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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

27 August 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 24. 20-26 August 44.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC Main Hq (MMIA), APO 394.

1. Sunday, 20 August
   a. Usual routine duties.

2. Monday, 21 August
   a. Usual routine duties.

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3. Tuesday, 22 August
   a. Major Egerton leaves for inspection Cremona Division.
   b. Major Martin inspects 82nd and 960th Field Hospitals.
   c. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202	Ocilo & Usini Companies ex 3rd Bn, 526 Regt, 203rd Coastal Div	6	420	4
209 A / 209 B	82nd & 960th Field Hospitals	14	105	18
	Italian V & R Reinforcements		80	
		20	605	22

4. Wednesday, 23 August
   a. Usual routine duties.

5. Thursday, 24 August
   a. Lieut Colonel Rodzinko to duty from Maddalena from inspection of 236th Regiment.

6. Friday, 25 August
   a. Lieut Aniello F. De Stefano, Infantry, O-1286801 reports for duty.
   b. Colonel Simmons to Abbasanta re conference on motor vehicles.

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7. Saturday, 26 August

a. Lieut Colonel Keasner DS to Sassari.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
215	Hq & 3 companies Security and Guard Bn ex 1st Bn 340th Inf Regt Pari Division	19	590	8
	Radio material for C.I.L.	1	4	2
	Instructors ex Cremona Division		12	
		20	606	10

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.668 27 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.16
2. Weekly Location Report No.11
3. Weekly S & T Report No.7

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 26 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.16, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. — G

b Weekly Location Report No.11, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location reports, dated 9 June '44. — AMGRAM 4815

c Weekly S & T Report No.7, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944. — ST

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily. — ST

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.16 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.11 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.7

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(AMIA) L.O. Sicily
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APO 374

No.666

27 Aug 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.16 FOR WEEK ENDING 26 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 20 Aug Routine office work and ½ day off.

b Monday 21 Aug Office work.

c Tuesday 22 Aug Major Fossett and I went to Caltanissetta by rail. Inspected the Distributing Depot and 16 Arty Regt. (See C & T Report No.7 enclosed) Made a reconnaissance for new distributing depot and recommend to the Director of Commissary, Military Hq. of Sicily, that Palazzo Siversi on Via Cavour adjacent to the railroad station be obtained.

d Wednesday 23 Aug Capt Craig inspected 3rd Bn 46 Inf Regt at Palermo. (See C & T Report No.7) One half day off.

e Thursday 24 Aug Office work.

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f Friday 25 Aug Major Fossett conferred with N.O.B. regarding trial test Beach Riot Bill 28 Aug.

g Saturday 26 Aug Preparation of reports and routine office work. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary re establishing new bulk depot and distributing depots without delay, Shipment cannot spread and stop issue of rations to Red Cross personnel except those in the two Military Hospitals at Palermo and Catania.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject:-No.11 Weekly Liaison Log for period 31 JULY 44 to 6 AUG 44.

NARA Date 6 Mar 78

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.;
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Rear Echelon-CATANZARO.

1 Aug 44.

Ref:-G.7/25.

To:-Army Sub Commission,(M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A. C. C.,
R O M E.

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TUESDAY, 1 AUG 44.

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WEDNESDAY, 2 AUG 44.

1. GENTILE held conference with General CORONATI re horses of Artillery of MANTOVA.
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1. GENTLE discussed bridges and transport with local officer, of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

FRIDAY, 4 AUG 44.

1. KENTON discharged from hospital. Quite fit.

2. GENTLE held discussions with Region VII., A.C.C., Supply Officer re M.T. Transport for Olive Oil for Italian Army.

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SUNDAY, 6 AUG 44.

1. KENTON discussed artillery horses with General CORONATI.

2. GENTLE with Comando Genio, discussed work of dismantling and consigning hutting to 15 U.S.A.A.F.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 31 JULY to 6 AUG 44.

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(c). 4-7 Regiment.

Owing to a small outbreak of Small Pox at NICASTRO, the Units of the 4-7 Regiment there have been moved to SOVERIA MANELLI for a short period of isolation.

Capt.,
M.M.I.A. L.O., Military H.Q., CALABRIA.

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ubject: Weekly Liaison Report Nº 13.

M.M.I.A. L. Master
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: MF 87
28 Aug 44

HQ M.M.I.A.

From Sunday 13 Aug to Sat 26 Aug.

SUNDAY (a) G 2 Sigs 2 Dist asks for Italian L.O. to replace FIORI who will be moving with 2 Dist.
(b) Advise NAPLES office of sups comming over by rail.
(c) Capt BOURNE rings up and reports food crisis in VASTO. Inform him sups left by rail and road yesterday and today.

MONDAY (a) Labour reorganisation discussed.

TUESDAY (a) Saw IX Corps ref labour reorg and oil for the Driving school.
(b) See 9 MT Regt ref Atomiser and Fuel Pump ~~x~~ testing machin required by 2 District for a Tn W.3.
(c) Speak to DDL ref reorg of labour agree that demobilisation to take place forthwith.
(d) Speak to HQ MMIA ref trainees for school at POLIGNANO and rfts for G.T. Coys.
(e) ST Distwo want to get rid ~~of~~ of 3600 litre wine in cistern and also 4000 litres in barrels. 4811
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(b) Speak to 9 Engr Regt tell them to get pupils ready for move to FRANCAVILLA FONTANA.
(c) DDMS IX Corps makes queries ref 1200 Ind Amb Pl.
(d) 7 T.C. Bn 5 offrs 112 OR move BRINDISI to NOLA, 2 offrs 36 OR GIOVINAZZO to NOLA.

THURSDAY (a) Speak to Col SHIPLEY ref 1006 G.T. Coy.
(b) Movements BARLETTA rings ref 8 Coy 336 Inf Regt which is at PASANO and should be moved to BARLETTA
(c) See S.T. 2 Dist ref Driving school.
(d) See A Branch 2 Dist ref exemption of Italian Military personnel from military service.
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(g) 500 AOD 2 Sub Depot enquire if American shirts class A in LA ROCCA had been collected by ABD - tell them still just over 1000 ~~still~~ to be moved.

FRIDAY (a) Ring 23 Area Cash office ref the refound of money to IX Corps paid in for stores received from 500 AOD - they suggest I write to the Command Pay Master.

(b) O.C. 66 Gp. C.C. asks if it is now possible to go ahead with the equipping of the newly formed Italian P.L. Coys. Inform him that he prefers to wait a while longer.

(c) Col SHIPLEY rings ref green dye arriving BARI and BRINDISI

(d) 46 BSD collect 525 lbs cigarettes from Italian Depot BARI.

(e) DDL asks for more bodies.

(f) Chase 1005 Clothing indent.

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SATURDAY (a) Visit 953 workshops Coy at MOLFETTA with Capt MURARO of Services Branch IX Corps.
(b) Maps of Italy are ready for collection by IX Corps.
(c) Visited by O.C. Br Cadre 1006 G.T. Coy.
(d) Speak to 2 Dist and NAPLES office ref formation of V and R units.
(e) Ring TRANI and ask if Engr HQs and 150 rfts have left 9 Engr Regt. Rfts left on 6 and 7 Aug, Engr HQs still there.

SUNDAY (a) Conference with DDL and IX Corps reps.
(b) G 2 C.W. 2 Dist wants rfts for Smoke Coys.
(c) 46 BSD want to collect 263,000 lbs of flour from Italian Depot tomorrow. Find out that this is possible and inform them so.
(d) Visit 22 CRASC.
(e) Tell IX Corps to remove HQs 561 and 387 Regts from MINERVINO also that 408 Inf Regt must be reinfourced.

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(e) Inform Air Forces Sub Commission ACC BARI that MMIA has authorised to them release of 2000 prs boots for the Italian Air Force.
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(b) Speak to Maj PAPINEAU, NAPLES office ref the shipment of 84 tons of meat and dvrs for POLIGNANO.

THURSDAY (a) NAPLES office informs me that 300 dvr rfts for 1006 and 1007 G.T.Coys are coming over in tpt being collected on West Coast by 1006 G.T. Coy.

(b) Visit three barracks in BARI with O.C. 66 Pioneer Gp. Find men in disgusting surroundings and quite large amounts of clothing in regimental clothing stores. IX Corps informed - they are going to write stinking letters to the offenders.

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(c) Chase IX Corps ref my previous request for a car for Lieut FIORI, Sigs L.O. at HQ 2 District.

(d) Visited by American offr from 21 Aviation Regt.

(e) Col SHIPLEY rings and says 10,000 prs trousers for CCRR are urgently wanted in ROME.

(f) Lieut FIORI, Sigs L.O. with 2 District wants Sulphuric acid for SMRE Sigs Bn. Speak to A.C.C. who say will send me necessary forms on which request must be made.

(g) NAPLES office informs me that rits for 1006 are leaving tomorrow. I inform ST 2 District.

(h) S.T. Distwo tell me 1200 Ind Amb Pl. must move from [illegible] BRINDISI to BARI.

(i) Speak to Col NOAKES ref additional 20 lire per day for Smoke Coys, 500 prs of repaired boots in 402 Regt stores and the employment of food depot HQ at ANCONA.

FRIDAY (a) Capt FOX asks where are personnel employed on barrage balloons shown on the state.

(b) GSD 2 Dist say 185 NEMBO Bn vehs cannot do a long journey by road - speak to IX Corps ask them to do all that is possible to have them repaired by 29 Aug.

SATURDAY (a) Visit IX Corps and Commissariat.

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Maj G.S.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area.
28.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.15.

(a) Move of Delegazione 'A' back from S.GINESIO to CHIETI.

(b) Departure of 209 Artieri Coy from VASTO to BARI. Departure of 447 Bn Bersaglieri from S.SALVO to MINERVINO. Departure of 2 and 3 coys I Bn, 541 Regt from VASTO to MINERVINO.

(c) Discussion with General di Stefanis re. medical matters and future moves.

(d) Visit to Alpini rft Bn at AQUILA. Average very young. Unit keen and active.

(e) Nil to report.

(f) Transport for units, e.g. move of animals and M.T. material.
Investigation of incidents at CHIETI and AQUILA. A separate security report submitted.
Contact with 151 Sub Area. Discussion with Comdr of Italian units in his area.
Report submitted on 'sbandati' camp at TERMOLI.
Enquiry re. rations of CIL rft Bns and Delegazione.
Various police reports. Report re. legality of Ital: conserving WD rations for taking on leave.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
Strong complaints on poorness of M.T. maintenance.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209 Div: and 60 Sub Area.

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Capt

Subject:-No.13 Weekly Liaison Log for period 14 Aug 44 to 20 Aug 44.

Master

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,ACC.,
Military H.Q.,CALABRIA,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

22 Aug 44.

Ref:-G.7/29.

To:-Army Sub Commission,(M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A.C.C.,
B O M B.

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MONDAY, 14 AUG 44.

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2. Arrangements for last shipments of timber hutting for 15 U.S.A.A.F. made by GENTLE.

TUESDAY, 15 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON discussed with Capt.HARRIS, requisition of sheep and goats for French Army.

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON met General CORONATI to discuss speeding up

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WEDNESDAY, I6 AUG 44.

I. NEWTON met General COROTATI to discuss speeding up departure of Units still remaining for Allied Programme.

2. GENTLE arranged for road job to be carried out at CAPO SPARTIVENTO.

THURSDAY, I7 AUG 44.

I. Capt.NEWING, 2 i/c., 274 Works Section, R.E., CROTONE, discussed with NEWTON points about Italian transport and Forestry Coy.

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FRIDAY, 18 AUG 44.

I. NEWTON inspected Units of 417 Regiment at SOVERIA MANNELLI.

SATURDAY, 19 AUG 44.

I. NEWTON went to CROTONE to visit 274 Works Section, R.E.

NEWTON went to ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO to discuss departure of 30 R. & R., R.A.F., and the disposal of the Italian soldiers at present employed.

SUNDAY, 20 AUG 44.

I. NEWTON instructed to bring Detachment to ROME. Informed General CORONATI.

2. GENTLE - general arrangements prior to closing down at CATANZARO.

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 14 - 20 Aug 44.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
MM/115

22 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H Q A C C ROME.

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2. Departures.

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The position in brief is :-

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(d) The det. of 48 Regt.,and 1 & 2 Coys of 3 Bn. 515 Regt. are now being omitted from the regrouping and left with 13 Corps.

(e) 3 & 5 Coys. of 514 Inf. Regt., now scattered on Malaria Control, plus 1 Coy. of 1 Bn. 541 Inf. Regt. working on railways u/c AAI, are now being considered to make up the missing 159 - 160 Coys. of 2 Bn. 405 Regt.

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5. Visits.

To SIENA re Ragg. Amiata.
To Gen. Tomaselli on general matters.
To HQ 39 Gp. PC and to Lt-Col. DEAN at ASSISI on labour reorganisation.
By CLARK to HQ 10 Corps, 55 Area, ASSISI Railhead, 541 Regt. HQ, 3 & 25 Artieri Coys and 315 Fld. Bakery.
By O'DONNELL to Gen. PROPERZI and to HQ 410 Lab. Regt.
From Maj. DEAR of ~~7th~~ 658 Art. Wks. Coy. re pay of ~~917~~ 918 Lav. Art. Coy.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

20 August 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Twenty Three, 13-19 August 44.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), APO 394.

1. Sunday, 13 August

a. Captain Cerutti leaves detachment on permanent transfer.

b. Lieut McCrea leaves on completion of duty.

c. Colonel Simmons to see Colonel Castellani regarding disposal of animals at Cristano.

d. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
208	Balance 2nd Regt Granatieri Div	10	250	10.0
108A	9th Co Movimento Stradale	15	209	0.5
106A	Drivers for 1006 G.T. Company	5	130	
	Friuli Division Personnel		4	
		30	593	10.5

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2. Monday, 14 August

a. Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects 1st Bn 340th Regt and 1st Bn 140th Regt ex Bari Division.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
106A	Balance of drivers for 1006 G.T. Co.	5	150	
108B	Muleteers	6	500	
234	Part of 2nd Bn 340th Regt ex Bari Div	14	440	
208	Balance 2nd Regt Granatieri Div	1	21	
	Material and escort Friuli Div		10	
	Casuals		53	
		26	1174	32

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3. Tuesday, 15 August

a. Colonel Simmons to Comando Militare della Sardegna for discussion re units in Sardinia with General Matteoli.

b. Major General L. Browning, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., arrived on visit to Sardinia.

c. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
215	Balance 2nd Bn 340th Regt ex Bari	10	334	
	Hq & 1 Coy 1st Bn 140th Regt ex Bari Division	11	244	
	Casuals	5	16	
		26	594	—

4. Wednesday, 16 August

a. General Brunetti to see General Browning.

b. Major General Browning to Sassari with Captain Cheytor, Major Egerton and Lieut Colonel Costantino. Met by Lieut Colonel Kessner. Visit to VII Corps Headquarters to meet senior officers of Calabria Division.

5. Thursday, 17 August

a. Major General Browning and party to Macomer. Inspection of instructors selected from Cremona Division for course on mainland.

Visit to Nuoro. Demonstration by 90th Company Guastatori. Inspection of 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry Regiment Cremona Division.

6. Friday, 18 August

a. Major General Browning meets Regimental Commanders and Commander of Division Artillery Cremona Division, presented by General Primieri. 7802

Party leaves for Cagliari.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
215	Balance 1st Battalion 140th Regt ex Bari Division	15	532	10
	Casuals	15	60	
		30	592	10

7. Saturday, 19 August

a. Major General Browning leaves for H.Q. MMIA.

b. Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects Instructors of Cremona Division, and four batteries of Artillery ex Bari Division.

c. Major Martin from DS Rome to duty.

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d. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202	4 Companies (Cristano, Milis, Oslori, Sanluri)	12	840	12
202	Sorso Company	3	210	3
183	Instructors ex Cremona Div	12	47	
	Escort for Medical supplies	1	30	41
	Casuals	5	25	
		33	1152	56

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
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H.Q. I. L. L.O.,
Rear H. Qrs Corps.
20 Aug 44.

Liaison Off's No 15.

A. Arrivals.

(1) 115 and 116 Coys of 2 Bn 401 I.P.L Regt have arrived in ARCONA to work with 57 Fwd Sp.

(11) 247 Fd Hosp has arrived in OSIMO from TAVOLI.

B. Movements.

HQ 410 I.P.L Regt from ARCONA to F LORETA.

C. Visits.

To 410 and 413 I.P.L Regts. Troops at the present are reasonably clad, though the fact that each man has only one shirt makes things unpleasant for them at night when the day's work is over. The coys are spread over a wide area, which renders it very difficult for the O.C's to maintain contact owing to their transport position, the A.T on establishment of Regt and Bn HQs not yet being available. 413 Regt has an incidence of 80% malaria caught in SARDINIA.

D. W.e.f 21 Aug this branch will close down. I have been recalled to join Lt-Col HORLEMY at Army.

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O'Donnell.
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. A.C.C.

MMIA.LO4.
60 Sub Area
20.8.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log.No. 15.

(a) Move of Main H.Q. 209 Div: from CHIETI to OSIMO.
Move of Delegazione 'A' from CHIETI to S.GINESIO.

(b) Arrival at SAN SALVO of 9 coy/III/409 Regt with 835 Engr Av Bn (American). Arrival of one train of 'congedati'.

(c) Discussion with DDPL re. substitution of 447 Bers: Btg and two coys of I/541 by civilians for their work. Discussion with Sub Area re. employment of 503 Guard Btg. Movement of detachments.

(d) Inspection of Mountain School, SEPINO. Administration and rft problems settled. Visit to 5 coy/120 Regt. Discipline and saluting good.

(e) Nothing to report, apa rt from slowness in fulfilling clothing indents.

(f) Complaint to Delegazione 'A' re. inefficient use of Allied ambulance transport between CHIETI & SAN VITO. Problems arising from Allied vehicles allotted to Italian units.

Various police reports, mainly to do with vehicles.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area, Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div:
Enquiry re. slow fulfillment of indents for medical supplies for CIL.
Future move of Vice C/do, 209 Div:, discussed.

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J.A. Bourne Capt.

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(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
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No.629 20 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.15
2. Weekly Location Report No.10
3. Weekly S & T Report No.6

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 19 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.15, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.10, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.6, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

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d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

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Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.15 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.10 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.6

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ACC Sicily Region Hq.
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No.529

20 Aug 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.15 FOR WEEK ENDING 19 AUG 1944.

S Sunday 13 Aug Office work. Major Fossett arranged for movement of 305 S.S. Bn - liaison with Movements & Military Hq. of Sicily. One half day off.

M Monday 14 Aug Major Fossett inspected departure of 305 S.S. Bn, who cleared Palermo by rail 1100 hrs to under Command Eight Army. The movement to train and loading was carried out efficiently. Capt Craig took over files from Maj Thrupp at Catania and contacted various branches of 36 Area advising them where to contact MMLA LO at Sicily.

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(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.588 6 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.13
2. Weekly Location Report No.8
3. Weekly S & T Report No.4

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 5 August 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.13, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.8, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No. 4, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

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Encl: 1. Weekly LN Log No.13 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.8 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.4.

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(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% AOC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 374

No.388

8 Aug 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No.13 for week Ending 5 Aug 1944.

a Sunday 30 July Office work, ½ day off.

b Monday 31 July. Office work. Major Fossett went by rail to Catania.

c Tuesday 1 Aug. Major Fossett conferred with representative Italian Navy at Messina re Italian Navy drawing rations in bulk from Italian Army at Catania and Palermo and distributing same to their own units. Palermo bulk depot to serve Navy at Palermo and Trapani; Catania bulk depot to serve Messina and Augusta. This plan to go into effect 9 - 24 August period. Major Fossett also visited Messina Distributing Depot and found it in poor condition (See S & T In Offr Weekly Report No.4 enclosed herewith).

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g Saturday 7 Aug Conferred with an investigator from 5th Area re the shooting of an Italian officer alleged by an American soldier. The officer later died. Shore Patrol N.O.B. had already started an investigation. A full report will be made of the incident in the Monthly Intel Report to follow.

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Capt. Craig had conference with representatives of Military Hq of Sicily and ACC Region I and arranged for ACC to return to Italians 19 Captured Italian ambulances - 5 serviceable, 9 need heavy repairs and 5 are just junk. This office was in accord with ACC's desire to obtain 4 captured Italian ambulances upon which ACC had expended considerable in converting into carrying vehicles. In exchange ACC will turn over to the Italians some unserviceable vehicles that may be used for spare parts.

LESTER K ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject:-No. 1 Weekly Liaison Log for period 7 AUG 44 to 13 AUG 44.

H.Q., Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Ponte Grande-CATANZARO.

14 Aug 44.

Ref:-C.7/28.

To:-Army Sub Commission,(M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A. C. C.,
R O M E.

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3. GENTLE discussed with local officer of Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, A.C.C., various points concerning bridges on East coast road REGGIO - CATANZARO MARINA - CROTONE.

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WEDNESDAY, 9 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON talked with Major HOLLAND, O.C., 274 Works Section, R.E. (for points, see Visits from Allied Officers).

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THURSDAY, 10 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON discussed Drivers Course with Major TORCHIO, O.C., 66 Autogruppo Pesante. (see General Remarks).

2. GENTLE inspected L. of C. CATANZARO to REGGIO. Visited Italian engineer stores at REGGIO.

FRIDAY, 11 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON discussed Train Guard with Nov. & Tn., REGGIO.

2. GENTLE returned to CATANZARO.

SATURDAY, 12 AUG 44.

1. NEWTON visited Americans at VILLAGGIO MANCUSO.

SUNDAY, 13 AUG 44.

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2. Sgt.BRAY arrived from TARANTO to take P.U.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 7 AUG 44 to 13 AUG 44.

No Units left CALABRIA on Allied Programme.

3. Visits by Allied Officers.

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(b) The section of M.T. detached from 65 Autogruppo for work with the Works Section.

(c) The general situation of transport, tyres and spare parts in CALABRIA.

(ii) ON SUNDAY, 14 AUG 44, Sgt. BRAY arrived from M.M.I.A. H.Q., ROME to collect the P.U. at present on charge to this detachment. He will leave in its place a Dodge.

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4. General Remarks.

(a) Reinforcements.

On August 6th. 50 Medical personnel left CATANZARO SALA for the Military hospital, MESSINA.

(b) Course of Instruction for Drivers.

Major TORCHIO, O.C.,66 Autogruppo Pesante, approached me early in the week and pointed out that the allocation of petrol per head for trainees was inadequate to ensure their efficiency at the end of the course. At present, he is allowed 50 litres per man and this does not give them much driving time. (My G.2/ of 8 Aug 44 and your ST.285 of 9 Aug 44 refer).

(c) Boots and Clothing.

There are still [illegible] in CALABRIA dressed completely in civilian clothes. (See my G.4/74 of 9 Aug 44). 4792

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To Army Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A. ACC.

MHIA.LO.
c/o 60 Sub Area.
13.8.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.14.

(a) Move of remaining half of 209 Artieri Coy from TERMOLI to VASTO. Move of Posto Distribuzione Viveri from TERMOLI to to ORTONA. Move of 247 Ospedaletto da campo from TERMOLI to GIULIANOVA.

(b) Arrival of two trainloads of 'congedati' for this area and further north. A few had to have destination changed because in army area.

(c) Nil

(d) Nil, vehicle still in workshops.

(e) Nil

(f) Increasing difficulties of transport.for 209 Div: Request submitted for allotment of eight more M.T. vehicles.to maintain essential services.
Medical section at 50 General Hospital, VASTO, closed down and transferred to CHIETI.
Maggiore Giammirola, Italian L.O. to Sub Area, posted back as instructed to BARI.
Proposal to move 5 coy/120 Regt from CAMPOBASSO as that town being militarily closed down.
Control of ORTONA railhead for CIL supplies.
Investigation into poor Itakian maintenance of allotted M.T. vehicles.
Passes, permits, and chits for POL.
Various police reports, mainly traffic offences.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 60 Sub Area, Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.

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Capt.
Liaison Officer.

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Report N° 12

M.M.I.A. L.C.
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: MF 87
15 Aug 44

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M.M.I.A.
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 21 8 44

HQ M.M.I.A.

Week SUNDAY 6 Aug to SATURDAY 12 Aug.

SUNDAY (a) Inform MMIA of number of trainees required for next course at driving school starting 13 Aug.
(b) Warn MMIA LC 60 Sub Area that ry wagon with cups is arriving.

MONDAY (a) 918 Lav Art Coy indent chased.
(b) Visited by O.C. FRANCAVILLA driving school. 60 pupils ready by 15 July. 120 have arrived from CALABRIA boots in poor condition. Sjt for Admin has been assigned. No veh yet. Wants another NCO and typewriter.
(c) Visit 922 Docks operating Coy to try and stem desertion with pep talk.
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(M M I A)
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
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14 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
HQ A C C ROME.

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212	"	"	MONTE FIASCONE
HQ. 1&2 Coys. 514 Regt.		to	AREZZO

4. Visits.

To Rear 13 Corps to establish contact. Discussed outstanding problems, mainly "Q", and explained new policy for liaison and clothing.

To 121 FMC, in connection with employment and clothing of det; 48 Inf. Regt. and Guard Coy of 1/336, and loan of M/T.

To 1001 GT Coy. re clothing and loan of M/T.

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4. Visits (Cont.)

To Main 13 Corps. Briefed Maj. WRIGHAM (G.11. "I") on correct SD procedure for reconstituting and reinforcing "F" Recce Sqd, now badly under strength; also explaining policy on patriots.

To 961 Cam. Pln. and 1 Coy. 88 Artieri. Routine inspection, all satisfactory bar clothing, and British employers well pleased with their work.

To I F A HQ, CORTONA. Gen. Tomaselli was away in ROME, but I met his new Chief of Staff, Lt-Col. MORRICA.
Inspected the clothing depot, admirably installed in a secure,solid building under Capt. CLARK'S direction. The first two lorry loads of clothing from NAPLES had arrived and were being checked and sorted. The storemen knew their job and seemed delighted to have a businesslike show to run.

By Capt. HERBERT. To Prov. Commi. SIENA, to HQ 3 Bn. 409 and 1 Bn. 336 on routine liaison.

By Capt. CLARK. To HQ 86 Area, to Rear HQ 10 Corps and to 13 Bn. FERROVIERI on routine liaison.

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7. Clothing.

From NAPLES (2 lorries).

The first convoy brought up some 1500 prs of boots and 1700 prs of trousers.

Subsequent convoys will be larger, as I have been able to negotiate certain loans of M/T from British employing units in

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7. Clothing (Cont.)

return for a bribe of immediate issues of clothing.

So far, issues of boots and trousers to the limit of the arrivals have been authorised, with priority to drivers, muleteers engineers and guards, on a basis of approximately 50% of strength.

Labour troops will be provided for out of the later arrivals, phased to keep pace with the formation of the new I P L Coys and the reinforcement of the old.

Your recent allotment of 7,000 pairs of socks is very much appreciated.

As regards the repair-shop, Gen. Tomaselli will have few, if any demands for material to make on the Ministry of War, as he has found sufficient to start with locally from a factory which had an unfilled contract with the Fascist Republican Forces and is glad to find a new customer.

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A.M.I.L.O,
Hdqrs HQ Polcorps.
13 Aug 44.

Weekly Liaison Log No 14.

A. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) 410 I.P. Regt has arrived at ANCONA to work with SOUTH AFRICAN Fly Engineers.
(ii) 413 Arty Regt has also come to ANCONA to work with S.A.F.E.

B. Visits.

Visited O.C 410 I.P.Regt, O.C 1 Bn and one of the British Pioneer Liaison Officers attached.

The HQ and two coys of 1 Bn moved from area TERNI to ANCONA approximately a fortnight ago. No notification of the move reached either this branch or HQ 209 Division, and the unit was found only by chance.

410 and 413 Regts are both on the new scale of rations effective from 1 Aug. The troops are employed on the railway running South from ANCONA. This being a No 1 priority task, troops work an average of 11 hours per day, and the Italian authorities here state that the ration is not enough for troops engaged on such heavy work?. I am informed by Q Branch, HQ 61 Area that they have written AAI asking for authority to put these troops back on the Combat Scale, as has already been done in the case of troops under command EIGHTH ARMY and Polcorps.

A considerable number of these men belong to the older age groups that are due to be demobilised. This has an adverse effect on their morale.

I am informed that the British transport released to 410 Regt when it was known as 522 Regt - release authority Main EIGHTH ARMY signal 8D3110 dated 27 Mar - was retained by the British officer i/c transit camp at MINERVINO DI PUGLIE. The Regt HQ has now no

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British transport, nor have the Ay H.Q.'s, though the coys have one 15cwt and one motorcycle.

G O Dunnell,
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

13 August 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Twenty Two - 6 Aug - 12 Aug 44.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), APO 394.

1. Sunday, 6 August
a. No change in personnel of Sardinian Detachment, Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

2. Monday, 7 August
a. Major Martin inspects 9th Company Movimento Stradale.
b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
206	1 Regiment Granatieri less one Battalion	50	850
	Casuals	10	90
		60	940

3. Tuesday, 8 August
a. Captain Benatti left on completion of visit.
b. Following troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
206	Remainder of 1st Regt Granatieri	17	489
	Casuals	20	100
		37	589

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4. Wednesday, 9 August
a. Normal duties.

5. Thursday, 10 August
a. Major Martin DS to Rome.

6. Friday, 11 August
a. Captain Cerutti inspects 316, 317, 318, 319 Bakery Sections.
b. Colonel Simmons from DS Headquarters MMIA to duty.

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7. Saturday, 12 August

a. Captain Cerutti inspects Mallotear Battalion and 20th Mobile Pigeon Loft.

b. Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna re future garrison and troops for mainland. Present were Colonel Simmons, Major Egerton, Captain Cerutti, General Brunetti, General Matteoli, Colonel Castellani, Lieut Colonel Costantino.

c. Major Hall in re vehicles.

d. Conference re animals. Present were Major Egerton, Lieut Mo Crea, Major Cremonesi.

e. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
208	2nd Battalion Grenatieri Div	21	458	10
	Civilian labourers		130	
	Comando Tappa	2	10	
		23	598	10

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Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Army Sub Commission ACC
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% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 384

No.606

15 Aug 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.14 FOR WEEK ENDING 12 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 6 Aug Office work. One half day off.

b Monday 7 Aug Col Albert attended conference held by G3O (2) 5S Area re guards required from the Sebauma Div for Palermo area. Capt Craig held a conference at which the C.O. British Tps and the Engineer Officer Military Hq of Sicily were represented. Purpose of conference was to set up a program and establish channels for the requisitioning of property required by Allied Forces. Major Fossett supervised completion of transfer of canned spread from ACC stocks to Italian Army Bulk Depot at Palermo.

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10 Saturday 12 Aug Capt Craig travelled to Messina to investigate possibilities of finding suitable space for Bulk Depot. Major Fossett conferred with the Director Commissariato re reorganization of Commissariato in Sicily.

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Major C E,
for Lt Col L O Sicily

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

6 August 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Twenty One.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), APO 394.

1. Pursuant to provision of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 44, weekly liaison log for week ending 5 August 44 is submitted:

a. Sunday, 30 July

(1) No change in personnel of Army Sub Commission Detachment in Sardinia.

(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Hq Co 2nd Bn 580th Regt 204th Div	8	47	3
202A	5th Co 2nd Bn 580th Regiment	5	215	1
202A	6th Co 2nd Bn 580th Regiment	5	213	1
202A	7th Co 2nd Bn 580th Regiment	5	215	1
	Friuli Division Equipment	1	9	15
	Casuals	10	57	
		34	756	21

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b. Monday, 31 July

(1) Conference regarding forage. Present were Major Egerton, Lieut McCrea, Colonel Capello. Present numbers of animals being foraged from Allied sources was discussed, and future numbers. System of basing demands for rations was discussed.

(2) Conference regarding Italian troops working in Allied interests. Following present: Colonel Simmons, Lieut Colonel Clarke, Colonel Todini, Lieut Colonel Costantino, Lieut Colonel de Giudice. August 5 fixed as date for provisional Division to be organized.

(3) Major Roumage reported to Colonel Simmons regarding lack of water supply in Cagliari and consumption of water by Italian troops stationed in the town.

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(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Balance 4th Co 1st Bn 580th Regt	3	102	
202A	8th Co 2nd Bn 580th Regiment	1	212	.7
176	Hq 510 Bn T.M.	6	96	5.0
176	1st Co 510 Battalion T.M.	4	129	1.6
	Friuli Div Materials		8	3.0
	Casuals	6	55	
		23	602	10.3

c. Tuesday, 1 August

(1) Major Hall to Abbasanta, Nuoro, etc. to examine vehicles.

(2) Lieut Colonel Hodziemko DS to inspect Calabria Division.

(3) Captain Cerutti inspects 203rd Division Headquarters Mess at Sinnai.

(4) Colonel Simons conference with Regional Commissioner Region VI regarding animals.

(5) Colonel Simons conference with General Brunetti at Commando Militare della Sardegna regarding reduction of consumption of water, and future internal security measures for Sardinia.

(6) Lieut Colonel Rosaner from DS Rome to duty.

(7) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Hq & Hq Co 530th Inf Regt 204th Div	12	67	5.0
202A	Hq 1st Battalion 530th Regiment	10	81	3.2
202A	1st Co 1st Bn 530th Regiment	6	198	0.6
202A	2nd Co 1st Bn 530th Regiment	5	185	0.9
202A	3rd Co 1st Bn 530th Regiment	5	195	0.7
	Materials of Friuli Division	4	20	15.
176	2nd Co 510 Battalion T.M.	4	120	1.6
176	3rd Co 510 Battalion T.M.	4	133	1.7
176	4th Co 510 Battalion T.M.	4	127	1.6
	Casuals	5	20	
		59	1146	30.3

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d. Wednesday, 2 August

(1) General Cavallerin in to see Colonel Simons regarding:

(a) Italian Air Force personnel for shipment to mainland.

(b) Water shortage. Reduction of consumption.

(2) Conference at Headquarters Region VI Allied Control Commission regarding rationing of Royal Finance Guards.

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(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
	4th Co 1st Bn 530 Inf Regt 204 Div	5	194	0.5
105A	Hq & Hq Co 2nd Bn 530th Regiment	9	93	2.9
105A	5th Co 2nd Bn 530th Regiment	5	193	0.7
105A	6th Co 2nd Bn 530th Regiment	5	199	1.0
105A	7th Co 2nd Bn 530th Regiment	5	195	0.3
105A	8th Co 2nd Bn 530th Regiment	4	195	0.3
	Friuli Division Materials	8	30	25.0
	Casuals	30	130	
	2 automatic electric vulcanizers and 1 generator for S.I.M.		2	
		71	1231	30.7

c. Thursday, 3 August

(1) Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna; Colonel Simmons and Chief of Staff, C.M.S.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kemmer DS to Sassari.

(3) Major Martin inspects 546th Artillery Regiment of 204th Division.

(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202	Hq & Hq 204th Division	31	204	22.5
179	Hq Section 546th Artillery Regt	8	70	4.0
179	1st Group 546th Arty Regt 204 Div	14	430	4.0
179	Part of 2nd Gp 546th Arty Regt	4	156	1.0
	Casuals	13	70	
		70	930	31.5

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f. Friday, 4 August

(1) Lieut Colonel Kemmer from DS Sassari.

