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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 84. 21 - 27 October 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 21 October - Day off.

2. Monday, 22 October

a Inspected Cagliari Bakery (See our S & T report).

b Checked bread made with 25% so called old (musty) flour. Seems to be satisfactory so issued instructions for same to be issued at once and consumed on that basis. (See paragraphs 6b and 7b of Liaison Log No. 83 dated 22 October 45).

c Conferred with U.S. Detachments in Sardinia re taking over the drawing and issuing of rations and PX for November 45.

d Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re number loadcarriers held by Calabria Division (See our Y 706 of 22 October).

3. Tuesday, 23 October

a Conferred with Colonel Martine, Requisition Officer, re derequisitioning all Italian property held by M.M.I.A. Detachment in Sardinia.

b Conferred with Mr. Galli, charge of Carbonia coal mines, re U.S. tires held by employees there.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re Italian Army gasoline and motor oil depots. (See our Y 711 of 23 October).

4. Wednesday, 24 October

a Inspected Italian Navy Food Depot in Cagliari (See S & T Report).

b Inspected 59 Inf Regt (See S & T Report).

5. Thursday, 25 October

a. Conferred with Major Kimball and Captain Montin, AAFSC/ETO, re requisitioned airfields in Sardinia. Advised them to contact the Requisition Officer.

b. Conferred with Col De Giudici re proposed loading of the S.S. "Miraglia" (See our Y 717 of 24 October).

c. Conferred with Representative CIP re oil drums held by Army which CIP desire to purchase. Advised him to put in the request through normal channels in writing.

d. Conferred with Capt Leach, 63 Staging Post RAF re 2 places on Italian planes Cagliari to Rome after 7 November. Advised him I had requested instructions re same from MSCIA Rome and would advise him.

e. Capt De Stefano picked up confiscated U.S. tires at Iglesias.

6. Friday, 26 October

a. Inspected following:

- (1) Macomer Food Depot.
 - (2) 2d Bn 40 Inf Regt At Macomer.
 - (3) 14th Repair Unit at Abbasanta
- See S & T Report.

b. S.S. Miraglia departed for Leghorn with 172 military personnel. (See our Signal Y 717 of 26 October).

7. Saturday, 27 October

a. Conferred with Colonel Martire re derequisition of Italian property held in Sardinia.

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 Allied Garrison, Salerno
 A.P.O. 304, U.S. Army

27 October 1945

SUBJECT: MIA LO Report.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).

1. In compliance with your letter C/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 July submit the following:

a. "G" Points. Training. Visited 59 Inf Regt and 2nd Bn 40 Inf Regt during week. The C.O. of former stated they did 3 hour training week days and the C.O. of latter stated 3 hours. Neither were training at time of visit because it was meal time.

b. "A" Points. Shipped the following military to mainland past week:

SHIP	DATE DEPARTED CASUALTY	DESTINATION	NO. OF MIL PERSONNEL
S/S Abbazia	21 October	Naples	59
R.S. Miraglia	28 October	Leghorn	172

c. "Q" Points. Nothing to report.

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Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.O. 304, U.S. Army

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: 1. AC LO for Sardinia.
2. Italian Air Passage Cagliari-Rome.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In accordance with Appendix A (1), AFHQ Adm Memo No. 19 dated 31 March I was appointed to act as General Allied Coms Liaison Officer for Sardinia.

2. Also in accordance with letter Air Forces Sub Com Rome reference 354/6/Org of 17 May 1945 I was authorized to allot the two places on the Italian planes, Cagliari to Rome.

3. In view of the above request that AC Rome be informed of closing MMIA LO Office in Sardinia as of 7 November 1945.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.W.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 83. 14 - 20 October 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).

1. Sunday, 14 October

a Day off.

2. Monday, 15 October

a Returned to Cagliari by plane from Rome.

b Conferred with Lieutenant from AC re requirement of number of Italian plane per week from Sardinia to Rome and return.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with Mr. Parris, U.S.A., re the safeguarding of mail on U.S. Liberty ship unloading grain. Also conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re repair of Army transport.

d Destroyer Carini departed for Sicily loaded with 47 Military personnel.

3. Tuesday, 16 October

a Conferred with Representative CMS re proposed loading of military on cruiser Garibaldi.

b Conferred with a civilian re the disposal of salvage in accordance with MIA Q/15/11 of 21 August 1945. Advised him to contact the Italians in accordance with MIA Q/8 of 19 September.

c Conferred with Commissary Section re turning over control of clothing and equipment in accordance with MIA Q/8 of 19 Sept.

d Sgt Gentile returns from Naples on S/S Abbazia escorting U.S. food rations.

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4. Wednesday, 17 October

a. Conferred with General Maccario. Commanding General Italian Forces in Sardinia, re (1) Training. He stated that they had been making "dry runs" putting their plan into effect as to quelling riots and disturbances. I informed him, as verbally instructed by General Browning, to put more emphasis on training.

b. Cruiser Garibaldi departs for Naples with 433 military personnel and 3/5 Commargues departs for Sicily with 18 military personnel.

5. Thursday, 18 October

a. Checked unloading of food for Italians from 3/3 Abbazia. Many boxes were broken, especially the fish items. Canadian packed. The removal from dock was very slow so contacted, Commanding General, Territorial Office for Sardinia, to furnish more trucks. Flour was stacked on dock, gave instructions to move flour first on account of threatening rain.

b. Conferred with Pt/Lt Leach, RCAF, Roma, re new regulations regarding air passage on RAV.

c. Conferred with Capt Delogu, High Commissioner's Office, re sending refugees on Italian ship (See our signal Y 699 of 18 Oct).

d. Capt De Stefano inspected vehicles in Category 3 at Paulistano (Vialeto graveyard near Alghero).

6. Friday, 19 October

a. Checked the unloading of food for Italians from 5/2 Abbazia, going much better today. (See par 5a above).

b. Checked the storage of food at Bulk Depot unloaded from the Abbazia. The Major in charge stated they had 500 - 100 lbs sacks of flour that was old and made the bread taste musty; this flour was sent from mainland on previous shipments. The flour did not smell musty to me or to my clerk. Am having a batch of bread made using 100% so called "bad flour" and also using 50% and will test some.

c. Inspected Cagliari Distributing Depot and 31 Engineer Battalion (See 5 & 7 Report).

d. Destroyer Pininetti departs for Naples loaded with 96 military personnel.

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7. Saturday, 20 October

a. Conferred with CIP re issue of grease to Italian Army in accordance with DIA signal ST/1002 of 20 September (See our Y 706 of 20 October).

b. Checked loaves of bread made from so called "musty" flour (See par 6b above) with 100%, 50% and 5%. Am making a further test of 25% to determine which should be used to consume the flour. The flour is not sufficiently musty to condemn.

c. Checked unloading of food from S/S Abbazia. Learned that Italian guards were not doing their duty, informed Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia to take disciplinary action.

d. Checked a quantity of sweepings at Cagliari Forage Depot and issued instructions to issue part as full ration and part as $\frac{1}{2}$ ration.

e. Capt De Stefani conferred with Auto Directorate, GMS, re load carriers held by Calabria Division.

f. Destroyer Aliseo departed for Naples with 70 military personnel and S/S Abbazia departed for Naples loaded with 50 military.

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LIAISON OFFICER
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 ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
 Allied Garrison Sardinia
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20 October 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA LO Report.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In compliance with your letter C/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 July submit the following:

a "G" Points. Training. General Macario, Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia, advised me that practice training was being done to quell riots, rebellion, etc in accordance with their plan.

b "A" Points. Shipped the following military to mainland past week:

Ship	Date Departed Cagliari	No. of Mil Personnel
Destroyer Carini	15 October	47
S/S Gennargentu	17 October	16
Cruiser Garibaldi	17 October	453
Destroyer Paeinotti	19 October	96
Destroyer Aliaso	20 October	75
	Total	690

Due to the extra ships coming in this week approx 50 military will be available for the S/S Abbaria 21 October. The rest of the 200 places will be turned over to civilians.

c "Q" Points. Rations. With the recent arrival of food on the S/S Abbaria no emergencies exist. The Abbaria is still in process of being unloaded and no report as quantity received available as yet. Many cartons, especially Canadian packed fish items, came broken in the ship before being unloaded.

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15 October 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 75 for WEEK ENDING 13 October 1945.

- a. Sunday 7 Oct. Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 8 Oct. Conferred with Captain Piassa, Commissariato Food Branch, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.
- c. Tuesday 9 Oct. Routine office work.
- d. Wednesday 10 Oct. Conferred with Captain Maglietta, Operations Branch, T.H.P., in reference to your signal A 1320 of the 9th. Was informed by the Captain that there would be approximately 200 men for leave and 50 men for discharge. This personnel is now awaiting the arrival of the Cruiser Garibaldi for shipment to Sardinia.
- e. Thursday 11 Oct. I inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and found it clean and well managed. Biscuits that were made by the bakery were being packed for shipment to the Distribution Depots.
- f. Friday 12 Oct. I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See GAT Report No. 56) The depot was clean and stocks of commodities were neatly stacked. Spot checked cheese, flour and macaroni and found that they agreed with the stock cards and commodity accounts.
- Half day off - Columbus Day.
- g. Saturday 13 October. Office routine.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. ARMY

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15 October 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 82. 7 - 13 October 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 7 October - Day off.
2. Monday, 8 October -
 - a. By air from Sardinia to Rome.
 - b. Capt De Stefano conferred with Chief of Staff, GMR, and Lt Colonel Flores, Italian Navy, re loading of cruiser Garibaldi.
 - c. S/S Gaspardello departs for Naples loaded with 194 Italian military personnel (see our Y 890 of 8 October).
3. Tuesday, 9 October
 - a. Capt De Stefano conferred with High Commissioner re possibility of loading refugees on cruiser Garibaldi. (See our Y 891 of 9 October).
4. Wednesday, 10 October
 - a. Routine office work and 1/2 day off.
5. Thursday, 11 October
 - a. Capt De Stefano conferred with Capt Mitchell (Sr) re shipment of paint pigments to mainland.
 - b. 1/2 day off.
6. Friday, 12 October
 - a. Destroyer Alisco departed for Naples loaded with 46 military personnel.
7. Saturday, 13 October
 - a. Routine office work.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Cardinia
A.P.O. 304, U.S. Army

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13 October 1946

SUBJECT: MIA LO Report.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).

1. In compliance with your letter C/31 subject as above of 4 June 1946 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

- a. "G" Points - NTR
- b. "A" Points - shipped 240 military to the mainland during the past week on U/S Caspidorlio and Destroyer Alisco.
- c. "Q" Points - NTR.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

6 October 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA LO Report.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In compliance with your G/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

a. "B" Points. On recent inspections unable to find many men actually training. The units have a training schedule but doubt if they are doing a great deal of training which involves very many personnel.

b. "A" Points. Shipped during the past week as follows to Mainland:

DATE	SHIP	MAINLAND PORT	NUMBER OF MILITARY	NUMBER REFUGEES
2 Oct	Cruiser Garibaldi	Genoa	234	364
25 Sept	Destroyer Ardimentoso	Naples	58	
3 Oct	Destroyer Ariete	Leghorn	57	
			329	364

The S.S. Campidoglio will sail 8 Oct with approx 200 military.

c. "Q" Points

(1) TPT. On inspecting MT units the past week found many vehicles inefficient and vehicles not properly taken care of. Have brought this to the attention of Commanding General, C.M.S. and Territorial Office for correction. (See our S & T Report).

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Allied Garrison Cardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 51. 30 September - 5 October 45.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 30 September

a Day off.

2. Monday, 1 October

a Inspected Training 59 Inf Regt. Found one company (1 officer 15 PM) being instructed in assembling and nomenclature of machinegun. Was advised the other companies were not training as they were moving from one barracks to another. 15 PM is a very small number out of a company of 150 PM to be doing training.

b S/Sgt Curtin arrives on SS Campidoglio with PX.

c Cruiser Garibaldi arrives.

d Pvt Hebert returns from TD in Rome.

3. Tuesday, 2 October

a By motor inspected the 14 Repair Unit at Abbasanta, Food Depot and 2d Bn 40 Inf Regt at Macomer and 6 Company 2d Bn 40 Inf Regt at Nuoro (See S & T Report). Picked up some U.S. tires that the Nuoro CC.MR. had collected which were worthless. Stayed all night at Villa at Gaide Salighe.

b Capt De Stefano returned from Naples by plane with payroll.

c Cruiser Garibaldi departs for Genoa loaded with 234 military and 364 refugees (See our Y 880 of 2 October).

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4. Wednesday, 3 October

a. By motor to Sassari and inspected Food Depot, Forage Depot, 22 Camp Reception Hospital, VI Corps, 40 Inf Bgt and 31 M.T. Company (See S & T Report). Returned to Cagliari by motor.

b. Capt De Stefano broke down and issued PX. Also conferred with Mr. Ferris, Ministry of War Transport, re the delay of wheat ship causing a shortage in bread (civilian).

c. Destroyer Ariete departs for Leghorn with 57 military.

5. Thursday, 4 October

a. Conferred with Commissary Officer, Italian Navy at Cagliari, re emergency rations for Destroyer Ariete.

b. Capt De Stefano completed issue of PX.

6. Friday, 5 October

a. Inspected 1st Terr Adm Tpt Coy (See S & T Report).

b. Conferred with representative C.I.P. re gasoline for October.

c. Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, GME, re repair of vehicles.

7. Saturday, 6 October

a. Col Della Chiesa, Rome Brigade CC.M. Commander, made a courtesy call.

b. Conferred with Col Rossi, Commissary Section, re (1) Discrepancies found at Macomer on recent inspection. (2) Progress of shipment of food and wine barrels to mainland on the Campidoglio. Was informed that wine barrels at Macomer were not sent - reason truck broke down that was sent there to transport them from Depot to railroad. Am of the opinion that the officer there did not take any initiative to secure other transportation. As shown in recent S & T report the officer at Macomer is not doing a good job. Requested Col Rossi to either have him to get on the job or replace him.

c. Conferred with General Scalabrino, and Colonel Rossi, Commissary Section, re transportation for the Commissary Section at Depots. This matter I had previously taken up with General Scalabrino some time ago. Again requested that military MF should be made available to the Commissary Sec and Food Depots on call as it was urgent to move the food to and from the depots.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (MHIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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1 October 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 90. 23 - 29 September

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHIA).

1. Sunday, 23 September.

a Day off.

2. Monday, 24 September.

a Destroyer Riboty departed to Genoa with 91 military personnel

b Routine office work

3. Tuesday, 25 September

a Conferred with General Scalabrino, Territorial Office for Sardinia, re (1) Clothing for prisoners and guards at Cristano (2) Sale of workshop machinery to civilian firm at Carbonia.

b Conferred with CIP Cagliari re shortage of gas at Cagliari for September commitments.

4. Wednesday, 26 September

a Conferred with Col. De Giudici Deputy C/S. CME re proposed load of personnel for Garibaldi (see our Y 671 of 26 Sept.)

b Conferred with Capt. Osborne, Engineer Officer, 63 Staging Post, R.A.F. re Italian engineer material. Advised him that small amount of ~~Italian~~ engineer stock would be required for Italian Garrison. This matter was taken up with MHIA Engineer Office when I was at Rome early part of September.

5. Thursday, 27 September

a Conferred with Col. Savarese, Engineer Officer, C.M.E. re Engineer equipment on island. See paragraph 4 b above.

b Conferred with Col. Quercia, Commander CG.32. Sardinia re,

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(1) Return of shoes loaned to Italian Army by CC.NR. (2) Minor disturbances in PORDONCIANUS (near Abbasanta).

c Captain De Stefano and Sgt. Curtin to Naples by air to pick up PX.

6. Friday, 28 September

a Inspected approximately 1 ton of sweepings at the Cagliari Forage Depot which was unfit for animal consumption, so instructed them to destroy same.

b Conferred with Col. Rossi, Commissary Section, re shipment of food and wine barrels to mainland on Campidoglio about 10 September, and matters in general.

c Checked Cagliari Bakery to see if screen door had been placed. It had not been. Requested CMS to take immediate action as there were many flies on the dough and bread.

7. Saturday, 29 September

a Conferred with Commissary Officer, CC.NR. re the distributing of rations on a monthly basis as previously approved but had not been complied with fully.

b Destroyer Ardimentoso departed for Naples loaded with 40 military.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (MHA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 594, U.S. Army

29 September 1945

SUBJECT: MHA LO - Report

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.G. (MHA).

1. In compliance with your letter C/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

a. "G" Points - NTR

b. "A" Points - Shipped 131 military to mainland the past week on Destroyers Elbety and Ardimentoso. Expect to ship approximately 350, or more, military and 200, or more, refugees to Genoa on the Cruiser Garibaldi 2 October. Delayed one day from original schedule.

c. "Q" Points - NTR

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

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24 September 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 79. 16 September - 22 September 45

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 16 September

a. Day off.

2. Monday, 17 September

a. The entire week in quarters and Elmas Infirmary with car-muscle. Attended to routine office work during period.

b. Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate and CC.RR. MT Officer re T/O for CC.RR.

c. Sgt Tarantino returned on S/S Abbazia from TS to Sicily.

3. Tuesday, 18 September

a. Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, UNS, re load of military for Abbazia (See our T 663 of 21 September).

b. Captain De Stefano conferred with SARNAC re firebrick for AFHQ. Have been told not to make any bricks for AFHQ.

4. Wednesday, 19 September

a. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 20 September

a. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

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6. Friday, 21 September

a. Captain De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re T/O for CG.RR. A reduction of 12 load carriers requested from Rome because of misunderstanding (See our letter dated 15 Sept subject CG.RR. M/T in Sardinia).

b. S/S Abbazia and Destroyer Indcaito depart for Naples (See our Y 663 dated 21 September).

7. Saturday, 22 September

a. Prt Hebert TD to Rome.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.H.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Cardinia
A.P.O. 324, U.S. Army

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17 September 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 70. 8 - 15 September 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.O. (OMIA).

1. Sunday, 9 September

a Day off.

2. Monday, 10 September

a General Macarini and Col Cecco, Chief of Staff GMB, called to congratulate me on receiving Legion of Merit. We discussed preparation of barracks for winter and many other matters in general.

