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Q/109 Liaison Log/Reports (G.S. officers from HQ)  
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 'G' BRANCH, M.M.I.A.

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Notes on Visit of G-1 (Ops & SD) and G-1 (L) to HQs 1 and 2 Dists, 217 and 86 Area and MIA LOs in corresponding Outstations and MIA LO N.W. ITALY 10 to 15 Aug 45.

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1. All LOs report that Ministry of War and Italian Territorial HQs hide behind the phrase "MIA lays down that.....". Unless Italian HQs learn to stand on their own feet and issue orders as coming from their own commander it will be extra difficult for them when their own army is handed back.  
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(b) Italian fms are concentrated and properly trained;

(c) Older classes are demobilised and malcontents thus removed from the Army.

General NARES agreed.

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8. 2 Dist recommends that the 15 mile border limit be removed at the same time that the Army and Territory are handed over. C-1
9. 2 Dist would like to know for future planning how Ministry of War intend to dispose of the Cd bns which are about to be handed back. C11(SD)
10. 2 Dist would like to know what the policy of handing-over of arms and equipment is of (a) ER-ITI (b) ITI-ITI gd bns and what provision is made for spares and replacements. What will be future method of accounting? Q
11. Depending on the above will D.M.T. please withdraw the unofficial trg increments att to ER-ITI gd bns under 1 Regt HQ at date to be mutually agreed by 2 Dist. C11(Trg)
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17. Capt. CRAWFORD was efficiently storing flour in his new BSD, MESTRE, although he stated that the accommodation still belonged to the Swiss Govt and would like the position regularised and clarified soonest.

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18. Capt. HERBERT states that the ex 1001 CT Coy is now known as 228 Adm Tpt Coy and moves grain for AMG in 228 Div Area. Brit cadre has been removed, but vehs and spare parts continue to be issued. Is this an authorised unit?

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19. Capt. HERBERT considers that 405 Pioneer Regt HQ would be particularly suitable as one of the new Regt HQs owing to the efficiency of its Comd and staff and the long time they have worked together.

20. Br1s. RICHARDS would like to know whether Eighth Army's late commander may issue a certificate to all Italian tps who have served in the Eighth Army. I promised to write DO on this. Have handed a document to Col. 'A'.

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*L.M. T. [Signature]*  
Lt.-Col.  
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