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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

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FILE: 1600

22 October 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.76 for WEEK ENDING 20 OCTOBER 1945.
 - a. Sunday 14 Oct. Office routine. Half day off.
 - b. Monday 15 Oct. In the afternoon I visited the U.S. NOB where Capt Oladi, Italian Royal Navy, attached to NOB as L.O. was loading the Italian Cruiser PACINOTTI with troops going on leave and to be discharged to Sardinia. Cruiser sailed at 1700 hours.
 - c. Tuesday 16 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon devoted to athletics.
 - d. Wednesday 17 Oct. Inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and found it clean and well managed. Upon inspecting their records found them to be in good order.
 - e. Thursday 18 Oct. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon devoted to athletics.
 - f. Friday 19 Oct. Visited the Commissariato and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio in regards to food supply and forage in general.
 - g. Saturday 20 Oct. Office routine.

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1st Lt AUS
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MILIA)
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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 Piazza, 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.R.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 S&F Report No. 66) 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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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MELA)
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FILE : 1600

30 September 1945

1. REMARKS LIAISON LOG NO. 73 FOR WEEK ENDING 29 September 45.

a. Sunday 23 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 24 Sept. Travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle where I inspected the food distribution depot and civilian military bakery. (See S & T Report No. 62). Spot checked stocks of flour, sugar and macaroni and found them in substantial agreement with the stock cards and the commodity accounts. The depot was clean, and the commodities were neatly stacked.

Returned to Messina by ferry, thence to Taormina where my driver and I spent the night.

c. Tuesday 25 Sept. Drove to Catania where I inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. Car load of sugar was received at the Bulk Depot in a car without a roof and about half of the wagon of sugar had gotten wet, enroute from Bari. I ordered this shipped out to the distribution depots for issue.

Both the Bulk and Distribution Depots were clean, and the records were found to be in good order. I then returned to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 26 Sept. Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 27 Sept. Inspected the Pasta Factory that is making pasta for the Italian Army. An Officer from the Commissary is stationed at the factory to supervise the manufacturer of the pasta. The Officer was instructed to comply with instructions on accounting.

f. Friday 28 Sept. Conferred with Col lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.

Also discussed the car load of flour that was received at the Bulk Depot at Catania on 25 September without a guard. 46 sacks of flour was missing from the car. The Colonel was informed to submit a report with all the particulars regarding this shipment to this office.

g. Saturday 29 Sept. Made arrangements with the navy to draw 5 bottles of oxygen for the auto repair shop, Italian Air force.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMTA)
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23 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 72 for WEEK ENDING 22 September 1945.a. Sunday 16 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 17 Sept. Talked with General Romano of Naples Territorial Headquarters in regards to the de-requisitioning of his home here in Palermo, which is at present occupied by the Sanitary Branch of the ALTO COMMISSARIATO per la SICILIA. The General and myself visited the office of the High Commissioner, Mr. Aldisio, but learn that he was out of town at the time so made an appointment to see him as soon as he returned to Palermo. Later in the day the General telephoned and informed me that his home was being vacated, and that we could consider the transaction closed.

c. Tuesday 18 Sept. Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobiliistica, regarding various matter in general interest between our offices.

Authorized the issue of fifteen (15) days rations to the Italian Royal Navy ship Vespugli, which berthed at Palermo before going on to Siracusa.

In the afternoon attended a commission at the Distribution Depot in Palermo. Seven hundred (700) pounds of sugar was received at the depot containing sand, small rocks and sulphur. It appeared that the sugar was sweepings from the floor, as all the sugar had been re-sacked.

Wednesday 19 Sept.

d. Routine office work. Half day off.

e. Thursday 20 Sept. Made arrangements with the U.S. Navy for the 11th. Adm. Transport Company to draw ten (10) bottles of oxygen.

Office routine.

f. Friday 21 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

g. Saturday 22 Sept. I visited the Salvage Depot of the 11th Transport Company along with Major Diana, Motor vehicle repair Director, and inspected the vehicles as mentioned in your letter LME/1526 of the 19th. Found that all vehicles were salvageable.

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16 September 1945.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 71 for WEEK ENDING 15 September 1945.

a. Sunday 9 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 10 Sept. Conferred with Major Olivieri, Commissariato Clothing Branch, in reference to clothing and equipment in general. The Major informed me that the clothing and equipment authorized for release from the Naples depot on 20 August 45, had not arrived and that some of the items were urgently needed for issue. My signal CE/66-1 of the fifteenth refers.

I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Salvage Depot, Laundry, Shoe Repair Shop and Clothing Repair Shop and found all shops in good working order.

c. Tuesday 11 Sept. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, in regards to foodstuffs and forage in general.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 12 Sept. I conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding matters of interest between our offices.

Office routine. Half day off.

d. Thursday 13 Sept. Routine office work.

f. Friday 14 Sept. Authorized the issue of five (5) days rations to the Italian Royal Navy ship NSC (L) 34, which berthed at Palermo before going on to Naples.

Cashed payroll check and paid enlisted men for month of August.

I was the guest of Commodore Mc Candlish, Commandant of U.S. NOB, at dinner today.

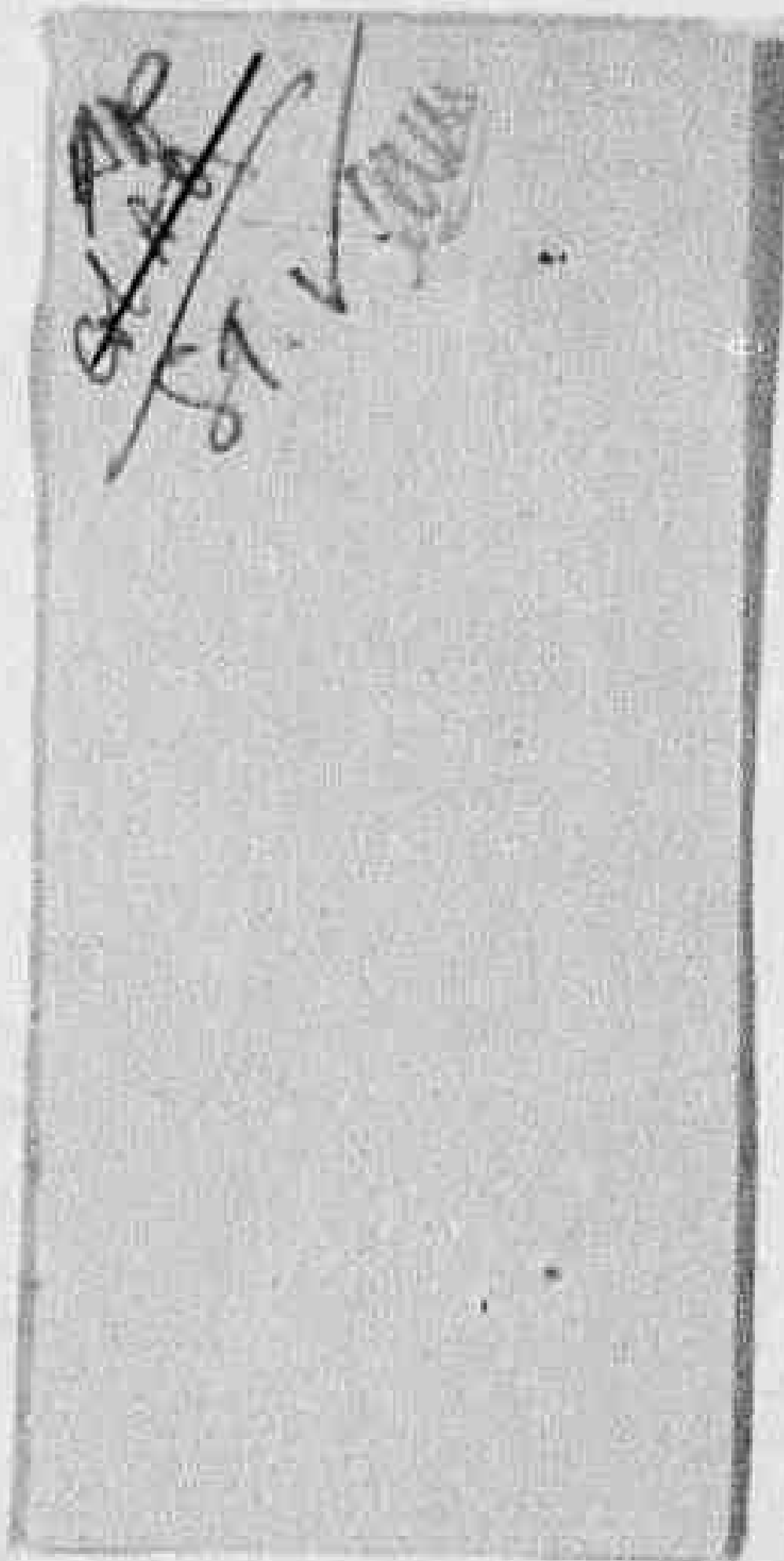
g. Saturday 15 Sept. Routine office work.

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LAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
U.S. FOR PALESTINE

FILE : 1600

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16 September 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME.

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

'G' Points.

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) Good (b) Good
17. None to my knowledge.
18. None

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

(a) TPT

(1) Reference your ST/1205 dated 1 September 45. Fifteen of the seventeen passenger vehicles have been taken on charge by the 11th Adm. Tpt. Company, which bring the company up to their new organico. The remaining two were handed over to the CC.RR.

(11) (111) Same as previous report.

(b) Rations

(1) (11) (111) Satisfactory.
(iv) No

(c) Clothing and Equipment

(1) My signal CX/66-1 of fifteenth, requesting you to inform the War Ministry to expedite the shipment as some of the

MMIA Liaison Officers' Report dtd. 16 Sept. 45 (continued)

- (c)
 - (i).....items are urgently needed for issue.
 - (ii) Satisfactory.
 - (iii) No
- (d) Accommodations & Camps.
 - (i) None anticipated.
 - (ii) Same as previous report.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMA)
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9 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 70 for WEEK ENDING 8 September 1945.

- a. Sunday 2 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off.
- b. Monday 3 Sept. Routine office work. Half day off for Labor Day holiday.
- c. Tuesday 4 Sept. Major Long and Pfc Dominiano departed by air for Rome.

Conferred with Col. Barone, Officer in Charge of the 11th. Sanitary Unit, in regards to issue of disinfectants to the Units. I had received a complaint from one of the Units that they were not drawing the monthly disinfectants allowance. The colonel informed me that the units submit their indents for the monthly allowance through his office, and that the unit complaining had not submitted an indent for the past two months. I then took the subject up with the OC of the Unit.

Talked with Lt. Williams, Provost Representative, OC British Troops Sicily, in regards to the movement of No. 1 Italian Company CMP from Catania to Naples. The lieutenant informed me that transportation had already been arranged and that the movement would take place on the seventh, as scheduled.

d. Wednesday 5 Sept. Conferred with Major Cordoro, Supply Officer of the CC.RR and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch, in reference to the issue of rations to CC.RR units. I informed the Major that the Food Depots had been instructed not to issue rations to the CC.RR Units that do not appear on the Orbat. It was agreed upon then that his Headquarters would draw rations, in accordance with Orbat strength, for the Division in bulk, and then would be broken down and distributed to the Units.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 6 Sept. Conferred with Lt. Col. Ingria, Supply officer of the Military Hospital, Palermo, in reference to Number 11 Hq. Medical Company drawing rations for a strength of two hundred sixty five (265), whereas the Orbat shows a strength of only twenty nine (29). The Colonel stated that the company draws rations in bulk for eight units listed in the Orbat, all of whom are stationed at the hospital, and one of which has an actual strength of two hundred and four (204), while the other seven units are very small. Your signal Q-531 dated

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MIA L.O. SICILY LM. LOG No.70 for Week Ending 8 September 1945.

e. (continued).....5 September 45 and my cable ST/103-1 of the sixth refers.

Conferred with Captain Gladi of the Italian Royal Navy, attached to U.S. Navy Palermo as Liaison Officer, regarding the drawing of rations for the Italian ship Ibis. The Captain informed me that the ship had already departed, and rations had been drawn from the Italian Royal Navy garrisoned at Trapani and to his knowledge no difficulty had been encountered, but the matter is being investigated further and I am now waiting on a report from Trapani.

Office routine.

f. Friday 7 Sept. I inspected the Military Bakery at Palermo. The bakery and surrounding grounds were very clean and well taken care of. (see S&T Report No.61).

Office routine.

g. Saturday 8 Sept. I inspected the Food Distribution Depot at Palermo. (See my S&T Report No.61).

Office routine.

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1st Lt AUS
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
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FILE : 1600

2 September 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 69 for WEEK ENDING 1 September 1945.

a. Sunday 26 August Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 27 August. Travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle where I inspected the food distribution depot and Civilian Military Bakery. Also discussed with the Officer in Charge of the depot, the issue, by him, of food to Units of the OGER that do not appear on the latest Orbat. Specific orders had been given by me on this matter and some of the issues made were in direct contradiction thereto. However, the officer is not wholly to blame as he stated he was not intending to issue the rations but he had received a direct order to do so from his headquarters. The method of drawing was, that an authorized unit drew the rations for itself and showed various wildcat units as attached; these were listed on the back of the ST/3. At the same time other authorized units did not draw rations because they are defunct due to the fact that their strength is depleted by the formation of so many 'wildcat' units.

Returned, by ferry in the evening, to Messina thence to Taormina where my driver and I spent the night.

Lt. Snider arranged the issue of four days rations to the Italian destroyer Mitragliere which berthed at Palermo and is going on to Taranto.

c. Tuesday 28 August. Drove to Catania, where I inspected the Bulk Food Depot, Distribution Depot and Civilian Military Bakery. A supply of rice was on hand in the Bulk Depot which was infested with boll weevils. I ordered this shipped out to Distribution Depots for issue.

Continued my trip to Augusta where I conferred with Captain Oibaldi, Commissariato of the Italian Royal Navy Garrison and secured from him the assigned strength of garrison troops together with accurate picture of his supply problems. The Italian Cruiser *Baria* permanently berthed at Siracusa for which he draws rations and in addition I learned what other ships made Augusta their regular port of call for supplies and rations. I also conferred with Captain Di Vascello, the Commandante of the Base and had dinner with him in the Officers' Mess. I inspected the ration storeroom and made suggestions on the method of storage and care of the stock. By comments and suggestions

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I returned to Catania and again called on the C.O. of the Distribution Depot and informed him to inspect all heads of cheese before issue to ascertain if it was edible. I also informed him that the Italian Navy in Augusta would probably return some spoiled cheese and if they did that I wanted him to issue a like weight of good cheese.

I called at the office of the O.C. British Troops Sicily and made my acquaintance with new Commanding Officer. Lt. Col. Cornhill has returned to the U.K.

Travelled to Taormina and spent the night.

d. Wednesday 21 August. Travelled to Messina and conferred

MEMO L.O. SICILY LM. LOM NO. 69 for Week Ending 1 Sept. 45.

d. (continued)..... with Captain Pino the Commissariato Officer of the Italian Royal Navy, garrisoned there. I secured from him the assigned strength of the garrison and got a clear picture of his supply problems. I am satisfied now that I have a reasonably exact assigned strength of the Italian Royal Navy in Sicily. I also inspected the Food Depot and made certain comments and suggestion which were well received.