(2) Colonel Simmons and Major Egerton to see Lieut Colonel Lisi (Ispettorato Ippico e Veterinario) regarding animals at the Remonte Remount Center.

(3) Major Martin inspects Italian Air Force personnel.

(4) Captain Benatti and Major Parone arrived Sardinia for purpose of investigating boot and clothing repair facilities.

(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202	204th Division Headquarters		12	8.
179	Part of 2nd Group 546th Arty Regt	8	240	2.5
185	Italian Air Force personnel		300	
	Casuals	10	50	
		18	602	10.5

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e. Saturday, 5 August

(1) Colonel Simmons DS to Rome, MMIA (Main).
(2) Major Martin inspects Replacement Drivers.
(3) Major Martin and Major Egerton inspect 1st and 2nd Regiments Granatieri Division at Iglesias.
(4) Lieut Colonel Robisonko from DS to duty.
(5) Lieut Colonel Kenaner, conference with Colonel Todini re organization of 205th Division.
(6) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
179	Balance of 2nd Gp 546th Arty Regt	5	77	
179	3rd Gp 546th Arty Regt 204th Div	15	447	3.2
179	4th Gp 546th Artillery Regiment	17	466	3.1
179	Hq Section 546th Arty Regiment		1	
179	1st Gp 546th Artillery Regiment		2	1.5
202	319th Auto Tpt Sec 204th Division	4	14	
	Material Friuli Division		12	23.0
	Casuals	26	120	
202	Headquarters 204th Division		2	
		67	1135	30.8

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 31 Jul - 6 Aug 44.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(A M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

9 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission, AMMIA
HQ ACC ROME.

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2. Departures - N I L.

3. Movements of Units.

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215 "	"	"
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	"	" "
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4. Visits.

To Rome, by air, 1 Aug 44.

To 86 Area twice re clothing of Guard Coys. of 1/336 Inf. Regt., and to lay on signal and DR facilities between there and Rear Army HQ, for use by CLARK when established at I F A HQ.

To 46 Pnr. Gp. re clothing and G 1098 stores for Italian Lab. Coys.

To Rear HQ 10 Corps, re recall of HERBERT to Army HQ, to explain new liaison set up and procedure, and discuss all outstanding matters, in particular clothing and reinforcements.

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4. Visits. (Contd.)

Corps made a great song and dance over releasing HERBERT, but after a good dinner finally consented under strong protest, since amplified in writing to Army HQ, who have so far not reacted, as far as I know.

5. Conferences.

With C of S EIGHTH ARMY re wireless equipment and M/T for C I L.

With Brig. BASTYAN, A/Q EIGHTH ARMY, re activities and procedure of Patriot Volunteer Commission.

With AMG re permit&facilities for Lt-Col. ROMERI, Italian Air Force Registration Commission.

With Brig. GILLMAN, DDST EIGHTH ARMY, re disposal of 544 Serv. Coy., and Muleteer reinforcements.

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Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY moved to near MONTERIGGIONI, Rte 2, NORTH of SIENA, on 5 Aug 44.

Capt. HERBERT took up residence at Rear Army HQ 6 Aug 44.

Copy enclosed of " PIAVE ", the weekly newspaper for Italians in EIGHTH ARMY . The tone of this sheet is becoming considerably lighter and more popular in appeal, and it gives Gen. Tomaselli a not too obvious vehicle for security doctrine and moral building.

FIFTH ARMY are now discharging Italian soldiers and sending them to their homes in EIGHTH ARMY operational areas. These unfortunate men are of course arrested and turned back.

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7. General (Contd.)

Any information available on the " Raggruppamento Amiata " would be welcome.

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Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
& ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.503

7 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports - Weekly In. Log No.13

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Ref our No.503 dated 6 Aug '44. Add following to Par 1 a of Weekly In Log No.13:

"3rd Bn 45 Inf Regt (Sabauda Div) moved from Acireale to Syracuse".

LESTER P ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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To Army Sub Commission.
M.M.I.A. ACC.

MMIA.10.
60 Sub Area
6.8.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 13.

(a) Move of Centro Riordinamento Volontari from VICO VALENTIA to CH. TOTI. Move of half 209 Artieri coy from TERMOLI to VASTO.

(b) Arrival at PESCARA of 164 coy Artieri di Arresto and 562 coy Sentrellatori Mino. Arrival of 303 Sec: of 820 comp: Telegrafisti at VASTO. Arrival of 1005 G.T. Coy to replace 1003 G.T.Coy.

(c) Nil.

(d) Nil. Vehicle still in w/shops.

(e) Two units arrived at Pescara from Sardinia. 562 comp: recently refitted with clothing;164 comp: had 150 ORs without any boots and most uniforms unserviceable. Can such units be fitted out before getting up here.

(f) Request for an 'infermeria da campo' for ambulance rollhead at San Vito.
Attention to complaint of neglected admin: of Italian unit attached Mountain Warfare School.
Area liaison offr Magg: Giacondola attached from Delegazione to Comando Presidio, Chieti.
Arrival of 300 congedati from Pesi at Termoli without warning. A few deferred because destination in area. 4774
Action to get vehicles back from 210 Regt now moved out of area.
Control of Ortona milliard for POL supplies.
Order of Battle for M.M.
Allocation of vehicles consequent on dissolution of 306 Autoreparto Pesante.
Incident at Chieti between Carabinieri and Arditi It.
Other miscellaneous police reports.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of Area and Delegazione 'A' and 209 Division.

J.H.Bourne
Capt.

SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report N° 11

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District
CMF
Ref: MF 87
7 Aug 44

HQ M.M.I.A.

Owing to unforseen circumstances a report was not rendered last week. This week's report will therefore cover the period 25 Jul to 5 Aug.

SUNDAY (a) Arrange final details of movement of med. stores, sigs stores and NAAFI for CIL.
(b) I Special Force requests extra clothing for NEMBO. Verbal authy received from MMIA to issue.
(c) Det. 903 It Gd Bn 360 all ranks moves BITETTO to VASTO.

MONDAY (a) Ministry of War informs IX Corps 7 Rd Mov En to be moved. 6 BSA kick like hell.
(b) ST 2 Dist make enquiries ref specialists for 1004 and 1005 G.T. Coys.
(c) Visit 9 MT Regt.

TUESDAY (a) 5 W/T operators collected by "A" Force.
(b) 5 Corps Liaison det. draw clothing.
(c) 185 NEMBO draw clothing.
(d) See Labour 2 Dist ref recrg Labour.

WEDNESDAY (a) Visited by Maj HOLLAND 274 Works Sec. RE. 51 Corps vehs off rd for lack of tyres. He wants 40 - 750 x 20 and 40 - 1100 x 24 tyres and tubes as a first urgent consignment. Authy from Maj PINKLEY to issue.
(b) See Labour 2 Dist ref recrg.
(c) Tn 2 Dist say deserters up to 60 from TARANTO Docks Operating Coy.
(d) MMIA delegates this office with authority to issue required clothing to labour units being reorganized in 2 Dist.
(e) 100 prs Italian repaired boots issued to CCRR going forward.
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THURSDAY (a) 200 Engr rfts move to 8 Army.
(b) Visited by Maj KIRKWOOD Vaud R 2 Dist and Col DUVIA C.O. Italian Remount Sta. The closing of the Sta discussed and the transfer to the mule camp of 100 trained personnel.
(c) BOURNE rings ref 1003 G.T. Coy clothing instr.
(d) Col ORCHARD DADH 2 Dist wants sample of STERIDROLA.
(e) Wagon loading at TRANI with Sigs stores for CIL leaves tonight.

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(b) Warn BOURNE wagon arriving with Sigs Stores.

SATURDAY (a) 509 Smoke arrives MINERVINO.
(b) Visit 913 Lav Art Coy TRANI.
(c) Visit 9 MT Regt tyre depot with Maj ROSE.
(d) Order IX Corps to send 120 rfts ex LECCE to four Docks Operating Coys as rfts no longer available from FRIULI.
(e) Released 1500 prs Boots to 18 Gp P.C.

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SUNDAY (a) Visit I Sub Depot 500 AOD and COO 500 AOD with Maj ROSE. Tyre situation discussed.

MONDAY (a) 508 Smoke leaves MINERVINO for MANFREDONIA.
(b) One bty 65/17 200 all ranks moves MASSAFRA to ORTONA.
(c) 545 Italian Service Coy moves LECCE to LITTORIA.
(d) Visit Line Training School at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA with Major FLEMING.

TUESDAY (a) HQ 1 Bn and 4 Coys 417 Regt 240 offrs 847 OR move TRIGGIANO to CASORIA.
(b) BOURNE enquires if any sbandati are required for MINERVINO.
(c) "Q" 2 District want fuel pump and atomiser testing machine.
(d) Visited by offr from MINERVINO.
(e) Conference in DDL's office - Col SICARDI, Col MUCCIACCIARO, Col DELL'AGLIO present. Reorg of regts discussed. Italians told to form all possible Coys on paper excl congedarti by Sunday.
(f) PELSENI wants rail tpt for med sups for CIL.
(g) Ind and Comm. Sub Comm have 10 tons Caustic Soda for ITI.
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(d) Warn Tn Docks Op Coys clothing indents finnally approved.

(e) Col FELSANI says 3 Ambs leaving for NAPLES on Tuesday.

(f) BOURNE says Italian tps coming up from the South with insufficient rations. Tell him to advise HQ so that Min of War can emanate orders to prevent this in future.

(g) NAPLES office wants N°s of ry wags tpting olive oil.

(h) Tell NAPLES 1003 G.T. Coy now over there, therefore clothing issue to be made from their side.

C.F. Murcell.

(C.F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

30 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Twenty.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), APO 394.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 44, weekly liaison log for week ending 29 July is submitted:

a. Sunday, 23 July
(1) No change in strength of Sardinian Detachment, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

b. Monday, 24 July
(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner and Major Martin inspect 580th Infantry Regiment.
(2) Captain Cerutti conference with Lieut Colonel Alecci, Commissariat, re depot rationalisation and decrease in depot personnel.
(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/CR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	1st Company 1st Bn 549th Regiment	6	219	1.2
202A	2nd Company 1st Bn 549th Regiment	5	235	2.0
	Carabinieri	1	105	
	Friuli Div Material and Escort	3	13	7.0
84	Casuals	10	23	
	Totals	25	595	10.2

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c. Tuesday, 25 July
(1) Conference re decrease of depot personnel. Present were Colonel Simmons, Captain Cerutti and Colonel Capello.

d. Wednesday, 26 July
(1) Inspection of Carabinieri Company mess at Cagliari by Captain Cerutti.

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(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Hq & Hq Co 2nd Bn 549th Regiment	10	80	2.0
202A	5th Co 2nd Bn 549th Regiment	7	232	1.0
202A	6th Co 2nd Bn 549th Regiment	6	234	1.0
202A	7th Co 2nd Bn 549th Regiment	7	233	1.0
202A	8th Co 2nd Bn 549th Regiment	7	233	1.0
202A	Balance 4th Co 1st Bn 549th Regt	1	29	
	Friuli Material and Escort	9	42	23.0
84	Casuals	20	50	
	Totals	67	1133	29.0

e. Thursday, 27 July

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner DS to Rome.

f. Friday, 28 July

(1) Major Egerton from DS to duty.

(2) Following Italian troops to mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Hq & Hq Co 580th Regt (20th Div)	17	84	8.32
202A	Hq 1st Bn 580th Regiment	10	50	2.0
202A	1st Co 1st Bn 580th Regiment	4	201	1.0
	Complement of Nembo Division	6	97	
	Headquarters VII C.A.	1	1	
84	Casuals	20	70	
		58	503	11.32

g. Saturday, 29 July

(1) Conference at Commando Militare della Sardegna re Internal Security for Sardinia. Present were Colonel Simmons, Captain Cerutti, General Brunetti. Points discussed included amendments to security plan due to reduction of personnel and transfer of troops.

General Brunetti to submit proposals within a few days.

(2) Captain Cerutti inspects rations to be disposed at 7th Base, Cagliari.

(3) Major Hall arrived Sardinia for selection of vehicles. 4770

(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
202A	Balance 1st Co 1st Bn 580th Regt		31	
202A	2nd Co 1st Bn 580th Regiment	4	219	1.0
202A	3rd Co 1st Bn 580th Regiment	4	213	1.5
202A	Part of 4th Co 1st Bn 580th Regt	3	110	1.0
	Material Friuli Div and Escort	1	5	7.0
84	Casuals	5	30	
		17	608	10.5

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U.S.I.A L.O, 6/21
Rear HQ Caserta.
6 Jan 44.

Weekly Liaison Log Nº 13.

A. Arrivals. NIL.

B. Movements.

The Quartiers Generals of 209 Div has moved into the billets found for them in Udine. Main body will move acc this during this week, delay in movement being due to the fact that Gen FRUSCI is acting as chief of Delegation A in the absence of Gen DI STEFANIS.

C. Visits.

Visited 367 Bn Bof E.E, to check up on 2 Coy 20 Bn Artiri. This coy is in need of boots and clothing, since they have received very little since early winter. This had a bad effect on morale, coupled with the proposed reduction in rations (the predecessor of this last has been relieved by Italian troops). The coy is being used - rather more intelligently than usual - on work of an engineer nature on bridges. This in itself is a good thing for the morale of an engineer unit, and I believe that if they receive the clothing needed - and already requested from SACC - it will be a good unit.

D. Miscellaneous.

It is proposed by 209 Div to transfer 247 Hosp from UDINE to UDINE at some time in the future. The building of the military hospital in UDINE is intact and judicious lying on the part of an Italian medical officer kept the medical stores from being pillaged by the enemy. 521 Hosp would stay at UDINE for the time being until it can could be moved up.

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G. Donnell.
Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/fnc
2 August 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 4.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Comm., A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with G/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 22 July 1944.

a. Movement of Italian Units.

See Weekly Status Report of Italian units forwarded weekly under separate cover. Situation has been so mobile that practically all units move weekly.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

None.

c. Conferences.

(1) With Prince Umberto, Hq 110th Division and Italian LO's.

(2) With G-4 & QM all of Fifth Army and Major George Sauers of A.C.C.

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d. Inspections.

None.

e. Mistakes or events.

(1) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section

(2) Transportation for the Italians is still deficient.

(3) Italian Rations: No complaints received within the past week, except on cigarette and olive oil from the Italian components. The single ration goes into effect tomorrow as directed by your Headquarters.

(4) Captured Italian Material. The complete detail has not yet arrived, with the exception of Capt. Alessandro d'Alessandri, who is still working with Major Leo Krisly of the Captured Enemy Material Section.

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(5) Uniforms and Equipment: Situation is improving.

(6) Replacements as directed by Colonel Kerr, have made arrangements for a Reception Center at Caserma 8 Reg. Genio, Via Nomentana S. Agnese, Roma and as soon as a substantial number have been equipped and are ready to move to this area and I am notified, I'll call Fifth Army transportation, which will move them to Hq. 210th Division.

(7) General Interest. It is my opinion that Fifth Army is making more and more use of the Italian troops in this area.

ROLLA C. VAN KIRK
Major, Infantry
MMIA - LO
Fifth Army

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

23 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Nineteen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC, APO 394.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 44, weekly liaison log for week ending 22 July is submitted:

a. Sunday, 16 July
(1) No change in personnel Army Sub Commission, Sardinian Detachment.
(2) Usual routine duties.

b. Monday, 17 July
(1) Lieut Colonel R. A. Long, Local Recources Board, and Major Sir B. Broughton, Bart. (MASC) in re forego question.
(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
Headquarters 35th Arty Regt (Friuli Division)	13	125	12 tons
2nd Bn 35th Artillery Regt	16	176	
3rd Bn 35th Artillery Regt	14	160	
Complement Paratroopers (Nembo Division)	2	55	
Casuals	1	50	
	46	574	12 tons

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c. Tuesday, 18 July
(1) Colonel Simmons from DS to duty.
(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner DS to Sassari.
(3) Conference re disposal of animals; Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna was present.
(4) Lieut Colonel Rodsimko from DS to duty.
(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
	4th Group 35th Arty Regiment	17	225	5 tons
	68th 20mm Battery	3	49	1 ton
128	Hq. 436th Regiment	10	38	2 tons
128	One Company (less 1 platoon) 436th Regiment	5	132	
	12th Flame Throwing Company	2	97	1½ tons
	Complement Paratroopers (Nembo)	2	16	
84	Casuals		24	13 tons
		39	581	22½ tons

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d. Wednesday, 19 July

(1) Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna regarding disposal of over-age animals. Present were Colonel Simmons, Italian Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, Major Egerton, Captain Corutti, Lieut McCrea.

(2) Major Martin inspects Officina Mobile Fontieri.

(3) Lieut Colonel Kenner from IG to duty.

(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
128	1st Battalion 416th Regiment	29	987	22 tons
	Fourtion Company 226 Division	9	142	
	Interpreters for [redacted]	22		
	Material of 26th Medical Section (Friuli Division)	1	10	12 tons
	Staff car 387th Regiment (Friuli Div)		1	½ ton
84	Casuals		7	
		61	1147	34½ tons

e. Thursday, 20 July

(1) Major Martin inspects Third Garrison Company.

(2) Lieut Colonel Rodeluico DS to continue inspection of Bari Division.

(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

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SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
175	Third Garrison Company	6	308	5 tons
128	416th Regiment Personnel	2	100	
	Reinforcements Nembo Division		12	
202 A	Headquarters 204th Division	4	6	
202 A	Headquarters 549th Regiment (204 Div)	6	36	3½ tons
	Transfers to Italy and Sicily	30	90	
	Personnel on leave	5	14	
		53	567	8½ tons

f. Friday, 21 July

(1) Major Egerton DS to Headquarters Army Sub Commission, Rome.

(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
202 A	Remainder of 549th Infantry Regt	6	34	
202 A	Hq & Hq Company 1st Bn, 549 Regt	17	76	3.1 tons
202 A	3rd Company 1st Bn, 549 Inf Regt	5	216	1.2 tons
202 A	4th Company 1st Bn, 549 Inf Regt	5	196	1 ton
84	Casuals	15	50	
		48	572	5.3 tons

g. Saturday, 22 July

(1) Usual routine duties.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

Subject:-No.IC Weekly Liaison Log for period 24 JULY 44 to 30 JULY 44.

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L.O.,Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

31 July 44.

Ref:-C.7/24.

To:-Army Sub Commission, (M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A. C. C.,
R O M E.

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1. GENTLE discussed with Signal officer of Comando Genio telephone and telegraph circuits used by Allied Military Authorities in CALABRIA.

TUESDAY, 25 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON and GENTLE attended military tribunal for trial of two Italian officers responsible for transport working for I4 FORESTRY COY., N.Z.E.

2. GENTLE settled claims for irregular requisition of engineer materials.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 44.

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WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON discussed transport for Olive Oil with Supply and Transport Officers, A.C.C., Region VII.

2. GENTLE settled claims for irregular requisition of engineer materials.

THURSDAY, 27 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON attended Military tribunal.

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FRIDAY, 28 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON held further discussions re transport for Olive Oil.

2. GENTLE discussed with local representative of Public Works Sub Commission, A.C.C., transport and engineer stores.

SATURDAY, 29 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON - Sick.

2. GENTLE discussed unexploded bombs and minefields in CALABRIA with Public Safety Officer, A.C.C., Region VII.

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SUNDAY, 30 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON - Sick.

2. GENTLE arranged with Supply officer, A.C.C., Region VII., supply of civilian rations for personnel in military convalescent hospital at S. CRISTINA l'ASPROMONTE.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 24 JULY 44 to 30 JULY 44.

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1051 C.	27 July 44.	509 Smoke Coy.	5	281	5	281	

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3. Visits by Allied Officers.

Transport Officer from R.E. WORKS SECTION, which is taking over from I4 FORESTRY COY., N.Z.E., visited this H.Q. on 29 JULY to discuss various points regarding Italian transport and personnel engaged on timber work.

4. General Remarks.

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Transport.

I8 vehicles, (I2 of which are effective), which were working for A.C.C., Region VII., distributing supplies for civilian population, have been withdrawn and will work for Lt.TONKS, transporting Olive Oil for Italian Army.

General transport situation is still very difficult. Military H.Q., CALABRIA is unable to supply sufficient transport to GENIO CIVILE for road and bridge works on Military L. of C. in CALABRIA. (see my Q8/143 of I6 JULY 44 to H.Q., 2 District, copy to you) and as a result this work, which should be completed during the present dry season, is being seriously delayed.

Capt.,R.E.,
R.E., L.C.,Military H.Q.,CALABRIA.

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4. General Remarks.

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AMIA LO:
Rear HQ Poloeppe.
30 Jul 44.

Weekly Liaison Log N° 12.

A. Arrivals.

(i) 209 Div Engineer HQ moved from VASTO to ROSETO (LR 00253).

(ii) Det 1051 Tk Bn moved from TORINO Sta to LR 372275 372075.

B. Visits.

Went to see 209 Div HQ at CHIETI to find out what steps the General was taking in view of the continuing bad state of boots and clothing among tps under his command, particularly since his original indent of 15 Mar was only partly met, and there has been considerable deterioration in clothing since that date. Incidentally, the almost total lack of bootrepairing facilities results in boots becoming u/s long before they should. Gen PROPERZI informed me that in the course of a visit to ROME in the early part of the week he had given to Col QUERCIA a pro-memoria setting out the situation, with a copy of the original indent, a statement of what had actually been received and a new indent for the division's present requirements. He had also asked for soap (the division's old source at CAMPOBASSO has now dried up), razor blades etc. He viewed with alarm a new ration scale to be put into effect on 1 Aug and was afraid of the effect on troops who had been on Scale A and were continuing at the same work on the new scale.

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C. Miscellaneous.

(i) C.O British Centre, 21 Pack Gp informs me that men congedati under the various Ministry of War decrees have had to be sent away in uniform owing to the fact that none of them had any other clothes, and that replacements have been arriving badly equipped.

(ii) The total lack of any Welfare organisation for Italian troops causes adverse criticism of the Italian higher authorities among troops working with British units.

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(111) ( )am informed by an officer of O.I.b that there is a rumour circulating among Italian troops at the front that according to the terms of the Armistice, Italy will be under Allied military control for five years, and that furthermore, Germany will be occupied for a period of ninety years.

GO Donnell.
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

Army Sub Commission.
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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
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50 Sub Area
30.7.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.12.

(a) Move of C/do Genio,209 Div:, to XXXXXX. Move of CRRSA from FOGGIA to CHIETI. ROBETO.

(b) Departure of 501 Gd Bn. Arrival of 2 and 4 coys, 503 Gd Bn, at VASTO.

(c) Conference with ADMG re evacuation of Italian Military. Decided to evacuate from SAN VITO to VASTO, and then south. Italian section at 50 General Hosp: therefore kept at VASTO.

(d) Nil.

(e) Arrival at VASTO of 563 Gd Bn in extremely poor clothing condition. 18 without any boots and nearly a hundred in sandals and wooden clogs. Can such units be fitted out at BARI before arriving up here.

(f) SAN LORENZO dump cleared all but three truck loads.
Arrangements for Italian troops to draw from own sources and not British Dibs.
Tyres obtained from Area DADE for Italian Military vehs.
Liaison in transfer and repair of Italian Military vehs.
Magiore GIANNINOS, Area liaison officer, sent to CHIETI.
Arrangements for 'licenza' owing to change of rear army boundary.
Passes, permits and POL arrangements.
Police reports, mainly traffic offences.
Suggested move of Italian 'Assistenza' from PESCOLI to ORTONA to facilitate distribution.
General liaison and enquiries on behalf of 209 Div and Delegazione 'A'.
Control of 'congedati'

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H.H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

Subject:-No.9 Weekly Liaison Log for period 17 JULY 44 to 23 JULY 44.

L.C.,Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Ponte Grande-CATANZARO.

24 July 44.

Ref:-G.7/23.

To:-Army Sub Commission, (M.M.I.A.).,
H.Q., A.C.C.,
R O M E.

1. The following is the daily log for the period 17 JULY 44 to 23 JULY 44:-

MONDAY, 17 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON discussed transport with Supply Officer, A.C.C.

TUESDAY, 18 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON met General CORONATI to talk about discharge of 1913 Class.

GENTLE inspected bridges in CATANZARO MARINA area.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON met Region VII Legal Officer to discuss forthcoming trial of two Italian officers charged with stealing petrol.

2. GENTLE dealt with hutting programme for 15 AIR FORCE.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY 44.

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WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON met Region V11 Legal Officer to discuss forthcoming trial of two Italian officers charged with stealing petrol.

2. GENTLE dealt with hutting programme for 15 AIR FORCE.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON discussed Fascist tendencies in civil personnel of Comando Genio with R.S.O., Region V11.

2. GENTLE visited CROTONE. Discussed timber with 14 Forestry Coy., N.Z.E., and rail transport for timber hutting for 15 Air Force with Movements.

FRIDAY, 21 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON visited Commissariato to prepare them for arrival of Lt.TONKS.

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FRIDAY, 21 JULY 44 (cont'd).

2. GENTLE settled claims for irregular requisition of engineer stores.

SATURDAY, 22 JULY 44.

1. Lt.TONKS arrived.

2. NEWTON discussed Military H.Q. transport situation with General CORONATI.

3. GENTLE dealt with the settling of claims for irregular requisition of engineer stores.

SUNDAY, 23 JULY 44.

1. NEWTON went with Lt.TONKS to meet Maj or SYKES, Regional Supply Officer, Region V11., A.C.C., and two officers from Commissariato to begin oil talks.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 17 JULY to 23 JULY 44.

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105I C	20 July 44	508 Smoke Coy.	5	281	5	281	
5150	20 July 44	73 Field Battery.	2	115	2	117	

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Requisition of engineer stores.

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5150	20 July 44	73 Field Bakery.	2	115	2	117	

3. Visits by Allied Officers.

Lt.TONKS arrived on the evening of July 22 to obtain oil for Italian Army. Meetings arranged with Regional and Provincial Supplies Officers, Region V11., A.C.C., and with Officers of Commissariato.

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4. General Remarks.

1. Transport.

I had several meetings with General CORONATI and his Transport Officers to discuss the desperate state of Italian Army transport in CALABRIA. At the time of the move of H.Q's and ministries to ROME, XXX1 Corps sent 120 vehicles (plus 5 autobuses) out of CALABRIA. This serious diminution of transport (which was already in a sorry state) has had serious repercussions.

(a) Distribution of Supplies throughout CALABRIA has been notably affected.

(b) Bodies of men required to make up Units on the Allied Programme have not been able to be moved.

(c) Orders have been received by the Military H.Q. of CALABRIA to cut down personnel of Services and Depots etc. This has been considerably retarded by the absence of adequate transport.

In my signal Q.3 of 23 July 44 I have asked for the return of some of the 120 vehicles or failing that a supply of tyres to put other vehicles on the road.

(d) Military H.Q., CALABRIA have been unable to accede to requests from Region V11., A.C.C. to assist with military transport in the distribution of grain to avert a serious crisis.

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2. Discharge of 1913 Class.

This has had repercussions on Units on the Allied Programme. In the 417 Regt., for example, there are 120 of 1913 Class. If these are not to be included in the Unit when it leaves CALABRIA, a little extension of time must be given to replace these men - not a very easy task, especially in view of 1.(b) above. However, General CORONATI assures me that these adjustments will have been made in time for the scheduled departure of the Units on the Allied Programme.

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3. Smoke Companies.

With reference to the departure of the Smoke Coys. (508 and 509) from CROTONE and CATANZARO respectively; I have been asked several times by Military H.Q., CALABRIA to hasten the departure of these Units. (508 Smoke Coy. left on 20 July). The men are not allowed passes of any sort and they become completely demoralised after a long confinement in murky barracks. If an approximate date of departure could be given for the 509 Smoke Coy., a few day passes could be issued.

Capt.,
M.M.I.A., L.O., Military H.Q., CALABRIA.

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No.350

30 July 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.18 FOR WEEK ENDING 29 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 23 July. Office work and ½ day off. *

b Monday 24 July. Conferred with Cmdr Shore Patrol, Naval Opn Base, Palermo re petty disturbance between Allied personnel and Italian Army. Italians to report all incidents at once to Shore Patrol and the Shore Patrol to investigate all cases without delay. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hq of Sicily, re new single ration scale and with Italian Naval L.O. re single ration scale and setting up Naval Distributing Depots at Palermo, and at Catania or Augusta.

c Tuesday 25 July. Conferred with representative N.O.B. re evacuations at Naval Opn Base at Palermo and conferred with Col Smoak ACC re illegal paroled Italians. Col Smoak to assist in locating same and when found will be turned over to the Carabinieri Police to be returned to their unit. Capt Craig inspected 36 Mortar Bn (Sebauda Div) at Agrigento, (see S & I In Off Report No.6).

d Wednesday 26 July Office work and ½ day off. Major Fossett checked on delivery of canned meat from ACC stocks. **

e Thursday 27 July Conferred with C/S and Asst C/S Military Hq of Sicily discussing many general matters that came up during the past week. Capt Craig arranged real estate turnover between British Lt AA unit and Italians.

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f Friday 28 July Checked Italians moving canned meat from ACC warehouse, pointing out to them where they could be more efficient in using the transportation available. Major Fossett inspected warehouse where Italians desire to move the bulk and L D to, and approved same. Capt Craig departed by air for Hq MMIA Roma.

g Saturday 29 July Inspected camp ground that elements of the 4th Inf Regt (III) had left in an unsanitary condition. Same had been corrected. Major Fossett checked on deliveries of canned meat from ACC wise. The Italians continually need supervision in moving goods in an efficient manner.

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LESTER K ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

* On 25 July Hq and 1st Btry, 1st Gp, 16 Arty moved from Syracuse to Caltagirone.

** On 26 July 2nd and 3rd Btrys 1st Gp, 16 Arty moved from Syracuse to Licata.

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No.559

30 July 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.12
2. Weekly Location Report No.7
3. Weekly S & T Report No.3

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 22 July 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.12, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. } Copy G Air Mmla

b Weekly Location Report No.7, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44. } Joey

c Weekly S & T Report No.3, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O I No.2 dated 11 July 1944. } ST

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O I No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

Lester R Albert
LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Encl: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.12 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.7 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.3

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 26 - 30 Jul 44.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
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31 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission
M M I A
H Q A C C ROME.

1. Movement of Italian Units.

I F A HQ	to	CORTONA	
254 Transit Camp	"	CIVITA CASTELLANA	
		(A 7318)	
2 Bn. 514 Regt	"	" "	"
315 Fld. Hospital	"	" "	"

2. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Bakery.	Str. 50	AREZZO		u/c 86 Area
961 Cam. Pln.	" 1 & 33			u/c 13 Corps
962 Cam. Pln.	" 1 & 33			u/c 1 Cdn. Corps
544 Serv. Coy.	" 4 & 132	Transit Camp		Mixed/RPs

3. Departures.

"A" Sec. 65 Telegraphisti	to	NOCERA	u/c	A A I
"C" " " " "	"	"	"	"

4. Order of Battle.

824 Tele Coy. now redesignated 507 Italian Line Sec.

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5. Visits.

Moriarty to Rome 26/28 Jul 44.

To:- 25 Artieri Coy.. A most efficient unit, well commanded and cared for. Camp clean and orderly, cookhouse and hygiene very good.

To:- 61 Pioneer Gp HQ. Re clothing and discipline, and pending formation of 405 Lab. Regt.

From:- Herbert. Re parochial troubles of 10 Corps.

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6. Conferences.

G S I :- Re Col. di Villanova's detachment of Italian Liaison Officers and their regularisation.

A M G :- Re SMRE recruiting commissions in Army Areas.

S & T :- On new ration scale.

"Q", Mov, Pro, Lab & SD :- On various minor routine matters.

C I L Reps (GELARDI & CICOGNA) :- Re visit of recce party to FLORENCE (see App. "A" - one copy only). Agreed that final disposal of all material found is for decision of MMIA and Ministry of War.

7. Liaison with I F A HQ.

Substitution of unsatisfactory C O and N C O of 960 Cam. Pln.; and cross posting of M Cs of 514 Inf. Regt. and 315 Fld. Hospital.

Operation and control of Adv. Mob. Clothing Depot, to be established when stocks arrive.

Creation of Central Repair Shop and indents for necessary material being prepared.

Local purchase of minor items of equipment and admin necessaries. Tomaselli has funds and powers for this.

Lodging of SMRE and RA Recruiting Commissions, who arrived unannounced on 29 Jul 44, pending Army decision on their sphere of action.

Future of Regt. and Bn. HQs of 514 Inf. Regt. Tomaselli has made searching inspection and is now preparing his recommendations, which promise to be drastic.

8. General.

Gen. Tomaselli has applied to SMRE for a Vice - Commander to be appointed to him, full Colonel at least, and preferably a Brigadier; to ensure proper contact with his widely dispersed troops and assist in the admin detail which tends to keep him office bound. I have told him this proposal has the full support of MMIA, and should appreciate your aid in hastening SMRE action to this end.

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7. Liaison with I F A HQ.

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Operation and control of Adv. Mob. Clothing Depot, to be established when stocks arrive.

Creation of Central Repair Shop and indents for necessary material being prepared.

Local purchase of minor items of equipment and admin necessaries. Tomaselli has funds and powers for this.

Lodging of SMRE and RA Recruiting Commissions, who arrived unannounced on 29 Jul 44, pending Army decision on their sphere of action.

Future of Regt. and Bn. HQs of 514 Inf. Regt. Tomaselli has made searching inspection and is now preparing his recommendations, which promise to be drastic.

8. General.

Gen. Tomaselli has applied to SMRE for a Vice - Commander to be appointed to him, full Colonel at least, and preferably a Brigadier; to ensure proper contact with his widely dispersed troops and assist in the admin detail which tends to keep him office bound. I have told him this proposal has the full support of MMIA, and should appreciate your aid in hastening SMRE action to this end.

Italian soldiers from FIFTH ARMY are still entering EIGHTH ARMY area on leave, and are of course arrested and returned to their units. I have reminded our L O at FIFTH ARMY that no leave is permitted in this area.

I enclose at App. "B" (one copy only) details of tradesmen required among the R E reinforcements applied for.

Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

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By [illegible] Date 4752

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
NAPLES
APO 394 U. S. ARMY

30 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 12
(G21)

TO : Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) ROME

S/T LOG

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2. Visited Depots 594, 599 and 1270.

24 July:

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3. Supervised the transfering of medical supplies from Central Medical Depot (A) (depot 675) to Ospedale Mericola Farmacia (Italian depot).

26 July:

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1. Inspection of Depot 590, 593 and 594. Use of MMIA ST/4 forms were given to the Depot Commander, 590, for use in his depots.

2. Inspected Caserma Garibaldi, Italian Disinfectant depot. Any stores off-loaded there awaiting shipment to Sardenia must be stored in the open. The depot Commander did not know the proper proportions of water sterilisation powder and taste remover tablets to be used. Since these items contain no instructions on the containers, it is suggested that instructuons be published through Ministry of War, if not done here-to-for.

27 July:

1. Visit by Lt. Col. Percival to Naples office and conference with Majors Papineau and Smith.

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28 July:

1. Visit to depot 590. The reorganization of stores has been completed. The Depot Commander, ajor Buonomno, was commended through Lt. Col. Riso for his excellent work in the reorganization.

