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Subject: Liaison pg No. 17.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
C/o 54 Area
MF/87

OCT 44

Military Mission to Italian Army. ROME.

Sunday 1st Oct to Saturday 14 Oct 44.

1 Oct.

- (a) Remainder captured enemy clothing ex Mid East despatched TARANTO to LA ROCCA Depot No. 1 by road.
(b) Speak to 18 Gp. P.C. and 5 Docks Gp BRINDISI ref proposed requisition EDERLE Barracks. Am informed that Gen. BRISOTTO Had agreed to requisition.

2 Oct.

- (a) Inform DC of S HQ P.L. that 18 Jugoslavs, deserters from ITI Army are at GRAVINA in Jug trg unit and inform him that 2 Mission wishes them to be collected.
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(b) See AQMG and DDL ref BRI-ITIS policy.
(c) Visit LA ROCCA.
(d) See ST ref POLIGNANO School.
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- (b) OC 2 Veh Gp. calls ref move 1009. I fix details with 54 Area.

8 Oct.

- (a) First instalment 510 Gd Bn arrives BARI, SCM L.I. start flapping.

(b) GELARDI arrives.

9 Oct.

- (a) Col. SHIPLEY arrives.
- (b) Visit Gen. DI NISIO with Brig. CLARK Comdr 54 Area.
- (c) 130-133 I.P.L. Coys move BARI to AQUINIA.
- (d) Salvage Depot visited with GELARDI. ITIS did not obey my instructions ref sorting of clothing. Lay down procedure and arrange to have it washed.
- (e) Ofir from 2 Bn. 21 Avn Engr Regt. says needs 100 rfts for 408 (previous 100 men for 835 Bn).
- (f) 835 Bn. 21 Avn. Engr. Regt. collect 100 rfts for 9 and 10

9 Oct. Continued.

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Coys 408 Regt. ex LECCE.

10 Oct.

(a) Move Office.

(b) General confusion.

11 Oct.

(a) CRAWFORD, MMIA TARANTO, reports 174 cases M.T. for GRUPPI arriving shortly. I inform MMIA.

(b) 274 works Sec. HE collect tyres and tubes from 9 M.T. Regt.

(c) 143 I.P.L. Coy moves BRINDISI to AQUINIA.

12 Oct.

(a) Visit 21 Base Laundry and arrange selected clothing for GELARDI to be washed by them.

13 Oct.

(a) Visit HQ P and L ref Vets for 510 Gd. Bn. - Mov/ and Tn. had been told by AFHQ that MMIA had been approached and that result was MMIA BARI would be ordered to allot vech to Bn by withdrawing from other less important units.

(b) 52 Area start flap ref 1000 Italians ex BALKANS arriving TARANTO. AQ states they are NOT to be treated as P.W. Italians to make arrangements for reception. 3 Dist. signal to this effect received - HQ P and L contacted and instructions given.

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Subject:- Liaison Log, No. 16.

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410
Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
HQ No.2 Dist. CMF.
MF/87

2 OCT 44

Military Mission to Italian Army.

From Sunday 24 Sep. to Saturday 30 Sep 44.

SUNDAY

- (a) Visited by Lt.Col.ROUTH who is taking over the Train Gd. Bn.
- (b) Capt BIRD rings ref EDERLE Barracks BRINDISI and SAN PASQUALE Barracks FOGGIA.
- (c) Col. SHIPLEY warns that inventory of Allied clothing will be done on 16 Oct.
- (d) Offer from San Marco Regt comes to try and get a spare tube for a Dodge 3 ton lorry - 500 ACD oblige.
- (e) LFA want 1200 Italian groundsheets for special ops - Major COLE authorises by phone.

MONDAY

- (a) General office routine.

TUESDAY

- (a) 168,169,170 IPL Coys move MINERVINO
- (b) Visit Mil.HQ. P & L ref rfts for existing units - situation difficult.
- (c) American Offer from SBS wants 40 sets of Italian underwear for Special Ops - Col.SHIPLEY authorises by phone.
- (d) Make arrangements with Distwo ST for accn and repartition of 400 dvrs arriving from NAPLES.

WEDNESDAY

- (a) Speak to NAP office ref the mov of 400 dvrs.

THURSDAY

- (a) Visited by an offer from 21 Base Laundry who offers 25 Grade 111 clothing. We show him AFHQ GR 39 25 1813A which stops all issue Grade 111 clothing to Italians.

FRIDAY

- (a) Visit Italian Remount Depot BARI with DADV and RS 2 Dist. Agree to arrange with Mil.HQ. P & L for his take over in near future.
- (b) Speak to Col. SHIPLEY ref new policy for clothing of Italians.
- (c) Deal with question of 18 Yugoslavs, Italian Army deserters.
- (d) Visited by U.S. Army offer ref rfts for 408 Regt.

SATURDAY

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- (b) Visited 9 MT Regt and ACQUAVIVA ref the requisition by the Regt of store place for Vehs at ACQUAVIVA. As bldg is Italian Air Force AFSC is contacted who have no objection.
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- (c) American Offer from SBS wants 40 sets of Italian under-clothing for Special Ops - Col. SHIPLEY authorises by phone.
- (d) Make arrangements with Distwo ST for accn and repartition of 400 dvrs arriving from NAPLES.

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H.Q. No. 2 District.

Subject:- Liaison Lt No. 15.

6/21 Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
HQ No.2 District.CMF.
MF/87

25 Sep 44.

Military Mission to Italian Army.

From Sunday 10 Sep to Saturday 23 Sep.44.

SUNDAY

- (a) Speak to Capt CRAWFORD, MMIA 52 Area, ref 60 tons of clothing arrived from ~~ME~~ on STEPHENSON TAYLOR. He is putting it in MONTECATINI Depot until he can get rail mov.
- (b) NAPLES office warn me personnel for formation of 400 Italian Pioneer Labour Regt are being sent over shortly.

MONDAY

- (a) Inform S.C. Labour 2 Dist. that tps leaving NAPLES today for 400 IPL Regt.
- (b) Speak to Maj.CANN about forage shortage in this area - he says he will look into it.
- (c) Commissariat Mil. HQ. P&L, say BERNARD needs coal from Allied sources to carry out the dying of BD. Coal was previously supplied by 63 D.D. upon ADOS 2 Dist. authy. Contact ADOS 2 Dist and 63 DID and arrange for 3 tons coal to be supplied forthwith.
- (d) 110 M.U. RAF to make further enquires about some timber they are wanting from Italian sources in BRINDISI. A letter is to follow.
- (e) Visit Mil HQ PUGLIA and LUCANIA.
- (f) Visit LA ROCCA Depot to see how things are going. Find 5,000 Italian woollen uniforms 400prs Italian new boots.
- (g) Visit 500 ACD ref captured types query raised by Maj PINKLEY.
- (h) Message from ROME instructing me to visit 140 Inf Regt Depot TREPUIZZI to examine clothing store.

TUESDAY

- (a) 2 Oftrs 30 ORs - Italian Gen Staff sigs move LECCE to ROME.
- (b) Brig. PHILIPS DDOS L of C phones from 57 Area ref 75,000 B.D. to be dyed - tell him everything in hand.
- (c) Mov Shipping say 6 tons tobacco to go to CORSICA - they ask if it can go via SARDINIA - tell them to ring Mov MMIA.
- (d) Visited by OC 1 T.V.P. ref lack of discipline in 1009 Reparto Speciale per AA.

