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No. 1480

4 March 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 43 FOR WEEK ENDING 3 MARCH 45.

- a. Sunday 25 February Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 26 February Talked by phone with Captain Pocklington, O.C. 22nd. Salvage Depot, British, at Catania, in regards to Salvage items made available to Italian Military. Motor Transport Headquarters is slow in accepting or refusing salvage offered them and Capt. Pocklington desires to dispose of all his salvage as soon as possible. Motor Transport Hq. is also accepting some type of salvage that is considered unusable in its present form viz. scrap rubber, scrap canvas etc. Capt Pocklington has received reports that some of this type salvage is being offered for sale to Civilians by the Military. Capt. Pocklington states that if the Military do not need the salvage for its own use then he prefers to sell it to Civilians direct. Therefore I have directed a letter to the Commanding General of Territorial Headquarters requesting that because an investigation of the matter and also that in the future requests be confined to useable items.

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d. Wednesday 28 February Lt. Snider departed by rail for Catania and inspected the Bulk and Distribution Depots. (See S & T Report No. 34)

Office Routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 1 March. Visited the Engineer Warehouse and inspected the items made ready for shipment to the mainland for the Replacement and Training Command. All the items were Italian except five largynophones which were German. There is now no captured enemy material at this depot. My signal 1445/2 dated today refers.

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MMIA L.O. Sicily Weekly Ln. Log No.43 (Continued)

Lt. Snider inspected the 45th I.S. Regt. at Catania in the morning, returned to Palermo this afternoon.

I visited the Palermo Food Distribution Depot and found it neat and orderly even though issues of rations were being made. Sicily Depots now have a large and adequate stock of foodstuffs, in fact, I have requested Major Nelson by phone to discontinue shipment of flour, rice and cheese for a while and he has done this.

I also inspected the S. Antonino bakery. I found it dirty, disorderly, full of smoke and so dark that the bakers could hardly see to work. The officer in charge blamed its condition on the smoke from the furnace, but that could not have caused all the filth and objectionable condition in which I found it. There are two shifts working and I left orders that the bakery would be thoroughly cleaned and policed before each shift goes to work. I reported my findings immediately to the Chief of Staff, and he and General BERARDI immediately made a personal visit to the bakery and confirmed my findings and report. The General also ordered an immediate cleaning up of the place and threatened to replace all officers connected with the bakery, if it was not kept clean and orderly.

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f. Friday 2 March Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 51st Field Security Section regarding internal security and Italian Army. Also discussed the case of Giuseppe Rizzardi a former Army Chaplain who is being held in prison for Fascist activities. This man is believed to be a mental case, therefore the Church is offering to take him over and take care of him. Capt. Oliver agrees with the proposal and is taking the matter up with Headquarters, 3 District.

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No. 1454

25 February 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 42 FOR WEEK ENDING 24 FEBRUARY 45.

a. Sunday 18 February. Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 19 February Conferred with Lt. Col. Marcellino O.C. Operations Military Hq. reference to Call-up report forms and statistics. Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff. Met and discussed with General BERARDI various matters concerning our offices. The Call-up III phase was the main topic of conversation and the General has some well formulated plans of action which should conduct it to a successful conclusion. We also discussed the use of the Montegrano Battalion. The General desires to clothe and equip these troops now from present stocks, to be replaced later by the CC.RR. This action he states is in order to have the troops ready to take to the field by the beginning of the Call-up, which I informed him had been postponed to 15 - 31 March. I informed the General that orders for this would have to come from Hq. MMIA, but that in the meantime the Bns' demands for clothing and equipment was nominal and that shortages should not prevent them from undertaking any assignment he desired to give them.

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Lt. Snider and I attended a dinner at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Patti this evening. Colonel Vicino Pallaviano Executive Officer to Gen. Berardi was also present.

c. Tuesday 20 February Visited the Palermo cigarette factory and made arrangements to withdraw sixty (60) quintals of cigarettes for the Italian Military, for the months of February and March.

Conferred with Col. Le Vecchio, Director of Commissary concerning issue of food and clothing. The matter of Commissary in his department was also discussed. The colonel had made a tour of his depots and was not satisfied with the efficiency of a few of his officers. The Colonel and I visited the Military Bakery. We found it neat, clean and orderly. The quality of bread being produced is much better than ever before. A very competent officer is in charge of the bakery and he is running it very efficiently.

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Talked with Lt. Col. Shipley concerning issue of clothing and equipment to Montegrano Battalion. Also discussed issue of Barrack Stores for a Military Prison opening at Catania.

Office routine.

d. Wednesday 21 February Office routine. Half day off.

e. Thursday 22 February Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 51st Field Security Section regarding internal security and Italian Army. Also discussed G-2 matters, with Lt. Commander Murphy of U.S. Naval Operating Base.

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f. Friday 23 February Lt. Snider traveled to Caltanissetta by rail and inspected the Food Distribution Depot and 16th I.S. Regiment. (See S & T Report No.35)

Conferred with Colonel Zambarino, Director of Automobilistica regarding Motor transportation and reports, particularly motor transport and POL for forth coming Call-up operations. Also discussed submission of requests and collection of material from the British 22nd Salvage Depot Catania. Conferred with Lt. Col. Marcellino regarding statistics and report forms on Call-up operations.

Office routine.

g. Saturday 24 February. Office routine.

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No. 1424

18 February 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 41 FOR WEEK ENDING 17 FEBRUARY 45.

- a. Sunday 11 February. Office routine. One half day off.
- b. Monday 12 February. Office routine.

c. Tuesday 13 February. Conferred with Lt. Colonel Patti concerning leave of troops to visit Sardinia. Also discussed the arming of guards on Military installations. Recently Military Hq. has been requesting authority to arm practically all guards on Italian barracks and offices. In most of these cases an armed guard is not deemed necessary. The O.C. troops Palermo has been disapproving such requests. Military Hq. desires to give ammunition to all guards, therefore I explained the orders of AAI and MMIA on the subject to the Colonel. These orders have been given to Military Hq., but before Lt. Col. Patti's tenure of office, therefore he was not acquainted with them.

Colonel Le Vecchio and the officers of the Commissariato gave a dinner at Commissary Hq. at 1900 hours celebrating the last day of Carnevale. Lt. Snider and I attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

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Office routine.

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e. Thursday 15 February. Office routine.

Discussed internal security, rumors, Italian Army with Captain Oliver, OC 51st Field Security Service.

Lt. Snider inspected Food Distribution Depot and Bakery at Reggio. (See S & T Report No. 32) Lt. Snider also inspected Reggio Call-up Camp.

f. Friday 16 February. Inspected two railway cars which arrived in the yards from Taranto today. No signs of pilfering was evident. Inspected Palermo Distribution Depot and found it clean orderly. Inspected Clothing depot. A recent shipment from Bari, of meat cans and shelter quarters contained a good amount of salvage. Some meat cans had not handles and lids, others were full of holes. Quite a number of shelter quarters were of German origin

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and do not match the Italian ones, others were badly torn and full of holes. An exact figure was not available as yet on these items.

Lt. Snider inspected 46th I.S. Regt. at Messina. (See S&T Report No.32) Lt. Snider returned to Palermo.

g. Saturday 17 February. General Berardi arrived in Palermo and assumed command of Territorial Headquarters.