29 July:

1. Arrangements made with PBS to transfer U.S. rations to U.S. Army depot in Naples on Monday morning, 31 July.

ORDNANCE LOG

1. Releases have been received for Class X clothing for 5th. Army, 8th. Army, 209 Div and 212 Div. This clothing is not yet in Depot 591, and 212 Div. have already drawn direct form depot 560(an American depot) at Aversa, where Class X clothing is stored.

5th. Army's allotment is being shipped on 2nd. August.

The transfer of clothing to and from PBS has slowed down (a) because of transport difficulties and (b) what transport we have been able to get has been used for the issues mentioned above. Quantities remains as reported in Log N. 11.

2. A quantity of Class X clothing has been accepted from Salvage Officer PBS, and this is now being received at Depot 591.

It is not all suitable for issure to military and sorting is now proceeding.

Quantities and types will be reported when this has been done and items have been counted. Surpluses could be offered to ACC for civilians.

3. Other matters which have cropped up during the week have been dealt with in various letters under separate covers.

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Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission ACC

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/rnt
27 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 3.

To: General Officer Commanding, Army Sub-Comm., A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.

1. Inconformity with G/21 directive of 27 January 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 22 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units.

See Weekly Status Report of Italian units forwarded weekly under separate cover. Situation has been so mobile that practically all units move weekly.

b. Arrivals and Departures.

(1) 1022d QM Truck Co. of approximately 230 officers and men arrived at Piombino.

(2) Approximately 250 muleteer replacements have been received but exact details not yet reported.

c. Conferences.

(1) With Hq 110th Division and Italian LO's.

(2) With 9-1-9-2-9-3-9- 4 Engr. BM AMG, all of Fifth Army.

d. Inspections.

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None.

e. Mistakes or events.

(1) Strength of Italian units. Totals as reported by Italian Strength returns and by the Americans are beginning to agree reasonably well. The men in hospital, on leave, and AWOL are excessive and as a result most units are only about 50% effective.

(2) Security reports on Italian units have not been received from G-2 Counter-Intelligence Section, although requested over a month ago. They have promised them within a few days. My impression, judging from strength returns and incidents of breaches of discipline; for example, when discussing the excessive leaves granted, Capt. Medici told me that if leaves were not granted that the men would desert. My answer to that was that in our army if our men deserted in time of war they could be shot.

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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report N° 10

HQ M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.C.
c/o N° 2 District
26 July 44

Week Sunday 16 July to Saturday 22 July.

SUNDAY (a) As priced vouchers for CIL toilet goods have been sent to MMIA arrange with 500 AOD to work on a copy of them to save time - agree to destruction of originals when MMIA send them to me.

(b) Instruct C of S IX Corps to look into the clothing situation of the driving school at POLIGNANO as it appeared that 9 MT Regt was taking little interest.

(c) Tell Col FELSANI, IX Corps DMS, to take his finger out ref the repeated requests for medical sups from CIL and MINERVINO.

(d) Speak to 50 BOD ref EFI sups for CIL.

MONDAY (a) Maj REVELEY, Provincial Police Offr, ACC BARI rings up ref leave passes for Italian Military personnel. IX Corps system is NOT practicable. I agree to write a letter to IX Corps suggesting improvement.

(b) 503 Guard Bn arrives.

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(f) 922 Docks Operating Coy moves BRINDISI to BARI.
(g) 17 Offrs 270 Ors rfts for CIL move LATIANO to LEBBA.
(h) HQ 1 Bn 410 moves BARLETTA to CIVITA CASTELLANA.
(i) 204 Mista Genio Coy and 387 Regt arrive MINERVINO.

THURSDAY (a) Visit 9 Engr Regt TRANI to inspect 919 Lav Art Coy. Not able to do this owing to fact all personnel given two days rest after typhoid injection. Sort out outstanding clothing indents and arrange to visit coy in two days time.
(b) 506 Smoke Coy moves MANFREDONIA to TORRE ANNUNZIATA.
(c) 508 Smoke Coy arrives MINERVINO.

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FRIDAY (a) Make arrangements for mov by rail to CIL of Medical stores, toilet goods and sigs stores.

(b) Capt BOURNE rings to say that Italian Liaison office to 60 Sub Area has arrived but there is no longer a job for him. He tries to fix them up with Delegazione "A".

(c) Hold Conference in my office ref Congedati - those present: Lab 2 Dist, Tn 2 Distr, "G" 2 Dist, 64 Pi Gp, 6 BSA, IX Corps, Col SICCARDI.

(d) 2 Bty 1 Gp 404 Arty Regt 5 Offrs 195 Oks move BRINDISI to AFRICENA.

(e) 40 Italian OKs for 55 Field Bakery move BARI to ORTONA.

SATURDAY (a) 919 Lav. Art Coy inspected. Clothing reaches them late evening.

(b) Sta Master TRANI contacted ref mov by rail of Sigs stores to CIL.

(c) 217, 218 IPL Coys move MINERVINO to TARANTO.

(d) 961, 962 Cam Pls move TRANI to VAIRANO.

D. Murcell.

Signed (C. F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

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MMIA L.O.
Rear HQ POLCORPS
23 Jul 44.

Weekly Liaison Log — No 11

A. Movements

(i) 5 Coy Arbing to move 5 kms SOUTH of ANCONA under command POLCORPS.

(ii) (Impending) Main 209 Div from CHIETI to area OSIMO (S 5833)

B Arrivals Departures NIL

C Visits

Visited Tac HQ NEM30 Div and spoke with 2 i/c and Chief of Staff in absence of Gen MORIGI. They were satisfied with the Progress of operations, although enemy resistance was continuing to be stiff and armoured support would be a help. Casualties have been fairly heavy and ambulances were inadequate - owing to terrain, it is contemplated, will have to be converted to take stretcher cases. I gathered that they are looking forward hopefully to coming under command a British Corps This hope is not confined entirely to Italian units

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Go Donnell.
Capt
Liaison Officer

Army Sit Commission
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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY
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25 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
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3 Bn. 514 Regt. (ex 2/582)	"	ASSISI
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13 Rly. Con. Bn.	"	CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO.

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G (SD) re provision of M T.
"Q" re clothing, move of transit camp and location of I F A HQ.
Lab. re clothing, maintenance of M T in I P L Coys and formation of 405 Lab. Regt.
A D H re Regtl M O, general health and hygiene of 514 Regt.
S&T re new ration scale.
A M G re M T for Carabinieri.

5. Visits

To 1 District, courtesy call on G O C, and general discussion

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5. Arrivals (contd.)

on future requirements.

To 39 Gp PC on general labour matters.

To HQ 86 Area, on reception of I F A HQ, 315 Fld. Bakery and general matters.

To 1 R C E on minor Admin troubles of 13 Italian Rly Constr. Bn.

6. General

(a) Liaison with Gen. Tomaselli this week has suffered from our HQ being separated by 3 to 4 hours road travel. Only two meetings occured. I F A HQ will open near to us, at CORTONA, on 25 Jul 44.

(b) I propose to come to ROME on 26 Jul 44, remaining all 27 Jul 44 for conferences with all branches interested.

Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main HQ.M.M.I.A.

MMIA.LO.
c/o 60 Sub Area
23.7.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.II.

(a) Move of 5 coy Artieri to PORTO RECANATI. Move of I63 coy Artieri to PORTO S GIORGIO. Move of I52 coy Artieri to PINETO, with detachments at ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI and SILVI. Move of 28 Btg Arty H.Q. to GIULIANOVA. Move of 2 coy/28 Btg to PORTO CIVITANOVA.

(b) Arrival of sma-ll rft parties for CIL, routed on to CHIETI.

(c) Discussion with General PROPERZI reference rfts and 4IO Regt. Practica-lly nothing at CERSA, FOGGIA, as most had been dispersed to depots. Rfts to be taken from the 6,000 men to be sent to CHIETI from the ROME area.

(d) Truck off the road awaiting new engine.

(e) Some confusion pending definite establishment of I Dis:

(f) Investigation at CHIETI of incident involving armed Ital: soldiers and Indian captain. Report submitted criticising conduct of the enquiry by 2 Brigade.
Enquiries re. personnel exempted from call up.
POL, passes, permits.
Police reports.
Arrival of 2 offrs and 4 men to form liaison office with 60 Sub Area. One offr retained, Area no need for others.
A report to MMIA being submitted.
Arrangements for clearing the Amn dump at S LORENZO, VASTO
Compluint by 50 General Hospital that Italian doctor in charge of Italian wing is incompetent. Report sent to Delegazione 'A' and DADMS.
Advice and information to Area and British units concerning Italian troops in the area.

J.H. Bourne Capt.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.521 23 July 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.11
2. Weekly Location Report No.6
3. Weekly S & T Report No.2

MMIA	G.
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	26/7/44

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 22 July 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.11, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. — G.

b Weekly Location Report No.6, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44. — AG (A)

c Weekly S & T Report No.2, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch OI No. 2 dated 11 July 1944. — ST

d L.O. with Italian Port Det Report, Ref your S & T Branch O.I. No.3 of 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily. — ST

Lester R Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encl: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.11 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.6 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.2

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(AMMIA) L.O. Sicily
% ACC Sicily Region Hq.
APO 394

No.521

23 July 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.11 FOR WEEK ENDING 22 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 16 July. Office work, one half day off.

b Monday 17 July. Major Fossett checked strength return of Hq. Guardia Finanza at Palermo, found to be correct. Captain Craig straightened out a misunderstanding between U.S. Navy and Military Hq of Sicily re transfer of some real estate.

c Tuesday 18 July. Contacted M.C. Naval Operating Base re medical service for Italian Ps W attached to Navy. Due to shortage of Italian Medical personnel the Navy will give them medical service, at least until the Italians receive sufficient personnel to take the work over.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
NAPLES
APO 394 U.S.ARMY

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23 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 11
(C/21)

TO : Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
Headquarters ACC
Rome

ST LOG

16 July:

1. Conference with Lt. Col. Riso, Direzione Commissariato with reference to reports required on substanct received from UGS - 45

17 July:

1. Conference with Lt. Col. Riso. Col. Riso stated that he had only four (4) days supply of olive oil on hand and requested a substitute, if olive oil was not available, Col. Riso advised that convoy UGS - 45 diverted, and it is anticipated that three (3) ships will be off-loaded at Naples. Unable to advise date. Arrangements were made for Analyst Commission for 18 July at Depots 590 and 593.

2. On request from Major Papineau a specimen and specification of Conserva di Pomodora, used by Italian Army, were given to Lt. Col. Wheatcroft, AFHQ Local Resources. Col. Wheatcroft interested in proguring tomato paste for the Italian Navy. Arrangements made for conference with Lt. Cols. Wheatcroft and Riso on 18 July.

18 July:

1. Analyst Commission convened at Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 593.

2. Conference with Lt. Col. Wheatcroft and Riso with reference to general situation or production and availability of local resources. Lt. Col. Wheatcroft advised to contact FABRIGUERRA, 18 Via Verdi, Naples, for more detailed and statistical information.

3. Inspected Aversa distribution dipot. Capt. Robert Perazzo (I) officer in charge. The depot needs considerable improvement in cleanliness and accounting procedure. Details of inspection in separate ST weekly report.

19 July:

1. Final meeting of Analyst Commission at Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 593.

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1. Conference with Lt. Col. Riso, Direzione Commissariato with reference to reports required on substance received from UGS - 45

17 July:

1. Conference with Lt. Col. Riso. Col. Riso stated that he had only four (4) days supply of olive oil on hand and requested a substitute, if olive oil was not available. Col. Riso advised that convoy UGS - 45 diverted, and it is anticipated that three (3) ships will be off-loaded at Naples. Unable to advise date. Arrangements were made for Analyst Commission for 18 July at Depots 590 and 593.

2. On request from Major Papineau a specimen and specification of Conserva di Pomodora, used by Italian Army, were given to Lt. Col. Wheatcroft, AFHQ Local Resources. Col. Wheatcroft interested in procuring tomato paste for the Italian Navy. Arrangements made for conference with Lt. Cols. Wheatcroft and Riso on 18 July.

18 July:

1. Analyst Commission convened at Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 593.

2. Conference with Lt. Col. Wheatcroft and Riso with reference to general situation or production and availability of local resources. Lt. Col. Wheatcroft advised to contact FABRIGUERRA, 18 Via Verdi, Naples, for more detailed and statistical information.

3. Inspected Aversa distribution dipot. Capt. Robert Perazzo (I) officer in charge. The depot needs considerable improvement in cleanliness and accounting procedure. Details of inspection in separate ST weekly report.

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20 July:

1. Discrepancy report concerning UGS - 45 compiled and mailed to Major Warren.

2. Lt. Col. Riso advised that olive oil not available at present. An NMTA officer has been sent to Calabria to buy some and will advise when available. No substitutes from Allied Stocks available.

3. Report on tatal amount of subsistence from UGS-45 made, revealed, excepting flour, that at this date approximately 50% received, in comparison with manifest figures.

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21 July:

1. Discrepancy report figures shown to Maj. Hamson, PBS Transportation Section. Suggested matter be taken up with G-4 PBS. Conference held with Lt. Col. Forbes, Ass't. G-4, and he in turn referred mt to Col. Bare, his assistant, Both agreed that to cover ITI manifest shortages was a matter of policy and would have to be so directed by SOS NATOUSA. Contact was then made with Maj. Sampson, of QM office, SOS NATOUSA and he presented the problem to his QM General. The General informed Maj. Sampson that this same thing had been thrashed out last spring, between General Hamblen and PBS and it was decided at that time that PBS would be held responsible for seeing that the ITI cargo was delivered according to manifest figures. If the cargo was notdelivered in its entirety, the shortages would be made up from United States stocks. A further discussion will be held with Lt. Col. Foster, Actg. G-4 PBS and Lt. Col. Forbes, either Sunday, 23 July, or Monday , 24 July.

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17 July:

1. Basso reported difficulty in obtaining vehs. from Astrone camp.

2. 1 Bn. 513 Labor Regt. left Afragola for Minervino.

18 July:

1. Cruiser Pompeo Magno arrived with units of FRIULI Div.

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19 July:

1. Cruiser Scipione arrived.

2. Visited Basso re forming M.T. column for Iserna.

20 July:

1. Cruiser Duca degli Akruzzi arrived.

2. 581 Inf Regt. and 204 Mista Genio left Afragola for Minervino.

21 July:

1. Visited PBS re M.T. for Iserna convoy. Also visited Italian Hq. PBS and 226 Div. Hq. to collect all vehs. possible. Arranged with O/C Italian Hq. PBS for loan of officer and NCO to be in charge of column. Visited Astroni camp in search of vehs. Arranged movement order and formed convoy of 22 trucks - all that were available.

2. Cruiser Pompeo arrived.

22 July:

1. Gave last instructions for convoy to move and collect CIL rfts from Afragola.

2. Cruiser Scipione arrived.

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Jackets, HBT	3900	Socks, wool, light	12431
Drawers, ctn.	47200	Suits, HBT	600
Undershirts, ctn.	67100	Trousers, HBT	6300
Handkerchiefs	2400	Undershirts, ctn.	33600
		Towels, huck	1920
		Drawers, ctn.	7200
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123 via Roma
Room 20 - fifth floor
Telephone No. - 53898(Ordnance & Troop Mov. secs.)
Other telephones available:- 53878(Chief Clerk); 53622(Senior LO & Ex. Off.), 53623(S&T section).

3. Reference N 105. DADOS LR&P stands for "Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services - Local Purchase and Productions".

4. Contact has been made with a British clothing repair factory whose O.C. informs us that he is repairing clothing for the Italian Army.
Capt. Benatti and Major Perone are at present in Bari, but on their return a visit will be paid to this factory and a further report sent. It is understood that this factory functions quite separately from that of 557 A.O.D.

5. A start has been made on stock taking and sheets will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission ACC

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16 July 1944.

No.439

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.10 FOR WEEK ENDING 16 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 9 July Office work AM, ½ day off. The 330th BCom fm Bty (Sebeuds Div) closed at HAGUSA, moving by rail from AGRIGENTO.

b Monday 10 July Conference with Signal Officer ACC re material for XII Italian Corps to build high frequency circuit between Palermo and Corleone - XII Corps to submit list of requirements. Major Fossett returned from Hq MAIA by air.

c Tuesday 11 July Checked plans with XII Corps re distribution of food arriving from Taranto to Sicily by rail.

d ~~xxx~~ Wednesday 12 July Moved office to 2nd floor (British 1st floor), 3 Via Bari. Phone Palermo 10089 ext 46. Conference with M.O. XII Corps re Medical personnel for Italian P.W. No. 7600, recently turned over to XII Corps. Medical personnel to operate the hospital is urgently required - see our Ltr No.12870 of 12 July.

e Thursday 13 July Office work and ½ day off. Major Fossett conferred with ACC re availability of canned meat from ACC stocks in Sicily. Capt Craig arranged meeting between XII Corps and US Navy re transfer to Italians of Caproni Aircraft Works.

f Friday 14 July Office work. Major Fossett inspected bulk and distributing depots at Palermo, found to be in good condition.

g Saturday 15 July Conference with M.O. XII Corps re release of PW medical personnel from hospital No.7600 - request came too late as the personnel were "all marked for operation and were being sent from Palermo this date.

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Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

9 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Seventeen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq, Lequile.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 44, weekly liaison log for weeking ending 8 June is submitted:

a. Sunday, 2 July
(1) Captain Cerutti from DS Naples to duty.
(2) Lieut Colonel Rodzianko to DS Iglesias to inspect Granatieri Division.

b. Monday, 3 July
(1) Major Egerton DS to Bonorva and Oristano.
(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner DS to Nuoro.
(3) Major Martin inspects 491st Field Hospital and 164th Engineer Company.
(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFF	EM
136	504th Guard Battalion		
	Bn Hq	4	24
	1st Company	5	171
	2nd Company	5	171
	3rd Company	6	170

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c. Tuesday, 4 July
(1) Major Egerton from DS to duty.
(2) Inspections: Major Martin, 1053 and 1054 QM Truck Battalions and Sea Panettieri.
(3) Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff re move of troops to mainland.

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(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
124 A	Internal Security Personnel (Friuli)	5	200
136	4th Company 504th Guard Battalion	4	213
134	1st Company 503rd Guard Battalion	3	180
	Italian personnel on leave from 36th Infantry Division, U.S.A.		22
		14	615

d. Wednesday, 5 July

(1) Major Parith inspects 511 T.P. Battalion.

(2) Captain Carutti inspects 1st Battalion 416th Labor Regiment.

(3) Colonel Simons conference with Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna re movement of troops to mainland.

(4) Conference with Regional Commissioner re unserviceable animals for disposal to farmers. Present were Brigadier Carr, Colonel Simsons, Major Egerton, and Lieut Nelson.

(5) Lieut Colonel Kosmer from IG Enore.

(6) Following Italian unit departs for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT
123	1st Battalion 413 Regt	34	1260	20 tons

e. Thursday, 6 July

(1) Colonel Simsons conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna re movement of troops to mainland.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kalyanko from DS Iglesias.

(3) Lieut Colonel Kosmer inspects Artill replacements for C.I.L. and 571st Infantry Regiment.

(4) Major Egerton inspects 13th Engineer Company and 1st Battalion 570th Regiment 226 Division.

(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
134	503rd Guard Battalion		
	2nd Company	5	201
	3rd Company	5	201
	4th Company	5	201
		15	603

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f. Friday, 7 July

(1) Major Egerton and Major Martin inspect the 2nd Battalion 571st Regiment and 2nd Battalion 561st Regiment of 226 Div.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kosmer inspects 2nd Battalion 570th Regiment, 226 Machine Gun Battalion, and 552 Artillery Regiment of 226 Division.

(3) Captain Carutti inspects 8th and 13th Chemical Companies.

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(4) Lieut Colonel Rodzianko DS to continue inspection of Grenadier Division.

(5) Major Gray from duty to extended detached service.

(6) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/CR
SD AAI	Addtl replacements for CIL	5	145
114 D	Drivers		95
120	Air Force Technical Personnel	1	295
152	315 CM Bakery Section	1	12
04	Casuals		36
		7	593

C. Saturday, 8 July

(1) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	PERSONNEL
	Headquarters 226 Division	300
	570th Infantry Regiment	2100
	571st Infantry Regiment	2100
	581st Infantry Regiment	2100
	552 Artillery Regiment	1118
	226th Machine Gun Battalion	685
	204th Mixed Engineers	127
	226th CM Section	23
	226th Medical Section	19
	580th Motor Transport	93
	R.A.F. Personnel	340
107	13th Stoppage Engineer Company	232
108	16hth Stoppage Engineer Co	207
114 B	1053rd CM Truck Company	533
114 C	1054th CM Truck Company	514
152	315th Bakery Section	6
		10,535

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

Subject:-No.8 Weekly Liaison Log for period 10 JULY to 16 JULY 44.

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L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
Military H.Q., CALABRIA,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

17 July 44.

Ref:-G.7/22.

To:-Army Sub Commission,A.C.C.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
R O M E.

1. The following is the daily log for the period 10 JULY 44 to 16 JULY 44:-

MONDAY, 10 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON visited 2 Traffic Control Sections at NICASTRO and inspected them with General CORONATI.

(2) GENTLE settled claims for irregular requisition of engineer material.

Tuesday, 11 JULY 44.

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Discussed new Security line with Regional P.S.O.

(2) GENTLE discussed practice bomb site for 15 Air Force with D.A.D. Claims and Hirings, CC.RR, Comando Genio.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 44.

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THURSDAY, 13 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON met General CORONATI to discuss situation of personnel over establishment in Depots.

(2) GENTLE discussed transport for Genio Civile with Military H.Q., CALABRIA.

FRIDAY, 14 JULY 44.

(1) GENTLE discussed progress of hutting for 15 Air Force.

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SATURDAY, 15 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON inspected 508 Smoke Coy. at CROTONE.

Discussed exemptions for Italian soldiers with 14 Forestry Coy., N.Z.E.

(2) GENTLE held conference with local representative Public Works Sub Commission, A.C.C., re M.T. and engineer stores situation.

SUNDAY, 16 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON discussed with Region V11. the powers of Requisition and Exemption recently given to General CORONATI in respect of road transport.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 10 JULY 44 to 16 JULY 44.

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Inspection Reports follow for:-

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(a) 503 Smoke Coy., CROTONE.
(b) 509 Smoke Coy., CATANZARO.
(c) 73 Sq. Pannettieri, COSENZA.
(d) 2 Sections Road Control, NICASTRO.

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4. VISITS by ALLIED OFFICERS.

(1) F/O. NAPIER, O.C., 30 R. & R., ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO, came to CATANZARO to discuss the Italian soldiers who work on the aerodrome.

(2) Lt.COOK, N.Z.E., 14 Forestry Coy.,N.Z.E., arrived from CROTONE to ask for transport replacements.

(3) Lt.DAVEY, S.T.O., CROTONE, came to requisition a car.

5. GENERAL REMARKS.

The officer responsible for the preparation of the 508 and 509 Smoke Companies made repeated requests for the early departure of these units. The men are restless and impatient - and a reserve of 10% is kept standing by which could well be used for other units on the Allied Programme.

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M.M.I.A. L.O., Military H.Q. CALABRIA

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MMIA L.O.
Rear HQ FORCE
16 Jul 44.

Weekly liaison log N° 10.

A Movements.

2 Coy 28 Arty Bn has moved to PORTO CIVITA NOVA (S 7713), under 567 Army Tps Coy. R.E (1210 & H.Q Tps)

B Arrivals

(i) 3 Coy 28 Arty arrived GIULIANOVA (B9761) under 1210 G.H.Q Tps.

(ii) 5 Arty Coy PORTO S. ELPIDIO (S 8008), and 163 Arty Coy P. S. GIORGIO (X 8398), both o/c FORCE ORPS

(iii) 71 Bn Beaufighters arrived CHIETI SCALO for C.I.L

C Visits

Visited 250 Park Coy (C.I.L), and 4 Sqn 75/13 with D.A.D V & R.S. FORCE ORPS. Men were cheerful and seemed capable. Number M arrived sick list seemed considerable, the many days accord-ing to DADVRS, to first that males with cysts are not immediately evacuated for treatment, but are kept until wounds are serious. Parcels Mail and to ~~BEF~~ O's C. Complaint that 250 Coy was keeping all heavy armaments for own use and sending light arms to Artillery. Arranged with Staff Veterinary Officer 5 Corps that check would be maintained to ensure that only suitable animals are sent to artillery.

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C Movements

(i) 3 Coy 28 Anti-tk armed GIULIANOVA (3976) under 1210 G.H.Q Tps

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C Visits

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D Miscellaneous

(i) Note that Light American saddles are not suitable for Tps who have a lot of marching. Suggest that in future British saddles, if available, be sent to combat Tps.

(ii) Tps dissatisfied with continued issue of "V's". C.I.L Staff support that action would improve if they were all withdrawn & issue of Mules expedited.

G O Donnell, Capt

Army Sub Coy (Movements)

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Col Pursley

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

DCV/mja
10 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 2.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission, A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 8 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded.

This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly or at least every two weeks.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

None.

c. Conferences:

(1) With Hq 110th Division, Major Mind and Italian L.O's.

(2) With Lt. Col. Hampton Noakes and Majors Pinkley, Dobbs, MMIA officers.

(3) With G-2, G-4, Engineer, AMG, Quartermaster, Transportation, all of Fifth Army.

d. Inspections:

Was up to Piombino with one of the G-4 officers, 7 July, and made an inspection of the 67th Regiment less 2 companies. A report on this inspection will go forward separately.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

16 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Eighteen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 44, weekly liaison log for week ending 15 July is submitted:

a. Sunday, 9 July

(1) No change in personnel Army Sub Commission, Sardinian Detachment.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner to DS Sassari.

(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
128	2nd Bn, 416th Labor Regiment	34	1265
84	Casuals		11
		34	1276

b. Monday, 10 July

(1) Captain Cerutti to inspect vehicle situation at Abbasanta.

(2) Colonel Simmons conference with General Magli at Comando Militare della Sardegna.

(3) Major Martin inspects 35th Artillery Regiment and 387th Infantry Regiment.

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(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
126 A	491st Field Hospital	7	55
176	511 T.M. Battalion less 3rd Company	17	496
84	Casuals		24
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c. Tuesday, 11 July

(1) Colonel Simmons DS to Lecce and return same date.
(2) Major Martin inspects 953 Workshop Company, 954 Workshop Company, and 107 Machine Gun Battalion.
(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
176	3rd Company 511 Battalion T.M.	5	135
167	953 Workshop Company	5	196
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93	Carabinieri		50
		15	586

d. Wednesday, 12 July

(1) Lieut Colonel Rodzianko DS to inspect Bari Div.
(2) Colonel Simmons DS to Roma.
(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
List 3 personnel 84	87 Infantry Regiment	66	389
	88 Infantry Regiment	69	394
	387 Infantry Regiment	54	283
	95 Carabinieri Section		5
	Casuals	13	24
	General Magli's Staff	1	7
	Nucleus Division Staff Friuli	5	10
	Royal Air Force (Italian)	2	21
	Navy (Italian)	5	23
		215	1155

e. Thursday, 13 July

(1) Major Martin inspects 1st Battalion 416th Regt.
(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS to duty.
(3) Following Italian troops to mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	VEHS
List 3 personnel 84	20th Teleradio Engineer Co	5	120	
	26th Medical Section	6	145	4724
	107th Machine Gun Battalion	11	193	
	14 QM Section	1	33	
	95th Carabinieri Section	1	33	
	Staff car 88th Infantry Regiment			1
	Casuals		52	
		24	575	1

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f. Friday, 14 July

(1) Lieut Colonel Rodzianko from DS.

(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
List 3 Personnel 84	Friuli Division Headquarters	23	248
	1st Bn 35 Artillery Regiment	14	325
	Casuals		10
		37	583

g. Saturday, 15 July

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner and Major Martin inspect 549th Regiment of 204th Division.

for F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/mjs
10 July 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No. 2.

To: General Officer Commanding Army Sub-Commission, A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. In conformity with C/21 directive of 27 June 1944, the following is a brief resume of liaison activities for week ending 8 July 1944:

a. Movement of Italian Units:

See Weekly Status Report of Italian troops being forwarded.

This gives present location and by comparison with previous weekly report, the moves can be determined. Situation is so mobile that a majority of units move weekly or at least every two weeks.

b. Arrivals and Departures:

None.

c. Conferences:

(1) With Hq 110th Division, Major Nini and Italian L.O's.

(2) With Lt. Col. Hampton Noakes and Majors Pinkley, Dobbs, MMIA officers.

(3) With G-2, G-4, Engineer, AMG, Quartermaster, Transportation, all of Fifth Army.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
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Weekly Liaison Log. No.IO.

(a) Move of 5 and 163 coys Artieri from TERMOLI to ORTONA for POLCORPS area. Move of 502 Btg H.Q. and 2I coy A.t. from LESINA to TERMOLI. Move of C/do Tappa 25I from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Move of C/do Tappa 252 from VASTO to CHIETI. Move of 68 Rifle Btg from ORTONA to CHIETI Move of Medical Supplies Depot from VASTO to CHIETI.

(b) Arrival of 7I Btg Bers: refuelled and onward routed to CHIETI. Rfts for 68 Btg onward routed to CHIETI. Departure of H.Q.and 220/224 coys,4IO Regt from SAN VITO to MINERVINO.

(c) Discussion with Area re call up of I920/4 classes under AAI.307.4/A (O) of II May. Area strongly support.

(d) Nil.

(e) 230 m/c's of 7I Btg Bers: arrived a t VASTO from NAPLES without having brought adequate tyre repairing material La-rge number of m/c's at standstill with punctures.

(f) Area transport of 5 3 tonners laid on for clearance of ammunition from TORINO DI SANGRO to PADDINGTON.
Arrangements with MMIA.LO.Twodis. for expediting of medical stores.
Numerous speeding and tra-ffic offences. One British soldier killed.
Arrangement for Delegazione 'A' to use signal facilities at PESCARA.
More camp material obtained for 209 Div:
POL chits, pa-sses and permits. Italian officer reported for pass irregularity.
Engineering Order of Battle submitted to MMIA.
General information to Area and British units on Italian Military.

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J.H.Bourne Capt.

SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report N° 9

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MMIA LO N°2 District
16 July 44

HQ M. M. I. A.

Week Sunday July 9 to Saturday July 15.

SUNDAY (a) Ring Capt. FANTASIA ref 200 prs boots for Ry Bn rfts.
(b) Ring Maj. PELLEGRINI ref some stores drawn by N° 1 IPL Formation Centre from 400 Inf Regt and for which no receipt had been given.
(c) 15 Air Force make a bid for 3000 bags of cordite. Ring MMIA for authy told Italian stocks small cannot supply. Inform 15 Air Force and put them on to DADOS Amn 2 District.
(d) Speak to Maj. PHILLIPS ref the formation of four Docks Operating Coys Italians. Am informed that AAI order postponement.

MONDAY (a) Maj. WILSON wants two lhp motors for tyre-repairing.
(b) Check with TRANI 9 Engr Regt ref sigs stores for CIL ex SARDINIA.
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(e) Speak to Lt Col. WHINERY AMG LUCERA ref SMRE complaint that harvester NOT getting sugar, coffee or meat. Am informed that sugar has been short, coffee is NOT on item on civilian ration Scale and that M and V in some instances was NOT properly distributed. All Compaints have been looked into and remedied where possible.

(f) Took preliminary steps towards clinching deal between IX Corps and MFI and 500 ACD in regard to suply of toilet items to CIL.

SATURDAY (a) Speak to BOURNE. am informed that Italian Advanced Medical Stores Depot has moved to CHIETI and 71 Bersag arrived SAN SEVERO.

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(b) Chase PELSANI, ref med Stores for CIL and MINERVINO.
(c) See IX Corps ref mov of units.
(d) Visited by Col. WHINERY who arranges to move with AMG tpt 800 rfts for 2 Dist to MINERVINO tomorrow.
(e) Chase NAAFI for CIL.

Capt.
M.M.I.A. L.C.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
Rear H.Q. POLCORPS
9 July 44

Weekly Intelligence Log N° 9. Made

A Movements

Main HQ 209 Bde has moved from ATESSA to CHIETI, where they are located near Ogm Di STEFANIS HQ

B Visits

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(ii) Communications in Ancona are still bad
though improving. All signals from HQ MMIA
that required answering have been answered by
me. Lack of adequate line communication means that
all priority signals go in cipher, non-priority by
E.L.S

Army Sub Comm
(Phone extension)

GO Donnell.
Capt
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To Army Sub Commission
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No.9.

(a) Move of 28 Btg HQ Artieri to VILLA FONTANELLI (PESCARA). 2 Company to GIULANOVA. 3 Company to PORTO SANTO-ELPIDIO (MACERATA). Move of 152 Coy Artieri to MONTE SILVANO (PESCARA). Move of 1003 G.T. Coy to points just north and south of R.TRIGNO. Move of 68 Rfts Bn from LEBBA to ORTONA. Main H.Q. 209 Div to CHIETI. Delegazione 'A' from VASTO to CHIETI.

(b) Arrival of 62 Autoreparto Pesante, routed to CHIETI for CIL.

(c) Discussion with MMIA LO Polcorps re. changing situation
(d) Conference with Major HALL, DADME, Generals Di STEFANIS and PROPERZI re. workshops and repair organisation. Emphasis on their getting MT supplies through their normal channels. Discussion re. new siting of Tappas.

(d) Nil.

e) Considerable confusion because lack of authoritative statement as to what units of 209 Div are under the command of Polcorps.

f) Postal facilities laid on between ORTONA and VASTO.
Re-fuelling and re-direction of units in transit for CIL.
Due to moves, transfer of WD vehicles allotted to Italian units to other British coys.
Enquiries re. the now urgent problem of rfts.
Numerous police complaints re. ignoring of traffic regulations. Area complaints re. hygiene and sanitation.
Arrangements for transport of ama from TORINO di 4 / 1 / 7 SANGRO to PADDINGTON.
Serious incident at CHIETI - Indian captain attacked by Italian parachutists, when in company of Italian girl.
Passes, permits and check on soldiers being discharged.
General advice and information to Area and British employing units

J.H. Bowes / Capt

ARMY SUB COMMISSION
ACC NAPLES
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

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16 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log N. 10
(G/21)

TO : Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq. (MMIA)
ROME

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TUESDAY, 11 JULY:

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2. Visited Col. Ferri office, Dirrector Sanita, about disinfectants. Col. Ferri was not in. Col. Lancella, his assistant knew very little about disinfectants. He referred me to Lt. Col. Guglielminetti. Saw Lt. Col. Guglielminetti at Scoula G. B. della Porta, Italian Med. Depot. Could obtain no further information on disinfectants. It is the same old story - no transport and no men to do the work. They have not been able to pick up the medical supplies at the central Medicle Depot, and did not know about the Cresol being available for July.
Went through the depot at Scoula della Porta while there. It appears to be well operated and in good order.

3. Col. Riso and Capt. Nelson inspected Depot 1270 which is to be loaned to Italinas. Major Buonano, C.O. of depot 590, was instructed by Col. Riso to be responsible for Depot 1270 and that it would be available as a dump for thirty days. Inspection of Depots 590, 594, and 599 revealed that unloading had been greatly accelerated.