I then inspected the 46th Infantry Regiment at Mesina (See S&T Report No. 60) and was much impressed with the efficiency of the officers and courtesy of the men. The grounds and buildings were clean and well kept. Forty men of the 1915 class are soon to be discharged. Fifty new recruits are on hand without military uniforms, but the Supply Officer stated that he had indentured for their clothing and equipment. I then had dinner with Colonel Alfieri, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment after which I returned to Palermo.

Office staff - half day off.

e. Thursday 30 August Office routine.

f. Friday 31 August Conferred with Lt. Pennisi, of the Commissariato Office regarding clothing and equipment. I made known to him all my observations, regarding clothing and equipment, which I learned while out in the Eastern end of the Island the first three days of this week. I explained the necessity of closer supervision and screening of unit indents. Shoes is still an item of great demand and I don't believe units are indenting for the supply that they actually need. I suggested to Lt. Pennisi that he get out of his office once in awhile and visit the units and see for himself what they actually need, that he could not get a clear picture of conditions unless he did. The General is usually the only officer who goes out into the Island and visits the units, the rest really don't know what is going on.

Conferred with Dr. Salini, who is the Manager of National Transport Institute (I.N.T.) Palermo and again demanded that he place the windshield certificates signed by me on the windshield of former Italian Military vehicles and that effective 15 September 45, I would begin picking up all such vehicles not bearing a label. Dr. Salini stated that the certificates were being carried in the pockets of the drivers. I told him that that was not the proper place for them and unless he wanted his vehicles stopped and impounded, he would have them placed on the windshield as originally agreed. I confirmed all this in writing, copy to Territorial Headquarters and to your Headquarters. I also informed Territorial Headquarters to start picking up former military vehicles on 15 September 45 unless my certificate was displayed on the windshield.

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Was the guest of Commodore Mc Candlish, Commandant of U.S. NCS at dinner today.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 1 Sept. Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding motor vehicles and various other matters.

Inspected the workshops of 11th Transport Company.

Capt. Piazza, officer in charge of rations in the Commissariato conferred with me, regarding the 10% cut in the issue of rations during the month of September. The War Ministry informed the Commissariato that only the issued of Allied Items was to be cut 10%. I told the Captain

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g. (continued).....that the letter referred to a general saving of rations and that it actually meant that ration issues would be based on only 90% of the strength present rather than 100%, irrespective of the source of rations i.e., "a unit indenting for 200 rations would only be issued 180". Inasmuch as War Ministry has directed differently I have asked your headquarters for a clarification, but I believe my interpretation of your letter is correct and in the mean time I have given orders accordingly.

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HARVEY E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Subject : Italian Officers - Discipline.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
A 303

31 Aug. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Reference this HQ letter A 303 dated 9 Aug. '45.

May the report asked for in the above quoted letter please
be expedited.

*Postly my Gen
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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : Q
(M.M.I.A. L.O. SICILY log dated 5 August Refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MNA)
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27 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MNA), ROME

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No. 15

Period from 21 July 45
to 20 August 45.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 1944, subject report is submitted.

1. MORALE: As a whole the morale of the troops in Sicily remains good.
2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR TRENDS:
Nothing to report.
3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION:
Nothing to report.
4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - PROPOGANDA - MCKARCHISM:
Nothing to report.
5. RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDE TOWARD ALLIED TROOPS:
From my own observations - good.
6. DISCIPLINE:
As a whole - good.
7. RUMORS AND INDISCREET TALK - BREACHES OF SECURITY:
Nothing to report.

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Monthly Intelligence Report No. 15 (Continued)

8. SUMMARY OF MILITARY SECURITY:

Nothing to Report.

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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAMON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMIA)
P.O. BOX 10000

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26 August 1945

SUBJECT: LMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.C.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LMIA), ROME

1. Reference your G/21, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

1. None
2. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
15. (a) Good (b) Good
17. None
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"B" Points

(a) TPT

(i) After receipt of a recent order to transfer 17 staff cars which are over to War Establishment, the Italian Officials realize they are needed in Sicily. I myself believe that most of these vehicles are needed here because the present allotment of five is insufficient to meet the needs of Territorial Headquarters. I have asked the Deputy Chief of Staff for a letter requesting an increase to the present holdings and that full particulars and data as to actual requirement be made clear.

(ii) (iii) Same as previous reports.

(b) Nations

- (i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
- (iv) No

(c) Clothing and Equipment

- (i) Satisfactory (ii) Satisfactory
- (iii) No

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SMIA Liaison Officers' Report dtd 26 August 45 (Continued)

(d) Accommodation & Camps
(i) None anticipated

(iii) Same as previous reports.

ROBERT E LONG
Major GAC
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMA)
U.S. NOB PALERMO

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26 August 1945.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 58 for WEEK ENDING 25 AUGUST 45.

- a. Sunday 19 Aug. Absent, sick in hospital.
- b. Monday 20 Aug. Absent, sick in hospital.

Lt. Snider conferred with Italian Artillery Officer at Territorial Artillery Headquarters in regards to quantity and type of Allied ammunition in ammunition dumps in Sicily.

c. Tuesday 21 Aug. Discharged from hospital and returned to office in the afternoon. Routine office work.

d. Wednesday 22 Aug. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff in reference your order which directs that seventeen staff cars in excess of W/E be transferred. It is of course the desire of General Berardi to keep these vehicles because they are needed very badly. It is contended that the present authorization of five (5) staff cars to the 11th Administrative Transport Company, is far insufficient to meet the needed requirements. I agree with this contention, but I pointed out to Col. Patti that I had told orally, both he and the Director of Automobiliistica, Colonel Zashardino, and had confirmed in writing that a letter requesting an increase of staff cars to the War Establishment should be made and that this had not been done. Colonel Patti then showed me a letter dated May 18, 1945 directed to the War Ministry (no copy to this office) requesting that the W/E of staff cars for the 11th Administrative Transport Company be increased from five (5) to twenty five (25), but that they had failed to take any action. I then told the Colonel to re-submit, through me, a new request, setting forth all the facts and pertinent data as to vehicle requirements and I would submit it direct to your Headquarters.

This morning I made my courtesy call on Commodore Mc Candlish, the new Commandant of U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

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Routine office work. Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 23 Aug. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissariato with reference to assigned strength of the Italian Royal Navy in Sicily. The Colonel had been furnished, by the Navy, a strength figure which is far in excess of that recently given to Lt. Snider by the Naval Personnel Officer at Messina. I plan on going to Messina next Monday and see if I can get this matter straightened out, once and for all.

I inspected the Palermo Clothing and Equipment Depot, Repair Shop and shoe repair shop, in company with Colonel Lo Vecchio.

Office routine.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG NO. 68 for Week Ending 25 Aug. 45. (continued)

f. Friday 24 Aug. Lt. Snider traveled to Caltanissetta by motor vehicle and inspected the Food Distribution Depot and Civilian Military Bakery. (See S&T Report No. 59)

Office routine.

g. Saturday 25 Aug. Lt. Snider inspected the 139th I.S. Regiment at Palermo and the Palermo Military Bakery. (See S&T Report No. 59)

Lt. Snider conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio in reference to forage for 250 horses which had arrived in the Italian Army.

I visited the 11th Administrative Transport Company where I inspected vehicles and small parts storage room.

Office routine.

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Major GSC
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19 August 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No67 for WEEK ENDING 13 AUGUST 45.

a. Sunday 12 Aug. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 13 Aug. Conferred with Lt. Col. Appicuitoli regarding his air passage to Rome. I informed the Colonel that I had a reservation for him on the Italian plane leaving Wednesday direct to Rome and that the baggage limit was 20 kilos. The Colonel stated that he had 40 kilos of baggage. I then informed him that I would send him on the Allied plane leaving tomorrow, but he would have to cut his baggage to 30 kilos. The Colonel then refused to accept air passage and stated he would leave by rail at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Lt. Snider travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria and Catania and inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. (See S&T Report No.58)

c. Tuesday 14 Aug. Office routine.

Lt. Snider inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots and destroyed condemned food at Catania.

d. Wednesday 15 Aug. Sick in quarters. Office staff half day off.

Lt. Snider travelled to Reggio-Calabria by motor vehicle, inspected the Distribution Depot and destroyed condemned food and returned to Palermo.

e. Thursday 16 Aug. Sick in quarters.

f. Friday 17 August Sick in quarters in the morning. Came to office in the afternoon for necessary office routine.

Office staff half day off to participate in VJ Day celebration of Navy 157.

Lt. Snider conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding transfer of excess Staff cars.

g. Saturday 18 August. Major Long from sick in quarters to sick in hospital.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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12 August 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME

1. Reference your G/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"C" Points

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory. Road marches are being made on a limited scale.
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) Good (b) Good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"Q" Points

- (a) TPT
(i)(ii)(iii) Same as previous reports.
Rations
- (b) (i)(ii)(iii) Satisfactory
(iv) No
- (c) Clothing and Equipment
(i) Satisfactory (ii) Satisfactory
(iii) No
- (d) Accommodation and Camps
(i) None anticipated
(iii) Same as previous reports.

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Major GMC
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMIA)
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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 66 for WEEK ENDING 11 AUGUST 1945. 12 August 1945.

a. Sunday 5 August. Returned to Palermo from Rome.

b. Monday 6 August. Captain Mostacci, Supply Officer of the Italian Royal Navy at Trapani called at the office and we again discussed the matter of rations for his base with particular reference to his ten (10) day reserve. This is the first time this Officer has conferred with me relative to the reserve stock and I explained to his satisfaction the reason for the inventory of his depot at Trapani and Palermo and the manner in which his shortages and overages would be leveled off.
Office routines.

c. Tuesday 7 August. Conferred with Col Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary regarding issue of the travel ration biscuit. The Commissario had directed the 30th Substances Section in Messina to draw biscuits from the Palermo Bakery for all troops in the Messina area and to hold them in a depot, to be issued as needed. I asked that this order be countermanded as no food depot of any form was to be established in Messina. It was directed that the biscuits be transferred from the bakery to each of the three food distribution depots in a quantity based on the feeding strength of each depot. It was further directed that manufacture of the biscuit be closely supervised so as to provide approximately a three month supply to avoid over production and unnecessary waste.
Office routines.

d. Wednesday 8 August. Conferred with Major Cordaro, Supply Officer of the CC.RR and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch in reference to the issue of food stuffs to CC.RR units. A copy of the Latest Order of Battle of CC.RR units in Sicily was made and given to Major Cordaro and he was informed that no food stuffs would be issued to any CC.RR unit not appearing thereon, nor would rations be issued to unit in excess of the authorized ceiling strength. It was explained to Captain Piazza that in event a unit demanded rations for troops attached to it from another authorized unit, that the ST/3 would carry an entry showing the extra rations drawn and from what unit they were detached.
Office routines. Half day off.

e. Thursday 9 August. Sick in quarters with cold and

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Office routine.

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Office routine.

d. Wednesday 8 August. Conferred with Major Cordaro, Supply Officer of the CC.MR and Captain Piazza, Commissariato Food Branch in reference to the issue of food stuffs to CC.MR units. A copy of the latest Order of Battle of CC.MR units in Sicily was made and given to Major Cordaro and he was informed that no food stuffs would be issued to any CC.MR unit not appearing thereon, nor would rations be issued to any unit in excess of the authorized ceiling strength. It was explained to Captain Piazza that in event a unit demanded rations for troops attached to it from another authorized unit, that the ST/8 would carry an entry showing the extra rations drawn and from what unit they were detached.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 9 August. Sick in quarters with cold and sore throat.

f. Friday 10 August. Conferred with Major Olivieri, Commissariato Clothing branch, reference Clothing and Equipment recently arrived from Naples. This morning I visited the Clothing Depot and discovered that the shipment had arrived on 3 August and I had not been informed although I had asked that I be notified immediately upon its arrival in order that unit authorizations could be made as early as possible.

A check of I.M.T. Vehicles indicates that they are now carrying my windshield certificates. The Director of I.M.T. assured me that all certificates signed by me were being placed on his vehicles. I informed the Director that this must be done immediately and no vehicle be permitted to operate without a windshield certificate after 1 September as I was instructing the Army to confiscate them.

Lt. Snider inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot (See S & T Report No. 57)

Office routine.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 66 for WEEK ENDING 11 AUGUST 1945 (Continued)

8. Saturday 11 August. Lt. Snider inspected Headquarters Company of Territorial Headquarters (See S & T Report No. 57). He also inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and destroyed condemned food at the Palermo Food Depot.

I conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff also Colonel Lo Vecchio, regarding various matters in general interest between our offices.

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Subject: Italian Officers, Discipline.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.O.
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9 Aug 45

To : Ministry of War.

1. MMIA LO SICILY reports that when he inspected the 16th Field Artillery Regt on 31st July last he found that the Commanding Officer, Col. LEONARDI Libero was absent on leave in North Italy and had taken the only staff car assigned to the unit with him.
2. It is considered that this is a misuse of Government transport and Allied petrol.
3. Please investigate this matter immediately and report action taken.

W. P. deley. Colonel
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : (MMIA LO SICILY log dated 5 August refers)

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (SMIA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

5 August 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 65 for WEEK ENDING 4 AUGUST 1945.a. Sunday 29 July. Office routine in the morning. Afternoon off.

b. Monday 30 July. Conferred with Mr. Lo Baido of I.N.T. Palermo, reference windshield labels for motor vehicles. I informed him, again, that the labels signed by me must be placed on his vehicles without further delay. I also secured from him a copy of the vehicle transaction between A.C. and I.N.T. A total of 2915 vehicles were transferred to I.N.T. as follows: 435 efficient, 191 needing small repairs, 95 needing tires, 745 needing great repairs and 549 demolish hulks.

c. Tuesday 31 July Traveled by rail to Caltanissetta. Inspected the food distribution depot in the morning. (See ~~SAT~~ report No. 56) Had dinner with Lt. Col. Chiappini of the 16th Field Artillery, at the Italian Officers Mess. After dinner I inspected the Bakery and the Spare Parts Depot. At the spare parts depot I found very few parts that have not been packed, but these will be done by Friday, so I was informed. The final shipment of parts from this depot is scheduled to be made on Friday, 3 August 45. After this nothing will remain in this depot, but many tons of motor vehicle hulks and junk. I then inspected the 16th Field Artillery Regiment in company of Lt. Col. Chiappini. (See my report No. 56) I was received very courteously. I still find this unit to be one of the best organized and efficiently run units that I have ever inspected. Colonel Leonardi, Libero, the Commanding Officer, was absent on leave to North Italy and he had taken with him the only staff car assigned to the unit. *with*

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d. Wednesday 1 August Talked with Lt. Rodino by phone.

Office routine. Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 2 August Cashed check and paid enlisted men for month of July, in the morning. Departed, by air, for Rome, in the afternoon.

Office routine.

f. Friday 3 August Routine office work.

g. Saturday 4 August Lt. Snider returned, by air, from ten days TDY to the French Riviera.

Office routine.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No.65 for Week Ending 4 August 45.(continued)

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FILE : 1600

30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA), ROME

1. Reference your 0/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"Q" Points

1. None
6. None
7. None
8. Yes
10. Yes
12. No
16. a Good b Good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report

"Q" Points

- (a) T.P.T.
(i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report

(b) RATIONS

(i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory - Note: A recent shipment from Taranto contained packages that had been pilfered. Substitution of stones, straw, rocks, tile and even sea weeds were made for the pilfered food. This is the first sign of thievery for a long time. For the most part the items stolen were cheese, coffee and macaroni. Substitution was very cleverly made; for example - two twenty pound cans of coffee was filled with sea weed and the cans were re-sealed with solder and from all appearances it had not been touched.