3. Tuesday, 11 September

a Inspected V Brigade Headquarters and 59 Infantry Regiment at Iglesias (see S & T Report).

4. Wednesday, 12 September

a Conferred with Capt Kingery, AC Mining Division at Carbonia, re closing office there as at 15 September. Mr. Galli, an Italian civilian will be in charge there.

b Made an audit of the 59 Infantry Regiment books to ascertain if rations drawn for period 8 June - 5 September were in accordance with daily strength return, found satisfactory.

c $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

d Sgt Gentile returned from Naples with cake.

5. Thursday, 13 September

a Conferred with CIP Cagliari re shortage of diesel oil and gasoline for September.

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b. Conferred with Commanding General, C.M.S., re Training of Guards Battalion, does not apply to Sardinia.

c. Conferred with Col De Middel, Deputy Chief of Staff CSM, re proposed load of military re destroyer Arotusa (see our Y 654 of 12 September).

6. Friday, 14 September

a. Inspected Italian Navy Food Depot at Cagliari (see E & T Report).

b. Capt De Stefano returned by air from 5 day leave to mainland.

7. Saturday, 15 September

a. Routine office work.

b. Sgt Gentile departed for Badde Salighe to pick up General Infante at Alghero airport Sunday.

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Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.H.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 594, U.S. Army

15 September 1946

SUBJECT: MHA LO - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHA).

1. In accordance with your letter 6/31 subject as above of 4 June 1946 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

- a "G" Points - NTR.
- b "A" Points - Shipped 137 Military to mainland on 9/8 Geniargento and Destroyer Arctura the past week. Very few are waiting shipment here now.
- c "Q" points - NTR.

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LIAISON OFFICER
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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.H.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 384, U.S. Army

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10 September 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 77. 2 - 5 September 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 2 September

- a Visited Juvenile Airplane contest at Monserrate.
- b Inspected unloading of S/S Campidoglio.
- c Day off.

2. Monday, 3 September

a Conferred with Colonel De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, re (1) Shipment of military to mainland. With 150 to be shipped on the Monserrate and 200 on the Campidoglio it will nearly take care of present shipping requirements. (2) Leave for Italian Army - in accordance with MMIA A 620 of 30 August. (3) Demobilization of older classes in accordance with MMIA A 617 of 27 August.

b Conferred with representative Italian Navy re rations for emergency ships (See our Y 638 of 3 September).

c S/S Herron arrived with 30 day non-perishable rations for U.S. personnel in Sardinia.

d Capt De Stefano returned from Naples by plane with August pay.

3. Tuesday, 4 September

a Conferred with Colonel Quercia, C.O. CG.MA., re 1 month issue of rations (See our signal Y 639 of 3 September) and matters in general.

b Conferred with General Scalabrino, Commanding General Territorial Office, re (1) Assignment of personnel 14 Bulk Supply

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Depot and 6 Port Detachment in order that there is sufficient personnel to carry out their duties, especially at Bulk Depot. (2) Methods to speed up movement of food shipments from port.

c. Conferred with Col D'Orso, Commanding Officer Italian Air Force, and his Commissary Officer re (1) rations for CC.RR. attached to Air Force. Advised them again that they are listed in the CC.RR. Order of Battle no rations. They are not drawing rations for the 72 CC.RR. attached to the Air Force. (2) Correct method of submitting SF/6 forms.

d. Sgt Tarantino departed by air for furlough to Sicily.

4. Wednesday, 5 September

a. Inspected Cagliari Distributing Depot (see SF Report).

b. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 6 September

a. Conferred with Lt Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, re proposed military for S/S Campidoglio, Indomito and Monsambano which will sail from Cagliari 7 September.

b. Conferred with Mr. Griffith re inventory engineer supplies and equipment on island in accordance with MSHA G 505 of 25 August 48.

c. Conferred with Procuratore del Re, Cagliari re interpretation of a cable from ALCON about bail for 2 Italian civilians.

d. Checked Cagliari Bakery to see if instructions re 10% reduction for Army and CC.RR. were carried out. O.K.

e. Conferred with Dr. Cardus Fontana, a local civilian manufacturer re release of Army engineer material. Informed him submit a request in writing.

f. Conferred with representative MDSI re loan of 2 inner tubes.

g. Departed by air for Rome to receive award - Legion of Merit.

6. Friday, 7 September

a. Destroyers Indomito and Monsambano departed for mainland loaded with military.

7. Saturday, 8 September

a. Return by air from Rome and routine office work.

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- b. Captain De Stefano departed to mainland on leave (TD).
- c. Sgt Gentile departed to Duke on Campidoglio with coca
cola bottles.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

8 September 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA LC - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In accordance with your letter c/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

a. "G" Points - NTR.

b. "A" Points. Shipped 528 military to mainland the past week - On Destroyer Monsabano 40, Destroyer Indomito 88 and S/C Campidoglio 200.

c. "Q" Points - NTR.

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 78. 26 August - 1 September 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA).

1. Sunday, 26 August

a At Paddo Salighes sent transportation to Macomer to bring and return a civilian doctor for General Infante's (Italian) daughter who had an attack of appendicitis.

b Day off.

2. Monday, 27 August

a General Infante's daughter being worse phoned Military Hospital at Sassari to send ambulance for her to go to hospital at Sassari.

b Returned by motor to Cagliari stopping en route to check a couple discrepancies I discovered at 14 Repair Unit at Abbasanta on my trip last Friday.

3. Tuesday, 28 August

a Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re (1) Disposition of former 50 Medical Coy - 28 MM assigned to medical units in Sardinia in accordance with MMA signal A 1255 of 23 August, the remaining 6 MM to be sent to 10 Medical Coy next available ship. Six officers waiting disposition by Ministry of War and are on civilian rations. (2) Ministry of War by signal H.16476/01 of 21 August authorized the 23d Camp Reception Hospital at Sassari to resume military rations as at 1st September (See our Y 624 of 28 August). (3) Propose loading of military on Torpedo Boat Indomito to sail for Duko 29 August. He stated there were approx 450 military awaiting shipment to mainland. (4) He stated

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there were approx 1300 military and ex-PW's arrived at Olbia during August. He requested authority to have a small embarkation group there to check same. Approved providing they were under the authorized strength of the island and maintained their original designation unit.

b Conferred with Director of Railways for Sardinia re unusable Army clothing. Advised him to contact Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero in accordance with MIA Q/15/11 of 21 August.

c Mrs. Lussu, Post War Relief for Sardinia, (Main office in Rome) called requesting the release of coats, blankets, medical equipment, medicines, etc from the surplus Army stock for distribution to needy in Sardinia. I told her to send in writing what she desired that is available and I would contact MIA for decision.

d Conferred with Lt Ulsaga, a representative Commissary Section - Clothing Branch, re increasing the allotment of leather and shoe repair material to the units. In my inspections learned that units are not getting sufficient shoe repair material and shoes are a continuous critical item.

e Capt De Stefano and Tec 4 Curtin departed by air for Naples to pick up PX.

4. Wednesday, 29 August

a Conferred with Capt Sprague, Sardinia UNRRA representative, re (1) Military Medical Supplies and equipment in Sardinia. They had sent a recent inventory to UNRRA Rome with a view of working out a transfer of supplies and equipment through higher headquarters. (2) Gasoline for UNRRA vehicles. (3) Turning in U.S. tires and tubes that were on a requisitioned vehicle.

b $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 30 August

a Conferred with Mr. Donaga, CIP, re (1) Furnishing trucks to move empty gas drums to dock in accordance with signal AMR Petrol 30/A/18 of 26 August. Supplied 4 trucks from 63 Staging Post and 4 from C.M.S. (2) U.S. tires held by CIP (Reference your Q/5/9 of 24 August) on check up three tires correspond to authorized numbers, one does not. Will pick up the latter 1 September.

b Checked loading of drums (See par 5a above).

c $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

d Pfc Guarino by motor to Badde Salighe to place car at disposition of Gen Infante in accordance with MIA signal A 346 of 29 August.

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^e Destroyer Indomito departed for Doko loaded with approx 100 military (See our signal Y 631 of 29 August).

6. Friday, 31 August

^a Conferred with Commissary Section re (1) Plan for 10% reduction of rations (See our Y 630 of 29 August). (2) Discrepancies in ST/S's. (3) Matters in general.

^b Contacted Com. Buzzì, Procuratore del Regno, re bail for 2 Italians held on alleged reception of stolen gasoline at Sivas. Referred the matter to ALCON for decision.

^c Checked movement of empty gasoline drums to port (See par 5a above).

^d Conferred with Commissary Officer, CC.RR., re (1) Reduction of 10% on rations in accordance with MMIA Q/1/23-172 of 24 August. (2) Discrepancies that still occur in ST/S's - mostly not correct in unit designation.

7. Saturday, 1 September

^a Conferred with Mr. Donega, CIP, re movement of gas drums (See par 5a above).

^b Conferred with General Scalabrino re rations drawn for recalls and recruits in June.

^c Tec 4 Curtin arrives on S.S. Campidoglio with PX.

^d Capt Neal from MMIA Naples arrived escorting Italian supplies on S.S. Campidoglio.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICE
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1 Sept. 45

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA), Rome.

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 26 August 1945.

a. For the location of Italian Units assigned and attached to P.B.S. see P.B.S. Troop List dated 18 August 1945.

b. During the week Lt. Col. Rose and Major Selby of MMIA Hq. visited the office in conjunction with POW cage 337.

c. Conferred with staff sections of P.B.S.

d. During the week approximately 1400 US-ITIS were transferred to the Orvieto Reinforcement Depot.

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Captain CAS
Liaison Officer

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A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

31 August 1945

SUBJECT: MSLA LC - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MSLA).

1. In accordance with your letter C/51 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June submit the following:

a "G" Points. NTR

b "A" Points. Shipped 155 military to mainland the past week. There are approx 400 military waiting shipment to mainland.

c "Q" Points. NTR.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.H.I.A.)
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A.P.O. 384, U.S. Army

28 August 1948

SUBJECT: NMIA 10 - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm. AD (NMIA) Hq.

1. In accordance with your letter 6/31 subject as above of 4 June 1948 and supplement thereto dated 21 June U.S.A.

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Allied Garrison Sardinia
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27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 74. 19 - 25 August 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHIA).

1. Sunday, 19 August

a Presented Tec 5 Zimmerman with good conduct medal with appropriate ceremony.

b Day off.

2. Monday, 20 August

a Conferred with Colonel Rossi and Major Palma, Commissary Section Sardinia re (1) Shipment of wine barrels to mainland (see our C/S of 20 August). (2) Reduction 20% rations effective 21 August for Italian Army less CC.RR. (3) Navy to underdraw rations in accordance with their present strength. (4) Issue of dehydrated vegetables until exhausted in depots, in accordance with MHIA ST/146 of 14 August. Note on 6 August there were approx 3 months dehydrated vegetables in Sardinia for present strength. (5) Many matters in general.

b Inspected loading destroyer Indomito with military. 133 military loaded on same for Duko.

3. Tuesday, 21 August

a Checked the Cagliari Bakery and Distributing Depot to see if they were complying with instructions beginning this date re 20% reduction of rations. The Distributing Depot was complying but the Bakery was not receiving certificates as to effective and ration strength. Major De Murru, in charge, stated he knew nothing about the required certificates. I ordered him to issue no more bread to Army (less CC.RR) until corrected. Also contacted Commissary Section re same and they stated Maj De Murru failed to carry out instructions and would see that MHIA instructions were complied with subito.

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b Inspected a quantity of Italian spoiled tomato paste held by the Air Force. This was previously recovered from the sea and a great quantity was not fit for human consumption. Due to the bad state we authorized the Air Force to retain it, instead of turning it in last April when they turned in the other Air Force surplus, and issue the part edible, which lasted up to 21 August.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re monthly returns.

4. Wednesday, 22 August

a Checked Cagliari Bakery re compliance of certificates to ST/S's being executed by Italian Army units (see par 3a above). Discovered CC.RR. ST/S's not properly filled out and issuing rations to a few attached Army personnel also Army ST/S's issuing rations to a few attached CC.RR., and on both issue being made to incorrectly designated units. Gave instructions to Bakery to correct discrepancies at once and contacted Commissary Section re the above discrepancies for immediate correction.

b Conferred with Colonel Cocco, Chief of Staff, CMS, re large number attached personnel to 59 Inf Regt from other units on the island. He will advise later as to reason. Later advised they were attached to form a unit to take care of expected PW's returned.

c Conferred with General Scalabrino and Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, re holding 50 Medical Coy in Sardinia until a reply from SMRM re filling up local medical units with trained medical personnel, approx 2 officers and 18 MM required. Authorized them to hold same until next ship, after Abbazia, about 27 August. (See our signal Y 619 of 22 August).

d $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 23 August

a Conferred with Lt Col Anedda, Commanding Officer CC.RR. Sardinia and Capt Luminoso, Commissary Section CC.RR., re incorrect designations of units on ST/S's (See 4a above). Told them in strong terms to comply with instructions previously given.

b $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with Directorate, CMS, re authorized vehicles for CC.RR.

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6. Friday, 24 August

a By motor to Abbasanta and Macomer, inspected 14 Repair Unit, Macomer Distributing Depot and 2d Battalion 40 Inf Regt (See S & T Report).

b Sergeants Curtin and Pugliese return from TD.

c S.S. Abbazia sailed for Duke with approx. 200 military.

7. Saturday, 25 August

a By motor to Sassari, inspected Sassari Distributing Depot, Forage Depot, Military Hospital, VI Brigade Headquarters and 40 Inf Regiment and 51 MT Coy (See S & T Report).

b By motor to Tempio, inspected 236 Inf Regiment (See S & T Report) and returned to Badde Salighe.

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LIAISON OFFICER
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ALLIED COMMISSION (MMIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 384, U.S. Army

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log. 74. 12-18 August 45.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

1. Sunday, 12 August

a Day off

b Corvette IBIS departed for Palermo with 30 Italian military.

2. Monday, 13 August

a Conferred with Col. De Giudici, Deputy C/S, C.M.S. re
(1) The Ministry of War directed that the 50th Medical Company,
Calabria Div. be disbanded as at 1 August and transfer the personnel to
10 Medical Company, Naples. They received the instructions 3 August and
disbanded the unit 13 August. Same will be shipped to mainland as
soon as equipment can be turned in and first available transportation.
When at home I was advised verbally that the unit was to be disbanded
but received no official notification as to details. (2) Out of the
600 sent to mainland on leave only 100 have returned. Ministry of
War advised CM2 that when a soldier is absent 1 month on leave to
mainland he is to be dropped and replaced by military coming to Sardinia
on leave.

b Inspected Cagliari Medical Depot found a quantity of
shirts, blankets, 4 (2x11 meters) hospital tents, clothing for patients,
stretchers, surgical instruments, medicines and disinfectants. The
above arrived too late from CM2 to be shipped on the SS Joseph G.
Cannon and Pallade in early July. However all medical equipment has
been shipped to mainland in July as directed by Lt. Col. Hoggie when
I was in Rome in May. Have requested an inventory of all medical
equipment, also for all medicines and disinfectants (over 1 year
supply) be sent without delay. Disinfectants are issued to units
upon request, am not sure this is a good procedure.

c Conferred with Commander Borghi, Italian Navy Cagliari
re rations for CC.MR. attached to Navy. Told him as previously instruct-
ed unless the CC.MR. units were listed in CC.MR. O of B no rations.

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3. Tuesday, 14 August

a Paid courtesy call on Lt. Col. Bryden, British new C.O. Elmas Airport and discussed with him the completion of movement of huts assigned to the air corps at Iglesias. He said same would be taken care of at once. Also discussed plans for VJ Day Parade.

b Conferred with Gen Scalabrino, C.M.S. re the holding of an appropriate VJ Day Ceremony.

c Capt. De Stefano conferred with representative POW re the exchange of French francs and German marks.

d Sgt. Gentile returns from Naples with Coca Cola.

e Destroyer Aliseo departs for Duko (see our Y 601 of 14 Aug.)

4. Wednesday, 15 August

a Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

b Captain De Stefano conferred with civilian engineer re the sale of Allied scrap iron and metal.

5. Thursday, 16 August

a Office closed in observance of "VJ" Day. A parade took place in Cagliari consisting of U.S., British and Italian military.

6. Friday, 17 August

a Conferred with Mr. Permis, Cagliari Port Shipping re instructions from AFHQ to load 7800 empty drums. No instructions sent to this office. Advised him to contact AFHQ for clarification as he stated he cannot ascertain where the drums are.

b Inspected unuseable clothing and shoes at Cagliari Clothing Depot (See our 1st Ind. of 17 Aug. to Calabria Div Hq ltr. N. 4359/M.S.1/Serv sub Availability of Unserviceable Material dated 16 Aug. 1946.)

c Inspected 59th Regt. mess, quarters, supply room and vehicles. Was a whole very unsatisfactory except vehicles (See our SAT report).

d Captain De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMC, re monthly veh report.

e Pvt. Quarino by motor to Alghero to pick up Gen. Infante (Italian) (See our Y 603 of 14 Aug.)

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7. Saturday, 18 August 1

a. Conferred with Col. De Giudici Deputy C/S GMS re proposed loading of military on Torpedo Boat INDORITO to arrive and depart Cagliari 19 August.

b. Routine office duties.

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Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: MIA 10 - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIA) Rome.

1. In accordance with your letter 6/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June, submit the following:

a. "G" Points NTR

b. "A" Points Shipped on Destroyer Aliso the past week approximately 150 military to mainland. With 400 places monthly on the S/C Abbezia and Campidoglio and 600 other places per month should take care of all requirements nicely. Very few of the personnel on leave to mainland are returning. GNS advised we they received instructions from Ministry of War to drop them from roll after one month and replace with personnel (Garde) coming to Sardinia from the mainland on leave. Many of which are in civilian and scantily clothed. (see para. 1 g (3) below).

c. "Q" Points

(1) TPT - NTR

(2) Rations NTR

(3) Clothing and Equipment. Supplying personnel mentioned in paragraph 1 b above drains heavily on our supply. We are greatly in need of shoes, shirts and drawers, especially shoes as stated in our requisition for clothing latter part of July.

