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subject : Mission Reports.

Land Forces Div Comm. AG.

(M.H.I.A.) H O B B

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27. Sept. '45.

To : Director M.H.I.A. L.O. H.M. ITALY, MILAN

G/31/11
(Log 13)

1. The last Mission log received from GITA (reference G/31/13 dated 17 Sept 1945) of which a copy was sent to you was signed : -

P. BELLARDI, Capt. Italian Army, M.H.I.A. L.O.

2. This is not understood as there is no M.H.I.A. L.O. of that name and you are requested to investigate and forward the result of your investigations to this HQ.

G/31

John
Bellardi
Major General,
M.H.I.A.

ENC/ee

Copy to : M.H.I.A.

GSO 1 ☒ ☒
GSO 2 (Ops) ☒
GSO 2 (ED) ☒ ☒
GSO 2 (W-2) ☒
GSO 2 **6180**
GSO 3 (SD) ☒
GSO 3 (Orbit) ☒
GSO 3 (H) ☒

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

16 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 15 September 1945:

- a. Weekly Ln. Log No. 71
- b. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report dated 16 Sept. 45.

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Edwin T Snider
EDWIN T SNIDER
1st Lt AUS
L O Sicily

2 Incls.

- Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No. 71 (trip)
- " #2 - MMIA Ln. Offrs' Report dtd 16 Sept. 45. (quad)

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DATE: 9/31
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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G / 31

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Sep 45

TO : MMIA Outstation LOs
GSOs I BLUs Att. Combat Gps
Comd 'F' HL & TU

A monthly liaison letter will be sent from HQ MMIA to all outstation LOs, B.L.U.s etc during the first week in each month. The letter is intended briefly to review the present affairs of the Mission and to give an indication as far as possible of "futures" even though these "futures" may subsequently be changed. By this means it is hoped to keep outstations as fully in the picture as possible.

L. M. Ingleden

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (LMIA)

G / 31

14 Sep 45

TO : All Branches,
M.M.I.A.

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2. The draft of this letter will be coordinated by GSO III(I) and Branches will submit draft pages as under :-

Action

(a) Political situation as it affects Govt in ROME
(Civil Affairs Sec A.C. may be consulted if necessary)

GIII(I)

(b) War Ministry Outlook

G II(L)

(c) 'G' (Ops, SD and I) Points

G (SD)

- (i) AFHQ policy on handover of territory/tps etc
- (ii) disbandments and formations, especially independent IS Regts
- (iii) categories and breakdowns and WAs

(d) G(Trs) Points

G (Trs)

Incl progress at I.T.C. CEBANO

(e) 'A' Points

A

- (i) Demobilisation and Rfts
- (ii) Offrs
- (iii) Personal services

(f) 'Q' Points

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- (i) Rations
- (ii) Clothing
- (iii) Accommodation
- (iv) Tpt

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(Civil Affairs Sec A.C. may be consulted if necessary)

G III(I)

(b) War Ministry Outlook

G II(L)

(c) 'G' (Ops, SD and I) Points

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- (iii) Personal services

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- (i) Rations
- (ii) Clothing
- (iii) Accommodation
- (iv) Tpt

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3. Draft paras are required to reach G III(I) by the first day of each month. Branches will make their own arrangements for coordinating any information required from Advisors or Services.

L.M. Ingledew
Lt. Col.
GS.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

9 September 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 8 Sept. 1945:

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 70 - 9

b. Weekly S&T Report No. 61 - ST

Edwin T. Snider
EDWIN T SNIDER
1st Lt AUS
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No. 70 (trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 61

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

2 September 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 1 Sept. 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 69 - 9

b. Weekly S&T Report No. 60 - 51

Homer E. Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls.

Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No. 69 (trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 60

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FILE : 1600

27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 25 Aug. 1945.

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No.68 - *9*
- b. Weekly S&T Report No.59 - *ST*
- c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - *9*

You Edward Snider, et al.
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No.68 (trip)
- " #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.59
- " #3 - MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (quad)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 18 Aug. 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.67 — 9

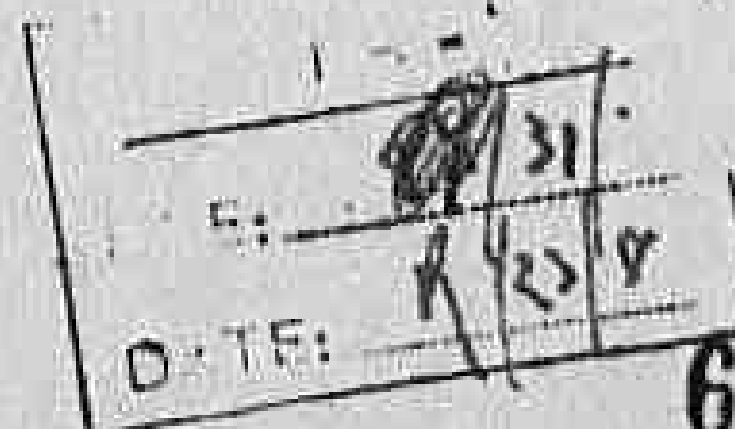
b. Weekly S&T Report No.58 — 51

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John E. Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls.

Incl. #1 - Weekly Liaison Log No.67 (trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.58



16 AUG 45

'G' BRANCH, M.M.I.A.

Notes on Visit of G-1 (Ops & SD) and G-1 (I) to HQs 1 and 2 Dists, 217 and 86 Area and M&IA LOs in corresponding Outstations and M&IA LO N.W. ITALY 10 to 15 Aug 45.

Action

1. All LOs report that Ministry of War and Italian Territorial HQs hide behind the phrase "M&IA lays down that.....". Unless Italian HQs learn to stand on their own feet and issue orders as coming from their own commander it will be extra difficult for them when their own army is handed back.

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GII(L)
for M of W.

2. Most Territorial HQs have an extremely good liaison with the Allied HQs to which they are opposite numbers. The system of Italian LOs att to Areas and Sub-Areas is working well.

3. All Districts now understand the background to the proposed hand-over of the Italian Army to the Italian Government. Districts will release Cd bns as requested in AFHQ signal although 1 Dist requires Allied reliefs first.

4. All Dists agree that Cd bns and Italian Divs need much trg and basic discipline and will render all assistance when orders come from Ministry of War. The "dump" commitment is not getting less (gds are still required) and Dists will apply to AFHQ for future policy.

GII(Trg)
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5. It was agreed that much arms and amm were "underground" in possession of partisans and civilians and it is for consideration whether politically all territory should be handed over to Italian Govt at once. On the other hand, such weapons are bound to deteriorate after a time.

G-1 (for
Exec Comm
Meeting)

6. 2 Dist would like only one French liaison offr at TURIN and not four in other neighbouring towns like AOSTA, SUZA etc.

G-1 (for
Exec Comm
Meeting)

7. General NARES, Comd 2 Dist, was extremely worried over the dependability of Italian Divs and Internal Security Regts. I informed him that position will be considerably improved when (a) orders are issued from Italian quarters and not through Allied channels - soldiers will then feel they are serving Italy and not the Allies;

G-1

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(b) Italian fms are concentrated and properly trained;

(c) Older classes are demobilised and malcontents thus removed from the Army.

General NARES agreed.

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Exec Comm
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Action

8. 2 Dist recommends that the 15 mile border limit be removed at the same time that the Army and Territory are handed over.

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9. 2 Dist would like to know for future planning how Ministry of War intend to dispose of the Cd bns which are about to be handed back.