(iv) No

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (i) Same as previous report
(ii) Satisfactory
(iii) No

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- (d) ACCOMMODATIONS AND CAMPS
 - (i) None anticipated
 - (ii) Same as previous reports

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HENRY E. LONG
Major QMC
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
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FILE : 1600

29 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 64 for WEEK ENDING 23 JULY 1945.

a. Sunday 22 July. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 23 July. Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary, regarding establishment of a Food Distribution Depot for troops of the Sabauda Division Garrisoned in Messina. I told the Colonel that I would not approve such a depot in Messina, but he was free to take the matter up with the War Ministry. He stated that he would not do this, as my disapproval was sufficient for him. I pointed out to the Colonel that Messina was no more entitled to a depot than a few other out-lying garrisons. The Sabauda requested the depot, stating that troops were going without food for breakfast and dinner on the first day of issue while waiting for the ration truck to return. I told the Colonel that I doubted the truth of such a statement but that as Commissary officer he was charged with the responsibility of feeding the troops and suggested that he visit Messina on either the 6th or 21st of the month and verify the statement. I also took this matter up with the Chief of Staff and suggested that the statement of troops going hungry, be investigated and if found to be true; that the responsible officers be tried for wilful neglect of duty. I suggested further that if the statement is not true that the responsible officer be made to answer as to why he made a false official statement.

Also discussed with Colonel Lo Vecchio the practise of issuing rations to all units on the first day of each period which causes congestion at the depots. I recommended that he fix a schedule for units farthest from the depot to draw on the first day and local units to draw on the second day thereby easing the situation.

Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of the Auto-mobilistica, concerning the fact that motorcycles are not carrying MILIA Certificates in containers fastened to the cycle as ordered, but the riders are carrying same in their pockets. He knew of this practise but pleaded that containers cost three dollars (\$3.00). I told the Colonel that it was his responsibility to enforce the order and some suitable container could be produced.

Also conferred with Lt. Col. Patti regarding vehicles

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Also conferred with Lt. Col. Patti regarding vehicles held by Marchese San Juliano. (See my Memorandum to Colonel Kerr, file number 861 dated 24 July 45).

Office routine.

C. Tuesday 24 July. Conferred with Marshall Pochini of the Automobile Branch regarding proper preparation of monthly vehicle report as Spa L 39's are to be carried as passenger vehicles.

Conferred with Marshall Falletta, Automobile Branch, regarding Diesel burning vehicles. Since the revamping of MIA for vehicles, the use of Diesel burning vehicles has been greatly reduced and gasoline burning ones increased. I told him to prepare the relative data and present it to me in a letter and I could get the quantities changed.

I visited the Palermo Military Hospital. I found the grounds well policed, the interior of the buildings (rooms and wards) were clean and well ventilated. Hospital diet items are adequate. No complaints were forthcoming and I was received very courteously.

WVA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 64 for Week Ending 23 July 45.

c. (continued) I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot.
(See SAT report No. 55)

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 25 July. Office routine. Half day off.

In the evening I attended ceremonies at the offices of High Commissioner Mr. Aldisio where Captain Nichols, Commandant of U.S. Naval Operating Base, was awarded a medal for Civic Services. Ranking officers of the Base, Governmental officers and Civic leaders of Palermo were there.

e. Thursday 26 July I visited and inspected the barracks and grounds of the 5th I.S. Regiment. (See my Unit Inspection Report No. 55) The soldiers and officers were clean, alert and courteous. The grounds were well policed as were the troops quarters. Most of the 2nd Battalion does not occupy its barracks as it is on guard duties for H.O.B. and are quartered by the base in tents near their duties.

Conferred with Doctor Lo Baldo, the Director of I.M.F., concerning windshield labels. I have been checking I.M.F. vehicles in and around Palermo and have not found one yet bearing my windshield certificate. I told Dr. Lo Baldo that certificates must be applied immediately and that I wanted a list of all vehicles purchased from A.C. or a copy of the purchase agreement. He said he would take immediate action to comply with my request.

Office routine.

f. Friday 27 July I visited the Uditore P.O.L. Installation (British) to ascertain the number of guards they were using. Then I conferred with Lt. White of U.S. NOB, regarding the withdrawal of 6th Regiment guards from Uditore and substitution of them with troops of the 2nd Bn. of the 5th Regiment. I explained that the Allies had been assigned the 2nd Bn. of the 5th Regiment to do their guard duties on this end of the island, and the 6th Regiment would have to be relieved. It entails the change of about 75 men. I must now wait until the Lieutenant revises his guard roster then we can make the change.

Conferred with Lt. Cadr. Murphy, Intelligence Officer at U.S. NOB. Captain Nichols is leaving here and the "flag" is reported to be moving in. I have heretofore given Commander Murphy the information concerning Italian Military in Sicily, but he wanted to refresh his memory. I promised to give him a written memo out-lining the general plan together with a list of units, their headquarters and location.

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Office routine.

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Office routine.

g. Saturday 28 July Visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and inspected several boxes of cheese received from Taranto which actually contained stones, bricks, mortar straw and tile. Two five pound cans of coffee received in the same shipment and perfectly sealed contained nothing but seaweed and dirt.

The spoiled corned beef and other food was sending a terrible stench throughout the warehouse and creating a very unsanitary condition. I ordered that all rotten food be removed and stored until destroyed, in a small but adequate out building.

Conferred with Mr. Aucherman, Transportation Officer of U.S. NOB, and secured eight new tires and inner tubes for our jeeps.

MAILA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 64 for Week Ending 23 July 45.

2. (continued) Captain Reggasoni called at the office complaining that the ice plant was charging Territorial Headquarters nine (9) lire per block for ice, yesterday, but today the price had been upped to fifty (50) lire. I told him that I had no power to intercede, that it was strictly a civil operated, and as far as I knew, a controlled matter.

Office routine.

James E. Long
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Major QMC
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FILE : 1634

27 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Intelligence - Monthly Report - Italian Army

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), ROME.

Out-Station - Sicily

Area Covered - Sicily

Report No. 14

Period from 21 June 45
to 20 July 45.

In compliance with your S/I/106/1 dated 7 December 1944, subject report is submitted.

1. MORALE: As a whole the morale of the troops in Sicily remains good.
2. FASCIST, PRO-GERMAN, ANTI-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR TRENDS:
Nothing to report.
3. ILLEGAL STORAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION:
Nothing to report.
4. POLITICAL ACTIVITY - PROPOGANDA - MONARCHISM:
Nothing to Report.
5. RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDE TOWARD ALLIED TROOPS:
From my own observation - good.
6. DISCIPLINE:
As a whole - good.
7. HUMORS AND INDISCREET TALK - BREACHES OF SECURITY:
Nothing to report.

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Monthly Intelligence Report No. 11 (Continued)

8. SUMMARY OF MILITARY SECURITY:

Nothing to report.

James E. Long
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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMIA)
§ U.S. MCB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA), ROME

1. Reference your 6/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

"G" Points

1. None
6. None
7. The training of troops in Sicily consists mostly of Calisthenics, manual of arms, close order drill and in the field Artillery battalions dry runs. A suggestion that road marches be inaugurated as a diversion was countered with the reply that the present state of repair and supply of boots does not permit this form of training even though highly desirable.

8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
16. (a) good (b) good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

"A" Points

Nothing to report.

"Q" Points

- (a) TPT
(i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report
- (b) Rations
(i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
(iv) No.
- (c) Clothing and Equipment.
(i) Authorizations from your headquarters are not being filled in full by Naples bulk depot. This surely is caused by a shortage of stock there, but that does not relieve the situation here and is hard to explain to the Italians for they think the Americans have every thing. I recommend a back order and substitution system be inaugurated in

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the Naples Depot, so as to more fully fill your C & A authorizations for this island as the distance from Naples is far and the time required to procure the Equipment from there is great.

(ii) On 14 July 45 the following items were transferred from the repair plants to the bulk issue depot:

Shirts, white cotton w/collar	1575
Blouses, wool. g.g.	1
Drawers, cotton short	81
Boots	301

(iii) No

- (d) Accommodation and Camps
(i) None anticipated.
(ii) Same as previous reports.

James E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (AMIA)
% U.S. MOB PALERMO

FILE : 1600

22 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 63 for WEEK ENDING 21 JULY 1945.

a. Sunday 15 July. Routine office work. Half day off.

b. Monday 16 July. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Italian Military vehicles speeding in Palermo and Mondello. Several complaints have been made to me by the Naval Shore Patrol and Military Police of the speeding, reckless and careless driving of Italian Military. These complaints have been brought to the attention of the proper Military authorities but without gaining satisfactory results. Yesterday an Italian Military vehicle was proceeding through a crowded street in Mondello at an excessive rate of speed and in such a careless and negligent manner that the lives of pedestrians were greatly endangered and the jeep of the Commanding Officer of the American Police as well as other vehicles were forced off the roadway. This noon, an Italian Military vehicle was being operated on Via Roma in Palermo in such a reckless, negligent and careless manner that two horse drawn carts were forced from the right of way and my own vehicle was struck. These various instances have been taken up with the Commanding Officer of the 11th Administrative Transport Company, the Unit to which the vehicles are assigned, and no improvement has been noticed. Colonel Patti promises to take decisive action and whatever disciplinary action is necessary to correct what has become a more or less serious situation.

Conferred with Lt. Seibold, Graves Registration Officer of P.S.S. concerning the remains of what is reported to be American soldiers, found by Italian Military, in isolated graves near Castiglioni, Sicily.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 17 July Office routine.

d. Wednesday 18 July. Conferred with Lt. Purcell regarding Republican-Fascists that have been apprehended and turned over to the Shore Patrol. 2722

1. Gennaro, Sebastiano, born at Syracuse, Sicily, 28 August 1923. Residence is in Syracuse and was apprehended in Syracuse.

2. Carbone, Nicola, born in Atfort, Michigan, 24 August 1917. Residence is in Canicattini Bagni (Syracuse Province) and was apprehended there.

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factory results. Yesterday an Italian Military vehicle was proceeding through a crowded street in Mondello at an excessive rate of speed and in such a careless and negligent manner that the lives of pedestrians were greatly endangered and the jeep of the Commanding Officer of the American Police as well as other vehicles were forced off the roadway. This noon, an Italian Military vehicle was being operated on Via Roma in Palermo in such a reckless, negligent and careless manner that two horse drawn carts were forced from the right of way and my own vehicle was struck. These various instances have been taken up with the Commanding Officer of the 11th Administrative Transport Company, the Unit to which the vehicles are assigned, and no improvement has been noticed. Colonel Patti promises to take decisive action and whatever disciplinary action is necessary to correct what has become a more or less serious situation.

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Office routine.

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d. Wednesday 18 July. Conferred with Lt. Purcell regarding Republican-Fascists that have been apprehended and turned over to the ²⁷²² Shore Patrol.

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2. Carbone, Nicola, born in Atfort, Michigan, 24 August 1917. Residence is in Canicattini Bagni (Syracuse Province) and was apprehended there.
3. Di Giovanni Giuseppe di Naldassaro born in Palermo 24 May 1925. Residence is in Palermo and was apprehended there.
4. Genovese, Giovanni, born in Ventimiglia, Sicily, 23 February 1916. Apprehended there.
5. Ucello, Paolo, born in Canicattini Bagni (Syracuse Province) on 20 April 1921. Apprehended there.
6. Saporito, Salvatore born in Riesi, Sicily, 26 November 1917 and was apprehended there.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 19 July. Lt. Snider departed by air for Rome.

MIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 63, week ending 21 July 45.

e. (continued)

Conferred with Major Oliviero, O.C. Clothing and Equipment, concerning an indent the Ministry of War has submitted to Headquarters MIA for a large number of beds for accommodation of staging personnel. Major Oliviero states that he has not submitted such an indent to the War Ministry, that it must have been done by a Colonel Natoli, who is in charge of repatriates and that it has no connection with the Army. I have been unable to contact Col. Natoli. Our present stock of Barracks Stores is sufficient to take care of our needs and if any is needed we can make them. Your letter 9/15/1 dated 16 July 45, to the War Ministry, refers.

Office routine.

f. Friday 20 July. Traveled to Bagheria and inspected the Ammunition Dump there. I found the guards on duty and 25 soldiers and 30 civilians were engaged in removing fuses, shells and powder from the caseins. Four trucks are hauling all items into the Ordnance depot at Palermo. I conferred with Lt. Mariano, Officer in Charge of Operations at the dump and was informed by him that the work would be completed and the dump cleared and abandoned by the end of the month.

Conferred with the Deputy Chief of Staff and complimented him on the progress being made at the Bagheria Ammunition dump since my last conference with him. I called his attention to the fact that after each explosion in an ammunition dump a report was made that the dump had been pilfered; that with 10,000 troops in the island more guards could be and must be posted on the dumps. Naturally the reply was, that the troops were not available. I informed the Colonel that the 6th Infantry Regiment alone had 610 men doing nothing much more than calisthenics and rifle practice. I asked the Colonel to furnish me a complete list of all Ammunition Dumps in Sicily, together with their location and the number of guards posted on each.

Conferred with Lt. Piazza, Director of Commissary Italian Royal Navy, Trapani, regarding the issue of rations to establish a ten day reserve. I informed him that the inventory of his depots at Trapani and Palermo showed considerable overages of some items and these must be taken into consideration, but that shortages would be issued to Trapani Depot to make up the reserves needed on an assigned strength of 210 men for Palermo, Trapani and Marsalla. Lt. Piazza informed me that the surplus in the Palermo Depot would be moved to Trapani.

I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See SMT Report No. 54). Spot checked flow of food items.

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I inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See SAT Report No. 51). Spot checked flour, corned beef, coffee and rice and found them in accord with commodity accounts. The depot was clean, well arranged and well managed.

I inspected the Palermo Military Bakery and found it clean, well ventilated and well managed. Screen wire given the depot by this office has eliminated flies from the bread storage room. No flies were noted in the dough room. (SAT Report No. 54).

5. Saturday 21 July. I inspected the 6th L.S. Regiment and found the grounds well policed. The barracks were clean and well kept. The kitchen ranges were undergoing repair but the noon day meal was being prepared outside. Three load carriers were in Regimental Maintenance undergoing minor repairs. (SAT Report No. 54)

I visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot while rations were being issued to units. Everything was proceeding orderly and was well managed by the Officer in Charge.

MAILA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 63, week ending 21 July 45.

E. (continued)

I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Salvage Depot, Laundry, Shoe Repair Shop and Clothing repair shop. One hundred and ten women are employed here. The shops are doing good work and in particular many hundreds of cotton shirts and drawers are being made. Working conditions are excellent and the workers seem to be well satisfied.

A recent shipment of clothing and equipment received from Naples contained four wool blouses salvage beyond repair and four hundred and fifty eight (458) trousers wool, salvage beyond repair. These trousers were out of a shipment of eight hundred and ninety two. With each shipment from Naples some items contain considerable salvage and a short time ago a considerable number of such meat cans were received.

Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti, regarding apprehension of Republican-Fascists. All those arrested in the future are to be placed in the Palermo Military Prison then escorted to the Naples Prisoner of War cage by the Carabinieri. This action is followed because the Navy no longer has the personnel to escort them to Naples.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MILIA)
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15 July 1945

L. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 62 FOR WEEK ENDING 14 JULY 45.

a. Sunday 3 July Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 2 July Lt. Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot of the Italian Navy, Palermo. (See SAT Report #53).