Conferred with Colonel Le Vecchio concerning preparation of 'P' forms. Arrangements were made to place one of my men in the clothing depot to control issues. Issues are being made to units that do not have an approved authorization, to the detriment of units that do have an authorization. We also discussed what disposition is to be made of troop escorts on the daily train. It was explained to the Colonel that the foodstuffs are Italian Military property when it is loaded onto the train. Therefore action against the escorts for shortages in the shipment is primarily an Italian responsibility. Colonel Le Vecchio stated that each case would be thoroughly investigated and proper action instigated against the escort where the shortage was found to be the fault of such escort.

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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 Pantalleria. 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 1330 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 Commissariato 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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Brigadier Carr gave a dinner for General Mariotti at the Hotel Excelsior this evening at 2000 hours. Present were General Ronco, Mr. Aldisio the High Commissioner, and officers of A.C. Sicilian Region Hq. Lt. Snider and myself attended. After dinner, the guests played Bridge and Poker.

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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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 ITI repatriated prisoners of war in Taormina, about 80 in number, were causing trouble 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.

In this same connection, I wonder if it is not possible to withdraw the American uniforms from such people. The only way these men can be distinguished, at a glance, from American soldiers, is a small metal boot worn on the left sleeve and quite often this distinguishing mark is not present. Recently an ex P.W. was found drunk in the gutter on a street in Palermo, He was not wearing the boot and from all appearances he looked like an American soldier. The N.O.B. Shore Patrol gave him aid and was attacked in return. It was learned that this man was also mentally unbalanced.

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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)

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No. 1354

4 February 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 39 FOR WEEK ENDING 3 FEB. 45.

a. Sunday 28 January Office routine. The 1st Bn., 46th I.S. Regt. moved from Messina to Ragusa replacing the 1st Bn., 139th 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 pairs 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. The 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. 3214

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. Antonio 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 who was in Reggio. Office routine.

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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.

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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 CRR and the Adjutant Palermo Legion CRR, regarding status of motor vehicles and motor vehicle repair facilities in Sicily.

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E. Thursday 1 February. (continued)

Conferred with Captain Calvanese 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 22 I.S. Regt. at Trapani.
(See S&T Report No. 50)

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.

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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 about 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.

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Lt. Colonel Parnescero, Executive Officer of the Finance Guards, called at the office in reference to obtaining a supply of coal. I directed the Colonel 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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d. Wednesday 24 January. Lieut Col. Howard arrived in Palermo.

The second battalion, 46th. Regiment, Salsola 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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Lt. Col. Howard and I conferred on the Call-up. A copy of his report, about which we discussed for the most part, has been furnished M.M.I.A., so I will not go into it here.

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f. Friday 26 January. The Director of the Automobilistica, had written me that a Mr. Basile of Palermo was holding illegally, 200 ton of Motor Transport parts and that the Military Command had frozen them. I visited the establishment of Mr. Basile and was unable to find any M/T parts that could be considered usable even by the greatest amount of imagination. Everything I viewed was mostly junk, consisting of gasoline drums full of bullet and shrapnel holes, former air plane motors, destroyed cannon barrels, motor cycle frames, etc. Mr. Basile operates a foundry where he makes horse shoes, anchors and the like. The junk I saw would have to be melted to be of any benefit and that is what is being done with it. Furthermore Mr. Basile has numerous receipts to show that the junk he has was purchased from I.B.S., early in 1944.

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ITALIA 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.

Lieut. Snider inspected the 139th. I.S. Regiment at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 29)

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No. 1292

21 January 1945

1. WEEKLY LIASON 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.

Colonel Zambardino called at office and discussed vehicle census. Colonel Zambardino is of the opinion that a number of Italian Motor vehicles are operating on the Island bearing Allied Commission signs without authority. A.C. Region #1 has been asked permission, by P.T.Hq., to halt all vehicles bearing such cards to ascertain if the Card is bona fide.

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

Conferred with Mr. Galatoli and Mr. Catolfi, Mgr. of C.I.P. The grease and oil allotted 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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c. (continued)

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.

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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 Montegranero 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. 208

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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. Verduci the officer in charge, that these deficiencies would be corrected immediately. Called on the Director of Commissary to register my complaint 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. Grassi, 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 23rd January.

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MEMO TO MAJ. LONG, H. E., MMIA LC SICILY *R271*

We are much impressed by your weekly Log No. 1263 of 14 Jan. Not only have you and your section done your work well during the week under review but you have taken obvious trouble to put it on paper and so keep us informed of what is going on.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
G. S.

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No. 1263

14 January 1945.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 36 FOR WEEK ENDING 15 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 CCR arrested 20 persons in the streets after Curlew 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 8th 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:

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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 CORR employed by them on guard duty, to General Mariotti, to be used during Call-up. The CORR 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.

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Conferred with Col Zambardino Director of Automobiles. 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 Zambardino agreed to detail one officer of his staff to straighten out the discrepancies. Office Routine.

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No. 1227

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

- a. Sunday 31 December. Office routine. Half day off. *Jan 1 off.*
- b. Monday 1 January. Office routine. The Montegranero Alpini Bn. was taken under jurisdiction of Palermo Territorial Hq. from the CC.RR. I have had no correspondence on this move, but General Mariotti has asked the War Ministry to approve his action. The 705 Coy., Montegranero 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. Snider inspected the clothing and equipment of a company of the Montegranero Alpini Bn. which arrived in Palermo from Messina.

Conferred with Lt.Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of 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 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 booty prize with a grand total of three call-ups accepted. Ragusa may cause trouble and General Mariotti has moved the 1st Bn., 139 I.S. Regt. from Palermo to Ragusa. The 555 Spec. Guard Coy (Strength 153) arrived from Jesi to Palermo.

d. Wednesday 3 January. Traveled by train to Catania. Conferred with Captain Mooney, G-5, 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 22nd. 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 trans-action smells, that is, as to what happened to the salvage after it left his depot and I intend to trace it down.

At 5:30 I returned to 204 Sub Area Headquarters and conferred with Colonel Goodwin. Colonel Goodwin had that afternoon visited the Remount Depot. He said there are many fine jacks there, but he would like to see the whole outfit moved off the island because of the great quantity of forage they consume. He was very critical of the manner in which the Civil authorities handled the January riots. He said there was no organization and authority over the troops therefore the troops did nothing. I later viewed two public buildings that had been attacked and the damage was quite extensive. I was informed by Colonel Goodwin that the damage to the buildings was nothing compared to the destruction of public records, automobiles and other property. Colonel Goodwin has been very generous toward the Italian Military in and around Catania especially in respect to the loan of motor vehicles and furnishing them with POL. The Italian Military has established a rest camp in a hotel at Taormina for convalescent repatriates. Colonel Goodwin informed me that the Italians had requisitioned five hotels there and as the British are using the town as a rest camp for the Navy, Air Force and Army he felt that Italian Military and British Military should not be mixed in such a small town. He asked my assistance in getting Headquarters to de-requisition one or two of the hotels as he needed them for his own troops. He stated he had sent a letter to General Mariotti on the matter. The Colonel contends that in the past he had not received the co-operation he should have from the LO at Palermo and cited one instance in which he had written a letter to General Mariotti and nothing was done about it by the L.O. I then asked the Colonel if the letter had gone through the L.O. He said no that he had sent the letter direct. I then explained to him the necessity for sending all such correspondence through our office in Palermo. He stated that on operational matters he did not have to do that. I then

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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 Cessaretti, 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.