G11(SD)

10. 2 Dist would like to know what the policy of handing-over of arms and equipment is of (a) BR-ITI (b) ITI-ITI gd bns and what provision is made for spares and replacements. What will be future method of accounting?

Q

11. Depending on the above will D.M.T. please withdraw the unofficial trg increments att to BR-ITI gd bns under 1 Regt HQ at date to be mutually agreed by 2 Dist.

G11(Trg)

12. General NARES personally stated that much discontent was caused by Sardinians not being granted better facilities for leave to Sardinia. Promised that MILA would write giving latest information.

A

13. I agreed that Capt. GICONIA and small liaison staff should, on release by PBS, be att to HQ 2 Dist and carried within WE of 231 Adm Div.

A

14. Capt FOX reiterates that he has too many rfts even taking into account 20% overstrength and allowing for demobilisation of older classes. Will 'A' please draw his attention to para 4 of MILA signal A1222 dated 8 Aug 45 which lays down procedure (the ref was temporarily mislaid in MILAN Office).

A

15. There appear to be plenty of vens entering No. 3 Terr Wkspcs but is 'Q' satisfied with the numbers that are coming out and the rate at which they are coming out?

Q

16. Brig RICHARDS, Comd 86 Area, personally inspected the local det CC RR last week. There were 92 men on parade and CC det informed him that 240 men were not present owing to lack of boots. Is HQ CC RR making an even distribution of boots?

Q

17. Capt. CRAWFORD was efficiently storing flour in his new HSD, WESTRE, although he stated that the accommodation still belonged to the Swiss Govt and would like the position regularised and clarified soonest.

Q

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14. Capt FOX reiterates that he has too many rfts even taking into account 20% overstrength and allowing for demobilisation of older classes. Will 'A' please draw his attention to para 4 of MIA signal AL222 dated 8 Aug 45 which lays down procedure (the ref was temporarily mislaid in MILAN Office). A

15. There appear to be plenty of vehs entering No. 3 Terr Wksps but is 'Q' satisfied with the numbers that are coming out and the rate at which they are coming out? Q

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17. Capt. CRAWFORD was efficiently storing flour in his new BSD, WESTRE, although he stated that the accommodation still belonged to the Swiss Govt and would like the position regularised and clarified soonest. Q

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18. Capt. HERBERT states that the ex 1001 GT Coy is now known as 228 Adm Tpt Coy and moves grain for AMG in 228 Div Area. Brit cadre has been removed, but vehs and spare parts continue to be issued. Is this an authorised unit? CIL(SD)

19. Capt. HERBERT considers that 405 Pioneer Regt HQ would be particularly suitable as one of the new Regt HQs owing to the efficiency of its Comd and staff and the long time they have worked together.

20. Brig. RICHARDS would like to know whether Eighth Army's late commander may issue a certificate to all Italian tps who have served in the Eighth Army. I promised to write DO on this. Have handed a document to Col. 'A'.

Action

Col (SD)

A

L. M. T. J. J. J.
Lt.-Col.
GS.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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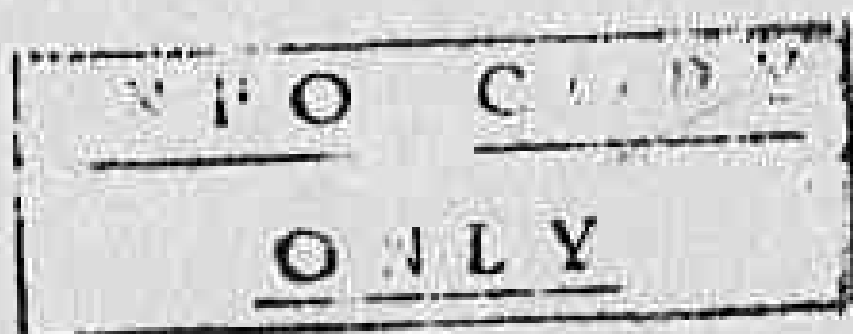
12 August 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 11 August 45.

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No.66 — G
- b. Weekly S&T Report No.57 — ST
- c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report — G



Homer E. Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl.#1 - Weekly Liaison Log No.66 (trip)
- " #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.57
- " #3 - MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (quad)



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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

5 August 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 4 August 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.65. — *G*

b. Weekly S&T Report No.56. — *ST*

Homer E Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1- Liaison Log No.65 (trip)
" #2- Weekly S&T Report No.56.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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File G/31
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29 July 1945

FILE : 1600

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 28 July 1945.

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 64 — 4
- b. Weekly S&T Report No. 55 — ST
- c. MMIA LIAISON Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 45.

Homer E Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No. 64 (trip)
- " #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 55
- " #3 - MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (Quad)

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

22 July 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 21 July 45.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.63

b. Weekly S&T Report No.54

c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 45.

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Wm. E. Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No.63 (trip.)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.54.
" #3 - MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (Quad)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 14 July 45.
 - a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 62 — *G*
 - b. Weekly S&T Report No. 53 — *ST*
 - c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 45.

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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- Incl. #1-Liaison Log No. 62(Trip.)
" #2-Weekly S&T Report No. 53
" #3-MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (Trip.)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 7 July 1945.
- a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 61 *= 9*
 - b. Weekly S&T Report No. 52 *= ST*
 - c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 1945.

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Homer E. Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl. #1- Liaison Log No. 61 (Trip.)
- " #2- Weekly S&T Report No. 52
- " #3- MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (Trip.)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 30 June 1945.

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 60
- b. Weekly S&T Report No. 51
- c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 1945.

James E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

3 Incls.

- Incl. #1- Liaison Log No. 60 (trip.)
" #2- Weekly S&T Report No. 51
" #3- MMIA Liaison Officers' Report (trip.)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMLA)
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FILE : 1600

SUBJECT: Reports

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

G/24 25 June 1945.
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1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 23 June 1945:

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.59 - *4*

b. Weekly S&T Report No.50 - *57*

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major JMC
L O Sicily

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Incl.#1 - Liaison Log No.59

" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.50

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SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers - Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/31

June 45

TO : ALL SENIOR MMIA LO'S

1. Reference this HQ G/31 of 4 June 45 and the lists of "C" Points which all LO's are requested to answer.
2. In future LO's will give the information required by each question only as and when it applies to their own particular area.

Reports submitted in accordance with directive G/31 of 4 June 45 should be separate from LO's normal weekly reports.

Copy to G/31/10.

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HAC (Hawthorne)
H-1000
Major General
MMIA

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SEN. MMIA LO's	NAPLES
— " —	1 DISTRICT
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— " —	8 ARMY
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— " —	54 AREA
— " —	56 BLU.
— " —	SARDINIA
— " —	Sicily
— " —	5 Army br. Mar
— " —	Frederick
— " —	Genova
— " —	Torino

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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FILE : 1600

SUBJECT: Reports

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

18 June 1945

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 16 June 1945:

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 58 — 9
- b. Weekly S&T Report No. 49 — 57

for Edwin Thuides pt. 11
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No. 58
- " #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 49

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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9 June 1945.

No.1600

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 9 June 1945.

- a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 57
- b. Weekly S&T Report No. 48
- c. MMIA Liaison Officers' Report - Reference G/31 of 4 June 1945

HOMER E LONG
Major WMC
L O Sicily

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- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No. 57
- " #2 - Weekly S&T Report No. 48
- " #3 - MMIA Liaison Officers' Report

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No. 1600

3 June 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 2 June 45.
 - a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 56
 - b. Weekly S&T Report No. 47 — 45 ST

Homer E Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No. 56.
" #2 - S&T Report No. 47.