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4. Col. Riso requested to have 200 EM and 4 officers at his disposal for operation of food depots in lieu of civil labor. Executive Officer, Naples Office was advised on estimate.

5. Col. Riso was asked to procure estimate of transportation desired for efficient operation of his own headquarters and depots.

6. 17,015 "B" scale rations for three days were released to the RAAC for Italians from Depots 590 and 593.

SATURDAY, 15 JULY:

1. Inspection of depots 590, 593, 594 and 599 showed that unloading of rations from present convoy proceeding satisfactorily.

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3. The organization of the shops has been given consideration and is in the initial stages. Shows that are turned over to the Italian Army from American scources are being sorted as to sizes, lefts and rights, paying particular attention to the proper grading of those shoes as to the condition of the shoes and to the type of repairs to be made.

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3. The organization of the shops has been given consideration and is in the initial stages. Shows that are turned over to the Italian Army from American scources are being sorted as to sizes, lefts and rights, paying particular attention to the proper grading of those shoes as to the condition of the shoes and to the type of repairs to be made.

4. Contacts have been made with shoe repairers, manufacturers, of nails, shoemakers thread, etc. The Italians are seeking scources in this locality and also in other sections where they can buy raw materials such as rosin, dubbin etc. in sufficient quantities.

5. The major and minor details of this operation must be considered. Major Parone is the Italian representative and the Chief of the shoe repair for the Italian Army and is being assisted by Capt. Benatti. Major Head, of the Naples office is in control of the shoes with supervision and directives from MMIA.

6. The handing over ofclothing to P.B.S. proceeded during the week and the following are totals handed over to date:-

Shirts, flannes	53200	trousers, wool	40835
Jackets, field	40	Jackets, HBT	120
Drawers, Ctn.	46000	Undershirts	43800
handkerchiefs	2400		

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The following has been recieved from PBS:-

Towels ~~bath~~ bath	4050	Undershirts	33600
Jackets, HBT	2460	Drawers, ctn.	7200
Leggins	1820	Socks, wool, light	64080
Suits HBT	210	Trousers HBT	3920
Towels, huck	1920		

7. The following class X items have now become available, and arrangements are being made to have them transferred to Depot 591.:-

Drawers, ctn, short	15690	Shirts, ctn. Khaki	26115
Drawers, wool	102200	Shirts, wool OD	86040
Jackets, field	19376	Socks, ctn.	17760
Socks, wool, light	92890	Socks, wool, heavy	3120
Suits HBT	1765	Trousers HBT	~~32075~~ 1399
Trousers, wool	153105	Trousers, ctn. K	32075
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Coats, mackinaw	910		

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No.439 9 July 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.9 FOR WEEK ENDING 8 JULY 1944

a Sunday 2 July Office work. One half day off.

b Monday 3 July Office work. Capt Craig contacted Lia M.U. MAF re Italian Military truck in their possession, to be returned to Italian Military at an early date.

c Tuesday 4 July Office work. One half day of Independence Day.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

Master

9 July, 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 9
(G/21)

To : Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq. (AMMA)
REQUIRE (ASCOS)

WEEKLY LOG

1. Went to Central Medical Depot (American Depot 675) to look at Medical Supplies Labled 'Med Admin. Army Sub Comm. MILSUB'. These supplies had been delivered to this depot about 1 July by Italian Civilian trucks. The depot called us on Friday, 7 July, to inquire if we knew anything about them. This was the first information we had received concerning these supplies. There are approximately 100 cases and/or bales. Contents are not shown, but it is believed that some of the cases contain Typhus Vaccine. The Italian authorities were notified and directed to pick them up. Major Rose stated these supplies were intended for the Italian Army.

2. Visited Col. Ferris concerning Disenfectants for Sardenia. Also visited Caserma Garibaldi, Italian Medical Depot. The Italians have been directed to use the disenfectants brought up from 14 CRASC, Torre Annunziata, for issue in Campania. They do not know how much they have on hand, but inventory is progressing slowly. Issues are being made, however. 67 truck loads were hauled to the docks from 14 CRASC. 45 truck loads were then removed from the docks and taken to Caserma Garibaldi. --- 24 truck loads were shipped to Sardenia. --- Items unknown. These are Col. Ferris' figures. Approximate figures should be available on amounts and items shipped to Sardenia when inventory of Caserma Garibaldi is completed.

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His reply:- (1) The War Ministry had directed that supplies for Sardenia would not be stored in Naples Depot. (2) No transportation available very difficult to get. (3) No storage space at Caserma Garibaldi until inventory is completed.

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14 CRASC is being relieved by 20 CRASC. at Torre Annunziata.

3. Arrangements have been made for the Commissariato, Naples, to procure the Italian component of the "B" scale ration for the Italian troops (16200) stationed in the Rome area. Barrels for wire must be furnished from or by the user.

4. U.S.S. 43 has arrived. Discharge is progressing favorably at present. The 50 guards furnished by the Italians are not enough to place a guard on each truck containing supplies for the Italian depots. At present we are discharging from five hatches simultaneously.

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ORDNANCE LOG

1. On Captain Benatti's return from Rome, we visited Caserma Garigaldi. Over 300,000 pairs of boots have now been received and are being sorted. We also looked over the repair factory. A separate report on the boot repair business is being rendered by Capt. Benatti.

2. The transfer of American clothing to P.B.S. is proceeding and the following had been handed over up to 7/7/44.

Shirts Flannel	5340
Trousers, wool	12355
Jackets, field	40
Jackets, HBT	60

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3. The clothing authorized for issue to P.B.S. for 212 Div. has been withdrawn, with the exception of 5000 pairs of boots which were shut out from the ship. MMIA teleprint AQ 1592 of 23/6/44 refers.

4. 5000 pairs of unrepaired boots have been issued to Public Safety Officer for OOMR. Insufficient transport was sent to take 10000 unrepaired Italian blouses. There is a slight hitch in the issue of these blouses, since Commissariato state that they are not disinfected nor washed, and are in a very bad state of repair. This matter in being pursued.

5. During the past few days, some 11000 men have arrived from Sardenia, and a further 10000 are disembarking today. This has resulted in very heavy withdrawls from Depot 391, in addition to the other activities mentioned above.

6. Capt. Renatti, since his return form Lequile, has been busy with Major Parone inspecting shoe repair factories, and obtaining an inventory of available facilities. Details of his inspections are contained in separate letter report to AG/4 dated 9 July, 1944.

N.2 Office

Lt. Col.
Asst Sub Commission.

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Subject:-No. 7 weekly Liaison Log for period 3 JULY to 9 JULY 44.

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

10 July 44.

Ref:-G.7/20.

To:-Army Sub Commission,A.C.C.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
L E Q U I L E. (LECCE).

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(2) GENTLE to CROTONE to discuss timber with I4 Forestry Coy., N.Z.E. and to arrange rail transport for timber hutting for I5 Air Force.

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SUNDAY, 7 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON discussed Italian transport situation with Region VII. Supply Officer.

(2) MONCK-MASON left CATANZARO for LEQUILE.

(3) GENTLE arranged for rail transport and loading teller mines at MARCELLINARA.

SATURDAY, 8 JULY 44.

(1) NEWTON discussed with General CORONATI commitments of the MANTOVA Division and proposed dispositions of forces in CALABRIA.

(2) GENTLE deals with Claims.

SUNDAY, 9 JULY 44.

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(a) The deficiencies in this Serial are of men who are to be furnished by S.H.A.E.
(b) See my G6/366 of 7 July 44 to XXXI Corps, copy to you.
(c) I5 drivers failed to qualify.
(d) See my G6/352 of 4 July 44 to XXXI Corps, copy to you.

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3. General Remarks.

(1) I spoke to XXXI Corps very severely about the granting of leave to personnel of 507 Smoke Coy., and I intend to insist that the culprit is dealt with in such a way as to afford an example to others who tend to slackness.

(2) General CONOMATI discussed with me on July 8:-

(a) Reduction of Infantry Depots from five to three in view of the fact that there will only be three Regiments in CALABRIA. These Depots he proposes to place at CASTROVILLARI, NICASTRO and REGGIO (or VIBO VALENTIA).

(b) Transference of MANTOVA Division H.Q. to CATANZARO from COSENZA. He would like to have his own H.Q. (Military Command of CALABRIA) also at CATANZARO, but suggests that if both commands cannot be accomodated in CATANZARO, the old XXXI Corps H.Q. should transfer to COSENZA.
I am opposed to any such move until the Allied Programme has been completed to the last man in respect of XXXI Corps.
He proposes to visit S.N.R.E. shortly to discuss these points with them.

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Capt.,
L.O.,XXXI Corps.

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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Report N°8

MMIA LO N°2 District
09 July 44

HQ M.M.I.A.

Week 2 July to 8 July 44

SUNDAY Report to MMIA HQ LEQUILE.

MONDAY (a) Hand over clothing for 15 American Air Force ex LECCE Depot.

(b) Visited by Capt MURARO of Services Office 1X CORPS HQ.

TUESDAY (a) 64 Pnr Gp draw clothing for completion to scale of 503 Smoke Coy.

(b) ST DISTWO inform me that 70 Drs ex Driving School sent to 9 M.T.Regt at close of the course had been returned to POLIGNANO. Matter sorted out with 9 M.T.Regt.

(c) Maj PHILLIPS calls after visit to 9 Engr Regt TRANI. Sees Capt MURARO of 1X CORPS Services Office ref clothing for 150 Rfts/

(d) N°1 IPL Camp come to draw second clothing indent. Unable to do so owing to lack of authorization as yet.

(e) Speak to NAPLES office.

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(c) Speak to ST 2 District ref O.C.1003 4.7.44y.

(d) Carried out inspection of 200 rfts for Ferrovieri Bn with Capt FANTASIA of the Ordinamento Office at HQ 1X CORPS.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/21
July 4

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm SALERNO

Copy to: Army Sub Comm HQ SARDINIA
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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs

1. Ref our G/21 of 9 May not to all requesting Weekly Liaison Logs to be forwarded to this HQ every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

2. Attention is drawn to para 2 of the above letter requesting information on:-

(a) movement of Italian units
(b) arrivals and departures
(c) conferences
(d) inspections
(e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
(f) any other items of general interest

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3. Addressees will please ensure that (a) and (b) above are accurately and carefully reported.

A.C.S. for
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Master SECRET

M.M.I.A.L.O.
Rear HQ POLCORPS
2 Jul 44

Weekly liaison log N° 8

1 Arrivals

N° 7 Pack Tpt Coy has now arrived in CHIETI, having marched from FIFTH Army front & in a few days it will move NORTH into the line. 21 Pack Bde is now complete

2 Visits

Visited O.C British Cadre, 21 Pack Bde. Informed him of the release of clothing authorised for the Bde (your authorisation AG/61 of 27 Jun and AG/151/1 of 28 Jun refer). He stated that short pants are necessary for men who have to do long marches daily in the warmth, as irritation in the crutch always occurs

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PONCORPS state they have received no authority re taking 209 Div HQ and elts of Div Gps under command. Div HQ is still in ATESSA.

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Capt.
Liaison Offr

Army Sub Comm.
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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

2 July 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Sixteen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC Main Hq, Lequile.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March, liaison log for week ending 1 July is submitted:

a. Sunday, 25 June
(1) No change in personnel Army Sub Commission, Sardinian Detachment.

b. Monday, 26 June
(1) Major Martin inspects Internal Security personnel.
(2) Major Gray inspects 1st Battalion, 415 Labor Regiment and 3rd Company, 71st Bersaglieri Battalion.
(3) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
111 B	271st Company, 411th Regiment	5	216	4.00
111 B	272nd Company, 411th Regiment	5	213	4.00
113 A	Personnel for Internal Security	12	850	2.00
	Signal materials-125 cases	1	10	11.60
		23	1289	21.60

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c. Tuesday, 27 June
(1) Major Martin inspects 2nd Battalion 411th Labor Regiment.
(2) Captain Carutti RS to Naples.
(3) Major Gray inspects 1st Battalion 412th Regiment at Sassari and Alghero.
(4) Following animals, ammunition, and personnel depart for mainland:

187 horses accompanied by two officers and fifty men.
400 tons ammunition with two men escort.
762 mules accompanied by eight officers and two hundred men.

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d. Wednesday, 28 June
(1) Major Gray from DS Sassari to duty.
(2) Major Martin and Major Gray inspect 503rd and 504th Guard Battalions.
(3) Major Martin inspects 2nd Battalion 411th Regiment.

e. Thursday, 29 June
(1) Major Gray inspects 2nd Battalion, 413th Labor Regiment at Mogoro.
(2) Major Martin inspects 2nd Battalion, 415th Regiment.
(3) Colonel Simons from DS Naples to duty.
(4) Following Italian personnel depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
114 A	Internal Security Formation (Friuli)	13	1000
	Officers on leave	12	
	Totals	25	1000

f. Friday, 30 June
(1) Colonel Costellano, new Chief of Staff of Comando Militare della Sardegna, in to see Colonel Simons.
(2) Brigadier Carr in re horses and mules at Oristano.
(3) Colonel Simons conference with Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna re acceleration of 114 7 units and assembly of horses and mules.

g. Saturday, 1 July
(1) Following Italian units load for shipment to the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
84 D	1018 Truck Company	4	120
98 & 251	71st Bersaglieri Bn and Bn Reinforcements	18	721
119	411th Labor Regiment	76	2587
121	412th Labor Regiment	72	2489
123	2nd Battalion, 413th Labor Regt	32	1318
127	415th Labor Regiment	80	2726
114 A	Internal Security Personnel	26	426
		308	10,381

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F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

Subject:-No. 6 ekly Liaison Log for period 26 June to 2 July 44.

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L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO. _ _ _ _

4 July 44.

Ref:-G.7/19.

To:-Army Sub Commission,ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
L E C U I L E. (LECCE).

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(2) GENTLE dealt with Rail transport for Bailey bridging ex CALABRIA.

(3) MONCK-MASON visited CATANZARO Supply Depot.
Arrived REGGIO CAL. in the evening.

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 44.

(I) NEWTON went to CASTROVILLARI to inspect 303 Gp. H.Q.
(see Inspection Report).

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(3) MONCK-MASON inspected Supply Depot at VIBO VALENTIA.

FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 44.

(I) HOWARD returned from ROME.
HOWARD and NEWTON held conference with Chief of Staff and Major.BRAGA on Allied Programme.

(2) GENTLE visited CROTONE. Arranged road repair job to assist timber hauling. Arranged rail transport for timber hutting ex XXXI Corps for I5 Air Force.

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SATURDAY, I JULY 44.

(I) HOWARD and NEWTON met CORONATI after his return from ROME.

(2) MONCK-MASON inspected new premises for Supply Depot at CATANZARO SALA.

2. INSPECTION REPORTS.

Inspection Reports follow for

(a) 303 Gp. H.Q. CASTROVILLARI.

(b) 525 Bn. H.Q. CATANZARO.

(c) 526 Bn. H.Q. CATANZARO,

all of which are alerted to leave on 4 July 44.

3. GENERAL REMARKS.

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Capt.,
L.O.,XXXI Corps.

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APPENDIX "A".

Progress of Allied Programme from CALABRIA.

	Officers.	Men.
March 44.	239	6721
April 44.	31	2804
May 44.	86	3404
June 44.	57	1816
Departing July 4/5	39	891
Totals	452	15636
Total		16,088
(plus 200 Muleteers waiting at NICASTRO).		4700
	16,288	

SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report N°7

MMIA LO N°2 District
4 JULY 44

HQ M.M.I.A.

Week 25 June to 1 July 44

Sunday. (a) Spoke to I.S.F. ref NEMBO.
(b) 64 Pioneer Group ask if they can have 1000 prs of boots.
(c) Check that 4 offrs 150 ORs from 20 AA. Gp are ready.
(d) Warn MMIA that MINERVINO Formation Centre are collecting balance of stores from LECCE depot.
(e) Speak to MMIA NAPLES office and ST Distwo ref 18 dvrs for ACC.
(f) Ring PELSAMI ref NEMBO medical supplies.

Monday. (a) I.S.F. ring ref tables and forms for NEMBO - they collect from BARI depot.
(b) Speak to MMIA ref 45 Italian soldiers to be trained cooks.
(c) Spk MMIA rings ref units being formed at 9 Engr Regt. Attempt to contact by phone.

Tuesday. (a) I speak to Ordinaments 9 Corps ref rfts and clothing for 502, 503 Smoke Coys.
(b) Speak to MMIA ref 502, 503 Coys and ref leave for Italian Army.
(c) Speak to "Q" 6 BSA ref Bonomo hospital.
(d) Maj. HEGGIE visits BARI, inspects 6 Medical dispensaries being formed in BARI.
Visit chief Medical Offr Italian Air Ministry at BARI with Maj. HEGGIE.
(e) MMIA ring to say 5 interpreters for NEMBO are ready arrange for them to report to 65 Gairson where I.S.F. will collect.

Wednesday.(a) Visited by offr of C.I.L. ref drawing of vehs and tyres 4639 for C.I.L.Arrange for vehs to take up stores and eqpt.
(b) Col. NOAKES visits BARI. - 6 BSA visited ref BONOMO Hospital and 9 MT Regt workshops.
(c) Speak to ST ref 1004 G.T. Coy indents.

Thursday.
(a) Informed that three Coys 209 Div. tps arrived MINERVINO.
(b) Spoke to Maj. JOHN AA I ref non appearance NEMBO.
(c) Spoke to N° 1 Sub Depot 500 AOD ref types for C.I.L.
(d) Capt. CHARLESWORTH informed he can collect pistols from TARANTO.
(e) 9 Corps informs me of difficulties in finding rfts from Smoke Coys. Instruct them to complete 502 first and then 503.

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Friday. (a) FLEMING rings ref signal stores sent from NAPLES to 9 Engr Regt these are to be sent to S.V.I.T.O. 42 Sigs Park.

(b) Speak to Col. SHIPLEY ref American Shirts in LA ROCCA Depot.

Saturday. (a) 6 Medical Dispensaries leave BARI for CAMPI FLEGREI.

(b) Speak to NAPLES office ref saddlery for MONTENEGRO Bn.

signed C.F. MURCELL Capt
MMIA LO, DISTWO.

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To Army Sub Commission
Ma in H.Q. M.M.I.A.

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60 Sub Area
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Weekly Liaison Log. No 8.

(a) Move of 5 Coy/120 Regt from Vasto to Vairano.
(b) Arrival of 100 men 501 Btn to do guard duty at Vasto for 370 P.O.W. Camp. 12 Disinfestation Section attached to 68 Rfts and signals sent for further destination.
(c) Discussion with O.C. 56 Pioneer Group re. new Italian Pioneer Regt. Problem of rfts slow in arriving.
(d) Inspection of sbandati camp at Termoli. Only 200 had reported. Difficulties of tpt. Suggestion that the ca-rabinieri accelerate collection of sbandati. Reported that Mountain School, Sepino, being neglected in administra-tion. Italian Offr sent to regularise pay, rations and general administration.
(e) Nil.
(f) Leave question settled - zone north of line Pescara-Popoli. Substitutes to arrive before men discharged Recce of new site for 68 Rfts Btn. Old site needed for 3 C.R.U. training. Assistance with water problem. Ox infm supplied, U.T. spares to value of 150,000 lire, requisitioned by nrd for Italian milita ry.
Several police cases including one stabbing by Italian soldier and numerous speeding and driving complaints. Parachutist police patrol dropped as no parachutist left in town.
Arrangements for Italian Military Authorities to clothe battle casualties discharged from hospital.
General liaison between Area and 209 Div and Delegazione
Train transport arranged for Italian units.
Petrol reserve established for Main 209 Div.
Compilation of Order of Battle.
Disbandment of 308 Autoreparto stopped as M.M.I.A. had recommended to AAI that it be built up.
Passes and permits for Italian Military

J.H.F. Bourne Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

25 June 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log, Number Fifteen

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC.
Main Headquarters, Lequile

1. Pursuant to provisions of paragraph 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 24 June is submitted.

a. Sunday, 18 June

(1) No change in the personnel of the Sardinia Detachment, Army Sub Commission, ACC.

b. Monday, 19 June

(1) New offices opened at No. 6 Via Torino
(2) Colonel Simmons from DS Sassari and Tempio Pausania.

c Tuesday, 20 June

(1) Major Martin inspects Internal Security Battalion
(2) Conference on P.O.L. matters. Present were Colonel Simmons, Major Shaw, P.O.L. officer, and director of C.I.P.
(3) Colonel Simmons to see General Magli.
(4) Captain Cerutti DS to Naples.
(5) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart 4697 for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT
113 A	Bn of Personnel for Internal Security	25	1000	-
98	Equipment of Bersaglieri		6	9
111 A	Congedanti	6	250	-
	Mattress covers		2	12
	Totals	32-31	1,258	21

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d. Wednesday, 21 June

(1) Inspection of Internal Security Battalions by Maj. Martin
(2) Lieut Col Kesener DS Sassari to Duty.
(3) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart for mainland.

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT
113 A	Hq of Personnel for Internal Security	25	1000	-
98	Equipment of Bersaglieri Bn. Mattress covers		6	9
			2	6
	Totals	25	1008	15 tons

e. Thursday, 22 June

(1) Inspection of the 307th Bn of the 414th Regiment by Major Martin.
(2) Lieut Col Crezzini, Commanding Officer of 414th Regiment, to see Colonel Simmons.
(3) Lieut Col Rodzianko DS to duty upon completion of inspection of "Cremona" and 226th Division.
(4) Captain Corutti from DS Naples to duty.

f. Friday, 23 June

(1) Inspection of the 309th Bn of the 414th Regiment by Major Martin.
(2) Colonel Simmons DS to Naples.
(3) Assembly of unsound horses and mules at Oristano commenced.
(4) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart for mainland.

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT
123(III B)	1st Battalion less Bn Hdqtrs of 414th Labor Regiment	30	1267	24.00
98	Equipment of 71st Bersaglieri Battalion		6	9.00
	Totals	30	1273	33.00 tons

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c. Saturday, 24 June

(1) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart for mainland.

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFF	EM/OR	WEIGHT
123(III B)	Regimental Hqs, both Bn Hqs and 4 companies of the 411th Labor Regt.	36	907	21.00
98	Equipment of Bersaglieri Bn		6	9.00
84	Casuals		50	
	Totals	36	963	30.00

F. L. SIBLEY
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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No.354 WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.8 FOR WEEK ENDING 1 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 25 June. Office work. One half day off.

b Monday 26 June. Quarter ton trailer recovered, that was removed from ISS parking lot by Claims Section without authority. Major Fossett visited Palermo Bulk and Distributing Depots, discovered some flour wet and arranged to distribute at once. Stocks on hand low especially canned meat (which has been substituted for fish) and flour as mentioned in our cables to MMIA.

Capt Craig arranged transfer of Italian Government properties to XII Corps being vacated by ISS.

c Tuesday 27 June. Office work. Major Fossett traveled to Catania by rail. Capt Craig arranged transfer welfare building to XII Corps.

d Wednesday 28 June. Office work and half day off. Major Fossett visited Catania Food Depot and found conditions to be below standard, see S/T Report enclosed for details. These discrepancies are being brought to the attention of XII Corps for correction and a follow up inspection will be made by Major Thrupp one week later. Misunderstandings regarding "A" rations recived on schooner "Marietta" were corrected.

Capt Craig contacted ISS & ACC regarding return of captured Italian Military vehicles to XII Corps.

e Thursday 29 June. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary regarding critical items of rations. Contacted QM ISS and ACC if loan of canned meat and flour (providing Hq MMIA so directs in an emergency) could be made. See our cable Ref No. 11886 dated 29 June. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

f Friday 30 June. (1) Conference with Dep C/S XII Corps re requisitions (indents) for supplies in accordance with MMIA Adm. Ins. No.3. The XII Corps had not received the instructions from Ministry of War to comply with Adm. Ins. No.3 in regards to requisitions and reports. Conference with Col. Snook, Intelligence Officer, Region No.1 ACC, re situation that might arise in collecting grain from the farmers by force. See our No.378 of 30 June.

(2) 30th Mortar Bn (XII Italian Corps) moved to MONREALE to be available to quell any disturbances that might arise due to the grain collecting situation or other causes.

(3) Major Fossett had conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re shortage of canned meat and flour, and forage. See S/T Report enclosed herewith.

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(2) 20th Mortar Bn (XII Italian Corps) moved to AGRIGENTO to be available to quell any disturbances that might arise due to the grain collecting situation or other causes.

(3) Major Fossett had conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re shortage of canned meat and flour, and forage. See S/T Report enclosed herewith.

(4) Capt Craig checked with PW Co - re the release of Italian Military vehicles and supplies to XII Corps.

g Saturday 1 July. Office work.
Capt Craig working on transportation situation. See S/T Report enclosed herewith.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Rome Detachment (M.M.I.A.).,
R O M E.

1 July 44.

To:-Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
L E Q U I L E. (LECCE).

Herewith attached, two further copies of No.I Weekly Liaison Log for period 14 June 44 to 18 June 44.

H. A. Hartwell

Lt. 46042
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Advanced M.M.I.A.

Subject :- No.1 Weekly Liaison Log
For Period 14/18 June 44.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Rear H.Q. (M.M.I.A.).
LECCE.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,
Rome Detachment (M.M.I.A.).
ROME.
Ref :- G.110.
26 Jun 44.

The following is the daily liaison log for the period 14/18 Jun 44.

Wed. 14 June.

(i) Col PIDSLEY, Lt Col HOWARD and Major DOBBS left NAPLES at 0830 hrs and arrived in ROME at 1545 hrs. Col PIDSLEY established himself at the GRAND HOTEL, Piazza d'Esedra and HOWARD and DOBBS at the FLORA HOTEL, Via Vitorio Veneto.

(ii) The ACC advanced party were contacted at the former Ministero delle Corporazioni, Via Vitorio Veneto and Col PIDSLEY was informed that the whole of the seventh floor of the building totalling 60 rooms had been booked for MMIA.

Thurs. 15 June.

(i) A plan of the accommodation allotted to MMIA was obtained and a provisional allotment of rooms was made by Col PIDSLEY.

The Camp Commandant agreed to begin furnishing the rooms immediately starting with General BROWNING's and to install telephones as soon as possible.

(ii) HOWARD contacted General TAMASSIA, commanding the Italian Territorial units of the ROME Garrison and Colonel PACINOTTI, Chief of Staff to General BENCIVENGA, the acting commander of the Italian Armed Forces in ROME.

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For the organisation of the unofficial ROMAN COMMAND see Appendix 'A'.

Fri. 16 June.

(i) HOWARD contacted General BENCIVENGA and General ODDONE, the unofficial representative of SHAEF to clarify the immediate problems confronting the Roman Command.

(ii) Col PIDSLEY and HOWARD went to see General BERARDI unofficially in ROME as a result of which a conference was held on
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General BERARDI
General ODLONE
Colonel PIDSLEY
Colonel PACINOTTI
Colonel BAIZANI
Colonel PALLAVICINO
Lt Col HOWARD
Lt Col SAMPO

For the results of this conference see Appendix 'B'.

(iii) Col PIDSLEY sent General BROWNING signal No.SD 501.

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Sat. 17 June.

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General BERARDI was present.

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dealt with now by committees of the appropriate rank.

It should be remembered that during the recent months of the occupation of ROME by the Germans a small reign of terror existed and that during this time certain bands of partisans, assisted the Allied cause loyally and effectively. At least 60 and possibly 200 officers or men were caught by the Germans and shot for their participation in the forze Clandestine. Whilst at present it is difficult to estimate the exact value of the movement there is no doubt that some of the senior officers feel that they have been fighting under unpleasant conditions and that something more than a ruthless divorce from army rations is due to them and their men.

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(a) The principle has been accepted by General BROWNING that AMIA comes under the roof of the ACC building, the Ministero delle Corporazione, and on the seventh floor.

(b) Lt Col. HOWARD will make enquiries in ROME to find out if any suitable accommodation is likely to be available at a later date for an 'A' Mess inside and a Rest House outside the city.

6. Personalities.

(a) General BENCIVENGA is a man of well over sixty. He is said to

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have had a good record in the last war and is believed to hold a C.B.

On leaving the army after the last war he branched into journalism for which he is probably mistrusted by the orthodox generals.

He gives the impression of being rather a fine old man decaying rapidly. During the occupation he had a narrow escape when the Nazi-Fascists threw hand-grenades at his house.

(b) General ODDONE is a quiet and reserved man who gives the impression of competency and character.

He is said to have been marked down for execution by the Germans.

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APPENDIX 'B'

Results of Conference held at ROME at 1830 hrs on Fri. 16 Jun 44.

1. Present were Generals BERARDI, CUBONE, Colonels PIDSLEY, PACINOTTI BALZANI, PALLAVICINO, Lt-Cols. HOWARD and SARMPO.

2. (i) General BERARDI stressed his clandestine position in ROME stated that he had come only to see the Italian Division North of NAPLES and to see General CLARK. He stated he was not aware of the exact position of General BENCIVENGA and he had therefore to proceed discreetly. He had made a personal call on General BENCIVENGA who was an old comrade in arms.

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These problems were :-

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4. It was recognised that owing to various unforseen factors the principles laid down in General BROWNING's letter G 19 of 3 Jun 44 had not been entirely adhered to, but it was agreed that the position would gradually clarify itself as General BENCIVENGA's organisation continued the work it had already begun.

5. General BERARDI asked if he could attend unofficially the requiem mass the following day for the officers and men of the clandestine movement

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shot by the Germans provided Col. FIELEY had no objection and General BENCIVENGA would invite him. Col. FIELEY and Col. PAGINOT I immediately agreed that he would be welcome.

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APPENDIX 'C'.

Results of Conference held at ROME at 1730 hrs on Sat. 17 Jun 44.

1. Present were Generals BENCIVENGA, CROCE, Colonels PIDSLEY, PACINOTTI, BALZANO, Lt Cols., HOWARD, CAMPO, Capt. GIUSTINIANI (interpreter).

2. Colonel PIDSLEY outlined the main points dealt with at the previous days conference with General BONOMI and it was again stressed that the status quo in ROME was to be preserved and that pending the arrival of the Ministero and SHAEF, MMIA would regard the BENCIVENGA organisation as the correct channel through which all problems dealing with the Italian Armed Forces in ROME (except those under Allied command) would be dealt with.

3. Colonel PIDSLEY outlined how he proposed dealing with the ration problems facing the ROME Military Authorities concerning which he had the previous day received a letter from PACINOTTI stating that all military reserves held by them would be exhausted on 20 Jun 44. The following table sets out this position;

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35000	TOTAL	

Colonel PIDSLEY stressed that he would contact the necessary Allied Authorities as soon as possible to see about the releasing of rations as stated. Col PACINOTTI stressed the necessity for keeping the circolo at PALAZZO BARBERINI going.

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4. General BENCIVENGA asked what would happen to the partisan bands, many of whom had rendered valuable and dangerous services to the Allies. Col. PIDSLEY replied that after an examination (already in progress) of the conduct of officers and men forming part of those bands, SMRE would have to decide whom they wished to keep, demobilising others at present on the strength of the Italian Army in the process, and whom they wished to demobilise. In the meantime those who could not be given leave because their families were not concentrated in the ROME Area would be concentrated in some available barracks and fed on civilian rations. It was agreed that it would be most demoralising for the Italian partisans movement generally if those who had done well during the occupation of ROME were to be arbitrarily dismissed from the service without thanks or the chance of continuing to serve under arms.

5. Col. PIDSLEY stated that he had seen General JOHNSON that day who had agreed that no requisitioning of Italian Military, Naval or Air Force property should take place without MMIA being first consulted.

Col. BALSAMO explained that the eventual necessities of the Armed Forces were not yet known, but he hoped the PALAZZO BARBERINI would not be taken in part or the whole.

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M.M.I.A L.O
Rear HQ 2 Pol. Corps
25 June 44

Weekly liaison log N° 7

1. Departures

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/21
2 June 44

5 Army for MAJA LO VAN KUEK

1. I am directed to instruct you to forward weekly to this HQ a brief report of liaison activities.

2. Such matters as:-

(a) movement of Italian units
(b) arrivals and departures
(c) conferences
(d) inspections
(e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
(f) any other items of general interest

should be reported.

3. These reports should be forwarded every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

for Lt Col GS
Army Sub Comm., ACC

CGL.

SUBJECT:- Weekly Li[illegible]son Report N°6

MMIA LO c/o N°2 District
27 JUNE 44

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HQ M.M.I.A.

Week June 18 to June 24.

Sunday.

(a) 916 Lav Art Coy moves TERMOLI to BOVINO.
(b) 1004 G.T.Coy moves CONVERSANO to CAPURSO.
(c) See 1X CORPS ref clothing for MINERVINO Camp.
(d) Speak to Capt STAFFA 1X CORPS M.T.Branch ref Petrol and oil for driving school.

Monday.

(a) Maj ARCHDALE and Lieut from 19 Gp P.C. come to draw clothin and stores from BARI depot for MINERVINO Camp.
(b) Gave authority for release of 1 horse from Italian Remount Station for R.S.R.
(c) Speak to Col VALLONE, 6 B.S.A. and 2 District medical ref BONOMO hospital.
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Wednesday.

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(b) Speak to 557 AOD ref supply of phone batteries to Italian Army. They agree to supply if party arrives with a note from me.

(c) Make last arrangements with 22 CRASC ref move of wine barr barrels to Eighth Army.

(d) Capt PARROT, 1 Special Force calls ref NEMBO Bn.

(e) Ring Col SHIPLEY ref boots for 64 pnr Gp. M.T. spares part for Biritsh Units.

(f) Speak to NAPLES office. They inform me that ACC displeased

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./...with the four Service Pls ex BARI. Matter referred to Col HAMPTON.

(g) VisitC of SIX CORPS with Col VALLONE ref Italian Military on loan unofficially to Allied units in BARI.

(h) The following moves take place :-

3 offrs, 180 ORs ex BARI for PBS
1 specialist, 70 ovrs ex BARI for ROMS
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2 " 100 " ex CASTELLANA for PBS
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Thursday) Visit with Capt PARROT of 1 Special Force Main HQ,
Friday (2 Polish Corps, Rear HQ and HQ C.I.L. Made arrangements
Saturday) for the move of 185 Bn NEMBO DIV to S.VITO (BRINDISI) ; approximate strengthh 400 and for remaining 200 to be provided and sent within a week. Rep to report ahead to me for onward transmission to HQ 1 Special Force.

C.F. Murcell

signed C.F.MURCELL Capt
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Subject:-No. 5 Weekly Liaison Log - June 19th. to June 25th.

L.O., Army Sub-Commission, (ACC)., XXXI Italian Corps, Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

26 June 44.

Ref:-G.7/MS/18.

To:-Army Sub Commission, ACC., Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.)., LEQUILE. (LECCE).

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(3) MONCK-MASON made a routine inspection of CATANZARO Supply Depots. Visited Det. 174 Bakery at MARCELLINARA.

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General discussion with H.E. CORONATI prior to his departure for ROME.

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(2) MONCK-MASON visited new premises for Supply Depots at CATANZARO SALA in company with GENTLE to inspect progress of repairs and alterations.

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FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 44.

(I) GENTLE - Regularisation of engineer claims.

(2) MONCK-MASON visited Italian units and personnel employed at SILA Lakes area.

SATURDAY, 24 JUNE 44.