I visited the 2nd Battalion of the 45th I.S. Regt., talked with Lt. Col. Pistoli and made a tour of his Battalion area. The noon meal was being served and consisted of rice and beans. Food was being placed in marmite cans for transportation to troops out on guard duties. The food was hot and troops said it was good. The clothing and equipment of the troops was spot checked. The command has indented for clothing and boot replacements and I find that they need all they can get. Although the Battalion as a whole was not too badly dressed a large percentage of boots and clothing are needed for replacement. Also observed a review of a company of the Montenegro Alpini Battalion. These soldiers make a good appearance and seem to have a very high esprit de corps. Returned to Palermo by train.

f. Friday 5 January. Lt. Snider inspected the Palermo Distribution Depot and the 5th I.S. Regiment at Palermo (see S&T Report No.26). Routine office work.

g. Saturday 6 January. Major Manuel, A.C. Security Officer, phoned me regarding disturbances in Cosmo, Ragusa province. In contemplation of uprisings one hundred troops were transferred from Messina to Siracusa, one hundred troops transferred from Caltagirone to Ragusa, fifty troops from Catania to Siracusa and one hundred CC.FK were transferred from Palermo to Ragusa. Conferred with Brig. Carr in regards to reported disturbances over the Island and matters of general interest between his office and mine. Routine office work.

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31 December 1944

No 1201

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 Commissariato 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.O.B. 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.

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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 Montegranero 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 there tomorrow for purpose of inspection.

g. Saturday 30 December. Lt Col Howard departed this morning for Reggio. Conferred with Capt Raggisoni, Military Headquarters of Sicily regarding call-up reports and Military Tribunals which are conducting trials of call-up who failed to report. Districts are still reporting recruits. In some districts reports are better now than while the call-up was actually in progress. General Mariotti believes this to be due to the fact that they are waiting for Christmas to pass. This may be partly true, but on December 28, thirteen were arrested in Palermo, eight in Caltanissetta, six in Messina, thirty three in Enna and fifty two were

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No 1187

24 December 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 33 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 warrant 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 attacks. 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. Lieutenant 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. 53 (Continued)

f. 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 O.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.

g. 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.

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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 Hqs 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 Hqs 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 Hqs 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.

Routine Office work.

d. Wednesday 13 December. Routine office work. Received a visit from Capt Carlato, Italian Air Force. Discussed their ration ceiling. Capt Carlato 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 Claugh (A) was also present. I had become acquainted with Colonel Claugh 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 seived 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.

Lietenant 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.

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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 1130 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.H.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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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).

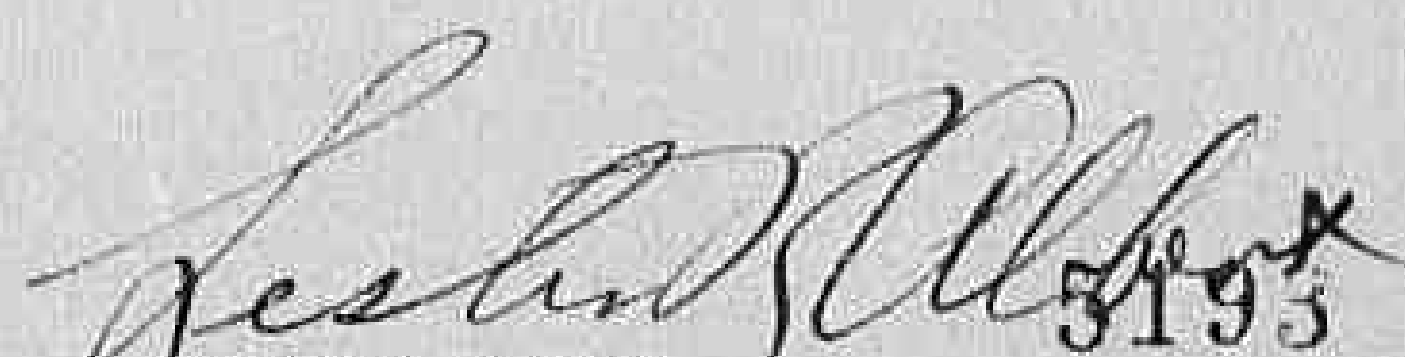
c. Tuesday 28 November. Conferred with Director of Commissary Military Hq Sicily re clothing, salvage and collecting clothing at Naples that was recently authorized. Also re shortage of olive oil. There is no old stock olive oil in Sicily. Lt Snider went to Catania by rail and inspected Bulk and D.D.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

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


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No. 1047

26 November 1944.

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

a Sunday 19 Nov. Conferred with representative ITI Navy re rations for ITI ship DUCA DELGI ABBRUZZI (See our No. 1025/1 dated 19 Nov.) Accompanied a U.S. Navy Admiral and Ex. Officer, W.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.

b Monday 20 Nov. Conference with Gen. CASTELLANO, Comdr. AOSTA Div. re matters in general concerning his division.

c Tuesday 21 Nov. Motored from Palermo to Catania via Messina and contacted enroute CCR Regt, Hq. Sabauda Div., 46 Inf Regt. and Military Hosp all at Messina.

(1) The CCR are well satisfied with rations and were advised to contact M.H.S. to obtain their disinfectants. The C.O. stated they need boots, only have one pair per man - advised him to contact their own higher Hqs. He also stated small bands of outlaws had arms and ammunition and were operating in the eastern part of the Island and the CCR were gradually reducing them.

(2) Gen. RANCA, C.G. Sabauda Div., was away, contacted the Ex. Officer, Col. Lay. He stated they were receiving their rations and disinfectants. They were having a bomb building repaired for a Hq as they recently moved from Enna. He asked about oil and grease for gun cleaning and was advised to contact Director of Commissary, M.H.S., as a quantity was recently obtained. He mentioned lack of boot repair material and was advised to have his regiments to arrange with D/C, MHS, to have an exchange of repairable boots for repaired boots and secure available shoe repair material for the units to repair their own boots.

(3) Lt. Col. Alfieri who recently came to the 46 Inf Regt. has made marked improvement with the regiment. Rations disinfectants coming all right, but the men didn't like them - carrots - told him there was no remedy. The regiment had recently received some clothing that was authorized. Nearly all the men have 2 pair boots, repair material lacking. He stated he could keep his men booting if he could get the material. Men have two light blankets per man.

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(4) Lt. Col. Dinantle, 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 888 dated 25 Nov). All the discrepancies of this inspection trip will be brought to the attention of M.H.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 reparable 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. 70 Sub Area re: (a) IIT soldiers taking over police duties from CCRR - recommended that the soldiers do guard duty instead, to relieve the CCRR. (b) Rifles for IIT C.M.P. (former IIT Ps W doing MP duty for Brit) and CCRR from Italian stock. (c) Abolishing smoke pot detail at Palermo.

Lt. Snider inspected DD & Mil. Bkry. at Palermo. (See S&I Report No.20)

e Thursday 23 Nov. Returned to Palermo by motor.

Lt. Snider contacted D/C re Engr. repairing building for new DD at Palermo.

f Friday 24 Nov. Conferred with Dep C/S MHS. re status Vet and Remount unit at Catania. (See our 965 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.

g Saturday 25 Nov. Routine Office work.

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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.

c Tuesday 14 Nov. Conferred with Director of Commissary, M.H.S., re movement of Palermo D.D. Gave instructions for no movement of flour and sugar be made until adjoining rooms are cleared of rubbish, as it would be a nesting place for rats. Lt. Snider inspected Reggio D.D., Bakery and Pasta Factories. (See S & T Report No. 19)

d Wednesday 15 Nov. Conferred with D/C, M.H.S., re retention of fats from spoiled food for soap making. Advised it would be kept but no credit would be given the Italian Government for same and that the spoiled food must not be allowed to accumulate at the Depot. The D/C stated it would be treated with lime and shipped in vats to Palermo soap factory. Conferred with Col. Snook, G 2 (I) AC Region 1, re intelligence matters. (See our No. 1021 dated 20 Nov. - Intelligence Report). Lt. Snider inspected 46 I.S. Regt at Messina and returned to Palermo. (See S & T Report No. 19)

e Thursday 16 Nov. Made a check on Salvage and Repair facilities at Palermo. (See our No. 1017 dated 17 Nov.). Conferred with Chief of Staff, M.H.S., on general matters.

f Friday 17 Nov. Routine office work.

g Saturday 18 Nov. Conferred with Ex. Off., N.O.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 ~~camp~~ 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.