I visited the Italian Engineer Depot with a representative of the Transportation Sub Commission A.C., to transfer three hundred shovels. The shovels were to be used for shoveling coal and upon inspection it was decided they were not suitable for the purpose. A survey of the warehouse was made and another type shovel was found which should be suitable. These are to be segregated and will be ready for transfer in a few days.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 10 July This morning I accompanied Mr. Aucherman, C.E.O., Transportation Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base and an officer of the Italian Automobiles to the Aircraft Works. Arrangements were made to move approximately twenty four hulks of tanks, half tracks, and various heavy scrap to a vehicle graveyard near Mureale. The Navy is furnishing two mobile cranes and heavy trailers to assist in this clean up operation.

Lt. Snider departed by motor vehicle for Messina, Catania and Augusta to make inspections of Italian Navy Food Depots and our own Food Depots.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 11 July Lt. Snider inspected both the Bulk and Distribution Food Depots at Catania. From Catania Lt. Snider traveled by motor vehicle to Augusta and inspected the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot. (See SAT Report No. 53).

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 12 July Conferred with Lt. Tortorello, U.S.A., Officer in Charge of U.S. Co-operators, concerning their movement to Leghorn. Movement is ordered to be made by rail transportation. Arrangements for this move will be made by Lt. Tortorello through Movements Reggio-Calabria.

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Lt. Snider traveled from Augusta to Messina where he inspected the Italian Navy Bulk Food Depot, (See S&F Report No.53) and returned to Palermo.

Office routine.

f. Friday 13 July Visited Territorial Headquarters. General Berardi is in Rome. Conferred with Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Lt. Colonel Paleso, Chief of Operations, regarding various matters of general interest.

I informed Colonel Griglio that the American Military Police Company at the U.S. Naval Operating Base are ordered to proceed to another station. As they are now escorting Captured Republican-Fascists to the P.M. cage in Naples it will become necessary, upon their departure for the

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f. (continued).....Italian Military to take over that job. It was agreed that when the time comes, the prisoner would be escorted to Naples by a detail of Carabinieri.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 14 July Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Trapani where he inspected the Italian Navy Food Distribution Depot. (See SAT Report No. 53).

I conferred with Lt. Tortorollo. He has completed arrangements to move his U.S. Co-operators to Leghorn, beginning Monday 16 July 45. The trip is estimated to require three days. Arrangements were made with the Commissariato for the issue of the necessary travel rations.

I conferred with Lt. Purcell of the Shore Patrol, U.S. MCB. Another Republican-Fascist has been captured and turned over to Lt. Purcell for safe keeping and escort to Naples. This man is Sgt. Major Pintagro, Galtano a Palermo, formerly of the 4th Section Medical Corps, Alpini Tourinasse. He was born Sept. 10, 1917 and his home is in Bone Alcare 11 Fusi (Messina Province). He was arrested by Carabinieri in Messina.

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Major MCB
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MIA)
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FILE : 1600

15 July 1945

SUBJECT: MIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MIA), ROME

1. Reference your 0/31, same subject dated 4 June 1945, the following report is submitted:

'G' Points

1. None
6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
15. a. Good b. Good
17. None to my knowledge
18. None

'A' Points

Nothing to report.

'Q' Points

(a) TPT

(1) The present W/E for Staff Cars is insufficient and requests are being prepared by Territorial Hq. Palermo Automobilistica to increase the T.O. for certain units.

Reference my MT/5 dated 10 July 45, subject - Designation of Vehicle Types. Regardless of the manner in which SPA L/39's are carried on the monthly report, such vehicles will have to be used as load carriers, because of an acute shortage of larger capacity vehicles.

(ii)(iii) Same as previous reports.

(b) Rations

(i)(ii)(iii) Satisfactory.

(iv) No

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(c) Clothing and Equipment

- (i) Special needs have been indented for.
- (ii) Satisfactory
- (iii) No

(d) Accommodation and Camps

- (i) None anticipated.
- (ii) Same as previous reports.

James E. Long
Major (MC)
L O Sicily

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FILE : 1000

Q ← 9 July 1945.

SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MMIA), Rome

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 1945.
The following report is submitted.

'G' Points 6. None
 7. Satisfactory
 8. Yes
 9. Yes
 10. Yes
 11. Yes
 12. Same as last report.
 13. a. good b. good
 14. Same as last report.
 15. None

'H' Points -- Nothing to report.

'Q' Points a. IPT
 (1) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report.
 b. Various
 (i) (ii) (iii) Satisfactory
 (iv) No.
 c. Clothing and Equipment

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(i) The need of clothing and equipment for 1000 Call-ups is urgent. At the present time over 600 Call-ups have been accepted into the Armed Forces. These men are badly in need of uniforms and equipment. I am giving them priority on all issues, but it is most necessary that 1000 complete sets be shipped to Sicily as soon as possible. 2715

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(ii) satisfactory

(iii) No

4. Accommodation and Camp

(i) None anticipated.

(ii) Same as previous report.

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LIASON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (AMIA)
% U.S. NAVY PALERMO

FILE : 1600

8 July 1945

1. WEEKLY LIASON LOG NO. 61 FOR WEEK ENDING 7 JULY 45:

- a. Sunday 1 July Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 2 July Conferred with Lt. Tortorello regarding rations for ex-cooperators at U.S. Naval Operating Base. It is anticipated that all cooperators will be moved by PM to Leghorn within a short while. No also discussed the issue of the Italian travel ration for the troops when they depart.

Captain Anson and Captain Mammino, Supply officers of the Italian Air Forces Sicily, conferred with me regarding the special issue of rations for Call-ups. It is stated that approximately 2000 recalls will be made in Sicily and these sent to the Mainland. Approval was given to issue, specifically for this purpose on the same regular and five hundred travel rations at Catania and Palermo.

Office routine.

- c. Tuesday 3 July Conferred with Lt. White and Lt. Messenger of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, regarding the use of Italian soldiers in guarding that part of the Port which has been turned back to the Royal Italian Navy. About seventy eight men are required for this duty and can be spared from those now employed by the U.S. Navy. It was agreed to permit the present guards carry on under the Italian Navy, but to be replaced by Italian sailor guards when they become available.

At the present time eighty seven troops of the 6th I.S. Regiment are doing guard duties at the Editors Petrol Dump here in Palermo. This is a British installation but as all guards are assigned to Headquarters Three District, I am endeavoring to get the 6th Regiment as they are readily available from the U.S. Naval Base. This number is being taken up with Lt. Col. Corbhill, O.C. British Troops Sicily, as well as with the U.S. Navy authorities.

Travelled to Tagheria this afternoon and inspected the ammunition dump there. Many tons of German ammunition exploded in this dump when rocket ammo was set off by what is believed to have been spontaneous combustion (previously reported to have exploded 13 tons of ammo remains in the dump).

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At the present time eighty seven troops of the 6th I.S. Regiment are doing guard duties at the Uffers Petrol Dump here in Palermo. This is a British installation but as all guards are assigned to Headquarters Three District, I am endeavoring to get the 6th Regiment guards relieved and replace them with guards from the 5th I.S. Regiment as they are readily available from the U.S. Naval Base. This matter is being taken up with Lt. Col. Corkhill, C.O. British Troops Sicily, as well as with the U.S. Navy authorities.

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Travelled to Bagheria this afternoon and inspected the ammunition dump there. Many tons of German ammunition exploded in this dump when rocket ammo was set off by what is believed to have been spontaneous combustion (previously reported to your Hq.). Hundreds of tons of ammo remains in the dump made up mostly of German 88 mm. Upon entering the dump, I found the rifle of the guard leaning against a tree at the entrance, but the guard was not in sight. The dump itself was cluttered up with all types of shells, grenades, etc., which had been scattered over the entire area by the explosions and has not been policed. No troops were working in the dump at the time. Upon my return to Palermo, I reported my findings to the Artillery officer, recommended that the dump be thoroughly policed, ammo segregated according to type and caliber and that a closer guard be maintained and supervised.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 4 July Office staff was given the whole day off.

Office routine in the morning - half day off.

MIA L.O. SECULT LIAISON LOG NO. 61 (continued)

e. Thursday 5 July Visited the Commissariato and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio and Major Olivieri regarding requisitioning and issue of clothing and equipment both for regular troops and Call-ups. I explained that until the special request of clothing and equipment for Call-ups was sent down from Naples, that Call-ups would get first priority on all issues from present stock.

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Lt. Snider travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria and inspected the Food Distribution Depot. (See SAT Report No. 52)

Office routine.

f. Friday 6 July Conferred with Doctor Saline, Manager of I.M.T. regarding Italian Military property at Buma, now occupied by I.M.T. I explained that he would have to make arrangements with the Italian authorities for occupation or evacuation of the property.

Doctor Saline presented to me for signature, approximately 2000 windshield certificates to be placed on former AC motor vehicles. All these labels have been signed in blank by Major Moyle, AC Transportation Officer. I informed D. Saline that I could not sign the certificates in blank, that it is necessary that each one be completely filled out with the Targa number, chassis number, motor number, etc., of the vehicle to which it is to be applied, before I could do so.

Lt. Snider inspected the 16th I.S. Regiment at Messina and returned to Palermo. (See SAT Report No. 52)

Office Routine.

g. Saturday 7 July Conferred with Captain Trapani of the Automobiliistica references reporting Spa L. 39's and Autogommini as load carriers or passenger cars. Instructions of your Headquarters is, that these two classes of vehicles would be carried on motor vehicles as being passenger cars. As a matter of fact these two type vehicles are small loadcarriers. There are in Sicily sufficient passenger cars to meet W/E but are insufficient number of load carriers, 83 total, if the above two types are carried.

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Lt. Snider inspected the 46th I.S. Regiment at Mousina and returned to Palermo. (See SAR Report No. 52)

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Office routine.

g. Saturday 7 July Conferred with Captain Trapani of the Automobiles reference reporting Spe L 39's and Autoferenci as load carriers or passenger cars. Instructions of your Headquarters is, that these two classes of vehicles would be carried on motor reports as being passenger cars. As a matter of fact these two type vehicles are small loadcarriers. There are in Sicily sufficient passenger cars to meet W/E but are insufficient number of load carriers, 33 total, if the above two types are carried as passenger cars. It is requested that Sicily be permitted to continue to carry them as load carriers. (This matter is being presented in a separate communication).

Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery. (See SAT Report No. 52)

Office routine.

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LIATION OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LIMIA)
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1 July 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIATION LOG No. 60 for WEEK ENDING 30 JUNE 1945.

a. Sunday 24 June. Conferred with Lt Col Puleo, Operations Office, Territorial HQ regarding release of co-operators in Sicily from Prisoner of War status. I studied the directives, which Col Puleo has received from the War Ministry, on this matter. Phoned Lt Tortorello O.C., Prisoner of War Camp attached to N.O.E., and made an appointment for him to meet with the Italian Official and myself at this office tomorrow morning at 9:30 to discuss the matter.

Routine office work.

b. Monday 25 June. Lt Col Puleo, Operations Officer, Lt Tortorello, O.C., Italian P.W. Camp and myself, conferred on the matter of the release of Italian Co-operators from Prisoner of War Status. Lt Tortorello has not received definite instructions from his headquarters regarding this matter and as I have not received instructions either, it was agreed that the Italian Military could proceed to screen the Prisoners now in the United States Custody in Palermo. It was further agreed that no definite action would be taken to re-deploy the prisoners until full instructions were received by Lt Tortorello from his headquarters in Leghorn.

Conferred with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobiliistica, regarding Motor Transportation. The reassignment of Transportation according to W.E., has finally been worked out and now we come to the task of getting a full and complete report on all transportation efficient and otherwise which are excess to W.E.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 26 June. Lt Snider destroyed condemned food at the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. (See S & T Report No. 51).

Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding leaves for soldiers to visit Sardinia. Sicilian troops receive only 28 regular passes to Sardinia per month. Inasmuch as the majority of the troops in Sicily have their homes and family in Sardinia, it is felt that a greater percentage should be permitted passes. My signal No. 1622-1 dated 29 June refers to this matter.

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A series of explosions caused by spontaneous combustion on Monday, blew up an Italian Army ammunition depot located near Bagheria and killed three civilians nearby. Both Italian and German Ammo of all types is stored in this dump. The main explosion occurred at about 1330 and was heavily felt in Palermo, nearly 10 miles from the depot, was caused when a group of German rocket bombs went off together. To avoid further casualties with the possibility of other ammunition blowing up, the Italian Army is firing some remaining explosives so as to make it safe to go near the dump.

The Sicilian Call-ups being assigned to understrength units in the Island are spreading Separatist ideas among the troops. Inasmuch as most of the troops are Sardinians it will probably have little or no effect.

Office routine.

WHEATLY LIAISON LOG No. 60 (Continued)

d. Wednesday 27 June. Discussed the drawing of seven bottles of oxygen from the U.S. Navy, with the Italian Engineer Supply Officer.

Conferred with Captain Trepanti and Marshall Parlato of the Automobilistica office concerning reports and issuance of windshield labels.

Lt Snider and I inspected the San Antonino Military bakery at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 51).

Half day off.

e. Thursday 28 June. I visited the Clothing Depot, Salvage Depot, Shoe and Clothing Repair Shops. I also inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and found it neat, clean and orderly. Also inspected the stock cards and records and found them in order. Also inspected the forage issue depot.

Office routine.

f. Friday 29 June. This morning I went to the Engineer Supply Depot and conferred with the Supply Officer concerning three hundred shovels required by the Transportation Sub-Commission. Arrangements were made to get the shovels ready immediately for inspection and shipment.

Lt Snider travelled by rail to Caltanissetta and inspected the Food distribution depot. (See S & T Report No. 51).

Office routine.

g. Saturday 30 June. Conferred with Lt Tortorello and Lt Comdr Hoffman, Executive Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base regarding Italian Co-operators at N.O.B. A signal had just been received by Lt Tortorello from Leghorn, to ship a certain number of P.W.s to that city by water. No instructions have as yet been received concerning the balance of the men.

Conferred with Lt Comdr Murphy, Intelligence Officer of U.S. NOB regarding a Lt Col Giulio Uldani. This man was, before the Italian surrender, the Commandant of Camp 98 an American Prisoner of War Camp located in Palermo. He is charged with brutality toward American prisoners and is wanted by the American Military Authorities. I do not know him and as yet he cannot be found.

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a. Lt Scalfidi, Fanti Domenico - arrested in Messina 27 June and turned over to the Navy in Palermo. This man was born in Florence, Italy of Messina in 1910. He served in operations on the Greek-Albanian front and belonged to the Tirana Military District.

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b. Soldato Marchese, Salvatore - Born 1911 at Mistratta, Province of Messina. Arrested at Messina by CC.RR and turned over to Navy in Palermo. This man belonged to the 11th Coastal Bn. of the Republican-Fascist Militia. Has served with the Republican-Fascist Army since September 1943.

Both the above men will be taken by Military Police to the Prisoner of War stockade at Naples on Monday.

Lt Snider inspected the 11th Administrative Transport Company. (See S & T Report No. 51).

Office routine.

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Major CMC
L O Sicily

LIAMSON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
§ U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : 1690

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: MILIA Liaison Officers' Report

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MILIA), ROME

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 45. The following report is submitted.

