follow up inspection will be made by Major Thropp one week later. Misunderstandings regarding "A" rations received on schooner "Charlotte" were corrected.

Capt Craig contacted IBS & AGO regarding return of captured Italian Military vehicles to XII Corps.

Thursday 29 June. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary regarding critical items of rations. Contacted MHA AGO and AGO if loan of canned meat and flour (providing MHA AGO directs is an emergency) could be made. See our cable Ref No. 11888 dated 24 June. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

Friday 30 June. (1) Conference with Des C/3 XII Corps re requisitions (ingents) for supplies in accordance with MHA AGO. (2) The XII Corps had not received the instructions from Ministry of War to comply with AGO. (3) AGO is regards to requisitions and reports. Conference with Col. Ghose, Intelligence Officer, Region No. 1 AGO, re situation that might arise in collecting grain from the farmers by force. See our No. 378 of 30 June.

(c) 20th Motor Bn (XII Italian Corps) moved to AGO AGO

Capt Craig contacted LBS & ACC regarding return of captured Italian Military vehicles to XII Corps.

2 Thursday 29 June. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissions regarding critical items of rations. Contacted AM LBS and ACC re loan of canned meat and flour (providing HQ MMIA co directs in an emergency) could be made. See our cable Ref No. 11886 dated 29 June. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

3 Friday 30 June. (1) Conference with Dev C/S XII Corps re requisitions (incents) for supplies in accordance with MMIA Adm. Ins. No. 3. The XII Corps has not received the instructions from Ministry of War to comply with Adm. Ins. No. 3 in regards to requisitions and reports. Conference with Col. Brock, Intelligence Officer, Region No. 1 Adm., re situation that might arise in collecting grain from the farmers by force. See our No. 373 of 30 June.

(2) 30th Warter Bn (XII Italian Corps) moved to Adlonato to be available to quell any disturbances that might arise due to the grain collecting situation or other causes.

(3) Major Fossett had conference with XII Corps Director of Commissions re shortage of canned meat and flour, and forage. See 3/2 Report enclosed herewith.

(4) Capt Craig checked with PW Co - re PWs release of Italian Military vehicles and supplies to XII Corps.

4 Saturday 1 July. Office work.
Capt Craig working on transportation situation. See 3/1 Report enclosed herewith.

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No. 313

20 June 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 7 for week ending 24 June 44.

a Sunday 18 June. Attended ceremony at U.S. Cemetery at Palermo where the Italians honored our dead by placing four large wreaths on the graves. Afternoon off.

b Monday 19 June. Conferences as follows:

(1) With local U.S. Navy Executive Officer re guards for installations that will be taken over by the Navy. (See per I c (2))

(2) With Cmdr 56 Area, Cmdr IBS and representatives of several local commands re transfer of installations from IBS about 1st July. It was agreed that 56 Area would send representative (probably a Town Major) to Palermo to make arrangements direct with XII Corps operationally (Guards etc.). This office will keep in close liaison with the 56 Area representative.

c Tuesday 20 June (1) Conference with C.G. XII Corps, Cmdr 56 Area and Cmdr IBS re general policies and control. The 56 Area representative at Palermo to contact direct XII Corps re operations, advising this office. All Adm & Sup matters from XII Corps to MMIA thru this office.

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(2) Conference with G-2 AGC re Intelligence, also
Italian troops to assist the collecting of grain from the far-
mers into the warehouses - to be furnished by XII Corps thru
56 Area Palermo representative.

Thursday 22 June. Office work. Major Fossett had
conference with representative Italian Air Force re rations and
Air Force units in Sicily. Capt Craig secured information and
data relative to return of captured Italian vehicles to Italian
Army. I.M.T. agreed to return some - mostly unserviceable, but
can be used for spare parts.

Friday 23 June. (1) Secured data from Medical Officer
IBS re Italian hospitals & hospital personnel. (See our No. 302
dated 23 June).

(2) 145 AA Gp (ITI) arrived at Syracuse under command
73 AA Brigade (Brit).

(3) Major Fossett visited Distributing Depots at
Caltanissetta and Enna. Found both depots in good condition.