(4) Accommodations and Camps. NTR

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Allied Garrison Sardinia
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20 August 1945

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (SMIA)

Security Intelligence Report - Italian Army

Outstation: Sardinia

Area Covered: Sardinia

Report No. 16

Period from 21 July to 20 Aug. 45.

A. General Security

1. Morale

(a) Morale among the Italian soldiers here in Sardinia appears to be high. No complaints have been received.

(b) Public morale is pretty low. According to the High Commissioner's Report for the month of July 1945, the people are worried about the economic situation. The economic depression has caused agitation especially in Sassari Province where due to food difficulties and unemployment public protests against the local administration are frequent. The CC.RR. confirm this latter statement by informing us that five (5) public demonstrations in the Sassari Province have been held in the past month causing injuries to two (2) CC.RR. and one civilian. Also demonstrations have been held in Iglesias, Olbia and Cagliari. The Cagliari demonstration demanded that prices of shoes and clothing be reduced.

(c) The Italian's declaration of war against Japan was accepted very favorably. The end of the war enthusiastically received by all. Everybody seemed to be relieved that the war had finally ended.

2. Fascist, Pro-German, Anti-Allied Activities and Trends
Nothing to Report.

3. Illegal Storage of Arms and Ammunition
Nothing to Report.

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4. Political Activity

(a) On the whole the political situation is normal. The parties are intensifying their propaganda in view of the coming administrative and political elections. Distrust against the Partisans' movement has been diminishing since the removal of Secretary Porcu still under arrest. The man who has replaced Porcu has shown himself to be more moderate and independent from the extreme leftist.

5. Relations with and Attitude Toward Allied Troops

(a) Continues to be favorable.

6. Discipline

(a) Very satisfactory for Italian Troops

7. Rumors and Indiscreet Talk; Breaches of Security

(a) Nothing to report

(b) No apparent breaches of security

8. Summary of Military Situation and Similar Matters

(a) A.C. Mining Officer reports that the labor situation in the mines is under control. The amount of laborers has been increased steadily. Recently about 500 workers arrived from the continent and no unfavorable reaction has been reported as yet.

(b) The labor situation is satisfactory on a whole. However, in Sassari unemployment among bricklayers has become acute. The High Commissioner's Office is studying to see if Public Works projects can be put through to relieve the situation.

B. Personalities

1. Information (White) on higher Leaders
Nothing to Report

2. Information (Black) on higher Leaders
Nothing to Report

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13 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA EO - Reports

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA)

1. In compliance with your letter Q/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June, submit the following:

a "G" Points NTR

b "A" Points With the arrival of the various ships the past week and the arrival Corvette IRIS this date and expected arrival of the Destroyer Alisco tomorrow, the transportation of leave personnel, Air Force Call ups and Refugees to the mainland is quite satisfactory at the time being.

c "Q" Points

(1) TPT NTR

(2) Rations

See report)

Navy at Maddalen have a little surplus. (See our

(3) Clothing and Equipment. NTR

(4) Accommodations and Camps. NTR

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (MIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.O. 324, U.S. Army

12 August 1943

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 78. 5 - 11 August 45.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)

1. Sunday, 5 August

a Day off.

2. Monday, 6 August

a Conferred with Col. De Giudici Dep. C/S G.M.S., Comdr. Borgi, Italian Navy Cagliari and representative High Commissioner's office re loadings of Military and Refugees on the Garibaldi, Destroyers Clio, Aliseo, Riboty and Sagittario in accordance with recent instructions regarding destinations, loads and sailing dates.

b Inspected unloading of Cruiser Garibaldi - 1352 personnel disembarked.

c Captain De Stefano finished issuing PX

3. Tuesday, 7 August

a Inspected loading of Cruiser Garibaldi with Military and Refugees for Piombino, Italy.

b Captain De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate GMS re 7/0 motor vehicles for CO.RR.

c Cruiser Garibaldi departed for Piombino loaded with Military and Refugees (see our signal Y 582 of 7 August.)

4. Wednesday, 8 August

a Conferred with Capt. Lumineo, Supply Officer CO.RR. re rations for CO.RR. from their strength state as at 31 July they show an overstrength of 150 personnel. Advised Capt. Lumineo again that effective 1 August 1945 no rations would be drawn for overstrength in accordance with paragraph 3 of MIA ltr. Q/1/29-159 dated 23 July 1945.

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b Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 9 August.

a Conferred with Lt. Col. Rossi, Commissary Section, re the expediting of reports on receiving shipments of food and many other general matters.

b Inspected loading of Corvette Clio (delayed in sailing 2 days due to rough sea), S/S Riboty, and Destroyer Sagittario (see our signal Y 585 of 9 August).

c Sgt. Pugliese on TD to Sicily and Sgt. Gentile to pick up some coal on SS Campidoglio for Naples (see our signal Y 584 of 8 August).

6. Friday, 10 August

a By special Italian Seaplane to La Maddalena Island, inspected 1st Bn. 236 Infantry Regt. Navy Food Depot and Bakery. As a whole the general conditions of all were the best I have found in Sardinia. (see our SAT report and report on Italian Navy inspection of 11 August 1945).

b Captain De Stefano conferred with Lt. Hanton, C.O. U.S. personnel at Elmas Air Port re food supply and issue.

c T/4 Curtin departed for Rome by plane on TD to Riveria.

7. Saturday, 11 August

a Conferred with Major Placidi, Italian Air Force re issue of rations to CC.RR. attached to the Air Force, as we had previously instructed them in accordance with MMIA signal Q 487 of 4 August. I again advised him that no rations are to be issued to CC.RR. in Sardinia unless they are in the CC.RR. Order of Battle.

b Conferred with Representative Commissary Section CMS re ST/S's Not being correctly filled out, and returned several for correction.

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MISSION OFFICE
LAND FORCES AND COMBAT
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.V.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 304, U.S. Army

8 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Mission Log No. 73. 29 July 45 - 4 August 45.

TO: Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA).

1. Monday, 29 July

a. Returned from Rome by plane.

b. Captain De Stefano by air to Naples via Rome to pick up PX.

2. Monday, 30 July

a. Conferred with representative of Italian Navy re forage for 3 horses at La Maddalena. Told him to send in written request giving reasons for need.

b. Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re location of "Morgan Line" referred to in MMA AGSO of 17 July.

c. Conferred with supply officer, 90.38. Legion Sardinia, re marking number of rations for attached units on back of ST/S's. Advised him that only Sardinian Detachments of authorized 90.38. units in accordance of 3-CC.38. MMA 80/41/2 of 24 May 45 and amendments thereto would be honored.

3. Tuesday, 31 July

a. Conferred with General Scalabrino (now commanding CMS while General Macario is on leave), Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Major Palma, Comd Supply Section, re (1) Unauthorized issue of rations in accordance with your Q/1/29-155 of 27 July to Ministry of War. They state that the personnel at the Compagnia Aut Complementi Comando were largely personnel on leave to Sardinia awaiting shipment to mainland on completion of their leave here and it had been the policy in the Italian Army to quarter and feed personnel waiting transportation after they have had their leave. I advised them of the reduction of 20% rations until the 17,660 rations were recovered beginning the 21 August period.

They suggested a smaller reduction over a longer period which I would not approve and advised them the instructions would stand. (2) Maintenance of MF is not satisfactory as shown by our inspections and I pointed out many discrepancies which must be corrected at once. (3) Harbored equipment for on prison camps (see our Y 585 of 31 July). (4) Many general matters.

b. Major Martin inspected Cagliari Depot (see S & T Report) and picked up U.S. confiscated cigarettes at Cagliari and packed for shipment to Naples.

4. Wednesday, 1 August

a. Conferred with representative Italian Navy Cagliari re forwarding communications to Bureau of Criminal Investigation, U.S. Army.

b. Conferred with Major Palma, Commissary Section, and Supply Officer, C.M.A., re issue of rations to C.M.A. in accordance with MHA letters 1/72-1 of 14 June and 1/72-166 of 28 July. (See letter subject Rations - C.M.A. Attention Col Rose of 1 August and signal Y 589 of 1 August).

c. Routine office work and 1/2 day off.

5. Thursday, 2 August

a. Conferred with Col de Giudici re proposed load for cruiser Caribaldi. In accordance with MHA 9497 of 1 August.

b. Assisted in removal of survivors of U.S. plane B-17, No. 6573 from S.S. Campidoglio and removed to hospital at Olbia. There were 12 survivors (4 crew and 8 passengers) and it reported 1 crew member and 12 passengers lost their lives.

c. Major Martin departed by air via Rome for return to U.S.A.

d. Captain De Stefano and Corporal Carlin returned on S.S. Campidoglio from Naples with U.S. PI.

6. Friday, 3 August

a. Inspected the unloading of food for Italians on the S.S. Campidoglio.

b. Captain De Stefano broke down PI for distribution.

7. Saturday, 4 August

a. Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, GME, and representative High Commissioner re loading of Garibaldi for mainland in accordance with NSA signal 531 of 3 August (See our signal 576 of 4 August).

b. Inspected unloading of food from S.S. Campidoglio, movement of Cagliari Distributing Depot and Forage Depot at Cagliari.

c. Captain De Stefano distributed PX.

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Lt Colonel, Infantry
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LEADON OFFICE
LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED GARRISON (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Gerdinia
A.P.O. 306, U.S. ARMY

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA LI - Reports

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In compliance with your letter 2/31 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 31 June, submit the following:

a "F" Points

- (1) No Italian units are performing functions other than that for which they are designed.
- (2) They have a training schedule but very little is being done.
- (3) Territorial Office Headquarters functioning.
- (4) Cagliari Distributing Depot to complete movement to a better location in Cagliari near the Bulk Depot by 7 August.
- (5) No information of any Italians endeavoring to obtain any "I" information on any other nation.

b "A" Points. The arrival at Cagliari of S.S. Garibaldi 5 August with returning leave personnel and the load we can send to mainland on same ship with the 200 places on the S.S. Caspidoglio should place us in good position re leave personnel. Personnel on leave to mainland have been gone for up to six weeks, probably due to transportation facilities on mainland and return to Gerdinia by sea.

c "G" Points

(1) TPT.

Our recent inspections of MT and the 14 Repair Unit indicate that vehicles are not properly serviced and steps to repair inefficient vehicles not expedited. Again I informed the Commanding General, Italian Forces in Gerdinia that it was his responsibility to keep the vehicles efficient and take immediate steps to correct the deficiencies. He promised immediate action. (See our S & T Report).

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- (1)
- (2) Rations.
 - (a) Received approx 200 tons straw recently on the S.S. Pallade. We were instructed previously that straw would have to be provided on the island for September, October and November. We have had no hay since April.
 - (b) Change in Distributing Depot see par 1a(4) above.
 - (3) Clothing and Equipment.
 - (a) See our 6/11 subject Stock State Clothing Depot, Cagliari dated 1 August.
 - (4) Accommodations and camps.
 - No change.

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1st Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICE
LEND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (MMIA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

28 July 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA LO - Reports

TO : Commanding General, MMIA

1. In compliance with your G/31 subject as above of 4 June 45 and supplements thereto dated 21 June, no change therefore HTR.

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Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (NMTA)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 594, U.S. Army

29 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 71. 22 - 28 July 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (NMTA).

1. Sunday, 22 July

a Day off.

2. Monday, 23 July

a By air to Rome

b Major Martin inspected V Brigade at Iglesias (See S & T Report) and contacted Major Mathews at Carbonia re U.S. tires (see Memo to Col Kerr 30 July). Also checked loading of AFHQ oil drums at Elmas.

c Sgt. Gentile returns from Naples by air.

3. Tuesday, 24 July

a Major Martin checked loading of oil drums.

b Captain De Stefano conferred with Commander, U.S. Army Tug LT222 re loading of oil drums for AFHQ on barges.

4. Wednesday, 25 July

a S.S. Abbazia departed

b $\frac{1}{2}$ day off

5. Thursday, 26 July

a Major Martin inspected Forage Depot, Gas and oil storage base and Bulk Depot at Cagliari. (See SAT Report)

b Capt. De Stefano conferred with C.M.S. re transfer of funds belonging to Se. African Ex. P.O.W.'s, also conferred with Cashier, Elmas re same.

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c $\frac{1}{2}$ day off

6. Friday, 27 July

a Captain De Stefano conferred with Auto.Directorato, GMS re vehicles of CC.RR. under the new T/R.

b Tug LF 222 with 2 barges loaded with filled oil drums for AFHQ departed for Naples.

7. Saturday, 28 July

a T/S Curtin departed for Rome by air to escort FK.

b Routine Office work.

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Lt. Colonel, Infantry
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Allied Garrison Sardinia
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22 July 1948

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 70. 15 - 21 July 48.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 15 July

a. Conferred with Lt Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff GMS, re loading of military and refugees on cruiser Garibaldi sailing this date (See our signal Y 542 of 15 July).

b. Inspected loading of Garibaldi - going satisfactorily.

c. Conferred with representative of High Commissioner's Office re refugees to be shipped on Garibaldi this date (See our signal Y 542 of 15 July).

d. Routine office work and 1/2 day off. This is the last Sunday plan to have office hours, will only take care of emergencies hereafter on Sunday.

e. Cruiser Garibaldi departed for Duke loaded with military and refugees (See our signal Y 542 of 15 July).

2. Monday, 16 July

a. Conferred with Signor Solano, in charge of railroads of Sardinia re (1) Authorizing the use of "Littorina" for special trip to Sassari next Sunday to accommodate British personnel at Elmas for an "outing". Informed him that no one had approached us on the matter and to have whoever made the request to contact this office. (2) Sale of clothing to railroad employees. (3) Passes for military on railroads in Sardinia.

b. Conferred with two Italian lieutenants directed by AFHQ to take over PW Radio in Sardinia re supplies for same.

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c Major Martin (1) Inspected 2nd Bn 40 Artillery Regiment at Macomer (See S & T Report). (2) Picked up U.S. confiscated cigarettes at Alghero. (3) Inspected Sassari Distributing Depot (See S & T Report).

3. Tuesday, 17 July

a Inspected mess and quarters of Stable Detachment, Sq 6th Brigade at Iglesias, not clean and unsatisfactory (See S & T Report).

b Major Martin (1) Inspected Macomer Distributing Depot (See S & T Report). (2) Inspected 14 Repair Unit at Abbasanta, work not progressing too well. Lack of qualified mechanical personnel. If MMIA will approve our recommendation to transfer the mechanics and assistant mechanics from 8 Efficient Vehicle Park to the 14 Repair Unit it will alleviate the condition somewhat (See our letter subject Personnel - 8 Efficient Vehicle Park and Capt Varese's Detachment dated 9 July 1946). (3) Picked up U.S. confiscated cigarettes at Bosa.

4. Wednesday, 18 July

a Conferred with Capt Lazzari, Italian Navy, re address of U.S. unit that was originally at La Maddalena.

b Conferred with representative Italian Navy, Cagliari re military Tribunal case concerning British and Italian sailors.

c Conferred with Commander Molino, CB Staging Post RAF, re (1) Tires that were removed from requisitioned cars. (2) Sheets and pillow slips (3) Use of diesel car to transport British Air Force Personnel en pass to Sassari.

d $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

e Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS re monthly vehicle returns.

f. Pvt Latona by air to Naples Hospital.

5. Thursday, 19 July

a Conferred with representative CC.BR. re loan of barrack equipment (See our signal 7 547 of 19 July).

b Conferred with Col Quercia, Commander CC.BR. Legion Cagliari, re matters in general.

c Conferred with Lt Benton (U.S.), Commander Air Detachment at Elmas re requisitioning villa for his officers.

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d Conferred with representative of owner of Villa that we have requisitioned at Badde Saligha (the Pierce Estate).

e Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

6. Friday, 20 July

a Capt De Stefano conferred with SAMAC re shipment of firebricks for AFHQ.

b Routine office work.

c Sgt Gentile by air to Naples to pick up U.S. subsistence.

7. Saturday, 21 July

a Conferred with Col De Giudici re proposed loading of 200 planes on Abbasia for 24 July, also including the 200 olive oil drums.

b Major Martin inspected Cagliari Navy Distributing Depot and 14th Territorial Adm Transport Company (See S & T Report, also separate letter report on Navy Distributing Depot dated 21 July).

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1st Colonel, Infantry
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LEADERS OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (H.M.S.A.)
Allied Garrison Gardens
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

21 July 1945

SUBJECT: MHA LO - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHA).

1. In compliance with your letter 9/21 subject as above of 4 June 1945 and supplement thereto dated 21 June, submit the following:

a "C" Points

- (1) No Italian units are performing functions other than that for which they are designed.
- (2) Very little training being done.
- (3) Territorial Office Headquarters functioning.
- (4) Cagliari Distributing Depot in process of being moved.
- (5) No information of any Italians endeavoring to obtain any "I" information on any other nation.

b "A" Points

As previously reported on the three special trips of the cruiser Garibaldi, the leave situation is well taken care of, however, the returns from mainland of Liberation leave is taking better than a month.

c "R" Points

- (1) TPT.
In making special emphasis re to inspection of MT to see that same is properly maintained and serviced.
- (2) Rations.
Satisfactory. No change from previous report.

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(3) Clothing and Equipment

The Commissary Section state they could increase the number of pairs shoes rebuilt per month from 70 to 200 at Osoniri if they had a few spare parts for machines on hand, a chief shoemaker, a cutter for uppers and a mechanic to keep machines in order. They also need a chief tailor to increase production in the tailor shop. I advised them to contact Ministry of War re the above, which they have done.

(4) Accommodations and Camps
No change.

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LIAISON OFFICER
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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.E.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 594, U.S. Army

15 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 89. 8 - 14 July 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHE).

1. Sunday, 8 July

a. Conferred with Col De Giudici re proposed load for Garibaldi 8 July.

b. Inspected loading of Joseph G. Cannon and Pallade.

c. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

d. Capt De Stefano sick in quarters.