WEDNESDAY

- (a) MMIA ring ref San PASQUALE Barracks FOGGIA food Depot. Civilians apparently living there. Capt FREELAND visiting FOGGIA tomorrow.
- (b) Visit Mil. HQ P&L, LA ROCCA and new clothing warehouse.
- (c) See FRANCAVILLA line school O.C.
- (d) Try to requisition another warehouse for clothing. Attempts fail as salvage will still be using it.

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(b) ABD say they have three lorry loads of salvage for LA ROCCA - make arrangements to accept it.
(c) RSD 500 AOD say they have 70,000 prs of boots and 200 tons of salvage clothing. Agree to start accepting on Monday.
(d) Ask Col FELSANI to provide ZAINO SANITA as per MMIA request.

FRIDAY

- (a) Visit LECCE, 140 Inf Regt, 47 Inf Regt and repair and salvage plant.

SATURDAY

- (a) Ring BOURNE at VASTO asking him to inform the Italian personnel destined originally for ANCONA food Depot, now sitting at CHIETI, to return forthwith to BARI as per Min of War instructions.
(b) Labour 2 Dist. say they want extra blankets for IPL Coys as it is getting cold up at MINERVINO. Speak to Col SHIPLEY inform him that there are 12,000 blankets in LA ROCCA.
(c) 500 AOD inform me that Commerce Sub Section of ACC Southern Region is wanting the salvage boots destined for MMIA. Tell them that we will take them and I inform MMIA of my action.

SUNDAY

- (a) 2 Italian T.C. Coy. arrives BITONTO ex 3 Dist. strength 3 Offrs 109 ORs.

MONDAY

- (a) 5 Offrs and 150 ORs 1 Coy 152 M.G. Bn move OSTUNI to CECICINA.
- (b) Visited by O.C. 503 Smoke Coy, and O.C. 507 Smoke Coy.
- (c) NAPLES office tell me that cyclist Bn has left for MINERVINO, part yesterday part today.

TUESDAY

- (a) 744 all ranks PICENO Div move from APULIA to RENEVENTO.
- (b) 4 Offrs and 202 ORs, 120 Signal Corp move TRANI to CAPUA.
- (c) 80 all ranks of 503 Guard Bn move LECCE to VASTO.
- (d) 21 all ranks of 47 Inf Regt move LECCE to MANFREDONIA
- (e) Visit FRANCAVILLA Line School with Maj. FLEMING

WEDNESDAY

- (a) Morning return from LECCE. Afternoon office routine.

THURSDAY

- (a) Speak to 63 DID ref coal for BERNARD.
- (b) Col SHIPLEY says inventory of all stocks will be held towards the end of the month - depot must be put in order.
- (c) 1,000 Blouses and 750 Trousers Battledress at BERNARD which we can take over. Ring DADOS CP and P suggesting we take over, no reply as yet.

FRIDAY

- (a) O.C. 502 Smoke Coy visits this office ref his indent for a typewriter.
- (b) 66 Gp say they have 10,000 British forage caps, can these be taken over by me and dyed. Col. SHIPLEY agrees it's a good idea.

SATURDAY

- (a) Visit Mil HQ P & L and new food depot.
- (b) Inspect three IPL Coys in PICCA barracks.
- (c) Visited by 2/Lt VETRANO 835 Aviation Engr Bn. ref 408 Inf Regt. wants rfts badly as coys employed on airfield construction for the winter. Promise to give him priority of rfts from 47 Inf Regt Depot LECCE.

CFM/jmr

C. F. Murcell
5:15
May 1951

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Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

Subject:- Week Liaison Report No 14.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ No 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: M.F. 87.
12 Sep 44.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.

From Sunday 3 SEP 44 to Saturday 9 SEP 44

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SUNDAY

General Office Routine.

MONDAY.

- (a) Spoke to Capt Bourne at VASTO ref Italian Army Adv Med Stores and Fd Hosps in this area. Maj. Heggie has already been informed direct so no action required by me.
- (b) Visited by O.C. Br Cadre 1007 G.T.Coy.
- (c) 274 Works Sec RE draw tyres and tubes authorised by MMIA.
- (d) Visited by Capt ROSSI O.C. 820 Sigs Coy.
- (e) 9 Corps ask me to chase clothing indents for 904 Lav Art as it is moving shortly.
- (f) Saw Provost HQ 2 Dist Ref 7 T.C. Bn.
- (g) Saw DDL ref labour reorg.

TUESDAY

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- (b) Commissariat 9 Corps see me ref ANCONA food depot- I call MMIA- told position NOT yet defined.
- (c) Visited by O.C. 274 Works Sec RE.
- (d) Saw Labour Branch ref 408 Regt employed by the Americans.
- (e) 9 Corps asked if 372 Bn is to be used by DDL-told them YES.
- (f) Request of clothing to 46 rfts for RygConstr Bn under 5 Army. Tele Authy received from MMIA to issue.
- (g) Naples ask for further details of meat transier BARI-Naples and wagon Numbers of rations sent to VAIRANO.
- (h) Major FINKLEY requests physical stock - take of tyres 750 X 20 9 M.T. Regt informed.
- (i) Visited by O.C. 904 Lav.Art.Coy.

WEDNESDAY

- (a) Visit 9 M.T. Regt with O.C. 1019 Th W/S ref requisition of fuel pump and atomiser testing machine. 3399
- (b) Speak to Col. FELSANI ref Amb Pl.
- (c) Speak to Col. NOAKES ref ANCONA Clothing Depot.

THURSDAY

- (a) Make enquires ref whereabouts of Capt TORTELLI. The rumour that he was in ROME was unfounded; he has been in BARI all the time.
- (b) DDL tells me 160 rfts required as replacements for congecanti in all smoke Coys in the Dist, can we find them. Tell him impossible to find them locally, will have to bid for them.
- (c) Offer from 2 Veh Gp visits me ref the replacement of a smashed-up trailer. Put him on the right track.
- (d) 46 BSD make enquires about shipment of cigarettes discrepancy Commissariat give them satisfactory answer.
- (e) Col. SHIPLEY requests physical stock take of all BD in LA ROCCA
- (f) Lend a hand with requisition of new food ware-house.

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- (b) Major SUYS tells me that offr are being sent away from I PL Coys 9 Corps C of S says that this cannot be helped as Ministry of War have given 9 Corps forceful instructions to demobilise 1400 offr. Major BUTTERWORTH informed who will take it up with Ministry of War.
- (c) Col. SHIPLEY informs me that LA ROCCA will be inspected shortly so it had better be put straight.
- (d) Visited by O.C. 1200 Ind Amb Fl ref his status now that he is no longer with 1002 G.I. Coy - promise to take it up with 9 Corps.

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*Chief Pl. has
 always been (or still
 is) under command of 9 Corps.*

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SATURDAY

- (a) 67 Garrison rings ref Italian Liaison Staff.
- (b) Ask Col.SHIPLEY if labour tps on night shifts can have overcoats.

C. F. Murcell
C.F.MURCELL Maj.G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ No. 2 District.

Previous week spent visiting HQ at ROME and NAPLES Office. No report made of that week.

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Subject: Weekly Liaison Report No 13

HQ H.M.L.A.

H.M.L.A. L.A.
HQ 2 District

H.M.L.A.

Ref: HQ 87

28 Aug 44

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From Sunday 13 Aug to Sat 26 Aug.