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h Saturday 18 Nov. Conferred with D/C, M.H.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 advise them that I would not authorize more than two blankets, either type, per man until approval from MAMIA 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.

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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.H.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.H.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 recurrence of the above, instructed the D/C to get from Opns, M.H.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.H.S., to send same info to D/C.

(2) Re dye for faded B.D. (See our No. 984 of 6 Nov)

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Lt. Snider inspected D.D. & Bakery at Caltanissetta,

also 16 I.S. Regt. (See S&T Report No. 18)

c Tuesday 7 Nov. Conference Gen Browning and Gen Mariotti re (1) Reorganization progress (2) Specialist (3) Return of 20th from Calabrie and other matters. Accompanied Gen Browning at lunch with Gen Mariotti. One half day off.

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e Thursday 9 Nov. Conferred with Ex Off., 6 Brig. CCRK 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)

f Friday 10 Nov. Inspected M.H.S. Hospital at Palermo. Found it to be a fairly efficient organization. The pharmacy, waras and kitchen were clean and orderly. They need glass for some windows in the waras. 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.H.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.

G Saturday 11 Nov. Routine office work.

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No. 957

5 November 1944

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

a Sunday 20 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 ITI 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.H.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.

c Tuesday 31 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected Catania Bulk and D.D. and 45 I.S. Regt. at Catania. (See S&F Report No. 17) 68 ITI personnel arrived by motor from Sardinia via Naples, for Hq. AOSTA Div.

d Wednesday 1 Nov. Conferred with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S. re: (1) ITI personnel moving from Messina to Syracuse and Catania in conjunction with reorganization.

(2) Surplus rifles in Sicily. (3) Information re 2000 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.

e Thursday 2 Nov. Conferred with Dep. C/S, M.H.S. re matters in general. Represented U.S. Army at ceremony Gen. Mariotti placed wreath of Flowers on U.S. Cemetery No. 4, Palermo in behalf of the ITI Army.

f Friday 3 Nov. Inspected Palermo Clothing Depot. They had a great quantity of salvage ITI uniforms, blankets and shoes which they were disinfecting, washing and repairing. Approx 80 women were employed in the Clothing Repair Shop and they were mending blankets, overcoats and caps principally. Approx 50 men were employed in the Boot Repair Shop and they rebuild approx 30 pair Boots per day. The number of civilian employees could be

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o Tuesday 31 Oct. Lt. Snider inspected Catania Bulk and D.D. and 45 I.S. Regt. at Catania. (See SAT Report No.17) 68 ITI personnel arrived by motor from Sardinia via Naples, for Hq. AOSIA Div.

a Wednesday 1 Nov. Conferred with Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S. re: (1) ITI personnel moving from Messina to Syracuse and Catania in conjunction with reorganization.

(2) Surplus rifles in Sicily. (3) Information re 2000 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.

e Thursday 2 Nov. Conferred with Dep. C/S, M.H.S. re matters in general. Represented U.S. Army at ceremony Gen. Mariotti placed wreath of flowers on U.S. Cemetery No.4, Palermo in behalf of the ITI Army.

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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 IIT Navy month of October.

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

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No. 910

29 October 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 25 FOR WEEK ENDING 28 Oct. 44.

a Sunday 22 Oct. Routine office work and one half day off.

b Monday 23 Oct. Col Albert returned from Rome by air and conferred with Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re enrollment of 2000 civilians for combat duty (see our No. 881) and matters in general. Lt. Snider inspected 6th I.S. Regt. at Palermo (See S & T Report No. 16).

c Tuesday 24 Oct. Conferred with Comdr. 70 Sub Area and Representative, N.O.B., re supplying ITI guards, security policy and matters in general. 6th I.S. Regt. (ITI) to be attached to N.O.B. for guard and security reserve, also furnish necessary guard for ACC Region I. Lt Snider contacted ITI Officer in charge Palermo Food Depot re duplication in Shipping tickets last May.

d Wednesday 25 Oct. Conferred with D/C, M.H.S., re new clothing policy in Sicily. Conferred with Comdr. ACC Region I re policy of employing ITI Troops to quell riots. One half day off.

e Thursday 26 Oct. Routine office work. Lt. Snider inspected Palermo D.D. (See S&T Report No. 16) and also inspected building for new location of Palermo D.D.

f Friday 27 Oct. (1) Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re progress of reorganization - which should be completed by end of Oct. Also requested that the D/C expedite the demands for emergency clothing.

(2) Conferred with Executive, N.O.B. Palermo, re clothing situation of 6th I.S. Regt (ITI) - now that shipment had arrived from Naples the demands for the unit would be filled, as far as stock available, without delay.

(3) Conferred with Representative ITI Air Force ~~for~~ 185 Italian Military Bakery at Palermo to bake bread for approx 400 ITI Air Force personnel. Agreed to same providing flour already drawn by Air Force up to and including 9 Nov. be properly turned over to the bakery and the Air Force to draw the bread at the bakery in bulk. After 9 Nov the Air Force to draw no flour but bread at bakery in lieu thereof and in bulk.

in general. Lt. Snider inspected 6th I.S. Regt. at Palermo (See S & T Report No.16).

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(4) (a) Conferred with Representative D/C, M.H.S., and prepared indents for clothing and equipment for emergency needs and 10 % Stock on Hand.

(b) The rail wagon, No.777, of clothing (Authorized by MMIA Serial No.A/Q 61/154 of 15 Aug 44) was shipped from Naples 14 Oct. It arrived at Messina 19 Oct where it was stopped to check on escort. The escort infantryman GRECO, Edoardo abandoned the rail wagon at about 1800 hrs 21 Oct. and did not return, a warrant has been issued for his arrest. M.H.S. placed a guard on the rail wagon and it arrived at Palermo late 25 Oct. Upon checking the following was missing:

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Boots	378 pr
Shirts, cotton	300 each
Belts, web	39 "
Socks	930 pr

M.H.S. was advised to make a full report on the incident.

g Saturday 28 Oct. Upon the arrival of clothing from Naples and demands from units, authorization has been given this date to issue to units clothing and equipment as far as stock is available. Lt. Snider inspected records at Palermo Distribution Depot.

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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., 145 Inf Regt. from Acirale to Regusa. The 508 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 S&F 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.H.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 struck.

Col. Albert met Gen. CASTELONE, Comdr. AOSIA 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.

e Thursday 19 Oct. Col. Albert conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, M.H.S., re request for additional troops in Sicily. Col. Albert departed for Rome by air transport. Half day off.

f Friday 20 Oct. Lt. Snider attended conference with Col. Snooks, Public Safety Officer, ACC Region I, and Italian Army officers re to riot in Palermo. Afternoon - routine office work. 5183

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15 October 1944. *Rec'd 19/10*

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.D. 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 MMIA Ref Serial No. AQ/61/154 dated 15 Aug. 44 would be shipped from Naples 13 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. 45 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 MMIA 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.

g Saturday 14 Oct. Routine office work.

