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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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No.1385 11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.40
2. Weekly S & T Report No.31

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 10 February 45.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.40, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.31, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls. 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.40 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.31

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
A AC SICILY REGION Hq.
APO 394

No.1385

11 February 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.40 FOR WEEK ENDING 10 FEB. 1945.

a. Sunday 4 February. Conferred with Lt.Col. Snook, Executive Officer, A.C. Sicily Region, concerning return to Rome of five (5) Medical officers and nine (9) hospital orderlies now P.Ws. on the Island of Pantelleria. Col. Snook has correspondence indicating that Hq. Land Forces Sub Commission desires this personnel returned to the Mainland.

The schooner, Vincenza Onorato, arrived from Naples with 200 tons of flour aboard docked at 1100 hrs. this morning. Off-loading of the flour began at 1300 hours.

Visited the S.Antonino bakery this afternoon. Heat has been started in the ovens, and everything is in readiness to begin baking bread tomorrow.

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Office routine.

b. Monday 5 February. Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy C/S, Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary, and I visited the S.Antonino bakery. This is the first day of operation and the first bread was coming out of the ovens. We found everything clean, orderly and efficient. The bread appears to be of a better color and quality than that baked in the brush heated ovens of the former bakery. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the Commisseriato started on this project. As usual they had a hundred and one excuses for delay. Finally at my insistence Gen. Mariotti ordered Col Le Vecchio to begin operation today, which he has done and is now quite proud of his accomplishment. Colonel Le Vecchio and his staff personally supervised the unloading of the flour from the schooner, Vincenza Onorato, yesterday afternoon.

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c. Tuesday 6 February. Office routine.

d. Wednesday 7 February. Col. Goodwin, Commanding Officer, 204 Sub Area and Capt. Mooney, called at the office and discussed various matters concerning the Italian Military.

Office routine - half day off.

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Sicily Sector Weekly Liaison Log No.40 (Continued)

e. Thursday 8 February. Visited the Palermo Clothing depot, salvage depot, shoe repair shop and clothing repair shop. Additional women have been put to work in clothing repair also additional men have been employed in shoe repair to step up production.

Made a tour of the Motor Repair Shops used by Military Hq. All these shops are civilian operated and in none of them did I find Military supervision, the number of civilian supervisors however far out numbered the actual mechanics. A number of Military vehicles were in the shop for repair, but in only two was work in progress on such vehicles. I have directed a letter to the Automobilistica making several recommendations, i.e., pooling all permanently off the road vehicles in one place, reducing the number of shops doing welding to one or two instead of twelve as there are now, closer Military supervision of all shops so as to speed repair of Military vehicles.

f. Friday 9 February. Col. Goodwin called me from Catania and stated that the 171 repatriated prisoners of war in Taormina, about 80 in number, were causing troubles in the town. It is reported that they are selling hotel furnishings, doors, glass, etc. Also they have threatened to crash all dances, cinemas and social functions given by the British troops. The Colonel requested that I contact Military Authorities here, explain the situation to them and ask in his behalf that they take corrective measures. I then conferred with Lt.Col. Patti, Deputy C/S and Lt.Col. Tomicille, Chief Medical Officer, and was informed that Lt.Col. Barone, Director of Sanitation would investigate Messina and Trapani for possibilities of moving the repatriates to these two places. In the meantime, Col. Patti stated, he would ask Gen. Mariotti's permission to move the men to Palermo to avoid any further trouble. The Italian Military have requisitioned six (6) hotels in Taormina as convalescent homes for repatriated P.Ws.

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Lt. Snider inspected Palermo P.B. 1660 S.A.W.

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Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (See S & T Report No.31)

g. Saturday 10 February. Lt. Snider inspected the 28th Engineer Bn. at Palermo. (See S & T Report No.31)

Office routine.

/s/ Robert E. Long
ROBERT E. LONG
Major QMC
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 46. 28 January - 3 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 28 January

a. Lieut Colonel R. Crowhurst returned to mainland leaving Sergeant Bagley to look after horses.

2. Monday, 29 January

a. Colonel Simmons had conference with High Commissioner on air transport and on clothing for recalled men.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with Captain Newby, HQ Commandant, Allied Commission, on establishing strength of Italian platoon working for Sardinia Region.

3. Tuesday, 30 January

a. Colonel Simmons conference with General Brunetti on clothing for recalled men.

4. Wednesday, 31 January

a. Tec 4 Samuel Pugliese to Abbasanta to check on availability of radio parts, and return.

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5. Thursday, 1 February

a. Colonel Simmons had conference with Allied Regional Commissioner reference recall.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with Lieut Woodnut re strength of Italian Army personnel working for DID, Elmas.

c. Major Fossett returned from HQ MMIA.

d. Cruiser Abruzzi to Naples loaded with 39 officers and 719 men, including Sardinia Battalion.

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e. Colonel Simmons to HQ MMIA via Naples on cruiser Abruzzi.
f. Pvt Latona to hospital, Naples, for check-up.

6. Friday, 2 February

a. Major Martin returned to duty from 60th Station Hospital.
b. Captain L. E. Spong arrived on AFHQ orders for inspection trip of veterinary supplies on the island.

7. Saturday, 3 February

a. Loading of S.S. Carlton was completed.

GEORGE L. FOSSETT, Maj, C.E.
for F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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British Enclosure (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
CMF.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 165.

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6 Feb 45.

To: MAIA HQ.

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.9.

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MONDAY JAN 29	1. 50 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy. 2. Routine Duties.
TUESDAY JAN 30	1. 57 Engineers to 1st It. Eng. Coy. 2. Routine Duties.
WEDNESDAY JAN 31	1. Clothing Conference at 231 Div. 2. 60 Pioneer Rfts to 2 Pioneer Group 3. 25 Muleteer Rfts to XXI Pack Group
THURSDAY FEB 1	1. Brigadier R.M.M.Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff (British) Fifth Army, visited 231 Div with Newton. Inspected HQ and Clothing Depot. 2. 36 Muleteer Rfts to XXI Pack Group.
FRIDAY FEB 2.	1. 122 Pioneer Rfts to 39 Group and 2 Group 2. Routine Duties.
SATURDAY FEB 3	1. G II 2 Dist visited this office to discuss administration of Guards Regt at SIENA 2. Col. E.J. Noakes arrived in FLORENCE from ROME. 3. 60 Pioneer Rfts to 55 Group.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ.
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No.1354 4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Reports : 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.39
2. Weekly S & T Report No.30

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 3 February 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.39, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.30, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I.No.2 dated 11 July 44.

Homer E Long

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls.
1. Weekly Liaison Log No.39 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.30

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ.
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No.1384

4 February 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.28 FOR WEEK ENDING 3 FEB. 45.

a. Sunday 28 January Office routine. The 1st Bn., 48th I.G. Regt. moved from Messina to Mazara replacing the 1st Bn., 135th Regt. which is returning to Palermo. Half day off.

b. Monday 29 January Traveled by rail to Caltanissetta. Inspected the food distribution depot and records. After four days the foodstuffs are still being moved from the old depot. The depot was cluttered up and very untidy and sufficient dunnage was not available. Several weeks ago Territorial Hq. had ordered the Engineers to make dunnage for this depot; I therefore gave orders that a truck would be dispatched to Palermo to secure same. The depot records appeared to be in order and I found the 'Marshal' to be a very efficient and cooperative Non-Commissioned officer. I told the Officer in charge that I would return to the Depot before train time and I expected the depot to be clean and tidy. After lunch I visited the 16th F.A. Battalion. Lt.Col. Chiappini commands this unit and I found him to be very affable and cooperative. The Colonel conducted me on a detailed inspection tour of his garrison and I found it to be one of the best organized and efficiently run units that I have as yet visited. In the storeroom I found approximately forty pair of boots in need of repair. I requested that these be turned in. Upon my return to Palermo I called this matter to the attention of the Director of Commissary and suggested he contact all his units with a view of calling in all boots and clothing in need of repair now in the possession of the units. 4991 unit has an efficient motor repair section which is capable of doing minor fourth echelon maintenance. Upon my return to the food depot I found it clean, neat and orderly. Returned to Palermo.

c. Tuesday 30 January One hundred men of the 1st Bn., 48th I.G. Regt. returned from Raghusa to their base at Agrigento. Conferred with Captain Hayward, A.C. regarding coal and secured an allotment for operation of the S.Antonino Bakery. General Mariotti has ordered the Director of Commissary to get the bakery into operation on Monday, February 5, 1945. Talked by phone at 7.30 pm with Lt. Col. Howard and was in regard to. Office routine.

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c. Tuesday 30 January One hundred men of the 1st Bn., 22nd I.S. Regt. returned from Ragusa to their base at Agrigento. Conferred with Captain Heyward, A.C. regarding coal and secured an allotment for operation of the S.Antonino Bakery. General Mariotti has ordered the Director of Commissary to get the Bakery into operation on Monday, February 5, 1945. Talked by phone at 7.00 pm with Lt. Col. Heward and was in Reggio. Office routine.

d. Wednesday 31 January Colonel Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary called at the office and we discussed clothing inventory, clothing authorizations, coal for the bakery, grates for ovens in the bakery and various other matters.

Commander Murphy, Intelligence Officer at Palermo N.O.B., called at the office and we discussed various matters of general interest.

Office routine.

e. Thursday 1 February Made a tour of inspection of the Clothing Depot and shoe and clothing repair shops.

Conferred with Lt.Col. Paolantonio, Adjutant of the Corps Hq. of the COMZ and the Adjutant Palermo Legion COMZ, regarding status of motor vehicles and motor vehicle repair facilities in Sicily.

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AMIA I.O. Sicily Weekly Liaison Log No.39 Continued.

E. Thursday 1 February. (continued)

Conferred with Captain Calvaneso of A.C., regarding motor vehicles belonging to the Italian Military now in the hands of I.N.T. Nothing definite was decided upon at this meeting but the Captain is to get his papers in order for another get together.

Lt. Snider inspected 23 I.S. Regt. at Trapani.
(See I&I Report No.30)

F. Friday 2 February. Conferred with Lt.Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, regarding clothing and equipment, operation of the S. Antonino Bakery and various matters.

At 1400 hours I inspected the 2nd. Bn. of the 5th I.S. Regt. which recently arrived from Calabria. Lt.Col. Bertino is the commanding officer. The unit had drawn very little clothing while on the mainland and for the most part I found them badly in need of clothing and boots. The officers too, were poorly dressed.

Office routine.

G. Saturday 3 February. Lt.Col. Appleciutoli, Asst. Director of Commissary called at the office. We discussed the procurement of olive oil and increasing the ration to 1 ounce. The main topic of discussion was the loss of foodstuffs from point of loading to unloading. Heretofore the Military Authorities have accepted the shortages as a matter of course with a shrug of the shoulders, and returned the escort to the mainland without taking action. It has been decided upon that in the future when material shortages are found, the escort will be detained until a full and complete investigation is made. In this manner, it is hoped to put a stop to what has become a serious situation.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.F.O. 397, U.S. Army

28 January 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 45. 21 January - 27 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 21 January

a. Colonel Simmons returned from Hq MMIA, Rome.

b. S.S. Brighton departed loaded with 1319 tons of equipment and 98 vehicles, including 12 light tanks for Sicily discharge.

2. Monday, 22 January

a. Colonel Simmons had a conference with Colonel Giuliani, Director of Commissary, CMS, re shoes for Calabria Division and CC.RR., leather for shoe repairs, and clothing for men being recalled.

b. Captain De Stefano conference with Chief of Staff, CMS, on re-call.

3. Tuesday, 23 January

a. S.S. Abbazia arrived with consignment of shoes for CC.RR. and Calabria Division.

b. Lieut Colonel R. Crowhurst, RAVC, AFHQ, arrived with sergeant to inspect Italian Army horses on the island.

c. Cpl H. Zimerman returned from Naples.

d. Colonel Simmons had conferences with General Pinna re air transport and with General Brunetti re latter's reassignment.

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4. Wednesday, 24 January

a. Major Fossett had conference with Colonel Giuliani re Italian Army supply.

b. Colonel Crowhurst inspected animals at Iglesias.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with General Brunetti, Chief of Staff, CMS, and Colonel Giuliani re improvement reports received from Commissariato.

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5. Thursday, 25 January

a. Major Fossett left for HQ MMIA, Rome.
b. Lieut Colonel Crowhurst departed on inspection trip to Italian Army horses on island.
c. Colonel Simmons conference with Admiral Di Pollone - Italian Naval Commander Sardinia -, Captain Talarigo, Commander Borghi re cruiser schedule, shipping, etc.

6. Friday, 26 January

a. Captain De Stefano to Abbesante for inspection of workshops at 13th Auto Park and Engineer Depot at Abbesante.
b. Colonel Simmons conference with General Arduino Carelli, Commanding General CMS, various general subjects.
c. Cruiser Abruzzi departed for Naples loaded with 696 Italian Servicemen.

7. Saturday, 27 January

a. Colonel Simmons conference with General Carelli, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Lieut Colonel Spano, re details of re-call.

b. Captain De Stefano had conference on new Italian Army vehicle T/Os for Sardinia with Lieut Colonel Costantino, Major Martellacci, and Captain Secchi. Returned to Cagliari.
c. Lieut Colonel Crowhurst returned from inspection of animals.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No.8

MAAIO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

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29 Jan 45

MAIA HQ

Sunday Jan 21	1.	Discussed admin. of 519 Gds. Bn. with 2 Dist
	2.	Routine Duties.
Monday Jan 22	1.	Routine Duties.
Tuesday Jan 23	1.	Lt- Col. Percival arrived fro ROME
	2.	Routine Duties.
Wednesday Jan 24	1.	Routine Duties
Thursday Jan 25	1.	Visited 964 Fd. Hosp at SIENA with ADMS, Br Incr and Directors of Sanita, 231 Div.
	2.	Routine Duties
Friday Jan 26	1.	405 Reinforcements arrived at 231 Div. Depot FLORENCE
	2.	Routine Duties.
Saturday Jan 27	1.	Discussed columtary enlistment scheme with rep. of Delegazine 'T'
	2.	239 Reinforcements arrived at 231 Div. Depot FLORENCE

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Capt.
MAIA HQ.,
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Fifth Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

No.1321 28 January 1945

SUBJECT: Reports 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.38
2. Weekly S & T Report No.29

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 27 Jan. 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.38, incompliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.29, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (AMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No.1321

28 January 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.38 FOR WEEK ENDING 27 Jan. 45.

a. Sunday 21 January. Returned to Palermo from Reggio, Calabria by Motor Vehicle.

b. Monday 22 January. Conferred with Captain Oliver, Officer in Charge of the 51st. F.S.S. His agents do not report any further disturbances. On Sunday 21 January, one of Captain Oliver's Sergeants, while traveling between Caltanissetta and Palermo in the company of an Italian special agent and an Italian chauffeur, were held up and robbed by an Armed mob of about 30 men. The Sergeant was dressed in British battle dress and was riding in a British Jeep. The hold-up took place at about 1400 hrs., but the victims were not released until after dark or a out 1800 hours. The bandits robbed the sergeant and his two passengers of all their money and valuables. During the four hour detention of the Sergeant, two civilian vehicles came along and both of these were stopped and the occupants robbed.

A short time ago two enemy agents were dropped in Sicily, one near Palermo and the other near Messina. In view of the fact that there is at present a full moon, it is anticipated that further dropping of enemy agents may be attempted and British O.C.Troops have been warned throughout the Island.

Office routine.

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Lt. Colonel Parnenicero, Executive Officer of the Finance Guards, called at the office in reference to obtaining a supply of coal. I directed the Colonal to the proper office of A.C., to obtain his coal.

Lieut. Snider traveled by rail to Catania and inspected the Bulk Food Depot in the afternoon (See S & T report No. 29).

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The second battalion, 76th. Regiment, Savauda Division, arrived in Messina from Crotone, Calabria.

Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, to General Mariotti, called at the office. We discussed various matters, then proceeded to the Palermo Food Distribution Depot. The depot was clean and stock piles were well stacked and neat. The Lieut. in charge of the Depot has been ordered by the War Ministry, to join a combat unit on the main-land. He had been in the office earlier in the day soliciting my help in getting the orders revoked. I refused to help him as I feel it is none of my business. He can be replaced very easily and he can do more good for the War effort in a combat group than back here running a food depot.

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MMIA L.O. SICILY LIAISON LOG No. 38 (continued)

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Received a telephone call from Captain Armstrong, Hdqrs. 204 th. Sub-Area, complaining that the Military had confiscated a truck from a Civilian and that the truck was needed by that Headquarters to dispose of garbage and trash. The civilian who had the truck has a contract with 204 Sub-Area, to haul those items away. Captain Armstrong stated that he had no other truck suitable for the purpose and asked me to obtain release of the truck for one week and that during that time he would make other arrangements and would release the truck to the Italian Military. I secured from Military Headquarters the release of the truck for 10 days to Hdqrs 204 Sub-Area, on the promise that it would definitely be returned at the end of that period. This is one of the trucks formerly held by the Marchese San Juliano and mentioned in my 861, Subject; Salvage Vehicles dated 10 January 1945. The truck had been left in the hands of a Mr. E. Felicie, a partner of San Juliano, since last October, because of the work he was doing with it for 204 Sub-Area, on the promise that he would get another truck to do the work, this he never has done so the truck was picked up.

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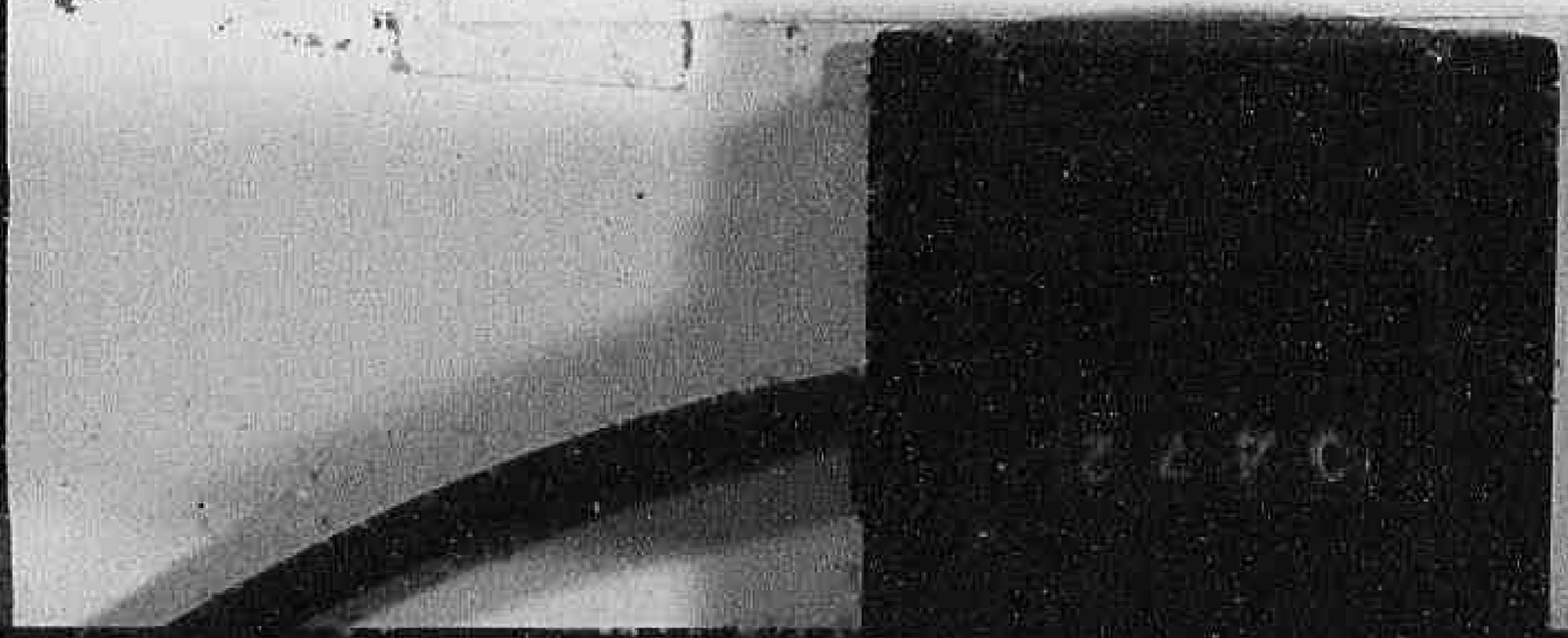
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ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

21 January 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 44. 14 January - 20 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA), ROME.

1. Sunday, 14 January

a. Major Martin to 60th Station Hospital with injured knee.

b. Captain De Stefano started attending daily meetings at Comando Militare della Sardegna on port operation in substitution for Major Martin.

2. Monday, 15 January

a. Pvt Wilder to 60th Station Hospital for treatment for gonorrhea.

b. Major Fossett and Captain De Stefano supervised testing of guns on light tanks destined for CC.RR. in Sicily. Checked operation of all tanks.

3. Tuesday, 16 January

a. Pvt Wilder to duty from 60th Station Hospital, reported cured.

b. Major Fossett had conference with Colonel Giuliani, Director of Commissary, re non-availability of olive oil from Consorgio Agrario and need of leather for local repair of shoes.

4. Wednesday, 17 January

Loading of S.S. Brighton continued.

5. Thursday, 18 January

a. Major Fossett inspected Bulk Food Depot at Cagliari.

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6. Friday, 19 January

a. Loading of S.S. Brighton continued.

7. Saturday, 20 January

a. Loading of S.S. Brighton completed.
b. Sixty-three (63) vehicles, including 12 motorcycles, received from Abbasants for shipment to continent during period 1-20 January 1945.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 7

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	(ii)	Routine duties.
Monday Jan 15	(i)	Routine duties.
Tuesday Jan 16	(i)	7 Muleteer Reinforcements sent to XXI Pack Group.
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Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA).,
c/o HQ., I District.
LO/Q6.

21 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

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Conference with DDMS I District. He considers that much bed space is wasted in Italian Military hospitals, and that patients remain much longer than necessary. He does'nt see need for one ambulance train a week. One a fortnight will do if hospitals function properly. He would like more supervision of patients, evacuation ie, a British cadre with interpreters.

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4. Medical (cont).

I have instructed Italian Military Hospital PERUGIA to increase capacity to 400 beds. I am arranging with AMG for Red Cross to have space in civilian hospital for over 60 day cases and to cater for emergency evacuations from FLORENCE.

5. Transport.

CCRR at ANCONA wanted a vehicle. Advised to try AMG as they look after civilians.

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ADL "C" Team to supervise a small transit camp at AREZZO, mainly for Leb rfts, similar to one run by IS Gp in ANCONA.

209 Division to take over 185I transit camp. Rfts can be cleaned, clothed and sorted there. It will be in care of 52I Bn.

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8. Discipline.

CMP have established check posts on roads round FRIULI to catch deserters in 5 day drive. 90 have already been caught. They are being collected in 55 Area under orders DPM I District. 520 Guard Bn is providing guards . GOC.,I District not too sure as to best policy towards them. Not too keen on sending them back. Hope the sending of a Military Tribunal here be expedited. I propose to prepare a report on the lines that a concentration camp be established here for them. There are limits to CCRR cells' capacity and it is not their function to hold them for a long time. Many Italian units have not the transport to fetch their absentees. The number caught is steadily increasing.

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Not possible yet for them to be on the phone.

I District took up question of 12 vehicles from ORVIETO, having no canopies. I was surprised to hear all the men arrived.

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II. CREMONA Rfts.

I was approached for permits for about 500 volunteers to go up to join CREMONA Group. It transpired that CREMONA had been doing some private recruiting . They had laid on 200 (code name COVONANTER). Enthusiastic recruiter had collected another 300. Awaiting authority from CREMONA before despatching these others. The 200 went in CREMONA transport.

I2. General.

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Inspection of I006 G.T. Coy. Serious trouble was brewing owing to poorness of clothing and lack of vests.

Discussions with ACMG re call-ups in this area. Scheme explained.

Confusion over formation of 6I and 62 Italian Forestry Coys, due to incorrectness of AGHQ letter. Now settled.

Strong letter to HQ.,209 Division re slowness in answering correspondence. Partly caused by weather, poor transport and ninete bureaucracy.

200 rfts destined for 5th Army taken by I District as they were apparently lost and did'nt know where to go. Problem did not admit of waiting.

I7I Sig Coy and dependent units transferred to 23I Division.

Are rfts to allow men entitled to 'cegedo' to be demobilised?. The percentage of such men is extremely small. It is I90 men ie., 2.2% . They have been promised they can go when their substitutes arrive. If not it would seriously effect their morale and consequent efficiency.

General Bureau of information for Italian Military affairs.

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Inspection of 1005 G.T. Coy. Serious trouble was brewing owing to poorness of clothing and lack of vests.

Discussions with AQMG re call-ups in this area. Scheme explained.

Confusion over formation of 61 and 62 Italian Forestry Coys, due to incorrectness of AGHQ letter. Now settled.

Strong letter to HQ.,209 Division re slowness in answering correspondence. Partly caused by weather, poor transport and ninete bureaucracy.

200 rfts destined for 5th Army taken by I District as they were apparently lost and did'nt know where to go. Problem did not admit of waiting.

171 Sig Coy and dependent units transferred to 231 Division.

Are rfts to allow men entitled to 'congedo' to be demobilised?. The percentage of such men is extremely small. It is 190 men ie., 2.2% . They have been promised they can go when their substitutes arrive. If not it would seriously effect their morale and consequent efficiency. 4972

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
AC SICILY REGION Hq.
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No.1292

21 January 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.37 FOR WEEK ENDING 20 JANUARY 1945.

a. Sunday 14 January. Talked by telephone with Major Smith regarding shipment flour by schooner. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 15 January. Conferred with Lt.Col. Appicciutoli, Actg. Director of Commissary regarding flour state. Again issued orders to issue flour for next period, at reduced scale of 6 ounces and increase Pasta scale to 7½ ounces. It was agreed that flour must be provided for Call-up travel ration due to the shortage of biscuits.