SUNDAY

- (a) G 2 Sigs 2 Dist came for Italian L.A. to replace those who will be moving with 2 Dist.
(b) Advise H.M.L.A. office of cups coming over by rail.
(c) Capt ROYCE flags up and reports food crisis in WASTO. Italian Liaison left by rail and road yesterday and today.

MONDAY

- (a) Labour requisition discussed.

TUESDAY

- (a) Saw IV Corps reg Labour report and oil for the driving school.
(b) See 5 AM Regt ref Atomizer and Fuel Pump // testing machine required by 2 Dist ref for 2 AM 4.8.
(c) Speak to DDI and report of labour agents that demobilisation to take place forthwith.
(d) Speak to HQ AMIA ref trainees for school at YULIEMING and write for R.T. Corps.
(e) 37 Distro want to get rid of 2000 litre wind in my eleven and also 4000 litres in barrels.
(f) Arrange move of 60 trainees for line school at YULIEMING.

WEDNESDAY

- (a) Manage to get rid of 7500 litres time by sending to RYDING who will use it for Italian tips in CAMPANIA.
(b) Speak to 2 AM Regt tell them to get people ready for move to BRANCOVILLA MONTANA.
(c) H.M.S. IC Corps makes queries ref 1200 L.A. and 11.
(d) 7 T.M. Am 3 officers 112 OR move AMIBOX to ROLLA, 2 officers 56 OR MOVINGAZON to ROLLA.

THURSDAY

- (a) Speak to Col SHUMWAY ref 1000 H.M. Reg.
(b) Movements CAMPANIA village ref 8 Coy 336 Inf Regt which is at PASARO and should be moved to CAMPANIA.
(c) See 3.M. 2 Dist ref Driving school.
(d) See 1 District 2 Dist ref exemption of Italian military personnel from military service.
(e) Speak to H.M.L.A. office.
(f) Commissioner IX Corps ask for 5 32 from RSL to make drying experiment. They are given some American uniforms as well.
(g) 560 ACD 2 Gns Dist enquire if American shirts class A in 1000s had been collected by 112 - tell them still just over 1000 shirts.

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THURSDAY

(a) See II Corps ref labour treaty and oil for the driving school.

(b) See 9 AM Regt ref tonifier and fuel pump // testing machine required by 2 Dist ref for a M.W.S.

(c) Speak to DDL ref needs of labour areas that demobilisation to take place forthwith.

(d) Speak to HQ IMA ref trainees for school at BELLINGHAM and with for C.M. boys.

(e) 9M Dist too want to get rid of 1500 litre wine in 17 cisterns and also 4000 litres in barrels.

(f) Arrange move of 60 trainees for line school at RABDAY.

WEDNESDAY

(a) Manage to get rid of 7000 litres wine by sending to MARKING who will use it for Italian type in CAMPANIA.

(b) Speak to 9 AM Regt tell them to get pupils ready for move to BRANCHITTA PORTUCCI.

(c) DMS in Corps makes enquiries ref 1200 in 105 PL.

(d) 7 T.O. in 3 offices 112 ON move BRANCHITTA to ROMA, 2 others 36 ON CLOVERLEZZO to UOLA.

THURSDAY 5397

(a) Speak to Col SHIFFIN ref 1000 G.M. boy.

(b) Movements BRANCHITTA mine ref 8 boy 300 Lit Regt which is at CASATO and should be moved to BRANCHITTA.

(c) See S.P. 2 Dist ref driving school.

(d) See A Busch 2 Dist ref exemption of Italian military personnel from military service.

(e) Speak to VALLIS office.

(f) Commissariat in Corps ask for 5 RD from RD to make dyeing experiment. They are given some American uniforms as well.

(g) 500 AOD 2 Sub Depot enquire if American shirts class A in LA RICCIA had been collected by ABD - tell them still just over 1000 to be moved.

FRIDAY

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

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

(c) Col SHIFFIN rings ref green dye arriving BRANCHITTA and BRANCHITTA.

(d) 45 RD collect 525 lbs cigarettes from Italian Depot BRANCHITTA.

(e) DDL asks for more bodies.

(f) Chase 1006 clothing indent.

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SATURDAY
Services Branch IX Corps.

- (a) Visit 253 Workshop Coy at MONTESUMMA with Capt MORRIS of Services Branch IX Corps.
- (b) Maps of Italy are ready for collection by IX Corps.
- (c) Visited by C.O. Dr Cadore 1000 H.M. Coy.
- (d) Speak to 2 Dist and PHILIPS office re: formation of VMC Regt.
- (e) Ring TRAMM and ask re: Major HQs and 130 Regts have left 9 Regt. Regt. Regts left on 6 and 7 Aug, Major HQs still there. — *PAR OK.*

SUNDAY

- (a) Conference with DDI and IX Corps reps.
- (b) G 2 C.M. 2 Dist wants info for Smoke Coys.
- (c) G 2 BCD want to collect 200,000 lbs of flour from Italian Depot tomorrow. Find out that this is possible and inform them so.
- (d) Visit 22 CRAISO.
- (e) Tell IX Corps to remove HQs 581 and 587 Regts from MINER-VIUC also that 400 Inf Regt must be reinforced.

MONDAY

- (a) 60 Gns of 204 Miets Genie Coy, trainees for MONTESUMMA Mine-training school move from TRAMM.
- (b) Ask for details from IX Corps of the locations and strength of the units of 408 Regt under command 21 American Aviation Bn. Am told that there are two coys at SAN SALVO one in ROMM. In these three coys about 350 are due to be demobilised.
- (c) Make enquiries for info about the required requisition of second WIAW Workshop in BARI by American Forces.
- (d) Find out for Maj BURNERWORTH the weapons on charge to 195 BOMB CO.
- (e) Inform Air Forces Sub Commission AGO BARI that MIA has authorised to them release of 2000 prs boots for the Italian Air Force.
- (f) WAINES office informs me that the balance of 187 Regts, total of some 350 men, leaving for MONTESUMMA tomorrow.
- (g) 508 Smoke Coy want two extra interpreters.

TUESDAY
and BRINDISI.

- (a) 100 Italian rats for labor leave VIUC MARINA for BARI
- (b) Speak to Major PHILIPS re: the move of the three Regts for 1, 2 and 3 Districts which has not taken place - personnel have been ready at TRAMM for weeks. — *OK OK*
- (c) WAINES office say 84 tons of meat to be moved from BARI to WAINES is rather urgent - arrange the move with NOV East Italy for tomorrow.
- (d) Ask Col STICKNEY (Gen MATTEOLI's representative in IX Corps) re: the lack of discipline in 922 Decks Operating Coy and the continued absence without leave - ask him to take drastic action.
- (e) Gen WAINES informs me that only 58 trainees for MONTESUMMA

VINE also that 400 Inf Regt must be reinforced.

MONDAY (a) 60 GRS of 204 Mietsa Gento Coy, trainees for MRAGAVTALA-
PCHERMA line-training school move from MRAMI.
(b) Ask for details from I Corps of the locations and strengths
of the units of 402 Regt under command 21 American Aviation Bn. Am told
that there are two coys at SAN SALVO one in ROMR. In these three coys about
300 are due to be demobilised.
(c) Make enquiries for MIRA about the required requisition
of second PLAM Workshop in RARI by American forces.
(d) Find out for Maj BURKSWORTH the weapons on charge to
205 HMMBC Bn.
(e) Inform Air Force's Sub Commission AGC RARI that ISIA has
authorised to them release of 2000 prs boots for the Italian Air Force.
(f) WARLES office informs me that the balance of 387 Regts,
total of some 350 men, leaving for MIPNVINO tomorrow.
(g) 508 Snake Coy want two extra interpreters.