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SUBJECT: MMIA Liaison Officers - Reports

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/31 ✓

June 45

TO : ALL SENIOR MMIA LOs

1. Now that hostilities have ceased, our work in MMIA, both in the office and in the field, has if anything increased; certainly it has become more exacting.

2. There are, I know, many major problems which are facing you now and there will be others in the future. The chief thing we would all like to know is the size, composition and future role of the Italian Army and I have already submitted recommendations. This matter is therefore in the hands of AFHQ and Combined Chiefs of Staff and nothing further can be done at present.

3. In order to compete with the day to day changes, especially in the North, we require INFORMATION. That is the object of this letter, because we all feel much in the dark as to what is going on.

Will you please forward reports weekly until further notice, with interim reports by signal if the position warrants. Do not only include the past and the present but state what you consider the future form in your area is likely to be, remembering that your judgement, as the men on the spot, will be of great value to us in Rome. We will not blame you if you advise us wrongly when you guess at "tendencies"! What we want is the "fool" of things your end.

4. With the idea of helping you, I attach a list of Points "G", "A", and "Q" on which we require up-to-date information. You will note that we are concentrating on "I" particularly as this gives us an important angle on the political situation. Please contact the "I" Sec of District, Area, Army etc as well as the local FS Secs and include in your reports extracts from local "I" reports.

cc Genova } have copies
cc Torino }

Major General
MMIA

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For Arch see folio
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'G' POINTS

1. What encroachment is there on Italian territory ?
2. What strength and composition is the force encroaching ?
3. What are their intentions as far as you can see ?
4. What is the disposition of Allied and Italian tps on the frontiers ?
5. What Italian units will be left behind by Fifth and Eighth Armies ?
6. What Italian units are performing functions other than that for which they are designed - i.e. muleteer units doing gd duties ?
7. What is the state of trg within units ?
8. Can units adequately absorb the personnel now being forwarded to it ?
9. Can you spread among units a favourable impression of Base Depot CESANO ?
10. Are all the Territorial HQs functioning, and are they "in power" ?
11. Are districts and depots in position ?
12. Are there many patriot bands still in your territory ? If so, please list them.
13. Have they handed in their arms ? If not, what do you consider their intention is ?
14. Are there any prominent patriot leaders who are not co-operating with either Allied or Italian authority ?
15. Are the present screening agencies performing a useful purpose ? Do you consider their work could be handed over to Territorial District HQ by end Jun at latest ?
16. What is the morale of (a) Italian tps working for Allies (b) Italian tps working for Ministry of War ?
17. Are the Italians endeavouring to obtain any 'I' information on any other nation, if so what ?
18. What 'I' information can you forward on countries bordering ITALY ?

'A' POINTS

(From the 'A' angle, if the Italian Army is to be lowered in quantity it must be raised in quality; there is no shortage of men for replacements but we must be careful to accept only the best types. The Army must not be a home for incurables. Long term policy is therefore being directed towards:-

- (a) long-sighted and careful screening for recruitment;
- (b) improvement and standardisation of conditions of service;
- (c) reorganisation of the judicial and penal systems;
- (d) revision of regulations for appointing, promoting and downgrading officers.

Your views on the above points would be appreciated.

Immediate problems are:-

- (a) screening and enlistment of the greatest number of patriot volunteers which can be accepted;
- (b) transfer of some 15,000 US-ITI tps to other categories;
- (c) change of status of some 30,000 cooperators to bring them back into the Italian Army;
- (d) absorption of Eighth Army units and personnel left behind when Army goes to AUSTRIA;
- (e) repatriation of half a million PWs now in Allied hands and re-absorption of some into the Army;
- (f) standardisation of terms of service for "volunteers" as opposed to recalled conscripts;
- (g) revision and standardisation of rates of pay;
- (h) movement of leave personnel;
- (i) trial of outstanding cases and solution of the AWOL problem.

We are looking ahead to the replacement of war time methods of reinforcement by those of peace conditions better understood by Italian officers. Any information gleaned on this subject would be of value.

'A' work entails looking a long way ahead, possibly further than in other matters - any warning notes you can sound would be helpful.

With so many matters of principle needing alteration it is essential that MMIA should not be choked with detail, and that Italian staffs should be made to accept and deal effectively with more and more of their own internal affairs. Suggestions for increased decentralisation would be welcomed.

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'3' POINTS

Four main headings in addition to minor services such as postal:-

(a) TPT

- (i) State and shortages of tpt in Units with any special requirements.
- (ii) Collection of illegal vehs etc.
- (iii) Workshops progress, output etc, possible future moves.

(b) RATIONS

- (i) availability of Allied provided items in depots.
- (ii) Availability of Italian provided items.
- (iii) Soap and cigarettes.
- (iv) Any likely future change in supply points.

(c) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- (i) Availability of items with any special needs.
- (ii) Progress, output etc of repair plants.
- (iii) Any likely future change in location of depots and consignment points.

(d) ACCOMMODATION AND CAMPS

- (i) Demands or likely demands by Allies or Italians.
- (ii) Buildings or camps not needed and which could be offered to Allies.

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LIATISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No. 1600

27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 26 May 45.
 - a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 55.
 - b. Weekly S&T Report No. 46.

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

2 Incls.

- Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No. 55.
" #2 - S&T Report No. 46.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1600

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20 May 1945

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 19 May 45.
 - a. Weekly Liaison Log No.54.
 - b. Weekly S&T Report No.45. — *Sent S.T.*

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HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1 - Liaison Log No.54. (trip)
" #2 - S&T Report No.45.

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SUBJECT: Outstation Weekly Liaison Log

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AO (MILIA)

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17 May 45

TO : MILIA TO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

Ref this HQ letters 6/21 of 9 May 44 and 8 July 44.

Request that in future you fwd three copies of your weekly Liaison Log to this HQ.

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Lt-Col.
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1593

13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Reports - 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.53
2. Weekly S&T Report No.44

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for the week ending 13 May 1945.

a. Weekly Ln. Log No.53, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

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

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HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No.53 (trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.44

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Logs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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14 May 45

TO : MMIA LO 5 ARMY.

Reference MMIA letter G/21 of 27 Jun. 44.

Request that in future you submit a total of 3 copies to this HQ in accordance with para 3 of the above quoted letter.

S. S.
J. Lt Col,
GS.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG (MMIA)
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No. 1584

5 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 52
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 43

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

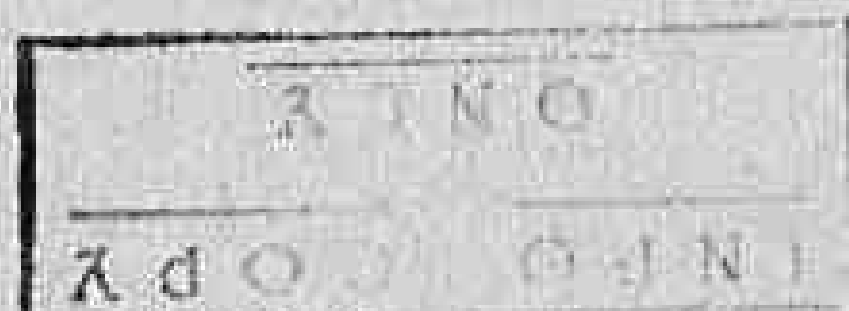
1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 3 May 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 52 in compliance with instructions in your G/21, dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 43 in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2, dated 11 July '44.