Saturday 24 June. Office work. Capt Craig secured

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authority from port authorities for XII Corps to pick up some
salvage cement in bomb damaged buildings in port area.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
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11 June 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.5 (Trip)

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMAIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your C/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 10 June 1944 submitted as follows.

a Sunday 4 June. AM routine office work, PM rest.

b Monday 5 June. Maj Fossett, Capt Craigs, Lt Adams (Italian Interpreter) and I mortored to Trapani inspected 2d Gp 16 Arty Regt and Ammunition Dps in that area (See our 162 of 6 June). This unit had overdrawn rations when they moved to this area and it was being corrected first period in June. They were issuing on a 7 day menu sent down by the Gabauda Div before the 10 day menu was issued by War Ministry. We contacted the Director of Commissary here at Palermo and the 10 day menu will be put into effect. Major Thrupp arrived.

c Tuesday 6 June. Conference with Maj Thrupp concerning many matters between No.1 District and XII Corps. Commencing 11 June the Italian Navy will draw their rations in bulk from the Italian Distributing Depot at Catania.

d Wednesday 7 June. Routine office work.

e Thursday 8 June. Conference with RAF representative re alleged shortage of rations issue to an Italian Air Force unit vicinity of Syracuse. Maj Thrupp to investigate and report. Maj Thrupp departed. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig inspected the bulk depot and distributing depots at Palermo and made suggestions re stacking of flour. Investigated alleged weight shortage on issue of dehydrated potatoes - see our No.175 of 6 June. Inventoried and condemned quantity of spoiled canned goods - see our No. 202 of 11 June.

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1 Friday 9 June. Conference with C.O. and V. Cmdr Sabaude Div re policies in general also was informed about the leader of the disturbing Italian element in Sicily which will be reported in my monthly Intelligence report 25 June. Maj Fossett inspected distributing depots at Caltanissetta and Erma. Inventoried and condemned quantity of spoiled canned goods - see our No. 232 of 11 June.

1 Saturday 10 June. Conference with Maj Tazewell 31st A.F. Dep (British) re return of airfields and Italian air force ammunition. Conference with Maj Wickenden S/T Distone re repayment in kind rations Distone issued to Italian Navy - see our IBSAG-1221 of 11 June.

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No. 137

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 4

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your G/21 dated 9 May 1944, Liaison log for week ending 3 June 1944 submitted as follows:

a Sunday 28 May. Conference with Capt Gamble LC from No. 1 District re trucks for engineer road work. Told him to contact XII Corps.

b Monday 29 May. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig checked strength for rations with Maj Palma (Italian), Director of Commissary. Made a reconnaissance in Arty area for additional warehouse space in Palermo if some should be required. The present warehouse facilities may not be adequate later when the other two Divs arrive.

c Tuesday 30 May. Accepted Col Stubbledien's invitation to review the Memorial Day parade and attended the services at the U.S. Cemetery. The C.O. XII Italian Corps and other Italian Military and Civilian dignitaries also attended, which cemented our mutual good will between the Allies and the Italians, both military and civilian. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig investigated a claim by Palermo Bulk Depot of a discrepancy in weight on a shipment of dehydrated potatoes from IBS. Findings - a double check by IBS believed to be correct. The Italians were cautioned to make a closer check upon receipt of supplies to avoid a repetition of the above.

d Wednesday 31 May. Conference with c/s IBS on security measures.

e Thursday 1 June. Paid my respects to Gen Branks, Cmdr 5th R.A. Carabinieri Brigade of Sicily and Col Calabro, Cmdr Carabinieri Palermo Legion to discussed with them the dispositions and functions of the Carabinieri in Sicily. Received a report on the recent Licaia and Regalbuto disturbances (See our No. 136).

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Friday 2 June. Visited Col Ziondi, Cmdr Regia Guardia Vinanza in western Sicily and discussed with him functions and duties and method of distribution of rations to their personnel.

Conference with XII Corps Engr Officer re wire and Engr supplies. Informed him about the Italian Engr Dp in Palermo where there was a limited amount of Engr supplies.

Major Fessett and Capt Craig visited Carabinieri Hq at Palermo to check strength returns and feeding of their personnel.

Saturday 3 June. Conference with Movements XII Corps re early decision by No.1 District on location of Bari and 2.8 Divs in order to arrange for movement of same to their destinations.