2. Monday, 9 July

a. Conferred with Mr. Pernis, Cagliari Dock Representative, re completion of loading the S.S. Cannon and S.S. Pallade. Informed him to load the Littorina (Diesel car) if possible (See your Q 400A of 8 July).

b. Inspected loading of S.S. Joseph G. Cannon, S.S. Pallade and cruiser Garibaldi. (See our signal Y 525 of 10 July).

c. Cruiser Garibaldi departs for Naples loaded with Italian military and civilians (See our signal Y 525 of 10 July).

d. Capt De Stefano broke down and distributed PX.

3. Tuesday, 10 July

a. Inspected loading of S.S. Joseph G. Cannon and S.S. Pallade. (See our signal Y 529 of 10 July).

b. Conferred with Major Palma, Commissary Section, regarding many matters in general and especially about the soap issue, straw and drums for olive oil. (See our signal Y 520 of 10 July).

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c Conferred with Col De Gindiai, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, and representative High Commissioner re (1) Loading of personnel on cruiser Garibaldi for 14 July trip in accordance with MIA signal A 1104 of 8 July. (2) Clearing of surplus military equipment at Cagliari dock not required for mainland.

d Captain De Stefano completed distribution of FI.

e S.S. Joseph G. Cannon and Pallade departed for Duke loaded with Italian cargo (See our signal T 529 of 10 July).

4. Wednesday, 11 July

a Conferred with General Mancarin, C.O. Italian Military Forces in Sardinia, re many matters in general and about removing surplus military equipment from the dock at Cagliari. There has been an accumulation of equipment and supplies at the Cagliari dock from time to time because many items originally requested by MIA Rome had been cancelled. Now that all shipments have been made to mainland and are available, we having the dock cleared of all such as it is unsightly, a fire hazard and blocks normal progress on the dock.

b Conferred with General Scalabrino, Territorial Officer for Sardinia and Lt Col Rossi, the new officer in charge of the Commissary Section, re nothing left over from recalls. Advise them to turn in all remaining to the Clothing Sub Depot without delay and taken up on their stocks there.

c Yeo S Curtin departed by air to Duke with Cannon and Pallade manifests.

d Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 12 July

a Conferred with Col Sanna, CG.M., re guards for warehouse for confiscated U.S. cigarettes and tobacco.

b Inspected military bakery at Cagliari. Great improvement over inspection about 10 days ago (See S & T Report).

c Inspected the progress of preparation of warehouse to which the Cagliari Distributing Depot and Forage Depot will move.

d Captain De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, CMS, re vehicles under T/E that become inefficient and need replacement.

6. Friday, 13 July

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a. Conferred with Commander CC.RR. Legion Sardinia re (1) Increase number approved by MSHA for rations. (See our SD 2839 of 11 July). (2) He stated there had been minor disturbances recently at Olbia, Tempio and Alghero by civilian demonstrators. At Tempio they attacked and injured a Carabinieri. Unrest due to food situation and opposition to local officials in power who have been appointed.

b. Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, GUS, re possibility of loan of vehicle to transport confiscated U.S. cigarettes and tobacco. Not now necessary (See our signal Y 539 of 14 July).

c. Major Martin returns from TD on mainland.

d. Tsgt S. Curtin returns from Duke as courier.

7. Saturday, 14 July

a. Conferred with Commander CC.RR. Legion Sardinia re many matters in general - unrest in Sardinia (See par 6a above), rations for CC.RR., and Mobile Battalion.

b. Conferred with Lieut Tito Cavassani (Italian), checking radio station here (See report forwarded by our Informant of this date).

c. Presented "Good Conduct Medals" to Sgt Tarantino, Sgt Pugliese, Tsgt S. Curtin and Pvt Seaver, with a brief ceremony.

d. Conferred with Mr. Dixon (U.S.), AC Mining Div, re U.S. tires held by civilians at Carbonia (See our Memo to Col Kerr this date).

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAMON OFFICER
LAND FORCE AND COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

14 July 1948

SUBJECT: MCMIA LG - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MCMIA).

1. In compliance with your letter 3/31 subject as above of 4 June 1948 and supplement thereto dated 21 June 1948, submit the following:

a "g" Points

- (1) No Italian units are performing functions other than that for which they are designed.
- (2) Training - No change from previous report.
- (3) Territorial Office Headquarters functioning.
- (4) Cagliari Distributing Depot and Storage Depot to note soon. All others are in position.
- (5) No information of any Italians endeavoring to obtain any "I" information on any other nation.

b "A" Points. With three recent trips of the cruiser Garibaldi we have been able to clear the backlog on leave personnel from mainland and send all leave personnel from Sardinia to Mainland. So with the SOC places on the Abbiaia and Campidoglio each month, unless some unforeseen condition arises, we should be able to handle the transportation of leave personnel satisfactorily. However, we will have by the end of July approx 800 Italian Air Force callups to transport, which I am of the opinion we can sandwich in by using various Italian ships.

c "q" Points

(1) TPT. If our request to you is approved to transfer the mechanics and Assistant mechanics from 3 Efficient Vehicle Park to 14 Repair Unit our auto repair situation will be in better condition.

(2) Rations - No change from previous report. Note that 36 tons of dehydrated vegetables were shipped to Sardinia on the Abbiaia middle of June and to comply with instructions to retain only

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60 days reserve on the island we shipped 20 tons of same to mainland on Joseph G. Cannon last week. However, in computing the amount to be sent on the Cannon figures were taken from ST/12 report as at 20 June and the 38 tons mentioned above were not at that time included.

(3) Clothing and Equipment.

(a) Just received a detailed report on clothing for callups which has been greatly delayed. They report some clothing unserviceable, and some needing cleaning and repairs. Stating that this clothing was issued to callups and later withdrawn from callups when rejected, in Hospital, went AWOL, etc. It is the usual Italian excuse, but as of the opinion there has been some "faggling", in other words an interchange of clothing with other military. We have been short shirts, shoes and drawers on the island. By 23 July when we receive the inventory, which I directed to include all clothing to be returned by recalls, we should know our exact status on these three items and will requisition accordingly. Until you receive our requisition, unless already in the process of being shipped, it will not be necessary to honor our previous requisition.

(b) Clothing Depot at Macomer to be consolidated with Cagliari Depot.

(c) In my inspection to Oechiri Clothing Repair Depot the officer in charge stated they rebuilt a daily average of 10 pairs of shoes per day. The Commissary Section advises me their output is 70 pairs per month.

(4) Accommodation and Camps

No change.

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Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 384, U.S. ARMY

6 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 68. 1 - 7 July 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.O. (MOTIA).

1. Sunday, 1 July

a. Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS re proposed personnel for Garibaldi on 4 July trip in accordance with your signal A 1141 of 29 June.

b. Major Sams, local C.O.R., called to confer on police matters.

c. Inspected dock loading space for S.S. Joseph G. Cannon.

d. Routine office work and 2 day off.

2. Monday, 2 July

a. Inspected a mess of Rq 59 Infantry Regiment. Found it in a very unsanitary condition. Informed the Commanding Office I would inspect again soon and would not tolerate such uncleanness. (See S & T Report).

b. Conferred with Commanding Officer, 5 Efficient Vehicle Park re status of vehicles and tanks to be shipped to mainland. (See our signal Y 516 of 2 July).

c. Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, re shipment of personnel to mainland and absorbing of recovered recalls and recruits.

3. Tuesday, 3 July

a. Conferred with Debarkation authorities and Commanding Officer 5th Efficient Vehicle Park re loading the S.S. Joseph G. Cannon for mainland.

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b Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, and representative High Commissioner re shipment of personnel on the cruiser Garibaldi 4 July.

c S.S. Campidoglio arrived from Naples. Capt De Stefano and Pvt LaTona returned with PX rations.

4. Wednesday, 4 July

a Started loading S.S. Joseph G. Cannon - inspected loading several times during the day.

b Inspected the loading of cruiser Garibaldi with Italian personnel - satisfactory (see our signal Y 519 of 4 July).

c Sgt Gentile departed for Naples for coca cola.

d Captain De Stefano sick in quarters 4 - 7 July inclusive.

5. Thursday, 5 July

a Checked loading of S.S. Joseph G. Cannon with Italian cargo for mainland.

b S.S. Pallade arrived to transport Italian cargo to mainland.

6. Friday, 6 July

a Conferred with Col De Giudici re proposed load of Military for cruiser Garibaldi 9 July (see our Y 522 of 6 July).

b Conferred with representative Italian Navy re their request for some auto parts for a schooner that has same type of motor as Fiat. Told him to submit list and I would consider.

c Inspected loading of S.S. Joseph G. Cannon and Italian ship Pallade.

d Finally found a satisfactory warehouse to store U.S. cigarettes and tobacco confiscated.

e Conferred with representative Italian Air Force re shipment of personnel on the Garibaldi 9 July. (see our Y 522 of 6 July).

7. Saturday, 7 July

a Conferred with Major Ogiano, CC.M. Legion, re drawing rations for excess CC.M. He stated he had sent a signal to CC.M. Rome for instructions re feeding of excess CC.M. personnel and requested the excess be given rations temporarily until he had received

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a reply. I advised him that I had informed MIA Rome (See our 2/3 subject Rations - CC.NR. in Gordinia of 23 June) fully and was advised that the instructions given in MIA Q/1/78-1 of 14 June would stand. Therefore only a maximum of 2270 CC.NR. rations be drawn effective 1 July 45.

b Inspected loading of S.S. Joseph G. Cannon and S.S. Pallade three times.

c Sgt Gentile returned from Naples.

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIASON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (S.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Gordinis
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

7 July 1946

SUBJECT: MITA LO - Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MITA).

1. In compliance with your letter 4/31 subject as above of 4 June 1946 and supplement thereto dated 21 June 1946, submit the following:

a "G" Points

- (1) No Italian units are performing functions other than that for which they are designed.
- (2) No change in training, very little done.
- (3) Territorial Office Headquarters functioning.
- (4) All depots are in position.
- (5) No information of any Italians endeavoring to obtain any "I" information on any other nation.

b "A" Points. With the arrival of cruiser Garibaldi for two trips and the various Italian ships used all military on leave to mainland have or will be transported.

c "Q" Points

- (1) TPT
(a) A great improvement in repair facilities of MT.

(2) Nations

(a) Availability of Allied provided items in depots satisfactory. We are shipping on S.S. Joseph G. Cannon the following U.S. foods which are in excess to 60 days supply for the island, 40 tons meat and fish, 20 tons dehydrated vegetables and 0.1 ton pepper.

(b) Availability of Italian provided items satisfactory.
(c) Plenty of soap, but believe they are not issuing full amount. Am making an investigation.

(d) Cagliari Distributing Depot to move to better location.

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(3) Clothing and Equipment

- (a) Satisfactory except shoes, shirts and drawers.
(See our clothing Report as at 25 June).
(b) NTH to report on progress, output etc of repair plants.
(c) No other change in location of depots.

(4) Accommodation & Camps

- (a) No demands by Allies or Italians foreseen.
(b) Plenty of barracks on the island.

LUTHER R. ALBERT
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 67. 24 - 30 June 1948.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA).

1. Sunday, 24 June

a Day off.

b. Major Martin departed on Abbasia for 10 day TD in Northern Italy.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with Col Buccolatta, Italian Air Corps, re shipping of vehicles and other Italian Air Corps material to mainland. Also checked for warehouse space for confiscated U.S. cigarettes and tobacco.

2. Monday, 25 June

a Conferred with Major McClure, Mov Shipping AC, and Major Fromeman, Agriculture Sub Com AC, re shipping of livestock to mainland due to the drought and grasshoppers.

b Conferred with Commander Helme, 63 Staging Post RAP, re coiled barbed wire.

c Inspected Italian Military Bakery at Cagliari. Generally unsatisfactory. Will recheck again near future. (See our S & T Report).

d Capt De Stefano conferred with Guardia Finanza re U.S. confiscated cigarettes and tobacco.

3. Tuesday - Wednesday, 26 - 27 June

a Accompanied by Lieut Germann, Agriculture Section A.C. Rome, made a two day inspection trip of agriculture conditions on the island and inspected military installations at Nuoro. Went North

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on the Eastern road and returned by the Central road. Report as follows:

(1) Grain. The greatest grain producing area is in the Southern part of the Island, South of the range of mountains. There have not been any grasshoppers in this area. The dry weather has taken some toll but estimates the crop as 80% (upwards) of normal, the heads were good length and in most cases well developed kernels. In the Provinces of Nuoro and Sassari where less grain is grown, the grasshoppers and drought have done more destruction, but still there is considerable amount of grain produced there this year. We interviewed many farmers and their first reply is that there is nothing and U.S. would have to feed them. But upon further investigation we found their statements greatly exaggerated. As of the opinion that May, being a cool month, and although dry, the coolness aided the growing of grain.

(2) Forage and Pasture. As of the opinion that the drought and grasshoppers have taken a great toll in both. Very little hay was produced and farmers are not selling any to the Army due to the shortage. In spite of the poor pasture, cattle are in very good condition for grassers and this time of year. The sheep are mostly milkers and of a very poor quality and are not in very good condition. Contrary to reports of stock dying from starvation could find no such cases when further questioning, the reports were unfounded.

(3) Fruits, Nuts and Grapes. Fruit crop is normal production this year. The grapes and nuts look healthy and promise a normal crop.

(4) Grasshoppers. In various trips up the island have observed the great number of grasshoppers, more plentiful in the vicinity of Macomer and farther North. In early May we authorized the loan of 2000 salvage Army tents to the High Commissioner to combat them in the crawling stage, in all my travels throughout the island the past 2 months only saw four civilians destroying grasshoppers. In certain areas when in the crawling stage millions could have been collected and destroyed with a little effort. We authorized the transfer of 150 tons, with authority to draw 300 tons more if required, of sulphur chloride from Army Depots on sale to the High Commissioner's Office, only 50 tons were collected.

b Inspected 8th Company, 40th Regt at Nuoro, satisfactory except kitchen dirty and many flies (See S & T Report).

c The Casermaggio Depot at Nuoro has been closed and equipment moved to Cagliari.

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d Inspected Nuoro Artillery Repair Shop and Depot. All carts and harness for mainland had been shipped to Cagliari. They have 180 civilian employees in addition to artillery repair work they are doing metal and wood repair work on vehicles for Abbasanta Repair Shop. They were preparing for shipment to mainland for CC.RR. 1800 machine guns, 3000 rifles and 1500 pistols. They also were dismantling 188 mm artillery guns.

e Capt De Stefano conferred with Automobilistico Directorate CMB re unauthorized vehicles and windshield labels.

f Sgt Gentile arrived from week pass to Rome.

4. Thursday, 28 June

a Lt Colonel Cosco, new Chief of Staff, CMB, made courtesy call.

b Conferred with Major Palma, Commissary Section, re (1) issue of rations to Italian Air Force. (2) Status of excess clothing from recalls and recruits. Told him to have the final report expedited and the clothing turned back and placed in the Clothing Sub Depot at Cagliari and taken up on stock records.

c Conferred with Colonel Parenti, High Commissioner's Office, re loan of 100,000 jute sacks to bag imported grain at Cagliari port. As they need them at once authorized loan of 5,000, rest pending authority from MMTA Rome (See our signal Y 511 of 28 May).

d S.S. Joseph G. Cannon arrived with cargo of barley. When barley is discharged we will load with Italian cargo for mainland.

5. Friday, 29 June

a Inspected and condemned food at Bulk Depot (See S & T Report).

b Made an inspection for new location for Cagliari Distributing Depot. Also reconnaissance for warehouse suitable for storing U.S. confiscated cigarettes and tobacco. A satisfactory warehouse not found at yet.

c Capt De Stefano and Pvt Latona departed by air for Naples to pick up U.S. PX.

6. Saturday, 30 June

a Conferred with Mr. Parnis, Port officer, re loading of ship Joseph G. Cannon with Italian stores for mainland.

b Conferred with representative CMB re AFM Information News and Censorship Section Press and Radio instructions to assign an Italian Limit at Sassari.

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c Conferred with Lieut Rivans, Representative AFHQ British Ordnance, re shipment of lead from Sardinia to mainland.

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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 324, U.S. Army

24 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 25. 17 - 23 June 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (392A).

1. Sunday, 17 June

a. Capt. Jerige, POL Section AFHQ, called to POL in Sardinia. Offered him our facilities and cooperation.

b. Routine office work, $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

2. Monday, 18 June

a. Lt Col Albert and Major Martin made a two day inspection trip to Northern part of island by special "Littorina" car to check up on the progress of shipment of equipment to Cagliari for mainland for bid 5 - 15 July. Report as follows:

(1) Abbasanta Workshop. In process of reorganizing the 14 repair shop, not going full speed yet.

(2) Macomer Clothing Depot. All clothing for mainland had been shipped to Cagliari. Depot to be closed out soon, remaining clothing to be sent to Cagliari Depot. A quantity of salvage clothing and shoes to be sent to Clothing Repair Shop at Gochiri.

(3) Macomer Food Depot. Satisfactory (See S & T Report).

(4) 83 Bn 40th Artillery Bgt at Macomer. Kitchen and surroundings very dirty. Directed C.O. to have remedied at once and Maj Martin would inspect 22 June en way to Suoro. (See S & T Report).

(5) Pleaghe Engineer Depot. Most all equipment for mainland had been shipped. They were holding 5 tons zinc telephone wire to be sold to a commercial firm on orders from Engineers, CMS, have investigated same and unless they have proper authority for sale instructed them to ship to Cagliari for mainland. They also had 4 large tents that need minor repairs, instructed them to ship to Cagliari for mainland. To close depot soon.

(6) Sassari Food Depot. Very satisfactory (See S & T Report).

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(7) Sassari Casermaggio Depot. Most of equipment for mainland had been shipped, balance to be shipped by end of week.

(8) Sassari Military Hospital. As a whole in good condition. One third of patients are malarious. Am of the opinion the Italians are not taking sufficient atabrine, and advised CMS Medical Officer. Need screens for windows, advised them where they may obtain it and instructed Engineers to issue same.

(9) 40th Artillery Mess at Sassari. Satisfactory. They have an up to date kitchen arrangement but last two days they were not using same for lack of coal and were using a substitute arrangement which was not too satisfactory. (See S & T Report).

(10) Had dinner with General Marchese, Commander VI Brigade, Calabria Division.

b. Capt De Stefani conferred with Automobilistico Directorate CMS re turning in of Army vehicles not authorized under new T/S.