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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. 'ps, 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 MMIA.
- 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.13)
- 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.13)
- f Friday 6 Oct. Conferred with Comdr 70 Sub Area re "Chain of command of ITI Troops in Sicily". Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS, re mid-shift meal for heavy civilian workers, status of 1st Bn, 46 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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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, MHS, re proposed taking over guard etc. in Calabria. Inspected 1st Bn 46 Inf at Palermo Railroad Station before departure 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 MHS 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 hazard conditions which I reported to MHS to correct, book accounts seemed to be in good shape. Conferred with Representative U.S. Claims Service re ITI Ammunition Dump # 9 at STRASATI. Lt Snider inspected the CC.RR 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 ITI clothing (See our No. 807 dated 29 Sept.) Conferred with Comdr Palermo CC.RR 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.

g Saturday 30 Sept. Routine office work, preparing weekly reports.

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1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 20 FOR WEEK ENDING 23 SEPT 1944.

a Sunday 17 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region 1 re consolidating whse to conserve guards and with Capt Deigle re release of guard at San Lorenzo Gas Station. Conferred with representative 7 BPFC, 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 Sabauda Div from Sicily. Conferred with U.S. Claims re reduction of guards. Lt. Snider inspected D.D., Bakery and 16 Arty. Regt Hq and 3rd Gp at Caltanissetta. (See S & T Report No. 11)

c Tuesday 19 Sept. Conferred with N.O.B., Palermo re-garding release of guards. Also with Comdr ACC Region 1 re Separatist meeting in Sicily. Conferred with Deputy C/S, MHS re movement 1st Bn, 46th Regt from Sicily to Calabria. Unit to move 23 September by rail. Conferred with G 2 (I) ACC Region 1 re security measures in Sicily. (See Par A 1 d of our No. 770 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 Ekry 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 1/46 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 1 re securing industrial oxygen for ITIs 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, 46 Inf was ordered to move it was brought to light that the unit had 64 EM who recently joined the unit and were in civilian clothes. The D of C was not aware of this before. The 64 EM were issued BD this week. Instructed the D of C to check for similar cases and advise this office. Advised the D of C

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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 16 Sept. Conferred with Deputy Chief of Staff, MHS, re movement of a Bn of the Sabauda Div from Sicily. Conferred with U.S. Claims re reduction of guards. Lt. Snider inspected D.D., Bakery and 16 Arty. Regt Hq and 3rd Gp at Caltanissetta. (See S & T Report No.11)

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g Saturday 23 Sept. Conferred with representative ACC Region 1 re return of ITI Military vens. 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.

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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 N.O.B. 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.

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 I re ITI guards. Capt Craig departed for Rome by motor.

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No. 733

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 508 Italian Line Section arrived at Messina (under comd Brit) approx 2 ofirs and 85 MM.

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 NAFOUSA QM -1-3795 dated 16 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:

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9 Sept 44	235,650	U.S. Navy	Palermo
TOTAL	401,050		

c Tuesday 5 Sept Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily re: reorganization Italian Army in Sicily, recommended that Sabauda Subsistence staff be transferred to Military Hq Sicily Commissary (agreed by C/S), to speed up requisition of warehouses at Catania and Caltanissetta (C/S stated action had been taken) and movement 10 Engr Co (Sebauda Div) to under Comd SMRE at Piedemonte. 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.

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e Thursday 7 Sept Conferred with Brig Raikes, Cmdr 73 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 Raikes 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 cur 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 Raikes, C/S and Finance Officer, Military Hq of Sicily, re pay and allowances for 145 AA Gp. Agreed that Brig Raikes 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 Schooner

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Salvatore with flour to the ITI Army. (See Par 1 b above).

g. Saturday 9 Sept. Capt Craig completed transfer of flour from U.S. Navy to ITI Army. Lt Snider studied file to obtain a background for LO work here.

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3 Sept 1944

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 venicies 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 D.D. (See S & T Report No. 6) One half day off.

e Thursday 31 Aug Conferred with C/S, Military Hq of Sicily, re compliance with MMIA G/6/1/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 1375 dated 2 Sept in reply to our 683/1 dated 1 Sept you evidently misunderstood date extended in Par 12 of your G/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. The date referred to was 25 Aug where it states "Not later than 25 Aug a list of 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 of 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/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944, unless otherwise authorized by MMIA. Capt Craig inspected 2nd Bn 46 Inf Regt (See S & T Report No. 8 enclosed)

f Friday 1 Sept Conferred with Signal Section ACC Region I re rations for 508 Italian Line Sec (2 offrs & 85 ORs) arriving at Sicily soonest. Advised them this office had no

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d Wednesday 30 Aug Major Fossett flew to Catania & inspected D.D. (See S & T Report No.8) One half day off.

e Thursday 31 Aug Conferred with G/S, Military Hq of Sicily, re compliance with MMIA G/6/1/F dated 13 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 1375 dated 2 Sept in reply to our 683/1 dated 1 Sept you evidently misunderstood date extended in Par 12 of your G/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944. The date referred to was 25 Aug where it states "Not later than 25 Aug a list of 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 of 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/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 1944, unless otherwise authorized by MMIA. Capt Craig inspected 2nd Bn 46 Inf Regt (See S & T Report No.8 enclosed) 174

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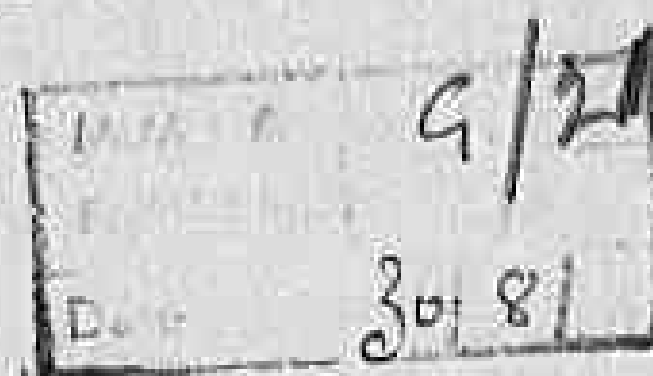
g Saturday 2 Sept Major Fossett had conference with Director of Commissary re new reorganization of Commissariato Sussistenza in Sicily.

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27 Aug 1944

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

a Sunday 20 Aug Routine office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

b Monday 21 Aug Office work.

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

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

e Thursday 24 Aug Office work.

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

g Saturday 26 Aug Preparation of reports and routine office work. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary re establishing new bulk depot and distributing depots without delay, shipment canned spread and stop issue of rations to Red Cross personnel except those in the two Military Hospitals at Palermo and Catania.

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20 Aug 1944

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

a Sunday 13 Aug Office work. Major Fossett arranged for movement of 505 S.S. Bn - liaison with Movements & Military Hq. of Sicily. One half day off.

b Monday 14 Aug Major Fossett inspected departure of 505 S.S. Bn, who cleared Palermo by rail 1100 hrs to under Command Eight Army. The movement to train and loading was carried out efficiently. Capt Craig took over files from Maj Thrupp at Catania and contacted various branches of 56 Area advising them where to contact MMIA LO at Sicily.

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No. 588

6 Aug 1944

1. Weekly LIAISON LOG NO. 13 FOR WEEK ENDING 5 AUG 1944.

a Sunday 30 July Office work, $\frac{1}{2}$ day off.