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The Italian Bakery at San Antonino was turned back to the Italian Military today. This bakery should be ready to begin baking bread in about another week.

Captain Oliver, 51st F.S.S. informed me that ten high Fascists were arrested in Caltanissetta to day.

Conferred with Mr. Calatoli and Mr. Catolfi, Mgr. of C.I.P. The grease and oil alloted for the Aosta Division in December was not delivered. C.I.P. had informed Territorial Headquarters that the allotment was forfeited. It resulted that the primary fault lies with the railroad, as the oil was shipped but not delivered. Mr. Catolfi agreed to issue the oil when the car reached its destination.

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Talked with Lt.Col. Rose by phone regarding my conversation with General Mariotti.

Conferred again with General Mariotti, at his home, regarding the Call-up. The General again stated he had authority of the Prime Minister to discontinue the Call-up, but would begin it again, if so ordered by the War Ministry. I telephoned this information to Colonel Kerr.

d. Wednesday 17 January. Conferred with Mr. Aldisio, High Commissioner of Sicily and secured copies of signals sent by him to the Prime Minister concerning Call-up. Also secured copies of signals received from the Prime Minister ordering the Call-up stopped. I asked the Commissioner how he felt about arresting all Call-up shirkers. He stated he was not in favor of that, but was in favor of arresting only the ring leaders of the disturbances and then only in districts not getting results, mainly Ragusa.

Talked with Major Stainton by phone re Call-up.

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Conferred with Lt.Co. Patti, Deputy C/S Territorial Hq. re clothing and equipment issued in emergency to troops sent into the field during disturbances.

Mr. Galatoli of C.I.P. called at office and informed me that he had issued the grease and oil to the Aosta Division for December.

e. Thursday 18 January. Office routine. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo Distribution Depot (See S&T Report No.28) Half day off for office staff.

f. Friday 19 January. The 2nd Bn., 5th Regt., Aosta Division arrived in Palermo from Catanzaro. Lt. Snider inspected Montegranaro Alpini Bn. today (See S & T Report #28) I traveled by 'Peep' to Reggio for purpose of inspecting Call-up Camp and Food Distribution Depot. 4970

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Visited Reggio Distribution Depot. This depot was not clean and stock records cards were not up to date. I gave specific orders to Lt.Verdeci the officer in charge, that these deficiencies would be corrected immediately. Called on the Director of Commissary to register my compliant on the depot management and to discuss other matters of supply and accounting but he nor any of his officers were in. Visited the Civilian Military bakery and pasta factory.

Conferred with Lt. Grossi, Italian Movements. The 2nd Bn., 5th Regt. Aosta Div. departed for Sicily 19 January and the 2nd Bn., 45th Regt. Sabauda Division will be shipped 22rd January.

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SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log. No. 56
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 27

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following report for week ending 13 January 1945.

2. a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 56, in compliance with instructions in you G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 27, in compliance with instructions in you S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July '44.

HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 56
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 27

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No.1268

14 January 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.26 FOR WEEK ENDING 13 Jan.45.

a. Sunday 7 January. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on Call-up and particularly on reported disturbances in Comiso. Disorders also reported in Vittoria, Ragusa and vicinity of Gela. Trouble in Vittoria began when CCRR arrested 20 persons in the streets after Curfew and nine for ignoring Call-up. One hundred troops sent from Caltanissetta to Ragusa were disarmed by crowd on road near Vittoria. Capt. Riggasoni of Palermo Territorial Headquarters, brought a message to me from General Mariotti at 10:45 P.M., requesting assistance in getting one hundred troops of the 6th Regt., four field pieces and four lorries moved by rail to Vittoria. The rail transportation office was contacted and the necessary rail transportation was arranged for departure from Palermo at 6:00 A.M. the 6th January.

b. Monday 8 January. General Mariotti is taking a firm stand toward quelling of disturbances and he informed me that he had ordered General Ronco from Syracuse to Ragusa to take charge of the situation in that area. Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. Field Security Section, Palermo. All reported disturbances are in Ragusa province. This province only produced three men for the Military during the entire first phase of the Call-up. Pursuant to orders issued by General Mariotti the following troops were moved today for security reasons:

One hundred troops of the 6th Regt. from Palermo to Vittoria, two hundred 22nd Regt. troops from Agrigento to Vittoria, thirty troops 16th Regt. from Caltanissetta to Vittoria and 220 troops of the 145th Regt. from Syracuse to Ragusa.

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d. Wednesday 10 January. Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. Field Security Section, Palermo regarding disturbances on the island. All reports on disturbances continue to come from Ragusa province. Rioters are armed with small arms and machine guns. Lt Snider inspected the Call-up transient Camp at Reggio today. (See S&T Report No.27) Office routine.

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e. Thursday 11 January Allied Commission Region #1 consented to release CCRR employed by them on guard duty, to General Mariotti, to be used during Call-up. The CCRR are to be replaced temporarily by Italian soldiers. Brigadier Carr is co-operating to the fullest extent with General Mariotti and myself in respect to the Call-up. I contact him or some member of his staff every day. Visited the Palermo Military Hospital today and conferred with Lt.Col. Giazzero the officer in charge. Whenever a draftee reports and there is any question as to his physical qualifications he is sent to the hospital under observation. Although there is a Medical Officer at each district reception camp, he cannot according to Army regulations, reject a man; only the hospital can do that. Heretofore no reports have been received from the hospitals at Palermo and Messina as to the disposition made by them of such cases. Arrangements were then made to have a daily report sent to Territoria Hq. at Palermo. While at the hospital, I made a tour of the wards, kitchen, store rooms and grounds. I found everything very clean, neat and orderly. The only discouraging situation found was the cooking facilities. The hospital has a large and modern kitchen, equipped with steam cookers, but these cannot be used because of the lack of coal therefore cooking is done on open ranges. The coal allowance is far short of most urgent needs. I asked Lt.Col. Giazzero to give Territorial Hq. a list showing the minimum quantity of coal needed for cooking, laundry and operation of sterilizing equipment. I may be able to get A.C. to increase the allowance. At the time the hospital has 450 patients under the care of nineteen medical officers and twenty two nurses and nuns.

Lt. Snider traveled from Reggio to Catania by motor vehicle.

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f. Friday 12 January Lt. Snider inspected Detail Issue Depot at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No 27) and returned to Palermo.

Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff regarding Call-up and other matters. Routine office work.

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Conferred with Col Zambardino Director of Automobilistes. I suggested that he investigate the case of fourteen trucks loaded with flour and reported broken down between Naples and the Island with a view toward repairing the trucks or transferring the load. The colonel said he would do so. We also discussed the P.O.L. situation and Vehicle Census.

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Due to the disturbances a greater demand for POL is made. However it is felt that the only actual shortage will be on Diesel fuel and lubricating oils. Vehicle Census forms have reached this office incorrect from several Units, and Colonel Zambardiro agreed to detail one officer of his staff to straighten out the discrepancies. Office Routine.

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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 13. 7 January - 13 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 7 January:

a. Colonel Simmons and Captain De Stefano attended meeting of Port Committee.

2. Monday, 8 January

a. S.S. Samleyte departed for Naples loaded with 233 vehicles and 787 tons of equipment.

b. Major Martin held first of daily conferences at Comando Militare Sardegna on assembling and loading equipment at port. Conferences to continue until work is completed.

c. Major Fossett inspected Food Distributing Depot, 45 Infantry Depot, and Barracks Stores Depot at Iglesias.

3. Tuesday, 9 January

a. Major Fossett, Cpl Pugliese, and Lieut Enrico Filippi (Italian) departed on inspection of Engineer and Commissary Depots on the island. Also to check on preparation of materials to be shipped to the mainland.

4. Wednesday, 10 January

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a. Colonel Simmons had conference with Colonel Castelland re Special Artillery and Engineer Vehicles.

b. S.S. Brighton arrived to load Liut 7 vehicles and equipment.

c. Cruiser Montecuccoli departed loaded with 619 Italian Army personnel and 50 Italian Air Force personnel.

d. Colonel Simmons to Rome via Naples on cruiser Montecuccoli accompanied by Pvt Giuseppe Merli (Italian).

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5. Thursday, 11 January

a. Conference regarding safeguarding against theft of materials in port. Present were Major Martin, Captain De Stefano and representative of Caraldinieri.

b. Major Fossett and party returned from depot inspection.

6. Friday, 12 January

a. Loading of S.S. Brighton continued.

7. Saturday, 13 January

a. Pvt Merli returned from Naples.
b. Major Martin injured his knee.
c. S/Sgt Zimmerman to Naples.

GEORGE L. FOSSETT, Maj, C.E.
for F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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MMIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
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Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

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16 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 6

MMIA HQ

Sunday Jan 7	(i)	Discussed leave for reinforcements from Blaisons with AAC & Staff
	(ii)	25 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div. Depot.
Monday Jan 8	(i)	Welfare discussion with Labour Branch and 231 Div. Welfare Officer.
	(ii)	23 Pioneer Rfts. allocated from Div. Depot.
Tuesday Jan 9	(i)	Routine Activities
Wednesday Jan 10	(i)	25 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div Depot.
	(ii)	Routine activities
Thursday Jan 11	(i)	Clothing conference at 231 Div.
	(ii)	22 Pioneer Rfts allocated from Div. Depot.
Friday Jan 12	(i)	Routine activities
Saturday Jan 13	(i)	Discussed Patriots with Gen. BERIGA.
	(ii)	Routine activities.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 42. 31 December- 6 January.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 31 December

a. Loading on S.S. Fort Richelieu continues.

2. Monday, 1 January

a. New Year's Day.

3. Tuesday, 2 January

a. S.S. Fort Richelieu departed for Naples loaded with 117 vehicles and 558 tons of equipment.
b. Loading on S.S. Samleyte was started.

4. Wednesday, 3 January.

a. Colonel Simmons inspected Engineer Depots in Cagliari.
b. Major Martin to Abiasanta, Siliqua, and Ploughe inspecting all rolling stock in depots.
c. Major Bentlef, Lieut Menzel, and 5 enlisted men arrived from NORBS to supervise loading of S.S. Mount Everest. Capt Spong accompanied them around Cagliari and preliminary arrangements were completed.
d. Pfc Wright arrived from Rome with pay for members of this detachment.

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5. Thursday, 4 January

a. Major Bentlef to NORBS leaving Lieut Menzel and enlisted men to supervise loading of animals. Loading of S.S. Mount Everest was started.

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b. Major Martin conference with Major Hall at Abbasanta on raising number of vehicles repaired for shipment to the mainland. Returned to Cagliari in afternoon.

c. Sgt Gentile and Pfc Wright left for Rome.

6. Friday, 5 January

a. S.S. Mount Everest departed for Naples loaded with Italian Army horses and mules and also some live stock for the Allied Commission.

b. Captain Spong accompanied the Italian Army animals to Naples.

7. Saturday, 6 January

a. Lieut Menzel and 5 enlisted men leave for NORDS having completed mission.

A. F. DE STEFANO, Capt
for F. I. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 9

MMIA LO
British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
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Phone No: Lightning Rear 164

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9 Jan 45

MMIA HQ

Sunday Dec 31	(i)	Major FIELDMAN visited this HQ from Borgo S. Lorenzo
	(ii)	33 Reinforcements sent to 55 Pioneer Group
Monday Jan 1	(i)	First general allocation of clothing to all Units.
Tuesday Jan 2	(i)	Visited 231 Div HQ with Brigadier NAPIER, DA & QMG, AFHQ.
	(ii)	19 Reinforcements to XXI Pack Group
Wednesday Jan 3		Routine Duties
Thursday Jan 4		Routine Duties
Friday Jan 5	(i)	Conference with AMMS & AUL British Increment about the high wastage rate through trivial illnesses.
Saturday Jan 6		Routine Duties

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MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MAIA)
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No.1227

7 January 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.35 FOR WEEK ENDING 6 JAN.45.

a. Sunday 31 December. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 1 January. Office routine. The Montegrenero Alpini Bn. was taken under jurisdiction of Palermo Territorial Hq. from the Co.It. I have had no correspondence on this move, but General Mariotti has asked the War Ministry to approve his action. The 705 Coy., Montegrenero Alpini Bn. was moved from Messina to Catania. Headquarters of the Battalion is in Palermo and all companies are here except the one moved to Messina.

c. Tuesday 2 January. Received information that the Navy is moving out of the San Tantonino bakery, located in Palermo. I visited the bakery and confirmed that they are moving. Conferred with Lt. Lezear of N.O.B. regards to de-requisitioning the bakery so that the Italian Military can take it over. This bakery has two large and one small gas heated ovens and one large dough mixer. The building is large and clean and will be a great improvement over the present bakery, where the building is small, poorly lighted and bread is baked in brush heated ovens.

Lt. Sniuer inspected the clothing and equipment of a company of the Montegrenero Alpini Bn. which arrived in Palermo from Messina.

Conferred with Lt.Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of 4958
Staff, P.T.Hq. in regards to flour situation, also rations for Call-ups. I issued an order that the flour issue for the next period would be reduced to six ounces and the macaroni issue increased to seven and one half ounces. Expected flour shipment from Taranto has not arrived so in order to alleviate the situation I contacted N.O.B. and arranged to borrow approximately forty ton. Talked with Lt.Col. Percival by phone and explained the flour situation and requested that at least a thirty day supply of flour be kept in the Island, if at all possible. This large supply is necessary because of the length of time taken and difficulties met in shipping flour from the Mainland. Lt.Col. Percival informed me that it was planned to stock a forty five day supply of flour in Sicily. In the meantime, my macaroni stock is such that I can substitute it for flour until the situation is relieved.

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Conferred with Lt.Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, P.T.Hq. in regards to flour situation, also rations for call-ups. I issues an order that the flour issue for the next period would be reduced to six ounces and the macaroni issue increased to seven and one half ounces. Expected flour shipment from Taranto has not arrived so in order to alleviate the situation I contacted N.C.B. and arranged to borrow approximately forty ton. Talked with Lt.Col. Percival by phone and explained the flour situation and requested that at least a thirty day supply of flour be kept in the Island, if at all possible. This large supply is necessary because of the length of time taken and difficulties met in shipping flour from the Mainland. Lt.Col. Percival informed me that it was planned to stock a forty five day supply of flour in Sicily. In the meantime, my macaroni stock is such that I can substitute it for flour until the situation is relieved.

Conferred with General Mariotti and he has ordered arrests of Call-up shirkers to begin again. The General is now taking decisive action and it is getting results. More call-ups are coming in now, in one day, in some districts than all other previous days combined. The district of Ragusa still wins the booby prize with a grand total of three call-ups accepted. Ragusa may cause trouble and General Mariotti has moved the 1st Bn., 10th I.S. Regt. from Palermo to Ragusa. The 508 Spec. Guard Coy (strength 183) arrived from Jesi to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 3 January. Traveled by train to Catania. Conferred with Captain Mooney, G-3, 204 Sub Area regarding matters of interest between our two offices and arranged to see

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d. ..... Colonel Goodwin later in the afternoon. Met and discussed P.O.L. with Captain Geary, O.C., POL, 204 Sub Area. Conferred with Lt.Col. Howard regards to Call-up. Conferred with Lt.Col. Walker, Allied Commission, regards to December disturbances in Catania, also discussed sale of and title to Italian junk vehicles seized from Marquis A. San Juliana. Visited the British Army Salvage Depot and conferred with Captain Jeffcutt in regards to salvage made available by AFHQ for sale to the Italian Military. I secured a list of all such material, but feel that very little if any of it is of value except as absolute junk. However, I am submitting it to Military Headquarters for whatever it may be worth to them. Also secured from Captain Jeffcutt a list of salvage he has sold to Military Headquarters. I have already asked Headquarters for such a list, together with information as to what use or disposition they made of it. Captain Jeffcutt is of the opinion that the transaction smells, that is, as to what happened to the salvage after it left his depot and I intend to trace it down.

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e. Thursday 4 January. Inspected both the Bulk and Distribution depots. Stock cards were posted correctly and spot checking found them correct. Much more dunnage is needed

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e..... in the bulk food depot and I have taken this matter up with military headquarters. The only complaint the O.C. had was about the shortage of flour and the poor quality of olive oil. I explained to him the plan for substituting pasta and he had already received that order. It seems that the olive oil is just too new.

I called on General Antonio Cassaretti, Catania Garrison Commander and his Chief of Staff Luigi Guzzanti and discussed some of their problems. I then called on Colonel Milozzio, O.C. Military District, conversed with him.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 41. 24 December - 30 December 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 24 December

a. S.S. Sanfough departed for Naples with 865 tons of equipment and 257 vehicles on board.

b. Colonel Simons had conference at Carbonia with Major Rex A. Matthews re loading vehicles on colliers at San Antioco.

c. Loading was started on S.S. Fort Richelieu.

2. Monday, 25 December

a. Christmas.

3. Tuesday, 26 December

a. Colonel Simons conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.C., re plans for shipping special Guard Battalion (Calabria Div).

4. Wednesday, 27 December

a. Captain L. E. Spong arrived re Italian Army animals. Preparations with Italian Army Veterinarian to collect and load horses and mules.

b. Cpl A. Villani arrived from Rome as escort courier for mail.

c. Colonel Simons had conference with Lieut Woolrut and Lieut Blaion, D.I.O., re cold storage facilities. Arrangements are being made to put into operation a bigger and better storage plant.

d. Colonel Simons conference with Colonel Castelland, Chief of Staff, C.M.C., re plans for assembling and shipping of horses and mules of Italian Army to the mainland.

5. Thursday, 28 December

a. S/Sgt R.O. Zimmerman returned from Naples.

b. Colonel Simons had conference with Allied Regional Commissioner, Colonel Pennycuick, re requisitioned military stores.

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c. Colonel Simmons made inspection of special Guard Battalion prior to departure for continent.

d. Colonel Simmons conference with General Brunetti and Chief of Staff, C.M.S., re operation of port and other matters.

6. Friday, 29 December

a. Loading on S.S. Fort Richelieu continued.

7. Saturday, 30 December

a. Cpl A. Villani returned to Rome.

b. Colonel Simmons had conference with General Brunetti re visit of Yugo-Slav officers who recently arrived from the mainland.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with Allied Regional Commissioner and Security Officer, A.C. re Yugo-Slav officers.

F. I. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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APO 394

No.1227 6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.35
2. Weekly S & T Report No.26

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 6 January 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.35, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.26, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

/s/ Homer E Long
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Major QMC
LO Sicily

2 Incls:
1. Weekly Liaison Log No.35 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.26

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Subject:- Liaison Log.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C., (MMIA).,
c/o HQ., I District.
LO/G6.
3 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
M. M. I. A. . R O M E.

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5. Transport.

Vehicle census returns forwarded from 209 Division. Supplementary return sent for CCRR.

6. Supplies.

DDST has circularised Areas re. supply of soaps and cigarettes to Italian Military pointing out that responsibility for initial provision is Italian and that a firm attitude will be adopted on question of issue from British stocks in event of inabilities occuring.

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6; Supplies. (Cont).

POL has been obtained from CIP, ANCONA for month of December after as great a difficulty as last month. A report was submitted by me. Apparently CIP ROME had not been notifying CIP ANCONA of the release.

7. Welfare.

DA & QMG asked me for report on welfare activities of the FRIULI which were stated to be virtually non existent "One draught board produced from behind a sack in a ration store was proudly displayed as a Company's Welfare facilities" is an extract from ADH's report. I passed this on to the FRIULI L.O. I district had already made a money grant to the FRIULI.
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8. BRI-ITI rfts depot at ORVIETO.

209 Division have sent their Adm Officer to advise on the Italian Admin side. I have visited the depot again and arranged delivery of some of the three tonners. Remainder of British Cadre very slow in arriving.

9. General

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6. As 228 Division will shortly be pulling out of IESI, I have instructed 209 Division to consider taking over the transit camp there. The Pioneer Wing has already been transferred to ANCONA, under the supervision of 19 Pioneer Group.

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9. General. (cont).

7. The CIL Area at IESI and MACERATA is likely to remain there a long time as AAI insisted that it should all be examined by I District. The latter has not got sufficient staff to undertake such a long job - over I,ooo tons.

8. My Dodge vehicle replacement obtained from ROME on 2I December went two days later into workshops. It had a top overhaul, new carburettor, valve springs etc. Came out after four days and went back the same afternoon with a big end gone. As a consequence, I have to postpone all jobs involving use of vehicle.

9. General encyclopaedic service on Italian Military matters.

J.H. Bourne

Capt.
AMIA., LO., I District.

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 12 - 11-31 Dec 44. SECRET

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC. (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
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15 Dec. - Visit to HQ 86 Area to discuss equipment and employment of Guard Bns.
Inspection of HQ and billets of 516 Bn. at VISERBA.

19 Dec. - Conference at HQ 228 Div. with Gen. Mattioli on results of his tour of inspection in the Army area.

20 Dec. - Conference with Welfare on provision of Christmas comforts for Italian hospital patients.

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21 Dec. - Dinner with Crown Prince Umberto.

23 Dec. - Conference with ADMS on shortages of equipment in 292 Fd. Hospital.

26 Dec. - Visit to JESI with Gen. Tomaselli. Inspection of Transit Camp, rfts awaiting disposal, Div. Sub-Depot and Salvage and Repair Shops.

28 Dec. - Visit to CESANA with Gen. Tomaselli. Made contact with HQ LOS Pnr. Gp., recently arrived to relieve 39 Gp. Recce for possible Adv? Clothing Store. Inspection of Hospital buildings taken over by 292 Fd. Hosp. Conference at HQ 86 Area on RE work and supplies needed by Hospital.

30 Dec. - Visit to 1001 GT Coy. to investigate complaint lodged by DDST.

4. 292 Fd. Hospital.

This unit came under command Army not clothed or equipped according to scale, and much of the clothing it did have was in very bad condition. Unfortunately this came at a moment when the Div. Store was practically empty of the most essential items. It is understood that this unit was standing by for some weeks in AFRAGOLA, and Army are enquiring why it was not brought up to scale during that period. I should be glad if you would put me in a position to explain.

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7. Welfare.

With the energetic backing of HQ 5 Corps, 86 Area and the new DDST at Army, the static canteens at RIMINI, CESANA and FORLI did particularly well over Christmas, with concerts and Christmas trees. The mobile canteen, visiting isolated units, now draws materials for about 1,000 cakes a week, and carries other little comforts and personal necessaries, and a lending library. It is hoped to put a second truck onto this service shortly.

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Gen. Mattioli, Inspector og Auxiliary Units, expressed great satisfaction with what EIGHTH ARMY has done and is doing for the welfare and morale of the Italian Service tps, and the Crown Prince also referred to it very warmly.

The establishment of a Rest Camp in SAN MARINO having fallen through, owing to a severe epidemic, a large house at VILLA VERUCCHIO (R.7592) has been taken over and 86 Area are now doing the necessary RE work for a holding of 80 men at a time.

8. Clothing.

A minor crisis has arisen over the non-arrival of releases made as far back as early Nov. I now understand that the difficulty arose over getting wagons. It is unfortunate that I was not tolf of this at once, as I could probably have arranged earlier for Army MT to lift the stuff from BARI. As soon as further releases are made and the parcels are ready in BARI, I should appreciate immediate advice of readiness and of any likely delay in arranging rail or sea tpt, so that, if urgent, I can approach Army for assistance.

9. General.

I ptopose to come to HQ for discussions arriving probably Friday evening, 5 Jan., for two nights.

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

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British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
CMF.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 163

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31 Dec 44

Weekly Liaison Log No 4

Sunday Dec 24	(i) Newton attended service for Italian troops with Gen NANNEI.
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Tuesday Dec 26	(i) 22 Muleteer rfts to XX1 Pack Group.
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

24 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 40. 17 December - 23 December 44.

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

1. Sunday, 17 December

a. Colonel Simons had conference with Capt J. F. Kein, A.C. re Italian Army horses for use of civilians on the continent.

b. Colonel Simons conference with Major Fischer, A.C. re reinforcement of CC.RR. for security.

c. T/5 Pugliese returned from Naples.

d. Major Evens departed on inspection trip to Northern Engineer Depots.

2. Monday, 18 December

a. Colonel Simons had conference with Commanding Officer and Adjutant of "Sardinia Battalion" re condition of battalion.

b. Colonel Simons conference with Allied Regional Commissioner, Sardinia, re "Sardinia Battalion".

c. Colonel Simons conference with Col Costantino, Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.S., Major Martin, Lieut Machiavelli re port operation.

d. Major Fossett returned from Corsica.

e. Loading of S.S. Semfough was started.

3. Tuesday, 19 December

a. Colonel Simons visited Abbasanta Depot, 13 Auto Park and Calabria Division Headquarters, Sassari.

b. Colonel Simons conference with Colonel Costantino, Major Martin re re-loading of cruiser Montecuccoli and personnel to be retained for evacuation of depots and escort of material to mainland. 4945

c. Major Fossett conference with Colonel Giuliani, Director of Commissary, on speeding up movement of clothing to Cagliari for shipment.

d. Captain De Stefano and S/Sgt Zimmerman to Naples.

e. T/4 Gentile to Rome.

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4. Wednesday, 20 December

a. Major Evans returned from Inspecting Engineer Depots.
b. Colonel Simmons had conference with A.C. Transport Officer.
c. Colonel Simmons conference with Italian Air Force Liaison Officer re Air Force equipment.
d. Colonel Simmons conference with Mr. A.G. Thomas, Representative of British Ministry of War Transport re loading of ships.
e. Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, CMS, re re-organization of port operation.

5. Thursday, 21 December

a. Colonel Simmons conference with Wing Commander Holmes, RAF, re Italian Air Force equipment.
b. Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, CMS, re further changes in port operation.
c. Major Evans returned to Rome.
d. Capt De Stefano returned from Naples.

