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Q/III Monthly Liaison Letters to Liaison Officers
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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Q/111

October 1945

TO: G III (I).

In accordance with your letter Q/31 of 11 September 45, herewith "Q" points for monthly liaison letter to LG's.

Q's have submitted their points direct to G III (I).

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b. Greater consideration is being given now to the clothing and equipment of CO.BR. To this and the Florence Brigade has been taken on the BR-ITI calling.

c. A letter has been written to A F H Q for authority to issue undyed B.D. to Italian troops, provided a flash bearing the word ITALIA is carried on the upper arm of the uniforms as issued.

d. Efforts are being made to distribute special winter clothing and equipment equitably among the troops who need it.

Accommodation

a. The accommodation situation is still far from being solved, but every endeavour is being made to return to an Ministry every building which belongs to them.

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b. Rome Area, on instruction from MIOWSA, have issued an order that all real estate holdings are to be consolidated immediately with a view to immediate de-requisition of all excess real estate military convenience will be no excuse for non-consolidation. Each Unit will be required to justify continued use of each requisitioned accommodation to an Allied Force HQ Board. Units will be required to double up and share accommodation with other units wherever possible.

c. It is presumed that this order may have also been given to the other command, in which case the problem of accommodation should be greatly reduced.

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Maj. MINI

Maj. CORNERO

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Territorial Cds. covered

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5. R E M E

The reorganisation of the R E M 3 Territorial Repairs layout was detailed in SD/15/2 dated 4 Sept. 45. This included new Repairs Units for the North and 14 Light Workshops to operate with III-III Transport Companies. For the details of the operation of these Light Workshops was given in dated 7 Sept. 45.

It is hoped that these Light Workshops will make their presence felt at an early date, and will result in a high standard of maintenance.

The shortage of specialist personnel is serious and it is hoped that all concerned will co-operate to ensure that all such personnel are utilised in their own trades and within the Repairs organisation to the best advantage.

S.G. "Q"
M.M.I.A.

Appendix "B" to ST IOM
S/O dated Sept. 45

INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1909

To :- ADST.
(3)

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27 Sept 45

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

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ST/208

TO: ~~Q7~~

Subject: Monthly Liaison letter.

Reference G/31 dated 14 Sept. 45, para 2(f)(i) and (iv).

1. Herewith two copies of draft paras in respect of:-
 - (1) Supplies----- Appendix "A"
 - (2) Transport----- Appendix "B"
2. These draft paras. for your consideration and incorporation in the Q points to be submitted to GIII(I), in accordance with the above quoted letter.

W. M. H. H. H.
... Lt. Col.
ADST.

29 Sept. 45

TO: A.D.S.T.

The above is being returned for separation of ~~the~~ Q.1 items from Q.2 items. Anything concerning Rations and Accounts will be addressed to Q.1 and sent to us, and we will prepare the draft as laid down in Letter G/31 and forwarded to GSO III(I) as directed in the above quoted letter.

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*Q1 points extracted
and sent to Q1 under
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