HOMER E. LONG
Major GMC
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 52 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 43



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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1572

22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Reports - 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.50
2. Weekly S&T Report No.41

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 21 April 45.

a. Weekly Ln. Log No.50, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44. GT

b. Weekly S&T Report No.41, in compliance with instructions in your S&T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July '44. 25/4

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HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Incl. #1 - Weekly Ln. Log No.50 (trip)
" #2 - Weekly S&T Report No.41

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1566

15 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison No.49
2. Weekly S&T No.40

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 14 April 1945:

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.49, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44. ✓

b. Weekly S&T Report No.40, in compliance with instructions in your S&T Branch O.I. No.2, dated 11 July 44. ✓ ST

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Major QMC
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1. Weekly Ln. Log No.49 (trip)
2. Weekly S&T Report No.40

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No.1551

8 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.48
2. Weekly S&T Report No.39

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 7 April 45.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.48, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 44.

b. Weekly S&T Report No. 39, in compliance with instructions in your S&T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July 44.

Homer E Long
HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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1. Wkly. Ln. Log No.48 (trip)
2. Wkly. S&T Report No. 39

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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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No.1542

1 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No.47
2. Weekly S&T Report No.38

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1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 31 March 45.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No.47, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No.38, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No.2 dated 11 July '44.

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HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
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1. Liaison Log No.47 (trip.)
2. Weekly S&T Report No.38

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No. 1528

25 March 45

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 46
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 37

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

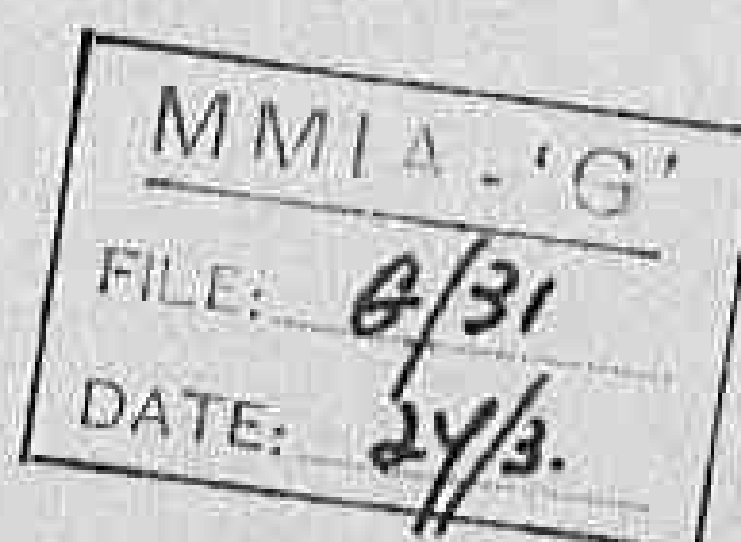
1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 24 March 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 46 in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 37, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July '44.

HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 46
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 37



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LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
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No. 1518

18 March 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 36
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 45

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 17 March 1945.

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 45 in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 36, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July '44.

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 45
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 36

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No. 1503

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 44
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 35

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 10 March 1945.

A, Q, G, 1 copy each
a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 44, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 35, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July '44. *ST*

Lester R. Albert
for LESTER R. ALBERT
Lt. Col., Inf.
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 44
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 35



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

4 March 1945

No. 1480

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 43
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 34

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

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

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 43, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 34, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2, dated 11 July '44.

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 43 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 34

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LARGE FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMLA)
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APO 394

No. 1490

4 March 1945.

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

a. Sunday 26 February Office routine. Half day off.

b. Monday 26 February Talked by phone with Captain Pocklington, O.C. 2nd. 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. As Lt. 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.

Office routine.

c. Tuesday 27 February Lt. Miss Marie Rossi, local representative of the Italian Red Cross, called at the office and discussed a couple of cases where Italian Co-operators are in Sicily on leave and were in need of an extension of their leave because of conditions in their home requiring their further attention. I informed Miss Rossi to have the men secure a Doctor's statement as to any illness and she herself make a statement regarding conditions in the home which may require their attention. These statements to be given to the co-operator for submission to his Commanding Officer upon his return.

Conferred with Lt. Col. Patti, Deputy Chief of Staff, Territorial Hq. regarding paper for his offices. Allied Commission no longer controls paper in fact there is no paper in Sicily to control. I was able to locate 36 lbs. of finished paper for him.

Conferred with Captain Boettari, Italian Engineering Headquarters, regarding release of captured enemy equipment and its shipment to the mainland.

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Office routine.

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.

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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 large telephones which were German. There is now no captured enemy material at this depot. My signal 1445/2 dated today refers.

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

Lt. Snider inspected the 48th 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 EXAMINE immediately made a personal visit to the bakery and confirmed my findings and report. The General also ordered an immediate cleaning of the place and threatened to replace all officers connected with the bakery, if it was not kept clean and orderly.

A unit of 100 men of the 145th I.S. Regt. were moved from Syracuse to Palazzolo Acreide to assist the mopping up of Call-ups who have not reported.

1. Friday 2 March. Conferred with Captain Oliver, O.C. 81st 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, 8 District.

Lt. Col. Patti called at the office and we discussed various matters of general interest between our two offices.

2. Saturday 3 March. Captain MacCallington, O.C. 22nd Salvage Depot, Catania phoned me that the Air Corps has offered various aircraft scrap for sale to a civilian in Catania. This is the same material that has been asked for and tendered to the Italian Military. I have already asked General Rizzardi to cause an investigation to be made, but I think a personal visit with him tomorrow will be well worth while.

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A unit of LOC men of the 145th I.S. Regt. were moved from Syracuse to Palazzolo Acrelle to assist the mopping up of Call-ups who have not reported.

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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Office routine.

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James E. Long
JAMES E. LONG
Major MC
L O Sicily

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

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25 February 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 49. 18 February - 24 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA).

1. Sunday, 18 February

- a. Major Fossett conference with Air Forces Sub Commission members, Sqd Leader Broomhead and F/Lieut Mitchell, subject shipping of Italian Air Force material to mainland. Also concentration of majority of Italian Air Force personnel to work on Elmas Air Base project.
- b. Colonel Simmons, Captain De Stefano, and Major Martellecci conference at Abbasanta reference tanks and other M/T.

2. Monday, 19 February

- a. Colonel Simmons conference with operations officer, CMS reference recall.
- b. Pvt Wilder returned to duty from 40th Station Hospital.
- c. S.S. Mount Everest departed for Civitavecchia, 38 Italian Army horses aboard.

3. Tuesday, 20 February

- a. Cruiser Montecuccoli arrived to load Italian Army recalls.
- b. Major Fossett and Lieut Filippi inspected recalled Men's mess at Iglesias. Also depot at Iglesias.
- c. Colonel Simmons inspected facilities MT pool, AC.
- d. Colonel Simmons conference with operations officer, CMS, re recall and other matters.

4. Wednesday, 21 February

- a. Colonel Simmons inspected repaired ITI boots for use of prisoners, with Lieut Colonel Powell-Price.
- b. Colonel Simmons conference with Commanding Officer, CC.RR. on security and other Allied matters.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with W/C Holmes, RAF, re additional MT from ITI stocks.

d. Cruiser Montecuccoli departed for mainland loaded with 990 recalled officers and men with 10 Carabinieri escort.