6. Friday, 22 December

a. Colonel Simmons inspected Sardinia Battalion accompanied by Major Fischer, Region 6 Public Safety Officer.
b. Colonel Simmons had conference with Regional Commissioner and Lieut Col Leeck (No. 3 District) re disposition of Italian troops in Sardinia.
c. Colonel Simmons conference with Major Gobbi, Italian Air Force Liaison Officer.

7. Saturday, 23 December

a. T/4 Gentile returned from Rome.
b. Colonel Simmons inspected quarters of Enlisted Men of this detachment.
c. Colonel Simmons had conference with Lieut Col Costantino re organization of Calabria Bn for security.
d. Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, CMS, re port operations.
e. M.V. Salvore departed for mainland with 10 ambulances and escort of 17 officers and men on board.

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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No.1201 31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.34
2. Weekly S & T Report No.25

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 30 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.34, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.25, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls.
1. Weekly Liaison Log No.34 (Trip.)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.25

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No 1201

31 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 34 FOR WEEK ENDING 30 DEC 1944.

a. Sunday 24 December. Office routine. Half day off for office staff.

b. Monday 25 December. Office routine. Office staff took the whole day off.

c. Tuesday 26 December. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on matters of general interest between his headquarters and this office. Talked to Lt Col Rose, by phone, regarding shipping tickets. Also talked with Major Papinau regarding P.O.L. for call-up and Vehicle Census. Visited Military Headquarters Sicily and conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff on various matters. Conferred with Commissariate regarding distribution of food, blankets and mess equipment for Call-up and Volunteers in January.

d. Wednesday 27 December. Conferred with Lt Commander Murphy of N.C.S. regarding G-2 matters. Conferred with Automobilistica Headquarters, Sicily, concerning Vehicle Census. Lt Snider departed today for Messina by rail and inspected Catania Bulk Depot. (See S & T report No. 25) Lt Col Howard arrived from Reggio by motor. Office routine.

e. Thursday 28 December. Lt Col Howard and I conferred with General Mariotti and members of his staff regarding call-up in December and plans for conducting call-up in January. I conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff on various matters concerning M.N.S. and MMIA. Lt Col Howard and I had dinner with General Mariotti and his Staff. The Marquis San Juliano conferred with me regarding Italian Motor Vehicles which he had bought and repaired. These vehicles have been taken from him by the Italian Military. Lt Snider inspected 1st Bn 45 I.S. Regt (See S & T report No. 25) and returned to Palermo. Office Routine.

f. Friday 29 December. Conferred again with Commander Murphy regarding G-2 matters. Conferred with Captain Diegle concerning P.O.L. Visited Italian Military Motor Park. Lt Snider inspected clothing and equipment of the Montegranaro Bn of Alpine troops which is assigned to the CC.RR. One company of this battalion is in Messina and Lt Snider is to go their tomorrow for purpose of inspection.

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/s/ Homer E. Long
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Major QMC
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APO 394

No 1187

24 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 33
2. Weekly S&T Report No. 24

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 23 December 1944.

2. a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 33, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 1944.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 24, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July 1944.

/s/ Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major, Q.M.C.
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 33(Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 24

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MMIA - AFHQ LIAISON LOG No. 3

1. G-3 Org

(a) Mobile CC Rs for SICILY

A letter is on the way agreeing to all our proposals. — G A/Q

(b) Unauthorised changes in designations of Italian Army Units

A letter is on the way asking for specific instances of such changes.

(c) Formation of 2 Guard Bns

Plan altered owing to Bns now being formed from British personnel. One British Guard Bn being used to replace two Italian Bns. — G

(d) SICILY Call-up

I expressed regret at the disappointing SICILY Call-up figures and explained that a fresh start was being made on 3 Jan and also that energetic steps were being taken by the Italian authorities to round up the absentees. In reply it was stated that the painting of rosy figures could be overdone and might lead to embarrassing explanations. I explained that MMIA had to rely on Italian estimates which were always reduced before being passed on to AFHQ. — 2 i/c G A/Q

(e) 7 Mountain Regt

A reply is awaited by G-3 Org from G-1 Br before a decision can be given as to whether the Italian Increment to this unit can be used as muleteers. — G

(f) GARIBALDI MV

Two ships are available to ship this Division to the mainland but the movement is held up temporarily owing to some shooting incidents. At the moment no other use is foreseen than "Rfts for Gruppi Combattimenti". — 2 i/c G A/Q Spec Sec

(g) DMT & Rft Meetings

The date for these meetings is fixed for 8 Jan. — 2 i/c A/Q G Spec Sec

(h) British Cadres for Rft Camps (BS-III)

Application should be made to G-1 Br for these personnel

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(g) IMT & Rft Meetings — 2 i/c A/Q G Spec Sec

The date for these meetings is fixed for 5 Jan.

(h) British Cadres for Rft Camps (BR-ITI) — G

Application should be made to G-1 Br for these personnel to be made available.

(i) CC RR — 2 i/c G

I pointed out that there would be a descrepancy between the total of CC RR as shown by MMIA in orbat No 2/5 and that shown in Public Safety Sub Commission letter AC/14632/P.3. of 12 Dec. This descrepency was accounted for by the fact that Public Safety figures do not include personnel on leave, in hospital, AWOL etc.

(j) Allied Commission illegally employing Italian Officers — 2 i/c

It was requested by G-3 Org that specific instances of these unauthorised employments be submitted so that direct

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action can be taken.

(k) 310 Service Squadron — A/Q S & T

This unit is ITI-ITI but formed on a British ME AI/48/1 now NA/817/1.

The unit is employed on operational duty and works frequently in the German lines.

The following are required:-

1. 1 Car preferably civilian otherwise Italian Army.

2. 40 Suits of Battle Dress

3. 40 Greatcoats

Will we please let G-3 Org know [redacted] whether these items can be supplied.

2. Q Maint.

(a) Poligmano Driving School — G S & T

Explained that instructions had not yet reached 54 Area that this school was not to be closed. Unfortunately Major BARNISH was not available and I spoke to someone else who knew nothing about it. However I was assured that, in consultation with G-3 Org, something would be done to keep the school open.

3. Patriots — Comd S i/c A/Q G

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4. G-5

(a) Italians in ALBANIA

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Discussed reports received from Force 399 LOs. These reports had not reached Major DRIFFIELD WHITE however he was conversant with the matter and had taken steps to effect the movement of all Italian personnel, including military, to the mainland. The difficulties at the moment are shipping and vehicles in ALBANIA.

Lt. Col. BOUVERIE S.C.M. has asked Force 399 for reports to be sent direct to G-5.

(b) ST ANDREWS Camp

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A query was raised as to whether the two British Capts lent to this camp, had returned to RAID. If not will we please return them at once and inform G-5 of the "fait accompli"

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5. MOV shipping

(a) Vehicles in GREECE — S & T

After much searching the alleged signal on this subject was produced. The signal referred to personnel only no mention of vehicles appeared. Our signal must therefore have arrived corrupt.

(b) SARDINIA Call-up — 2 i/c 2 A/Q

G-3 Org had passed on our request to Mov Shipping who in turn had passed it to G in C Med. Upon enquiry as to why no answer had been received from the latter, it transpired that the letter had never reached them. A reply will now be given soonest. It was confidently expected that 2 cruisers would be able to be made available for this Call-up.

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(a) 93,000 Battledress — A/Q

The ship from UK with this B.D. is due to arrive at the end of Dec but probably will not arrive until the middle or even end of January.

(b) Stocks of BR-ITI Clothing — A/Q

Handed letter to Col. SLOAN, and explained position re Battle Dress. He expressed a wish to know what Italian stocks were in existance and where. It would appear that this question is about to be fully dealt with!!!

ASPAGOLA CAMP

Visited this camp with Capt THRUPP. Total in Camp Thursday 26 Dec (inclusive of the days departures ------- 4200 — 2 i/c C

The following were moving on that day

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The same formed units as listed last week were still in the camp. 1007 GT Coy has been reformed into 1 and 2 GT Coys for the Gruppi. Equipment is awaited. Some Rft drivers remain unassigned. These are being used in batches of approx 10 to bring "unfrozen" vehicles to ROME. On arrival the drivers are attached to 6 Autieri Coy and are available for onward routeing to CESANO. So far 50 have been sent to ROME, a further 11 will be arriving in a few days.

To run the camp efficiently the following are required:-

5 Captains (Regulars)
8 Subalterns "

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Could we please bring "pressure" on War Ministry to find 11 suitable officers.

Capt PACINI and I had a talk to the Col commanding the Camp. He bemoaned the fact that so few facilities were available. No heating, insufficient tents, insufficient cigarettes - no recreation tents - no shower baths etc etc. He said that this would not matter so much if people were only there for 2 or 3 days but some remain for 2 or 3 months. E.D. 99 Telegrafisti Coy - 519 Field Bakery, 33 Medical Sec.

Capt THRUPP is endeavouring to move some huts previously occupied by AA Batteries and troops.

30 Dec

G.C. Fox.
Capt.
AFHQ LO.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No 1187

24 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 34 FOR WEEK ENDING 23 DEC 1944.

a. Sunday 17 December. Conferred with Gen Mariotti regards running of special trains. It had been reported to me by Major Taylor, O.C. Rail Transportation, that at least one special train for call-ups was run to Messina on the 16th December without a pay load. It had been agreed on 12 December (see my Weekly Liaison Log No 32), that due to the shortage of coal, discretion would be used in running of the special trains. It was then agreed between the General and myself that in the event the number of call-ups was too small to warrent shipment by special train they would either be held over one day, sent on the regular train or sent by vehicular transportation. Office routine. Talked to Col Kerr by telephone. One half day off.

b. Monday 18 December. Conferred with Captain D.C. Orback, Press Censor for A.F.H.Q. concerning political situation in Sicily. Capt Orbach stated that, frequently attempts had been made to attack the Italian Army in the newspapers, but that he had suppressed all such attempts. He enquired as to whether I was in favor of such attacks being printed and I told him I certainly was not. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 19 December. Lieutent Snider departed today for Reggio Calabria by rail. I inspected the bulk clothing depot, salvage depot, laundry and shoe repair shops at Palermo. I was very much impressed by each of these places. The clothing depot was clean and orderly, all items were stocked well and stock record cards were neat and up to date. The new addition to the laundry was in use and working conditions were much improved from what they must have been in the old section. In the clothing repair section about ninety women are employed operating their own foot power sewing machines and are certainly turning out very good work. A separate room is provided for stocking all completed work and once each fifteen days it is inspected before being transferred to the issue depot. Besides the repair of uniforms, those uniforms which cannot be repaired are cut up into garrison caps. Handkerchiefs and foot cloths are also made here. In the shoe repair shop the work is extraordinary. The workers are proud of their work and justifiably so. They compare with pride, a pair of shoes which they have worked on and a pair repaired on the Mainland. The output here averages thirty five pairs of shoes per day. The forelady in the clothing repair depot asked if menu of the mid-shift meal could not be varied once in a while as the workers had become so tired of it, that they usually ate the bread only.

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d. Wednesday 20 December. Lt Snider inspected the Distribution Depot, Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factory at Reggio-Calabria. (See S & T report No 24). I conferred with C.I.P. concerning P.O.L. for call-up. Discussed vehicle census with Deputy Chief of Staff Military Hq of Sicily. Office Routine.

e. Thursday 21 December. Attended "Bambini" party, held by the Commandant N.O.B. Lieutenant Snider inspected 46 I.S. Regt at Messina (See S & T Report No 24) Enroute to Palermo by rail. Routine office work.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 22 (Continued)

I. Friday 22 December. Conferred with Captain Oliver, Field Security Officer regards to disturbances throughout the Island during the call-up. Further discussed the Separatist movement and other matters which I can use in my Intelligence Report. Conferred with Capt Waldrapper C.C. troops Palermo, concerning arming of guards. Conferred with Brigadier Carr on the same subject. Talked by phone with Lt Col Ingledew regards to replacements for CC.RR. Lt Snider conferred with Director of Commissary regards to movement of D.D. at Caltanissetta and food supplies.

S. Saturday 23 December. Conferred with Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily regarding call-ups. also went over the plans for conducting the roll call of Volunteers. I was informed that call-ups who failed to report would begin to be brought in on 27 December. We further discussed call-up for January and laid plans to avoid errors and mistakes experienced during December call-up. Office routine.

Louis E. Long
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SUBJECT: Submission of Outstation Weekly Liaison Logs

LAND FORCES SUB-COM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. C/21
27 Dec 44

TO : MMLA LO HR INCR to FIFTH ARMY

In future please submit copies of your Weekly Liaison Log in triplicate in order to avoid retyping for internal distribution within this HQs.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 39. 10 December - 16 December 44.

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

1. Sunday, 10 December

a. Colonel F. L. Simmons, T/5 R.R. Curtin, and Pvt P. J. Latona returned from Naples.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with Wing Commander Holmes re transfer of 15 Italian Army trucks on loan to 63 Staging Post.

c. Colonel Simmons conference Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.S. re troop shipments, evacuation of depots, etc.

2. Monday, 11 December

a. Colonel Simmons conference with General Brunetti, Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia, on reorganization of Sardinia Garrison.

b. Colonel Simmons had conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.S., on final personnel shipments.

c. Major Martin inspected Engineer depots at Cagliari and Siliqua.

3. Tuesday, 12 December

a. Colonel Simmons had conference with Italian Navy Liaison Officer re alteration in cruiser schedule.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with General Gaeta, Commanding General Italian Air Force in Sardinia, re shipment of Italian Air Force vehicles, equipment, and personnel.

c. T/5 S. A. Pugliese returned from Naples.

4. Wednesday, 13 December

a. Colonel Simmons conference with Italian Air Force liaison officer re shipment of Italian Air Force vehicles, equipment and personnel

b. Colonel Simmons had conference with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.S., on release of Royal Army trucks to Allied Commission for civilian use.

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5. Thursday, 14 December

a. Colonel Simmons had conference with A.C. Security Officer and Deputy Commander, Allied Garrison Sardinia, re transport of civilians to the mainland on cruisers.

b. T/5 Pugliese departed to Naples on cruiser MONTECUCCOLI.

c. Following Italian troops departed for mainland on cruiser MONTECUCCOLI:

UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN
Italian Air Force Personnel		30
Compl. Infantry Unit	7	282
Compl. Artillery Unit	12	166
Compl. Medical Unit		26
QM Unit	2	58
Remainder Compl. Driver Unit	2	55
Remainder Compl. 10th Engineer Unit	2	30
Remainder Compl. Volunteers Bn	2	59
Emergency Furlough	1	8
Convalescent Leave	2	42
Congedandi - Unlimited leave	12	38
Transfer	11	70
	53	864

6. Friday, 15 December

a. Conference on M/T assignment. Present were Colonel Simmons, Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, C.M.S.

b. Colonel Simmons had conference with Captain Abbott, British Veterinary Officer on Royal Army horses.

c. Colonel Simmons had conference with Chief Italian Veterinary Officer on Royal Army horses.

d. Major R. F. Evans arrived to inspect Engineer depots.

e. Major R. F. Evans inspected Engineer Depot at Siliqua.

f. M.M.I.A. signal detachment composed of 2 British Offs and 6 Italian EM arrived from Rome.

g. Major Martin inspected horses and mules at Oristano.

h. Colonel Simmons inspected animals at Iglesias.

7. Saturday, 16 December

a. Major Fossett to Corsica re Italian Army affairs.

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON LOG MMIA - AFHQ No. 4

G-3 Org	Z i/c
SARDINIAN Call-up	G
QAE and MOV & TN are being consulted regarding the proposed recalls in SARDINIA. Until their reply is received no answer can be given to this HQ	A/Q MOV
1925 Call-up	
Informed this Branch that we were sounding Italian General Staff on the subject of calling up 1925 class without releasing 1914.	Z i/c G A/Q
Minutes of Mft Meeting	
Made two observations on the minutes as requested	G
1. Re G II Training	
2. " Transit Camps at IESI and AREZZO both being BR-ITI.	
Leave for Muleteers sent to FIFTH ARMY	G
Nothing had been done requesting FIFTH Army to allow leave to the recent batch of muleteers who had come from GREECE. A signal was written in my presence.	
Overall orbat	
Obtained 4 extra copies of File 982.2 dated 3 Dec. (Handed to G III (O)) Requested 15 copies of all such documents in future.	G
Obtained amendment No. 2 to overall order of battle (Handed to G III (O))	4931
Availability of Italian Mines	A/Q
A reply is still awaited reference a request for Italian Mines. See Log No 2 and para 1 d Log No 3.	
ITI-ITI Orbat	
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Changes in MTO	

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III-ITI Orbat

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Changes in WE's — SOME

A comparison of the old AAI overall order of battle and the new AMM overall will give the necessary comparative table. Otherwise, deduct 1 and add 800 to the middle number. EG A1/45/1 becomes MA/842/1

Formation Order for Field Hosps for Gruppi Tail — MED

Formation orders for 230 - 252 - 429 - 519 Field Hospitals were forwarded from G 3 Org to QAS on 18 Dec.

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MOVEMENTS

P.O.M. Conference

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Attended P.O.M. Conference. All bids for stores were accepted except for 50 tons of wine to ROME.

No bids "Out of CALABRIA WESTBOUND" were considered owing to the line still being out of action. This is the third week these bids have not been accepted for this reason.

MOV Shipping Col GREENHILL

S & T

Italian Army Vehicles in GREECE

Was unable to contact Col GREENHILL as he was out on both occasions when I called. Nobody else knew anything about vehicles in GREECE. In any case no shipping would be available for 3 or 4 weeks.

Q AE Col SLOAN

British Vehicles for FOLGORE and LEONARD

S & T
Spec Sec

Position re issue of British Vehicles is:

At present issued	60%
To be issued by end of month	40%

Maj. BEASLEY

Had just returned from visit to England. Letter re pullovers vests etc despatched 19 Dec.

A/Q

QMG BRITISH Jnr Comd CUNNINGHAM REID

The confirming release to VR/725 of the 14 Dec was despatched on the 18 Dec. It should therefore now be in our hands.

S & T

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Major Parsons

Release for anklets gloves etc despatched to this HQ 18 Dec.

A/Q

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Lt. Col. MC CLEAN

Travel rations for personnel on leave — A/Q

A signal was sent to MMIA in my presence authorising the issue of not more than two days travel rations for leave personnel on the outward journey only.

MMIA Signal A/Q 2409 17 Dec — A/Q

This signal requesting movement of 2 tons clothing from BARI to AREZZO should have been sent to 15 Army Group and not to AFHQ. However as the amount was so small, the bid was accepted.

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G 1 British — Lt. Col. HIGGINS — 2 i/c A/G

Rfts Conference

Had a long and interesting chat in this office on the subject of the Italian Army. The usual troubles only too prevalent throughout AFHQ were encountered. Why are we bothering with the Italian Army etc etc. At the moment Col HIGGINS is acting Brigadier while he is away. The meeting is proposed for the 28 or 29 Dec and very possibly will be held in ROME in order to save a four hour journey for those coming from AAI. I said we would be able to arrange suitable accomodation for the meeting.

G 2 — Col. HILL - DILLAN — G

Was unable to contact Col HILL - DILLAN as he was out when I called. Left message that I had called reference our letter re wireless sets in SPAIN, in case he had any comments.

AFRAGOLA CAMP — 2 i/c G A/G

Visited AFRAGOLA Camp. Capt THRUPP was not there nor any Italian Officer in the personnel office. The Sgt Clerk was present who gave me the following information

Departed WEDNESDAY 20 Dec to ASTRONI for PBS

	No. arrived ex SARDINIA	No. departed to PBS
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MACOMER ARTY Group	178	170
SARDAVIND Unit	286	283
13 Supply Coy (Sussistenza)	232	223

The following Units were in the Camp.

331 Field Hospital	53
520 Field Hospital	67
552 Service Battery	85
319 Field Bakery	33
38 Hygiene Section	42
1007 G.T. Coy	324

The following personnel are also in the Camp and formed into Provisional Coys. These provisional Coys are merely Convenient Units and correspond to A B C D Coys in a British Camp.

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1 Provisional Coy	159
2 Provisional Coy	242
3 Provisional Coy	337
4 Provisional Coy	298
5 Provisional Coy	280

No's 1 & 2 Coys are unsuitable personnel from Combat Groups.

No's 3 & 4 Coys are ex prisoners from FRANCE.

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A nominal roll by trades is being compiled but was not complete yesterday 20 Dec.

All the above personnel are available for employment by the Allies.

I was impressed by AMRACOLA Camp, it was clean and well organised. I was able to obtain answers to all questions asked. It appeared to me to be a very good effort to work harmoniously in accordance with Allied wishes.

O 2E Col THOMPSON A/G G

Visited O 2E re the non appearance of a Sgt Clerk. I arranged to phone particulars of the posting as I had not them with me.

Later arranged for Staff Capt A to pursue the matter.

Mentioned Staff Capt Q and was informed that there should be no difficulty in finding one.

Officers from PIEDMONT

After over an hour I managed to locate "A/G personnel" who knew something about these officers. Little wonder that the SORIANOD brothers are still kicking their heels in ROME since so little is known about them at AFHQ. G

A signal had been sent on the 19 Dec in answer to our Z 1155 of 14 Dec which stated that the officers concerned must obtain visas from the French Authorities before application to G 2 AFHQ can be made.

It will therefore still be sometime before these officers do actually move.

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Capt.
AFHQ LO.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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APO 394

No 1163

17 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 32 FOR WEEK ENDING 16 DEC 1944.

a. Sunday 10 December. Arrived at Palermo on the Cruiser Abruzzi at 8:00 A.M. Lieutenant Snider met me at the hotel and took me to the office where I became acquainted with office staff. Familiarized myself with Lt Col Albert's filing system and matters that were being held pending my arrival. Got myself settled in Hotel Excelsior.

b. Monday 11 December. Made courtesy call on General Mariotti, G.O.C. Military Hqrs Sicily, Colonel Griglio, Chief of Staff; Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff and the Director of Commissary, Colonel Lo Vechio. Discussed Call-up and matters of general interest with each of these officers.

Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hqrs of Sicily at great length regarding Call-up-i.e., Method of conducting call-up, action to be taken in event men do not report, vehicle and rail transportation, messing arrangements and bedding.

Conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hqrs of Sicily re messing of call-ups. Also ration scale for Xmas issue. Routine office work.

c. Tuesday 12 December. Conferred with Major Taylor, O.C. Rail Transportation Sicily; Lt Col Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily; Civilian Rail transport representative and representative C.I.P., concerning road vehicle and rail transportation of call-ups.

Made courtesy call on Commandant of N.O.B., his Executive Officer and Intelligence Officer.

Routein Office work.

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d. Wednesday 13 December. Routine office work. Received a visit from Capt Cerlato, Italian Air Force. Discussed their ration ceiling. Capt Perlato stated that as ceiling is based on feeding strength of previous period, it does not allow for feeding of increases in strength during next 15 day period.

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e. Thursday 14 December. Office routine. Colonel Lo Vecchio Director of Commissary called at office and discussed Christmas ration issue and stock State Returns. Ministry of War had not informed his office concerning Allied portion of Xmas ration. Lt Col Patti, Deputy C/S called at Office and discussed call-up. Lt Snider inspected 6th Inf Regt Palermo. (See S & T report No 23).

f. Friday 15 December. Office routine. Made a courtesy call on Brig General Carr of Allied Commission. We talked about matters of general interest to us both, especially the call-up. Colonel Clough (A) was also present. I had become acquainted with Colonel Clough earlier in the week. I inspected the bulk food depot also the bakery at Palermo. That part of the new food depot being used was clean, walls were white washed, stock was stacked neat and properly and on excellent dunnage. Stock record cards were on each stock pile and a spot check showed them to be correct and up-to-date. A section of the depot was still being prepared for use i.e., walls were being white washed, broken sky lights repaired and holes in floor were being filled in and concreted. Practically all sacks of flour and pasta, which arrived from Naples by trucks had gotten wet enroute and a great quantity was spoiled. I was informed that the trucks were covered with canvas, but that the rain and wind was general all the way from Naples to Palermo and that the rain blew in regardless of their precautions. The pasta had been spread out on dunnage to dry and the greater quantity of it was being saved. The flour was being saved at the bakery and the greater portion of it was being saved. The bakery was clean and well organized. Bread was being baked at the time of my visit and was of uniform size and weight. Had dinner in the evening at the home of Lt Col and Mrs Patti.

Lieutenant Snider inspected the D.D. and Civilian Military Bakery at Caltanissetta (See S & T Report No. 23).

g. Saturday 16 December. Office routine. Visited supply officer at N.O.B. and discussed supply etc., of our detachment.

/s/ Norman E. Long
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Major, Q.M.C.
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No 1163

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 32
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 23

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 16 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 32, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 23, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July '44.

/Homer E. Long/
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Major, Q.M.C.
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 32 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 23

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Com
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ I District.
LO/G6
19 December 44

Subject:- Liaison Log.

To Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.(MMIA)
ROME.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 5 Dec to 18 Dec.

2. Arrivals / Departures of Italian units.

519 Guard Bn has arrived at NORCIA.
171 Signal coy HQ has arrived at PERUGIA. It will administer the five signal units which are usually in FLORENCE area and occasionally in I District. I have asked Delegazione T to put them all under 23I Div as it is their nearest adm HQ.
499 Manutenzione Stradale have moved up into the Army area.

3. Clothing.

Indents are pouring in. The clothing sub depot is substantially bare. M.M.I.A. announce that replenishments are being sent.

I have put up to District a request for leather, wax and thread for BRI-ITIS in their area.

Much trouble caused and time spent by units agitating for G 1098 stores which are not essential and which apparently will never get.

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4. Medical.

1,200 sulfanimide tablets recovered from a British hospital.