3. Tuesday, 19 June

a. Oschiri Salvage and Repair Depot. Col Simmons note. They employ 18 civilians (Some have been there 4 years) and have 3 officers and 21 SM. Work 6 days per week, 8 hours per day and average pay 80 lire per day.

(1) Clothing Repair. Employ 15 civilians and have 22 sewing machines. Were making new blouses and pants at time of inspection. Average output per day; 100 wool shirts, 50 wool blouses, 50 wool trousers or 15 wool caps. All appeared satisfactory. Sixty tons of rags that are useless - some being sold to civilians.

(2) Blacksmith Repair Shop. Twelve civilians repair casermaggio equipment - Iron cots, mess tins etc. Satisfactory.

(3) Laundry. Twelve women working, can employ 50 when required. Plenty of water and for hand washing good arrangement. Satisfactory.

(4) Shoe Repair Shop. Eight soldiers and 2 civilians working in shop. Practically all hand work, have some machines but need parts to operate. Average 10 pairs (rebuilt) shoes per day. It requires 2.2 kgs of sole leather and 1.2 kgs upper leather per pair, about 2/3 of upper leather is obtained from salvaged shoes, the other half is new. Fifty tons old shoes worthless, leather dead and cannot be used, selling some to civilians. Output too small, advised increase in personnel. Officer in charge stated due to small wage paid by Army not able to employ civilian shoemakers.

(5) Due to facilities, plenty of soft water, trained personnel recommend that the Clothing and Shoe Repair Shop remain at Oschiri.

(6) Inspected Detachment at Oschiri, mess satisfactory, quarters dirty (See S & T Report).

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b Ozieri Medical Depot. Have shipped 317 tons of medicines and medical supplies and 88 tons of hospital equipment to Cagliari for mainland. Remaining some hospital blankets, socks, sheets, mattress covers, bed spreads, and handkerchiefs which will be shipped soon. Needed packing material which I arranged with Engineers to supply. Expect to close depot about 15 August.

c Returned to Cagliari by Littorina car.

d Capt De Stefano conferred with Requisitioning officer re the derequisitioning of villas occupied by AFHQ Petroleum Section.

e Two 4 Gentile to Rome by air on pass.

4. Wednesday, 20 June

a Capt De Stefano conferred with Col Boscaglia, Italian Air Force, re shipment of Italian Air Corps vehicles and equipment to mainland (See our letter subject Elmas Airfield of 21 June).

b Routine office work and 1/2 day off.

5. Thursday, 21 June

a Conferred with Commander Holmes, RAF Elmas, re (1) Tires and tubes taken from requisitioned car (2) Coiled barbed wire for 63 Staging Post beach at Poetto.

b Conferred with Director of Railways in Sardinia re loading of the Littorina (Special A.C. Railroad car) for mainland. He stated without special cranes the construction of the car is such as it would buckle in the middle. I told him to advise AC accordingly, as the directive of movement of same came to him.

c Conferred with Lt Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re allotment of personnel to be shipped on the Abbazia in compliance with MSHA letter RB/87 of 13 June.

d Conferred with officer from Commissary Section re issue of forage.

e Col D'Orso, new commander Italian Air Force in Sardinia, made a courtesy call.

f Major Martin inspected decayed food at Italian Air Corps. It is the first this had been reported to us, previously they had sent us a statement that all excess food held by them had been turned in to Cagliari Bulk Depot. Also weekly visit to Commissary Section.

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5. Capt De Stefano conferred with Guardia Finanza re confiscated U.S. cigarettes and tobacco. Also conferred with Captain of Abbaria re schedule to and from mainland.

6. Friday, 22 June

a. Conferred with Capt Laminoso, Commissary officer, CC.MR., re CC.MR. strength (See our letter subject Rations for CC.MR. in Sardinia, dated 22 June 48).

b. Conferred with representative CMS re strength of Army as at 15 June.

c. Conferred with representative MSHA re shipment of refugees to mainland. Advised him we had no shipping space and further more was advised by MSHA Rome that no refugees were to be shipped from Sardinia to mainland.

d. Major Martin inspected condemned food at Macomer Distributing Depot and Macer Distributing Depot (now closed) also re-inspected 2nd and 40 Artillery Bn at Macomer. Monday it was found in a filthy state, this inspection a great improvement. (See par 2a(4) above).

e. Captain De Stefano conferred with Automobiles Directorate CMS re Monthly Vehicle returns, changes requested by MSHA Rome.

7. Saturday, 23 June

a. Conferred with Lieut Gernoni, AG Rome Agriculture Sub Commission, re crop conditions in Sardinia due to drought and grasshoppers. Inspected some wheat being threshed near Cagliari, estimate it to be about 75 to 80% normal crop. No grasshopper menace south of Oristano.

b. Routine office work.

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25 June 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 59 for WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE 1945.a. Sunday 17 June. Routine office work and half day off.

b. Monday 18 June. Conferred with Capt Parlate, Air Force Supply Officer regards drawing of rations before the period of 21 June. It was pointed out to the Capt that a letter had been sent out by this office, so that the Units could economize on their rations during the period preceeding the 21st of June.

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c. Tuesday 19 June. Major Cann called from Naples informing us that Lt Col Penrose would arrive in Palermo by plane on Wednesday.

d. Wednesday 20 June. Lt Col Penrose arrived in Palermo at 1500 hrs.

Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider inspected the food Distribution Depot in Palermo. We then visited Territorial Hq Palermo where we conferred with Col Origlio, Chief of Staff in regards to supplies in general.

e. Thursday 21 June. Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider travelled to Catania by rail in the morning. In the afternoon we inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depot at Catania. Depots were clean and stock were neatly stacked.

f. Friday 22 June. Lt Col Penrose and Lt Snider inspected the 1st Bn of the 6th Inf Regt at Catania in the morning.

In the afternoon we inspected the 15th I.S. Regt at Catania.

g. Saturday 23 June. Lt Col Penrose departed from Catania for Naples by plane.

Lt Snider returned to Palermo by rail.

Major Long returned to Duty.

Routine office work.

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Major Long returned to Duty.

Routine office work.

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17 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 65. 10 June - 16 June 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMLA).

1. Sunday, 10 June

a. Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff GMS, called re absorbing all 360 recalls and recruits now waiting shipment to replace military to be discharged. (See our signal Y 481 of 10 June). The discharged personnel to be placed on civilian rations while waiting shipment.

b. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

2. Monday, 11 June

a. Conferred with Major Sama, CC.HR., re replacement of Capt Palomba, who is to be discharged, by Marcociale Sagus.

b. Had a lengthy conference with General Macario, Commanding General Italian Forces Sardinia, Gen Scalabrino, of Territorial Office Sardinia and their staff officers in regard to the grave situation of MT repair on the island, as pointed out in par 6c of our Liaison Log No. 64 dated 10 June 45. Gen Scalabrino stated that there was a great scarcity of qualified personnel, tools, machinery, spare parts and auto supplies due to the "stripping" on the island to equip the 1st Mobile Park for the mainland and that most mechanics come from Northern Italy and some had been discharged. He also stated the War Ministry would not permit them to pay civilian mechanics a sufficient wage to entice them to work for the Army, and there were essential items of supplies and machinery on the mainland they require to do their work here. I advised him to comb the island for all available qualified personnel (military and civilian) and properly organize the 14 repair

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Shop as a repair unit. Also advised him before making any requests for tools, machinery and supplies to be returned from mainland, to determine that same was not available here. Suggested that the machine shop facilities at the Nuoro Artillery Depot be used to the maximum along with the skilled civilians now working there. It must be born in mind that these vehicles are old and are put in efficient state with used parts that soon give away, the auto parks here have been picked over and the best vehicles and best parts have already been removed and it is difficult to secure parts from vehicles without the proper tools and qualified personnel, without destroying the part required. General Maccario agreed with me the situation was grave and he would take immediate steps to improve same.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with No. 5 Efficient Vehicle Park re vehicles allotted under the new Z/E (W/E).

3. Tuesday, 12 June

a Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff CMS, re (1) Units authorized by Ministry of War not included in MHA Order of Battle No. 2/9 (See our letter subject Units for Services in Sardinia dated 12 June). (2) Training of Italian units (3) Disapproval of Cagliari Independent Rft Coy in accordance with your second letter A/150/1 of 1 June.

b Conferred with Capt Costa, Commissary Italian Air Force, re increasing the number of rations by 150 as they are discharging approx 40⁰ and recalling 150 at a time to get acquainted with their duties while their predecessors are here. The 150 additional rations be allowed until the personnel is shipped to mainland which will depend on available transportation (See our Y 486 of 12 June). Approved by your Q 355 of 14 June. (See par 6a below).

c Major Martin conferred with Commissary Chief, inspected 59 Inf Regt Mess and Cagliari Distributing Depot.

d Capt De Stefano conferred with Railroad Secretary re imported coal breakdown between AC and Military. Also conferred with Auto Directorate CMS re vehicles for No. 5 Efficient Vehicle Park.

4. Wednesday, 13 June

a Lt Col Spazialetti, new Port Commander at Sardinia, called and explained his duties. He requested MT. I advised him his unit was not authorized any Army MT but to contact either CMS for a loan from time to time or get a civilian requisitioned car.

b Major Martin inspected Cagliari Bulk Depot, and POL Depot. (See S & T Report 2/11 of 14 June).

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c Capt De Stefano conferred with Col Martire, requisition officer, re sea shore hospital requisitioned by Allies.

d Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

5. Thursday, 14 June

a Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff GMS, re (1) Abandonment of Independent Rft Coy. (2) The Italians had received cable from SMRE re plan to send special cruiser about middle June to transport military to mainland. A tentative list of personnel was agreed upon if this cruiser arrives.

b Major Martin inspected Bulk Depot records and Cagliari Engineer Depot.

c Capt De Stefano conferred with High Commissioner re Sea Shore Hospital which had been requisitioned by the Allies.

6. Friday, 15 June

a Conferred with Capt Costa, Commissary Italian Air Force, re your authorization (See your Q 305 of 14 June) of extra rations for callups for Air Force. Authorized them a maximum of 4000 additional rations (400 personnel for 10 days). (See par 3b above).

b Conferred with Representative State Railways re the movement of the diesel car to mainland as ordered by AISCN.

c Conferred with Lt Ulaaga, Commissary Section, re sending ST/S's daily to this office. They did not follow our instructions in accordance with instructions in ISIA Q/1/39-124 of 6 June. (See our letter subject Forwarding of ST/S Forms to ISIA dated 15 June).

d Major Martin inspected spoiled food at Iglesias, which was left there after the depot was closed not being practicable to move.

e Capt De Stefano conferred with Auto Directorate, GMS, re vehicle report.

7. Saturday, 16 June

a Conferred with Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff GMS, re movement of military personnel to mainland. He stated the Italian Navy had advised him that the Italian corvette Urania to arrive in Cagliari today and the Italian ship Monzabato to arrive 17 June. There may be a possibility of sending 80 military on the former and 100 on the latter ship. Advised Col De Giudici of what military personnel to send if either or both ships arrive.

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b. Conferred with Major Matthews (U.S.), A.C. Mining Div at Carbonia, Sardinia re civilian miners at Carbonia holding U.S. tires and tubes. Told him I had given instructions to CC.MR. to not molest personnel on the list he forwarded to this office until situation was clarified by MMIA (See our letter subject Collection of Unauthorized U.S. Tires and tubes in Sardinia of 8 June). He stated AC was sending him certificates to give to these people holding U.S. tires and tubes. We will honor same here, so feel the situation is cleared up satisfactory.

c. Pvt Wilder departs for Rome by air, permanent change of station.

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10 June 1948

Subject: MMIA Liaison Officer - Reports

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. In compliance with your letter 6/31 subject as above dated 4 June 1948 submit the following:

a. "G" Points

(1) The 1st Repair Shop does not have qualified personnel to do repair work, due to the fact that many mechanics had been sent to the mainland with 1st Mobile Park and upon requests for specialists. They also lack spare parts, tools and equipment for same reason. The many of their personnel are doing guard duty at inefficient motor parks. Steps have been taken to correct all the above mentioned deficiencies within our resources and capabilities now on the island.

(2) The troops of the Calabria Division have a training schedule for a daily short period, but are of the opinion they are not doing a great deal of training.

(3) All depots in position.

(4) Not aware of any Italians endeavoring to obtain any "I" information on any other nation.

b. "A" Points

(1) The Calabria Division is composed largely of personnel that have homes in Northern Italy and as news spreads that some are going on leave and leave percentages increased, most of their interest lies in that direction now. Due to shortage of transportation now and the fact that so many military on leave are continuing to arrive from mainland that have to be returned to the mainland, unless ships in addition to the Albania and Campidoglio are provided we will not be able to send many on leave to their homes in Northern Italy. Needless to say this will affect morale.

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c "Q" Points

(1) TFT

(a) See paragraphs 1a(1) and 1b(1) above.

(b) Have instructed Territorial Office in Sardinia to derequisition all civilian vehicles no longer of any use to the military.

(c) Work Shop Progress - see per 1a(1) above.

(2) Utilities

(a) Availability of Allied and Italian provided items in depots satisfactory. Forage shortage due to dry weather and grasshoppers. Have no hay but sufficient straw to last to about 1 September.

(b) Soap and cigarettes satisfactory.

(c) No change in supply points foreseen.

(3) Clothing and Equipment

(a) The only clothing required is shoes, drawers and shirts. Approx 1200 sets of clothing to be turned in to sub-depot from recall and recruits allotment. Do not know how many shoes, drawers and shirts will be included.

(b) Report on repair plants to follow after an inspection in Northern part of island next week.

(c) No change in supply points foreseen.

(4) Accommodation and Camps

(a) No demands by Allies or Italians foreseen.

(b) Plenty of barracks on the island.

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10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 64. 3 June - 9 June 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.E.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 3 June

- a Routine office work, 1/2 day off.
- b Captain De Stefano and Pvt Wilder return from Naples on L.S. Campioglio with PX rations.
- c L.S. Pallade departs for Naples loaded with 14 huts (See our Y 409 of 2 June).

2. Monday, 4 June

a Conferred with Col Costantino and representative from High Commissioner's Office re (1) Shipment of refugees to mainland on Garibaldi. Advised them no change on previous instructions and none would be shipped. (2) Active military personnel to have priority over discharged military on Garibaldi. (3) Reinforcement Company at Cagliari. (See your A/100/1 of 1 June and our Y 474 of 6 June).

b Conferred with Col De Giudici, Col Costantino's replacement, re the arrival of 1100 Italian Military on the Garibaldi from mainland composed of discharged soldiers and on leave. He stated there were approx 50 Italian military come on 1 month's leave from the Garibaldi Div who were in rags, lousy, and in a filthy condition being dangerous to the health of the populace. I authorized a set of clothing each in this emergency for hygienic reasons (they to turn in old clothing) but advised him that we could not continue this policy as they should be properly clothed before they leave the mainland.

c Conferred with Italian Navy Commissary Officer at Cagliari re rations to be drawn for period 6-20 June in accordance with instructions contained in NMIA ST/6 dated 19 May and ST/6 dated 24 May. The Navy had a large stock of rations especially in the following items: Macaroni, Rice,

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Meat, Coffee, Cheese, Pilsen, Sugar and Matches. Have compiled a chart showing just what items can be drawn beginning period 5-20 June. (Sending a copy to Italian Army Cometary Section).

d Major Martin inspected Cagliari Distributing Depot (See S & T Report of 5 June), and conferred with military MT officers re transportation status on the island.

e Major Martin checked Italian LST loaded with U.S. Navy property transported here from Maddalena with orders to unload at Cagliari. Also conferred with Lieut River, AACB officer at Kinas, and Lt Bonelli, Italian Naval LO, re movement of U.S. Naval supplies from Maddalena to Cagliari.

f Captain De Stefano unloaded PX supplies.

g Cruiser Garibaldi arrives to transport Military personnel to mainland.

3. Tuesday, 5 June

a Colonel Albert and Major Martin inspected loading of cruiser Garibaldi, last cruiser carrying callups. Going satisfactorily. Some departed for Duko (See our signal Y 468 of 2 June). Routine office work.

b Major Martin inspected and condemned food at Cagliari Distributing Depot.

c Captain De Stefano "broke down" and distributed PX.

d Sgt Gentile departed for Naples on Garibaldi escorting recovered U.S. supplies (See our Y 470 of 4 June).

4. Wednesday, 6 June

a Had a lengthy conference with General Macario, re (1) Many matters in general (2) Administration and feeding of recalls and callups and personnel on duty from mainland waiting shipment (See our signal Y 474 of 5 June).

b Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

c Gave officers and EM holiday in accordance with instructions from SHA3F to commemorate anniversary of landing in Normandy.

5. Thursday, 7 June

a Lt Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, CME, re request for shipment of approx 1000 Italian Air Force to mainland on leave and discharge. Advised him to submit in writing giving availability as to dates and I would inform SHA3F (See par 7b below).

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b. Conferred with Col Quercia, Commander CC.MR. Sardinia re (1) Replacement of Captain Palumbo CC.MR. who is working for this detachment on police matters. (2) Fluctuations in strength for CC.MR. ration strength. His Commissary Officer will contact me.

c. Conferred with Lieut Piludu, Commissary Section in charge of Forage re hay and straw available on the island. He states they have sufficient straw here to supply the horses of the Army and CC.MR. (at 2/3 rations) until approx 1 September, they have requested from producers to submit bids for hay and straw but received none due to the shortage caused by the extremely dry weather and grasshoppers. (See our signal Y 477 of 8 June).

d. Captain De Stefano conferred with Italian Customs Officials re smuggled U. S. tobacco and cigarettes, which are at parts scattered over the island. Arrangements are being made to bring same to Cagliari and then MTA will be advised as to quantity and condition.

e. Sgt Gentile returns from Naples by air.