5. Thursday, 22 February

a. Colonel Simmons conference with operations officer, CMS, re rationing and shipment of recalls.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, CMS, Major Fossett, and Captain De Stefano re discrepancy in report of strength and rations for 5 February.

c. Cpl Zimmerman to duty from dispensary Elmas.

d. S.S. Samsperin departed for Naples loaded with 14 tractors and 1549 tons of Italian Army equipment.

6. Friday, 23 February

a. Captain De Stefano to HQ MMIA Rome, via Naples.

b. Major Fossett conference with Personnel Officer and Director of Commissary at CMS to reconcile strength figures and number of rations being issued.

c. Pfc Guarino to dispensary Elmas with carbuncle on left leg.

d. Lieut Colonel The Hon. H.A.C. Howard arrived from mainland to assist with recall.

7. Saturday, 24 February

a. Cruiser Montecuccoli arrived to load recalled troops.

b. Major Fossett conference with Assistant Director of Commissary reference new ration scale and records being kept to show number of rations being issued to recalled troops. Also discussed matter of setting up clothing sub-depot.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with Lieut Colonel Howard, Major Martin, and General Scalabrino reference recall.

d. Colonel Simmons conference with Lieut Colonel Howard, Commanding General and Chief of Staff, CMS, reference recall.

e. Tec 4 Gentile returned from mainland.

f. Pvt Audelle Hebert, A.S.N. 38490042, reported to duty from HQ MMIA, Rome.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 16. Perled 22 - 28 Feb 45.

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Land Forces Sub Comm, AD.
(M.H.I.A.), R O M E.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm, AD.
(M.H.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

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1 Mar 45.

1. Arrivals

(a) Units

429 Pz Hosp
519 Pz Hosp
513 Gd Bn

Nucleo VI Comando
Territoriale
316 Sez CC RR

MISANO
Still in 58 Transit Camp.
HQ and 1 Coy PESARO, 1 Coy
CATTOLICA, 1 Coy RICCIONE,
1 Coy to 13 Corps.

PESARO
GRANOMA I.O.G.

(b) Rpts (less Combat Tps)

292 ITI-ITI

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499 IRSMU 6 specialists

2. Moves

One Sec 58 Transit Camp
242 Pz Coy
HQ 405 Pz Regt
210 Pz Coy

PESARO to ARE230.
PESARO to OBSERVATION.
S. SOPRA to FORLI.
CERAMATICO to VILLA MERENDA.

3. Future change of Command

HQ 21 Pz Gp, 3, 4, 7,
14 and 250 Pz Tpt Coys from u/c 8 Army to u/c 5 Army. 16 Mar

4. Visits and Conferences

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22 Feb - To GRANOMA I.O.G., 51 B.L.U. and 5 Corps re
welfare, position of Lt Col DI BLASI, RFI sups
and General routine.
24 Feb - Conference at Rear Army with reps from Corps and
BLUs re I.O.G.s - deficiencies in eqpt, RFI sups,
items of Italian provision

429 Td Hosp
519 Td Hosp
515 Cd Bn

Nucleo VI Comando
Territoriale
318 Sez CC RR

(b) Rpts (less Combat Rps)

292 IRI-III

MISANO

Still in 58 Transit Camp.
HQ and 1 Coy PESARO, 1 Coy
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1 Coy to 13 Corps.

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25 Feb	-	Opening of Convalescent Home, VILLA DE VERRUCCHIO, also present Comd 86 (Army) Area, DDMS Army, etc etc
27 Feb	-	Conference G(Ops) Main Army - matters relating to Partisans and Patriots.
28 Feb	-	Conference at Rear Army on 4/Material precautions. Visited PNB re printing of 4/Material posters in Italian and general publicity campaign.

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Welfare

- (a) I have effected a reconciliation between Gen TOMASINI and Lt Col DI BLASI to the extent of obtaining an office and messing with HQ 428 Div. It is now clearly understood by both parties that DI BLASI is here to co-ordinate welfare in the whole Army area and has equal responsibilities to both I.C.G. and 228 Div. DI BLASI's car and driver-batman have reported here during the last few days. The Colonel is at a conference in FLORENCE at the moment; on his return, he will set up his org in HQ 228 Div. He has no clerks but has doubtless asked for them through Italian channels in FLORENCE.
 - (b) DI BLASI has obtained sixteen Italian films from P.W.B. for the months of March and April. He intends to show eight at cinemas each side of Route 9 each month and then switch them over.
 - (c) La Zecchia has arrived. Eighth Army News bring it daily from FLORENCE, arriving in this area in the early hours of the morning. It is sub-divided into bundles, on TOMASINI's distribution, at various Allied units on the circuit and thence collected by adjacent Italian units and so broken down. Each I.C.G. get 5,000 copies daily while 228 Div receive a similar proportion.
 - (d) P.W.B. have cleverly raised morale by printing "Special Edition for" at the head of each copy of the Corriere Allegato. So each fan, though receiving identical copies, thinks it has been specially printed for them.
 - (e) Highlight of welfare this week has been the concession by AFHQ of toothpaste and shaving soap to I.C.G. I shall not be satisfied until the issue is extended to include service tps, or until sufficient supplies of barbers kits become available for their unit barbers.
6. Calling forward of units
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7. Med & Hyg
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(d) Capt MELLIS, VD Specialist, has arrived and is temporarily attached to 14 VDET for Irg.

(e) Two MOs of 228 Div will attend 2 day refresher course on Malaria at AMONA early in Mar and then tour the Grupp short lecture course with Lt SOTTINI of 8 Mob Med Lab Division to becoming responsible for A/Malaria prevention and hygiene in 228 Div.

(f) I have invited units to submit designs for A/Malarial posters which P.W.B. have undertaken to print.

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Disabling

The slowness of the Italian in dealing with cases for Court Martial has been well known for some while. It is quite evident that each Jan Div should have a Tribunale Militare resident with it to look after the speedy dispensation of justice. Today, it was only with difficulty that the Tribunale visiting USMAA from ROMA was persuaded to stay a day or two longer to deal with a member of the PRILLI who had thrown a bomb at a New Zealander.

A Branch Main Army are putting the suggestion up through Staff Channels.

Patriots

Patriots in this Area are excellent types and the Gruppi are anxious to absorb all they can, but the flow of ill-trained rats from CASSINO (350 of which were four days ago refused admittance into the PRILLI by Gen SCARFINI) has caused a glut.

Again through Staff Channels. I think that very shortly a proposal will be put up recommending:-

- (a) the resumption of 5% extra strength.
- (b) the formation of a trg bn either directly behind each I.I.C. or in 56 Brigade Camp, PSCARD, which could easily be expanded.
- (c) the employment on this task of a proportion of others now held surplus to R.A. in the I.O.Ss.

General

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(b) Capt V. Thrupp left KAYAMA 28 Feb on route for CAPUA as escort to 60 odd patriot veterans enrolled for special duty and training at S.M.A. via OFFICSO. He is going on to NAPLES with 5 x 8 tonners to load up with clothing and return via NO MIA.

Ref. Quantities

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Again through Staff Channels. I think that very shortly a proposal will be put up recommending:-

- (a) the resumption of 55 extra strength.
- (b) the formation of a trg bn either directly behind each I.D.G. or in 58 Transit Comp, REGARD, which could easily be expanded.
- (c) the employment on this task of a proportion of officers now held surplus to W.A. in the I.D.Gs.

10. General

(a) Capt P. Herbert reported for duty 28 Feb. He is staying here at Army for a day or two to 'learn the form' before going to either 3 or Polish Corps.