(I) NEWTON inspected 213 Veterinary Hospital and 304 Gp. H.Q., at VIBO VALENTIA.
Attended festival of Comando Genio.
Inspected Engineer Stores with General BELGRANO.

(2) GENTLE attended annual festival of Comando Genio.

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APPENDIX "A".

Inspection Reports follow for :-

(a) 213 Infermeria Quadrupedi, VIBO VALENTIA.
(b) 524 Bn. H.Q., REGGIO.
(c) 304 Group H.Q., VIBO VALENTIA.
(d) 507 Smoke Coy., REGGIO.

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4. General Remarks.

I. Delays are constantly occurring in the despatch of Units on the Allied Programme due to the absence of any reserve of clothing actually within CALABRIA. Owing to the recent diminishing of XXXI Corps transport, when clothing and boots are released at BARI it may be nearly two weeks before transport can be made available and fetch the supplies. A reserve of clothing and boots - controlled by M.M.I.A., L.O., XXXI Corps - at CATANZARO, would ease the situation.

2. The Comando Genio held its annual Festa on 24 June 44. The morale of the Engineer personnel seemed very high, and the Chief Engineer - Col.GAZZINI - once more showed his worth. The Engineer Stores, which I inspected, were in very good condition - particularly the radio stations held at the disposal of the Allies.

Capt.,
for Lt.Col.,
M.M.I.A.,
L.O.,XXXI Corps.

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Weekly Liaison Log. No.7.

(a) Move of Bn H.Q. I/541 to Vasto Marina. Arrangement for O.C. to be responsible for the Italian units there and for stra gglers at the station.
Comando Tappa established at Ortona to cope with flow of military from liberated territories. Train tra nsp laid on.
(b) Arrival of Italian Disinfestation section at Casa l- bordino. Unexpected and destination not known. Attached to 68 Rfts Bn.
(c) Liaison with 66 Pioneer Group replacing 87 Pnr Group.
(d) Nil.
(e) Still need for Italian units coming up to know their command and destination. Otherwise awkward problems arise.
(f) 3 Coy/9 Mitr: Btg being taken away from 370 P.O.W. camp for 410 Italian Pnr Regt. Arrangement for emergency substitution until relief arrives, by 7 Coy/ 120 Regt.
Expansion of Area leads to many leave problems. D.P.M 2 Dist: informed me rule still in force for no leave in Army a reas. Comdt 370Ø P.O.W. Camp received signal Rear Polcorps 'no objection for Italian military personnel going on leave Polcorps area if self conta ined for food'. Signa l being sent for clarification.
Officer found falsifying entry on 'foglio di viaggio' Marina. Difficulties with cha nge over of corps. Suggestion that it be apart from the Polish rest ca mp to avoid possibl disturbances.
Expa nsion of medical stores depot at Vasto.
Arrangements for obtaining camp equipment for 209 Div from Area.
Passes, permits and general liaison with Area re... Italian units under their command. Liaison with Delegation 'A' S.M.R.E.

J.A. Bourne
Capt.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
APO 394 U. S. ARMY

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28 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Report No 7.
(G/21)

TO: Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

MONDAY, 18 JUNE:

1. Informed by Direz. Art. that further civilian employees had failed to return owing to concelation of rations and that the promised 75 sets of harness could not be ready in time.

2. Informed by 3District that 100 hospital beds and approx. 150 bedside lockers would be available to Italians. Passed information to Col. Berri.

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7. Capt. Thrupp say Maj. Barsotti (Ordinamento) (a). 1022 Truck co. is almost ready; some missing stores are on their war from Bari
(b). Some anxiety expressed over 100 muleteers at Nola still unassigned.
(c). I was once more requested to find out for ACC the whereabouts and final desposition of the drivers supplied so that they can be properly looked after.

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE:

1. The following points were brought out by Major Rose.
(a). The transportation Officer of PBS, Col. Lastaza stated that after the Manifest, of any ship, had been broked down and it was determined who were to receive items as listed and who were the importers, The talian Army would receive the first part Ea: if manifest called for 1500 sacks of flour they would receive the first 1500 and no more. Army 2nd. PBS would receive the balance.

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(b). That two trucks from the CTP would be had at any time for Italian use be Calling Major Shire.

(c). During the progress of off-loading an officer would be on the port for twenty-four hours a day. An office for the (MMLA Officer) Port Liaison was secured, in PBS transportation on the docks.

2. Major Rose accompanied by the following officers, made an inspection of the depots: Lt. Col. Offenhauer, Major Krisl and Capt. Benatti.

(a). The first depot visited was 594 for clothing. Major Ambrosio was there. Work was in progress of packing goods for Sardenia. The depot was in fine shape.

(b). Picked up Col. Ferri and visited the Medical Depot, Scuola Della Porta, They were busy sorting medical supplies for re-issue. They were anticipation moving to the Caserma Garibaldi.

(c). The depot Commander of the Medical depot stated that he had been to torre Annunziata and he was told that supplies for Naples were not ready and that supplies for Sardenia were ready.

(d). We visited the new depot 594 at 32 Solita Capodichino and the alterations were coming along fine. A blue print showing the construction of this dump was given to Lt. Col. Finch. This open space will releive the depot (Bulk) of any overload and case goods can be easily stored here which can stand the elements of the weather.

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4. Maj. Crocker, G30 Branch 3 District, visited the office to disband formation of six line secs. Orders for disbandment of telegraphic and disposal of stores had not passed through Italian channels. Instructions given to Gen Rasco's Hq. to issue orders to 227 to be ahead pending receipt of SHAEF orders. 22 drivers will begin to build up to establishment of 14 drivers per section and 6 for the two aded Hq.

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THURSDAY, 22 JUNE:

1. As suggested by Colonel Leahy, PBS, to Major Rose, Capt. Renatti discussed with Lt. Col. Riso, Commissariato, about changing the drawing of rations for organizations of the 212 Division (PBS) from the present procedure of drawing for a ten-day period. It was recommended that the issue of rations be made daily or every two or three days or to develop a system more suitable to all concerned.

Lt. Col. Riso called Major Perlenza, chief of staff, who stated, in substance as follows: "Any changes concerning the issue days of rations should be made by the War Ministry as it is their order for the issue to troops every ten days.

2. Capt. Renatti requested the Commissariato to have 10,000 rations prepared for ten days of the Italian component part of the rations. This information was received by telegram from 5th Army. The Commissariato would advise his Depot Commander (523) to prepare items. Major Krisl called Lt. Meekly to lay on necessary transportation for shipping items to Civitavecchia.

3. A truck was detailed to haul medical supplies from Torre Annunziate to Naples.

4. Capt. Mayas discovered while at Torre Annunziate that trucks were hauling potatoes from Naples to a warehouse there. These trucks would return empty, as far as he could determine, to Naples.

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2. The hauling of medical supplies continued from Torre Annunziata to the Medical Supply Depot in Naples and the total truck loads hauled to date has been thirty-three. An inspection revealed that the supplies had been neatly stored.

3. Depot 590 was visited and the following information and procedure were given:

a. Use of the American "tally-out" and "tally-in" to be used by the Commissariato to replace the Italian forms formerly used. This is intended to facilitate the accounting procedure.
b. Ration report of available rations on hand as of 25 June.
c. Return of unauthorised rations to ENS QM at Depot 574.

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4. Liaison with the medical section at the Intendenza concerning medical supplies for Sardinia.

ORDNANCE LOG - NAPLES DEPOT
(Major Head)

1. Airgraphed manifest showed that the SS Mayn Salmon, due Naples, had 6000 bales of comforters for the Italian Army. This ship duly arrived at Naples, but has been diverted to a more northerly port. There is still a certain amount of secrecy as to its actual destination, but this is believed to be Civitavecchia.

2. During the week, in company with Capt. Nelson, I inspected the Camp Affluenza, Astrand (the FBS Transit Camp). Reinforcements were arriving in a pretty poor condition - some had practically no clothes at all - and advice was given to demand necessary clothing. We were satisfied that clothing already issued was being properly used, and that indents had been reasonable.

3. Also visited during the week, with Capt. Thrupp, was the 10th Ragruppamento, Genio. 1,8 soldiers were ready to move and a those were inspected. Clothing was good though a few boots needed to be exchanged.

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(MMIA) L.C. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 650

No.318

25 June 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No.7 for week ending 24 June 44.

a Sunday 18 June. Attended ceremony at U.S. Cemetery at Palermo where the Italians honored our dead by placing four large wreaths on the graves. Afternoon off.

b Monday 19 June. Conferences as follows:
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f Friday 23 June. (1) Secured data from Medical Officer IBS re Italian hospitals & hospital personnel. (See our No.362 dated 25 June).

(2) 145 AA Gp (ITI) arrived at Syracuse under command 73 AA Brigade (Brit).

(3) Major Fossett visited Distributing Depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. Found both depots in good condition.

g Saturday 24 June. Office work. Capt Craig secured

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authority from port authorities for XII Corps to pick up some salvage cement in bomb damaged buildings in port area.

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Lt Col Inf
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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log, Number Fourteen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC.
Main Hq, Leguile.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 17 June is submitted:

a. Sunday, 11 June

(1) Detachment Army Sub Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No change.

(2) Major Gray and Captain Cerutti return from inspection tour of ration depots.

(3) Lieut Colonel Rodzianko visits Commanding General Granatieri Division at Domusnovas.

b. Monday, 12 June

(1) Inspection Congedarti Battalion by Major Martin.

(2) Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna. Present were Colonel Simons, General Magli, and Captain Cerutti.

(3) Major Gray from duty to DS Naples.

(4) Following Italian personnel and equipment depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT AND EQUIPMENT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
110 A	Congedanti		1000	
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98	Bersaglieri Battalion Equipment			6
98	24 motorcycles		6	3
98	1 motortricycle			
	Totals		1306	9

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c. Tuesday, 13 June

(1) Lieut Colonel Roisianko DS to Tempio Pausania for inspection of 226th Division.

(2) Lieut Colonel Jerome Kessner DS to Sassari.

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(3) Inspection of Congedanti Battalion by Major Martin.

(4) Following Italian units depart for the mainland:

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111 A	Congedanti	1000	
98	Bersaglieri Bn Equipment		6
98	24 motorcycles	6	3
98	1 motortricycle		
	Totals	1006	9

d. Wednesday, 14 June

(1) Major Gray from DS Naples to duty.

(2) Deputy Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna in regarding Labour Battalions.

(3) Conference at Allied Garrison of Sardinia. Present were Major General Wilson, Brigadier General Webster, Brigadier General Hamblen, Colonel Lechey, Colonel Simmons, and Colonel Kerr.

(4) Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna. Present were General Magli, Colonel Simmons, and Colonel Kerr.

e. Thursday, 15 June

(1) Board assembled regarding organization of Italian units employed by Allies.

(2) Colonel Simmons conference with Brigadier Carr.

(3) Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna.

(4) Major Martin inspects Internal Security Battalion.

(5) Deputy Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna, in regarding Carabinieri horses.

f. Friday, 16 June

(1) General Ticchioni in to see Colonel Simmons regarding 71st Bersaglieri Battalion.

(2) Following Italian units depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT AND EQUIPMENT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
111 A	Congedanti	6	250	
112 A	Bn Internal Security personnel.	26	1000	
98	Bersaglieri Bn Equipment		6	6
98	24 motorcycles			3
98	1 motortricycle			
120 A	I.A.F. Personnel		29	
	107 boxes mattress covers		2	6
	Totals	32	1287	15

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g. Saturday, 17 June

(1) Conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna. Present were Colonel Simmons and Colonel Capello, Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna.

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Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SUBJECT: Liaison Log - Period 4 June - 17 June 1944.

TO : Army Sub Commission, ACC Main H.Q. (MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
7 June	Letter from General Infante re gasoline for Comando Supremo.	Comando Supremo informed of increase of petrol to 15 Bbls for month of June vide MMIA letter SS/51 dated 11 June 44.
7	Letter from Marshal Messe to Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.; re Divs. composed of I. PW employed within national territory.	Represented to Chief Commissioner by Deputy Chief Commissioner who acknowledged letter to Marshal Messe, and stated that it was anticipated that the information requested would be made available.
8	Comando Supremo disclosed question of ration strength and asked that reduction should not be made.	Spoke with A/Q LECCE who agreed to hold matter up until Comando Supremo signalled strength to Ministry of War. Forwarded copy of Comando Supremo's letter dated 9 May to MMIA giving full details of how strength now made up.
9	Hardship grants to families of PW.	Represented to High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
13	Transfer of Div. to Sicily.	Copy of MMIA letter SS/25 dated 10 June 44. passed to Secretary General, H.Q. A.C.C.
13	Case on repatriation of Colonel B.H.Menno re-opened.	Referred to H.Q., A.A.I. by Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
13	Lt. Col. Campbell visited General Infante at Comando Supremo who asked for permission to send Adv. Party to Rome.	Referred matter to Col. Comfort who later informed me that General Roffarinne had given authority for small combination of Army, Navy and Air to go to Rome.
13	Discussed question of ration strength of Comando Supremo. It was explained to me that the largest proportion were S.I.M.	Stated that as long as the strength only included soldiers as defined in the Instructions issued by MMIA to Ministry of War. There was no question of rations not being issued.
13	Lt. Col. Campbell visited Gen. Gazzera, High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, and discussed PW question: (a) PW in Sicily and on the mainland (b) money and other effects not being returned to PW on repatriation (c) the repatriation of sick and wounded - numbers they could take etc.	Action had been taken in most cases. Any exceptions have been referred to AAI or A.F.H.Q. General Gazzera will write fully on the subject of PW in Sicily and Italy.

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DATE	EVIDENCE	ACTION TAKEN
13 June	Request made for permission to send advanced party of 2 officers & 2 ORs from High Commissioner for Prisoners of War office.	Authority asked for and granted.
14	Repatriation of sick and wounded Italian PW.	Informed AFHQ that "I.G. will accept all sick and wounded PW repatriated to Italy.
15	Agreed draft of Memo to take place of Resd. Memo No 31.	Alterations may require to be made on account of the move to Rome.
16		High Commissioner for Prisoners of War confirmed their approval of the repatriation of 213 sick & wounded PW (MMIA AG 1562 dated 17 June 44 refers).
16	Discussed PW question with Captain Stone.	Deputy Chief Commissioner agreed that I should write direct to AAI and AFHQ on all PW questions which were not high policy.
17	Repatriation of Italian officers from MEDITERRANEAN.	Informed High Commissioner for Prisoners of War accordingly.
17	Signal received from MMIA re paragraphs 4a from HEADQ Div. and replacement by Air Bn DUCO D'AOSTA or CRADO Bn.	Discussed matter with Marshal Heese and General Infante. Marshal Heese in full agreement, recommended DUCO D'AOSTA Bn. AAI informed accordingly by signal copy to MMIA.

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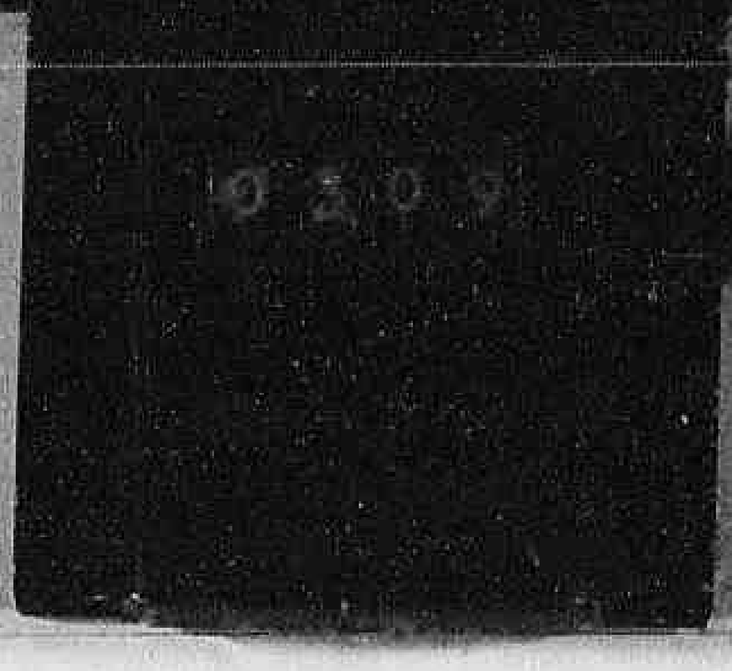
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROLL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394 U. S. ARMY
ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMF.

18 June, 1944

SUBJECT: WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 6
(G/21)

TO: ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
MAIN HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

SUNDAY 11 JUNE:

1. Major Head, Capt. Benatti and Lt. DeStefano visited the Port to see if any MTI stores were being off-loaded. This port has been seriously effected by the removal of truck Bnx. and Personnel to forward areas.

2. Not only are Italian foodstuffs being back-stacked, for the lack of transportation, but it is mixed with other foodstuffs destined for other importers. This will cause considerable trouble and become a problem when they start to route foodstuffs to their, supposedly, proper destination. The foodstuffs are badly marked. Approximately only 10% are marked. The markings used are small and in some cases marked only with crayon, which rubs off very easily. The flour is mixed with Army flour and that too is only spot marked.

3. Our Port Liasion Staff is at the port and diligently doing their part to help. The Italian Port Liasion is working very efficiently, but due to not transportation to move supplies are much concerned about their supplies.

4. Visited the Commissariato and the Intendenza and explained as much as possible what was happening and to keep crews on 24 hours and anticipate any moves that might be made by the Highway Div.

MONDAY, 12 JUNE:

1. Visited port - foodstuffs were moving very slowly. Transportation 4659 in this area is still acute.

2. Visited Lt. Robbins, Class I officer of QM Base section, QM 6698, to check figures of the foodstuffs received from Depot 553. Also to liaise with this section.

3. Visit to Depot 590 and 593 revealed little activity as to the movement of foodstuffs from port to depot. The necessary crews were at the depots and the depot commanders had them doing other work while waiting the arrival of trucks.

4. The work of making an entrance and an exit at 590/2 is progressing very nicely. This will elininate traffic congestion to a minimum. The open space at 52 Solita Capodichina is coming along fine.

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TUESDAY, 13 JUNE:

1. Visited Depot 593 - Flour was being stored in this depot. Operations were working smothly.

2. The inspection of the bakery revealed that everything was in order. They are baking an exceptionally fine loaf of bread of 300 gram weight. The bakery itself is a fine example of progress being made by the Italians.

3. Checked complaint of only 14 grams of olive oil being issued to troops on type "B" rations. The instructions for this cut was issued by the War Ministry.

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WEDNESRAY, 14 JUNE:

1. Col. Jones, Provost Marshal PBS, wanted 1900 cotton unifors for Italians that were going to be used for Police duties. Cal. Shipley said that these were not available from any source.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE:

1. Carried on the usual routine liaison activities with all personnel, including American administrative personnel in ACC and PBS, as well as Italian personnel in Depots, Commissariato, and Intendenza.

2. Liaison activities concerning secondary problems, though not less important, have been carried in a cooperativemanner.

3. Capt. Fordyce and Capt. Nelson attended the weekly POM conference at AAI. Rail transportation to Rome may be expected in another couple weeks. The 40 tons of wine bid for Campobasso had not been laid on. - Reason - No rail facilities available at Campobasso. It was laid on for Leuciana - the nearest railroad station.

4. Lt. DeStefano returned to 36th. Division on receipt of signal from C.G. 36th. Division. Consulted Col. Talcott, Chief of Staff AAI due to the absence of Col. Kerr from Headquarters, and he said that it would be necessary for Lt. DeStefano to return to the Division.

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6. In responce to request by Col. Shipley concerning censorship, we contacted Col. Campbell at Salerno who in turn consulted the Officer in charge of censorship for ACC. Col Campbell stated that the censorship machinery was all set up and that it would be all right for the Italian Ministry of War to release the 6000 cards to the soldiers.

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DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DURING DISCHARGE OF UGS 42:

1. The arrival of this convoy coincided woth the advance of the 5th. and 8th. Armies to Rome and beyond: as a result of this large number of trucks were withdrawn from the port and for the first time since it commenced to operate Naples found itself acutely short of transport.

2. This menat considerable back stacking on the quays. This was very badly done especially on Berth 30 there the Joseph T.Robinson was berthed. At the same time theree out of five of the Port operationg Battalions were withdrawn for duties forward resulting in noticeable lack of supervision of the civilian labour employed in the port. Thus slings came off the ship w with mixed commodities with the markings also mixed and were stacked around th the ship still badly mixed. Of the subsistance on this particular ship the Italian Army were manifested about 10%, the QM 90%. Arrangments were made whereby the Italians shipped their flour themselves in horse drawn lorries. Had this not been done it is very doubtful if they would have received any as the bulk of the subsistance was being shifted by had into rail cars still badly mixed as to commodities.

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5. In view of the above remarks unless IMMEDIATE steps are taken to improve the markings on the ITI subsistance we can only expect more and more unsatisfactory discharges.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
18.6.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.6.

(a) 502 Btg H.Q. moved from Torrebruna to Lebba. Move of 2 and 3 coys I/541 from Cupello to Vasto Marina.
(b) Arrival of 3 offrs and 100 men of 501 Guard Btg to do guard duty at Termoli and Vasto. No warning of their arrival and sent mistakenly to Lebba.
(c) Liaison between Col Jung and 50 General hospital, where Italians have 100 beds. Measures for improvement in their discipline and habits. Also request for trained orderlies.

Meeting General di Stefanis - Area Commander re.general matters

(d) Inspection of 29 coy Minatori. Very satisfactory, practically every man employed on specialist work.

3 coy, 9 Mitr: Btg doing guard duty at 370 P.O.W. Camp, working satisfactorily. Much assistance given by British O.C

Complaint that 21 Coy, Artieri, not working hard enough. Matter being taken up.

(e) Nil.
(f) Transport arrangements for despatch of sbandati at Termoli as reinforcements for 209 Division. Their routine accelerated.

Adoption of scheme for Italian military to draw their own POL instead of getting a chit from me each time.

Transport arrangements for sbandati coming back from liberated areas to reorganisation camp at Foggia.

Establishment of large billet in Vasto as Transit Camp for such sbandati as stay for interrogation.

General liaison with Italian L of C H.Q. Stores Depa acquired.

Liaison with Area re. new Italian units now under their command.

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J.F. Bourne Capt.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No.271

18 June 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No.6 for week ending 17 June 1944.

a Sunday 11 June. Office work AM; off duty PM.

b Monday 12 June. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig made reconnaissance re additional warehouse space in Palermo if and when required. They also investigated complaints by personnel of 505th Bn Security Services. Findings: the men are receiving the allotted ration but some units being quartered near PW units see the better PW ration which tends to cause dissatisfaction.

c Tuesday 13 June. Conference with Col Lo Vecchio and Maj Palma, Italian officers charge of Palermo Commissary, re future plans to establish new distribution depots to supply the two Divs expected to arrive from Sardinia. Col Kerr arrivedby plane.

Conference with Col Kerr re general policies and details that needed clarification.

d Wednesday 14 June. Col Kerr departed for Sardinia. Conference with Maj Hall, Lo IBS to Italian units, and representative ACC Region 1 re guards for ACC installations at Palermo and vicinity after 1 July. Conference with Col Hancock, ACC Region one, re guards for ACC installations. (See our No.254 of 16 June). Conference with representative IBS Provost Marshal re release 45 Ps W in hospital to XII Corps. Advised to send in letter concerning same.

Maj Fossett contacted Hq Italian Air Force at Palermo re ration strength.

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e Thursday 15 June. Conference with Engr Officer XII Corps re buildings in Palermo being released by IBS and turned over to the Italians. Maj Fossett made reconnaissance of bldgs and Capt Craig secured several released bldgs for the Italians. Conference with Welfare Officer XII Corps re Italians honoring deceased soldiers in U.S. cemetery Sunday 18 June. CO IBS had previously given his permission for same. Col Kerr returned from Sardinia by air.

f Friday 16 June. Conference with IBS Medical officer re Italian hospital and medical personnel occupied and employed respectively by U.S. Findings: IBS had already complied with spirit of your letter ref M/17/1101 of 12 June. Col Kerr departed by air.

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c Tuesday 13 June. Conference with Col Lo Vecchio and Maj Palma, Italian officers charge of Palermo Commissary, re future plans to establish new distribution depots to supply the two Divs expected to arrive from Sardinia. Col Kerr arrivedby plane.

Conference with Col Kerr re general policies and details that needed clarification.

d Wednesday 14 June. Col Kerr departed for Sardinia. Conference with Maj Hall, Lo IBS to Italian units, and representative ACC Region 1 re guards for ACC installations at Palermo and vicinity after 1 July. Conference with Col Hancock, ACC Region one, re guards for ACC installations. (See our No.254 of 16 June). Conference with representative IBS Provost Marshal re release 45 Ps W in hospital to XII Corps. Advised to send in letter concerning same.

Maj Fossett contacted Hq Italian Air Force at Palermo re ration strength.

e Thursday 15 June. Conference with Engr Officer XII Corps re buildings in Palermo being released by IBS and turned over to the Italians. Maj Fossett made reconnaissance of bldgs and Capt Craig secured several released bldgs for the Italians. Conference with Welfare Officer XII Corps re Italiens honoring deceased soldiers in U.S. cemetery Sunday 18 June. CO IBS had previously given his permission for same. Col Kerr returned from Sardinia by air.

f Friday 16 June. Conference with IBS Medical officer re Italian Hospital and Medical personnel occupied and employed respectively by U.S. Findings: IBS had already complied with spirit of your letter ref M/17/1161 of 12 June. Col Kerr departed by air.

g Saturday 17 June. Office work. Maj Fossett inspected Bulk & Distributing Depots at Palermo, material for flooring was obtained for the flour. Both depots showed great improvement in neatness and efficiency. He visited Director of Commissary XII Corps. The quality of bread has been improved and canned meat was issued instead of canned fish, which is not available.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
A C Sicily

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Report N°5 MMIA LO c/o N°2 District

HQ MMIA

Week 11 June to 17 June 44

Sunday

(a) See D.D.L. ref 19 Pnr Gp Formation Centre MINERVINO.
(b) See ST 2 District ref 1200 Ind Ambulance Pl.

Monday

(a) Col SALVI O.C. HQ for sorting of disbanded Italian Military corssing the lines - helped on his way.

Tuesday

(a) Moved office to room N°1 on First Floor.
(b) Saw Medical Offr from Medical Directorate 1X CORPS ref BORGMO Hospital; medical supplies for 925 IWT Coy and medical orderlies for hospital trains moving South from 5 CORPS.

Wednesday

(a) Spoke to Town Major FOGGIA ref Col SALVI's functions, accomodation and camp.
(b) Visited 1X CORPS HQ on routine matters.
(c) Visited HQ at LEQUILE.
(d) Delegazione Trasporti collect waggon sealing equipment.

Thursday

(a) Visited by O.C.715 A W Coy R.E. who is taking over 916 Lav Art Coy.
(b) Made preliminary arrangements for move of clothing by rail to 209 Div.

Friday

(a) Arranged with RTO and 1X CORPS for the move to TERMOLI of clothing and equipment for 209 Div and Transit Camp.
(b) Saw S.F. 2 District and Capt HITCHIN O.C. Brit Cadre ref 1004 G.F.Coy. Visited 1X CORPS ref items of [illegible] available from Italian sources.
(c) Spoke to FILFOT ADMS ref Italian Red Cross proceeding to ROME with medicine and food parcels. Answer promised to-morrow.
(d) Saw 9 MT Regt ref workshop trailer for Air Forces Sub Commission. None available. Also ref 6 B.S.A. wanting to requisition still more of their warehouses. O.C. Col BARBONE asks that three or four British vehs be given him so that he can train drivers for G.F.Coy.

Saturday

(a) Speak to D.D.L. ref MINERVINO Camp, clothing and D.I.D.

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(b) Saw Medical Offr from Medical Directorate 1X CORPS ref BONOMO Hospital; medical supplies for 923 INT Coy and medical orderlies for hospital trains moving South from 5 CORPS.

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Saturday

(a) Speak to D.D.L. ref MINERVINO Camp, clothing and D.I.D. at CANOSA.
(b) Visited by O.C.85 Mtn Regt ref attachment to his unit of an Italian L.O.
(c) Ring Maj FAUCI of the M.T.Branch 1X CORPS ref issue of P.O.L. to Driving School at POLIGNANO.

C.F.Murcell

signed C.F.MURCELL Capt
MMIA LO, DISTWO.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Thirteen.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Hq, Lequile.

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 10 June is submitted:

a. Sunday, 4 June

(1) Detachment Army Sub Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No change except Lieut Colonel Rodzienko to duty 6 June.

(2) Colonel Simmons to Sicily for conference with General Officer Commanding Number One District re the preparation of the 226th and Bari Divisions for movement to Sicily.

(3) Lieut Colonel Kessner from duty to DS Corsica re medical equipment.

b. Monday, 5 June

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS Corsica to duty.

(2) Following Italian units depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
84 C	1 QM Truck Battalion	20	496
132	501st Guard Battalion	24	790
	Totals	44	1286

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c. Tuesday, 6 June

(1) Colonel Simmons returns from Sicily.

(2) Lieut Colonel Rodzienko reports for duty.

(3) Following Italian personnel depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
84	Casuals		50
109	Congedanti		1000
	Total		1050

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d. Wednesday, 7 June

(1) Colonel Simmons conference with General Magli re organizing battalions for work in harvest. Lieut Colonel Rodzianko introduced to General Magli.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner from duty to DS Algiers.

e. Thursday, 8 June

(1) Colonel Costantino in regarding truck company requested by SMHE and Italian soldiers going about armed when on leave.

(2) Colonel Simmons conference with Allied Regional Commissioner.

f. Friday, 9 June

(1) Colonel Simmons to Lecce and Naples.

(2) Major Egerton and Major Martin inspect Congedanti Battalion.

(3) Major Gray and Captain Cerutti DS to investigate distribution of rations and depots on the island.

(4) The following Italian troops and equipment depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT OR EQUIPMENT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
109	Congedanti		1000	
118	Royal Finance Guards	2	300	
	Equipment Bersaglieri Bn	1	5	6
98	24 motorcycles			3
	1 motortricycle			
MMIA cable AQ 1301	Cloth for SMHE - 2700 meters	1		20
	Totals	4	1305	29

g. Saturday, 10 June

(1) Major Martin inspects Congedanti Battalion.

(2) Colonel Simmons returns from Lecce and Naples.

(3) Colonel Simmons conference with General Magli.

(4) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS Algiers to duty.

(5) Following Italian troops and equipment depart for the mainland:

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	Equipment Bersaglieri Bn	1	5	6
98	24 motorcycles			3
	1 motortricycle			
	10,000 mess tins			
MMIA	20,000 spoons			
cable	50,000 towels			16.10
AQ 1301	2,000 leggings (mounted)			
	800 leggings (motorcyclists)			
	Totals	1	1005	25.10

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Subject:-No.3 Weekly Liaison Log 5 June 44 - 11 June 44.

L.O., Army Sub-Commission, (ACC).,
XIXI Italian Corps,
Portecrande-CARAFARO.

11 June 44.

Ref:-G.I./44.

To:-Army Sub-Commission, (ACC).,
Main L.O., (M.M.L.A.).,
LEQUILE. (LECCE).

1. The following is the daily log for the period 5/11 June 44:-

MONDAY, 5 JUNE 44.

(i) MONCK-MASON to LECCE AERO RESERVE to discuss rations for detachment.

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 44.

(i) HOWARD inspected I Group of 155 Regt. Arty. at LECCE with General CORONATI and then proceeded to MESCIO GAL.

(ii) MONCK-MASON visited P.O.L. dump at CASTRIANO.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 44.

(i) HOWARD inspected 507 Smoke Coy. at MESCIO in the morning and with Colonel JASPER and Capt. WOMBELL the 350 Train Guard Coy. in the evening.

(ii) MONCK-MASON inspected GALLIPOLI Distribution Depot.

(iii) Brigadier RAILTON and Capt. TWATCHER from 73 A.A. Bde. HQ/IN arrived and had a conference with General CORONATI regarding the availability of 145 Italian A.A. Group in SILA. NEWTON was present.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 44.

(i) HOWARD to MESSELA and back.

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(ii) MONCK-MASON visited F.C.L. Dump at CASTIANO.

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(i) HOWARD inspected 507 Smoke Coy. at RESTOIO in the morning and with Colonel JAMES and Capt. WOMBELL the 350 Train Guard Coy. in the evening.

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THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 44.

(i) HOWARD to MESSINA and back.

(ii) RAILES and THATCHER to SILA with CENTILE. Italian A.A. Group inspected (see my signal G.2 of 10 June 44).

(iii) NEWTON talked over MANTOVA responsibility for all guards on Allied dumps with Major. TAYLOR L.R.O. and necessity for returning present Depot guards to Depots for Allied programme.

(iv) MONCK-MASON to CROTONE to inspect Bulk Depot and new premises of Distribution Depot.

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 44.

(i) HOWARD inspected Serial I095 2 [illegible] Streicher Tractor Coy. and Re-inforcements for P.B.S. at VILLA VALENCIA, Serials I090, I093 and I095 en route REGGIO CAL. to CATANZARO. General CORBOULD was also present.

(ii) General BROWNING and Capt. CRAYTON arrived for night.

(iii) NEWTON saw Major THOMAS, C.O., 14 Forestry Coy., PZE about formation 101 Forestale Coy. (serial 2006).

(iv) GENTLE inspected bridge works CATANZARO - REGGIO CAL. and engineer stores MARCELLINARA.

SATURDAY, 10 JUNE 44.

(i) General BROWNING and CRAYTON to SILA where Generals CORBOULD and DOLOSSA were met. Defence of SILA discussed and Power Station at TIMPA GRANDE visited.

(ii) HOWARD to CAMIGLIATELLO where conference held with Capt. ERICSON 50 Engineer Coy. (Forestry) U.S.Army and then on to SILA.

(iii) MONCK-MASON inspected CATANZARO food depots.

(iv) NEWTON discussed security in CALABRIA with Sgt. SUTTAR, F.S.S.

2. Progress of Allied Programme from 5 June 44 - 11 June 44.

Serial Entrained.	Units.	Strength Required.		Strength Entrained.		Remarks.
		Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
I091 C/8 June 44	505 Smoke Coy.	5	201	5	201	
I091 C/8 June 44	506 Smoke Coy.	5	201	5	201	

3. Notes on Inspections of Italian Units.

(a) 155 Regt. Arty. (MANTOVA Div).

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(i) General BROWNING and CHARTON to SILA where Tenente Colonnello and DONCHA were met. Defence of SILA discussed and Power Station at TIRIOLO visited.

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3. Notes on Inspections of Italian Units.

(a) 155 Regt. Army. (MANTOVA Div).

This regiment arrived recently in CALABRIA from APULIA with three groups. It has now been assigned as its fourth group the 1st. motorized group of 100/22 guns. This unit which was dealt with in my report G7,MS,9 of 4 May (erroneously dated 4 Apr) para 3, sub para (b) is now at TIRIOLO.

I Group CROTONE

This is a horse drawn group with 100/22 guns. The C.O., Capt.PICCA seemed alive and keen. The group was the best seen and was in good condition.

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II. Group BORGI.

This horse draw group with 100/22 guns was in a disgraceful condition when inspected by General CORCIATI and myself. Saddlery was filthy, stirrup irons, bits, guns and arms were in a dirty condition. The C.O. is a general staff officer, Lt.Col. [illegible] and he was left in no doubt about the General's view on the state of his unit. CORCIATI is an old gunner and once commanded the 13 Army. Regt. said to be one of the best Italian gunner units pre-war.