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Discussion with A.D.S.T. re. Italian hospitals drawing their comfort items directly from D.I.Ds.instead of 209 Div receiving a bulk allocation from B.S.D. This new policy may have passed from AFHQ to AAI but until it gets down to District he will do nothing.

5. Transport.

Required output from 38 O.M.P. is still very small. My intercessi to stop O.M.P. confiscating jobs they had placed out on local contract, some of it being MD material obtained in CIL days.

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6. Supplies.

Ordinary soap and shaving soap now being distributed.
CIP at. ANCONA had not received their copy of release of POL to ITI-ITIs from Pet Sec AFHQ. I have forwarded them my own copy. This same trouble happened last month and held up collection by 209 Div:
For hospital comforts see para 4.

7. Welfare.

GOC well satisfied with progress in welfare work. He has instructed that 20,000 lire be allocated to 209 Div from District Welfare.

8. BRI-ITI rft camp. ORVIETO.

Recce carried out and Area Quattro Barracks selected as suitable. Siting board held and signals and R.E. work put in hand. Capacity put by DADMS as 3,000. I am confident that the Italians could put in more than 4,000. Separate block for offices and officers. A separate building exists for sick bay and J.I. rooms. Two kitchens being put in order. Ample facilities for stores, instruction rooms and dining rooms. Major Tungate is the only member of British cadre who had arrived on 16 Dec. District is chasing up OCR. A S.African hospital already in ORVIETO will assist with emergency cases.
The establishment needs strengthening on the Q side. O.C. British cadre will submit recommendations.

9. Discipline.

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10. General.

Enquiries about III Bn 522 Regt. Report submitted.

Arrangements for 410 Regt IPL HQ to move from its isolated position at PALOMARA to rejoin its units in 5 Army area.

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IO. General (cont).

The move of 533 Special Coy from guarding CIL ammunition dumps to CCRR duties in ANCONA, provoked much signalling. They were not suitable types for such work. Problem solved by there being no accommodation in ANCONA and need not urgent. Latest order is that they move to PALERMO.

FIAT Military vehicle obtained from Salvage Officer for a Guard Bn.

S.T.8. Forms have been distributed by me to areas for respective D.I.D.s. Each Italian Unit also to have a supply.

I have suggested to HQ 209 Division that they establish two training teams each of 1 officer and 2 NCOs. These to visit units and hold refresher courses in basic military training. This may help discipline and morale.

A detachment of 209 Division established at CORTONA with Vice Comandante Gen. MONACCI. This serves for AREZZO area.

Passes, permits and general information service for District and Areas.

J.H.B. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA., LO., I District.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 38. 3 December - 9 December 1944.

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

1. Sunday, 3 December
a. Colonel Duff, AFHQ, and Captain Spong reported to Major Fossett.

2. Monday, 4 December
a. Colonel Duff, Captain Spong, Major Fossett, Colonel Costantino, Colonel Cesano (Italian Veterinary), and Lieut Machiavelli present at a conference about horses.
b. Colonel Duff returned to mainland.

3. Tuesday, 5 December
a. Capt Spong and Colonel Cesano made trip around island to earmark horses.

4. Wednesday, 6 December
a. Major Martin and Captain De Stefano returned from Rome.
b. T/5 Curtin to Naples on TD.
c. S.S. Fort Lawrence departed for Naples loaded with 127 vehicles and 169 tons of clothing and barracks stores for Commissariato, Naples.
d. Following Italian troops departed for mainland on cruiser ABRUZZI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
	99th Telegrafisti Company	4	276
	Mine Laying Section		18
	Personnel for CIL	3	248
410	Headquarters 205 Division	5	15
421	331 Field Hospital	8	59
	"Macomer" Congedanti Battalion	14	232
84	Casuals	19	80
		53	930

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5. Thursday, 7 December
   a. All enlisted personnel worked at docks checking vehicles and equipment loading on S.S. Thistlemuir under officer supervision.

6. Friday, 8 December
   a. All personnel again checked loading of S.S. Thistlemuir.

7. Saturday, 9 December
   a. Captain Spong departed for Naples.
   b. T/5 Pugliese to Naples on TD.
   c. S.S. Thistlemuir departed for Naples loaded with 182 vehicles and 368 tons of clothing and barracks stores.
   d. Following Italian troops departed for Mainland on cruiser MONTECUCCOLI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
	Artillerymen for Alife		31
	Volunteer Battalion for CIL	2	79
	CC.RR. Cadets		53
	Finance Guards	1	45
	10th Engineer Regt Complement	1	61
144	520th Field Hospital	7	54
	Drivers Compl. Unit	2	200
	QM Compl. Unit	2	180
	Rear Echelon 1st Trans. Unit 55th Cp 205 Division	4	57
	Casuals	16	180
		35	940

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

3 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 37. 26 November - 2 December 1944.

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

1. Sunday, 26 November

a. All enlisted personnel worked at docks on 24 hours basis checking loading of vehicles and equipment on S.S. Fort Grahame under officer supervision.

2. Monday, 27 November

a. All personnel checked loading at docks of S.S. Fort Grahame.

3. Tuesday, 28 November

a. Colonel Simmons to Rome.

b. All personnel again checked loading at docks.

4. Wednesday, 29 November

a. Major C. A. Hall, Pte E. Tomley, and Drv H. Houghton to Rome.

b. Fort Grahame departed for Naples loaded with 96 vehicles and 278 tons of clothing and barracks stores for Commissariato, Naples.

c. Following Italian troops departed for Mainland on cruiser ABRUZZI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
410	Hq 1st Bn 55 Gp 205 Division	5	30
410	1st Co 1st Bn 55 Gp 205 Div	5	197
410	2nd Co 1st Bn 55 Gp 205 Div	5	200
410	Reparto Trasp. 55 Gp 205 Div	3	94
410	Sect 1st Co CC.NR. 52 Group 205 Div		20
410	H.Q. 205 Div	5	10
310	Italian Air Force	4	196
84	Casuals	50	207
		77	954

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5. Thursday, 30 November

a. S.S. Hercules to Civitavecchia with 21 vehicles on board.

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6. Friday, 1 December

a. Major S. D. Martin, Captain A.M. Newton, and Captain A. F. De Stefano to Rome.

b. S.S. Grand Quivally to Naples with 220 tons of clothing and barracks stores for Commissariato, Naples.

7. Saturday, 2 December

a. Captain A. M. Newton transferred to MMIA LO Br Incr, 5th Army.

b. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland on cruiser MONTECUCCOLI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
	10th Engineer Group Complements	10	337
84	Men for discharge	14	246
84	Men returning to proper station	7	4
310	Italian Air Force (Decimo Co)	9	199
310	Italian Air Force Personnel	1	183
		41	969

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No.11 - 20 Nov 44 - 10 Dec 44. SECRET

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

11 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M M I A) Rome.

1. Arrivals.

516 & 517 Gd. Bns. to Transit Camp, Jesi.

2. Moves.

516 Gd. Bn. from Transit Camp to under command 86 Area at VISERBA.

HQ 409 Regt. and HQ 1 Bn. 409 Regt. from Pesaro to Rimini.

3. Visits and Conferences.

20 Nov 44 to 505 Gd. Bn. and HQ 86 Area.

22 Nov with Gen. Tomaselli to Rear HQ 5 Corps, combined with inspection of 6 & 8 Eng. Coys., and 53 Inc to 723 Art. Wks. Coy.

23 Nov visit from Capt. Guest, HQ 13 Corps, re "F" Recce Sqn.

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26 Nov conference with Comd. and AQMG, 86 Area, re establishment of Italian Forces Canteen in Rimini.

27 Nov with Gen. Tomaselli and C O 61 Pnr Gp. to see Landing Strips at Rimini and Cesenatico airfields under construction by Italian Pnr. Corps. Inspection of 161, 210, and 238 I P Coys at work and in billets.

28 Nov with Gen. Tomaselli to Forli area re establishment of Canteens at Cesana and Forli. Inspection of 162, 211, 217, 239 and 242 I P Coys., and conference at HQ 39 Pnr. Gp.

30 Nov inspection of 221 Fd. Hosp. at Fano.

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3. Visits and Conferences (Continued)

2 Dec with Gen. Tomaselli to visit 204 and 206 I P Coys., engaged on air field work at Chiaravalle, followed by ceremonial parade and march past of 516 and 517 Gd. Bns., at Jesi.
Inspection of clothing Sub-Depot and Armoury with Gen. Pavan.

3 & 5 Dec L Cs conference in Rome.

7 Dec with Gen. Tomaselli, inspection of 156 I P Coy and canteens at Rimini and Cesana.

8 Dec visit to 11 Fd. Hyg. Sec., and to 216 and 218 I P Coys.

4. Clothing.

According to latest advices the 4,000 shirts, 500 belts and 2,500 suits HBT released on your AQ 5/11 dated 5 Nov 44 have still not arrived at Jesi. In view of the imminent arrival of 118 Engr. rfts and some 400 recruits from Abruzzi call-up, these articles, aswell as the replacement of the clothing sent to Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, are urgently needed to build up the depleted stocks at Jesi. It should be noted that we are now right out of boots.

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Your agreement to our collecting recruits from Teramo in batches of 80 as and when they become available is much appreciated. To ensure smooth working and effective control of the men I have arranged with Gen. Tomaselli that he will immediately send an officer and a party of N C Os to Teramo, where they will watch the process from the start and escort our men to Jesi.

7. General.

A party of four Italian war correspondents spent three days in the Rimini area during the first week of the period.

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7. General (Continued)

Arrangements are in hand to transfer the Arezzo Transit Camp to 231 Div.

Lt-Col. de Blasi, the Italian Welfare officer, is working on the establishment of a Rest Camp in San Marino.

Brig. Divers, from Br. Inc. FIFTH ARMY, has taken up his appointment as DDST EIGHTH ARMY, and is much looking forward to an early visit from Lt-Col. Perceval.

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

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No.1127

10 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.31 FOR WEEK ENDING 9 DEC.1944.

a. Sunday 3 Dec. Enroute, by air, to ROME.

b. Monday 4 Dec. Enroute, by air, to ROME. Arrived Rome 1030 hrs. Attended conference at Main Hq. MMIA.

c Tuesday 5 Dec. Enroute by air from ROME to PALERMO.

d Wednesday 6 Dec. Enroute by air from Naples to Palermo. Arrived at Palermo 1100 hrs. Afternoon - routine office work.

e Thursday 7 Dec. Conferred with C.G. Military Hq of Sicily and R.T.O. Officer, A.C. Region 1, re to rail and vehicle transportation for Call-up.

f Friday 8 Dec. Conferred with Director of Commissary, M.M.S. re to rations for Call-up.

g Saturday 9 Dec. Conferred with C.I.P., Palermo, in regards to fuel and lubricants for vehicle transportation for Call-up.

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EDWIN T SNIDER
1st Lt AUS
for MMIA LO Sicily

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No. 1127

10 December 1944

G/21

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.31
2. Weekly S & T Report No.22

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 9 December 1944.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.31 , in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.22, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

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for MMIA LO Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.31 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.22

LIAISON LOG MMIA - AFHQ No. 5

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1. G S Org

(a) Rfts System. The paper on this subject has been written and a meeting will be held in the near future - possibly on Monday next. — G A/Q

(b) Redesignation of 1 FL Regts. These Regiments are being redesignated and instructions will be published in a GRO soon. — G DADL

(c) Shipping - SARDINIA. The leave ship ABAZZIA which is to run to and from SARDINIA will be available for any call-ups made in the island. If this is insufficient a cruiser can be recalled to this service. The original intention for the ABAZZIA was to run it entirely for military personnel (See Log No. 2 page 4), it has now been made available to A.C. and application for military personnel to travel will have to be made to A.G. — G A/Q

(d) Italian Mines. A reply is awaited ref the available of certain mines, details of which were stated in Log No. 2 page 4. — A/Q

(e) 255/1 Services and MT Coys. It is finally agreed that these two Coys are BR-III. This subject is now closed. — S i/c G

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(h) A reply is awaited from MMIA to the letter from AFHQ on the subject of NUCLEO I. — G 4914

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(b) SICILY call-up. No difficulties are anticipatdd re the move of the personnel except that it will not be possible to move as many as 4,000 on 22 Dec. Movements will let us know how many they can move and on what days.

There is feeling of doubt as to whether these target figures will be reached in view of the proximity of Christmas. Movements at the moment are being most helpful and it would be most unfortunate if they were let down and moved a lot of rolling stock to MESSINA and only a small proportion of the expected total turned up.

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G 3 Org would prefer to have a collecting centre at MESSINA where personnel can be housed and fed for a short period. When a suitable number are available, then rail tpt can be applied for and the correct number of wagons sent to collect.

3. G 5 Major DRIFFIELD WHITE

Italian personnel from FRANCE. The movement of Italian personnel from FRANCE is not being encouraged at the moment owing to other considerations of a secret nature. These have been mentioned verbally to G 1. — 2 i/c G

ALBANIA. There are reports that there are 15,000 military personnel in ALBANIA. If this is found to be true they will be returned to the mainland and treated in the same way as those from GREECE. ST ANDREWS Camp may be retained for this purpose. — 2 i/c G A/Q

CARIBALDI Div. This Division may be brought over as an organised Division in which case it will be handed over to MMIA. It should not require any organisation. — 2 i/c G

4. G 2E Col. THOMPSON.

Saw Col Thompson re filling MMIA staff vacancy — G 1 A/Q

7 Dec 44

Capt.
MMIA LO AFHQ.

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No 1085 2 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 30 FOR WEEK ENDING 2 DECEMBER 1944.

a. Sunday 26 November. Attended a review 6 I.S. Regt at Palermo. They made a good appearance. 1/2 day off.

b. Monday 27 November. Routine office work. Lt Snider inspected 139 I.S. Regt at Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 21).

c. Tuesday 28 November. Conferred with Director of Commissary Military Hq Sicily re clothing, salvage and collecting clothing at Naples that was recently authorized. Also re shortage of olive oil. There is no old stock olive oil in Sicily. Lt Snider went to Catania by rail and inspected Bulk and D.D. (See S & T Report No. 21).

d. Wednesday 29 November. Routine office work. Lt Snider inspected 2d Bn 45 Regt at Catania and obtained clothing and equipment inventory at 45 Regt and returned to Palermo by rail. (See S & T Report No. 21).

e. Thursday 30 November. Conferred with Director of Commissary Military Hq Sicily and Representative AC Region 1 re supplies available from local sources (see our No 1017 of 30 November). Conferred with CE.NR Headquarters re purchase of mules, he stated none had been purchased in Sicily. Also conferred with C.G. Military Hq Sicily re purchase of mules and his reply was negative likewise.

f. Friday 1 December. Conferred with Sanitary Section Military Hq Sicily in regards to medical supplies and disinfectants. He stated they had not received any disinfectants since August allotment but had had sufficient for Units from supply (Allied and ITI) on hand. Now had notice to collect some at Naples, believed to be Sept, Oct and Nov. Allotment 4913

g. Saturday 2 December. Col Albert and Lt Snider departed for Rome by air.

LESTER E ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject:-Liaison Log No.3.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C.,(M.M.I.A.).,
c/o HQ.,I District.
LO/G6.

4 December 44.

To:-Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,(MMIA).,
R O M E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 2I Nov 44 to 4 Dec 44 :-

2. Arrivals/Departures of Italian Units.

No.3 Italian Traffic Control Coy have arrived FOLIGNO under command I District.

I35 Italian Forestry Coy has joined 769 Forestry Coy at VALLOMBROSA.

FRIULI Gruppo has arrived in AREZZO area.

CREMONA Gruppo in process of arriving TERAMO Area.

3. Clothing.

Quantity of socks (alleged I3,000) are arriving at 209 Depot at OSIMO.

I have submitted an indent for urgently needed boot repairing material.

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4. Guard Bns.

C.O. of 520 Guard Bn replaced at 6I Area's request.

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Discussed with ADMS fitting of Gruppi into existing Italian Mil. ~~Hq~~ evacuation scheme in the District. Signal sent to H.Q., M.M.I.A. for medical supplies to be accordingly reinforced at OSIMO and PERUGIA.

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6. Supplies.

H.Q.,209 Division have been notified that their November soap allotment is in BARI. The last issue of soap here was in October. Its non-availability here is a strong source of complaint. at end of month

ST.,Distone inform me that hospital comforts are now available for collection by 209 Division.

Arrangement whereby in 61 Area, 209 Division was responsible for fresh fruit and vegetable part of ration has broken down due to their lack of transport. Distone reassume responsibility.

ST.,Distone annoyed that Itis have no ST.8 forms. Apparently they are due to come up through M.M.I.A. Their expedition urged by signal.

7. Transport.

Repaired vehicles coming very slowly from 38 O.M.P. I believe the Direttore - Col.RAMPA - is more keen on working for his M.of W. e.g., they have just repaired 2 petrol tankers. I have therefore re-instructed them that their immediate task is to turn out vehicles for 209 Division so that it can function properly. The O.C. workshops could do with more specialists. 209 Division propose to lend him a few so as to expedite output of repaired vehicles.

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P.O.L. for November for ITI-ITI3 eventually obtained from ANCONA at end of the month. Pet Sec. AFHQ did not send a copy of release to CIP.,ANCONA. Latter was bureaucratically uncc-operative.

Each of the 3 hospitals now has an ambulance.

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Italian Increment to 6 Vet Hospital. - British O.C. is very pleased with their work.

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10. General.

C.O.,19 Pioneer Group has written to 209 Division a strong letter of appreciation of valuable work done by I.L Coys at ANCONA during bad weather and increased hours during recent emergency.

A number of volunteers for Italian band are trekking North. I have no means of testing their genuineness. I think a lot are attracted by possibilities of loot.

J.H.Bourne.
Capt.,
MMIA.,H.Q.,I District.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

26 November 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 36, 19 November - 25 November.

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

1. Sunday, 19 November
   a. Routine duties.

2. Monday, 20 November
   a. Routine duties.

3. Tuesday, 21 November
   a. Routine duties.

4. Wednesday, 22 November
   a. Colonel Simmons returned from Rome.

5. Thursday, 23 November
   a. Major Hall arrived from Abbeanite.

6. Friday, 24 November
   a. Routine duties.

7. Saturday, 25 November
   a. Routine duties.

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 9. - 23 Oct 44 - 5 Nov 44.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/115

8 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA) (3)
Rome.

1. Arrivals and Departures.

Nil.

2. Visits.

To 157, 158, 217, 242 I P L Coys., 25 Coy. Artieri, 21 Coy. Ferrovieri, 315 Fld. Hospital, Rear HQ 228 Div., Transit Camp and Clothing Store.

Accompanied Gen. Tomaselli to Rome on 3 Nov 44.

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3. General.

Patriots.

Major. Casale has by now despatched a total of about 500 volunteers to Cerseti. Nominal rolls sent to Patriot Branch, ACC.

Army Newspaper.

Publications of PEAVE has started again from a printing works in JESI. Copies of the last three issues are attached.

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Loss of Stores.

Enquiry has been received whether any action can be taken to recoup the value of Signal stores and tools lost by carelessness on the part of Italian tps. Is there any policy on this, or should it be dealt with disciplinarily by HQ 228 Div?

Future Movements.

Gen. Tomaselli and I will be visiting the AREZZO - FLORENCE area in a few days time.

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

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No.1047 26 November 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.29 FOR WEEK ENDING 25 NOV.44.

a Sunday 19 Nov. Conferred with representative III Navy re rations for ITI ship DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI (See our No. 1025/1 dated 19 Nov.) Accompanied a U.S. Navy Admiral and Ex. Officer,M.O.B, in the afternoon on an inspection trip to the six soup kitchens in Palermo that the U.S. Navy is fostering. They are giving a bowl of soup, made from scraps and left overs, daily to approx 3000 needy children and adults. An excellent job to cement friendly relations.

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(4) Lt. Col.Dinantie, Ex. Off. Messina Mil. Hospital stated rations were being received alright but medicine demands a month ago had not been filled. They had received instructions from Ministry of War re. Hosp. diet which amounts of issue varies with M.M.I.A. instructions. I advised him to comply with M.M.I.A. instructions until further orders. (See our SSS dated 25 Nov). All the discrepancies of this inspection trip will be brought to the attention of M.M.S. for correction. Lt. Snider inspected 5 I.S. Regt. at Palermo. (See S&T Report No. 20).

d Wednesday 22 Nov. (1) Inspected Bulk and D.D. at Catania. Examined 6 cases of Macaroni and 2 cases of Dehyd. Potatoes that had been replaced with stones and grass, the stones were of a cinder type like found along a railroad track. The cases were found resealed, but some of these bands are loose and can be slipped off or on easily, I am of the opinion that ~~the pilferage was done~~ before it arrived at Catania.

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(2) Inspected 45 I.S. Regt. at Catania. Col. DeCarl: commanding. Rations and disinfectants arriving alright. Short of boot repair material, could repair all their own boots if furnished repair material. Going to send some repairable boots to repair shop at Palermo for exchange. 250 soldiers recently been processed from the Mainland. They have 3 blankets per man including 726 barrack (heavy), approx. 20% need repair and they are to be shipped to Palermo repair shop.

(3) Contacted Hq. 7C Sub Area re: (a) ITI soldiers taking over police duties from CCRR - recommended that the soldiers do guard duty instead, to relieve the CCRR. (b) Rifles for ITI C.M.P. (former ITI PS W doing MP duty for Brit) and CCRR from Italian stock. (c) Abolishing smoke pot detail at Palermo.

Lt. Snider inspected DD & Mil. Sery. at Palermo. (See our Report No.20)

4 Thursday 23 Nov. Returned to Palermo by motor. Lt. Snider contacted D/C re Engr. rope ring building for new DD at Palermo.

5 Friday 24 Nov. Conferred with Dep C/S AHS. re status Vet and Remount unit at Catania. (See our 803 dated 24 Nov.). A bomb was exploded in the Olympia Cinema at Palermo at 1645 hr., wounding two people. The picture showing was "The Dictator." The theater was opened next day, no further incidents. Fourteen people with Fascist sympathies were arrested next day.

6 Saturday 25 Nov. Routine office work.

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

19 November 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 35. 12 November - 18 November 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.).

1. Sunday, 12 November
   a. Colonel Simmons returned from Rome.
   b. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
205 Division			
Headquarters	22		
1 Section Carabinieri 52nd Group		20	
7 Company 53rd Group	6	249	4
54th Group	15	229	17
55th Labor Group	38	1065	37
43,308 comforters for Commiss. Naples	1	15	85
Congedanti	12	2	
	94	1580	143

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2. Monday, 13 November
   a. Routine duties.

3. Tuesday, 14 November
   a. Colonel Simmons to Abbasanta.
   b. Major Fossett reported back for duty from sick in quarters.
   c. Following Italian personnel and equipment departed for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	weight (TONS)
Mobile Artillery Workshops - 12 vehicles	2	12	
50 Searchlight Section - 7 vehicles	1	10	40
Mobile Searchlight Workshops - 4 vehicles	1	6	
Vehicles for 2 Ragg. Ferr. - 2 vehicles		2	20
Vehicles for 10 Ragg. Aut. - 8 vehicles	1	13	
Material for Commissariato Naples			12
	5	43	72

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4. Wednesday, 15 November

a. 82,220 wool caps and 10,314 mackinaws shipped to Commissariato Naples on S. S. Apuania with 2 officers and 20 enlisted men as escort.

b. Following Italian personnel departed for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/QR
205 Division		
Headquarters	6	26
Hq 51 Defence Group		1
1 Company Carabinieri 52 Group	2	120
3 Company 53 Service Group	5	198
Hq 54 Transportation Group		1
Hq 55 Labor Group		2
4 Company 1st Bn 55 Group	5	200
1 Company 3rd Bn 55 Group	4	199
Commissariato Personnel	2	1
Mobile Artillery Workshops	1	27
Mobile Searchlight Workshops		28
50 Searchlight Section	1	23
Congedanti and Casuals	11	144
	37	970

5. Thursday, 16 November

a. Major Fossett had conference with Director of Commissary, reference shipment of clothing and equipment to mainland.

b. 7102 comforters shipped to Naples on S.S. Zebulon Pike with one officer and four men escort.

6. Friday, 17 November

a. Colonel Simmons had conference with Colonel Castellani to discuss animals and fodder in Sardinia and present strength of Army in Sardinia.

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7. Saturday, 18 November

a. Colonel Simmons left for Rome.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 10 - 6 - 19 Nov 44.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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21 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (3)
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He is obviously an officer of little energy or initiative, and his subalterns have taken their tone from him. I cannot speak for the state of the billets occupied by this unit in S. Piero, when seen by Gen. Mattioli, but the Civitella billet, though weatherproof, was dirty and untidy, nothing had been done to improve it during their five days in it and barrack discipline was non-existent. There was an atmosphere of browned-off apathy among the resting men, most of whom were lounging about unshaven amid the litter. The officer's attitude was that as the unit was continuelly moving, work on billets was wasted effort. They were sharply taken to task for this by Gen. Tomaselli, who indicated certain jobs for immediate attention and quoted examples of ingenious improvisation by other Engineer Coys. Clothing and rations were satisfactory, except for boots, which are the great problem everywhere.

A fresh inspection of this unit will be made in a weeks time.

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3. Visits and Conferences (continued)

On the same day visits were made to HQ 1 Bn. 405 Regt and 201 and 208 I P L Coys.

On 12 Nov 44, after further conferences on Italian tps welfare with ADL and C.O. 39 Pnr Gp, went on to Florence and made contact with Gen. Cortese of 210 Div.

On 13 Nov 44 visited Br . Inc. HQ 5 Army, conferred with Col. Rick and offered loan of Capt. Herbert as stop-gap assistance in their present difficulties.

On 14 Nov 44 conference with Gens. Tomaselli and Cortese and Staff of 210 Div.