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

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

d Wednesday 2 Aug. Conferred with CC RR re return of Italian parolees with illegal certificates. $\frac{1}{2}$ day off. Major Fossett inspected 3rd Bn, 45th Inf. and D.D. at Syracuse (See S & T Ln Offr Weekly Report No. 4 enclosed herewith).

e Thursday 3 Aug. Conferred with Capt Rie, Joint Army & Navy Intelligence Collecting Agency (JICA) from Washington re intelligence matters in Sicily. Agreed to supply each other with intelligence info. Conferred with British O.C. Troops at Palermo and arranged for conference between British, Italians and this office regarding requisitioning & derequisitioning property. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

f Friday 4 Aug. Conferred with C.G., C/S and Dep C/S Military Hq of Sicily re matters in general. The railroad situation in Sicily was discussed - it is estimated that the railway between Messina and Palermo will be open about 30 Aug and between Messina and Catania about 30 Sept. When this is done it will greatly relieve the transfer situation in bringing rations from the Mainland by rail. Other matters discussed: Anticipated civil disturbance, which didn't materialize at PARTINICO (a full report will be made in the Aug Intel Report to follow); Return to Italian Army Captured ambulances now held by Allies; Vehicles situation in general which

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g Saturday 5 Aug Conferred with an investigator from 56 Area re the shooting of an Italian officer alleged by an American soldier. The officer later died. Shore Patrol N.O.B. had already started an investigation. A full report will be made of the incident in the Monthly Intel Report to follow.

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

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No. 608

13 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.14
2. Weekly Location Report No.9
3. Weekly S & T Report No.5

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

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

a Weekly Liaison Log No.14, in compliance with
instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44. G

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

c Weekly S & T Report No.5, 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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Encl: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.14 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.9 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report No.5.

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No. 608

13 Aug 1944

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

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

b Monday 7 Aug Col Albert attended conference held by GSO (2) 56 Area re guards required from the Sabauda Div for Palermo area. Capt Craig held a conference at which the O.C. British Tps and the Engineer Officer Military Hq of Sicily were represented. Purpose of conference was to set up a program and establish channels for the requisitioning of property required by Allied Forces. Major Fossett supervised completion of transfer of canned spread from ACC stocks to Italian Army Bulk Depot at Palermo.

c Tuesday 8 Aug. Col Albert attended conference with representatives from Mil Hq of Sic, NOB, and ACC regarding return of Fiat Factory to ITIs. NOB unable to grant request at this time but did permit some files, office furniture and a Fiat 11 automobile to be turned over on proper receipt. Col Albert conferred with C.O. 505 S S Bn re guards the Bn was furnishing in Palermo vicinity and also conferred with Maj Bellamy G S O (2) 56 Area re guards for Palermo area. Capt Craig also attended conference concerning return of Fiat Factory.

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f Friday 11 Aug Capt Craig inspected 2nd Gp 16th Army Regt. (Sabauda Div) at Trapani. Major Fossett compiled stock state data and transmitted signal for same. Also compiled duration date chart. Col Albert called from Rome re investigating possibilities of finding suitable space for Bulk Depot in Messina.

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

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No. 588

7 Aug 1944

Subject: Reports - Weekly Ln. Log No. 13

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To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Ref our No. 588 dated 6 Aug '44. Add following
to Par 1 a of Weekly Ln Log No. 13:

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

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No. 559

30 July 1944

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 12 FOR WEEK ENDING 29 JULY 1944.

- a Sunday 23 July. Office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off. *
- b Monday 24 July. Conferred with Cmdr Shore Patrol, Naval Opn Base, Palermo re petty disturbance between Allied personnel and Italian Army. Italians to report all incidents at once to Shore Patrol and the Shore Patrol to investigate all cases without delay. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hq of Sicily, re new single ration scale and with Italian Naval L.O. re single ration scale and setting up Naval Distributing Depots at Palermo, and at Catania or Augusta.
- c Tuesday 25 July. Conferred with representative N.O.B. re exemptions at Naval Opn Base at Palermo and conferred with Col Snook ACC re illegal paroled Italians. Col Snook to assist in locating same and when found will be turned over to the Carabinieri Police to be returned to their unit. Capt Craig inspected 30 Mortar Bn (Sabauda Div) at Agrigento, (see S & T In Off Report No. 3).

d Wednesday 26 July Office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off. Major Fossett checked on delivery of canned meat from ACC stocks. **

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

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

g Saturday 29 July Inspected camp ground that elements of the 46 Inf Regt (ITI) had left in an unsanitary condition. Same had been corrected. Major Fossett checked on deliveries of canned meat from ACC whse. The Italians continually need supervision in moving goods in an efficient manner.

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Shore Patrol and the Shore Patrol to investigate all cases without delay. Major Fossett conferred with Director of Commissary, Military Hq of Sicily, re new single ration scale and with Italian Naval L.O. re single ration scale and setting up Naval Distributing Depots at Palermo, and at Catania or Augusta.

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g Saturday 29 July Inspected camp ground that elements of the 46 Inf Regt (ITI) had left in an unsanitary condition. Same had been corrected. Major Fossett checked on deliveries of canned meat from ACC whse. The Italians continually need supervision in moving goods in an efficient manner.

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

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

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No. 521

23 July 1944.

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

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

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

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

Major Fossett inspected Distributing Depots at Enna and Caltanissetta (see S & T report enclosed herewith). Captain Craig witnessed the destruction of a quantity of condemned canned food at Palermo Depot.

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f Friday 21 July. Conference with C.O. 46 Inf Regt re general matters concerning the regiment. Weekly conference with Asst. C/S Military Hq of Sicily re matters in general pertaining to the Italians. Conference with GSO (2) 56 Area re employment of Italian guards in the Palermo area.

Captain Craig attended conference with U.S. N.O.B. and Military Hq of Sicily re to turning over Italian Government real estate to the Italians, formerly occupied by U.S. troops.

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16 July 1944.

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO.10 FOR WEEK ENDING 15 JULY 1944.

a Sunday 9 July Office work AM, $\frac{1}{2}$ day off. The 330th 20mm AA Btry (Sabauda Div) closed at RAGUSA, moving by rail from AGRIGENTO.

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

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

d ~~Tue~~ Wednesday 12 July Moved office to 2nd floor (British 1st floor) 8 Via Bari. Phone Palermo 15689 Ext 48. Conference with M.O. XII Corps re Medical personnel for Italian P.W. No. 7606, recently turned over to XII Corps. Medical personnel to operate the hospital is urgently required - see our Ref No.12370 of 12 July.

e Thursday 13 July Office work and $\frac{1}{2}$ day off. Major Fossett conferred with ACC re availability of canned meat from ACC stocks in Sicily. Capt Craig arranged meeting between XII Corps and US Navy re transfer to Italians of Caproni Aircraft Works.

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

g Saturday 15 July Conference with M.O. XII Corps re release of PW Medical personnel from Hospital No.7606 - request came too late as the personnel were "ear marked" for operation and were being sent from Palermo this date.

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No. 439

9 July 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.9.
2. Weekly Location Report No.4.
3. Weekly S & T Report.

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending 8 July 1944:

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

b Weekly Location report No.4 in compliance with instructions in your letter, Subject - Location Reports, dated 9 June '44.

c Weekly S & T Report.

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Encl: 1. Weekly Ln Log No.9 (Trip)
2. Weekly Location Report No.4 (Dup)
3. Weekly S & T Report (Dup)



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No. 439

9 July 1944

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

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

b Monday 3 July Office work. Capt Craig contacted 118 M.U. RAF re Italian Military truck in their possession, to be returned to Italian Military at an early date.