6. Friday, 8 June

a. Inspected and checked barrack stores waiting shipment at Cagliari (See our letter subject Shipment of Barrack Stores to Mainland dated 8 June).

b. Conferred with General Scialabino and Col De Giudici, Deputy Chief of Staff, GMR, re status of military personnel to be shipped to the mainland and the use of the Abbaria and Cuspigoglio for same (See our signal Y 475 dated 7 June).

c. Being of the opinion that the 14th Repair Shop at Abbasanta was not producing results sent Major Martin there to check. He found it to be a repair shop in name only, of the 50 military personnel and 76 civilians, there was only 1 soldier and 1 civilian actually mechanics at Abbasanta and 2 soldiers and 3 civilians at Cagliari (The Detachment of 14 Repair Shop at Cagliari is accomplishing more than at Abbasanta). The balance of the unit are mechanics' helpers, welders, tailors, carpenters, blacksmiths and ordinary soldiers doing guard duty at dumps throughout the island. There are 16 soldiers and 31 civilians actually engaged in repairing vehicles, the rest are doing administrative, general and guard duties. Three officers, including Commanding Officer 14 Repair Shop, the chief mechanic and 5 other military to be released this month without any replacements in sight. The C.O. was advised by Ministry of War not to hire any more civilians, unless he can hire mechanics don't see why he should. The C.O. gives following reasons for not being able to produce the necessary output, (1) Lack of skilled personnel, most were sent to mainland. (2) Lack of tool machinery, 1st Mobile Park

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took all of it to mainland. (3) Lack of spare parts, the best of these have been stripped from the vehicles and does not have qualified personnel to remove them or tools for same (see par 3 of our signal Y 480 of 9 June). (4) Lack of consumer material; such as zinc, copper, lead, etc which is not available in civilian markets. (5) Lack of repair kits and materials for fixing tires and tubes. (6) Lack of proper hand tools, most were sent to mainland with 1st Mobile Park. There are still 10 vehicles, all of old vintage, at Abbasanta to be repaired to complete the 100 to be turned over to the High Commissioner, and now they do not have the parts, tools or personnel to repair same. Major Martellacci, C.O. 1st Mobile Park, advised me the middle of May that the last vehicle for High Commissioner was in the workshop and would be repaired before his unit left for mainland. Am of the opinion that the last 3 or 4 weeks that the 1st Mobile Park was at Abbasanta, they did very little repair work in addition to preparing their own unit for shipment. The 36 men left behind by Captain Vorengo were never within the authorized strength that is why I requested we have authority to ration them (see par 1 of our Y 480 of 9 June). Am taking immediate steps to remedy the above as far as within the availability of the island.

d. Captain De Stefano conferred Auto Directorate GHS re vehicles assigned 1st Efficient Vehicle Park also conferred again with Italian Customs Officials re smuggled U.S. tobacco and cigarettes.

7. Saturday, 9 June

a. Captain Sprague and Capt MacBride, USMA, called regarding interchanging of medical items to save USMA's shipping to Sardinia from mainland and our shipping some items to mainland from Sardinia. Told them it was a matter for "higher level" to decide and as USMA Rome had a list of items we expect to ship to mainland in July (see our letter to USMA subject status of equipment to be shipped to Mainland dated 21 May 45), suggested they recommend to their office at Rome to contact USMA Rome concerning the above.

b. Conferred with Col De Guidici, Deputy Chief of Staff GHS, re latest information of shipping military to mainland. Invite your attention to your A LHM of 8 June authorizing the shipment of 200 military from mainland to Sardinia and with the number that are continually arriving on various other ships and we only authorized to send 200 in return, the number waiting here to be shipped to the mainland will always be large (see our letter subject Military Personnel to be shipped to Mainland dated 9 June).

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 63. 27 May - 2 June 1946.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 27 May

- a Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.
- b S.S. Carleton departed for Duke loaded with Italian Army cargo (See our Y 458 dated 27 May).

2. Monday, 28 May

a Conferred with Commander Borghi re (1) Disbandment of AA and OD Units at Maddalena Island in accordance with your ALIO/15 of 18 May. (2) Removal of stores on dock awaiting shipment. Told him 4 huts, which are a fire hazard, would be moved without delay by High Commissioner and the rest would be moved as soon as the next cargo ship arrives. Barbed wire and other stores not now desired on the mainland would be removed from dock without delay.

b Major Martin inspected 5th Efficient Auto Park and 14th Repair Unit.

c Cpl Curtin departed by air to Naples as courier.

3. Tuesday, 29 May

a Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re strength and rations drawn by 256 Infantry Regiment that have a battalion at Maddalena doing guard duty. Am checking to determine if the Italian Navy is drawing rations for this battalion and if they are also drawing rations at Sassari Distributing Depot.

b Signalman Ashmore arrived from Rome (See your L 7 of 26 May).

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4. Wednesday, 30 May

a. Appropriate Memorial Day program was carried out at the U.S. Military Cemetery at Cagliari in which all personnel participated.

b. Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

c. Captain De Stefano departed to Naples by air to pick up U.S. PX.

d. Cpl Curtin returns from Naples by air.

5. Thursday, 31 May

a. Routine office work.

b. Major Martin conferred with Col Mirelli, Italian Movement officer, re movement of Italian stores to Cagliari for shipment to mainland.

c. Signalman Astmore departs for Rome.

6. Friday, 1 June

a. Major Sano, new commander Cagliari Group CG-PR., made courtesy call.

b. Conferred with Col Quercia, commander CG-PR., re rations for Carabinieri.

c. Conferred with General Pirna, High Commissioner of Sardinia re clean up of Cagliari to improve sanitary conditions. He desired salvage tentage which had already been approved, also loan of 12 trucks and transfer of iron pots (see our Y 456 dated 1 June).

d. Conferred with Major Palma, Commissary Section, re minor discrepancies in SF/12 forms for period 6-20 May. There is a great improvement and the number of rations issued are becoming much less since our check up has started.

e. Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re status of personnel to be shipped to the mainland after the 1st cruiser in June (see our Y 457 of 1 June).

f. Major Martin conferred with Lt Rizzo, 5 Efficient Vehicle Park re vehicle situation.

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7. Saturday, 2 June

a Routine office work.

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27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 62 20-26 May 1945

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA)

1. Sunday, 20 May

- a Routine office work, $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.
- b S. S. Carlton arrived to transport Italian stocks to mainland.

2. Monday, 21 May

- a Routine office work and preparing data on stocks for shipment to mainland to take to Rome.
- b Captain De Stefano conferred with representative High Commissioner's Office re Status of Italian Cipher Team.

3. Tuesday, 22 May

- a Conferred with Captain Scarace, Supply Officer, Italian Navy Cagliari re Italian food stocks. He had instructions from Ministry of Navy re holding 15 day of food beyond period contrary to instructions given by MMIA in your ST/6 of 11 May. Advise him I would get matter straightened out at Rome. As they have sufficient food for period 21 May - 5 June advised them not to draw from Army Depots food for said period. Also told him to submit a stock state (inventory) as at 20 May and we would adjust future drawals upon this stock state.

- b Departed for Rome by Italian plane.

- c Captain De Stefano attended conference held by High Commissioner re sanitary conditions in Cagliari Province.

- d Cruiser Garibaldi arrives.

4. Wednesday, 23 May

- a 23-25 May in conference with various sections at MMIA Rome.

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b Routine office work at Cagliari, $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

6. Thursday, 24 May

a Major Martin inspected loading Cruiser Garibaldi

b. Captain De Stefano conferred with High Commissioner re truck tires for civilian use.

c Cruiser Garibaldi sails for mainland

7. Friday, 25 May

a Major Martin conferred with Commanding General, Territorial Office and staff re preparation of shipment of stocks to mainland.

b Captain De Stefano conferred with Delegazione Trasporti re vehicle assigned by MMIA Rome.

7. Saturday, 26 May

a Returned from Rome by Italian plane.

b Conferred with General Maccario and Staff re (1) Preparation and movement of Italian stocks now in outside depots (from Cagliari), as approved by MMIA Rome, to Cagliari for shipment to mainland. Approx 1,000 tons to be moved and I stated we desired it at Cagliari Port by 1 July and directed General Maccario to use the Calabria Division in preparation for shipment, guards etc. General Maccario assured me it would be done. (2) Advised General Maccario that after the first cruiser in June (4 June) no more call-ups would be sent to mainland. Any call-ups returning from hospital, AFOL etc. would either be absorbed in the authorized strength of Italian Army personnel in Sardinia or given an indefinite leave to be called later to fill authorized vacancies. (3) No rations allowed to Italian personnel here on leave from mainland and waiting boat to return to mainland. A very large number of personnel have been coming to Sardinia from mainland on cruises the past two months. I previously advised MMIA about same.

c Major Martin finished loading S.S. Carlton, will arrive Duke 28 May.

d Captain De Stefano conferred with band leader 59th Inf. Regt. (Italian) re music for Memorial Day observance and also conferred with Automobile Directorate G.M.S. re transportation.

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20 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 61. 13 - 19 May 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 13 Maya Routine office work $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

b Captain De Stefano conferred with High Commissioner re breakdown Imported coal between civilians and military.

2. Monday, 14 May

a Colonel Albert and Major Martin inspected following installations to determine status of stores being prepared for shipment and closing of depots: (1) Oristano Food (practically cleaned out) and Barrack Store Depot. (2) Abbasanta Engineer, Auto Repair Park (also used car depot at Paulilatino where there are approx 600 vehicles could be made efficient). (3) Macomer Food, Clothing, Barrack Stores and Artillery Depots. (4) The preparation for movement of stores of all of these depots with the possible exception of the Auto Repair Park has slowed up considerably since VE Day. There is an immense amount of clothing at Macomer and more is arriving from various Calabria Division units. They lack sufficient personnel to cope with the situation also insufficient trucks to move stocks. Sufficient railroad cars are not being supplied. All these discrepancies have been brought to the attention of CMR for immediate correction. When it is determined by MMIA just what stocks you require from the list of stocks I will bring to Rome, recommend that the Calabria Div be utilized fully to prepare stocks for shipment. (5) Went to requisitioned villa at Badde Salighe for the night. Detailed report of Major Martin's and my inspection will follow in the S & T Report and the report I bring to Rome next week.

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b Captain De Stefano again conferred with High Commissioner re breakdown imported coal between civilians and military. Also checked loading of cruiser Garibaldi.

c Cruiser Garibaldi departed for Duke loaded with callups (See our Y 412 of 12 May).

3. Tuesday, 15 May

a Colonel Albert inspected main Artillery and Food Depots at Nuoro. Report to follow on Artillery Depot. Food Depot closed out. Returned to Cagliari.

b Major Martin inspected (1) Ploaghi Engineer Depot (2) Sassari Food, 8 Casermaggio Depots, 3 small depots of 60th Infantry and Compo Molo Artillery Depot (3) 40 Regt I.S. Moss and quarters (See our S & T Report to follow). Returned to Badde Salghis for night.

c Captain De Stefano conferred with representative of Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero re imports and exports for civilian use at Cagliari.

d Cruiser D'Aosta arrived.

e Pvt Wilder to hospital Naples by plane (See our Y 417 dated 14 May).

4. Wednesday, 16 May

a Conferred with Major Gill (US) P.B.S. re Memorial Day Services at U.S. Military Cemetery Cagliari.

b Conferred with Col Constantino re shipment schedule for rest of May (See our letter subject Schedule Shipment Military to Mainland of 16 May).

c Conferred with Capt Pale Italian Air Force re submitting average ration strength on 10th, 20th and last each month.

d Conferred with Commander Borghi, Italian Navy Cagliari, and his supply officer re excess stock of rations held by Navy in Sardinia. He stated it was necessary due to shipping to Maddalena Island for them to draw for 30 days and retain a 15 day excess there to take care of emergency. I advised him I would recommend same to MMIA. He also requested that a reserve be held by the Navy for emergency ships. I disapproved and recommended to MMIA that no issue be made to same without authorization by MMIA (See our letter to you subject Surplus Rations Held by Italian Navy dated 16 May 1945).

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c (1) Fuel pump of Major Martin's car broke, had to get a replacement at Abbasanta. (2) Major Martin went to Alghero found 1 wooden barrack standing. (3) Gates at Badde Saighia were locked. Major Martin sent for his equipment and stayed at Mrs. Albano's, Macomer.

5. Thursday, 17 May

a Conferred with Sig. Marchilli in charge MT High Commissioners Office re (1) Pick up of 25 vehicles at Abbasanta that have been ready for 2 weeks (Part of 100 vehicles turned over by Army) (2) Pick up spare parts for said vehicles that have been ready for three weeks. No action had been taken on either. Advised them to collect same at once as the 1st Heavy Mobile Workshops would soon move.

b Mr. Galpin, U.S. Information Service, reported to Cagliari for duty and made courtesy call.

c Inspected loading cruiser D'Aosta. They were to sail at 1700 hours and troops were not loaded. Requested Italian Navy Cagliari to delay to 1730 hours. Request granted.

d Had a lengthy conference with Major Palma who is acting Head of Commissary Section replacing Lt Col Alecci re (1) Many discrepancies in various ST reports (2) Alleged spoiled rice and wet sugar (See our letter to you subject Bad Food at Cagliari Bulk Depot of 17 May). (3) Confirming issue of Italian and German food first and having all such spoiled condemned and removed from the accounts (4) Excessive stock of Italian biscuits to be greatly reduced, although most of it is made from Allied flour (5) Distributing Depots have been opening cans especially dehydrated vegetables and reweighing for issue, thereby consuming a great amount of time and exposing the food to unsanitary conditions. Strongly suggested this policy be discontinued and if they desire to salvage the time to have the recipient return the empty cans to the Distributing Depots (6) Suggested the packing and crating of clothing at Macomer Depot be speeded up. There is an immense amount of Italian clothing there but they are very slow in preparing for shipment (See our report re Status of Italian equipment to follow).

e Major Martin inspected: (1) Ozieri Medical, Chemical and Artillery Depots. Two portable huts not being used. (2) Ozieri Shoe Repair Depot (3) Monti Food Depot and Vehicle Park. Food Depot closed and locked, reported a small amount of food there is being sent to Sassari. (4) Telti Engineer Dump and Ammunition Dump.

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Very little Engineer equipment to be shipped. Ten portable huts full of mines, all types. (5) Olbia Engineer Dump, being closed out. (6) 236 Inf Regt at Tempio (See our S & T Report to follow). (7) Tempio Barracks Store Depot, great quantity still to be shipped.

f. Cruiser D'Aosta departed for Duke (See our 7 419 of 16 May).

g. Cruiser Garibaldi arrives.

h. Captain De Stefano conferred with Automobilistico Directorate re vehicles and windshield labels.

6. Friday, 18 May

a. Conferred with U.S. Graves Registration E.C.C. at Cagliari re Memorial Day Services at U.S. Military Cemetery.

b. Conferred with Col Marulli, MT officer Territorial Office, and Capt Delauro, Commanding Officer 14 Territorial Adm. Transport Co. re use of MT assigned to the 14 Territorial Adm. Transport Co. 68 of the 112 are inefficient. They claim that when repairs are made from used parts they soon break, and recommend that a small stock of most commonly used parts be placed at Cagliari repair unit to avoid loss of time in taking vehicles to Abbasanta. Approved. They also claim considerable time is lost at the repair units to dismantle the part and suggest some of the parts be dismantled beforehand. Approved. Advised them to contact the Commissary Office and supply them transportation where most required in order to speed up the transport of goods to Cagliari and expedite the closing of the surplus depots.

c. Major Martin (1) picked up lists of stores at Macomer Clothing Depot (2) Conferred with Commanding Officer 1st Heavy Workshops at Abbasanta re turning in excess Italian vehicles (3) Returned to Cagliari by motor.

d. Captain De Stefano conferred with Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero re imports and exports to Sardinia. We, as ALCOM 10, are required to verify imports and exports according to this organization, yet it will be very difficult for us to have a man at the port to check same because of limited personnel. I advised them to have Mr. Thomas, British Ministry of War Transport at Cagliari, to submit a statement as to what was loaded on the ship and we would sign papers upon his certificate. This may or may not be satisfactory.

7. Saturday, 19 May

a. Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, GMS, (1) He requested authority to issue rations or part of bread ration

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to 130 men guarding 270 military prisoners at Cristano, both guards and prisoners are now on civilian rations. Disapproved. I told him unless they came within an authorized category no Allied ration would be supplied to them and furthermore if they were unauthorized military they should be considered excess and shipped to the Mainland. No Allied rations to be issued to them after 15 May. (2) H₂ stated an article appeared in L'Unione Sarda, published at Cagliari 15 May opposed to sending Sards to the mainland and as a result of such agitation collups are going AWOL. 125 deserted yesterday from total 650 coming by rail from Sassari and Cristano to Cagliari. Am forwarding to your headquarters copy of newspaper article (See our letter subject Newspaper Articles dated 19 May).

b Two French civilians called who had escaped from Germany requesting transportation to France. Advised them I had no authority to grant same and suggested they contact High Commissioner's Office.

c Major Martin inspected vehicles and tanks at Cagliari ready for shipment and conferred with 63 Staging Post RAF Elmas re shipment vehicles to mainland (See our Y 433 of 19 May). Major Martin conferred with CMB Officers re speed up of movement of stocks to mainland for shipment (See par 2a(4) above).

d Captain De Stefano conferred with (1) Commanding Officer 59 Inf Regt to secure band for Memorial Day observance. (2) High Commissioner re Italian Radio cipher team.

e Cruiser Garibaldi departed for Duko (See our Y 427 of 18 May).

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18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 83. 9 May - 12 May 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 6 May

a. Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re submitting to this office actual strength of Italian Army and CO.MI. as at 9th and 24th of each month and matters in general.

b. Captain De Stefano completed distribution of U.S. PX.

c. Routine office work and 8 day off.

2. Monday, 7 May

a. Conferred with Lt Col Wiste and Captain Sterace, Italian Navy supply section re drawing of rations for Italian Navy. They estimated that they hold a stock of food in Cagliari and Maddalena Island of approx 25 days and have been drawing approx 5150 rations each 15 day period upon authority from Ministry of Navy which he stated was approved by MMIA. He also stated the actual strength was approx 4500 not including rations drawn for personnel on ships in emergency. I requested they give me more correct information as to number days rations on hand and strength and I would contact MMIA if they desired to have the Navy hold a stock of food here and what amount. But in the meantime we would not issue them food for the period 8-20 May as we previously instructed them because they have sufficient stocks on hand (see our letter to Italian Naval Forces in Sardinia subject Excess Rations Stores dated 28 April 45, a copy forwarded to your Hq).

b. Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS re shipment excess personnel to mainland. Advised him to have all excess shipped by 15 May - no exceptions. Rations would be withheld w.e.f. that date.

