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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICE
PERBASE
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

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

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

a. For the location of Italian Units assigned and attached to P.B.S. see P.B.S. Troop List dated 16 August 1945.

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

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

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

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

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

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 19 August 1945.

a. For the location of Italian Units assigned and attached to P.B.S. see P.B.S. Troop List dated 15 August 1945.

b. Conferred with Staff Sections of P.B.S. At a C.R.M. conference bid for many items of equipment that can be used by the Italian Army. Cloth is now being shipped and when surpluses are declared other items will be shipped. Lists will be forwarded as soon as possible.

c. Number 7 Special Food Depot has requisitioned a warehouse formerly occupied by Brazilian Troops and this coming week will move to the new location.

d. The 152nd Field Hospital has been designated as the hospital to move to POW Enclosure 357 where Italian Republican Army prisoners are caged.

e. During the week a total of 1348 SS-ITIS were transferred to Orvieto Reinforcement Depot.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICE
PENBASE
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

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18 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

TO : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMA), Rome.

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 18 August 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to P.B.S. see P.B.S. Troop List dated 15 August 1945.

b. During the week conferred with MMIA LO Genoa concerning the lifting of supplies from Leghorn to Genoa. Olive oil and wine are the only remaining items to be trucked.

c. Approximately 700 US-ITIS were transferred to the BR-ITI category.

d. Penbase is able to release more US-ITIS because US units are now available as guards. Estimated release figures for US-ITIS are in Penbase Signal addressed to MMIA dated 18 August 1945.

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PENBASE
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AG, (MIA), Rome.

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 5 August 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS Troop List dated 1 Aug 1945. Strength of the 7000 series units now employed by PBS is 3397.

b. Captain Cotton visited Leghorn 9 August 1945 and details of a discussion with Lt Col Penrose concerning the bulk food depot were given to Captain Cotton in letter form.

c. Wine, olive oil and cigarettes were dispatched by truck to Genoa.

d. During the week approximately 700 US-IPIS were transferred to the BR-IFI category.

e. 3rd Guard Regiment 508 and 509 Guard Battalions moved into the Leghorn-Pisa Area. POW enclosure 337 is to hold all Italian POWs and 508 and 509 Guard Battalions are to guard them. Theory being that at some later date the U.S. can tell the Italian Government "here are your prisoners and your guards - it's your baby".

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 APO 782 U.S. ARMY

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

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

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 29 July 1945.

a. For the location of Italian Units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS Troop List dated 1 August 1945. The 7000 series units (ex cooperators) due to rapid disbandment are omitted. Strength of the 7000 series units now employed by PBS is 4747.

b. Lt. Col. PENROSE and Capt. COTTON visited Leghorn on 2 August 1945. Inspections of bulk food depot and of the issue depot were made and discussions concerning ST matters were held.

c. Wine and olive oil was dispatched to Genoa but because the trucks have had to deliver to points North of Genoa, delay has been experienced. Twelve carloads of the Allied portion of the ration were railed to Bologna and eleven were railed to Florence.

d. During the week approximately 500 US-ITIS were transferred to the BR-ITI and ITI-ITI category.

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M.M.I.A. LIAISON OFFICE
PENBASE
APO 782 U.S. ARMY

28 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log.

TO : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G. (MMIA), Rome.

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 22 July 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS Troop List dated 15 July 1945.

b. During the week conferred with staff sections of PBS.

c. During the week 9 rail cars were unloaded and fifty one truckloads containing nuts, cigarettes, salt and soap were dispatched to Genoa. A Detachment of 2 Officers and 18 men arrived from Rome to learn details of the food issue depot at Coltano. 5 August 1945 will be the date of handover from US-ITIS to ITI-ITIS.

d. Approximately fourteen hundred (1400) ex Cooperators were transferred to the BR-ITI category.

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PENBASE
A.P.O. 782 U.S. ARMY

31 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

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

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 15 July 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS Troop List dated 15 July 1945. Because 2694 T.B. Regiment did not have accurate strength returns of the 7000 series units and because many units are now being disbanded, the 7000 series (ex cooperators) was omitted from the Troop List.

b. During the week conferred with staff sections of PBS.

c. Twenty five vehicles (all types) have been removed from APOD #14 at Pontedera to #5 Repair Unit in Florence. The Repair Unit has been contacted and ordered to expedite the shipment of the remaining vehicles.

d. During the week approximately two thousand (2000) ex cooperators were transferred to the BI-ITI category. It is expected to transfer another 1800 this coming week.

e. Italian General Transport Company #3 arrived in Leghorn 20 July 1945 to transport supplies to Genoa. As yet, the supplies (to be shipped to Leghorn by rail) have not arrived.

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A. P. O. 782 U. S. ARMY

18 14 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A. C. (M. H. I. A.), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of the activities of this office for the week commencing 8 July 1945.