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(b) The associated armoury and salvage recovery section of the store.

(c) The Arezzo Transit Camp, and reception, equipment and disposal of rfts.

(d) The three small wards in the extended Arezzo Croce Rossa hospital, which have been equipped from recovered material to house some thirty cases, I P L and Engineers.

(e) Close personal supervision of all units in the area who have no British L Cs or cadres, i.e. non IPL units.

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6. General.

MRH the Lieutenant General visited Rimini last week, and was entertained to lunch by the Army Commander.

Capt. Herbert left Arezzo on 17 Nov 44 for duty with 13 Corps.

Owing to non arrival of trains it was unfortunately impossible to send 750 full sets of clothing for the muleteer rfts at Borgo San Lorenzo. What was available was lorried over at once.

Copies of the two last issues of PIAVE are enclosed.

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

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Subject:-Weekly Liaison Log. No. 2.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C.,(M.M.I.A.).,
c/o HQ.,I District.
LO/G6.
20 November 44.

To:-Land Forces Sub Comm., AC (MMIA).,
R O M E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 6 Nov 44 to 20 Nov 44 :-

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I am making arrangements for the Italian Military clothing now in 35 A.Q.D. to be transferred to the 209 depot at ANCONA.
I will control the release of items of Allied origin.
To ease the blanket situation, I propose that as far as possible where a soldier has only two poor quality Italian blankets to substitute them for a comforter.

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To cope with the tentage problem, I have suggested that that 209 Div establish a pool of tentage which is not being used.
Indenting by Italian units is on the whole very poorly done.

5. Medical.

521 Field Hospital has now moved to FRASSINETO to cope with AREZZO area. It has a very good location, and accn is ample to permit of expansion. 30 extra beds and small tables are being obtained from 228 Div det. at AREZZO. Water Tanker is laid on and electric light ensured.

The ANCONA hospital is still very cramped for space. It has obtained only one villa nearby of the four which were semi promised. Problem referred to I District, but accn in ANCONA is virtually unobtainable.

247 Field Hospital has arranged for 30 beds at OSIMO civilian hospital for the over 30 days cases.
Hospital comforts are still awaited.

6. Transport.

Representations to DPM through P&L for more assistance to be given by CMP to hitch hiking Italian Military. One IPL rft waited three days at FOLIGNO before he got a lift to ANCONA.

7. Policy. Move of Vice C/do.209 Div.

I propose its resurrection and establishment in or near AREZZO, where there are some 4,000 Italian military, units and a transit camp mainly for rfts going to 5 and 8 Armies. At present there is a a detached HQ of 228 Div. which administers a few service units and some IPL coys on [illegible] for 8 Army. OSIMO is too far away to control 209 Div interests satisfactorily. Also as the weather deteriorates this detached 228 Div HQ will find it most difficult to maintain contact with its division. It would be desirable for all Italian units u/c I District to be administered by 209 Div.

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Quantity of laboratory material located in a factory at TERNI. Obtained for 209 for them to collect and requisition.

Italian vehicle dump located near AREZZO. Communicated to 209 for them to make arrangements with a civilian firm for repairs and spare parts.

Various enquiries from Services at HQ I District, passes, permits, chits, issue of clothing and sundry police matters.

J.J. Bourne Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
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No.1024 19 November 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.28
2. Weekly S & T Report No.19
3. Monthly Statistical Report No.3 on Venereal Disease.

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 18 November 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.28, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly S & T Report No.19, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

2. Enclosed herewith Monthly Statistical Report No.3 on Venereal Disease, for November, in compliance with 2691 MMIA Company (Ovhd) letter dated 13 Sept. 44 - Subject - Request for Information.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.28 (Trip)
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AC SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 534

No.1024

19 November 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.28 FOR WEEK ENDING 18 NOV.44.

a Sunday 12 Nov. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 13 Nov. Hq. Sabauda Div moved from Enna to Messina. Lt. Snider enroute by motor to Reggio.

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g Saturday 18 Nov. Conferred with Ex. Off., M.G.B., and G 2 AC Region 1 regarding the 6 I.S. Regt holding a review in the central Square at Palermo 26 Nov. Due to the ill feeling the populace has at present toward the ITI Army on account of the riot 19 Oct. and the temperment of the ITI people it was decided not to permit a review where a number of people would gather. Recommend for the unit to hold the review at their Parade grounds which has a high fence around it and on the outskirts of the city where there would be no gathering of crowds of people.

Conferred with D/C, M.M.S., re their request to Min. War for 10,000 blankets, which was submitted 25 Aug. before ITI Clothing and Equipment was frozen. Again instructed D/C to contact this office before all requests to War

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Conferred with D/C, M.M.S., re their request to Min. War for 10,000 blankets, which was submitted 25 Aug. before ITI Clothing and Equipment was frozen. Again instructed D/C to contact this office regarding all requests to Min. War for clothing and equipment. The ITIs have two type of blankets, a heavy called 'Barrack Stores Blanket' and a light called 'Field Blanket'. The former is considered barracks stores and about the same weight as U.S. Army blanket, the latter is individual equipment. I advised them that I would not authorize more then two blankets, either type, per man until approval from MMIA for more as recommended by Par 4 c of our No.1017 dated 17 Nov. Do not consider 2 light blankets sufficient in this climate, especially for troops quartered inland in the mountains.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 397, U.S.Army

12 November 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 34. 5 November - 11 November.

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

1. Sunday, 5 November
   a. Routine duties.

2. Monday, 6 November
   a. Routine duties.

3. Tuesday, 7 November
   a. Major Fossett confined to quarters with malaria.

4. Wednesday, 8 November
   a. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	
205 Division			
2nd Battalion 51st Group	24	465	
2nd Battalion 55th Labor Group	31	1027	
2 Co Line Guard 52nd Group	5	143	
1 Co CC.RR. 52nd Group		20	
Material & Escort for Comissariato Naples	1	15	(100 tons)
Congedanti	11		
	72	1670	

   b. S/Sgt Zimmerman to Naples to escort clothing on Highland Princess.

5. Thursday, 9 November
   a. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

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UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
205 Division		
53rd Group (Less 3 & 7 Coys)	30	968
52nd Group 1 Section CC.RR.		20
Part of Div Hq	4	4
Congedanti	5	6
	39	998

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6. Friday, 10 November
   a. Routine duties.

7. Saturday, 11 November
   a. Major Martin attended conference with Colonel Pennycuick and port authorities concerning management of the port after Allied Garrison Sardinia leaves.
   b. Sgt Zimmerman returned from Naples.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON LOG MMIA - AFHQ No. 1

G.S. Org | Action

1. SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS OF CEILINGS

Explained our proposals on this subject. Was informed (a) That the 1000 exceeding the ceiling of the Italians employed by R.A.F. were going to be given up (b) That Air-Forces Sub-Commission was to sort out its own troubles (c) That instructions would be issued by AFHQ for the transfer of personnel of 408 Inf Regt from the rolls of the Army to the rolls of the Air Force (d) That if the Air Forces Sub-Commission could not submit a satisfactory solution, our proposals would be discussed with them. | Z i/c G

2. REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND DEPOT ORGANIZATION

Discussed this subject at some length. It was apparent that although it was appreciated that this subject must be given priority - no real effort to arrive at any final conclusions had been made. | G A/G

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This order of battle is to include in detail Admin. HQ's - Hospitals - Depots - Transit Camps etc. etc.

4. GARIBALDI DIV.

No reply yet to AFHQ signal re return of personnel G

5. 7 MOUNTAIN REGT

No decision yet re retention or handing over of muleteers. HQ AAI are investigating and will inform us soonest G

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6. PERSONNEL FROM CEPHALONIA

Arrived 13 Nov. 410 G

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No further personnel to be shipped.

7. MONTENEGRO BN

No decision could be arrived at regarding the disposal of the 800 personnel of this Bn. The position is at the moment that a decision is being awaited from G-5 as to whether they are required as CC RR. G

I suggested that as an alternative they might be used as guards in CALABRIA for the SILAS works.

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G.S. Major DRIFFIELD WHITE

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10. DEPORTATION OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL TO RUSSIA FROM ROUMANIA

I mentioned the contents of the letter received recently from the Ministry of War on this subject. 2 i/c G

First reactions were that the information was based on rumors and exaggerated. In any case the matter would have to be taken up through the two countries Ambassadors.

Repatriation to Italy of such personnel would be extremely difficult and it was considered that in dealing with Greece the Allies had sufficient on their plate for the time being.

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G-1 Br. Major THORPE

11. DIRECTIVE ON EXEMPTIONS FROM CALL-UP

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The onus of the preparation of a directive on exempting authorities and all matters relating to exemptions from call-up has finally and rather unwillingly been accepted by G-1 Br.

A draft administrative instruction was handed to me and has been passed to AA and QMG.

In view of exemption certificates piling up in AFHQ which are not being dealt with at the moment, the urgency and necessity of reaching a final decision and implementing a directive, cannot be too highly stressed. It will be observed that the draft directive proposes to pass 3 types of exemptions to MMIA for decision.

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Was asked whether there was a shortage of boots? Not knowing I gave a non-committal reply.

There is available 197 tons of salvage clothing. Do we require it and can we store it. Understood this request had already been made in writing but no answer had yet been received from M.M.I.A.

In this connection a minor moan was thrown out that a number of articles of clothing had been offered to M.M.I.A. (all second hand) and a long delay always occurred before acceptance as refusal was received. I gave several reasons why there might be a delay of a few days and these were accepted and recognised as difficulties not easy to overcome.

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A request was made that all outstanding demands for [redacted] clothing should be forwarded by any available means to reach AFHQ before the close of business on Thursday night in each week. This is in view of the fact that a meeting is held every Friday morning.

This coming meeting on Friday is particularly important.

G. [illegible] ok.
Capt.
MMIA LO AFHQ.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 33. 29 October - 4 November 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army, APO 394.

1. Sunday, 29 October
a. Colonel Simmons had conference with General Aliberti and Major Papineau on M.T. prior to their departure for Rome.
b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Congedanti	29	322
Casuals	9	168
Escort for Jute Sacks and Wine Barrels	1	9
Escort for 170 pigeons		4
Escort for Engineer Stores	1	4
CC.RR. Escort for 360 ex-prisoners		11
Civilian ex-prisoners for release		360
	40	878

2. Monday, 30 October
a. Colonel Simmons and Colonel Pennycuick had conference on the situation of M.T. for the civilian needs of the island.

3. Tuesday, 31 October
a. Captain Newton sick in quarters.

4. Wednesday, 1 November
a. Routine duties.

5. Thursday, 2 November
a. Colonel Simmons departed for Naples en route for Rome.

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b. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
410	205 Div Hq Adv Party	14	93	20
410	52nd Group Hq	7	47	14
410	1st Bn 52nd Group	28	541	14
410	2nd Bn 52nd Group	36	960	50
	Congedanti	36		
	Material for CC.RR. Naples	1	6	8
	Material for Arty Depot Naples	1		31
	Material for M.T. Rome	1		36
	8,000 mess tins & 20,000 canteen cups for CC.RR. Rome			
		124	1647	173

6. Friday, 3 November
a. Captain Newton returned to duty.
b. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
410	205 Division 1st Bn 51 Group	34	748	20
	Div Hq		2	
	Hq 51st Group		1	
	Congedanti	4	196	
	Civilian Workers (Italian)		32	
		38	979	20

7. Saturday, 4 November
a. Routine duties.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

No.998

12 November 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.27 FOR WEEK ENDING 11 NOV.1944.

a Sunday 5 Nov. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 6 Nov. Conference with Director of Commissary, M.M.S., re (1) To stop issue at once rations to Stallion Depot at Catania as they are under control Ministry of Agriculture since 1 Oct. M.M.S. failed to advise this office or D/C and did not include them on the order of battle submitted to this office at any time. to avoid a reoccurrence of the above, instructed the D/C to get from Opns, M.M.S., a copy of Order of Battle showing location of units and strength as at 25 each month and changes as they occur and to pass this info on to the D.Ds. and Bakerys who issue food. Also instructed Opns., M.M.S., to send same info to L/C.

(2) Re eye for faded B.D. (See our No.954 of 6 Nov)

(3) D/C did not fully follow instructions in MMIA S/T dated 19 & 21 Oct. re disposal of Hospital Diet - they sent one third of the amount collected at Syracuse direct to the Messina Hosp. To save reshipment from Messina Hosp to Catania D.D. I told them to keep it at Messina but for the Catania D.D. and Messina Hosp to prepare the necessary accounting transactions.

(4) D/C stated they were calling in all extra boots over 1 pair per man, as instructed by Ministry War to call in all extra clothing and equipment. For economical reasons I suggested that units should retain,if already issued to units,at least 25 % surplus boots to give them an exchange working base for repair either in the units or at MMS repair shop, otherwise due to time consumed in transporting boots for exchange and the fact that boots are continually wearing out with only one pair per man they become irreparable before the exchange could be made.

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Lt. Snider inspected D.D. & Bakery at Caltanissetta, also 16 I.S. Regt. (See S&T report No.18)

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6 Thursday 9 Nov. Conferred with Ex Off.,8 Brig. CCRR re movement of 1000 Piceno Div to Palermo and Messina. Arranged to make clothing and equipment inspection upon arrival. Lt. Snider inspected 22 I.S. Regt at Trapani (See S & T Report No.18)

7 Friday 10 Nov. Inspected M.M.S. Hospital at Palermo. Found it to be a fairly efficient organization. The pharmacy, wards and kitchen were clean and orderly. They need glass for some windows in the wards. They ask if they should draw the full single ration as some times the full amount was not consumed by the patients. Upon advise I received from MMIA S&T while at HOME last month I told them to draw the entire ration and hold in reserve any unconsumed amounts, which upon further questioning I learned was not a great amount.

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They had not received the items in the Hosp Diet as they were only arriving at the Palermo D.D. this date. They had submitted an indent to Ministry War for X-Ray film which is urgently required - I obtained a loan for a quantity from U.S. Naval Hosp at Palermo. They require coal for cooking, laundry and heating bath water - taken this matter up with M.M.S. for a regular monthly allotment. They have sufficient medical supplies and disinfectants were received for Oct. They were shipping some surplus Med. supplies to Naples.

6 Saturday 11 Nov. Routine office work.

EDWIN A ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject:-Weekly Liaison Log No.I

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C.,(M.M.I.A.).,
c/o HQ.,I District.
LO/G6.

8 November.

To:-Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,(M.M.I.A.).,
R O M E.

Herewith my Liaison Log for period 26 Oct 44 to 5 Nov 44:-

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4. Clothing.

A large consignment is now here in 35 AOD. There is a considerable discrepancy between the clothing signalled by LO., 54 Area as despatched and that which 35 AOD have received. For example, shirts are down from 6,700 alle ed sent to 750 received. I have signalled LO., 54 Area to see if he can explain it. A considerable part has now been distributed to Italian units. It has been largely issued to employing formations, who will redistribute to Italian companies working for them.

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515 and 520 [illegible] arrived here semi-naked. 52[illegible] at ANCONA could not be put to employment until clothing was eventually issued. They arrived here with half the necessary tentage. As there is no roofed accommodation in ANCONA - IESI area, they had a very thin time. It is noped that the intention to send indented clothing up with them as baggage will not break down.

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5. Transport.

I have been given option for a time on vehicles leaving MACERATA, where 38 CMP is repairing CIL vehicles. They have not done much yet as the authority for release of petrol from CIP at ANCONA for ITI-ITI units had not arrived by 5 Nov 44 and they could'nt use their generators in the workshops.

Special leave passes (in Italian and English) are to be issued to Italian units. Movement of such personnel is now severely hampered by order that they cannot use the railway. The success of hitch-hiking on MT transport is not very great.

6. Welfare.

Paraffin obtained for Italian Welfare centre in ANCONA for illumination. Very successful Italian athletics and football programme at ANCONA on 5 Nov 44. GI Area Commander attended and presented a cup. DDL and COs of Pioneer Groups, Italian general and colonels also present.

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LIAISON OFFICE
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
c/o AC SICILY REGION Hq
APO 534

No.957

5 November 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.26 FOR WEEK ENDING 4 NOV. '44.

a Sunday 28 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 30 Oct. (1) Conferred with Representative AC Region 1 re saddlery or leather under AC control at Messina. They reported none.

(2) Inspected two proposed locations for movement of Palermo Distribution Depot. One is very satisfactory as to location, convenience and rail facilities but occupied by elements of 1TI Air Force who do not wish to move. The other not as satisfactory but a great improvement over the present location. It is located just across the street from Hq. M.M.S. and Gen. Mariotti approves of it because it is near his Hq. and could more easily be protected in case of food riots later. So the latter is selected.

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(2) Surplus rifles in Sicily. (3) Information re ZCOC volunteers for combat duty - no more information, expect more info 5 or 6 Nov. (4) Dying faded Battle Dress. (5) To expedite collection and distribution of Hospital Diet and matters in general. Lt. Snider inspected ITI Depots in Messina to locate Saddlery. None located as previously reported.

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suggested that the matter of exchanging repaired Boots with units for reparable boots be expedited and that when this office authorizes an issue of clothing and equipment that it be filled without delay where items are available. They are serving the 7 Lire mid-shift meal to heavy workers and they seem satisfied but would like it varied. The bean soup powdered base, no matter what vegetable they use always tastes like bean soup. Lt. Snider contacted Palermo D.D., Bakery and Pasta Factory re issue rations to fill Navy month of October.

£ Saturday 4 Nov. Routine office work and preparation of reports.

LESTER K ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
A C Sicily

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29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 25
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 16

TO : G.O.C. Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 28 October 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No. 25, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly S & T Report No. 16, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July 1944.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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2. Weekly S & T Report No. 16

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 32. 22 October - 28 October.

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission Italian Army.

1. Sunday, 22 October
   a. Routine duties.

2. Monday, 23 October
   a. Major Martin inspected Cagliari Congedanti Battalion and Italian Air Force Personnel (Serials 230 & 310).

3. Tuesday, 24 October
   a. Following Italian troops departed for the mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Calabria Congedanti	1	200
Cagliari Congedanti Battalion	57	389
Transfers	8	91
Men going for grave family reasons		2
Convalescent leave		1
Italian Air Force Personnel (Serial 310)	5	273
	71	956

4. Wednesday, 25 October
   a. Routine duties.

5. Thursday, 26 October
   a. Following Italian troops departed for mainland:

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
Congedanti	17	822
Casuals	4	101
21 tons of material and escort	1	8
1 ton of clothing for CC.RR. Rome		3
Italian Air Force Personnel (Serial 310)		70
	22	2004

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b. Major Fossett left for Rome.

6. Friday, 27 October
a. General Alliberti and Major Papineau arrived from Rome. Held Conference with High Commissioner, Colonel Pennycuick and Colonel Simmons on Italian Army M.T. for civilian needs.
b. General Alliberti and Major Papineau went to Abbasanta.

7. Saturday, 28 October
a. Routine duties.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

22 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 31. 15 October - 21 October 44.

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission to Italian Army.

1. Sunday, 15 October
   a. Following Italian troops departed for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
307a	Complementi Genio	8	294
	Searchlight Unit		40
	Rfts Chemical and Smoke Companies	12	304
141	522 Field Hospital	6	56
	Carabinieri		70
	Personnel transferred to Mainland	31	159
		47	923

2. Monday, 16 October
   a. Routine duties.

3. Tuesday, 17 October
   a. Major Martin and Captain Newton conference with representatives of AAF/MTO and P.B.S. concerning the move of 205 Division.
   b. Major Fossett inspected depots and messes at Iglesias.
   c. Major Martin inspected personnel for RAOC Training Establishment - Serial 400.
   d. Seventy six (76) vehicles, 13 motorcycles, 4 electric generators, and 3 sterilizing stoves departed for mainland with escort of 3 officers and sixty five men on S. S. BEACONSFIELD.

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4. Wednesday, 18 October
   a. Colonel Simmons returned from Rome, accompanied from Naples by MMIA Liaison Officer, Naples, (Major George D. Smith, Jr.).
   b. Captain Newton inspected 964 Field Hospital - Serial 144.

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c. Following Italian troops departed for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
400	Pers for RAOC Trg. Est.	6	395	2
144	964 Field Hospital	7	58	9
	Congedanti	26	400	
		39	853	11

5. Thursday, 19 October
   a. Major Martin inspected 229 Field Hospital - Serial 145.

6. Friday, 20 October
   a. Colonel Simmons and Major Smith to Abbasanta.

7. Saturday, 21 October
   a. Colonel Simmons and Major Smith returned from Abbasante.
   b. Major Smith returned to Naples.
   c. Captain Newton inspected 521 Guard Battalion (Serial 370) and Reinforcement Stoppage Engineers.
   d. Major Martin inspected Italian Air Force Personnel (Serials 210 and 230).
   e. Following Italian troops departed for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
145	229 Field Hospital	8	62	11
230	Italian Air Force		70	
370	521 Guard Battalion	26	770	10
400	Nucleus RAOC (4th Batch)		33	
	Nucleus Stoppage Engineers		56	
		34	991	21

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No.8 - 2 - 22 Oct 44. SECRET

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Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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24 Oct 44

Military Mission Italian Army (3)
Rome.

1. Arrivals.

315 Fld. Hospital from CASTIGLIONE to FANO.
92 Fld. Hospital from AREZZO to PESARO.

2. Departures.

1 Coy. 522 (ex 96) Bn. to u/c 209 Div.
4 " " " " " " " 210 Div.

3. Order of Battle.

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On 18 Oct 44 HQ 42 Pioneer Gp and 11 C E were visited.

On 20 Oct 44 HQ 1 Bn. 412 Lab. Regt. was visited together with Gen. Tomaselli, and inspections were made of 237 & 238 I P L Coys., camped in the neighbourhood.

On 21 Oct 44 Regt. HQ and 1 Bn. HQ of 409 Lab. Regt. were visited.

On 22 Oct 44 maintenance of 5 Corps Italian tps was discussed with Maj. Carew - Hunt, DAQMG 5 Corps.

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5. Staff.

10 Corps having moved out of the line, Capt. Herbert was called to Viterbo to take over supervision of EIGHTH ARMY recruits as from 10 Oct 44. On completion of the call-up he has been instructed to return to Arezzo to maintain touch with 13 and Polish Corps HQ, and Labour tps in that area.

On 15 Oct 44 S/Sgt. Wallis returned from hospital.

On 18 Oct 44 Capt. O'Donnell left this HQ to take up duty as LO to PICENO Gp.

On 19 Oct 44 Capt. Clark returned to this HQ on termination of his duties with HQ 228 Div.

6. Move of HQ.

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Maj. Casale expresses himself as satisfied with his present bag of some 300. He hopes for more from tapping the forward hill areas, and for a further flow from rear areas as the farming season merges into the dead period of winter.

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

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
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APO 394

No.877 22 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.24 FOR WEEK ENDING 21 OCT.1944.

a Sunday 15 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 16 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with representative Military Hq. Sicily re movement of 10 Co.,143 Inf Regt. from Acirale to Ragusa. The 308 ITI Line Sec., minus four men, moved from Island this date. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Reggio and inspected the Reggio Food Depot.(See Det Report No.15).

c Tuesday 17 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with the following: (1) Representative Director of Commissary re rations for civilian heavy laborers working for ITI Army.

(2) C.G., Military Hq. Sicily, re visit to Comdr. 70 Sub Area.

(3) Deputy Chief of Staff, M.M.S., re Italian soldiers to relieve dock workers, who were threatening to strike. Also re reorganization of two divisions.

(4) Executive Officer, N.O.B. Palermo, re release of ITI soldiers for labor at dock if civilian dock workers striked.

Col. Albert met Gen. CASTELLONE, Comdr. AOSTA Div. Lt. Snider inspected Civilian Military Bakery and Pasta Factories at Reggio and returned, by rail, to Palermo.

d Wednesday 18 Oct. Routine office work and the preparing of signal of stock state as at close of 15 Oct.

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f Friday 20 Oct. Lt. Snider attended conference with Col. Snooks, Public Safety Officer, ACC Region 1, and Italian Army officers re to riot in Palermo. Aft noon - routine office work.

g Saturday 21 Oct. Lt. Snider routine office and

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b Monday 16 Oct. Conf. and re-conf. of representative Military Eq. Sicily re movement of 10 Co.,145 Inf Regt. from Agirale to Reggio. The 3CB III Line Sec., minus four men, moved from Island this date. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Reggio and inspected the Reggio Food Depot.(See sml report No.15).

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g Saturday 21 Oct. Lt. Snider routine office and preparing of weekly reports.

1st Lt
for LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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LIAISON OFFICE
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
% ACC SICILY REGION HQ
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No.877 22 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.24
2. Weekly S & T Report No.15
3. Monthly Statistical Report on Venereal Disease No.2

TO : G.O.C. Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 21 October 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.24, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly S & T Report No.15, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944.

2. Enclosed herewith Monthly Statistical Report on Venereal Disease No.2, for October, in compliance with 2691 MMIA Company (Ovhd) letter dated 15 September 1944, Subject - Request for Information.

Edwin T Snider 1st Lt
for LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.24 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.15
3. Monthly Statistical Report on Venereal Disease No.2.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 31. 8 October - 14 October 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Military Mission to Italian Army, Rome.

1. Sunday, 8 October
   1. Major Hall returned to Abbanarta.
   2. Lieut De Stefano went by air to Maddalena.
   3. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	VEHS
75	69 Telegrafisti Company	5	295	
307a	Engineer Reinforcements	17	161	
	Carabinieri	1	99	
	H.Q. Carabinieri	1	1	1
	Saddlers		4	
	Guard Reinforcements		2	2
	Italian Navy Personnel		220	
		24	802	3

2. Monday, 9 October
   a. Lieut De Stefano returned from Maddalena.
   b. Major Martin inspected 520th Guard Battalion - Serial 370; 522nd Field Hospital - Serial 141; and Complement of Genio - Serial 307a.