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d General Maccario, Commander Italian Forces in Sardinia, called accompanied by his staff to congratulate us upon the end of the war in Europe and the military strength and successes shown by the Allies.

e Major Martin inspected 5th Efficient Vehicle Park - in good condition.

f Major Martin contacted 63 Staging Post RAF, Sless re Army vehicles loaned to them. They stated they would require said vehicles for an indefinite time (Reference your signal Q/249 of 6 May).

g Captain De Stefano conferred with Col Aschena, High Commissioner's Office, re monthly AC reports and also conferred with Automobile Director, CMB, re vehicle report.

h Cruiser Garibaldi arrived at Cagliari to transport military personnel to mainland.

3. Tuesday, 8 May

a Holiday V.E. Day. A parade was held in Cagliari after the unconditional surrender of Germany was announced by the Big Three. U.S. and Italian military participated and they were reviewed by U.S., British and Italian commanders and staffs.

4. Wednesday, 9 May

a Conferred with Col Quercia, Commander CC.M. Legion in Sardinia, re movement of approx 800 CC.M. to mainland. He advised that they had been assembled for shipment but were later instructed to return to their stations awaiting call. (See par 1 e of our Log No. 59 dated 6 May).

b Colonel Albert and Major Martin inspected loading of cruiser Garibaldi - going satisfactorily.

c Captain De Stefano conferred with Major Cicco, High Commissioner's Office, re monthly report for AC.

d Cruiser Garibaldi departed for Duke with military personnel (See our signal Y 406 of 9 May).

e Sgt Gentile to Naples with C & S for overhaul (See our signal Y 402 of 7 May and Y 407 of 9 May).

5. Thursday, 10 May

a Routine office work and 1/2 day off.

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6. Friday, 11 May

a Colonel Albert and Major Martin conferred with Col Alecci, Chief of Commissary Section, and Major Palma, charge of Italian Food Depots, re discrepancies in the issuing of Italian and German Food during 21 April - 5 May period (See our letter to Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia subject Consumption of Food stuffs of Italian Origin dated 11 May, copy to you). Many excuses and alibis were given. I emphatically pointed out that instructions from this office were to be carried out and he had the liberty to contact our office at all times when any instructions were not understood and have them clarified.

b Dr Giaru, High Commissioner's Office, called re (1) The retention of U.S. tires on a vehicle used for relief which I had previously disapproved. Granted them permission to retain said tires until 19 May then they must be turned in unless they obtain proper authority to retain same. (2) They requested passage for 33 civilian prisoners on cruiser to mainland. Disapproved, but advised them they could send them with the 20 civilian passages already granted the High Commissioner on each cruiser.

c Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy chief of staff, CMS, re (1) Shipment of military personnel 14 May. He stated that he is sending mostly Phase II because they are of a more disturbing element here and more likely to go AWOL in the homeland. (See our signal Y 415 of 12 May). (2) Status of Phase II callups. Approx 50 to 60% are now called up and expect to have all by 19 May that intend to come without force. He estimated approx 4000 would be the final figure rather than 6000 due to the elimination of classes 1914 and 1915, approved by Ministry of War. He also stated Ministry of War approved crediting the excess of Phase III, approx 800, to Phase II. A delay was caused this week by "VE" celebration.

d Major Martin got statements from all members of Liberty ship (U.S.) Watterson re larceny of paint from ships paint locker.

e Captain De Stefano conferred with Col Achenza, High Commissioner's Office re monthly report for AC, and Automobile Directorate, CMS, re vehicle report.

f Pfc Platzer departed for Duce on Abbasia with 52 cases crated furniture for AFHQ (See our signal Y 406 of 9 May).

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7. Saturday, 12 May

a. Conferred with Col Constantino re request of High Commissioner for 500 quintals of chloridina adiforica from Osleri Depot for destruction of grasshoppers. General Mascario states same available and it will deteriorate if not used (see our signal Y 414 of 12 May).

b. Professor Cardan, President of Italian Red Cross in Sardegna called regarding (1) tires for his ambulances. Advised him to see High Commissioner. (2) To retain U.S. tires and tubes loaned by AG. Informed him he could retain same until 19 May, after which date all unauthorized would be picked up.

c. All U.S. personnel saw picture "Two Down and One to Go" at Eikas.

d. Major Matthews (U.S.), AG Mining Division, called re unrest at Carbonia. Told him I had previously warned the Army and SC.MR. but it was a civil matter and no action could be taken until called upon by the civil authorities.

e. Major Martin inspected (1) Barracks stores and food depot at Iglesias. There are still 2 truck load of food and 4 truck loads of barrack stores to be moved. (2) Tank park at Cagliari, Dolianova and Guspini (see our signal Y 415 of 15 May).

f. Captain De Stefano conferred with Major Matthews, Mining Section AG from Carbonia re coal mining and labor situation at the mines. There is still unrest there.

g. Sgt Gentile arrived on Caribaldi with repaired C and R.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 59. 29 April - 5 May 1945

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MCLIA)

1. Sunday, 29 April

a Attended conference held by High Commissioner of Sardinia. General Pinna gave a rather lengthy report of what he had accomplished and two Italian civilians from Nuoro stated they did not want Sardinia separate from Italy but they desired to elect their own representatives and not have them appointed by government at Rome.

b Conferred with Commander Helms, 63 Staging Post, RAF. Helms re authority to retain Italian Army personnel. He stated he knew of no authority or of any Italian Army personnel there. So I will instruct that the six Italian Army personnel that are carried on A.C. Platoon at Elmas be considered as excess personnel and sent to mainland without delay.

c Colonel Quercia, Commander CC.RR. Legion Sardinia advised me that he has been instructed by CC.RR. Headquarters Rome to send 600 CC.RR. to mainland.

d Observed loading S.S. Vanderlip with Italian cargo for mainland. Due to it being Sunday there was a shortage of civilian labor at port and not to delay loading 36 Italian soldiers waiting shipment to mainland were used on night shift. As this personnel were on travel rations and had consumed same for the day I authorized 36 additional rations be issued to these men. (See our Y 377 of 1 May)

e Major Martin supervised loading of S.S. Frank Vanderlip.

f Major Martin and Captain De Stefano checked on U.S. furniture in warehouse at Cagliari required by AFHQ.

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2. Monday 30 April

a Chief Agent Lo Pinto CID and assistants departed by plane for Naples. They will forward a report to MCLIA Rome on Borda case in

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due time.

b Inspected loading of cargo on S.S. Frank Vanderlip - progressing favorably.

c Major Fossett and Major Martin inspected, condensed and observed destruction of canned food at Cagliari Distributing Depot and gave instructions for its use and stated its equivalent value.

d Captain De Stefano arranged with Italian Army Engineers to have U.S. Furniture crated for shipment to AFHQ.

e Sergeant Bevan (Sr.) arrived from Rome to pick up special Engineer equipment. (See paragraph 5a below.

3. Tuesday, 1 May

a Conferred with Colonel Ponticello, C/S Military Headquarters Sardinia re plans for celebration for Victory Day.

b Conferred with Colonel Costantino Deputy C/S Military Headquarters Sardinia re status of excess Italian personnel and in spite of previous reports to me that same would be sent to mainland by 1 May there are approximately 600 on the island as at 24 April. Early dates were fixed when all excess personnel on island would be sent to mainland.

c Conferred with Captain Misone, General Staff 508 C.I. Bn. Det. re the removal of 8 Enemy agents to mainland on Abbazia.

d San EFFISIO (Sardinian Patron Saint) Day celebration. Practically all Italians in Sardinia cease work, another Italian holiday.

e Conferred with Adjutant Sergeant 63 Staging Post, Elmas, re Victory Day celebration.

f Captain De Stefano and Pvt. Latona flew to Naples to pick up U.S. P.X.

g. Cruiser Montecuccoli arrives at Cagliari to pick up military personnel and refugees.

4. Wednesday, 2 May

a Conferred with Lieut Shaw Detachment AACB Elmas (U.S.) re training of U.S. soldiers participating in Victory Day celebration.

b Inspected loading of cargo on S.S. Frank Vanderlip - going satisfactorily.

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c Conferred with Capt Caddeo (Italian) re progress of recovering Allied wire. He stated the job would be completed by end of May. Instructed him to report to me on 15 and end of each month.

d Conferred with Col Quercia, CC.RR. Legion in Sardinia re: Release of some ET and horses. He stated to give up any M.F. would affect his duties and having 439 horses for 106 stations in the mountainous areas none could be spared. In addition to the 106 stations where horses are required he has 159 other CC.RR. stations. (See our signal Y 332 of 4 May).

e Major Martin conferred with Col Costantino Deputy Chief of Staff C.M.S. re shipment of Engineer equipment to mainland.

5. Thursday, 3 May

a Conferred with Lt Col De Guidici, Deputy Chief of Staff C.M.S. re Engineer equipment to remain on island. Advised him to submit list he requested keeping it reasonable with the number of Italian troops remaining here and I would forward same to MMIA for approval. In the meantime to prepare all Engineer equipment for shipment. (See our letter subject Signal and Engineer Equipment to Remain in Sardinia dated 7 May 1945).

b Conferred with Donna Vera, wife of owner of Villa at Badda Salighe (formerly occupied by Major Hall and Major Austin) re (1) Use of Italian Army vehicle - advised her that her request had been disapproved. (2) Derequisitioning of her own personal vehicle. Advised her if it were held by the Italian Army would have it derequisitioned without delay. Contacted Major Hall re letter as to its present location. (3) Informed her not to remove any articles from the Villa without approval from MMIA, as the Villa and furniture was requisitioned.

c Conferred with Lt Shaw (U.S.) AAGC Detachment, Sivas, re tentative plan for Victory Day Celebration.

d Conferred with Captain Delogu, High Commissioner's Office, at noon re shipment of refugees. He stated 60 of the 310 refugees slated to go on the Montecuccoli were agriculturists. He had sent no cable to Displaced Personnel, ALOCM as I had instructed in writing.

e Colonel Albert and Major Fossett conferred with Lt Col Alecci, Commissary office, re (1) Matters in general and principally deficiencies noted recently and what we had previously requested be corrected in writing, i.e. not taking inventory in food depots at end of month, over issue of rations, laxity in accounting, tardiness of reports submitted, etc. (2) Tibben (Hay) to be supplied in Sardinia. He agreed it could be (See our Y 355 of 3 May). 7502

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f. Conferred with Colonel Musi, CC.MR. re request to send 71 CC.MR. on Montecucoli this date. Advised him his request came too late, to submit it again and consideration would be given.

g. Conferred with Colonel Miralli, Territorial Office, and Captain Padari, Calabria Division re MT and horses (See our Y 392 of 4 May).

h. Colonel Albert and Major Martin conferred with Major Austin re (1) status of vehicles at Abbasanta and on the island. (See our Y 392 of 4 May). (2) Repairable tires and tubes for mainland - he stated none had been sent from Abbasanta but were being repaired for shipment.

i. Conferred with executive officer Fox, 63 RAF Staging Post at Elmas acting for Commander Holmes re the British participating in the Victory Day Parade at Cagliari. He stated he did not feel that they should participate giving many reasons. I again requested that they would but told him it was an invitation and for him to decide and advise.

j. Accompanied by Major Martin inspected the loading on cruiser Montecucoli - only 273 refugees of the 310 promised at noon this date were loaded. It was too late to alert more military for loading (see our letter to High Commissioner of 3 May copy to MMIA).

k. Major Fossett and Major Austin sailed on the Montecucoli for Doko - permanent change of station for both.

l. Major Martin investigated alleged report of rifling of Italian clothing being loaded on S.S. Vanderlip. Later 3 British seamen identified as having stolen Italian goods, evidence was found in their cabin and other goods found in sick bay (See letter to Mr. A.G. Thomas, British Ministry of War Transport Agent, Cagliari, subject Rifling of Italian Cargo on S.S. Frank Vanderlip dated 4 May - copy to MMIA). Also there were 3 Italian stevedores involved in the looting, they will be prosecuted.

m. CC.MR. departed on Montecucoli with special engineer equipment (See par 15 above).

6. Friday, 4 May

a. Conferred with Captain Palombo CC.MR. re quartering CC.MR. guard at office in our office building. Disapproved, insufficient room.

b. Conferred with Mr. Piccio, Collecting of Refuse Office, Cagliari re request of 20 large Italian salvage (unserviceable) tents to be made up into sacks for collection of garbage. Advised him to learn where and quantity available, and I would submit request to MMIA for approval.

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c Lt Ness, (British) LC to Italian Navy and Lt Cator, British Navy from Maddalena Island, called for authorization air passage Cagliari to Naples. Granted.

d Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, CM3 re status of Chemical Warfare Detachment at Ogliari (see our signal Y 394 dated 5 May).

e Captain De Stefano and Pvt Latona returned from Naples.

f Pvt Hebert departed for Naples as courier.

7. Saturday, 5 May

a Lieut Curatolo (U.S.) Radio Sardinia, called regarding the movement of personnel PMS Unit to mainland. Advised him they were disbanded as at 30 April and would be moved to mainland on next cruiser.

b Conferred with Major Matthews (U.S.) AG Mining Division at Carbonia re U.S. tires held by the Italian Mining personnel for operation of mines.

c Major Martin inspected grating of U.S. furniture for AFHQ. It will be sent on the Abbasia next week. Also accompanied CC.MR. on raid, considerable amount of Allied property revealed.

d Captain De Stefano broke down and distributed PX.

e Pvt Hebert returned from Naples from courier duty.

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29 April 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 32. 22 April - 26 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MNA).

1. Sunday, 22 April

a. Conferred with Colonel Quercia, CC. 3R. Legion re status of Captain Belmonte, a Carabinieri, who originally did police work for AC. It was agreed that he be under Colonel Quercia's control but to continue to clean up work started, namely: (1) Recovering Allied property in Sardinia (2) Robbery at Post Office (U.S. money involved) (3) Recovering Allied tires and tubes (4) To handle any police work that MNA may have in future.

b. Conferred with General Pinna, High Commissioner, re (1) His request for loan 2000 small individual Italian tents from salvage to combat grasshopper menace (see our signal Y 337 of 22 April). Col Kerr authorized the loan later by phone to Colonel Albert. (2) Balance of trucks to complete 100 allotted him. (3) Gen Pinna estimated there were approx 1000 refugees in Sardinia whose homes are on the Mainland of which approx 400 were in Cagliari and vicinity. Would require one day to assemble the latter for movement and 3 or 4 days to assemble those at a distance. (see far below).

c. Started moving radio equipment to new office at noon.

d. $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

2. Monday, 23 April

a. Conferred with Lt Col Costantino Deputy Chief of Staff CM re: (1) To confirm load for cruiser this date (2) Availability of full 6000 for Phase II Callup which starts 24 April and first shipment of 1000 to be ready 1 May and 1000 every 4 days thereafter until callup is completed.

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b Moved office to No. 51 Via Vittorio Veneto.

c Inspected loading of cruiser Abruzzi with callups and other Military personnel, progressing satisfactorily.

d Chief Agent Lo Pinto and Agent Manfredi, CID, reported on their assigned mission. Went over Borda case briefly with them and offered all assistance and cooperation in the matter.

e Colonel Albert and Major Fossett inspected clothing and barrack depots at Cagliari. A great amount of camp has been prepared for shipment to the mainland. Many individual items were acquired in- to to determine status of preparation for shipment. This depot is to be closed soon. (See Par 3f below).

f Colonel Albert, Major Fossett and Major Martin discussed Borda case Monday evening with Agents CID.

g Cruiser Abruzzi departed for Naples loaded with Italian Army, Air Corps and Navy personnel, and some cargo (see our signal Y 534 dated 21 April).

3. Tuesday, 24 April

a Conferred with Major Austin (L.O. Rome) re (1) status of 100 vehicles to be turned over to High Commissioner Sardinia - 71 turned over, 9 at Abbasanta waiting collection, 16 in workshop ready approx 2 or 3 weeks. (2) List of spare parts for 1 year supply to High Commissioner would be forwarded to me soon. (3) A quantity of repairable tires and tubes for mainland would be sent to Cagliari first of next week. (4) Request for transportation by Donna Vera at Villa Badde Callighe (see our signal Y 541 of 24 April).

b Lt Col Usai, CG.M., called for authority in writing re turning over to Chief Agent Lo Pinto, CID, documentary evidence in the Borda case.

c Conferred with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff CGM, re drawings for Phase II Callighe. (See our signal Y 547 24 April).

d Mr. Diacco, W.O. (U.S.), AC Mining Div at Carbonia, called re the checking on Allied tires on miners cars at Carbonia. I advised him to send us a list of tires giving manufacturers number of all properly authorized tires and same would not be molested. (See par 5a below).

e Conferred with Commander O'Donnell (British) L.O. with Italian Navy at Maddalena Island and Lt Ness (British) L.O. with Italian Navy Cagliari. Learned about 3 Italian C.D. Batteries stationed at Maddalena (see our signal Y 548 dated 25 April).

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f Major Fossett and Major Martin inspected Cagliari Food Distributing Depot. Records were not up to date (S & T Report to follow). They also gave specific instructions as to priority of material movement to close Cagliari Clothing Depot (see par 3e above). Major Martin accompanied Major Fossett to learn routine in order to take over the depot and unit inspections upon the departure of Major Fossett early May.