Z. III Group CUTRO.

Commanded by an old and somewhat decrepit officer Lt.Col.CALVANI. This horse drawn group of 75/27 appeared in reasonable order except that the guns inspected were in a dirty condition. No Registers had been brought down from ARVILLA for the guns which were taken over from the FOGGIA Div recently.

(b). 250 Train Guard Coy. REGGIO CAL.

This unit is now organically complete and only needs an issue of boots and clothing to begin training. An inspection report will be rendered for it as soon as possible. The C.O. Capt. MARBORNONE. was not impressive but the other officers were of a good type. The men are 100% Calabresi, but I think this has the makings of a good unit.

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544 Stretcher Bearers Coy. Serial 1096 B.

Reinforcements for P.S.S. Serial 1090, 1093 & 1095

4. Notes on Duties carried out in CALABRIA by XXXI Corps.

(a) Guards on VP's.

General BORGNA's appreciation for the A.A. and [illegible] defence of the SILAN hydro-electric plants have not yet been received from Corps. A copy will be forwarded as soon as possible with my comments. G.O.C. XXXI Corps orders to the MANTOVA Div for guarding railway VP's has been received and is being studied. group 4649

(b) Appendix "A" shows the present disposition of the MANTOVA Div.

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(d) Internal Security.

Nothing to report.

(e) Miscellaneous duties carried out by XXXI Corps on behalf of the Allies.

(i) 15 horses have been lent to the U.S.AAF Corps rest camp at VILLAGGIO MANCUSO.

(ii) 1,000 men from the MANTOVA Div for harvesting in the FOGGIA area left CALABRIA on 10 June 44.

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ADD "E".

This refers to the details sent from NAVTECHREP on 11 June 44:

DIVISION E.O.
114 Inf. Regt. E.O.
2nd. Bn.
3rd. Bn.
Tk. Co. Regt. H.Q.
1st. Bn.
2nd. Bn.
3rd. Bn.
115 Inf. Regt. E.O. and one Bn.
309 M.G. Bn.
155 Reconnaissance Sqdn. H.Q.
1st. Recon.
2nd. Recon.
3rd. Recon.
(Div. Recon (No Armd Cars))
104 Med Sec.
102 Q.M. Sec.
104 Sig. Bn.

+ Tele Reconnaissance Platoon

SIG 4 on 20 June 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY
ARMY SUB COMMISSION CAC

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11 June, 1944

SUBJECT: WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 5
(G/21)

TO: ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
MAIN HQ. (MMIA)
LE JUILE (LECOE)

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE

1. Capt. Benatti called at the Civilian Truck Pool and two (2) trucks were placed at the disposal of the Italians for the expressed purpose of hauling sardines. The trucks would start Monday morning, 5 June, to haul sardines to awaiting freight cars for shipment to Crotone.

MONDAY, 5 JUNE

1. Major Krisl and Capt. Benatti went to Depot 590 to inspect; and as part of the Board to write off any foodstuffs that was not fit for human consumption. We are sending under separate cover the report of the Commission.

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE

1. UGS - 42 had arrived on June 5th. and would commence off-loading during the night. Lt. Tonks had given the Italians prior notice of the arrival of the following ships in the Convoy: "SIMON WILLARD" and " JOSEPH T. ROBINSON".

2. a. Major Krisl, Capt. Benatti and Lt. DeStephano vised depot in Aversa.
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(a). Piazza Abberavale, (Caserma Casreire)
(2). Type of depot.
(a). Distribution Depot.
(3). C.O. incharge.
(a). Capt. Roberto Perussa
(4). No. of personnel.
(a). 1 officer.
(b). 4 NCO's.
(c). 4 soldiers.
(d). Civilians.
(5). No. of personell served by depot.
(a). 7568.

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b. We found the Caserna in an excellent condition. The C. O. has t taken the iniative to make this place presentable. The entire place was a credit to visit.

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(a). Magazina Viveri
(39th. Inf. Regt.)
Falciona, 2 Km. outside Caserta.
(2). Type of depot.
(a). Distribution Depot.
(3). C.O. Incharge.
(a). Lt. Col. Castanza, Francesca
(4). No. of Personnel.
(a). 2 officers.
(b). 4 NCO's.
(c). 10 soldiers.
(5). No. of personnel served by this depot.
(a). 4200.

b. This distribution depot was also excellent. The accounting of the foodstuffs was very good. The depot presented a clean and orderly establishment.

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WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE

1. There is a lack of transportation and Port Bn. at the Port of Naples and the two ships which are carrying foodstuffs for the Italian Army are discharging very slowly. Some of the items have to be back-stacked on the quays.

2. Visited the Commissaria and Intendenza. There were no complaints.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

1. Capt. Fordyce attended the P O M conference at AAI.

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE

1. a. Major Krisl, Capt. Benatti, Capt. Wilson and Lt. DeStephano visited depot in Avellina.

(1). Location of depot.
(a). Via De Caucilis (Military road)
(b). Caserma Irpina.
(2). Type of depot.
(a). Distribution Depot.
(3). C.O. Incharge.
(a). Lt. Col. Curci Giuseppe.
(4). No. of Personnel.
(a). 1 officer
(b). 3 NCO's.
(c). 4 soldiers.
(5). No of personnel served by depot.
(a). 650.

b. This Caserma was hit by bombs and in some parts was destroyed but at the present time they are reconstructing it anew.

c. The C.O. appears to be a very efficient and an energetic type of officer. The part of the Caserma used for storage and issues was excellent. Care is exercised in the storing of foodstuffs and its destribution. They are installing ovens so that they can make their own bread.

2. a. Our next visit was to the depot in Benevento.

(1). Location of Depot.
(a). Military Hg.
(2). Type of Depot.
(a). Distribution Depot.
(3). C.O. Incharge.
(a). Capt. Villanacci, Florindo.
(4). No. of personnel.
(a). 1 officer
(b). 2 NCO's.
(c). 4 soldiers.
(5). No. of Personnel served by depot.
(a). 800.

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE

1. a. Major Krisl, Capt. Benatti, Capt. Nilson and Lt. DeStephano visited depot in Avellina.

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(a). Via De Ceucilis (Military road)
(b). Caserma Irpina.
(2). Type of depot.
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b. This distribution depot was in a rather dark basement of the building. A British unit occupied the upper floor.

c. This depot was also neat and orderly. Due to the lack of space in other buildings in Benevento the storage and issuing from the basement will have to continue until suitable space is found.

3. Under separate cover we are sending the desired information as to the no. of depots, types, etc.

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SATURDAY, 10 JUNE

1. The ships off-loading ITI foodstuffs are discharging very slowly. Lt. Tonks had to resort to hourse drawn carts to move flour from the quays to depot 593. Due to forward move of personnel and transportation the port of Naples is in a peculiar situation as regards tpt.

2. The poen storage space at 52 Solita Capodichino is progressing very rapidly and alterations should be completed in a short space of time.

3. The situation regarding the drawong of rations by Civilians on Military duty has beey straightened out and AAI is issuing directives to issuing authority of Italian governsent to draw rations from the DID at Salerno.

Lt. Col.
Army Sub Cimmission, ACC

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. A.A.I.A.

A.A.I.A. L.O.
CC Sub Area.
II.C.44.
JE/B.S.

Subject. - Weekly Liaison Log. No 5.

(a) Movement of 21 coy Artieri from Carunchio area to Lebba. Permission obtained for move of 501 Btg H.Q. from Torrebruna to Termoli.
(b) Departure of 516 (ex 100) Artieri coy from Termoli to Bovino.

Establishment of Amm dump near Vasto with 29 A.A.D.

Storage for Italian medical supplies established with 7 Adv Medical Supplies, Vasto. Now functioning.

Billeting for 1 of C H.Q. of General de Stefanis. Assistance with details.
(c) Conference with Col Tuzi and 21 C.R.E. for further details for mine clearing. Arrangements made for formation of three platoons, two to come from 103 Coy Artieri.
(d) Inspection again of 180 Coy Artieri prior to its departure. List obtained of equipment necessary for building up of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.
(e) Nil.
(f) General organisation of camp at Termoli for sbandati. Water problem solved and most of necessary stores have arrived. Ready to start work.

Security incidents caused by wire cutting repeated by I Batteria motrista Nembo, near Lebba.

Several police incidents concerning disorderly behaviour in Vasto by paracadutisti and their propagating of stories that they would cut hair of Italian girls seen with British troops. C.M.P. one night menaced by a group with arms; Request that Vasto be put out of bounds to Italians, and no arms carried in town except when on duty.

New proposals to Area for Italian units drawing POL.
Arrangements with Italian DID as Area now extended.
Passes and permits.

J.P. Bourne Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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Army Sub Commission ACC
(MMIA) L.C. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No.198

11 June 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.5 (TriP)

To : COC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your G/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 10 June 1944 submitted as follows.

a Sunday 4 June. AM routine office work, PM rest.

b Monday 5 June. Maj Fossett, Capt Craig, Lt Adami (Italian Interpreter) and I mortored to Trapani inspected 2d Gp 16 Arty Regt and Ammunition Dps in that area(See our 182 of 6 June). This unit had overdrawn rations when they moved to this area and it was being corrected first period in June. They were issuing on a 7 day menu sent them by the Sabauda Div before the 10 day menu was issued by War Ministry. We contacted the Director of Commissary here at Palermo and the 10 day menu will be put into effect. Major Thrupp arrived.

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g Saturday 10 June. Conference with Maj Tazwell 31st A.F. Dep (British) re return of airfields and Italian air force ammunition. Conference with Maj Wickenden S/T Distone re repayment in kind rations Distone issued to Italian Navy - see our IBSAG-1221 of 11 June.

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LESTER K ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Report No 4.

MMA 10 c/o HQ 2 District

HQ MMA

Week 4 Jun to 10 Jun 44

Sunday

(a) Spoke to [redacted] Office ref saddlery for [redacted] Bn to be collected from 500 A.O.D. Warn them that Commissariat IX Corps want from them 1,000 rank scales for 209 Div Transit Camp at [redacted]. They tell me there are certain medical supplies for CIL to be drawn from General Medical Stores. Ask them to find out if it would be more convenient to draw this side.

(b) Col [redacted] warns me that Air Forces Sub Commission require W/S trailer for three months.

(c) 32 pair boots delivered to 951 Engr W/S Sec at night at the very last moment.

Monday

(a) 951 W/S Sqn moves PARI to CHIECLLO.

(b) Preparation of equipment for CIL unit under way.

(c) Offr from [redacted] Bn comes to draw saddlery from 500 A.O.D.

Tuesday

(a) Make arrangements with 5 CORPS and IX CORPS for move of unit for 46641 and 209 Div.

(b) Col DUNIA C.C. Italian Remount Depot makes a demand for Halleine, horse shoes and nails which are supplied by Col [redacted] ADV & HS 2 District.

(c) Commissariat IX CORPS enquires about Bentonite for scrap manufacture a supply of which is held by a civilian firm under DDSS 2 District. A small amount released for Italian Army in early stages - Italians now want more Bentonite. Maj YOUNG DDSS 2 Dist is seeing to the question.

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(b) Preparation of equipment for CCL put under way.

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Thursday

(a) 2 offrs 56 Gds for No 8 C.C.S. leave BARI for Benchead.

(b) Made preliminary arrangements for move of med personnel and supplies for MEDO and 209 Div.

(c) Col MORHARDY from 5 CORPS requests ground sheets for SEMENTI.

(d) Saw IX CORPS Commissariat re? NEL Camp at MONTERVINO.

Friday

(a) Visited IX CORPS HQ and met Gen LEMELT and Lt Col MICHELOTTI C of S.

(b) Med personnel and supplies leave for VASTO. DORRIS informed, and asked to supervise the formation of the Italian adv med and stores in No 7 British Adv Base Med Stores at VASTO.

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(c) Inform MEDA 1,000 ground sheets required for [redacted].

SATURDAY

(a) Secy IX CORPS ref wine barrels for Italian tns under command EIGHTH Army, and also ref 209 Dir Transit Camp.

signed C.F Marvelli Capt
MEDA HQ, DIMINO.

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M.M.I.A.
H.Q. 5 Corps
11 Jun 44

Weekly Liaison Log — N° 5

A. Movements.

(1) 4 Coy 9 M.G. Bn has moved from MOZZAGROGNA to VASTO for guard duties under 15 Corps at 370 P.O.W Camp

(11) 3 Coy 38 Arty Bn. has moved from MOZZAGROGNA to rd SOUTH of CHIETI under 1210 C.R.E

(111) 1 & 2 Coys II/533 have moved from CAMPOMARINO to MOZZAGROGNA (215 Corps 3rd Pk).

(IV) HQ, 515 Regt has gone to TERMOLI to run the Transit Camp in view of the call-up of standards

B. Arrivals

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C Miscellaneous

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(ii) The arrival of ITALIAN Gps has given rise to the remark that "it took the Italians to do it — the British sat here for 6 months and got nowhere". Unfortunately the ITALIANS arrived just before the expected enemy withdrawal on their front

(iii) May RICCI's Det 29 Minator has suffered more casualties in minesweeping — 2 killed, 3 injured. It is submitted that the excellent work done by this officer and his handful of capable courageous volunteers be brought to the notice of S.M.R.E.

Army Sub Comm
(Mine wpns)

EO Bennett
Capt

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SUBJECT: Liaison Log - Period 21 May - 3 June 1944.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main H.Q. (MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
24 May	Arrest and detention of General Bellomo.	Report rendered to Political Section.
24	Lt. Col. Campbell discussed PW question with Mr. Caccia.	
25	Lt. Col. Campbell and General Dapino, Deputy High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, conferred PW problems.	
26	A.A.I. Policy for release of PW in Sicily and Italy.	A.A.I. ruling that Italian H.Q. Sicily, can deal directly with No. 1 District - communicated to High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
26	A.F.H.Q. request to repatriate 6 Italian Generals from North Africa.	Communicated to Comando Supremo for its selection and action.
26	Lt. Col. Campbell spoke with Captain Ellison "A", H.Q. A.A.I. regarding the reopening of the case of repatriating Colonel Manno, Italian PW and Sjt. Major Viscido.	
28	Col. Densmore and Lt. Col. Campbell discussed at length PW question. All PW files were passed to Lt. Col. Campbell to digest.	
29	Lt. Col. Campbell visited Comando Supremo on PW question.	
29	British War Office request for acceptance to repatriation of 2 groups-640 and 900 Italian PW.	Represented to High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
30	Lt. Col. Campbell attended Chief Commissioner's conference.	
31	Lt. Col. Campbell attended Executive Commissioner's conference - Visiting General Browning and discussed PW questions - and other matter concerning Comando Supremo.	

Notification received from G-4 (B) of Major Campbell's promotion to Lt. Col.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
1 June	MMLA Naples office visited. Question of cases of repatriation to Italian Army and other general questions discussed with Col. Offenhauer. Spoke with Colonel Noake regarding matters at Lequile.	
2	General Dapino visited Lt. Col. Campbell on PW question - He was given copy of A.F.H.Q. telegram regarding arrival of sick and wounded PW at Taranto, June 4. Lt. Colonel Campbell discussed several questions with General Infante at this H.Q. The main one being to provide Lt. Colonel Campbell with all the information possible so that he can keep General Browning well informed.	
2	Vatican inquiry re welfare and whereabouts of Lieut. Angelini ROTA.	Represented to Comando Supremo
3	West Africa Headquarters request for repatriation of Italian PW Cpl. PENTIPPDE.	Submitted to High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

J.A. Campbell

J.A.CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Adv. H.Q.
Army Sub-Commission.

7 June 1944.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

4 June 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Twelve.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC Main Hq, Iequile (LECCE).

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 3 June is submitted:

a. Sunday, 28 May
(1) Detachment Army Sub Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No Change.

b. Monday, 29 May
(1) Conference at Italian Army Headquarters. Present were Colonel Simmons, General Magli, Major Egerton, and Captain Corutti. Points discussed included the re-organization of units arrived from Corsica, conditions under which Corpodanti were sent to the mainland for harvesting, and General Boselli's complaint regarding lack of discipline on the part of two Italian soldiers employed by the Allies.
(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner from duty to DS Sassari, 0800 hours.

c. Tuesday, 30 May
(1) Inspection of the San Bartolomeo and Via Liguiri warehouses by Major Gray accompanied by Colonel Borda, followed by off-loading of the "Harrison".

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d. Wednesday, 31 May
(1) Colonel Ledda in to see Colonel Simmons, on vacating appointment as Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna.
(2) Inspection of Navy Depot, Air Force Depot, and Army Depot for rations by Major Gray.

e. Thursday, 1 June
(1) Conference at Elmas regarding clothing of Italian personnel working in the interests of the Allies. Present were Col

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Simmons, Colonel Harding, Colonel Capello and Major Egerton.

(2) Conference at Elmas regarding re-organization of units from Corsica, re-organization of laborers in Sardinia, fixed defences in the Decimo airport, and ammunition situation in Sardinia. Present were Colonel Simmons, Colonel Costantino, Major Egerton, and Lieut Machiavelli.

(3) Visit to ration classification depot and investigation into system of accounting by Major Gray and Colonel Forde.

f. Friday, 2 June

(1) Lieut Macrae, R.A.V.C., reported from mainland for duty regarding shipment of mules and horses from Sardinia.

(2) Major Gray visited all ration depots in Cagliari and obtained lists of units being supplied.

g. Saturday, 3 June

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS Sassari to duty, 1300 hours.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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M.M.I.A,
HQ 5 Corps.
4 Jun 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG Nº 4.

A. Movements. NIL.

B. Arrivals.

During the past week the C.I.L has been moving into this Corps area.The whole of NEMBO Para Div has arrived,and most of it has moved into the line,in relief of 4 Ind Div. Gen.UTILI's own group has now almost completely arrived.It is still in the concentration area.

C. Visits.

I paid several visits to NEMBO before it moved into the line.In the first few days there was a certain amount of mild chaos,but thereafter the Div staff got into the run of things,and order was restored.Officers and men seemed very keen to get into action after a long period of inactivity - the Div as such has never fought but there is quite a proportion who are ex-members of FOLGORE.Morale is very high,and the ex-FOLGORE people seem to be proud of the fight the division put up at EL ALAMEIN.Their present contacts with 4 Ind Div have increased this feeling.The general appearance of the troops is good,and they ought to give a good account of themselves.Main problems were the scanty tpt at their command and the lack of good M.T repair facilities.These are being examined by Corps H.Q.

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Army Sub Commission,A.C.C;
(three copies).

G O Donnell,
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
4.6.44.

Subject -- Weekly Idaison Log. No 4.

(a) Transfer of 6/40; Regt from first location in Selvo to site by Trigno river.
(b) This unit arrived in 60 Sub Area with strength o 5 officers and 173 men.
68 Rft Btg to arrive at Lebba, which is in 60 Sub Area, has been made responsibility of 5 Corps.
(c) Discussion of general points with Aron and Lt Col Moriarty.
Idaison between Col Tuzi and 2I C.R.E. re clearing of Trigno minefields.
Discussion concerning Italian military and their powers of requisition in the Area.
(d) Detailed inspection of 180 Lavoratori Coy prior to its move and reorganisation. Separate report sent.
(e) Arrival of 6/407 with insufficient tentage. Other units are not yet fully equipped with tents. At present temporary loan from British units which may be withdrawn any time.
(f) Further billeting at Termoli and recce of Termoli Staging Area to cope with call up of 1500 sbandati.
General arrangements laid on.
Discussion with D.A.P.M. re obtaining more 'movieri' as detachment from Bers 447 Btg so successful.
Owing to moves, vehs on charge to Brit: units and allotted to Italians transferred to charge of other Brit: units. Complaints of poor maintenance by Italians.
Passes, permits, chits for POL.
Police incident - Italin officer living at home and found in possession of W.D. property.

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J.H. Bourne Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No.137 4 June 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.4

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your G/21 dated 9 May 1944, Liaison log for week ending 3 June 1944 submitted as follows:

a Sunday 28 May. Conference with Capt Gamble LO from No.1 District re trucks for engineer road work. Told him to contact XII Corps.

b Monday 29 May. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig checked strength for rations with Maj Palma (Italian), Director of Commissary. Made a reconnaissance in Arty area for additional warehouse space in Palermo if some should be required. The present warehouse facilities may not be adequate later when the other two Divs arrive.

c Tuesday 30 May. Accepted Col Stubblebien's invitation to review the Memorial Day parade and attended the services at the U.S. Cemetery. The C.G. XII Italian Corps and other Italian Military and Civilian dignataries also attended, which cemented our mutual good will between the Allies and the Italians, both Military and civilian.

Maj Fossett and Capt Craig investigated a claim by Palermo Bulk Depot of a discrepancy in weight on a shipment of dehydrated potatoes from IBS. Findings - a double check by IBS believed to be correct. The Italians were cautioned to make a closer check upon receipt of supplies to avoid a repetition of the above.

d Wednesday 31 May. Conference with c/s IBS on security measures. 4633

e Thursday 1 June. Paid my respects to Gen Branka, Cmdr 6th R.R. Carabinieri Brigade of Sicily and Col Calabro, Cmdr Carabinieri Palermo Legion to discussed with them the dispositions and functions of the Carabinieri in Sicily. Received a report on the recent Licata and Regalbuto disturbances (See our No.134 of 2 June). Reviewed parade for opening of Red Cross Circus for Allied personnel.

f Friday 2 June. Visited Col Biondi, Cmdr Regia Guardia Finanza in western Sicily and discussed with him functions and duties and method of distribution of rations to their personnel.

Conference with XII Corps Engr Officer re wire and Engr [illegible] Italian Base Dp in Palermo where

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Conference with XII Corps Engr Officer re Fire and Engr supplies, informed him about the Italian Engr Dp in Palermo where there was a limited amount of Engr supplies.

Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited Carabinieri Hq at Palermo to check strength returns and feeding of their personnel.

g Saturday 3 June. Conference with Movements XII Corps re early decision by No.1 District on location of Bari and 2.6 Divs in order to arrange for movement of same to their destinations.

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Conference with C/S XII Corps re location of Bari and 226 Divs upon arrival from Sardinia. Also discussed disciplinary matters effecting the Italian troops. Conference with Col Marasca, V. Comdr Sabauda Div re employment, supply and feeding of his command and matters in general concerning same.

LESLIE R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O 394 U.S. ARMY
ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMF

4 June, 1944.

SUBJECT: WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 4 (ref. G/21)

TO: Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main Hq. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

SUNDAY, 28 MAY:-

1. Received request for 100 ACC drivers through AAI. Arrangements made with BASSO and informed drivers ready within 24 hours. AAI and ACC informed.

2. GARIBALDI arrived with Congedati and three Q.M. Truck Coys - serial 84 D List 7.

3. On instructions from AAI to produce 15 4mm. specialists for S. Severo dump, Capt. Monico phoned Capt. Murcell to provide from his end. - This was confirmed.

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TUESDAY, 30 MAY:-

1. Capt. Benatti, together with Major Smith and Capt. Zayas, visited depot 590. The accounting for P. Meat or its equivalent had not been completed. We would call back later for the total quantity received from Depot 553 (American).

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TUESDAY, 30 MAY (con't.) -

2. The Commando Genio had started the proposed improvements to Depot 590/2 and work was commencing at the new open storage depot at 52 Salita Capodichino. This depot has been numbered by PBS - Depot 594. When alterations have been completed on this oper space storage it will relieve the pressure on the warehouses.

3. Visited to Commissarito revealed that all was going well. Col. Riso had not as yet received a reply to hes signal as to the distribution of English Biscuits with expired warranty dates of various years. We told him to issue these biscuits.

4. SD AAI phoned re shoeing of Monte Granero mules. Was asked to obtain vet. and farrier requirements of Bn. Visited Bn. and obtained list of requirements.

5. ACC LO AAI reported no pamphlets issued to last batch of Congedati, and 167 lost on way. Agreed to lay this on for next arrivals.

6. Called on Col Ferri re 92 Field Hosp. AMG claim it is Italian Military responsibility. Col. Ferri disagreed. Tried to contact Maj. Fieldman but failed. Col. Ferri also reported attempt by 17 Gen. Hospital to requisition floor of Malta Italian Hospital. Told him to stand fast and signalled MMIA.

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2. Officer of MEADO called to report accident to his P.U. near Aversa. Car which is signal and liaison truck is written off.

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2. S.D. AAI decided that saddlery for Monte Granero be be brought over from BARI and Bn to be fitted out here. Signal sent to 3 district to arrange this. Suggested reps. of Bn. go to BARI also. This was agreed, and arranged for.

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At the present time there are about 600 men staged at this camp.

The soldiers present looked healthy and contented.

Rations are drawn from the Italian depot 593 in Naples. Approx. 10,000 rations are drawn every ten days. This is an average. The camp will accomodate 2000, but at times 3000 have been staged in this camp. If additional rations are required they inform Naples, Intendenza and are provided from 593.

The storeroom was approx. 600 feet from the Camp. It was in satisfactory condition.

They were building a new kitchen and when completed the storeroom would be close by.

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE : -

1. Arranged with 57 Area for 3 ten ton lorries to leave for BARI with reps. from Monte Granero Bn. early morning of 3 June. Visited Bn. Hq. near Afragola and arranged with O.C. for reps to be in Naples by 8 a.m. Saw Col. Townsent (Vet. Remount AAI) and suggested all Vet. and farrier requirements

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SATURDAY, 3 JUNE: -

1. After some delay 3 lorries and reps. 1/6 of Monte Granero Bn. left for BARI.

2. Visit from Civil Affairs Branch ACC re provision of CCRR as guards for next load of Congedate. Informed them it was not our responsibility, but found we had been given this responsibility. Approaching Public Safety Branch ACC (Salerno)for loan of some CCRR.

3. Visited Gen. Basso's Hq. in reguard to sale of Italian Army rations to Militarized Civilians, and payment of troops at Comdt. Depot Tranining Establishment. All in order.

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2. The items which we expect to receive are as follows:

THUE EXTRACT

U G S - 42

"SIMON WILLARD"

4629

11,601	sacks	flour	1,167,051	lbs.	Hatch 2 & 3	LH
2,475	"	beans	126,225	"	"	3 LH
2,457	"	rice	126,225	"	"	"
1,034	"	sugar	63,391	"	"	"
6,203	cases	macaroni	237,319	"	"	"
1,108	"	cheese	73,128	"	"	3 TD
788	"	catsup	44,128	"	"	3 LH
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678	"	rutabagas, "	29,970	"	"	"
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3. The flour will be warehoused in depot 593 as far as possible, and the other listed items will be stored in depot 590 1/2.

4. Capt. Benatti and Capt. Zayas have made a survey of the existing possibilities of warehouse space being available. At the present time warehousing in Naples is very acute. Until installations move forward warehouse space will not be available.

5. The open space at 52 Salita Capodichino when completed will relieve the pressure on the depots. A copy of the blue prints was forwarded to MMIA, LEQUILE, showing the features of the alterations. The other depots are also being improved for traffic control.

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SUPPLY SECTION REPORTS(con't.)

6. As soon as the accounting bah been completed by the Italians for sardines and the meat and fish from Depot 553, receipts will be fmwarded.

7. Of the 546.4 tons of Canned meat and fish at Aversa A.M. Depot 553, 375 tons have been delivered to the Italian Bulk Depot 590 in Naples up to and including 31, May 1944.

8. Lt. Col. Offenhauer called at the Intendenza to investigate the matter of the sale of rations to Civ. Under separate cover letter granting authority and investigation will follow. Per telephone instructions from Col Kerr orders were given to cease the issue of rations to militarized Civ. forthwith.

9. The matter of the issue of 2 oz. of meat from allied sources on Salerno (mentioned in last report) has been satisfactorily straightened out.

10. AAI headquarters is deliberating ot the issur of 2000 "A" rations to Italian Gov't. and 98 rations to Hq. ACC. Distrees have been advised to continue issue until formal directive from AAI.

H. R. Offenhauer
Lt. Col.
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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/6

30 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
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LEQUILE (LECCE)

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1001 T.T. Coy.
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541 H Q
514 H Q

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Major,
Liaison Officer.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Eleven

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ, Lequile (LECCE)

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub Commission, ACC dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 27 May is submitted:

a. Sunday, 21 May

(1) Detachment Army Sub Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: Additional personnel assigned were Major P.M.M. EGERTON (Br); Major J.A. GRAY (US); 1st Lieut FRANCO MALDARI, Interpreter (Italian Army).

(2) Major Egerton reports for duty 1200 hours.

b. Monday, 22 May

(1) Colonel Simsons from duty to DS mainland 0900 hours.

(2) Major Gray and Lieut Maldari report for duty 1200 hours.

(3) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
93	Equipment for Carabinieri Bn	1	20
81 A	Equipment for Montegranaro Alpine Bn	1	48
81 A	Equipment for 116th Artillery Group	2	36
130	Equipment for Radio Nucleus		7
102	Equipment for 95th Telegraph Company	1	9
103	Equipment for Sardinian RR Detachment		7
104	Equipment for 125th Veterinary Hospital	5	85
90	Equipment for Nembo Division	2	72
90	Ninety (90) tons ammunition for Nembo Division		
SDAAI	Equipment for SMRE	1	1
92	Equipment for Regimental Headquarters of:		
	535th Infantry Regiment		5
	572nd Infantry Regiment		7
	590th Infantry Regiment		5
	582nd Infantry Regiment		4
	532nd Infantry Regiment		6

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PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
200	Dischargees (Horse Handlers)	1	99
200	Dischargees (Mule Handlers)		4
SDAAI	1806 tons of ammunition for CIL, SMAME		
101	400 horses		
100	14 mules		
	12 horses for riding academy at Lecce		
	TOTALS	14	415

c. Tuesday, 23 May
(1) Normal duties

d. Wednesday, 24 May
(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner, Major Grey from duty to DS Naples to accompany the following Italian units which depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
92 A	Congedanti		1114
84	Casuals		204
	TOTALS		1318

e. Thursday, 25 May
(1) Major Martin, Major Egerton inspect the following Italian units:

1015 QM Truck Company
1016 QM Truck Company
1017 QM Truck Company
1018 QM Truck Company
1011 QM Truck Company
1012 QM Truck Company
1013 QM Truck Company
1014 QM Truck Company

f. Friday, 26 May
(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner, Major Grey from DS Naples to duty 0830 hours.

g. Saturday, 27 May
(1) Major Martin, Major Egerton inspect 71st Bersaglieri Battalion.
(2) Colonel Simmons from DS mainland to duty 1600 hours
(3) Following Italian units depart for mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
92 A	Congedianti		904
84 D	1015th QM Truck Company	4	120
84 D	1016th QM Truck Company	4	120
84 D	1017th QM Truck Company	3	118
	TOTALS	11	1262

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log N.3

Army Sub Commission
HQ Allied Control Commission
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28 May 1944

TO : Army Sub Commission ACC.
Main HQ (MOLA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

I SUPPLY SEC. REPORTS

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2. The following items are now stored at the above depot:
SOS -QM -1- 2577

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The present ration situation at Naples is as fpllows :

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Canned Meat	0.3			
Preserved Fish	1.6		Tinned Meat	39.6
Cheese	119.4		Tinned Fish	89.7
Macaroni	14.7	1.1	Pulses or sub.	123.0
Sugar	112.6			
Rice	41.0	2.3		
Beans, Dried	44.6		Coffee	58.9
Tomato catsup or paste	0.0			
Coffee	58.9			
Pepper	584.0			
Onions	0.0			
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Biscuits			0.3		
Pres.Fish(Sard.)	13.8				
Aversa N.553					
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Tinned Fish	14.2				

This is based on the present daily issue of 47300 scale "A" and 69450 scale "B".

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3. Capt.Benatti and Capt.Zayaz went to see Capt. Travelletti,of G-4 transportation P.B.S.,to procure transportation to houl these foodstuffs back to the Italian Depot. It was suggested that a good method was back houling.This was agreed too.

4. We went to 553 and Lt Ray o i/c of Depot statdd very few trucks came from Naples with foodstuffs and if any did it was very irregular.

5. We went back to Capt. Travelletti for another conference on this matter, in turn Allied Capt. Hamilton,Highway P.B.S. and planned with him to have the Italian rations back houled. Capt Hamilton planned to route foodstuffs going to 553 by trucks instead of bym rail we are in constant touch with Capt.Hamilton and watching the convays arriving so this can be carried out.

6. Due to operational moves transportation here in Naples is very acute.PBS could only spare one truck to houl Italian rations back from Aversa. We are making every effort to get foodstuffs back in the Hands of the Italians.

7. a) On May 25,1944,we visited depot in Salerno.The first Depot we inspected was the Magazzino Viveri for the Reparto Autonomo Ministeriale,2 Compagnia,Salerno,this Company is commanded by Capt. Portulano Raffaele. The depot is commanded by Lt. Brusadelli. The above is for duty with the Italian Government. They receive their foodstuffs from the British D.I.D. in Salerno and the ration Scale is type "A".

The depot was in excellent condition and the accounting of foodstuffs was very good.

The number of rations drown by the Unit from D.I.D. are 2203.

b)We visited the Caserma Vicinanzo. The officer i/c is Mar.Iannizzaro Michele.We found this Caserma in an excellent condition. The Maresciallo of the Caserma could account for all foodstuffs received and issued. He had very good control over the issues.

There were only very small reserves in this depot.This Caserma rations 8500 Army Personnel. 3500 additional rations are drown by this depot for issue to the Autonomo Ministeriale such as oil,fruit,nuts,wine etc. We discovered some canned foodstuffs that had gone bad,such as swelling. Those are retuned to the Naples Depot.

8. Maj. Krisl and Lt Tonks saw Capt._____at 94 sub Area re a recent directive from No.3 District directing stoppage of issue of extra 2 oz. of meat for laboring units from allied sources they have directed that this be procured from the Italians distribution depots. This to take effect as of June 1st. 4623

9. 94 D.I.D. at Salerno was visited and it was found that the Italian Government is drawing an average of 2200 rations. The supreme Command 700 and HQ ACC personnel 295. According to D.I.D. personnel,this also included oil and other item to be procured by Italians. Apparently oil is also being obtained from the Caserma Vicinanzo.

II. MAJOR HEAD (ORD.)REPORTS:

1. Consignments of stores from U.S.A. ex S.S.CORNELIUS GILLIAM are now in 591 depot. Sorting accounting are proceeding.

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There were only very small reserves in this depot.This Caserma rations 8500 Army Personnel. 3500 additional rations are drown by this depot for issue to the Autonomo Ministeriale such as oil,fruit,nuts,wine etc. We discovered some canned foodstuffs that had gone bad,such as swelling. Those are retuned to the Naples Depot.

8. Maj. Krisl and Lt Tonks saw Capt._____at 94 sub Area re a recent directive from No.3 District directing stoppage of issue of extra 2 oz. of meat for laboring units from allied sources they have directed that this be procured from the Italians distribution depots. This to take effect as of June 1st. 4023

9. 94 D.I.D. at Salerno was visited and it was found that the Italian Government is drawing an average of 2200 rations. The supreme Command 700 and HQ ACC personnel 295. According to D.I.D. personnel,this also included oil and other item to be procured by Italians. Apparently oil is also being obtained from the Caserma Vicinanzo.