(b) Capt V. Thrupp left SAVANNA 26 Feb en route for CASUA as escort to 60 odd patriot watermen enrolled for special duty and training at S.W.S. via CHIVITO. He is going on to HARPER with 5 x 3 tanners to load up with clothing and return via RAHUI.

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Major,
MHIA 40, Rear Eighth Army.

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British Increment,
Fifth Army
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Phone No: Lightning Rear 350

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28 Feb 45

WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 12

Sunday
Feb 18 (i) Discussed Medical procedure for Gruppi with AMMB, Br Inor.
 (ii) Visit from Major HODGE with ref Forestry Coys.
 (iii)

Monday
Feb 19 (i) Routine duties

Tuesday
Feb 20 (i) Discussed patrol for Guard Regt with 59 Area.
 (ii) Arranged for enlargement of ARZZZO Transit Camp.
 (iii) 20 Muleteers to XXI Pack Group

Wednesday
Feb 21 (i) Went to SIENA to meet Major GREGSON. Discussed needs of
 Guards Regt with G.II and Commander 59 Area.

Thursday
Feb 22 (i) Maj GREGSON visited this Hq from SIENA.
 (ii) Capt THURP paid liaison visit from EIGHTH Army.
 (iii)

Friday
Feb 23 (i) Maj GREGSON returned to HOME.
 (ii) Capt THURP returned to EIGHTH Army.

Saturday
Feb 24 (i) Routine duties

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Capt.,
MMIA L.O.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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No. 1454

25 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 42
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 33

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

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

a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 42 in compliance with instructions
in your G/21 dated 9 May '44.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 33 in compliance with instructions
in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2, dated 11 July '44.

Homer E. Long
HOMER E. LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

Encls: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 42 (Trip)
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 33

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAMB BOMBING SUB COM. AC (MELA)
W AD SALLY EAGLEON HQ.
WFO 384

No. 1454

25 February 1945

1. WEEKLY LIAISON LOG No. 22 FOR AREA NUMBER 24 FEBRUARY 45.

- a. Sunday 13 February. Office routine. Half day off.
- b. Monday 14 February Conferred with Lt. Col. Marcelino O.C. Operations Military Hq. Reference to Call-up report forms and situation. Conferred with Lt. Col. Fatti, Deputy Chief of Staff. Met and discussed with General Borsari 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.MK. 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. S.M.A., but that in the meantime the line's demands for clothing and equipment was nominal and that shortages should not prevent them from undertaking any assignment he desired to give them.

Pio. Dominico, who speaks Italian, was placed in the clothing depot today. Not only can he now have complete control of issues but a closer contact can be kept with the clothing and shoe repair depots.

Lt. Snider and I attended a ^{classe} at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Fatti this evening. Colonel Marino-Fallaviano Executive Officer to Gen. Borsari was also present.

c. Tuesday 20 February Visited the Marino cigarette factory and made arrangements to withdraw fifty (50) 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 officers 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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Prof. Dominiano, who speaks Italian, was placed in the Clothing Depot today. Not only can we now have complete control of issues but a closer contact can be kept with the clothing and shoe repair depots.

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

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Talked with Lt. Col. Shipley concerning issue of clothing and equipment to Montegrenaro Battalion. Also discussed issue of barracks stores for a Military Prison opening at Catania.

Office routine.

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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.

Office routine.

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Weekly Ln. Log No. 42 (continued)

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. 33)

Conferred with Colonel Zambarino, Director of Automobilitica 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.

Homer E. Long
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Major QMC
L O Sicily

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SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 11

MMIA IO
British Increment 'A' Branch
Rear HQ FIFTH Army
OMF

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

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21 Feb 45

MMIA HQ

Sunday Feb 11	(i) (ii)	55 Rfts to Pioneer Group Routine duties.
Monday Feb 12	(i) (ii)	60 Rfts to Pioneer Group Routine Duties
Tuesday Feb 13	(i) (ii)	50 Rfts to Pioneer Group Routine duties.
Wednesday Feb 14	(i) (ii)	10 Rfts to Pioneers 64 Rfts to XXI Pack Group
Thursday Feb 15	(i) (ii) (iii)	Major EGERTON visiting this HQ from LEGNANO Group Lt. TREVELYAN reported for duty as Asst. MMIA IO, Brit Incr. 60 Rfts to Pioneer Group
Friday Feb 16	(i) (ii)	Visited 231 Div with Brig. MATTHEWS, Commander 59 Area and his DQM to discuss Guards Regiment. 29 Rfts to Pioneer Group
Saturday Feb 17	(i) (ii)	Capt HUNT, UMI suspected IO's vehicle. Routine duties.

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Capt.,
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
FIFTH Army.

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SUBJECT: - Liaison Log No. 15. 1 - 21 Feb 45.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M B.

21 Feb 45.

1. ARRIVALS

(a) Units

8 Adv Depot Med Stores
180 Wireless Security Sec
514 Line Sec
230 Avac Hosp
232 Avac Hosp

RIMINI
LONGIANO
VERRUCCIO
CESMA
FANO

(b) Rpts

136 Rly Engrs
118 Pnr
15 Specialists
30 Dvrs
44 Med
for 13 Rly Engr Bn.
for 237, 238 and 241 Pnr Coys.
for 1001 G.T. Coy.
for 291 and 292 Pd Hosps.

2. MOVES

205 Pnr Coy
216 "
238 "
164 "
RIMINI to RAVENNA
S. ARCANDELO to SAVIGNANO
SAVIGNANO to BELLARIA
VIGEVBA to BELLARIA

3. VISITS AND CONFERENCES

1 Feb - to 50 BLU on routine visit.
4 Feb - Conference with Col NOALES in FLORENCE.
7 Feb - Conference with Col NOALES at Rear Army on
Maintenance of Partisans and Patriots.
- to 50 BLU with Col NOALES - visited Janteens in
FORLI and CESMA.
- Major HAGGIE arrived at Rear Army.
- Accompanied Col NOALES to see Gen TOMMASOLI.
8 Feb - Conference with DMS Eighth Army.
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238 Pnr Coys.
- to 51 BLU and Partisan Centre RAVENNA.
11 Feb - Visit of Maj-Gen JARDINE, Inspector General of
12 Feb - Army Welfare Overseas and Brig NEWB, DMS,
- Welfare Conference and visit to Gen

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14 Feb	-	to 2 Polcorps, 26 Bn and 50 Bn on passing of PRIULLI I.C.C. to under comd 2 Polcorps.
16 Feb	-	HRH Crown Prince UMBERTO and Col PIDALTY arrived.
17 Feb	-	Accompanied HRH to ARONA Group and 51 Bn.
18 Feb	-	Patriots Day - local parades and evening concert.

Daily liaison with 228 Div has been maintained to deal with routine administrative matters of minor nature.

Inter-branch liaison has been confined in the main to the following points :-

- G(2P) NE of HQ 228 Div and 499 IRSMU. Provision of tpt.
- GSI(3L) Requisitioning of patriots.
- Relations between Italian Army and Partisans.

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RE provision of 80 skilled workmen from Army area for
trg at SMC CAPUA and formation of unit there on 15
Army Gp WZ.

Q Set up for HQ 226 Div to deal with ICG L of 1 and
tail unit.

BT See paras 4 - 9 below.