TUESDAY (a) 100 Italian rfts for leave leave VIDO MARINA for RARI
and BRINDISI.
(b) Speak to Major PHILLIPS ref the move of the three ^{HQs}
for 1, 2 and 3 Districts which has not taken place - personnel have been
ready at MRAMI for weeks. ~~OK~~
(c) WARLES office say 84 tons of meat to be moved from RARI
to WARLES is rather urgent - arrange the move with NOV East Italy for to-
morrow.
(d) Ask Col SIGGARDI (Gen MATTEOLI's representative in I Corps)
ref the lack of discipline in 923 Docks Operating Coy and the continued
absence without leave - ask him to take drastic action.

WEDNESDAY (a) SM Distwo informs me that only 50 trainees for POLICIANO
school have arrived - 170 left WARLES.
(b) Speak to Maj RAPINERAI, WARLES office ref the shipment of
84 tons of meat and GVRs for POLICIANO.

THURSDAY (a) WARLES office informs me that 500 JVR units for 1006 and
1007 A.T. Coys are coming over in tpt being collected on West Coast by
1006 C.T. Coy.
(b) Visit three barracks in RARI with C.O. 56 Pioneer Bn.
Find men in disgusting surroundings and quite large amounts of clothing
in regimental clothing stores. I Corps informed - they are going to
write strong letters to the offenders.

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

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

(e) Col SHILLEY rings and says 10,000 prs trousers for CURP are urgently wanted in RML.

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

(g) JAMES office informs me that rfts for 1000 are leaving tomorrow. I inform Sp 2 District.

(h) S.T. Diatwo tell me 1200 Ind Amb Pl. must move from BRINDISI to RML.

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

FRIDAY

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

(b) GSD 2 Dist say 103 MMB0 Bn vans cannot do a long journey by road - speak to IX Corps ask them to do all that is possible to have them repaired by 25 Aug.

SATURDAY

(a) Visit IX Corps and Commissariat.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Report No 12

HO M.M.I.A.

C.M.I.A. I.O.
HQ 2 District
C.M.E.

Ref: MP 87
15 Aug 44

Week SUNDAY 6 Aug to SATURDAY 12 Aug.

SUNDAY

- (a) Inform M.M.I.A. of number of trainees required for next course at driving school starting 13 Aug.
(b) Warn M.M.I.A. 10 50 Sub Area that my wagon with sups is arriving.

MONDAY

- (a) 918 Lev Art Coy indent chased.
(b) Visited by O.O. FRANCAVILLA driving school. 60 pupils ready by 15 July. 120 have arrived from CALABRIA boots in poor condition. Sgt for Admin has been assigned. No veh yet. Wants another WCO and typewriter.
(c) Visit 922 Decks operating Coy to try and stem desertion with pep talk.
(d) Order three wagons to take clothing to HALLS.

TUESDAY

- (a) Reorganisation of labour discussed.

WEDNESDAY

- (a) Difficulty over the loading of wagons with clothing. Get special A.I. authority to move the three wagons un-ICM-mad.

THURSDAY

- (a) 15 AFSC want four riding saddles for one of their rest camps. M.M.I.A. approached.
(b) Labour reorganisation discussed.
(c) Speak to Maj PLUMING ref FRANCAVILLA school.

FRIDAY

school.

- (a) Visit IX Corps ref reorg of labour and POLICIANO driving plane leaves from ISCOR.

SATURDAY

- (a) Visited by O.O. 66 GP PI Corps ref reorg lab 5394

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(c) Visit 922 Decks operating Coy to try and stem desertion with pay talk.

(d) Order three wagons to take clothing to NAFES.

TUESDAY (a) Reorganisation of labour discussed.

WEDNESDAY (a) Difficulty over the loading of wagons with clothing. Get special AAI authority to move the three wagons un-FOL-med.

THURSDAY (a) 15 AFSC want four riding saddles for one of their rest camps. MIA approached.

(b) Labour reorganisation discussed.

(c) Speak to Maj FLEMING ref FRANKAVILLA school.

FRIDAY (a) Visit IX Corps ref reorg of labour and TOLICHANO driving school.

(b) Maj DIXON visits ref pigeon food. Inform him courier plane leaves from LECCE.

SATURDAY (a) Visited by C.O. 66 Gp Pz Corps ref reorg lab 5394

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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report No 11

M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ 2 District

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HQ M.M.I.A.

Ref: MF 87

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

SUNDAY

(a) Arrange final details of movement of med. stores, sigs stores and HAWPI for CIL.

(b) I Special Force requests extra clothing for MMPO. Verbal authy received from MMIA to issue.

(c) Det. 303 It Gd Bn 360 all ranks moves BIMPINO to VIETNO.

MONDAY

(a) Ministry of War informs IX Corps 7 Rd Mov Bn to be moved. 6 HSA kick like hell.

(b) Sst 2 Dist make enquiries re: specialists for 1004 and 1005 G.T. Coys.

(c) Visit 9 Mt Regt.

TUESDAY

(a) 5 W/T operators collected by "A" Force.

(b) 5 Corps Liaison det. draw clothing.

(c) 185 MMPO draw clothing.

(d) See Labour 2 Dist ref reorg labour.

WEDNESDAY

(a) Visited by Maj HOLLAND 274 Works Sec. RM, 31 Corps vans off rd for lack of tyres. He wants 40 - 750 x 20 and 40 - 1100 x 24 tyres and tubes as a first urgent consignment. Anthy from Maj PINKLEY to issue.

(b) See Labour 2 Dist ref reorg.

(c) Tn 2 Dist say deserters up to 60 from TARANTO Docta

Operating Coy.

(d) MMIA delegates this office with authority to issue required clothing to labour units being reorganized in 2 Dist.

(e) 100 pps Italian repaired boots issued to GERR going forward.

ward.

(f) 919 Lev Art Coy moves TRAMI to RENEVENTO.

THURSDAY

(a) 200 Engr rfts move to 8 Army.

(b) Visited by Maj KIMWOOD Vard R 2 Dist and Col DEWITT C.C. Italian Remount Ste. The closing of the Ste. discussed and the transfer to the mule camp of 100 trained personnel.

(c) HOURS rings ref 1003 G.T. Coy clothing indnt.

(d) Col CLICHARD DADH 2 Dist wants sample of STERIDRALO.

(e) Wagon loading at TRAMI with Sig stores for CIL leaves tonight.

FRIDAY

(a) MINERVINO draws 1000 Italian Flouses, 500 Trousers, 3000

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6 BSA kick like hell.

(b) Sp 2 Dist make enquiries ref specialists for 1004 and

1005 G.T. Coys.

(c) Visit 9 MT Regt.

TUESDAY

(a) 3 W/T operators collected by "A" Force.

(b) 5 Corps Liaison det. draw clothing.

(c) 185 WHEAC draw clothing.

(d) See Labour 2 Dist ref reorg Labour.

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(c) Tn 2 Dist say deserters up to 60 from TARANTO Docks

Operating Coy.