II. MAJOR HEAD (ORD.)REPORTS:

1. Consignments of stores from U.S.A. ex S.S.CORNELIUS GILLIAM are now in 591 depot. Sorting accounting are proceeding.

Permission to issue the following items was given:- Socks; drawers,cotton; laces; undershirts, cotten.

The undermentioned items are frozen pending authority to issue:- Jackets, field - Blouses and trousers HBT - Trousers wool - Shirts, Flannel - Caps, Garrison - Gauntlets, barbed wire.

Raincoats which arrived earlier have also been frozen.

2. Answers to questions raised by Lt. Col. Noakes:-

Q.- a. Are stocks received from P.B.S. dyed ready for issue?
A.- Yes.
b. Any recommendation as to best use?
A.- Issue then as required.

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Q.- Are there any further U.S. boots coming into depot 591?
A.- Most probably. It is not possible to forecast quantities; nor is it certain that they will go into depot 591. In the past they have been handed over direct to 212 Division by P.B.S. who pass me a copy of tally sheet. Quantities ane then reported to IECCE.

Q.- Stocks of demand from 8th Army for k. D.
Have K. D. stocks from Empire Opossum been exhausted?
A.- There are no stocks of K. D. at Naples. Intendenza informs me that he has asked Minister of War for 50,000 suits K. D. for combat troops.

Q.- a- How many Italian uniforms new and old exist in Naples area?
A.- Approximately 2000 tunics and 5000 trousers. These are new.
The number of old uniforms is not known, but the answer on question of repair is below.

b- [redacted] Are all known stocks in Naples warehouse or do stocks exhist elsewhere in Compania?
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4. 23, May - Arranged for BASSO to make available medical stores for NEMBO and visited Miracoli hospital to check on proper delivery.

5. 24, May - Arrival of BOLTON HALL.

6. 28, May - Arrival of GARIBAIDI with 904 Congedati and 1015, 1016 & 1017 Supply Coys for PBS

Capt. Thrupp went ot CAPUA to check on ammunition loading.

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IV. LT.COL. OFFENHOUER REPORTS:

1. Col. Leehey wants battle dress for all of 212 Division, or troops assigned to PBS. This to be in addition to their present unifor , or a total of two unifors per man. Also a fatigue uniform in addition such as coveralls or HBT is desired.

2. PBS now operating Crater Camp for PBS replacements only.

3. PBS wants six Field Hospitals units, or First Aid units if they are not available.

4. PBS wants 2000 replacements of good grade men immediately. Also 200 officers of senior grades, Lt. Cols., Majors, and Captains at once.

Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission.

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To Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. (A.M.I.A.)

A.M.I.A. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
26.5.44.

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(a) Nil.
(b) Nil.
(c) Criticism by D.C.R.E. that 163 Art Coy was not very good discussed with Raggruppamento Genio. Arranged for strengthening of coy with more experienced officers.
(d) Inspection with C.O. 87 Pioneer Group of Italian engineering units at Capello, Furci, Carunchio and Torrebruna. General arrangements good, some latrine criticism. Arranged with A.M.C.U. for provision of more squat latrines. Obtained from 700 A.W. Coy the use of a vehicle for 502 Bn.H.Q. Discussed bread problem. Unit draws every four days. By the fourth day, bread has dropped in weight from 300 gms to 270 gms. No facilities for local baking, must draw from Vasto.

Inspection of 7 Coy,120 Regt with Area Commander. Latrines and billets satisfactory. Guard inspected and rifles found dirty.Officer unshaven and revolver dirty. Laid on oil and four by two from local unit. Reported facts to Rear IFHQ.

Special report rendered to A.M.I.A. on state and efficiency of 308 Autoreparto Pesante.
(e) Nil.
(f) Sanza obtained from San Severo and bread crisis at Termoli averted.

List of deserters communicated to P.L.C.O. resulted in capture of deserter seeking work as a civilian.

Liaison between Army Post Office and Italian military Post Office.

Two vehicles obtained from 121 Rd Cons Coy and handed over to 447 Bn. They were Italian military vehicles.

Arrangements for conveyance by rail of unwanted carts of 541 Regt back to Bari.

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Several police incidents.
Football matches between Italian and British teams.
Various enquiries from Area. Passes, permits and chits for POL etc.
Discussion with D.A.P.M. re provision of an m/c for Italian Traffic Control section officer. Present method of hitch-hiking is unsatisfactory.

J.H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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Master

M.M.I.A,
HQ 5 Corps.
28 May 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG N° 3.

A. Movements. NIL.

B. Arrivals.

(i) I52 Artieri Coy has arrived and is at SCERNI with 562 Fd Coy. It is a diluted unit, strength 5 offrs 200 ORs, the British increment being 5 offrs 49 ORs.

(ii) Adv party NEW ZEALAND Para Div arrived Corps area to-day. Remainder expected 28-30 May.

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REPORT No. 2.

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To: M.M.I.A.

From: M.M.I.A. L/O with 2 District.

On LIAISON ACTIVITIES in week 21st to 27th May 44.

SUNDAY.

(a) Chased Clothing Indents for 2,000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 Pls.
(b) Made certain that Clothing Indents for 96 Cam. Pl. were being met.
(c) Started making enquiries about FOGGIA harvesters.
(d) Warned all concerned about arrival of 400 Mules in BARI.

MONDAY.

(a) 96 Cam. Pl. draws Clothing.
(b) S.T., 2 District speak to me ref. G1.SD. MMIA conversation with BOWLES about using CONVERSANO as Concentration Centre for new G.T.Coys. Inform IX CORPS & 9 M.T.Regt. who state that Accom. used by 1003 G.T.Coy now taken over by two "Autoreparti" - each of 4 Offrs. and 166 O.Rs forming under orders Min of War. No other accom. available at CONVERSANO or POLIGNANO.
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(d) Inspected 2,000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 Pls.

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Eventually got what I wanted.
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(f) Visit from O.C. 594 W.S.Coy, R.E. ref. 952 Sec. who asked about 20 Lire per day extra for unit and a 15 cwt Truck.

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(c) Arranged for 50 It. Soldiers to help with loading of 280 Mules at Station for Thursday. This figure includes 40 Italian Mules.
(d) Visited LA ROCCA factory with GREGSON ref. requisition of Warehouse.

THURSDAY.
(a) Tied up move of 40 Italian Mules in time to get them off. Min. of War did'nt want to play.
(b) Inspected 502 Guard Coy at BARI.
(c) Inspected Ind. Amb. Pl. at POLIGNANO.
(d) Two trains arrive with 376 Mules and 60 Horses for BARI Remount Stn.
(e) 907 Lav. Art. Coy arrives ex NAPLES under command 701 A.W.Coy,RE.

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FRIDAY.

(a) 209 MG Bn with elts IV Bn moves MOLUGRO to CATANZARO.SALA.
(b) One tipper pl of 1003 G.T. Coy moves PALO DEL COLLE to NAPLES to under command 3 Dist.
(c) 1200 Ind Amb Pl now to be attached to 1002 GT Coy.
(d) Request made by me to MMIA for 240 prs ofsocks for the four Service Pls.
(e) LRDG draw 100 water bottles from Italian Depot in BARI.
(f) ACC ask about Italian Military Prisoners in Civil jails.
(g) Saw O.C. 64 Group F.C. ref getting some help from Italian dock labour under his control for Col DUVIA O.C. Remount Sta BARI. Told to contact Italians; saw O.C.402 Arty Regt who was NOT very keen, very old and gave one the impression of being quite useless. Position is that men would have to be taken off dock labour.

SATURDAY.

(a) Informed NAPLES office that 10,000 B.D. had been despatched from BARI.
(b) NAPLES requests immediate expedition of 1 offr and 15 men with knowledge of Italian Amn, to 25 A.A.D. With excellent co-operation from Col LEOPARDI and Lt Col TURINO, the former of IX Corps Arty HQ and the latter O.C. 14 Arty Regt det. in BARI, the required men are ready to move at 2030 hrs.
5 Corps request movement early on Sunday.
(c) IX Corps make enquiries as to whether Caserma Cavour at FOGGIA which is unoccupied could be used as their ration depot.

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Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
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23 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

WEEKLY LIAISON REPORT NO.2. WEEKENDING 21 MAY 44.

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A detachment of 2 offrs and 72 men has been formed from 409 Reg. for service with Salvage, Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.

Issues of equipment for the camouflage unit and a C I L Field Hygiene Sec have been authorised by "Q" Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

M. Fuldner

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Ten.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main Hq. Lequile (LECCE)

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3(b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 20 May is submitted.

a. Sunday, 14 May

(1) Detachment Army Sub-Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No change.

(2) Italian cruiser Montecuccoli delayed at Cagliari for ten (10) days. Cargo was unloaded and re-loaded on the cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi 16 May.

(3) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
93	Carabinieri (for City Administration Section, 5th Army)	7	593

b. Monday, 15 May

(1) Colonel Simmons from DS Sassari to duty 0900 hours.

(2) Lieut Colonel Izzo, Chief of Staff of Nembo Division in regarding loading of Divisional Headquarters equipment.

(3) Conference at Elmas regarding the inspection and checking of food distribution from ship-side to Italian depots and thence to units. Italian authorities agreed to institute a more careful inspection and accounting procedure. Present were Colonel Simmons, Colonel Ledda, Chief of Staff Italian Army in Sardinia, Captain Cerutti.

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c. Tuesday, 16 May

(1) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

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PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
90	Nembo Division Headquarters	20	108
90	16th Battalion, 183rd Regiment	37	805
90	184th Signal Company	5	132
90	Thirty (30) Motorcycles	3	30
90	184th Morter Company	9	196
	TOTALS	74	1271

(2) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

90	Sanitation Section (Nembo Div)	9	124
90	Rear Echelon, Nembo Division	5	45
108	Sardinian Railroad Detachment	3	109
102	95th Telegraph Company	5	238
112	Headquarters Co, 502nd Guard Bn	2	52
79	532nd Field Hospital	1	5
	TOTALS	25	573

(3) Lieut Colonel Kessner duty to DS Corsica to arrange movement Italian troops from Corsica to Sardinia.

d. Wednesday, 17 May

(1) Conference at Italian Army Headquarters regarding the staging of remaining animals to be shipped to the mainland. Present were Colonel Simmons, Colonel Ledda, Captain Cerutti.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS to duty. Inspects movement of Italian soldiers (foreign origin) from Sardinia to Corsica.

e. Thursday, 18 May

(1) Normal duties.

f. Friday, 19 May

(1) Lieut Colonel MacMurtray (U.S.), City Administration Section, Hq Fifth Army in regarding the transportation to the mainland of two hundred (200) Finance Guards.

(2) The following Italian units depart for mainland:

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This completed Carabinieri movement.

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g. Saturday, 20 May

(1) Conference at Italian Army Headquarters regarding the movement of Italian troops from Corsica to the mainland via Sardinia. Present were Colonel Simmons, General Bosselli, acting Commanding General in General Magli's absence, and Captain Cerutti.

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(2) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

PRIORITY #	UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
81A	Montegranaro Alpine Battalion	27	783
81A	116th Artillery Group	7	194
200	Italian soldiers for discharge		75
	TOTALS	34	1052

Jerome Keesee
Lieut Colonel Infantry
for
F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG Nº 1

Owing to the pressure of work, my visit to HQ and several journies made, a report was NOT submitted last Sunday. This report will cover the period 7 May to 20 May 44

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(1) The main things of interest in week 7 to 13 May were:

(a) Testing and training of personnel of 1003 G.T.Coy. Unit arrived from SARDINIA already formed and completely equipped, by Italian standards, but the O.C. did NOT know whether all the specialists in the Coy were in fact up to the required standard of efficiency, as he had been handed the Coy a few days before the journey to the Mainland and had NOT had the opportunity of testing any of his men.

2 District therefore arranged for drivers and mechanics to be tested by 562 Arty Coy at MOLA and results were very satisfactory.

(b) A visit to TERLIZZI RVS was made to find out whether ambulances and 3 ton 2 x 4 lorries were available or had been drawn by Italian units.

Information was passed on to M.M.I.A.

(c) Inspection of units referred to in MMIA teleprint SD647 of 4 May was finished in the early part of the week. Report given to MMIA with dispatch PB 107 of 7 May.

(d) On 12 and 13 May 502 and 503 Smoke Coys respectively were inspected with a view to clarifying the situation in regard to boots.

A report was handed to Col SHIPLEY on 14 May.

LEQUILE was visited on Sunday 14 May.

(2) Tuesday 16 May

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(a) Contacted detachment 219 MAC at BARLETTA by phone in regard to the Coy's taking over of Italian Indipendent Ambulance platoon. Unable to speak to the O.C. I asked det.cmdr to tell O.C. that when next in BARI I would appreciate a visit from him so that we could arrange an inspection together of the pl. at POLIGNANO .

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2 District therefore arranged for drivers and mechanics to be tested by 562 Arty Coy at MOLA and results were very satisfactory.

(b) A visit to TERLIZZI RVS was made to find out whether ambulances and 3 ton 2 x 4 lorries were available or had been drawn by Italian units.

Information was passed on to M.M.I.A.

(c) Inspection of units referred to in MMIA teleprint SD647 of 4 May was finished in the early part of the week. Report given to MMIA with dispatch PB 107 of 7 May.

(d) On 12 and 13 May 502 and 503 Smoke Coys respectively were inspected with a view to clarifying the situation in regard to boots.

A report was handed to Col SHIPLEY on 14 May.

LEQUILE was visited on Sunday 14 May.

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Informed that up to 800 mules to be sent to BARI for reconditioning. Contacted Col SMITH Vet and Remount 2 Dist. and Col DURIA. Maximum possible BARI Remount Station 400, staff only 100, but would be able to manage if personnel on loan were recalled from mule camp.

1003 G.T.Coy moves from CONVERSANO to PALO DEL COLLE.

Thursday 18 MayChecked with Col DURIA O.C.BARI Remount Sta.and Col SMITH Vet and Remount 2 Dist.ref alleged disease in Remount sta. Situation under control. Preferably delay arrival of 400 mules until after 23 May so that all precautions may be taken.

Friday 19 May.

Checked with MMIA that 96 Camouflage Pl due to leave

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./... on 23 May for Eighth Army had sent in indent.

Informed by Col FELSAMI ADMS 1XCORPS that hospital cases were to arrive BARI ex NAPLES. Contacted Movements and Medical Branch 2 District to tie up details.

Saturday 20 May

Following phone message from NAPLES office checked with 1X Corps and MMIA that 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 Service Pls for ACC were ready and that indents for clothing had been submitted.

1X Corps Medical reps saw Maj WRIGHT DADMS DISTWO ref hospital train due in am 21 BARI ex MADDALONI and tied up remaining details.

Capt,
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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Army Sub Commission.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)

M.M.I.A. L.C.
CO Sub Area.
21 May.44.
JB/D.2.

Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.2.

(a). 4 coy,I/541 has moved to Ortona, leaving det: of 15 men at San Salvo to finish work. H.Q. I/515 has moved to Lanviano. H.Q. I/541 to move to Cupello, billets having been obtained.
(b). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy at Termoli.
(c). In conjunction with O.C. 87 Pnr Gp, a new pro-forma drawn up for weekly return in detail of strength of Italian units under his command.
(d). Inspection of Transit Camp, Termoli. 163 Coy Artieri - attention needed to latrines and burning of tins. 180 Coy Lavoratori Artieri - very orderly and clean. O.C. very satisfied that his men are doing specialist jobs as distinct from work on road. Another 3 tonner to be at disposition of Transit Camp asked for and obtained.from Area. Water Tanker to make more trips. D.C.R.E. to see about an incinerator. Farm animals in Camp area to be penned in.

Inspection of 7 Coy,120 Regg,Vasto Marina. Billets clean, latrines very good (British construction). O.C. complained of drunken nearby British soldiers molesting his guards at night, attempting to remove rifles. Area informed of this for action.

(e). Arrival of 5 Artieri Coy with insufficient tentage.

Italian units in this and Corps area with M.T. vehicles allotted to them have been moving these vehicles among themselves without reference to the British unit on whose charge they are. Italian Forces H.Q. has been instructed accordingly.
(f) Italian military in Termoli had made arrangements with local baker for bread from their issue flour. He has now run out of fuel -sanza d'ulivo. I approached local AMG but informed that supply insufficient for civilian needs. Saw Field Bakery who suggested use of wood - costly and inconvenient. Now investigating possibilities of'sanza' from San Severo.

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meanwhile biscuits being issued.

Billeting for extension of D.I.D. in Vasto.

New W.D. 3 tonner obtained for I/541 who were without a vehicle.

Visit to DAF and British military units to endeavour to obtain return of Italian military vehicles to Raggrupamento motorizzato. Assisted ten: Spinelli to secure the return of tyres taken without authority from Italian M.T. dump at Casalbordino.

Travel passes, permits and chits daily. Comando Tappe at Termoli at fault in type of pass issued by them.

Detachment of 60 men arranged at request of 87 Fmr Gp for special job; but was later cancelled by 2 District.

J.H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

SECRET.

Master

M.M.I.A;
HQ 5 Corps.
2I May 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG N° 2.

A. **Movements.**

(i) Bn HQ I/5I5 moved to LANCIANO on I7 May. Strength 4 offrs 26 OR's.

(ii) HQ,3 & 4 Coys 2/522 are established at ORTONA.

(iii) 3 Coy 3/522 have joined 2 Coy at CASALBORDINO Stn. 3 Coy HQ will NOT now be used as HQ T.C Coy.

(iv) 3 Coy 2/54I moved from MR C.343I43 to MR C.3I3I93 (ITALY I/I00000 Sheet I4I).Still u/c S.A.E.C. Date I9 May 44.

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(v) Maj B.G.CAREW-HUNT has taken up duties as D.A.Q.M.G (L).

Army Sub Comm,A.C.C.
(three copies).

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G O Donnell,
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 2

Army Sub Commission
Hq. Allied Controll Commission
CMF

21 May 1944

To: Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

1. Capt. Benatti, with Lt. Col. Offenhaur, visited Intendenza and Commando Della F.F.A.A. Compania and found conditions very favorable.
2. Capt. Benatti and Lt. DeStephano visited Depot 590 on 17 May and found that PBS had not accomplished move of sardines from 574. Capt. Travelletti, Transp. G-4 PBS, had laid on ten trucks for this purpose. Further transportation was laid on for 18 May. Also visited Commando Genia and they have completed plans and specifications for proposed improvements of Depot 590. Major Forlenza stated that work would commence on the Solita Capodichino project on Tuesday, 23 May.
3. Capt Benatti and Lt. DeStephano visited Depot 593 on 17 May and found bakery in operation under complete charge of military personell. Sanitation was very good. Repairs were being made and walls were to be whitewahsed. Bakery was producing approx. 50,000 rations of bread daily of excellent quality and standard weight.
4. Capt. Thrupp arranged for disposal of Italian sick and wounded from NAPLES hospitals to BARI by hospital train 20 May. 68 lying and 134 sitting cases.
5. Capt. Thrupp, accompanied by Major Squires, O.C. 701 Artisan Works Coy R.E., and Capt. Fordyce, visited 10th. Reggimento Genia at Santa Maria C.V. to inspect 907 and 908 Repairi Lavorotori Artieri, which are ready to move. Major Squires is to get the 907 unit.
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(b). Suggested that Coastal Divs. and other non-operative Italian formations be combed for Arty. spares and essential small arms spares. This was approved.
(c). Interested S.D. AAI in provision of permanent cadre of at least 4607 300 men to work in Italian amm. Dump - CAPUA.
(d). Saw "A" Branch AAI re volenteer rfts. and ex POWs.
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The bulk indent of 5th Army has been met as far as possible.
Balance of requirements of NEMBO div. are to be met prior to the 23rd May.

10. Equipment withdrawn from United States troops in this theatre are being handed direct to Italians by PBS. All quantities handed over are reported to LECCE via this office.

11. Approximately 15.000 synthetic rubber raincoats have been recieved from U.S.A.+ No information is available as to whether these are in fact intended for the Italians, but each case is clearly marked ITI. No issue will be made until authority for their release is given by H.Q.

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11. The following Ordance stores are now being received ex U.S.A. -
Convoy UGS 40 :-

Jackets Field	bales	863
Trousers HBT	"	887
Shirts,Flannel	"	684
Socks Wool	"	240
Trousers Wool	"	840
Undershirts Cotton	"	425
Lace Leggin	"	1
Drawers Cotton Short	"	246
Drawers Cotton	"	107
Jackets HBT	"	986
Gauntlets Barbed Wire	"	2
Caps Garrison	"	43

Stock receipts will be given as soon as ships are fully discharged. Certain of the above itims are not listed in any scale of issur to the Italians and consequently no issue will be made until authority is given by H.Q. Additional accommodations for storing this equipment has been found in a building adjoining Depot 591. An Italian guard has been detailed.

12. Col. FARREN at Hq. ACC asks daily and at all conferences when ACC will get the platoons that they are supposed to recieve. The two platoons that were supposed to arrive on the 20th did not appear, which makes it rather embarrassing for the Liaison Officers at NAPLES. We ask that steps be taken in the future to deliver on the date promised.

R. O'Hara
Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commossion

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No.32

21 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.2

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1.Pursuant to instructions Ref G/21 Hq MMIA dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 20 May 1944 is submitted as follows:

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f Friday 19 May. Had conference with QM and L O IBS regarding status of 1 Bn 51c Inf Regt and 46 Inf Regt. Also conference with Lt Col Rodjienka, L O Distone to Sabauda Div regarding the status of that Div. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig visited Palermo Bulk Depot and Palermo Distribution Depot.

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g Saturday 20 May. Accompanied to L O IBS on visit to 46 Regt (Sabauda Div) stationed at Palermo. Also visited Palermo Bulk Depot and Distribution Depot. Col Howard arrived from CALABRIA.

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LT COL INF
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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Nine

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), Lequile (LECCE)

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction Number 10, Army Sub-Commission, ACC dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 13 May is submitted:

a. Sunday, 7 May

(1) Detachment Army Sub-Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No change.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner from duty to DS Sassari.

(3) Major Martin, Captain Cerutti inspect loading of 75/13mm ammunition at Siliqua.

b. Monday, 8 May

(1) Colonel Simmons from DS Naples to duty 0900 hours.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects 116th Pack Artillery Group at Iglesias.

(3) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Persano Cavalry Squadron	4	145
Pack Transport Battery	5	257
8th Company, 10th Non Tradesmen Battalion	8	136
TOTALS	17	538

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c. Tuesday, 9 May

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects 150 Replacements of 35th Artillery Regiment, Friuli Division and the 502nd Guard Bn.

(2) The following Italian units depart for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Headquarters Company 183rd Regiment (Nembo)	18	107
15th Bn, 183rd Regiment (Nembo)	38	755
Nembo Division Headquarters	10	70

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UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
83rd Field Hospital		4
30 Motorcycles		30
184 Engineer Battalion (Nembo)	25	492
Supply Section (Nembo)	2	32
517th Field Hospital	5	42
91st Field Hospital		4
286th RAF Regiment	4	181
23rd RAF Squadron	7	319
7th Company, 10th Non Tradesmen Bn	6	195
TOTALS	113	2171

d. Wednesday, 10 May

(1) Conference at Italian Headquarters concerning availability of one hundred thousand (100,000) rounds of 75/13mm ammunition for CIL. Present were Colonel Simmons, General Magli, Captain Cerutti.

(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland: 600 Italian soldiers for discharge on mainland.

e. Thursday, 11 May

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner from duty to DS Corsica 1400 hours. Conference AAO, Gen Lazzarini regarding troop movements.

f. Friday, 12 May

(1) Lieut Colonel Kessner from DS Corsica to duty 1400 hours.

(2) Colonel Simmons from duty to DS Sassari.

(3) Lieut Colonel Kessner, Major Martin inspect Regimental Headquarters of the 535th, 532, 572nd, 582nd, 590th Infantry Regiments.

(4) The following Italian units and equipment depart for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Reinforcements for Pack Transport Company	2	135
1 Truck, 1 Motor Workshop for 13th Artisan Co		5
2 Trucks for 77th Artisan Company		2
1 Motor Workshop for 3rd Artisan Company		2
104 tons of cheese for Italian Intendenza		
40 tons 75/13 mm Ammunition for CIL		
108 tons ammunition for Nembo Division		
Italian soldiers for discharge		50
168 Mules		
TOTALS	2	194

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(5) The following Italian units and equipment depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
61st Motor Ambulance Company	1	31
1 Autocar for 91st Field Hospital	2	1
1 Stove, 1 Autocar for 85rd Field Hospital		2
1 Autocar for 1st Battalion Non Tradesmen		1
1 Autocar for 2nd Battalion Non Tradesmen		1
2 Autocars for 5th Battalion Non Tradesmen		2
3 Motor Tricycles for 6th Bn Non Tradesmen		3
1 Light truck for 7th Bn Non Tradesmen		1
1 Light truck for 8th Bn Non Tradesmen		1
2 Motor tricycles for 4th Bn Non Tradesmen		2
1 Light truck for 502nd Guard Battalion		1
5 Autocars for 43rd Work Battalion	1	5
2 Autocars for 77th Artisan Company	1	2
2 Autocars for 3rd Artisan Company	1	2
3 Autocars for 6th Mine Laying Company	1	3
1 Light truck for 21st Bridge Company	1	1
2 Light trucks for 55th Artisan Company	1	2
1 Autocar for 11th Artieri Company	1	1
1 Light truck for 14th Cinema Group	1	1
Italian soldiers for Discharge		298
450 Replacement Mules		
160 tons 75/13mm Ammunition for CIL		
209 tons ammunition for Nembo Division		
	11	361

6. Saturday, 13 May

(1) The following Italian units and equipment depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
486th Field Hospital		5
5 Regimental Headquarters (532nd, 535th, 572nd, 582nd, 590th Infantry Regiments	45	185
8th Company, 10th Non Tradesmen Battalion	7	180
Nembo Division Equipment	2	48
Replacements from 55th Artillery Regiment, Friuli Division	6	150
502nd Guard Bn less Headquarters Company	20	740
TOTALS	80	1268

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

Naples

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG - No. 1. 14 May, 1944.

I. Inspection of Warehouses.

(a) Together with Lt. Col. Shipley and Lt. Col. Offenhauer we visited 590 (1 and 2) and 595, Caserma Nanni. The warehouses were in excellent condition. It was remarkable to see the progress that was being made by the Italians.
(b) Major Cannelli, of the Consenio Genio, was present he was making sketches of proposed improvements and alterations of these depots. As soon as blue prints are available I will forward copies.

II. Proposed Warehouses.

(a) In a conference with Capt. Curren of G-4(Opns) P.B.S. he stated that there were no warehouses available in Naples any warehousing of supplies would require securing places out side of the city. The list of available warehouses was limited. I gave a list to the Italians and LT. COL. RISC has put LT. Nunnicutteton on the job of inspecting and locating proposed warehouses. He should have a report of proposed warehouses in a couple of days.

(b) We have secured, one open, storage space for the Italians at 52 Salita Capodichino It is very ideal for the storing of canal goods in the open. We are inclosing a copy of the blue print.

III. Guards,(vehicles).

(a) In a telephone conversation (Lt.Col. Offenhauer and Col. Leahy Liaison Branch P.B.S.) it was stated by Col. Leahy that P.B.S. was not prepared to provide the necessary (150) soldiers for the purpose of escorting supplies. Reference to furnish train guards.
(b) The Intendenza has been approached and they state that they have no troops available for the escort of trucks.

IV. Discharge of Joaquin Miller:

(a) There was about only a 10% spot handling on the majority of Italian Army supplies on this ship. By great good luck the AMG cargo was extremely well marked and there was no QM cargo on this ship. If there had been QM supplies on this ship the discharge of this ship would have been chaotic, as it was, owing to an embargo on mill movement for flour for operational reasons the Italian flour became mixed with QM flour. QM immediately claimed the lot. It was necessary for Lt. Col. Offenhauer, Capt. Bonetti and Lt. Tenko to make a special trip down to the dock and settle this matter. This office is of the opinion that a better marking is imperative.
(b) Enclosed find extract of manifest of Joaquin Miller. In the future we will receive the manifest itself from the Water Division.

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V. Circular, Movements Arrangements.

(a) In your circular of Movements arrangements it is noted that Capt. Robbins, Movement Liaison Officer, is in possession of these advanced shipping details. This office has never yet been informed in advance of the arrival of ships carrying Italian supplies.

VI. Letters.

Enclosed find letters from [redacted]

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to the Italians and Mr. Cole have met and got Mr. Mandelbaum on the job of inspecting and locating proposed warehouses. He should have a report of proposed warehouses in a couple of days.

(b) We have secured one open storage space for the Italians at 52 Salita Cappuccini. It is very ideal for the storing of canal goods in the open. We are enclosing a copy of the blue print.

III. Guards,(vehicles).

(a) In a telephone conversation (Lt.Col. Offenhauer and Col. Healy Liaison Branch P.B.S.) it was stated by Col. Healy that P.B.S. was not prepared to provide the necessary (150) soldiers for the purpose of escorting supplies. Reference to furnish train guards.

(b) The Intendenza has been approached and they state that they have no troops available for the escort of trucks.

III. Discharge of Joaquin Miller:

(a) There was about only a 40% spot handling on the majority of Italian Army Supplies on this ship. By great good luck the AMG cargo was extremely well marked and there was no QM cargo on this ship. If there had been QM supplies on this ship the discharge of this ship would have been chaotic, as it was,owing to an embargo on rail movement for flour for operational reasons the Italian flour became mixed with QM flour. QM immediately claimed the lot. It was necessary for Lt. Col. Offenhauer, Capt. Bonetti and Lt. Tonks to make a special trip down to the dock and settle this matter. This office is of the opinion that a better marking is imperative.

(b) Enclosed find extract of manifest of Joaquin Miller. In the future we will receive the manifest itself from the Water Division.

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VI. Letters.

Enclosed find letters from Commissariato and Intendenza.

VII. Shipment of Sardines.

Enclosed, find letter, subject "Shipment of Sardines". This shipment in at Depot 574 and at present cannot be moved owing to the fact that P.B.S. cannot provide necessary transportation to move it.

VIII. Clothing and Necessaries.

(a) Requirements of Italian Units with 5 Army are now being balled, and consolidated indents are being received every other week. All availabilities are issued, and such stores as are not available are included on the next consolidated demand. In other words there are no "To follows". This is the same system as is in use in the British Army, and it is easily the simplest procedure.

(b) It is suggested, therefore, that this procedure be adopted generally by 8th Army, 5 Corps, etc.

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VIII. Clothing and necessaries (Cont'd)

(c) Records of issues made to individual units would be the responsibility of the QM or the LO of the formation concerned.

(d) Information required under Freedom Cipher F.37508 dated 25 April, 1944, as far as Naples Depot is concerned, has been forwarded under separate covers.

IX. Movements, arrivals and departures of Italian units have been numerous and would make the report quite long so we refer you to our daily signals.

Col Mariority receives a list weekly showing latest disposition of troops with Fifty Army.

We have been asked daily at the ACC conferences when Italian Troops will be furnished that have already been approved by AAI.

There is a definite need for a service organization under Gen. Bassos control that can be used for such cases as the unloading of ammunitions at Capua.

It will be necessary to have an organization of train guards if we are to continue sending supplies in large quantities by train.

We have not as yet recovered the Dodge truck which was stolen from the parking lot, while it had two flat tires.

Capt. Monico is making a report and handling the investigation as it was a British vehicle. Both British and American M.P.'s were notified promptly as soon as the loss was discovered.

All Officers visiting Naples should be warned that it is not safe to leave their vehicles unattended or the vehicles may be stolen or the tires and wheels may be removed.

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N. Zoppe

Lt.Col
Army Sub Commission ACC.

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To Army Sub Commission,
Main H.Q. (A.M.I.A.)

A.M.I.A. A.C.
68 Sub Area.
14 Beg. 44.
CZ/Pol.

Subject. Weekly Liaison Log. No.I.

(a). 2 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 7/5/44. 3 coy 447 Btg moved to Trigno River on 11/5/44. 4 coy I/541 instructed to prepare for move to Ortona. Details obtained for U.S Corps for move of H.Q. I/515 to Lanciano.

(b). Arrival of H.Q.and two coys 558 Btg.from Vairmo,at Vasto. Unexpected. No A.T.A. received. Arrived late evening and out of food. Put them in Vasto staging area and acquainted them with local Italian P.I.B. Corrected several details in the signal instructions of C.S. tpt coln. In this triple change round, the two coys taken from 68 Sub Area were 200 strong. They were to be replaced by two coys from 5 Corps only 110 strong. Area diverted both to replace coy at Capello for NCU work and did not replace coy taken from Rocio.

(c). Discussion with DUK of 3 District re the taking of 50 men from 447 Btg for traffic control duties in the Area. They had been taken by Area without previous agreement with 87 Fmr Gp.This due to fault of A.A.Z.A. Impossible to replace them in 447 Btg because a Bersaglieri unit and no uniforms available locally for drafting of sbandati. Suggestion that civilians be used to replace them in roadwork.

Discussion of Italian military labour with new C.O. 87 Fmr Gp.

(d). Inspection of 2I coy Artieri at Carunchio.Billets and cook-house clean. Latrines appalling. Instructions given for correct construction of same. 50% on unit out at work.

Inspection of 2G coy Minatori re use of Italian m/t and discrepancy in working party numbers. New morning parade system laid on.

(e). Repercussions of move of 1 coy I/541 to Cancello Arnone which took place a day late.Instructions given to Rear IHQ for the move were referred by them to Main IHQ and then back to the coy too late for move at time stated. Now it is

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arranged that in such cases Rear HQ acts on own initiative.
Area has published order to control moves of Italian coys from 66 Sub Area to Corps area. They and M.M.L.A. L.O. to be notified by signal of such moves. Impossible otherwise to control locations.

(f) General liaison activities.
Enquiry into discrepancy between ration and working strengths of Italian units at San Salvo.
Arrangement for use of Rex theatre for entertainment of Italian troops locally by Italian military concert party.
Billeting for store accommodation and military post office at Vasto.
Location enquiries for redirection of Italian military personnel.
Several police enquiries involving Italian military.
Travel passes, leave passes, and petrol chits. One case of permit for entry into Corps area improperly granted by Comando Tappa, Vasto.
Investigation into complaint by General Properzi that facilities for mass were not accorded to an Italian unit. Due to misapprehension and misguided persistency of chaplain.
Journeys for spare M.T. parts and arrangements for obtaining of small quantity of flux. Usually 50% of Italian military transport is off the road because unable to get small but essential spares. They are not to be found from local resources. Friendly liaison with British unit sometimes produces material to which legally they are not entitled.

J.A.Bourne. Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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R.M.I.A,
H.Q.,5 Corps.
I4 May 44.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG N° I.

A. Movements.

(i) Billets have been found for Bn HQ I/5I5 in LANCIANO. The HQ will move from TERMOLI in the next few days.

(ii) HQ 28 Artieri has moved from LANCIANO to join 3 Coy at MOZZAGROGNA.

(iii) 2 & 4 Coys I/5I5 have come back into the Corps area and are now located at ORTONA.

(iv) HQ,3 & 4 Coys are due to move to ORTONA. I & 2 Coys are temporarily at CAMPOMARINO (but still under a 5 Corps unit). ADDENDUM - of 2 Bn 522 Regt.