4. SUPP

New ration scale has come at an extremely ill-timed moment
and has been referred to the Army Comd. Now that three Gruppi
are under comd, the general view is that it is most unwise to
continue altering a scale which has never been stable for more
than a few months at a time. The arguments that the new scale
is nevertheless generous, has been laid down by CC of 3 or dictated
by world shortages means little to the front line soldier who knows
that his treatment differs very considerably from that of his
Allied neighbour who dodges the same shells.

The Gruppi refer to Field Marshal Alexander's address to the
Italian Generals with a tinge of irony.

The Germans are wise to the situation and propaganda shells
recently shot at 1/21 Inf Regt contained pamphlets which alleged
that it was the intention of the Allies "to starve the Italian Army."
I have called for copies of these pamphlets and will forward them
later.

The recent increase of the ration allowance from 5 to 20 lire
per head daily is of doubtful benefit, for at present we haven't
located sufficient local produce for the whole allowance to be
spent. I am trying to get local resources and to help.

5. CIGARETTES

Militia still arrive spasmodically with the result that the
normal soldier smokes only his five ration cigarettes daily and
what he can find on the Black Market or beg from the Allies.
The Ministry of War sent out a circular at the beginning of the
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226 Div received consignment of MILIT at the end of January and
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6. SOAF

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6. SOAP

The situation in the Gruppi is still bad, each having received only a portion of the quota for the month. TRIULI require 3,000 lbs to complete their 6,000 odd lbs per month, while GRAMONA are still due to receive 7,800 lbs. 228 Div are lucky to have received a windfall of 4 tons from BARI which will see them through to the end of Feb.

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7. COGNAC

To date, of a total of 4254 litres released to 14 GRASU (sup Units) only 350 litres has reached Eighth Army depots. Each Gruppo has had 20 gallons issued.

8. DISINFECTANTS

Med. Eighth Army are concerned about both state of hygiene amongst Italian troops and a sound, speedy supply of disinfectants to provide for Anti-Material precautions and normal contingencies.

Courses in hygiene are being organized under British supervision and unit comds urged to maintain a high standard; but as a nation the Italians have been accustomed to think on different lines and will be slow to alter their habits.

A recent crisis in the January provision of disinfectants for ANCONA hospital and dependent units arose from the fact that they had been assigned to 228 Div and were almost all distributed when the news came that the allotment included ANCONA.

As the December allotment had NOT been drawn, ST Army re-authorized issue and the situation was saved.

9. PROVISION THROUGH 14 GRASO

Investigations show that in some cases the full amount of sups handed to 14 GRASO is either not called forward or for other reasons not reaching this area. I have asked ST to go into this fully with AFRA and am watching the situation with some concern.

10. RFTS FOR 228 DIV

I have explained to Branches that the limiting factor of getting rfts forward has been largely the ferry space to ANCONA. The fact that of 500 rfts from AFRA only 118 men arrived in PERSARO could not be accounted for so easily.

On old reckoning of effective strength which holds till 7 Mar 45 (i.e., men held on strength until 5th day of absence) P & L still require 1,000 rfts for PNR boys.

Branches employing III-IFI CA Bns are most anxious to obtain the rfts long promised for them.

11. WELFARE

Gen TOMASBLU will shortly open a canteen in RAVENNA alongside one for GRACIA I.O.G. The accn situation in RAVENNA is not good and at present no house large enough for a communal canteen is available.

An Italian civilian car has been converted into a public address truck for both wireless and gramophone programmes. This tours the units of 228 Div in rotation.

Col ROSSI-PASSARATI posted by Ministry of War as Welfare Officer in January, although untrained on our lines, is extraordinarily productive and an excellent organizer.

Lt-Col DI BLASI is still with GRACIA 9p where he recently caused a stir by communicating direct to COL 5 Corps that he was

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Col ROSSI-PASSAVANTI posted by Ministry of War as Welfare Officer in January, although untrained on our lines, is extraordinarily productive and an excellent organiser.

Lt-Col DI BLASI is still with CRASMA Gp where he recently caused a stir by communicating direct to GOC 5 Corps that he was unable to accommodate a canteen for the Gruppo. This resulted in Corps HQ canteen being evacuated at 24 hrs notice to make Lt-Col DI BLASI is not popular. Gen TOMASELLI will not **6126** him near any of his establishments, chiefly, I think, because of his own organisation having been set up before DI BLASI's arrival and of his reluctance to see PASSAVANTI's ambitious schemes for the future being perhaps sabotaged by a newcomer. I intend to keep DI BLASI with CRASMA and let him control the mobiles from there when they arrive.

PWB still continues to provide films for cinema shows in CRASMA and FORLI which are a successful addition to entertainment facilities.

An energetic band of women, wearing 228 Div flash as a brooch and under the direction of Gen TOMASSELLI, have been recruited in 228 Div to give local help in entertaining Italian troops and organizing welfare activities such as concerts, as well as normal routine in the canteens.

12. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

In 228 Div, situation is good. Distribution of second pair of boots to Pnr and similar units is under way.

Gen TOMASSELLI is preparing indents for such items of Italian eqpt. (Goggles, aprons, etc) as I have told him may be available from BARI or NAPLES.

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

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18 February 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 48. 11 February - 17 February.

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

1. Sunday, 11 February

- a. Captain L. E. Spang departed for the mainland.

2. Monday, 12 February

- a. Colonel Simmons returned from HQ, MMIA, Rome.
- b. Major Martin to Sassari and return reference recall of servicemen.
- c. Colonel Simmons conference with Chief of Staff, CMS reference recall.

3. Tuesday, 13 February

- a. Colonel Simmons had introductory conference with temporary Commanding General, CMS, General Alessandro Maccario. Also discussed recall.
- b. Colonel Simmons conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, on things in general.
- c. Meeting of MMIA officers reference move from Sardinia of Allied Commission and problems arising from such a move.

4. Wednesday, 14 February

- a. Colonel Simmons conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, on various subjects.
- b. Captain De Stefano conference with Allied Commission Deputy Commander regarding set-up at present location.

5. Thursday, 15 February

- a. Major Fossett conference with Director of Commissary reference establishment of clothing sub-depot as set forth in MMIA letter AQ/15 of 30 January 1945.

b. Colonel Simmons conference with Allied Commission Headquarters Commandant reference billeting and messing.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, on various subjects.

d. Colonel Simmons conference with Italian Naval Liaison Officer regarding cruiser schedules.

e. S.S. Mount Everest arrived to load Italian Army horses.

6. Friday, 16 February

a. Colonel Simmons, Major Martin and Captain De Stefano inspected facilities of Allied Commission available to MIA.

b. Captain De Stefano conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, CMS, reference motor transport.

c. Colonel Simmons conference with Italian Air Force Liaison Officer regarding shipment of stores.

d. Pvt Wilder to 40th Station Hospital for further treatment for venereal disease.

e. Cpl Zimmerman confined Elmas infirmary with infected throat.

7. Saturday, 17 February

a. Pvt Seaver to Naples on temporary duty.

b. S.S. SANLEYTS departed for mainland loaded with 68 railway wagons, 1 truck, and 2195 tons of Italian Army equipment.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Subject:- Liaison Log.

MMIA	9/21
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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref IO/Q6.

19 February 45.

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

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H.Q. 410 I.P.L. Regt from FALCONARA to FLORENCE.
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510 Smoke Coy to District Three.
7 Mountain Regt has moved to FOSSOMBRONE.
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District offered me 871 prs boots repairable but I explained that they must supply grindery as well. They inform me that MMIA will supply it to me. Previously I could get none. Has some become available and may I submit a request.