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3. Tuesday, 10 October
   a. Colonel Simmons to Naples en route for Rome.
   b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland on S.S.

ARGENTINA:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM	VEHS	
370	520 Guard Battalion	27	776		9 tons
	Acata Div (ex Bari)	1	11	1	19 tons
	Remainder Cremona Div Blankets	1	6		10 tons
		29	793	1	30 tons

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c. Following Italian troops depart for mainland aboard Italian cruiser ABRUZZI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN	VEHS
360	Nuoro Group (Personnel for RAOC Training Establishment)	6	427	
	Portieri	6	230	
	Medical Reinforcements	1	199	
	Royal Finance Guards		32	
	Forestali	1	22	
	99th Carabinieri Section (for Mantova)	1	58	6
	94th Carabinieri Section	1	12	
	Aosta Div (or Bari Div)	1	4	2
		17	984	8

4. Wednesday, 11 October

a. Major Fossett and Capt Newton to Abbasanta to inspect engineer stores and workshops.

5. Thursday, 12 October

a. Usual routine duties.

6. Friday, 13 October

a. Following Italian personnel depart for mainland on cruiser MONTECUCCOLI:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	MEN/OR	VEHS
60	Cremona Specialists	4	42	
	47 Telaradio Company	5	137	1
	H.Q. Aosta Div (ex Bari Div)	16	68	3
146	33 Medical Section (ex Bari)	7	72	
	33 Supply Section (ex Bari)	3	22	
167	953 & 954 Workshops		3	
180	Mobile Bridge Workshops		45	
	Mobile Radio Repair Section		10	
86	130 Field Surgical Unit	3	13	
92	23 Field Surgical Unit	2	20	
85	84 Ambulance Car Section	2	12	
60	113 Radiological Section	1	6	
90	113 Dental Unit	1	2	
89	133 X-Ray Unit	1	2	
	Royal Finance Guards	1	68	
84	Men Rejoining Units on Mainland	15	311	
		61	833	4

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7. Saturday, 14 October

a. Usual routine office duties.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

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67 Garrison.
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Weekly Liaison Log. No. 23.

(a) Move of 21 Coy Artieri from TERAMO to TORINO DI SANGRO.
Move of 142 Lower Coy from VASTO to ORTONA.

(b) Nil.

(c) Discussion with General di Stefanis of functions of Delegazione A. Report submitted pointing out that both 209 Div and 228 Div and Ministry of War tend to use it as a Corps Hq. This needlessly slows down administration, and moreover, the Delegazione has not the establishment to cope with the paper work.
Report submitted with tentative proposals for solution of maintenance difficulties of transport - M.T. allotted to Italian units. That one or more civilian workshops be requisitioned, thus obtaining the heavier equipment, Italian military personnel to run the w/shops, and supply of spares from dumps and ACPs. Of 13 M.T. vehs allotted to units of Rear 209 Div Hq, 8 are in w/shops. This due to lack of inspections and adequate w/shop maintenance, plus poor driving and low standard of unit maintenance.

(d) Nil. Vehicle off road for 4 days.

(e) Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA showed that Military Hospital, CHIETI, had been overdrawing to accumulate a reserve. Reason being that the D.I.D is often on the point of running out of commodities, and units often cannot draw for full period. This aggravates transport difficulties.e.g. CCRA at ASCOLI have to pay L. ,000 lire for day's hire of a civilian truck. Can this D.I.D be maintained with supplies more regularly.

(f) Liaison with local Censorship. One case of deserter, one illegal contriving for leave and one black market. Action requested from military authorities.

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60 - 70 patriots of Banda della MAIELLA home on leave in communes in CHIETI province. Frequent firing of arms and terrorisation of locals. Assault on a CR for 'hurling spittle at them from a balcony'. Report to M.A.L.C.C. Army for their being allowed to bring arms below Corps rear boundaries.

Passes, permits and chits for POL.

General liaison between Italian units and Allied units;

J.H. Bowen Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
A.C.C. SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No.682

15 October 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.23 FOR WEEK ENDING 14 OCT. 1944.

a Sunday 8 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 9 Oct. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff Military Hq. Sicily, re receipt of Medical Supplies and disinfectants and matters in general. Conferred with M.H.S. Welfare Officer re lists of Italians buried in American Military Cemeteries in Sicily. Lt. Snider inspected D.B. and Civilian Bakery at Caltanissetta. (See S & T Report No.14)

c Tuesday 10 Oct. Conferred with Director of Commissary M.H.S., re the submitting of incorrect Strength State as at 24 Sept and matters in general. The Director of Commissary, M.H.S. was advised that the Allied Clothing authorized by MMLA Ref Serial No. A4/61/134 dated 15 Aug. 44 would be shipped from Naples 15 Oct. To date same has not arrived at Palermo.

d Wednesday 11 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider collected data on rations issued ITI Navy period 1 Aug. to 30 Sept inclusive from Palermo Bulk and D.D. In afternoon motored to Catania on same mission.

e Thursday 12 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected 3rd Bn. 4th Inf Regt at Syracuse. (See S & T Report No.14) Collected data re issue to ITI Navy from D.D. at Syracuse and Messina (both depots are now closed but the records for Aug. & Sept. were still held there), and returned to Palermo.

f Friday 13 Oct. Checked, consolidated and signalled reports to MMLA re rations issued to ITI Navy 1 Aug. to 30 Sept. inclusive and Stock Movements Return ('P' Forms). A number of errors, some minor, are appearing in the 'P' Forms which we are calling to the attention of the Director of Commissary and Depot Comdrs attention.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
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No.862 15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.23
2. Weekly S & T Report No.14

TO : GOC, Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 14 October 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.23, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. G/

b Weekly S & T Report No.14, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944. S/ST.

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Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.23 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No.14.

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LIAISON OFFICER
MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 30. 1 October-7 October.

TO : Commanding General, MMIA, APO 394.

1. Sunday, 1 October
   a. Colonel Simmons admitted to hospital.
   b. Major Fossett by cruiser to Naples.
   c. Major Martin inspected 515 Guard Battalion - Serial 315.
   d. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFF	PERSONNEL EM	WEIGHT (TONS)
88	232 Field Hospital	8	59	11
92	429 Field Hospital	7	57	11
307 b	Cagliari Service Group	7	429	4
315	Part of 515 Guard Battalion	9	310	
233	21 Mixed Engineer Company	5	106	1.67
60	Cremona Casuals		30	
84	Casuals		10	
		36	1001	27.67

2. Monday, 2 October
   a. Major Martin inspected 514 Guard Battalion - Serial 315.
   b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFF	PERSONNEL EM	WEIGHT (TONS)
122	Friuli Division personnel	2	100	0.1
315	Part of 514 Guard Battalion	23	423	
315	Part of 515 Guard Battalion	16	465	7.78
		41	988	7.88

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3. Tuesday, 3 October
   a. Major Martin visited Abbasanta to review transport situation.
   b. Major Fossett to Rome from Naples.

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4. Wednesday, 4 October
a. Lieut De Stefano returned from Naples with consignment of boots.

5. Thursday, 5 October
a. Captain Newton inspected 519 Guard Battalion, Serial 370.
b. Major Fossett returned from Rome.
c. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFF	PERSONNEL EM	WEIGHT (TONS)	VEHS
315	Hq 1st Regt (514 & 515 Gd Bn)	9	31	4	
355	Hq 2nd Regt (516 & 517 Gd Bn)	10	31	2	
315	Part of 514 Guard Battalion	7	349	12	
355	516th Guard Battalion	25	775	12	
355	517th Guard Battalion	25	780	12	
60	Escort & Cremona Blankets	1	6	15	
	Congedanti	106	4		
370	519th Guard Battalion	24	776	8	
	Rear Echelon 514-517 Gd Bns		2		2
307a	Engineer Reinforcements	5	172		
		212	2926	65	2

6. Friday, 6 October
a. Colonel Simmons returned from hospital.

7. Saturday, 7 October
a. Major Hall came from Abbeanta to report on vehicle situation.
b. Major Martin inspected 2nd Company Misto Genio - Serial 307a - and 69th Telegrafisti Company - Serial 75.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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To Military Mission to Italian Army.

MMIA.LO.
67 Garrison.
8.10.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 22.

(a) Move of 920 Rep Lav Art from SAN VITO to PESCARA. Move of Hq. 502 Bn Art from TERMOLI to PESCARA. Move of 52I Osped da campo from CHIETI to FALCONARA.

(b) Nil.

(c) Discussed with General MONACCI, the new Vice Commandante of 20y Div the general problems involving troops now under his command.

(d) Inspection of Military Hospital at CHIETI. Separate report being submitted.
Inspection of A & C plns of I003 Italian G.T. Coy. Separate report submitted.
Inspection of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA and enquiry made for clarification and verification of several details

(e) Reference break ng down of Italian D.I.D at ORTONA,- whenever rly transport is refused Direzione Comisseriato at BARI, Twodis should automatically be informed so as to increase supplies to British D.I.D.
Suggested that when new Italian labour coys are sent out, that the British officer in charge of each coy be issued with all necessary admin instructions. They arrive not having received clear indications as to their func[illegible]

(f) Request for priority in repair to vehs of 5ai Regt obtained.
Report submitted advocating establishment in this area of a Military Tribunal to administer far speedier and severer justice, thus helping to alleviate deserter problem.
Arrangement of rly transport for Italian D.I.Ds.at this end..
Petrol authority for autosezione to clear CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.
Two police incidents - parachutists carrying arms.

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(b) Nil.

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Inspection of A & C plns of 1003 Italian G.T. Coy. Separate report submitted.
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Two police incidents - parachutists carrying arms.
General liaison between Allied and Italian units.

[signature] Capt.

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No.840 8 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No.22 FOR WEEK ENDING 7 OCT. 1944.

a Sunday 1 Oct. 145 ITI AA Gp moved by rail from Syracuse to Benevento. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 2 Oct. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff and C/S, Military HQ of Sicily re organization and general matters. Conference with representative following: 70 Sub Area, N.O.B., British O.C. Ips, Palermo re ITI guards and security matters.

c Tuesday 3 Oct. Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.RR legion re clothing and boots for CC.RR. Advised him all issues must have approval AMGOT.

d Wednesday 4 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Catania and inspected Bulk and D.D. (See S&T Report No.16)

e Thursday 5 Oct. 908 Engr. Unit moved from Syracuse to Naples. Lt. Snider inspected 1st. Bn., 45 Inf. Regt. and returned to Palermo by rail. (See S&T Report No.16)

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f Friday 6 Oct. Conferred with Comdr 70 Sub Area re "Chain of command of ITI Troops in Sicily". Conferred with Deputy C/S, MMIS, re mid-shift meal for heavy civilian workers, status of 1st Bn, 45 Inf Regt. and reorganization Sabauda and Aosta Divs.

g Saturday 7 Oct. Inspected pasta factory at Palermo that is making one batch of macaroni for the ITI Army. They were informed to comply with instructions on accounting. Lt. Snider contacted D of C re speeding up repairs, by engineers, to new D.D. at Caltanissetta and moving same to new location.

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and C/S, Palermo re Adjutant General matters. Conference with representative following: 70 Sub Area, N.C.B., British C.C. Spa, Palermo re PW guards and security matters.

c Tuesday 5 Oct. Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.RR legion re clothing and boots for CC.RR. Advised him all issues must have approval AMGOT.

d Wednesday 6 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off. Lt. Snider traveled by rail to Catania and inspected Bulk and D.D. (See S&T report No.13)

e Thursday 7 Oct. 908 Engr. Unit moved from Syracuse to Naples. Lt. Snider inspected 1st. Bn., 45 Inf. Regt. and returned to Palermo by rail. (See S&T Report No.14)

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS SARDINIA DISTRICT
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 29. 24 September - 30 September.

TO : Commanding General, MMIA, Rome.

1. Sunday, 24 September

a. MMIA Detachment, Sardinia, closed at Elmas Airbase and opened at Via Torino, Cagliari.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
235	5th Guard Battalion	23	777	11
235	3rd Co 3rd Guard Bn	3	187	1.5
235	Hq 3rd Guard Bn		1	
235	Hq 4th Guard Battalion		2	
235	Hq 6th Guard Battalion		1	
84	Casuals	9	26	
		35	994	12.5

2. Monday, 25 September

a. Major Martin inspects 1st Bn 359th Labor Regiment and Italian Air Force Personnel, serials 65 and 210-230 respectively on priority list 7.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
235	Remainder of 3rd Guard Battalion	5	133
122	Friuli Division Personnel	1	32
143	576th Field Hospital	7	37
210 & 230	Italian Air Force Personnel		290
117	41 Indian Field Butchery (British)	2	110
84	Casuals		6
		15	628

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3. Tuesday, 26 September

a. General Browning arrives with Captain Chaytor, conference with Colonel Simmons, and then proceeds to Maconer.

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b. Major Martin inspects 429th Field Hospital, Serial 92; 232 Field Hospital, Serial 88; 21 Misto Genio Company, Serial 233; 230th Field Hospital, Serial 87; and 2nd Bn 359th Labor Regt, Serial 65.

4. Wednesday, 27 September

a. Major Martin inspects 3rd Battalion 359th Labor Regiment, Serial 65, and Italian V & R Reinforcements, Serial 350.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
87	230 Field Hospital	6	58
60	Specialists and rear echelon Cremona Div	36	633
350	Italian V & R Reinforcements	2	221
160	127 Forestry Company	2	54
84	Casuals	5	7
		51	973

5. Thursday, 28 September

a. Major Fossett inspects depot at Macomer.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
65	Hq 359th Labor Regiment	10	32
65	1st Battalion 359th Regiment	25	802
65	5th Coy 2nd Battalion 359th Regiment	3	157
		38	991

6. Friday, 29 September

a. Captain Newton checks stores in clothing depot at Macomer.

7. Saturday, 30 September

a. General Browning leaves Sardinia for Rome.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
60	Cremona Specialists	1	78
65	Remainder 2nd Bn 359th Labor Regiment	18	638
65	3rd Bn 359th Regiment	25	814
65	Part of Complementary Bn 359th Regt	10	456
		54	1986

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To Military Mission to
Italian Army.

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c/o 67 Garrison.
I.10.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No. 21.

(a) CERCA moved from CHIETI to MACERATA. 9I Telegrafist Coy moved from CHIETI to VAIRANO.

(b) Nil.

(c) Discussion with Garrison Commander and DAQMG of 67 Garrison re Italian military in the area they have just taken over.
Discussion with Delegazione re deserter question.
209 Div requested to notify the measures they are taking and their success.

(d) Inspection of transit camp transferred from TERMOLI to ORTONA. Strong criticism of slowness in constructi latrines. Rearrangement in adjacent building they are also occupying as they had stores above and carabinie below ground.

(e) Italian DIDs at VASTO and ORTONA received signal from Direzione Comissariato that no rly tpt was available and they would have to collect by own means. A few days later three wagons arrive and later another three A signal was sent by me to the effect that there is definitely no vehicle tpt here sufficient to draw food supplies from BARI. Three or four wagons a week are essential unless they draw from the local British DID.

(f) Vehicle census of Rear 209 Div area requested for more equitable distribution among dependent units.
Monthly security report submitted.
Delegazione has submitted to Ministry of War its report on Indian offr incident at CHIETI. Report was thorough and the reopened enquiry successful. A parachutist who cut the girl's hair located and blame fixed on a lt who suppressed the identity of the man, and several senior officers who displayed lack of zeal and energy in pursuing the original enquiry.

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Authority for spares obtained for Italian military at the ACP, CASALBORDINO.
Transport laid on for C/do Presidio, VASTO, with local British transport platoon in cases of emergency.
Order of Battle submitted for Italian engineering units of 209 Div:
Medical lt of CIL deposito sanitario sent to take over the medical stores at OSIMO. His three personnel retained for hospital at CHIETI as OSIMO did not need them.
CCRR service established at railhead, ORTONA, to catch illegal travel by Italian military and stop their participation in blackmarket traffic.
Enquiries re vehicle of 1006 G.T.Coy. The driver alleged he was kidnapped by Moroccan troops at FOGGIA. The vehicle has finished up in REME, ORTONA.
Arrangements for a brekdown vehicle to be put at disposition of Parco Autoguasti Italiano at CHIETI SCALO.
Authority for petrol for Delegazione to move CIL stores to PIEDIMONTE.
Have now established myself at CHIETI. Official correspondence to HQ, 67 Garrison. My own office is in the Questura at CHIETI.

J.H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

Subject:- Liaison Log. No. 16.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
HQ No.2 Dist. CMF.
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2 OCT 44

Military Mission to Italian Army.

From Sunday 24 Sep. to Saturday 30 Sep 44.

SUNDAY
(a) Visited by Lt.Col.ROUTH who is taking over the Train Gd. Bn.
(b) Capt BIRD rings ref EDERLE Barracks BRINDISI and SAN PASQUALE Barracks FOGGIA.
(c) Col. SHIPLEY warns that inventory of Allied clothing will be done on 16 Oct.
(d) Offr fromnSan Marco Regt comes to try and get a spare tube for a Dodge 3 ton lorry - 500 ACD oblige.
(e) LFA want 1200 Italian groundsheets for special ops - Major COLE authorises by phone.

MONDAY
(a) General office routine.

TUESDAY
(a) 168,169,170 IPL Coys move MINERVINO
(b) Visit Mil.HQ. P & L ref rfts for existing units - situation difficult.
(c) American Offr from SBS wants 40 sets of Italian under-clothing for Special Ops - Col.SHIPLEY authorises by phone.
(d) Make arrangements with Distwo ST for accn and repartition of 400 dvrs arriving from NAPLES.

WEDNESDAY
(a) Speak to NAP office ref the mov of 400 dvrs.

THURSDAY
(a) Visited by an offr from 21 Base Laundry who offers us Grade lll clothing. We show him AFHQ GR 39 25 1813A whichstops all issue Grade lll clothing to Italians.

FRIDAY
(a) Visit Italian Remount Depot BARI with DADV and RS 2 Dist. Agree to arrange with Mil.HQ. P & L for his take over in near future.
(b) Speak to Col. SHIPLEY ref new policy for clothing of Italians.
(c) Deal with question of 18 Yugoslavs, Italian Army deserters.
(d) Visited by U.S. Army offr ref rfts for 408 Regt.

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SATURDAY
(a) 46 ORs rfts for 2 Bn Ferrovieri move BARI to CECINA.
(b) Visited 9 MT Regt and ACQUAVIVA ref the requisition by the Regt of store place for Vehs at ACQUAVIVA. As bldg is Italian Air Force AFSC is contacted who have no objection.
(c) Speak to NAPLES Office.

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H.Q. No. 2 District.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
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No.815

1 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.21 FOR WEEK ENDING 30 SEPT.44.

a Sunday 24 Sept. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 25 Sept. Conferred with C/S, MMS, re proposed taking over guard etc. in Calabria. Inspected 1st Bn 45 Inf at Palermo Railroad Station beforedeparture for Crotone, Calabria - spot checked individuals for carrying ammunition and found none, not too well disciplined. Lt. Snider traveled by motor to Messina-Reggio and inspected 2nd Bn 45 Inf Regt. (See S & T Report No.12)

c Tuesday 26 Sept. Conferred with representative MMS re movement 1 officer and 14 EM (Engr) from Enna to Mainland. Two Cos. 45 Inf Regt moved from Catania to Palermo by rail. Lt Snider inspected D.D., Bakery and Pasta Factory at Reggio. (See S&T Report No.12)

d Wednesday 27 Sept. Inspected Palermo Military Bakery - found unsanitary and fire hazzard conditions which I reported to MMS to correct, book accounts seemed to be in good shape. Conferred with Representative U.S. Claims Service re III Ammunition Dump # 9 at CINISI. Lt Snider inspected the CC.Rs Legion at Messina and found the organization in good condition. Lt Snider returned to Palermo by motor.

e Thursday 28 Sept. Conferred with Director Commissary re inventory of III clothing (See our No.807 dated 29 Sept.) Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.RS Legion re boots for unit. Told him to submit emergency requirements to D/C Military Hq Sicily.

f Friday 29 Sept. Routine office work, preparing monthly reports. 4861

g Saturday 30 Sept. Routine office work, preparing weekly reports.

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No.815 1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.21
2. Weekly Location Report No.16
3. Weekly S & T Report No.12

TO : GOC Military Mission Italian Army, ROME

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 30 September 1944.

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

b Weekly Location Report No.16, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.12, 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.

Lester R Albert

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Lt Col Inf
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Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.21 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.16 (Dupl.)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.12

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A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 28. 17 September - 23 September.

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

1. Sunday, 17 September
(a) Lieut Colonel Kessner to Rome on duty.
(b) Major Egerton arrives to select specialist personnel for Cremona Division.
(c) Following Italian soldiers depart for Sicily:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
84	Casuals	12	58

2. Monday, 18 September
(a) Colonel Simmons to Abbasanta to see Major Hall.
(b) Lieut De Stefano by cruiser to Naples to pick up shoes.
(c) Following Italian troops depart for Mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
60	Remainder 7 Arty Regt (Cremona Div)	13	561	24
60	2 Coy Complementi, Cremona	8	301	3
60	350 Autosez. Pesanti, "	1	36	
60	333 Field Hospital	9	74	
84	Casuals	10	12	
		41	984	27

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3. Tuesday, 19 September
(a) Colonel Simmons returns from Abbasanta.
(b) Major Egerton to Abiasanta to pick M.T. specialists.

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(c) The following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
60	Complementi Cremona	18	403	4
60	Various Units "	3	116	.3
65	Sassari Labor Group	2	108	8
65	Cagliari Labor Group	4	249	
65	Arborea Labor Regt HQ	9	29	
84	Casuals	10	14	
		46	979	12.3

4. Wednesday, 20 September
   (a) Routine office duties.

5. Thursday, 21 September
   (a) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
	Congedanti	72	548

6. Friday, 22 September
   (a) Major Egerton departs for mainland.
   (b) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
65	Remainder of Cagliari Group	16	562
91	519 Field Hospital	7	59
70 & 72	1007 & 1008 G.T. Coy (Drivers)	6	291
60	Drivers for Cremona Division	1	97
		30	1009

7. Saturday, 23 September
   (a) Major Fossett to Iglesias for inspection of depots.
   (b) Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
308	Carabinieri	2	331	1
220	(Sassari) Personnel for RAOC Est.	6	395	8
182	Four Bakery Sections	4	199	24
	Jute Sacks and Escort	1	14	91
	Radio Material and Escort	1	9	30
235	Hq 6 Regt Guards "Bari"	9	53	10
235	Hq 3 Regt Guards "Bari"	13	49	15
235	Hq 4 Regt Guards "Bari"	12	42	7½
235	Hq 5 Regt Guards "Bari"	12	54	1½
235	1st Guard Gp	19	779	13
235	2nd Guard Gp	23	777	6
235	3rd Guard Gp	15	460	10
	Casuals	2	31	
		119	3193	217

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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(MMIA) L. O. SICILY
% ACC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

No.783

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.20
2. Weekly Location Report No.15
3. Weekly S & T Report No.11
4. Monthly Statistical Report on Venereal Disease.No.1

TO : GOC Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 23 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.20, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.14, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.11, 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 or 8 July '44. None enclosed as does not apply to Sicily.

2. Enclosed herewith Monthly Statistical Report on Venereal Disease*for September, in compliance 2691 MMIA Company (Ovhd) letter dated 13 September 1944 Subject - Request for Information. *No.1

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LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.20 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.15 (Dup)
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To Army Sub Commission.
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Vasto.
24.9.44.

Weekly Liaison Log. No.20.

(a) Movement of CERSA from CHIETI to MACERATA still held up by 8 Army.

(b) Arrival at ORTONA of I41 Coy, 404 Regt and of I42 Coy, 404 Regt, at VASTO. Latter to be transferred to ORTONA as soon as Bochumm Coy, which they are substituting, has moved out.
Arrival of platoon of I003 C.T. Coy at CASALBORDINO

(c) Conference at HQ,MMIA, ROME with regard to the elimination of Rear HQ, 209 Div: in near future, and HQ, 541 Regt to take over its supervisory commitments in area of 67 Garrison.
Discussion with Lt Col HOWARD of new functions of an Italian HQ for Italian troops u/c I District.
Discussion of functions of Delegazione A and its suggested abolition, as being no longer needed once it has cleared stores left behind by the CIL.
Discussion reference carrying of arms by Italian military. Local Allied commander to approve of disciplinary military patrols to carry arms. CCRR to carry arms only when on specific duty until further instructions issued.

(d) Ufficio Requisizioni per Comandi Anglo-Americani now established at VASTO for last three weeks, regularising requisitions and assessing damages with Claims and Hirings. Staff of three officers and civilian personnel. Some 3,500 cases to be dealt with in this area. Similar offices have bee set up in PERUGIA and ANCONA.

(e) Improvement in communications between Main and 209 Div urgently needed. I am now receiving letters dated middle of August. 10656

(f) Greater facility in requisitioning by Italian

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military particularly with M.T. This point brought up in conference at Hq.MMIA.
Passes, permits and authority for POL.
General liaison between Sub Area and Italian units.