(d) MMIA delegates this office with authority to issue required clothing to labour units being reorganised in 2 Dist.

(e) 100 prs Italian repaired boots issued to OGR going forward.

ward.

(f) 919 Lev Art Coy moves TRAINI to BENEVENTO.

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THURSDAY

(a) 200 Eng rfts move to 8 Army.

(b) Visited by Maj KIMWOOD Vard R 2 Dist and Col DUVIA G.C. Italian Remount Sta. The closing of the Sta discussed and the transfer to the mule camp of 100 trained personnel.

(c) BOURNIE rings ref 1003 G.T. Coy clothing indmt.

(d) Col GRIFFITH DASH 2 Dist wants sample of STERILISED.

(e) Wagon loading at TRAINI with Sigs stores for CII leaves tonight.

FRIDAY

(a) MINERVINO draws 1000 Italian Blouses, 500 Trousers, 5000 Ground-sheets, 300 prs Italian repaired Boots.

(b) Wagon BOURNE wagon arriving with Sigs Stores.

SATURDAY

(a) 503 Smoke arrives MINERVINO.

(b) Visit 913 Lev Art Coy TRAINI.

(c) Visit 9 MT Regt tyre depot with Maj ROSE.

(d) Order IX Corps to send 120 rfts ex LEONE to four Docks

Coys as rfts no longer available from MINELLI.

(e) Released 1500 prs Boots to 19 Sp F.C.

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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

(a) HQ 1 Bn and 4 Coys 417 Regt 240 offers 247 OR move TRICIGIANO to CASORIA.

(b) BOURNE enquires if any stantati are required for MINERVINO.
(c) "Q" 2 District want fuel pump and atomiser testing machine.
(d) Visited by offer from MINERVINO.

(e) Conference in BDL's office - Col SICARDI, Col MUCCIACCIARO, Col DELL'AGLIO present. Report of regts discussed. Italians told to form all possible Coys on paper excl congedanti by Sunday.

(f) BELSANI wants rail tpt for med sips for CIL.
(g) Ind and Comm. Sub Comm have 10 tons Caustic Soda for IRI.
(h) Lieut FIORI Sigs LC 2 Dist says 147 phones repaired and available for CIL. Tell him to send them to TRANI pending disposal instructions from MMIA. Ask Col HAMPTON to inform Maj BLEMING.
(i) 955 W.S. Coy arrives to MOLINETTA.

WEDNESDAY

(a) 600 volunteers for CIL leave PIZZO for FRANCAVILLA - on same train 123 pupils for Sigs School.
(b) 507 Smoke Coy moves BARI to MARLETTA.
(c) One Coy 417 5/209 moves BARI to CASORIA. One Coy 417 5/209 moves CASTELLANA to CASORIA.

(d) Tell Commissariat IL Corps to send 175 lbs pepper to MONTECATINI depot TARANTO tomorrow morning.

(e) Visited by G.O. British Cadre 508 Smoke Coy.

(f) Visited by 2 i/c 715 A.W. Coy.

THURSDAY

(a) See BDL ref reorg - arrange that no clothing to be issued until after the Sunday conference, when it is known how many men there will be available after 1913 class selection.

(b) Visited by G.O. 562 Arty Coy ref discipline at driving school.

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FRIDAY

(c) Supply 1000 prs boots to MINERVINO.

(d) Arrange movement of medical stores to ORTONA for tomorrow.

(e) 9 MT Regt say 1006 C.L. Coy 50 offers 21 NCO's 117 Ptes.

SATURDAY

(a) ABD want 10 lbs green dye.

(b) Visited by 9 MT Regt ref civilian employees.

SATURDAY

(a) Speak to Col HAMPTON ref reorg of labour.

(b) Calling forward to PALO from CONVERSANO 1006 Monday morning.

(c) Visited by Major SUISSE.

Col DALL'ASTIO present. Recorg of regts announced by Sunday.

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(b) Calling forward to PALO from CORVERSANO 1006 Monday morning.

(c) Visited by Major SUISSE.

(d) Warn Tn Docks Op Coys clothing indents finally approved.

(e) Col FELSANI says 3 Amb's leaving for NAPLES on Tuesday.

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

(g) HAINES office wants N's of ry wags tpting olive oil.

(h) Tell NAPLES 1005 G.T. Coy now over there, therefore clothing issue to be made from their side.

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Maj C.S.

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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report No. 13

HQ M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
c/o No 2 District
26 July 44

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Week Sunday 16 July to Saturday 22 July.

SUNDAY

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

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

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

(d) Speak to 50 BCD ref EMI sups for CIL.

MONDAY

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

(b) 503 Guard Bn arrives.

(c) 5 Offrs 25 Crs leave BARI for CIVITAVECCHIA to set up advanced ration depot.

TUESDAY

(a) Italian Remount Sta runs out of forage. Contact 6 BSA and set matter right.

(b) S.T. Distwo say 1005 G.T. Coy have no arms. IX Corps say Coy's allotment are being repaired at TARANTO, will be issued as soon as ready.

(c) Speak to V and R 2 Dist ref disbanding of Remount Sta. Suggest that 2 Dist takes over trained personnel to run Mule Camps. Col SMITH says he will get on to AAI.

(d) Speak to Gi S.D. MMIA ref graveness of situation in Labour and En if 1913 and older classes are suddenly demobilised. Am told that SMITH will be informed that no demob to take place until replacements are on the spot.

(e) See Q 2 Dist ref accn Italian military personnel.

(f) Air Forces Sub Commission draw balance of 1000 gro 5394 sheets due to them.

WEDNESDAY

(a) Speak to Col DUVIA ref his Remount Station.

(b) IX Corps collect toilet goods for CIL.

(c) CC. FOCGIA Refugee Camp visits are ref indent for 601 Inf Coy working at the camp.

(d) Labour 2 Dist want fire-wood for MINERVINO. Arrange for Commissariat IX Corps to load 3 waggons daily until 100 tons dispatched to camp.

(e) All preparations made for the reception of 507 Smoke Coy in BARI ex MINERVINO for trs. Only snag nowhere to put them in BARI.

(f) 922 Docks Operating Coy moves BRINDISI to BARI.

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(f) 922 Decks Operating Coy moves BRINDISI to BARI.

(g) 17 Offrs 270 ORs rfts for CIL move IANIGRO to IMERA.

(h) HQ 1 Bn 410 moves BARLETTA to CIVITA CASTELLANA.

(i) 204 Mista Genio Coy and 507 Regt arrive MINERVINO.

THURSDAY

(a) Visit 9 Enger Regt TRAMI to inspect 919 Lav Art Coy. Not able to do this owing to fact all personnel given two days rest after typhoid injection. Sort out outstanding clothing indents and arrange to visit coy in two days time.

(b) 506 Smoke Coy moves MANFREDONIA to TORRE ANNUZZIATA.

(c) 508 Smoke Coy arrives MINERVINO.

FRIDAY

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

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

(c) Hold Conference in my office ref Congedati - those present: Lab 2 Dist, Tn 2 Distr, "G" 2 Dist, 64 21 GP, 6 BSA, IX Corps, Col SICCARDI.

(d) 2 Bty 1 GP 404 Arty Regt 5 Cffrs 195 Oks move ERINDISI to APRIGERA.

(e) 40 Italian ORs for 35 Field Bakery move BARI to ONFOMA.

SATURDAY
evening.