Muleteer Centre at FOSSOMBRONE is greatly preoccupied about its clothing. I satisfy all their indents as far as possible. They are taking 500 prs boots a week.

I accompanied AQMG, I District, on inspection of clothing depot. He was well satisfied with cleanliness and good

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2. Clothing. (cont'd)
order of the store.

3. ROSSOMERONE.

Reports have been submitted to MMIA.

Medical rejects are absorbed as rfts for I.F.L. Coys in ANCONA area or disposed of by Italian medical authorities.

Request to I District to release 2,000 prs anklets for muleteers.

4. Supplies.

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Hospital comforts are always late. MMIA send out circular release letter in good time but it is a long before ST., District get it from AFHQ channels. DDMs is loud in his complaint. **6121**

Cigarettes on repayment are made available in NAPLES for 209 Division. Can they be regularly sent up by rail - we can't afford the vehicles to go down there and consequently are about 2 months behind.

5. Transport.

Inspection of tyres at 38 O.M.P. MACERATA.
Control of output of vehicles to 209 Division.
Submission of increase in POL allotment for Iti-Itis.
Possibility of some inefficient Italian vehicles
from LEGNANO being turned over to 38 O.M.P. District
asked to be of assistance.

Report submitted on Italian Military ^{veh.} held by AMG
PERUGIA.

Similar situation arises with spares; the local
civilian 'ufficio ricupero' has quantity of alleged
military spares.

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Otherwise confusion ensues.

Tented site for 1,000 promised by 55 Area in walking distance from railhead. 231 Division to be responsible.

209 Division run a small staging area at IESI ⁶¹²⁰ 30 - 100 men. 19 Pioneer Gp run a private camp for their own Lab rfts at ANCONA for about 200. Have told 61 Area that if they could give a site, I could establish an emergency organisation at ANCONA, by allotting 500 tent pieces and 500 blankets.

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7. Rfts. (cont'd)

228. Transit camp is at PESARO not IESI. 515 Gd Bn was nearly sent to IESI where there would have been no accommodation.

Combat Transit Camp soon found by District at LATERINA. Uncertainty of arrival of rfts, changes in numbers and cancellations, makes rfts a rather difficult problem.

AAG advised on District directive for rfts procedure.

8. General.

An hour's talk to Brigadier and Staff of 59 Area on problems which Italian units give rise to. Their earlier enthusiasm was thereby weakened.

Inspection of 515 Gd Bn with Brigadier of 55 Area. He was well satisfied. I noticed some beds with 4 blankets and instructed 209 Division to hold another inspection to relieve them of their excess. This resulted in less satisfaction.

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Capt VERONESE attached to 55 Area from 209 Division 6419
liaison officer.

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8. General. (cont'd)

Conference with DA & QMG and other L.Os at FLORENCE.

Enquiries into 502 and 28 Bn HQs. Recommended to G and CE that former is superfluous.

General information bureau to District and Services.

Inspection of establishment of Balloon Coy at ANCONA.

Intercession to get M.T. spares, oxygen, acetylene.

Minor reports on miscellaneous subjects for HQ.; MMIA.

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Capt.
MIA LO, I District.

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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND POLICE SUB COMM. AG (AMIA)
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AFD 394

No. 1424

18 February 1946

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 past of these cases an armed guard is not deemed necessary. The C.C. troops Palermo has been disapproving such requests. Military HQ. desires to give ammunition to all guards, therefore I explained the orders of AMI and MMIA on the subject to the Colonel. These orders have been given to Military HQ., but before Lt. Col. Patti's change of office, therefore he was not acquainted with them.

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Office routine.

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e. Thursday 15 February. Office routine.

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Discussed internal security, rumors, Italian Army with Captain Oliver, OC 31st Field Security Service.

Lt. Snider inspected Food Distribution Depot and Bakery at Reggio. (See S & T Report No. 62) 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 E&F Report No. 32) Lt. Snider returned to Palermo.

g. Saturday 17 February. General Borardi 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.

Office routine.

Wm. E. Long
HOMER A. LONG
Major GMC
L O Sicily

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

No. 1424

18 February 1945

SUBJECT: Reports: 1. Weekly Liaison Log No. 41
2. Weekly S & T Report No. 32

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

1. Enclosed herewith the following reports for week ending 17 February 1945.

2. a. Weekly Liaison Log No. 41, in compliance with instructions in your G/21 dated 9 May 1944.

b. Weekly S & T Report No. 32, in compliance with instructions in your S & T Branch O.I. No. 2 dated 11 July 1944.

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Major QMC
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2. Weekly S & T Report No. 32

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

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11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Liaison Log No. 47. 4 February - 10 February 1945.

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

1. Sunday, 4 February

- a. S.S. Carlton departed for Naples loaded with 46 vehicles and 614 tons of equipment.
- b. Loading of S.S. Samleyte was started.

2. Monday, 5 February

- a. Major Fossett had an introductory conference with temporary Commanding General, Comando Militare Sardegna, General Maccario.
- b. Captain Spong left on inspection trip of Veterinary supplies and pack saddles and equipment on the island.

3. Tuesday, 6 February

- a. Captain Spong returned from inspection trip.

4. Wednesday, 7 February

- a. Captain Spong, Veterinary Corps, inspected 94 tons of mouldy tibben unloaded from S.S. Carlton.
- b. Captain De Stefano conference with General Scalabrino, Colonel Price - Provincial Commissioner, AC -, Major Hatch - Mining Division, AC -, and representative of Carbosaria re call-up and deferment of miners.
- c. S.S. Abbazia arrived with 10,000 pairs of shoes and 10,000 pairs of trousers for men being recalled to service.
- d. S.S. Samsperin arrived with wine, flour, and forage for Italian Army.

5. Thursday, 8 February

- a. Major Fossett conference with Captain Spong and Lieut Colonel Cesano, Italian Army Veterinary, re veterinary supplies.

b. Major Martin conference with Mr. Thomas, DMWTR, re shipping Italian personnel on freight ships.

6. Friday, 9 February

a. Sgt Tarantino had conference with Deputy Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna, re leave to mainland and Sicily for Italian troops.

7. Saturday, 10 February

- a. Colonel Moriarty arrived from mainland on leave.
- b. Major Fossett inspected food distributing depot at Cagliari.
- c. Major Fossett had conference with Director of Commissary re issues of food to unauthorized units. Also discussed shipping Casermaggio blankets to mainland.

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

101A L.O.,
British Increment,
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Phone No: Lightning Bear 162

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WEEKLY LIAISON LOG NO. 10

Sunday Feb 4	(1) With Brig Jones to visit Gen HAUKEI. (2) Col WOAKES called meeting of L.Os at FLORENCE. Present: Lt-Col MORIARTY, Maj VAN KIRK, Maj CAREW-HUNT, Capt BOURNE. <i>2nd Lt. Nelson</i> (3) Col WOAKES discussed general situation with Brig Jones. (4) Lt Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group (1) Col WOAKES visited various Departments, British Increment. (2) Col WOAKES visited GOC 231 Div and inspected the Clothing Depot. (3) (a) 478 Rfts arrived at Div Depot FLORENCE. (b) 19 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group. (1) Col WOAKES left FLORENCE to visit 8 Army. (2)
Tuesday Feb 6	(1) Visit from Lt MATHEWS, D.L.O. at AREZZO Transit Camp. (2) 119 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 2 Group.
Wednesday Feb 7	(1) Discussed allocation policy for Pioneer Rfts with ADL, Br Ince. (2) 60 Pioneer Labour Rfts to 39 Gp.
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