Capt.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
7th ACC SICILY REGION HQ
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No.788

24 Sept 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.20 FOR WEEK ENDING 23 SEPT 1944.

a Sunday 17 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region I re consolidating whse to conserve guards and with Capt Beigle re release of guard at San Lorenzo Gas Station. Conferred with representative 7 Hqtr, RASC, Palermo re ITI guards not doing their duty, a report was received in writing and forwarded to MHS for necessary disciplinary action. One half day off.

b Monday 18 Sept. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, MHS, re movement of a bn of the Cabadda Div from Sicily. Conferred with U.S. Claims re reduction of guards. Lt. Snider Inspected D.D., Bakery and 16 Arty. Regt Hq and Srd Gp at Caltanissetta. (See S & T Report No.11)

c Tuesday 19 Sept. Conferred with N.C.S., Palermo regarding release of guards. Also with Condr ACC Region I re Repatriat meeting in Sicily. Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS re movement 1st Bn, 45th Regt from Sicily to Calabria. Unit to move 25 September by rail. Conferred with G 2 (I) ACC Region I re security measures in Sicily.(See Par A 1 d of our No.774 dated 20 Sept Security Intel Report for Aug.)

d Wednesday 20 Sept. Conferred with representative MHS re late arrival of reports from the latter and requested more promptness, which was promised. Lt Snider contacted Mil Govt at Palermo to ascertain if they were keeping accounts in accordance with the new Acct System. One half day off.

e Thursday 21 Sept. Routine office work.

f Friday 22 Sept. Conferred with Dep C/S, MHS re change in movement 1/45 Regt and issue of BD for same. Was advised that reorganization of ITI Trps in Sicily would be completed by 1st Oct 44. Conferred with ACC Region I re securing industrial oxygen for MHS to use in garages to repair motor vehicles. Conferred with Director Commissary, MHS, re the clothing situation of the ITI Army. When the 1st Bn, 45 Inf was ordered to move it was brought to light that the unit had no BD who recently joined the unit and were in civilian clothes. The D of C was not aware of this before. The BD were issued this week. Instructed the D of C to check

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c Tuesday 19 Sept. Conferred with N.O.B., Palermo regarding release of guards. Also with Coomdr ACC Region 1 re Separatist meeting in Sicily. Conferred with Deputy C/S, MMS re movement 1st Bn, 46th Regt from Sicily to Calabria. Unit to move 20 September by rail. Conferred with G 2 (I) ACC Region 1 re security measures in Sicily.(See Par A 1 d of our No.773 dated 20 Sept Security Intel Report for Aug.)

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g Saturday 23 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region 1 re return of ITI Military vehs. Conferred with Brig. Carr, Comdr ACC Region 1, re the movement of 1/46 Regt from Sicily. He was much concerned regarding the diminishing of troops in Sicily on account of the slowness in the collection

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of grain and for security purposes, due to the increase unrest here in Sicily. Again invite your attention to our No.770 dated 20 Sept 44 Security Intel Report for Aug, pointing out especially Par A 1 MORALE.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 2.

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24 Sep 44

Military Mission Italian Army, (3)
ROME.

(a) (b) Elements of CIL continued to arrive by rd and ry throughout the week.

Balance of 417 Pnr Lab Regt departs 25 Sep for Ancona.

(c) Attended conference at MMIA on Lab and Manpower problems (20 Sep 44).

(d) I visited 125 Vet Hosp (ex 125 Infermeria Quadrupedi) at Persano on 24 Sep 44. This unit has only recently been taken over by the Brit cadre and the unit is having the usual teething troubles most important of which is that out of a WE of 99 all ranks (Italian) 76 are due for demobilization on age grounds and a further 9 are AWOL. A request for rfts will be made in due course.

(e) NTR

(f) At an interview with OC Brit Cadre 1003 (It) GT Coy RASC and ST 3 District, it was decided that in view of the large number of desertions in that coy (88 since it was formed and the expressed intention of a further 120 Bolognese of deserting as soon as Bologna is liberated) to transfer it to some other part of Italy, probably Sicily, to take over the vehs and employment of some other coy of 3-tonners. At present, since 1003 Coy is equipped with tippers, it is necessarily spread out over an extremely large area and ~~the necessary~~ control over the personnel is almost entirely lost. 4852

Steps are meanwhile being taken to allow the OC Coy to proceed into the Army zone to arrest and bring back deserters who will be awarded summary and exemplary punishment with the unit.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining good trained dvrs for the Brit/Italian Line Secs now forming, 3 District

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(f cont) are about to establish a driving school for these at Nocera on "private army"lines.

HQ 56 Area are leaving Sicily on 25 Sep and will take over from 57 Area by 1 Oct when 57 Area becomes inoperative. Wef 22 Sep 70 Sub Area assumed comd of Sicily and Calabria.

A bn of 46 Inf Regt Sabauda Div moves from Palermo to Calabria on 24 Sep 44 to take over gd duties on the Sila installations from the two bns of 76 Inf Regt Mantova Div.

2 Bn 417 Pnr Lab Regt which left recently for 5 Army, each man equipped with one blanket, was found upon arrival to be over 300 blankets short. There is as yet no news as to the cause of the disappearance but Lab 3 District is investigating.

Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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SUBJECT:- Liaison Log No. 6. 4 - 17 Sep 44

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Liaison Officer.
Military Mission Italian Army
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
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18 Sep 44

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E.

Copy to:- MMIA LO
c/o HQ No.1 District.

1. Arrivals.

Italian Increment to HQ EIGHTH ARMY - 2 offrs and 115 O.Rs.

Rfts for 409 Lab. Regt. at AREZZO. Details of strengths not reported by HQ 30 Gp. P.C., who received them.

Muletear rfts from CALABRIA, NAPLES and ROME. Position a complete mystery, now being investigated.

40 CC RR rfts for 228 Div HQ Sec. at CORTONA.

Rfts for 1 Bn. Ferrovieri, 86 all ranks, collected by Fn EIGHTH ARMY.

Engineer rfts, 72 O Rs, provisionally held by 10 Corps pending final distribution by CE EIGHTH ARMY.

2. Order of Battle.

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3. Clothing & Equipment.

Large scale distribution to EIGHTH ARMY and No.1 District tps from bulk releases recently received is well on the way, and the further generous allotments made by you, which will be arriving by rail during the coming week, should go far towards completely covering all outstanding major deficiencies, at least in items of Allied origin. The position as regards certain items of Italian origin is not so satisfactory, in particular in the case of towels, mess-tins and water - bottles. I under - stand that you are aware of stocks of the two latter items in Regimental Depots, which no longer figure in the Ministry's records. It would be appreciated if you could presse for these stocks to be rounded up and made available to me for the benefit of tps now working operationally, who need them badly.

I have found locally in a Penal Establishment a stock of mattress - ticking material, said to be the property of the Ministry of the Interior.

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3. Clothing & Equipment (Continued)

As this Ministry has no authority up here, I have advised Gen. Tomaselli to commandeer this material, and he will arrange to have it made up locally into towels and/or foot - cloths. Any adjustments eventually necessary can be argued out between the tow Ministries concerned in due course. Meanwhile, I consider that the current operational needs of the tps are paramount, and I must that my action will have your backing.

As regards winter clothing to be shipped to me for discharge at ANCONA, I have agreed with the Ordnance, Movements and Port authorities at ANCONA that this will be unloaded, identified and transported by them to JESI, where it will be received into 228 Div. Depot.

4. Transit Camp.

Now transferred from CIVITA CASTELLANA to JESI, within a mile from the railway station. By agreement with No.1 District it now has attached to it a Pioneer Wing, in charge of Capt. Duckinfield F.C., which will receive all rfts for I P L Regts as they arrive. Capt. Clark at HQ 228 Div., has been authorised to issue from the Div Depot all items of clothing and equipment necessary to complete these rfts to scale before they proceed to join the coys to which they will be posted.

5. HQ 228 Div.

Now transferred from CORTONA to JESI. Direct communication by telephone, signal and DR has been arranged with the Signals Centre, JESI, through 3 Beach Gp. Capt. Clark's telephone number is JESI 114.

Brig.Gen. Pavan, Vice-Commander, has arrived and taken up his duties. Gen. Tomaselli's intentions are that Gen. Pavan should be more or less static at JESI, in close control of the Transit Camp and of the "Q" side of the Div in general, while he himself keeps closer touch with units through visiting, and with Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY by es-ablishing a small Adv. HQ near me as soon as the distance between JESI and Army makes this advisable. To this end he has applied to the War Ministry for sufficient tentage to accommodate a small mobile HQ in the field.

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6. Liaison.

Continual and repeated visits to units, British HQs and employing services in the ANCONA area in connection with the reclothing programme have been my principal activity.

Normal contacts with Staff and Service branches of Army HQ on routine matters, and in particular on the moves of the Transit Camp and 228 Div. HQ, and in railing of clothing supplies and rfts.

7. General.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY is expecting to move very shortly to the vicinity of PESARO

Capt. Herbert has returned to Rear HQ 10 Corps as resident LO, with a watching brief on 13 Corps and the AREZZO area in general.

Lt-Col. G.
AMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

17 September 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 27. 10 September - 16 September.

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

1. Sunday, 10 September
a. Following Italian personnel depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
55	Hq 547th Arty Regiment	8	37
55	1st Battalion 547th Arty Regiment	15	795
55	Oristano Group	2	154
	Congedanti	1	1
		26	987

2. Monday, 11 September
a. Colonel Simmons conference with High Commissioner and R.P.S.O. Captain Hughes re condition for issue of passes to mainland for civilians. Captain Newton also present.
b. Lieut Colonel Kessner returns from inspections at Sassari.

3. Tuesday, 12 September
a. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
55	Oristano Group (Remainder)	14	647	8
55	IV Battalion Cyclists	24	775	14
	Escort Material Direz. Genio, Naples		5	21
166	Escort Mobile Lofts		13	
50	Escort Material Cremona Div	1	36	200
	Military Congedanti or Trasferiti	2	72	
84	Casuals	28	135	
		69	1683	243

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4. Wednesday, 13 September 1944
a. Usual routine office duties.

5. Thursday, 14 September
a. Colonel Simmons conference with General Lama re organisation and disposition of 205 Division.
b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
55	Sassari Group	14	709	10
60	Various Cremona Div Units	20	237	18
60	739 CC.RR. Section Cremona Div	1	38	
		35	984	28

6. Friday, 15 September
a. Colonel Reamer inspects Gruppo Lavoratori at Oristano (Part of 402nd Pioneer Regt for Serial 65).
b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
60	1 Coy Complementi Cremona Div	9	300	
60	84 Field Hospital	7	42	
60	Various Cremona Units	1	66	26
60	Specialists 7th Regt Arty.	49	501	
		66	909	26

7. Saturday, 16 September
a. Major Fossett and 4 enlisted men (American) report for duty.
b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR
60	Part of 1st & 4th Groups 7th Arty Regiment	11	417
60	Various Cremona Units	12	171
84	Casuals	24	594
		47.	1182

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F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
17.9.44.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No. 19.

(a) Dissolution of 515 Regt H.Q. TERMOLI.
(b) Nil.
(c) Discussion with Sub Area re. reorganisation of guards owing to changes in administration and territory. 5 Coy/ 120 Regt to be moved from CAMPOBASSO to TERMOLI.
(d) Nil to report.
(e) Nil to report.
(f) Report submitted on deserter question and rfts.
Sbandati clothing store moved from ORTONA to OSIMO.
Railway transport arranged for Delegazione and units of 209 Div:
Report on accumulation of wine for CIL at ORTONA.
Wagons of wine sent weeks after CIL had left area.
Enquiries for LO.Distone on tabacco deliveries for 209 Div:
WD truck obtained from ACP.3. for 3 Bn Speciale.
Tyres obtained from DADMS, Sub Area, for Vice C/do.
Billeting at ORTONA for Transit Cmp and C/do Stazion
Passes, permits, and chits for POL.
Arrangements for evacuation of WD vehicles left by CIL. Enquiries for FSS on collection of arms.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and Ital: units in the area.

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J.A.Bourne/Capt

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(MMIA) L. O. SICILY
% ACC SICILY REGION Hq
APO 394

No.759 17 Sept 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 19 FOR WEEK ENDING 16 SEPT 44.

a Sunday 10 Sept Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 11 Sept. Conferred with Representative Military Hq Sicily and Manager Fiat Garage re Italians collecting certain auto parts at the Fiat Garage from M.S.E. Capt Craig and Lt Snider gave series of lectures to new EM on the new accounting system.

c Tuesday 12 Sept Capt Craig and Lt Snider departed by rail for Catania to inspect Bulk and D.D. (See Weekly S & T Report No.10).

d Wednesday 13 Sept. Office work and one half day off. Capt Craig and Lt Snider inspected 1st Bn 45 Inf Regt at Catania (See S&T Report No.10) and returned to Palermo by rail.

e Thursday 14 Sept Conferred with Asst Chief of Staff Military Hq of Sicily re the progress of reorganization of ITI Army in Sicily, general routine matters and which Bn of the Sabauda Div they would desire to move from Sicily when called upon (Request for this info came from Hq 56 Area). Conferred with ACC Region 1 re consolidating whse to conserve ITI guards. Capt Craig & Lt Snider gave instructions on new accounting system to the new enlisted men.

f Friday 15 Sept Inspected Palermo Clothing Whse (See Par G, S & T Report No.10). Conferred with an ITI officer regarding release of PsW. Conferred with Director Commissary Military Hq of Sicily, re progress in reorganization of depots clothing situation (See Par G, S & T Report No.10). Lt Snider gave written examination to EM on accounting.

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g Saturday 16 Sept Lay out inspection of EM's clothing and equipment. Gave written examination to EM on accounting and instructions on same. Conferred with ACC Region 1 re ITI guards. Capt Craig departed for Rome by motor.

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g Saturday 16 Sept Lay out inspection of EM's clothing and equipment. Gave written examination to EM on accounting and instructions on same. Conferred with ACC Region 1 re ITI guards. Capt Craig departed for Rome by motor.

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No.759

17 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 19
2. Weekly Location Report No. 14
3. Weekly S & T Report No. 10

TO : GOC Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 17 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.19, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b Weekly Location Report No.14, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report No.10, 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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Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.19 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.14 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.10.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log No. 1.

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17 Sep 44

Main HQ MMIA, (3)
R O M E .

Ref your G/21 of 9 Sep 44, herewith report called for.

(a) (b). There has lately been hy mov of Italian Units into and out of the area, the most important of which are the arrival of the CIL in the Piedimonte d'Alife area and the Cremona Div to Benevento - Altavilla. Strong rfts (principally for 2 and 3 District lab) have arrived from Sardinia.

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(e) NTR.

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(f). (i) I find it as hard as ever to make British units employing Italian units as well as the Italian units themselves, understand for what purpose MMIA exists. It is only by pers onal visits that this difficulty can be cleared up. This will take time in view of the extent of my parish.

(ii) Liaison with Comando Militare Calabria is proceeding satisfactorily by means, for the present, of TPMs. Later I shall pay them a visit with GSO I, 3 District.

(iii) 56 Area is in the process of handing over Sicily to 70 Grn . The latter is being up-graded to Sub Area status.

(iv) The hosp sit in Campania is at present bad. No suitable accn has so far been found for even 200 beds in any one place except two locns that have been offered both very inacessible and both under snow during the winter months, being the rds to them frequently blocked. I am at present tapping PBS and am in close touch with Col Ferri (Italian DDMS). This matter will be the subject of an early letter.

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Subject:-No.1 Liaison Log for period 31 AUG to 10 SEPT 44.

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Army Sub Commission,(ACC).,
MMIA.,L.O.,No.1 District.
17 Sept 44.
Ref:-L.O/0.6

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

Copy to:-H.Q.,1 District.
MMIA.,L.O., 8 Army.

Herewith my Liaison Log for the period 31 AUG to 10 SEPT 44.

2. Daily Log.

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FRIDAY, 1 SEPT. 44.

Contacts with Staff and Services 1 District made. Office set up and telephone installed, (extension No.87). GELARDI (MMIA.,AQMG., C.I.L.) discussed C.I.L. move with HOWARD and DA & QMG., 1 District.

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SUNDAY, 3 SEPT 44.

HOWARD to FOLIGNO.

MONDAY, 4 SEPT 44.

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HOWARD to H.Q., 209 Division, GELARDI to contact General PROPERZI and staff.

TUESDAY, 5 SEPT 44.

HOWARD to ANCONA with Lt.Col.SALIMARI, Chief of Staff to 209 Division to establish contacts between latter and 61 Area.

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPT 44.

HOWARD to FOLIGNO.

THURSDAY, 7 SEPT 44.

PROPERZI, SALIMARI and Liaison Officer arrived FOLIGNO to contact General HEYDEMAN and Staff.

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FRIDAY, 8 SEPT 44.

PHOPEMZI and staff return to CHIETI.

SATUEDAY, 9 SEPT 44.

HOWARD at FOLIGNO.

SUNDAY, 10 SEPT 44.

HOWARD at FOLIGNO.

3. Order of Battle.

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The position here is still far from satisfactory. Lt.Col.MORIARTY's visit to ROME of 12 Sept. to deal with this question and the establishment of a depot at IESI in accordance with your AQ/15/1 of 30 Aug 44 should ensure that the system of distribution is established for all Italian troops under command Eighth Army and 1 District. 4840

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7. Medical.

The Ospedale per Bambine at ANCONA has been placed at the disposal of 209 Division w.e.f. 15 Sept 44. Arrangements have been made to staff this hospital mainly from personnel of the old Territorial Military Hospital of ANCONA who are at present at OSIMO.

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7. Medical.(cont'd).

The fact that this personnel has not yet been screened is unfortunate but unavoidable since CERSA is not allowed by Eighth Army to function as far North as OSIMO. In the meantime, it is vitally important to get 200 beds going as soon as possible in ANCONA to deal with the 10,000 odd I.P.L. personnel in that area.

8. M.T.

The M.T. position of 209 Division is bad and is likely to remain so unless an allocation of M.T. along the lines of my request (see my signal LO/Q.10 of 6 Sept 44) can be made.

9. I.P.L. Companies.

The personnel of these Companies are said on all sides to be doing very valuable work especially in the ANCONA area.

10. Welfare.

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11. Conclusion.

The main problems to be dealt with are:-

(i) to establish a clothing and boots depot at IESI and ensure an even flow of replacements.

(ii) to establish a reserve of soap and cigarettes sufficient to cover commitments.

(iii) to provide 209 Division with sufficient M.T. to render it executive.

(iv) to establish telephone and later, if possible, signal communication between H.Q., 1 District, H.Q., 209 Division and HOME.

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(v) to initiate a welfare policy for which Italian officers would be mainly responsible.

(vi) to make certain that H.Q., 209 Division functions as an adm H.Q. for all Italian troops in 1 District. At the moment for various reasons, most of them, but not all, ascribable to its own unsatisfactory personnel, it is hardly functioning at all.

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12. Recommendations.

ORVIETO should cease to be a railhead for Italian Army supplies to Eighth Army and 1 District. IESI should become so instead.

13. Requirements.

(i) An additional L.C. (if available) for 1 District to cover the next six weeks and allow me to go on inspection tours of units.

(ii) A typewriter.

H.A.C. Howard
Lt.Col.,
MMIA., L.O., No.1 District.

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APPENDIX A.1.

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ORDER OF BATTLE – ITALIAN ARMY UNDER COMMAND

I DISTRICT, AS AT 30 Sept 44.

SERIAL No.	UNIT.	STRENGTH Offrs.	STRENGTH O.Rs.	TRANSPORT. Animals	TRANSPORT. VEHS. Br.	TRANSPORT. VEHS. It.	LOCATION.	UNDER COMMAND.	ALLIED EMPLOYING UNIT.
	HEADQUARTERS.								
1.	H.Q., 209 Division.	100					OSIMO.		
	ADMINISTRATION.								
2.	2009 Service pl.	1	59				FOLIGNO.		H.Q., 1 District.
3.	LABOUR.								
	401 Regt. H.Q.						ANCONA.		
	1 Bn. H.Q.						SANCISTANO MONES(?)		
	103 Coy.	5	217				ANCONA.		
	106 Coy.	5	215				ANCONA.		
	107 Coy.	5	217				ANCONA.		19 Gp. P.C.
	108 Coy.	?	?				ANCONA		
	109 Coy.	?	?				ANCONA.		
	110 Coy.	?	?				ANCONA.		
	2 Bn. H.Q.	?	?				FALCONARA AREA		
	111 Coy.	6	230				ANCONA AREA.		
	112 Coy.	5	214				" "		
	113 Coy.	5	212				" "		37 Gp. P.C.
	114 Coy.	5	213				" "		
	115 Coy.	5	214				" "		
	116 Coy.	5	214				" "		

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I DISTRICT, AS AT 10 Sept 44.

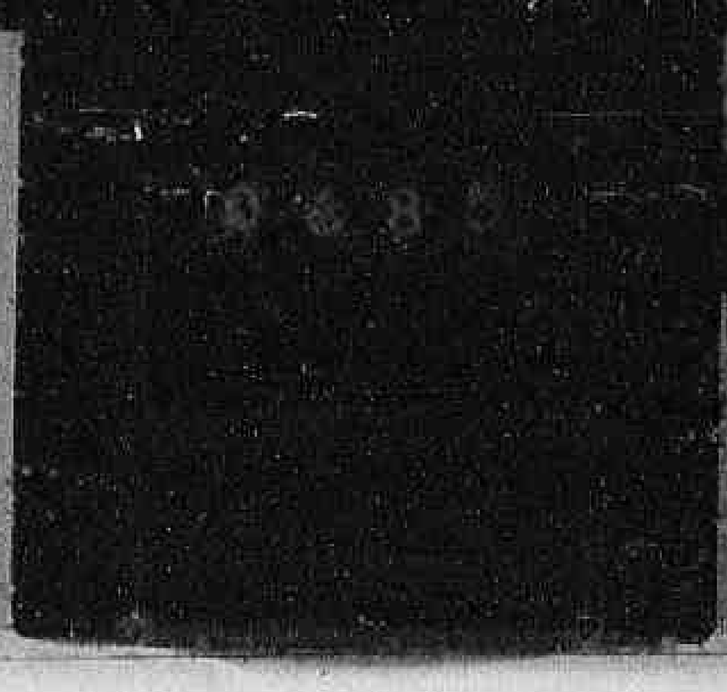
TH	TRANSPORT.		LOCATION.	UNDER COMMAND.	ALLIED EMPLOYING UNIT.	REMARKS.
O.Rs.	Animals	VEHS. Br.	VEHS. It.			
0			ORSINO.			
30			POLIGNO.		H.Q.1 District.	
			ANCONA.			
			ANCONA(?)			
7			ANCONA.			
215			ANCONA.			
217			ANCONA.		19 Gp. T.C.	
?			ANCONA			108 just arrived.
?			ANCONA.			109 just arrived.
?			ANCONA.			110 still to come.
?			PALOMBINA ALTA			
220			ANCONA AREA.			
214			"	"		
25			"	"	27 Gp.T.C.	
219			"	"		
24			"	"		
224			"	"		

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	MANOUA.(cont'd).								
4.	410 Regt. H.Q.	?	?				BALSORANA ALTA		
	1 Bn. H.Q.	?	?				ANCONA (FERRUCHIO)		
	213 Company.	6	206				ANCONA.		
	214 Company.	6	175				BALSORANA.		
	217 Company.	5	232				Mt. ICEX.		
	218 Company.	6	240				" "		
	2 Bn. H.Q.	?	?				ANCONA.		
	219 Coy.	5	251				"		37 Gp., P.C.
	220 Coy.	5	209				FALCONARA.		
	221 Coy.	5	229				Mt. MONTEMARCIANO.		
	222 Coy.	6	207				MONTEMARCIANO.		
	223 Coy.	5	202				"		
	224 Coy.	5	209				"		
5.	413 Regt. H.Q.	?	?				ANCONA.		
	1 Bn. H.Q.	?	?				"		
	249 Coy.	5	210				"		
	250 Coy.	5	201				"		
	251 Coy.	5	214				"		39 Gp., P.C.
	252 Coy.	6	215				"		
	253 Coy.	5	221				"		
	254 Coy.	5	185				"		
	2 Bn. H.Q.	?	?				"		



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Mmlk.,L.O.,No.I District.

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TH	TRANSPORT.		LOCATION.	UNDER COMMAND.	ALLIED EMPLOYING UNIT.	REMARKS.
O.Rs.	Animals	VEHS. Br.	VEHS. It.			
			PALOMBARA ALBA			
			ANCONA (PINOCHIO)			
			ANCONA.			
			PALOMBARA.			
			PT. ADRIANO.			
			" "			
			ANCONA.			
			" "			
			PALOMBARA.		87 Gp., P.C.	
			PT. ADRIANO.			
			PALOMBARIANO.			
			" "			
			" "			
			ANCONA.			
			" "			
			" "			
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5.	LANCIERI (cont'd).								
	850 Coy.	5	236				ARCONA.		
	852 Coy.	5	219				"		19 Gp., T.C.
	837 Coy.	4	202				PT. PALOMBARA.		
	838 Coy.	6	209				CASTEL VERDETTA.		
	839 Coy.	5	199				MONTEMARCIANO.		27 Gp., T.C.
	840 Coy.	5	215				PT. PALOMBARA.		
	BERSAGLIERI.								
6.	800 Fanfara.								
7.	805 Line Sec.	3	180				MONTE - PIANCARO.		14 L. of C. Sub
	807 " "	2	84				MONTE - FELICETO.		16 L. of C. Sub
		2	87				VITANO ?		14 L. of C. Sub
	INCORPORATI.								
9.	907 Inv. Art. Coy.								
10.	912 " " "			80			ANCONA.		20 CRE.
11.	914 " " "	?	L	?			"		
12.	917 " " "	?		?			S. SEVERO.		84 CRE.
							PALOMBINA.		20 CRE.
13.	H.Q., & T. Coy.						MANDRELLA.		
	28 Artiglieria Bn.			155					
							CIVITANOVA Area.		67 CRE.

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MMIA.,L.O.,No.I District.