'A' Points 6. None
7. Satisfactory
8. Yes
9. Yes
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. Nothing more is heard from Patriots that have re-

turned to Sicily.

16. a. Good b. Good
17. Not in Sicily as far as I can determine.
18. None.

'A' Points - As you know, the Call-up is still going on in Sicily and the men are being assigned to under-strength Units. These men are of very low quality and mentality, coming for the most part from the very poor peasant families. They are the type that cannot or do not think for themselves, but prefer to be led by the mob. Already they are spreading Separatist propaganda among the troops. This propaganda just may as well be Fascist, Communist, Anti-Allied or any other type of adverse propaganda. The bottom of the barrel, in Sicily, has been scraped, these men are coming from underneath the barrel. The Call-up in Sicily has been going on since Dec. 15, 1944; at the present rate of recruiting it will go on almost indefinitely. I have tried to get the Italians to stop the Call-up and accept only volunteers for their replacements (there are approximately 1000 volunteers available), but they refuse to do so. The volunteers are, for the most part, of better quality, but they report to the permit men, between certain age groups, escape the Call-up. This is to the detriment of the morale and efficiency of the new Italian Army. Unless the quality of the Italian soldier and officer is greatly raised, the Italian Army never will be able to fight.

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From the half a million PAs now being repatriated, the volunteers who are asking for Military Service, the volunteer patriots and so called upper class who are eligible for duty, but escaped it during Fascism and are still escaping it; the Military can screen a strong and intelligent Army. I, therefore, strongly recommend, for Sicily at least, that the acceptance of call-ups be stopped and any needed replacements be taken from the above categories. Otherwise the British and Americans are wasting time, money and effort.

The matter of leave personnel has been taken up with your Headquarters in other correspondence. However, I would like to state here that a larger percentage of Sicilian troops should be permitted leaves to Sardinia inasmuch as the majority of the troops are from Sardinia. Transportation for leave personnel to the Mainland offers no problem as it is adequate. The present monthly allotment of 23 ordinary passes to Sardinia

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is inadequate compared to the number of Sardinian troops in Sicily. I recommend a larger percentage of passes to Sardinia even if the Italian Military must make its own arrangements for transportation.

101 Points a. TPT.

(i) (ii) (iii) Same as previous report.

b. Rations

(i) An average of 60 days supply.
(ii) Satisfactory
(iii) Satisfactory
(iv) No

c. Clothing and Equipment.

(i) Other than regular monthly maintenance the only special needs are the complete sets of clothing and equipment for replacements. Replacements are Call-ups who are without any Army equipment and clothing. The present needs are 500 complete sets with a possible future need of 1000 additional sets.

(ii) Same as previous report.
(iii) No

d. Accommodation and Camp

(i) None anticipated.
(ii) Same as previous report.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMA)
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25 June 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 52 for WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE 1945.a. Sunday 17 June. Routine office work and half day off.

b. Monday 18 June. Conferred with Capt Parlato, Air Force Supply Officer regarding 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.

In the afternoon attended a Commission at the Distribution Depot in Palermo at determine whether or not 7000 lbs of Cheese of 20 lb blocks each, was fit for human consumption. The cheese was received at the depot in very bad condition. It was soggy and has broken up in small pieces from handling. It was found that this cheese was good, and will be issued for the period beginning the 21st of June.

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 Origgio, 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 45th 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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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (LMTA)
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13 June 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 53 for WEEK ENDING 16 JUNE 1945.

a. Sunday 10 June. Major Long departed by air for ten days temporary duty in Paris, France.

Routine office work and half day off.

b. Monday 11 June. Travelled by motor vehicle to Reggio-Calabria to inspect the transit camp for Call-ups. Conferred with Lt. Col. Andrea, Commanding Officer, in regards to closing the camp. The Colonel stated that the blankets and cooking utensils had already been turned in and that the extra rations would be turned in to the food depot when the camp closed on, or about, 20 June.

c. Tuesday 12 June. Returned to Palermo, by motor vehicle, in the morning.

Naples office telephoned in regards to despatching 2 dynamo motors and other Engineering supplies, to Signal School Det., KFO, Replacement and Training Command, Naples. These supplies are now being packed and will be shipped 21 June by rail car.

d. Wednesday 13 June. Routine office work and half day off.

e. Thursday 14 June. Conferred with Lt. (s.g.) Lindsey, GSE Supply Officer of NCH, in regards to drawing seven (7) tanks of oxygen for the Italian Army. Arrangements were made for the Italian Army to draw the oxygen direct from the Paratore Gas Plant, Palermo.

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f. Friday 15 June. Office routine.

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g. Saturday 16 June. Office routine.

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10 June 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 57 for WEEK ENDING 9 JUNE 1945.

- a. Sunday 3 June. Routine office work. Half day off.
- b. Monday 4 June. Cashed payroll check and paid enlisted men.

Conferred with Major Margio and 1st Lt. Galbo in regards to Shipping Tickets and Acceptance notes for Allied foodstuffs shipped to the Italian Military between April and June 1944. The Ministry of War has asked Commissary Hqs. for copies of Acceptance Notes for the various items. Most of the items were shipped prior to the time that execution of Acceptance Notes came into effect. I told the Major to forward copies of what shipping tickets he had and to explain to the War Ministry the non-existence of Acceptance Notes covering the balance of the items.

We also discussed the issue of rations. Instructions were given to notify all units that rations for the period 21 June to 5 July will not be issued prior to 21 June. Furthermore that units be notified to make their present drawing of rations, carry them through into the next period for a sufficient number of days to permit drawing of rations on or subsequent to the first day of the new period.

- c. Tuesday 5 June. Lt. Snider departed for Catania by motor vehicle.

Talked with Capt. Casey of M.A.T.S. regarding showing of film 'On To Tokyo'.

Office routine.

- d. Wednesday 6 June. Myself and enlisted man went to Villa Igea at 1000 hrs. and saw the War Department film 'On To Tokyo'.

Lt. Snider inspected the Daily Issue and Bulk food depots at Catania. (See SAT Report No. 43)

Office routine. Half day off.

- e. Thursday 7 June. Conferred with Captain Di Santo, Operations Officer, Territorial Headquarters, regarding enlistment of Call-ups and volunteers. It was explained that the closing down of the Reggio Transit

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Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 7 June. Conferred with Captain Di Santo, Operations Officer, Territorial Headquarters, regarding enlistment of Call-ups and volunteers. It was explained that the closing down of the Reggio Transit Camp had been ordered and that no more re-calls or volunteers must be sent to that center. It was further explained that enlistment of the thousand or more volunteers in Sicily could be carried out, that they could be assigned to units in Sicily to fill vacancies in the authorized War Establishment strength and that training of the recruits would be the responsibility of the units to which they were assigned.

At the U.S. Naval Operating Base, I conferred with Naval Authorities regarding certain Italian Military property now occupied by them. I explained the system of posting 'No Trespass' notices on all such property and that I desired to find out if possible the approximate length of time the property would be occupied, that I did not intend to post such notices on the property until it was vacated. The supply officer, Lt. (S.G.) Hensick explained to me that the property was used extensively for the storing of large quantities of supplies, that they had no plans for its evacuation and further that the continued use of the property was very vital to the operation of the Naval Base.

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e. (continued) I also conferred with Lt. Fortorella, USA, concerning property occupied by Italian Prisoners of War. This property also belongs to the Italian Military. The prisoners are working entirely for the Naval Operating Base and, as in the case above, no definite answer as to when the premises would be vacated, could be given.

I have notices for both the above pieces of property, but will hold their issue in abeyance until such time as they are vacated.

Lt. Snider travelled to Syracuse and inspected the 145th I.S. Regiment (See SAT Report No. 43) and returned to Palermo.

f. Friday 3 June. Conferred with Captain Paternostro, Commanding Officer, 11th Administrative Transport Company, regarding the assignment to his organization of eighteen additional load carriers to bring his holdings up to authorized War Establishment. I explained that four such vehicles could be taken from the 11th Company Gens, which organization had no authorized W/X and that the balance would be taken from efficient vehicles in his Motor Park. I ordered that this be done immediately and before submission of the current vehicle report.

Conferred with Lt. (a.g.) Purcell, O.C. Shore Patrol, U.S. Naval Operating Base and Lt. Tom Kelly, USA, Commanding Officer Military Police Company, USMOP, in regards to confinement and escort to the Mainland of any Fascist Republican Military apprehended in Sicily. Lt. Purcell stated he would confine the prisoners and Lt. Kelly stated that he would furnish the escort for them to the Prisoner of War Camp at Aversa.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding call-up operations and enlistment of volunteers. Captain Di Santo, Operations Office, was also present. It was reaffirmed that enlistments would be used to bring under strength units up to the authorized W/E ceiling. It was also decided to forward an indent for an initial issue of 500 complete sets of clothing and equipment as these men would be received in civilian clothes. The Director of Commissary was contacted with a view of getting expedition of this indent expedited. 2702

We also discussed the slowness in which the Automobilistica was assigning vehicles to units in order to bring them up to authorized strength. The Director of Automobilistica, Colonel Zambardino, is absent from the island on duty and his assistant Capt Trapani is on leave, consequently the officer remaining is doing nothing to get the job accomplished. Col. Patti stated he would expedite the matter.

g. Saturday 9 June. I received a copy of a letter, addressed to S.M.O.P. Headquarters, regarding the assignment of vehicles to units in effect.

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On Saturday 2 June. I received a copy of a letter, addressed to S.M.P.E. Ufficio Automobilismo by our Headquarters, stating in effect that a complaint had been made by the Ufficio Trasporti of Palermo that Territorial Headquarters had refused to place transport at their disposal. I conferred with the Ufficio Trasporti Palermo and informed by them that they were satisfied with present arrangements and that they had been receiving the utmost cooperation from Territorial Headquarters in the supply of transportation and that they had no complaints.

Mr. Calatoli, Asst. Mgr. of C.I.P. conferred with me in reference to property of the Vacuum Oil Company on Via Roma in Palermo which is referenced now by Headquarters 3rd. Brigade Aosta Division. The Military are moving out within the next few days and C.I.P. desire to occupy the premises. I conferred with the Requisitioning Office and confirmed that the property is being evacuated and would be returned to its owners.

Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery at Palermo.
(See Weekly SMT Report)

Office routine.

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LIASON OFFICE

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
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FILE : 1600

9 June 1945

SUBJECT: MILIA Liaison Officers & Reports

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MILIA) ROME

1. Reference your G/31, same subject, dated 4 June 45. The following report is submitted:

- 'C' Points -
1. None
 2. None. All units are performing duties of an Internal Security nature.
 3. Progressing satisfactorily.
 4. Some I.S. Units are under-strength and these can be filled to W/A by enlistment of volunteers within Sicily.
 5. Yes
 6. Yes
 7. A number of patriots have turned up in Sicily, but at this writing I have been unable to ascertain their identity.
 8. Patriots in Palermo have been armed, but the COM has taken steps to disarm them. Their intentions are unknown.
 9. a. Good
b. Good
 10. Not in Sicily as far as I can determine.
 11. None
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'A' Points - I am of the personal opinion that now the war is over in Europe, screening for recruitment should be much more stringent. Only the best of those available should be accepted and the undesirable in the Army be screened out. The war time policy of accepting just anything and everything should be discontinued. There is much room for improvement and standardisation of conditions of service.

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Not enough is known of the present regulations for appointing, promoting and down-grading officers for me to comment upon the subject.

'01 Points - a. T.P.F. (1) As far as the present W/E is concerned we have in Sicily sufficient Transportation to fill it. In several instances the W/E is insufficient and I am awaiting recommendations on the matter from Territorial Headquarters.

(11) Collection of illegal vehicles is a slow and laborious task, but it is being carried out.

(111) All major repairs are carried out in Civilian workshops. Output is slow but work is satisfactory. A large centralized Military workshop for Sicily is highly recommended.

b. Rations.

(1) Sufficient Allied items are in the Depots for fifty two (52) plus days.

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MAIA L.O. SICILY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICERS' REPORT No.1 (continued)

(ii) Satisfactory.

(iii) Satisfactory supply of cigarettes, but soap at the present is nil.

(iv) No

c. Clothing and Equipment.

(i) Availability of clothing depends on "spots" on the Mainland. Equipment stock at present is very satisfactory.

(ii) Repair plants have made wonderful progress and output is quite satisfactory considering the material with which they work. The majority of material is of Italian origin which has been worn and used so long that it is almost beyond economical repair. Third hand Allied items are as equally worn out.

(iii) No.

d. Accommodation and Camp.

(i) None anticipated.

(ii) A few are now in use by the Allies and more could possibly be found without inconveniencing the Italian Military with a little readjustment.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MILIA)
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FILE : 1600

3 June 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 56 for WEEK ENDING 2 JUNE 45.

- a. Sunday 27 May. Routine office work. Half day off.
- b. Monday 28 May. Visited the San Antonio Military Bakery this afternoon. The baking of bread was in progress and the bakery was clean, orderly and seemed to be well managed.

Visited a detachment of the 2nd Battalion, 5th I.S. Regiment. This detachment is a part of the guard for the U.S. Naval Operating Base. The quarters were clean and orderly but no fly nor mosquito prevention was being taken. The troops present were fairly well dressed but the discipline was lax.

Office routine.

- c. Tuesday 29 May. Conferred with Medical Officer at U.S. Naval Operating Base and made arrangements to carry out the Physical Profiling of the enlisted men.

Visited the Palermo Clothing Depot, Salvage Depot, shoe repair shop and clothing repair shop. Conferred with Lt. Cucchiara who is in charge of the salvage repair shops concerning production.

Visited the 11th Administrative Transport Company and inspected the stock of tires and tubes recently received from Bari. Also checked on the Motor Vehicles present in the park to ascertain that the Windshield Labels had been installed correctly.

Lt. Snider travelled by rail to Trapani where he inspected the 22nd I.S. Regiment. (See S&T Report No. 47)

Office routine

- d. Wednesday 30 May. Memorial Day.

We closed the office all day. This morning we all attended the Memorial Services which were held in the American Cemetery just outside Palermo on the road to Trapani. The services were under the auspices of the U.S. Naval Operating Base and Captain Nichols the Base Commandant, gave the

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e. Thursday 31 May. This morning I took all the Enlisted Men to the Naval Hospital for a physical examination and completion of their Physical Profiling check sheets.

This afternoon I conferred with Major Moyle of the Allied Commission and Mr. A. Salini, Director of I.N.T. Major Moyle is here to complete transfer of all AC captured enemy vehicles to I.N.T. Major Moyle is in accord with my suggestion of a windshield label to identify all such vehicles, therefore, we agreed upon a type of certificate and Major Moyle is taking same to Rome for final approval and printing. The Major is to furnish me a copy of the list of vehicles which are being transferred. Mr. Salini is also in accord with the identification plan and he should be, after all it is to his best interest.

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Weekly Liaison Log No. 56 (Continued)

f. Friday 1 June. Talked by telephone with Major Barr, the Town Major of Catania, who informed me that he did not now need the Italian Military Barrack in Messina.

Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff in regards to submission of reports and in particular reference to the issue of tires and tubes which we now have in stock. The Colonel also informed that some changes are to be made in the Officer Personnel of the Automobilistica. I told the Colonel that certain changes would be most welcome to this office for the Automobilistica has not been operating efficiently and effectively.

Lt Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 47).