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

d Wednesday 5 July. Conference with MM ACC re return of Italian medical equipment and supplies turned over to elements of an Italian Field Hospital by AMGOT. XII Corps advised to collect same under authority Ref Hq MMIA No.M/4/1235 dated 20 June '44. Effort was made to locate shipping order QM-I-3599 to obtain 405,000 lbs flour authorizing IBS by NATOUSA to be turned over to the Italians. The flour situation is grave in Sicily as shown by our various signals. (See S & T Report enclosed - for Wednesday).
Capt Craig condemned a quantity of damaged food in accordance with existing instructions.

Approximately 75 tons of tinned meat loaned from ACC in accordance with your AQ 1657 of 4 July.

e Thursday 6 July Conference C/S XII Italian Corps re vehicles for 505th Gds Bn and movement of the Bn into Palermo to be nearer their assignments for guard duty. They are guarding ACC installations. Conference with Executive Officer Naval Operating Base re exemptions from Italian Army call to the colors. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re critical items flour and fish to be shipped from Taranto to Catania by Ministry of War.

Major Fossett departed by air (Italian plane) for Hq MMIA.

f Friday 7 July. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary re flour shortage. Flour stocks in Sicily will be exhausted about 10 July and there is no flour on the Island to be loaned. Told the Director of Commissary to contact Ministry of War to hurry shipment from Taranto.

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No. 382

2 July 1944.

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

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

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

a Weekly Liaison Log No. 8, in compliance to instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b Weekly Location Report No. 3 in compliance to instructions in your letter, Subject Location Reports, dated 9 June 1944.

c Weekly S & T Report.

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

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No. 382 WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 8 FOR WEEK ENDING 1 JULY 1944.

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

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

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

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

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

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

e Thursday 29 June. Conference with XII Corps Director of Commissary regarding critical items of rations. Contacted QM IBS and ACC if loan of canned meat and flour (providing Hq MMIA so directs in an emergency) could be made. See our cable Ref No. 11986 dated 29 June. Major Fossett returned from Catania by rail.

f Friday 30 June. (1) Conference with Dep C/S XII Corps re requisitions (indents) for supplies in accordance with MMIA Adm. Ins. No. 3. The XII Corps had not received the instructions from Ministry of War to comply with Adm. Ins. No. 3 in regards to requisitions and reports. Conference with Col. Snook, Intelligence Officer, Region No. 1 ACC, re situation that might arise in collecting grain from the farmers by force. See our No. 373 of 30 June.

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

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

g Saturday 1 July. Office work.

Capt Craig working on transportation situation. See S/T Report enclosed herewith.

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No. 318

25 June 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 7 for week ending 24 June 44.

a Sunday 18 June. Attended ceremony at U.S. Cemetery at Palermo where the Italians honored our dead by placing four large wreaths on the graves. Afternoon off.

b Monday 19 June. Conferences as follows:

(1) With local U.S. Navy Executive Officer re guards for Installations that will be taken over by the navy. (See par 1 c (2))
(2) With Cmdr 56 Area, Cmdr IBS and representatives of several local commands re transfer of installations from IBS about 1st July. It was agreed that 56 Area would send representative (probably a Town Major) to Palermo to make arrangements direct with XII Corps operationally (Guards etc.). This office will keep in close liaison with the 56 Area representative.

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(2) Conference with U.S. Navy Ex Officer re guards for installation taken over from IBS - to be furnished by XII Corps thru 56 Area Palermo representative.

(3) Major Fossett with Director of Commissary, XII Corps re forage. The Carabinieri have approx 500 horses & mules and expect to take over more from the wivilians.

(4) Capt. Craig arranged with IBS Real Estate Officer to return Italian Military buildings back to the XII Corps when no longer required.

d Wednesday 21 June. (1) Conference with ACC re securing Italian troops to stop the stealing of lead cables - to be furnished by XII Corps thru 56 Area Palermo representative.

(2) Conference with G-2 ACC re Intelligence, also Italian troops to assist the collecting of grain from the farmers into the warehouses - to be furnished by XII Corps thru 56 Area Palermo representative.

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e Thursday 22 June. Office work. Major Fossett had conference with representative Italian Air Force re rations for Air Force units in Sicily. Capt Craig gathered information and data relative to return of captured Italian vehicles to Italian Army. I.N.T. agreed to return some - mostly unserviceable, but can be used for spare parts.

f Friday 23 June. (1) Secured data from Medical Officer IBS re Italian hospitals & hospital personnel. (See our No.302 dated 23 June).

(2) 145 AA Gp (ITI) arrived at Syracuse under command 73 AA Brigade (Brit).

(3) Major Fossett visited Distributing Depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. Found both depots in good condition.

g Saturday 24 June. Office work. Capt Craig secured

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authority from port authorities for XII Corps to pick up some
salvage cement in bomb damaged buildings in port area.

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No. 271

18 June 1944

Subject: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.6
2. Weekly Location Report No.1

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Enclosed herewith following reports for week ending
17 June 1944:

a Weekly Liaison Log No.6 in compliance to instructions
in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b Weekly Location Report No.1 in compliance to in-
structions in your letter, Subject Location Reports, dated
9 June 1944.

c Weekly S/T Report.

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

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No. 271

18 June 1944

1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 6 for week ending 17 June 1944.

a Sunday 11 June. Office work AM; off duty PM.

b Monday 12 June. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig made reconnaissance re additional warehouse space in Palermo if and when required. They also investigated complaints by personnel of 505th Bn Security Services. Findings: the men are receiving the allotted ration but some units being quartered near PW units see the better PW ration which tends to cause dissatisfaction.

c Tuesday 13 June. Conference with Col Lo Vecchio and Maj Palma, Italian officers charge of Palermo Commissary, re future plans to establish new distribution depots to supply the two Divs expected to arrive from Sardinia. Col Kerr arrived by plane.

Conference with Col Kerr re general policies and details that needed clarification.

d Wednesday 14 June. Col Kerr departed for Sardinia. Conference with Maj Hall, Lo IBS to Italian units, and representative ACC Region 1 re guards for ACC installations at Palermo and vicinity after 1 July. Conference with Col Hancock, ACC Region one, re guards for ACC installations. (See our No. 254 of 16 June). Conference with representative IBS Provost Marshal re release 43 Ps W in hospital to XII Corps. Advised to send in letter concerning same.

Maj Fossett contacted Hq Italian Air Force at Palermo re ration strength.

e Thursday 15 June. Conference with Engr Officer XII Corps re buildings in Palermo being released by IBS and turned over to the Italians. Maj Fossett made reconnaissance of bldgs and Capt Craig secured several released bldgs for the Italians. Conference with Welfare Officer XII Corps re Italians honoring deceased soldiers in U.S. cemetery Sunday 18 June. CO IBS had previously given his permission for same. Col Kerr returned from Sardinia by air.

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g Saturday 17 June. Office work. Maj Fossett inspected Bulk & Distributing Depots at Palermo, material for flooring was obtained for the flour. Both depots showed great improvement in neatness and efficiency. He visited Director of Commissary XII Corps. The quality of bread has been improved and canned meat was issued instead of canned fish, which is not available.