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Offrs.	O.Rs.	Animals	VEHS. Br.	VEHS. It.					
	226				ANCONA.	19 Gp., F.C.	
	219				"		
	202				PT. PALOMBARA.		
	209				CASTEL FIDARDO.	57 Gp., F.C.	
	194				MONTEPRANDONE.		
	213				Nr. PALOMBARA.		
	180				MONS - PAGNANO.	14 L. of C. Sigs.	
	84				MONS - PULSANO.	16 L. of C. Sigs.	
	87				VIESANO ?	14 L. of C. Sigs.	
					ANCONA.	20 CIC.	
50					"		
?					S. STEFANO.	34 CIC.	
L ?					PALOMBARA. }	20 CIC.	
					MARITTIMA. }		
155					CIVITANOVA Area.	07 CIC.	40 at CIVITANOVA.

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	ENGINEERS.(cont'd).								
13A.	1000 CE Coy.2 Pls. (tipper).	?	?				AREZZO AREZZO.		91 Div. 20 Div.
14.	GUARD.								
	1 Coy. Alpino Bn.		150				IESI. MACERATA.		
	MISSIONS.								
15.	38 Officina Decanto.		50				MACERATA.		H.Q.1 District.
	MEDICAL.								
16.	247 Field Hospital.	?	?				OSIMO.		61 Area.
17.	521 Field Hospital.	?	?				CELLI.		61 Area.
18.	Territorial Mil.Hosp.	?	?				PERUGIA.		71 Sub Area.
19.	" " "	?	?				ANCONA.		61 Area.

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BATTLE - ITALIAN ARMY UNDER COMMAND

I DISTRICT, AS AT

RENGTH		TRANSPORT.		LOCATION.	UNDER COMMAND.	ALLIED EMPLOYING UNIT.	REMARKS.
rs.	O.Rs.	Animals	VEHS. Br.	VEHS. It.			
	7			ANCONA.)		91 Cmd.	40 S.SICILIO.
						20 Cmd.	
180				ANCONA.)			
	50			ANCONA.		H.Q.,I District.	12 Vehicles.
	???			OSIMO.		61 Area.	
				OSIMO.*		61 Area.	* Due to move OSIMO.
				PORTONA.		71 Sub Area.	
				ANCONA.		61 Area.	

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 534, U.S. Army

10 September 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 26. 3 September - 9 September

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

1. Sunday, 3 September

a. Colonel Simmons returns from MMIA H.Q., Rome
b. Lieut. Col. Kesaner inspects IV Battery Oristano Group which forms part of 400th Pioneer Regiment (Serial 55)
c. Major Martin and Lieut De Stefano leave for Oristano to inspect 1 Group 547 Artillery Regiment. (Serial 55)

2. Monday, 4 September

a. Major Hall from Abbasanta to report on progress
b. Major Martin confers with Major Hall on M.T. situation
c. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFF	EM	WEIGHT (TONS)
50 Cremona Division	Division Headquarters	22	148	5
	1st Bn. 21st Inf. Regt.	18	703	5
	90th Co. Demolition	3	94	1
	94th Section CC.RR.		14	
	H.Q. 21st Inf. Regt. and H.Q. Co.	14	210	5
	21st Mortar Co.	4	92	2
	2nd. Bn. 21st Inf. Regt.	24	607	2.5
	2nd Pl. Specialists		50	
	3rd Pl. Specialists		50	
	H.Q. 22nd Inf. Regt. and H.Q. Co.	19	177	5
	22nd Mortar Co.	3	113	1
	1st Bn. 22nd Inf. Regt.	22	568	5
	1st Pl. Specialists	1	50	
	4th Pl. Specialists	1	49	
	2nd Bn. 22nd Inf Regt	22	649	5
	113th M.G. Bn	20	256	5
	54th Sussistenza Section	2	22	1
	Cadre Artillery Instructors	1	25	

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SERIAL	UNIT	OFF	EM	WEIGHT (TONS)
50	H.Q. 321st Inf. Regt. and H.Q. Co.	15	217	5
Cremona	321st Mortar Co.	2	117	1.5
Division	2nd Bn. 321st Inf. Regt.	28	670	5
	54th Sezione di Sanita'	13	235	1
		234	5116	55.0

3. Tuesday, 5 September

a. Lieut. De Stefano had preliminary discussion with Direzione Commissariato, Cagliari.

4. Wednesday, 6 September

a. Lieut. De Stefano attended conference at Direzione Commissariato to discuss new accounting system.

b. Following Italian personnel departed for mainland.

SERIAL	UNIT	OFF	EM	WEIGHT (TONS)
50	1st Bn. 321st Regt.	22	690	5
50	44th Co. Telecradio	5	210	5
50	Instructors	1	36	
50	Headquarters		5	
	Horse and Mule Shoes CIL		2	1
	Pigeon escort (320)	1	8	
	Automobile Parts CIL		6	6.04
	Casuals	10	28	
		39	987	17.04

5. Thursday, 7 September

a. Lieut. De Stefano visits 7th Base at S. Bartolomeo.

6. Friday, 8 September

a. Colonel Simmons sees Gen. Brunetti to discuss strengths and disposition of units ultimately remaining in Sardinia. Capt. Newton also present.

7. Saturday, 9 September

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a. Lieut. Col. Kessner departs for inspections at Sassari.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
IO.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.I8.

(a) Move of rema-inder of 29 Coy Minatori from VASTO to SAN VITO. Move of Vice C/do, 209 Div:, from Vasto to CHIETI. Move of 447 Bers: Bn H.Q. to VASTO from SAN SALVO to act as C/do Presidio.

(b) Move of CIL rft units from CHIETI to ORTONA for CASERTA. Move of I64 Coy di Arresto from PESCARA.

(c) Discusion with ADMS, Area, and Delegazione A re. development of CHIETI military hospital. Request to HQ.MMIA. for CIL deposito sanitario to remain in CHIETI.
Discussion with Delegazione re. organisation at ORTONA railhead. Decided to transfer transit camp there from TERMOLI, and establish 54I Regt HQ as C/do Presidio.

(d) Nil to report.

(e) Nil to report.

(f) Arrangements with Area DADME for priority in repairs of Italian WD vehicles as position had become impossible.
Fist 62I obtained from I2I Rd Cons Coy for 209 Div:
Investigation re. unauthorised drawing of 9mm amn from Italian dump at TORINO di SANGRO.
Liaison in arrangements for clearing of this amn dump to I4 B.A.D.
Report submitted on CHIETI football incident.
Sbandati clothing store moved to ORTONA.
Passes, permits and chits for POL.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione and 209 Div: on guards, transport etc:

J.H. Bourne Capt.
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
(MMIA) L.O. SICILY
% ACC SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

No.733

10 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.18
2. Weekly Location Report No.13
3. Weekly S & T Report No.9

TO : GOC Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 9 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.18, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. — G

b Weekly Location Report No.13, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44. — 1691b.

c Weekly S & T Report No.9, in compliance with instructions in your S & T BRanch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 1944. — S T.

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. — S T.

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.18 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.13 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.9.

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Subject:- Weekly Liaison Report No 14.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ No 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: M.F. 87.
12 Sep 44.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.

From Sunday 3 SEP 44 to Saturday 9 SEP 44.

SUNDAY

General Office Routine.

MONDAY.

(a) Spoke to Capt Bourne at VASTO ref Italian Army Adv Med Stores and Fd Hosps in this area. Maj. Heggie has already been informed direct so no action required by me.
(b) Visited by O.C. Br Cadre 1007 G.T.Coy.
(c) 274 Works Sec RE draw tyres and tubes authorised by MMIA.
(d) Visited by Capt ROSSI O.C. 820 Sigs Coy.
(e) 9 Corps ask me to chase clothing indents for 904 Lav Art as it is moving shortly.
(f) Saw Provost HQ 2 Dist Ref 7 T.C. Bn.
(g) Saw DDL ref labour reorg.

TUESDAY

(a) Asked Mov Shipping what chances there are of moving 30 tons clothing for formation of depot at ANCONA-Am told it's easy.
(b) Commissariat 9 Corps see me ref ANCONA food depot- I call MMIA- told position NOT yet defined.
(c) Visited by O.C. 274 Works Sec RE.
(d) Saw Labour Branch ref 408 Regt employed by the Americans.
(e) 9 Corps asked if 372 Bn is to be used by DDL-told them YES.
(f) Request of clothing to 46 rfts for Ry Constr Bn under 5 Army. Tele Authy received from MMIA to issue.
(g) Naples ask for further details of meat transfer BARI-Naples and wagon Numbers of rations sent to VAIRANO.
(h) Major PINKLEY requests physical stock - take of tyres 750 x 20 9 M.T. Regt informed.
(i) Visited by O.C. 904 Lav.Art.Coy.

WEDNESDAY

(a) Visit 9 M.T. Regt with O.C. 1019 Tn W/S ref requisition of fuel pump and atomiser testing machine.
(b) Speak to Col. FELSANI ref Amb Pl.
(c) Speak to Col. NOAKES ref ANCONA Clothing Depot.

THURSAY

(a) Make enquires refwhere abouts of Capt TORTELLI. The rumour that he was in ROME was unfounded; he hs been in BARI all the time.
(b) DDL tells me 160 rfts required as replacements for congedanti in all Smoke Coys in the Dist, can we find them. Tell him impossible to find them locally, will have to bid for them.
(c) Offr from 2 Veh Gp visits me ref the replacement of a smashed-up trailer. Put him on the right track.
(d) 46 RSD make enquires about shipment of cigarettes discrepancy Commissariat give them satisfactory answer.
(e) Col. SHIPLEY requests physical stock take of all SD in LA ROCCA
(f) Lend a hand with requisition of new food ware-house.

FRIDAY

(a) [illegible]

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THURSAY

(a) Make enquires refwhere abouts of Capt TORTELLI. The rumour that he was in ROME was unfounded; he hs been in BARI all the time.
(b) DDL tells me I60 rfts required as replacements for congedanti in all Smoke Coys in the Dist, can we find them. Tell him impossible to find them locally, will have to bid for them.
(c) Offr from 2 Veh Gp visits me ref the replacement of a smashed-up trailer. Put him on the right track.
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FRIDAY

(a) Visit LA ROCCA ref issue to IPL Regts.
(b) Major SUYS tells me that offrs are being sent away from I PL Coys 9 Corps C of S says thet this cannot be helped as Ministry of War have given 9 Corps forceful instructions to demobilise I400 offrs. Major BUTTERWORTH informed who will take it up with Ministry of War.
(c) Col. SHIPLEY informs me that LA ROCCA will be inspected shortly so it had better be put straight.
(d) Visited by O.C. I200 Ind Amb Pl ref his status now that he is no longer with I002 G.T. Coy - promise to take it up with 9 Corps.

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SATURDAY (a) 67 Garrison rings ref Italian Liaison Staff.
(b) Ask Col.SHIPLEY if labour tps on night shifts can have overcoats.

C.F.Murcell Maj G.S

C.F.MURCELL Maj.G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ No. 2 District.

Previous week spent visiting HQ at ROME and NAPLES Office. No report made of that week.

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AMG SUB COMMISSION ACC
(AMGIA) H.Q. SICILY
& ACC SICILY REGION Hq.
APO 394

No.703

10 Sept 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.18 FOR WEEK ENDING 9 SEPT 44

a Sunday 3 Sept Routine office work and one half day off. On 2 Sept 308 Italian Line Section arrived at Messina (under cond Brit) approx 2 offrs and 65 EM.

b Monday 4 Sept Major Fossett and Capt Craig conferred with Military Hq of Sicily Director of Commissary. Lt Snider arrives by air from Rome. Col Albert, Maj Fossett and Lt Snider inspected Bulk Depot at Palermo. (See S & T Report No.9). Capt Craig contacted Lt Murtaugh, Commissary Officer U.S. Navy, to arrange handover of flour from U.S. Navy to Italian Army. This is the flour on Shipping Order NAPOLI QM -1-2765 dated 16 July for 400,000 lbs for the Italian Military. The following amounts of flour were turned over to the Italian Army this week and Acceptance Notes are being prepared and will be forwarded to AMGIA in due time:

DATE	FLOUR IN LBS.	SOURCE	PLACE
2 Sept 44	103,950	(Ship) Domenico Padre	Palermo
3 Sept 44	81,450	(Ship) Salvatore	Palermo
5 Sept 44	200,550	U.S. Navy	Palermo
TOTAL	401,950		

c Tuesday 5 Sept Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily re: reorganization Italian Army in Sicily, recommended that Sebauld Div subsistence staff be transferred to Military Hq Sicily Commissary (agreed by C/S), to speed up requisition of warehouses at Catania and Caltanisetta (C/S stated action had been taken) and movement 16 Engr Co (Sebauld Div) to under Comd SMRE at Piedmonte. Maj Fossett and Lt Snider inspected Distribution Depot at Palermo (See S & T Report No.9). Six EM (U.S.) arrived by air from Rome.

d Wednesday 6 Sept Maj Fossett departed by air for Rome. Capt Craig attends Analysis Commission at Palermo D.D. for condemning and destroying spoiled food. Lt Snider sick in quarters 6 & 7 Sept. One half day off.

e Thursday 7 Sept Conferred with Brig Walker, Cmdr 78 AA Brig re pay and allowances for 45 Italian AA Gp under his comd. [illegible]

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...airlift by Lt Kelly Director of Civil Affairs. It left...
...arrive by air from Rome. Col Albert, Maj Fossett and Lt Snider inspected Base Depot at Palermo. (See S & T Report No.1). Capt Craig contacted Lt Murtaugh, Commissary Officer U.S. Navy, to arrange handover of flour from U.S. Navy to Italian Army. This is the flour on Shipping Order NAPOUCA [illegible] -1-3785 dated 10 July for 405,000 lbs for the Italian Military. The following amounts of flour were turned over to the Italian Army this week and Acceptance Notes are being prepared and will be forwarded to MMIA in due time:

DATE	FLOUR IN LBS	SOURCE	PLACE
2 Sept 44	105,950	(Ship) Domenico Padre	Palermo
3 Sept 44	91,450	(Ship) Salvatore	Palermo
5 Sept 44	200,650	U.S. Navy	Palermo
TOTAL	401,050		

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e Thursday 7 Sept Conferred with Brig Reikes, Cmdr 7th AA Brig re pay and allowances for 145 Italian AA Gp under his comd. Arranged for conference with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily, on same. Also re reduction in strength of the 145 Italian AA Gp. Informed Brig Reikes that rations would be issued to the unit in accordance with Appendix "C" to MMIA ltr G/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 44 effective 1 Sept 44 unless otherwise authorized by MMIA. (See our No.690 dated 1 Sept 44 and Cable No.690/1 dated 7 Sept for details). Capt Craig commenced series of lectures on organization and function of MMIA and S&T to the personnel just arrived at this office.

f Friday 8 Sept. Conferred with Brig Reikes, C/S and Finance Officer, Military Hq of Sicily, re pay and allowances for 145 AA Gp. Agreed that Brig Reikes send ltr to Military Hq of Sicily through MMIA LO Sicily and instructions would be requested from Ministry of War re same. Capt Craig supervised handover of flour from U.S. Navy Depot to ITI Army and discharge of personnel

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f. (continued)

Salvatore with flour to the III Army. (See Par 1 b above).

g. Saturday 9 Sept. Capt Craig completed transfer of flour from U.S. Navy to III Army. Lt Snider studied file to obtain a background for IO work here.

LEROY P. ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
A C Sicily

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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Logs

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E
G/21
9 Sep 44

MMIA LO HQ 3 District

1. Please forward every Sunday to this HQ a brief report of your 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 the future

(f) items of general interest

should be reported.

3. Your reports must be in triplicate and numbered serially.

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

4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log Number 25. 27 Aug - 2 September.

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

1. Sunday, 27 August
   a. Colonel Simmons and Major Martin conference at Italian Headquarters re Guard Battalion personnel and alerting Cremona Division.
   b. Colonel Kessner inspects 1st Battalion 139th Infantry Regiment and part of 13th Machine Gun Battalion (Serials 215, 235).
   c. Major Egerton to duty from inspection of Cremona Div.

2. Monday, 26 August
   a. Major Martin inspects Cagliari Port Battalion.
   b. Major Hall from Abbasanta to report vehicle situation.
   c. Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects 3rd Group 47th Artillery Regiment (serial 235 on List 7 - Guard Battalion).
   d. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
215	4th Co 1st Bn 340th Inf Regt Bari	5	195	12
215	1st Bn 139th Inf Regt Bari Div	24	802	
	Escort & Friuli Div Material	1	5	15
	Casuals		25	
		30	1027	27
	Italian personnel on board en route from Taranto to Naples		140	

3. Tuesday, 29 August
   a. Lieut Colonel Rodzianko to Rome for new assignment.
   b. Major Martin continues inspection of Port Battalion.
   c. Brigadier General Foster and Lieut Colonel Allen from AFHQ arrive on short visit to Sardinia.
   d. Lieut Colonel returns from Sassari.

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4. Wednesday, 30 August

a. Colonel Simsons and Major Egerton conference at Comando Militare della Sardegna to discuss despatch of two lifts of 10,000 men each with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
110 A	Advanced parties Cremona Div	6	64	12
	Personnel for Cdo Mil Star Ancona	4	8	
	Casuals		350	
		10	422	12

(Also 190 Allied personnel)

5. Thursday, 31 August

a. Captain Egerton (British) reports for duty.

b. Colonel Simsons conference with Lieut Colonel Conino and Lieut Colonel Costantino re concentration of personnel at Cagliari for special lifts.

c. Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects part of 13th Machine Gun Battalion (Serial 235 on List 7 - Guard Battalions).

6. Friday, 1 September

a. Colonel Simsons DS to Hq MMIA, Rome.

b. Lieut Colonel Kessner inspects 2nd Group 547th Artillery Regiment (Serial 55 on List 7 - Units for Labor Duties).

c. Following Italian personnel depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
183	Instructors Cremona Division	5	115	
	Material and escort Friuli Div	2	73	30
	Italian Red Cross personnel	12	114	
	Civilian Laborers		135	
	Casuals	44	709	
		63	1137	30

7. Saturday, 2 September

a. Major Egerton leaves on posting to new assignment.

b. Following Italian troops depart for mainland:

SERIAL	UNIT	OFFICERS	EM/OR	WEIGHT (TONS)
110 A	Personnel from Cremona for courses	12	22	
305	400th Pioneer Regiment	16	820	10
185	Italian Air Force personnel		150	
	Escort and material Friuli Div	2	23	23
		30	1015	33

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F. L. SIMSONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

SUBJECT:- Liaison Log - 21 Aug 44 - 3 Sep 44. SECRET

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

5 Sep 44

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

1. Owing to the move of HQ EIGHTH ARMY and my visit to ROME the present log covers the whole of the past fortnight.

2. Movements of Units.

(a) Labour.

Position is as shown on HQ A&I Location Statement 34, ref LAB/1/55 of 24 Aug 44, with the following amendments:-

208, 207, 208, 209 & 212 I P L Coys from 64 to 39 Pioneer Gp in 10 Corps area.
211 I P L Coy from 39 to 64 Pioneer Gp at SENIGALLIA.
163 & 164 I P L Coys from u/c 1 District at ASSISI to 61 Pnr. Gp. in 5 Corps area.
237 to 242 I P L Coys incl. from ASSISI to 64 Pnr. Gp in 5 Corps area.
111 to 116 I P L Coys incl. from 19 to 87 Pnr. Gp. in CHIARAVALLE area.
105 to 110 I P L Coys incl. from MINERVINO to 19 Pnr. Gp. at ANCONA, u/c 1 District.

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(b) Engineers, Guards and others.

Reshuffle as between EIGHTH ARMY and 1 District not yet complete and final position still obscure.

3. Transit Camp, CIVITA CASTELLANA.

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3. Transit Camp, CIVITA CASTELLANA.

I visited the camp twice during my time in ROME. Since returning I have made it clear to "Q", EIGHTH ARMY that the breakdown is directly attributable to the removal of the Army Railhead, D I D, P S P, signal and DR facilities, and transport originally available through 3 Beach Gp and that as the Camp is left thus marooned in the wilderness there is no question of "gearing it to meet its commitments".
Army have agreed to lift the camp, when cleared, to JESI, and to keep it within a reasonable distance of railhead in future.

4. Soap.

I tackled Gen. Tomasselli on the War Ministry's claim to hold his receipts for the full July and August allotment and find that this claim suppresses a great deal of the truth,

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4. Soap (Continued).

in as much as the long overdue deficiency was collected in NAPLES just two days before the Ministry's representative called on you, and that only because a lorry was diverted from its intended purpose of collecting clothing, unknown to Gen. TOMASELLI or myself at the time. The War Ministry's implied suggestion that Gen. TOMASELLI's complaints were unfounded is, therefore quite false.

5. Visits.

To:- 1 District, ADL 71 Sub Area, 39 & 87 Fmr. Gp. HQs re Labour Reorganisation and clothing.

To:- 86 Area and 3 Beach Gp. re accommodation for HQ 228 Div. Clothing Depot and Transit Camp at JESI.

To:- Gen. Tomaselli (228 Div.) and Gen. Properzi (209 Div.) re future mail arrangements.

Normal routine contacts with branches of main & Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

6. Clothing.

The necessity of sending down to NAPLES to collect releases has thrown a heavy additional burden on Gen. Tomaselli's already over strained transport resources and has consequently delayed the distribution of urgently needed first issues and replacements.

As I reported verbally, the task of collecting the large quantity of winter clothing due for release on, I believe, 1 October will be quite beyond his powers. I submit that, as a matter of principle, this clothing should be delivered to Gen. Tomaselli at the port of ANCONA or at a rail station in that area. If this principle is accepted, detailed procedure can be worked out by the time 228 Div. HQ is over this side to receive it.

7. Cigarettes.

The cessation, I hope only temporary, of a cigarette issue as a result of the introduction of the new ration scale is causing discontent. EIGHTH ARMY'S offer to distribute through D I Ds the bulk supplies handed over by the War Ministry in the rear was reported in my letter of

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re Labour Reorganisation and clothing.

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As I reported verbally, the task of collecting the large quantity of winter clothing due for release on, I believe, 1 October will be quite beyond his powers. I submit that, as a matter of principle, this clothing should be delivered to Gen. Tomaselli at the port of ANCONA or at a rail station in that area. If this principle is accepted, detailed procedure can be worked out by the time 28 Bde. HQ is over this side to receive it.

7. Cigarettes.

The cessation, I hope only temporary, of a cigarette issue as a result of the introduction of the new ration scale is causing discontent. EIGHTH ARMY'S offer to distribute through D I Ds the bulk supplies handed over by the War Ministry in the rear was reported in my letter of 30 Aug 44.

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AMGIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

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To Army Sub Commission.
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MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
3.9.44.

Subject:- Weekly Liaison Log. No.17.

(a) Move of pars of 29 Minatori Coy from VASTO to S.VITO.
(b) Nil.
(c) Discussion with DADL for substitution of Italian units in Area south of VASTO by civilians.
(d) Nil.
(e) Nil to report.
(f) At request of Area Comdr, I arranged to move to ORTONA for purpose of supervising moves of CIL units from railhead. Since cancelled with changed plans.
Hospital enquiries for DADMS.
Carriage of arms incident at CHIETI. Report submitted.
Officer of 5 coy/120 Regt reported for sending men on leave in Army area without permission.
Liaison arrangements for move of TORINO DI SANGRO amn depot to 14 B.A.D.
Liaison between Allied and Italian DIDs re. purchase of wine and fruit, from local resources.
Transport arrangements for move of clothing store for 209 Div from TERMOLI to OSIMO.
Passes, permits and POL.
General liaison with Sub Area, Delegazione 'A', and 209 Div re. carriage of arms, identity documents, vehicle signs and transport.

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Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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1/WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.17 FOR WEEK ENDING 2 SEPT 1944

a Sunday 27 Aug Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 28 Aug Major Fossett attended school that has been set up for the training of Italian Supply Officers in the new supply instructions. Capt Craig conferred with representative ACC Region I re the turn over of vehicles to Italian Army.

c Tuesday 29 Aug Conferred with Chief of Staff, Military Hq of Sicily, regarding matters in general effecting the Italian Army in Sicily. Major Fossett attended same school as stated on Monday above. Capt Craig contacted 73 AA Bde re pick up clothing at Italian Bari warehouse for 145 AA Gp A revised list of reports required from Military Hq of Sicily was prepared.

d Wednesday 30 Aug Major Fossett flew to Catania & inspected P.D. (See S & T Report No.5) One half day off.

e Thursday 31 Aug Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily, re compliance with MMIA G/5/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. This communication was not received at this office until 30 Aug. Military Hq of Sicily had had no instructions to date from Ministry of War concerning the reorganizing of the Italian Army in Sicily. Ref your SD 1075 dated 2 Sept in reply to our 682/1 dated 1 Sept you evidently misunderstood date extended in Par 12 of your G/5/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. The date referred to was 25 Aug where it states "Not later than 25 Aug & 15 Sept units carried under categories (1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) etc". This date could not be complied with because the communication with the instructions were received on 30 Aug. No dates governing the effective date 31 Aug for drawing rations was changed. Military Hq of Sicily was advised that effective 1 Sept the number of rations drawn by the Italian Army in Sicily will be in accordance with Appendix "C" to MMIA letter G/5/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944, unless otherwise authorized by MMIA. Capt Craig inspected 2nd Bn 46 Inf Regt (See S & T Report No.6 enclosed)

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f Friday 1 Sept Conferred with Signal Section ACC Region 1 re rations for 306 Italian Line Soc (2 offrs & 85 ORs) arriving at Sicily soonest. Advised them this office had no authority to issue rations to them but I would cable MMIA for instructions.

g Saturday 2 Sept Major Fossett had conference with Director of Commissary re new reorganization of Commissariato Sussistenza in Sicily.

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Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.17
2. Weekly Location Report No.12
3. Weekly S & T Report No.8

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 2 September 1944.

a Weekly Liaison Log No.17, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. — G.

b Weekly Location Report No.12, in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location reports, dated 9 June '44. — X691Co

c Weekly S & T Report No.8, 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.

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Encls: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.17 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.12 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.8

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