(a) 919 Lav. Art Coy inspected. Clothing reaches then late

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

(c) 217, 218 TEL Coys move MINERVING to TARANTO.

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

R. M. MURCELL

Signed (C. M. MURCELL)
Maj U.S.

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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report No 2

MMIA IO No 2 District
16 July 44

HQ M. M. I. A.

Week Sunday July 9 to Saturday July 15.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- (a) Maj. WILSON wants two lhp motors for tyre-repairing.
- (b) Check with TRANI 9 Engr Regt ref sigs stores for CIL ex SARDINIA.
- (c) Labour 2 Dist say no fuel for cooking at MINERVINO. Tell Commissariat IX Corps to do something.
- (d) RSD 500 ACD inform me there are some items to be returned to Italians. Maj. HUBBARD copes.
- (e) Ordinemento IX Corps ask for 10 extra days grace in formation of 1 Bn 417. MMIA grants five which makes date of readiness 20 July.

Also ask about reorganisation of Labour Regts in BARI, BRINDISI and MARINNO.

TUESDAY

- (a) Rfts for 503 Smoke Coy ready to move.
- (b) Speak to NAPLES office inform me 503 due to leave 13 July with 71 Bersag.
- (c) Capt. BOURNE rings ref med. sups for VASTO Depot.
- (d) Preparation for move of 1005 G T Coy from CONVERSANO to PALO DEL COLLE.

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- (b) Visit MMIA.

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- (b) DDL 2 Dist annoyed about the transfer of Gen. LOMBARDI from TARANTO. Mentions he wants him back. Have yet to discuss thing thoroughly with him.
- (c) No 1 IPL Formation Centre come to draw clothing.
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EX SARDINIA.
(c) Labour 2 Dist say no fuel for cooking at MINERVINO. Tell Commissariat IX Corps to do something.

(d) RSD 500 ACD inform me there are some items to be returned to Italians. Maj. HUBBARD copes.

(e) Ordinemanto IX Corps ask for 10 extra days grace in formation of 1 Bn 417. MMIA grants five which makes date of readiness 20 July.

Also ask about reorganisation of Labour Regts in BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO.

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(e) Speak to Lt Col. WHIMERY AMG LUCERA ref SMRE complaint that harvesters NOT getting sugar, coffee or meat. Am informed that sugar has been short, coffee is NOT an item on civilian ration Scale and that M and V in some instances was NOT properly distributed. All Complaints have been looked into and remedied where possible.

(f) Took preliminary steps towards clinching deal between IX Corps and ERI and 500 AOD in regard to supply of toilet items to CIL.

SATURDAY

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

(b) Chase PELSANI, ref med Stores for CIL and MINERVING.

(c) See IX Corps ref mov of units.

(d) Visited by Col. WHINERY who arranges to move with AMG

tpt 800 rfts for 2 Dist to MINERVING tomorrow.

(e) Chase HAAFI for CIL.

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SUBJECT:- Weekly Liaison Report No 8

HQ M.M.I.A.

MMIA LO No 2 District
09 July 44C

Week 2 July to 8 July 44

SUNDAY

Report to MMIA HQ LEQUILLE.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

(b) ST DISTWO inform me that 70 Drs ex Driving
School sent to 9 M.T. Regt at close of the course had been
returned to POLIGNANO. Matter sorted out with 9 M.T. Regt.
(c) Maj PHILLIPS calls after visit to 9 Engr
Regt TRANI. Sees Capt MURARO of IX CORPS Services Office
ref clothing for 150 Rfts.

(d) No 1 IPL Camp come to draw second clothing
indent. Unable to do so owing to lack of authorization as
yet.

(e) Speak to NAPLES office.

WEDNESDAY

(a) Am chased by DDL about second clothing indent
for No 1 IPL Camp.

(b) Speak to NAPLES office ref NEMBO medical
supplies. Col FELSAMI confirms he has received them.

THURSDAY

(a) Col FELSAMI asks to me to tie up the movement
of medical supplies for NEMBO on North bound ambulance train.
(b) Speak to HQ MMIA ref spare magazines for
pistols drawn by "A" Force.

(c) Speak to ST 2 District ref O.C. 1003 G.T. Coy.

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

FRIDAY

(a) Visited IX CORPS on routine matters. 5087

(b) Request ST 2 District for POL requirements
of driving school for August.

(c) Spoke to NAPLES office ref Tps ex SARDINIA.

SATURDAY

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(b) 15th American Air Force want 3000 bags of
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(c) Inform Col FELSAMI that MINERVINO Camp are
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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report No 7

HQ M.M.I.A.

MMIA LO No 2 District

4 JULY 44

Week 25 June to 1 July 44

Sunday.

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

Monday. (a) I.S.F. ring ref tables and forms for NEMBO - they collect from BARI depot.

(b) Speak to MMIA ref 45 Italian soldiers to be trained as

cooks.

(c) ~~SORE~~ MMIA rings ref units being formed at 9 Engr Regt. Attempt to contact by phone.

Tuesday. (a) I speak to Ordinaments & Corps ref rfts and clothing for 502, 503 Smoke Coys.

(b) Speak to MMIA ref 502, 503 Coys and ref leave for Italian Army.

(c) Speak to "Q" 6 BSA ref Bonomo hospital.

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(e) MMIA ring to say 5 interpreters for NEMBO are ready arrange for them to report to 65 Gairson where I.S.F. will collect.

Wednesday. (a) Visited by offr of C.I.L. ref drawing of vehs and tyres for C.I.L. Arrange for vehs to take up stores and eqpt.

(b) Col. NOAKES visits BARI. - 6 BSA visited ref BONGIO 386 Hospital and 9 MT Regt workshops.

(c) Speak to ST ref 1004 G.T. Goy indents.

Thursday.

(a) Informed that three Coys 209 Div. tps arrived MINERVINO.

(b) Spoke to Maj. JOHN AA I ref non appearance NEMBO.

(c) Spoke to No 1 Sub Depot 500 AOD ref types for C.I.L.

(d) Capt. CHARLESWORTH informed he can collect pistols

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

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

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

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

C. F. MURCELL

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

SUBJECT:-- Weekly Liaison Report N°6

HQ M.M.I.A.

MMIA c/o N°2 District
27 JUNE 44

Week June 18 to June 24.

Sunday.

(a) 916 Lav Art Coy moves TERMOLI to BOVINO.
(b) 1004 G.T.Coy moves CONVERSANO to CAPURSO.
(c) See 1X CORPS ref clothing for MINERVINO Camp.
(d) Speak to Capt STAFFA 1X CORPS M.T.Branch ref Petrol and oil for driving school.

Monday.

(a) Maj ARCHDALE and Lieut from 19 Gp P.C. come to draw clothing and stores from BARI depot for MINERVINO Camp.
(b) Gave authority for release of 1 horse from Italian Remount Station for R.S.R.
(c) Speak to Col VALLONE, 6 B.S.A. and 2 District medical ref BONOMO hospital.
(d) Spoke to NAPLES office ref medical stores for NEMBO Div ex Command medical stores to 4 Base Medical Stores. Will be advised when it arrives.
(e) Wine barrels for Eighth Army M.M.I.A. L.O. are ready for movement.
(f) Speak to FILPOT ref journey to ROMs of Italian Red Cross. They have no objection.

Tuesday.

