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HEADQUARTERS
MMIA
NAPLES SECTOR
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

Subject: Weekly Liaison Log No. 13.

To : Headquarters MMIA
Rome

6 Aug. 1944

S/T LOG

30 July:

1. Advised by Capt. Guthrie that 25 tons olive oil due Naples on Saturday and each four days thereafter.
2. Final arrangements made for transportation of rations from ITI to PBS.

31 July:

1. Conferred with Col. Riso: a. Check at shipside - receipt experiment. b. Transportation difficulties. c. Ex. "MILLER" to depot 1270. d. Olive oil due Saturday. e. Transportation for Littoria food to oms.
2. Checked police and reorganization of depots 593, 594 and 590.

1 Aug.:

1. Call from Lt. Col. Percival that convoy KN753 had arrived at Civita-vecchia with ITI rations - Who dispatched same? Checked convoy control PBS - Convoy from 242 Div. dispatched with 23 trucks on 29-30 July from Naples to Civ. Col. Riso knew nothing of this shipment. Verified that 55 trucks had been loaded for Civ. on 29 July. Instructed that on next points to advise MMIA.
2. Ex. "MILLER" - 196 cases cabbage, 1999 cases macaroni received at depot 1270.
3. Visited depots 1270, 594 and 590. Observed that four (4) trucks hauling Rome rations were loaded 50% personnel.
4. Telephone message to HQ MMIA that ITI rations sent to Civ. under orders of PBS.

2 Aug.:

1. Conference Col. Riso: a.- Civilian personnel on ration trucks to Rome. b.- Daily advise on activity of bulk depot, c.- Civ. rations.
2. Maj. Oliver, Mov. West Italy, called and returned the bid (Freight Form "S" (C.M.F.)) for shipment of disinfectants to Sardinia signed by Capt. Westbury. The two important columns, "C" (No. of packages) and "E" (Measurement tons), had not been filled in. PBS Water Transportation needed these papers to load disinfectants on "CALIB STRONG".

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load disinfectants on "CALIB STRONG".

3. Aug.:

1. Returned bid mentioned in 2 above to Maj. Oliver, Mov. West Italy,
with necessary shipping data completed.
2. Sent signal to Hq. requesting instructions on allocation of olive oil.
3. Capt. Fleming, Mov. West Italy, returned bid for disinfectants and
stated (X) it is now ready to go to PBS. for action, and (2) normally their
office was not concerned with such bids, but were merely helping us out.

4 Aug.:

1. "CALIB STRONG" had to leave birth. Disinfectants were not loaded.
2. Visited depots 590/1 and 590/2 with Lt. Col. Percival.

ORDNANCE LOG

1. Maj. Head on T.D. at Rome.
2. Capt. Benatti is inspecting shoe repair facilities on the Islands.

"C" LOG

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2. 953 Workshop left for Molfetta. 1 Coy Granavieri from Salerno to Rome.

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2. Balance of 2nd. Bn and 1 & 2 Coys 1st. Bn. 549 Inf. Regt. left for Minervino.

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George D. Smith Jr.
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Major Inf.
Senior Liaison Officer

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

30 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 12
(G21)

TO : Army Sub Commission AGO
(MMIA) ROME

S/T LOG

23 July:

1. Maj. Papineau and Capt. Nelson conferred with Lt. Col. Riso, Commissariato, with reference to reorganization of stores at Depot 590; inspection of distribution depots by Capt. Fordyce; anticipated convoys; if depot at Nocera Inf. required; transportation for Commissariato's office; and rations being transferred from Naples depots to Rome.

2. Visited Depots 594, 599 and 1270.

24 July:

1. Survey of storing of stocks at 590/1 and 590/2 with depot commander. Rations erroneously delivered to Italian depots to be set aside to await transfer to U.S. QM depots in Naples.

2. Conferred with Col. Ferri:
(a) - re 600 kg. denatured alcohol and 300 Kg. pure alcohol for Military Hospital of Naples. - A requisition had been placed with Ministry of War early in June. Ministry of War had not replied. Directed Col. Ferri to place another requisition with a copy to MMIA
(b) - Arranged for pick up of medical stores from 675 depot (AMC).
(c) - Discussed disinfectants for Sardinia. Col. Ferri is still not prepared to handle this shipment. Suggest War Ministry be advised.
(d) - Col. Ferri has not received therelease order from Ministry of War for the consignment of cresol from 20 CRASC for the month of July.

25 July:

1. Conference with Lt. Col. Riso on total subsistence received from Convey UGS 45 and question of shortages. Col. Riso reported that the only vehicle which had been at the disposal of his office had been stolen on Sunday. Report of transportation difficulties had been made to Hq. 3200

2. Visit to Depot 594 and good order of stores noted.

3. Supervised the transferring of medical supplies from Central Medical Depot (A) (depot 675) to Hospital - ericola Farmacia (Italian depot).

26 July:

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2. Visit to Depot 594 and good order of stores noted.