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No. 198

11 June 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 5 (Trip)

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your G/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 10 June 1944 submitted as follows.

a Sunday 4 June. AM routine office work, PM rest.

b Monday 5 June. Maj Fossett, Capt Craig, Lt Adami (Italian Interpreter) and I mortored to Trapani inspected 2d Gp 16 Arty Regt and Ammunition Dps in that area (See our 162 of 6 June). This unit had overdrawn rations when they moved to this area and it was being corrected first period in June. They were issuing on a 7 day menu sent them by the Sabauda Div before the 10 day menu was issued by War Ministry. We contacted the Director of Commissary here at Palermo and the 10 day menu will be put into effect. Major Thrupp arrived.

c Tuesday 6 June. Conference with Maj Thrupp concerning many matters between No. 1 District and XII Corps. Commencing 11 June the Italian Navy will draw their rations in bulk from the Italian Distributing Depot at Catania.

d Wednesday 7 June. Routine office work.

e Thursday 8 June. Conference with RAF representative re alleged shortage of rations issue to an Italian Air Force unit vicinity of Syracuse. Maj Thrupp to investigate and report. Maj Thrupp departed. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig inspected the bulk depot and distributing depots at Palermo and made suggestions re stocking of flour. Investigated alleged weight shortage on issue of dehydrated potatoes - see our No. 178 of 9 June. Inventoried and condemned quantity of spoiled canned goods - see our No. 202 of 11 June.

f Friday 9 June. Conference with C.G. and V. Cmdr Sabauda Div re policies in general also was informed about the leader of the disturbing Italian element in Sicily which will be reported in my monthly Intelligence report 25 June. Maj Fossett inspected distributing depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. Inventoried and condemned quantity of spoiled canned goods - see our No. 202 of 11 June.

liaison log for week ending 10 June 1944 submitted as follows.

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g Saturday 10 June. Conference with Maj Taziwell 31st A.F. Dep (British) re return of airfields and Italian air force ammunition. Conference with Maj Wickenden S/T Distone re repayment in kind rations Distone issued to Italian Navy - see our IBSAG-1221 of 11 June.

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No. 137

4 June 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 4

To : GOC Army Sub Commission AGC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions ref your G/21 dated 9 May 1944, Liaison log for week ending 3 June 1944 submitted as follows:

a Sunday 28 May. Conference with Capt Gamble LO from No. 1 District re trucks for engineer road work. Told him to contact XII Corps.

b Monday 29 May. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig checked strength for rations with Maj Palma (Italian), Director of Commissary. Made a reconnaissance in Arty area for additional warehouse space in Palermo if some should be required. The present warehouse facilities may not be adequate later when the other two Divs arrive.

c Tuesday 30 May. Accepted Col Stubblebin's invitation to review the Memorial Day parade and attended the services at the U.S. Cemetery. The C.G. XII Italian Corps and other Italian Military and Civilian dignitaries also attended, which cemented our mutual good will between the Allies and the Italians, both Military and civilian.

Maj Fossett and Capt Craig investigated a claim by Palermo Bulk Depot of a discrepancy in weight on a shipment of dehydrated potatoes from IBS. Findings - a double check by IBS believed to be correct. The Italians were cautioned to make a closer check upon receipt of supplies to avoid a repetition of the above.

d Wednesday 31 May. Conference with c/s IBS on security measures.

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a Sunday 28 May. Conference with Capt Gamble LG from No. 1 District re trucks for engineer road work. Told him to contact XII Corps.

b Monday 29 May. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig checked strength for rations with Maj Palma (Italian), Director of Commissary. Made a reconnaissance in Arty area for additional warehouse space in Palermo if some should be required. The present warehouse facilities may not be adequate later when the other two Divs arrive.

c Tuesday 30 May. Accepted Col Stubbleben's invitation to review the Memorial Day parade and attended the services at the U.S. Cemetery. The C.G. XII Italian Corps and other Italian Military and Civilian dignitaries also attended, which cemented our mutual good will between the Allies and the Italians, both Military and civilian. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig investigated a claim by Palermo Bulk Depot of a discrepancy in weight on a shipment of dehydrated potatoes from IBS. Findings - a double check by IBS believed to be correct. The Italians were cautioned to make a closer check upon receipt of supplies to avoid a repetition of the above.

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g Saturday 3 June. Conference with Movements XII Corps re early decision by No. 1 District on location of Bari and 226 Divs in order to arrange for movement of same to their destinations.

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Conference with C/S XII Corps re location of Bari and 226 Divs upon arrival from Sardinia. Also discussed disciplinary matters effecting the Italian troops. Conference with Col Marasea, V. Cmdr Sabauda Div re employment, supply and feeding of his command and matters in general concerning same.



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No. 82

28 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 3

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions Ref G/21 MMIA dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 27 May 1944 submitted as follows:

a Sunday 21 May. Accompanied by Lt Col Howard and Major Hall, LO IBS, inspected 1st Bn 518 Inf Regt at Palermo, (report No. 43 this office dated 23 May).

b Monday 22 May. Conference with ACC re Italian vehicle situation and hospitals. Col Howard departed. Major Rose arrived. Major Fossett and Capt Craig visited IBS Class I Dump to observe loading of supplies for shipment to Italians at Catania.

c Tuesday 23 May. Conference with Major Rose re supplies and general policies controlling same. Lt Paolo Adami, Italian interpreter supplied by XII Corps arrived and to be attached to this office. He speaks and translates English well, having lived in England for several years. Major Fossett arranged with ACC for loan 40,000 lbs tinned fish for Italians.

d Wednesday 24 May. Held conference with Gen Browning and Col Pidsley, who arrived by plane, on general policies. Majors Fossett and Rose and Capt Craig visited Bulk Depot at Palermo.

e Thursday 25 May. Accompanied IBS ^{armed} officers to inspect alleged damage dry beans at Palermo. Distributing Depot. Conference with C/S IBS and LO IBS to Italians (Major Hall). 908th Reparto Lavoratori (4 Ofirs, 104 ORs) arrived from Capua (N of Naples) moved to Syrause, attchd to No. 1 District. Major Fossett and Capt Craig departed for Caltanissetta, Enna and Catania visiting Distributing Depots at Caltanissetta and Enna. They recommended some changes in the storage of rations.

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g Saturday 27 May. Conference with Col Marasca, V. Cmdr Sabauda Div re Italian Army in Sicily and getting acquainted. He impresses me as a capable officer. Major Fossett and Capt Craig returned from Catania.

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No. 32

21 May 1944

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 2

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1. Pursuant to instructions Ref G/21 Hq MMIA dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 20 May 1944 is submitted as follows:

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To:

C.O.C. for info. d. by May

1. Five Weekly Liaison Logs (No. 1) are attached.
2. Logs of our Adv. H.Q. & Col. SINMONS H.Q. have already been seen by you.
3. Two more Logs still to come in.
4. "C" & "Q" have own copies of attached.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No.1

14 May 1944

To: GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

1 Pursuant to instructions of your/Hq Ref Q/21 dated 9 May 1944, liaison log for week ending 13 May 1944 is submitted as follows:

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(b) Tuesday 9 May moved by motor to CATANZARO (252 miles) and spent night with Lt Col Howard.

(c) Wednesday 10 May proceeded by motor to CATANIA, SICILY (114 miles) stopping at Hq No 1 District.

(d) Thursday 11 May conference with GOC No 1 District with reference to the Liaison section's mission in Sicily. Made study of methods No 1 District in issuing supplies to Italians. Maj Fossett and Capt Craig visited the Ration Depot at Catania and found sacks of flour and sugar in good condition but canned goods not neatly piled. This depot feeds about 10,000 men daily in area from Messina to Syracuse but no stock records were kept. It was estimated to have 10 days supply of flour and 25 days of preserved meat in the depot. ADOS No 1 District desires to know what disposition is to be made with the 80,000 Battle Dress (green) in the Catania warehouse. He was informed that MMIA would issue instructions concerning same. The Sabauda Div made a good appearance in their green battle dress. Maj Thrupp remained at Catania as LO to No 1 District.

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