(a) Motorizzazione S.M.R.E. ring up and ask if 40,000 Kgs of petrol will be sufficient for the driving school. O.C. school says it will be.
(b) Speak to 22 GRASCO ref movement of wine barrels.
(c) Speak to Maj PHILLIPS SORRE and Col POTTLE D.Tn. ref the removal of the O.C. of 921 Dock Operating Coy.
(d) Medical Directorate 1X Corps say that medical orderlies for duty on trains, from railhead to the L. of C have been provided. Matter clinched with 6 B.S.A.
(e) Speak to Col SHIPLEY ref spare parts for vehs required by British Units.
(f) Speak to Capt BOURNE ref medical supplies and clothing for 209 Div.
(g) ST 2 District ring ref engine oil for the driving school
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(h) 1X Corps Engrs come ref monthly supply of phone batteries.
(i) 64 Pns Gp.come ref issue of 1700 prs boots for equipment of labour.
(j) "Q" 2 District ref blankets and rationing of NEMBO Bn. from Brit D.I.D.

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Wednesday.

(a) 166 Arty Gp moves S.P. VERNOTICO to ORTONA.

(b) Speak to 557 AOD ref supply of phone batteries to Italian Army. They agree to supply if party arrives with a note from me.

(c) Make last arrangements with 22 CRASC ref move of wine barrels to Eighth Army.

(d) Capt PARROT, 1 Special Force calls ref NEMBO Bn.

(e) Ring Col SHIPLEY ref boots for 64 pnr Gp. M.T. spares part for British Units.

(f) Speak to NAPLES office. They inform me that ACC displeased

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./...with the four Service Pls ex BARI. Matter referred to Col HAMPTON.

(g) Visit Cof S LX CORPS with Col VALLONE ref Italian Military on loan unofficially to Allied units in BARI.

(h) The following moves take place :-

3 ofgrs, 180 ORs ex BARI for PBS
1 specialist, 70 dvr ex BARI for ROME
1 ofgr, 70 ORs ex MONOPOLI for PBS
2 " 100 " ex CASTELLANA for PBS
1 " 50 " ex CONVELASANO "

Thursday) Visit with Capt PARROT of 1 Special Force Main HQ,
Friday (2 Polish Corps, Rear HQ and HQ C.I.L. Made arrangements
Saturday) for the move of 185 Bn NEMBO DIV to S.VITO (BRINDISI) ;
approximate strength 400 and for remaining 200 to be
provided and sent within a week. Rep to report ahead to
me for onward transmission to HQ 1 Special Force.

C. F. Murrell

signed C.F. MURRELL Capt
MIA LO, DISTWO.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Report No 2

HQ MMIA

MMIA LO c/o No 2 District

Week 11 June to 17 June 44

Sunday

- (a) See D.D.L. ref 19 Pnr Gp Formation Centre MINERVINO.
- (b) See ST 2 District ref 1200 Ind Ambulance Pl.

Monday

- (a) Col SALVI O.C. HQ for sorting of disbanded Italian Military crossing the lines - helped on his way.

Tuesday

- (a) Moved office to room No 1 on First Floor.
- (b) Saw Medical Offr from Medical Directorate 1X CORPS ref BONOMO Hospital; medical supplies for 923 IWT Coy and medical orderlies for hospital trains moving South from 5 CORPS.

Wednesday

- (a) Spoke to Town Major FOGGIA ref Col SALVI's functions, accomodation and camp.
- (b) Visited 1X CORPS HQ on routine matters.
- (c) Visited HQ at LEQUILLE.
- (d) Delegazione Trasporti collect waggon sealing equipment.

Thursday

- (a) Visited by O.C. 715 A W Coy R.E. who is taking over 916 Lav Art Coy.
- (b) Made preliminary arrangements for move of clothing by rail to 209 Div.

Friday

- (a) Arranged with RTO and 1X CORPS for the move to TERMOLI of clothing and equipment for 209 Div and Transit Camp.
- (b) Saw S.T. 2 District and Capt HITCHIN O.C. Brit Cadre ref 1004 G.T.Coy. Visited 1X CORPS ref items of G 1098 available from Italian sources.
- (c) Spoke to FILIPOT ADMS ref Italian Red Cross proceeding to ROME with medicine and food parcels. Answer promised to-morrow.
- (d) Saw 9 MT Regt ref workshop trailer for Air Forces Sub Commission. None available. Also ref 6 B.S.A. wanting to requisition still more of their warehouses. O.C. Col BARBONE asks that three or four British vehs be given him so that he can train drivers for G.T.Coy.

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Saturday

- (a) Speak to D.D.L. ref MINERVINO Camp, clothing and D.I.D. at CANOSA.
- (b) Visited by O.C.85 Mtn Regt ref attachment to his unit of an Italian L.O.
- (c) Ring Maj FAUCI of the M.T.Branch LX CORPS ref issue of P.O.L. to Driving School at POLIGNANO.

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C.F. MURCELL Capt
MMIA LO, DISTWO.

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SUBJECT: - Weekly Liaison Report No 4

MMIA LO c/o HQ 2 District

HQ MMIA

Week 4. Jun to 10 Jun 44

Sunday

- (a) Spoke to NAPLES Office ref saddlery for MONTE GRANERO Bn to be collected from 500 A.O.D. Warn them that Commissariat IX Corps want from them 1,000 ruck sacks for 209 Div Transit Camp at TERMOLI. They tell me there are certain medical supplies for CIL to be drawn from Command Medical Stores. Ask them to find out if it would be more convenient to draw this side.
- (b) Col SHIPLEY warns me that Air Forces Sub Commission require W/S trailer for three months.
- (c) 32 prs boots delivered to 951 Engr W/S Sec at night at the very last moment.

Monday

- (a) 951 W/S Sec moves BARI to CANCELLO.
- (b) Preparation of equipment for CIL put under way.
- (c) Offr from MONTE GRANERO Bn comes to draw saddlery from 500 A.O.D.

Tuesday

- (a) Make arrangements with 5 CORPS and IX CORPS for move of eqpt for CIL and 209 Div.
- (b) Col DUWIA O.C. Italian Remount Depot makes a demand for Malleine, horse shoes and nails which are supplied by Col SMITH ADV & RS 2 District.
- (c) Commissariat IX CORPS enquires about Bentonite for scrap manufacture a supply of which is held by a civilian firm under DDOS 2 District. A small amount released for Italian Army in early stages - Italians now want more Bentonite. Maj YOUNG DDOS 2 Dist is seeing to the question.

Wednesday

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- (b) Inspected 1019 G.T. Coy (now 1004) with Capt HITCHEN O.C. British Cadre.

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- (c) Col MORLARTY from 5 CORPS requests ground sheets for SBANDATI.
- (d) Saw IX CORPS Commissariat ref DDL Camp at MINERVINO.

Friday

- (a) Visited IX CORPS HQ and met Gen LERICI and Lt Col MICHELOTTI C of S.
- (b) Med personnel and supplies leave for VASTO. BOURNE informed, and asked to supervise the formation of the Italian advanced med stores in No 7 British Adv Base Med Stores at VASTO.

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO 3.

To:- IMIA.

Week: - 28 May 44 to 3 Jun 44.

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1 A.G.
IMIA LO,
2 District.
4 Jun 44.

SUNDAY.