4. Wednesday, 25 April

a Conferred with Commander Helms, 83 Staging Post RAF Sardinia regarding attaching 20 Italian army drivers for 2 months (see our signal Y 352 of 25 April).

b Conferred with Colonel Constantino Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, re: (1) Availability drivers mentioned in 4a above. (2) Not sending remainder of excess personnel to mainland as had been reported to me verbally that it had been done. (3) Available Military personnel for cruiser Montecucoli 29 April (see our signal Y 352 of 25 April and Y 356 of 26 April).

c Conferred with Commander Borghi, Italian Navy Cagliari, re: (1) 2 batteries CD (Italian) at Maddalena Island (see our signal Y 349 of 25 April). (2) He informed me that Montecucoli would arrive Cagliari 27 or 28 April and depart 29 April. (see Par 7a(1) below).

d Conferred with General Finna re allotment of 350 refugees on Montecucoli 29 April.

e Major Fossett and Major Martin inspected Cagliari Bulk Food Depot (S & T Report to follow). Inspected food turned in by Italian Air Force and checked to see if items of Italian origin are issued in lieu similar Allied food. Italian Navy was drawing rations and were being issued Italian canned meat, pasta, sugar, matches, tomato paste and surrogate.

f Captain De Stefano conferred with CMS re automobile census for vehicles remaining in Sardinia.

5. Thursday, 26 April

a Commander Borghi, Italian Navy Cagliari, called re the Navy being issued surrogate (Italian substitute for coffee). Advised him our instructions were that all Italian food must be issued before a similar Allied food and was sure but there would be no exceptions.

b Lt Green, Naval Control Service (British) called to request transportation be assigned to his Detachment. Advised him we had no authority to assign Italian Army vehicles as they were required for the mainland.

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2 Mr. Discoe W.O. (U.S.) brought partial list of U.S. tires held by Italian civilians in mining area (see per 3d above).

3 Captain Azzini and Signor Marcellis from Police Unit High Commissioner's office called regarding individuals retaining U.S. tires. I advised him we had a list of tires AC had authorized civilians to keep and they would not be molested or any other tires that are held on proper authority.

4 Conferred with Commander Holme, 33 MAP Staging Post, re disapproval of Italian Army drivers for MAP (reference your SD 2535 of 25 April).

5 Major Fossati spent most of day with Chief Agent Lo Pinto, CID, on checking records and files in Borda case. He also conferred with Major Palma of Commissary Office re accounting procedure on Model "B" and the matter of issuing German food. Written instructions were issued to issue German food same as Italian food and before Allied food.

6 1/4 Gentile TB to Naples on S.S. Abbazia to accompany vehicle (see our signal Y 345 of 24 April).

7 S.S. Frank Vanderlip arrived at Cagliari.

6. Friday, 27 April

a Conferred with Lt Woodhull re Italian Guard Detachment for DID. Advised him to submit a list of guards required as they would have to be furnished from the Calabria Division and not carried any longer as AC overhead.

b A lengthy conference with Lt Col Constantino which was nothing more than a rehash of what we discussed 25 April (see per 4b(2) above), with an additional number of alibis. In conclusion I instructed him to send all excess personnel to Mainland on 1st cruiser in May.

c Conferred with Capt Deleghi, High Commissioner's Office, re shipment of refugees, prison guards and public security agents on the Montecapoli 29 April. He stated the latter two were requested to come to mainland by the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior respectively and was considered priority over refugees. Accepted his recommendation. 350 refugees authorized to go to mainland.

d Conferred with Col Constantino re discrepancies in instructions from Ministry of War as shown in MHA (Blue Book) Italian

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Army as at 9 March 1948 with amendments to 22 March as known No. 2/8.
Letter to follow to WMA for clarification.

e. Conferred with Major Austin re his departure to Mainland
and CO. FR. guards for Abbassia workshop.

f. Major Fossett spent most of day with Chief Agent Lo Pinto,
CID.

g. Captain De Stefano conferred with GMS re over strength
of Italian personnel in Sardinia.

7. Saturday, 26 May

a. Conferred with Commander Torchi, Italian Navy Cagliari
(1) Postponement of sailing of Montanecoli from 29 April to 3 May
to be loaded with 800 Military and 350 refugees (2) He requested
auto spare parts for Italian Navy vehicles - advised him to submit
list but no progress was made.

b. Inspected Italian Ammunition Dump at Monserrato (near
Cagliari). There was a large quantity of Italian ammunition all
types, also a small quantity of German, Russian and Polish. They
were taking inventory, checking and destroying dangerous lots. The
ammunition was neatly stacked, safety precautions were taken and as
a whole all in good order.

c. Flight Lt Moore, RAF Kinross, called requesting this office
as ALCM L.O. screen High Commissioner request for flights to Naples
on Allied planes. Agreed.

d. Major Fossett checked Distributing Depot at Cagliari to
see if Italian food was being issued.

e. Major Fossett and Major Martin inspected 14 Administrative
Transport Company. Records were in order and vehicles well kept but
kitchen and food storeroom needed to be cleaned up (1 & 7 Report to
follow).

f. Captain De Stefano conferred with Lieut Shaw, AACB Detach-
ment (U.S.) re unauthorized Italian Military with his unit. He has
none now.

g. Pfc Platzer arrived from Naples to pick up U.S. furniture
for AFHQ at Cagliari and ship to mainland. We will assist him in having
same crated and ship to mainland first available sea craft. (Ref your
CP 30 of 27 April).

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22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 57. 15 - 21 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMLA).

1. Sunday, 15 April

a Routine office work and 1/2 day off.

b Conferred with Commander Holmes, RAF Elmas, re Memorial Services Sunday evening for the Late President Roosevelt held at Elmas by RAF. All MMLA personnel attended.

c Cpl Zimmerman returned from TD at Naples.

2. Monday, 16 April

a Conferred with Captain Varengo re tank personnel to be sent to Naples (See par 4 of your ST/1507 dated 12 April and our signal Y 304 of 15 April). He does not have the required personnel at Guspini but steps had been taken 14 April to obtain same and they will be sent to Mainland without delay (See par 3b below).

b Conferred with 3 Italian officers from Requisition Office re derequisitioning of building occupied by Italian Military attached to this office.

c Conferred with General Pinna, High Commissioner re (1) Auto spare parts from Abbasanta Dump in accordance with Q/5/9 of 13 April. (2) Shipping of refugees on cruiser - I informed him that military had priority but if any extra ships (over the seven scheduled for April) arrived and if there were vacant space after Military were accommodated I would contact MMLA for authority to ship refugees. He stated there were approx 500 to 600 refugees here and he was going to request to Ministry of War for a cruiser earmarked to carry refugees to Mainland. He stated the refugees were not financially able to pay passage on the Abbasia. (3) General Pinna had no information re movement of Italian cipher team to Mainland (reference your SD 2580 of 7 April). He stated there was available cipher personnel (Italian) to code his messages if they were recalled. (4) He stated approx 48 of the vehicles that were to be turned over to him had not been. I advised him I would take the matter up with Major Austin. Major Austin stated approx 30 vehicles remaining to be turned over and they were completing same.

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d Observed loading cruiser Montecuccoli - going very satisfactorily.

e Conferred with Colonel Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, Italian Forces in Sardinia, re shipment of callup for future shipments, putting for Air Force at Elmas and disposition of personnel formerly in AC Platoon. He stated that of the approx 1400 recruits (Phase III) reported waiting for shipment only approx 700 were really available, the remaining were AWOL and sick in Hospital, of this number available for shipment would be problematical. (See our signal Y 321 of 18 April).

f Colonel Musso, Commanding Officer 59th Inf Regt, called and invited our officers to attend "Feast of 59th Regt" 18 April. Told him we would send a representative to same.

g Major Fossett inspected Distributing Depots at Macomer and Sassari, checking in detail with representative of Director of Commissary's office re Italian food items to be issued without delay (See S & T Report of 21 April).

h Captain De Stefano conference with Lieut Felter, Italian officer commanding AC Platoon re release of building occupied by AC Platoon and equipment at same.

i Cruiser Montecuccoli departed for Naples loaded with callups.

3. Tuesday, 17 April

a Conferred with Signal Officer (British) Elmas re arrival and departure courier planes carrying mail.

b Conferred with Major Austin re following:

(1) Reference your ST/1507 of 12 April; Par 3 - WE to follow. Par 4 - Arrange to ship 1 officer 24 tank men to Naples 23 April (See Par 2a above). Par 5 - Major Austin will turn 1 year supply spare parts over to High Commissioner at Abbasanta, the High Commissioner to furnish mechanics to dismantle.

(2) Batteries removed from tanks at Guapini for Abbasanta vehicles Major Austin stated none to replace them. Tanks will have to be moved to Mainland without battery for each.

(3) Repairable tires and tubes for Mainland (reference your ST 1529/2 of 31 March). Major Austin advised same would be shipped in trucks going to Mainland at first opportunity.

c Major Fossett traveled from Sassari to Cagliari.

d Captain De Stefano conferred with Automobile Directorate re census of vehicles.

4. Wednesday, 18 April

a Colonel Albert and Major Martin attended 59th Inf Regt "Feast of The Regt". General Maccario, Commander Italian Forces in Sardinia and staff; General Pinna, High Commissioner, were present.

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The officers and men made a very good appearance in the review. It being an anniversary for the Regiment and the gist of all the speeches was "they wanted to fight for the Allies and redeem the name of Italy".

b Major Fossett inspected Distributing Depot at Cagliari and barracks store material ready for shipment at Cagliari.

c Cruiser Abruzzi departed for Naples with callups.

5. Thursday, 19 April

a Colonel Quercia, Commander CC.RM. Legion Sardinia, called. Discussed with him the availability of CC.RM. in coping with any disturbance that might arise over labor troubles at Carbonia coal mines and when called upon for reinforcements by the Prefect. He thought sufficient strength could be mustered to take care of any situation that might arise.

b Conferred with Intelligence Officer RAF at Elmas re intelligence matters (See our Security Intelligence Report of 20 April).

c Colonel Albert and Major Fossett made an inspection of the Military Hospital at Cagliari. Lieut Col Dettore in command escorted us through the entire Hospital. The Hospital is in process of being restored and repainted, the wards and operating rooms were in exceptionally good condition and clean. The kitchen was clean and in good order but the storeroom was not. Instructed him to make corrections in the storeroom and suggested that he look into the matter of obtaining wire screening for windows from the Engineers, as there were quite a few flies around. He stated he would act on same at once. Major Fossett stated there was a remarkable improvement over his inspection 2 months previously. We visited bulk and distributing depots at Cagliari, inspected surplus food being turned in by Air Force and Artillery equipment for 210 Italian Division that just arrived from Fuoro. (See our signal Y 526 of 19 April).

d Major Fossett conferred with Commissary Section Chief on shoe repair and issue of clothing. Also inspected 59th I.S. Regt Mess (See S & T Report of 21 April).

e Captain De Stefano conferred with Colonel Costantino re billeting Italian personnel assigned to MMIA (now a total of 17).

6. Friday, 20 April

a Conferred with Agent Demos DID who arrived to investigate Colonel Borda case. Chief agent Lopino to arrive near future.

b Captain Sprague and Lieut Ogden, UNHRA, called and discussed matters in general.

c Conferred with Lieut Colonels Costantino and De Giudici, C.M.S., re latest developments in troop movements. One thousand Military will be available to go to Mainland 23 April. Colonel Costantino stated he would start Phase II Callup 24 April and 1000 would be ready for shipment 1 May and 1000 every four days thereafter until the Phase is completed. He also stated he was instructed by Ministry of War to send 1st shipment of Phase II to Grosinone and balance to Orvieto. He further stated all Italian Military personnel not authorized would be shipped to Mainland during April.

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d Major Fossett inspected clothing Sub Depot. Checked on food items being turned in by Italian Air Force and inspected Subsistence Co. Mess.

7. Saturday, 21 April

a Conferred with Major Hatch (British) AG Mining Div and Mr. Allen (U.S. W.O) re (1) Sending of signals. We would handle his urgent and secret signals. (2) Moving the ICE (National Institute for External Commerce) to an undesirable location without telephone. Phoned the High Commissioner's office and requested they be provided with suitable office, furniture and phone. Request granted.

b We entertained at dinner General Maccoario, and 3 members of his staff, General Pinna and General Scalabrino Saturday evening.

c Conferred with Lieut Gusetolo (U.S.) Radio Censor Sardinia re transfer of Marascialli in Italian cipher team. As both Marascialli are to go to Rome, application for transfer could be made there.

d Cruiser Abruzzi arrived.

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15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 56. 8 - 15 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Com A.S. (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 8 April

- a. Conferred with Captain Newgate, A.C., re disposition Italian personnel with A.C.
- b. Checked loading of cruiser Abruzzi.
- c. Captain De Stefano conferred with Captain Kewby and Lieut Swanley, A.C. Sardinia, re transfer of property and equipment.
- d. Cruiser Abruzzi departed for Naples (see our signal Y 267 of 7 April).
- e. Routine office work and 1/2 day off.

2. Monday, 9 April

- a. Mr Ballisback, C.W.I., called re travel orders, mail, rations and PX for himself. Advised him we would take care of all.
- b. Captain Gallagher, HQ Dowland AFHQ, called re printing, transporting to dock and shipping office equipment held here in warehouse by AC to mainland. Advised him the possibility of Italian Engineers doing work and we would arrange for transportation to dock, shipping in accordance with priorities from higher level.
- c. Chaplain Walden, 310 Service Group, U.S. Air Force, called and requested transportation 20 days to "merry off" O.I.W. It was granted.
- d. Courtesy call to Commander Holmes, RAF at Sines Air Field. Commander Holmes was away so conferred with Executive Officer Box.
- e. Major Fossatt conferred with Head of Commissary Section re issue of Italian items in lieu of Allied items. Also inspected Barrack Stores at Cagliari.
- f. Captain De Stefano supervised the transfer of property and equipment of HQ from AC billet to new billet and established new HQ mess.
- g. Cruiser Montecuccoli arrived for callups.

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3. Tuesday, 10 April

a. Conferred with General Scabrinio and Major Palma, Territorial Hq Rome, Sardinia Office, re shipment of clothing to Mainland. The General made many requests re retaining several items of clothing in Sardinia - advised him that we would immediately weigh all requests and give him a reply soonest, but mainly instructions previously given would stand.

b. Attended Farewell given Colonel Pennyquik, AG, by General Pinna, High Commissioner. Many military and civilians were present. Made acquaintance with Prefects from the Cagliari, Nuoro and Sassari Provinces, with whom I will have to deal later as LG AGCOM, and many other civilians under the High Commissioner.

c. Major Foxsett inspected Bulk Food Depot at Cagliari to determine Italian items in stock and checked Cagliari Food Distributing Depot re issue Italian items now in stock.

d. Captain De Stefano conferred with Lt Colonel Costantino re billeting and messing Italian GI that will be retained by MIA, the total including Italian Radio Section is 17.

4. Wednesday, 11 April

a. Conferred with Lt Col Costantino re changes in schedule for April shipments on cruizers in compliance with your signal 53 2505 of 9 April.

b. Captain Chi (Montecuscoli) and Captain Talarigo (Abruzzi) called. We discussed shipments for April.

c. Inspected loading of cruiser Montecuscoli (Personnel) and S.S. Eilauri I (Cargo) - progressing satisfactorily.

d. Major Foxsett conferred with Lt Col Costantino re report of missing clothing for re-calls.

e. Capt De Stefano conferred with Antismalariatic Directorate re completion of windshield labels on vehicles remaining in Sardinia.

5. Thursday, 12 April

a. Conferred with Lt Col Dettore, Medical Director Sardinia and he advised me as follows:

(1) Malaria. He stated that an educational plan re malaria and methods to combat same would commence 15 April, nepacrine would be issued to troops in malarial areas but he had not been informed as to quantity. I advised him to have instructions completed to all troops by 1 May and start issue six (one a day) nepacrine tablets per week until he received instructions as to quantity from Ministry of War, commencing 1 May (in accordance to verbal instructions given me by Major Heggie 23 March). Also advised him to issue nepacrine to all troops in Sardinia regardless of location. He stated the Italian troops did not take nepacrine last summer but an Italian anti-malaria medicine.

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(2) Hospitals and Hospital Supplies. Average patients at Cagliari 200 and Sassari 145, increase due to callups. Supplies satisfactory - shipping same to mainland. Informed him of a very satisfactory report made by Major Possent on the Hospital unit at Sassari (See par 4c of our Log No. 55 dated 8 April). Italian Air Force draws medical supplies from Army but not the Italian Navy.

(3) Hospital Diet. Receiving all right and satisfactory.

b. Captain De Stefano conferred with Lieut Felter, Italian AG Platoon Leader, re transfer of Italians employed by AG to the mainland (They will be sent on cruiser 16 April).

c. Corporal Zimmerman departed by air to Naples as courier.

6. Friday, 13 April

a. Observed loading of tanks and heavy trucks on 3 British L.C.T.'s which was being efficiently accomplished.

b. Lt Roselli, Italian Naval DG, called and expressed condolence on the death of President Roosevelt in behalf of Commander Borghi Italian Navy at Cagliari and stated the Italian flag would be at half mast until interment. I thanked them for the expression of sympathy.

c. Captain Sprague, USMRA Cagliari, called re general matters concerning her office.

d. General Macario, Commander Italian Forces in Sardinia, and Staff, and General Scalabrino, Territorial HQ of Rome, Sardinia Office, called to express in behalf of the Italian Garrison in Sardinia and themselves sympathy at the death of President Roosevelt. I thanked them for their sincere expression of condolence and gave them a brief on the life of the late President and method of succession.

e. Inspected the cruiser Abruzzi on board.

f. Conferred with Major Possent and Major Martin re recent shipping priorities and checked to see that steps had been taken to expedite all movements.

g. Major Possent conferred with General Scalabrino re civilian ration for callups from collecting center to reinforcement battalion.

h. Captain De Stefano conferred with PWS representatives re disembarkment of the Italian Military personnel and equipment at once.

i. Cruiser Abruzzi departed for Dada loaded with personnel and equipment.

7. Saturday, 14 April

a. Returned courtesy of Commander Borghi Italian Navy Cagliari and discussed shipments on cruisers for the remainder of April. He stated there would be a cruiser sail from Cagliari on 16, 18, and 27 April and possibly another in April, probably on the 23rd. He requested that we permit shipping of refugees on the last ship. I advised him that according to our schedule all ships would be loaded with Military personnel and priority would be given to same, but if any vacant spaces became available I would contact USMRA Rome for authority to ship refugees.

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b Routine office work forenoon. Afternoon office closed
to pay our respects to the late President.

c Cruiser Montecucoli arrived for callups.

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