Office routine.

g. Saturday 2 June. Captain Lester J. Zucker, Military Police Corps from the Provost Marshall General's Office and Mr Allen David of the Counter Intelligence Department conferred with me. A concerted effort is being put under way in Sicily to confiscate American tires and vehicle wheels from Black Market Operators and individuals in possession of such property illegally. The way was cleared to exclude Italian Military Vehicles from their confiscation activities.

I visited of the office of the Director of Commissary and conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio on the issues of food, clothing and equipment, reports and submission of indents.

Lt Snider inspected the Military Bakery at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 47).

Office routine.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
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No. 1600

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 55 for WEEK ENDING 26 May 45.

a. Sunday 20 May Colonel Patti conferred with me regarding assignment of a section of Beach at Mondello for the exclusive use of the officers and enlisted men of Territorial Headquarters. I contacted Lt. Trumbatore, Welfare and Recreation Officer of U.S. Naval Operating Base and he informed me that the Navy had fenced in all the beach area that they would need and all other sections were at the disposal of the Italian Military.

Conferred with Captain Paternostro, Commanding Officer of the 11th Administrative Transport Company, regarding application of Windshield Certificates and the assignment of additional load carriers to bring his holdings up to War Establishment.

Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 21 May Lt. Colonel Zizzo, Italian Liaison Officer with Headquarters No. 3 District, called at the office and we discussed the employment of the two guard battalions assigned to his headquarters.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 22 May Lt. Col. Corkhill, OC British Troops Sicily, called and asked if it were permitted to send Italian troops assigned to # 3 District on escort duty to the Mainland. I informed the Colonel that same was not permitted; that the troops were not to leave Sicily.

Major Barr, British Town Major of Catania, conferred with me concerning Billets for approximately 150 British troops. These are to take Vocational Training at the 623 Workshops in Messina. He desires use of an Italian Barracks adjacent to the shops which is now occupied by Italian troops. I told the Major to make his proposal in writing, as we had specific orders from AFHQ on the requisitioning of Italian Military property and that I would inform him in due course as to what action could be taken in the premises.

Lt. Col. Talsoni, Commanding Officer of the Montegrano Alpini Battalion, Captain De Santo, Operations Officer of Territorial Hq. and Captain Reggasoni conferred with me regarding the disposition of the Alpini troops and their equipment.

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Office routine.

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Lt. Col. Talmont, Commanding Officer of the Montegrano Alpini Battalion, Captain De Santo, Operations Officer of Territorial Sq. and Captain Reggiani conferred with me regarding the demobilization of the Alpini troops and their transportation. The War Ministry has directed the demobilization of the troops entitled thereto and ordered that they be sent by rail to Northern Italy in small groups. Lt. Col. Talmont has made arrangements to transport them by rail in daily groups of from 50 to 70 men. I informed the Colonel that I had received no instructions on the matter, but in the meantime he may as well proceed according to War Ministry plans.

Lt. Snider travelled by rail to Caltanissetta where he inspected the Food Distribution Depot (See S&F Report #16) and the Motor Transport Parts Depot.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 23 May. Marshall Paletta of the Automobile Office conferred regarding issue of the additional 25% POL which was withheld on the May allocation, as he wished to withdraw it before the ...

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d. (continued) and of the month rather than less it. I informed him that he could not draw the remaining 25% unless he tendered proof that he actually needed it. This he admitted was not necessary as the quantity already drawn was sufficient.

Col. Lo Vecchio conferred on issue of shirts to 45th I.S. Regiment and the 6th I.S. Regiment. I pointed out to the Colonel that the 6th Regiment had been issued one shirt per man within the past six months. He admitted that the request was in error and should not have been submitted. I authorized the issue of 300 shirts to the 45th I.S. Regiment. Numerous indents are received through the Commissariato that have not been screened and this office has to do all the screening. I explained to the Colonel the necessity for his office to screen all indents before forwarding to this office and he said he would do so in the future.

Lt. Col. Patti, Col. Zambardino, Captain Trepani conferred regarding the issue of Certificates for Motor Transportation. I was assured that certificates would go to correct units and be placed on correct vehicles, according to Certificate numbers.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 24 May Mr. Franco, P.W.S., called concerning issue of Brandy to Partisans. A large number of Partisans are returning to Sicily and are being billeted and fed by an Anti-Fascist organization. Mr. Franco said he is acting as intermediary to secure my OK for the Italian Military to issue Brandy to the Partisan Mess. I told him that I was not authorized to make issues to Partisans.

Office routine.

f. Friday 25 May I visited the 11th Administrative Transport Company Motor Park in company with Colonel Zambardino, Director of Autosobblistica. A number of efficient and inefficient vehicles from various parts of the island have been brought in and others are arriving every day. Rail facilities are being used for vehicles that are unable to make the trip under their own power. Most of the vehicles will be concentrated in the aircraft works which will facilitate salvage operations and at the same time lend better protection from theft.

A large supply of Motor Transport parts are being brought into Palermo from the Depot at Caltanissetta. A parts room is being stocked at the 11th Adm. Tpt. Co. Bins and racks are being installed and a record made of the nomenclature and quantity of each item.

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Office routine.

11. Saturday 26 May Major Kyle of the Naples office called at the office and we discussed the Motor Vehicle repair program and Motor Transportation for Sicily in General.

Lt. Snider inspected the 5th I.S. Regiment. (See SRT Report #46)

Conferred with Lt. (sg) Messick, Supply Officer for U.S. Naval Operating Base in reference to obtaining a water purification set and water cooler for the office.

Capt. Parlato, Italian Air Force Supply Officer called at this office. He stated that he was sending a detail of 20 men to the Mainland that they would be gone approximately 40 days and he wanted that I authorize a forty day supply of rations for them. I explained to the Captain that ...

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g. (Continued).....it would take two or three trucks just to haul the rations around the countryside and the most feasible plan would be to issue a travel ration to their first destination, then they could draw their rations from Depots on the Mainland.

Office routine.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
U.S. HOB PALERMO

No. 1600

20 May 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 54 for WEEK ENDING 19 MAY 45.

a. Sunday 13 May Lt. Snider, all EM of my staff and myself attended the 'must' showing of the War Department Film, "We Down and One To Go."

Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 14 May Captain Clark from the office of the O.C. British troops Sicily informed me that there was a supply of Jelliknite at Syracuse that he had been ordered by AFHQ to turn over to the Italian Military. I informed the Captain that I had no knowledge of this transaction and he promised to send me a copy of the orders of AFHQ so that I may carry out the transaction.

Visited Villa Igea and inspected the quarters and equipment of our enlisted personnel. Conferred with Lt. Trumbatore, U.S. Naval Operating Base, regarding the Welfare and recreation of the men. Conferred with Lt. Goods, Officer in charge of Villa Igea reference billets and men.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 15 May Lt. Snider and Pfc Dominiano departed by motor vehicle for Reggio-Calabria, where Lt. Snider inspected the Food Distribution Depot and the Call-up Transient Camp this afternoon. (See S&F Report No. 45)

Captain Reggasoni, Interpreter and Translator for Territorial Hq. called at the office and discussed the handling of correspondence between this office and Territorial Headquarters.

Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilitica and I conferred on the submission of his monthly vehicle reports for Sicily. The redistribution of Motor Transportation in accordance with the new War Establishment is gradually but laboriously being carried out. The main difficulty seems to be that the Automobilitica puts out an order, but never bothers to follow it up, with the net result that the units are lacadastical in complying. I pointed out to the Colonel that the fact that the Units were reluctant to turn loose of transportation in excess of H/E was all the more reason why pressure should be applied to force them to comply. We also discussed the proper manner in which to carry the 19 vehicles now being used by the CC. 23. I told the Colonel that inasmuch as the Army had never

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d. Wednesday 16 May Conferred with Colonel Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica and Captain Trapani, in reference to reorganization of Motor Transportation, reports, etc. We discussed the same matter as is contained in my report for Tuesday only with a few more emphasis on getting the job done in the shortest time possible. Colonel Patti immediately sent out a signal to all units over the signature of General Berardi, that they would comply with past directives on this matter not later than 23 May 45.

Lt. Snider inspected the 46th I.S. Regiment at Messina this morning (See S&T Report No. 45) and returned to Palermo.

Office routine - half day off.

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e. Thursday 17 May. Conferred with General Berardi regarding disbanding the Montegrano Alpini Battalion. The General points out that troops of this Battalion are all of the 1913 and older classes and are not only entitled to, but are demanding their discharge from the Army and return to their homes in Northern Italy. The General stated further that the persistence of the troops is fast becoming a matter of agitation. This matter has been taken up with War Ministry, but the General desires direct contact with MMIA so as to secure a ruling one way or the other as soon as possible. The General is to furnish me his recommendations on the matter in writing which I promised to forward to your headquarters, in an effort to expedite action. If this move takes place, it is pointed out that either sea transportation from Palermo to Genoa should be arranged or rail transportation from Palermo via Reggio be bid for.

We also discussed the Office of the Autosoblistica. I pointed out to the General that in the past I have experienced difficulty in securing prompt and efficient action from that Department - that reports were usually received on time, but were invariably in error. I also called the General's attention to the fact that reorganization of Motor Transportation has taken two months and the job has not been completed. The General promised to shake up the Department and make whatever changes or whatever action is necessary to form an efficient and smooth working organization.

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f. Friday 18 May Lt. (jg) White of U.S. MCB and 2nd Lt. Zancardi of the 301st U.S.A.I. Co. Italian Air Force conferred with me regarding operational control of the guard company on duty at the Palermo Airport. Heretofore U.S. Naval Operating Base has been exercising operational control over the guards at the Airport only as a matter of general interest to the base, and to this control the Air Ministry has asked Italian Air Forces Headquarters Palermo for an explanation. Lt. White stated that the Base had no authority, but that the Allies, especially A.T.C. has considerable property on the Airport and for that reason they kept check on the Air Force Guards along with their own guards. I pointed out that my office has no control over the Airport nor the Air Force, but it is my understanding that the Airport is considered as Italian controlled and the guards likewise, that if any Allied organization had control it would most likely be the A.T.C. at Palermo.

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Conferred with Major Olivieri, of the Commissariato in regards to the despatch of motor transportation to Naples to pick up clothing and equipment. Arrangements were made to dispatch four trucks to Naples tomorrow.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 19 May Colonel Talmon, Commanding Officer Montenegro Alpini Battalion called at the office and conferred on disbandment of the Battalion. The discussion followed the same lines as the one General Berardi on Thursday. The same reasons for disbanding and method of movement

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.....to the mainland were given.

Lt. Snider inspected the San Antonino Military Bakery at Palermo.
(See SAT Report No. 45).

Colonel Zambardino, Director of Automobilistica, and Captain Trapani his assistant, conferred with me on reorganization of motor transportation vehicle reports and issue of Certificated. It appears that my discussion of the Automobilistica office with General Berardi may get some results.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MOTIA)
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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 53 for WEEK ENDING 12 MAY 45.
a. Sunday 6 May Returned by air from Rome to Palermo. Arrived Palermo at 1745 hrs.

b. Monday 7 May Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff. Troops of the Montegranaro Alpine Bn. all belong to older age groups and therefore have right to discharge from the Army. The War Ministry has given orders that they be substituted with infantry troops. Consequently the Alpine troops of the Montegranaro 1st Battalion located at Catania will be substituted with troops of the 1st Bn., 6th I.S. Regiment and Alpine troops of the Montegranaro 2nd Battalion located at Palermo will be substituted by troops of the 1st Battalion, 132nd I.S. Regiment. All Alpine troops will be concentrated in Palermo into one Battalion as before and assume the duties of the troops which are replacing them.

The Deputy Chief of Staff and I also discussed various matters that I had taken up at Headquarters while I was in Rome.

Conferred with Mr. Galatoli, Assistant Manager of C.I.P. I explained to him how the 25 % of the May allocation was to be held undrawn while awaiting further orders from MOTIA in this regard. Arrangements were made to issue motor oil on the basis of one third SAE 30, one third SAE 50 and one third SAE 60. This is only a mutual agreement between Mr. Galatoli and myself and official confirmation of AFHQ is needed. I have written your headquarters to secure the necessary orders of AFHQ Patrol Section.

Depot.

Lt. Snider destroyed condensed food at Palermo Distribution

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 8 May Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, regarding disturbance among troops of the 145th I.S. Regiment, in their barracks at Siracusa on 25 April 45. Colonel Patti promised to furnish me a written report on the incident when the investigation was completed. He explained that the affair was not serious, that the disturbance took place wholly within the confines of the barracks and began when the troops protested the issuance of credit slips in lieu of actual money for their pay increase. I referred the Colonel to a report which I had received to the effect that the need for clothing and equipment was one of the effect that space and Colonel Patti.

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The 2nd Battalion of the Montegrano Alpini troops moved today from Catania to Palermo.

Colonel Patti informed me that out of the total volunteers available, only about 150 have had Military training and are therefore acceptable. My signal, reference number 1332/97 refers.

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d. Wednesday 9 May. VE day. Entire office staff took the day off and joined personnel of U.S. Naval Operating Base in celebration of the occasion.

1st Battalion of the 6th I.S. Regt. moved today from Palermo to Catania to replace Alpini.

Lt. Snider travelled to Catania by rail, where he inspected Bulk Food Depot, (See S & T Report No. 14) and destroyed condemned food.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 10 May. Conferred with Lt. Holland, U.S. Army, who is Graves Registration Officer for all of Sicily. Numerous requests for information concerning graves of Italian Military personnel come through my office and Lt. Holland explained that he can save much time by supplying the information direct to me rather than having to go through higher headquarters.

I visited the foundry of Mr. Basile this morning. Territorial Headquarters has requested 1,500 quintals of coke, 50 pounds of Calcium Carbide and seven tanks of oxygen to be used by the Basile works in the repair of three military ranges. After conferring with Mr. Basile I am convinced that the three stoves are not worth much more than scrap and the quantity of supplies requested is almost sufficient to build new stoves. I then informed Military Headquarters that calcium carbide could not be obtained but that acetelene and oxygen could be gotten from the Navy, that their requests for coal and coke must be made to the Ministry of War.

Lt. Snider inspected Catania Distribution Depot, (See S & T Report No. 14) and returned to Palermo by rail.

f. Friday 11 May. Visited the depot of the Engineering Command and inspected the Captured Enemy Signal Equipment which has been made ready for shipment to Signal School Detachment, APC 49. 2692

Inspected the Palermo Food Distribution Depot, also the San Antonino Military Bakery and found both places neat, clean and well managed.

Conferred with Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissariato, regarding the non-issue of rice and substitution of one ounce of macaroni. The Colonel stated that particularly in the Caltanissetta depot a considerable amount of rice needed screening as it was dirty and in some cases that some of it was not even edible.

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We also discussed the problem of condemning a considerable quantity of canned stewed steaks. I directed that the entire stock be inspected and repacked and the spoiled times be set aside for inspection.

Lt. Colonel Patti and I conferred on the preparation of the Monthly Vehicle Report. I again insisted that a more concerted effort be made to assemble all vehicles surplus to War Establishment, in Palermo as soon as possible.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 12 May Lt. Snider inspected the 6th I.S. Regiment at Palermo. (See Self Report No. 45.)