B. Arrivals and departures.

(i) Bn HQ,I & 4 Coys of 3/522 have come into the area. The HQ is at ROCCA and the coys are at ORTONA with the S.A.E.C.

(ii) Simultaneously.2&3 Coys I/54I Regt moved out and came under 60 Sub Area.

(iii) "D" Pln I05I Tk Regt have arrived and are with "D" Tank Delivery Squadron near TORINO Stn.

(iv) A pln of I00I G.T Coy has come under 5 Corps HQ is temporarily at VASTO, with one section; the other s section is at TORINO. Strength I offr 77 O.R's.

C. Visits.

(i) Visited the pln of I05I Tk Regt just after their arrival. Strength I offr 54 O.R's. Men seemed smart but need some clothing; an indent has just been submitted by 208 Div for them. Camp well laid out; they had almost enough tentage. Unit is in possession of cooking utensils.

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D. Miscellaneous.

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3 Coy at POZZAGROGNA.

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(ii) Simultaneously.2&3 Coys I/541 Regt moved out and came under 6C Sub Area.

(iii) "D" Pln 105I Tk Regt have arrived and are with "B" Tank Delivery Squadron near TORINO Stn.

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D. Miscellaneous.

(i) I am informed by AMG Evacuation Officer that an Evacuation Camp staffed by Italian military personnel -strength 4 offrs 56 O.R's - will be set up shortly at TORINO Stn.

(ii) It is proposed to form a Traffic Control Coy of 100 men in Corps area.The few remaining O.R's of 3 Coy 3/522 Regt are being transferred to 2 Coy and the Coy HQ used for the new Coy.

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E. O Donnell.
Capt.,
Liaison Officer.

Army Sub Comm,A.C.C.
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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/117/1.

14 May 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (M M I A)
LEQUILE (LECCE)

SUBJECT:- Liaison Report No.1 - Week 7 - 13 May 44.

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315 Fld. Hospital.
93 Med. Section.
HQ & 2 Coys 3 Bn. 515 Reg. (ex 546 Bn.)
29 Artieri Coy.
52 " "

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2. MOVEMENTS OF UNITS:-

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PARMA COY. to CAIRO for porterage under POLCORPS.
93 Med. Sec. to supply Adm. HQ and personnel for CCSs.

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Both 29 & 52 Art. Coys. were in a very bad condition. They needed almsot a complete set of clothing for each man, besides boots and groundsheets.

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4. GENERAL.

(a) The Transit Camp near VARIANO Station is now capable of taking 3,000 troops at a time. It has the 315 Fld. Hospital, a canteen and a small supply of Teli Di Tenda to provide tentage for units arriving without. The O C has a 15 cwt. and a 3 ton truck, and the telephone has just been laid on.

(b) S & T have organised the carriage of wine to D I Ds on the EASTERN and WESTERN Ls of C, from which it will be di tributed to units under ITALIAN arrangements.

(c) BAD CAPUA was visited. Movement guarantees to provide tpt to carry ammunition from CAPUA Stn to BAD and an ITALIAN art. Coy. is available for unloading.

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily
C/O I.B.S. APO 550

14 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.1

To: GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1 Pursuant to instructions of your letter H, Ref G/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 13 May 1944 is submitted as follows:

(a) Sunday 7 May and Monday 8 May at LeQUILE(LECCE) preparing to move to Sicily.

(b) Tuesday 9 May moved by motor to CATANZARO (252 miles) and spent night with Lt Col Howard.

(c) Wednesday 10 May proceeded by motor to CATANIA, SICILY (114 miles) stopping at Hq No 1 District.

(d) Thursday 11 May conference with GOC No 1 District with reference to the Liaison section's mission in Sicily. Made study of methods No 1 District in issuing supplies to Italians. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig visited the Ration Depot at Catania and found sacks of flour and sugar in good condition but canned goods not neatly piled. This depot feeds about 10,000 men daily in area from Messenia to Syracuse but no stock records were kept. It was estimated to have 10 days supply of flour and 25 days of preserved meat in the depot. ADOS No 1 District desires to know what disposition is to be made with the 60,000 Battle Dress (green) in the Catania warehouse. He was informed that MMIA would issue instructions concerning same. The Sabauda Div made a good appearance in their green battle dress. Maj Thrupp remained at Catania as LO to No 1 District.

(e) Friday 12 May proceeded to Palermo (170 miles) and reported to CO IBS and was assigned quarters for the group. Officers at Grand Hotel, ORs at Hq Co IBS.

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Lester R Albert
Lt Col Inf
LO Sicily

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 5 - 12 May.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MAIA) LECCE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
6	NATOUSA's request for acceptance of 814 disabled or old and infirm Italian PW.	Presented to High Commissary for PW and acceptance procured 12 May.
6	High Commissary for PW request for release of 3 Military Chaplains held in SICILY.	Submitted to G5I(b), AAI for security approval as per AAI procedure.
6	High Commissary for PW request for English and American Records of Italian PW in lieu of own records abandoned in ROME.	Presented to Deputy Chief Commissioner for submission to higher Allied authorities.
7	Comprehensive review of entire Italian PW subject.	Submitted to Deputy Chief Commissioner with recommendations for future organization.
8	Comando Supremo's representations concerning censorship of King's personal mail.	Presented to Deputy Chief Commissioner and solution effected.
8	High Commissary for PW request for blanket release of agricultural workers, now PW in SICILY.	Represented to Agricultural Sub-Commission, A.C.C., with existing limitations stated and recommendations for disposition.
8	Comando Supremo's informal views of prevailing problems for discussion with Chief Commissioner.	Represented by memorandum to Chief Commissioner and appointment for conference, Generals KEYES and MACFARLANE, effected.
9	High Commissary for PW protestations regarding Allied "bargaining" with Italian PW in SICILY.	Submitted to PC & HQ Section for investigation and report.
9	Military Prisoners in Civil Jails.	Following Administrative Section conference of 8 May. Full report of progress submitted to Main HQ.
9	Comando Supremo's request for repatriation of Col. PIAZZA.	Application, approved by G5I(b) AAI, submitted to HQ. District 1, for release.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
9	Main HQ. suggestion that, due to smallpox at TARANTO and BARI, repatriated PWs disembark BRINDISI.	Signalled to A.F.H.Q.
10	Requisition of Principessa Maria Hospital by Allies.	Problem referred to Army Sub-Commission, Liaison Officer, NAPLES.
10	High Commissary for PW request for repatriation of notorious Pilot BUSCAGLIA as psychological measure.	Represented to Secretary General, A.C.C., for action.

J.W. Quinneith Lt. Col.

(J. W. QUINNEITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

12 May 1944

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-Commission
A.F.O. 509, U.S. Army

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number Eight

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main Hq (MMIA), Lequile (LECCE)

1. Pursuant to provisions of par 3 (b) Office Instruction No 10, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for the week ending 6 May 1944 is submitted. As per instruction your letter, subject as above, ~~1/106~~ dated 5 May 1944, this report is Number Eight. Report Number One was submitted 19 March 1944.

a. Sunday, 30 April

(1) Detachment Army Sub-Commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following personnel: No change.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner duty to DS Sassari.

b. Monday, 1 May

(1) Conference: Captain Cerutti, Captain Maniscalco at Italian Army Headquarters regarding Animals in Sardinia.

c. Tuesday, 2 May

(1) Lieut Quayle (Br), ISLD Mainland concerning radio equipment for SMRE.

(2) Conference at Italian Army Headquarters concerning movement of Nembo Division. Present were Colonel Simmons, General Magli, Admiral Brivonese, Captain Cerutti.

d. Wednesday, 3 May

(1) Conference at Elmas concerning movement of Nembo Division. Present were Colonel Simmons, Lieut Commander Speer, Lieut (S. C.) Stone, Captain Cerutti.

(2) Colonel Reitano, Surgeon for Italian Army in Sardinia in concerning medical supplies for Italian Army.

(3) Lieut Zegarelli DS to Naples to duty 1600 hours.

(4) Lieut Colonel Kessner DS Sassari to duty 1600 hours.

(5) Italian cruiser Montecuccoli delayed at Cagliari.

e. Thursday, 4 May

(1) Brigadier Carr, Allied Regional Commissioner, in concerning medical supplies for civilians.

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(2) Major Manige from Italian Army Headquarters in concerning Tables of Organization and preparations for movement to the mainland of the Regimental Headquarters of the 552nd, 555th, 572nd, 582nd, and 590th Infantry Regiments.

(3) Italian cruisers Montecuccoli and Giuseppe Garibaldi delayed twenty-four hours at Cagliari.

(4) The following Italian units leave for Naples on the Marion Bouvard:

UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
Truck Drivers		168
Assistant Drivers and Mechanics		62
Guard Escorts		288
13th Signals Workshop	1	23
TOTALS	1	541

The following Nembo Division equipment and ammunition shipped to Naples on the Marion Bouvard:

Staff cars	5
Light Trucks	24
Medium Trucks	100
Heavy Trucks	25
Tractors	16
Motorcycles	3
Artillery Guns	8
Caissons	8
Ammunition	1900 tons

f. Friday, 5 May

(1) Marion Bouvard is recalled to Cagliari.

(2) Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects Montegranaro Alpine Battalion.

(3) Major Bodley DS Algiers to duty 1500 hours.

(4) Italian cruisers Montecuccoli and Giuseppe Garibaldi delayed at Cagliari.

(5) General Browning and party arrive.

(6) Marion Bouvard returns to Cagliari.

g. Saturday, 6 May

(1) Marion Bouvard sails for Naples with same cargo listed in para e. (4) above.

(2) General Browning and party leave at 1430 hours. 4591

(3) The following units of the Nembo Division leave for Naples:

UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
Hq Co 184th Infantry Regiment	14	107
144th Bn, 184th Infantry Regiment	37	757
20mm Battery	4	80
Guard Escort		22
Hospital Detachment	1	20
One Staff Car		
TOTALS	56	986

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(4) Colonel Simmons PS to Naples.
(5) The following units of the Nembo Division leave for Naples.

UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
184th Artisan Company	6	168
13th Battalion 184th Regiment	34	719
516th Field Hospital	6	56
Motorcyclists		15
One Staff Car		
TOTALS	46	958

2. One hundred sixty-eight (168) mules left for Naples on the cargo ship Chateau Latour 27 April 1944. This information was omitted from Weekly Liaison Log Number Seven dated 30 April.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Logs

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE(LECCE)
G/21
9 May 44

Adv HQ Army Sub Comm SALERNO

Copy to:- Army Sub Comm HQ SARDINIA
" " " HQ SICILY c/o IBS
" " " LO MAIN HQ ACC
" " " " XXXI CORPS
" " " " REAR EIGHTH ARMY
" " " " c/o HQ 2 DISTRICT
" " " " " HQ ~~5 CORPS~~ perhaps
" " " " " HQ 60 SUB AREA

5 Army
56 Corps

1. I am directed to instruct you to forward weekly to this HQ a brief report of liaison activities.

2. Such matters as:-

(a) movement of Italian units
(b) arrivals and departures
(c) conferences
(d) inspections
(e) mistakes that can be avoided in future
(f) any other items of general interest

should be reported.

3. These reports should be forwarded every Sunday in triplicate and numbered serially.

4. Adv HQ and Army Sub Comm SARDINIA are already forwarding weekly reports.

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Lt Col GS
Army Sub Comm., ACC

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 27 Apr to 5 May

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TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA) LECUILE,(Lecce).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, Sardinia.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
27	Main HQ's request for Intelligence information re Fiume-Zagreb RR.	Represented to Comando Supremo.
28	Situation Italian troops in Greece and Albania	Problem represented to DCC; interim report to Gen. Messe; AFHQ cable answered.
29	Application from Region II for repatriation of Lt. Rocco	Represented to High Comms'r for Prss. of War.
30	Jugo-Slav deserters from Ital. armed forces	CC's ACC policy of "hands off" communicated to Main Hq.
30	Lt. Col. QUINSMITH attended conference with Major General BROWNING in Naples.	
30	AFHQ's (Mideast) request for acceptance of repatriation of Serg. ADAMI R.	H.C. for P.W. acceptance communicated to AFHQ.
MAY 1	Proposed move of SMRE, Min. of War and Main HQ.	Movement abandoned; interested agencies notified.
1	AAI's Policy and Procedure re release of PW on mainland and in Sicily.	Represented to CC, Comando Supremo and interested ACC sections and Sub-Commissions.
1	Comando Supremo's requestfor repatriation of Col. PIAZZA(Sicily)	Application submitted under new procedure.
1	HC for PW request for reprot re PW camps in Ital Colonies and Abyssinia	Forwarded to AFHQ
1	Ital troops in Corsica	Proposed move ex-Corsica communicated to Com. Sup.
2	AFHQ-communicated request for a Dependency Allowance to PW family	Represented to HC for PW.
2	Officers ex Cuneo Division	Com Sup informed of their availability upon return.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
5	GHQ-OSE confirmation of PW status of Corporal Collova	Communicated to HC for PW.
4	Billeting of Ital troops in Campania.	Report submitted to Gen. Messe thru DCC.
4	HC for PW request for release of Lt. Cmodio-Sale'	Request for report on PW's status submitted to G2I(b), AAI.
4	Comando Supremo's requests for repatriation of individual PWs.	AAI and Main HQ views as to "desirable" selections represented to CC.
5	Comando Supremo's protest re requisition of Princess Mary Hospital, Naples.	Investigated, represented to ACC and report submitted to Comando Supremo, and Main Hq.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters.

6 May 44.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 909, U.S. Army

30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA), Lequile (LECCE)

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3 (b) Office Instruction No 10, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 29 April 1944 is submitted as follows:-

a. Sunday, 23 April
(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following listed personnel: No change.
(2) Major J. R. C. Bodley DS to duty 1550 hours.

b. Monday, 24 April
(1) Lieut Col Kessner to C. P. Nembo Division concerning preparations for inspection of Nembo Division.

c. Tuesday, 25 April
(1) Major J. R. C. Bodley duty to DS Algiers.
(2) Conferences: Col Simmons, Col Ledda, Capt Cerutti at Italian Headquarters concerning shipment of Italian ammunition to mainland.
(3) Major Hall, MMIA (DAIMS) in.
(4) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 184th Pioneer Bn of Nembo Division.

d. Wednesday, 26 April
(1) Conference: Col Simmons, Col Ledda, Capt Cerutti concerning movement of Nembo Division to mainland.
(2) Conference: Captain Messina, Liaison Officer from Nembo Division, Major Martin, Capt Cerutti, concerning preparations for movement of Nembo Division.
(3) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 184th Mine Laying Company, 184th Anti-Aircraft Battery (20mm), 184th Mortar Company (81mm) of the Nembo Division.

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e. Thursday, 27 April

(1) The following Italian troops depart for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
9th Battalion Non-Tradesmen		
Third Company		152
Fourth Company		157
10th Battalion Non-Tradesmen		
Headquarters Company		92
First Company		198
59th Pack Transport Company	4	161
130th Signals Workshop Company	1	24
TOTALS	5	784

(2) The following Italian equipment and mules were sent to the mainland:

EQUIPMENT

1 Generator for 3rd Artisan Company
2 Stoves, disinfecting; one each for 91st Field Hospital and 352nd Field Hospital
1 Compressor, 1 eletric set for 13th Artisan Company
80 Tons of Italian blankets
10,000 rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition (weight 45 tons)

(3) Lieut A. B. Bogarelli DS to Naples on Chateau Latour.

(4) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 183rd Infantry Regt, 184th Infantry Regt, 184th Motorcycle Section of Nembo Division.

f. Friday, 28 April

(1) Conference: Col Simmons, Col Ledda, Capt Cerutti concerning mule and horse situation in Sardinia.

(2) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 184th Communication Company, 184th Sanitary Section, 184th Heavy Auto Section of Nembo Division.

g. Saturday, 29 April

(1) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	EM
Italian Air Force Personnel	100

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Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 19-27 April.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA) LECCILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
18	Billeting of Italian Troops in CAMPANIA.	Comando Suprem's estimage of problem referred to Main HQ.
19	Repatriation of Captain MONTALTO.	Comando Supremo agreement to AFHQ's request communicated.
19	Repatriation of Deputy State Attorney Guido LANDI, request by Italian State Dept.	Referred to Administrative Section for presentation.
19	Repatriation policy.	Presented to Deputy Chief Commissioner for resubmission to AFHQ.
19	Mechanism of PW List under existing policy.	Proposed procedure presented to Administrative Section for submission to Chief Commissioner.
19	YUGO-SLAVS in Italian Armed Forces (Strength Report).	Interim report to RC & MG Section.
19	Comando Supremo's enquiry regarding "Firenze Div." and "Mountain Troops Command".	Presented to Main HQ. for investigation.
20	PW camps in SICILY.	Referred to RC & MG Section for report.
22	Comando Supremo's request for transfer of units from CORSICA to SARDINIA or Mainland.	Referred to Main HQ. for instructions.
22	Comando Supremo's representations regarding disturbances by soldiers in CAVA.	D/C report to Gen. INFANTE after investigation.
23	Request for repatriation of Col. GUIS.	Referred to Navy Sub-Commission for presentation.
23	Comando Supremo's request for combat employment of "Duca D'Aosta" Bn. of ARDITI.	After submission to Main HQ. Comando Supremo advised employment is matter for Allied Command.
23	CAZZERA'S request repatriation of 2 necessary Generals and named mutilated PWs.	Represented to Secretary General, ACC, for submission to Chief Commissioner over and beyond list procedure.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
24	AFHQ's request for acceptance by Italian Government of 399 disabled PW.	Submitted to Comando Supremo and acceptance procured and transmitted.
24	Policy, Future repatriation of disabled PW.	Resubmitted to RC & MG Section for organisation and procedure.
24	D/C conference with General INFANTE on Italian Army problems.	
24	Allied Intelligence Corps passes procured thru Comando Supremo.	
24	Comando Supremo's representations regarding treatment Italian PW under French control.	Submitted to Deputy Chief Commissioner for consideration.
24,25,26	Comprehensive investigation concerning proposed move of S.M.R.E., War Ministry and Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ. to CAMPANIA, conducted.	
24	Comando Supremo's views regarding Port for reception of disabled PW.	Represented to Navy Sub-Commission for solution in conjunction with all interested.
26	Repatriation of Col. MANNO.	Allied refusal of Comando Supremo's request communicated to Marshal MESSE.
26	SWISS - Italian War Contracts.	Current interim report submitted to Comando Supremo
26	PW camps in SICILY.	Report and question to Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-commission, ACC

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3, (b) Office Instruction No 10, Army Sub-commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 22 April 1944 is submitted as follows:

(a) Sunday, 16 April

(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, ACC in Sardinia includes following listed personnel: No change, except Captain Louis A. Cerutti, O-452337, Cav, relieved from assignment to 6732 Headquarters Company, Allied Garrison of Sardinia and DS to Allied Control Commission, Army Sub-commission; and assigned to 2675 Regiment as per Special Order 67, MATOUSA, dated 16 April 1944.

(2) Lieut Col Kessner leaves for Sassari.

(b) Monday, 17 April

(1) Major J.F.C. Bodley DS to duty 0900 hours.
(2) Conference regarding conditions in Corsica. Present were Colonel J. Doyle, Major Martin, and Major Bodley.
(3) Major Bodley DS to Naples.
(4) Lieut Col Kessner visits Seventh Italian Army Corps.
(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
5th Battalion Non-Tradesmen (less three companies)	6	211
951st, 952nd Workshop Companies	2	86
Merchant Marine Personnel		250
Totals:	8	547

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(c) Tuesday, 18 April

(1) Major Martin inspects Mountain Pack Battery.
(2) Captain Fortunato and Captain Abrignani, OSS, AAI in regarding recruitment of seven officers and forty-three enlisted men from Nembo Division for duty with OSS on mainland.

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(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
6th Battalion Non-Tradesmen	26	779
5th Battalion Non-Tradesmen (less 2 companies)	6	211
RAF candidates from 328th Wing		30
Totals:	32	1020

(4) Lieut Col Kessner attends anniversary of organizational day of 59th Regiment at invitation of General Boselli.

(d) Wednesday, 19 April

(1) Major Martin inspects 1st Battalion, 535th Regiment.

(2) Col Simsons, Major Hodley, Pfc Tarantino DS to duty 1115 hours.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 27th Cavalry Squadron at Bosa.

(e) Thursday, 20 April

(1) Colonel Simsons, Captain Cerutti conference with Major Gen Magli regarding future movement of 226th Coast Division to Sicily; and preliminary plans for forming ten additional Non-Tradesmen Battalions.

(2) Major Martin inspects 9th and 10th Non-Tradesmen Battalions.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner visits Chief of Staff, 226th Division regarding training of Cavalry Squadron.

(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
7th Battalion Non-Tradesmen	25	800
5th Battalion Non-Tradesmen (less one company)	6	211
Totals:	31	1011

(f) Friday, 21 April

(1) Captain Cerutti conference with Brig Gen Morigi, Commanding General Nembo Division, and Lieut Col Izzo, Chief of Staff of Nembo Division at Sanluri regarding preparations for movement of Division to mainland.

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(2) Major Martin, Captain Cerutti inspect loading of 8th Battalion Non-Tradesmen, and 1st Company, 5th Battalion Non-Tradesmen.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner visits Seventh Italian Army Corps and inspects 27th Cavalry Squadron at Bosa.

(4) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
8th Battalion Non-Tradesmen	27	790
1st Company, 5th Battalion Non-Tradesmen	6	211
Totals:	33	1001

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(g) Saturday, 22 April

(1) Major J.F.C. Bodley DS to Corsica 0900 hours.

(2) Lieut Col Pollock (Br), Lieut Col Greely, Lieut Col Dodgon, City Administration Section, Headquarters Fifth Army, in regarding movement of Carabinieri Battalion to mainland.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner arrives from Sassari.

(4) Lieut Col Izzo, Chief of Staff of Nembo Division in for conference regarding inspection and preparation for movement of Nembo Division to mainland. Present were Lieut Col Kessner, Maj Martin, Captain Cerutti.

(5) Following Italian troops depart for mainland.

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
9th Battalion Non-Tradesmen		
Headquarters Company	10	131
1st Company	5	163
2nd Company	7	163
14th Cinema Group	1	7
Italian Soldiers for Discharge		30
Totals:	23	494

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Colonel, Infantry
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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 12-19 April.

TO : Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
13	Comando Supremo Repatriation Lists.	Complex situation regarding duplicity of lists and priorities represented to responsible offices and solution effected; future administration simplified and established.
13	Italian PW of Yugo Slav origin.	Question of such PW rejoining Italian Army presented to Comando Supremo.
14	Transfer PW from Lampedusa.	Comando Supremo's desires communicated to Allied authorities; on 18th, circumstances prevent transfer to Siracusa, matter closed.
14	Valcovick, Yugo Slav Deserter.	This HQ's. final recommendations pass to Main HQ. Army Sub-Comm.
14	Lt. Col. Quin-Smith attended Regional Commissioners Conference in Naples.	
15	Lt. Col. Quin-Smith attended Conference at Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. LEQUILE (LECCE).	
16	A.F.H.Q. repatriation 170 incapacitated PW.	Italian government's acceptance procured and communicated to A.F.H.Q.
17	Lt. Col. Quin-Smith returns from Conferences at LEQUILE.	
18	Conference DUCHESNE & MESSE.	Conference arranged for 20 April.
18	Increased pay for civilian employees of A.C.C.	Matter represented to proper authorities.
18	Reception of PW being repatriated, sick & wounded included.	Various aspects of considerations involved represented to interested authorities for solution and appropriate action.
18	Situation of Italian Troops in MONTENEGRO.	Supply problem and evacuation of wounded in hand.

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DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
18	Recovery of Italian Personnel in GREECE and ALBANIA.	Problem is under discussion.
18	Yugo Slave in Italian Armed Forces.	Figures for Navy and Air Force, on service and PW, requested from Italian Government.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

17 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-commission, ACC

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3, (b) Office Instruction No 10, Army Sub-commission, ACC, dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 15 April 1944 is submitted as follows:

a. Sunday 9 April

(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, ACC in Sardinia includes the following listed personnel: No change, except Major J. R. C. Podley (E) to duty as of 1730 hours 6 April 1944.

(2) One thousand fifty (1050) soldiers depart for mainland for final discharge.

(3) Lieut Col Jerome Kessner leaves for Sassari.

(4) Col Pidsley (E), MFIA, in regarding Distribution of Supplies.

b. Monday 10 April

(1) Major Martin inspects 58th Pack Transport Company.

(2) Following Italian Troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
56th Artisan Company	5	225
130th Forestry Company	2	126
Sailors for duty on mainland		150
Totals	7	501

(3) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 1st, 2nd Battalions of 572nd Regiment.

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c. Tuesday 11 April

(1) Major Martin inspects 951st, 952nd Workshop Sections.

(2) Lieut Col Capello, Intendente, Italian Army in Sardinia, in for conference with Col Simmons regarding ammunition supplies in Sardinia.

(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland.

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
77th Artisan Company	7	246
1st Battalion Non-Tradesmen	29	761
	36	1007

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(4) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 125th Veterinary Hospital, 95th Signal Workshop, and Pack Transport Section.

d. Wednesday 12 April

(1) Major Martin inspects 521st and 315th Field Hospitals.

(2) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
13th QM Truck Company	5	226
2nd Battalion Non-Tradesmen	29	761
Totals	34	987

(3) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 1st and 2nd Battalions of 590th Regiment, and the Sardinian Railroad Company.

e. Thursday 13 April

(1) Conference. Present were General Berardi, Col Pallovicina, Col Simmons, and Major Martin.

(2) Col Simmons makes an inspection at Sassari.

(3) Following Italian troops depart for mainland.

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
83rd Field Hospital	7	67
91st Field Hospital	7	65
315th Field Hospital	6	81
352nd Field Hospital	7	68
486th Field Hospital	7	68
521st Field Hospital	5	61
163rd Artisan Company	5	196
Totals	44	586

f. Friday 14 April

(1) Col Simmons returns from Sassari.

(2) Col Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, Nembo Division.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner inspects 1st Battalion 535th Regiment.

(4) Following Italian troops leave for mainland: 4576

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
2 Sections Muleteer Reinforcements	2	98
3rd Battalion Non-Tradesmen	29	804
Royal Finance Guard for duty SMRE	2	98
Totals	33	1000

g. Saturday 15 April

(1) Col Simmons, Pfc Tarantino Detached Service to Naples Group.

(2) Major Martin inspects Radio Nucleus and 14th Cinema Group.

(3) Lieut Col Kessner in from Sassari.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 5-12 April.

TO : Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. Main HQ (MMLA) LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE		SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
7	(i)	Italian Military Prisoners in Civil Jails.	Conference, Administrative Section; Public Safety, Legal, Army and Interior; action ACC, AAI and corresponding Italian Government agencies to cooperate for relief of condition.
	(ii)	Shortage of Italian Legal Personnel.	List of Legal PW submitted at request of Legal Sub-Comm. for inclusion in repatriation priority lists.
	(iii)	Policy regarding military prisoners.	Chief Commissioner's action procured & policy transmitted to Main HQ.
8		Italian War Contracts with Swiss.	Definite progress in liaison thru AFHQ establishment.
9		AFHQ request for repatriation of 111 PW.	Represented to interested authorities - concurrence procured.
10		Italian casualty reports.	Procedure outlined to Deputy Chief Commissioner
11		Command of Corpo di Italiano di Liberazione.	Necessary information represented to authorities.

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(Sgd) (G. W. QUINSMITH) Lt. Col.
Army Sub-Commission
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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub-commission, A.C.C.

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3, (b) Office Instruction No. 10, Army Sub-commission, A.C.C., dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 8 April 1944 is submitted as follows:

a. Sunday 2 April

(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, A.C.C. in Sardinia includes the following listed personnel: No change.

(2) Capt Owen DS to Sq MMIA via Naples.

(3) Col Simmons duty to hospital

(4) The following Italian troops departed for Mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
1206 ~~154~~th Transport Co	3	156
988 Special Electricians Co	9	194
989 Special Electricians Co	9	194
11th Engineer Co	5	220
Sassari Bakery Section	2	105
Sonorva Bakery Section	2	105
Sailors for duty on Mainland		60
Totals	30	1033

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b. Monday 3 April

(1) Conference at hospital on Nembo Division. Present were Col Simmons, Col Ledda (I), Maj Martin, and Capt Comisci.

(2) Col Kessner inspected 332nd Field Hospital and movement of Yugo-Slavs to Corsica.

c. Tuesday 4 April

(1) Conference at hospital on general conditions of Italian Army in Sardinia. Present were Lieut Gen Berardi (I), Col Pallovicino (I), Col Simmons, and Maj Martin.

(2) Movement of 5018 Yugo-Slavs to Corsica completed.

d. Wednesday 5 April

(1) Maj Martin inspected Advance Echelon of the Nembo Division.

(2) Major Bodley (E) reported for duty.

(3) Col Kessner inspected the 83rd, 91st, and 486th Field Hospitals.

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(4) The following Italian troops departed for the Mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM /OR
6th Mining Co	4	228
21st Bridge Building Co	7	328
3rd Engineer Co	6	270
Two Sections of Reinforcement Muleteers	2	96
Italian sailors for duty on the Mainland		50
Italian soldiers for final discharge on the Mainland		60
Totals	19	1032

e. Thursday 6 April

(1) Conference at hospital. Present were Gen Magli (I), Col Simmons, Maj Dudley, and Lieut Machiavelli (I).

(2) Major Martin inspected 5th Stevedore Company.

(3) Col Kessner inspected 13th and 162nd Engineer Companies.

f. Friday 7 April

(1) Major Martin inspected 1st and 2nd Battalions, 532nd Regiment, 33rd Coastal Brigade and Cavalry horses at Oristano.

(2) Col Kessner inspected 1st and 2nd Battalions, 182nd Regiment.

(3) Major Dudley DS to Corsica.

(4) The following Italian troops departed for Mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/ OR
43rd Bn, 180th Engineer Co	6	139
43rd Bn, 181st Engineer Co	8	116
43rd Bn, 182nd Engineer Co	2	190
1006rd General Transport Co	10	345
Two Sections Reinforcement Muleteers	2	98
Italian Sailors for duty on the Mainland		50
Italian soldiers for final discharge on Mainland.		66
	23	1022

g. Saturday 8 April

(1) Col Kessner arrived from Sassari.

(2) Col Simmons hospital to duty 1500 hours.

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Colonel, Infantry
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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log 1-5 April.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (NMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
4	(i) Clearance of Italian soldiers from Civilian Prison.	Raised by Legal Sec., represented to Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ.
	(ii) Employment in combat of En. of SAN MARCO Regt.	Comando Supremo's view that Bn. should go to BTILE Group rather than 13 Corps represented to CC.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

5 April 1944

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O 509, U.S. Army

2 April 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : Commanding General Army Sub-commission, A.C.C.

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3, (b) Office Instruction No. 10, Army Sub-commission, A.C.C., dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 1 April 1944 is submitted as follows:

a. Sunday March 26

(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, A.C.C. in Sardinia includes the following listed personnel: No change.

(2) Conference on rations for Italian Forces in Sardinia. Present were Brig Duchesne, Col Simmons, Col Harding, G-4 Allied Garrison, Col Quin-Smith, Capt Cerutti, and Capt Sachs.

(3) Brig Duchesne, Col Simmons, and Col Quin-Smith leave for Sassari and Ajaccio.

b. Monday March 27

(1) Major Martin inspects 235 and 328 Special Labor Companies and horses at Oristano.

(2) Freighter Empire Spartan leaves for Naples with equipment of Italian units on the Mainland and 12th Disenfecting Sec.

c. Tuesday March 28

(1) Brig Duchesne, Col Simmons, and Col Quin-Smith arrive from Ajaccio.

(2) Col Kessner inspects 234 and 328 Special Labor Companies.

d. Wednesday March 29

(1) Brig Duchesne and Col Quin-Smith leave for Naples.

(2) Col Kessner arrives from Sassari.

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e. Thursday March 30

(1) Major Martin inspects 6 sections Reinforcement Muleteers.

(2) Col Kessner leaves for Sassari.

(3) Capt Owen from hospital to duty.

f. Friday March 31

(1) Major Martin on DS to Palermo.

(2) Sr Adviser Raimondo Montecuccoli arrives.

g. Saturday April 1

(1) Major Martin DS to duty at 1230 hours.

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Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
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SUBJECT: Liaison Log 26 Mar - 1 Apr 44.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C., Main HQ (MANIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).
Copy to Army Sub-Commission, SARDINIA.

DATE	SUBJECT	ACTION TAKEN
28 Mar	Lt. Col. Quinsmith returned from Sardinia.	
29	Italian Postal Services.	Telecommunication asked to look into (1) matter of hastening mail to and from Italian troops in combat areas, (2) non-delivery of mail at certain PW camps.
31	Strength and Supply of Italian Forces.	Lt. Col. Quin-Smith attended conference at FLAMBO.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

2 April 1944

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

26 March 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log

TO : CG Army Sub-commission, A.C.C.

1. Pursuant to provisions of Par 3, (b) Office Instruction No. 10, Army Sub-commission, A.C.C., dated 7 March 1944, liaison log for week ending 26 March 1944 is submitted as follows:

a. Sunday 19 March

(1) Detachment Army Sub-commission, A.C.C. in Sardinia includes the following listed personnel:

Colonel Floyd Simmons	Infantry	(A)
Lieut Col Jerome Kessner	Infantry	(A)
Major Stephen D. Martin	C.M.P.	(A)
Captain C. Howard-Owen	C.M.P.	(B)
Captain Louis A. Cerutti	Cavalry	(A)
1st Lieut A. Zegarelli	Infantry	(A)
Sgt Francesco Loiero		(A)
Pfc Vincent Tarantino		(A)
Pfc Richard Curtin		(A)
Sgt Maj G. Cardullo (attached)	(Italian Forces)	

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(2) Col Simmons and Capt Cerutti out to NORSS for conference regarding movement of Yugo-Slavs.

b. Monday 20 March

(1) Lieut Miller, Veterinary Corps, and Sgt Cardullo inspect horses at Oristano.

(2) Lieut Zegarelli returns from U.S.

c. Tuesday 21 March

(1) Major Martin and Lieut Zegarelli inspect the 13th and 130th Signals Workshops.

d. Wednesday 22 March

(1) Major Martin and Lieut Zegarelli inspect the Cagliari bakery sections and the 163rd Artieri Company.

(2) Col Buttini from Gen Pinna's office for conference regarding restoring damaged buildings in Cagliari.

(3) Col Kessner inspected 225th Labor Company.

e. Thursday 23 March

(1) Major Martin inspected 55th Artieri Co, 1003 Autieri Co, 998 and 999 Companies of Electricians.

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(2) Col Keasner inspected: 212, 233, 321, and 327 Labor Companies.

f. Friday 24 March

(1) Col Simmons D.S. to Naples.

(2) Lieut Zegarelli attached for rations and quarters to the 310th Service Group.

(3) Col Capello, Italian Quartermaster, in for conference on movement of supplies, as laid down in AFHQ letter AG 400-1(Italy)GDS-AGM of 9 January.

g. Saturday 25 March

(1) Col Simmons returns from D.S. with Brigadier Duchesne and Col Quin-Smith.

F. L. SIMMONS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Representative in
Sardinia.

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