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS Troop List dated 1 July 1945.

b. During the week Lt. Col. Rose and Capt. Temple visited PBS.

c. Conferred with staff sections of PBS and with officials of 2694 T. S. Regiment.

d. Last week's log stated that PBS contemplated no large scale transfer of US-ITI units. That should be corrected to read any US-ITI units that were US-ITI units prior to 1 July 45. Many US-ITI units of the 7000 series (ex Cooperators) will be transferred. To date have been requested to transfer approximately 3300 younger men of the 7000 units to the US-ITI category. On 21 July expect another 800 will be ready for transfer and on 25 July another 1000 will be ready for transfer.

e. On 15 July US-ITI's of the older classes from the 7000 series units will begin to be released from the Lohorn Area. Ship and rail transportation has been arranged to help these men return to their homes.

f. Penbase is still in need of entomologist referred to in Penbase signal 7329 of 27 June. Request status.

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M. H. I. A. LIAISON OFFICE
 VERONA
 A. P. O. 762 U. S. ARMY

18 7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, A. C. (M. H. I. A.), Rome

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

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PIS, see PIS Troop List dated 1 July 1945.

b. During the week conferred with Maj. Van Kirk concerning the disposition of US-III units; with staff sections of PIS and with 20th T. S. Regiment.

c. On 1 July 45 approximately 17,000 former Italian Prisoners of War under control of PIS became US-III's. They are under the 10th Provisional Group, IV Zone, 21st Italian Command. As yet, these men have not received their final pay nor Final Certificate of Credit, but it is expected that some will be paid this coming week. After personnel have received their Final Certificate of Credit they can be released and it is expected that the releasing of personnel over 30 years of age will begin shortly.

d. PIS does not contemplate in the near future any large scale transfer of US-III's to other categories. As soon as some units are surplus they will be sent to Persouth to permit the demobilization of older classes. Persouth demobilization has been retarded by needed replacements. PIS feels that because of this and of normal attrition very few units will be transferred.

e. On 20 June 45 a letter was written concerning 606 Movement Control Unit. Since then the situation has changed and the unit is needed here in Leghorn. The unit has been ordered to Pisa. Since Leghorn is the center of activity in this locality it is requested that the unit headed by Capt. Cornelia be ordered to remain in Leghorn.

f. Warehouse space for a bulk food depot has been found and concurrence of PIS has been obtained.

g. On 2 July 45 some of the former prisoners of war decided that they didn't want to work any longer. The units were moved to a staging area and then decided that they would resume work. However, the US for them they were working made other arrangements and the units will be among the first

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to be released. The ringleaders were sorted out and Italian disciplinary action is being taken. It is believed that the reason for the walk out was a Communist speech last Sunday, 1 July 45. Men were told that U. S. could no longer discipline them and that the Italian Government couldn't either.

h. Many of the ex-cooperators were concerned about their liberation leave. The Italian Command has notified all that those retained by FBI will be given leave as soon as possible after they are paid and that those transferred will be given leave after they are transferred to Germany.

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M. M. I. A. LIAISON OFFICE
PENBASE
A. P. O. 782 U. S. ARMY

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

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

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 17 June 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS, see PBS Troop List, dated 15 June 1945.

b. Three Lt. Colonels of the War Ministry, record team of ISU's, arrived from Rome.

c. Conferences were held with 269th T. S. Regiment concerning ISU's and with staff sections of PBS.

d. Inspected Italian Army and German vehicles located at Pontedera, A. P. O. D. #14. Visited District Hq., Lucca.

e. PBS continues to deactivate US-ITI Units following the procedure reported in previous logs.

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M. M. I. A. LIAISON OFFICE
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A. P. O. 782 U. S. ARMY

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17 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

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

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 10 June 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS, see PBS Troop List, dated 15 June 1945.

b. During the week Col. Simons arrived enroute to Rome; Lt. Col. Rose visited PBS and Capt. Benetti arrived enroute to Genoa. Lt. Col. Napoli of the War Ministry departed after conferences concerning the release of Italian POW's.

c. Conferences were held with 269th T. S. Regiment concerning I. S. U. personnel.

d. No inspections were made.

e. There is no change in the political and intelligence situation in Leghorn.

f. The infiltration of German POW's working for PBS, demobilization of personnel and inactivation of US-ITI units continues.

g. Telephone service between Leghorn and Genoa is now available.

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10 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (M. M. I. A.), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 3 June 1945.

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBS see PBS troop list dated 1 June 1945.

b. During the week Col. Kerr, Col. Roakes and Capt. Parini visited PBS.

c. Conferences were held with G-4 and G-3 PBS. Attended a conference in Florence regarding the disposition of captured enemy material.

d. No inspections were made.

e. The process of POW replacement is continuing. As the men are discharged and transferred to other units, the Italian property is being turned into the Florence Territorial Headquarters. Surplus Italian Officers are being reported to the 212th Division Headquarters and if they have no need of them they are to be sent to Astroni. The "trimming down" process is very orderly and it is believed that it will be some time before any sizeable number of US-ITIs will be ready for handover to the Italian War Ministry.

f. Lt. Col. Colagero Napoli from the War Ministry arrived to make observations in regard to the disarming and handing over of Italian POWs (Italian Service Units). A conference was held with the officers in charge of the Italian POWs. Another conference is scheduled for 11 June 45 after which a separate report on the problem will be submitted.

g. Many of the points referred to in G/31 of 4 June are not applicable to this situation. There is no Territorial District or Garrison Headquarters in Leghorn. The Italian installations are under control of IV Zone, 212th Division.

h. Italian soldiers are still going AWOL but the percentage has considerably decreased. Many men feel that the war is over and therefore their job is done. PBS is sending leave trucks to the North which is helping to alleviate the problem.