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I cashed the payroll check and paid the office staff.
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James E. Long
HEADQUARTERS
Major QMC
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No. 1572

22 April 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 50 for WEEK ENDING 21 APRIL 45.a. Sunday 15 April Office routine. Half day.

b. Monday 16 April Conferred with Colonel Zambardino regarding Monthly Vehicle reports and reassignment of Motor Vehicles. Vehicle reports of the Aosta and Sabauda Divisions were incorrect and in improper form and were returned to the Colonel for correction. At the same time it was pointed out to the Colonel that the reorganization of the Motor Transportation in Sicily was to have been completed by 26 March and as yet very little had been done except the formation of the new units and reassignment of vehicles. The Colonel stated that excess transportation was being taken away from the Divisions as fast as circumstances would permit, that transporting them to Palermo was the biggest problem and they would be concentrated in Palermo as soon as possible.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, L/O Alcom Sicily regarding turn over of salvage material. The Colonel stated that he had heard nothing from headquarters Alcom regarding this matter, therefore I furnished him a copy of Hq. Alcom letter on the matter and he stated he would take care of the matter. We have the material ready for turnover whenever Alcom is ready for it.

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Talked with Lt. Col. Ingledew by phone concerning the substitution of the three companies on the Eastern end of the Island instead of an entire Battalion and he agreed to the arrangement.

Colonel Patti also assured me that the reassignment of vehicles and concentration of surplus M/T personnel and vehicles at Palermo would be completed as soon as possible and in any case by the end of the month.

Capt. Geo. Rie of the Joint Intelligence Collection Agency called on me and discussed the investigations of Ex-Pas. My letter No. 1514 dated today refers to one such case. It is my understanding that extensive investigations are being carried out throughout Sicily and the Mainland of all Ex-Prisoners of War to determine, how they came to be captured and what they did and what happened to them after capture.

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If it is decided that the party did not do his utmost to evade capture or collaborated after capture, Military reward is taken against him. Although I presume Italian Military Law in this regard is similar to our Army, nevertheless since Italy is now a co-belligerent, such action seems to me to be out of place and certainly offers propaganda for the Fascists and Germans.

d. Wednesday 18 April I travelled to Catania by air this morning where I conferred with Capt. Mooney, G-3 and Colonel Goodwin, Commanding Officer, 204 Sub Area on the matter of the transfer to three District of the one company and one Battalion for guard duties. I also met Major Corkhill who upon dissolution of Sub Area, 21 April 45, will become O.C. British Troops Sicily. We discussed various functions of his office and of ours and thereby got an insight into each others problems.

Conferred with Captain Rockington, O.C. 22nd British Salvage Depot. No new offers of salvage are being made and all salvage heretofore offered to the Italian Military is being picked up by the Italian Salvage Center, Acireale.

Inspected the Distribution and Bulk food depots. I found both places cleaner and more orderly than I have ever found them. The congestion in the Bulk Depot is being relieved by moving some of the items to a warehouse located across the street and which were formerly occupied by Allied Commission.

Lt. Snider inspected the Reggio Distribution Depot and Transient Camp for Call-ups. (See S & T Report #11)

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Returned to Palermo by train.

f. Friday 20 April Routine office work.

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g. Saturday 21 April Talked by telephone with Lt. Col. Ingledew concerning withdrawing troops of the 6th Regiment from guard duties at MCB. The Italian Military have for sometime desired to withdraw troops of the 6th and substitute troops of the 5th, in order to give them much needed training. No instructions were given me concerning the disposition of the two Battalions other than that they were to be assigned to Three District. Territorial Headquarters was also in the dark as to what the true setup was to be. The U.S. MCB has always used one battalion of the 6th Regiment on guard duties, through Hq. 2d Sub Area and in addition has had the entire Battalion at their disposal. After talking with Capt. Mooney, G-3 of 2d Sub Area it was learned that the 6th Regt. was to be withdrawn for training and hereafter the 2nd. Bn. of the 5th Regt., newly assigned to Three District, would take its place. It was this point that I got clarification on through Colonel Ingledew.

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Lt. Col. Bertini, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion 5th I.S. Regiment called at the office and discussed the matter of his battalion being assigned to Three District for operational control. I informed the Colonel that his Battalion had been assigned by Headquarters, 20th Sub Area to the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, and that when the 6th Regiment guards are withdrawn, his troops would replace them.

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Heretofore we have had our telephone service through the switchboard here in the building, but for the past few days the factory, therefore, had

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our present location.

Half day off.

b. Monday 9 April. Lt Snider departed by rail to Agrigento. He inspected the 1st Bn of the 22nd I.S. Regiment upon arrival and continued by rail to Catania this afternoon. (See S & T report No.40).

c. Tuesday 10 April. Conferred with Colonel Origgio, Chief of Staff., Territorial Headquarters Palermo regarding the movement of Artillery Material from the Air Craft Works to the 6th Regiment Barracks. Arrangements have been made with the Sea-Rees at U.S. Naval Operating Base for the use of a mobile crane and crew, to carry out the work. The Military had planned to use one truck to move the material which would necessitate the crane to move from one part of Palermo to another to load and unload. I explained to the Colonel that enough trucks must be placed on the job to pay the crane to move with the work and get the job done as economically and expeditiously as possible.

Lt Colonel Morton, L/O for Alcom called me by phone and stated that he had received a complete inventory of all motor vehicles held by I.M.T. and belonging to A.C. He explained that the inventory had been prepared in the office of Capt Galvanese and that he was furnishing a copy of it to me.

Lt Snider, in Catania today where he inspected both the Bulk Food Depot and Food Distribution Depot. (See S & T report No.40).

d. Wednesday 11 April. Lt Snider inspected the Military Bakery in Catania this morning (see S & T report No.40) and returned to Palermo this afternoon.

Heretofore we have had our telephone service through the switchboard here in the building, but for the past few days service has been unsatisfactory, therefore I had our phones disconnected from the switchboard and all dial numbers installed. Sent out the information to various offices in Sicily and the Mainland of the change in telephone numbers. Our new phone numbers are 18372 and 10673.

Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 12 April. Lt Snider destroyed condemned food at the Distribution Depot in Palermo.

Mr Seymour of the Sea-Rees informed me that he was ready to proceed with the movement of the Artillery Material today, that Mr Depter would be in charge and he would have him contact me, which he did. I accompanied Mr Depter to the Air Craft Works where we were met by a Captain from the Artillery. Arrangements were made to begin moving the material after dinner. Mr Depter is going to put one crane at the Air Craft Works to load the material and another one at the 6th Regt Barracks to unload. The entire project will take about a day and a half to complete.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 19 for WEEK ENDING 14 APRIL 45. (Continued)

Received the I.W.T. Motor Vehicle inventory from Lt Col Morton. This now gives me something tangible to work on and as soon as I have studied it closely I plan to take the entire matter up with Col Morton. He and I have heretofore gone over the preliminaries.

1. Friday 13 April. Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff., Territorial Headquarters Palermo and Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary called at the office and offered their condolences and extreme regret over the death of President Roosevelt.

This afternoon I inspected the Clothing and Equipment Depot, Shoe Repair Shop, Salvage Depot, Laundry and Clothing repair shop. Everywhere I went the premises were clean, neat and well kept. These installations are well managed and produce excellent work. I am very much pleased with the efforts and efficiency of Lt Cucchiara the Officer in charge. When I first came to Palermo only 76 women were employed in the Clothing repair shop, there are now 127 women employed. No doubt but what this installation could almost clothe and equip all troops in Sicily except for the shortage of material. Italian items of clothing are returned to the depot in such a worn out condition that complete rehabilitation is required. The same applies to boots and although a large amount of upper leather is used in rebuilding shoes, the results are excellent.

Office routine.

2. Saturday 14 April. Colonel Lo Vecchio, Director of Commissary called at the office and discussed the matter of forwarding escorts with food stuffs from Catania to Palermo whenever it was necessary and expedient to do so. I furnished him copies of your headquarters letters and reply thereto from the Ministry of War.

We also discussed the fact that the shoe repair shop is short of upper leather. The Colonel explained that subsequent to our last conversation on the matter that he had requested the leather direct from the Ministry of War, but that they had not acted on his request. The Colonel furnished me a letter on his requirements and I am forwarding same today to your headquarters.

I accompanied Colonel Lo Vecchio to the San Antonio Military Bakery and found it satisfactory, however certain parts of the interior needed policing.

Captain Maglietta, Operations Office, Territorial Headquarters conferred with me concerning a signal received from the War Ministry to the effect that two Battalions were to go under the operational control of Headquarters, 20th Sub-Area. I phoned Capt Mooney, G-3, 20th Sub-Area concerning the matter and he informed me that he was awaiting confirmation from Headquarters #3 District, but that actually it was the same set-up for operational control of two guard Battalions as has been in effect for some time. The units designated is one Battalion of the 6th Regiment at Palermo, two companies of the 45th at Catania and one company of the 46th at Messina.

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Office routine.

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1. Monday 1 April. Office routine. Officers and men went to their respective churches today for Communion and Easter worship. afternoon off.

2. Monday 2 April. Conferred with General Hortal on the Bell-up for April. It was explained to the General that that 1,000 additional men were needed to reach 17,000 and further explained that it was more or less left up to him and then we would not recall anyone of men, but they must be gotten. General feels that as soon as Easter is passed the number reporting will greatly increase and thus prevent the need of calling up another class. I am a little skeptical that we can get 1000 men in four weeks without calling another class, so it was finally agreed that a more concerted effort would be made by the 1st April. The General further stated that would not be reached, then he would call-up out of another class a sufficient number to fill the quota.

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

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Recently I received a letter from Headquarters, 204 Sub Area regarding an ex-officer of the Italian Army by the name of Hysko, Grecco who resides at Medellin. It appears that this man was captured on Pantaleon and while a prisoner last April and before the invasion of Italy. He agreed to and did collaborate the agent the allies. The Italian Military are now investigating his case with a view of taking action. The Commanding Officer of the 11th of 11th

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I am to let that number of men, but they must be given, General feels, that he soon as he can be directed. The reporting will greatly increase and have prevent the need of getting 1000 men in four weeks without calling another team, so it was finally agreed that a more extensive effort could be made to round up the men. The General's action would be in April if it were sufficient that he required number would not be reached, then he would call to out in another place a sufficient number to fill the quota.

I also told me with the General the matter of the reorganization of the 1st Motor Transport Company, 1st Motor Repair Directorate and the 27th Ambulance Car Section. I explained that so far only the 1st Transport Company had been formed, to my knowledge. The Chief of Staff, Colonel Grigolo, was called in and he stated that the other two units had been formed for some time, but under another name. I then explained that efforts must be published recognizing the two units and I wished copies of the order. It was promised that this would be done immediately.

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

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

I conferred with Lt. Col. Fatti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding this matter. At present there are approximately 1700 Italian prisoners and trucks in stock and it is desired to issue these to the Regiments and withdraw all like items, have them repaired and placed in stock in the depot.

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c. Tuesday 4 April. Talked by telephone with Captain Harwell in Rome concerning the expected number of Call-up to be shipped to Naples for the week 1-8 April. I estimate only between 100-200 because of the cooler season, which these people were not seriously.

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

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

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

Office routine.

Half day off for staff.

e. Thursday 5 April. Lt. Lt. Garst-ho-1 of the Engineering Section, Italian Air Force, called at the office for a permit to travel to the island of Sant'Alaria and return for the purpose of inspecting construction work done at the airport there by Civilian Contractors. I gave him the necessary authority for the journey. 2684

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

Major Olivieri of the Commissariato was called in and he discussed the immediate despatch of trucks to Naples to return clothing available there per Lt. Lambrecht's phone call.

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

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

Received phone call from Capt Oliver of the Dist F.B.S., Inst Capt. Mooney, G-2, M4 Sub Area desired an appointment with General Bernard for tomorrow evening. Capt Mooney is to call as direct when he reaches Palermo. Capt Oliver stated that British Soldiers in Catania have been getting into trouble with Italian troops. I do not have full particulars as to the nature of the trouble as yet.

Cashed enlisted men's wages and paid the payroll.

f. Friday 4 April Lt. Col. Pettit, Deputy Chief of Staff called at the office and stated that he preferred having the clothing and equipment from Naples shipped to Palermo by sea. I explained that this procedure would take considerable time and would probably result in the shipment being forfeited, that the quickest and surest means of transportation is

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

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

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

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

Lt. Snider inspected the 20th Motor Transport Unit, Palermo. (See Sgt Report No. 35)

S. Refinery 7 April. Captain Mooney, G-2, 2nd Sub Area called at the office and showed me a report of the incident in Catania when an Italian soldier threw a hand grenade at a British G.M.C. and injured him. It seems that about 2500

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I received information that approximately 250 soldiers would be issued by the trucks for the return journey from Naples. I tried to convey this information to Naples, but could not get through.

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Lt. Snider inspected the 25th Motor Transport Unit, Palermo. (See last report No. 36)

On Saturday 7 April, Captain Mooney, G-3, 204 Sub Area called at the office and showed me a report of the incident in Catania when an Italian soldier threw a hand grenade at a British G.M.P. and injured him. It seems that about 2300 hours, 1st April 45, two British and two Italian Military Police were patrolling a street in Catania. The report shows Italian soldiers who appeared to be drunk. The report shows that the soldiers were patrolling in a safety island in the street and when the MP's checked their papers they found a knife on one of them which was confiscated. One of the soldiers drew a hand grenade from his pocket and the Italian soldiers threw it at the MP's who did not return to his company. The knife was returned and the police withdrew. The police withdrew the two soldiers and one of them (an MP) subsequently fired several shots at them. In retaliation the Italian soldier threw the hand grenade at the Military Police, injuring one of them about the head and hands. It was learned that the two soldiers belonged to the 1st Lt. Col. 40th Regt. Mountain Division and on 4 April 45 a stand to or garage was held in the company street and the two soldiers were identified by the MP's. The accused both made statements and were placed in arrest. The statements of the accused

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

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

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

I phoned Lt. Lembrecht in Naples and informed him of the departure of the Motor Vehicles and the gasoline needed for the return journey.

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

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, Liaison Officer for Allied Commission in Sicily and Captain Calvanese, Motor Transportation Office regarding I.M.T. transportation. Lt. Col. Calvanese is due to leave Sicily in a few days and is desired to carry out our plan of identifying ex-Military vehicles before he leaves. Lt. Col. Morton and Capt. Calvanese explained that Lt. Col. AC, had not given any definite orders regarding the turnover, but in event of Capt. Calvanese's departure all particulars would be handled by Lt. Col. Morton himself or Capt. Lynch, as we had planned.

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

I think Lt. Zambrecht is Naples and informs him of the departure of the Motor Vehicles and the gasoline needed for the return journey.

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

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1. REPORT BY LIEUTENANT COL. H. H. HARRIS, DURING 21 MARCH 40.

a. Monday 20 March. Office routine. Half day off.
b. Monday 20 March. Automobiles had informed me that certain motor transport buses belonging to the Military were located at Villa Coria. As the Villa is Naval property I contacted Mr. Anderson concerning the matter and he recommended me to look the vehicles over. One first, 3-ton truck was located which was Military property and arrangements were made to turn it over to the Automobiles. The balance of the vehicles (2) were definitely not military property.