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Conference with C/S XII Corps re location of Bari and 226 Divs upon arrival from Sardinia. Also discussed disciplinary matters affecting the Italian troops. Conference with Col Marasca, V. Czar Sabaude Div re employment, supply and feeding of his command and matters in general concerning same.

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No. 52

28 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 3

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMLA)

1. Pursuant to instructions Ref G/21 MMLA dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 27 May 1944 submitted as follows:

a Sunday 21 May. Accompanied by Lt Col Howard and Major Hall, LO IBS, inspected 1st Bn 518 Inf Regt at Palermo, (report No. 43 this office dated 23 May).

b Monday 22 May. Conference with ACC re Italian vehicle situation and hospitals. Col Howard departed. Major Rose arrived. Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited IBS Class I Dump to observe loading of supplies for shipment to Italians at Catania.

c Tuesday 23 May. Conference with Major Rose re supplies and general policies controlling same. Lt Paolo Adami, Italian interpreter supplied by 211 Corps arrived and to be attached to this office. He speaks and translates English well, having lived in England for several years. Major Fossett arranged with ACC for loan 40,000 lbs tinned fish for Italians.

d Wednesday 24 May. Held conference with Gen Browning and Col Piusley, who arrived by plane, on general policies. Majors Fossett and Rose and Capt Craig visited Bulk Depot at Palermo.

e Thursday 25 May. Accompanied IBS ^{med} officers to inspect alleged damage dry beans at Palermo. Distributing Depot. Conference with C/S IBS and LO IBS to Italians (Major Hall). 908th Reparto flavoratori (4 Girs, 104 GRs) arrived from Catania (N of Naples) moved to Syracuse, attached to No. 1 District. Major Fossett and Capt Craig departed for Caltanissetta, Enna and Catania visiting Distributing Depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. They recommended some changes in the storage of rations.

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f Friday 26 May. Conference with Capt Bred, CIO, re security measures in Sicily. With Major Hall, 10 lbs to Italian, inspected 30th Italian Mortar Bn. (He ort No. 74 this office dated 27 May). Major Fossett and Capt Craig cooked on schooner "ORBITA" carrying Italian rations to Catania in replacement of 3000 "A" rations furnished by No. 1 District to Italian Navy. Also visited Catania Distribution Depot (Report in detail to follow).

g Saturday 27 May. Conference with Col Marasco, V. Cmdr Sabauda Div re Italian Army in Sicily and settings acquainted. He impresses me as a capable officer. Major Fossett and Capt Craig returned from Catania.

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14 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 1

To: GOC Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (MMIA)

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1. Pursuant to instructions of your H. Ref G/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 13 May 1944 is submitted as follows:

(a) Sunday 7 May and Monday 8 May at LAQUILLI (LECCO) preparing to move to Sicily.

(b) Tuesday 9 May moved by motor to CALANZANO (258 miles) and spent night with Lt Col Howard.

(c) Wednesday 10 May proceeded by motor to CATANIA, SICILY (114 miles) stopping at HQ No 1 District.

(d) Thursday 11 May conference with GOC No 1 District with reference to the liaison section's mission in Sicily. Made study of methods No 1 District in issuing supplies to Italians. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig visited the Station Depot at Catania and found sacks of flour and sugar in good condition but canned goods not neatly piled. This depot feeds about 10,000 men daily in area from Mesena to Syracuse but no stock records were kept. It was estimated to have 10 days supply of flour and 25 days of preserved meat in the depot. ADOS No 1 District desires to know what disposition is to be made with the 80,000 Battle Dress (green) in the Catania warehouse. He was informed that MMIA would issue instructions concerning same. The Sabauda Div made a good appearance in their green battle dress. The Maj Thruup remained at Catania as IC to No 1 District.

(e) Friday 12 May proceeded to Palermo (170 miles) and reported to CO IBS and was assigned quarters for the group. Officers at Grand Hotel, OFS at HQ Co IBS.

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(f) Saturday 13 May established office in Flat 6, 4th ~~floor~~ ^{floor} Hq IBS Building. Made an official visit to GOC XII Corps (Italy). The three officers were guests of Gen Mariotti for dinner in the evening.

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