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3 June 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (M. M. I. A.), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 27 May 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to PIS see PIS Troop List dated 1 June 1945.

b. There were no arrivals or departures.

c. No conferences.

d. No inspections.

e. No unusual items to report.

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A. P. O. 702 U. S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (M. E. I. A.), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 20 May 1945.

a. For the location of Italian units assigned and attached to FRS see FRS Troop List dated 15 May 1945.

b. There were no arrivals or departures.

c. Attended a conference of Senior Supervisors of 2698 T. S. Regiment in which the broad policy of substitution of FRSs for Italian units was discussed.

d. During the week liaised with II Territorial Command, Genoa, and rendered assistance in several matters. A separate report of this work is being submitted.

e. During the week the 34th Q.M. Service Battalion and the 132nd Q.M. Service Company have been replaced by FRSs. Men eligible for discharge are being discharged and remaining men are being transferred to understrength units. Italian property is being turned in and arrangements are being made to store it in Florence. A nucleus of each unit remains and the organizations are remaining on paper.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(MILA), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 13 May 45.

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PBI see PBI Troop List dated 15 May 1945.

b. There were no arrivals or departures.

c. Attended a conference conducted by G-4, PBI, concerning the utilization of POWs. Conferred with Capt Gastner and the Territorial General in Florence concerning Italian courts martial. Conferred with Major 1st Air BRAD in Pisa regarding Air Force units.

d. During the week the following installations were inspected:

Depot Hqs., 22nd Infantry Depot, Pisa
Depot Hqs., 7th Art. Regt., Pisa

e. There is little change in the AMUL situation. Telephone connections to Major Van Kirk are excellent. Can relay any calls from Hq. to him.

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M. H. I. A. LIAISON OFFICE
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A. P. O. 782 U. S. ARMY

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(ISA), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 6 May 1945.

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PIS see PIS Troop List dated 1 May 1945.

b. There were no arrivals or departures.

c. Conferred with PIS Chief of Staff, G-4 and Dental Surgeon.

d. During the week the following units and installations were inspected:

Military District of Lucca
Military District of Pisa
Military Hospital of Livorno, Lucca
Camp. Military Convalescent of Pisa, Calci
Office for Prisoners and POW Information, Leghorn
34th GI Service Unit.

e. The ARUL rate is still high but decreasing somewhat. With the redeployment program, the work of the Base Section has increased. PIS is perturbed by the situation as their work is greatly impaired by these unauthorized absences. Frequent talks to the men, increased emphasis on athletics and road blocks have had no noticeable effect.

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M. M. I. A. LIAISON OFFICE
PENTAGON
A. P. O. 782 U. S. ARMY

6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC(MKIA), Rome

1. Herewith is a report of activities of this office for the week commencing 29 April 1945.

a. For location of Italian units assigned and attached to PIS see PIS Troop List dated 1 May 1945.

b. Col. Simmons visited headquarters and on 29 April 1945 departed for Florence.

c. During the week conferences were held with the various sections of PIS.

d. During the week an inspection of the following installations was made:

Ration and Clothing Depot, Goltano
507th Guard Battalion
486th Field Hospital
29th Red Cross Field Hospital
51st Field Hospital
152nd Field Hospital
55th Field Infirmary
Leghorn Territorial Hospital.

e. Within the past few days the AWOL rate has greatly increased. The army rear boundary has not been changed. PIS has signalled AFH to allow leaves south of the River Po. No answer has been received. Many steps have been taken to prevent these AWOLs, but the average soldier does not understand the time element and other factors involved. The situation should be alleviated if a date could be given when leaves would begin, but no one here can hazard a guess as to if and when the restriction will be lifted. However, some of the men have already returned and it is the consensus of opinion that a large percentage will return.

PIS have American supervisory personnel with each Italian echelon down to and including companies. These personnel have the full time job of looking after messing, housing, property and in general, they supervise the Italian unit. The housekeeping and messing of PIS troops approximates US standards. The barracks are neat, clean and uniform. Kitchens and mess halls are screened in, kitchens and storerooms clean, commodities off the floor, and cooks and K.P.s very tidy.

Prior to and concluding this AWOL epidemic, the morale of the troops is good. In the welfare section the men receive La Patria, have a

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few radios, and plans are now being made to open a canteen along the lines of a service club. There is an American Officer who has the full time job of Information and Education Officer for this zone. (This zone is the IV Zone of 212th Division. The division headquarters as well as the headquarters of the Technical Supervisory Regiment is in Naples.) Each day a news summary in Italian is published and each month a monthly publication in Italian is produced. (See enclosures.) Other welfare services include special service news maps having Italian translations posted over the English, orientation lectures, movies and English classes.

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