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

26 July:

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

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

27 July:

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

28 July:

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

29 July:

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

ORDNANCE LOG

1. Releases have been received for Class X clothing for 5th. Army, 8th. Army, 209 Div and 212 Div. This clothing is not yet in Depot 591, and 212 Div. have already drawn direct form depot 560 (an American depot) at Aversa, where Class X clothing is stored.
5th. Army's allotment is being shipped on 2nd. August.
The transfer of clothing to and from PBS has slowed down (a) because of transport difficulties and (b) what transport we have been able to get has been used for the issues mentioned above. Quantities remains as reported in Log N. 11.
2. A quantity of Class X clothing has been accepted from Salvage Officer PBS, and this is now being received at Depot 591.
It is not all suitable for issue to military and sorting is now proceeding. Quantities and types will be reported when this has been done and items have been counted. Surpluses could be offered to AOC for civilians.
3. Other matters which have cropped up during the week have been dealt with in various letters under separate covers.

George H. Smith
May 1941 Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission AOC

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

23 July, 1944

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

TO : Army Sub Commission (AMIA)
Headquarters ACC
Rome

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16 July:

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

17 July:

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

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

18 July:

1. Analyst Commission convened at Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 593.
2. Conference with Lt. Col. Wheatcroft and Riso with reference to general situation or production and availability of local resources. Lt. Col. Wheatcroft advised to contact FARRIGHERA, 18 Via Verdi, Naples, for more detailed and statistical information.

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

19 July:

1. Final meeting of Analyst Commission at Depots 590/1, 590/2 and 593.
2. Inspected Caserta distribution depot. Lt. Col. Castagno, Francisco officer in charge. The depot presented a very favorable appearance. The depot

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The following has been received from P.B.S.

Towels, bath	4050	Jackets, HBT	840
Leggins	1820	Socks, wool, light	62640
Suits, HBT	210	Trousers, HBT	3920
(one-piece)		Towels, Huck	1920
Undershirt, ctn.	33600	Drawers, ctn.	7200

3. The clothing authorized for issue to P.B.S. for 212 Div. has been withdrawn, with the exception of 5000 pairs of boots which were shut out from the ship. LIMA teleprint AQ 1592 of 23/6/44 refers.
4. 5000 pairs of unrepai red boots have been issued to Public Safety Officer for CORR. Insufficient transport was sent to take 10000 unrepai red Italian blouses. There is a slight hitch in the issue of these blouses, since Commissariato state that they are not disinfected nor washed, and are in a very bad state of repair. This matter is being pursued.
5. During the past few days, some 14000 men have arrived from Sardinia, and a further 10000 are disembarking today. This has resulted in very heavy withdrawals from Depot 591, in addition to the other activities mentioned above.
6. Capt. Benatti, since his return from Lequile, has been busy with Major Parone inspecting shoe repair factories, and obtaining an inventory of available facilities. Details of his inspections are contained in separate letter report to AQ/4 dated 9 July, 1944.

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SUBJECT: Liaison Report

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUIL (LECOE)

6/21
26 June 44

Dear *Jim Shifor*

Would you please number your Liaison Reports with the same Serial Number as the official NAPLES Weekly Liaison Log but with A or B etc after it -- that is if you cannot complete them at the same time.

Please always send in triplicate so that they can be distributed quickly to the various branches concerned.

They have been most useful and have helped us a lot.

I'm sorry about the ALPINI saddlery. I was almost in tears when I finished reading it, and it hadn't even reached the self-adjusting stage!

Yours,

Capt J R MONICO
Capt V W THURPP

IV and are waiting in NAPIES to go to RCME, while the remaining 20 are being collected 5Jun to join the original 47.

The 33 drivers for Region IV were the first of their kind and should have been formed into a unit. This is now being done by provision of an offr and some unit stores. The unit is being called (by BASSO) "10 Provisional Tpt Sec".

Iate on 3Jun Col FARREN (Executive Officer ACC) asked us to provide, forurgent operational reasons, 30 additional drivers for AMG. This was passed on to G(SD) AAI, who have this evening told us to scrape together 100 as soon as we can. These 200 drivers are total requirements of ACC and cancel out the four tpt pls. Investigations are being made to see if these further 100 can be found right away.

The HDI for 1004 21005 Truck Cos (MILA SD/6 of 27 May) is still required and AMG 5th Army haveasked again by letter when it will be ready.

2. MULETEERS.

A Branch AAI are finding out from 5th Army if they still require the 180 rfts due to them under serial 1096A; say this may depend on how certain they are of getting their full quota this month.

The 133 SASSARI Muleteers are still at Afragola Camp; not certain yet if 45 have gone to 7 Mtn Regt. 68 moving shortly to BARACCAMENTI, for Mtn Arty Depot.

3. ENGINEERS and SIGNALS

25 ARTIERI Coy has received 30 non-specialist rfts; 22 tradesmen will be sent when available.

Signal equipment of 106 TELEGRAFISTI, 225 and 226 Muleteers, Genio is being dispatched to 42 Sigs Park S. VITO CHIETI by rail today.

CIL have been informed that 50 of their 1000 sigs rfts are ready for collection at 10 Reggimento.

822 Telegrafisti is being re-equipped so that it can replace a British line Coy. Q(AE) have laid down scale of equipment and released subject to non-availability from Italian sources.

4. AIN.

On 26 June "Q" AAI informed us that Italian Ann would have to be railed from CAPUA at the rate of 300 tons per day starting 27 June to form dump at TORINO DI SAERO. A provisional balanced pack was drawn up and weights guessed. For reasons of security these instructions had to be passed verbally direct to the depot by LO. Later BASSO'S HQ had to be informed of the programme. Some trouble had arisen when CIL IO complained that their ann was being taken away.