- (a) 6 Coy 407 Inf Regt moves BARIETTA to SAN SALVO to come under command 87 Pioneer Gp.
- (b) 2 Offrs 15 CRs for Ann sorting with 5 Corps leave BARI 0715 hrs
- (c) Saw Col TURINO O.C. 14 Arty Regt Det. BARI ref the requisition of his store buildings by Allied units.
- (d) 170 mules in good condition leave BARI Italian Remount Sta. en route for APRICENA Remount Depot, and 100 good mules sent to No 1 Mule Camp (British) to relieve the strain on the Italian one

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- (b) Col MUCCIACCIO takes over the Raggruppamento Lavoratori BARI
- (c) Visit Col FELSANI of the IX Corps Medical Directorate with Maj HUGHES.

THURSDAY.

- (a) Four service pls get issue of socks.
- (b) 2000, 2001 Service pls leave BARI for NAPLES.
- (c) Saw DDL 2 Dist ref camp at MINERVINO. Make the necessary ration arrangements accordingly.

FRIDAY.

- (a) 1 Bn 336 Inf Regt, 100 medical orderlies for 93 Med Sec leave BARI for VAIRANO.
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- (c) 2002, 2003 Service pls leave BARI for NAPLES.
- (d) See Commissariat IX Corps ref clothing issues.

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- (a) Saw IX Corps ref 951 and 952 Engr W/S Secs. Also ref eqpt for Transit Camp at TERMOLI.
- (b) Warned IX Corps that 505 Smoke Coy will arrive in BARI shortly and may need accn for a period of three weeks during which it will be trained.

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REPORT No. 2.

CONFIDENTIAL

To: M.M.I.A.

From: M.M.I.A. L/O with 2 District.

On LIAISON ACTIVITIES in week 21st to 27th May 44.

SUNDAY.

- (a) Chased Clothing Indents for 2,000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 Pls.
- (b) Made certain that Clothing Indents for 96 Cam. Pl. were being met.
- (c) Started making enquiries about FOGGIA harvesters.
- (d) Warned all concerned about arrival of 400 Mules in BARI.

MONDAY.

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- (d) Inspected 2,000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 Pls.

TUESDAY.

- (a) 96 Cam. Pl. leaves TRANI for VAIRANO.
- (b) 12 Fd. Hyg. Sec. leaves BARIETTA for CASALBORDINO.
- (c) IX CORPS makes mess of issue of Clothing & Boots to the four service Pls. and 520 Guard Coy.
- (d) Indents for the one were intended for the other. Instruct IX CORPS to get the right stuff to the right people.
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Eventually got what I wanted.
- (e) Saw IX CORPS ref Clothing Indents for 952 W.S.Sec., 180 & 900 Lav. Art. Coys for PHILLIPS.
- (f) Visit from O.C. 594 W.S.Coy, R.E. ref. 952 Sec. who asked about 20 Lire per day extra for unit and a 15 cwt Truck.

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(b) Settled ration question for FOGGIA harvesters.

(c) Arranged for 50 It. Soldiers to help with loading of 280 Mules at Station for Thursday. This figure includes 40 Italian Mules.

(d) Visited LA ROCCA factory with GREGSON ref. requisition of Warehouse.

THURSDAY.

(a) Tied up move of 40 Italian Mules in time to get them off. Min. of War didn't want to play.

(b) Inspected 502 Guard Coy at BARI.

(c) Inspected Ind. Amb. Pl. at POLIGNANO.

(d) Two trains arrive with 376 Mules and 60 Horses for BARI Remount Stn.

(e) 907 Lav. Art. Coy arrives ex NAPLES under command 701 A.W.Coy, RE.

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FRIDAY.

- (a) 209 MG Bn with elts IV Bn moves MODUGNO to CATANZARO.SALA.
- (b) One tipper pl of 1003 G.T. Coy moves PALO DEL COLLE to NAPLES to under command 3 Dist.
- (c) 1200 Ind Amb Pl now to be attached to 1002 GT Coy.
- (d) Request made by me to MMIA for 240 prs ofsocks for the four Service Pls.
- (e) LRDG draw 100 water bottles from Italian Depot in BARI.
- (f) ACC ask about Italian Military Prisoners in Civil jails.
- (g) Saw O.C. 64 Group P.C. ref getting some help from Italian dock labour under his control for Col DUVIA O.C. Remount Sta BARI. Told to contact Italians; saw O.C.402 Arty Regt who was NOT very keen, very old and gave one the impression of being quite useless. Position is that men would have to be taken off dock labour.

SATURDAY.

- (a) Informed NAPLES office that 10,000 B.D. had been despatched from BARI.
- (b) NAPLES requests immediate expedition of 1 offr and 15 men with knowledge of Italian Amn, to 25 A.A.D. With excellent co-operation from Col LEOPARDI and Lt Col TURINO, the former of IX Corps Arty HQ and the latter O.C. 14 Arty Regt det. in BARI, the required men are ready to move at 2030 hrs. 5 Corps request movement early on Sunday.
- (c) IX Corps make enquiries as to whether Easerma Cavour at FOGGIA which is unoccupied could be used as their ration depot.

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CONFIDENTIAL 2

WEEKLY BRIEFING LOC NO 1

Owing to the pressure of work, my visit to HQ and several couriers made, a report was NOT submitted last Sunday. This report will cover the period 7 May to 20 May 44

- (1) The main things of interest in week 7 to 13 May were:
- (a) Testing and training of personnel of 1003 I.T. Coy. Unit arrived from SARDINIA already formed and completely equipped, by Italian standards, but the O.C. did NOT know whether all the specialists in the Coy were in fact up to the required standard of efficiency, as he had been handed the Coy a few days before the journey to the Mainland and had NOT had the opportunity of testing any of his men.
- 2 District therefore arranged for drivers and mechanics to be tested by 562 Arty Coy at MOIA and results were very satisfactory.

(b) A visit to TERLIZZI RVS was made to find out whether ambulances and 3 ten 2 x 4 lorries were available or had been drawn by Italian units.

Information was passed on to M.E.I.A.

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A report was handed to Col SHILLON on 14 May. INQUIRY was visited on Sunday 14 May.

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(b) Holding party from 1003 F.T. Coy instructed to report to 1001 F.T. Coy at PAIO DEL SOLLE to hold billets.

Wednesday 17 May

Informed that up to 500 mules to be sent to BARI for reconditioning. Contacted Col SMITH Vet and Remount 2 Dist. and Col BURIA. Maximum possible BARI Remount Station 400, still only 100, but would be able to manage if personnel on loan were recalled from main camp.

1003 F.T. Coy moves from CONVERGANO to PAIO DEL SOLLE.

Thursday 18 May Checked with Col BURIA O.C. BARI

Remount Sta. and Col SMITH Vet and Remount 2 Dist. ref alleged disease in Remount sta. Situation under control. Preferably delay arrival of 400 mules until after 23 May so that all presentations may be better.

Friday 19 May

Checked with MIA that 96 Camouflage Pl due to leave /... 1 T.O.P.

... on 23 May for Eighth Army and sent in incident.

Informed by Col BRISANT ADMS ITCOPS that hospital cases were to arrive BARI ex MARUS. Contacted Movements and Medical Branch 2 District to tie up details.

Saturday 20 May

Following phone message from MARUS office checked with IX Corps and LMA that 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 Services PLS Con ADU were ready and that incidents for clothing had been submitted.

IX Corps Medical news saw Maj WRIGHT DADMS DISTWO ref hospital truth due in am 21 BARI ex LADDAIONI and tied up remaining details.

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