This afternoon the enlisted men were moved from their billet with A.C. to Villa Coria which is the U.S. Navy Billet. Lt. Anderson and I moved from the Excelsior Hotel to the Navy's Grand Hotel. Moving will be done with the Navy and motor vehicles will be kept in Navy parks. The men will have nightly movies, reading facilities, library, contact and recreation all on the base and it is believed the men are very satisfied.

c. Thursday 22 March. Conferred with Colonel Remondino Director of Automobiles regarding motor transportation and for call-up operations. The regular monthly allocation of POL for April has been received but no additional allocation has been made specifically for call-up operations. We also discussed the renovation of the Motor Vehicle Return required by your 01/1011 of the 24th.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Morton, A.C. Liaison Officer for A.C., regarding the moving of our office to the building now being evacuated by A.C. Lt. Col. Morton informed me that in the course of time no more personnel but he would be stationed in A.C. when that time comes as they move his office to his Villa. I then informed the Colonel that we were well established and had good office space in our present location and as I would not want to occupy offices alone in the A.C. building, that for the present at least I would stay at my present location.

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CHIEF OF STAFF, BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS

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This afternoon the situation was more serious than their belief with A.C. to Villa leave which is the U.S. 303. It, on the other hand, I moved from the hotel to the Navy's Grande Hotel. Meeting will be held with the Navy and motor vehicles will be left in Navy trucks. The men will have night movies, meaning facilities, library, and other recreation and on the base and it is believed the new arrangements will be most satisfactory.

c. Tuesday 27 March. Conferred with Colonel Kambouine Director of Automobiles regarding motor transportation and fuel for call-up operations. The regular monthly allocation of fuel for April has been received but no additional allocation has been made specifically for call-up operations. We also discussed the renovation of the Monthly Vehicle Return required by your ST/1011 of the 24th.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Kerton, A.C. Liaison Officer for Sicily, regarding the moving of our offices to the building now being evacuated by ALCM. Lt. Col. Kerton informed me that in the course of time no more personnel but we would be stationed in Sicily and when that time comes we may move his office to his Villa. I then informed the Colonel that we were well established and had good office space in our present location and as I would not want to group offices alone in the ALCM building, that for the present at least I would stay at my present location.

Capitain Whiner, Billing Officer, of ALCM called at the office and looked over all our furniture to determine if any of it was ALCM property. None of it was ALCM property.

Conferred with Colonel Le Vachon, Director of Commissary and Commissary Officer for the CCN regarding formation. It is pointed out by both these officers that balanced state is both difficult and expensive to obtain and they desire a regular allocation. I personally agree with this and my signature of 27/3-4 dated today refers.

d. Wednesday 28 March. Lt. Lt. Pollard of Motor Transport Headquarters called at the office and I gave him an authorization to present Mr. Aukman, Transportation Officer of H.O.B. for the purpose of securing the flat truck at Villa Sofia.

Half day off.

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e. Thursday 23 March. Lt. Childer departed this morning by motor vehicle for Reggio and inspected the Regio Call-up Camp in the afternoon (see call report No. 30).

Captain Anson of the Italian Air Force called at the office with a letter from his headquarters in Rome, directing him to make a special issue for Regio of 300 grammes of pasta per man. This amount was in addition to the regular issue and was to be taken from their excess stock now on hand. I informed the Captain that I would not approve the issue and it was not to be made. I again informed the Captain that the food stuffs now in his depots was inventoried and a record made of the exact numbers of rations on hand. That no like items of excess rations would be issued him until the stores on hand were used up, and our records, of which he had a copy, show the exact number of days the rations are in excess.

Mr. McGowan and Corp. Arceci arrived this afternoon from Rome.

f. Friday 24 March. I received a memorandum from Alcom totally nullifying me that, effective 1 April that headquarters was abolishing their message center. This came as a complete surprise, as I was given to understand by Brigadier Carr and C.E.O. Leone the Adjutant that communications service would be maintained by them. I immediately visited C.E.O. Leone and was informed by him that Major Alcom has first agreed to leave two men in chief to handle communications, but that they had countermanded the order and had ordered all enlisted men returned to Rome. Mr. Leone and I then drove to the airport and saw their informant by Flight Officer Fleming, A.A.F., that he did not have the personnel to run a message center and sort mail, that his sole function as far as mail was concerned was to take it off the plane and sort the bags. I then made a trip to Operations U.S. Naval Operating Base to contact Lt. Commander Hickey to secure service through him but both he and his assistant had reported for the day. I left word with the Chief Clerk that I would call again the following morning.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of the Service Office regarding the reorganization of Motor Transport. The 11th Motor Transport Company has been assigned but the 11th Repair Directorate and 37th Ambulance Car Section must yet be designated. I again pointed out to the Colonel that this was to have been done by the 11th. However the assignment of Transportation between the Initial Security Divisions and the Transport Company is being carried out and all other transport is to be assembled in Palermo. We also discussed the Call-up for April to reach a total of 17000 vehicles. Col. Patti is of the opinion

I talked to King by phone concerning the matter & advised him to handle the way I suggested. Arceci and McGowan informed.

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Director of the Central Office regarding the reorganization of
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Transport Company is being carried out and all other transport is
to be assembled in Palermo. We also discussed the call-up for April
to reach a total of 17000 vehicles. Col Patti is of the opinion
that the figure can be reached without calling on any other classes.
I intend to take this matter up direct with General Berardi, but
he is on a tour of the island and is not expected to return until
Sunday or Monday.

Lt Under travelled by motor from Reggio-Calabria to
Caltanissetta, Sicily.

R. Secretary of March. Conferred with Lt Commander Hickey,
Communications Officer of the U.C. Naval Operating Base, Palermo
and he agreed to handle all our incoming and outgoing signals and
communications which have hitherto been handled by the Allied
Commission. Our new signal address therefore is COMNAV Palermo
for Mail LO.

*I talked to Tony of phone
The matter of Edward for
handle when away. I
arrange and order. Improved.*

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Conferred with Lt (J.G.) Haggis, Supply Officer, of U.S. Naval Operating Base and secured the loan of a Royal Standard typewriter for use in the office. Our only typewriter is an Underwood No. 1000 which is not suitable for anything other than letters.

Lt Under inspected the Distribution Depot at Caltaniasole (See S & T Report No. 38) and returned to Palermo.

James E. Long
Major WMC
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No. 1528

25 Mar 45

1. WEEKLY ALLISON LOG NO. 46 FOR WEEK ENDING 24 MAR 45

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

Fifty two men of the 10th Artillery Regt were sent from Caltanissetta to Mussomeli to assist in rounding up Call-up shirkers.

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

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Bn., were sent from Palermo to Alcom to assist in rounding up
call-up shirkers.

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

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

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

Lt Col. Albert departed by motor transportation for home.

One hundred troops of the 42nd Regt sent from Trapani to Gibellina to assist in rounding up call-up shirkers.

d. Wednesday 23 March. Conferred with Mr. French of Psychological Warfare Branch, concerning relief of Military Guards on duty with his office. Mr. French stated that all guards would be released from duty today except 8 at the radio Palermo station and four at the transmitter. He recommended these be retained because in the event of any serious disorders, insurrectionists may try to seize the radio. I have passed this on to Territorial Headquarters Palermo for consideration.

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

Lt Snider enroute to Catania by rail where he took inventory of Air Force Food V.D. in the afternoon (see S & T Report No. 37).

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

e. Thursday 24 March. Conferred with Lt Commander Murphy regarding internal security. Received copies of his intelligence reports. Also conferred with Captain Oliver regarding internal security and reviewed his reports.

Inspected the San Antonio Bakery and found it 2877/
clean and orderly.

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

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myself. Arrangements were made to change over next Monday.

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

Friday 25 March. Lt Snider inspected Palermo Garrison
of the CC.BA (See E & T Report No. 37).

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

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

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

Office routine.

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SUBJECT: Issue of rations to the Italian Air Force

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) H O M E
Q/2/12-2
23 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO Sicily

Ref. to your weekly Liaison Log No. 45 for week
ending 7 March 1945.

1. In connection with the issue of rations to the Italian Air Force, our letter Q/2/12-1 of 19 March 1945 will be complied with in so far as possible, but in no instance will rations be issued to an Italian Army Depot for re-distribution to Italian units on other than the authorized prescribed scale.
2. Small detachments of outlying units may have their rations drawn by the next higher unit in their echelon of command. As you know, rations may be issued to Divisions, Regiments, Battalions, Companies, or separate detachments.
3. You will please check this item very closely, until we are sure that all Italian Air Force units are drawing from Army depots, and that all Air Force depots in your area have been closed.

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

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LAND FORCES COM. AC (MILIA)
TO AC SICILY REGION HQ.
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No. 1510

15 March 1945.

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

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

b. Monday 12 March. Major Long talked with CNO Leone, adjutant AC Sicilian Region FI concerning signal facilities after departure of AC and he stated that their signal facilities would remain in Palermo.

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

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

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

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

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

d. Wednesday 14 March. Attended conference of Allied Commission Officers, presided over by Brigadier Carr. It is planned to move the bulk of AC personnel by 31 March. It is supply accountant officer, one transportation officer, one property control officer, and the transportation officer, one

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

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

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d. Wednesday 11 March. Attended conference of Allied Commission Officers, presided over by Brigadier Carr. It is planned to move the bulk of AG personnel by 11 March. One supply accountant officer, one transportation officer, one property control officer and the officer in charge of IRT will remain until April 30 after which only a liaison officer will remain in Palermo. One liaison officer will be stationed in Catania. One Civil Affairs officer will remain on the island of Lampedusa and one on the island of Pantelleria. The IRT organization will be transferred to the Civil Authorities and will all Italian Motor Vehicles except a few being taken to the mainland. It is further deemed to retain signal service in Palermo.

Major Long visited the Caserma delle Marie which now houses the Motor Transport Hq. also the 23rd Motor Transport Section. At the time of the invasion this installation was the location of the main repair garage for all of Sicily. Repairs were in progress on a number of vehicles. This is quite a large installation and well suited for Motor Transport purposes. Civilian repair units are being moved into the buildings to carry out vehicle repair without taking the vehicles out.

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

Contacted Mr. Gaistoli, CIP concerning quantities of Petrol and Gasoil issued to COMB for the months of December, January and February. Figures were not immediately available and it may take a couple of days to get complete information.

Office routine.

Lt. Butler inspected LD and Transient Camp for Gall-up at Reggio. (See MRY Report No. 36).

e. Thursday 16 March. Colonel Lombardino, Director of Motor Transportation and myself visited the Basile Foundry. Mr. Basile has several hundred tons of junk which he had purchased from Italian Base Section and which Colonel Lombardino had frozen claiming that it was M/T parts and illegally and belonged to the Italian Military. Several weeks ago at the request of M/T he, I looked over this material and satisfied myself that it was junk, of no value to the Italian Military and after seeing the receipts, told Mr. Basile has legal title to all of it. I had then informed M/T Hqs. of my findings and asked them to unfreeze the material or have an officer point out to me the material claimed to be the property of the Military. Colonel Lombardino claimed agreed to view the material with me and after doing so, he was convinced that none of it belonged to or was ever wanted by him. He thereafter unfroze the stock.

Office routine.

Lt. Butler inspected 46th I.S. Regt. at Marina, (See MRY Report No. 36) and returned to Palermo by motor.

f. Friday 16 March. Major Long conferred with Colonel Le Vascchio, Director of Commissary concerning incidents from units for what I consider an excessive amount of clothing and equipment. The Colonel stated that such had always been the practice of the Italians and it may possibly have been worse because the

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Office routine.

Lt. Onicer inspected 14 and Trovante Camp for Cell-ups at Reggio. (See Sat Report No. 38).

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

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

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

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

5. Saturday 12 March. Lt. Col. Giordano, CO, Military Transport Unit, Territorial Hq. reported that furniture was being removed from building occupied by AC units at No. 2 Via Garibaldi which was a military building. He was advised to report to this office a list of furniture removed and we would contact AC.

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

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

LESTER A. ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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

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

Lt. Smiler took inventory of rifles stored, Italian Air Corps at Palermo. Full report to follow when inventory is taken at Catania.

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PO BOX SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

No. 1303

11 March 1945

1. WEDNESDAY LIAISON LOG NO. 44 FOR WEEK ENDING 10 MAR. 45.

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

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

Office routine.

b. Monday 5 March. Office routine.

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

Discussed with Major Mignall, Public Safety Director A.C., the matter of AMO yellow pass for an Italian soldier who desires compassionate leave to a town north of the Army Security Control Line. I was informed by Major Mignall that all such requests must go to PDCAO, 13th Army Group.

Conferred with Major Oliver, Commissario, concerning issues of clothing and equipment. He also discussed the dispatch of trucks to the eastward to return equipment.

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

Office routine.

b. Monday 5 March. Office routine.

c. Thursday 6 March. Discussed with Captain Oliver, O.C. 31st Field Security Section a matter concerning the apprehension, by his agency, of an Italian Army deserter. Capt. Oliver stated that the man had applied for a pass to enter SOB and subsequently he had learned of his army status. He, Capt. Oliver, is to inform me when he apprehends this man.

Discussed with Major Mighall, Public Safety Director A.C., the matter of AMG yellow pass for an Italian soldier who desires compassionate leave to a town north of the Army Security Control line. I was informed by Major Mighall that all such requests must go to DDG40, 15th Army Group.

Conferred with Major Olivier, Commissariat, concerning issues of clothing and equipment. We also discussed the deployment of trucks to the mainland to return clothing & equipment when our latest requests are approved.

d. Wednesday 7 March. Arrived at 1200 hrs. at Salerno by air from 30 days TD in USA.

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

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

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8. Thursday 6 March (continued)

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

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

Conferred with General Bracco, C.O. 60th Brigade, re organization and function of the Montepulciano Bn., which recently came to Sicily. It is organized into two mobile Bns. under command of Lt. Col. Tolmone the former Bn. and one Bn. located at Palermo and the other at Catania. Each Bn. is composed of two (2) companies of the former Bn. and one company of CC.Bn. attached, commanded by CC.Bn. officers. The Palermo Bn. is commanded by Col. Tolmone and the Catania Bn. is commanded by an alpine Major. The Palermo and Catania Bns. are controlled each by a control officer. I instructed him, General Bracco, to allow the original Bn. units, to which he agreed. He advised me that only 15 of the 24 vehicles sent here to mobilized two battalions had been received. I told him I would investigate the matter. He stated there had been no serious trouble in Sicily since January, but the CC.Bn. were on the alert to quell riots as they may arise. As of the opinion that the two mobile Bns. are not properly located geographically in Sicily to operate quickly against disturbances, and when we are provided with their station list will take the matter up with General Bracco, in recommendation form only.

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

9. Friday 7 March. Conferred with Col. Lombardino, W/T officer, Territorial Hq. re the use, storage of 3 vehicles sent from Naples to mobilize two CC.Bn. Bns. He stated they were loaded with flour at Naples, and vehicles and personnel were

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

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

1. Friday 5 March. Conferred with Col. Combarino, u/T officer, Territorial Sq. He the also, presence of 3 vehicles sent from Naples to mobilize the CCNA Bus. He stated they were loaded with flour at Naples, one vehicle a 4 wheel turned enroute, nineteen turned over to the CCNA and four became unusable in Calabria and he did not know where they were. However, the flour on the four vehicles was transferred on other vehicles and brought to Sicily. He was instructed to immediately locate the four vehicles and turn same over to the CCNA. A further check up is being made at Territorial Hq. regarding the four lost vehicles.

afternoon - sick in quarters.

11. Snider inspected the 6th U.S. Regt. at Palermo.
(See vol report/No. 55)

SA Saturday 10 March.
Major LONG called on Lt. Col. Pett. Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq., and discussed the redistribution of Motor.

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g. Saturday 10 March. (continued)

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

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